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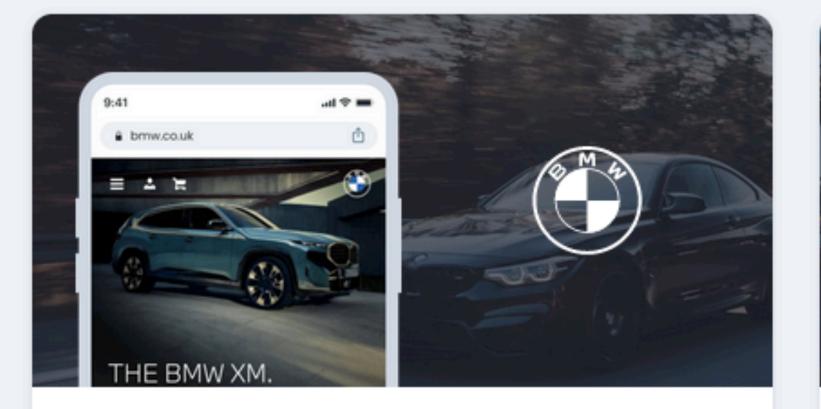




## **Brian Louis Ramirez** Web Performance Engineer **Speed Kit**

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## Speed Kit makes leading brands faster

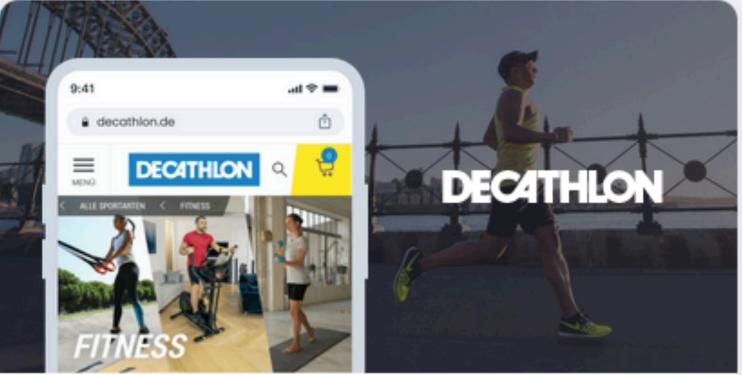


"Speed Kit has been rolled out for **118** countries and achieved a **1.5x faster LCP**."

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33% Faster FCP 65%

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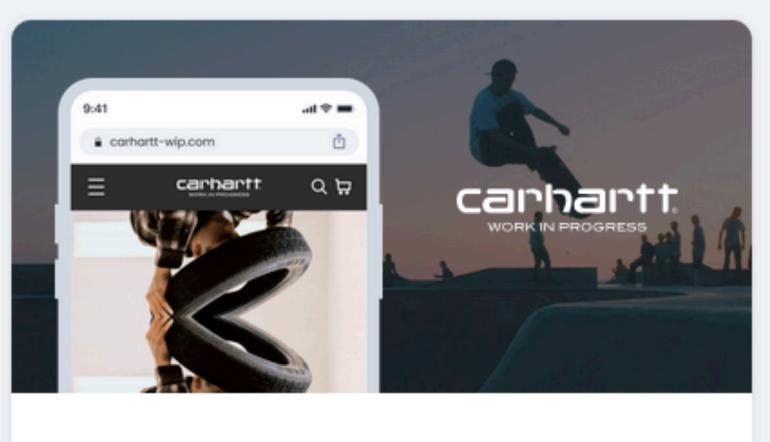


"Speed Kit accelerated our site by **2.5x** [...]. There is no doubt about the **great ROI**."

Florian Bischoff, Director E-Commerce

2.5x Faster FCP

2 Weeks Until ROI Achieved



"We were able to go **live within a matter of days** [...] across our three biggest markets."

Marc Lohausen, Head of E-Commerce

**1.9X** Faster FCP 1 Week Until Go Live

# The Internet is the largest machine ever built.



## The Internet Machine

Data Centers

Energy, Land, Water, Resources

Networks

Devices



## Global GHG Emissions by Sector

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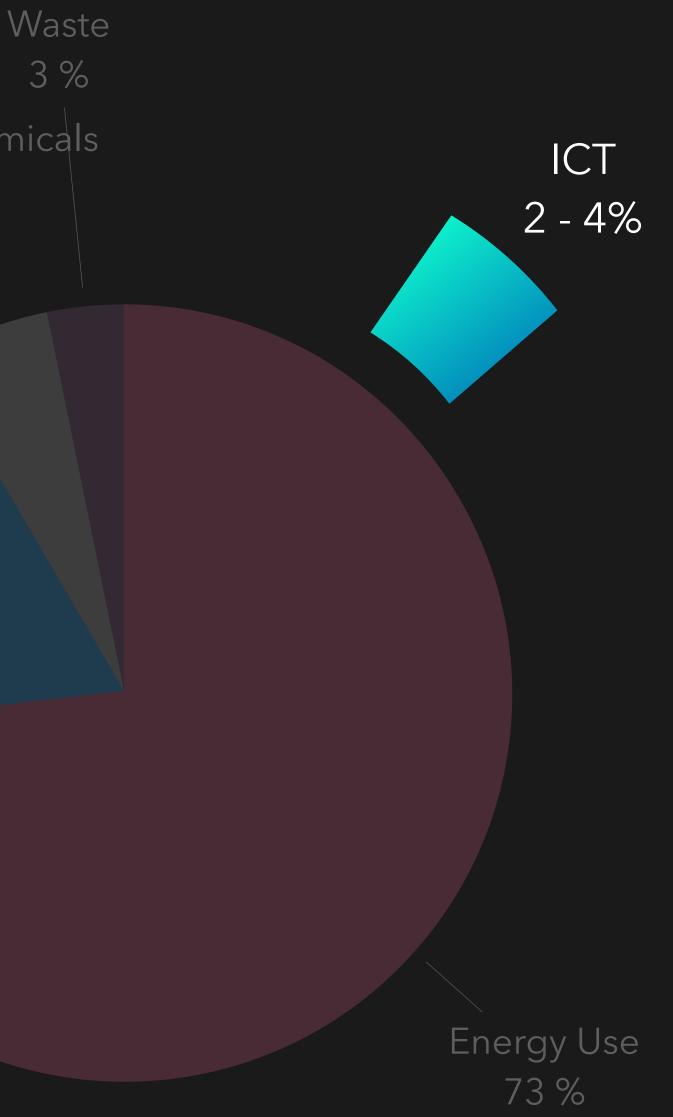


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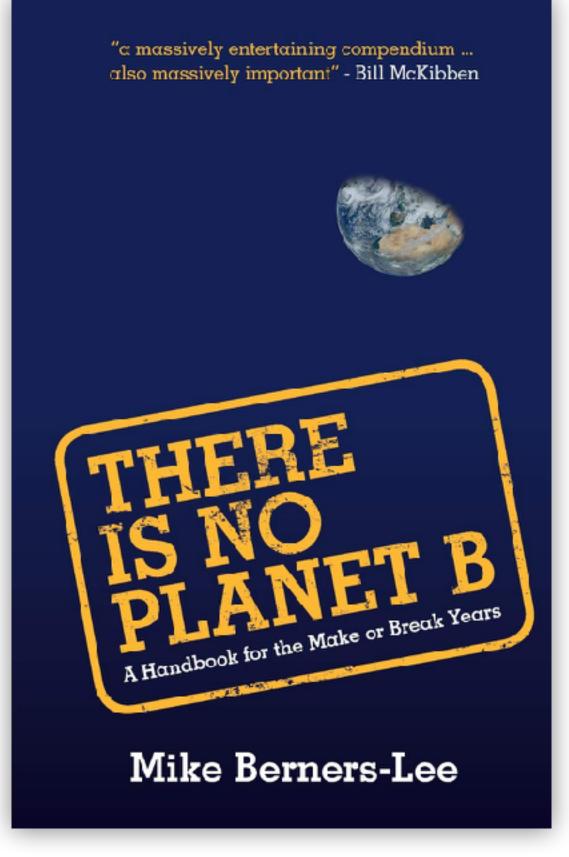
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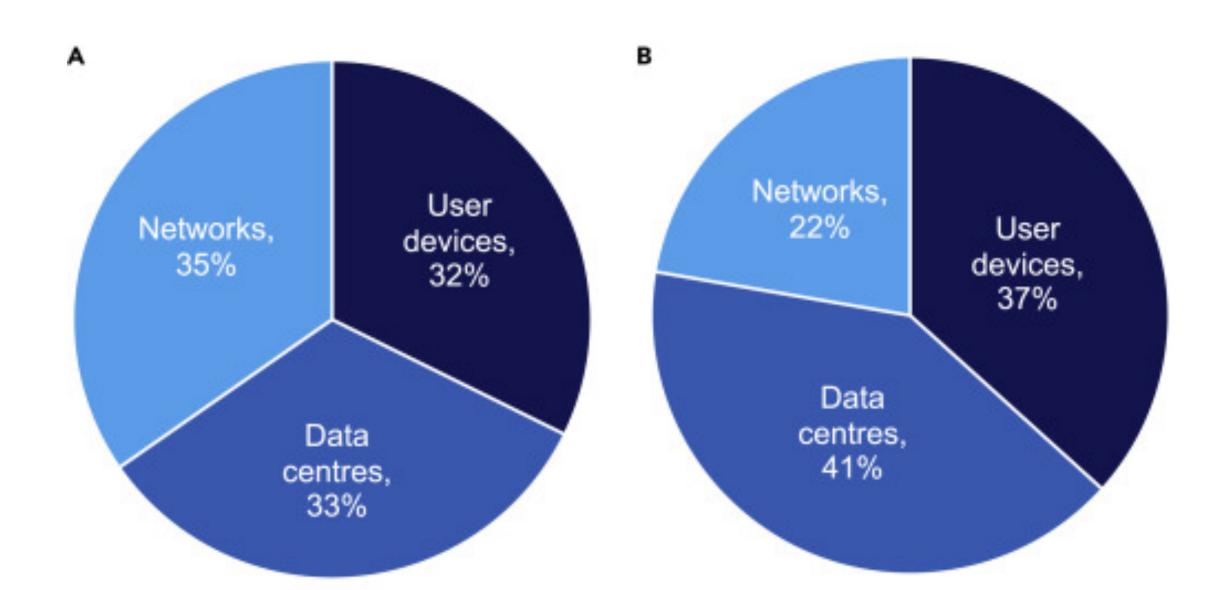
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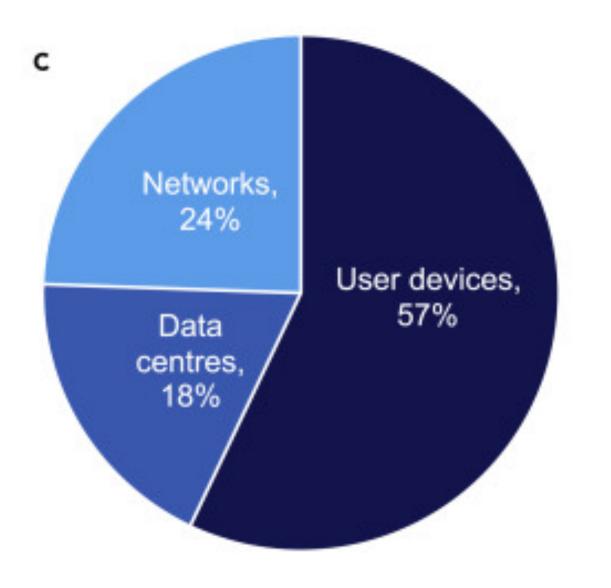




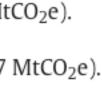
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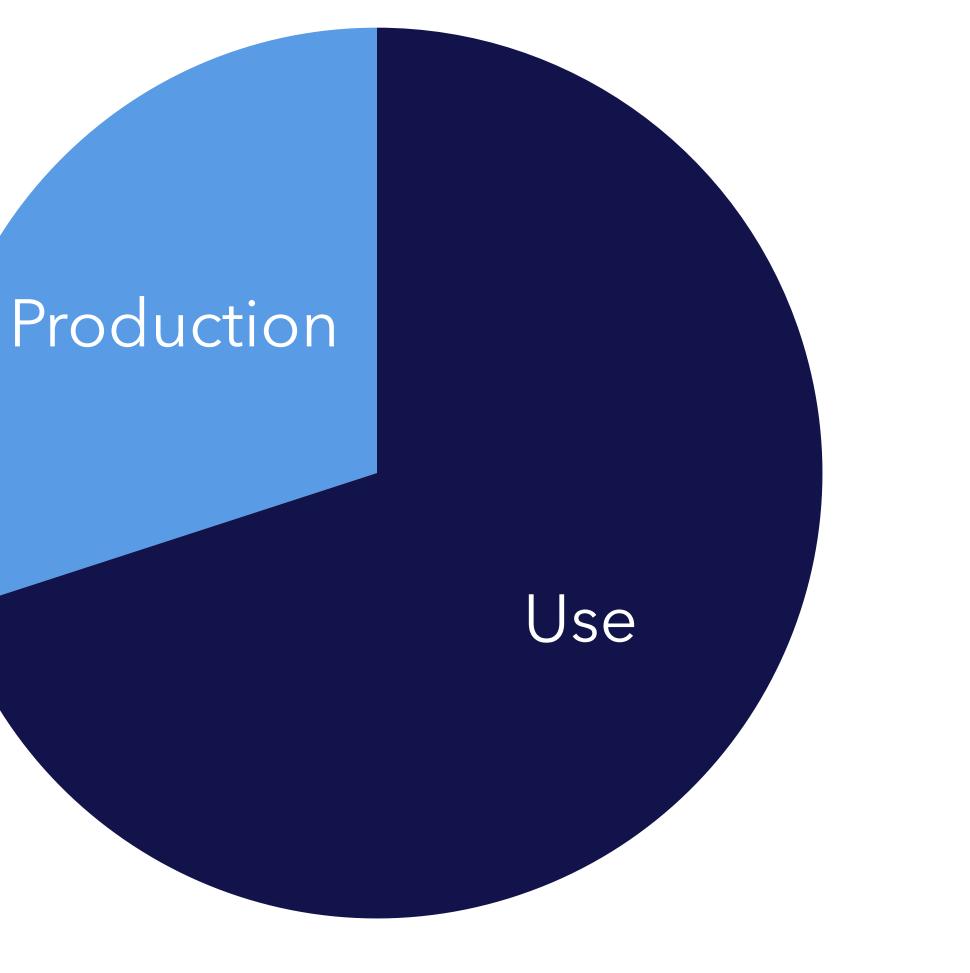


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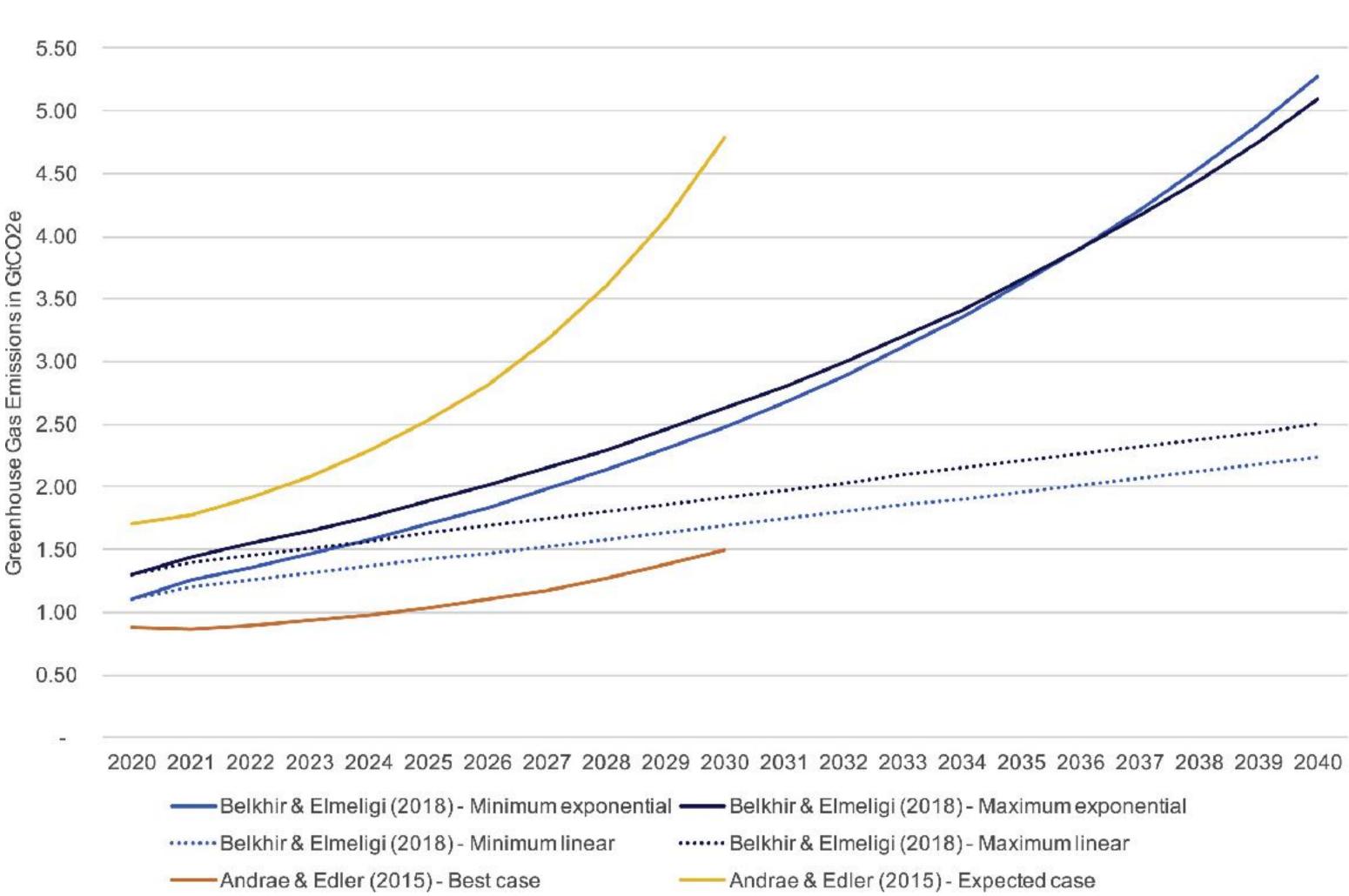


## Around 70% of ICT's footprint is due to use

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## **Projected GHG** emissions from ICT

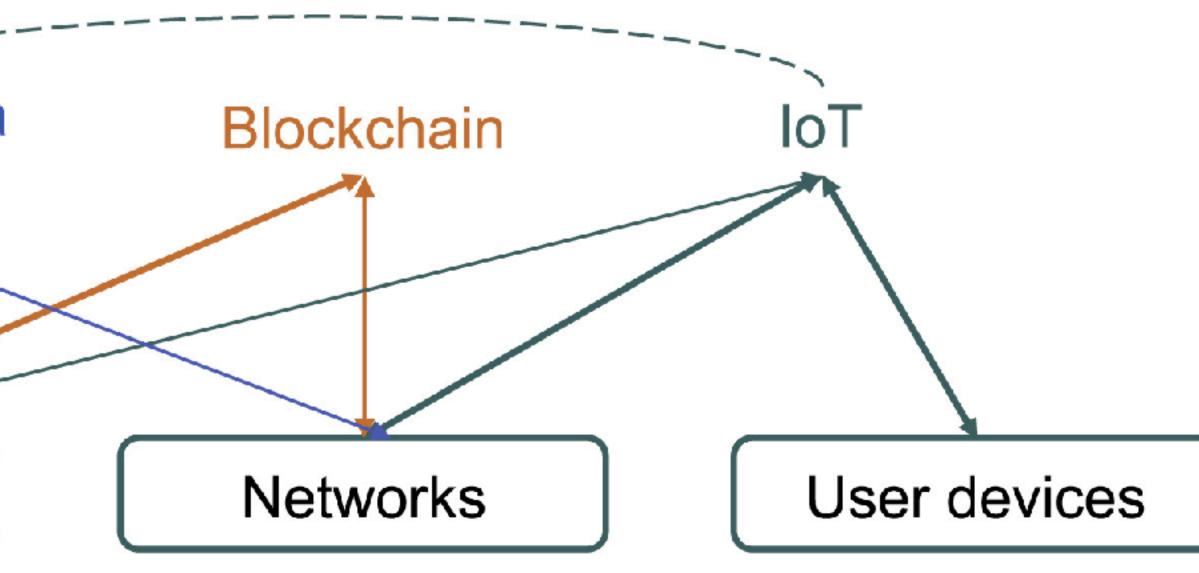


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## **Trends in ICT**

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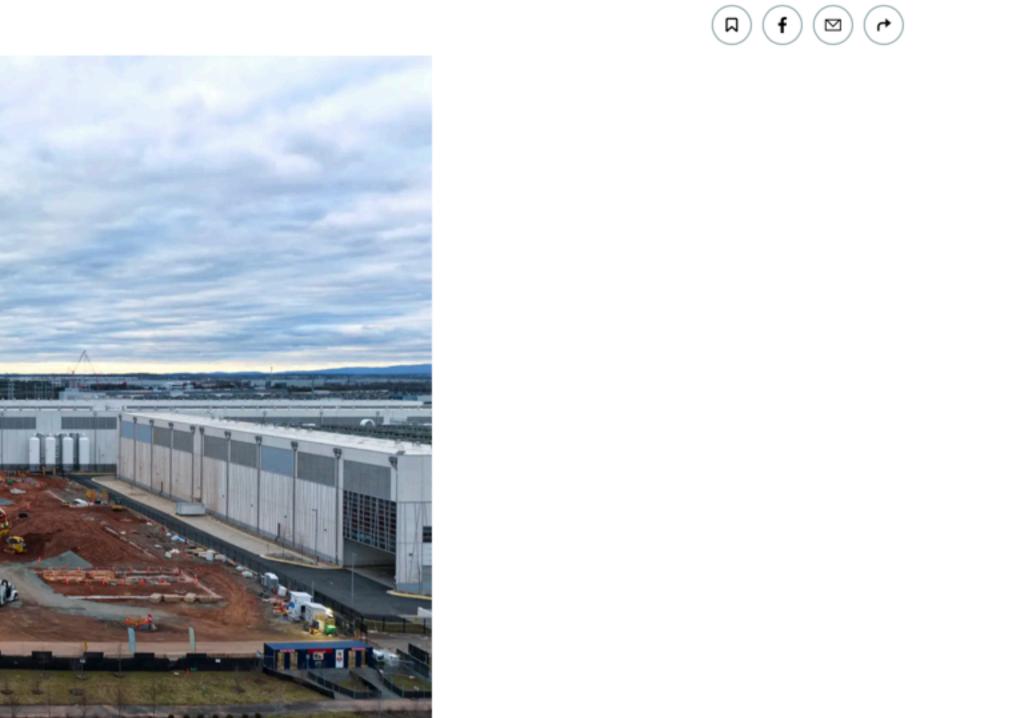


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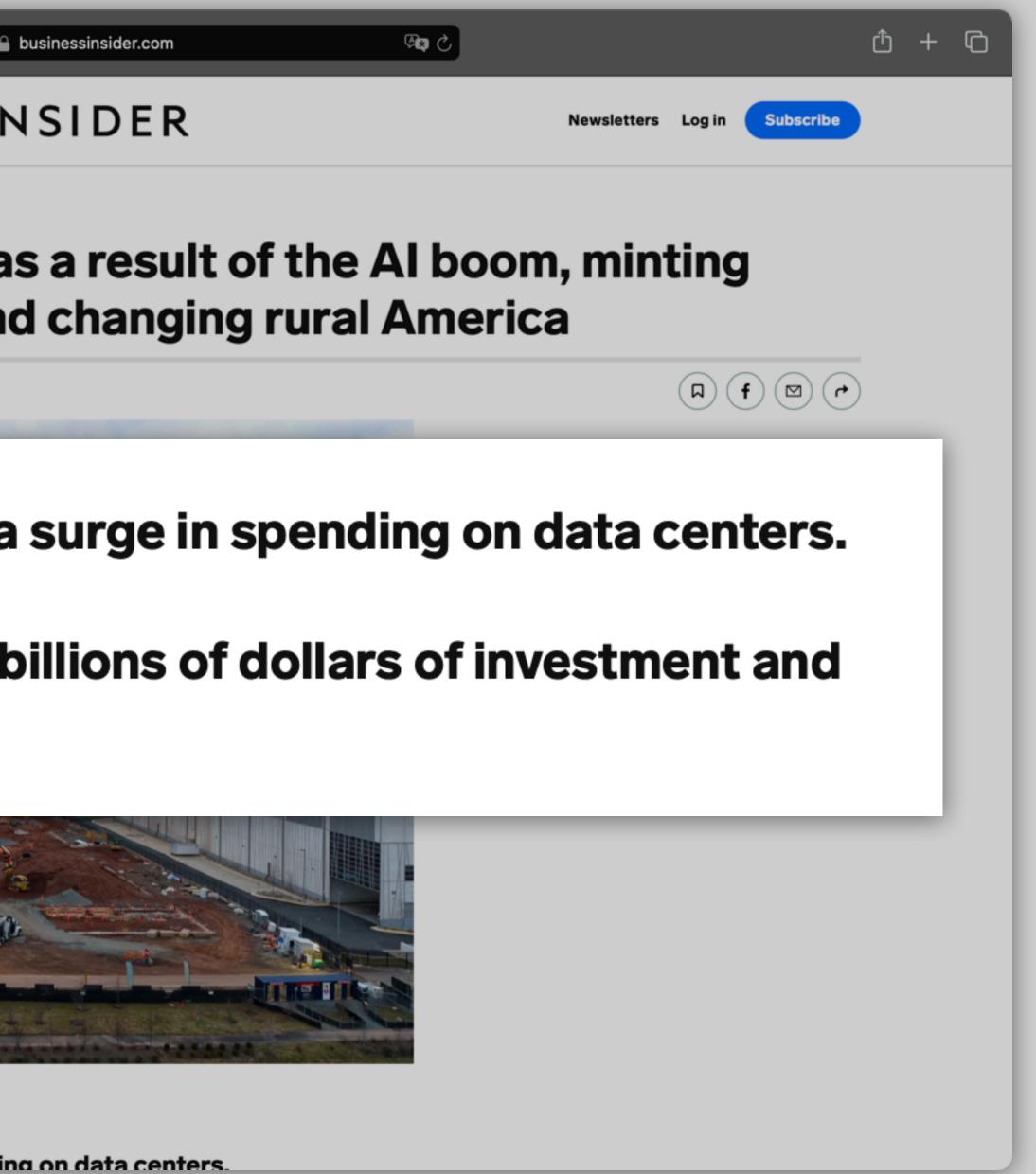
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## 80% of all digital data is never accessed or used again after it is stored.

Gerry McGovern, World Wide Waste



## In 2020, there were 14 billion mobile devices worldwide

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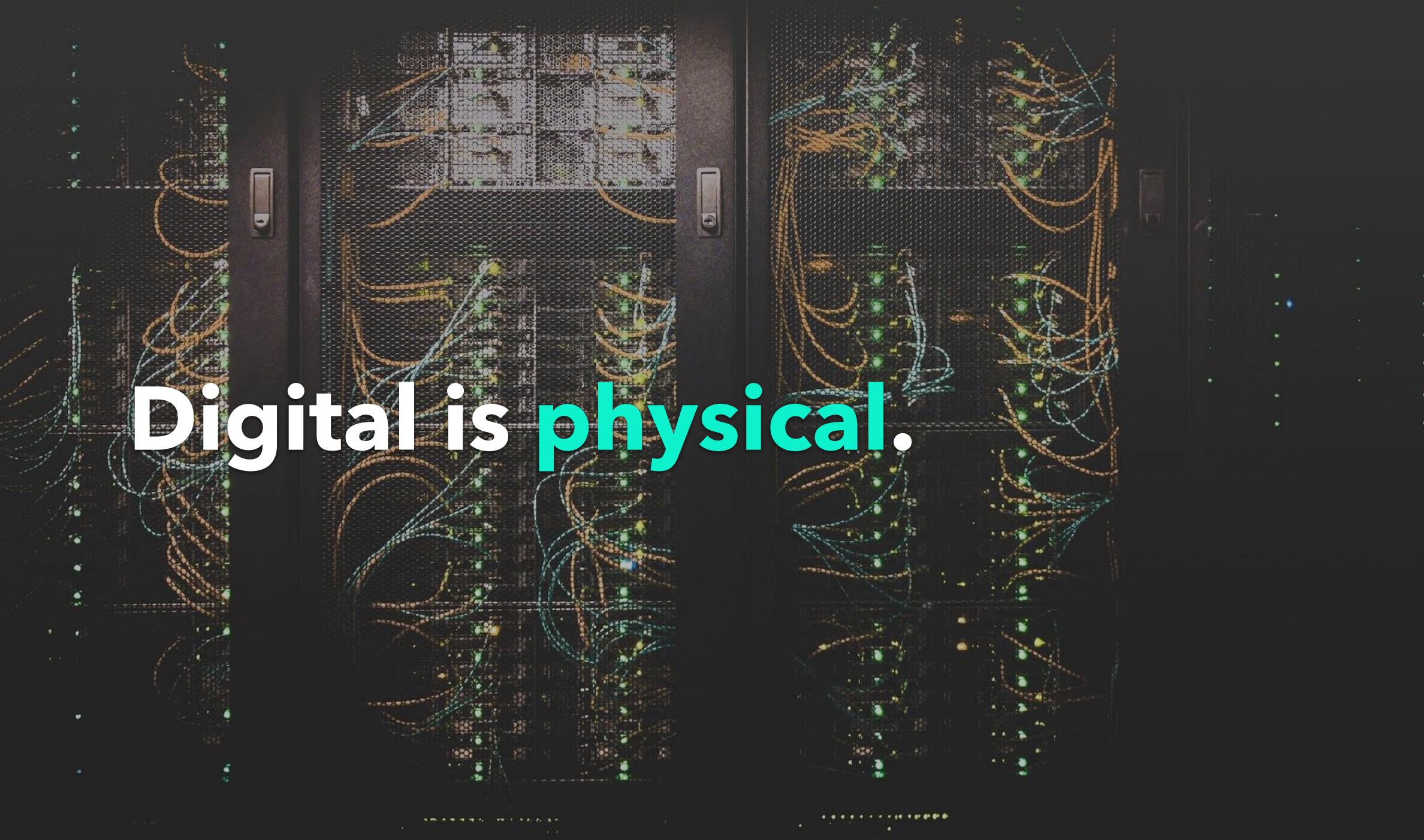
## By 2025, there could be 18.2 billion mobile devices worldwide

Source: <u>Statista</u>



## The more we consume, the more resources use.







# Digital is social.





# Digital is human.

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# ICT is part of the climate problem

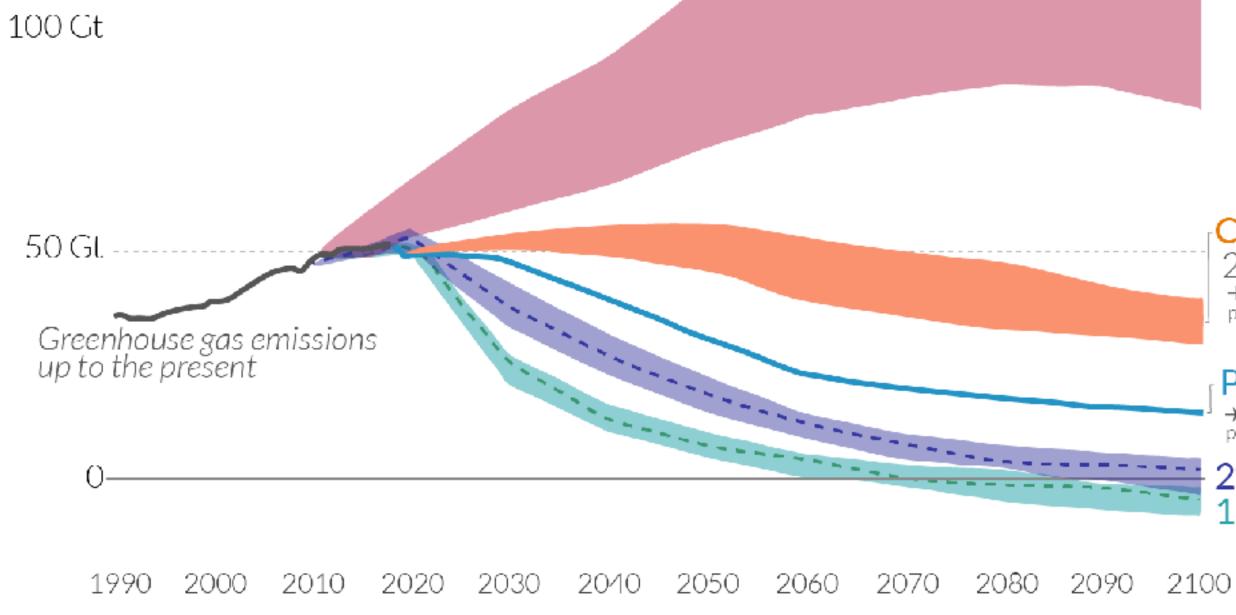
## **Our targets**

### Global greenhouse gas emissions and warming scenarios Our World

Each pathway comes with uncertainty, marked by the shading from low to high emissions under each scenario. - Warming refers to the expected global temperature rise by 2100, relative to pre-industrial temperatures.

## Annual global greenhouse gas emissions in gigatonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalents 50 GL Greenhouse gas emissions

150 Gl



Data source: Climate Action Tracker (based on national policies and pledges as of November 2021). **OurWorldinData.org** – Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

Source: <u>ourworldindata.org</u>

### No climate policies 4.1 - 4.8 °C

expected emissions in a baseline scenario. if countries had not implemented climate reduction policies.

in Data

Current policies 2.5 - 2.9 °C → emissions with current climate policies in place result in warming of 2.5 to 2.9°C by 2100.

## Pledges & targets (2.1 °C)

>emissions if all countries delivered on reduction pledges result in warming of 2.1°C by 2100.

### 2°C pathways 1.5°C pathways

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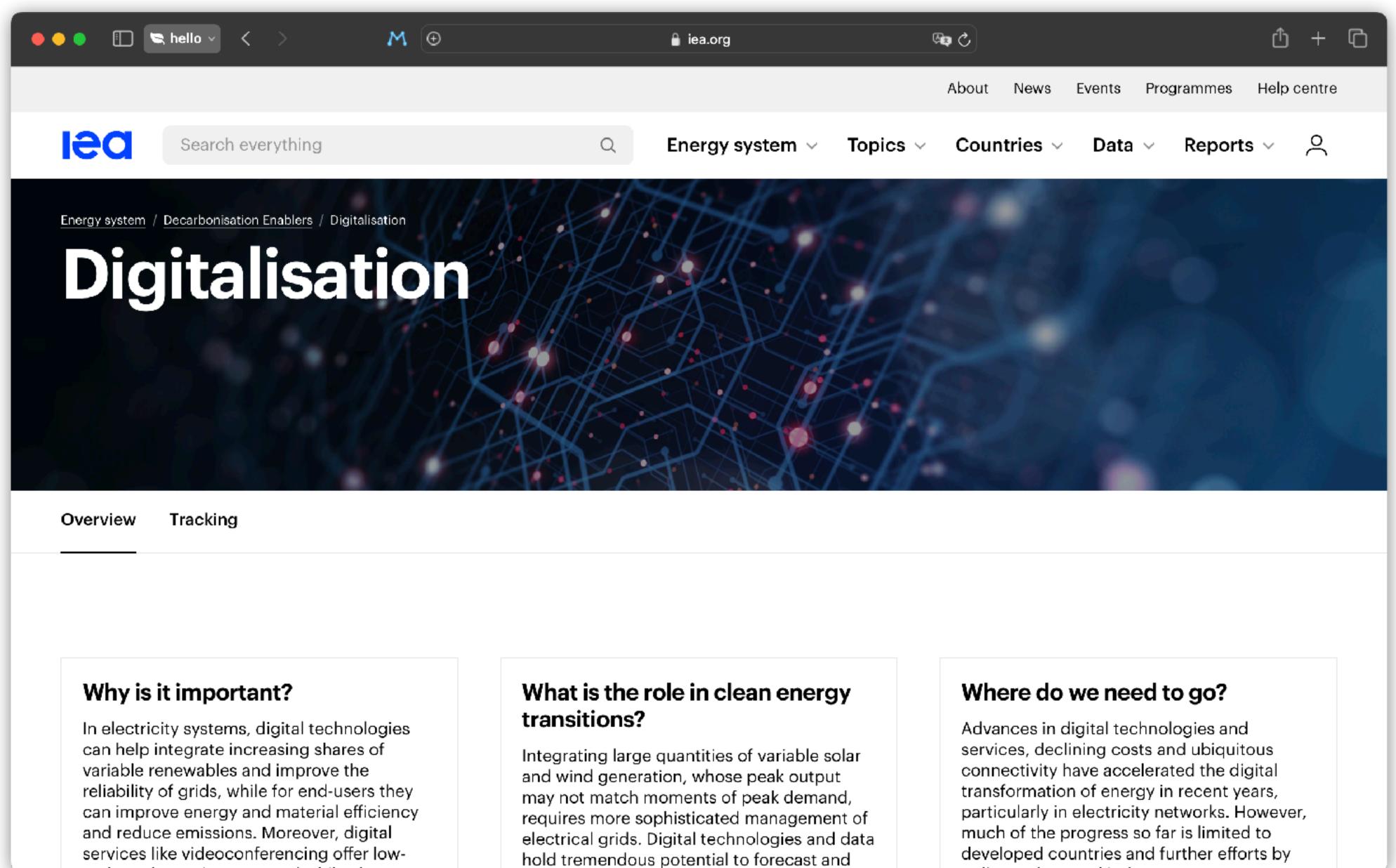
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# ...but ICT can be part of climate solutions



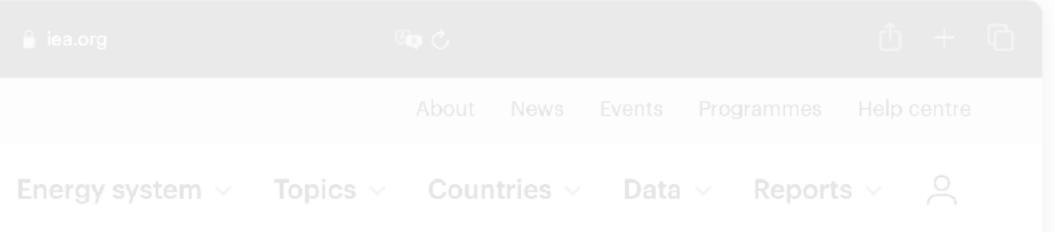
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Source: International Energy Agency (IEA), Jan. 2024

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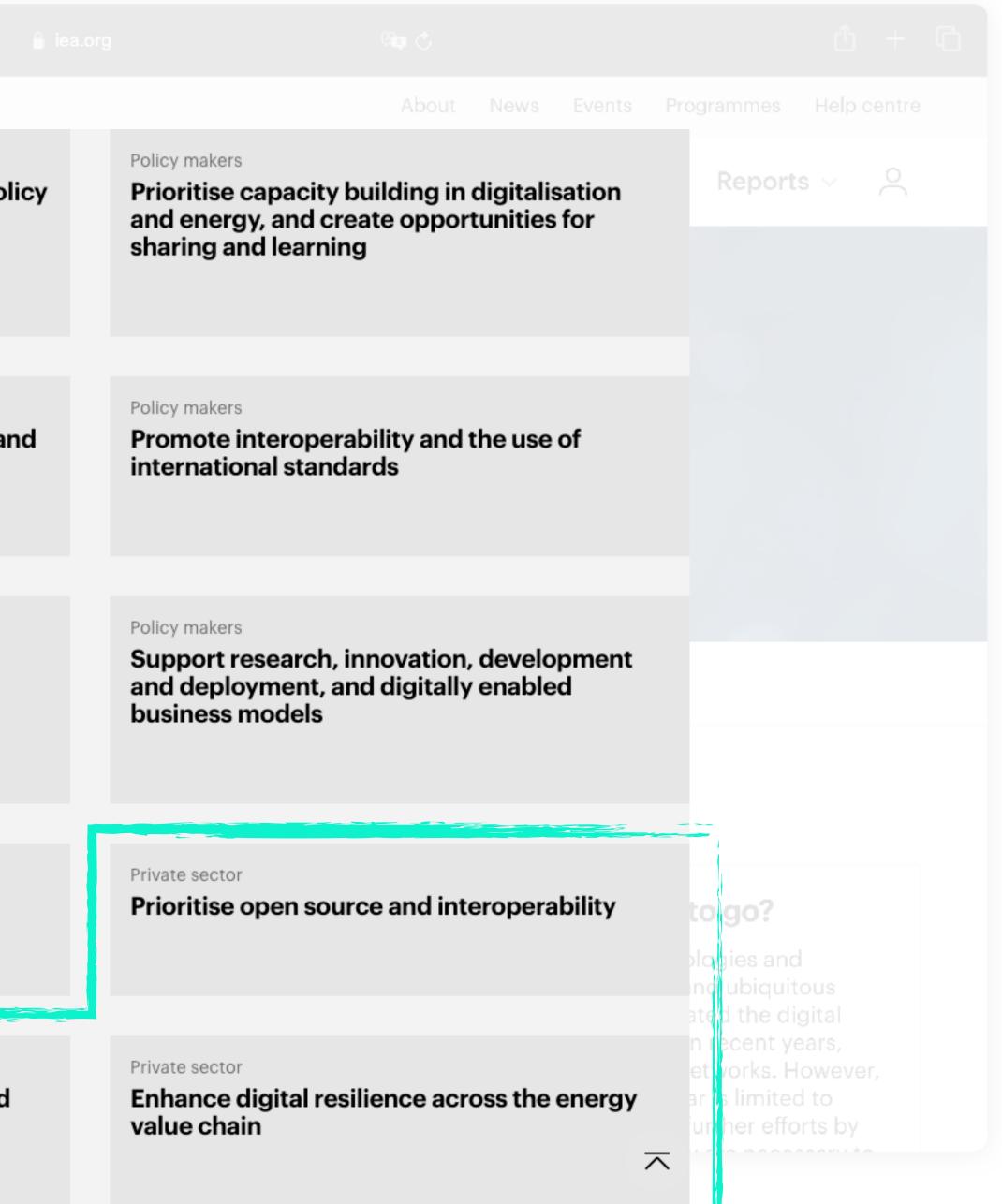
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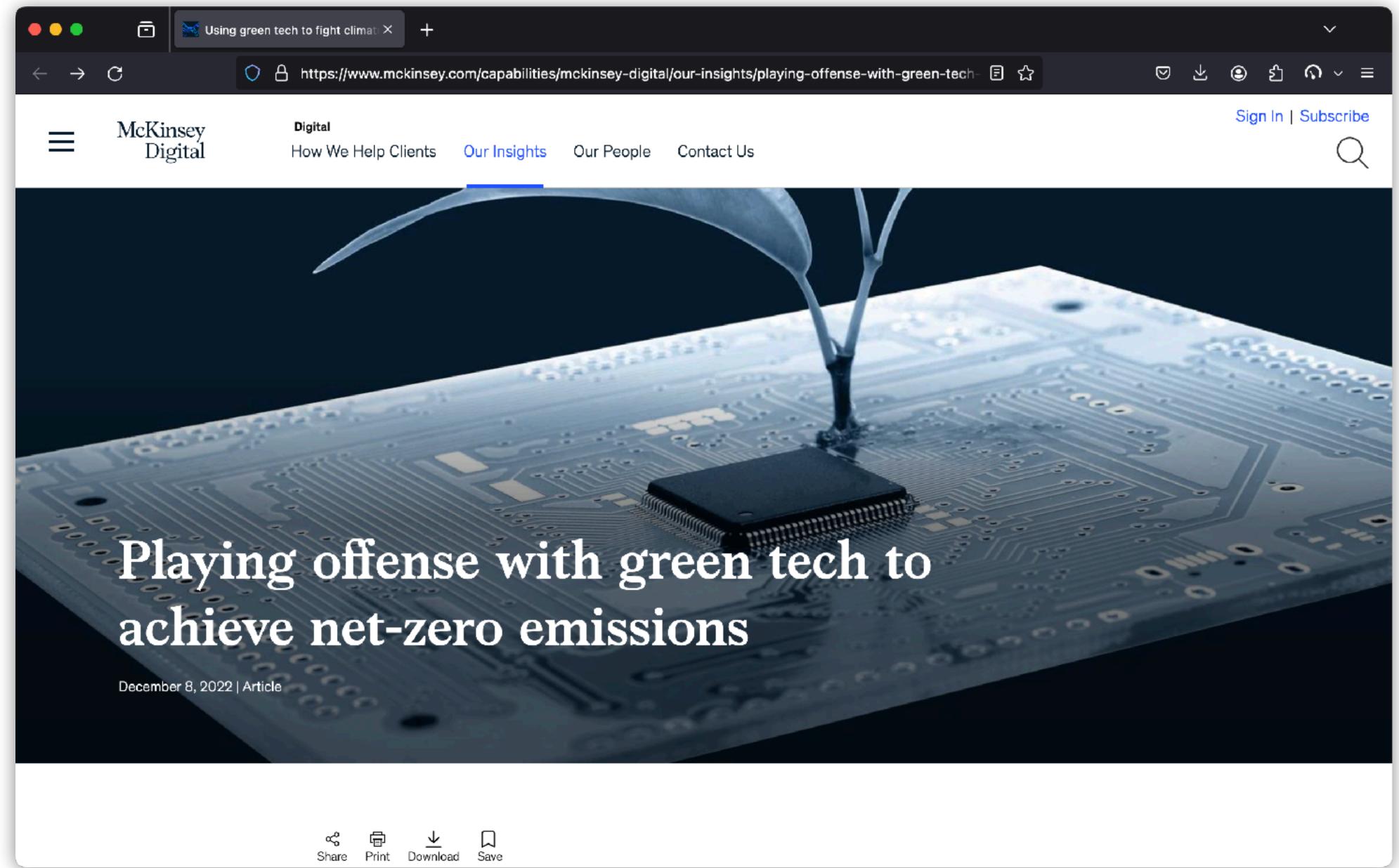
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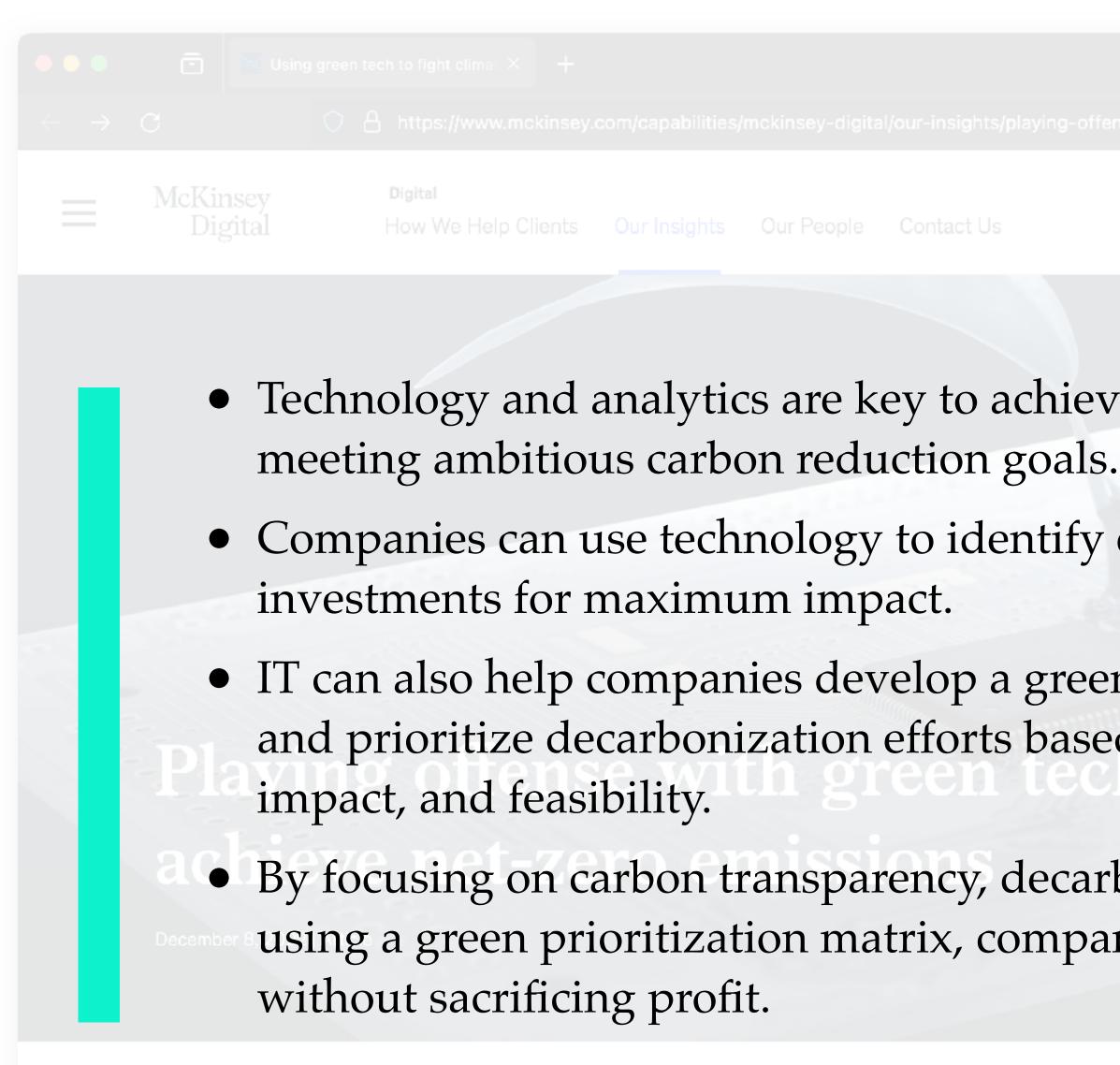
## **IEA Recommendations**

	Policy makers Develop innovative and forward-looking polic frameworks
	Policy makers Ensure robust data management systems and ensure data access
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Why is it impor In electricity system can help integrate in	Policy makers Address potential risks from digitalisation
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Source: "Playing offense with green tech to achieve net-zero emissions" (Dec. 8, 2022) by McKinsey Digital





• Technology and analytics are key to achieving net-zero emissions and

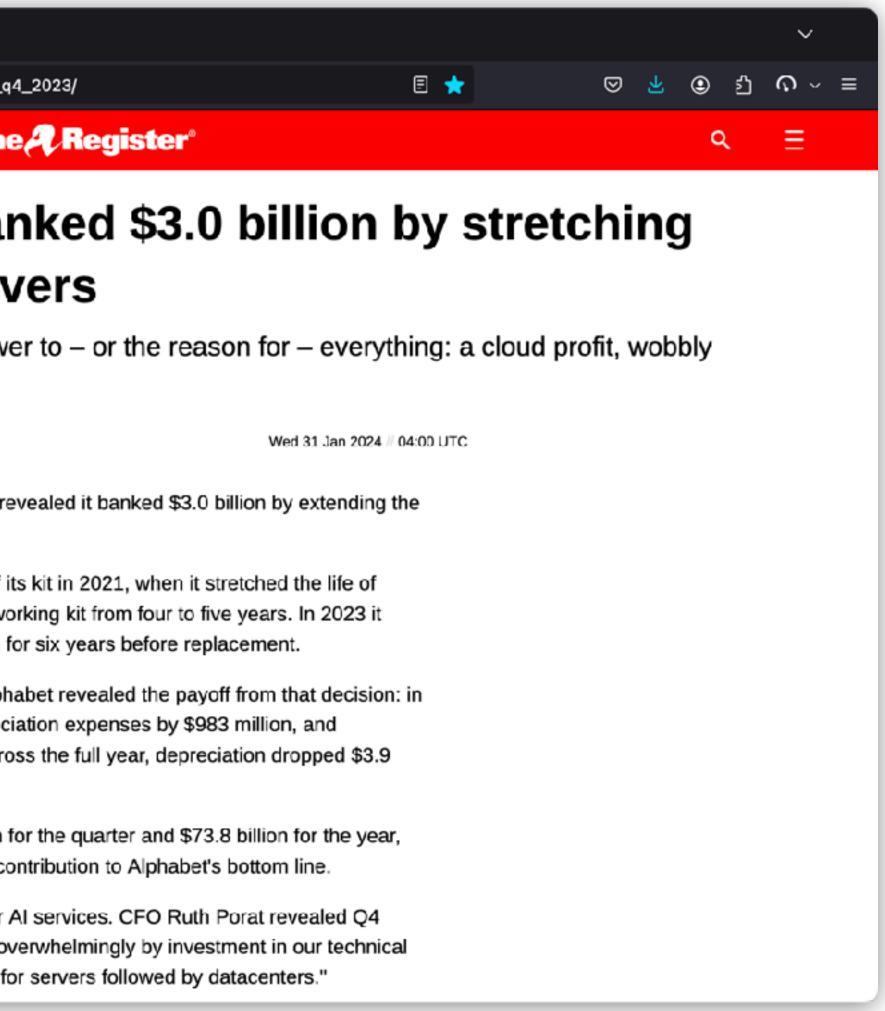
• Companies can use technology to identify emission hot spots and prioritize

• IT can also help companies develop a green prioritization matrix to assess and prioritize decarbonization efforts based on their green impact, business

• By focusing on carbon transparency, decarbonization solutions at scale, and using a green prioritization matrix, companies can achieve green impact

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# Software can enable decarbonization, but it needs to do so sustainably.



# What can we do to make the Web more sustainable?

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#### Abstract

Web Sustainability Guidelines (WSG) 1.0 covers a wide range of recommendations for making websites and products more sustainable. Following these guidelines which utilize environment, social, and governance (ESG) principles throughout the decision-making processes, you can minimize your environmental impact through a mixture of user-centered design, performant web development, renewable infrastructure, sustainable business strategy, and (with metrics) various combinations of those mentioned. It should be noted that these guidelines will not address every possible mechanism or strategy to become sustainable, as such, these guidelines (which are notably Web orientated and focused) should be seen as a starting point in a sustainability journey (coverage does not extend for example to manufacturing or shipping of physical products). Following these guidelines will often make Web content more accessible, usable, and performant as a by-product.

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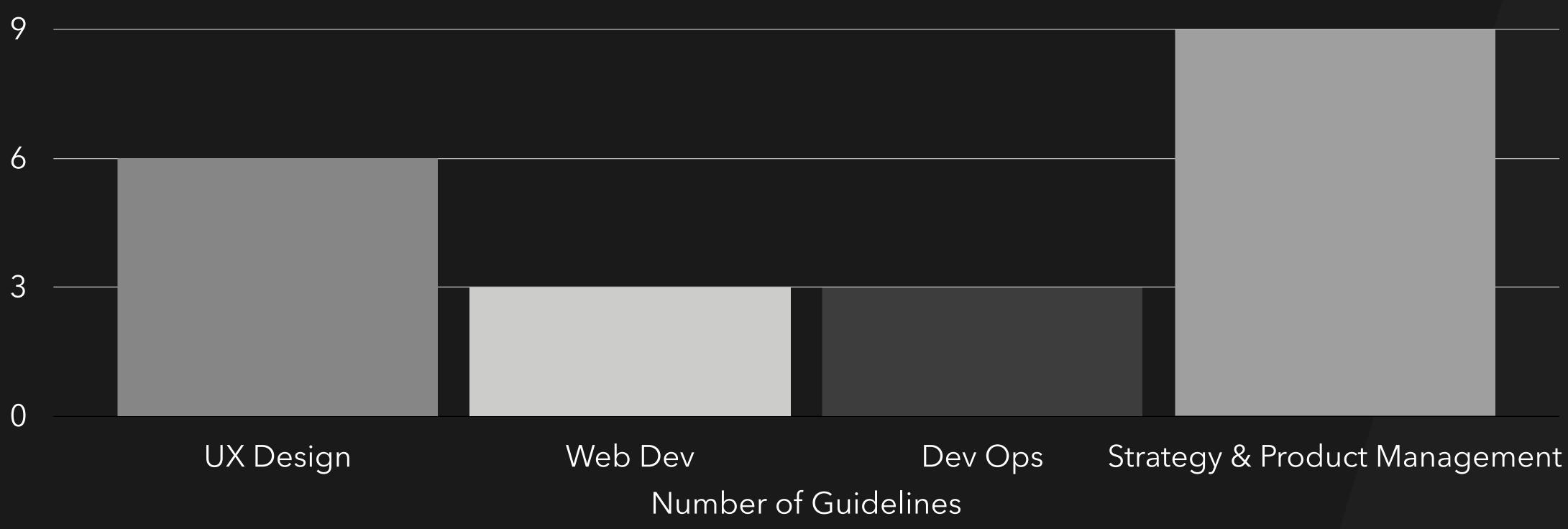
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## Web sustainability guidelines High Impact, Low-/Medium Effort



Source: "Web Sustainability Guidelines: Getting Started" by Brian Louis Ramirez, based on Web Sustainability Guidelines, v1, 2023



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#### Too many devices



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Build what's needed, delete what's not Use green hosts & cloud

Use green defaults

#### Too many devices

Minify, compress, cache



Default effect The tendency to favor the default option when given a

# choice between several options.

ASK: Are the defaults set to maximize efficiency and minimize consumption?

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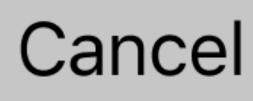
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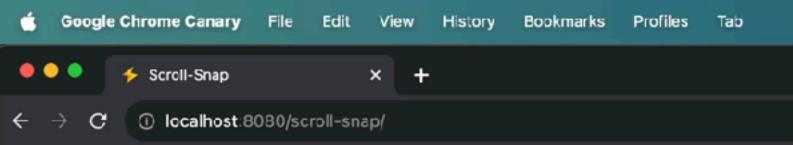
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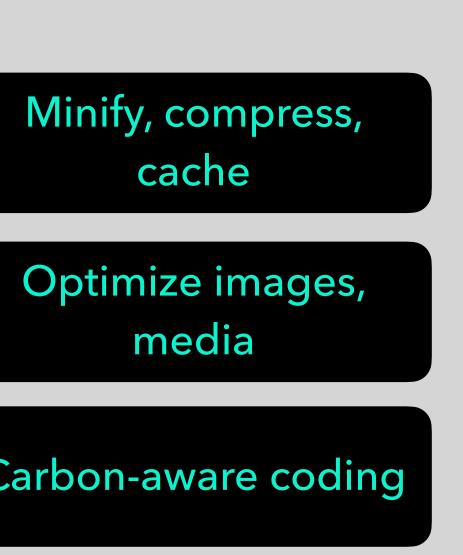
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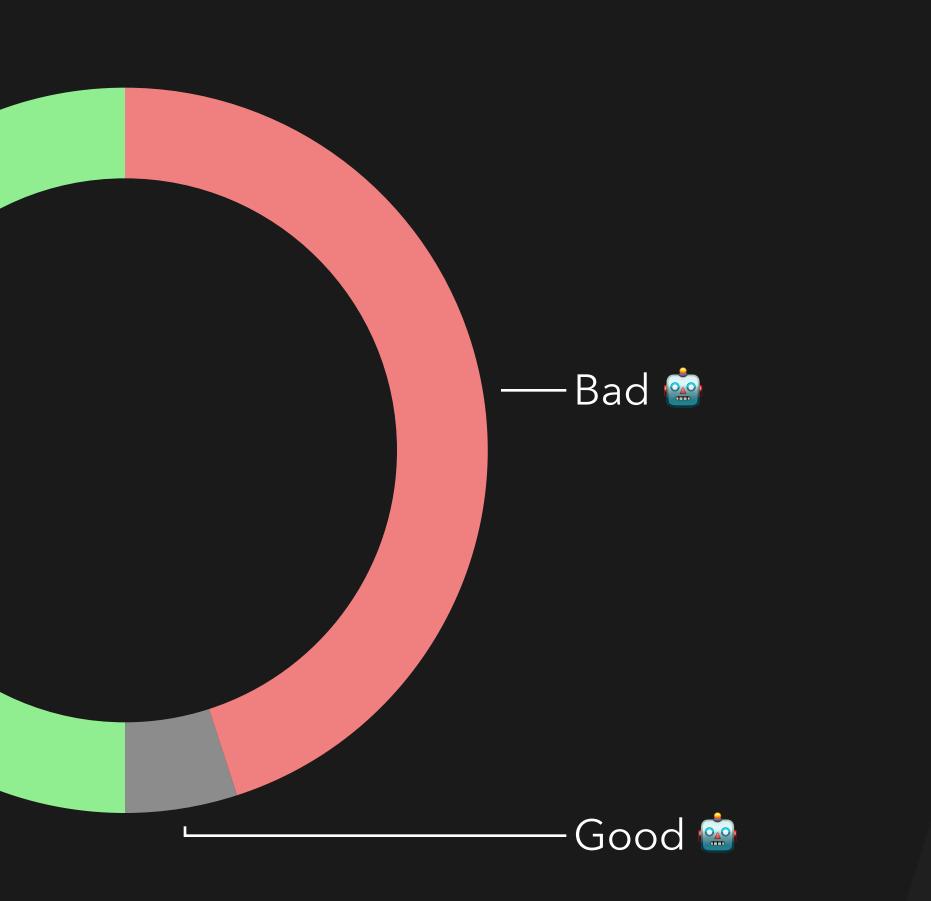




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Source: Cloudflare, "Crawler Hints: How Cloudflare Is Reducing The Environmental Impact Of Web Searches", 2021.





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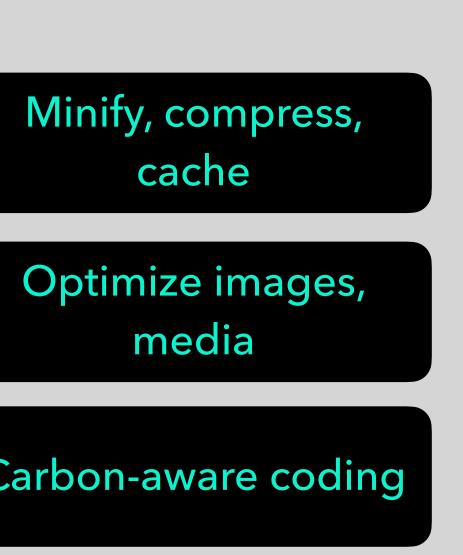
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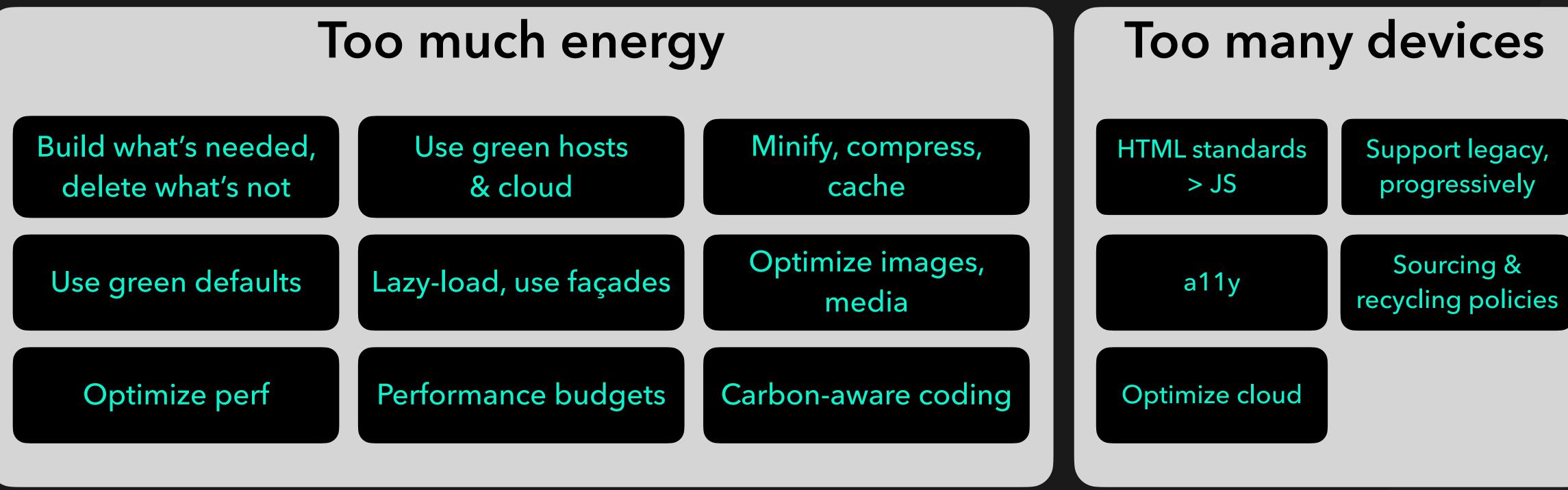


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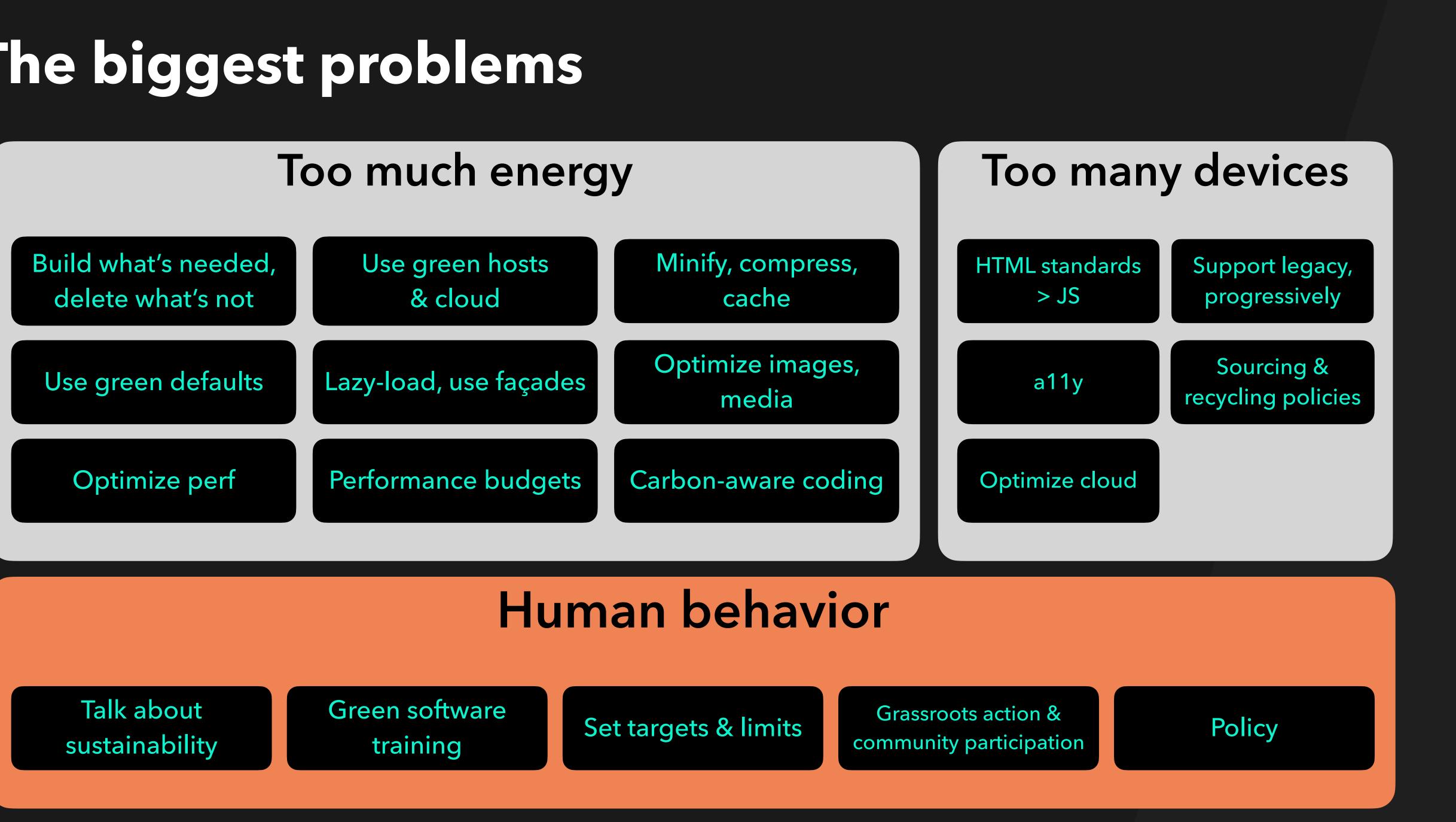






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### **The Jevons Paradox** Increasing efficiency enables increased use

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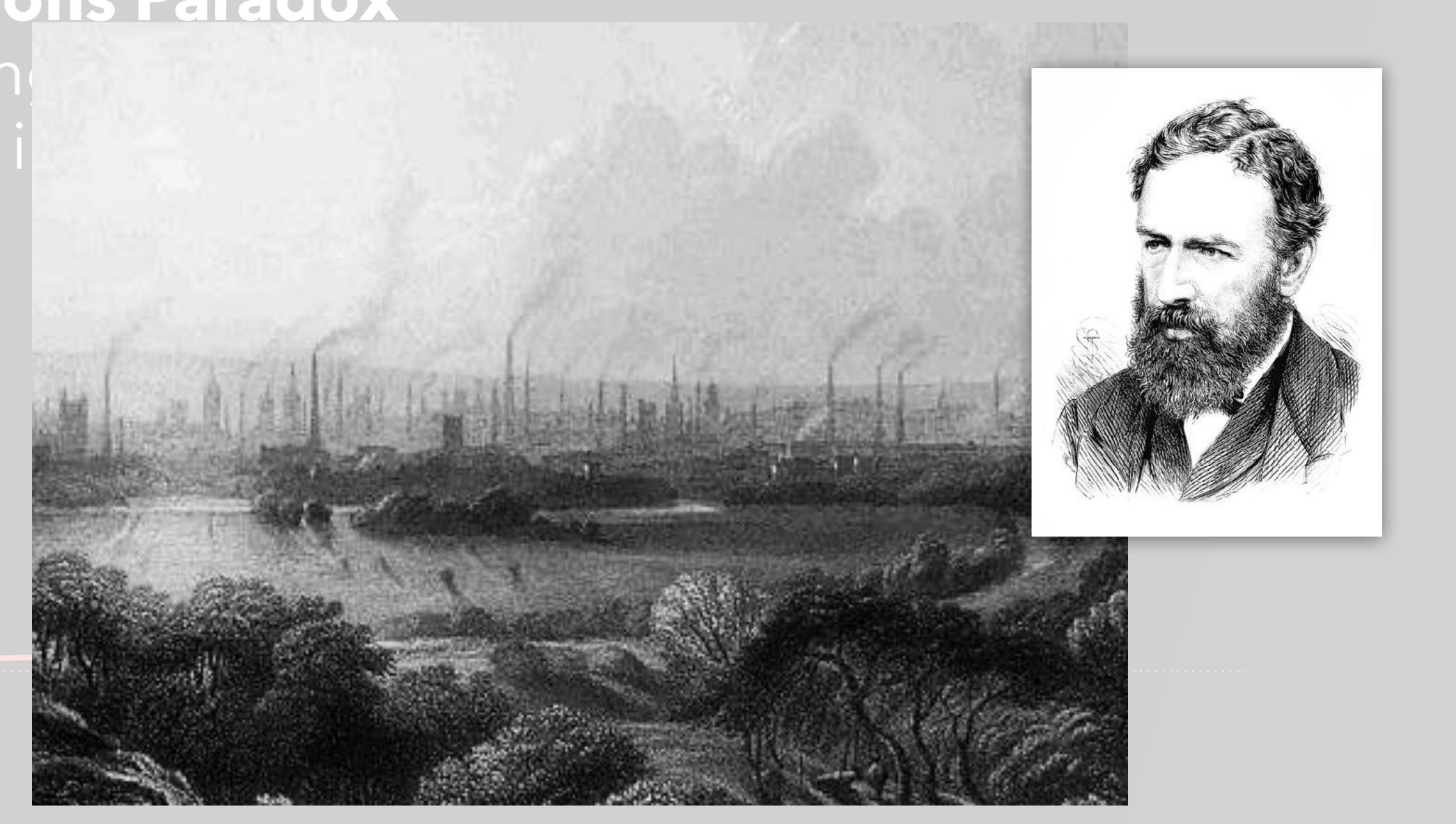
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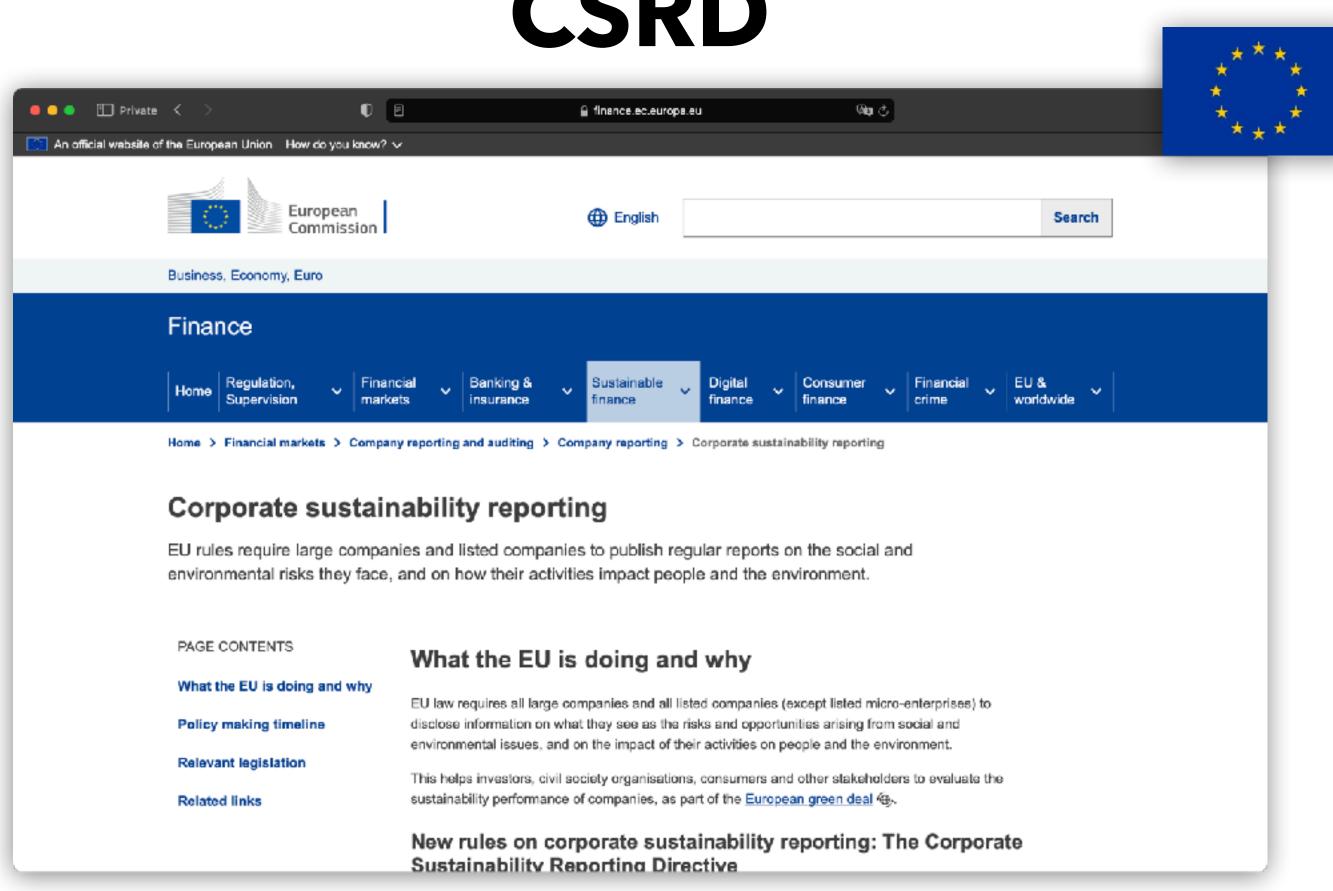
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Laws, taxes, budgets, restrictions

Efficiency



### **CSRD**



### CCDAA





Senate Bill No. 253

CHAPTER 382

An act to add Section 38532 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases, and making an appropriation therefor.

> [Approved by Governor October 7, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State October 7, 2023.]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 253, Wiener, Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to require the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance with the act. The act requires the state board to make available, and update at least annually, on its internet website the emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and toxic air contaminants for each facility that reports to the state board, as provided.

This bill would require the state board, on or before January 1, 2025, to develop and adopt regulations requiring specified partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, and other business entities with total annual revenues in excess of \$1,000,000,000 and that do business in California, defined as "reporting entities," to publicly disclose to the emissions reporting organization, as defined, and obtain an assurance engagement on, starting in 2026 on a date to be determined by the state board, and annually thereafter, their scope 1 and scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions, as defined, and, starting in 2027 and annually thereafter, their scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions, as defined, from the reporting entity's prior fiscal year, as provided. The bill would require the state board to review during 2029, and update as necessary on or before January 1, 2030, these deadlines to evaluate trends in scope 3 emissions reporting and to consider changes to the deadlines, as provided. The bill would require a reporting entity to obtain an assurance engagement, performed by an independent third-party assurance provider, of the entity's public disclosure as provided. The bill would require the state board, in developing these regulations, to consult with the Attorney General, other government stakeholders, investors, stakeholders representing consumer and environmental justice interests, and reporting entities that have demonstrated leadership in full-scope greenhouse gas emissions accounting and public disclosure and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The bill would also require the state board to ensure that the assurance process minimizes the need for reporting entities to engage multiple assurance providers and ensures sufficient assurance provider capacity, as well as timely reporting implementation, as required. The bill would further require the state board to contract with an emissions reporting organization to

How to measure impact?

Source: <u>Techspot</u>



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# The perfect green metric

The perfect source of energy data for our software would be in real time and able to scope to the granularity you currently desired.

Source: <u>Building Green Software</u> (2024, preview) by Anne Currie, Sarah Hsu, Sara Bergman



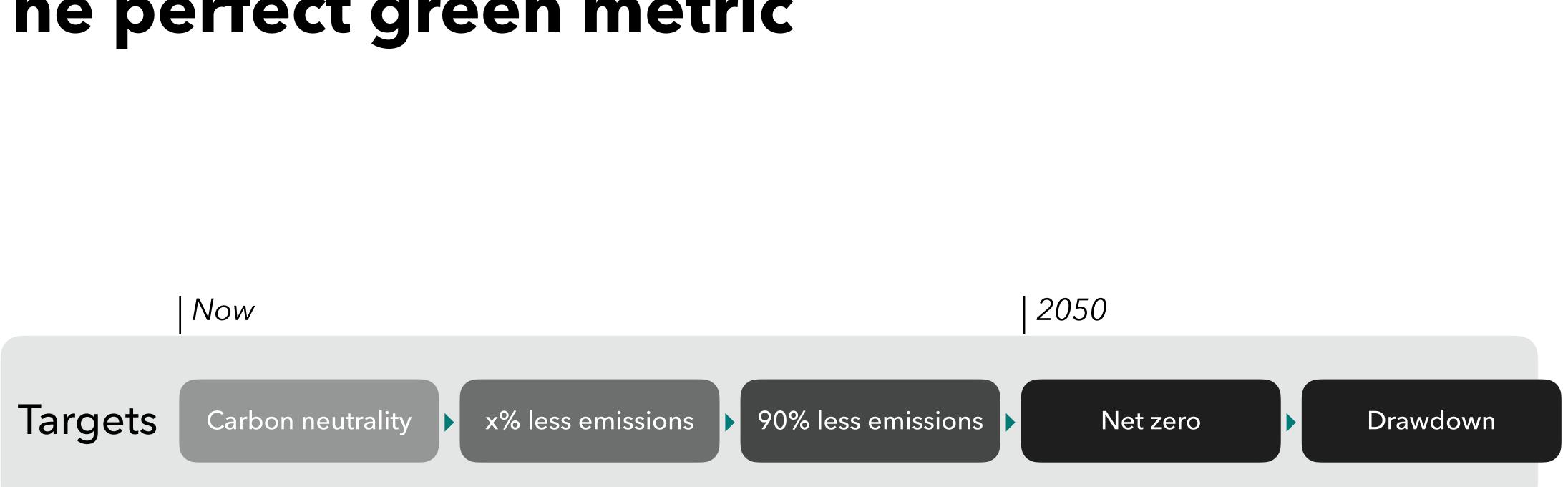
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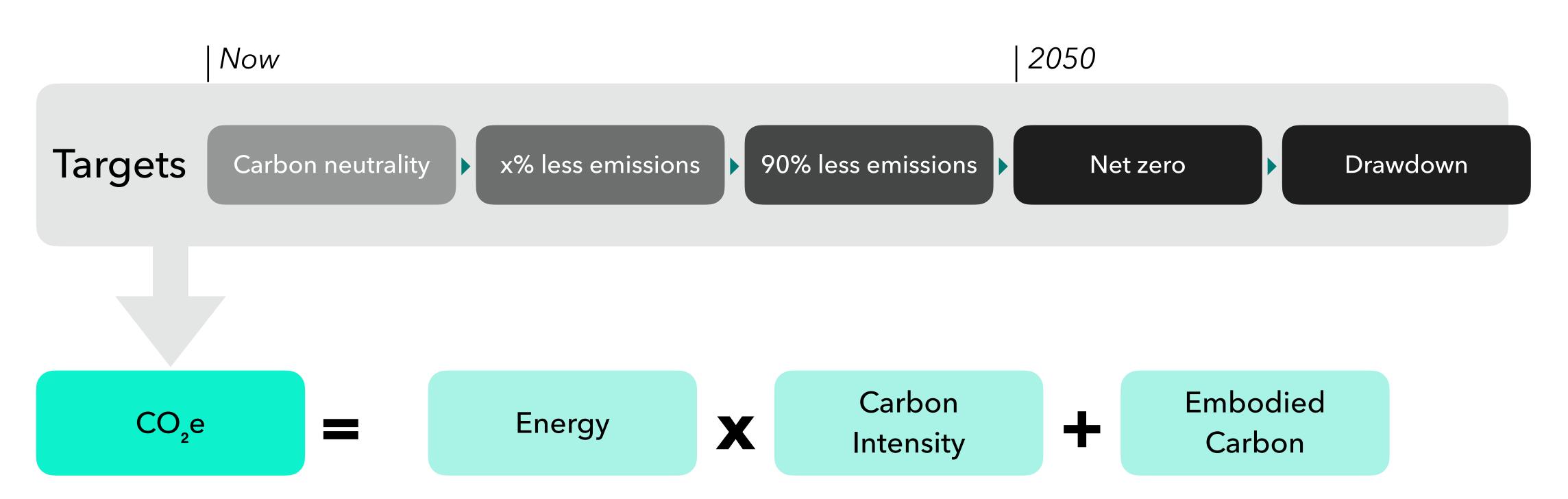


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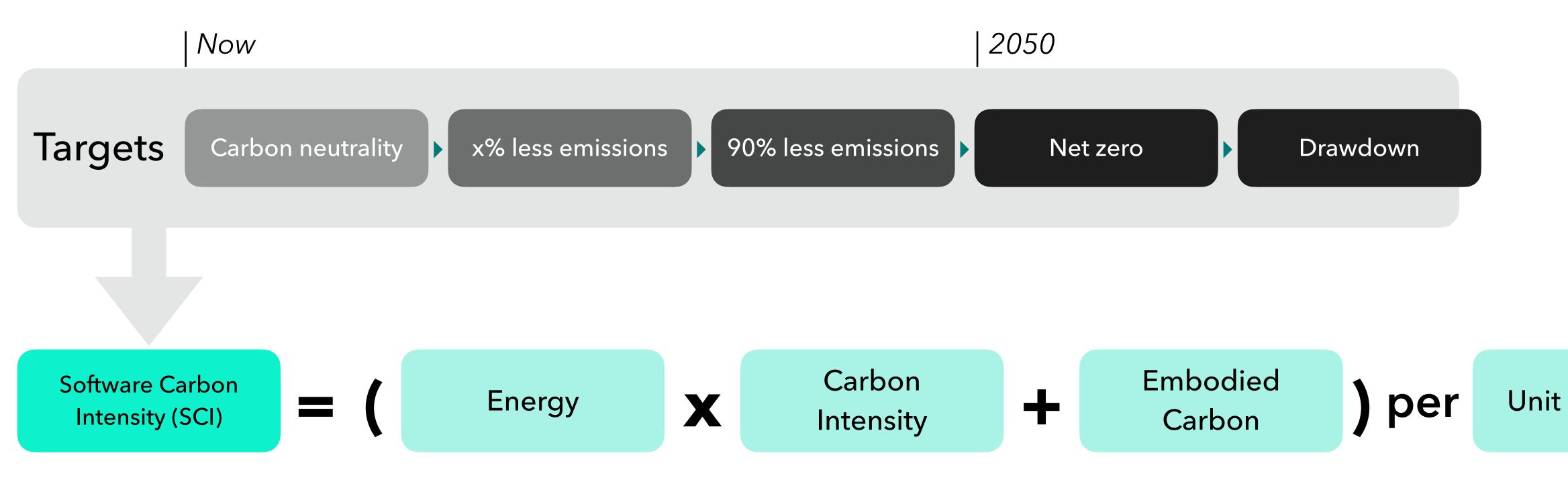
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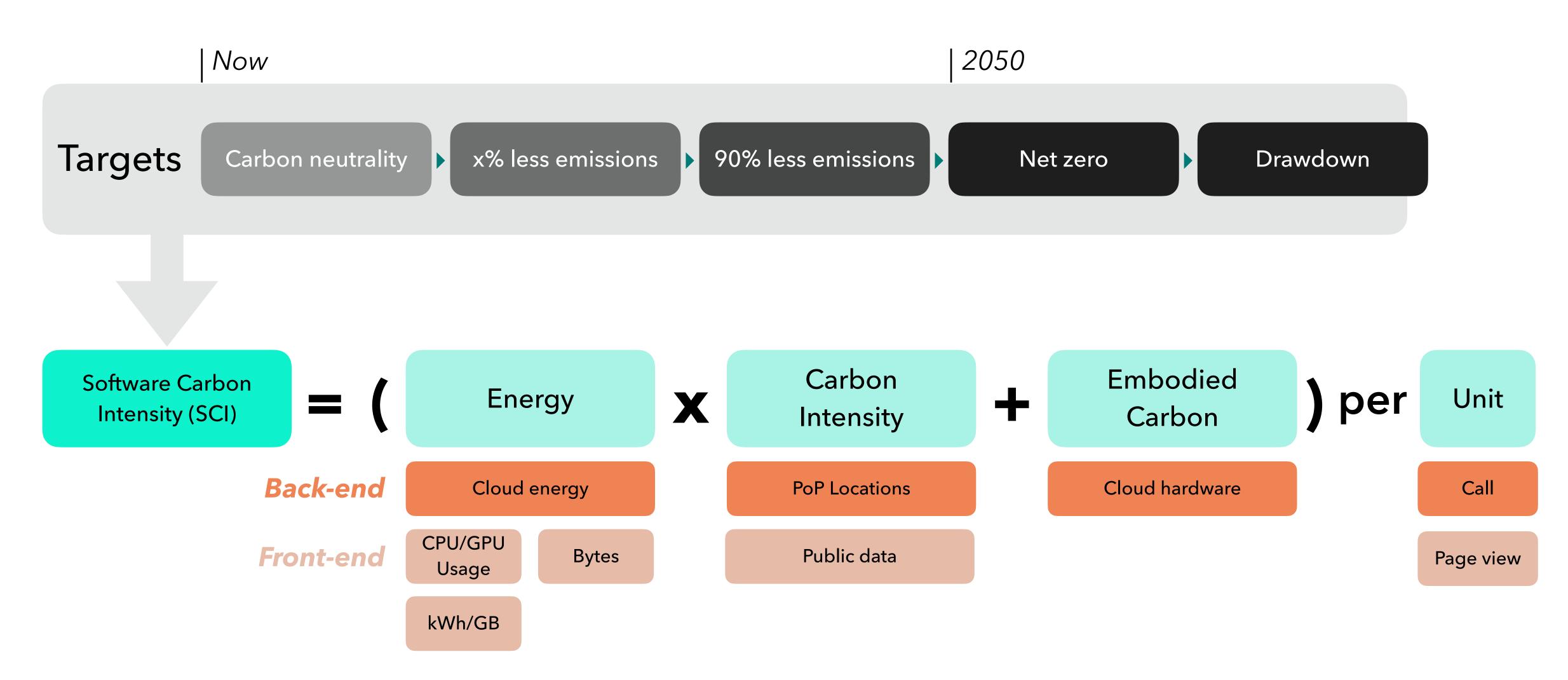
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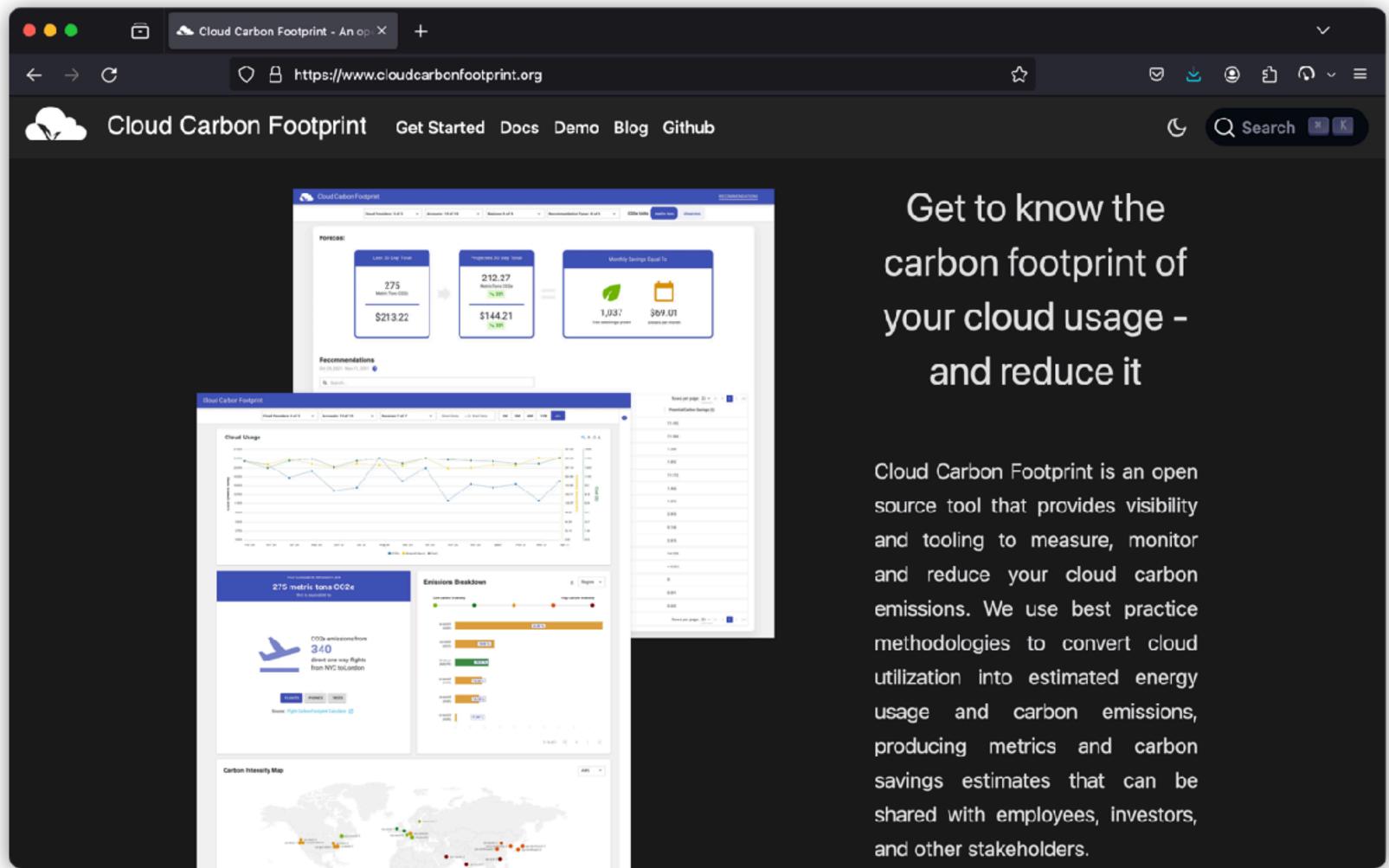
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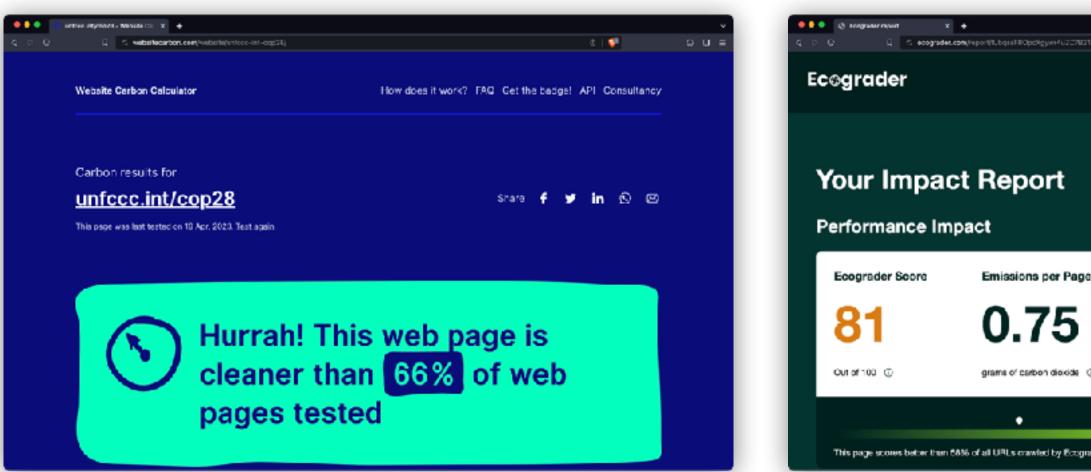


#### https://www.cloudcarbonfootprint.org/



## Measuring the Front-End

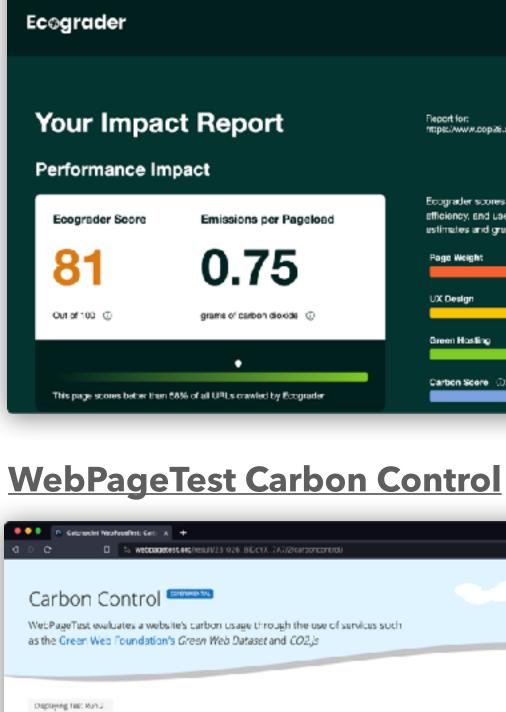
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#### sitespeed.io

#### Per domain (first run)

Domain	Estimated CO2 emissions	Transfer Size
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www.aftcnbladet.se green	0.57624 grams (21.54 %)	7
cdn.bannerflow.com green	0.47785 grams (17.86 %)	6
gfx.aftonblade:-cdn.se green	0.19511 grams (7.33 %)	24
ib.adnxs.com	0.15065 grams (5.63 %)	1
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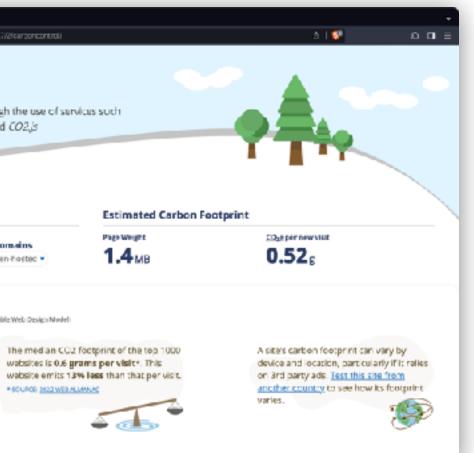
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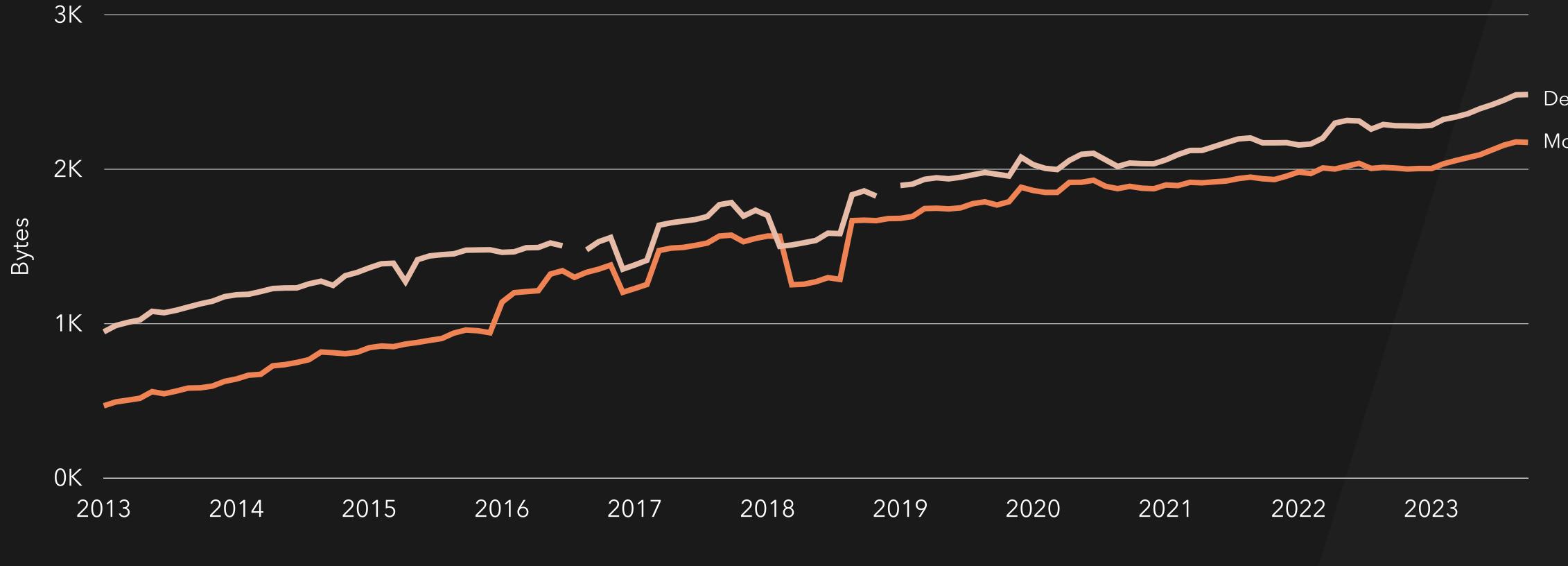
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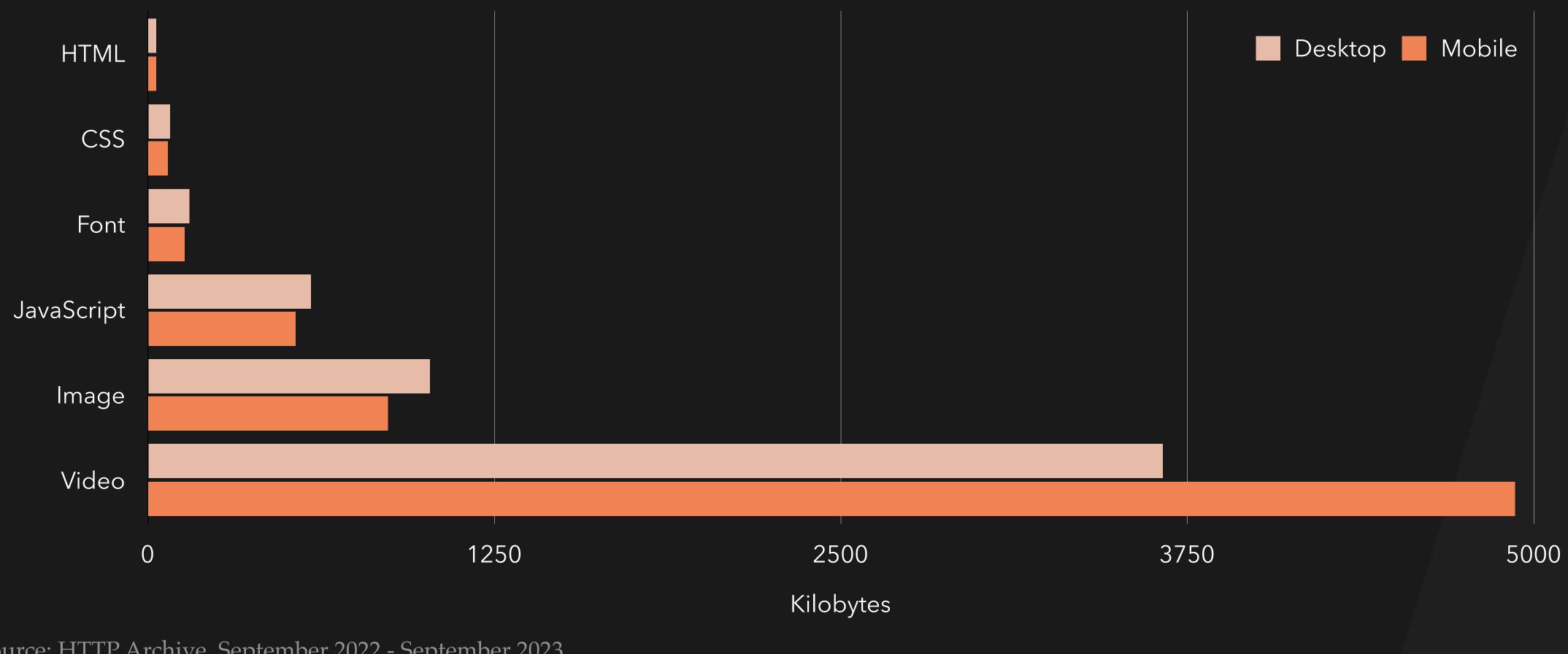
### Webpages keep getting heavier



Source: <u>HTTP Archive</u>, Aug 2013 - Sept 2023, no lens

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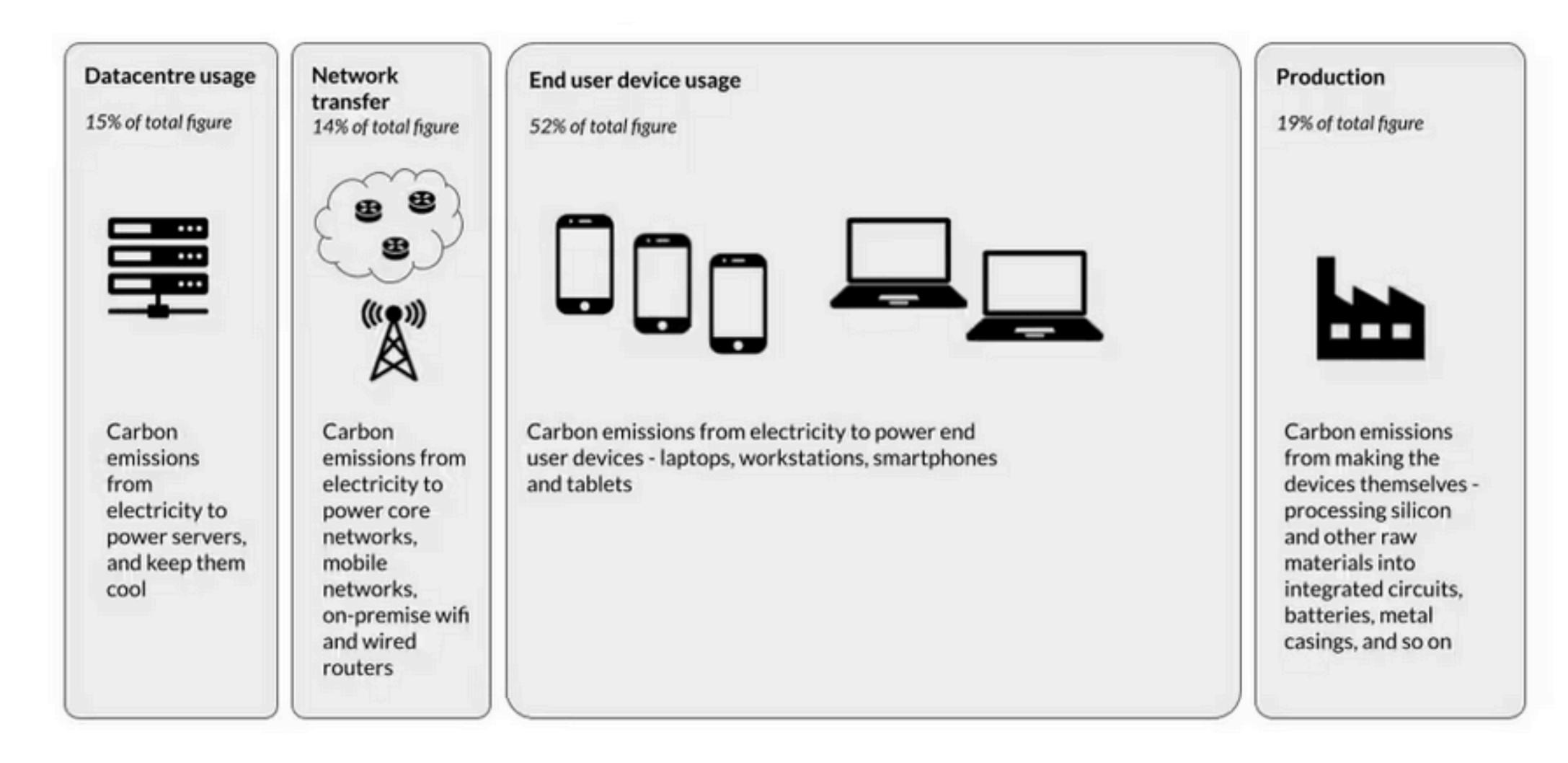
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# The Sustainable Web Design Model



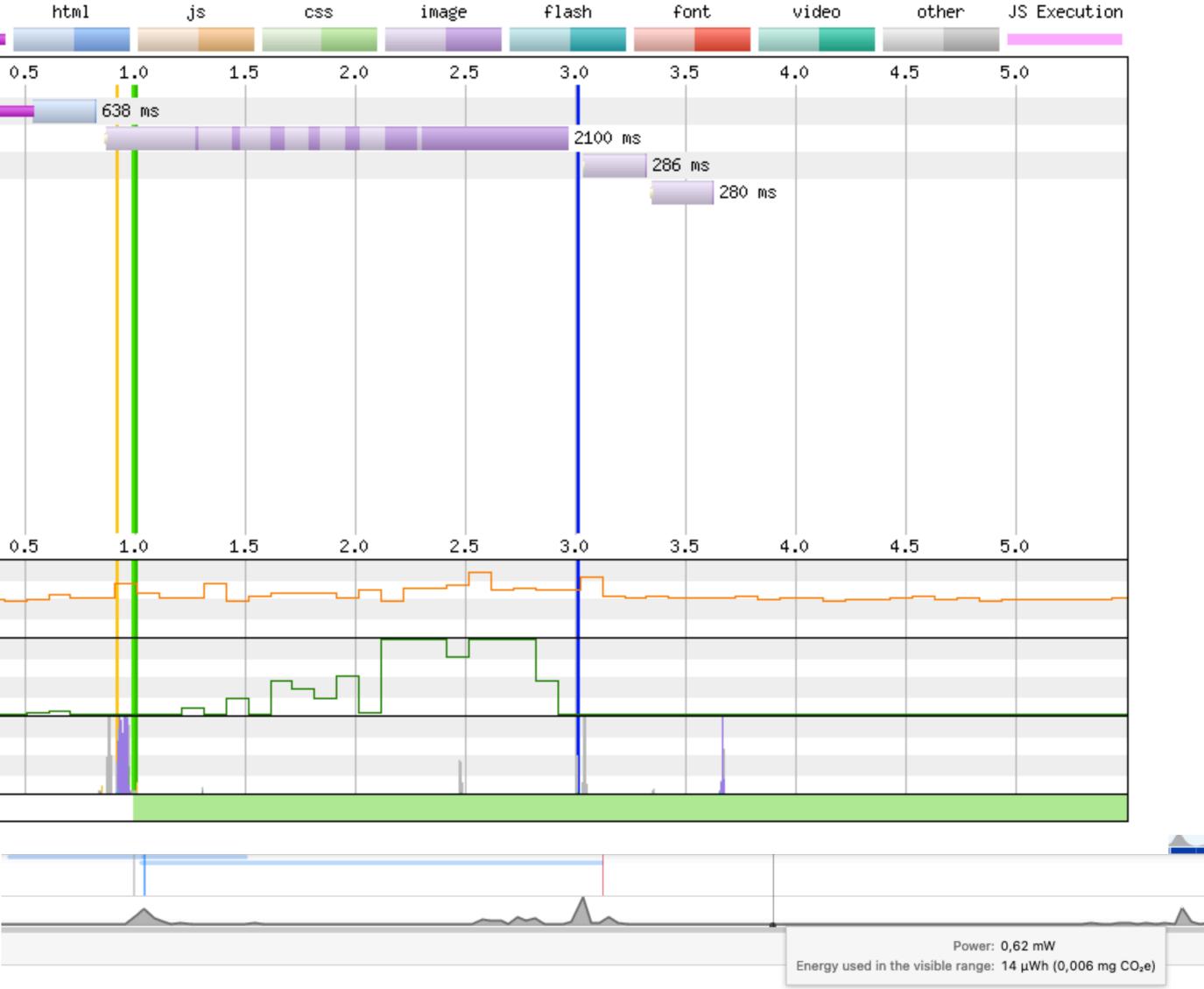
Source: "Methodologies for calculating website carbon" explainer by The Green Web Foundation; see also SustainableWebDesign.org

# Data transfer is a (weak) proxy for CO<sub>2</sub>e

More info: "Why We Don't Report Website Carbon Emissions" by DebugBear (Oct. 31, 2023); "Why web perf tools should be reporting website carbon emissions" by Fershad Irani (Dec. 5, 2023)

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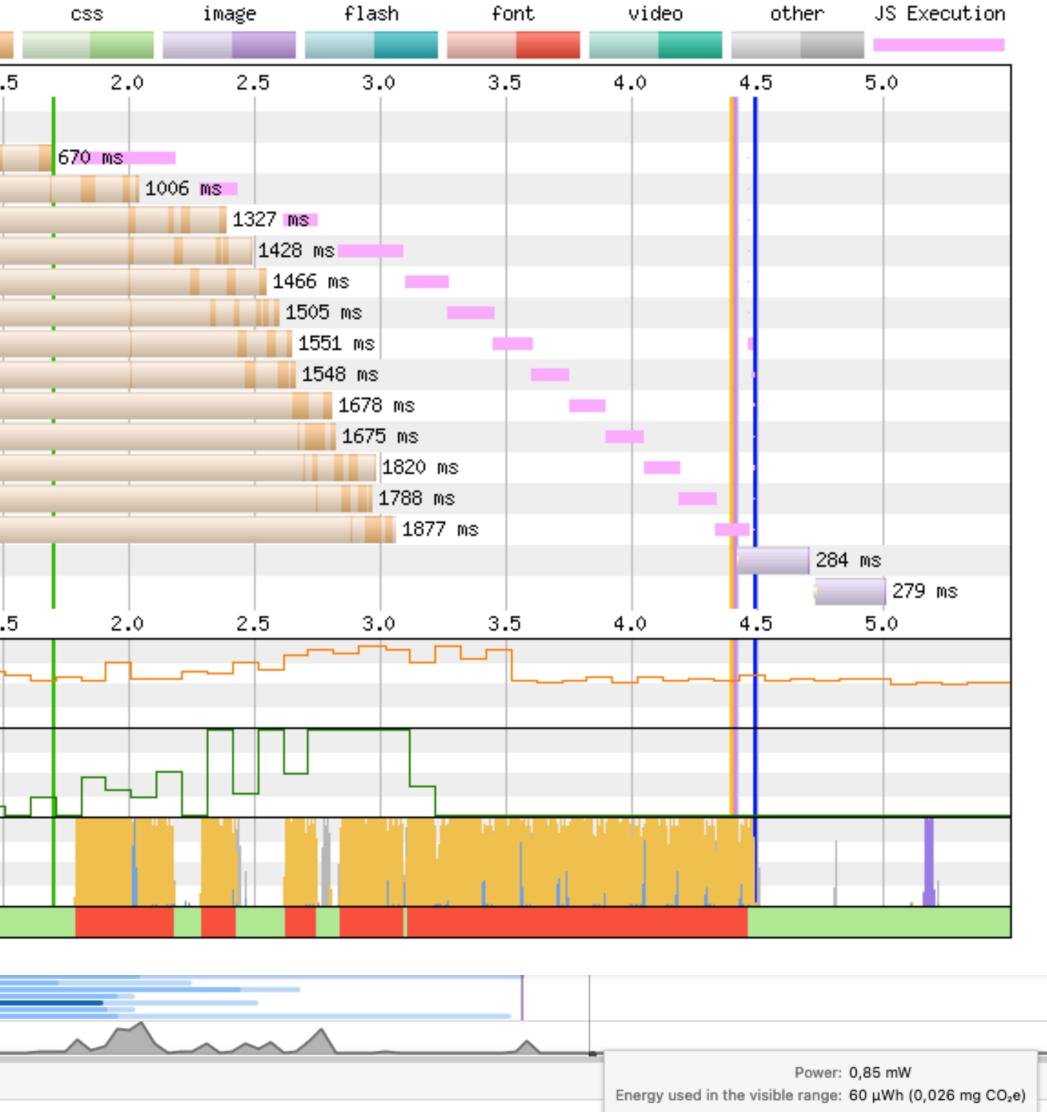


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#### We need APIs that help us measure sustainability

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PerformanceSessionTiming = { // ... }

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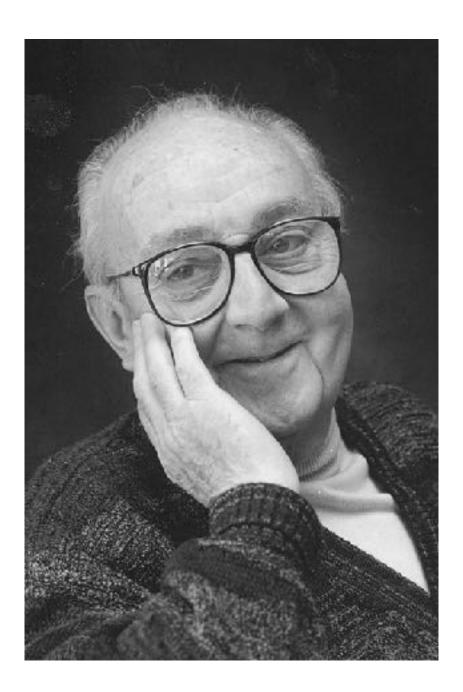






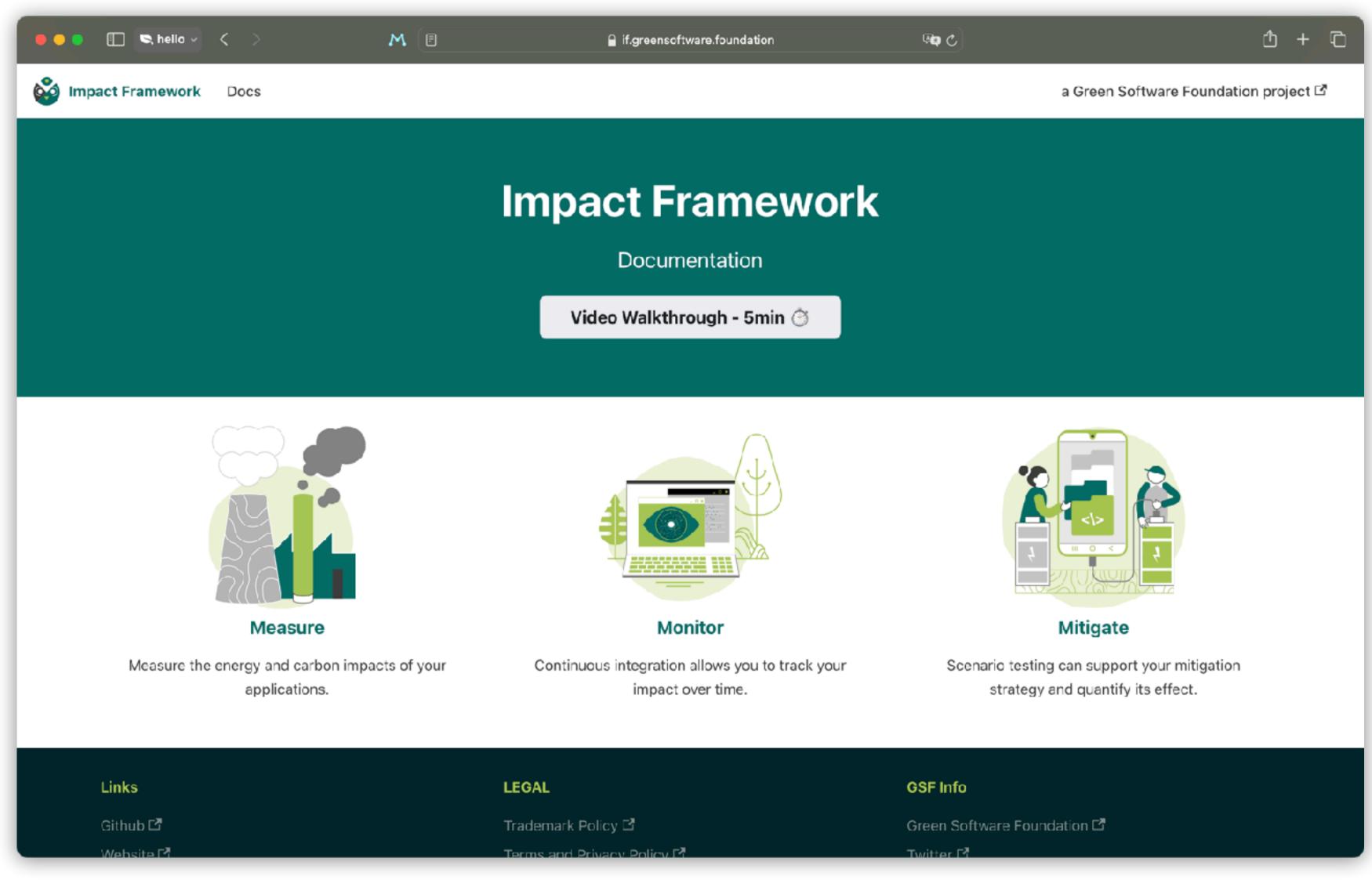
## All models are wrong but some models are useful.

Info: Wikipedia



**George Box** Statistician

### The Impact Framework



Info: <u>https://if.greensoftware.foundation/</u>

#### **Use different** models, working with the data you've got

Info: <u>https://if.greensoftware.foundation/</u>

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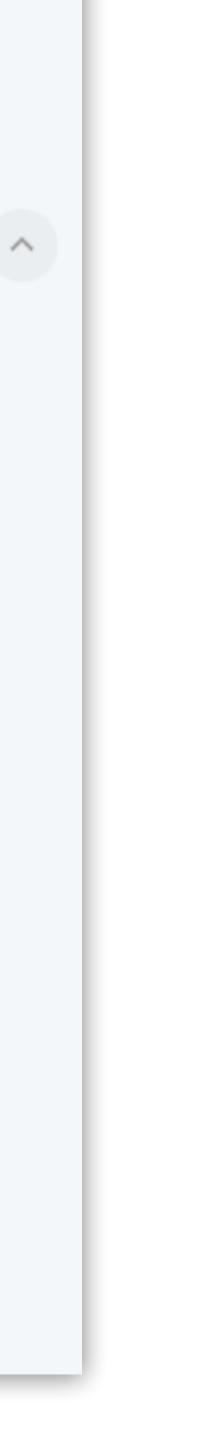
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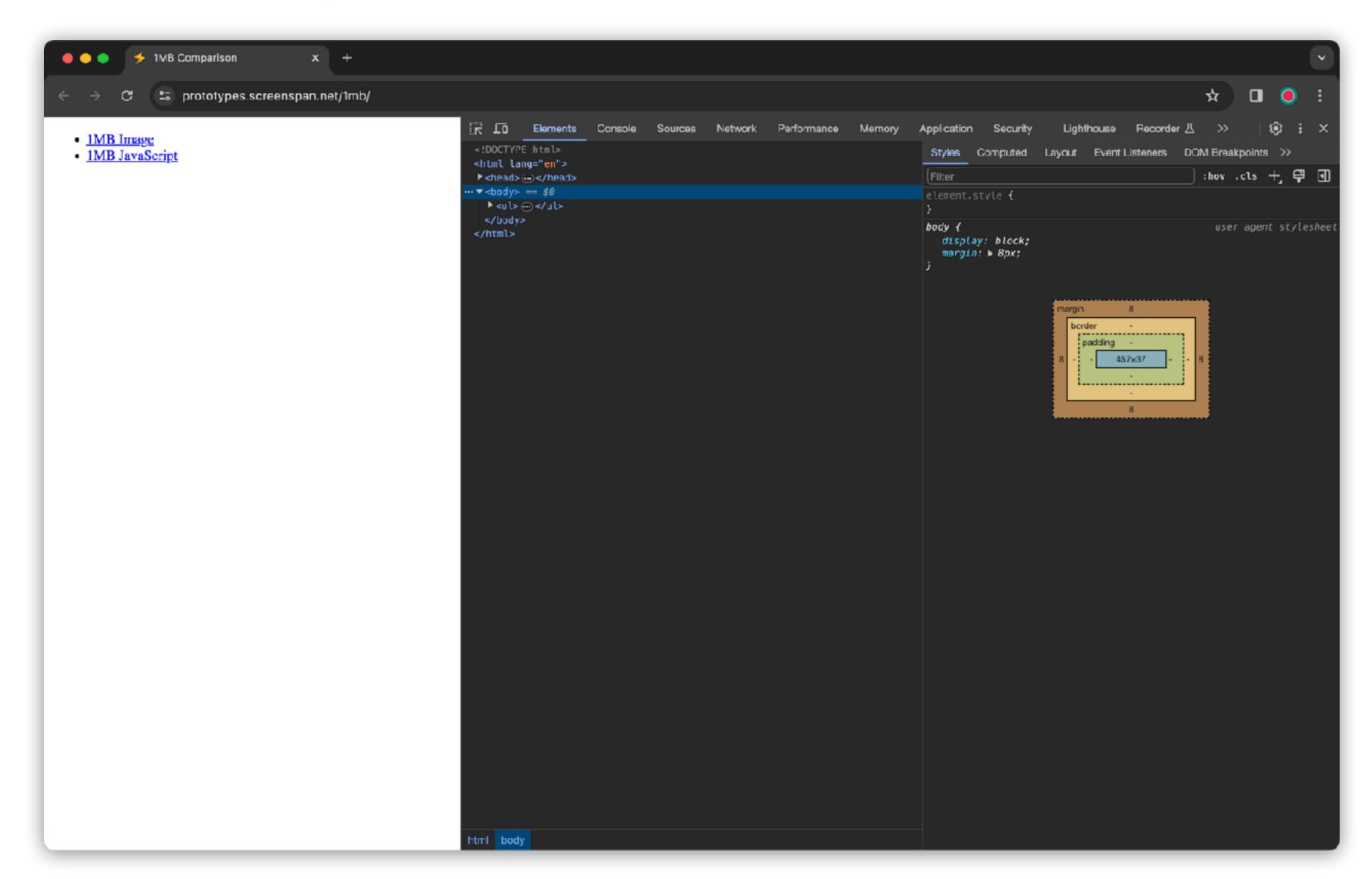


#### Start with the basics, focus on high-impact, add more granular data where possible

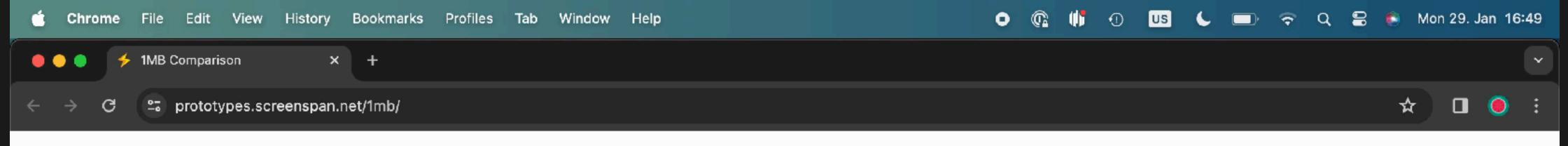
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# How to optimize?

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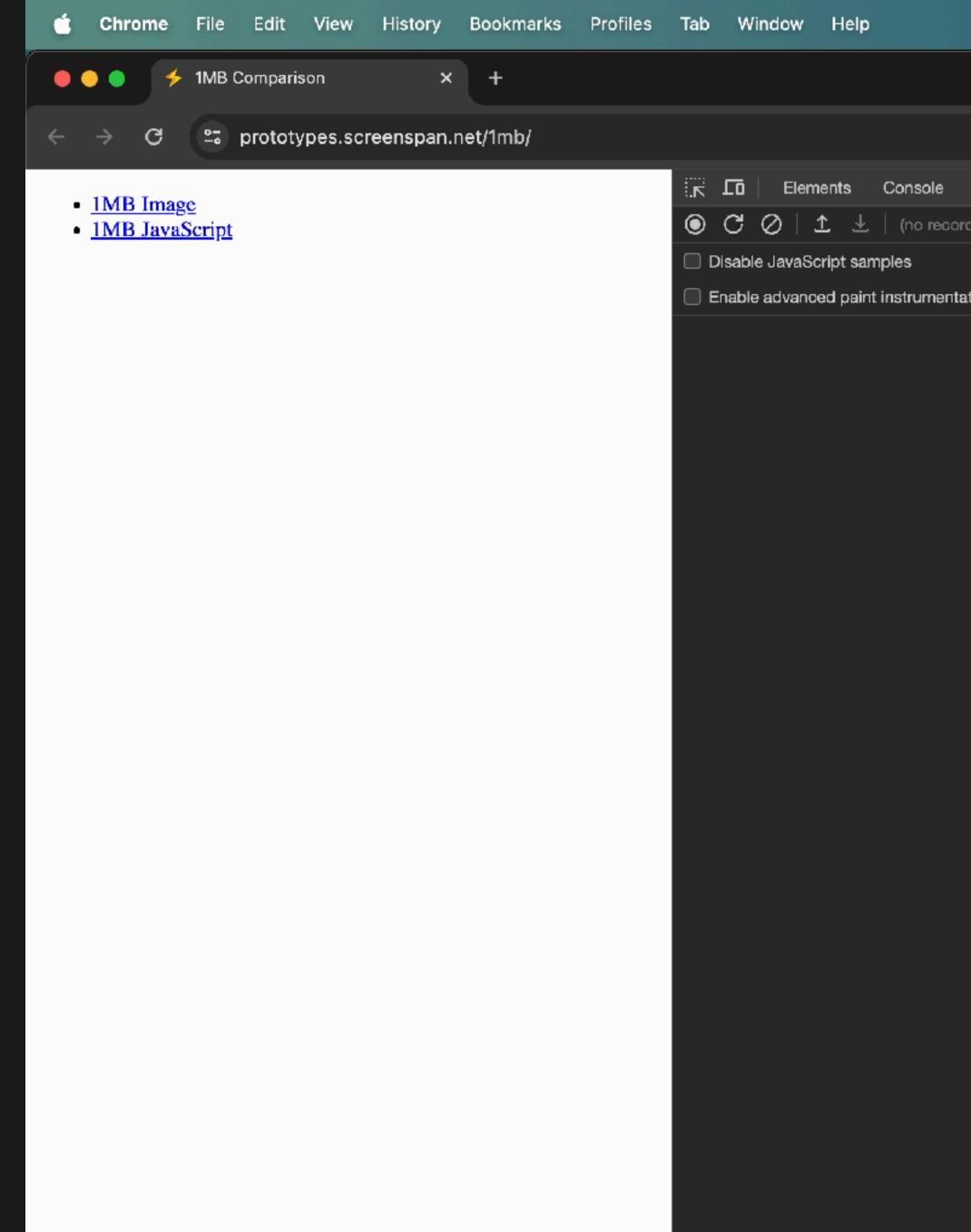


More info: "<u>Analyze runtime performance</u>" at Chrome for Developers



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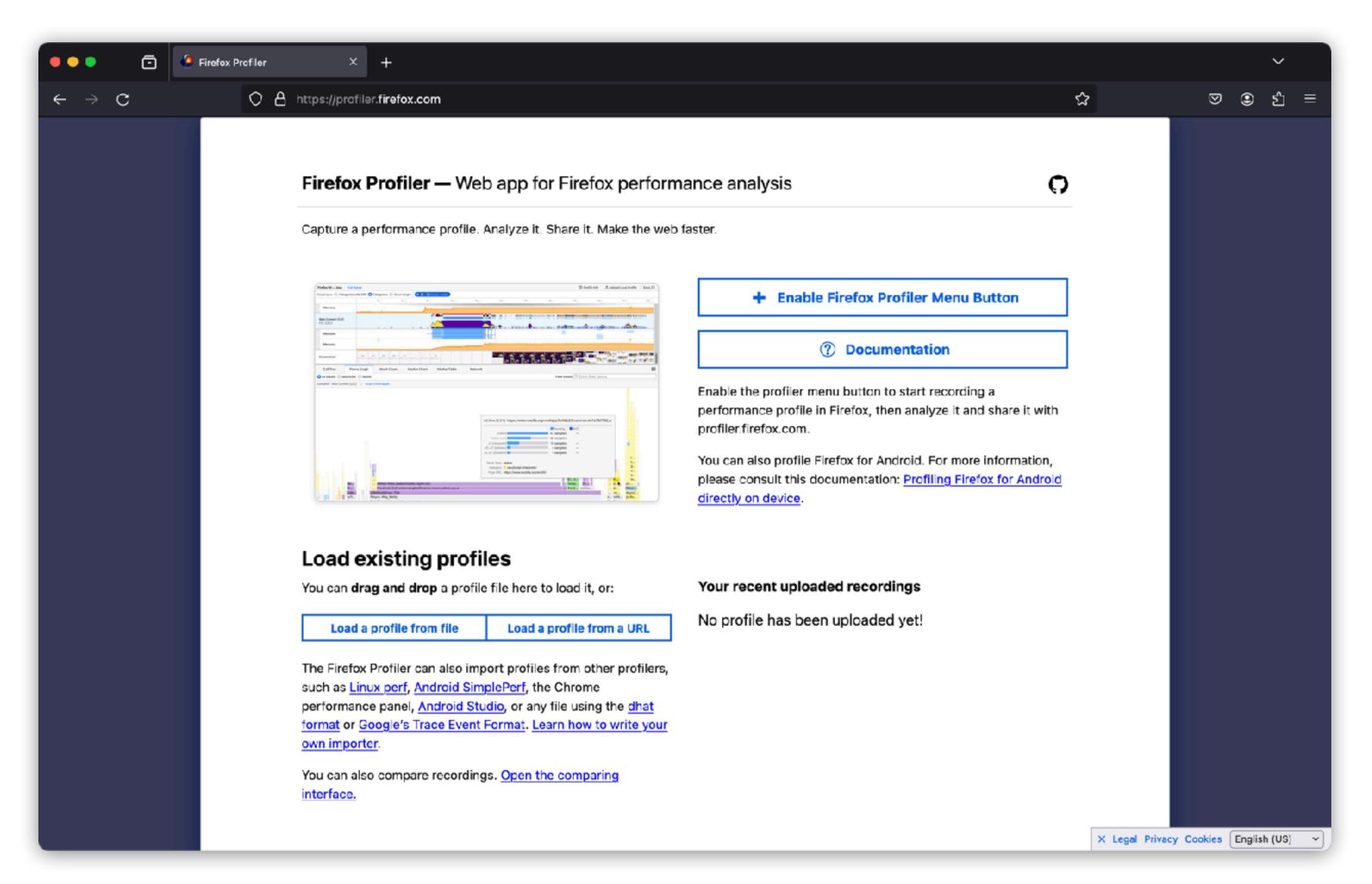


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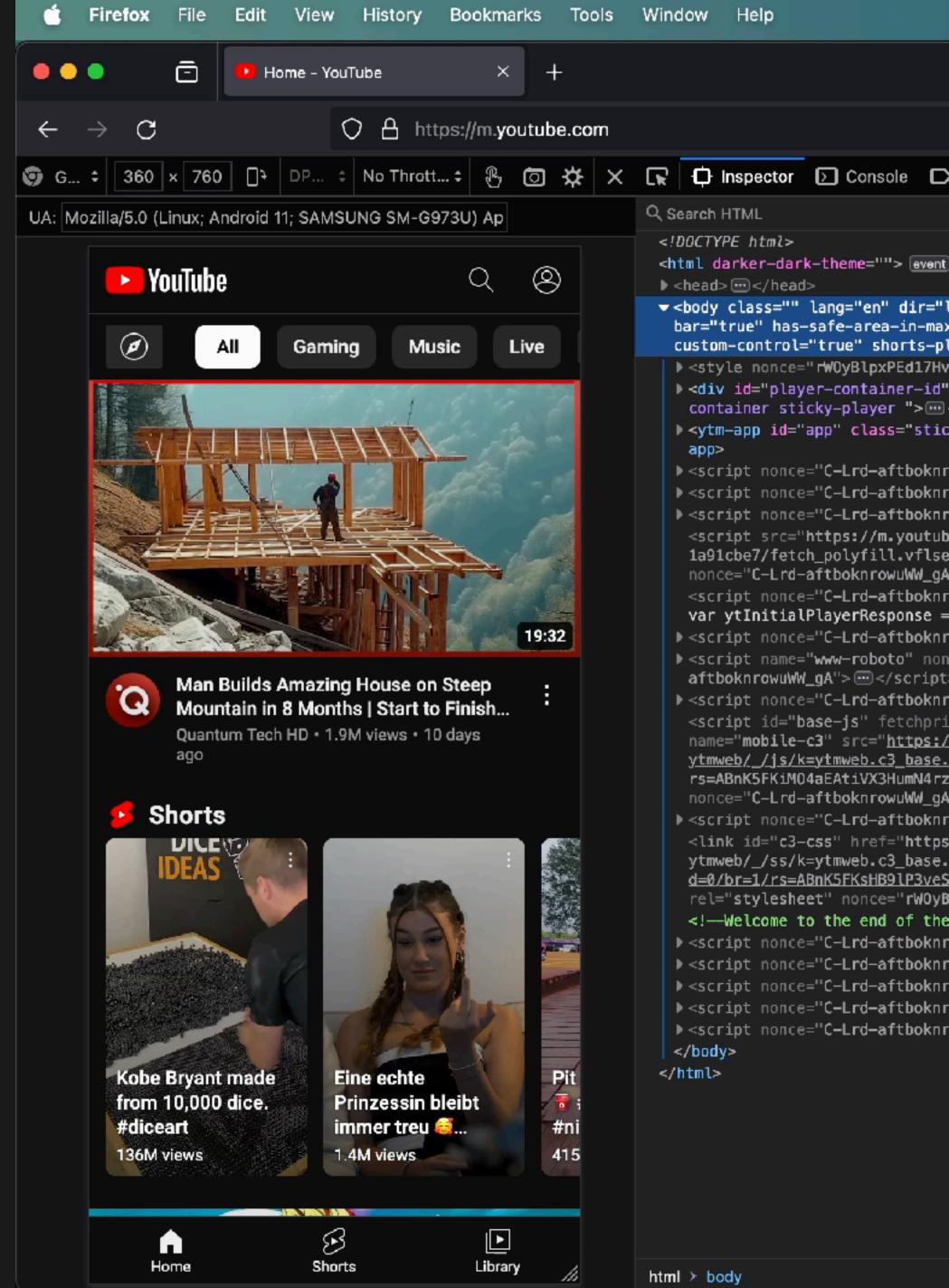
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#### **Firefox Power Profiler**

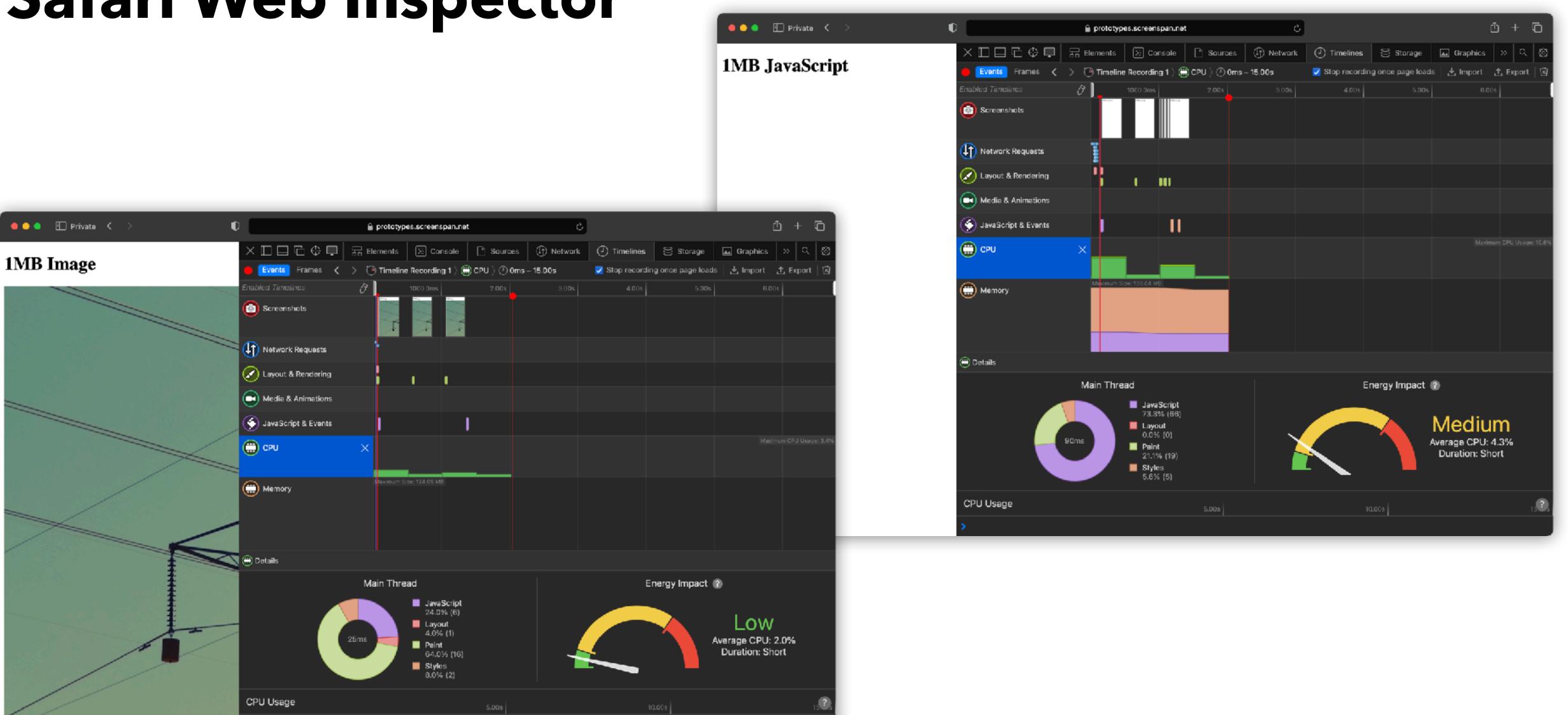


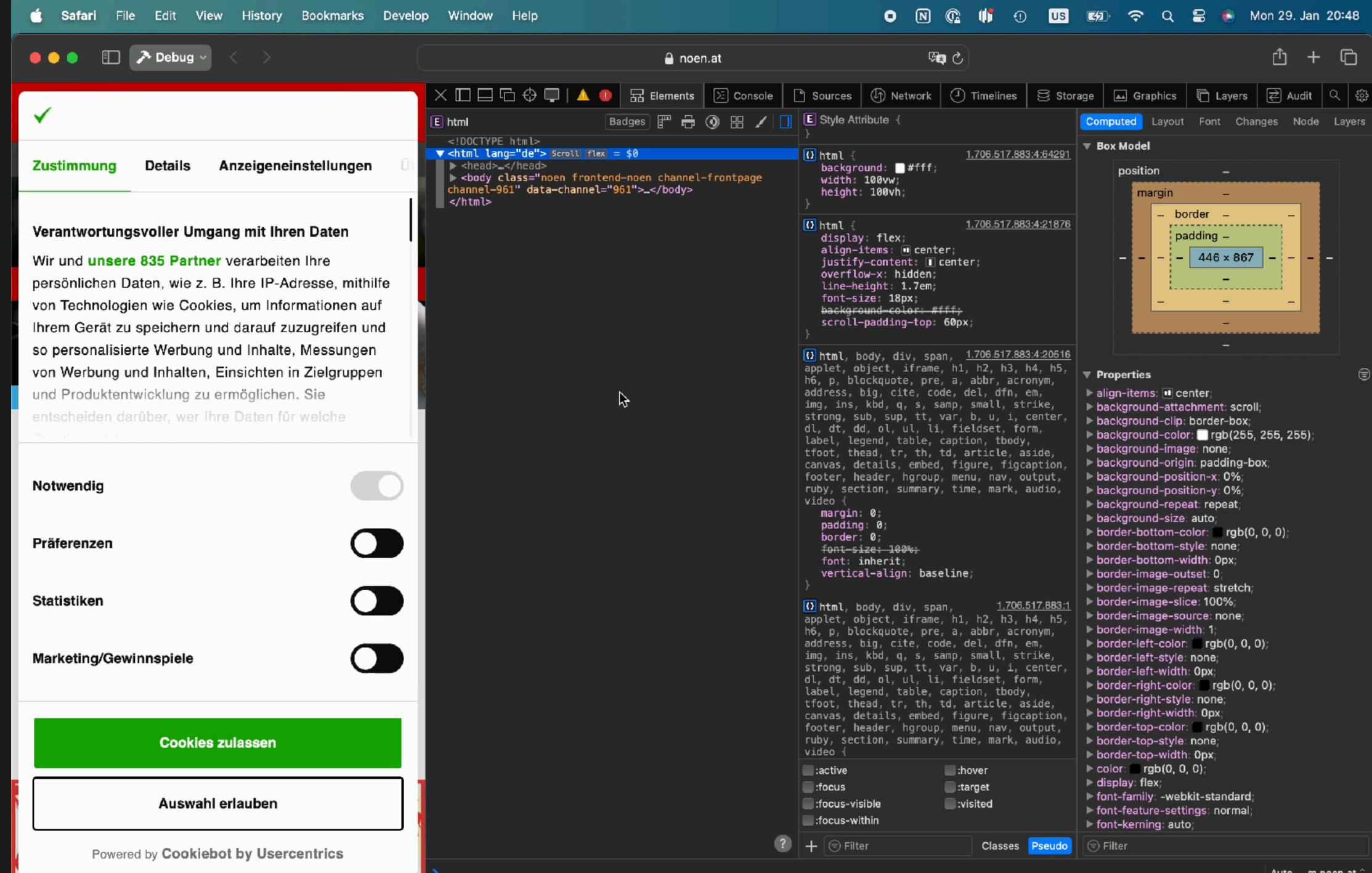
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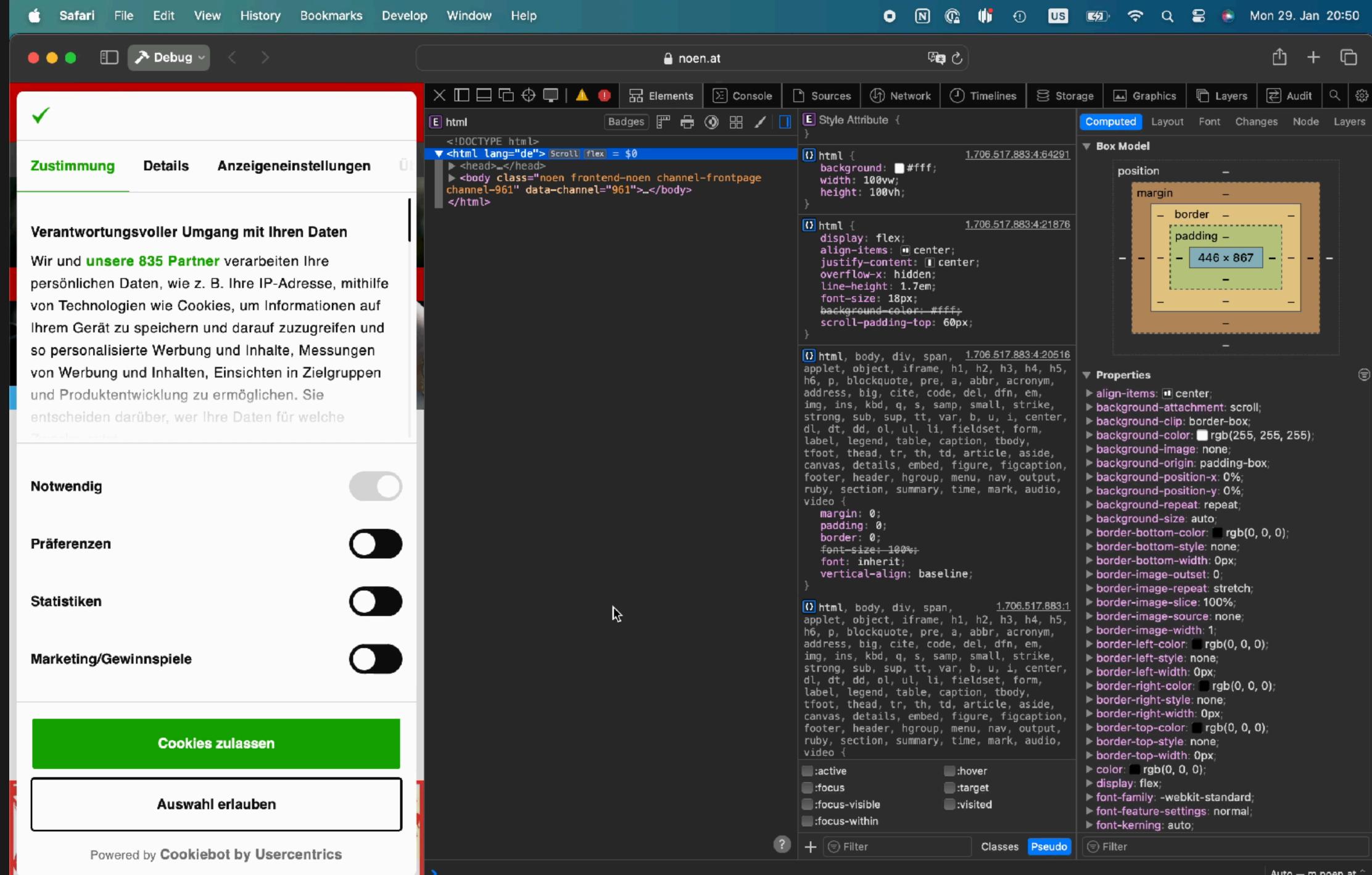


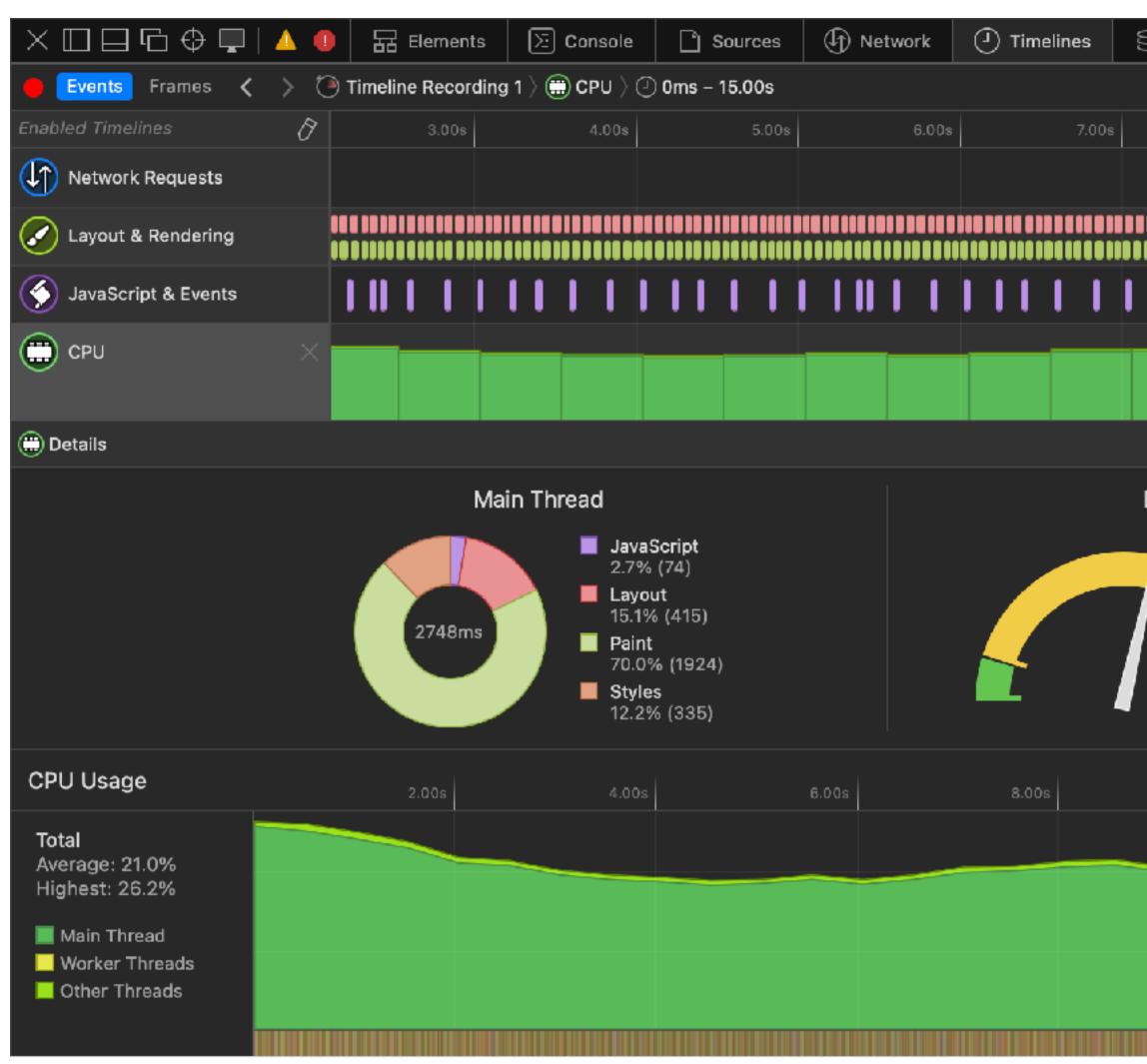
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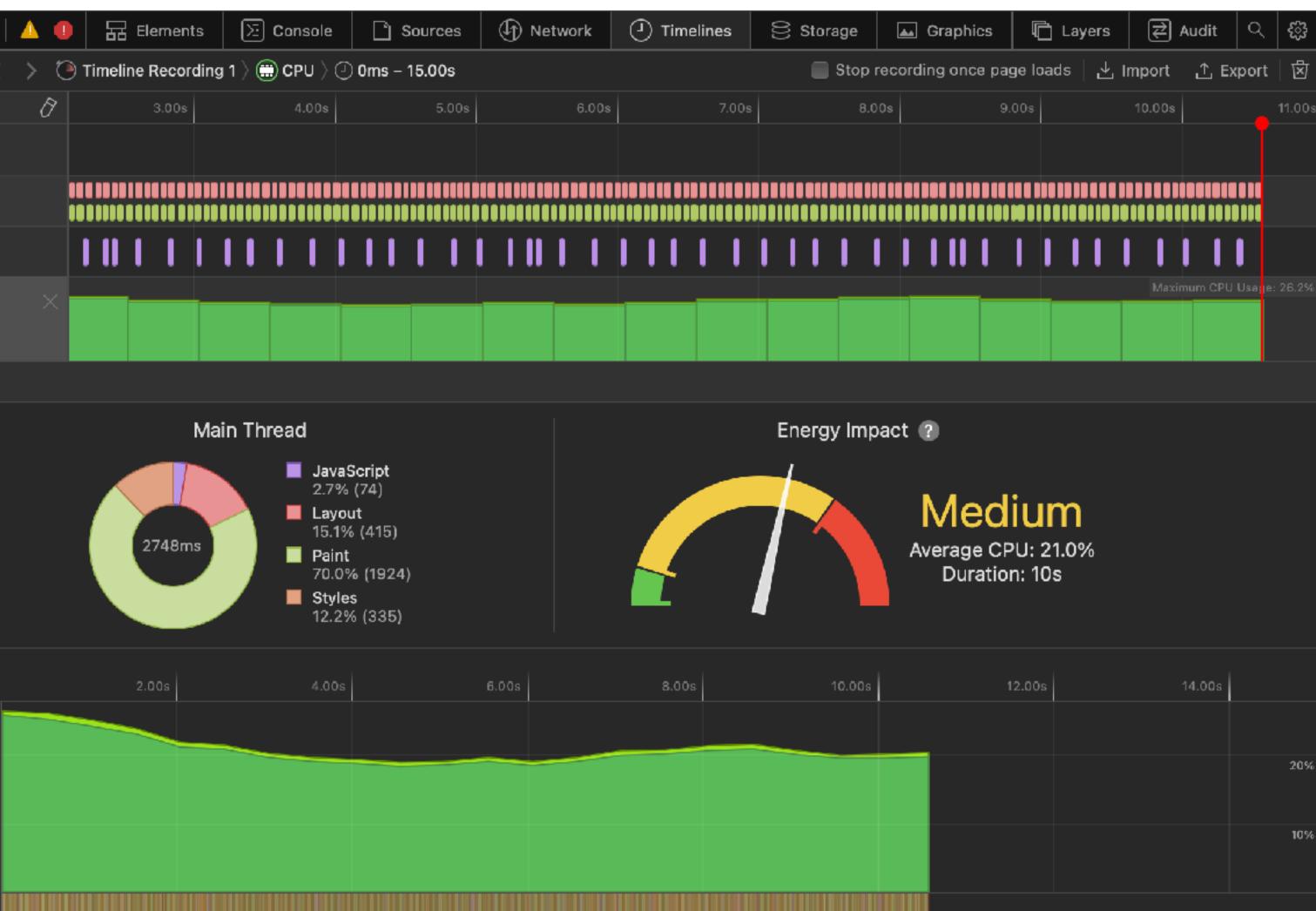








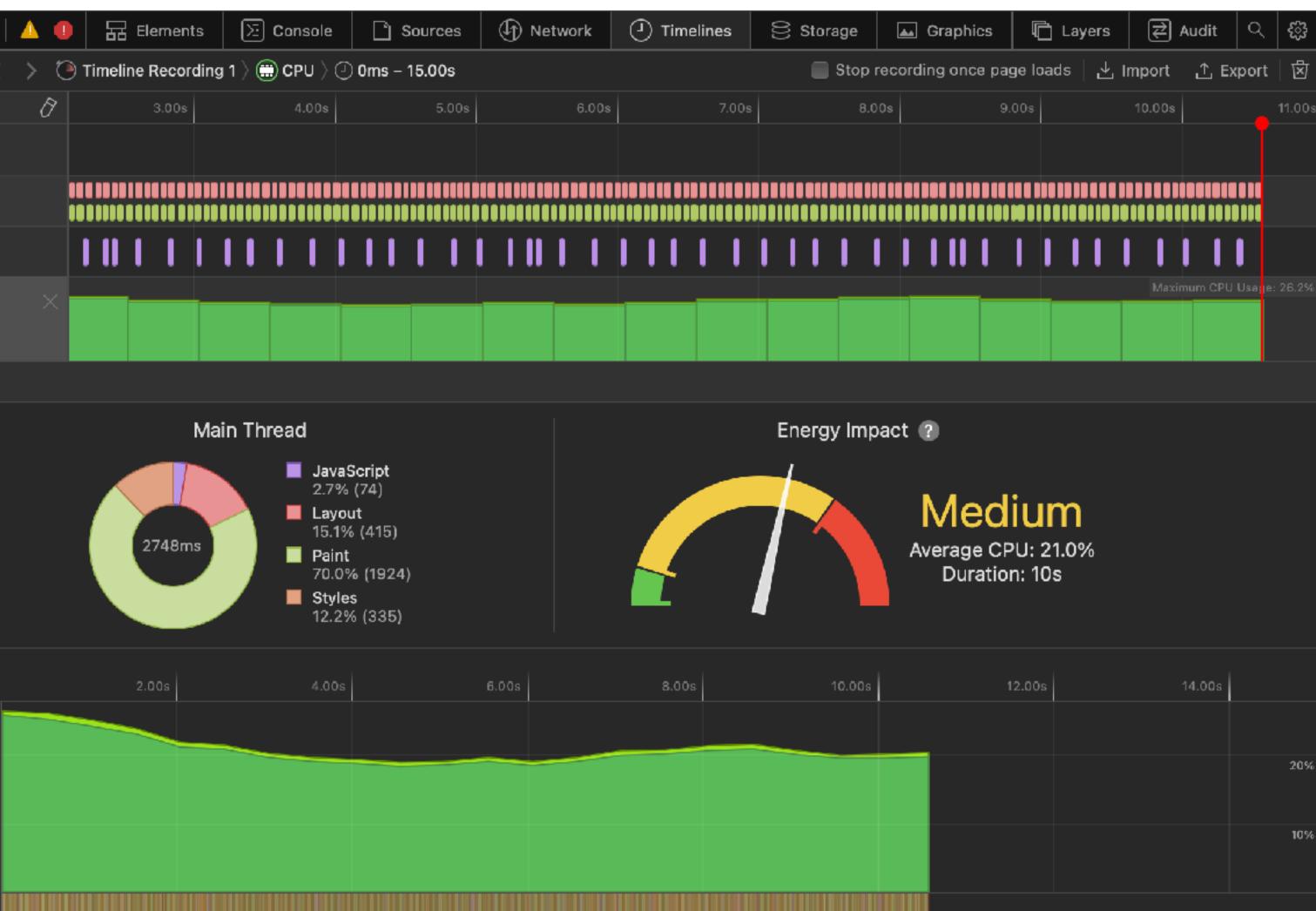
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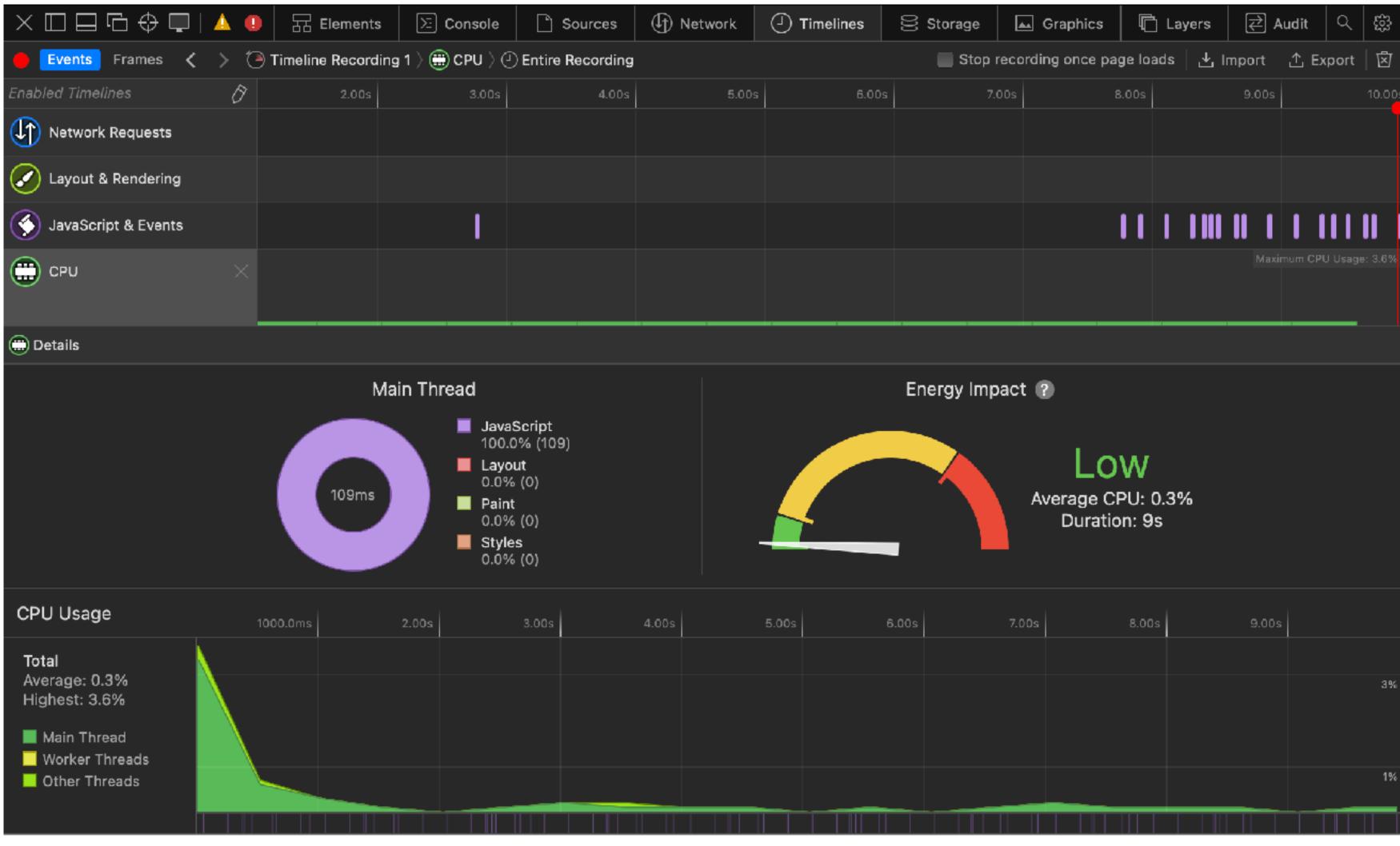
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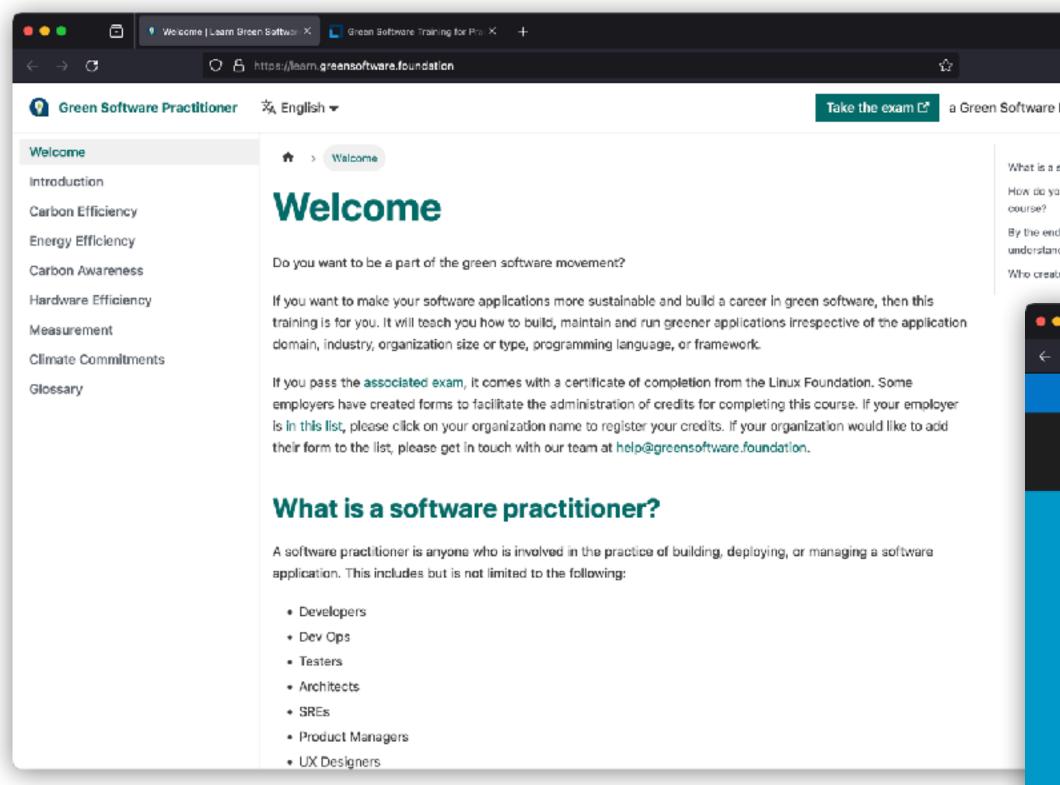
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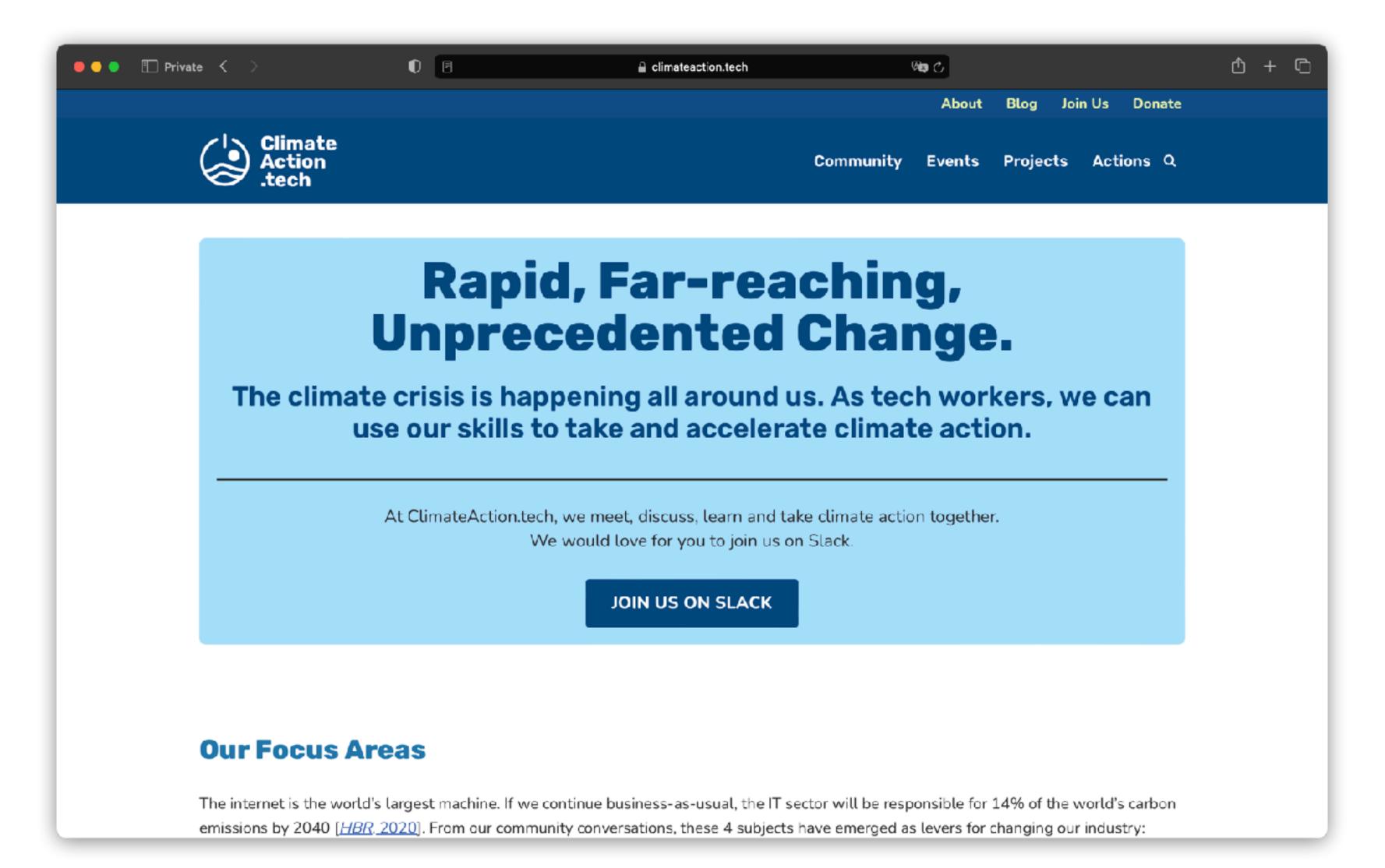
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### **Online Community**



Source: climateaction.tech

#### Podcasts



Environment Variables podcast; Green IO podcast



#### Follow on Social



#### SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL **INFRASTRUCTURE ALLIANCE**



Sustainable Digital Infrastructure Alliance; Green Software Foundation; The Green Web Foundation



### GREEN WEB FOUNDATION

# Let's wrap it up...

## **Key Points**

#### **AWARENESS**

ICT has an environmental cost

Software enables savings in other sectors, but it needs to do so sustainably

Talk to others about digital sustainability

#### **BUILD SUSTAINABLY**

Only build what's needed and delete what's no longer needed

Use green hosts & cloud

Ship less code, cache, compress, minify

Focus on performance and accessibility

Lazy-load and use façades for what's not immediately needed

Optimize media and images

Rely on HTML standards instead of JavaScript frameworks and libraries

#### **MEASURE**

Establish performance budgets

Measure and monitor

performance

Try out the Impact Framework

#### **OPTIMIZE**

Debug memory leaks, JavaScript performance and excessive rendering work and animations



# Thanks!

Notes, Links, Slides: screenspan.net/talks/digital-sustainability/