



The Altitude Slider

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The Senior IC's Dilemma

Drive execution or think about
strategy?

1 Personal Flight Instruments

Know Your Natural Altitude





Reading the Altitude Signals

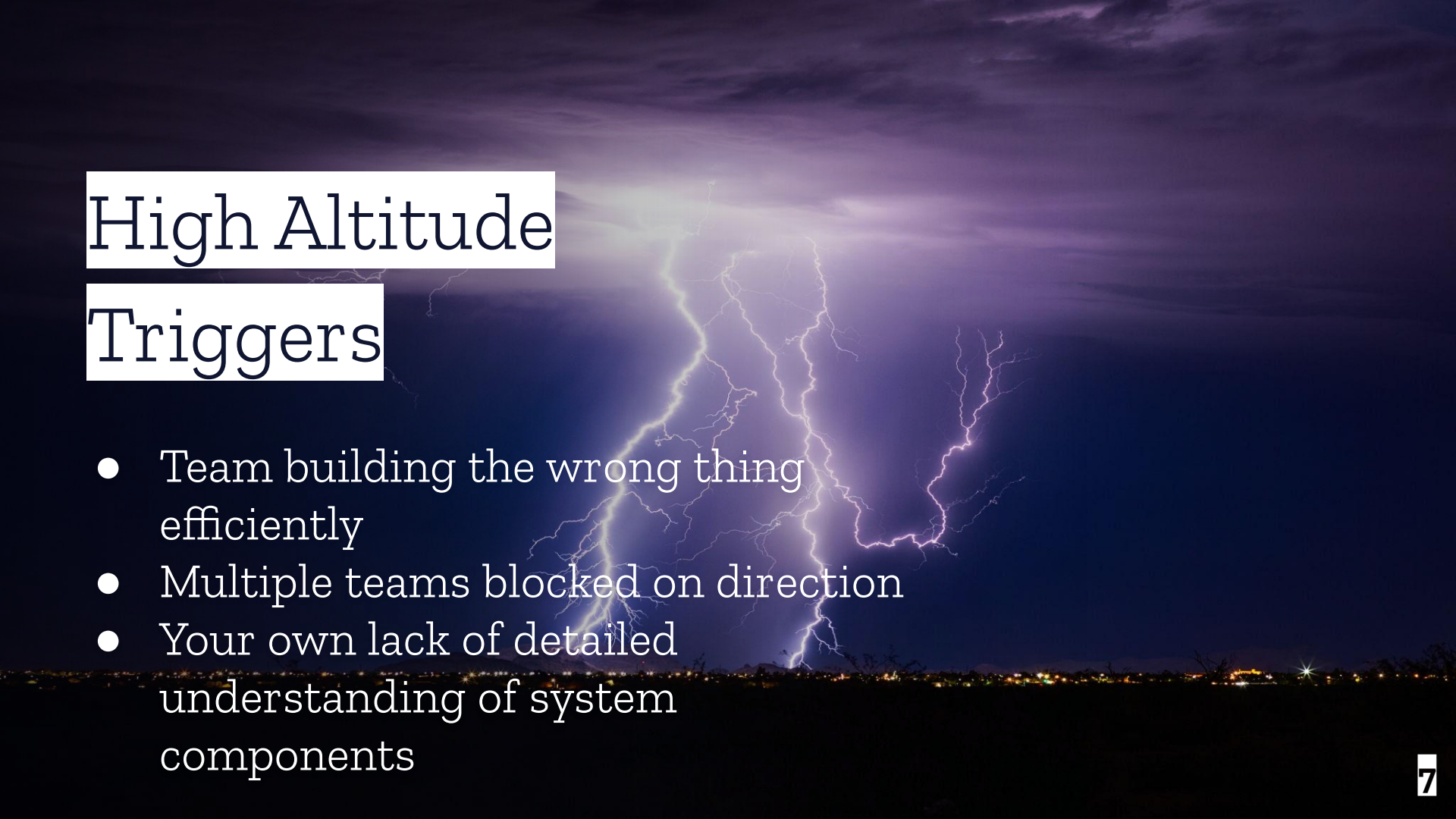
When to Climb, When to Dive



Combating

Over-Engineering

Spending too long at strategy altitude
Touching the ground to see clarity

A dramatic night sky with dark, heavy clouds and several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. Below the horizon, the lights of a city are visible, creating a glowing line against the dark ground.

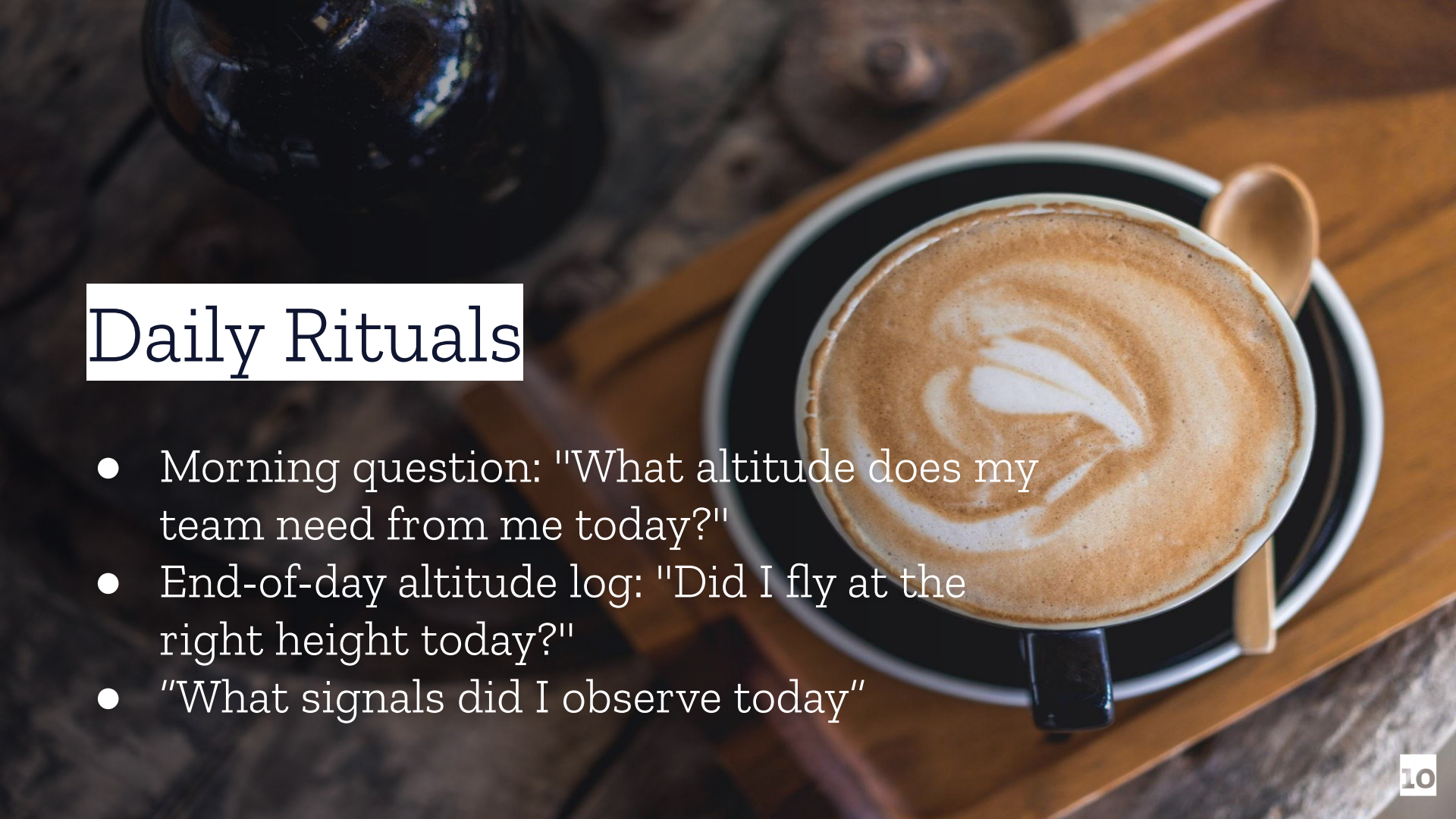
High Altitude Triggers

- Team building the wrong thing efficiently
- Multiple teams blocked on direction
- Your own lack of detailed understanding of system components

Low Altitude Triggers

- Team velocity dropping
- Innovation stagnation
- Continually sprinting towards the wrong goal
- Code Smells

2. Check your Altitude

A top-down view of a white ceramic cup filled with a latte, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a black saucer, which is placed on a light-colored wooden tray. A wooden spoon is tucked behind the cup. In the background, a dark glass bottle is partially visible on a dark, textured surface.

Daily Rituals

- Morning question: "What altitude does my team need from me today?"
- End-of-day altitude log: "Did I fly at the right height today?"
- "What signals did I observe today"



Project Rituals

- Alignment check: Are we focused on the right problems?
- Crunch time: Find the highest-leverage code contributions

Recovery

Techniques

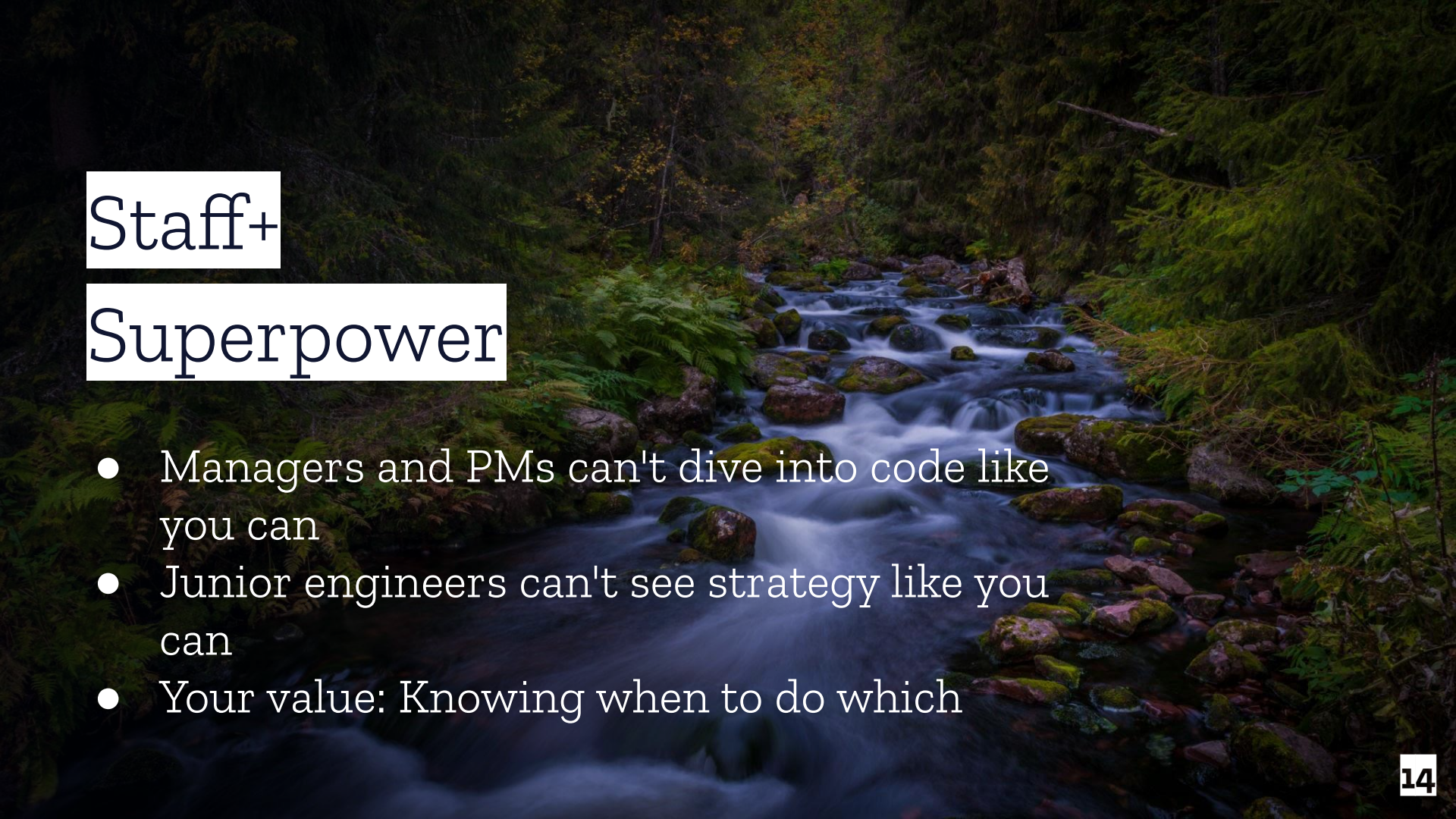
- Personal retro: "What Altitude did this week need vs what I gave?"
- The calendar reality check: Block time / Make Space for your non-natural altitude





3. Your Flight Plan

Mastering your Altitude



Staff+

Superpower

- Managers and PMs can't dive into code like you can
- Junior engineers can't see strategy like you can
- Your value: Knowing when to do which



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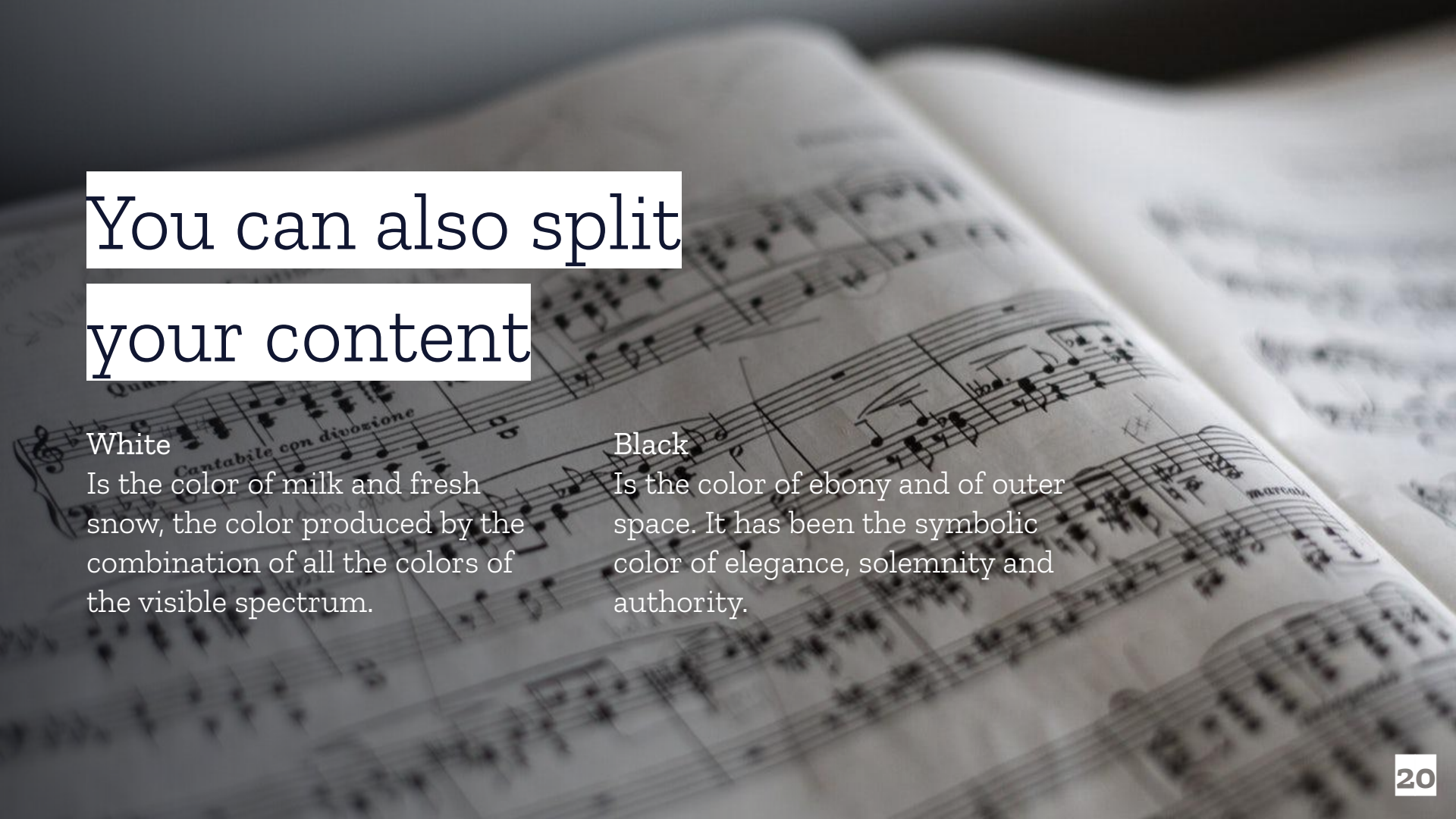
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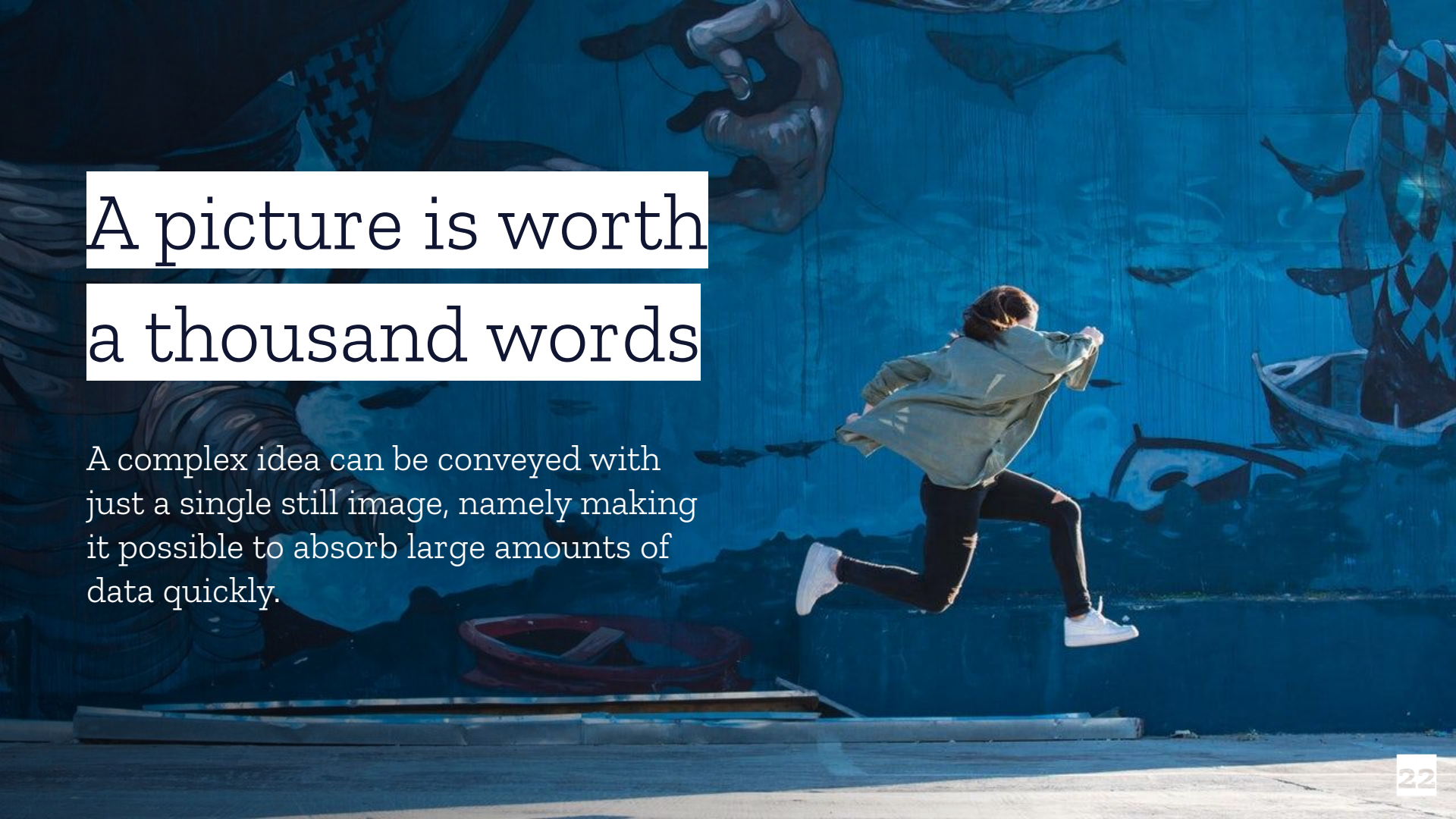
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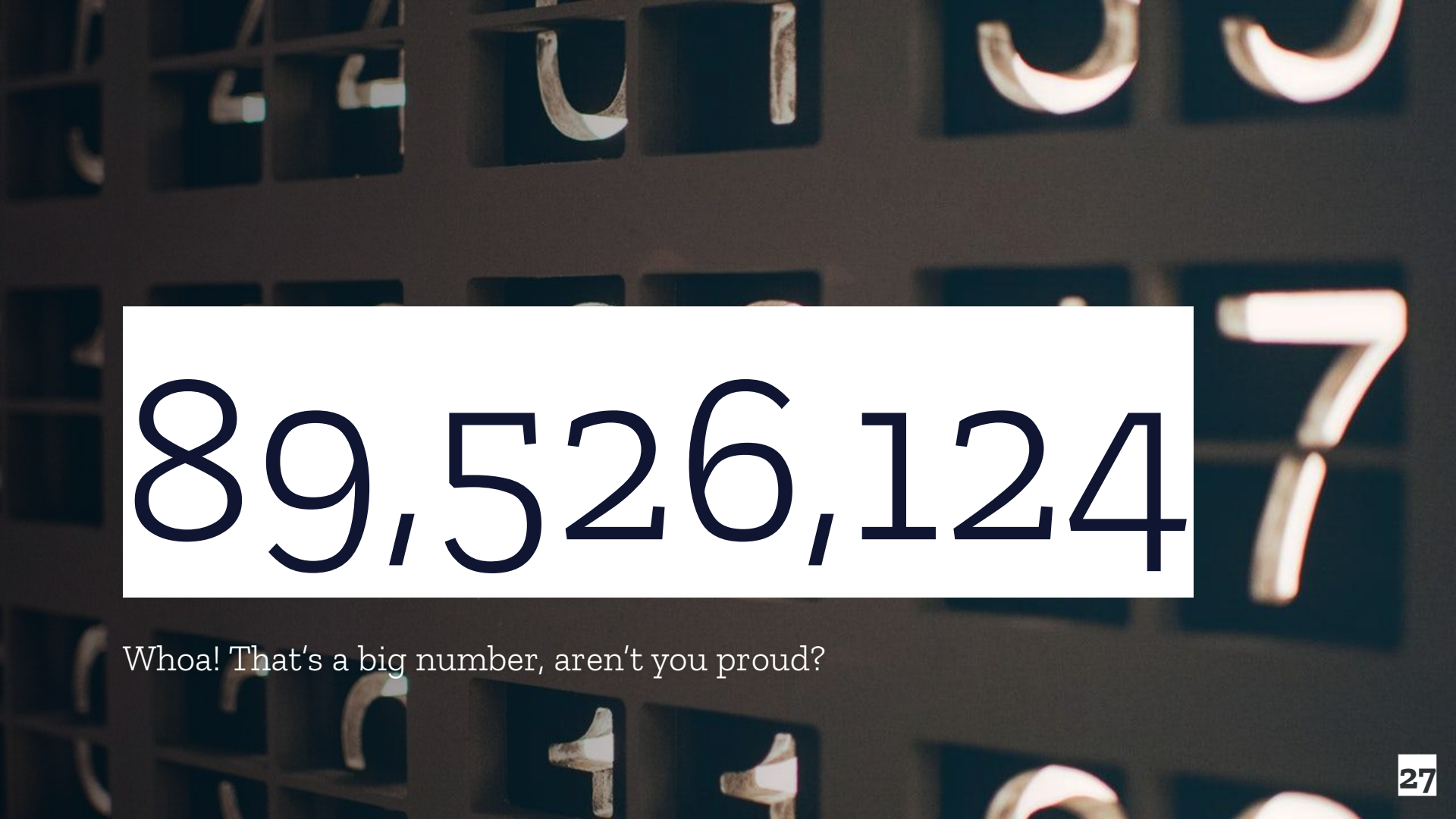
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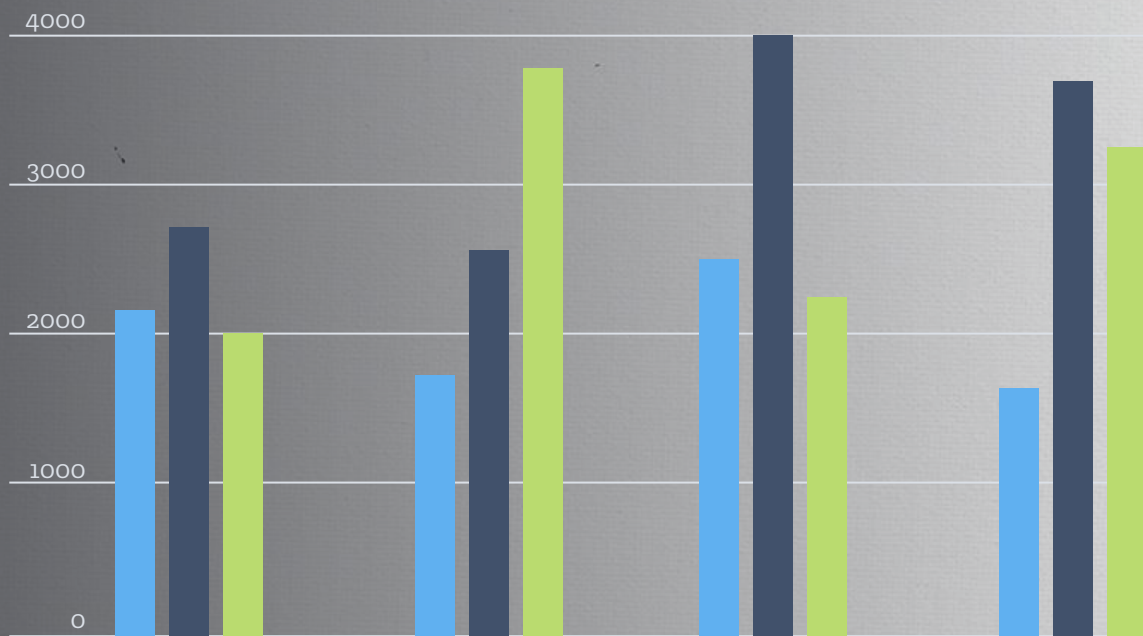
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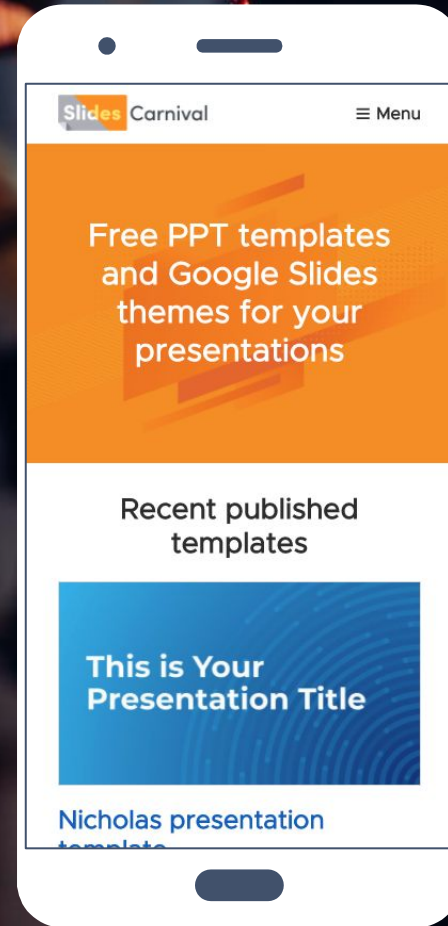


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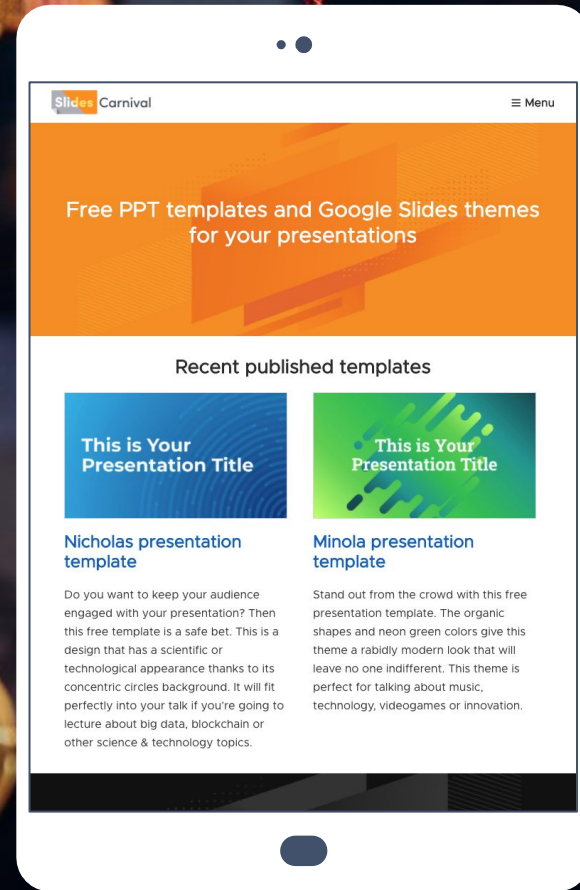
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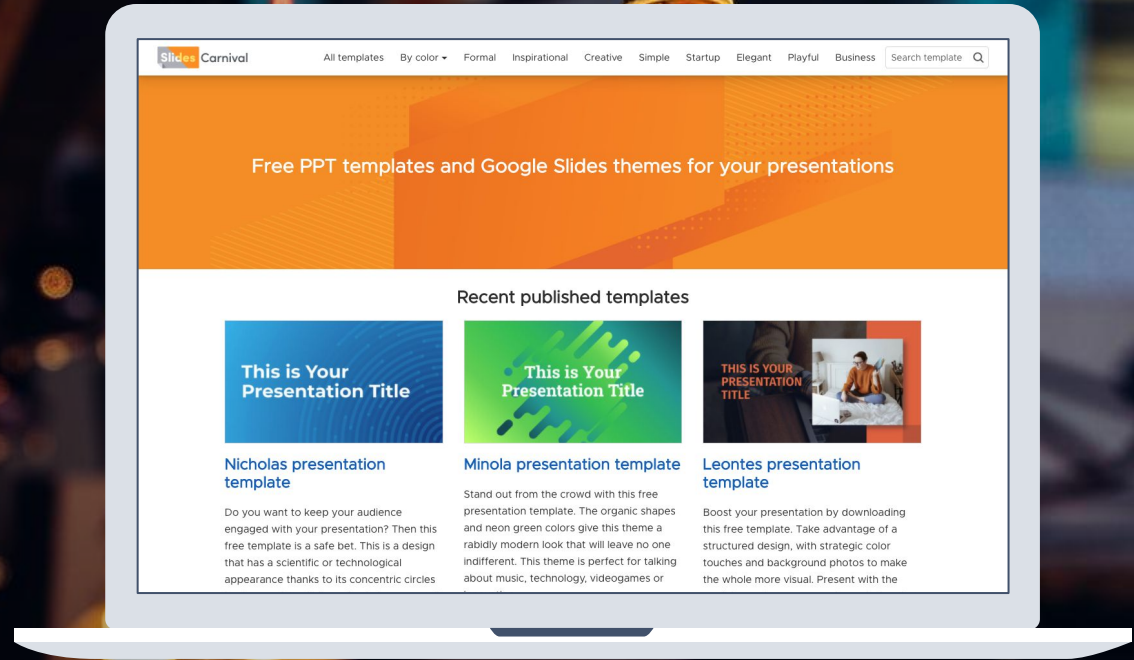
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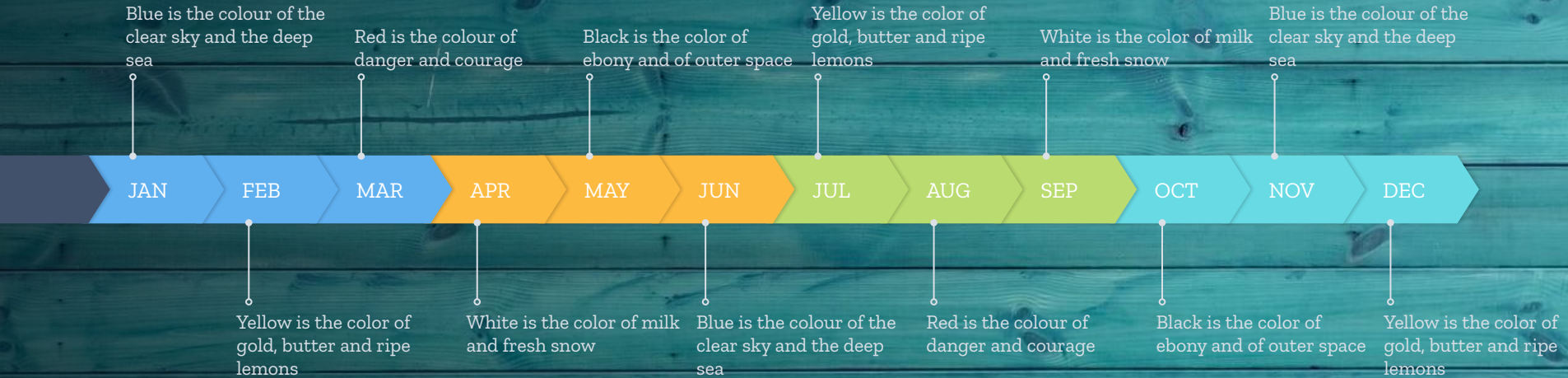


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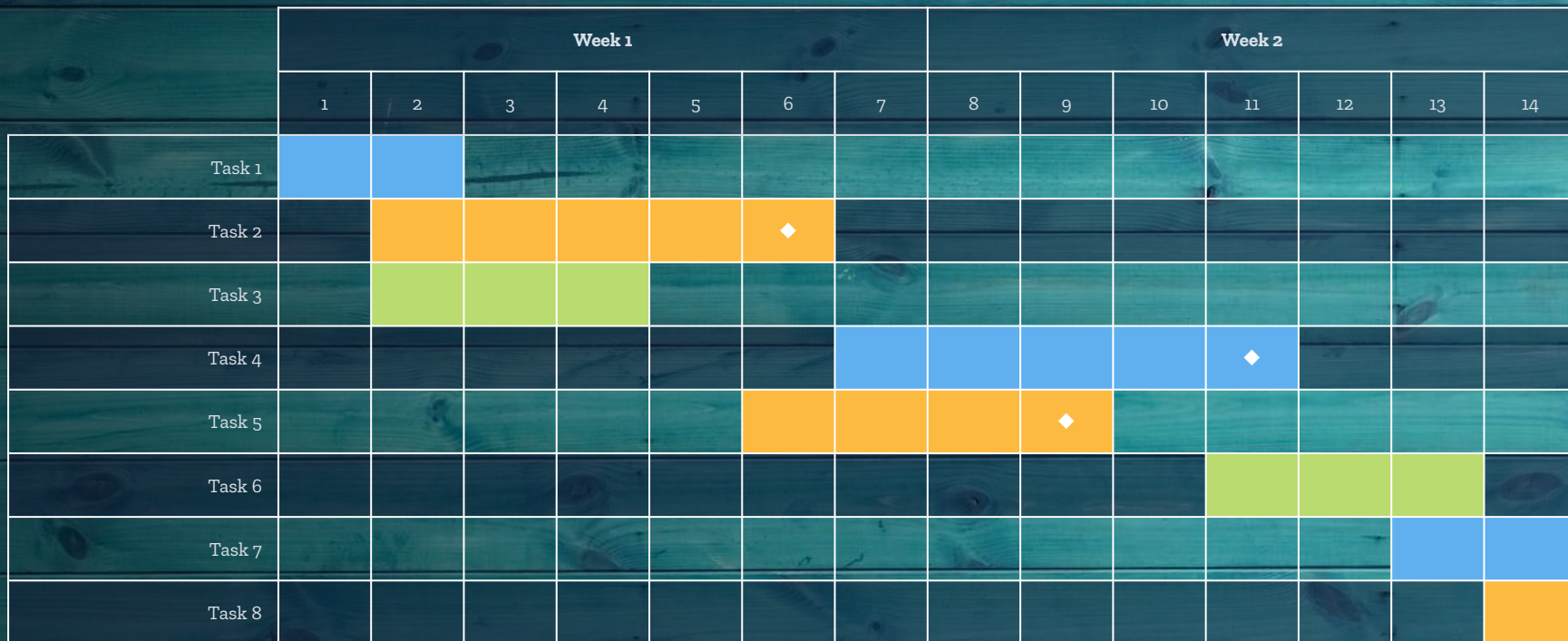
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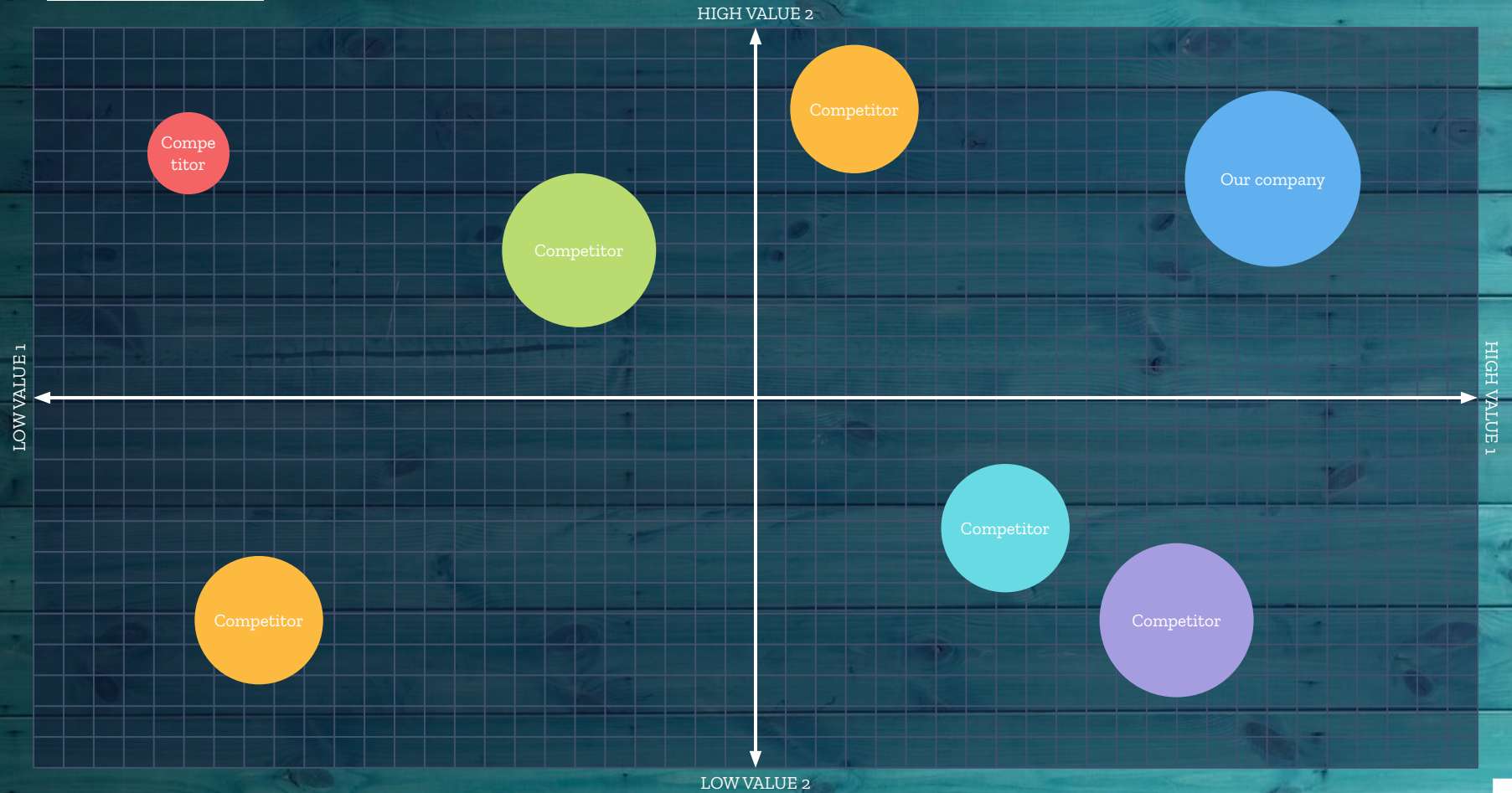


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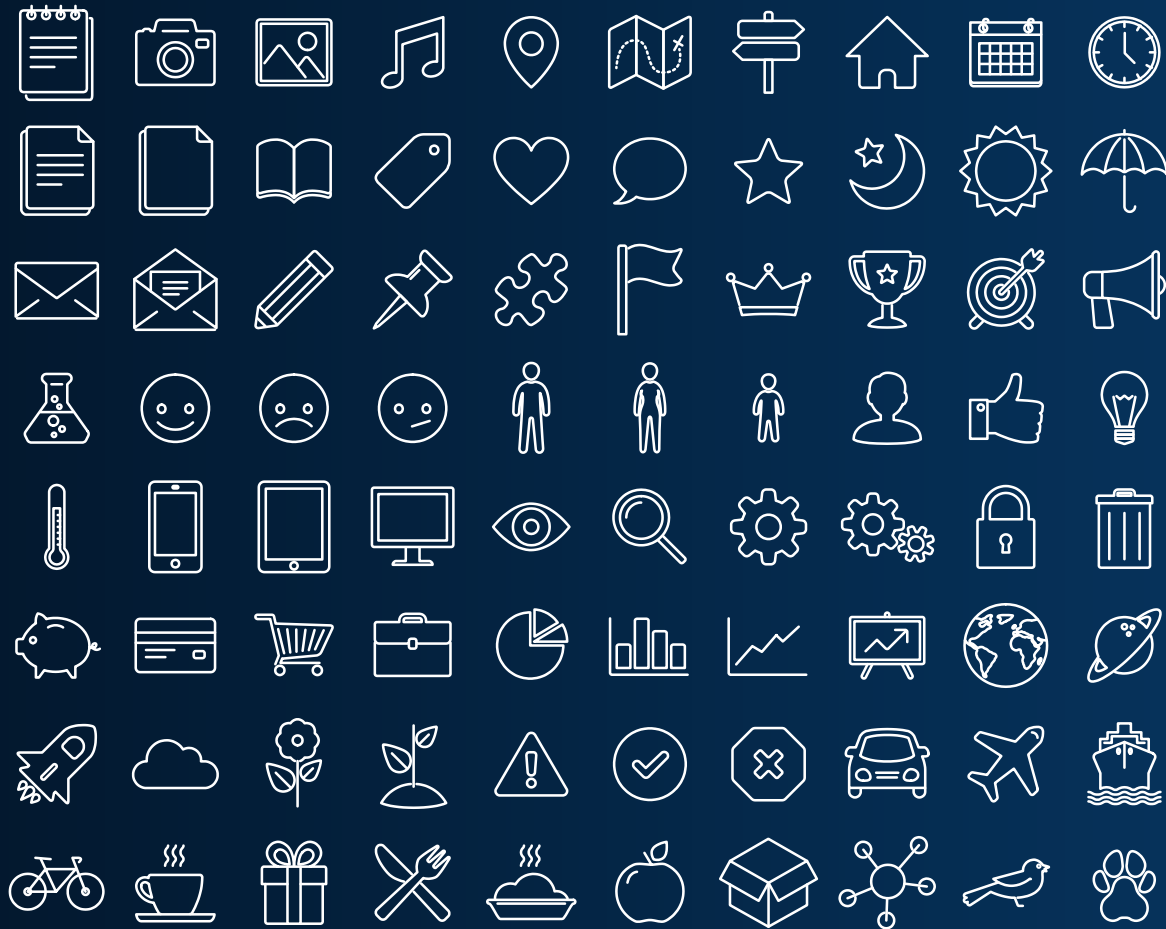
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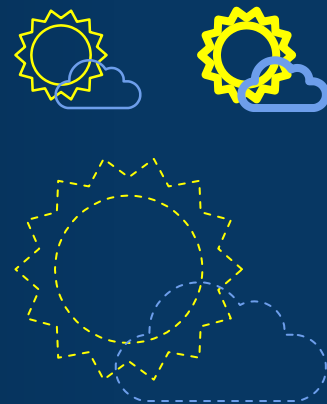
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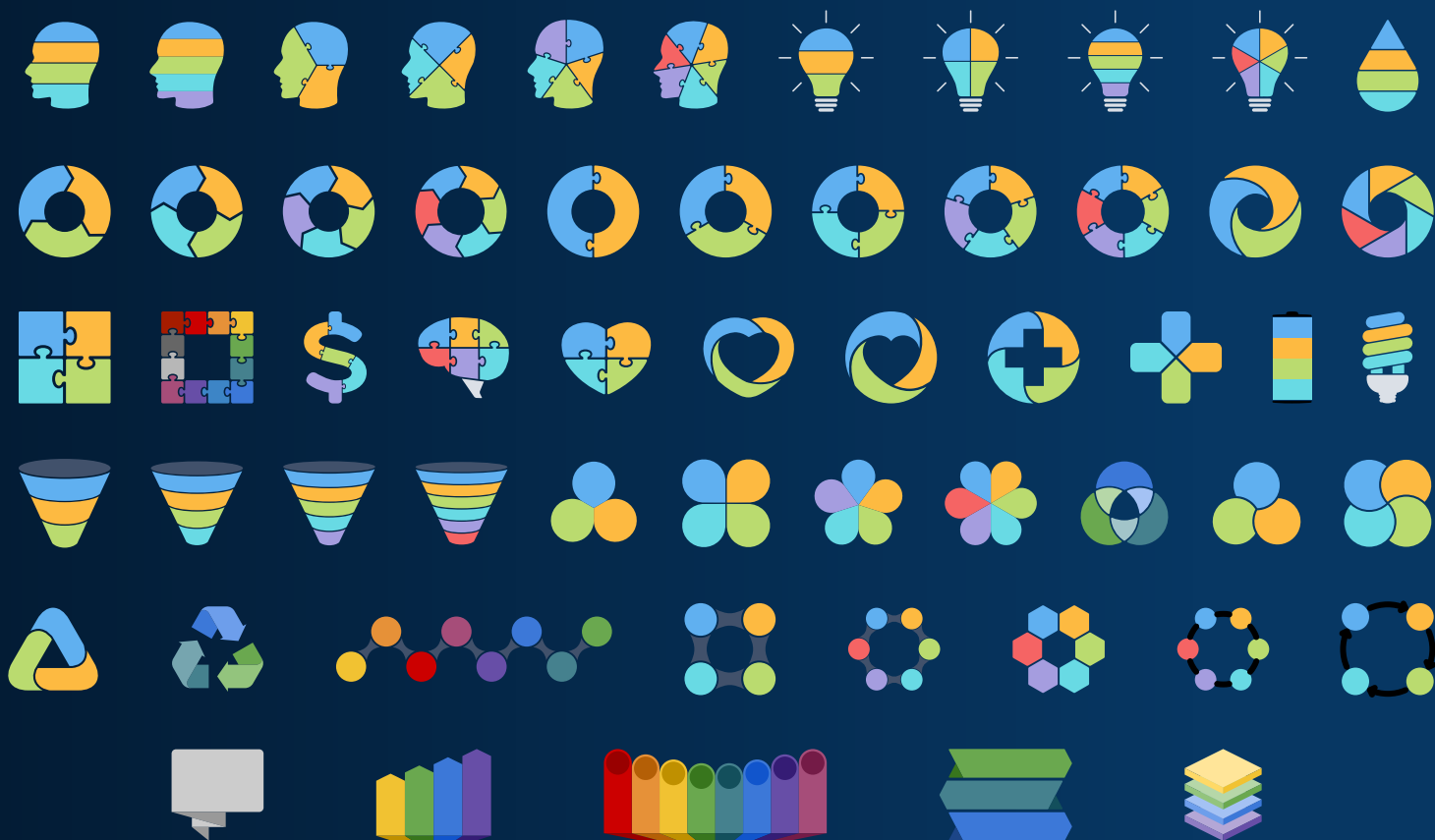
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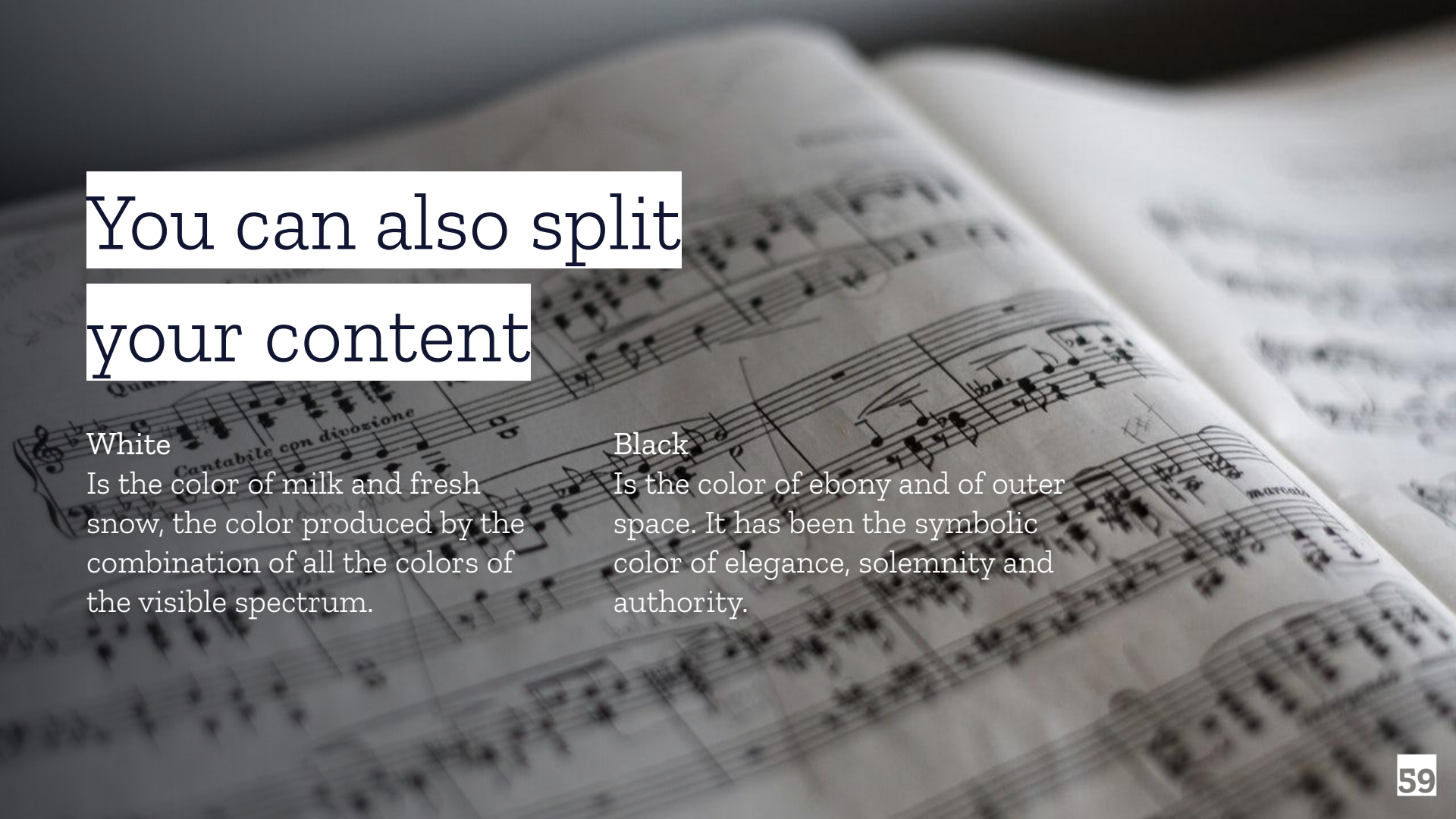


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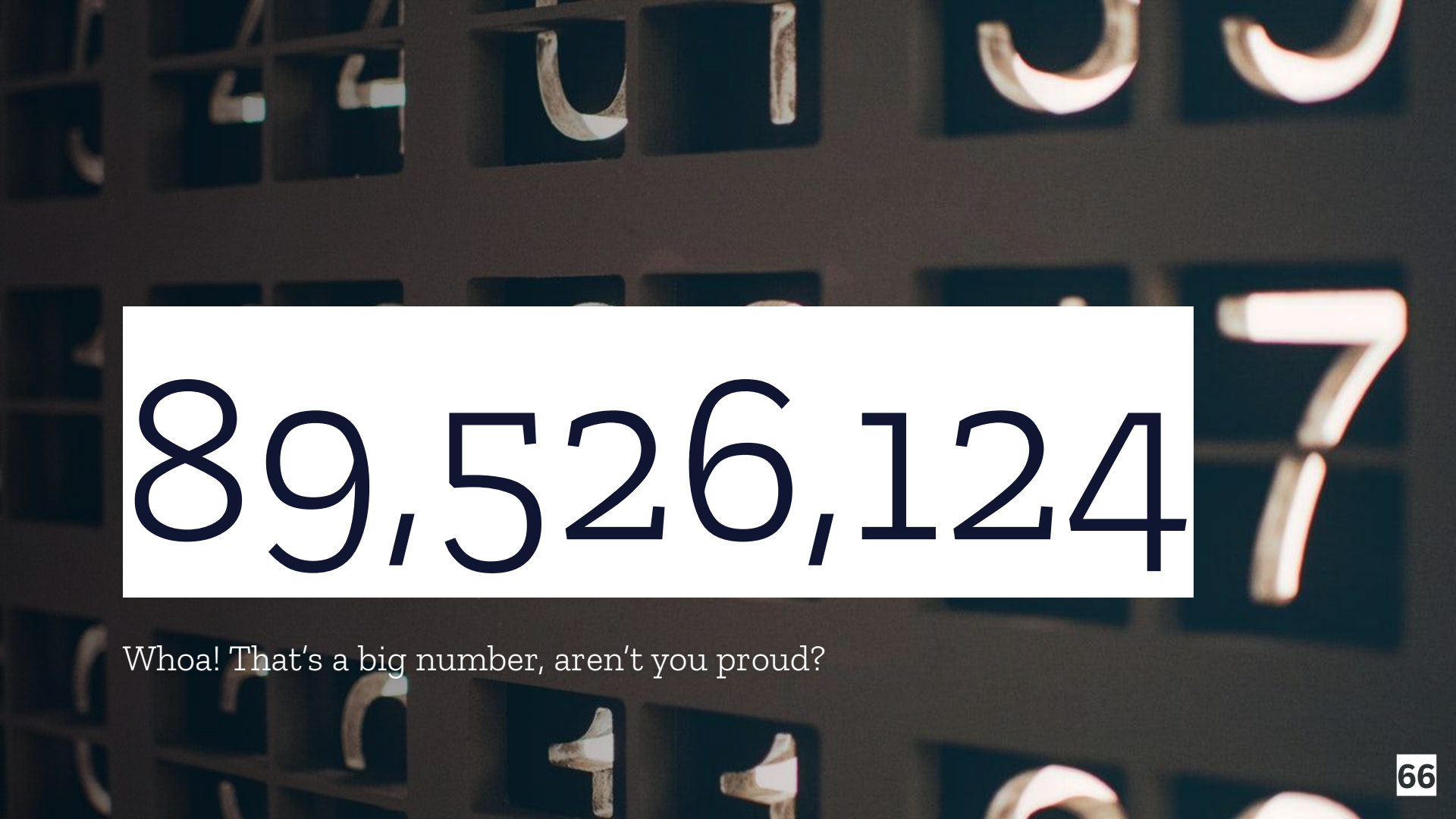
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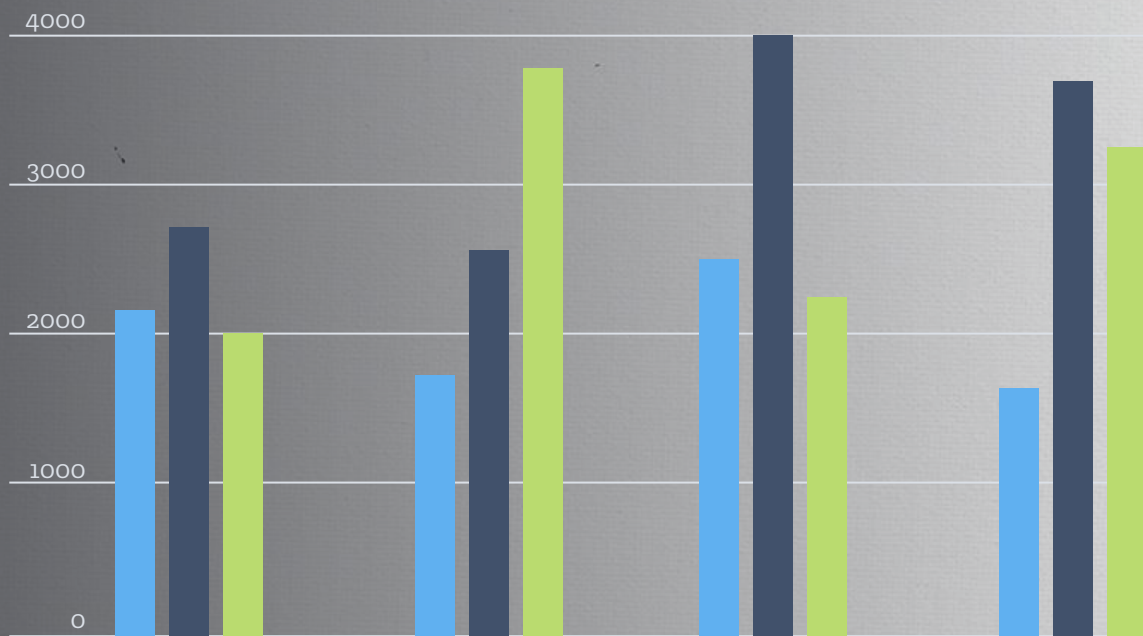
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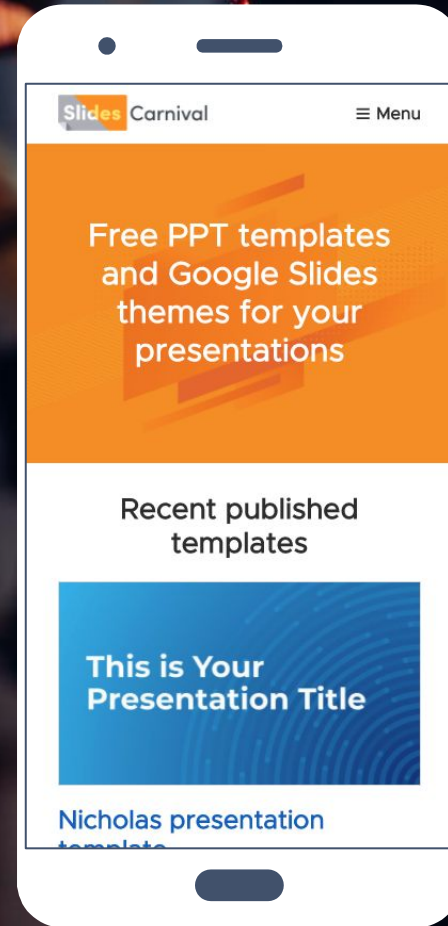


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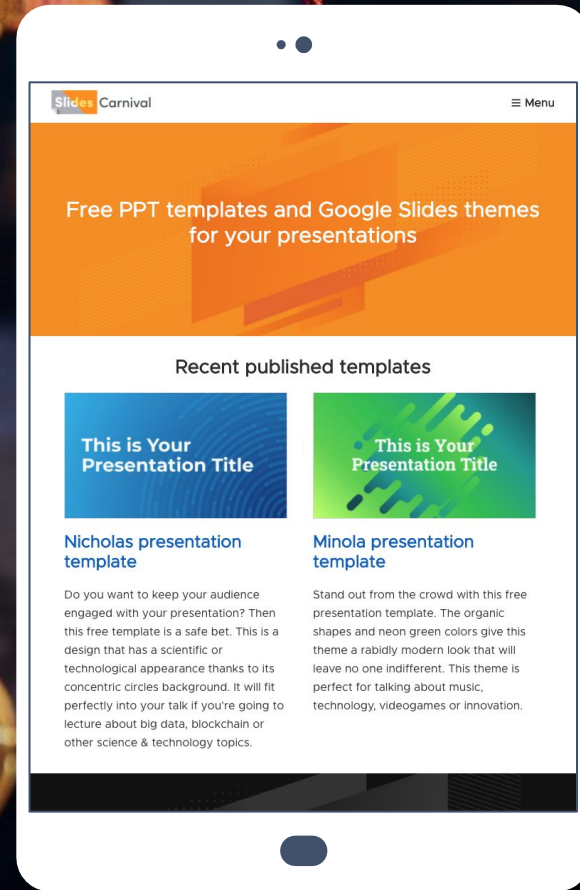
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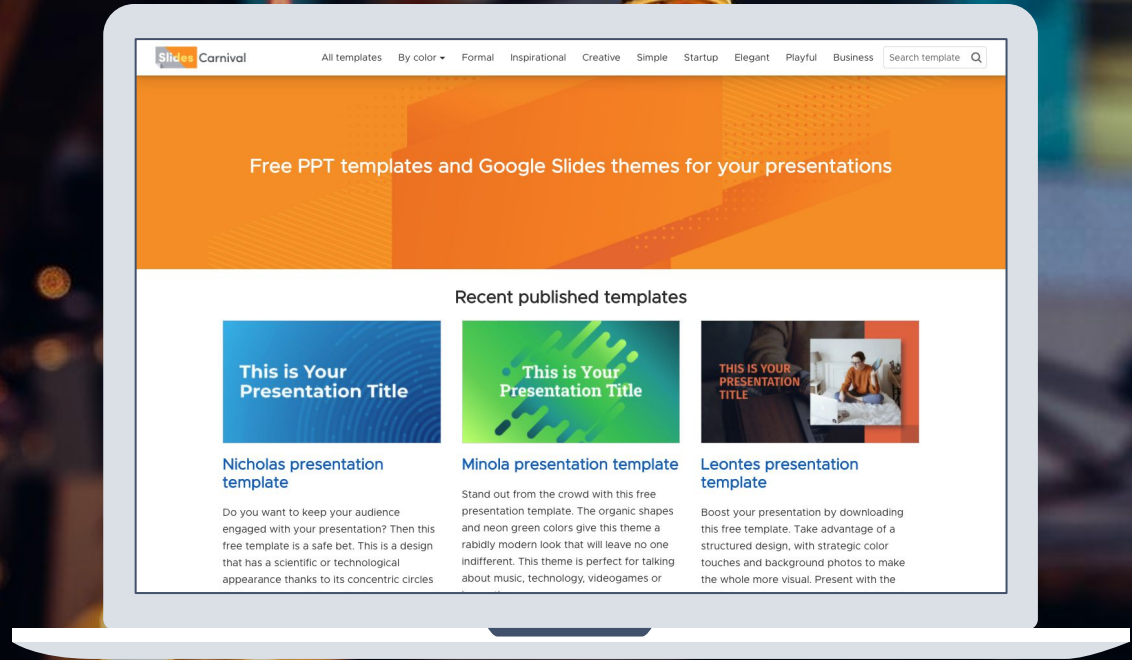
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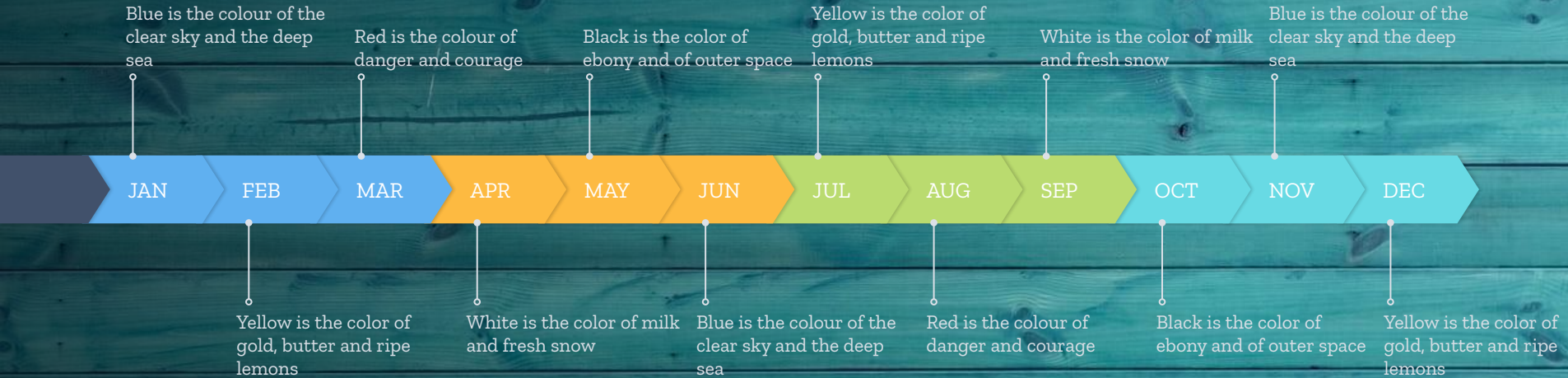


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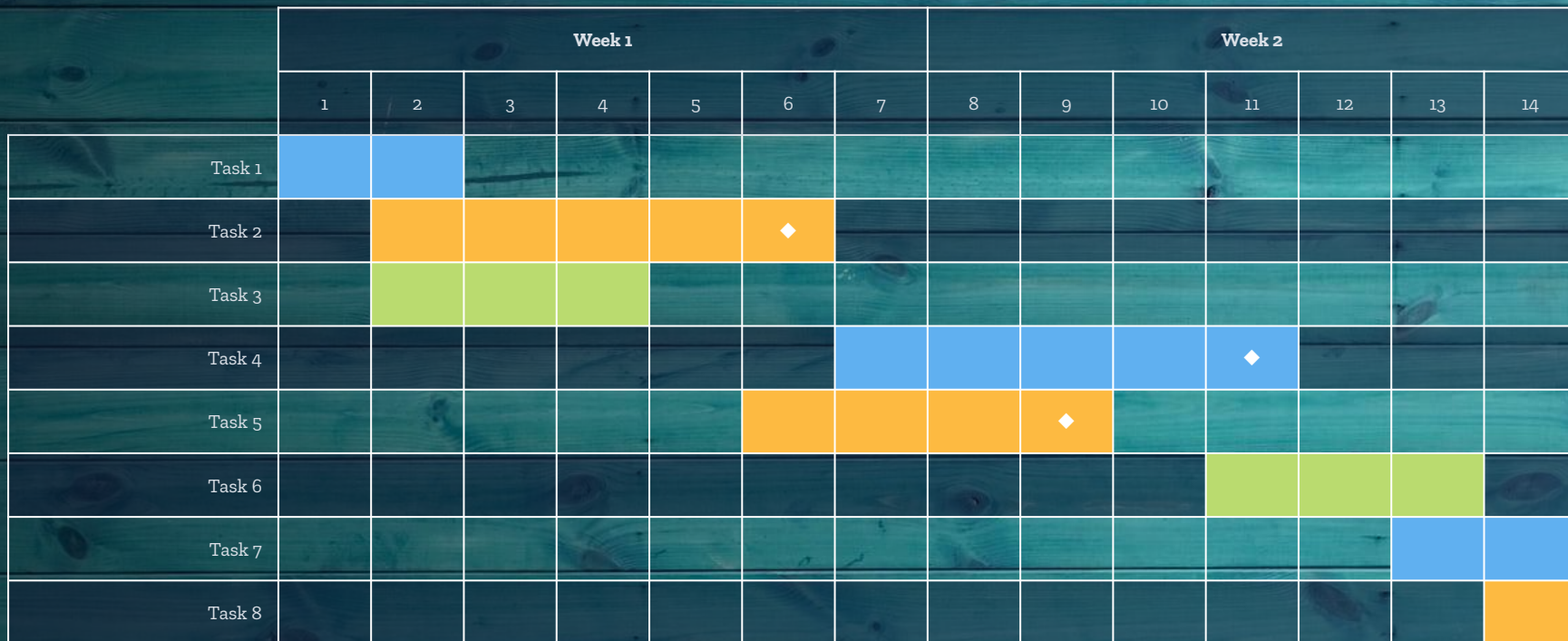
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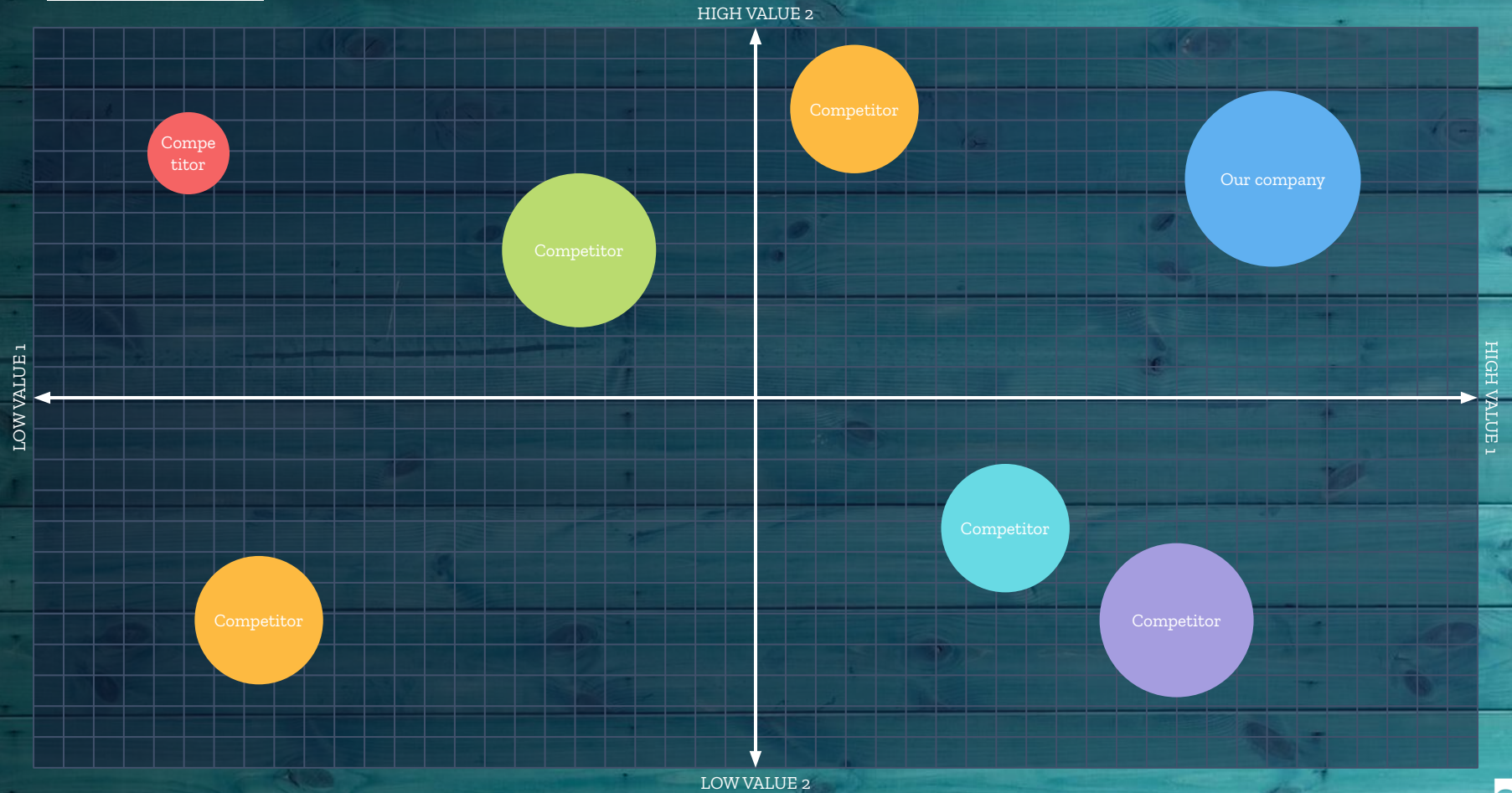


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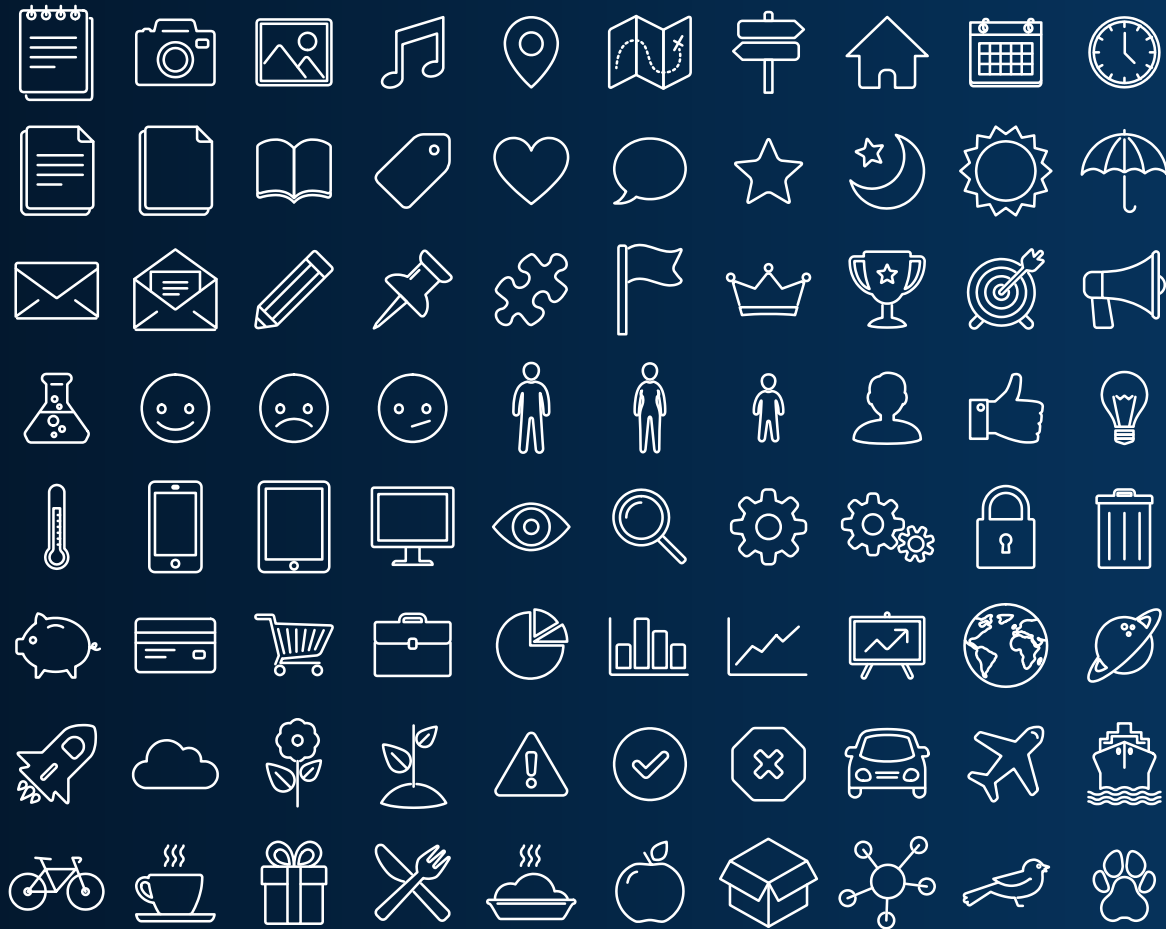
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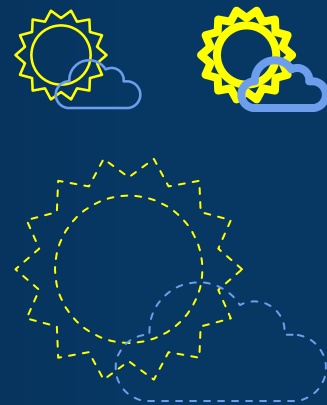
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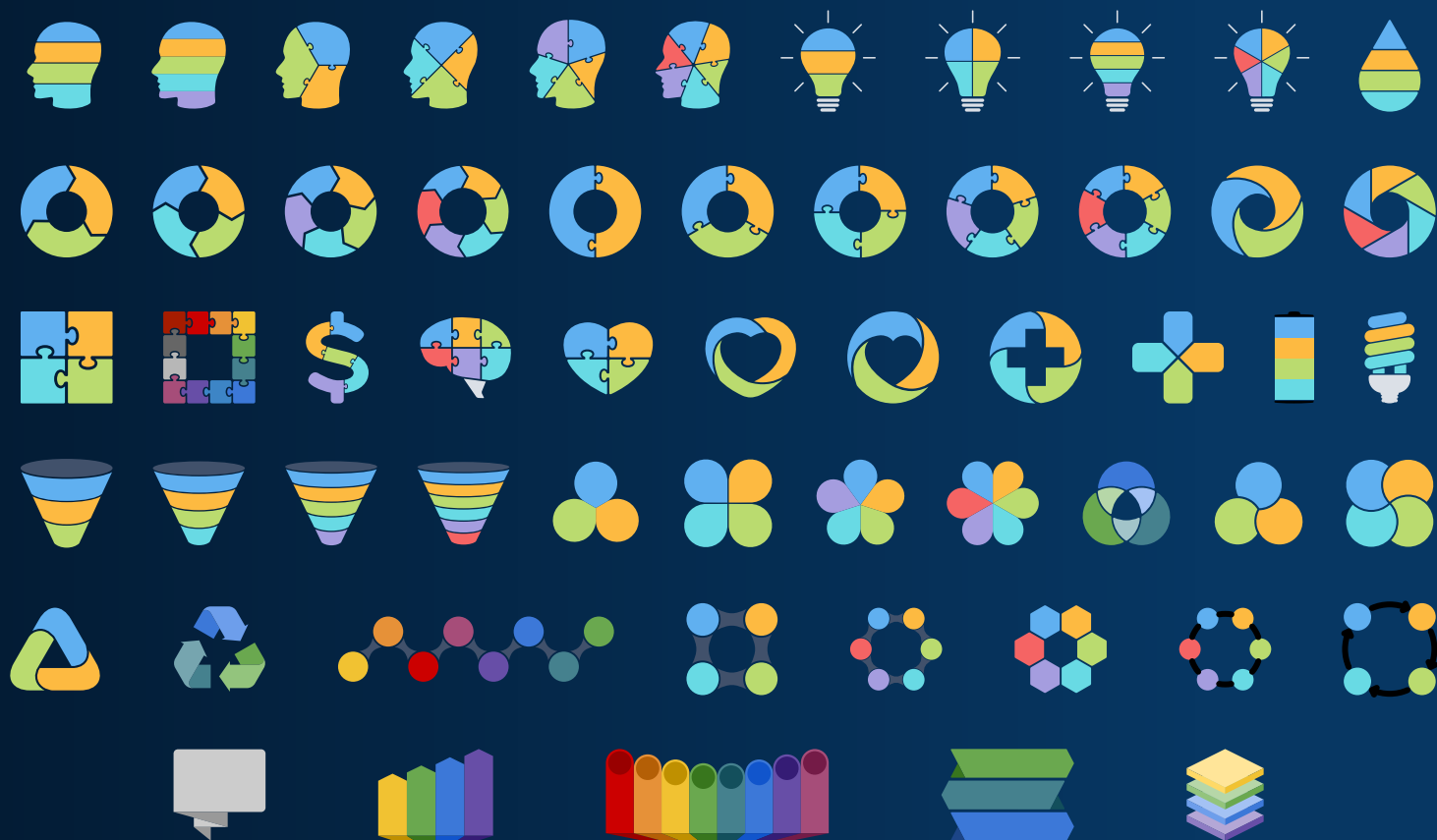
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