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```
import java.util.Random;
   public class Speedy {
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            public static void main(String[] args) {
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                            long startTime =
   System.nanoTime();
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                            int n = 0;
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                        for (int i = 0; i < 1000000000; i++) {
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                            n += 2 * (i * i);
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11
                        System.out.println( (System.nanoTime()
    - startTime) / 1000000000.0 + " seconds");
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13
                        startTime = System.nanoTime();
14
                        n = 0;
15
                        for (int i = 0; i < 1000000000; i++) {
16
                            n += 2 * i * i;
17
                        System.out.println( (System.nanoTime()
18
    - startTime) / 1000000000.0 + " seconds");
19
20
21 }
```

If you run this example, you will observe that the first one is faster than the second one by a very small number of nanoseconds, which is almost negligible for day-to-day work. The reason hides behind the bytecode. When you run your class with the extention .java, it will create a file with the extention .class, that's the bytecode. Practically, it's the code that JVM will create to execute the class and it's written.

For i * 2 * 2 you have the following lines of bytecode:

```
ICONST_2
   ILOAD 0
2
3
   ILOAD 0
   IMUL
5
   IMUL
   ISTORE 1
```

while for i * (2 * 2) you have:

```
ICONST 2
   ILOAD 0
   IMUL
   ILOAD 0
   IMUL
5
   ISTORE 1
6
```

So yeah, this single line of code costs you some hundreds of nanoseconds, very dangerous if left unchecked :D

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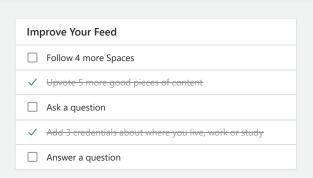
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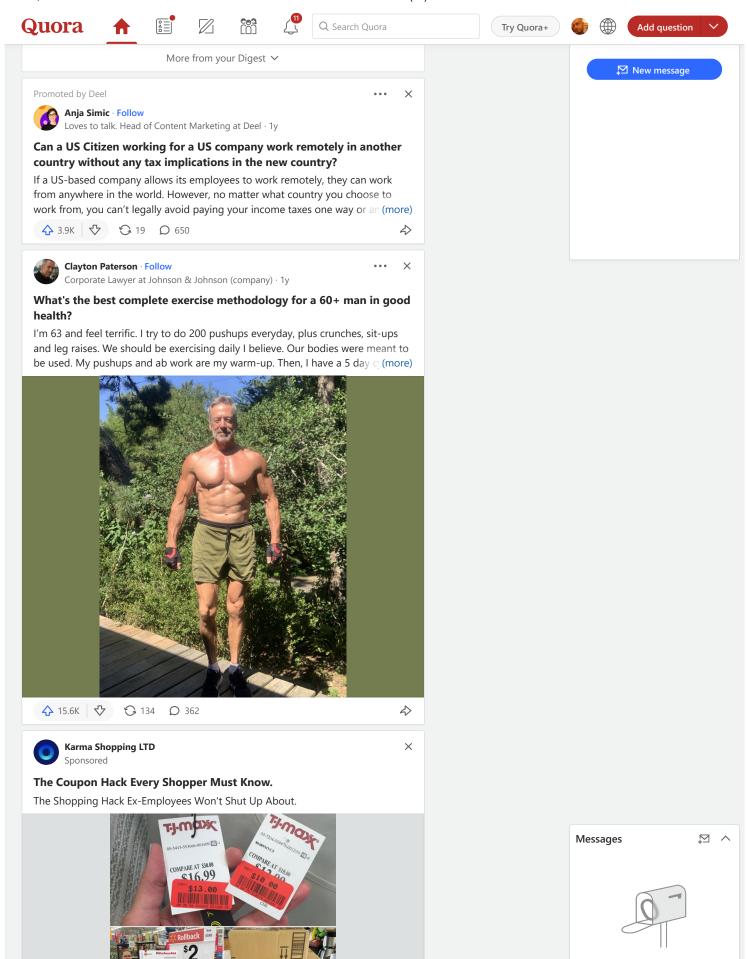




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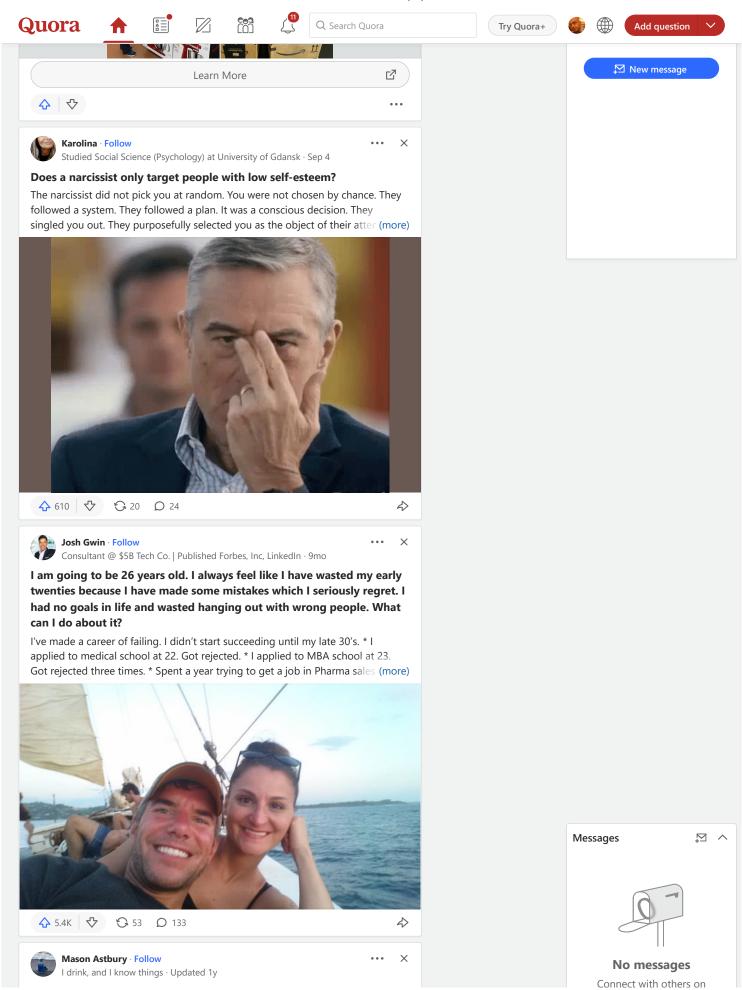


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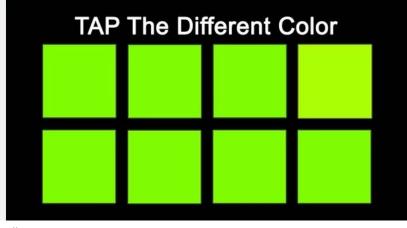
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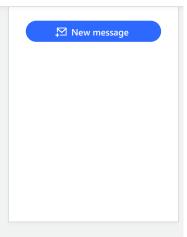
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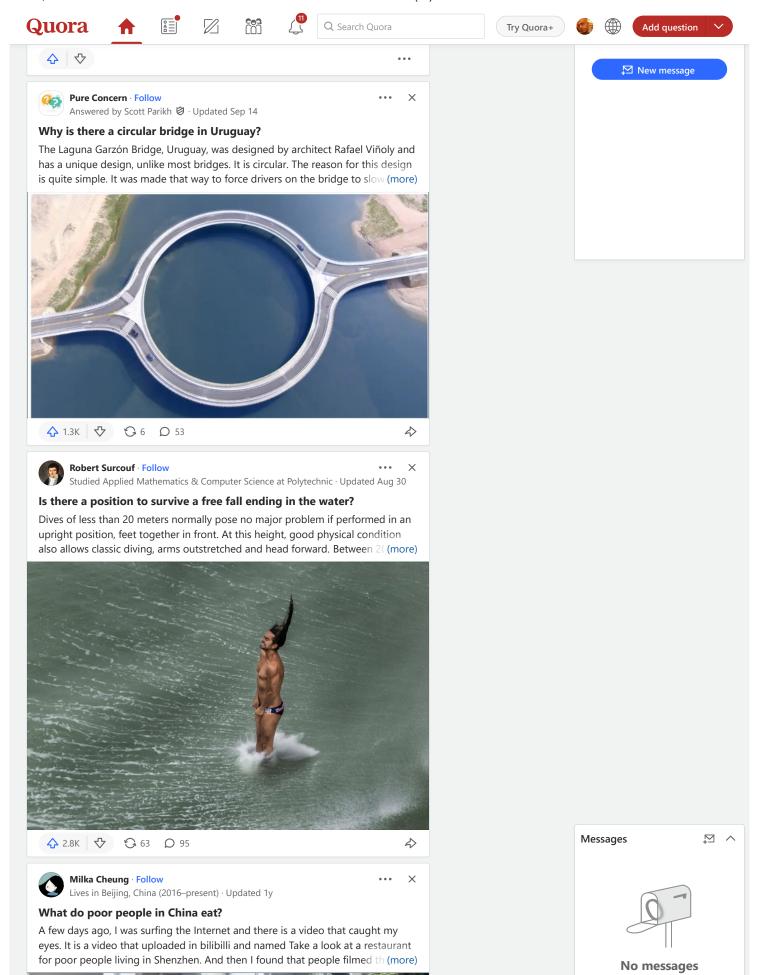






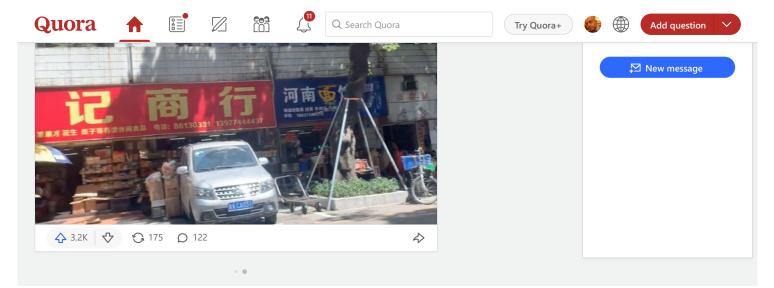
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