

SESSION THIRTEEN  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023

# METADATA

# COMING UP

**11/21**

Metadata +  
Access

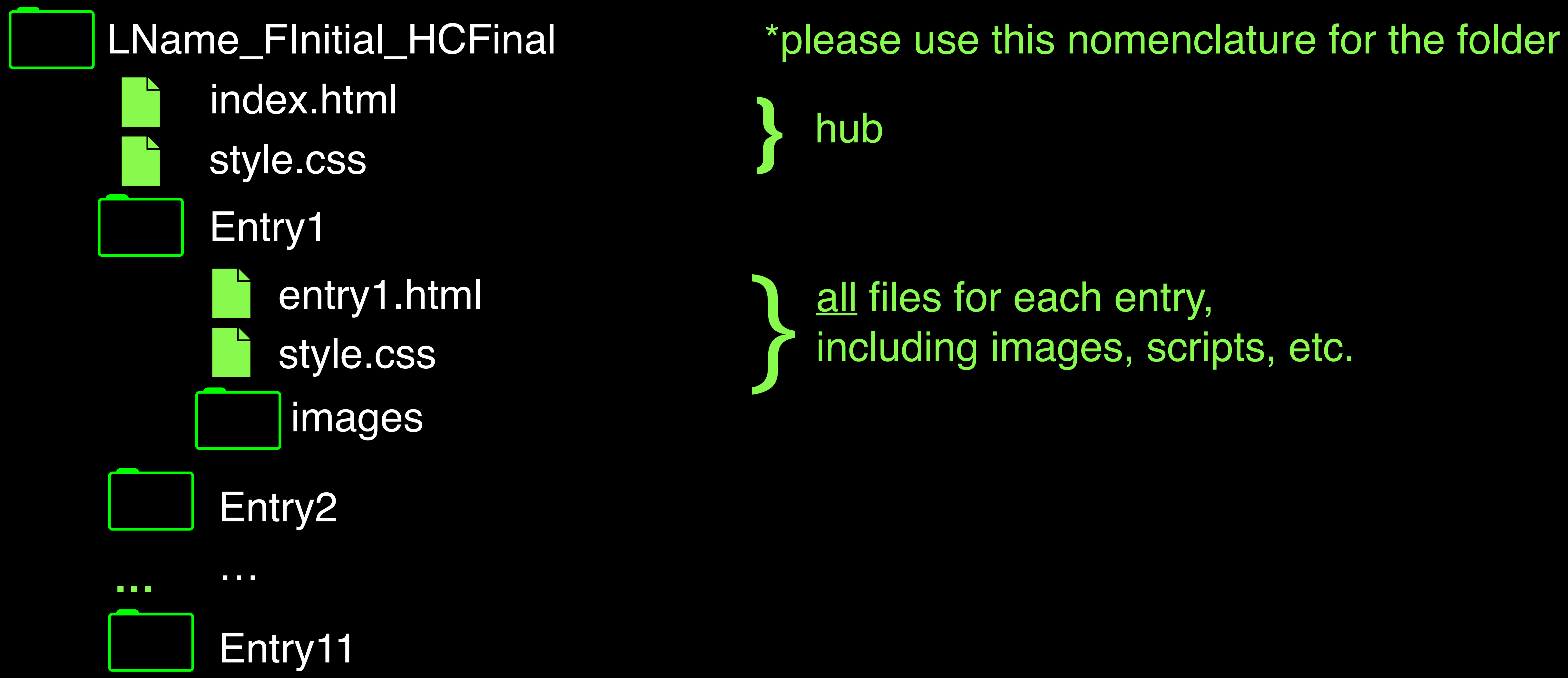
**11/28**

Review +  
Wrap Up

**12/5**

FINAL  
Critiques

# FINALS FILE STRUCTURE



# METADATA

We've talked a lot about building websites and webpages, but they exist in a broader context of the capital-w Web.

Today's lecture looks beyond the scope of this class to think about the networked web and practices for building websites that live beyond a school project.

# WHAT IS METADATA?

Literally, data **about** data.

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Metadata (broadly) is key for **discovery**.  
It is a system for describing aspects of an artifact, consistently,  
across a group of artifacts, for comparison and searching.

# WHAT IS METADATA?

REFERENCE

DESCRIPTIVE

STRUCTURAL

METADATA

ADMINISTRATIVE

LEGAL

STATISTICAL

# WHAT IS METADATA?

REFERENCE

DESCRIPTIVE

STRUCTURAL

METADATA

ADMINISTRATIVE

Management/permissions/authorship

LEGAL

STATISTICAL



# WHAT IS METADATA?

REFERENCE

DESCRIPTIVE  
Characteristics and content

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METADATA

ADMINISTRATIVE

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STATISTICAL

# WHAT IS METADATA?

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DESCRIPTIVE

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Technical information

METADATA

ADMINISTRATIVE

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STATISTICAL

# WHAT IS METADATA?

In our context, metadata will be largely functional or descriptive (e.g. UNICODE scheme or title of a webpage), and lives in the <head>

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Setting a title, setting the viewport, linking pages, alt-tags for images — —these are all types of metadata.

# BASIC METADATA WE HAVENT USED

```
<meta charset="UTF-8">
```

Sets the text encoding system for a webpage

```
<meta name="author" content="Your Name Here">
```

Defines the author of a webpage

```
<meta name="keywords" content="Parsons, New School">
```

Defines keywords to be indexed in a search engine

```
<meta name="description" content="My First Website">
```

Defines a high-level description for your website

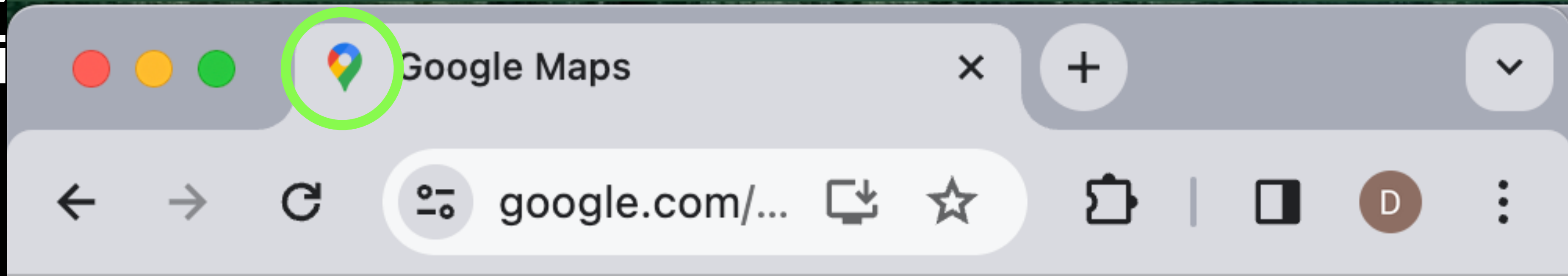
# FAVICONS

A *favicon* (‘favorite icon’) appears in a browser’s tabs, search history, and in some search engines. It can be a logo, a representative image, a silly icon.

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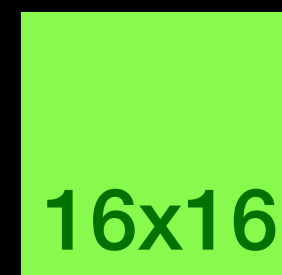


# FAVICONS

The best practice format for a favicon is an .ico (windows icon format). It is a package of discrete files—namely, the favicon image at 16x16, 32x32, and 64x64 px.

# FAVICONS

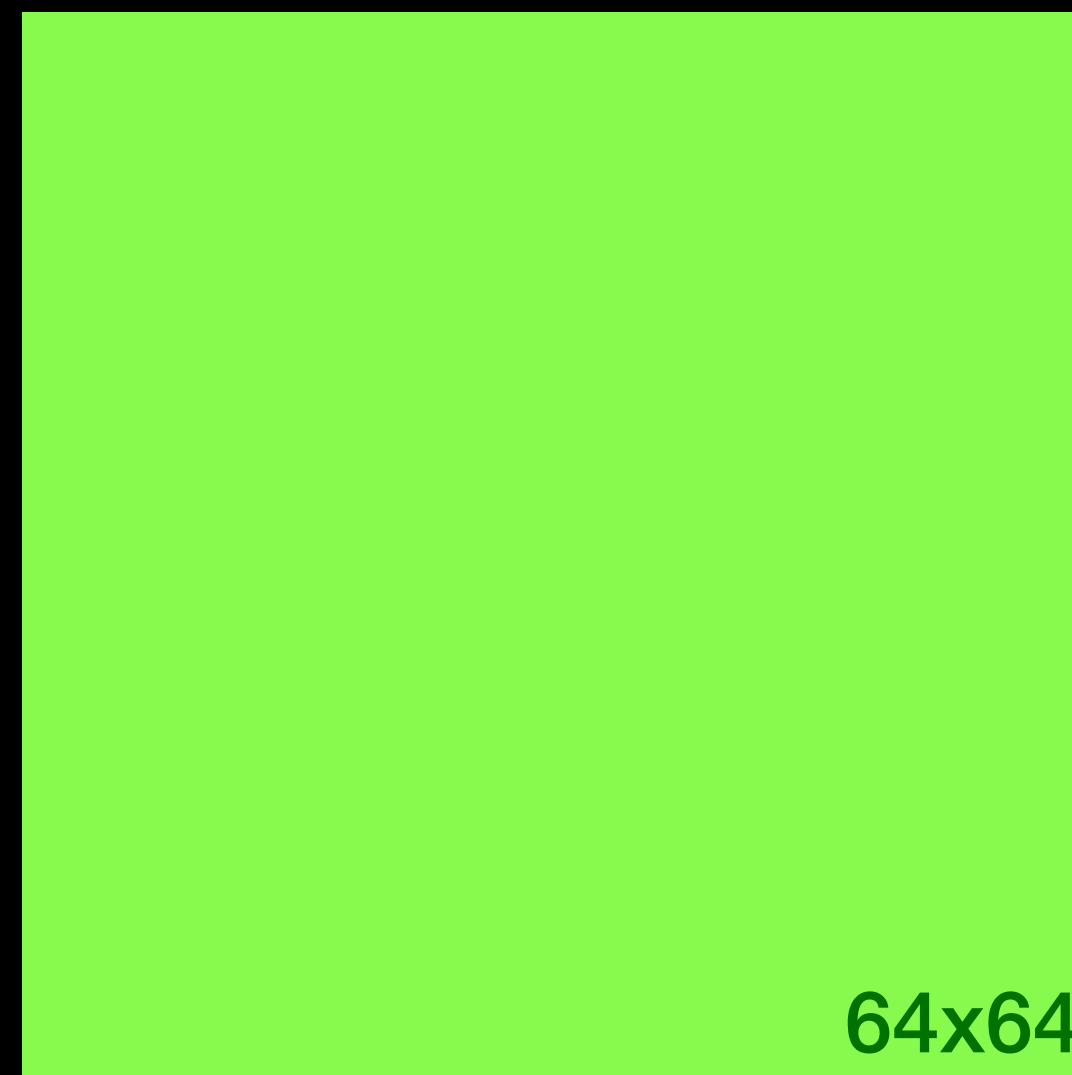
**favicon.ico**



16x16



32x32



64x64

**• png's**

# FAVICON

The three png's are then compressed (using a compressor like ImageMagick) into an .ico.

If you choose to do this, the command line code to compress the folder is:

```
convert 16.png 32.png 64.png -compress zip favicon.ico
```

# FAVICONS

We're just going to use single png's (although if you'd like to go all the way, please do!).

The favicon, like all metadata, is linked in the head.

```
<head>
  <title>Typography and Interaction</title>
  <link href="/assets/favicon.png" rel="icon" >
  <!-- if you do an .ico...
  <link href="/assets/favicon.ico" rel="icon" sizes="any">
  -->
</head>
```

# SVGs

Chrome supports svg's as a favicon format (**safari does not**)—which solves any scaling problem elegantly.

# SVGs

SVGs also allow for dark- and light-mode toggles (see our responsiveness lecture).

```
<svg viewBox="0 0 16 16" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">  
  <style>  
    #ampersand { fill: #000000; }  
  
    @media (prefers-color-scheme: dark) {  
      #ampersand { fill: #ffffff; }  
    }  
  </style>  
  <path id="ampersand" d="M10.388 6.015h3.199v.282c-.442.035-.77.134-.983.297-.208.157-.535.64-.982 1.447-.447.807-.95 1.561-1.508 2.262.452.528.855.899 1.508 1.447  
</svg>
```

## & Sample Website

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# APPLE-TOUCH-ICON:

When the iPhone (and mobile browsing) emerged in 2007, a new set of tags for **webpage icons** came into being.

These are now commonly called **touch icons**.

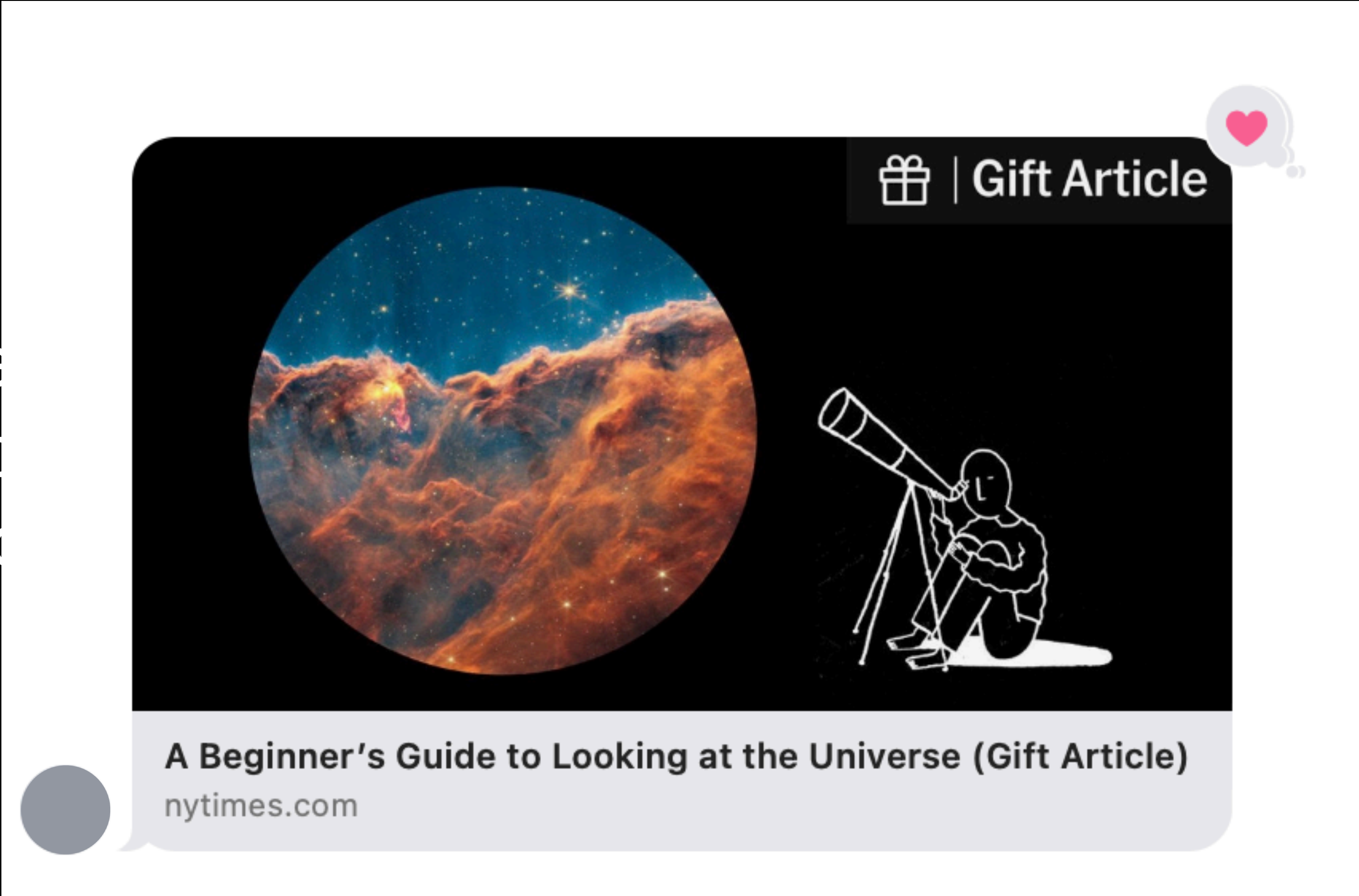
# APPLE-TOUCH-ICON:

This is the icon that's visible in your bookmarked webpages on the home screen, in your frequently-visited lists, and in the cards you share when you send a link to someone.



# APPLE-TOUCH-ICON:

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# APPLE-TOUCH-ICON:

A touch icon should be 256x256 pixels, and needs an opaque background.

```
<link href="/assets/touch.png" rel="apple-touch-icon">
```

# OPEN GRAPH

Social media brought importance and proliferation to *sharing* web content. Facebook (now *meta*) developed the Open Graph Protocol, which has become the standard for additional metadata that's pertinent to sharing.


# OPEN GRAPH: IMAGE

Beyond favicons and touch icons, you can specify images to display when sharing, generally on the **page** level. This could be used for news articles or posts, a profile picture when you link a social media profile, etc.

These typically show when a card is shared on a social media platform or in a messenger app (e.g. slack).




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Alexandra Price, Brandon Shields and 5 other connections

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Salesforce


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Today's top sales leaders know these 5 things can drive growth and boost productivity. Discover the secrets of successful sales for yourself.



Want the 5 secrets to sales productivity?  
Hint: It's all about data visibility.



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5 Productive Things Successful Sales People Do

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# OPEN GRAPH: IMAGE

```
<meta content="cookie-cutter.jpg" property="og:image">
```

(og = open graph)

# OPEN GRAPH: IMAGE

```
<meta content="cookie-cutter.jpg" property="og:image">  
<meta content="A six-sided, cubed, metal cookie cutter."  
      property="og:image:alt">  
      (og = open graph)
```


# OPEN GRAPH: TITLE/DESCRIPTION

Open Graph also has title & description properties. These may be redundant against our existing meta tags. The format is the same, essentially, as a typical meta tag except 'name' becomes 'property'

```
<meta property="description" content="My First Website">
```



# OPEN GRAPH: TITLE/DESCRIPTION



The New School

<https://www.newschool.edu>

## The New School: A University in New York City

At The **New School**, your intellectual and creative journey moves seamlessly between the classroom and the city of New York. Discover a community that will ...

# OPEN GRAPH: TITLE/DESCRIPTION

favicon

domain title



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page title


description

# OPEN GRAPH: AV

Open graph also allows you to embed a video (or sound) as your card on share. This is how YouTube videos can play in a text, for instance.

# OPEN GRAPH: AV

Open graph  
your card



Perdón. ¿Estás cantando una canción de Paris Hilton?

Scene from the Paris Hiltos song at the drugstore,  
Promising Young Woman / Escena de la farmacia

youtube.com

(sound) as  
can play in



# OPEN GRAPH: AV

```
<meta property="og:video" content="https://example.com/  
movie.swf" />
```

```
<meta property="og:audio" content="https://example.com/  
sound.mp3" />
```

# THEME COLOR

Lastly, a recent update: You can now specify a ‘theme-color’ which is used (by some browsers) (sometimes) to adjust the UI **around** the page.

# THEME COLOR

```
<meta content="blue" name="theme-color">
```

# THEME COLOR

Safari, as an example, will often try to guess a color to use from your `<body>` style; but it's good to specify it (especially if it may matter for your design).



# THEME COLOR

```
<meta content="red"
name="theme-color">
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```
<meta content="black"
name="theme-color">
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# IFRAMES

One other thing! We touched on iFrames with p5.

# IFRAMES

An iframe is an html element that nests another website to display on your page— a bit like picture in picture.

# IFRAMES

```
<iframe
  id="inlineFrameExample"
  title="Inline Frame Example"
  width="300"
  height="200"

  src="http://othersite.com">
</iframe>
```



# IFRAMES

The iframe can be styled with css, like any other inline element.



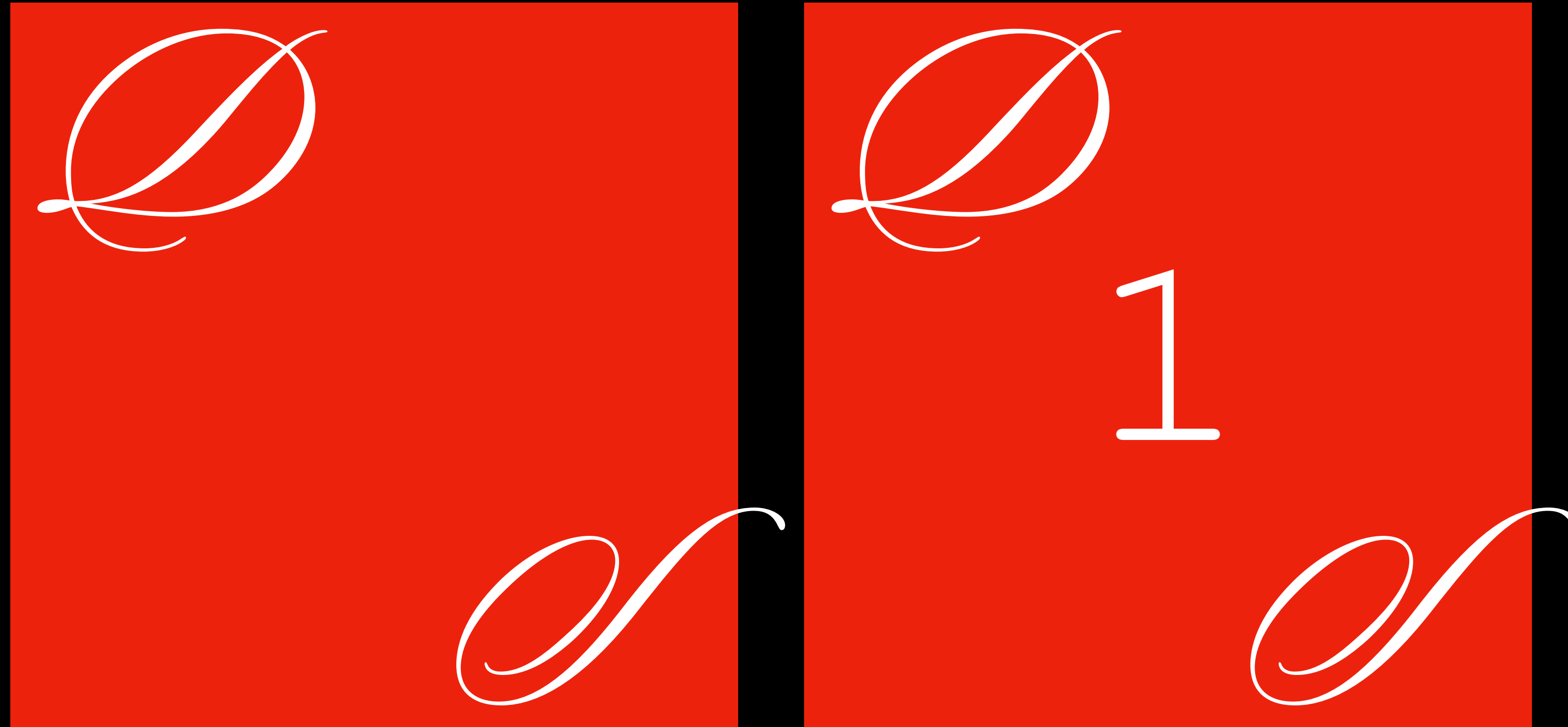
# EXERCISE:

Start developing a favicon for your website;  
if you have one, design an alternate.

It can be one image about you or your theme,  
or perhaps a system of favicons that indicate the  
individual entries.

If you finish that, think about what other metadata makes  
sense for your webpages (the entries and the hub)

# EXERCISE:



# NEXT WEEK:

You should have **ALL ELEVEN ENTRIES** done next week!  
We'll be doing peer-to-peer critique and last minute Q+A /  
studio time as you prepare for our final critique on 12-5.



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THANK YOU