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- Speaker Instructions
- Organizers, Moderators, and Speakers
- Speakers vs. Moderators
- Attendee Troubleshooting Steps
- Troubleshooting Steps
- Hopin Knowledge Base
- Troubleshooting Tips

Measuring Dropped Frames and Animation Smoothness

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In this session:

- Introduction to the “Overall Animation Smoothness” project
- Visual Completeness vs Smoothness vs Latency
- Where we are, where we’re going
- How to play with it

What is Overall Animation Smoothness?

Overall Animation Smoothness

Goal: Label visual completeness of animation frames, **during animations**.

Goal: Identify which frame updates **matter the most to users**.

Goal: A metric (web vital) that measures a **full page lifecycle** experience.

web.dev/smoothness

Overall Animation Smoothness

Why is it different than existing metrics?

- Captures visual smoothness during **active animations**
- Accounts for **all animations** types within one metric
- Measures renderer, meaning it includes **jank caused by developers**
- Tries to match up with **user perception**: was it actually painful?
    - **Precision** vs Recall

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	WorstCaseAfter2Sec	39
	WorstCaseAfter5Sec	39

Why work on this?

First, we want a better guardrail metric.

Second, we want to develop an Animation Smoothness Web Vital.

Finally, ship a web performance API. Common feedback from developers:

- Replacement for rAF polling
- Understand the performance of scrolling
- Confusion about “checkerboarding”
- UX: Site redesign added a bunch of animations… measure effects on performance

Visual Completeness
Smoothness
Latency

Visual Completeness

- Each frame opportunity, how much work is included and presented?
- Four possible states for an animation frame:
  - **No Update Desired**
  - **Fully Presented**
  - **Partially Presented**
  - **Dropped**

Life of a Frame

BlinkOn: “Tracing Frames 101” breakout tomorrow

Beyond Visual Completeness...

- However, there are other factors, beyond just if frames updates are presented:

- Missing content/paint updates (i.e. checkerboarding)
- Quality vs. quantity (i.e. video bitrate)
- **Detecting active Animations**

Animation Smoothness

- “frame sequences” become really important during active animations…
  - No active animations means dropped frames are (less) visually detectable
- Some animations only require a partially presented (compositor) update
- Some animations can mask other animations (i.e. scrolling)
- Need to classify whether a given frame update factors into smoothness.
  - Main or compositor thread update may *affect smoothness*

Examples of animation updates include:

- Declarative Animations (e.g. CSS animations)
- Videos
- Javascript updating a CSS property of an element regularly
- Scrolling
- Canvas + rAF

Examples of non-animation updates:

- Page loading
- Clicking on a button takes a long time to produce view in response
- Button appearance responding to mousedown.
- Background loading / insertion of new content

When does Compositor thread update affect smoothness?

1. Threaded Scrolling
2. Compositor driven Animations
3. Pinch Zoom
4. Video, using Accelerated Rendering
5. OffscreenCanvas

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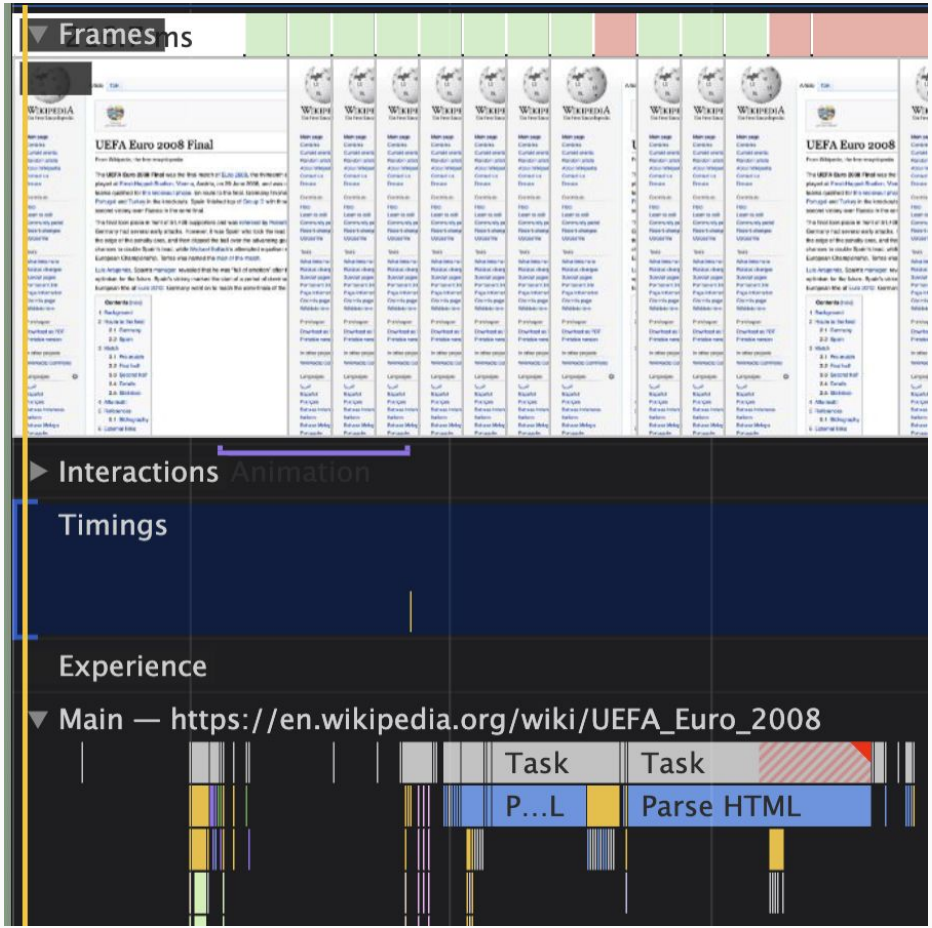
When does Main thread update affect smoothness?

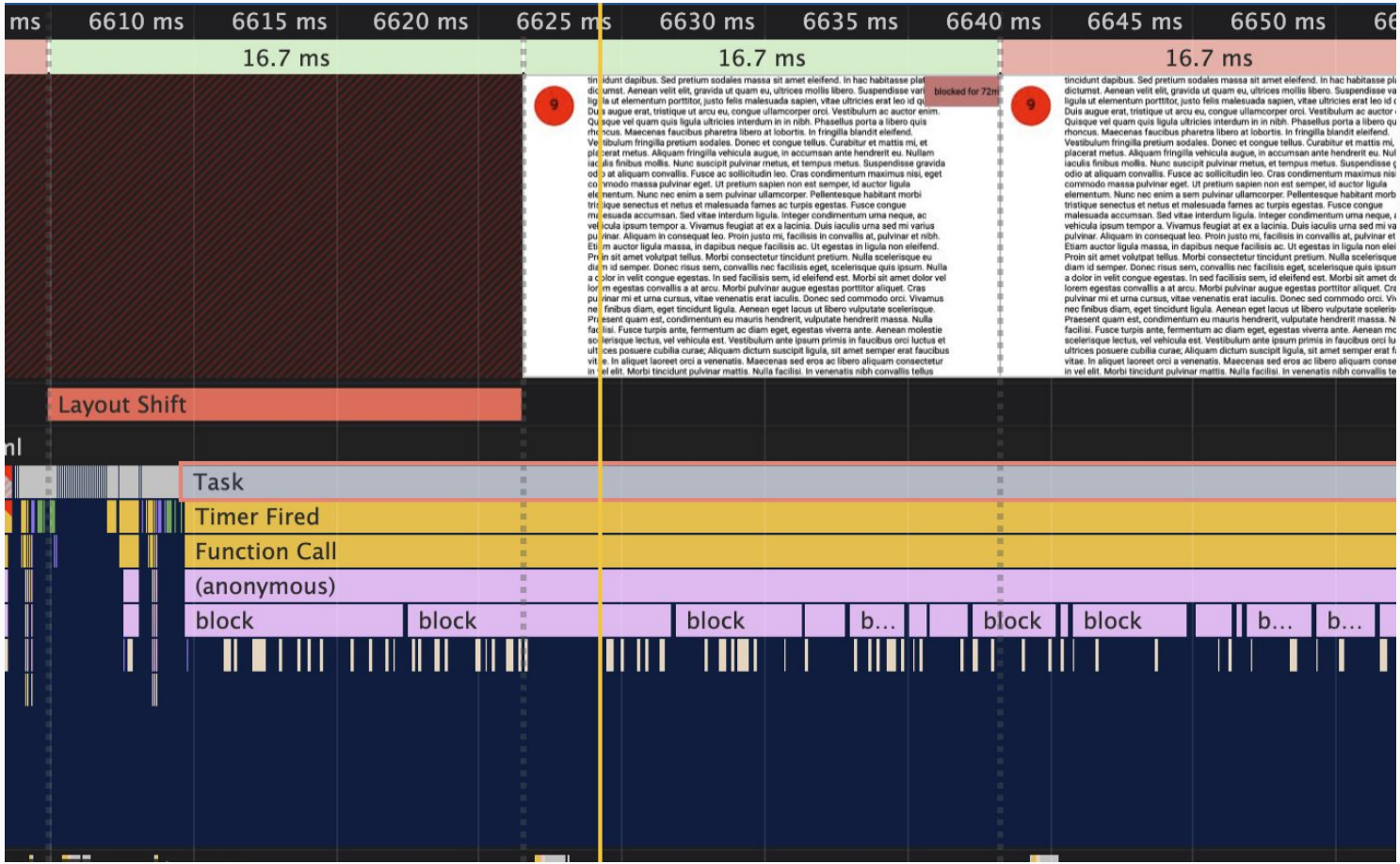
1. has a CSS/web animation update not reflected on the compositor (i.e. main thread animation), or
2. has an active scroll which is blocked on the main thread, or
3. has a playing video which does not support accelerated rendering, or
4. has a canvas invalidation on a canvas element which **was visible** prior to the current frame, or
5. has a **direct style** update of an **animatable property** (see Animating properties) on an element which **was visible** prior to the current frame.

When do we know?

- For main updates in particular, we don’t necessarily know if there will be a visual update **until the frame is complete**.
- Don’t know if the frame will ultimately be Fully Presented or Partial.
- Don’t know if there will be an animation update “affecting smoothness”.
- Have to wait for long tasks to complete and “re-write history”.



Completeness vs Smoothness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Possible states for a single Animation Frame

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Conceptually, every frame is not **boolean.** It has is a **fractional** value.

It may even be worthwhile to consider it as a **probability**.

No Update Desired

Idle time, repeat of the previous frame.

Fully presented

The main thread update was either committed within deadline, or no main thread update was desired.

Partially presented

Compositor only; the delayed main thread update had no visual change.

Partially presented

Compositor only; the main thread had a visual update, but that update did not include an animation that affects smoothness.

Partially presented

Compositor only; the main thread had a visual update that affects smoothness, but a previously stale frame arrived and was used instead.

Partially presented

Compositor only; without the desired main update, and the compositor update has an animation that affects smoothness.

Partially presented

Compositor only but the compositor update does not have an animation that affects smoothness.

Dropped frame

No update. There was no compositor update desired, and main was delayed.

Dropped frame

A compositor update was desired, but it was delayed.

Stale frame

An update was desired, it was produced by the renderer, but the GPU still did not present it before the vsync deadline.

States of a single Animation Frame

And there’s more...

- Layered on top of each of those states are other factors:
  - Missing/stale frame content (checkerboarding, late raster...)
  - Quantity of animations (#elements? Variety of animation types?)
  - Quality of the animation itself (i.e. video, canvas games)

- Long-term aspirations:
  - Visual size of the animation updates (fraction of viewport?)
  - Semantic value of the animation

Putting it all together: metric definition

- What matches the natural way users experience smoothness?
  - The proportion of time waiting for important updates.

- For **each** animation frame, label smoothness deficits.
- For a specific **series** of animation frames, can try to convert these labels into a running metric.
- For a **whole timeline**, convert everything into an overall score.


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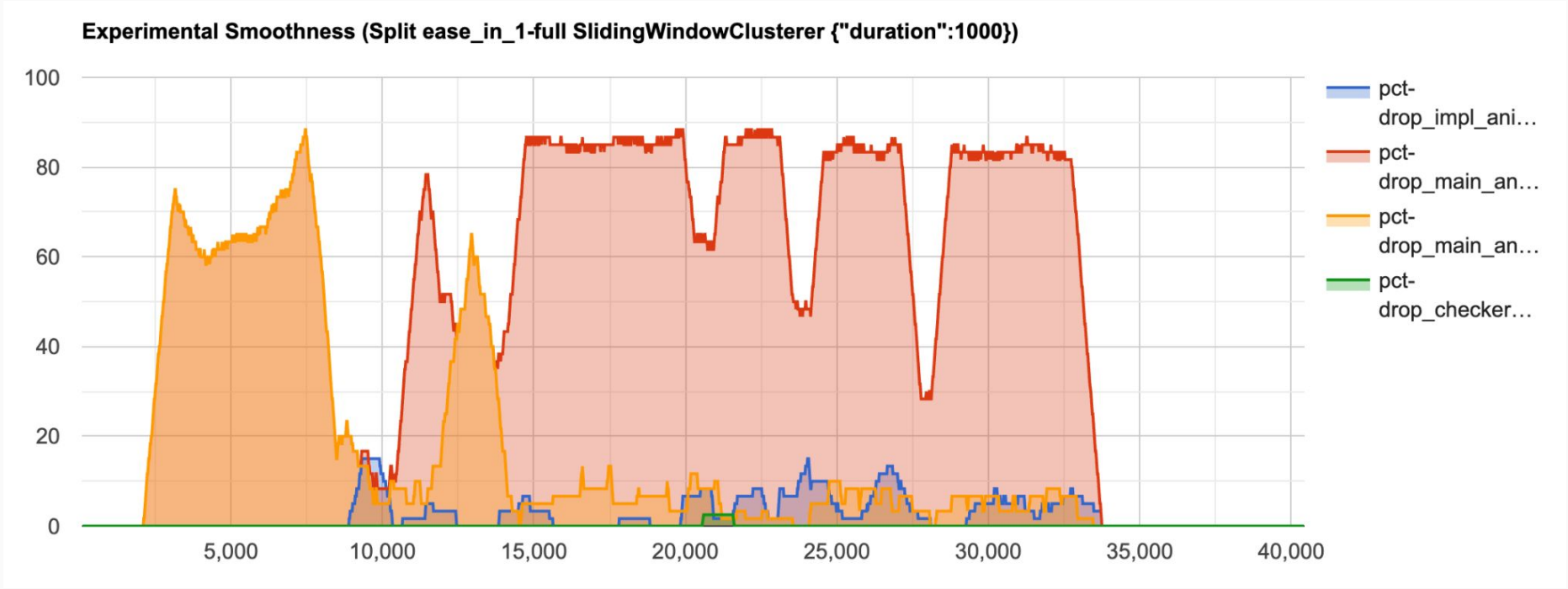
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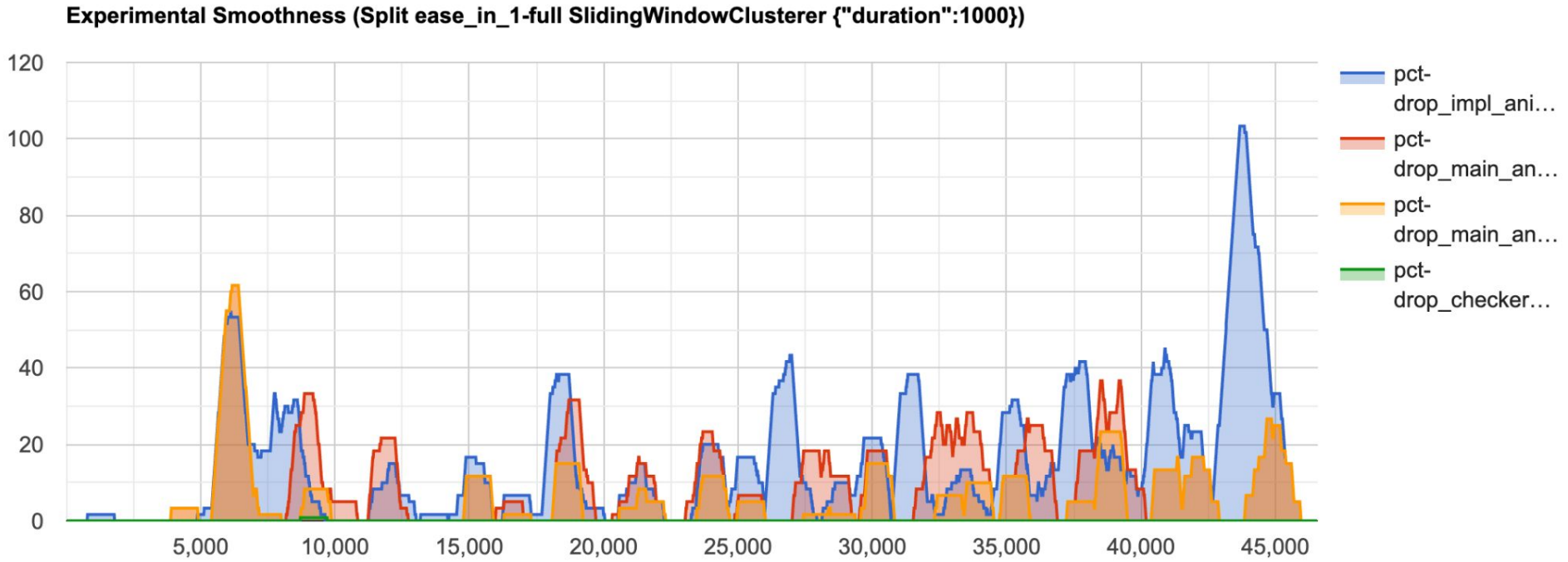
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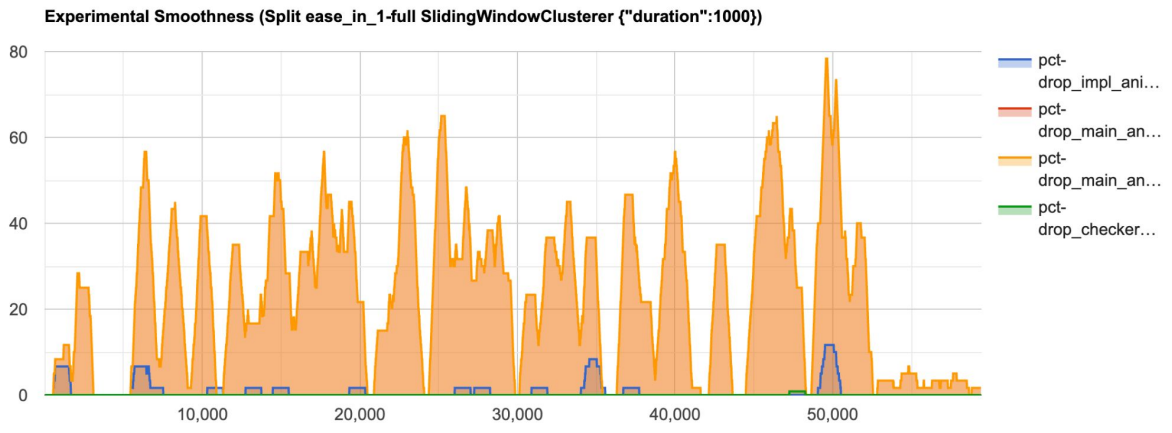
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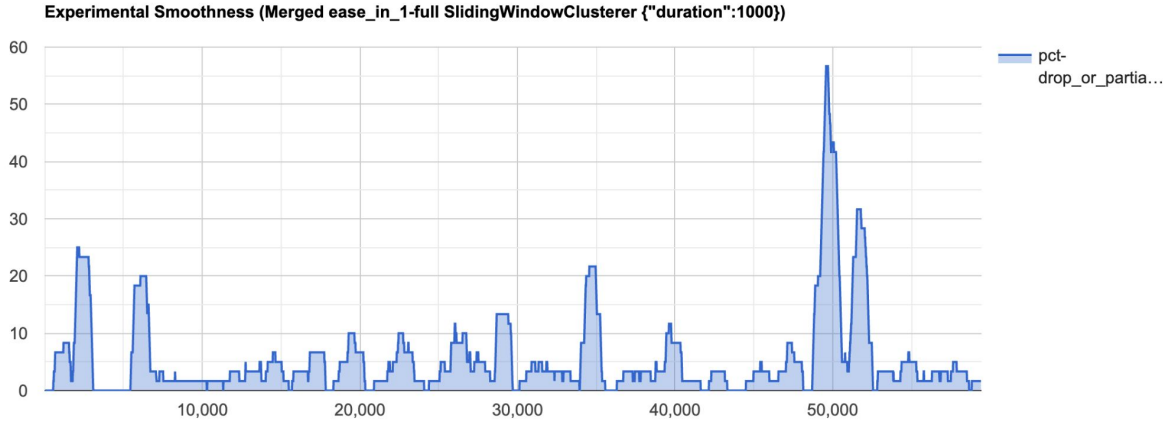
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Correlation study: what do users expect?

- We have many good theories about what *may* make a good metric.
  - Treat every animation equally VS some more important than others
  - Measure all animations always VS scrolling and non-scrolling animations
  - What was the average frame rate for the whole timeline overall VS how bad was the single worst jank?
- Let's just try them all and see what sticks…
- Record a bunch of real sites, with expert labels assigned
- See which metrics match up with expected labels

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Playing with the metric

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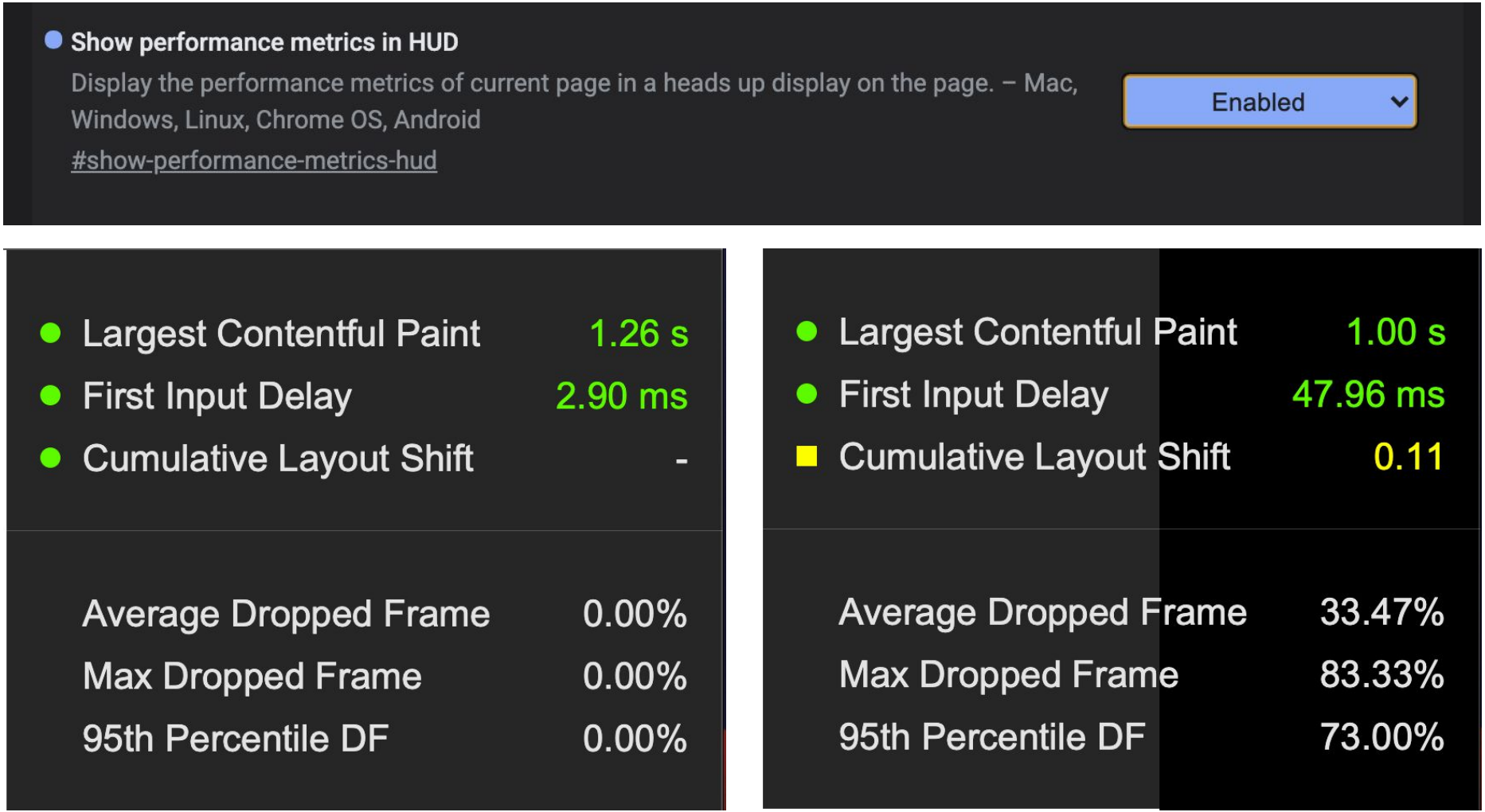
- Existing Chrome:ukm values
  - Graphics.Smoothness.NormalizedPercentDroppedFrames
- Performance HUD
- DevTools
  - Frame Rendering Stats (previously: fps meter)
  - Frame Viewer in Performance panel
- Tracing (ui.perfetto.dev, chrome:tracing)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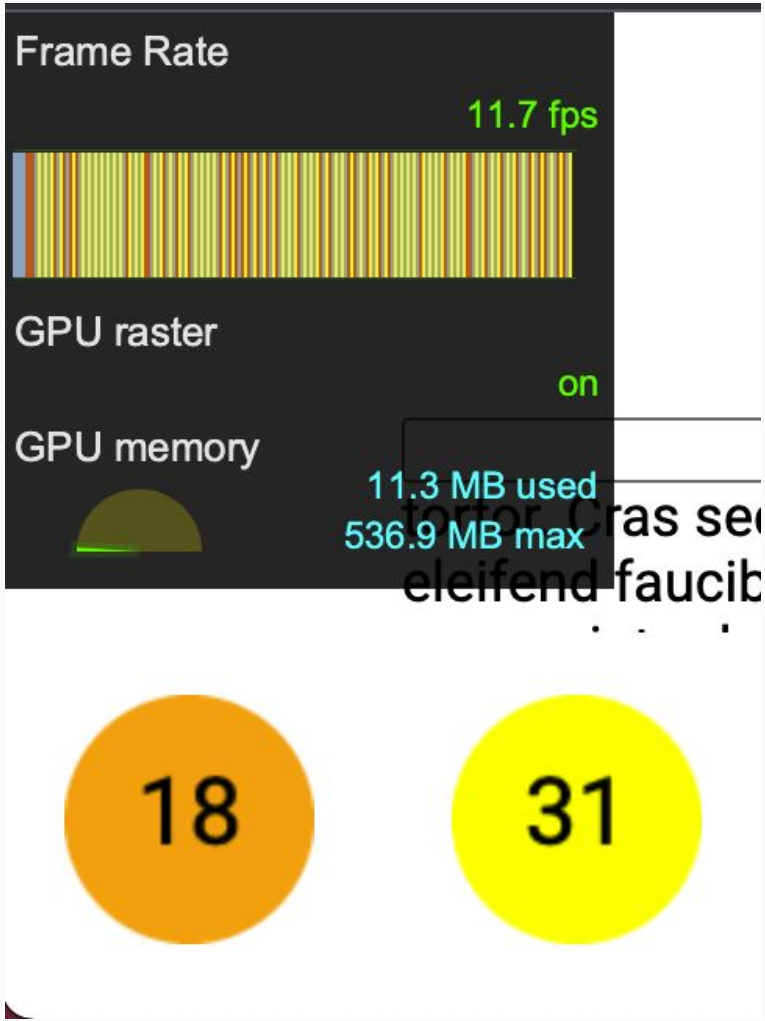
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Lab Tooling: how does it work?

Types of Frame Updates, in theory

- **No Update Desired** (idle time, repeat previous frame)
- **Fully presented**, main thread update is either committed within deadline, or no main update was desired
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Normalized Dropped Frame UKM (and Perf HUD)

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Frame Rendering Stats (Live Viewer)

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Frame Rendering Stats (3 seconds rolling FPS)

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Frame Viewer in DevTools (Today)

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Frame Viewer in DevTools (Soon?)

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FPS in DevTools (based on interval of each frame update)

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Some fun demos

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- https://vsynctester.com/
- https://mmocny.github.io/canvas-worker-raf-fps-meter/
- https://propjockey.github.io/DOMinion-build-demo/index.html