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<iframe>able finance: designing and building embedded UIs

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Payments

All Succeeded Refunded Failed

AMOUNT	NAME	METHOD
\$500.00 USD	Arlene McCoy	Mastercard
\$1,800.00 USD	Esther Howard	VISA
\$900.00 USD	Darrell Steward	Google Pay

5 Steps
Merchant onboarding
Approximate completion time — 05:30 min

First name: Last name:
Email: Organization:

Next step Pending

Credit card Bank transfer VISA Mastercard AMEX DISCOVER

5555 5555 5555 4444

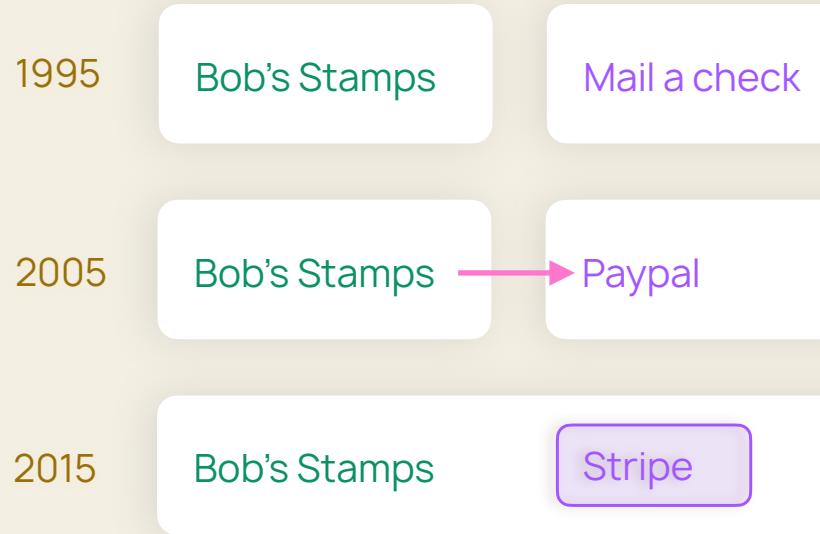
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lwnkins Apple Pay 5454 Early fraud warning

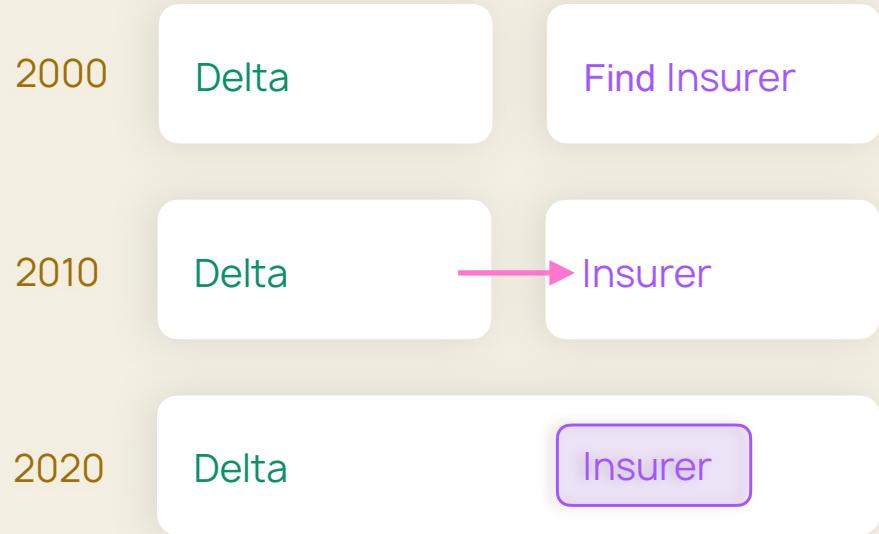
lyn Simmons Google Pay 4443 Incomplete

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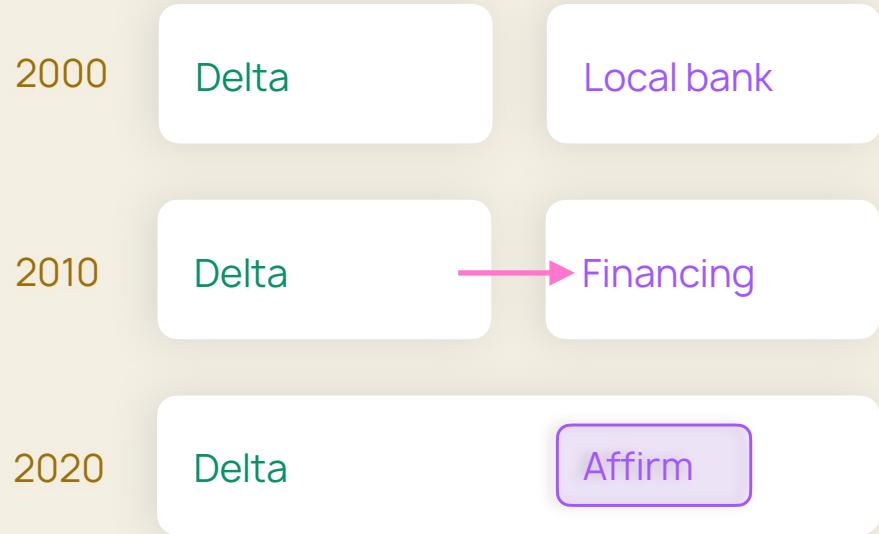
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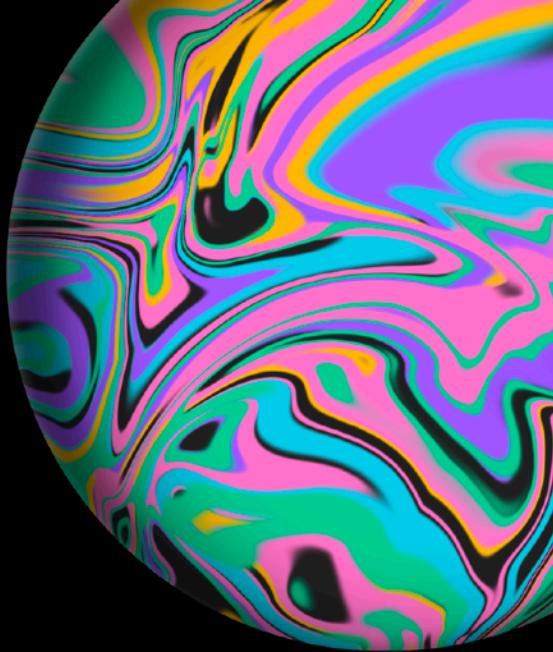
<iframe>d insurance



<iframe>d credit



**Great embedded UIs
make great distribution
make winners and losers**



Contents



What? Why?



Product design



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Product design

Stakeholders & constraints

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Product mindset for embedded UIs

Get ready for more

- collaboration
- stakeholders and constraints
- obscure technical limitations
- security and compliance concerns



More stakeholders, more constraints

Normal constraints

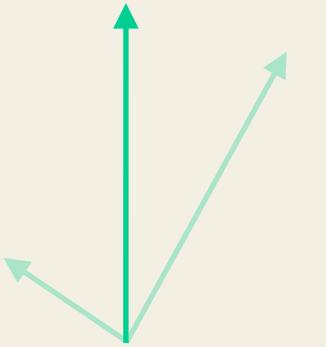
- Good business
- Usable for customers
- Fast, Reliable
- Secure
- Compliant, Legal

Extra constraints

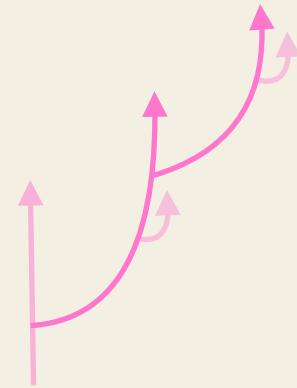
- Good for partner's business
- Partner PMs' and designers' opinions
- Partner's engineers and existing systems
- Partner's security and compliance team
- Checking partner's compliance



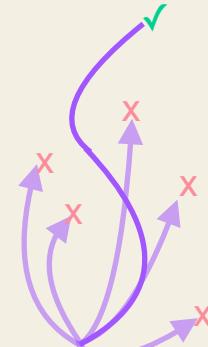
Different product mindsets



Guess a direction
and move fast



Experiment by
following data



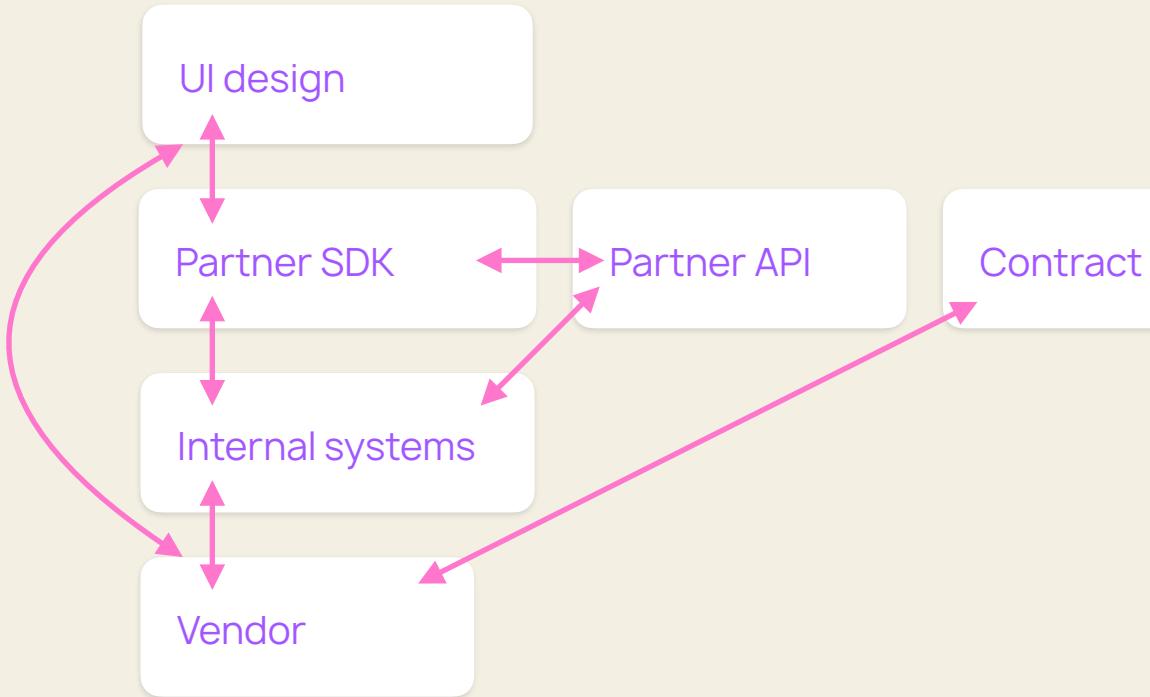
Navigate through
a minefield



Think holistically

Hold the vision

- Made tradeoffs across levels
- Track down the implications
- Explain what **can't** change





Write it down

Share the vision

- A working document, not a spec
- Thinking happens **in** and **with** the doc
- Zoom to different levels of detail
- Sharable across teams



[Product brief] Merchant onboarding comp

Owner: @jr

Updated: 2023-08-09

Status: Executing M1 [[Linear](#)], M2 in review [next: @julia]

Users say:

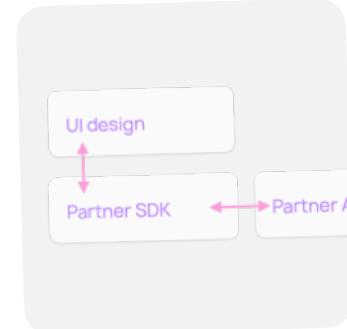
We plan to build

Goals and constraints

Customer UI:

Partner styling:

Vendor compliance review:





Developer experience

Control flow

API design

Styling

Quality review

Control flow is the hard part

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Pay \$100

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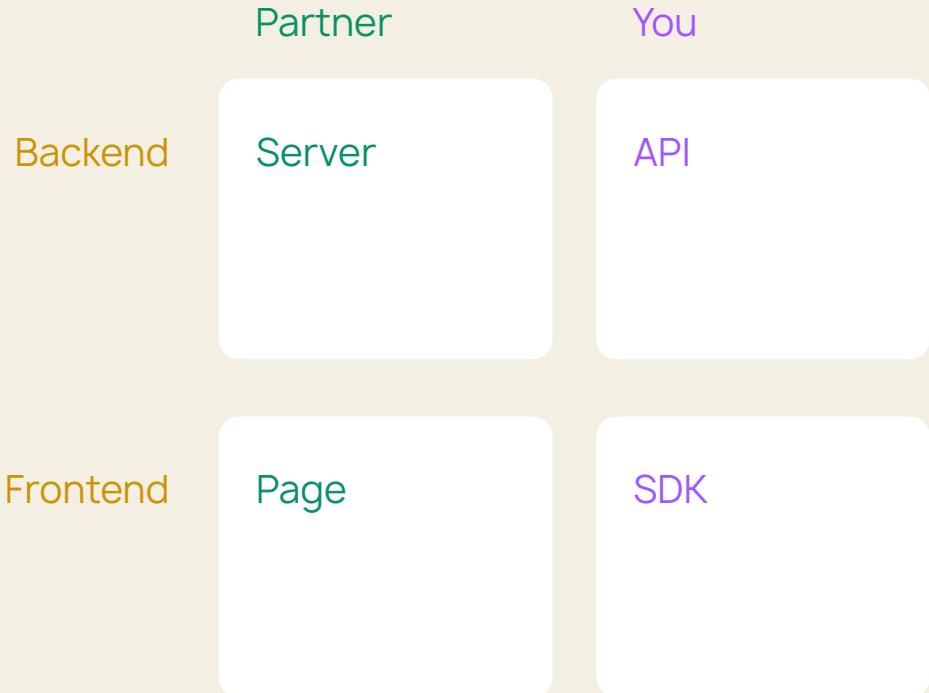
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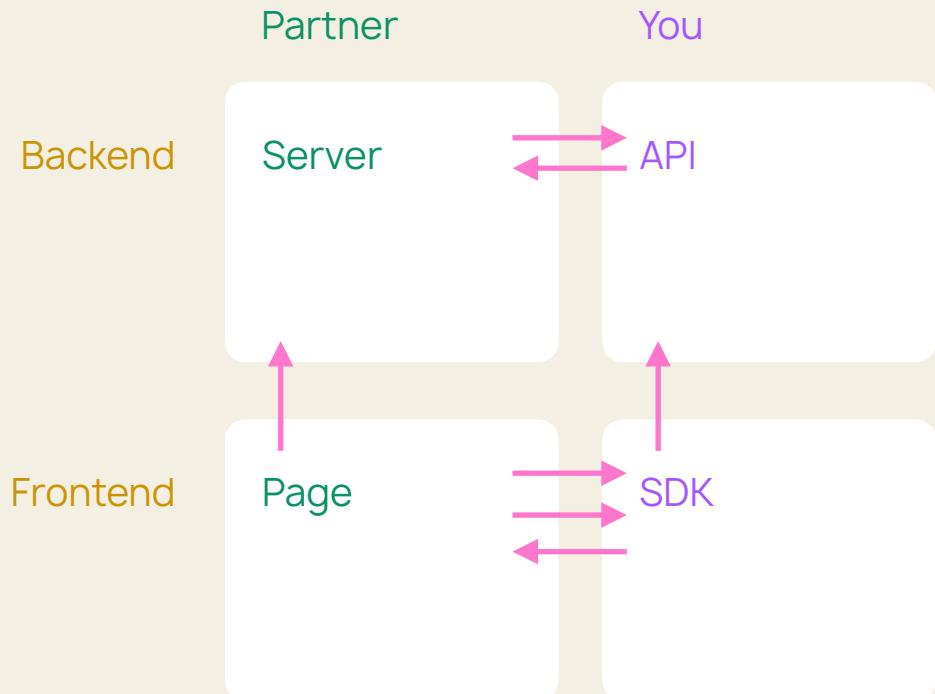
Control flow

Four-square diagram



Flow one

Pay \$100



Flow two

Pay \$100

Backend

Frontend

Partner

You

Server

API

Page

SDK

Control flow tradeoffs

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Routing number

Account number

Pay \$100

Frontend APIs

Make it easy and universal



Developer experience

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<iframe src="https://you.com/widget?color=blue"/>
iframe.postMessage({type: "submit"}, "you.com");
window.addEventListener("message", (event) => {
  // Partners handles arbitrary events themselves
  if(event.type === "focus"){ ... }
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// Wrap in component to give structured
// attributes, methods, return values, events
<payment-component color="blue"/>
component.submit().then((data: SubmitResponse) =>
  component.addListener("focus", (event) =>

// Or wrap in an imperative API
var component = You.paymentComponent({color: 'blue'});
component.submit().then((data: SubmitResponse) =>
  component.on("focus", (data) => {
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Frontend APIs

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- Use a different framework, language, design system, and build tool

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Styling APIs

Work backwards from your goal

- Take pages from your prospective and aspirational partners
- Design how your embedded UI would best fit into their page
- Then built in the style options

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Draft docs

Will it make sense to a partner?

Write a draft integration guide for the simplest complete use-case:

- Explain the feature
- List the setup requirements, API calls, events, and webhooks.
- Show screenshots or sample results
- Explain how to test in development

Onboarding merchants with embedded components

Before you can start processing payments, you first need to onboard your merchant.

1. Create the merchant

First, call [Create Merchant](#), providing as much information as you already have about the merchant.

```
POST /v1/merchants
{
  name: "Your new merchant"
}
```

2. Embed the merchant onboarding component

Next, you will render the onboarding component as part of your application, providing the session key and merchant ID.

```
<rainforest-merchant-onboarding
  session-key="{{session_key}}"
  merchant-id="{{merchant_id}}"
></rainforest-merchant-onboarding>
```

Then listen to find out when the component is submitted:

```
var component = document.querySelector("rainforest-merchant-onboarding");
component.addEventListener('submitted', function (data) {
  // handle submit and show the merchant the next step
  console.log("you probably can't see this");
```

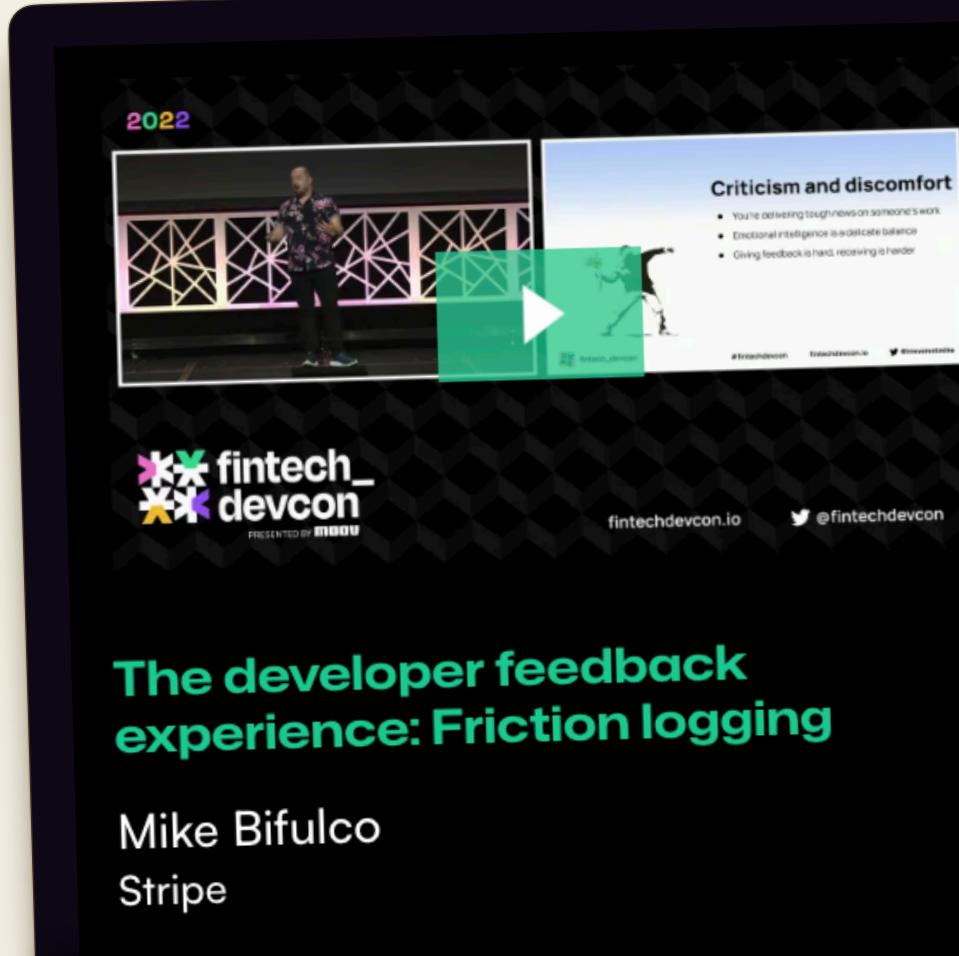


Friction logs

Experience your product as an outsider

- **What?** Try it as if an external user
- **Who?** You, your company, real users
- **When?** Before, during, and after

Do something **unusual**: use a different language, programming environment, browser, business model, etc.



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Criticism and discomfort

- You're delivering tough news on someone's work
- Emotional intelligence is a delicate balance
- Giving feedback is hard; receiving is harder

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The developer feedback experience: Friction logging

Mike Bifulco
Stripe



Engineering

<iframe> limits

<iframe> communication

Security

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Develop and test realistically

- In an iframe, on https, from another origin
- Using a realistic sample integration

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<iframe> communication

Wrap `postMessage()` to make it better

```
// Don't litter postMessage and listener  
// calls throughout your code.  
iframe.postMessage({  
  type: "check-valid",  
  id: 1,  
  options  
, "you.com")  
  
window.addEventListener("message", (event) =>  
  /* check it's safe */  
  if (event.origin !== "you.com" && event.sou  
    return;  
  }  
  /* check it's for us */  
  if (event.replyTo === 1){  
    /* handle reply to this call... */  
  }  
)
```

<iframe> communication

Wrap `postMessage()` to make it better

- Add type or validity checking to both sides
- Add safety checks in one place
- Create a request-response Promise flow
- Debug-level logging for payloads

```
// Build a nicer abstraction
child
  .checkValid(options as CheckValidRequest)
  .then((data: CheckValidResponse) => {
    /* handle response */
  })
```



<iframe> security

<iframe>s aren't enough

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- Check message provenance

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- Check message provenance
- Use Content Security Policy

```
Content-Security-Policy:  
    default-src 'self';  
    img-src static.you.com;  
    style-src static.you.com;  
    script-src js.you.com;  
    connect-src api.you.com;  
    report-to https://ops.you.com/collector
```

<iframe> security

<iframe>s aren't enough

- Check message provenance
- Use Content Security Policy
- Watch for hidden side-effects

```
@font-face {  
    font-family: 'Attack Font';  
    src: url('0.woff') format('woff');  
    unicode-range: U+30; /* "0" */  
}  
  
@font-face {  
    font-family: 'Attack Font';  
    src: url('1.woff') format('woff');  
    unicode-range: U+31; /* "1" */  
}  
  
@font-face {  
    font-family: 'Attack Font';  
    src: url('2.woff') format('woff');  
    unicode-range: U+32; /* "2" */  
}  
  
@font-face {  
    font-family: 'Attack Font';  
    src: url('3.woff') format('woff');  
    unicode-range: U+33; /* "3" */  
}
```

A vertical column of abstract, flowing patterns in various colors like pink, purple, blue, green, and yellow, creating a liquid-like effect.

Raise our ambitions

Embedded UIs can be
easy, beautiful, and profitable.

<iframe> friends, let's talk!

Find me at the conference. Or talk later:

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- adamsolove.com



A black and white photograph of the Austin, Texas skyline. In the foreground, a bridge spans the Colorado River, with trees lining the banks. The city's modern skyscrapers rise in the background under a cloudy sky.

Thank you.

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