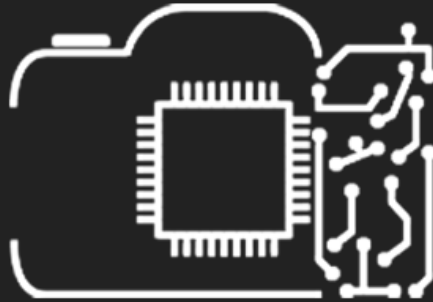


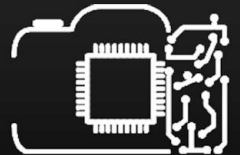
Let's dive into...
COMPOSITION

but first...
Take some photos!



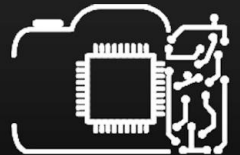
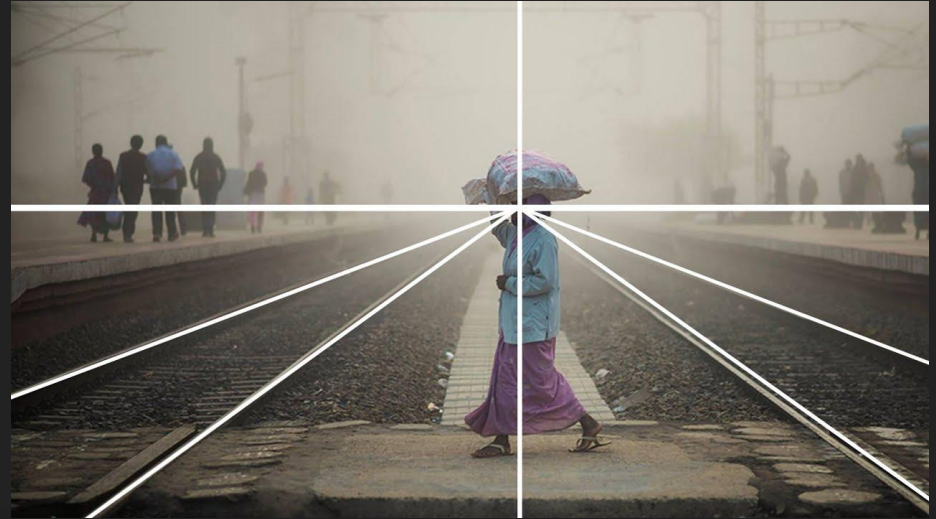
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Welcome to the
2nd Photography Lesson



What is **Composition**?

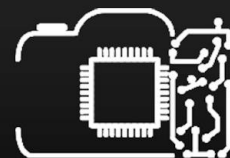
- The term is used in most **artforms** (visual, music, dance)
- Composition describes **placement** of **relative objects** and **elements** in a work of art
- A good composition is one that has **just enough detail**
- Good composition requires good **balance**.
- One of the **most important** aspects of photography



Let's demonstrate:



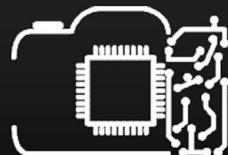
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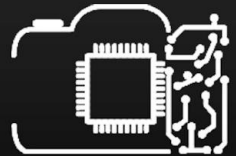


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What is the issue with Composition?

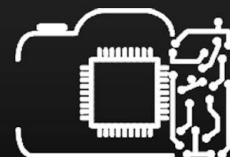
- Seems daunting at first
- The "rules" are not clear
- Is vaguely defined
- No idea of how to **practice!**
- No **inspiration**

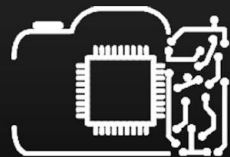


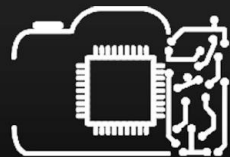
A touch of **inspiration...**

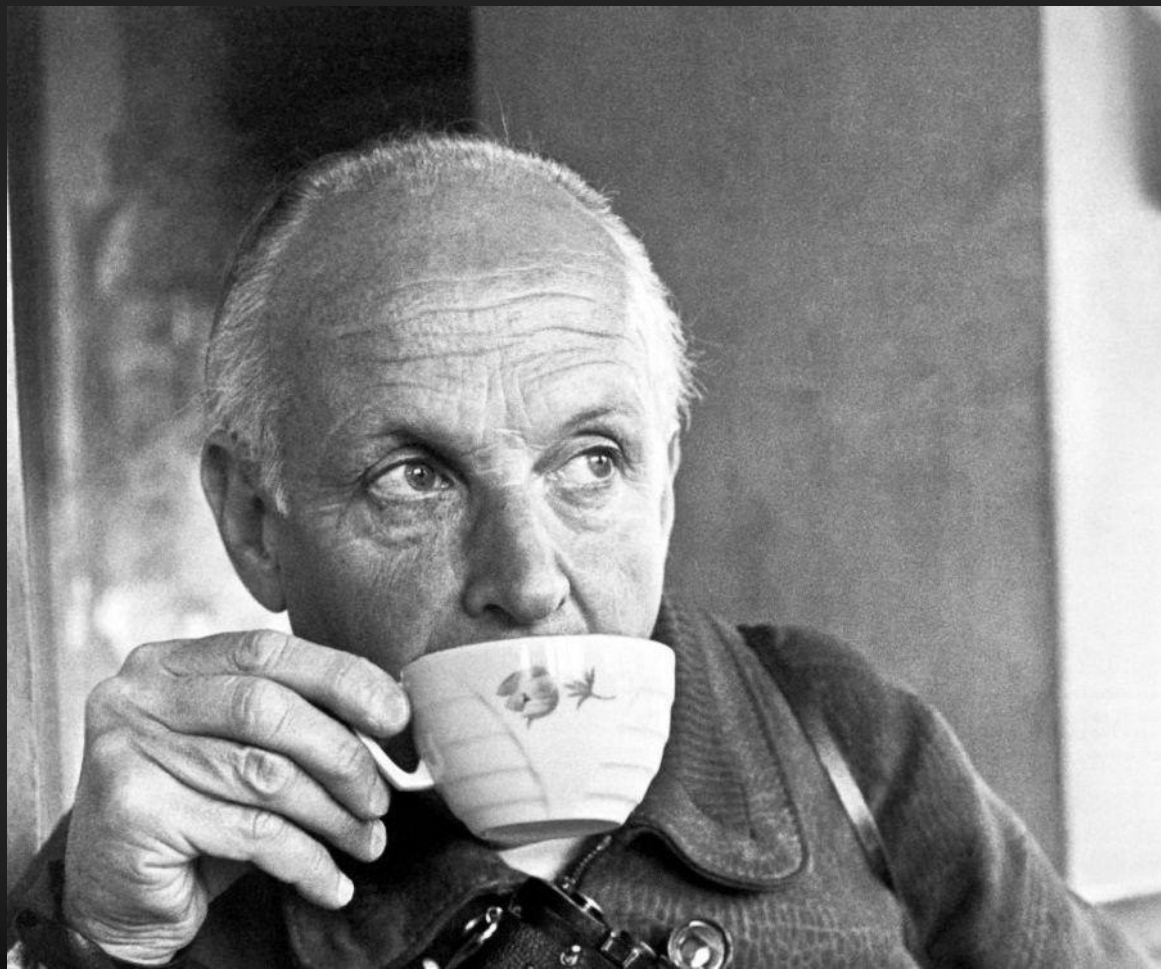


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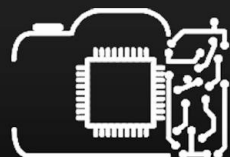


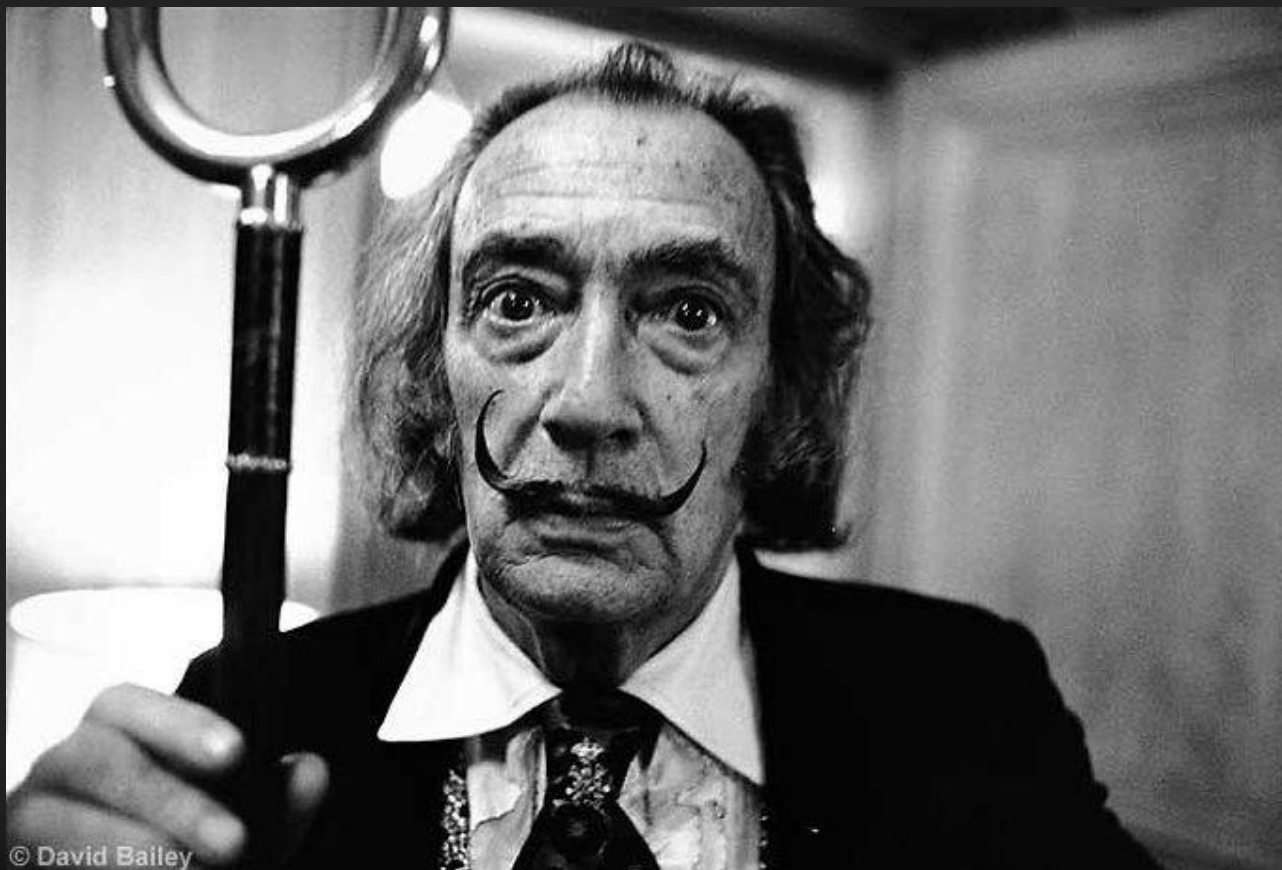




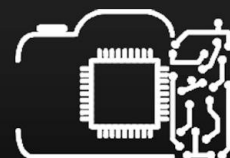


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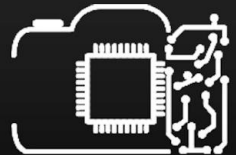
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Some Composition Rules

...(to be broken later on)

- **Rule of Thirds**
- Centred Composition & **Symmetry**
- **Leading Lines**
- Frame within the Frame
- Diagonals & Triangles
- **Golden Triangles**
- Golden Ratio
- **Rule of Odds**

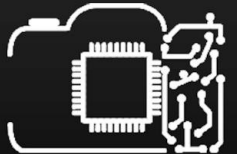


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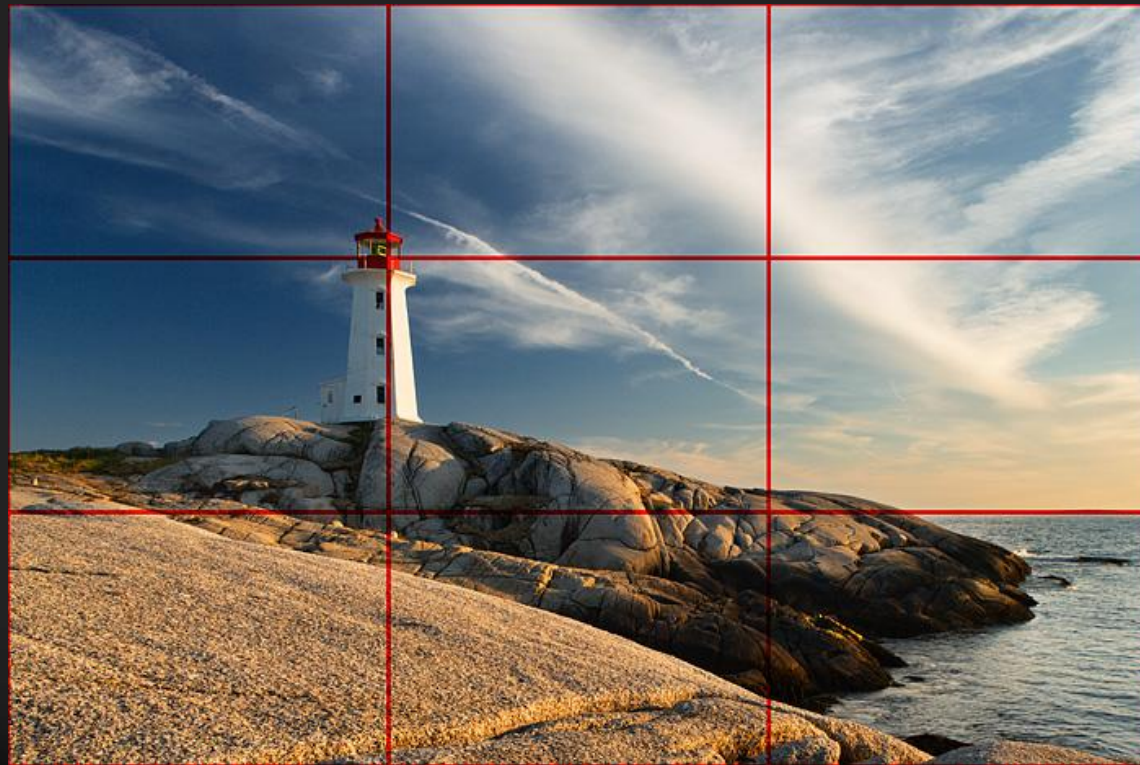
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- **Fill the Frame/ Cropping**
- Leave **Negative Space**
- Juxtaposition

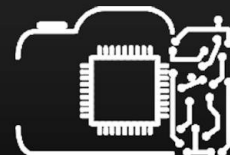
- Rule of Space
- Simplicity/**Minimalism**
- Change your Point of View
- Color Combinations
- Balance Elements in the Scene
- Don't cut off limbs *(the wrong way)*



The Rule of Thirds!

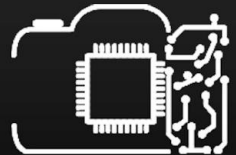


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The Rule of Thirds!

- Good Starting Point
- Easy to Visualise
- Balance
- Dynamism
- Engaging

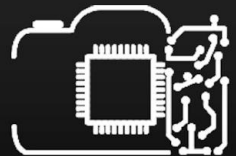


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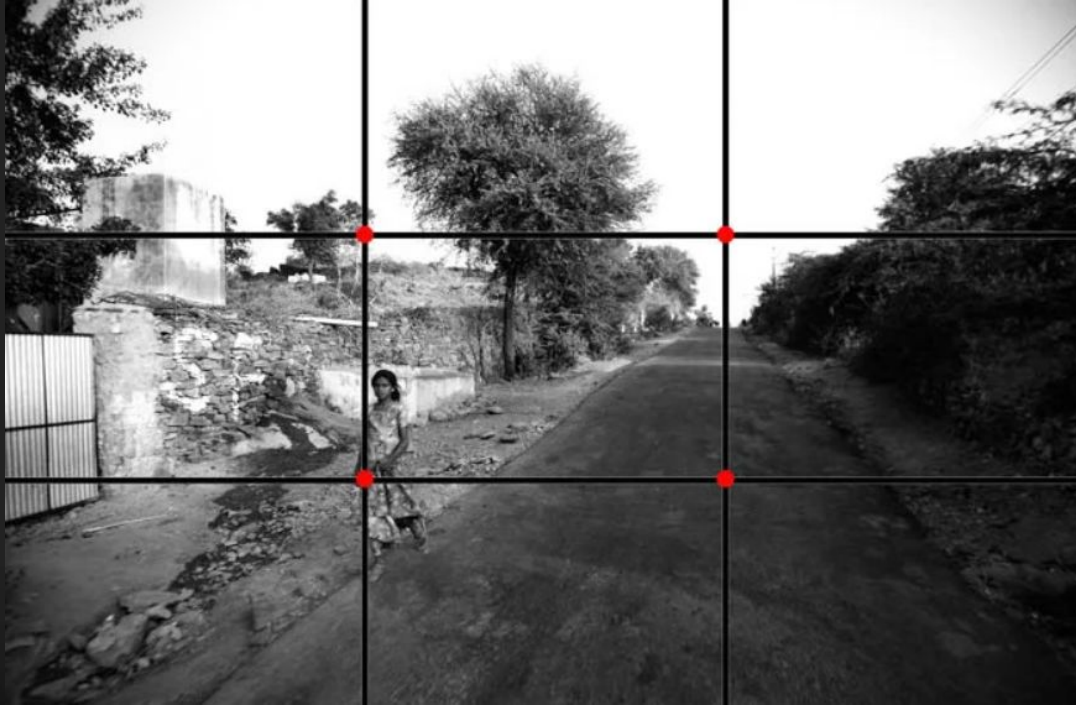


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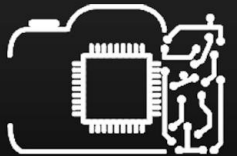


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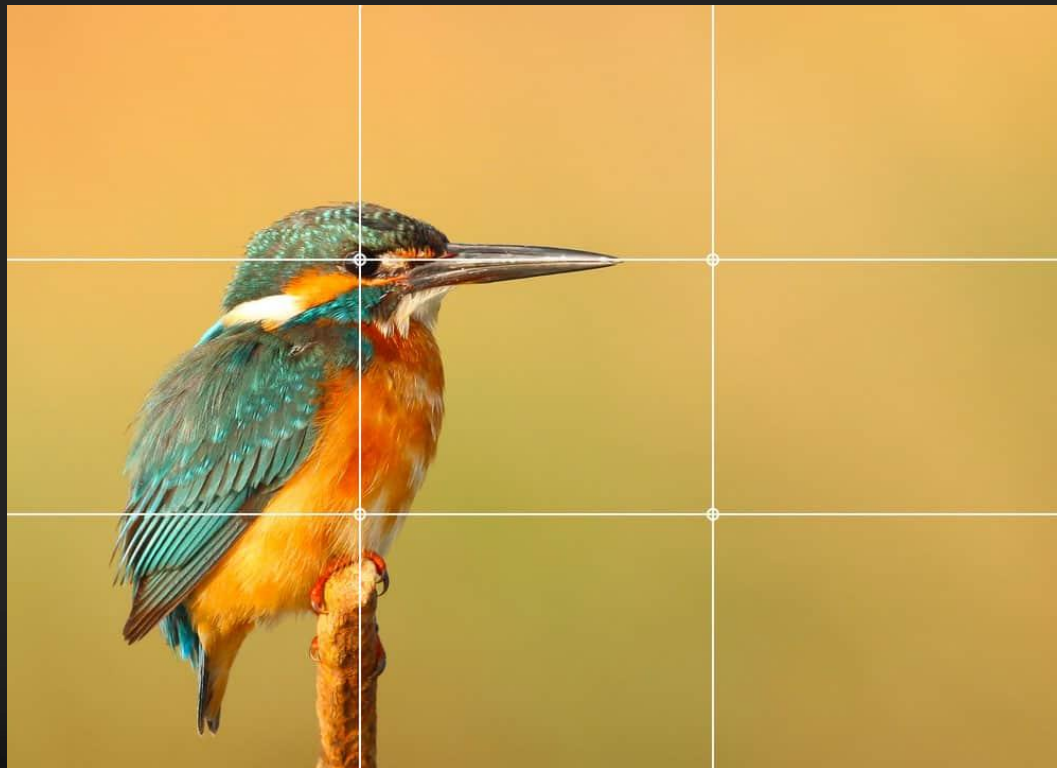


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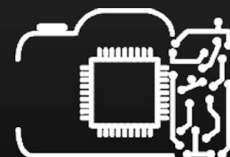


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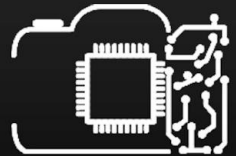
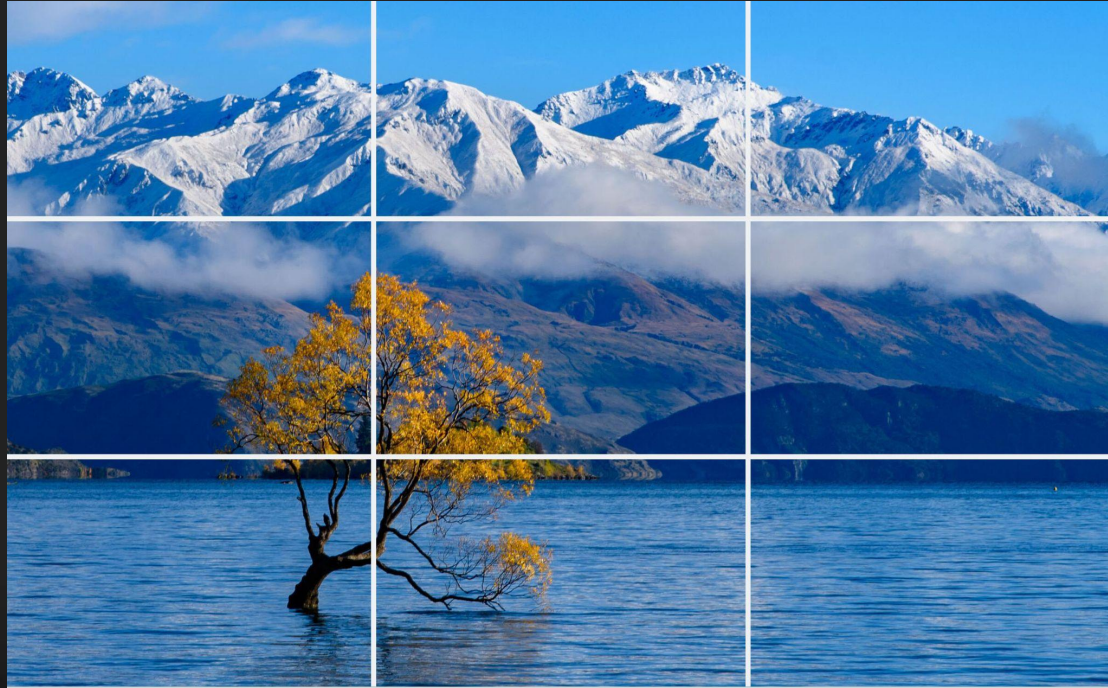


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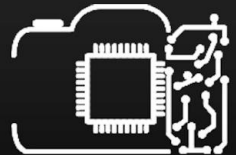


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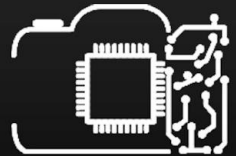


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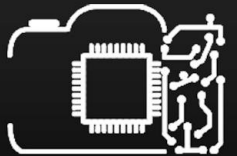


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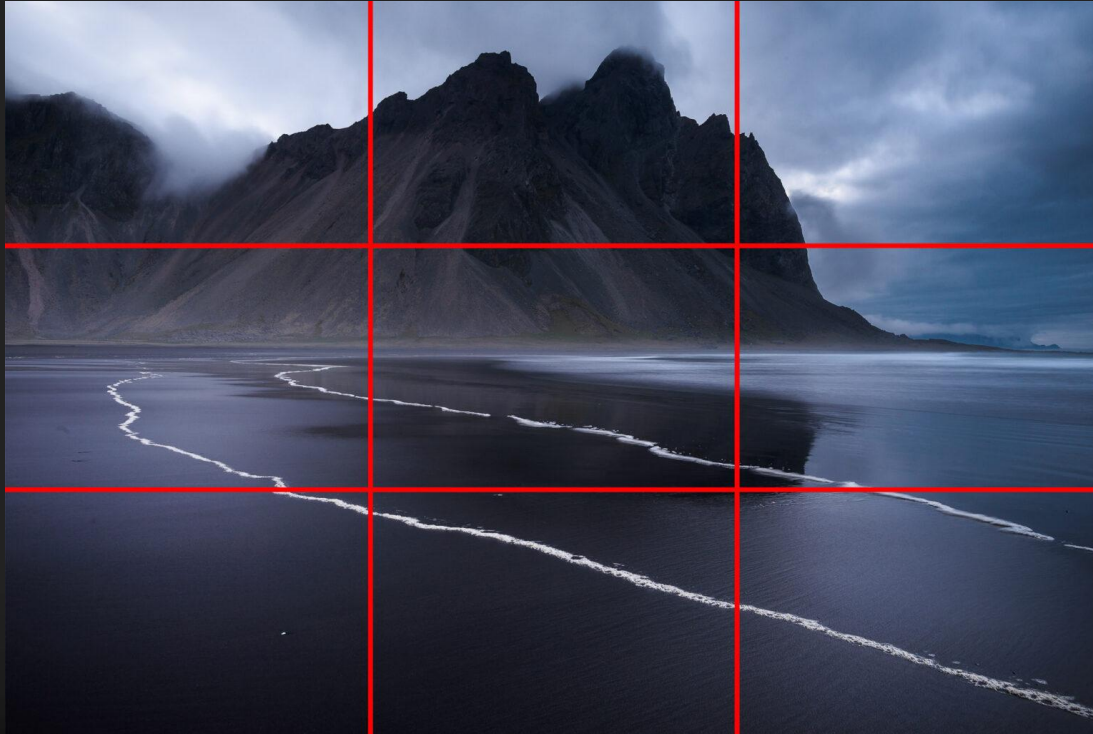


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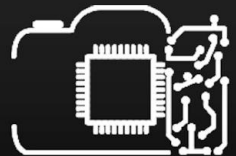


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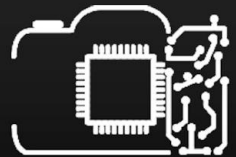


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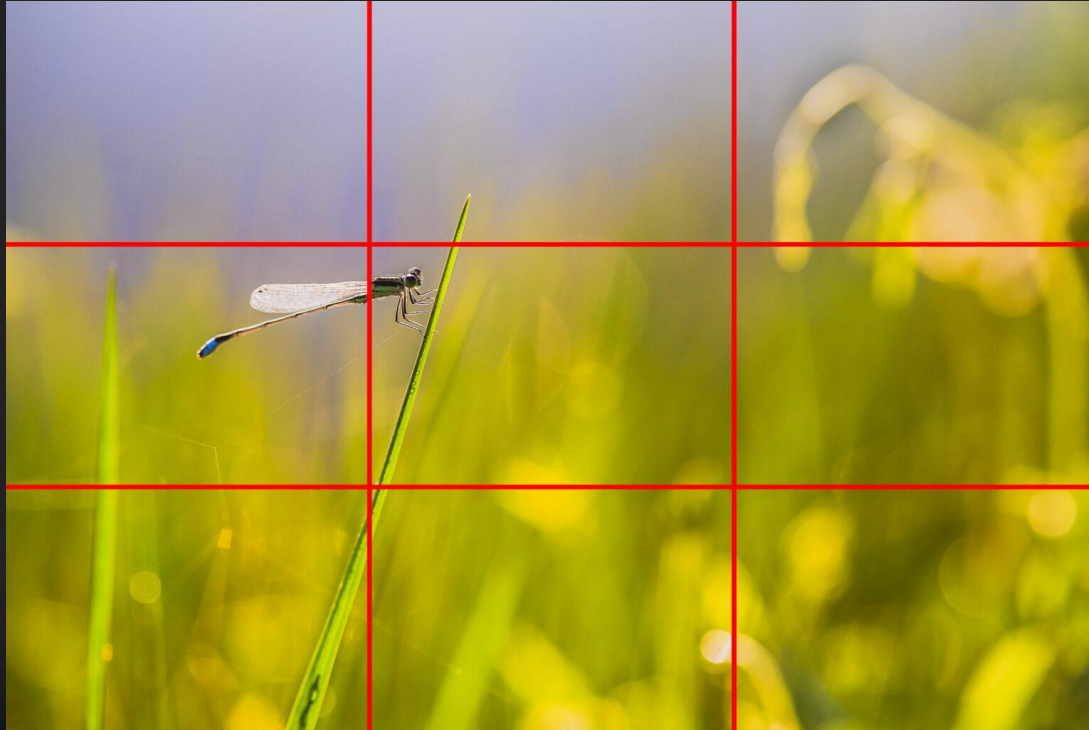


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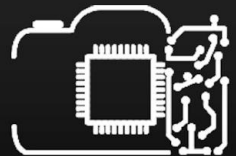


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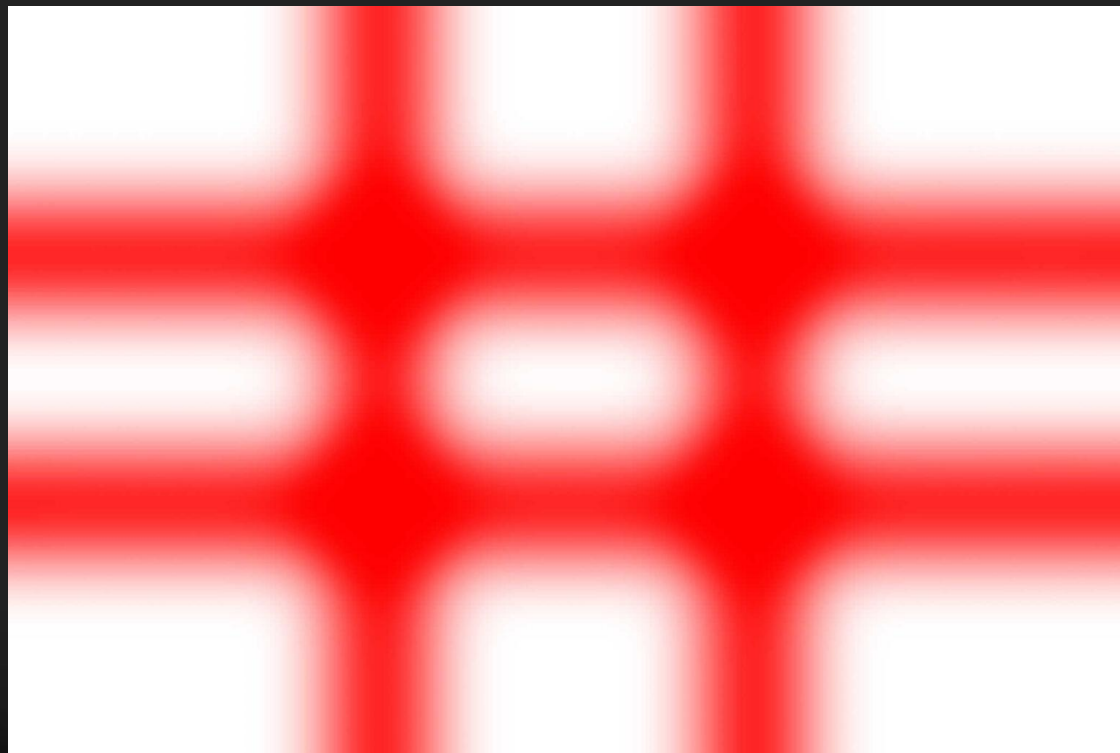


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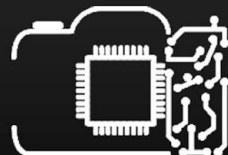


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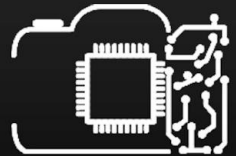


The Rule of Thirds!

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pleasing*

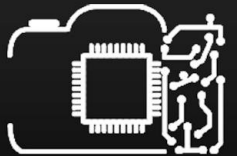


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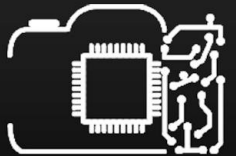
- Guide the viewer's eye
- Highlight the main subject
- Applies in every scenery
- Create Depth
- You need to move around



Leading Lines

Tips:

- Works well with wide-angle lens
- Try low, ultra wide, small aperture shots

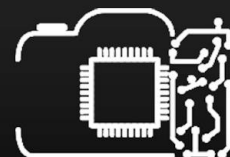


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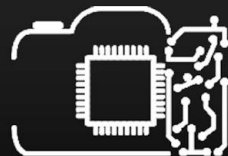


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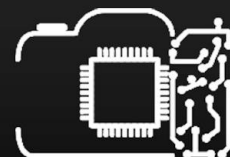


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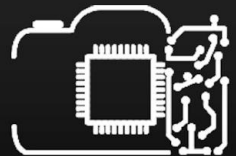


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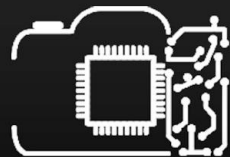


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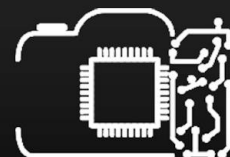


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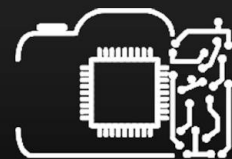


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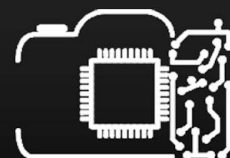


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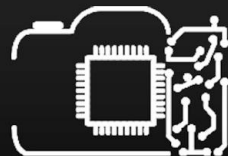


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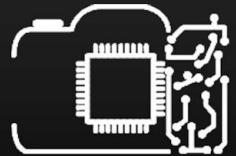


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Symmetry-Centered Composition!

- Powerful way to **draw attention**
- Stable Composition
- Clear intent
- Works well with bokeh effect
- Easy to implement



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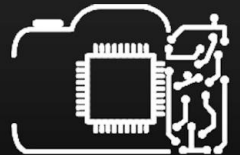
Symmetry-Centered Composition!

Types of Symmetry:

- Vertical Symmetry
- Horizontal Symmetry
- Radial Symmetry
- Partial Symmetry

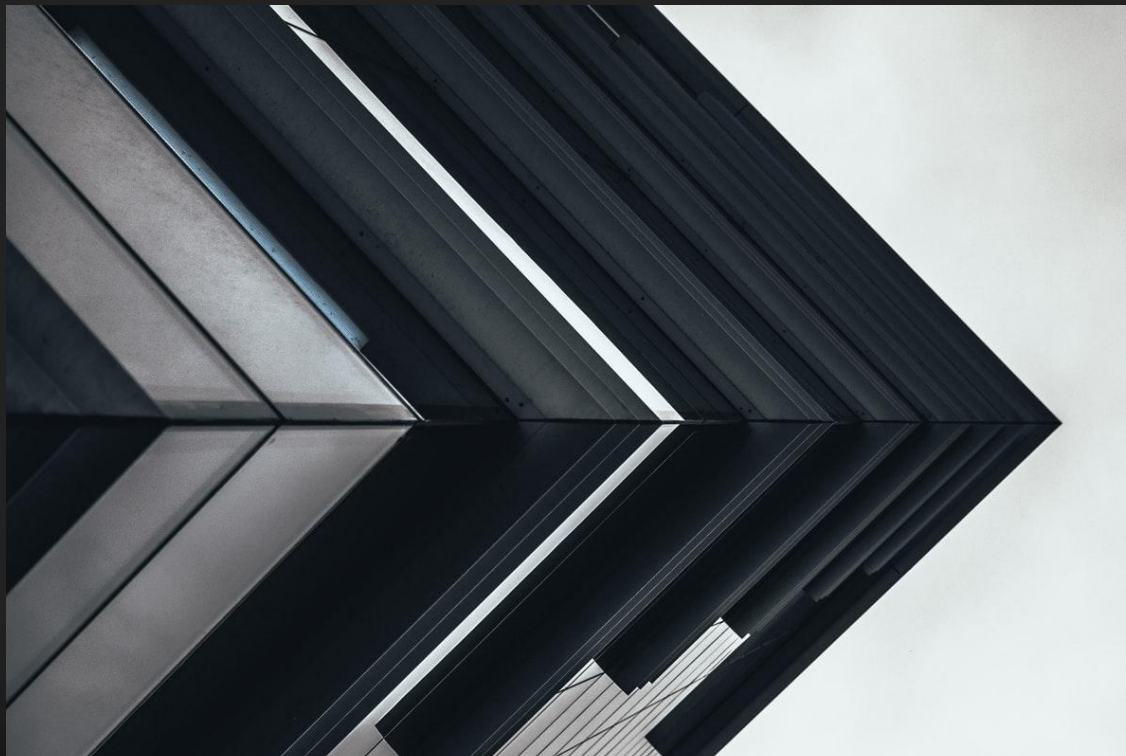
Tips:

- Use reflections
- Give a twist
- Use Leading Lines

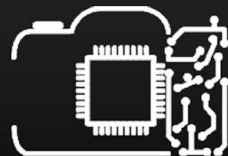


Centered Composition & Symmetry!

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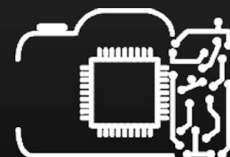


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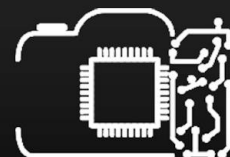


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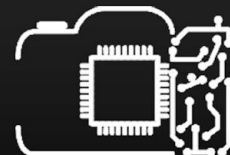


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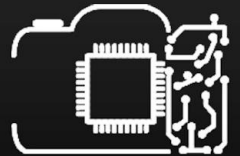


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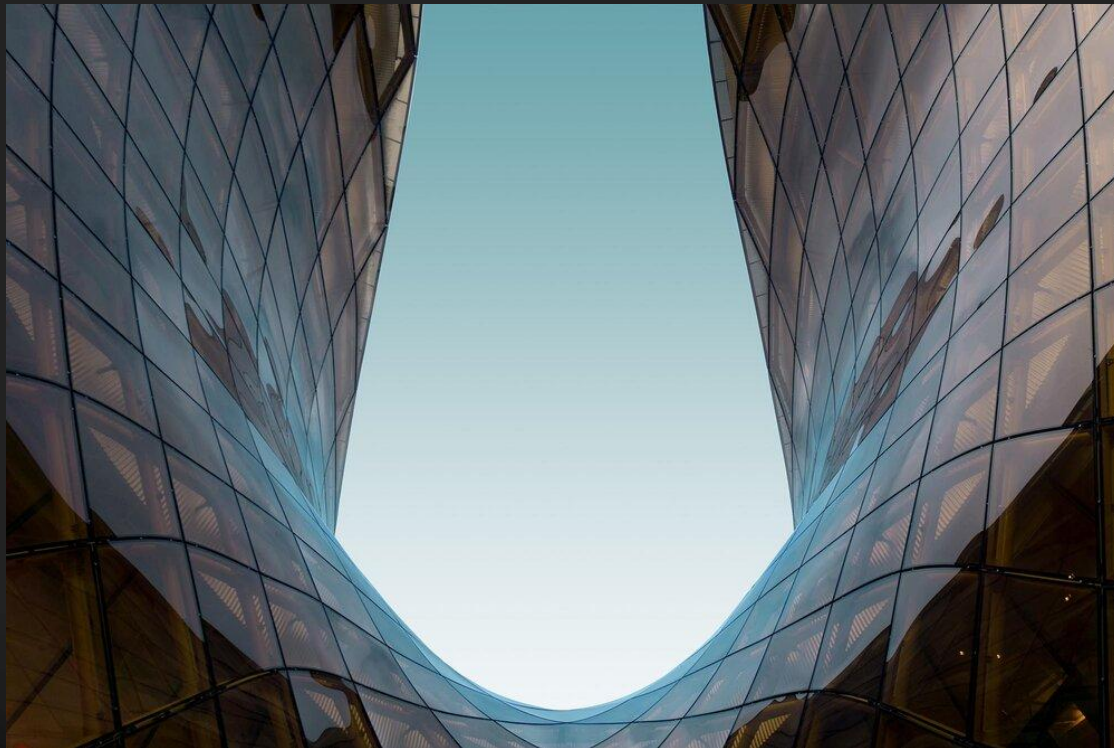


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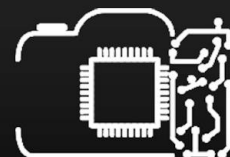


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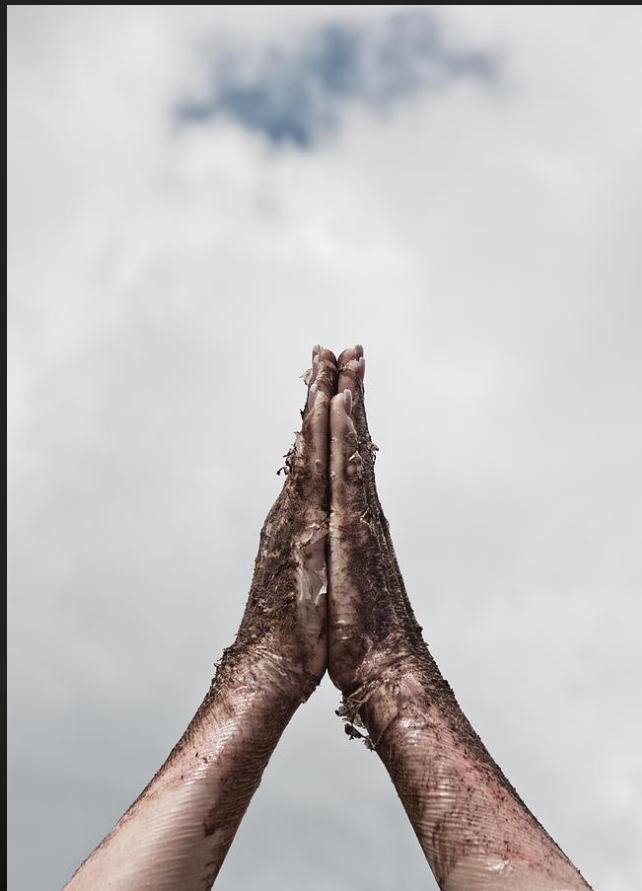


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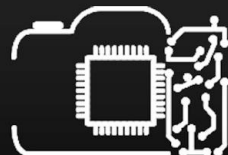


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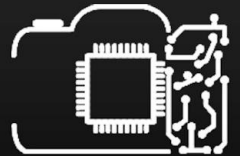


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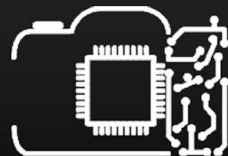


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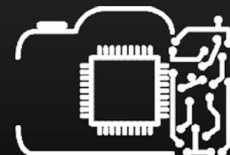


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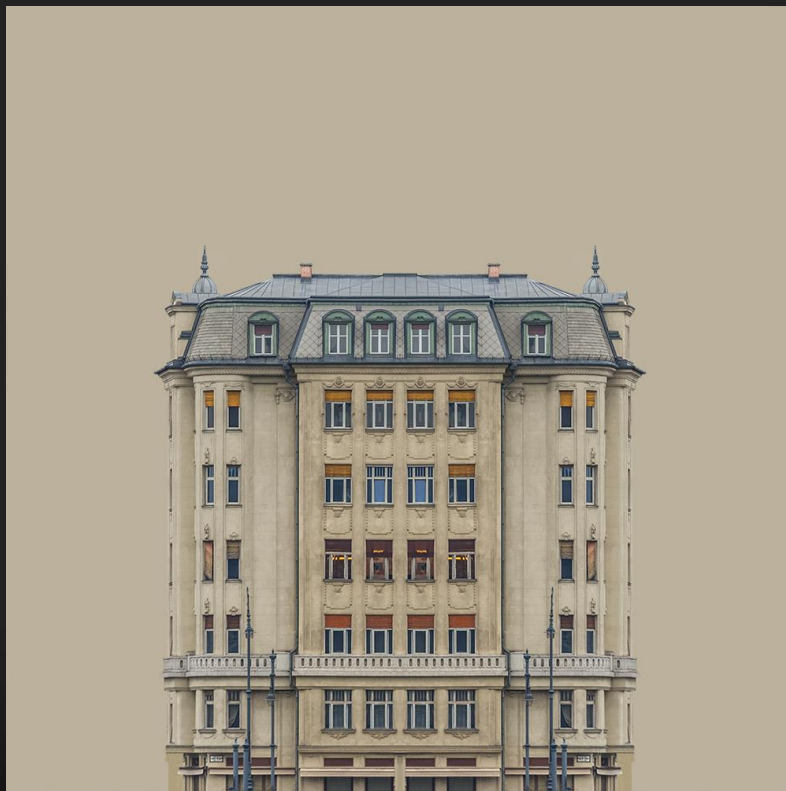


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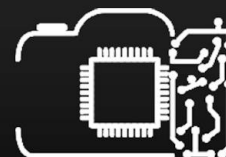


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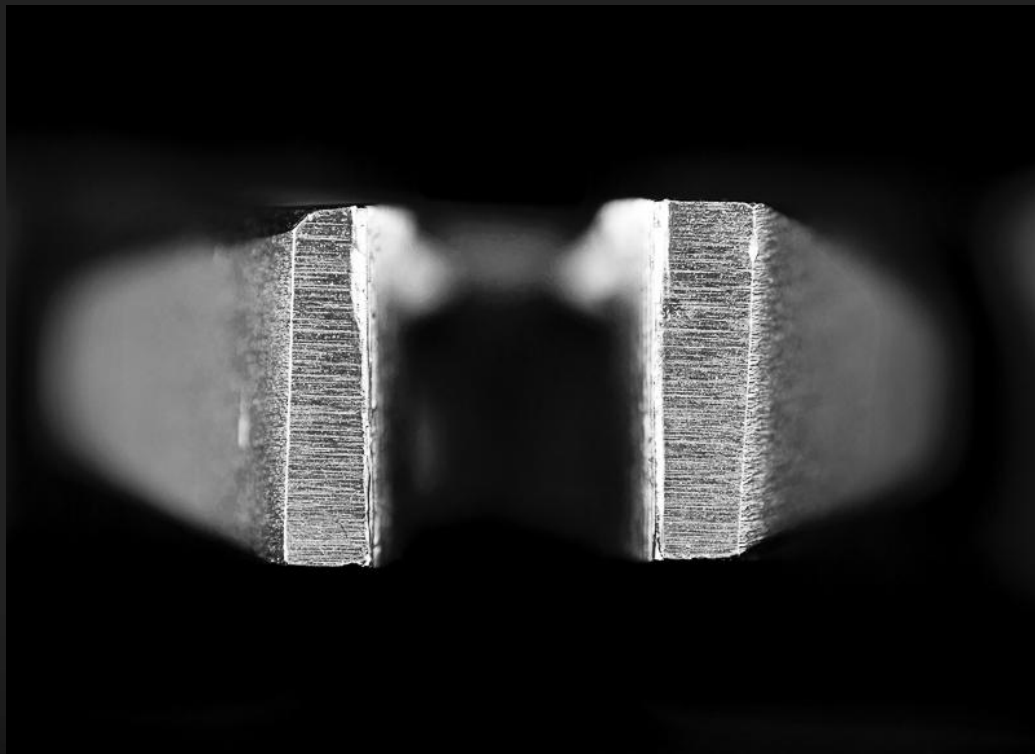


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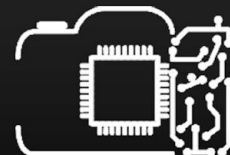


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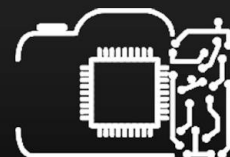


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