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Antichrist noun

An-ti-christ ˈan-tē-krĭst, -tī-krĭst

variants or less commonly **antichrist** or **Anti-Christ** or **anti-Christ**

1 : one who denies or opposes Christ

specifically : a great antagonist expected to fill the world with wickedness but to be conquered forever by Christ at his second coming

2 → used in an exaggerated way to describe a person regarded as a powerful and malevolent adversary → usually used with *the*

With time this contrast hardened into hacker iconography. Gates was *the anti-Christ*, a man whose corporate stranglehold on the software industry had left it awash in ugly products.

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Word History

Etymology

Middle English *anticrist*, from Old English & Late Latin; Old English *antecrist*, from Late Latin *Antichristus*, from Greek *Antichristos*, from *anti-* + *Christos* Christ

First Known Use

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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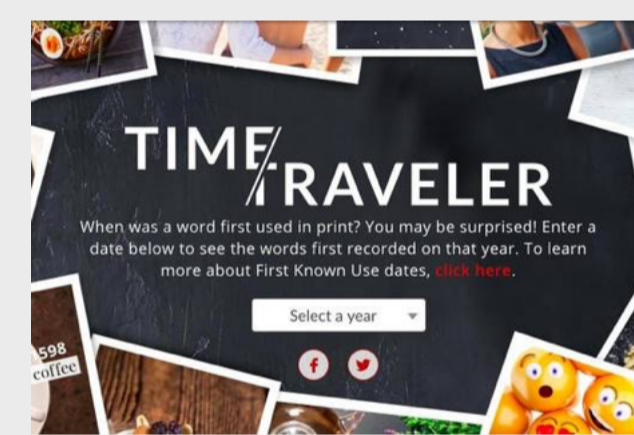
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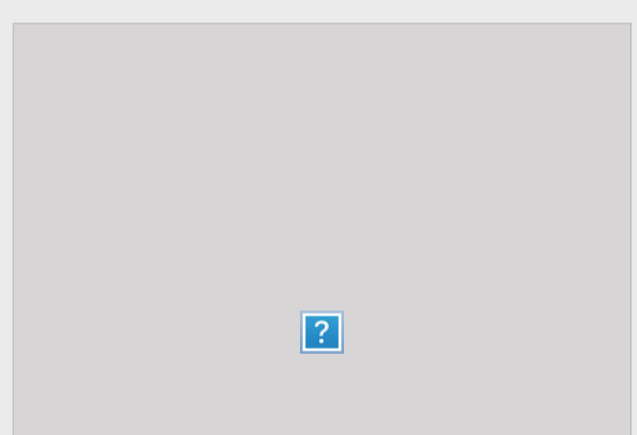
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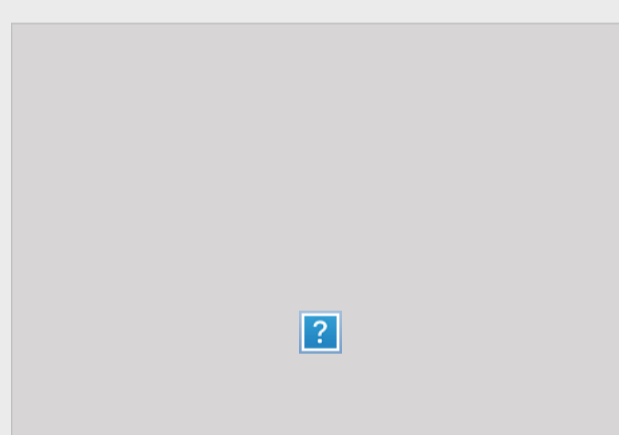
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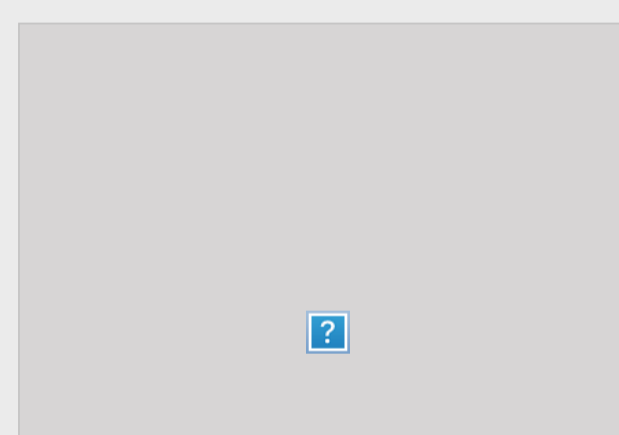
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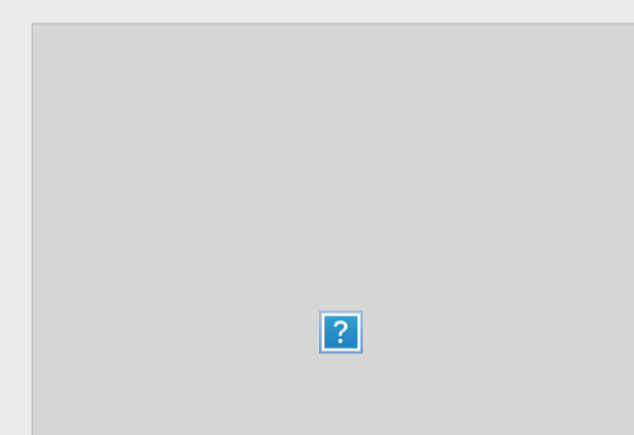
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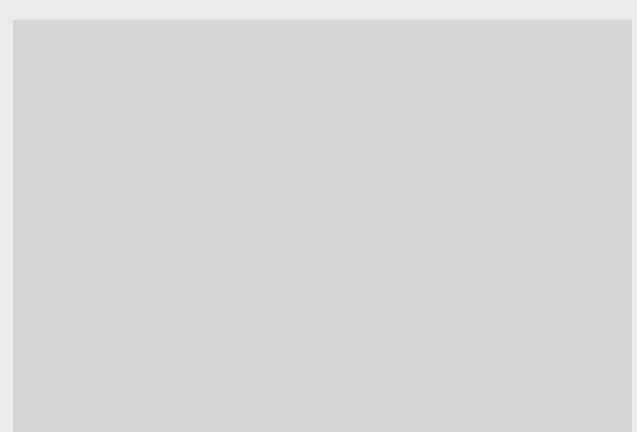
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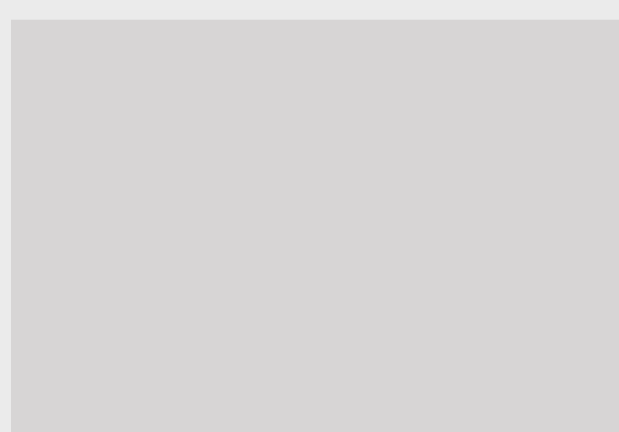
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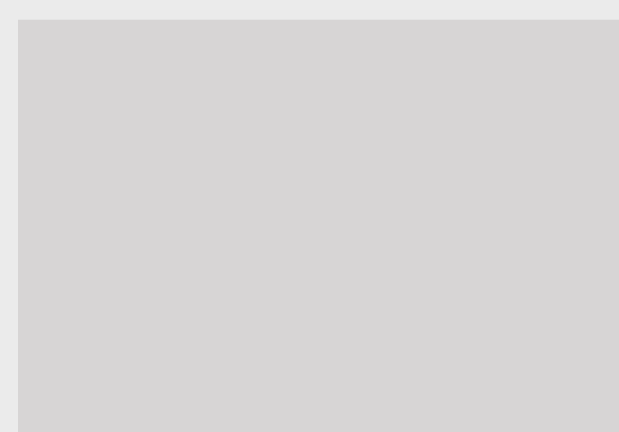
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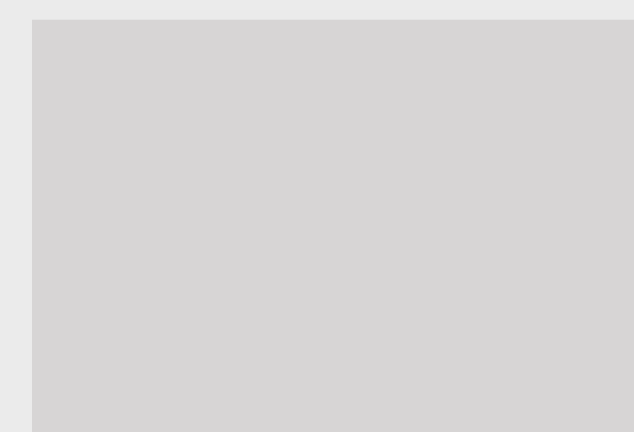
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