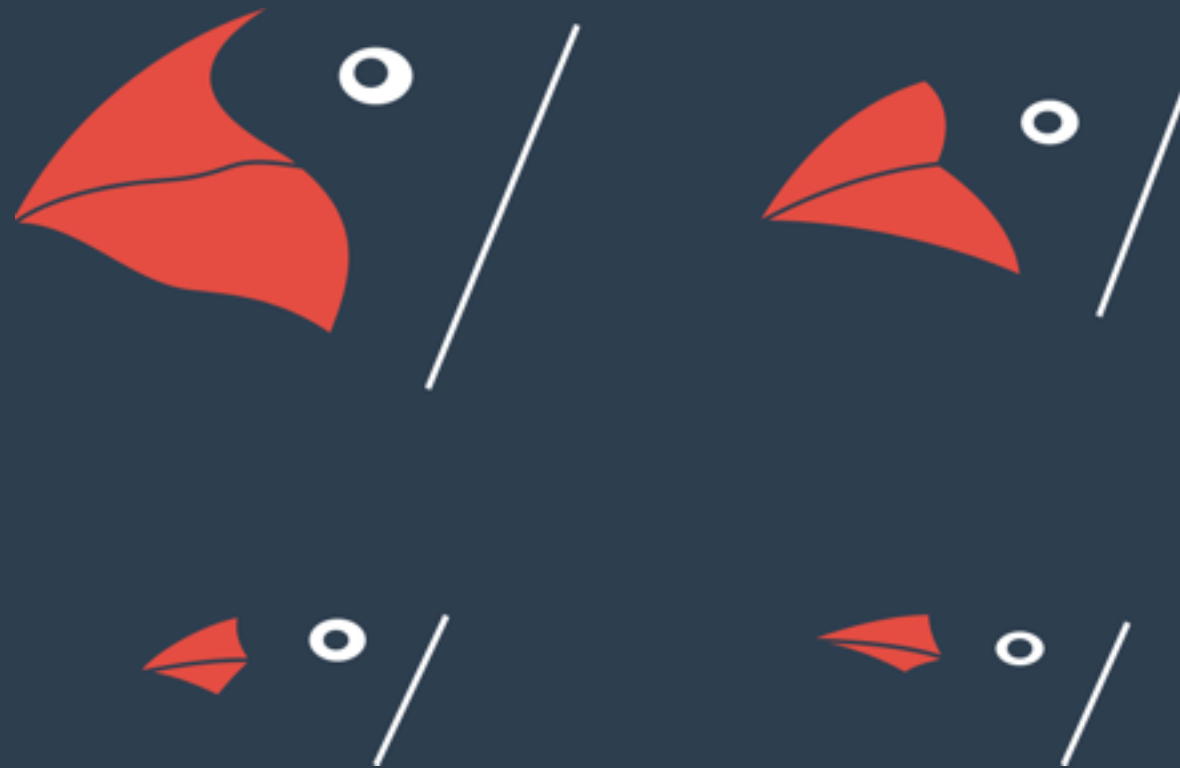


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# Online Education



Increasingly accessible to all demographics

Effectiveness can vary significantly

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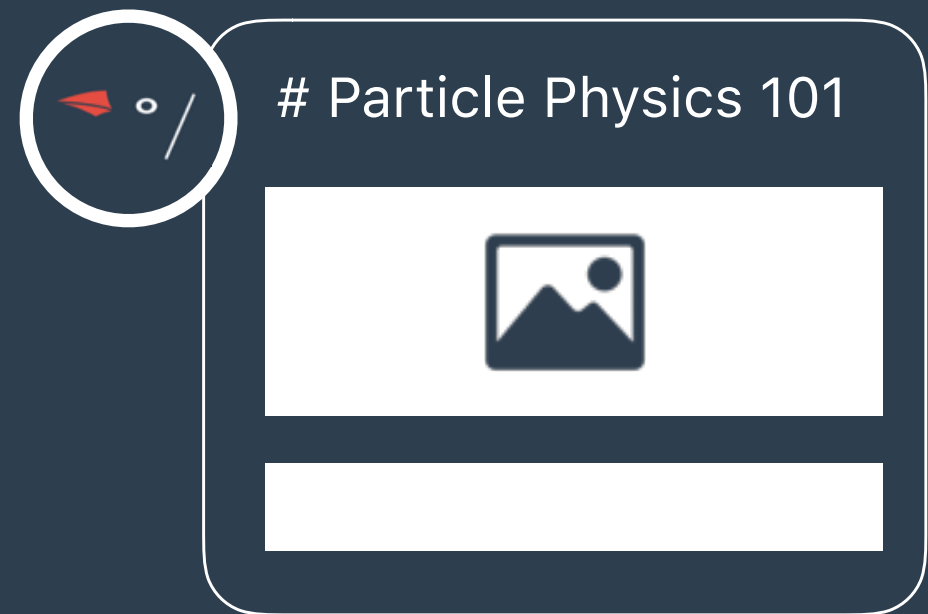
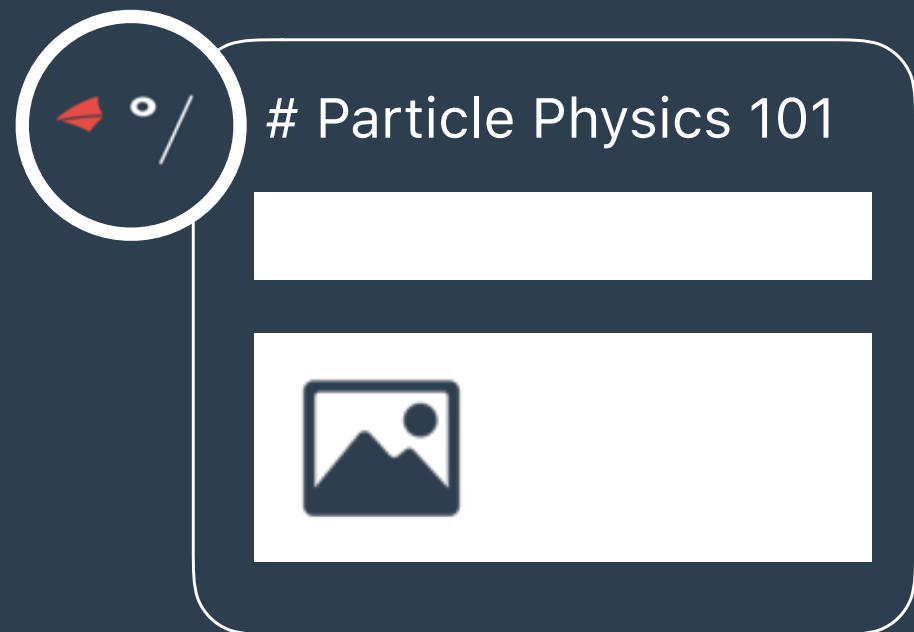
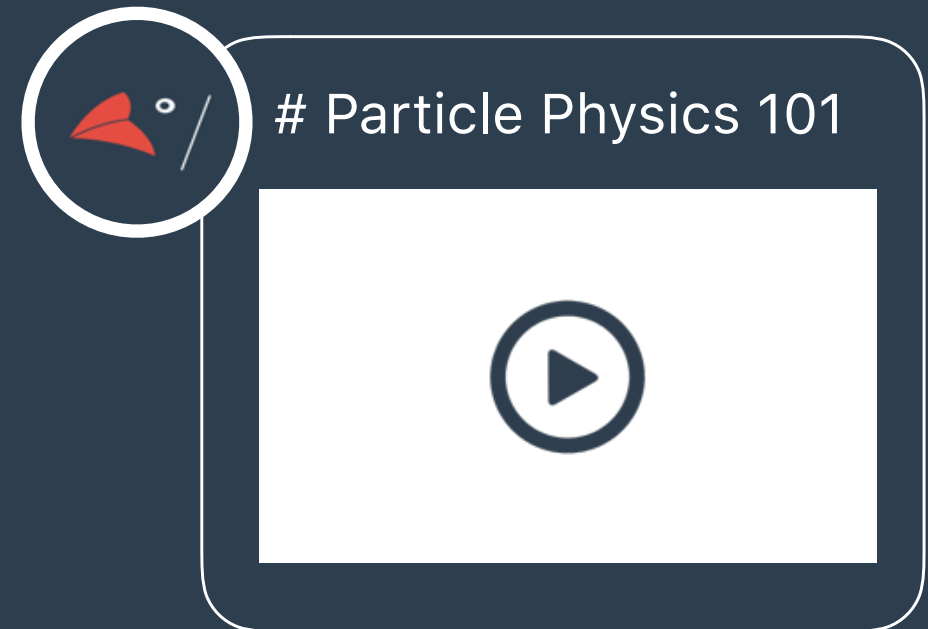
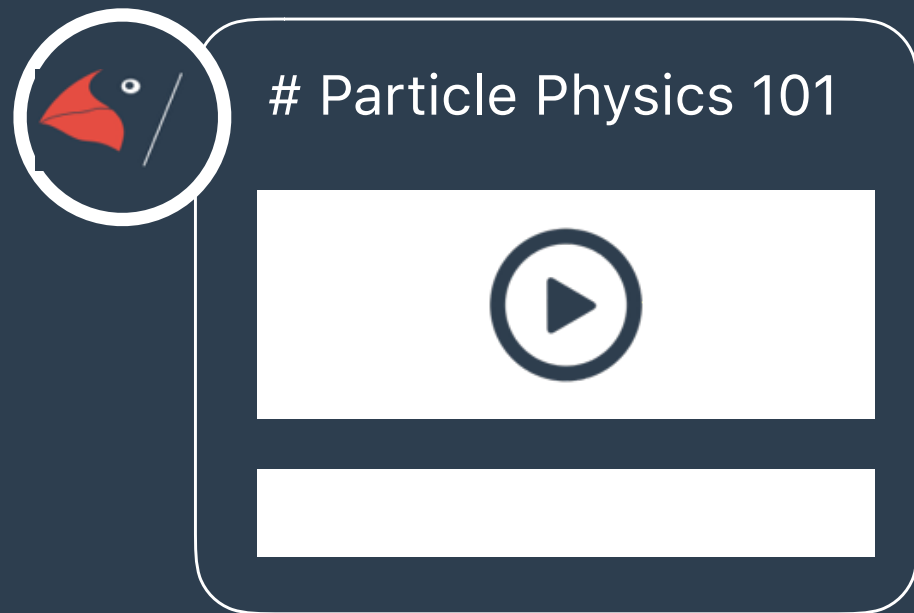
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Teacher varies educational material



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Student enrolls in course

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predictors



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chooses variation

Student enrolls in course



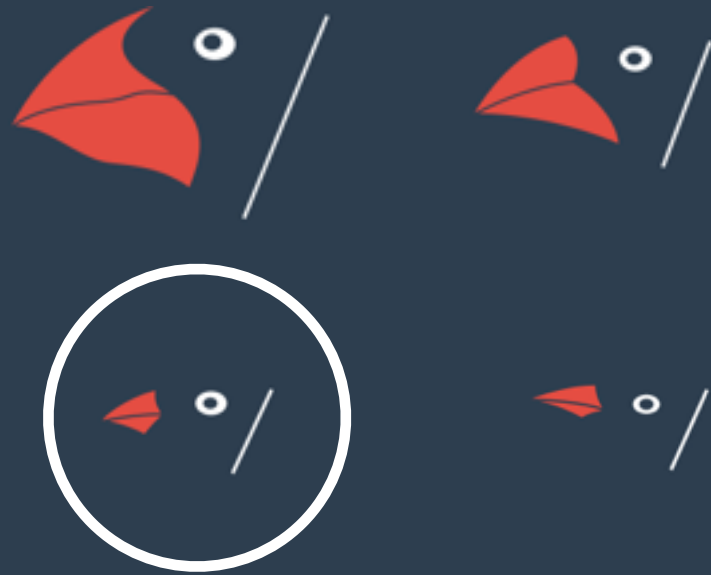
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Tests determine student's success



Student enrolls in course

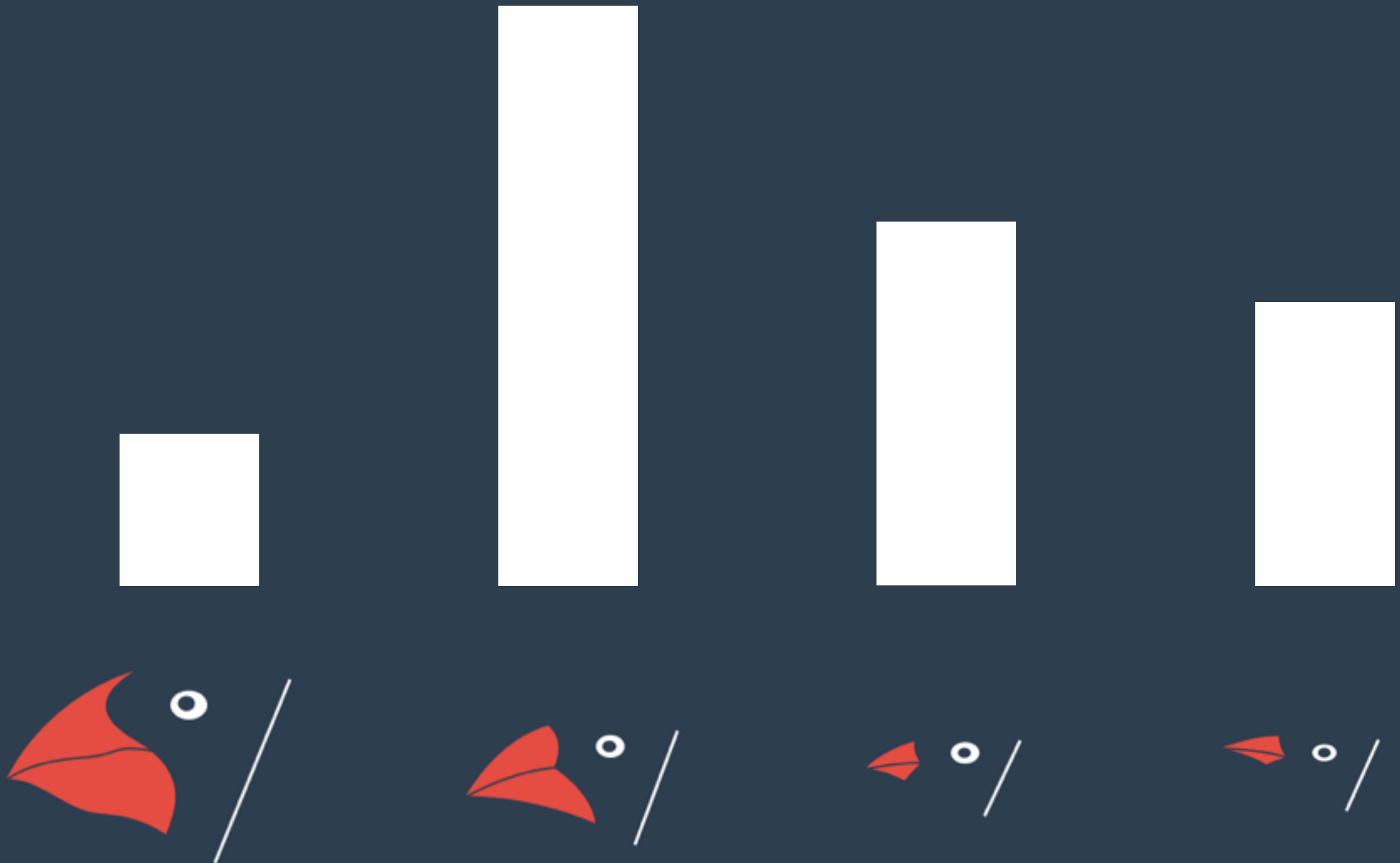


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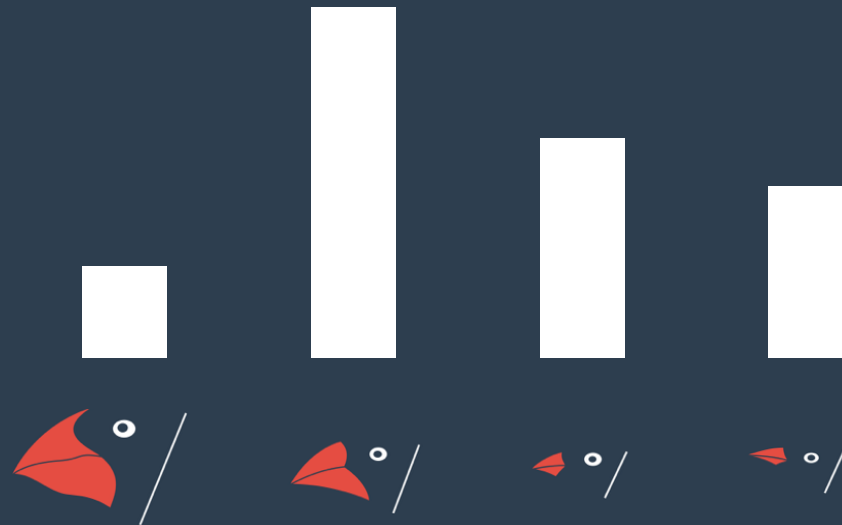


Tests determine student's success






for given age, gender, cultural background etc. of student




Alice






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Bob

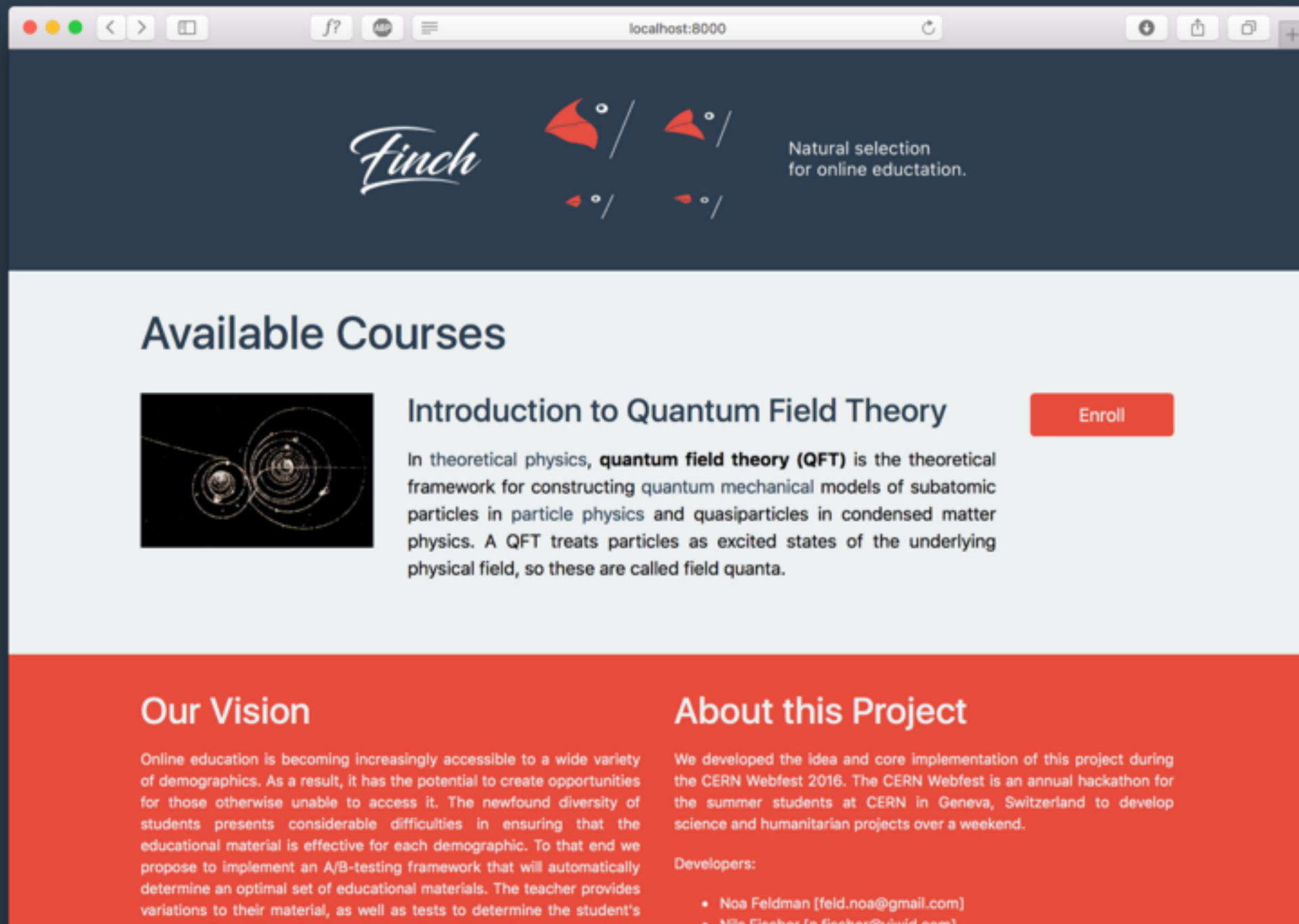




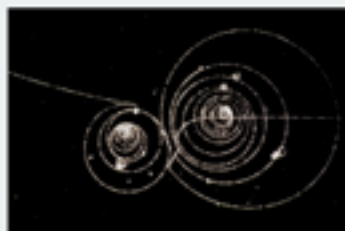
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# Demo



## Available Courses



### Introduction to Quantum Field Theory

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## Our Vision

Online education is becoming increasingly accessible to a wide variety of demographics. As a result, it has the potential to create opportunities for those otherwise unable to access it. The newfound diversity of students presents considerable difficulties in ensuring that the educational material is effective for each demographic. To that end we propose to implement an A/B-testing framework that will automatically determine an optimal set of educational materials. The teacher provides variations to their material, as well as tests to determine the student's

## About this Project

We developed the idea and core implementation of this project during the CERN Webfest 2016. The CERN Webfest is an annual hackathon for the summer students at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland to develop science and humanitarian projects over a weekend.

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# Where can we go from here?

- generalize predictors and tests
- integrate into existing online education platforms

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<https://github.com/knly/finch>

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ABP

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To optimize the course for you, we first need to get to know you a little better.

Name:

Birthdate:

January

1

2016

Gender:

Female

Mother tongue:

Start Course!



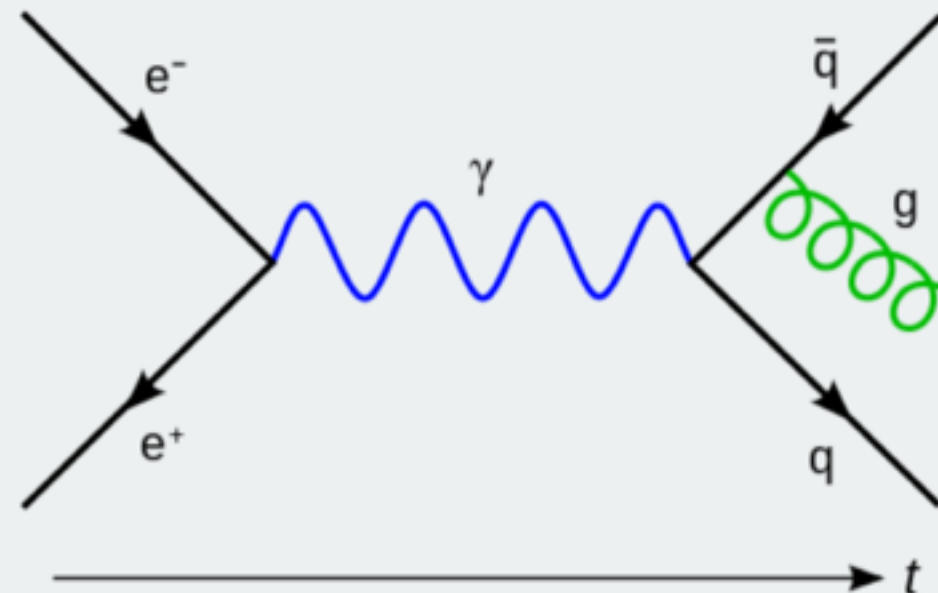
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## Introduction to Quantum Field Theory

You're doing great, Alice.

# Lesson 1

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Historically, the development began in the 1920s with the quantization of the electromagnetic field, the quantization being based on an analogy of the eigenmode expansion of a vibrating string with fixed endpoints. In Weinberg (2005), QFT is brought forward as an unavoidable consequence of the reconciliation of quantum mechanics with special relativity.

**Test yourself!**

## What is QFT about?

- a) Swiss Cheese
- b) Subatomic Particles
- c) 1974 movie by Steven Spielberg

Your answer:

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Course Title:

Introduction to Quantum Field Theory

Lesson 1:

Wikipedia	x	
Peskin-Schröder	x	
+		



## Visualization

Thank you for taking this course! Here's how the average results vary with your specified predictor:

### Score vs. Predictor

