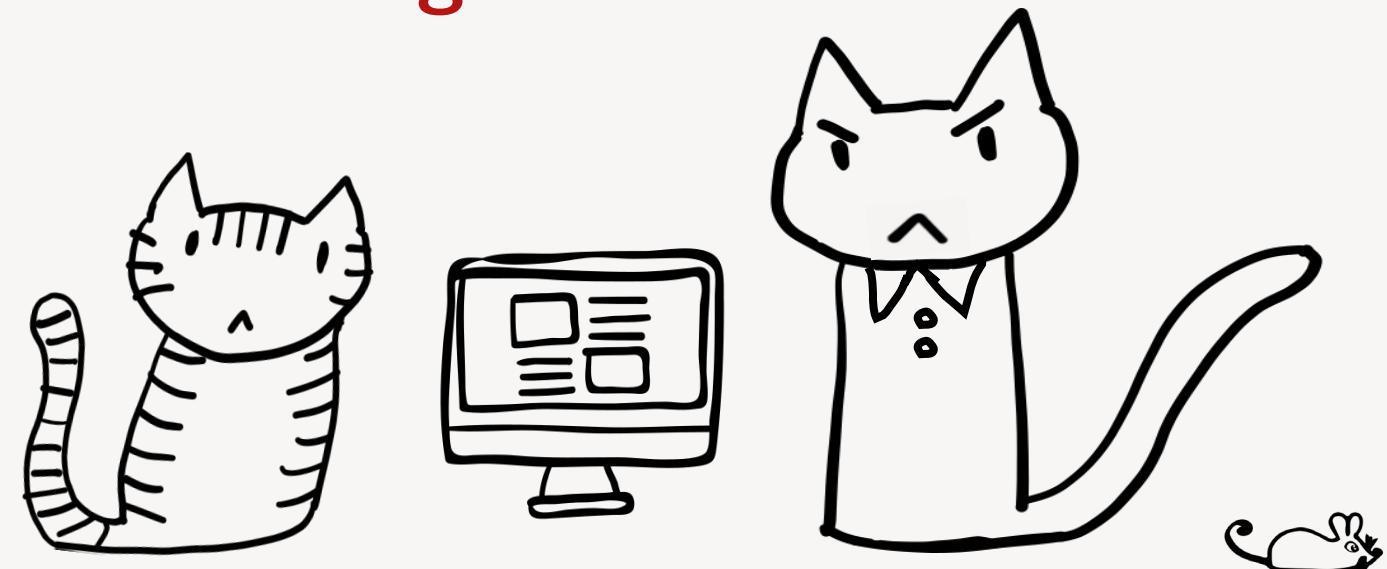


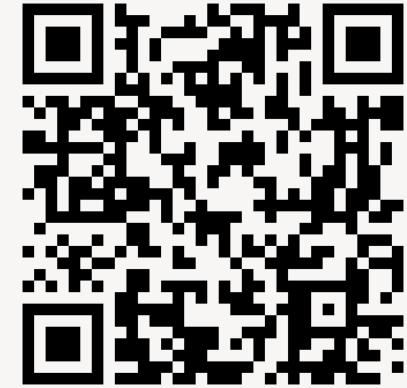
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Tutorial: Bad, Bad UI Design



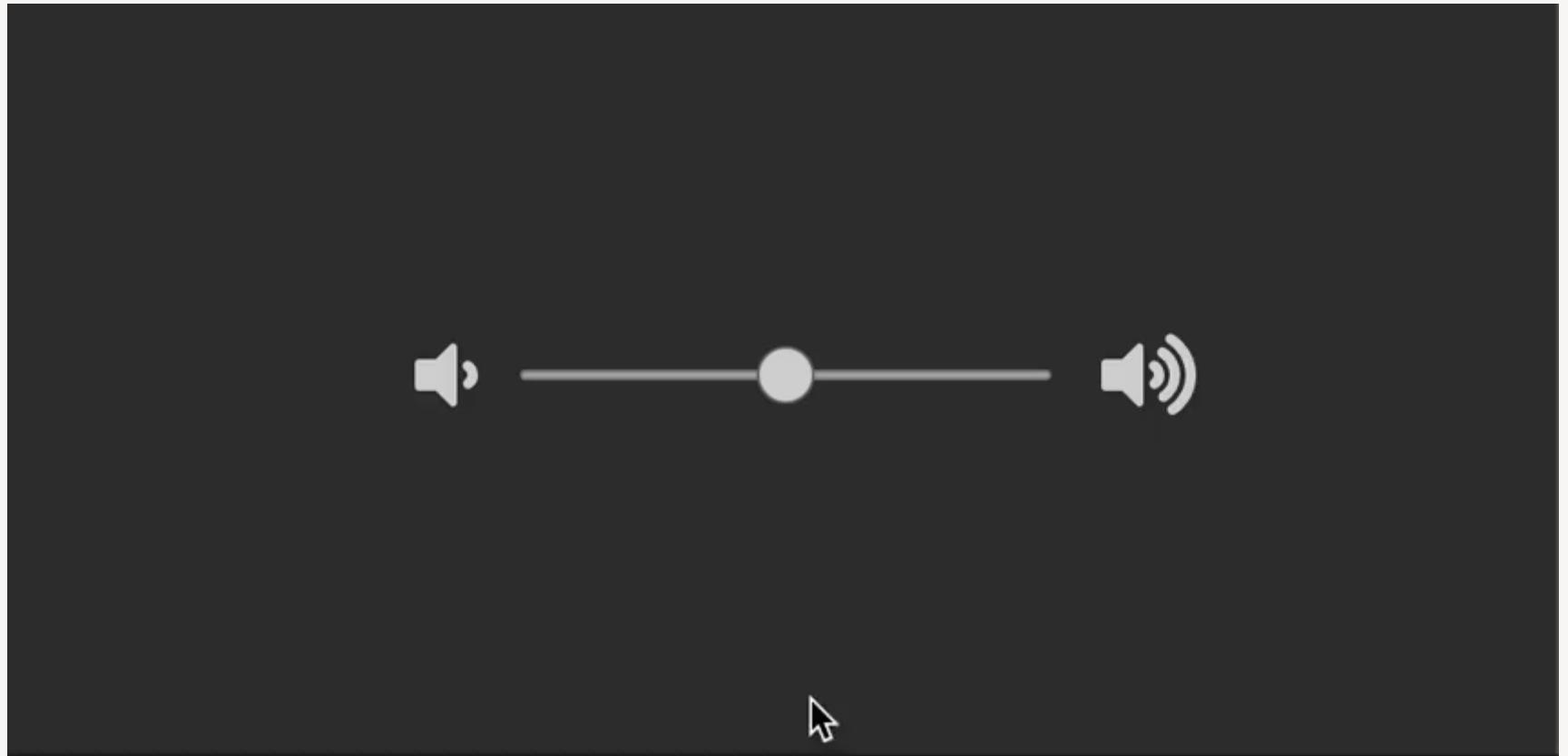
Dr Tracey Booth

Tutorial: Bad, bad UI design



- The following slides present examples of deliberately bad UI designs, all posted to the Reddit subforum [r/badUlbattles](#)
 1. **Choose a bad UI design**, from anywhere in the [slide deck](#).
 2. **View** the video or image on the slide, and **try to describe, in your own words what is bad about the design**. What are the things about it that make it problematic, and why? What would be better? Write these things down.
 3. **Repeat** until you've analysed **5 bad UI designs**.
 4. **Post these reflections on Moodle** in a single post.
- When doing this exercise, it may help to think about the potential context for the interaction, as well as **what might be a better design for it**.
- These are obviously **extreme** examples, but being able to look at a design and assess what's good and not so good about it, and *articulate* that, is a useful skill to develop.

Volume slider



https://www.reddit.com/r/badUIbattles/comments/d8s9vq/friend_had_a_neat_idea_for_volume_slider/

Dropdowns

Your Name

Choose your name...



Date of birth

Select a date...



Salary Expectations

Select salary...



Your email address

Select email...



Confirm your email address

Select email...



Password

Select password...



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Save the changes

Type your notes here...

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when_they_really_want_you_to_save_the_changes/](https://www.reddit.com/r/badUIbattles/comments/1ic4znr/when_they_really_want_you_to_save_the_changes/)

20 questions search



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search_but_you_have_to_do_20_questions/](https://www.reddit.com/r/badUlbattles/comments/1i97hny/search_but_you_have_to_do_20_questions/)

Movie picker

home The movie picker

Genre:

Sub-Genre:

Decade:

Rating: 

Duration:

Randomize

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World's safest form

Please Login

Please solve the captcha first

Username

Password

E O g 0 k d

Enter Captcha

Verify Captcha

Login

The image shows a login interface with the following elements:

- A title "Please Login" at the top.
- A message "Please solve the captcha first" below the title.
- A "Username" input field.
- A "Password" input field.
- A dashed box containing the text "E O g 0 k d".
- An "Enter Captcha" input field.
- A green "Verify Captcha" button.
- A grey "Login" button at the bottom.

https://www.reddit.com/r/badUlbattles/comments/1hv78mp/i_created_the_worlds_safest_form

Date Picker

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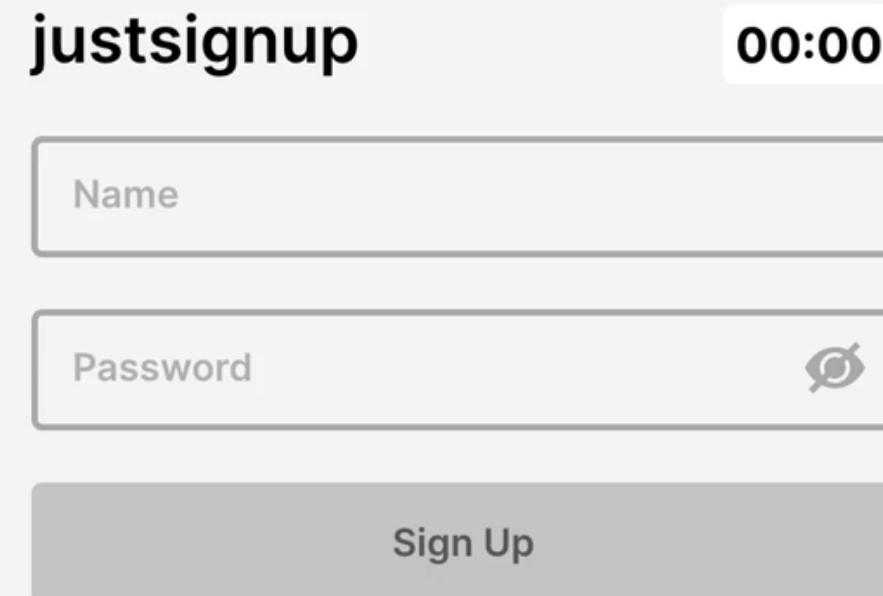


Gyroscope login

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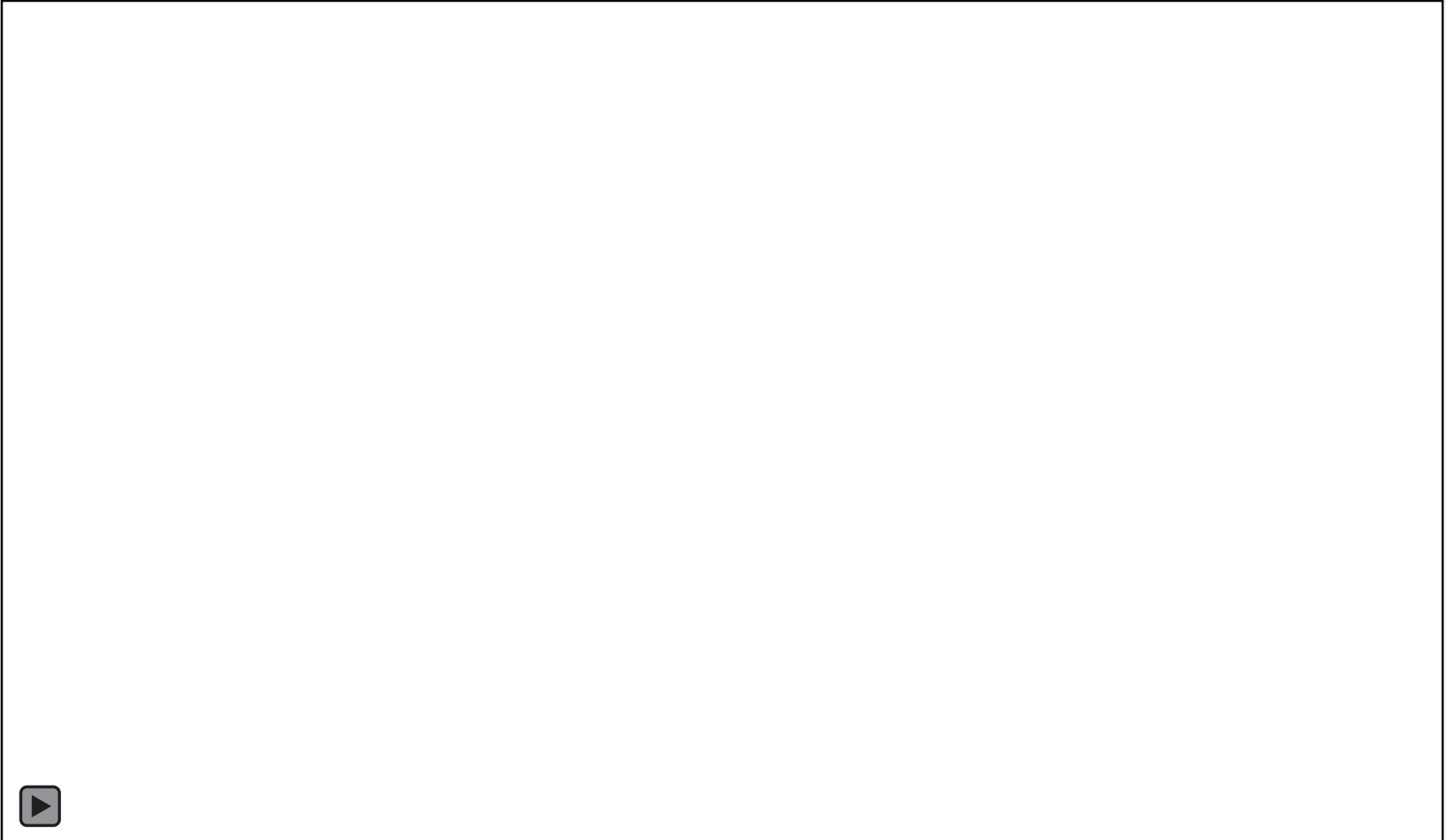


Password everything



https://www.reddit.com/r/badUlbattles/comments/e4thbk/your_password_must_contain_everything/

Mute?



https://www.reddit.com/r/badUIbattles/comments/hf2fas/a_very_clear_mute_switch/

Phone Selector

Bad Phone Selector

Phone: (10) 000-000-000

Advanced Mode

Available at: github.com/GoulartNogueira/BadUI

Made with ❤ by André G. N.

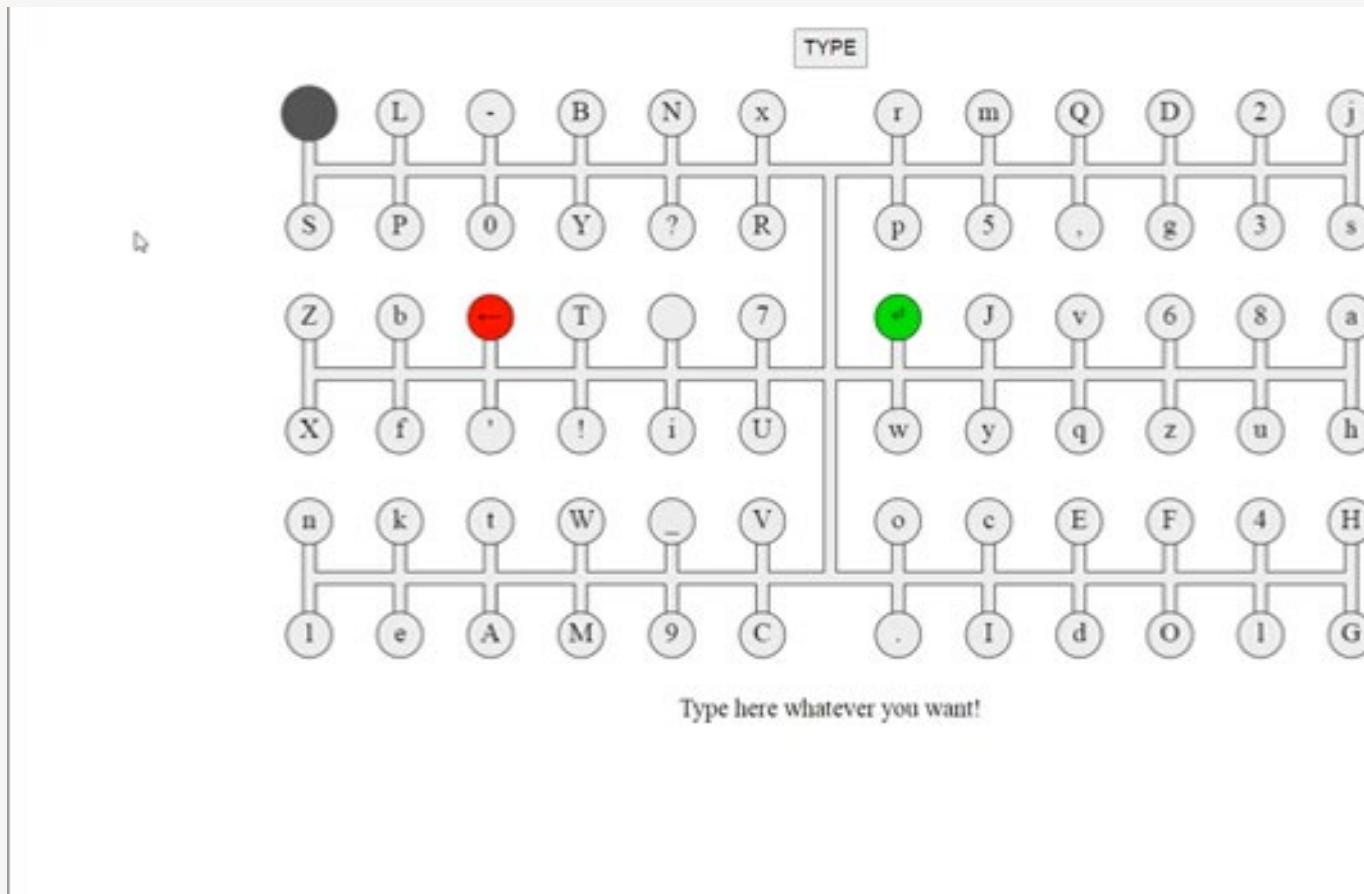
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Volume slider

https://www.reddit.com/r/badUlbattles/comments/ey74ya/volume_control_without_boundaries/



Keyboard



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Passwordle

Enter your password to proceed



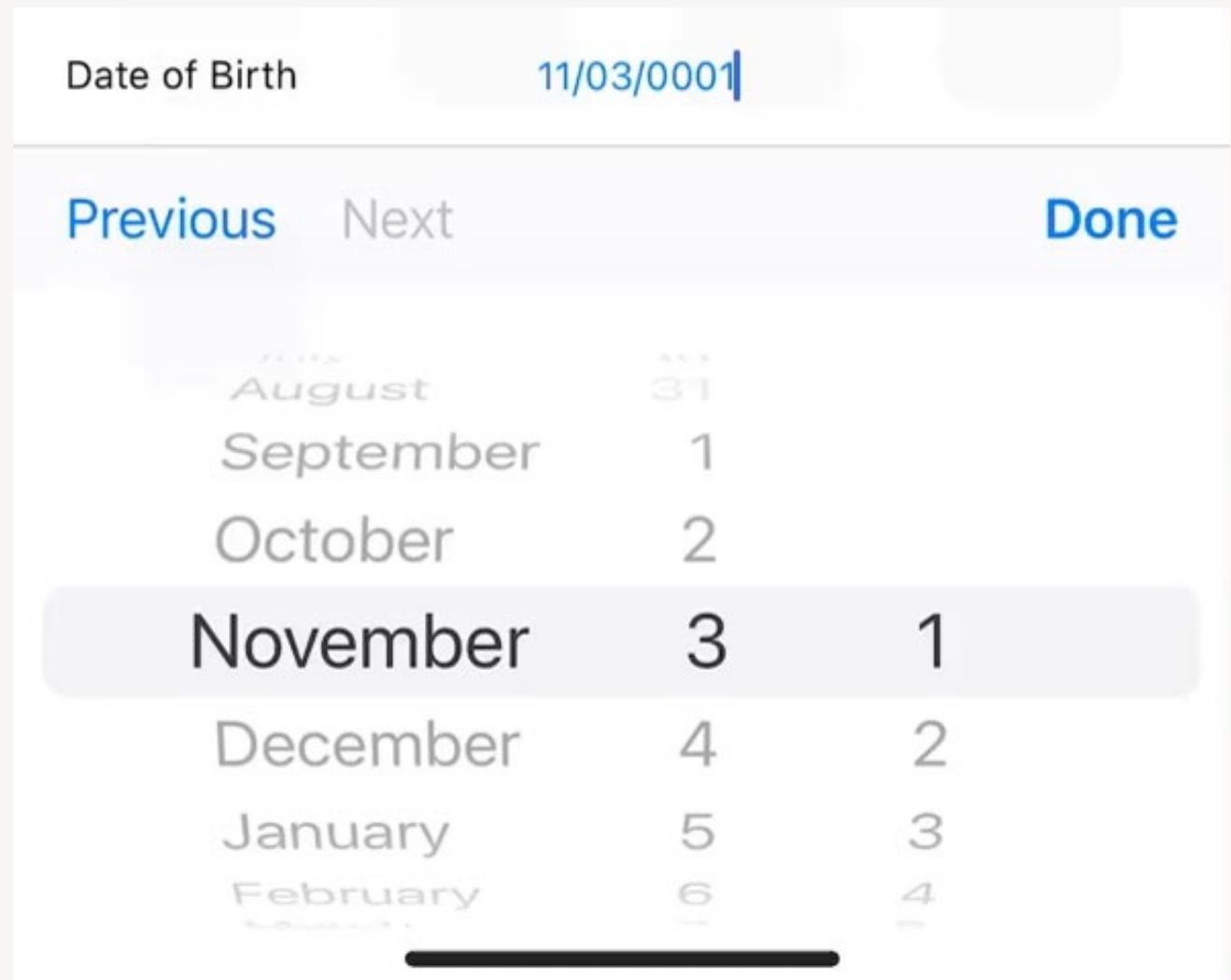
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Playback speed

 Playback Speed **1 x**

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Date picker



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Orange screen of life

:)

Your PC ran into a success and can continue. We're just collecting some success info, and then we'll continue for you.
(0% complete)

If you'd like to know more, you can search online later for this success: HAL_INITIALIZATION_SUCCEEDED

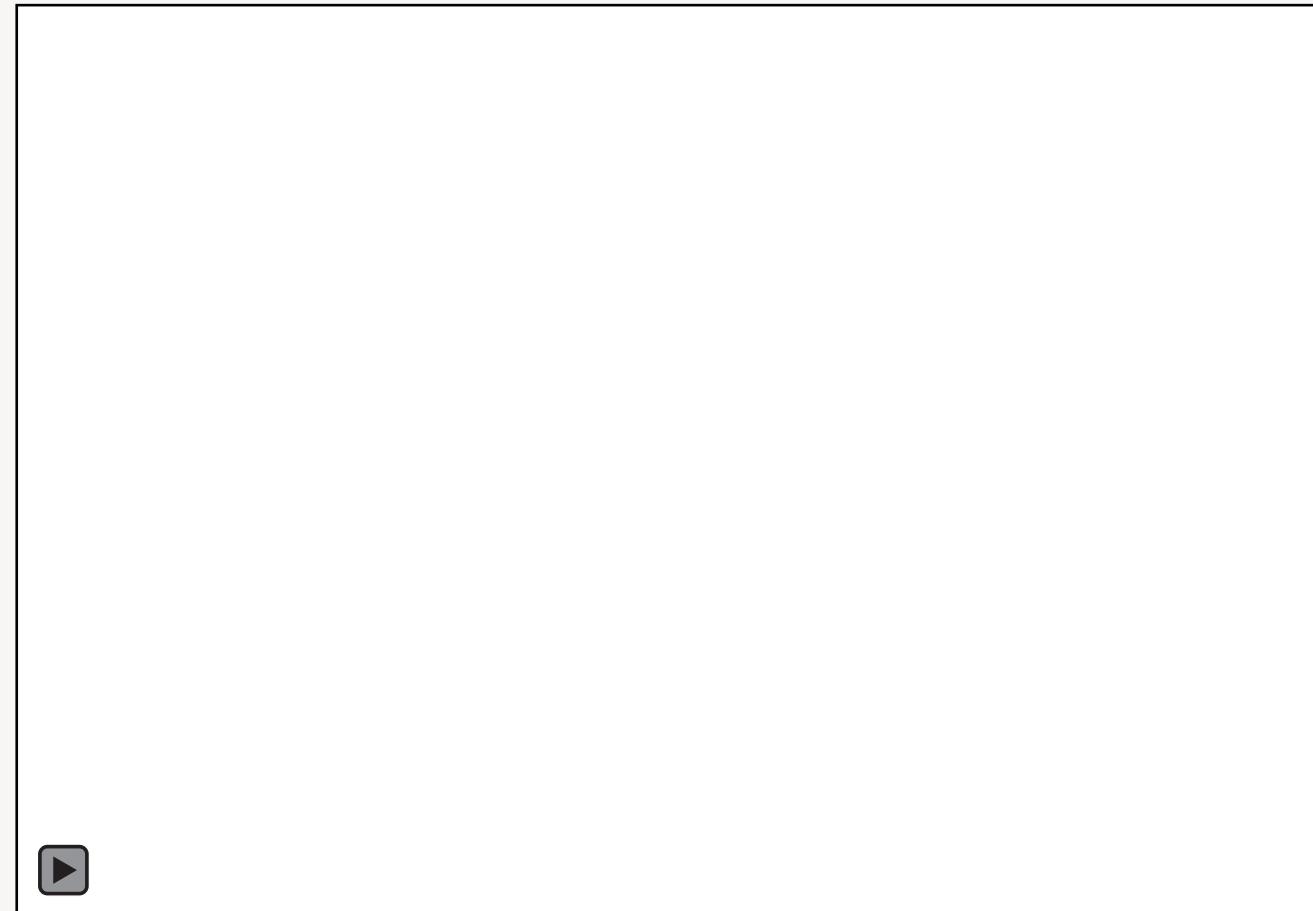
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Phone filter



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Unsubscribe



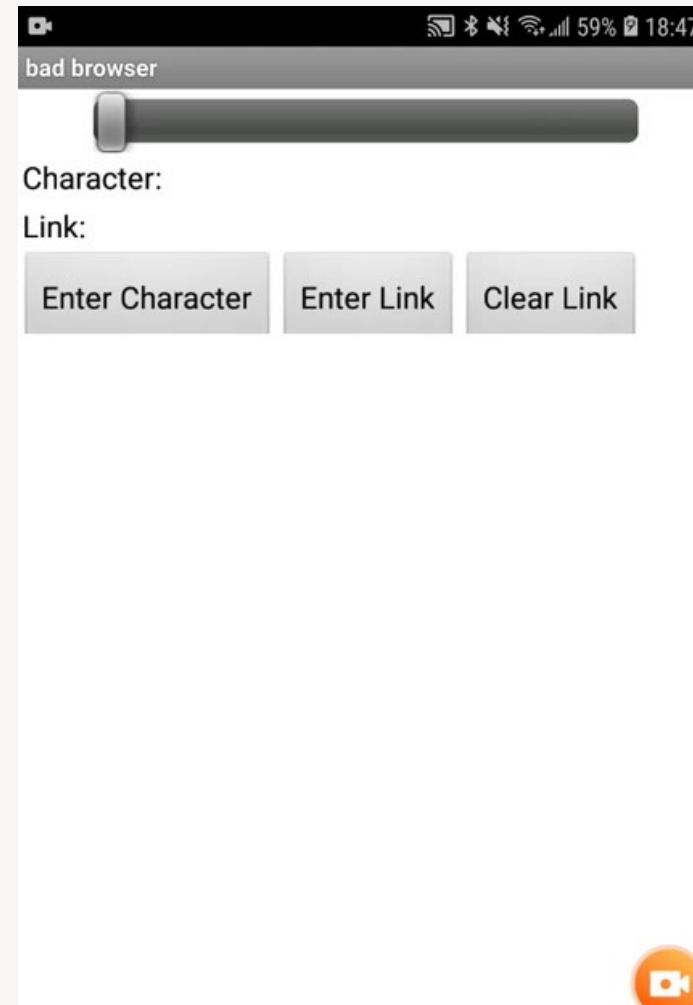
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Username



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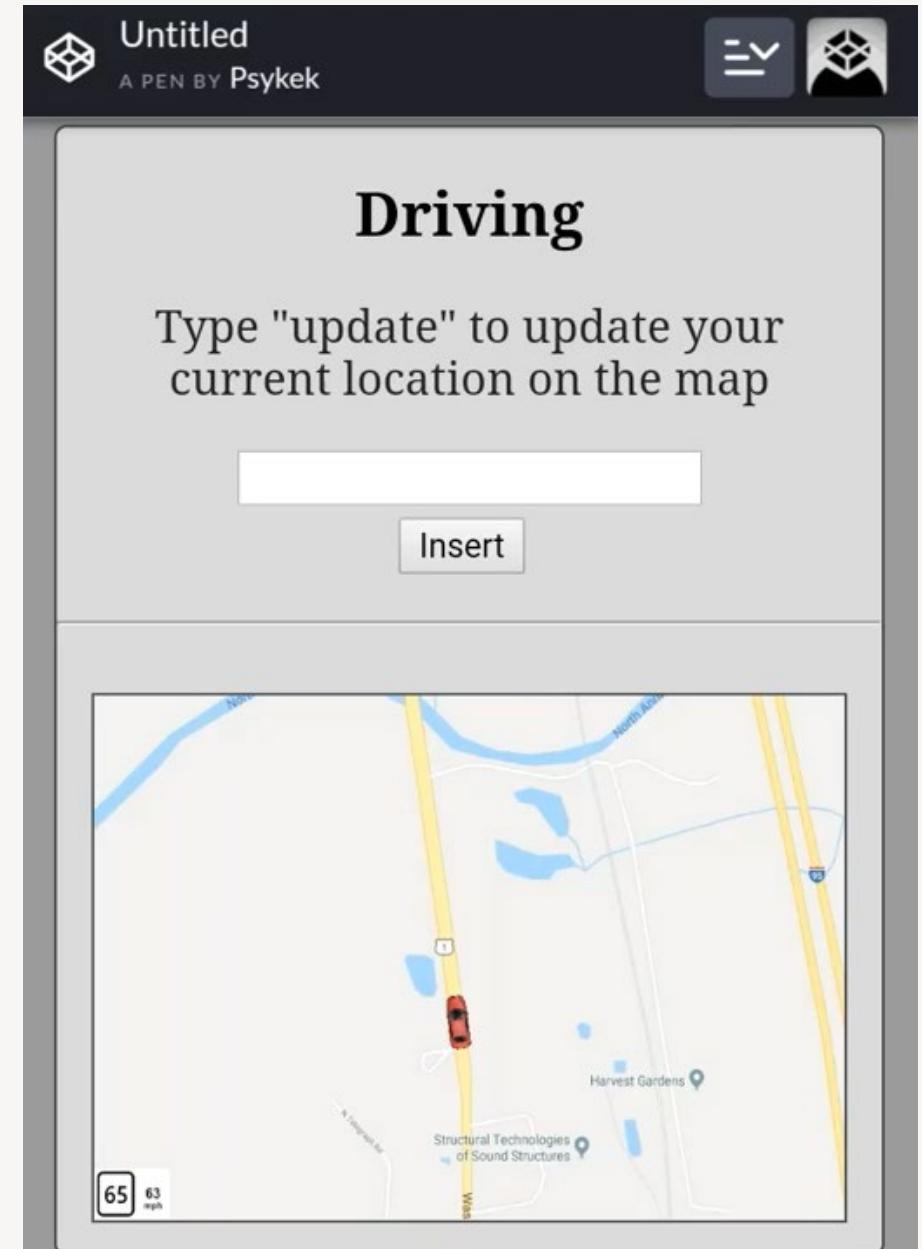
Browser input



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i_made_this_web_browsing_app_first_post_here/](https://www.reddit.com/r/badUIbattles/comments/dx5hzw/i_made_this_web_browsing_app_first_post_here/)

Manual map update

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Musical captcha

I'm not a robot 
reCAPTCHA

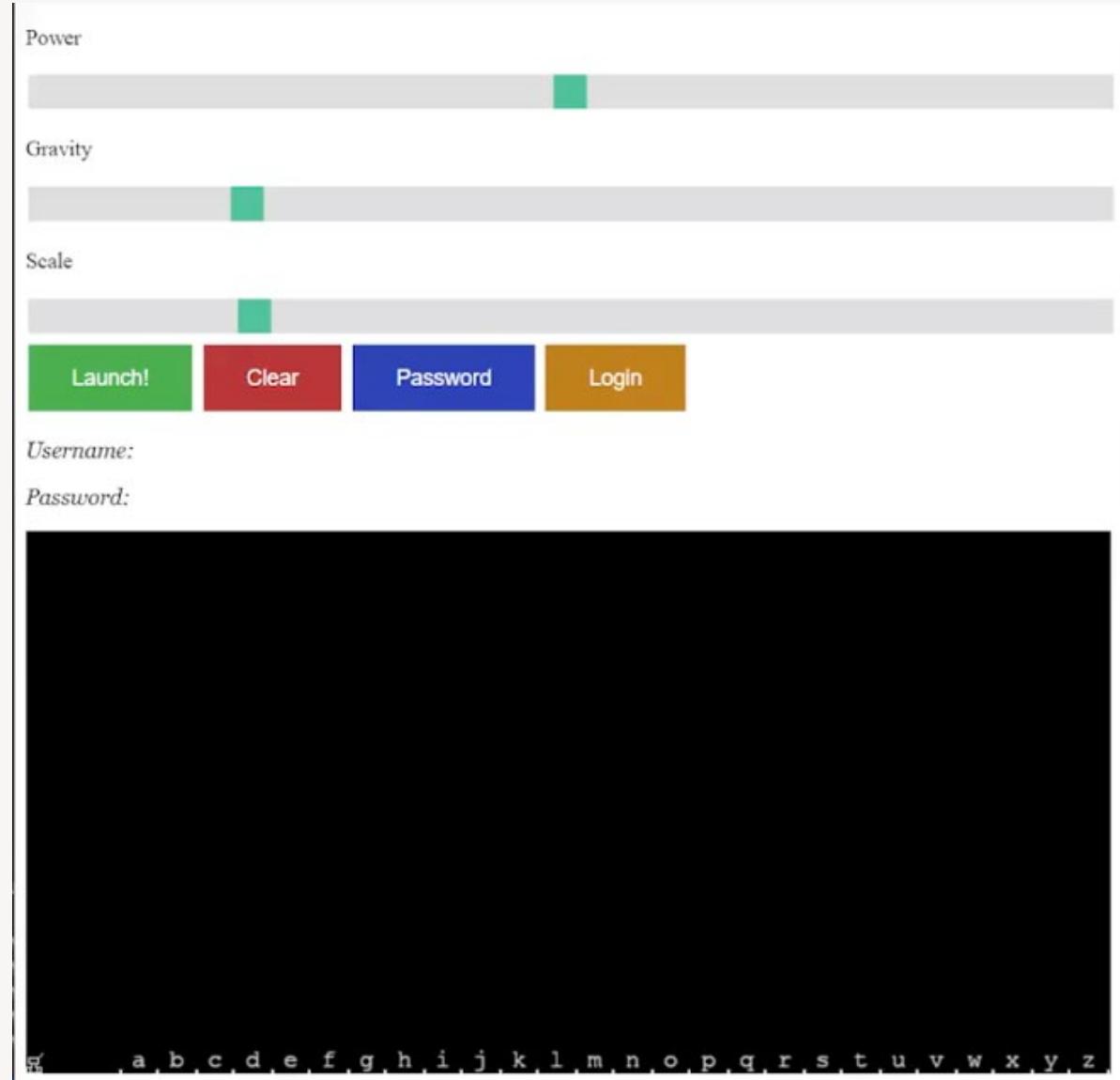
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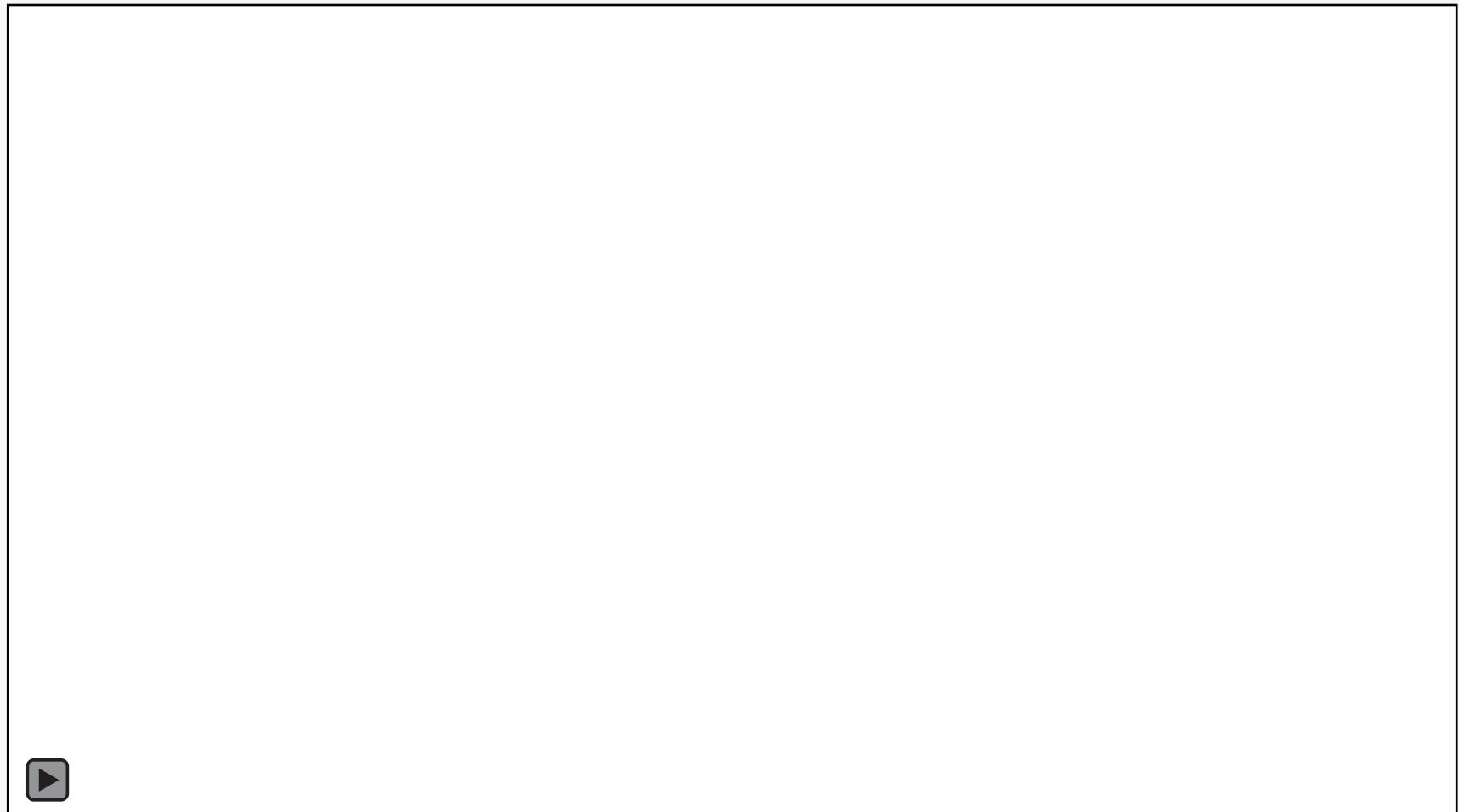
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Letter targets

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i_hope_youre_good_at_tanks/](https://www.reddit.com/r/badUIbattles/comments/r5g7ee/i_hope_youre_good_at_tanks/)



Fan cursor



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Scramble



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Loading balloon



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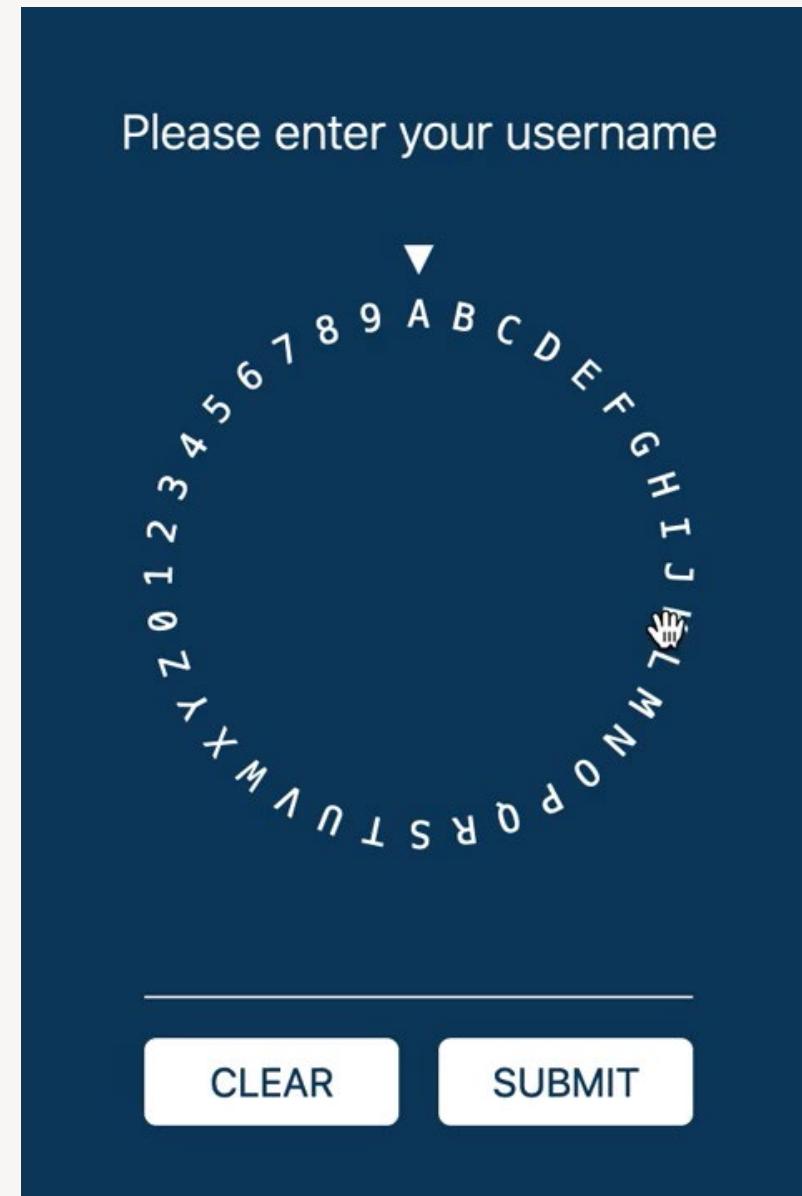
Date slider



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Rotary keyboard

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Handwriting

I'm not a robot

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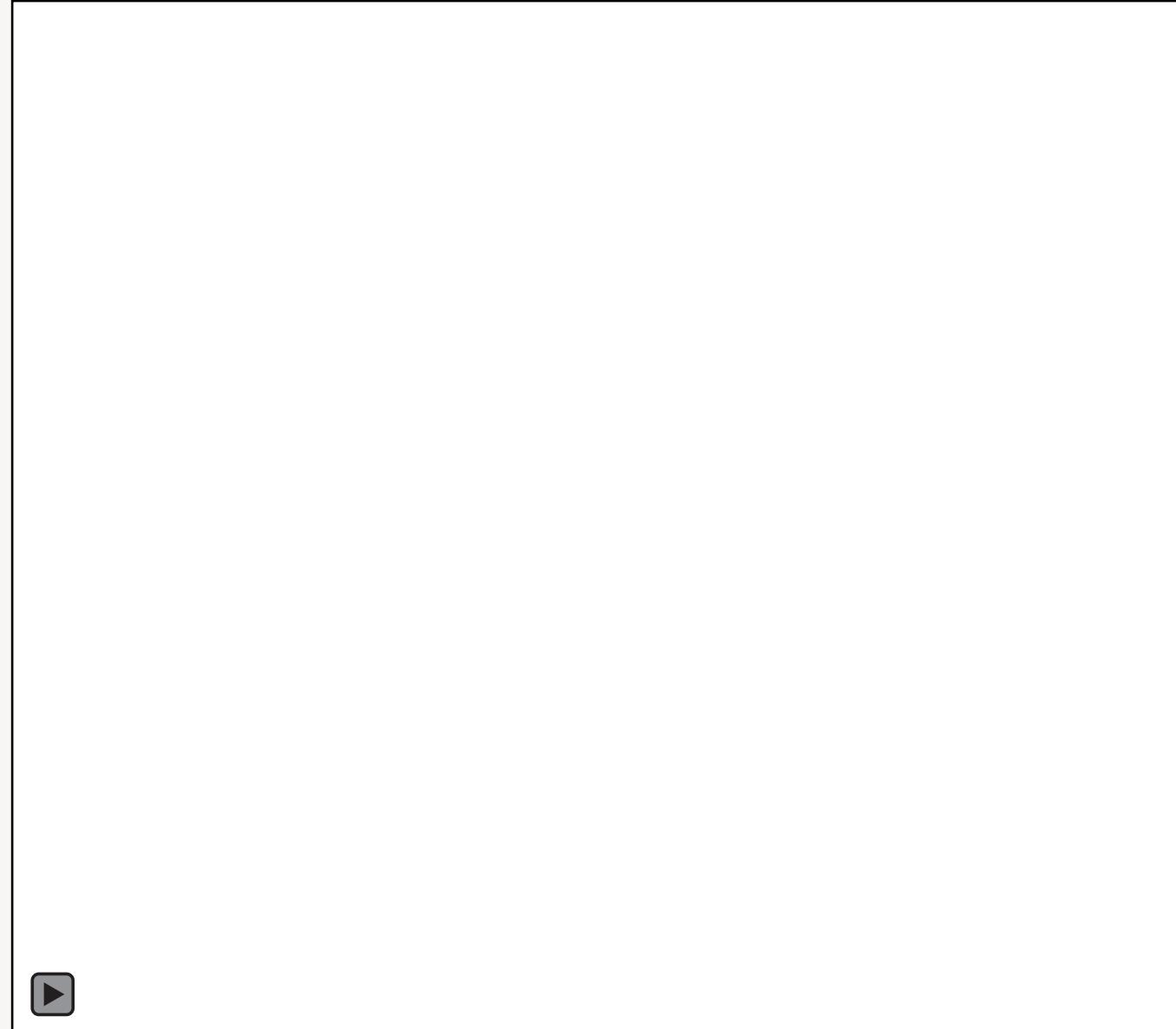
Airplane mode



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Phone dial

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Form colour entry

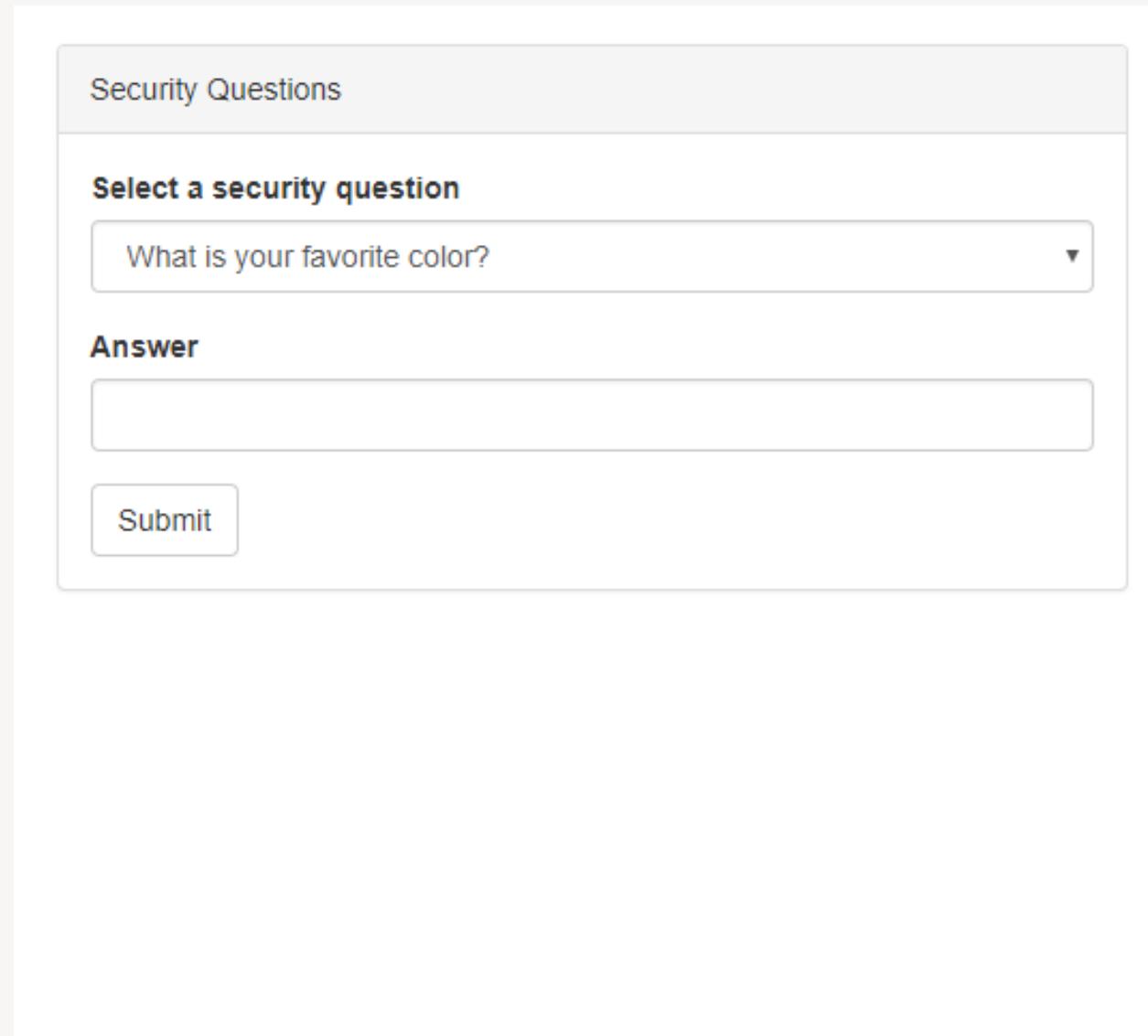
Security Questions

Select a security question

What is your favorite color? ▾

Answer

Submit



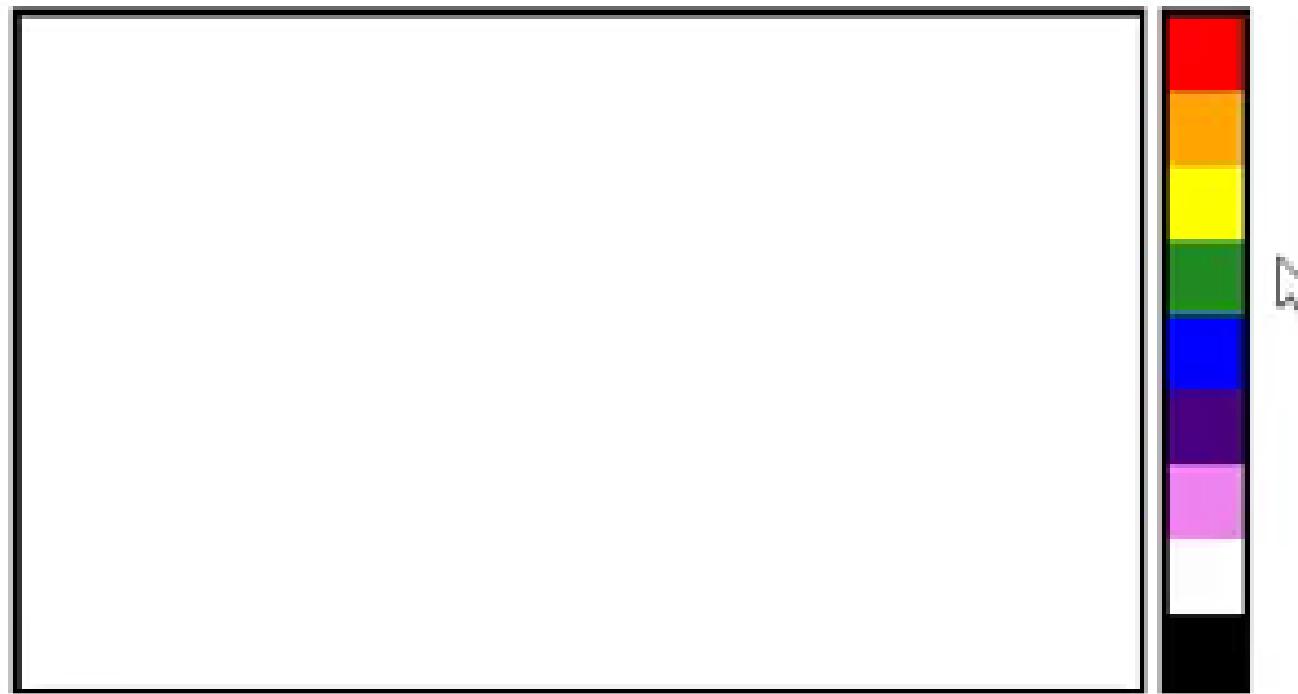
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Checkbox

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Country selector



Please draw your country's flag to select.

Selected country: none

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tired_of_dropdowns_try_our_new_pixel_art_country/](https://www.reddit.com/r/badUIbattles/comments/g4aytv/tired_of_dropdowns_try_our_new_pixel_art_country/)

Questions?



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Bad UX Examples (Interaction Design Foundation)

- <https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/article/bad-ux-examples>

