

BOOSTING FRONT-END PERFORMANCE



@DeclanRek

HTTP/1.1





<https://www.w3.org/History/19921103-hypertext/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html>

World Wide Web

The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area [hypermedia](#) information retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to a large universe of documents.

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A summary of the history of the project.

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Network tab in developer tools showing a single request to "TheProject.html" taking 746ms. The request bar is mostly green, with a small orange segment between 300ms and 400ms. The response table shows the following data:

Name	Method	Status	Type	Initiator	Size
TheProject.html	GET	200	document	Other	2

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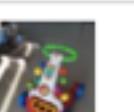
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Zoek Geavanceerd

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Network Timeline Profiles Resources Security Audits Pa

View: Preset: Preserve log Disable cache No throttling

Filter Hide data URLs All XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Other

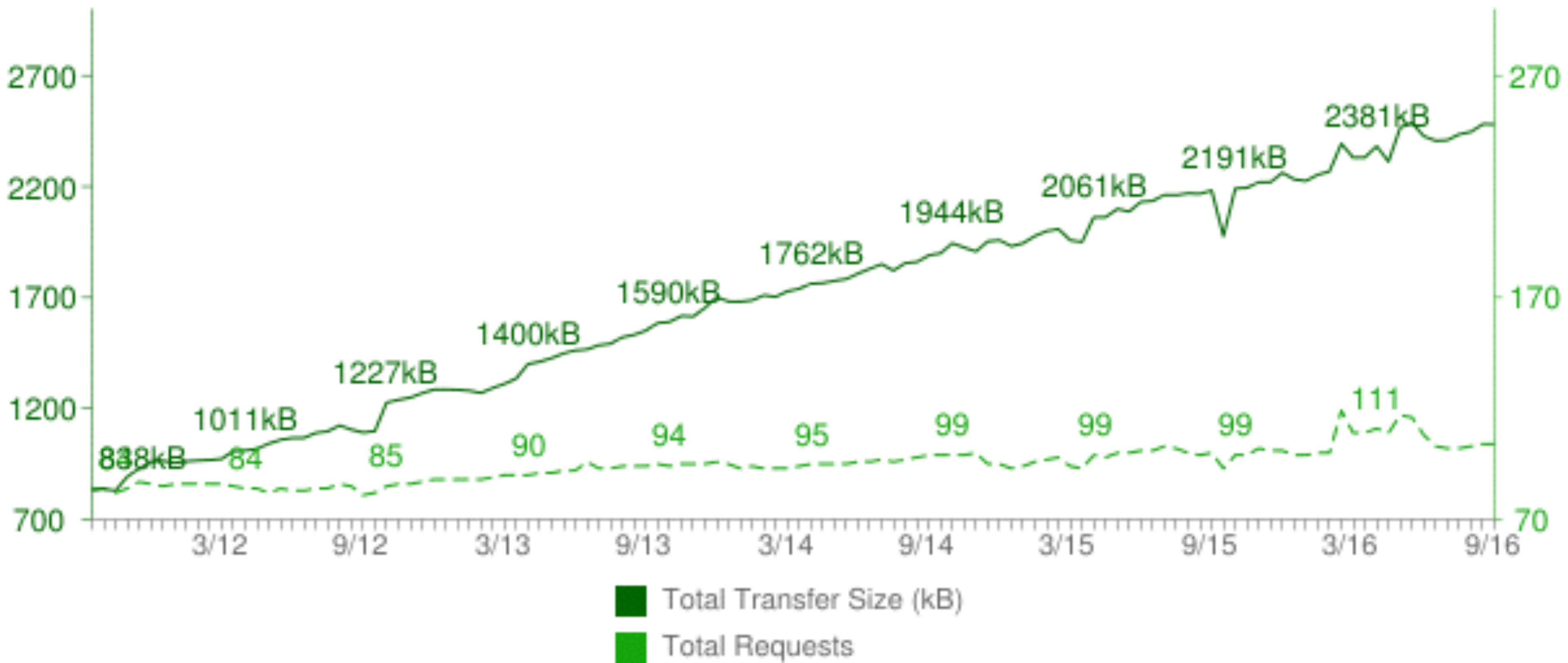
162 ms 482 ms 507 ms 524 ms 540 ms 547 ms 573 ms 590 ms 608 ms 614 ms 640 ms 658 ms 66

500 ms 1000 ms 1500 ms 2000 ms 2500 ms 3000 ms

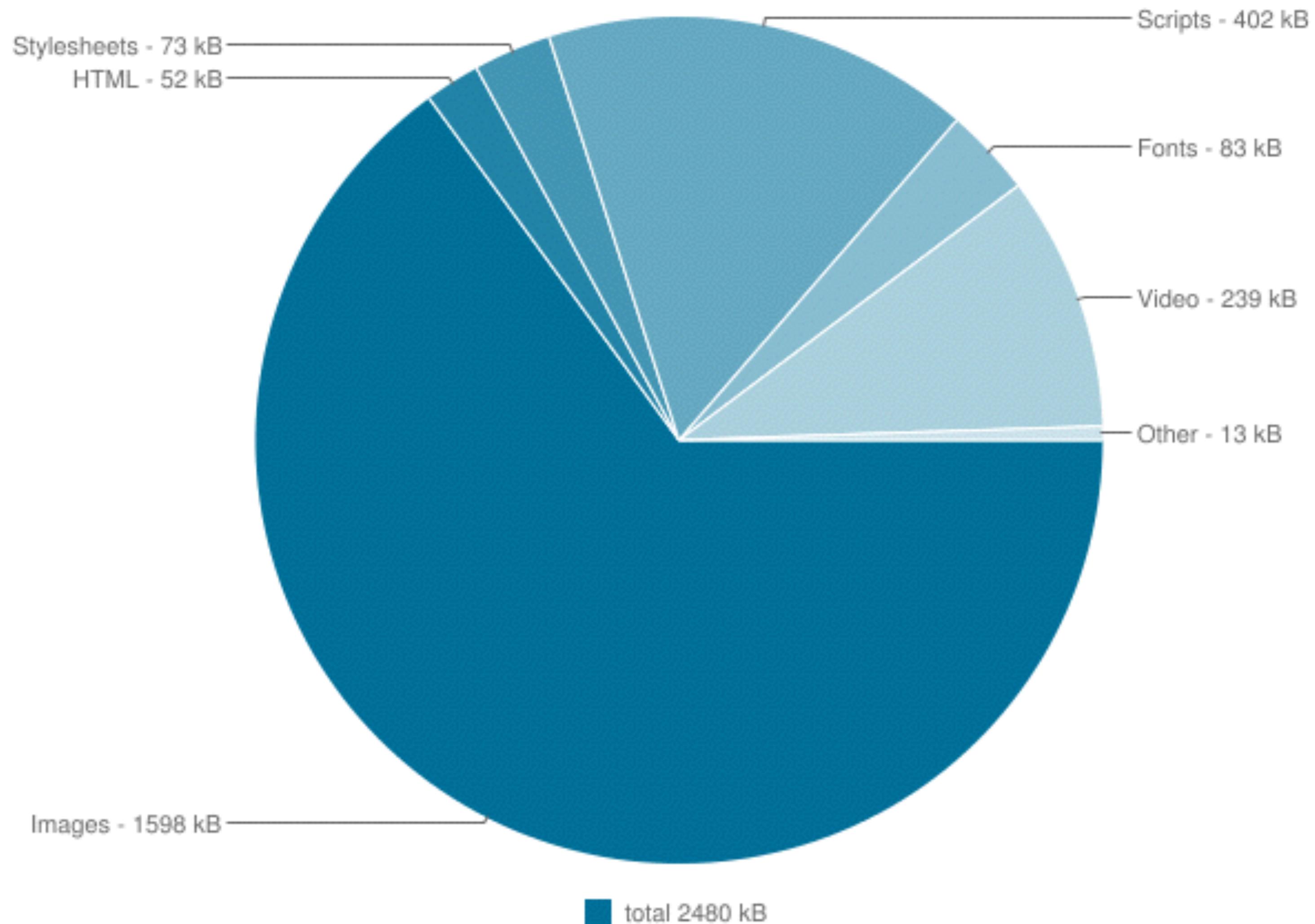
Name	Method	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Timeline
cm.ashx/au_id=331304590215445&...	GET	(failed)		https://x.bids...	0 B	1/b...	
Banniere_728x90_NL_edge.js	GET	200	text/javascript	Other	1.2 KB	11 ms	
pixel?google_ula=1293153&google_...	GET	200	png	https://pixel-...	201 B	19 ms	
Banniere_728x90_NL_edge.js	GET	200	script	edge.6.0.mi...	1.2 KB	11 ms	
visuel_728x90.jpg	GET	200	jpeg	Other	55.3 KB	19 ms	
logo_yelloh.png	GET	200	png	Other	9.7 KB	19 ms	
box_19_top-right.png	GET	200	png	Other	409 B	8 ms	
ci.png	GET	200	png	Other	881 B	9 ms	
pixel.gif?v=d803588_1&ttid=2&d=w...	GET	204	text/plain	Other	51 B	100...	
ping?client_id=117942688263049&...	GET	302	text/html	sdk.js:55	266 B	162...	
page.php?adapt_container_width=fal...	GET	307		sdk.js:80	0 B	18 ms	
page.php?adapt_container_width=fal...	GET	200	document	http://www.fa...	16.5 KB	218...	
hbe.swf?id=1~0	GET	200	x-shockwave-f...	Other	12.7 KB	11 ms	
xd_arbiter.php?version=42	GET	200	document	https://www.f...	34.5 KB	248...	
spKfcJYjaQ.css	GET	200	stylesheet	page.php?ada...	5.1 KB	126...	
Pa4LYC3smxF.js	GET	200	script	page.php?ada...	29.8 KB	130...	
YvxwM8R7o18.js	GET	200	script	page.php?ada...	44.4 KB	251...	
ihptErjAmMX.js	GET	200	script	page.php?ada...	16.3 KB	248...	
12592433_10153896116212179_79...	GET	200	jpeg	page.php?ada...	1.6 KB	134...	
189382_101519293340901_395547...	GET	200	jpeg	page.php?ada...	1.6 KB	135...	
10171691_1132110050147182_261...	GET	200	jpeg	page.php?ada...	1.8 KB	136...	
10421236_1297157350310920_219...	GET	200	jpeg	page.php?ada...	1.3 KB	136...	
10313345_867713813257275_3146...	GET	200	jpeg	page.php?ada...	1.7 KB	136...	
wL6VQj7Ab77.png	GET	200	png	page.php?ada...	1.3 KB	124...	
s7jcwEQH7Sx.png	GET	200	png	page.php?ada...	601 B	126...	
cUDgRFxaolk.js	GET	200	script	Pa4LYC3smxF...	643 B	122...	
OJBr1QHp8Gi.js	GET	200	script	Pa4LYC3smxF...	669 B	254...	
kDOzhTr2W91.js	GET	200	script	Pa4LYC3smxF...	421 B	121...	
activeview?avi=BuTZ4-93qVvhE5PY...	GET	200	gif	Other	470 B	21 ms	
activeview?avi=BSuQn_N3qVvbADY7...	GET	200	gif	Other	470 B	20 ms	

148 requests | 1.3 MB transferred | Finish: 3.90 s | DOMContentLoaded: 481 ms | Load: 2.92 s

Total Transfer Size & Total Requests



Average Bytes per Page by Content Type



PERFORMANCE MATTERS



HIGH EXPECTATIONS

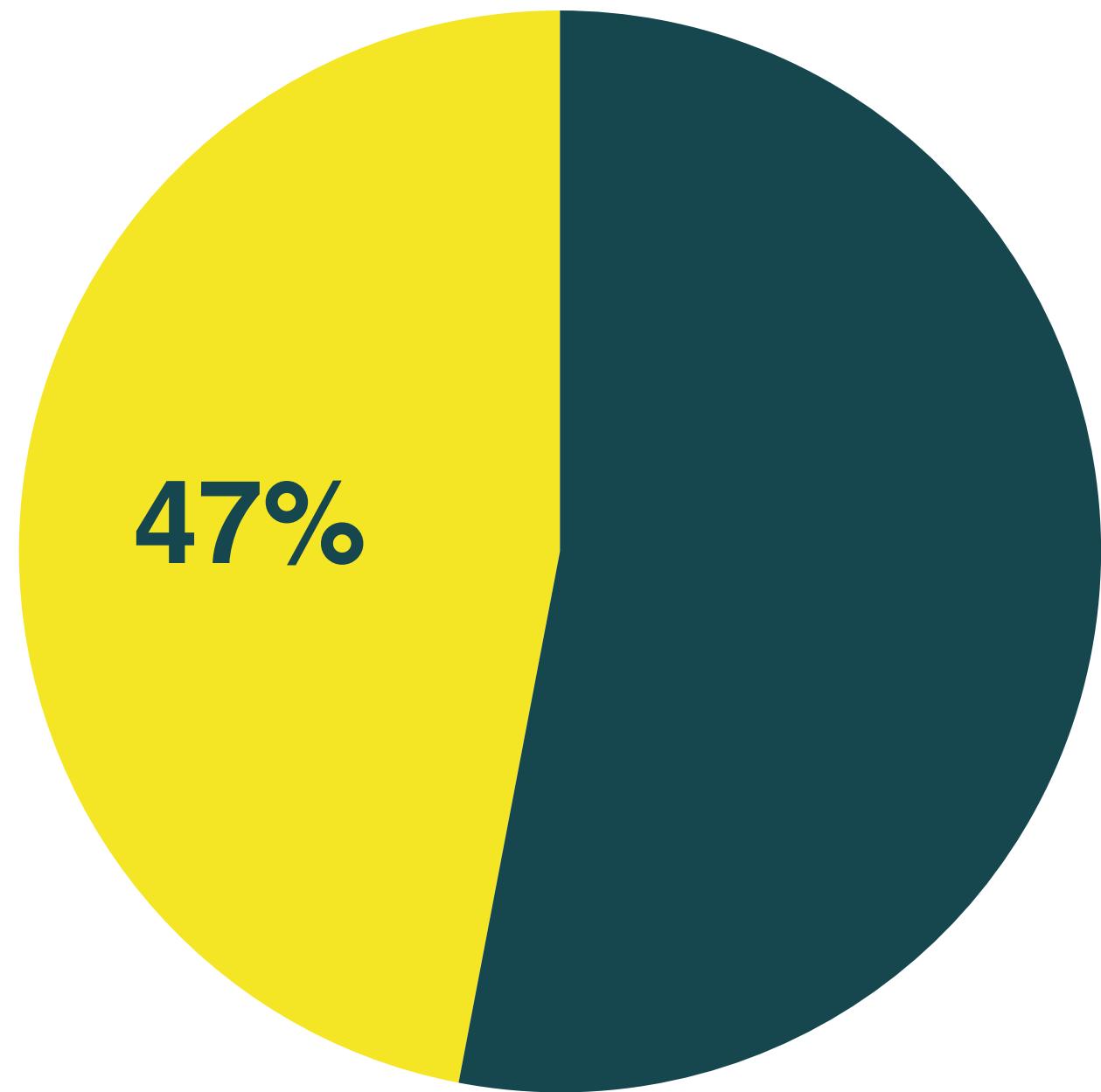
1 second delay in page load

↓ -7% conversion

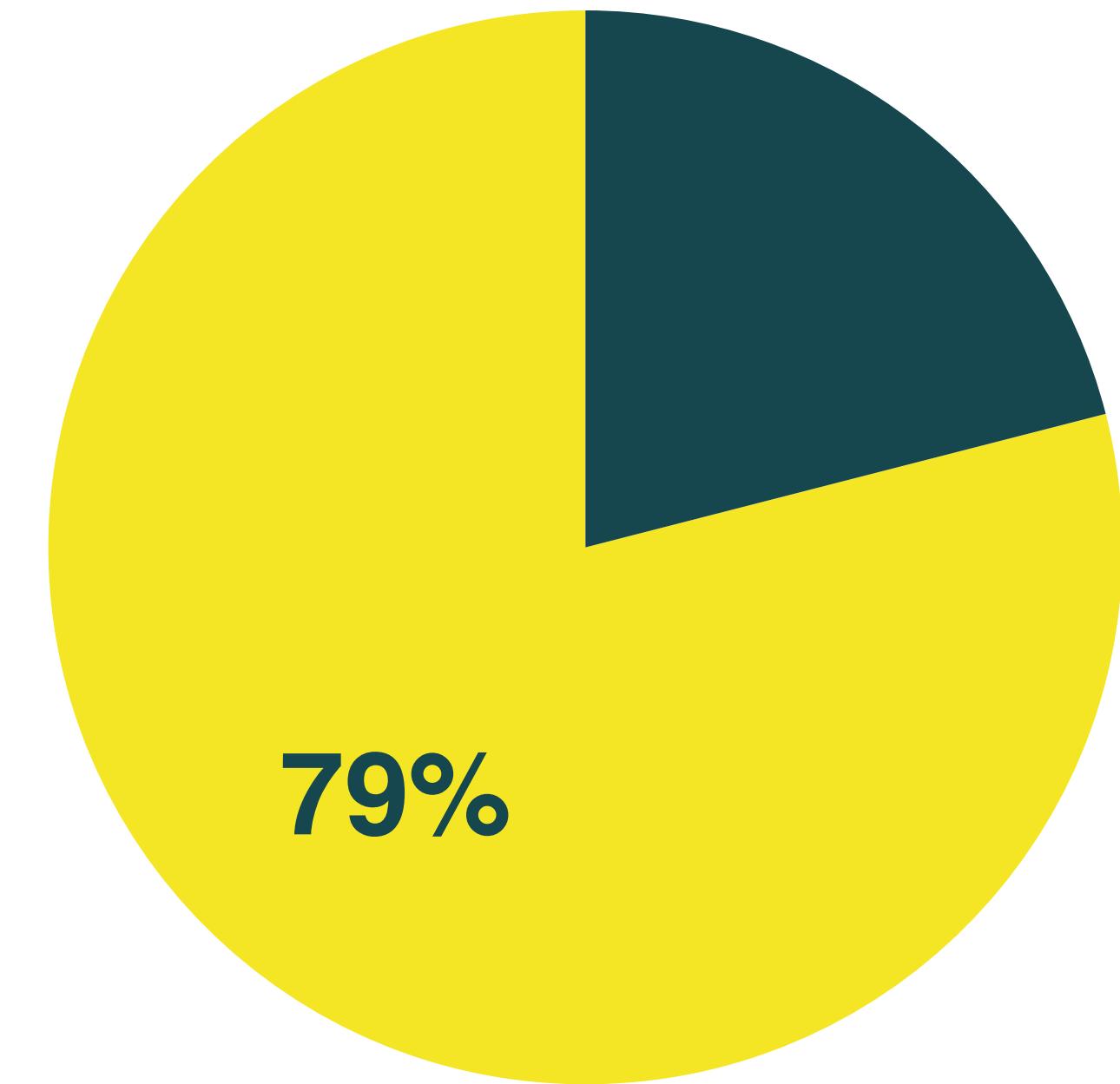
↓ -11% page views

↓ -16% satisfaction

HIGH EXPECTATIONS



47% of consumers expect a webpage to load within 2 seconds



79% of online shoppers will not return to a website after a disappointing experience due to poor performance

Fast websites have more visitors, who visit more pages, for longer period of times, who come back more often, and are more likely to buy

Perceived performance refers
to how fast a user thinks your
website is

Initial Content

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Ut tristique egestas ornare. Cras et quam sed risus fringilla tempus. Aenean in mauris enim. Cras et tempus est. Donec eros dui, commodo vel volutpat non, tempus et mi. Nam ac rutrum mi. Vestibulum luctus mauris eu pulvinar dapibus.

Aliquam viverra nunc non augue cursus faucibus. Donec mollis, dui at imperdiet varius, tellus tellus ultricies leo, sed consectetur nisl eros non orci. Ut augue lacus, placerat eget posuere ut, tincidunt ut dui.

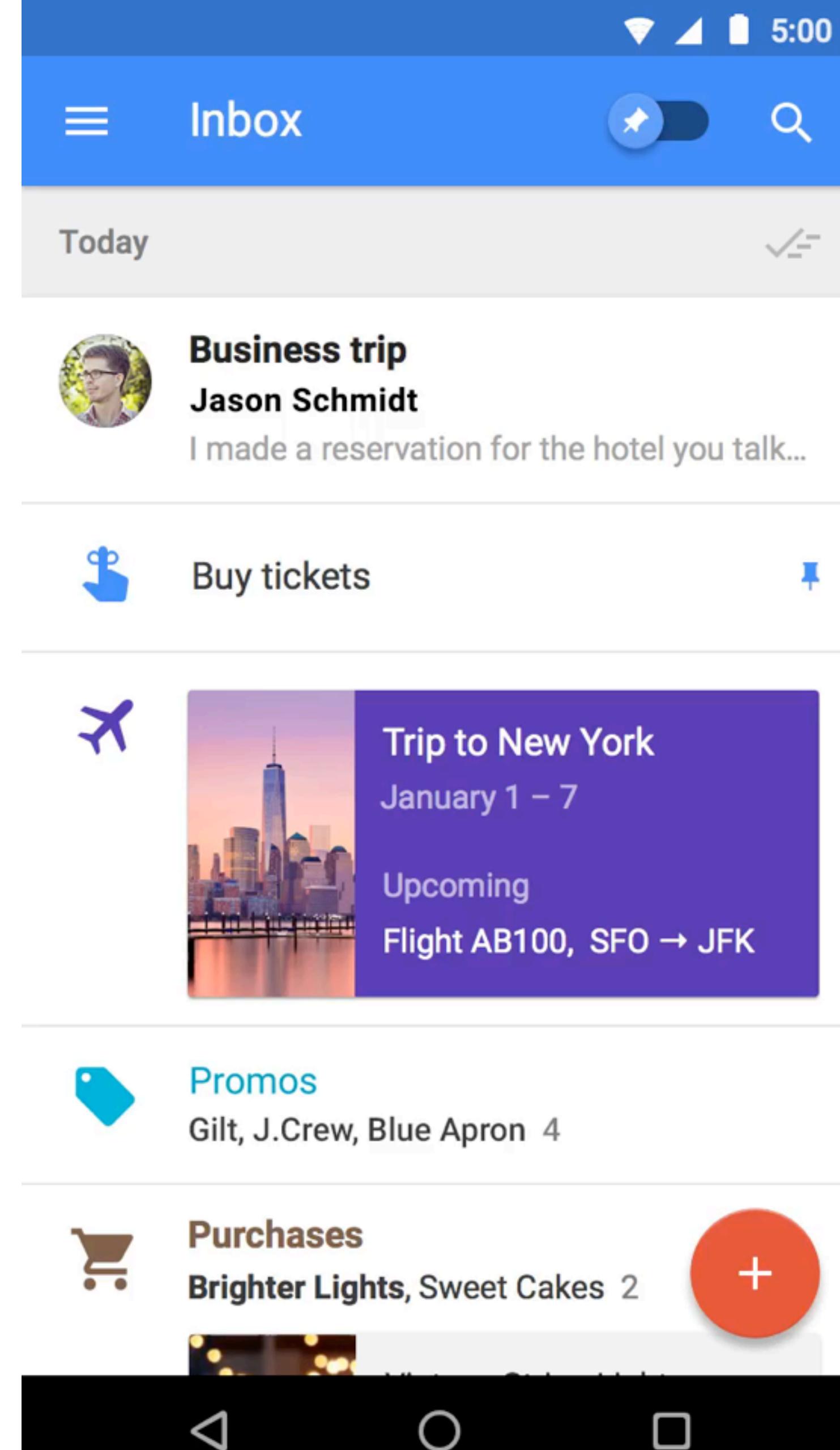
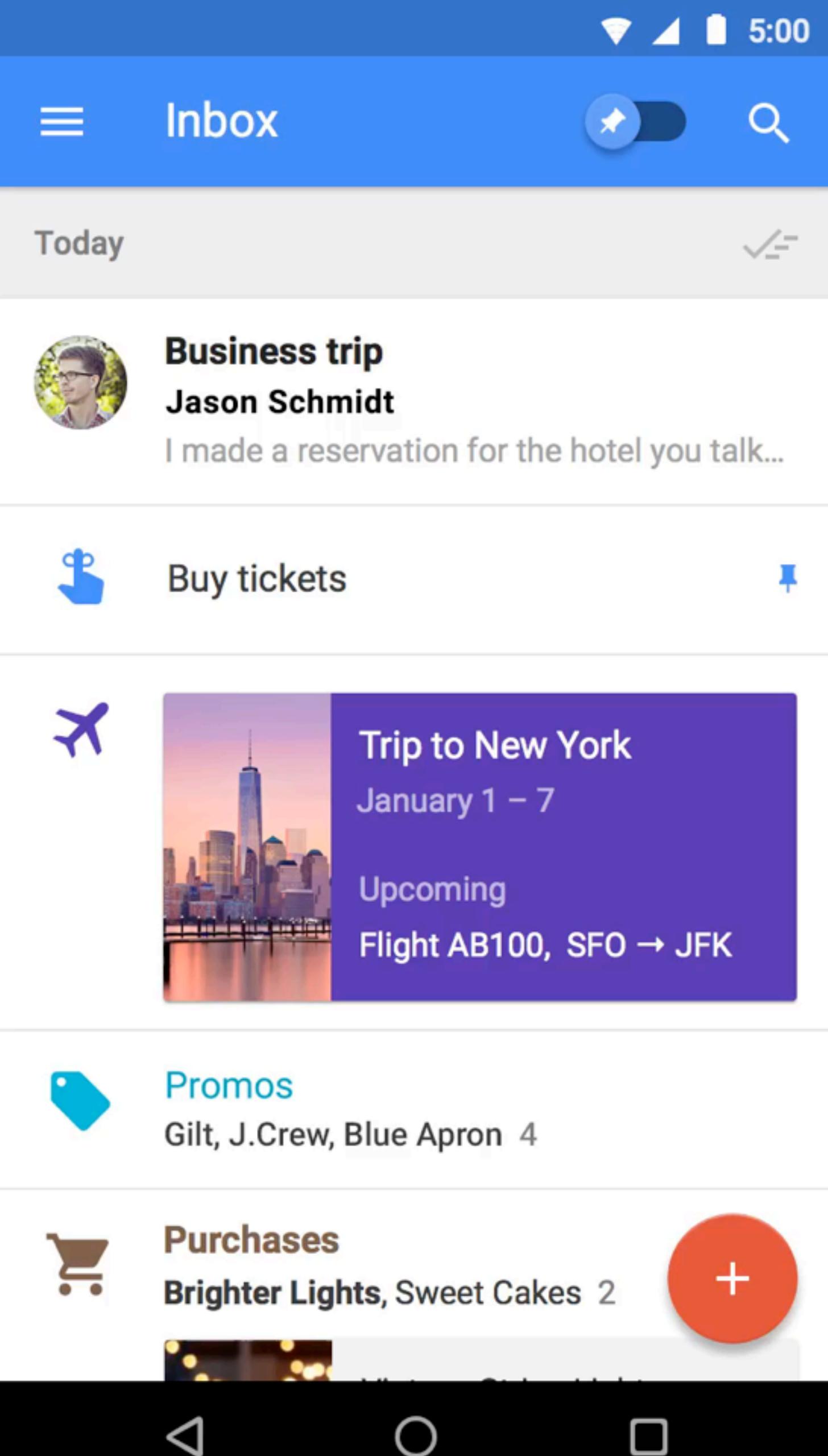
Aenean in mauris enim. Cras et tempus est. Donec eros dui.

Initial Content

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Ut tristique egestas ornare. Cras et quam sed risus fringilla tempus. Aenean in mauris enim. Cras et tempus est. Donec eros dui, commodo vel volutpat non, tempus et mi. Nam ac rutrum mi. Vestibulum luctus mauris eu pulvinar dapibus.

Aliquam viverra nunc non augue cursus faucibus. Donec mollis, dui at imperdiet varius, tellus tellus ultricies leo, sed consectetur nisl eros non orci. Ut augue lacus, placerat eget posuere ut, tincidunt ut dui.

Aenean in mauris enim. Cras et tempus est. Donec eros dui.



Motion material

HOW FAST IS FAST ENOUGH?

100ms = Instantaneous

1 second = Uninterrupted flow

DESIGN FOR PERFORMANCE



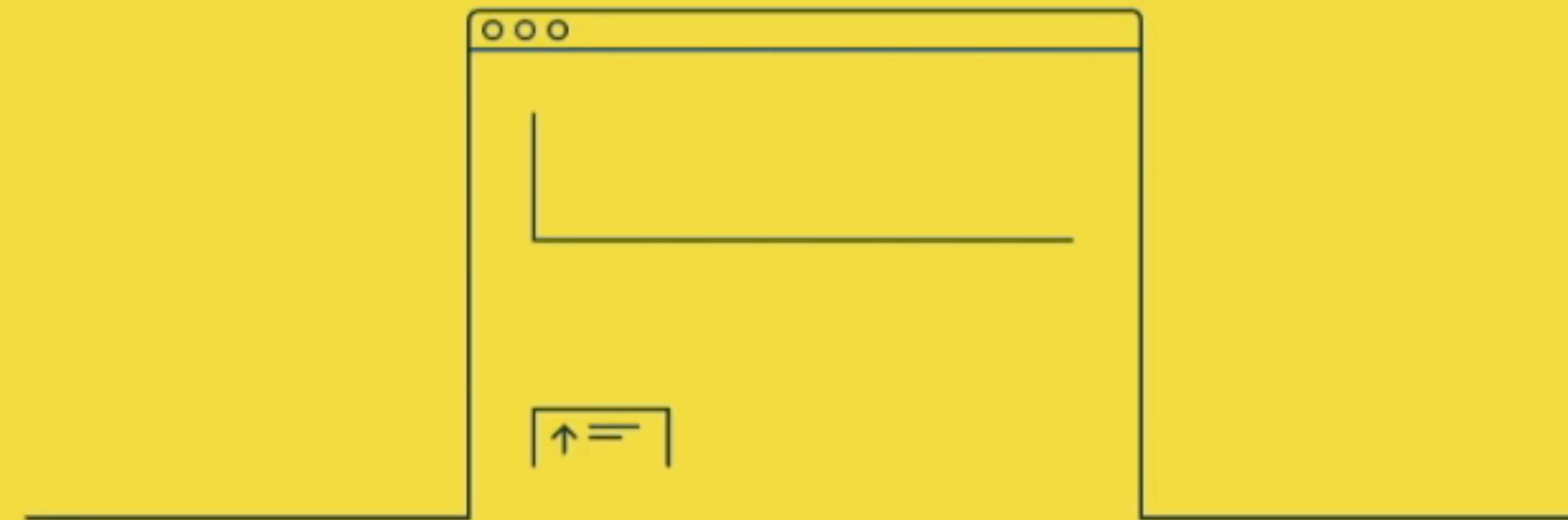
PERFORMANCE STARTS WITH DESIGN

- The message: Do you use text or images
- Colors & gradients: image format choice, transparency needs, number of sprites, how much CSS3
- Layout: impacts HTML hierarchy, number of classes, amount of CSS
- Typography: weight and number of font files

Make performance part of your
design workflow

Performance > Aesthetics

Content first



NPO Dashboard

Clear-cut insights in realtime visitor statistics



Within the Dutch Public Broadcasting (NPO) a project was started in 2015 to develop a number of pilots based on 'big data'. One of those pilots was the development of a dashboard for editorial staff to get **direct insight**



Portfolio

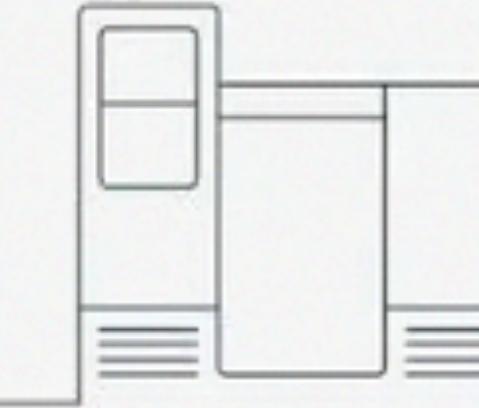
At De Voorhoeede we built web sites and apps for innovative start-ups, small businesses and large enterprises. These are the stories behind our projects.



A brand new Funda

The biggest, most responsive and modular website for real estate in the Netherlands

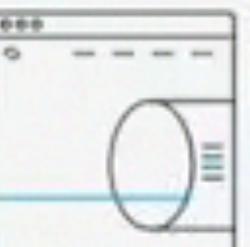
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Drop & Fly

Self-service baggage drop-off with a web UI

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Delft Hyperloop

The Tesla Roadster of websites

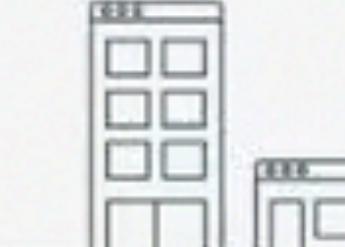
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From app to web

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Hotel- and Bungalow-Specials

One new front-end for 10 European websites

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"That yellow color makes me think of soviet-era low-income housing. It's the color you puke in if you eat a jar of mustard. It's sad and ugly all at once. I didn't realize you could pack that much sadness into a background-color"

—

snalin(reddit user)

LOW HANGING FRUIT



MINIMIZE HTTP REQUESTS

- Concatenate
- Inline images
- Image sprites
- Caching

MINIFY

- HTML
- CSS
- JS
- Images

IMAGE DELIVERY



WEBP

```
<picture>
  <source type="image/webp" srcset="l.webp" media="(min-width: 640px)">
  <source type="image/webp" srcset="m.webp" media="(min-width: 320px)">
  <source type="image/webp" srcset="s.webp">
  <source srcset="l.jpg" media="(min-width: 640px)">
  <source srcset="m.jpg" media="(min-width: 320px)">
  <source srcset="s.jpg">
  
</picture>
```

GENERATION

```
gulp.task('images:generate', function () {
  return gulp.src(['**/*.{jpg,png}'])
    .pipe(responsive({
      '**/*.{jpg,png}': [
        // JPG, PNG
        {width: '990px'},
        {width: '990px', rename: {suffix: '-l'}},
        {width: '680px', rename: {suffix: '-m'}},
        {width: '480px', rename: {suffix: '-s'}},
        // WEBP
        {width: '990px', rename: {suffix: '-l', extname: '.webp'}},
        {width: '680px', rename: {suffix: '-m', extname: '.webp'}},
        {width: '480px', rename: {suffix: '-s', extname: '.webp'}}]
    }),
    {
      quality: 80,
      progressive: true
    })
  )
  .pipe(gulp.dest('/dist/images/')));
});
```

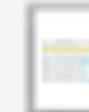
Gulp responsive

WRITE

![Description of the image](image.jpg)

```
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  <source type="image/webp" srcset="m.webp" media="(min-width: 320px)">
  <source type="image/webp" srcset="s.webp">
    <source srcset="l.jpg" media="(min-width: 640px)">
    <source srcset="m.jpg" media="(min-width: 320px)">
    <source srcset="s.jpg">
      
</picture>
```

WEBP

 voorhoede-network-analysis-l.webp	65.8KB
 voorhoede-fold-l.webp	51.8KB
 webpagetest-voorhoede-l.webp	34.7KB
 pagespeed-insights-voorhoede-l.webp	19.4KB
 voorhoede-cookies-l.webp	14.8KB
 average-bytes-per-page-chart-l.webp	10.6KB
 declan-l.webp	2.6KB

Total: 199.7KB

-111.56KB

64% reduction

 voorhoede-network-analysis-l.jpg	109,35 KB
 voorhoede-fold-l.jpg	76,82 KB
 webpagetest-voorhoede-l.jpg	52,02 KB
 pagespeed-insights-voorhoede-l.jpg	31,49 KB
 voorhoede-cookies-l.jpg	21,46 KB
 average-bytes-per-page-chart-l.jpg	16,59 KB
 declan-l.jpg	3,53 KB

Total: 311.26KB

CLIENT HINTS

```
<head>
...
<meta http-equiv="Accept-CH"
      content="DPR, Viewport-Width, Width">
</head>

```

Request headers will hold:

- width: 360
- dpr: 2
- viewport-width: 720

WEB FONTS



We saved ~87% in custom web
font file size using
font subsetting

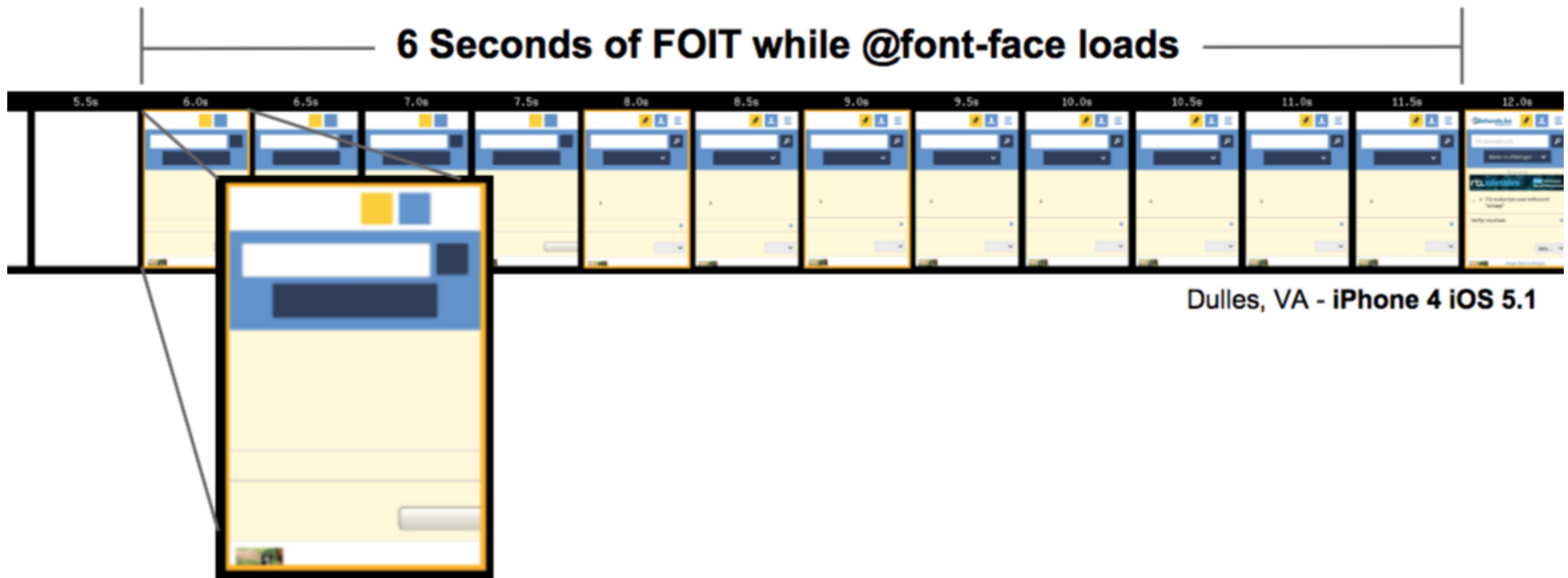
[font squirrel font subsetting](#)

BLOCKING FONT LOADING

```
@font-face {  
    font-family: 'Noto';  
    src: url('noto.woff2') format('woff2'),  
        url('noto.woff') format('woff');  
}  
  
html {  
    font-family: Noto, Georgia, serif;  
}
```

FOIT





From FilamentGroup 2dehands review

START WITH SYSTEM FONT

```
html {  
    font-family: Georgia, serif;  
}
```

```
html.fonts-loaded {  
    font-family: Noto, Georgia, serif;  
}
```

ENHANCE AFTER ASYNC LOADING

```
// (include FontFaceObserver here)
var font = new FontFaceObserver('Noto');
var html = document.documentElement;

// load font async, then enhance HTML:
font.load().then(function () {
  html.className += ' fonts-loaded';
});
```

FOUT

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CONDITIONAL FONT LOADER

```
font.load().then(function () {  
  html.className += ' fonts-loaded';  
  setCookie('fonts-loaded');  
});
```

On server, if 'fonts-loaded' cookie:

```
<html class="fonts-loaded">
```



Name	Value	Domain	Path	Expires / Max-Age
fonts-loaded	true	www.voorhoede.nl	/	2016-10-21T13:01:32.000Z
full-css-loaded	/assets/css/main-0d82fe89fd.css	www.voorhoede.nl	/	2016-10-21T13:01:32.000Z

FUTURE

```
@font-face {  
    font-family: ExampleFont;  
    src: url(/examplefont.woff) format('woff');  
    font-weight: 400;  
    font-style: normal;  
    font-display: swap;  
}
```

LAZY LOAD JS



BLOCKING SCRIPT LOADING

```
<head>
  <!-- Loading early means blocking page: -->
  <script src="index-6a14b2.js"></script>
</head>

<body>
  <!-- Loading late means wasting time: -->
  <script src="index-6a14b2.js"></script>
</body>
```

OPTIMISE SCRIPT LOADING

```
<head>
  <!-- Load early, execute after DOM ready -->
  <script src="index-6a14b2.js" defer></script>
</head>
```

CONDITIONAL SCRIPT LOADING

```
<script>
  if (!querySelector in document) {
    return;
};

loadJS('index-6a14b2.js', function() {
  var html = document.documentElement;
  html.className += ' enhanced';
});
</script>
```

LAZY LOAD CSS



BLOCKING STYLE LOADING

```
<head>
  <!-- Loading early means blocking page: -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="index-f3c2b4.css">
</head>

<body>
  <!-- Loading late means flash of unstyled content: -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="index-f3c2b4.css">
</body>
```

LOAD STYLES ASYNC

```
<script>
    // (include loadCSS here)
    var stylesheet = loadCSS('index-f3c2b4.css');
</script>

<noscript>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="index-f3c2b4.css">
</noscript>
```

Critical CSS is the minimum set of
above the fold blocking CSS that we
need to make the page recognisable
to the user

GENERATE CRITICAL CSS



Critical

CRITICAL CSS

```
<html>
<head>
  <style> /* inlined critical CSS */ </style>
  <script> loadCSS('non-critical.css'); </script>
  <noscript>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="non-critical.css">
  </noscript>
</head>
<body>
  ...
</body>
</html>
```

APPLY CRITICAL CSS

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the De Voorhoede website. Both screenshots feature a yellow header with the logo 'DE VOORHOEDE front-end developers' and a navigation bar with links for WERK, BLOG, TEAM, CONTACT, NL | EN.

Left Screenshot: This screenshot shows the desktop version of the website. It features a large yellow hero section with the text 'Wij zijn DE VOORHOEDE' and 'We bouwen front-end oplossingen waarmee je jaren vooruit kunt'. Below this, there's a section with three items: '100% web', 'Robuust', and 'Gespecialiseerd', each with a brief description. At the bottom, there's a quote: 'We geloven in universele oplossingen die door iedereen te gebruiken zijn. Dit bereiken we door webtoepassingen te maken die altijd en overal werken op elk apparaat.' followed by a heading 'Dit kunnen we voor je doen' and two icons: a smartphone and a laptop.

Right Screenshot: This screenshot shows the mobile version of the website. It has a similar layout but is optimized for a smaller screen. The hero section and navigation bar are identical. The '100% web', 'Robuust', and 'Gespecialiseerd' sections are also present. The quote at the bottom is identical. The 'Dit kunnen we voor je doen' section is also present with its corresponding icons.

Critical CSS on voorhoede.nl

CONDITIONAL STYLE LOADER

```
<html><head><style>/ *critical CSS* /</style><script>
// (include loadCSS & onloadCSS here)
var stylesheet = loadCSS('index-f3c2b4.css');
onloadCSS(stylesheet, function() {
  setCookie('full-css-loaded', 'f3c2b4');
});
```

On server, if 'full-css-loaded' cookie and version is equal:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="index-f3c2b4.css">
```

Console	Sources	⚠ Network	Timeline	Profiles	Resources	Security	Audits	PageSpeed
Name	Value				Domain	Path	Expires / Max-Age	
fonts-loaded	true				www.voorhoede.nl	/	2016-10-21T13:01:32.000Z	
full-css-loaded	/assets/css/main-0d82fe89fd.css				www.voorhoede.nl	/	2016-10-21T13:01:32.000Z	

[cookies on voorhoede.nl](#)

FILE LEVEL CACHING



REVISIONING

```
gulp.task('revision:hash', function() {
  return gulp.src([
    paths.dist + '**/css/main.css',
    paths.dist + '**/js/index.js'
  ])
    .pipe(rev())
    .pipe(gulp.dest(paths.dist))
    .pipe(rev.manifest(manifestPath))
    .pipe(gulp.dest(''));
});
```

REVISIONING

```
{  
  "assets/css/main.css": "assets/css/main-e946c959b4.css",  
  "assets/js/index.js": "assets/js/index-30d938a361.js"  
}
```

REV REPLACE

```
gulp.task('revision:replace', function() {
  return gulp.src([
    paths.dist + '**/*.html'
  ])
  .pipe(revReplace({
    manifest: gulp.src(manifestPath)
  }))
  .pipe(gulp.dest(paths.dist));
});
```

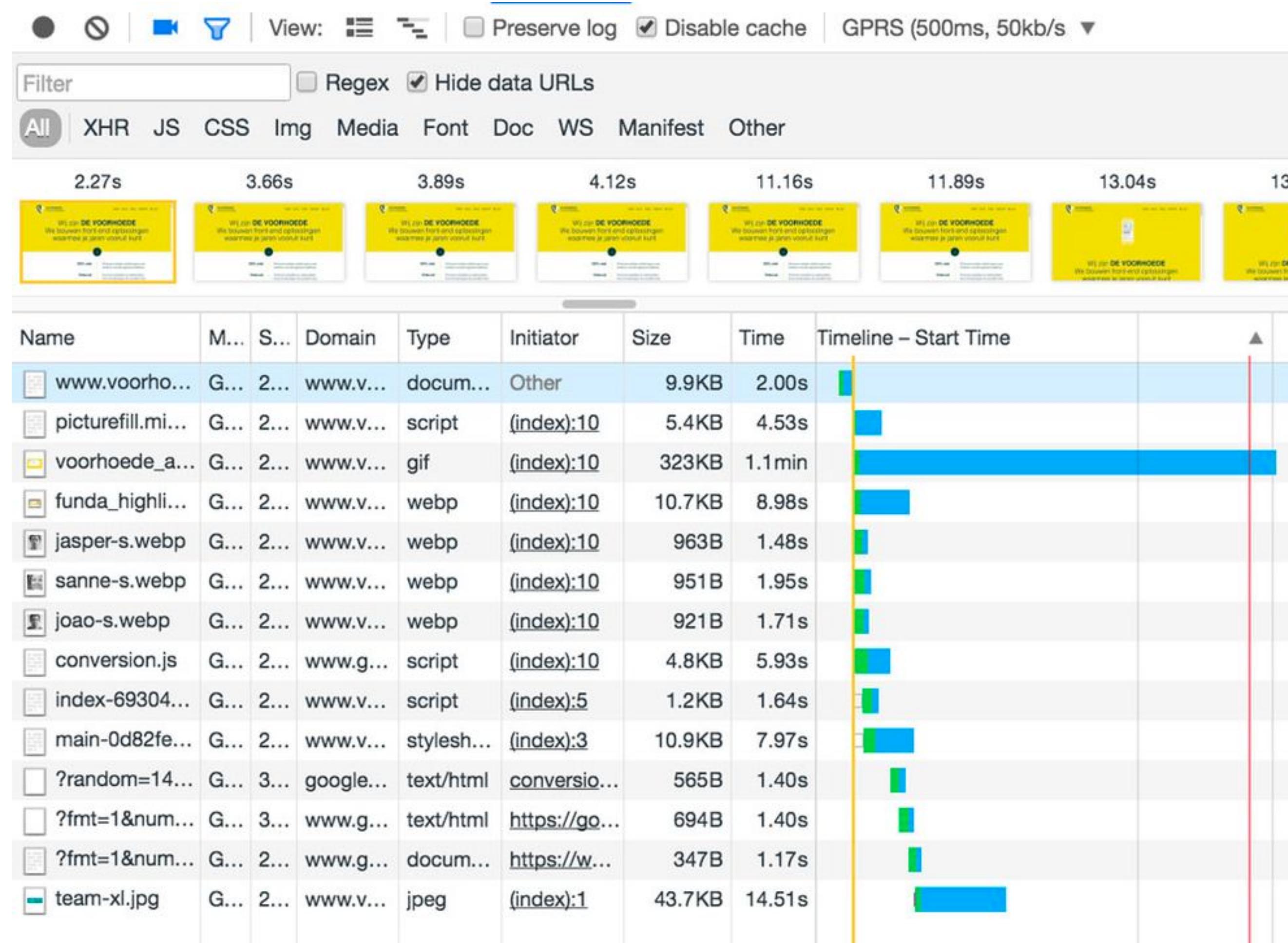
CACHING

cache (Cache-Control: max-age=31536000)

RESULT



THE RESULT



result on voorhoede.nl

THE RESULT

PageSpeed Insights [G+](#)

<https://www.voorhoede.nl/> [ANALYZE](#)

Mobile Desktop

100 / 100 Speed

Congratulations! No issues found.

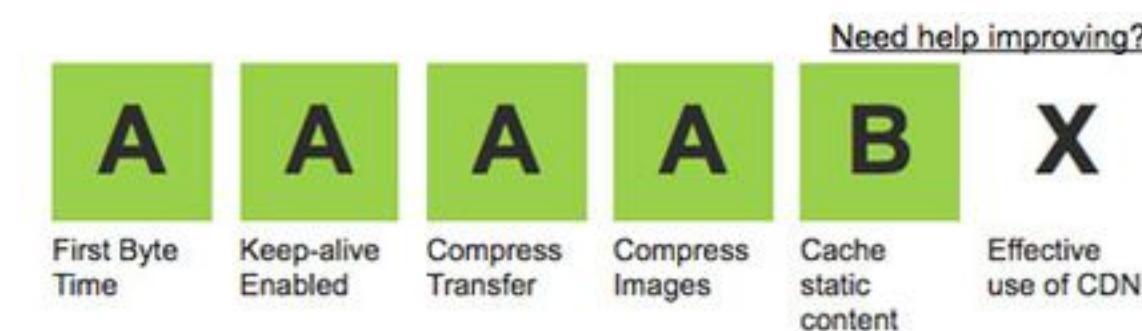
Avoid landing page redirects
Your page has no redirects. Learn more about [avoiding landing page redirects](#).

Eliminate render-blocking JavaScript and CSS in above-the-fold content
You have no render-blocking resources. Learn more about [removing render-blocking resources](#).



Web Page Performance Test for
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Tester: VPS16230-93.191.133.233 [Raw page data](#) - [Raw object data](#)
[Re-run the test](#) [Export HTTP Archive \(.har\)](#) [View Test Log](#)

	Load Time	First Byte	Start Render	Speed Index	DOM Elements	Document Complete			Fully Loaded			
						Time	Requests	Bytes In	Time	Requests	Bytes In	Cost
First View	1.452s	0.279s	0.609s	693	197	1.452s	21	592 KB	1.503s	22	597 KB	\$---
Repeat View	1.028s	0.186s	0.609s	733	191	1.028s	4	38 KB	1.028s	4	38 KB	

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Latest SRP

PAINT
1.6 Sec.

USABLE PAGE
2.2 Seconds



Min + gzip

PAINT
1.6 Sec.

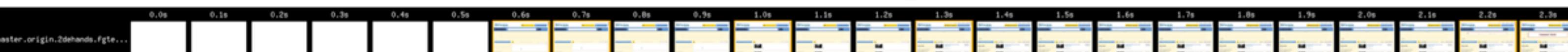
USABLE PAGE
2.0 Seconds



CriticalCSS + min + gzip

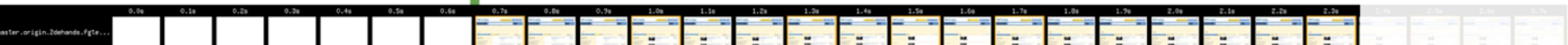
PAINT
0.6 Sec.

USABLE PAGE
1.3 Seconds



Critical + FOIT + min + gzip

PAINT and USABLE PAGE
0.7 Sec.



ROADMAP

Service Worker

HTTP/2

Streams

CDN

It doesn't have to be perfect

Treat performance as a feature

Questions?

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