

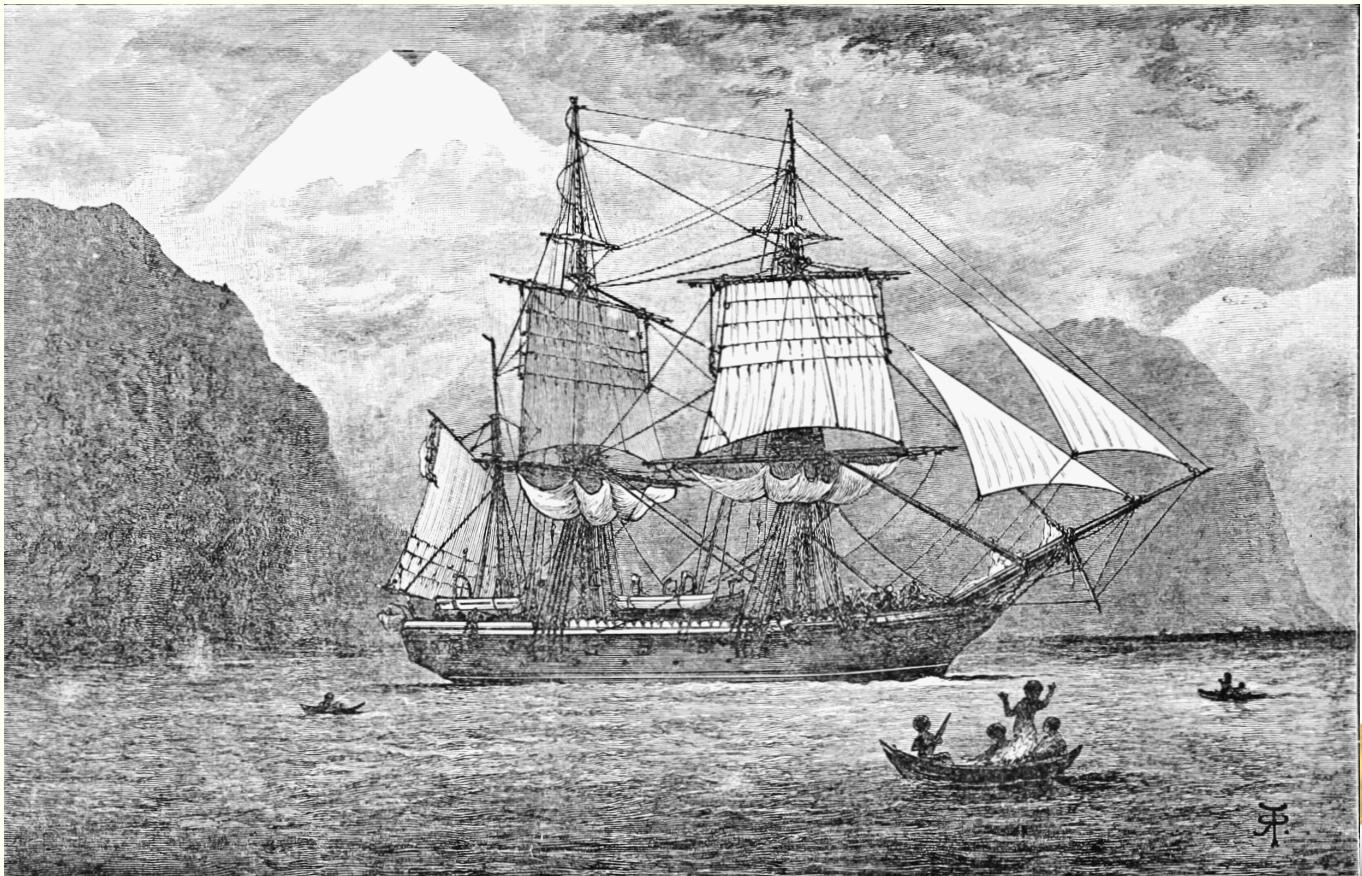
Beagle Smalltalk

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HMS Beagle

- The ship Charles Darwin took on his voyage of discovery
- Beagle Smalltalk invites you to take your own voyage of discovery into software



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Electronic Keyer
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Easy

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TESTED
BREAKTHROUGH!

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IN PEAK CONDITION

Build a Low-Cost
Pink Noise Generator

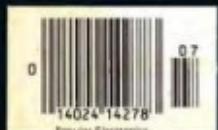
A VALUABLE AUDIO TEST TOOL

COMMUNICATIONS

Deciphering Utility
Code Broadcasts
Without Knowing
Morse Code!

TEST REPORTS

Radio Shack STA-2000
Stereo FM/AM Receiver
Koss K-145 Stereo Headphones
Cobra 29XLR 40-Channel AM
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Two Fantastic Video Projects



BUILD THIS TUT-6
YOUR SOFTWARE CONTROL CAN
INCLUDE INTERLACE, SCROLLING,
& A FULL PERFORMANCE CURSOR

UP TO 4896 SHARP CHARACTERS
ON THE SCREEN IN LESS THAN
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BUILD DON LANCASTER'S
LATEST "TV TYPEWRITER"
It's a \$35 Interface Board



GRAPHICS COMES TO THE
"ELF" MICROCOMPUTER!
This One's Less Than \$25

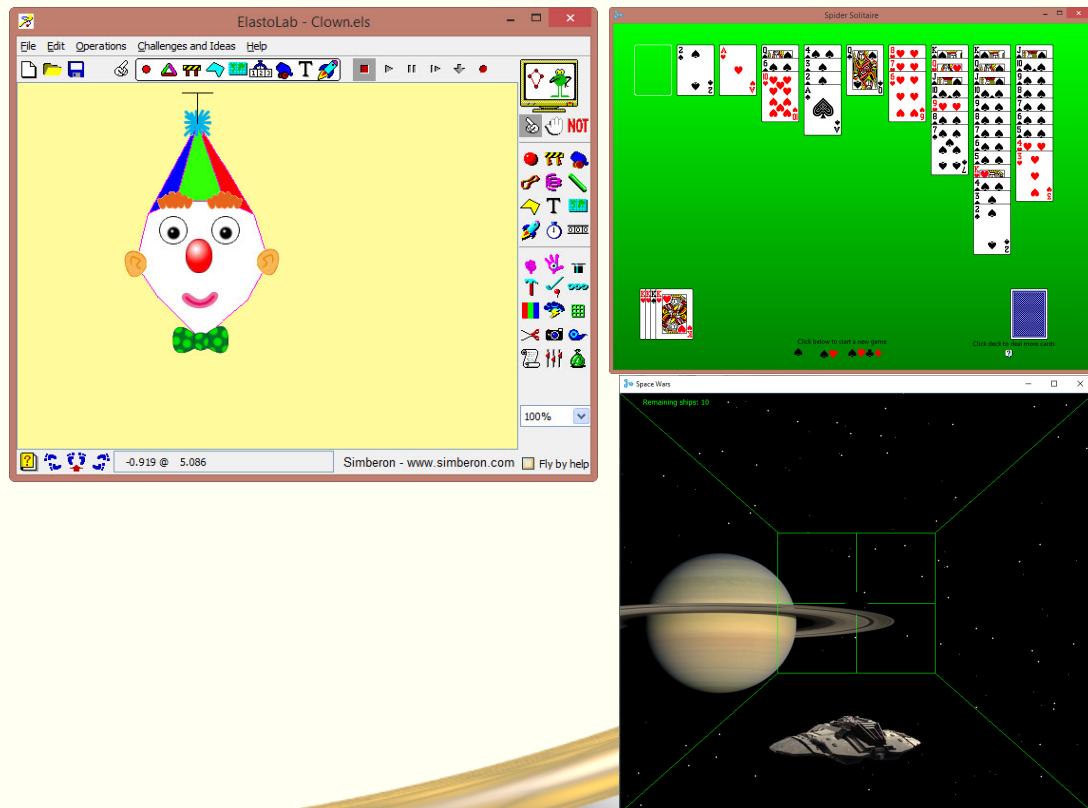


First Computer – COSMAC ELF

- 8-bit RCA 1802 processor running at 1.7897725 MHz
- 8.25K RAM, 256 bytes ROM (later upgraded to 8.25KB)
- 64x64 pixel graphics (up to 64x128)
- Programmed primarily in machine language
- Games (Battlestar Galactica)
- 1 – bit sound and music (square waves)
 - Code turns speaker on/off and counts for delays
- Morse code generator

Other fun software

- Ray tracing – DKBTrace and POV-Ray
- Line art
- 3D graphics
- AI (neural networks)
- Simulated physics (ElastoLab)
- Bots in 3D interactive chat worlds
- Games (Spider Solitaire, Space Wars)



Games for iOS and Android

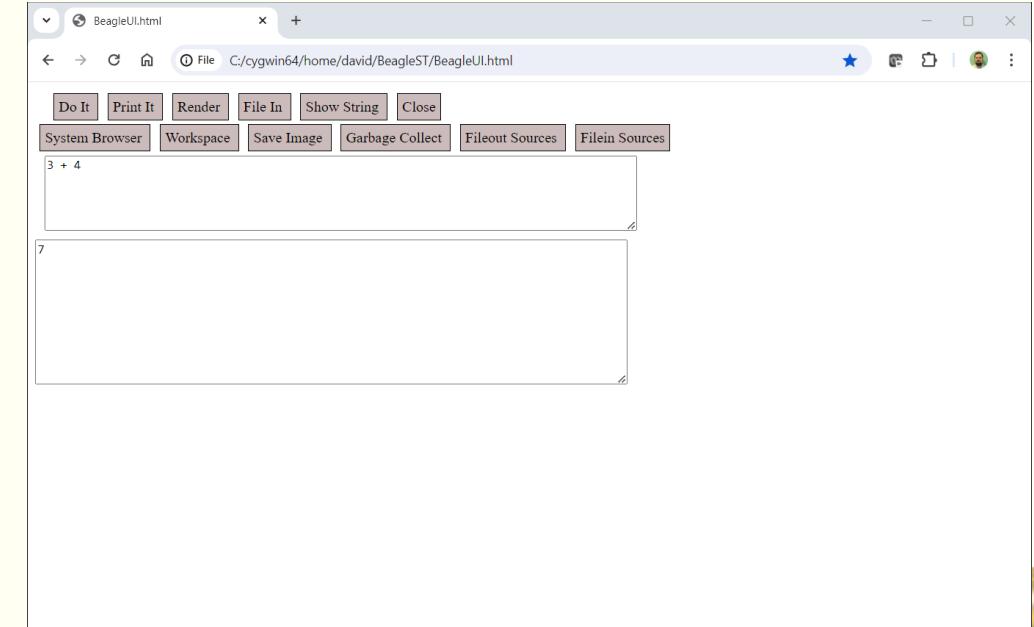
- Wrote my own Smalltalk virtual machine
- Sea Turtle Rescue
 - Interpreted Smalltalk (to avoid iOS restrictions on dynamic compiling)
 - 64 bit executable (an iOS requirement)
 - Cross-compiled from another Smalltalk environment



What to do next?

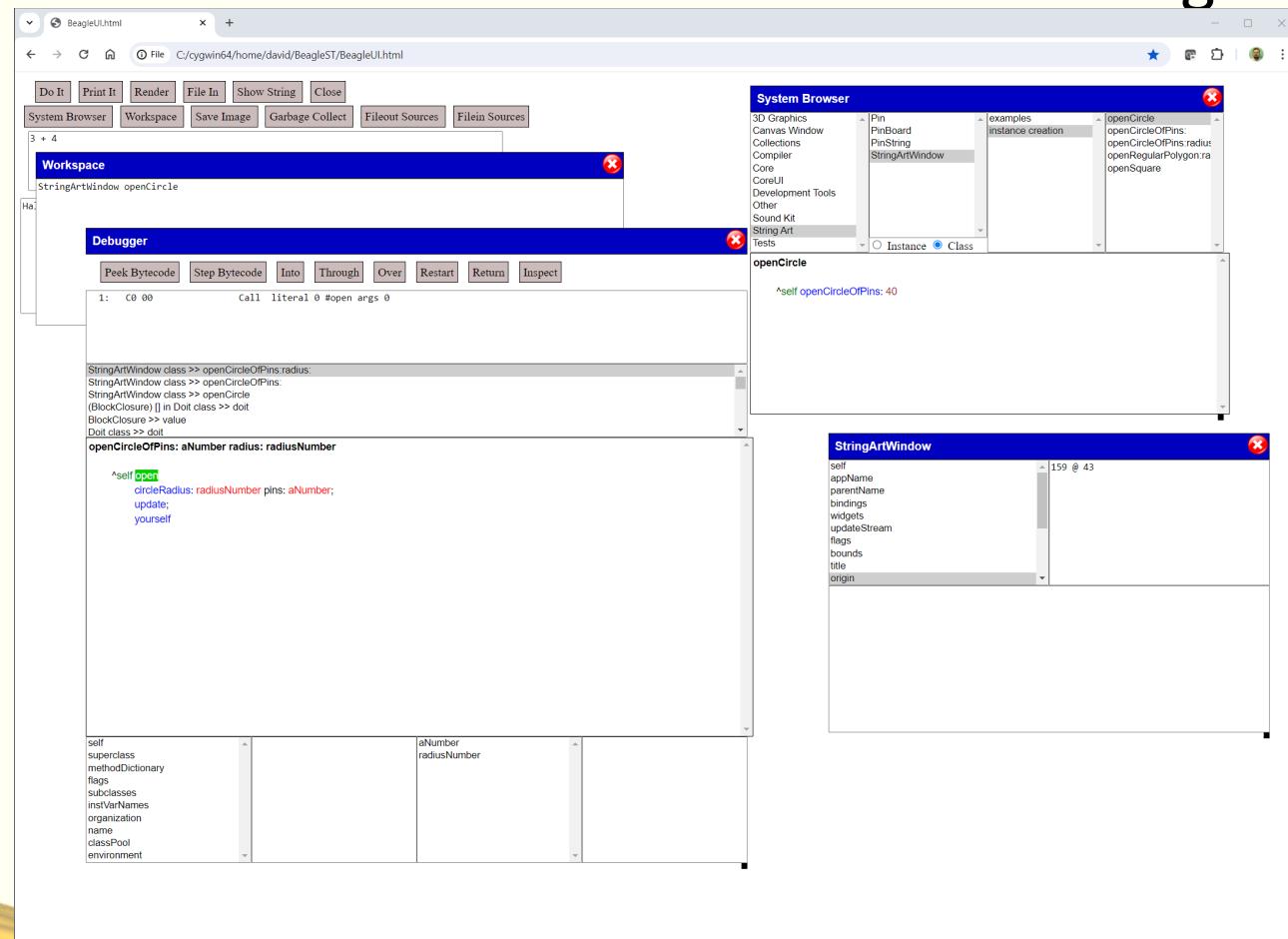
- I decided to take my own voyage of discovery
- Wrote my own Smalltalk compiler hosted on my own VM
- User Interface is a Web Browser like Chrome
- Communication through WebSockets

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$ ./beagle.exe simtalk.im
Image loaded successfully
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Development Environment

- Developed Smalltalk tools rendered in HTML through JavaScript



Demo

Challenges

- Brain surgery on yourself
 - Changing bytecode set
 - Debugging the debugger
 - Changing the compiler
- Garbage collection
 - Generation Scavenging
 - Mark / Sweep

Kits to Develop

- I build the hard parts
 - let kids explore on top
- Present as YouTube videos – how-to's
 - String Art
 - Puppet Theater
 - 3D Graphics / Ray Tracing
 - Sound synthesis
 - Music generation
 - Digital logic
 - RCA 1802 simulator (or maybe 6809)
 - Simulated physics
 - Neural networks

Philosophies to Explore

- Full source available
 - Smalltalk code is visible and changeable
- Encourage good organization of code (kits, classes, protocols)
- Code visualization?
- Multi-language coding?