Intro to SVG

Let's start \rightarrow



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Expectations

No Prerequisites
expect(target_audience).toBeAny()

Learn something
expect(@).toIncrease();

Your time to be worth it expect(() to Yield((✓)

Have fun thinking expect(3).andThen(3)

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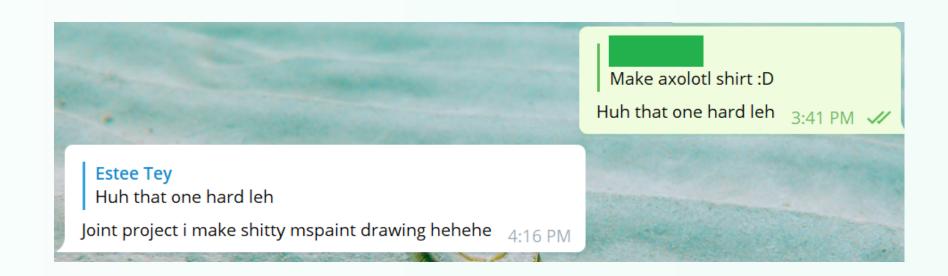
- 1. What is SVG?
- 2. Why do we use SVG?
- 3. How do we get SVG?
- 4. How to use SVG?

What is SVG?

Images

Story Time! \rightarrow















Raster vs Vector Images



Image File Types

File Extension	Description
.gif	Graphics Interchange Format
.png	Portable Network Graphic
.jpg/.jpeg	Image format by Joint Photographic Experts Group
.webp	A superior image format of .png & .jpg
.svg	Scalable Vector Graphics

Image File Types

File Extension	Color Modes	Compression	Usage
.gif	Indexed Color	Lossless	Animated images
.png	Greyscale, True Color, Alpha	Lossless (better than .GIF)	Static Line art, iconic graphics where transparency matters.
.jpg/ .jpeg	True Color	Lossy	Photographs, realistic images of people, venues etc.
.webp	Depends on compression	Lossless / Lossy	A superior image format of .png & .jpg
.svg	Anything that can be specified using CSS color syntax.	NA	UI that requires to be redrawn accurately at different sizes

How to get SVG

- 1. Create SVG from scratch
- 2. Generate SVG
- 3. Extract from websites

Create SVG with 3 basic elements

```
<rectangle />
  <circle />
  <polygon />
```

Code Time! →

Create SVG with 3 simple shapes in code



JP flag in SVG

```
<svg>
        <rect width="100%" height="100%" fill="white" />
        <circle cx="50%" cy="50%" r=60 fill="#BC002D" />
3
    </svg>
```

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```
<svg>
       <defs>
         <polygon id="star" fill="yellow"</pre>
 3
           points="100,10 40,198 190,78 10,78 160,198" />
       </defs>
       <rect width="100%" height="100%" fill="red" />
       <svg viewBox="100 0 600 600" x="25%" y="25%">
         <use href="#star">
 8
         </use>
 9
       </svg>
10
11
     </svg>
```



Polygon vs Polyline



1 <polygon points="100,10 40,198 190,78 1
0,78 160,198" fill='#abcbca' stroke='#123123'
stroke-width='5' />



SG flag in SVG



```
<svg>
       <rect width="100%" height="50%" fill="red" />
       <rect width="100%" height="50%" y="50%" fill="white" />
 3
       <circle cx='15%' cy='25%' r='30' fill='white' />
       <circle cx='20%' cy='25%' r='30' fill='red' />
       <svg viewBox="600 -100 1000 1800">
         <use href="#white-star" />
         <use href="#white-star" x="-20%" y="10%" />
 8
         <use href="#white-star" x="20%" y="10%" />
 9
         <use href="#white-star" x="-12.5%" y="22%" />
10
         <use href="#white-star" x="12.5%" y="22%" />
11
       </svg>
12
     </svg>
13
```

Create SVG with Design Tools



Figma Demo

Ellipse, Polygon, Paths, Bezier Curves





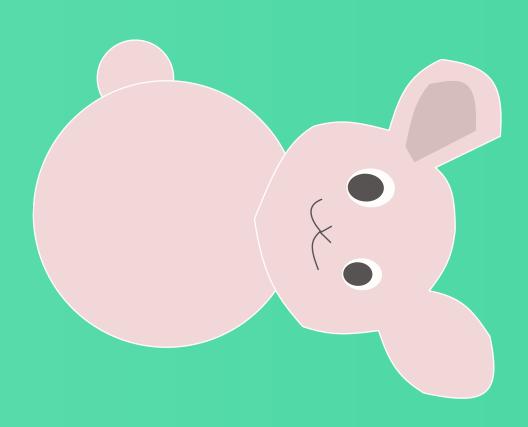
Setting SVG File as an image source



```
<img src="/svg/animals/Rabbit.svg"/>
```

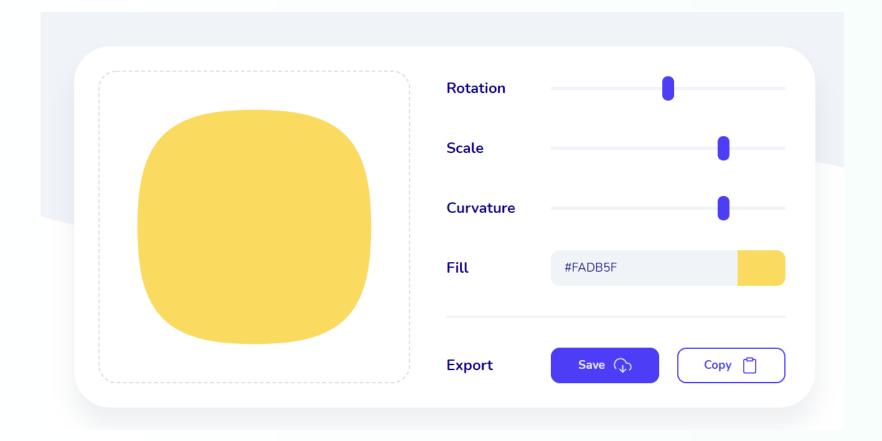


Setting SVG File as an image source



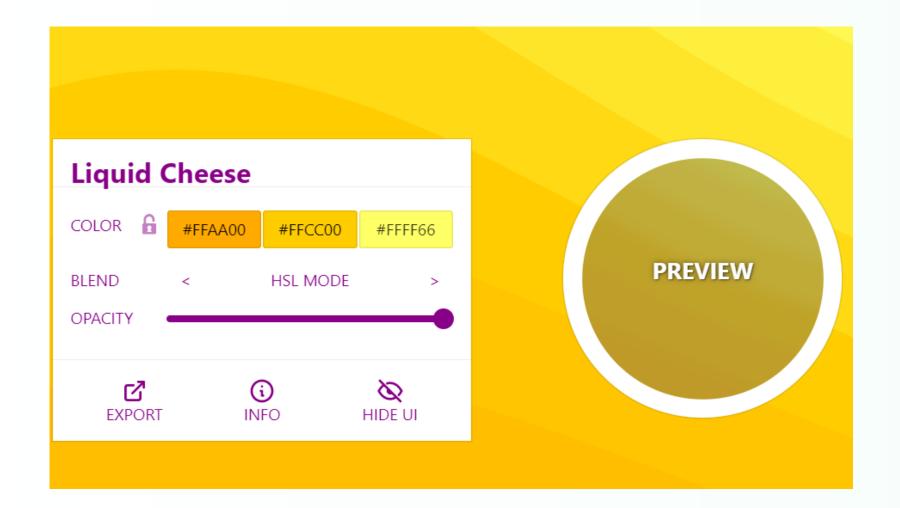
Generate SVG

1. Squicley for generating Squircles



Generate SVG

2. SVGBackgrounds.com for generating backgrounds



Extract from websites

Demo with Hacktoberfest's SVG

P.S. If you use any extracted images for your own websites or apps, please remember to give **attribution**.

Bonus: Optimization of SVG

SVGOMG

Bonus for React Devs: convert from SVG to JSX

SVG to JSX Demo

Summary

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SVG Element Cheatsheet

	Shape	Usage Example
1.	Square	<rect height="40" width="40"></rect>
2.	Rectangle	<rect height="40" width="80"></rect>
3.	Circle	<pre><circle cx="50%" cy="50%" r="60"></circle></pre>
4.	Ellipse	<pre><ellipse cx="100" cy="50" rx="80" ry="40"></ellipse></pre>
5.	Polygon	<pre><polygon points="100,10 40,198 190,78 10,78 160,198"></polygon></pre>
6.	Polyline	<pre><polyline points="100,10 40,198 190,78 10,78 160,198"></polyline></pre>

Topics for you to explore more

- More complex SVG elements such as patterns, filters, paths
- Accessibility of SVGs
- Performance of SVGs

More Resources

- MDN Web Docs on SVG
- CSS Tricks how to scale SVG
- Smashing Magazine SVG Generators
- Frontend Masters SVG Essentials & Animations v2

Thank you!

Hope you enjoyed the L&L 🕾

Any questions?

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