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Reproducible research is still a challenge

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<https://ropensci.org/blog/2014/06/09/reproducibility>

why is this still hard?

complexity

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tooling

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incentives + motivation

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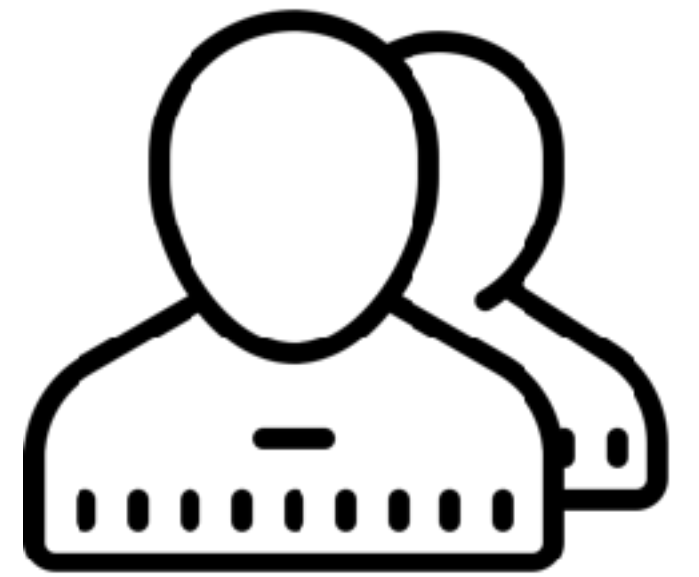
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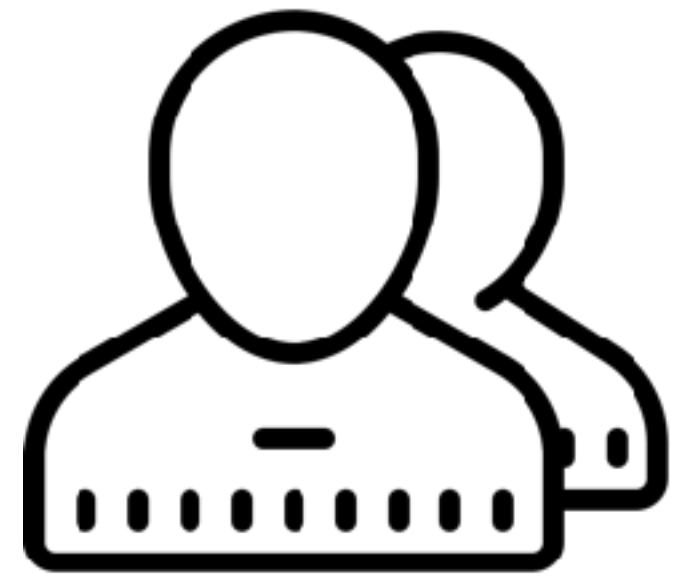
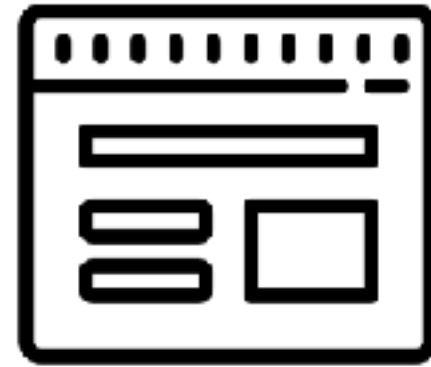
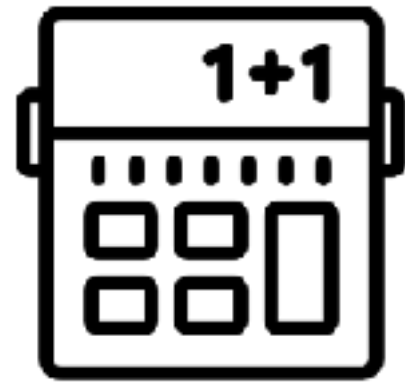


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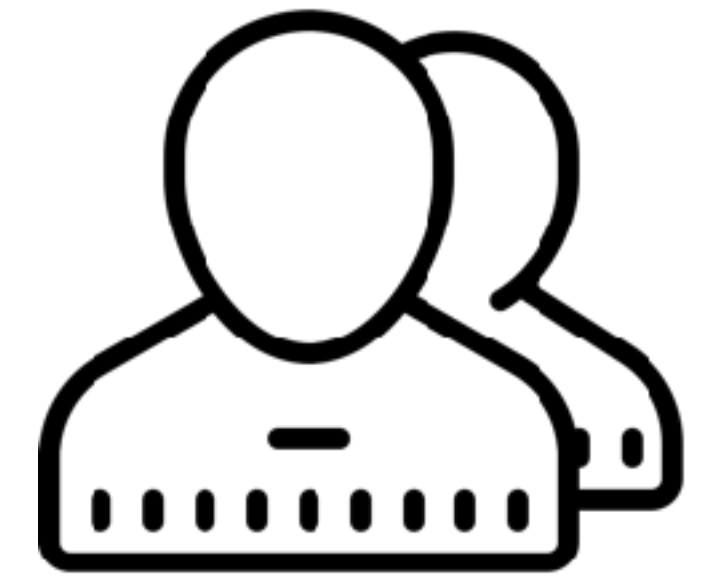
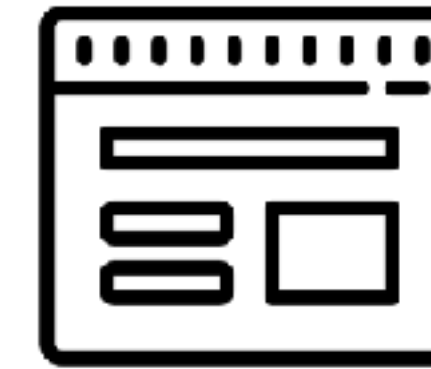
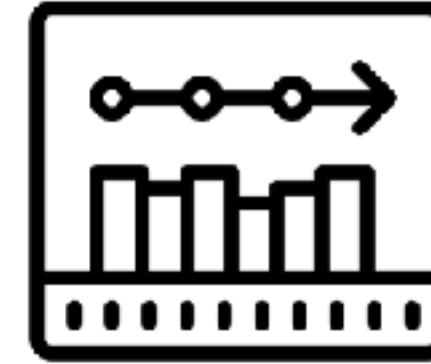
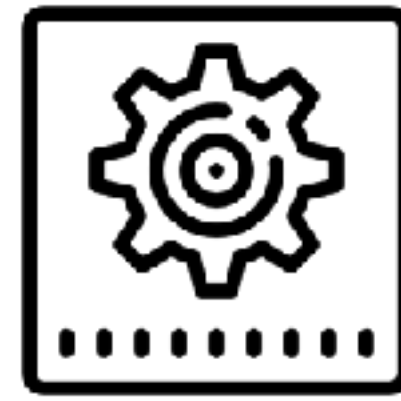
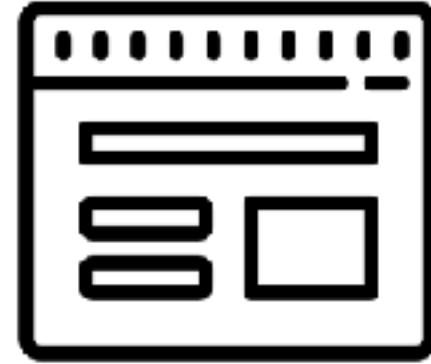
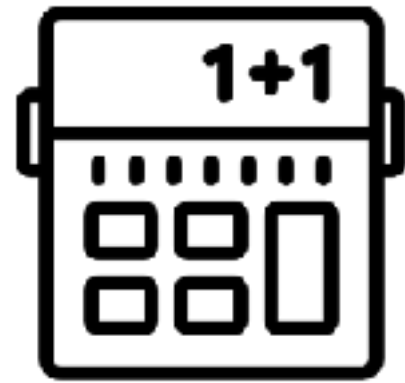
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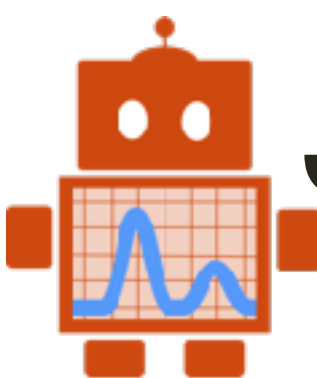
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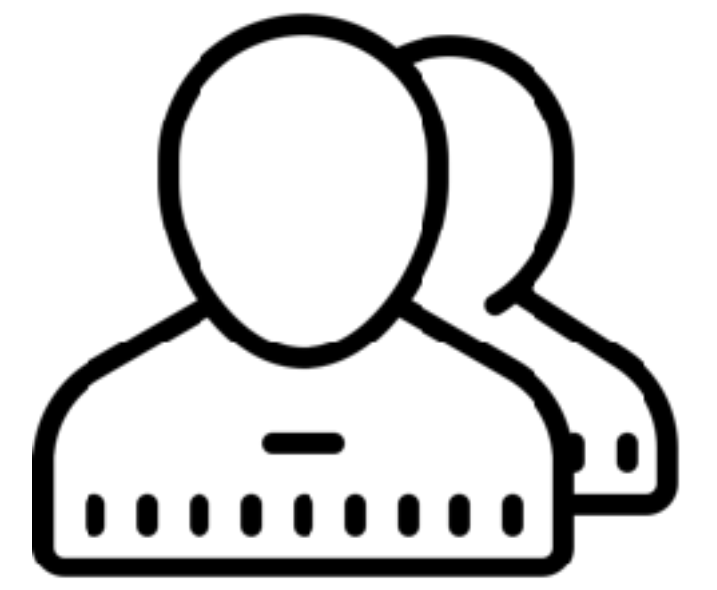
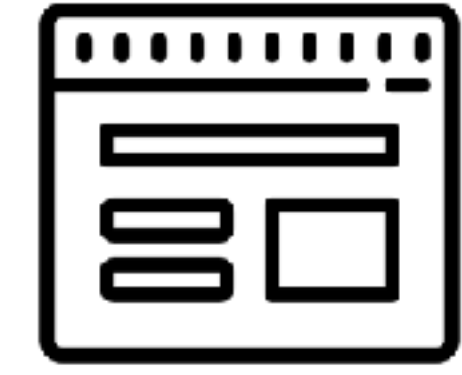
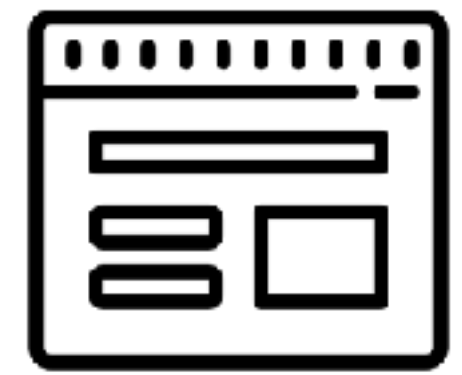
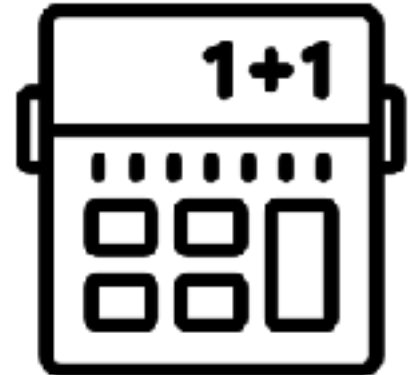


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Knit Insert Run

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3 output: html_document
4 ---
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6 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}
7 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
8 ```
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10 ## R Markdown
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12 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting
13 syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more
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18 embedded R code chunks within the document. You can embed an R
19 code chunk like this:
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22 summary(cars)
23 ```
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25 ## Including Plots
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27 You can also embed plots, for example:
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30 plot(pressure)
31 ```
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33 Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code
34 chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the
35 plot.

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R Markdown ↕

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Example

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## 1st Qu.:12.0    1st Qu.: 26.00
## Median :15.0    Median : 36.00
## Mean   :15.4    Mean   : 42.98
## 3rd Qu.:19.0    3rd Qu.: 56.00
## Max.   :25.0    Max.   :120.00
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How to draw an Owl.

"A fun and creative guide for beginners"

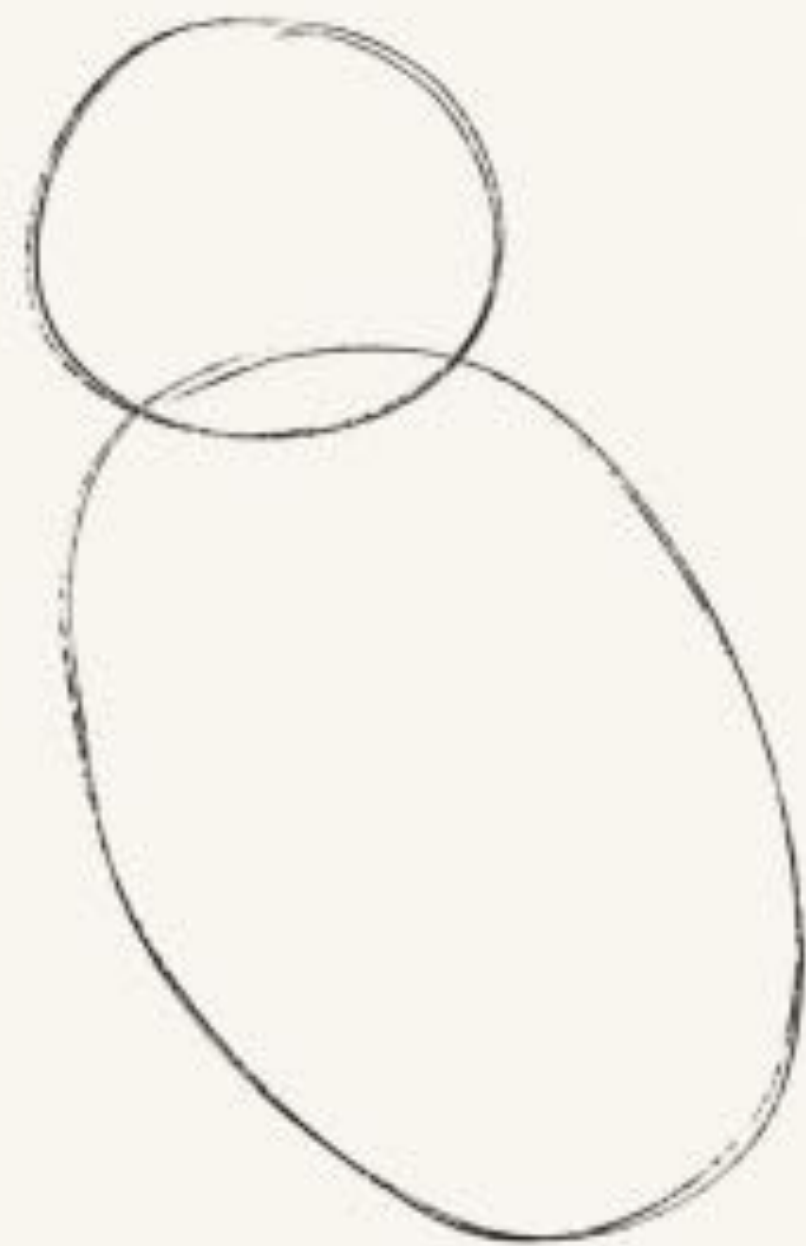
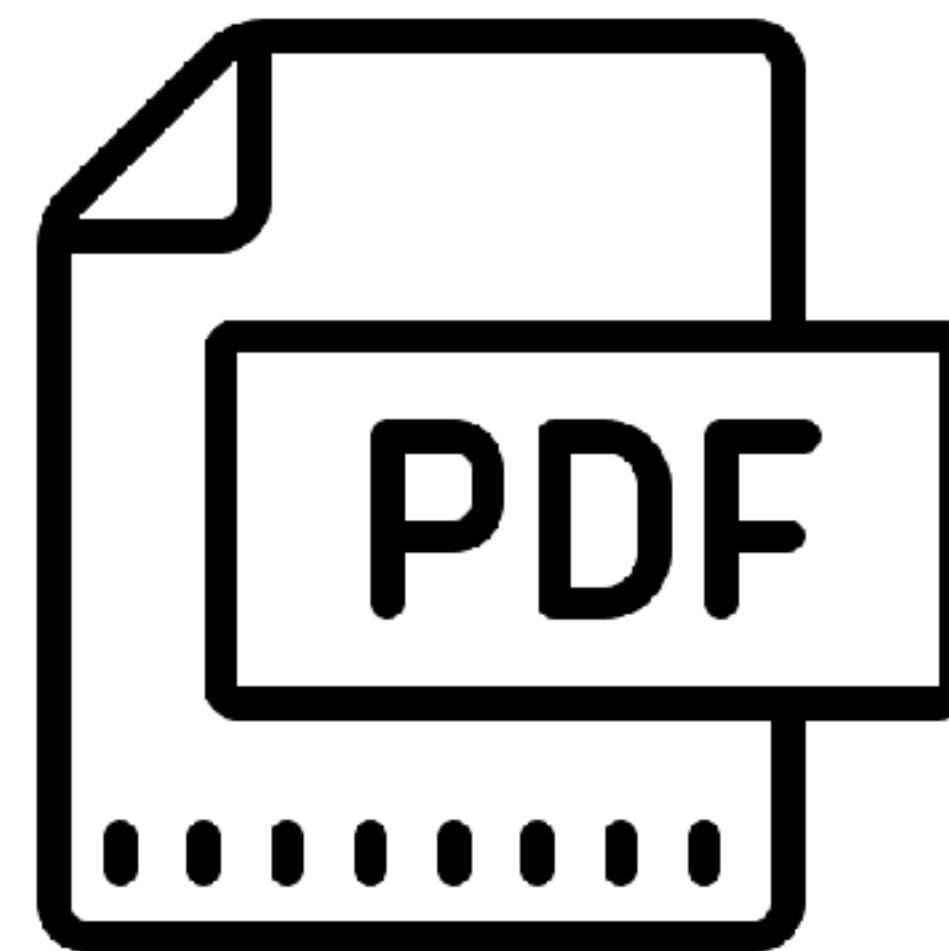
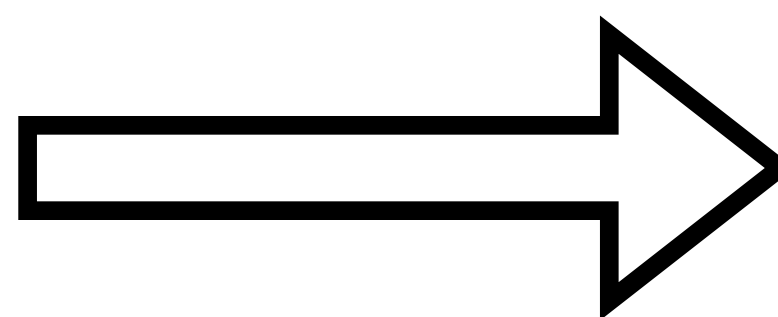
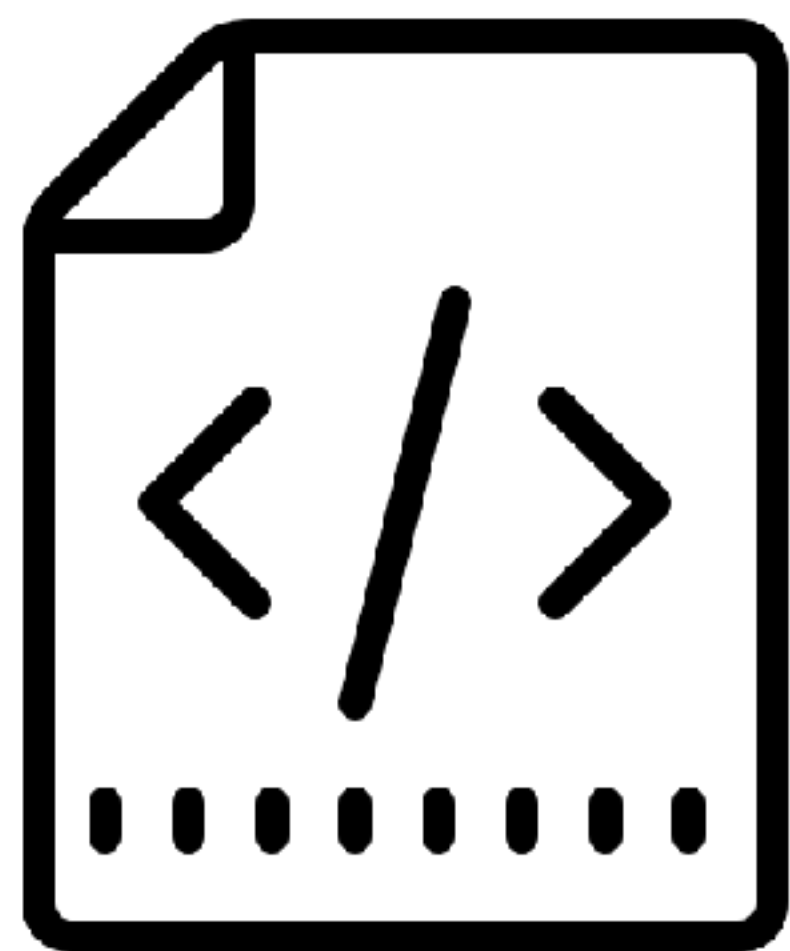
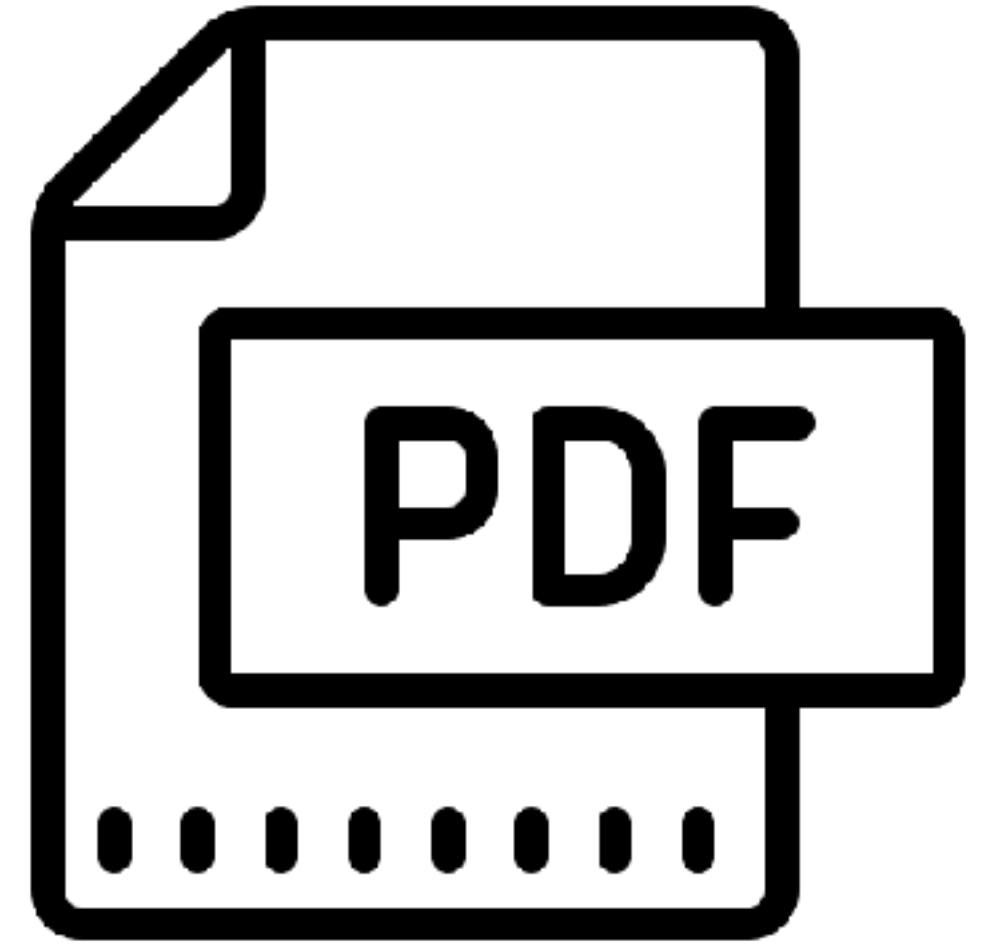
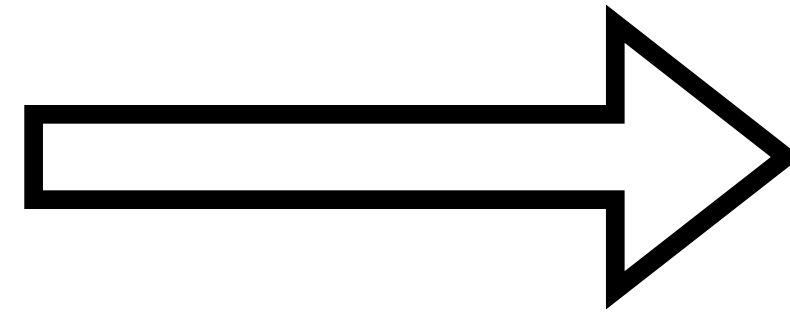
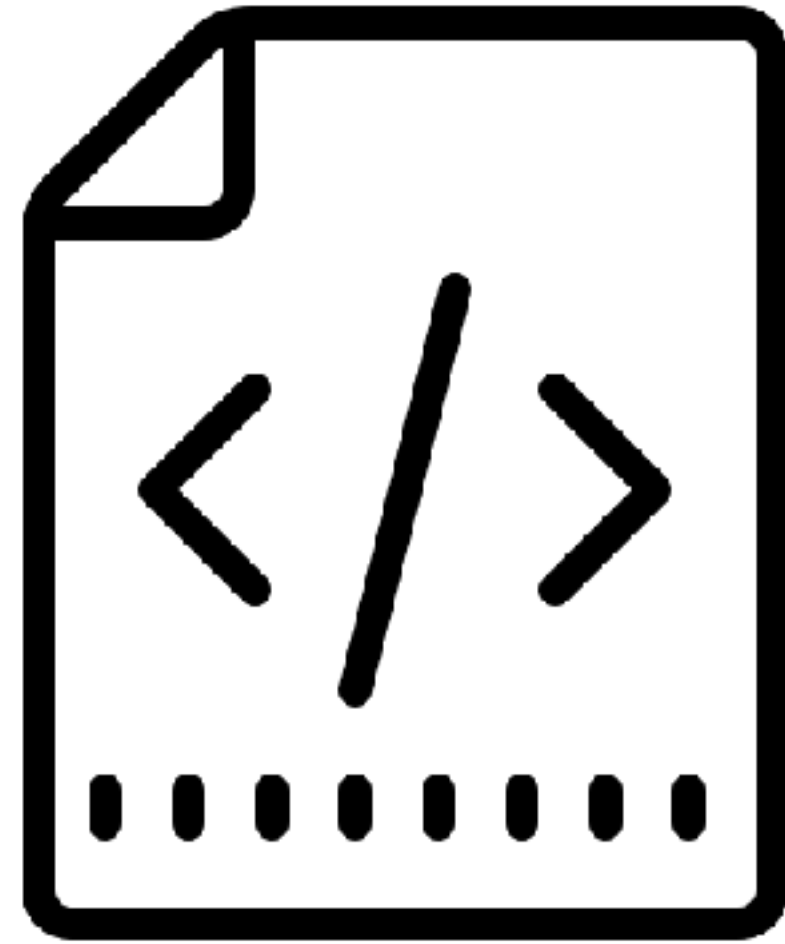
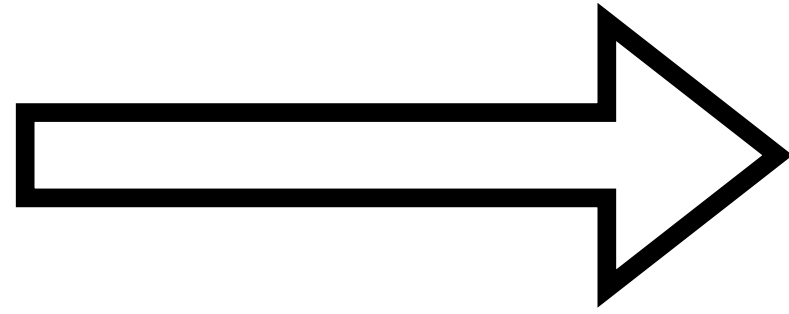


Fig 1. Draw two circles



Fig 2. Draw the rest of the damn Owl





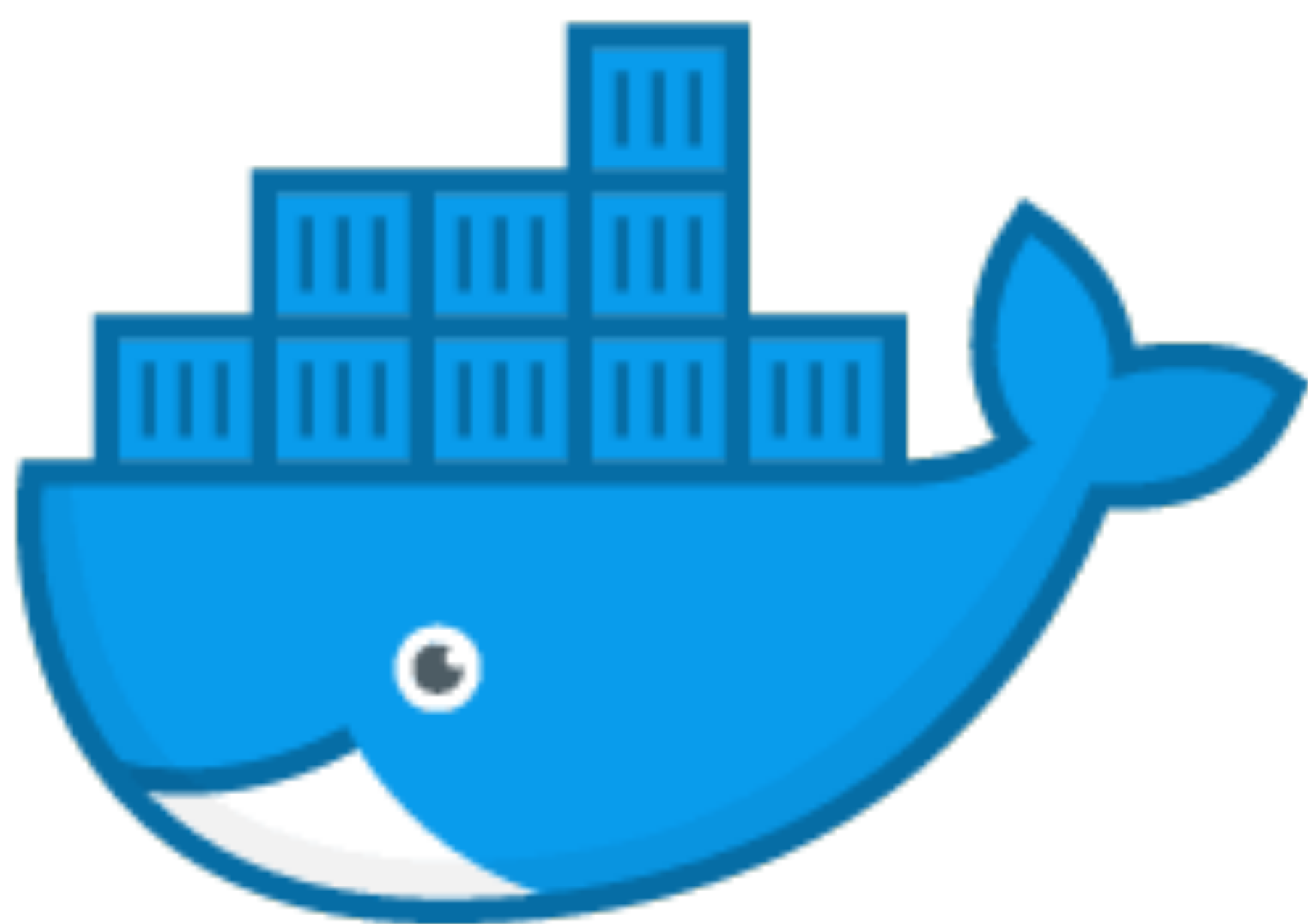


drake

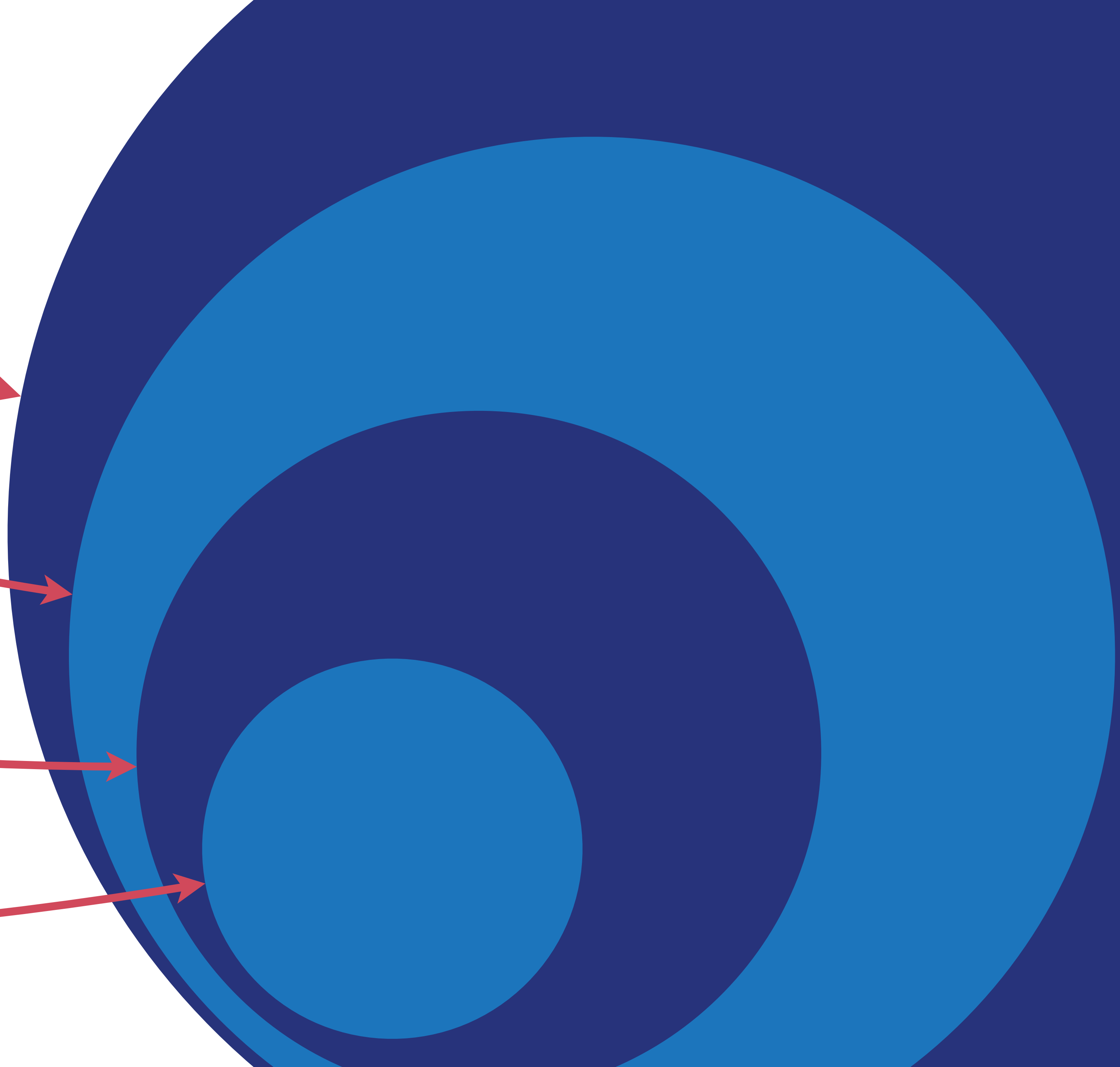
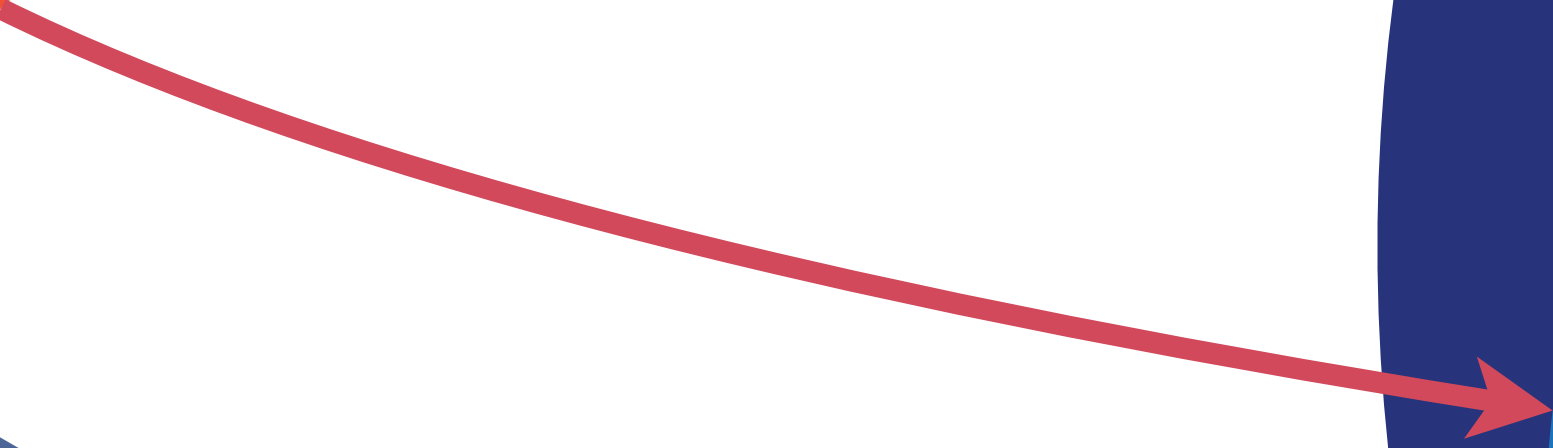
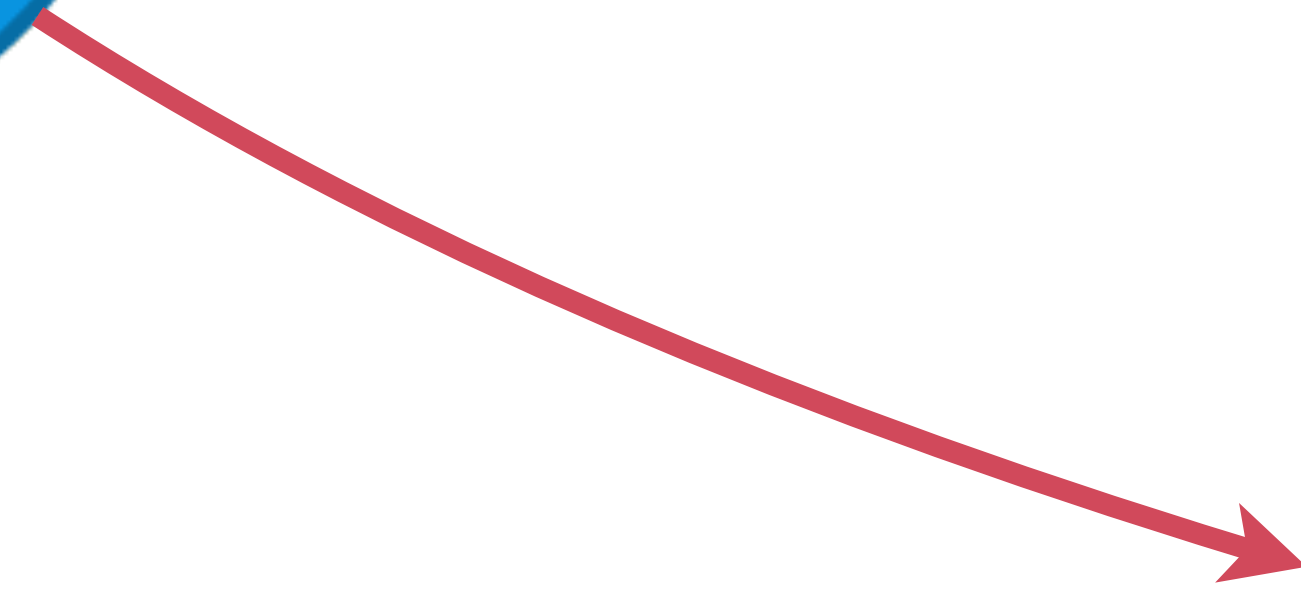
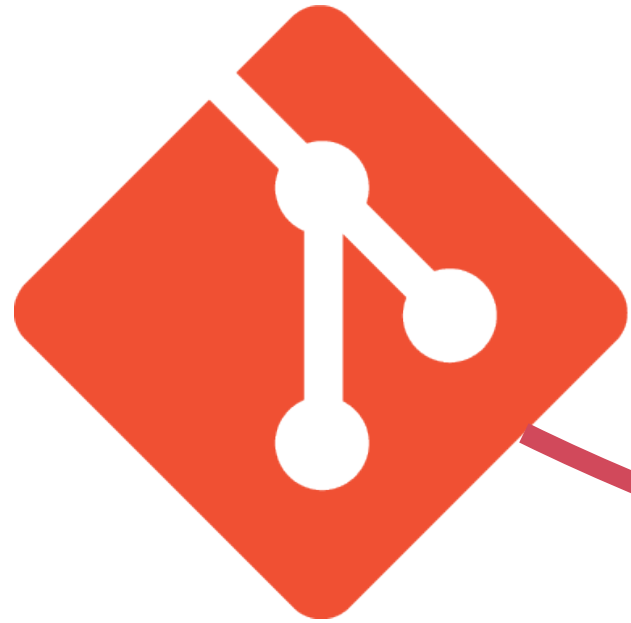
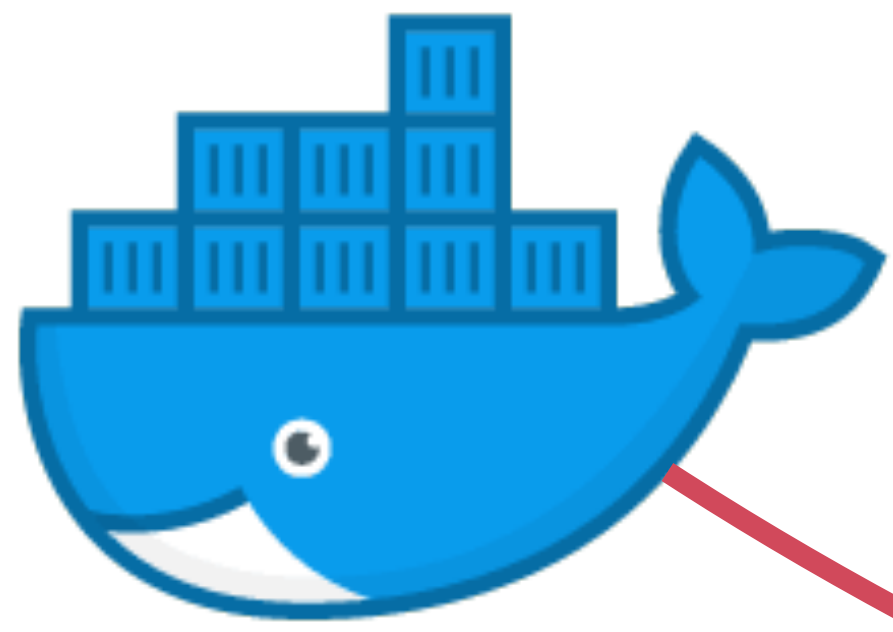
github.com/opensci/drake



git



docker





Go To Statement Considered Harmful

Key Words and Phrases: go to statement, jump instruction, branch instruction, conditional clause, alternative clause, repetitive clause, program intelligibility, program sequencing

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EDITOR:

For a number of years I have been familiar with the observation that the quality of programmers is a decreasing function of the density of **go to** statements in the programs they produce. More recently I discovered why the use of the **go to** statement has such disastrous effects, and I became convinced that the **go to** statement should be abolished from all "higher level" programming languages (i.e. everything except, perhaps, plain machine code).

```
add <- function(a, b) {  
  a + b  
}
```

```
expect_equal(  
  add(1, 3),  
  4)
```

#' @param a,b inputs

#' @return the sum

#' @export

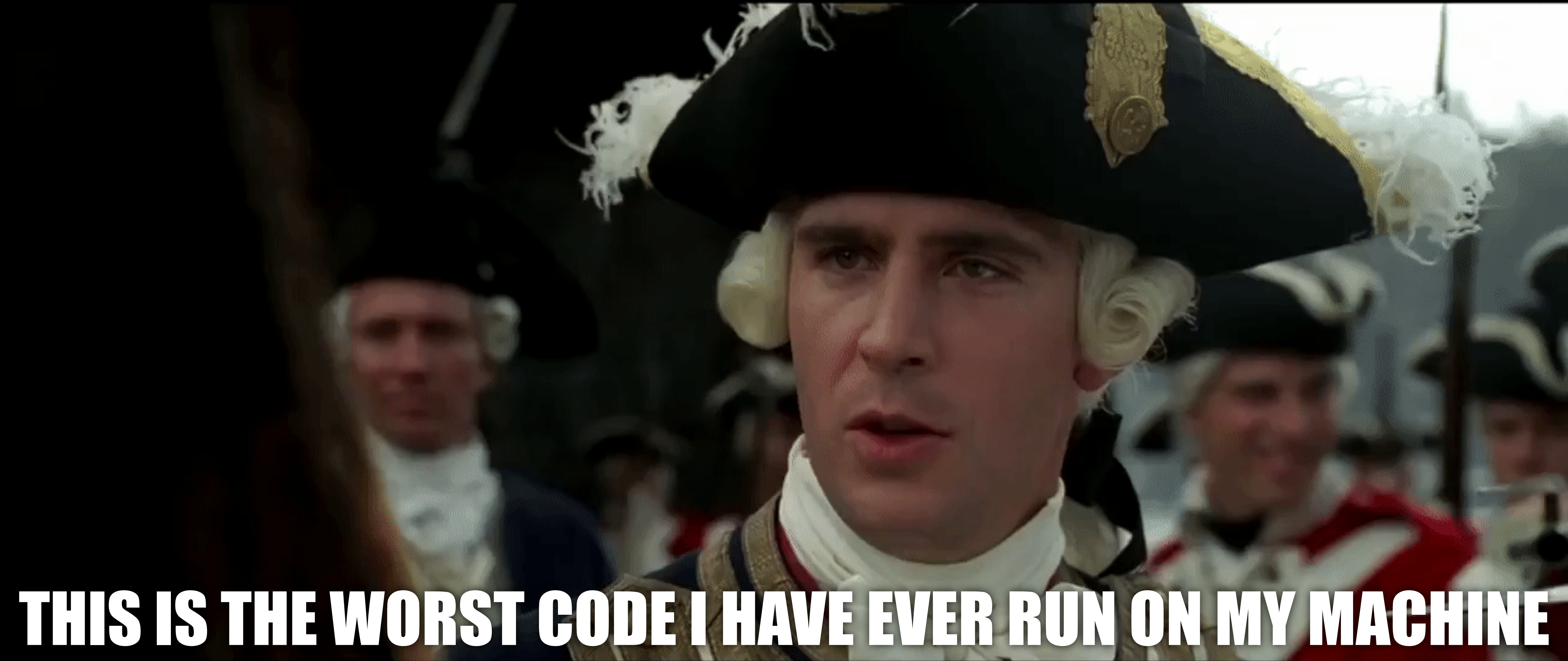
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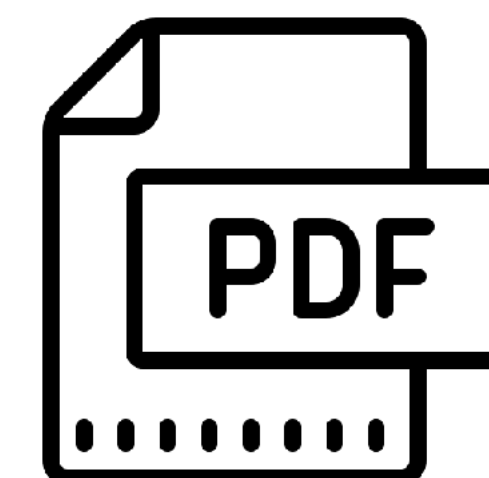
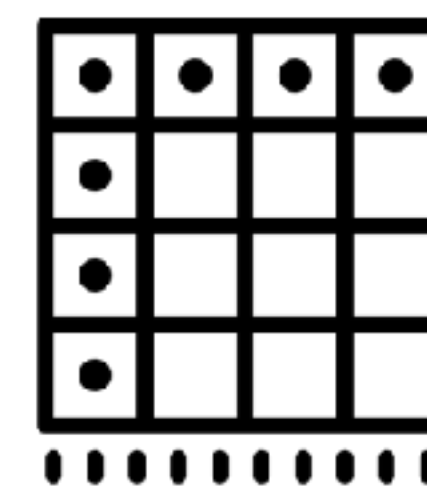
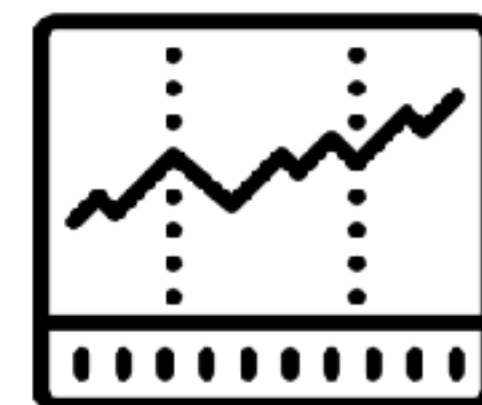
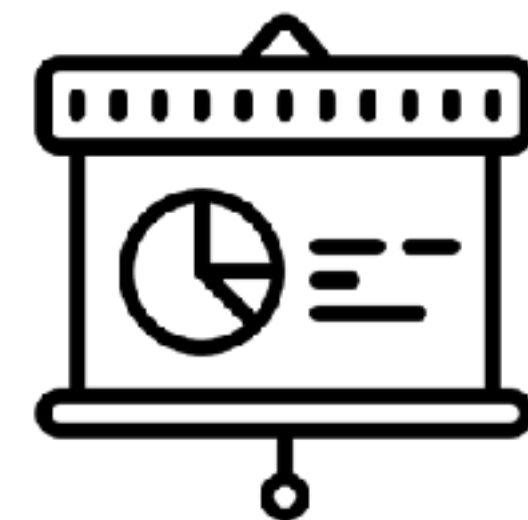
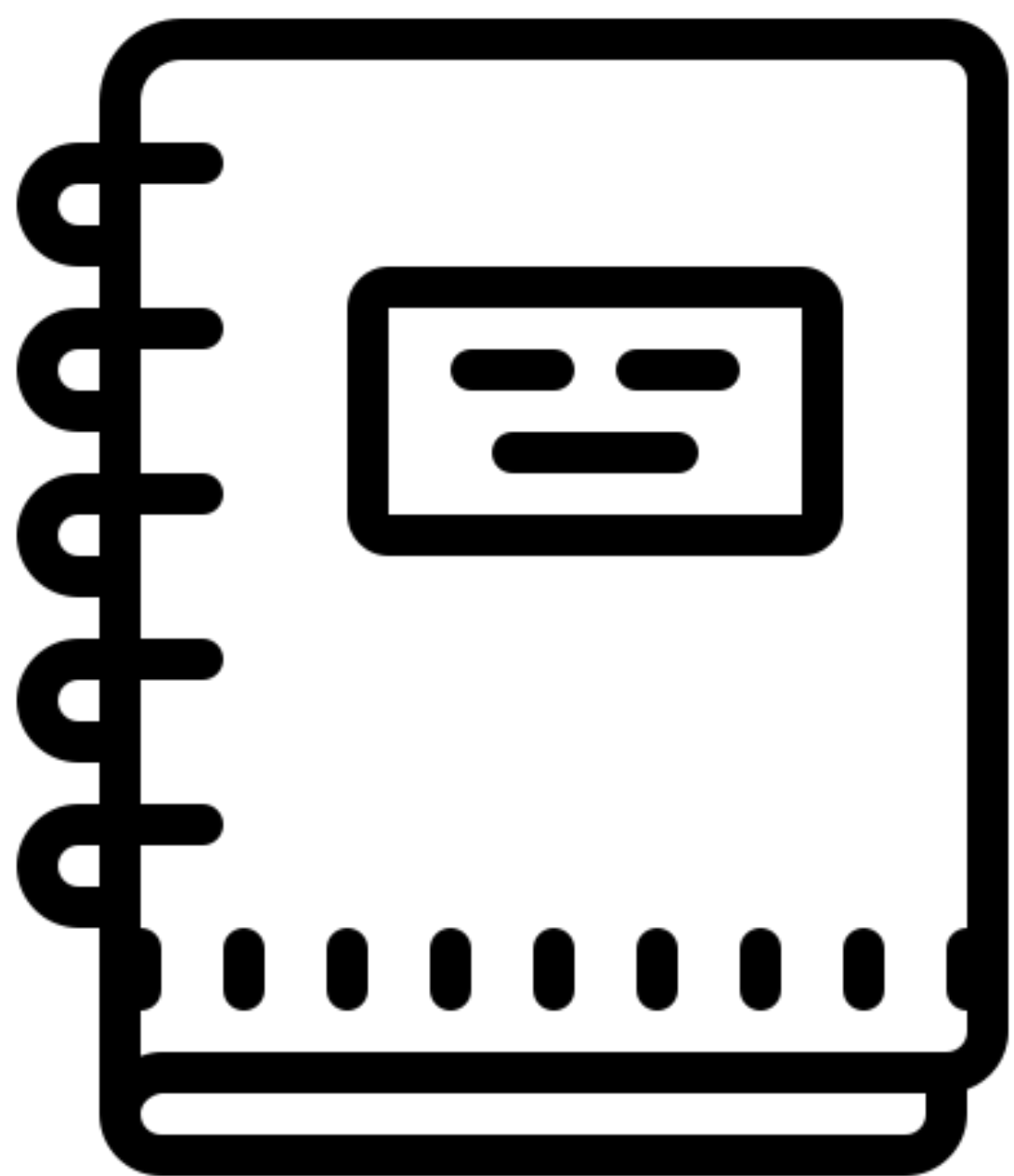
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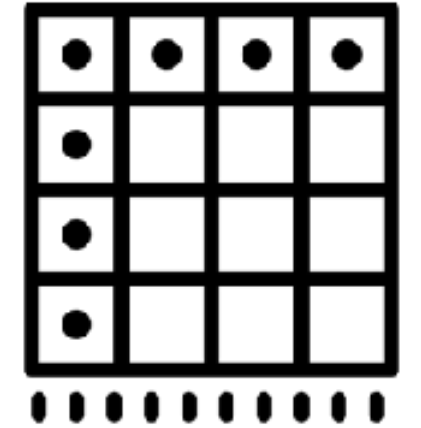
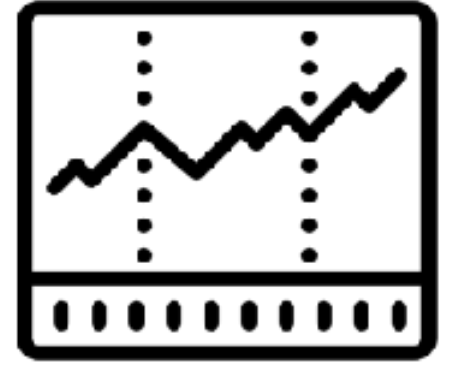
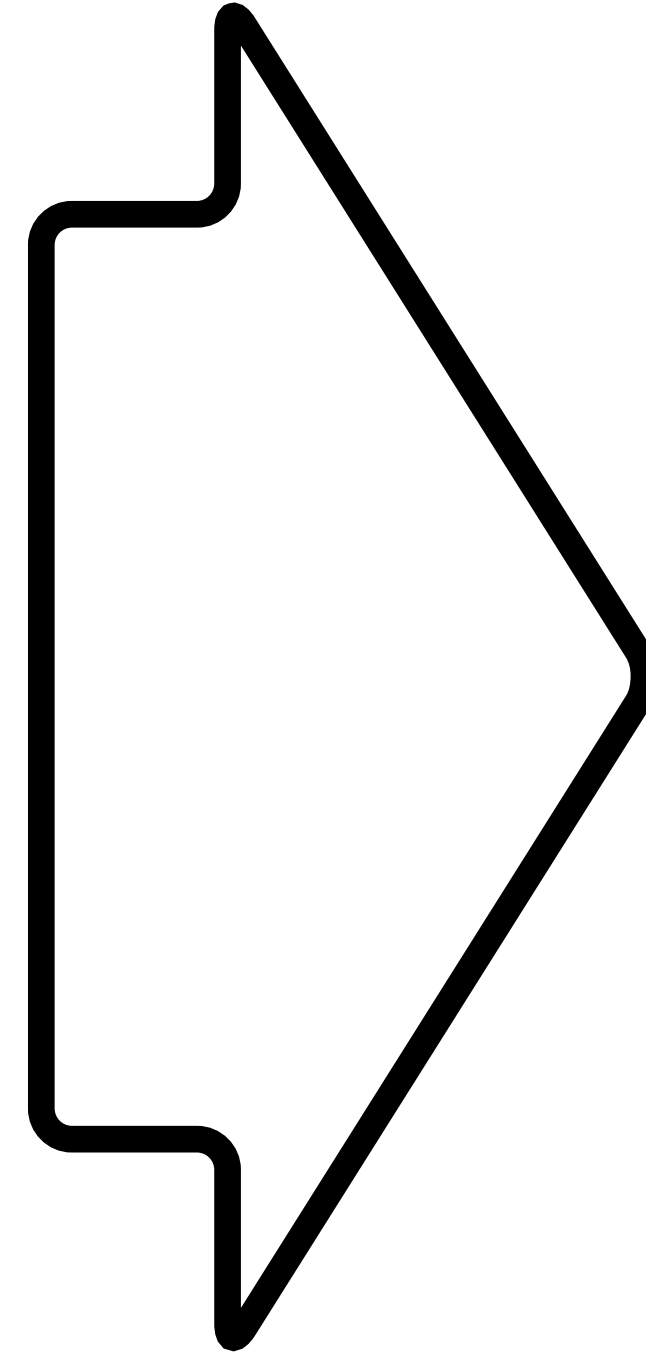
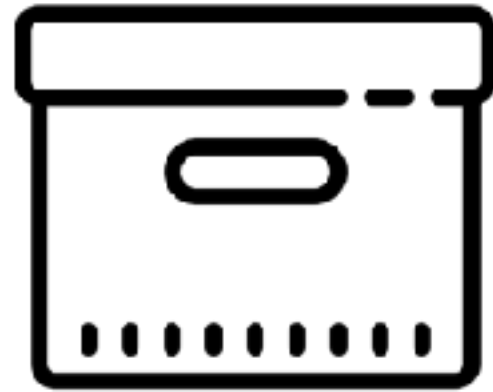
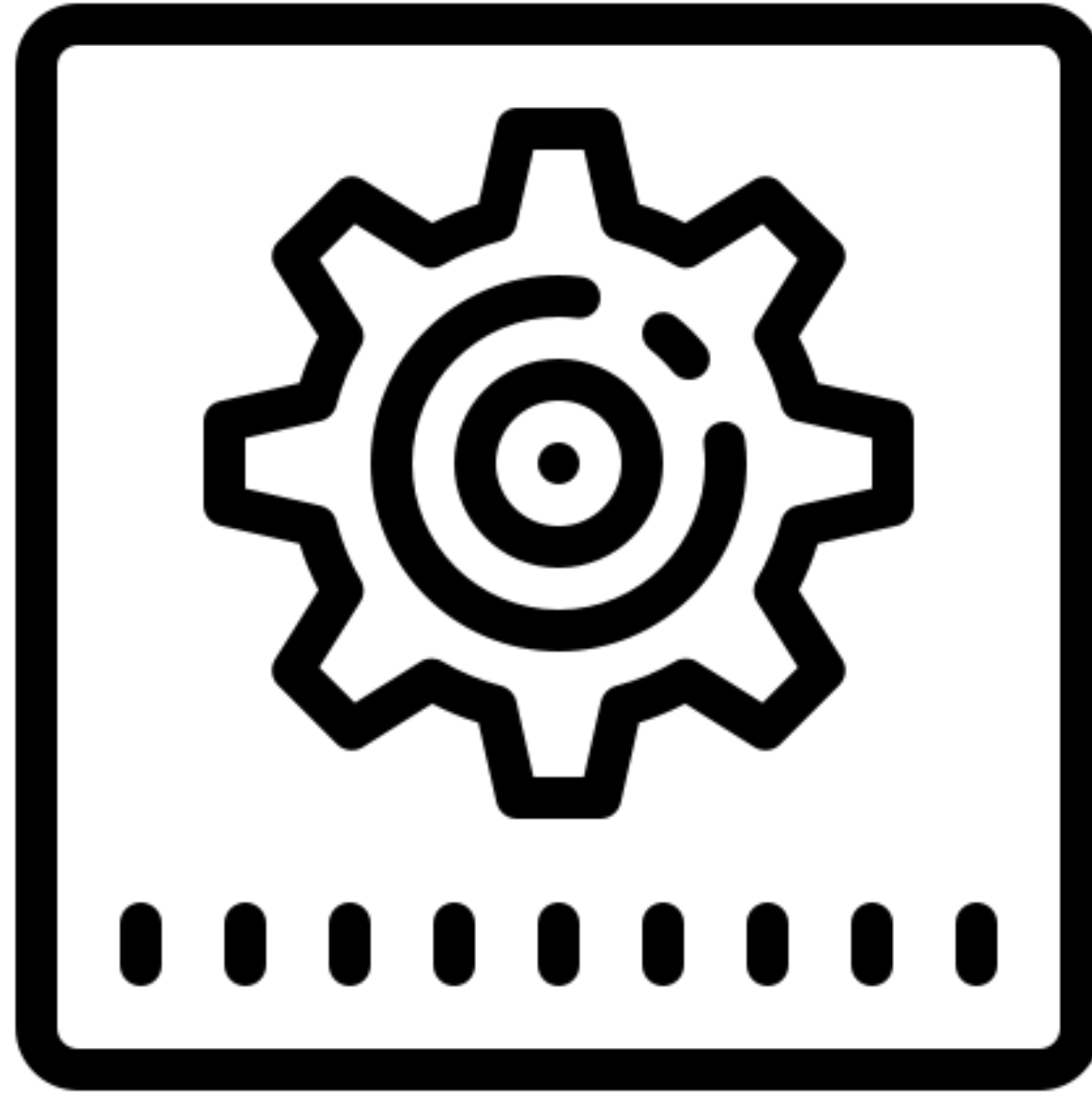
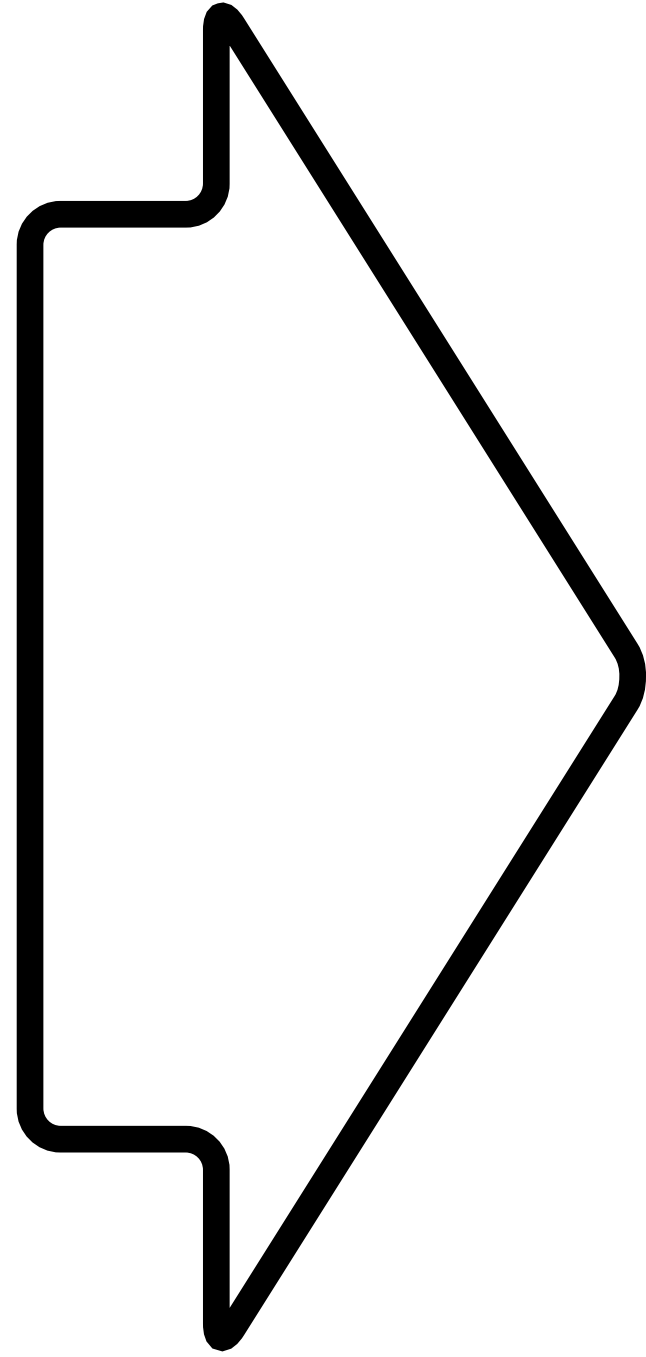
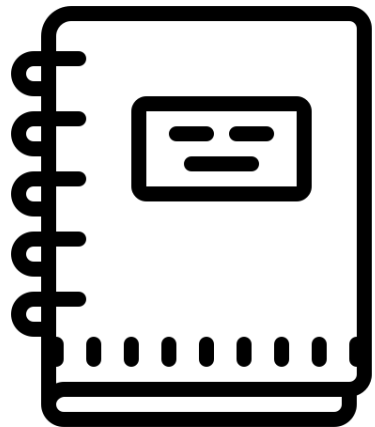


THIS IS THE WORST CODE I HAVE EVER RUN ON MY MACHINE

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orderly

<https://github.com/vimc/orderly>

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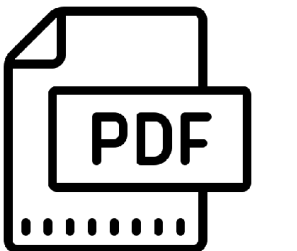
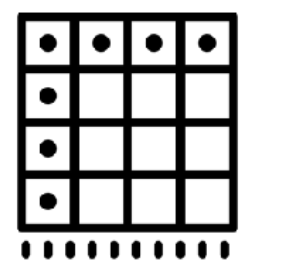
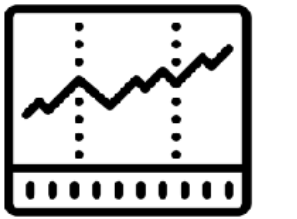
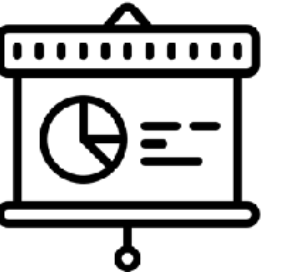
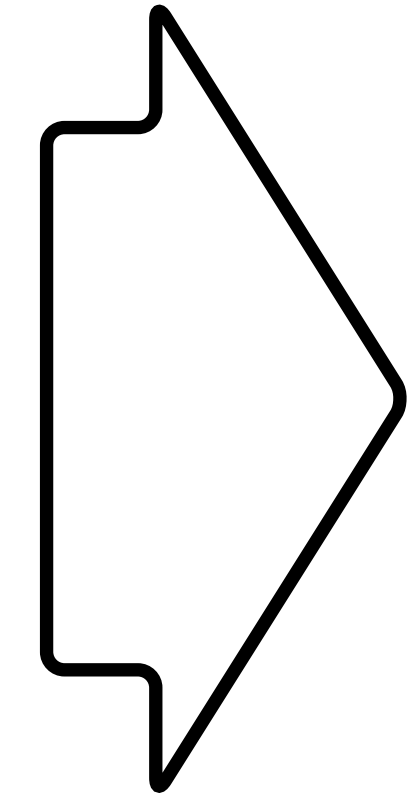
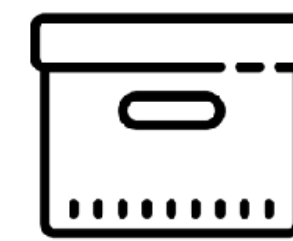
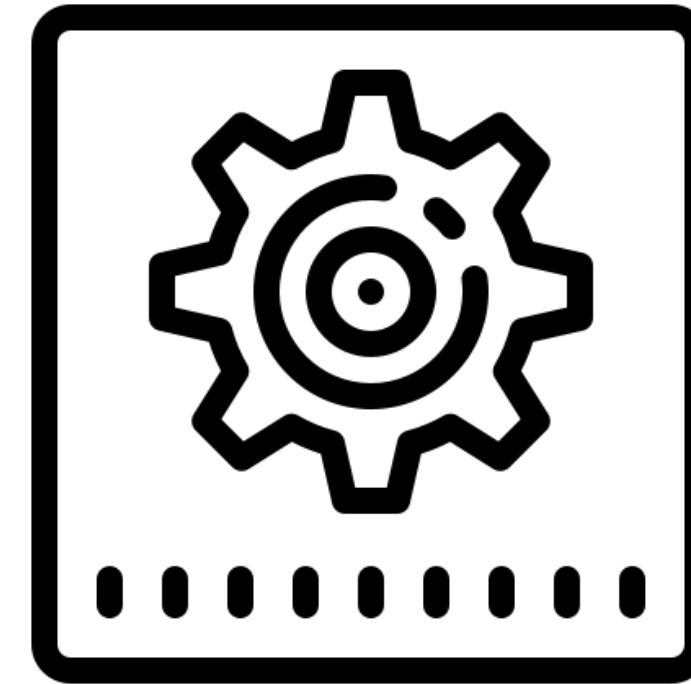
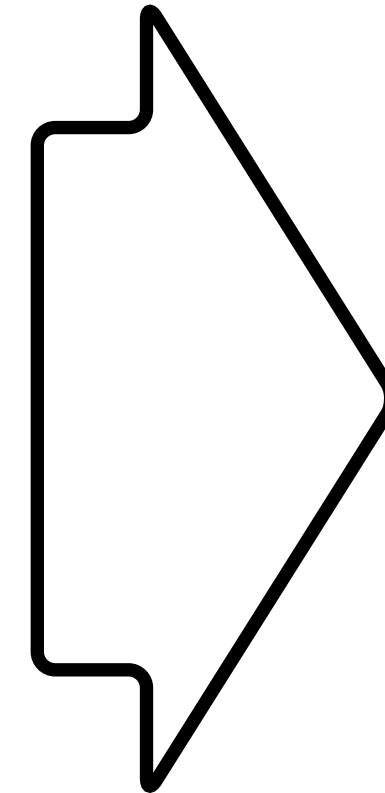
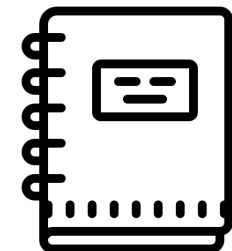
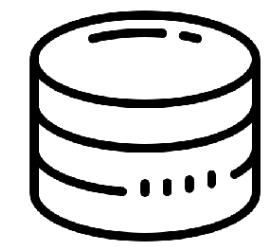
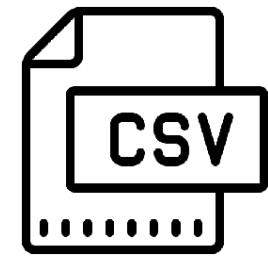
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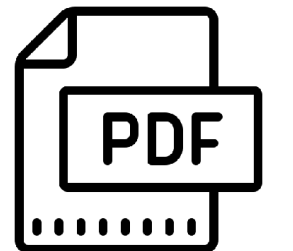
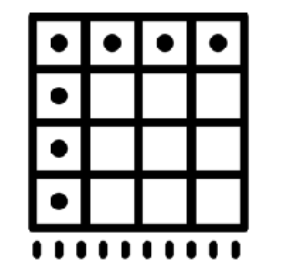
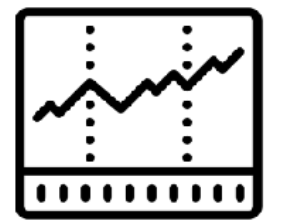
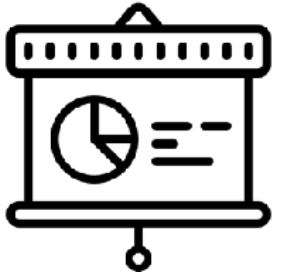
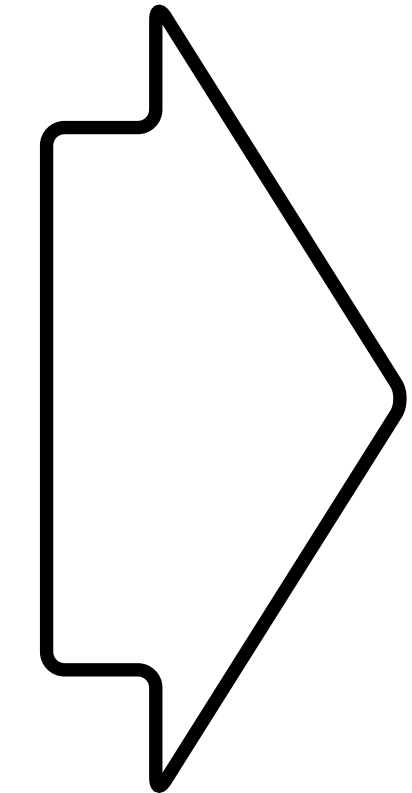
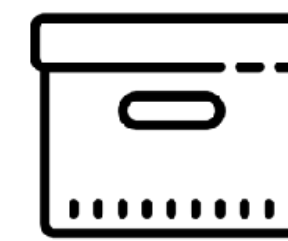
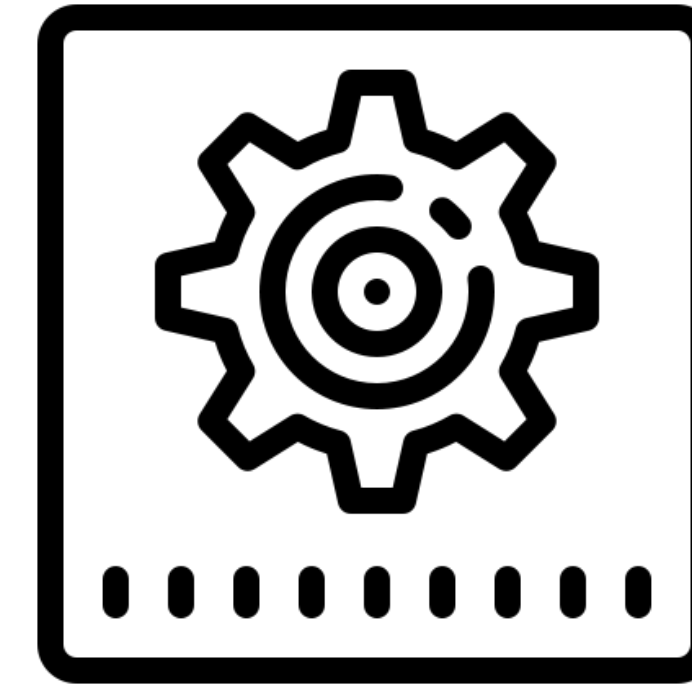
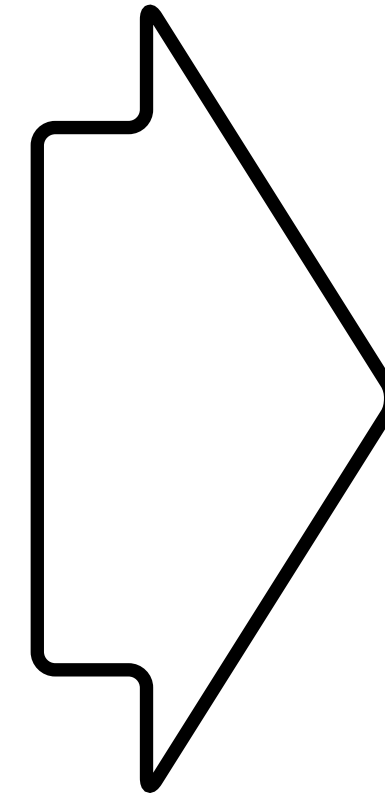
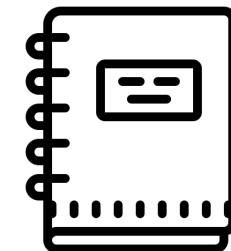
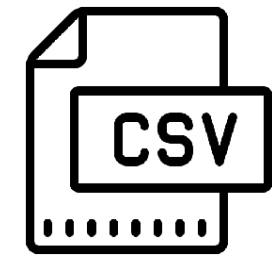
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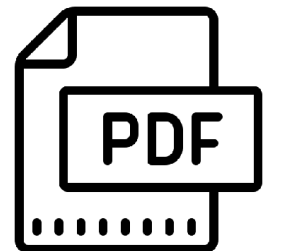
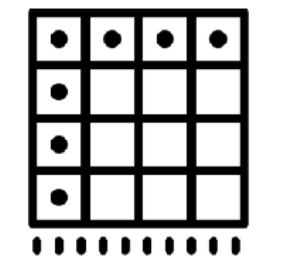
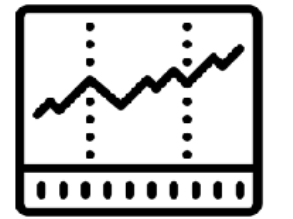
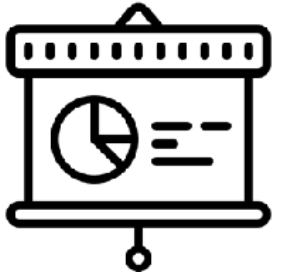
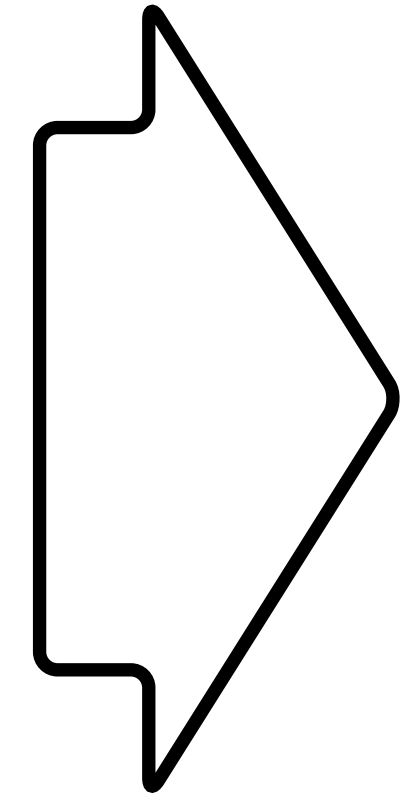
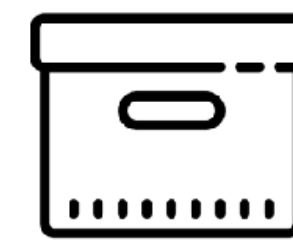
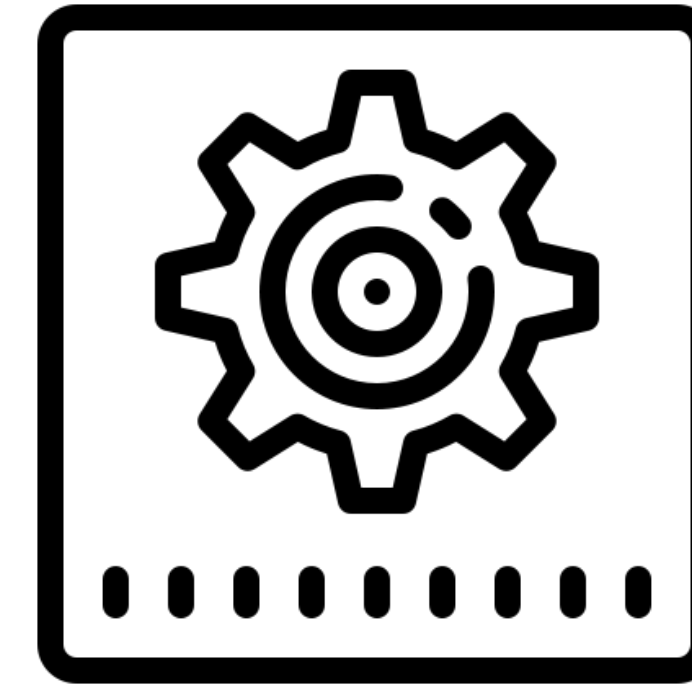
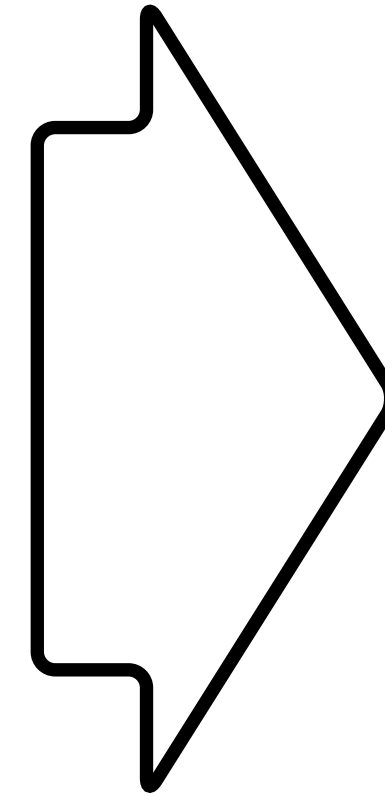
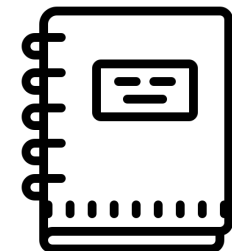
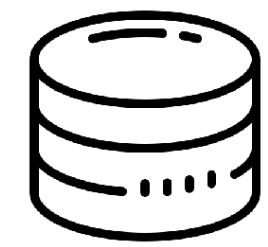
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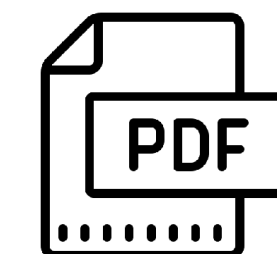
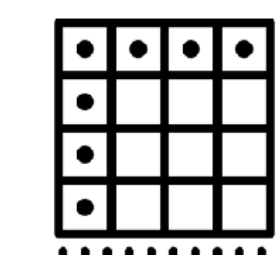
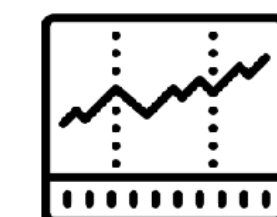
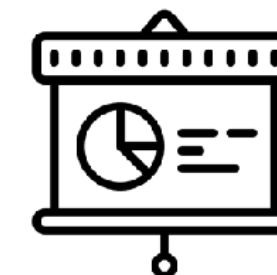
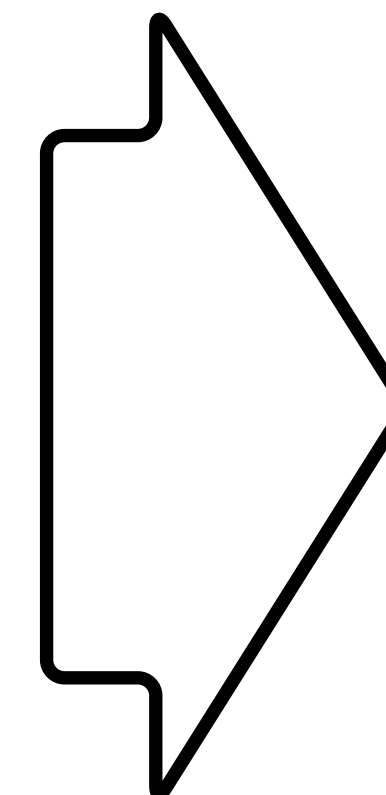
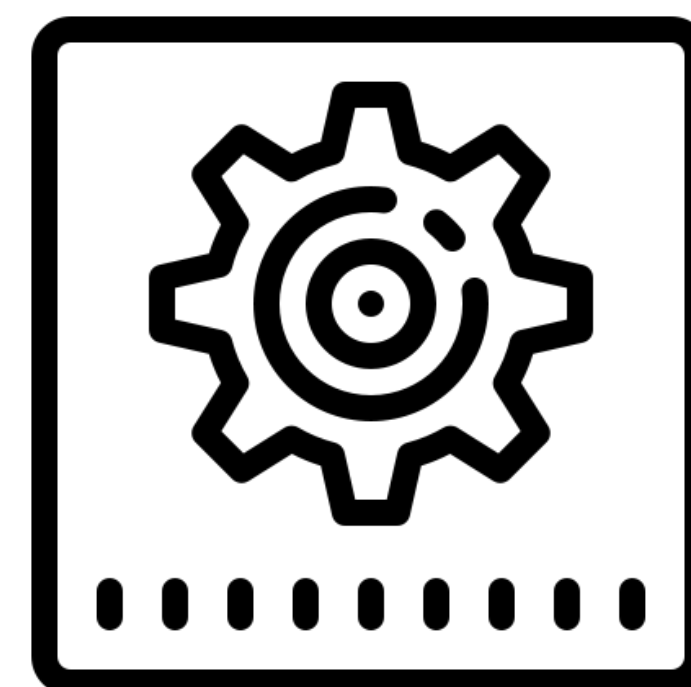
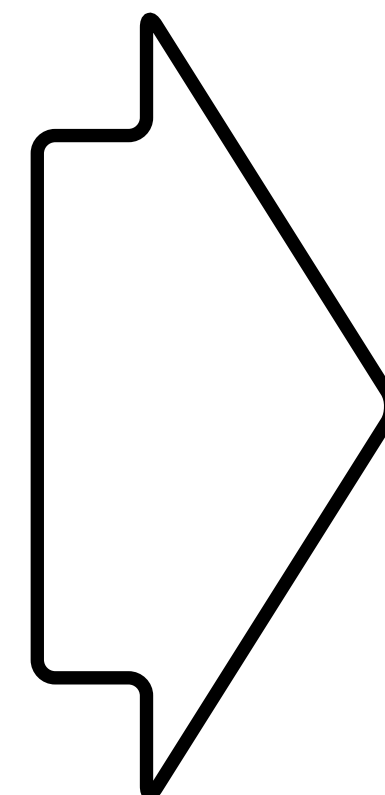
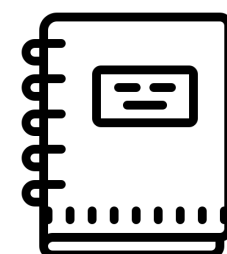
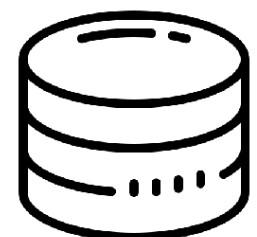
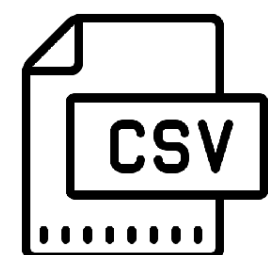
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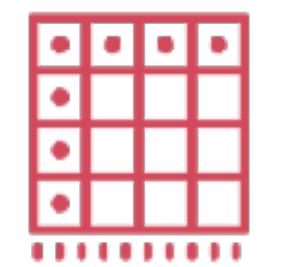
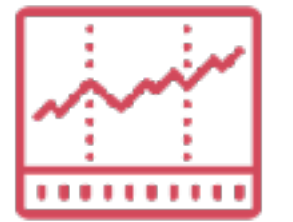
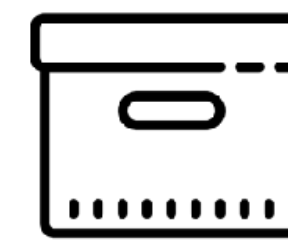
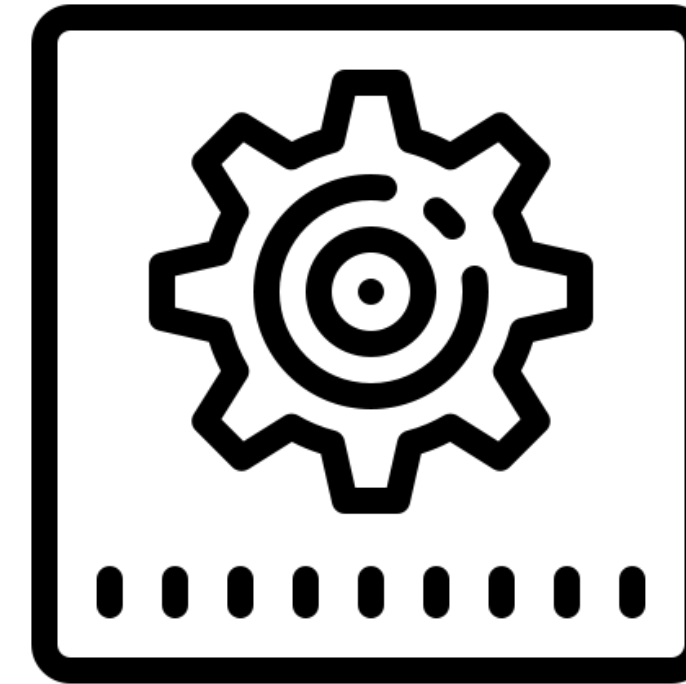
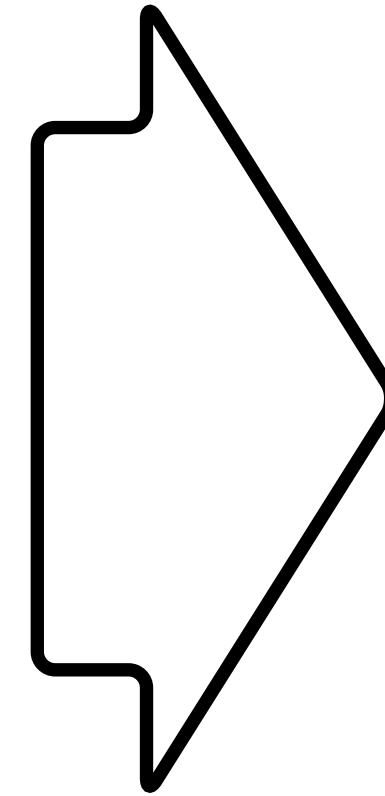
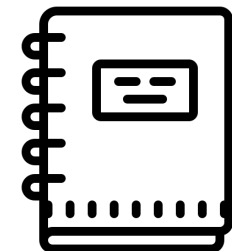
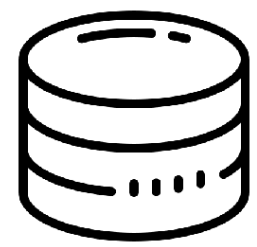
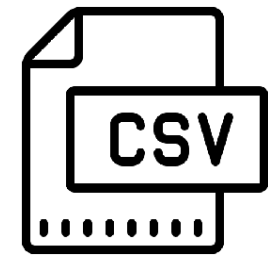
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Automate the boring bits

This is embarrassingly
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Interface for Stakeholders

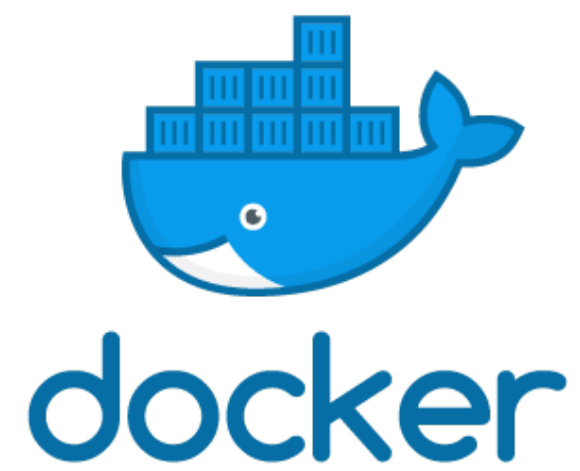
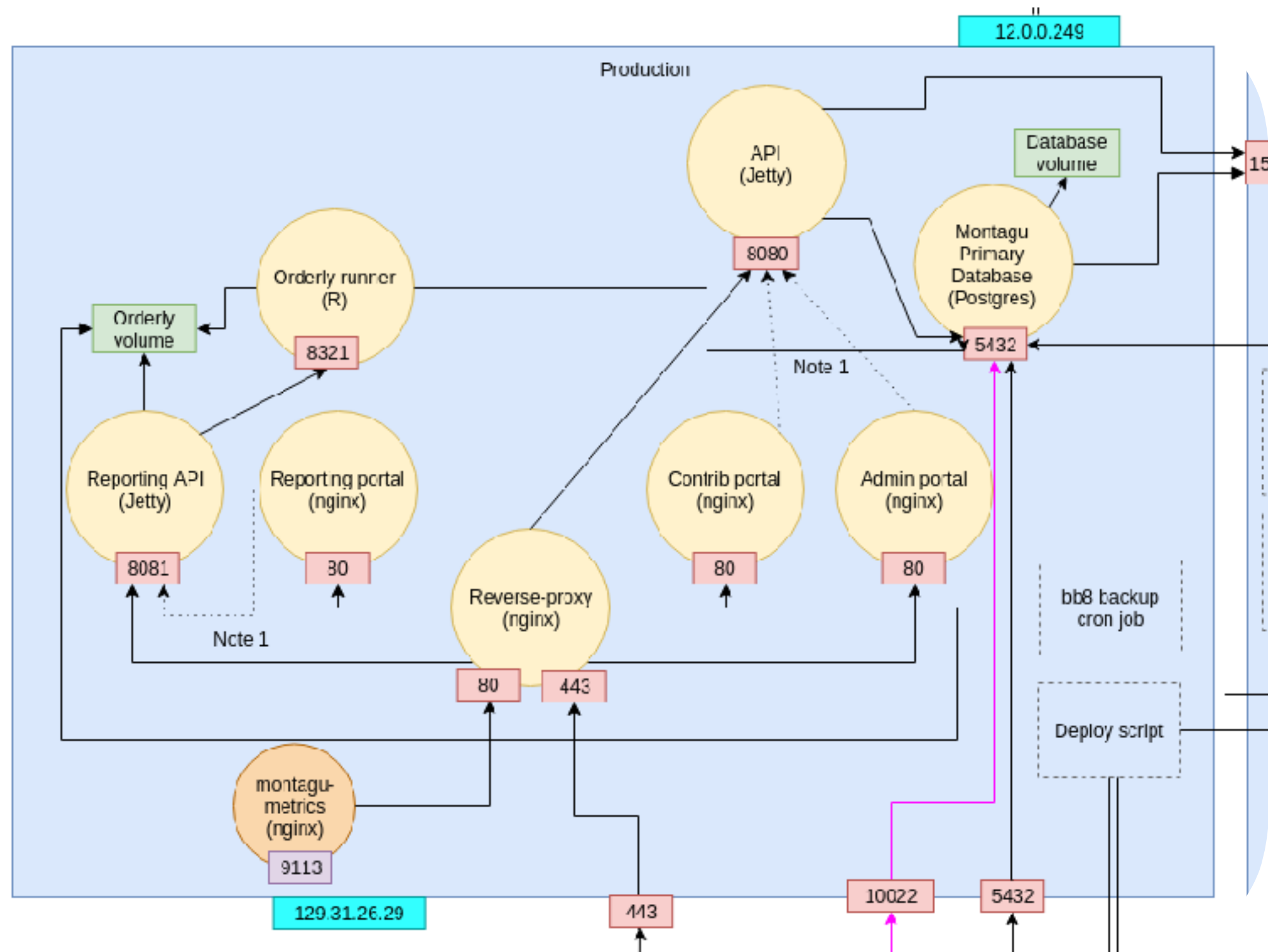
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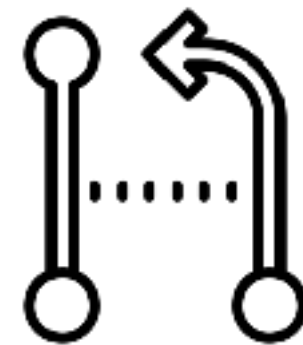
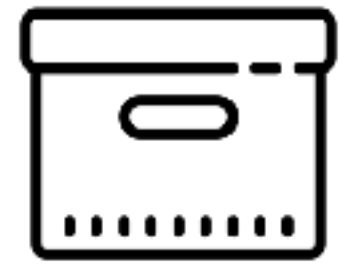
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Interface for Engineering team

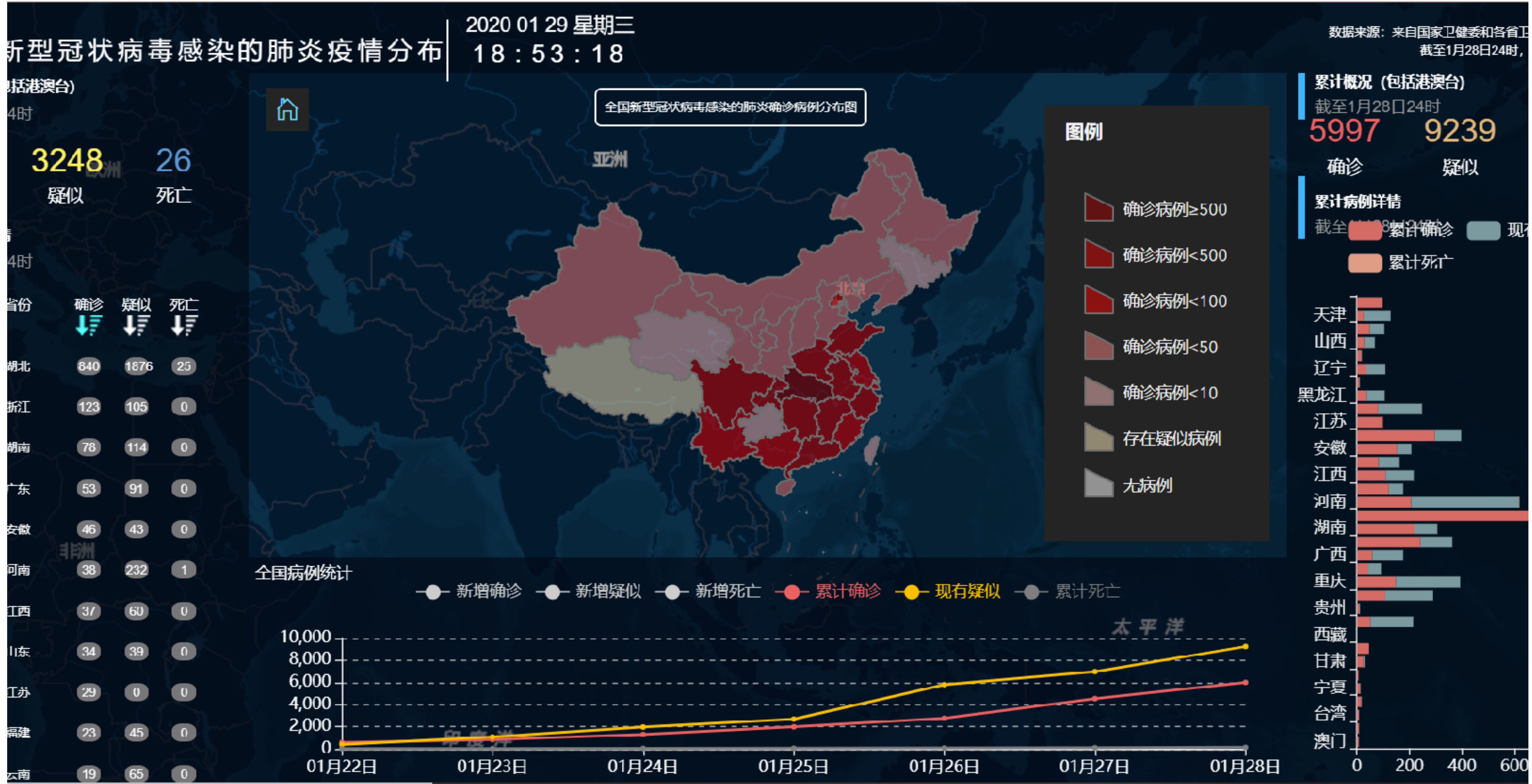


Interface for Science team

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install.packages("orderly")  
orderly::orderly_new("myreport")
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Lessons learnt

you can blackbox too much

code reuse is really hard

reproducibility can be easy

problems are as social as technical

Work the way people
want to work





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