

Sufyaan's Website

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Switching To SVGs

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Debloating my website has been an educational experience to say the least. There were so many small things which seemed insignificant at first but made a massive difference to the speed of my website. Most of these changes have had little to no impact on the look and feel of my website but have reduced the size and improved the efficiency by a lot.

One of these changes was definitely moving away from Font Awesome. I did not think much of the icons on my website as they were already too many in size for me to switch every single one to another library. However, [after watching this video from Eric Murphy](#), I thought about it. Then, I still said no because there were way too many icons on my website.

Then, I did a GTMetrix scan of my website and saw that my icons and fonts were taking up 90% of my website's initial load resources. That forced me to take on the challenge to change every single icon to SVGs. It was much easier than expected.

Now, my website is much more leaner than before. I am happy on how this change turned out.