Initial Build Notes (11.14)

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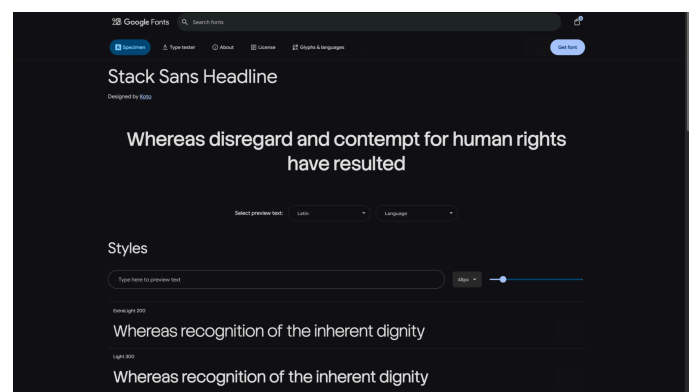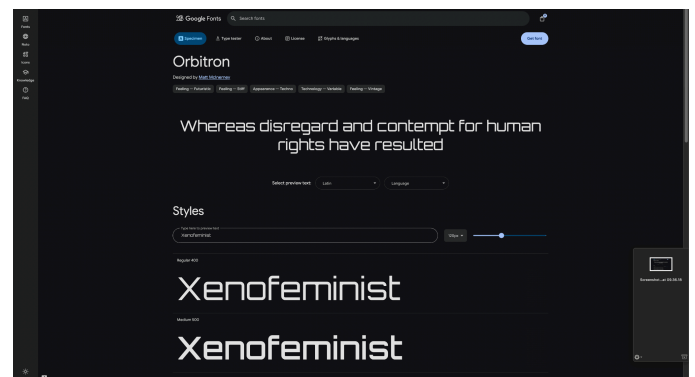
Website: Xenofeminist Manifesto Microsite

- **Visual & effects (initial reactions)**
    - I love the glitchy animation applied to the "Xenofeminist Manifesto" title—really reinforces the futurist theme
    - The image selection feels cohesive and memorable; great choices overall
    - The grid background overlay works well and gives everything a technical, engineered feel.
    - Text is very legible, and the rounded corners + dark gray borders on the text boxes add a clean, modern touch.

- **Font choices**
    - It may be worth exploring different font choices for all titles and headings to better differentiate them from the body text. I thought this especially when looking at the "XF" logo—it feels like it could have more personality.
        - A few direction ideas to test out:
            - Orbitron (techno / futurist, Google Fonts)
            - Stack Sans Headline (curated display font)
            - A modern serif could also be interesting, since xenofeminism has academic roots.

- **Structure & Hierarchy**
    - Overall, the layout is very easy to follow.
    - Consider moving "Core Tenets" before "Evolution," since the tenets are overarching principles that frame the rest of the content.
    - The buttons in the Evolution section could use a bit more visual distinction from the non-interactive text boxes (e.g., a brighter border) to suggest interactivity earlier—but the hover "levitation" effect is a great detail.

- **Content**
    - In the Evolution section, adding a brief description beneath each button would help explain what each entry represents and why it's significant to XF before the user clicks out to Wikipedia.
    - Consider adding a small image or icon next to each item (e.g., a portrait of Sadie Plant) to provide additional context.
    - For the first section header, something like "What is Xenofeminism (XF)?" may help orient users unfamiliar with the acronym.
    - At this stage of the site, it might be a good idea to use "Xenofeminism" consistently rather than "Cyberfeminism," since they're often used interchangeably. Or add a brief clarification in the intro, such as:
        - *"Xenofeminism (also known as cyberfeminism) is a range of themes, art practices, and political movements…"*

- **Technical**
    - URLs:
        - The last two timeline buttons didn't work when I tested them: "First Cyberfeminist International" links to a missing Wikipedia page, and the final item also links incorrectly—this may be the correct one:

          https://laboriacuboniks.net/manifesto/

    - Responsiveness:
        - Not urgent for an early build, but images compress horizontally on smaller screens.
        - I also noticed a "Subscribe" button that appears only at smaller screen widths.