

my adventure with Elm

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agenda

Hi, my name is Yan Cui.



I'm not an expert on Elm.

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A [functional reactive](#) language for interactive applications

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Functional

Features like immutability and type inference help you write code that is short, fast, and maintainable. Elm makes them [easy to learn](#) too.

Reactive

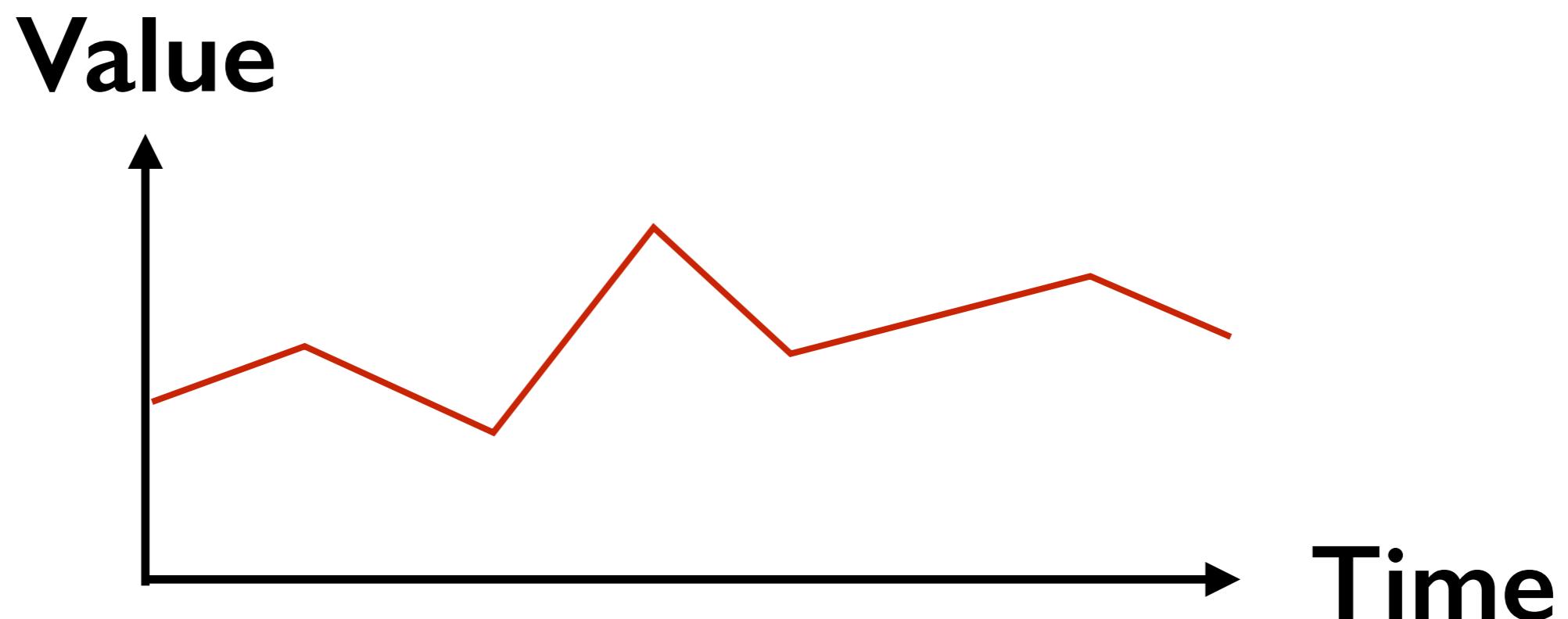
Elm is based on the idea of [Functional Reactive Programming](#). Create highly interactive applications without messy callbacks or a tangle of shared state.

Compatible

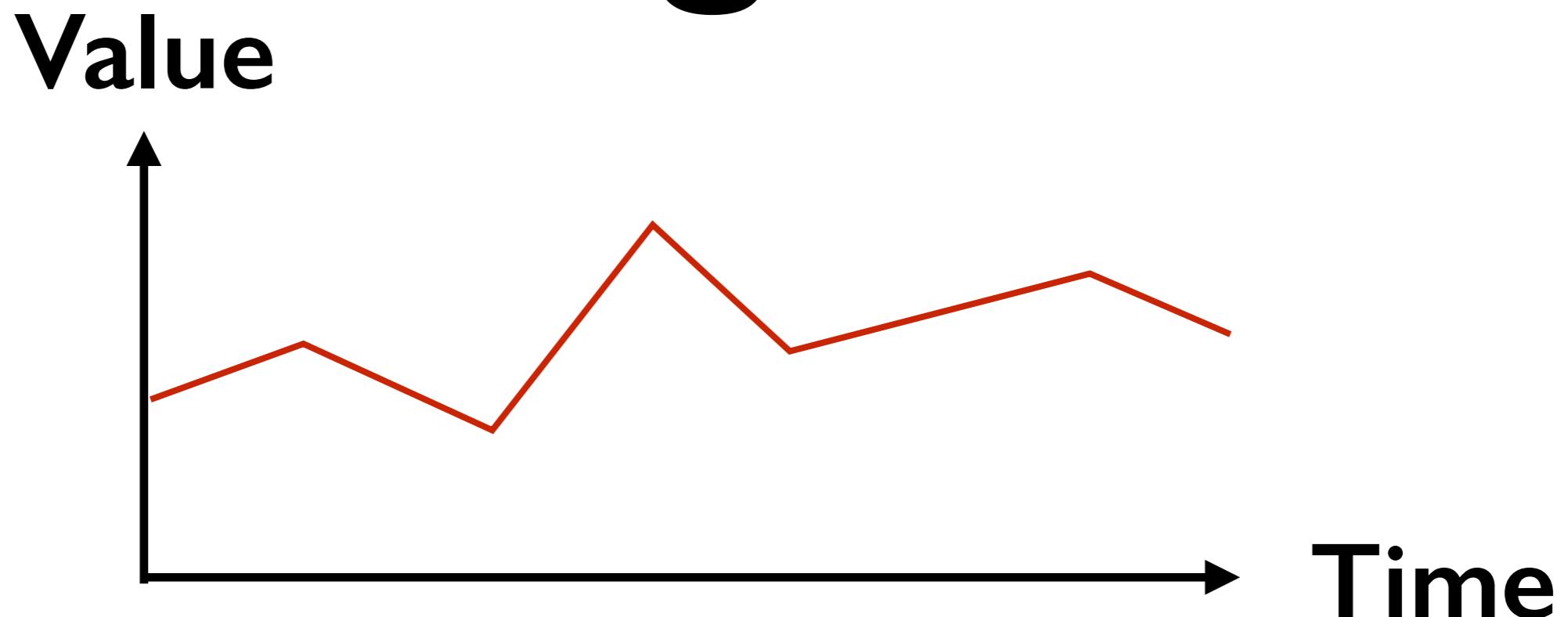
Elm compiles to HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. It is easy to [use HTML](#) and [interop with JS](#), so it is simple to write part of your application in Elm.

Function Reactive Programming?

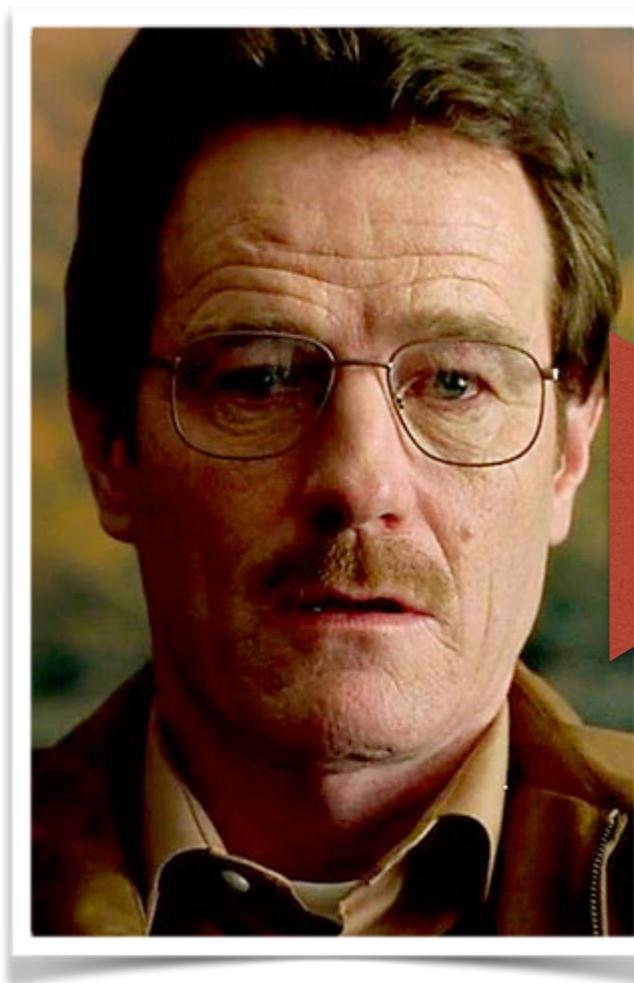
Value over Time



Signal











Variable Signal









Reactive is Dead,
long live composing side effects.

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Reactive programming

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In computing, **reactive programming** is a [programming paradigm](#) oriented around [data flows](#) and the propagation of change. This means that it should be possible to express static or dynamic data flows with ease in the programming languages used, and that the underlying execution model will automatically propagate changes through the data flow.

For example, in an imperative programming setting, $a := b + c$ would mean that a is being assigned the result of $b + c$ in the instant the expression is evaluated. Later, the values of b and c can be changed with no effect on the value of a .

In reactive programming, the value of a would be automatically updated based on the new values.

A modern [spreadsheet](#) program is an example of reactive programming. Spreadsheet cells can contain [literal values](#), or formulas such as " $=B1+C1$ " that are evaluated based on other cells. Whenever the value of the other cells change, the value of the formula is automatically updated.

Another example is a [hardware description language](#) such as [Verilog](#). In this case reactive programming allows us to model changes as they propagate through a circuit.

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The Reactive Manifesto

Published on September 16 2014. (v2.0)

Organisations working in disparate domains are independently discovering patterns for building software that look the same. These systems are more robust, more resilient, more flexible and better positioned to meet modern demands.

These changes are happening because application requirements have changed dramatically in recent years. Only a few years ago a large application had tens of servers, seconds of response time, hours of offline maintenance and gigabytes of data. Today applications are deployed on everything from mobile devices to cloud-based clusters running thousands of multi-core processors. Users expect millisecond response times and 100% uptime. Data is measured in Petabytes. Today's demands are simply not met by yesterday's software architectures.

We believe that a coherent approach to systems architecture is needed, and we believe that all necessary aspects are already recognised individually: we want systems that are Responsive, Resilient, Elastic and Message Driven. We call these Reactive Systems.

Systems built as Reactive Systems are more flexible, loosely-coupled and scalable. This makes them easier to develop and amenable to change. They are significantly more tolerant of failure and when failure does occur they meet it with elegance rather than disaster. Reactive Systems are highly responsive,

Containment

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Scalable

Elasticity

Location-Transparency

High-Availability

Replication

Asynchronous

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Non-Blocking

Resilient

Message-Passing

Isolation

These changes are happening because applications are changing dramatically in recent years. Only a few years ago, we had tens of servers, seconds of response time, hours of offline time, gigabytes of data and a few dozen users. Now we have thousands of servers, milliseconds of response time, minutes of offline time, terabytes of data and billions of users.

We believe that the shift to reactive systems is a fundamental change in how systems are built. It is a coherent approach to building systems architectures that is necessary and sufficient to build responsive, reliable and efficient reactive systems.

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Reactive Programming =

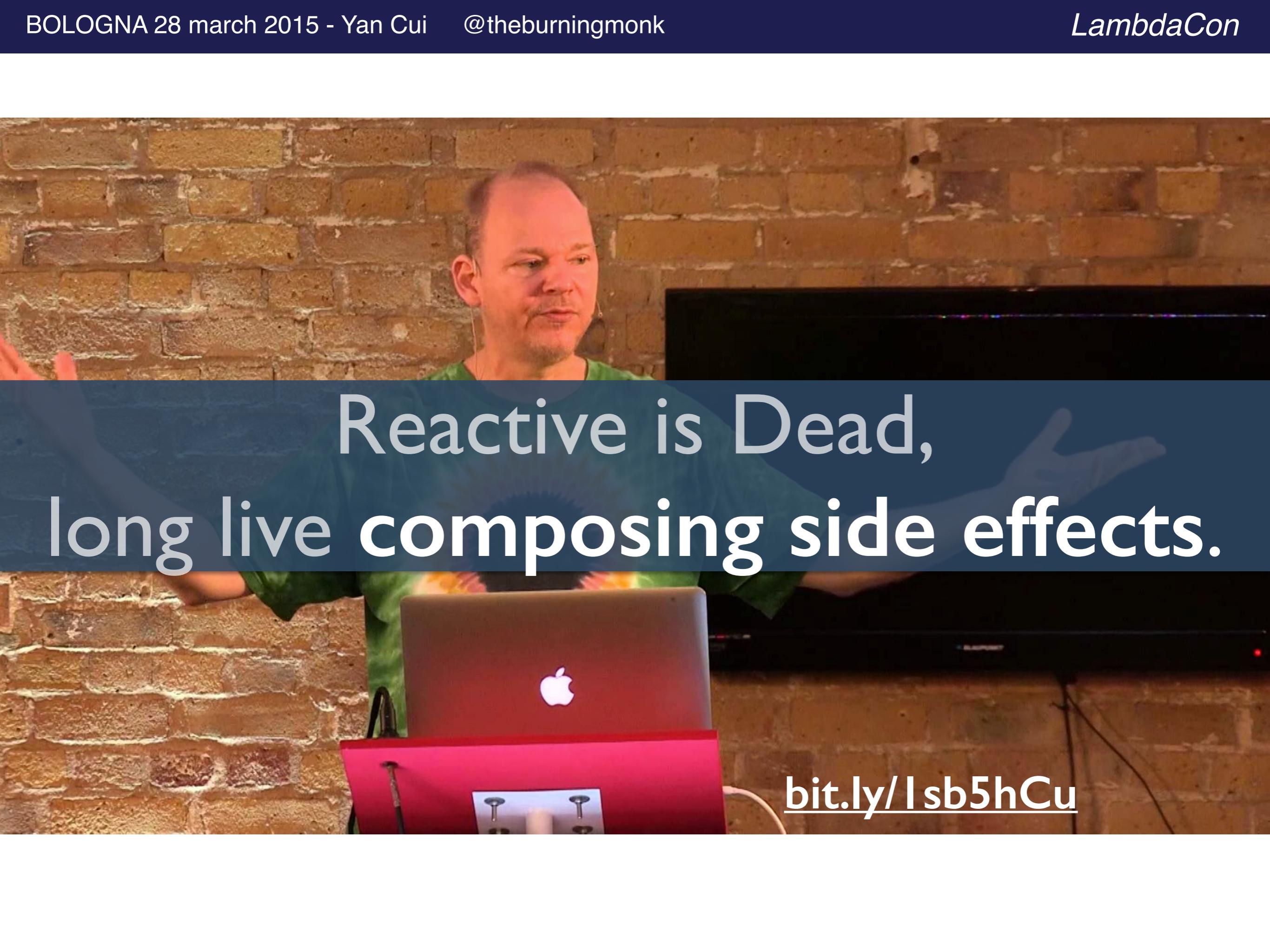
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“One thing I’m discovering is
that transforming data is
easier to think about than
maintaining state.”

- Dave Thomas

Imperative

x.f()

Functional

let y = f(x)

Imperative

Functional

`x.f()`



mutation

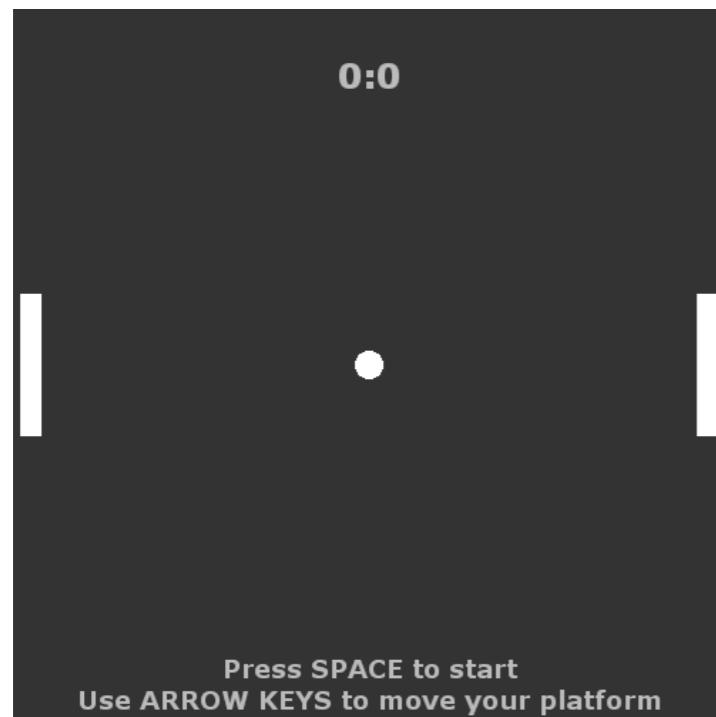
`let y = f(x)`

Short-term memory

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Short-term memory (or "primary" or "active memory") is the capacity for holding a small amount of [information](#) in [mind](#) in an active, readily available state for a short period of time. The duration of short-term memory (when rehearsal or active maintenance is prevented) is believed to be in the order of seconds. A commonly cited capacity is [7 ± 2 elements](#). In contrast, [long-term memory](#) can hold an indefinite amount of information.

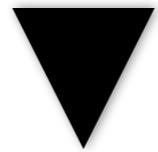
Short-term memory should be distinguished from [working memory](#), which refers to structures and processes used for temporarily storing and manipulating information (see details below).

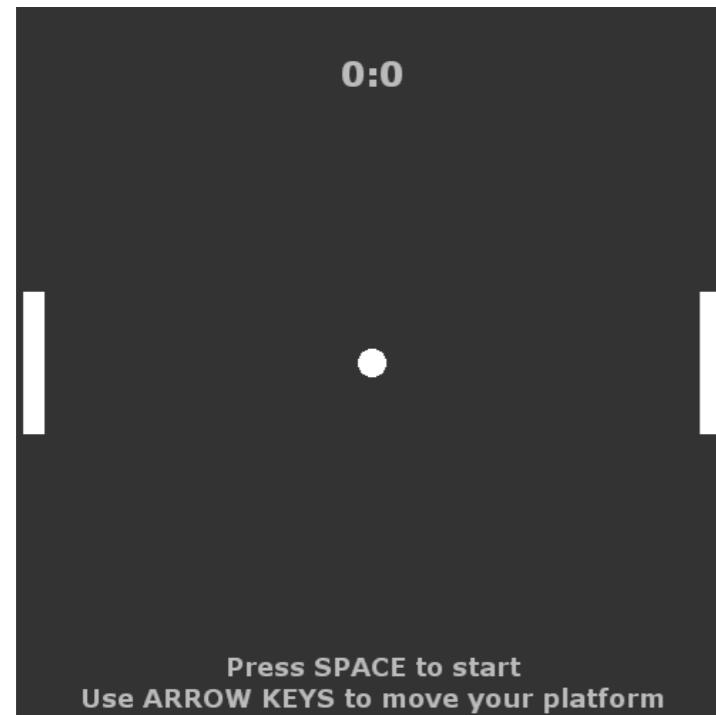


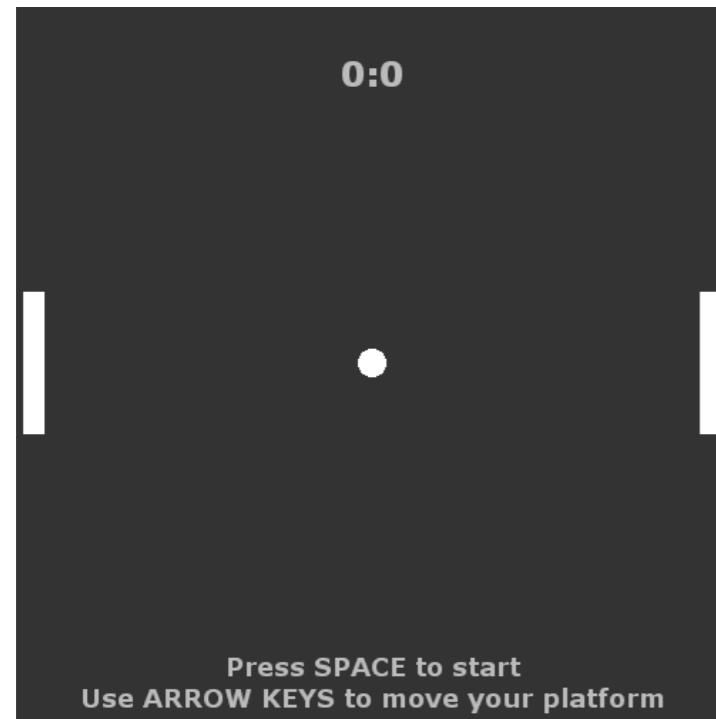
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Move Down



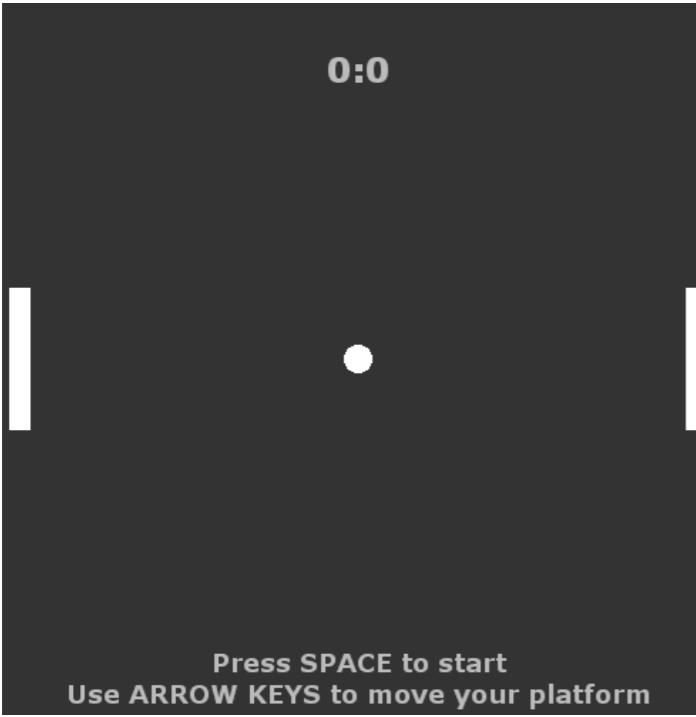




```
function keyDown(event:KeyboardEvent):Void {  
    if (currentGameState == Paused &&  
        event.keyCode == 32) {  
        setGameState(Playing);  
    } else if (event.keyCode == 38) {  
        arrowKeyUp = true;  
    } else if (event.keyCode == 40) {  
        arrowKeyDown = true;  
    }  
}
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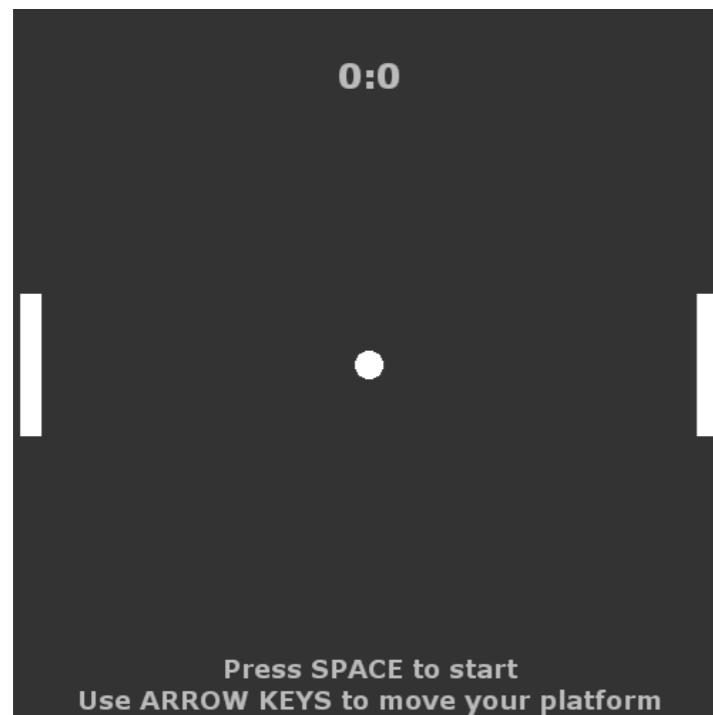
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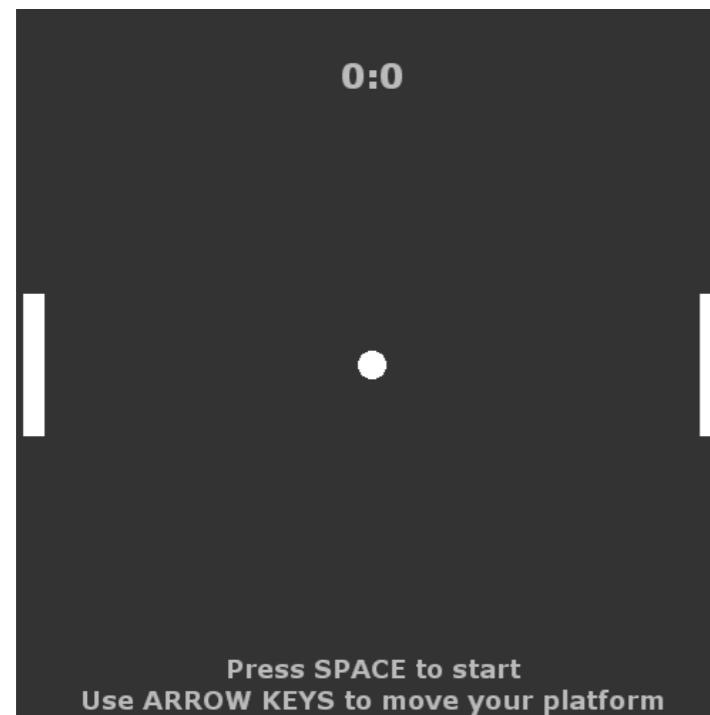
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function keyUp(event:KeyboardEvent):Void {  
    if (event.keyCode == 38) {  
        arrowKeyUp = false;  
    } else if (event.keyCode == 40) {  
        arrowKeyDown = false;  
    }  
}
```

A small screenshot of a game interface. It features a central white circle with a black outline. On either side of the circle are two vertical white bars. The background is dark gray. In the bottom right corner of the screenshot, there is some white text.

Press SPACE to start
Use ARROW KEYS to move your platform

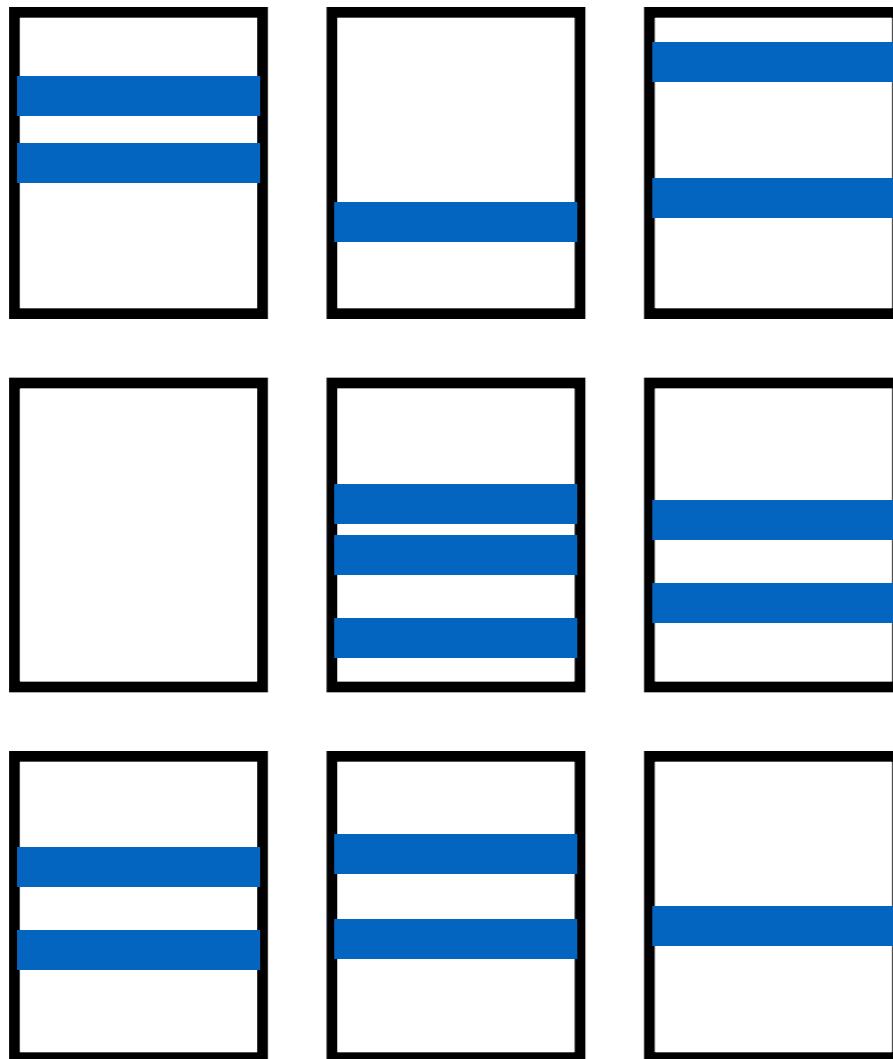
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function everyFrame(event:Event):Void {  
    if(currentGameState == Playing){  
        if (arrowKeyUp) {  
            platform1.y -= platformSpeed;  
        }  
        if (arrowKeyDown) {  
            platform1.y += platformSpeed;  
        }  
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    }  
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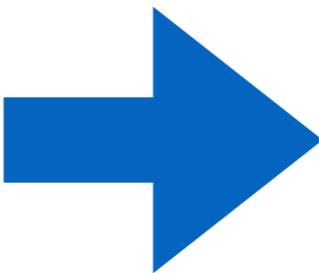
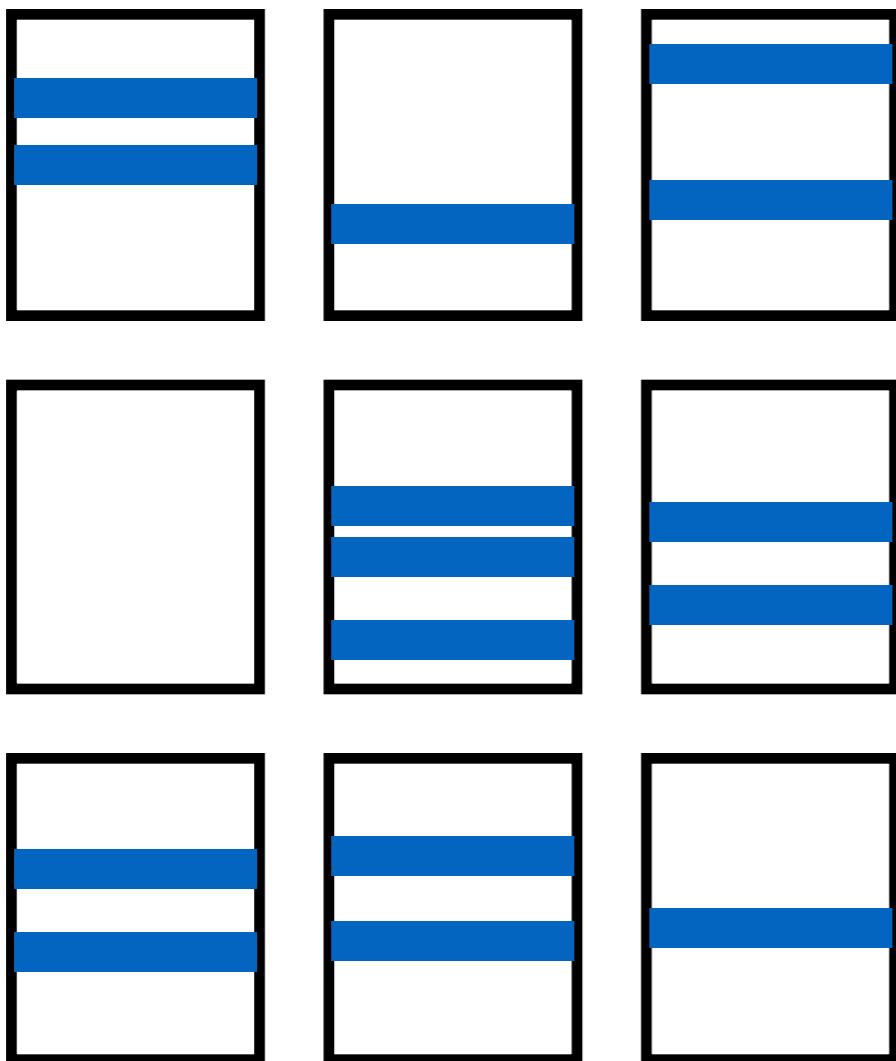
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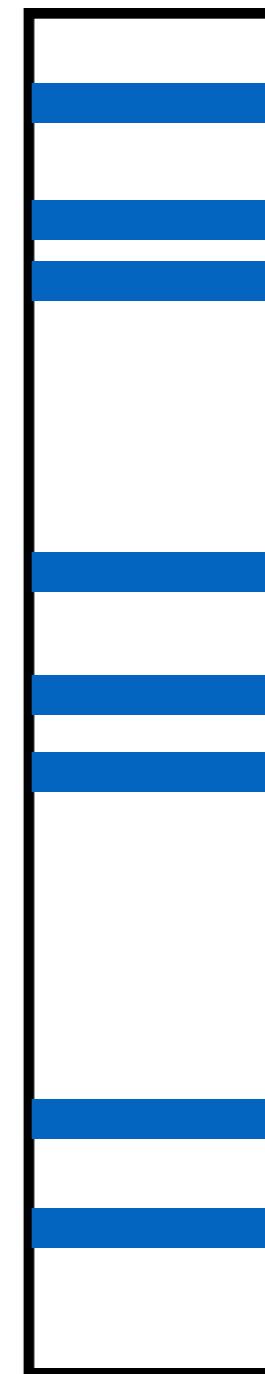


— state changes

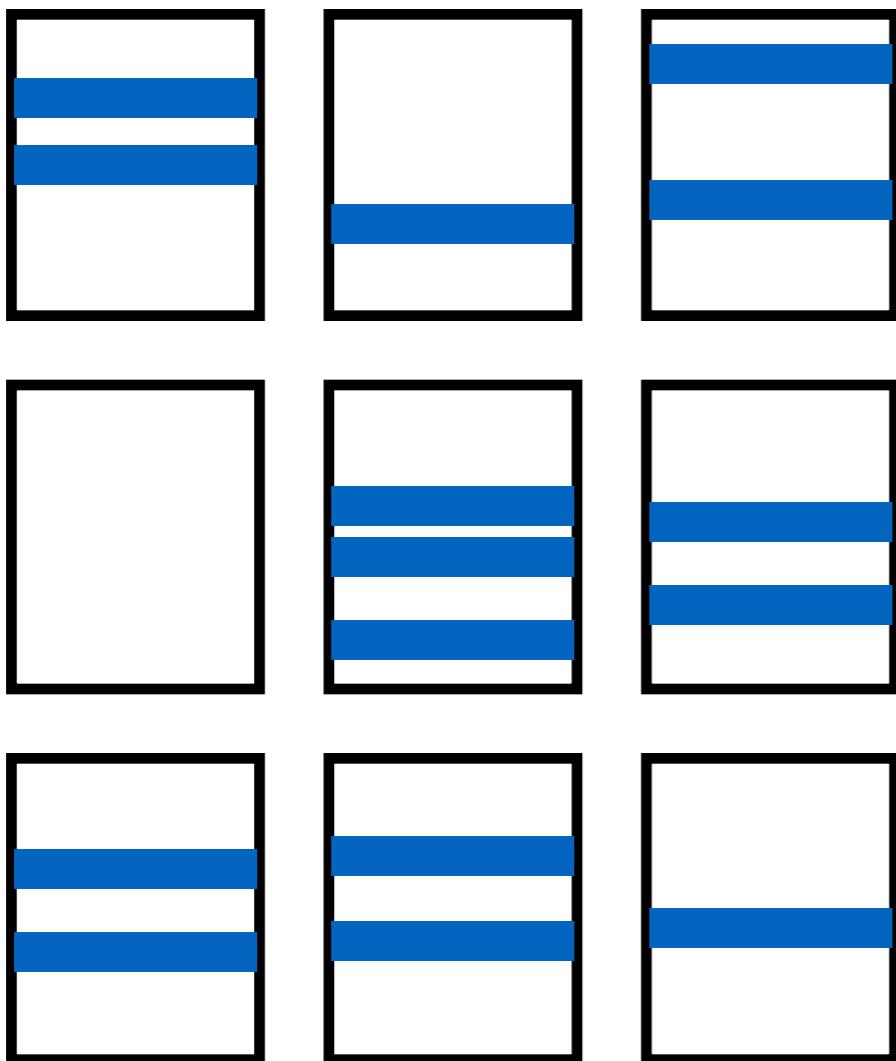
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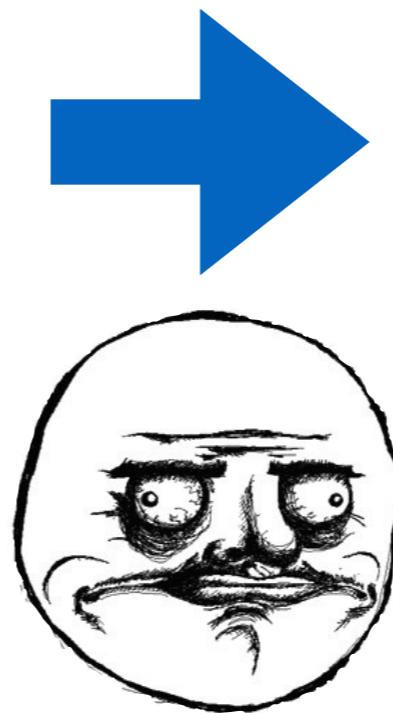
execution



source files



execution



mental model

input	state	new state	behaviour
	{ x; y }	{ x; y-speed }	
	{ x; y }	{ x; y+speed }	
timer	{ x; y }	{ x; y }	draw platform
...

Imperative

`x.f()`

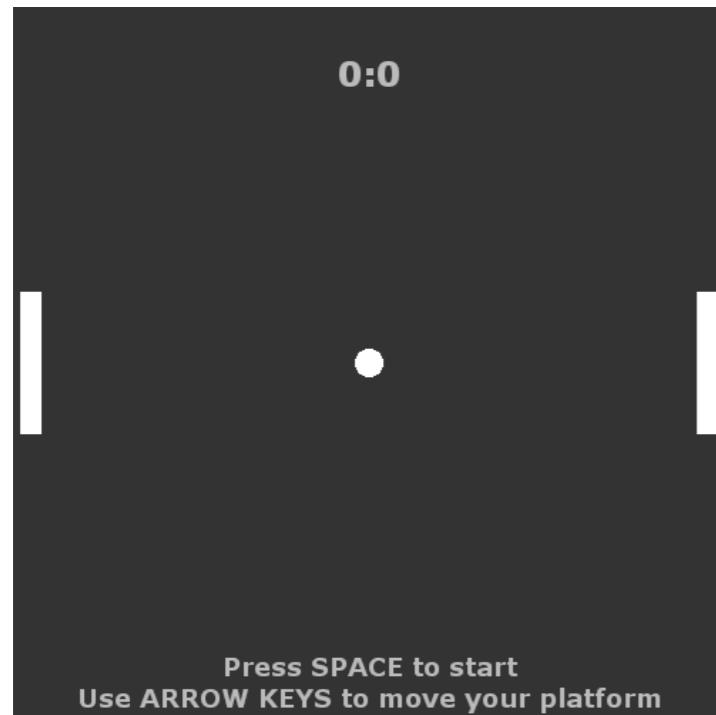
Functional

`let y = f(x)`

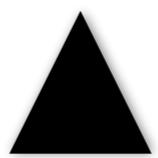
transformation



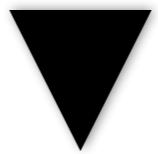
**Transformations
simplify problem
decomposition**



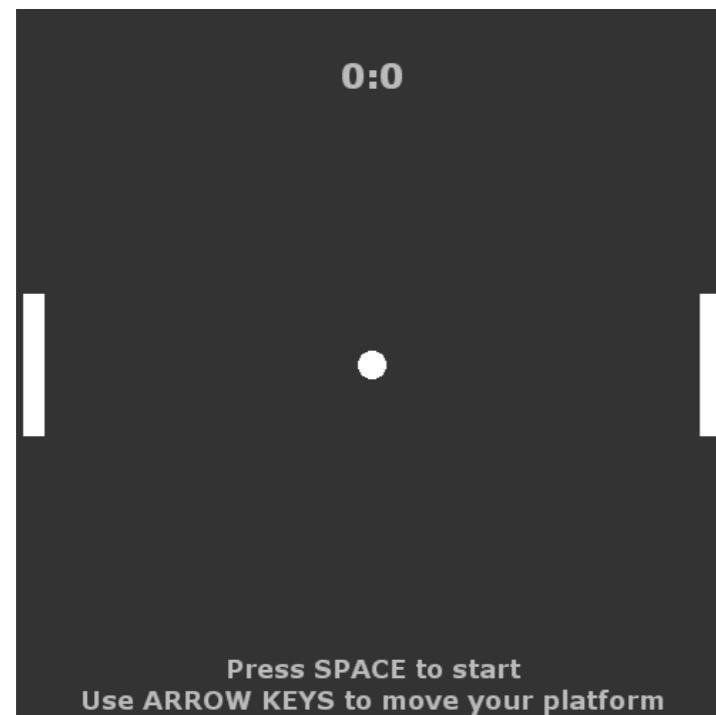
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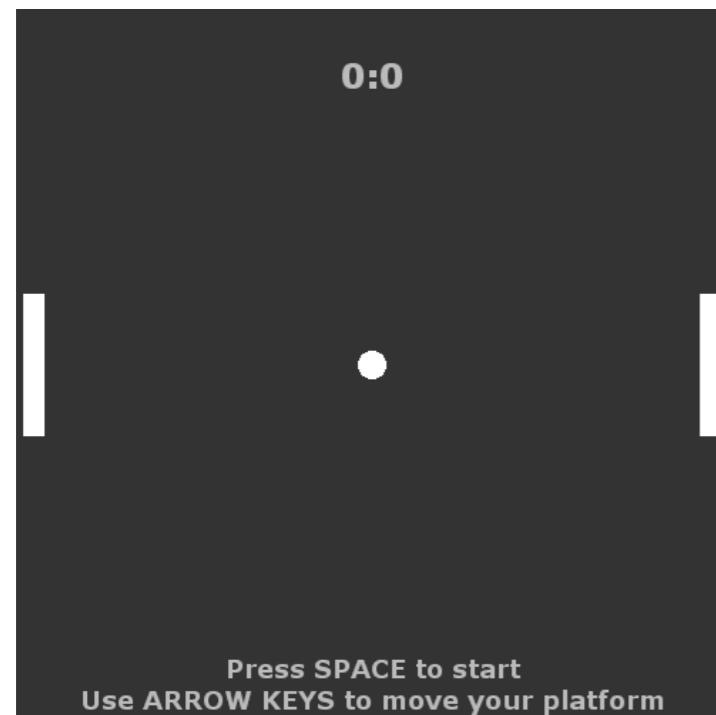


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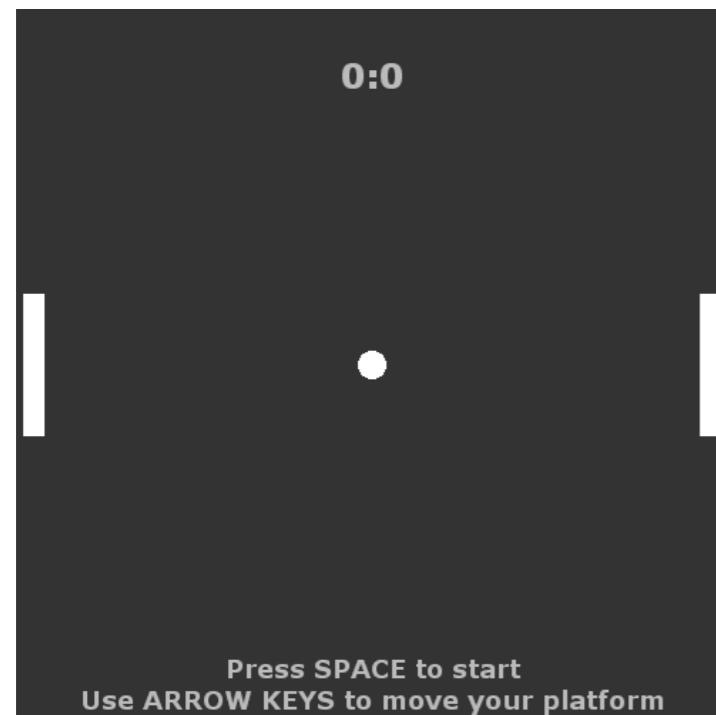
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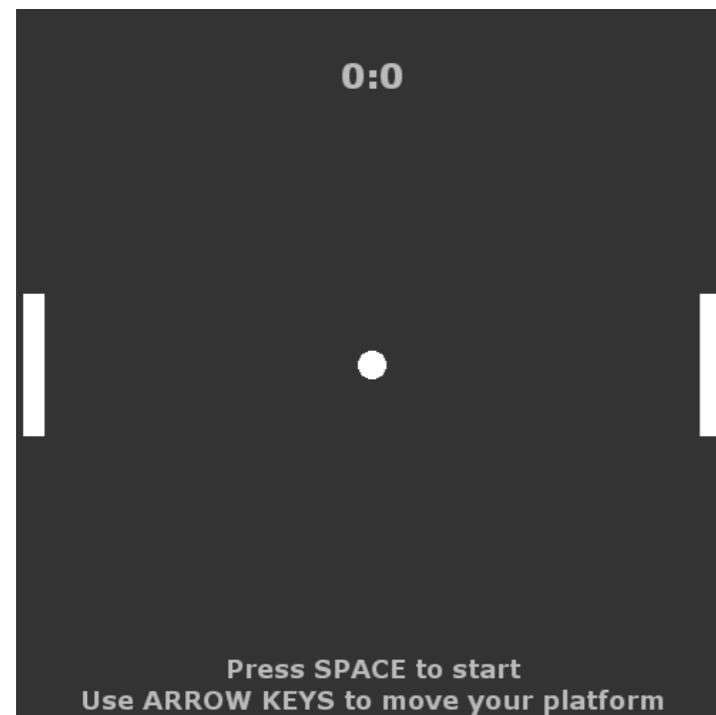
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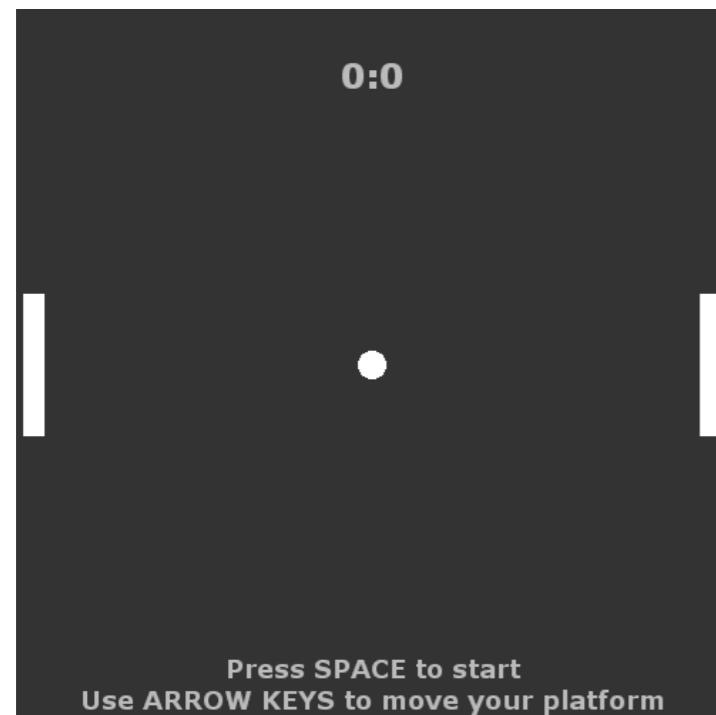
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UP
DOWN
LEFT
RIGHT

{ $x=0, y=1$ }
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{ $x=-1, y=0$ }
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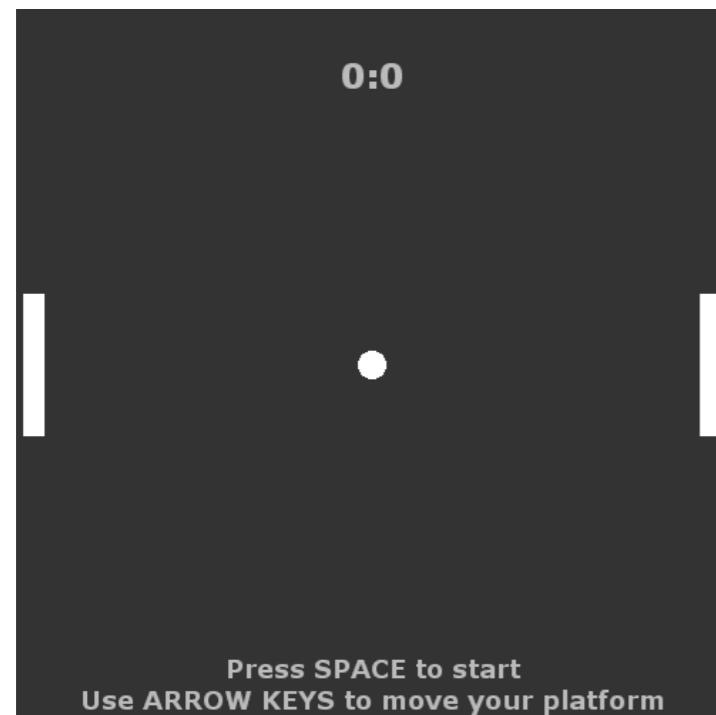


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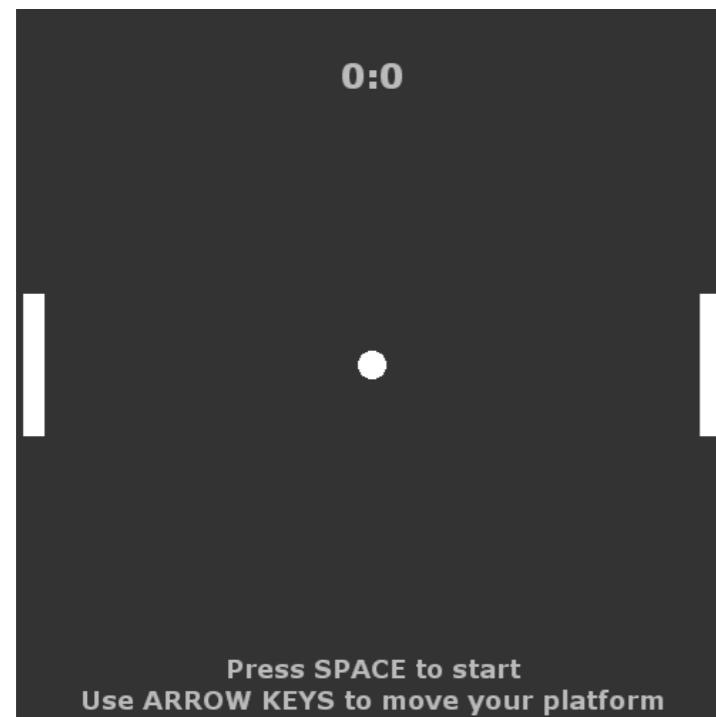
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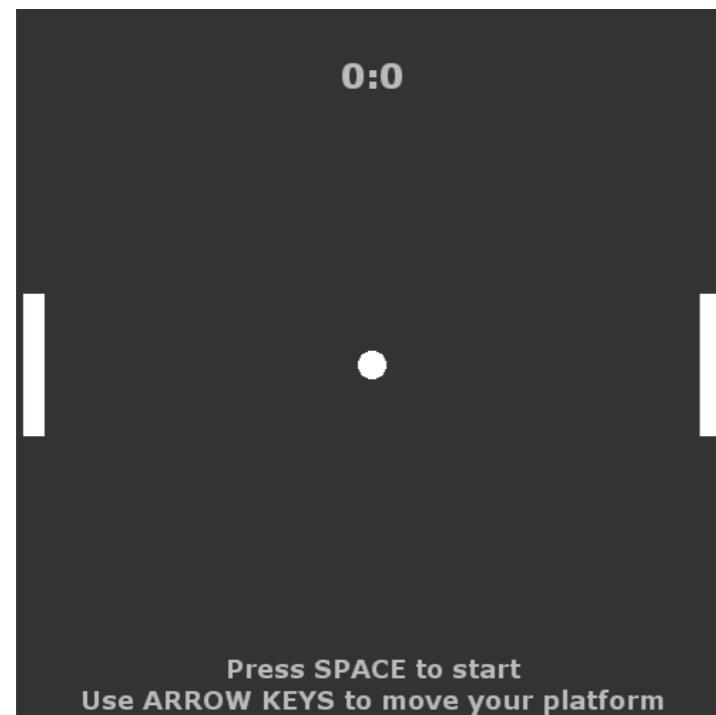
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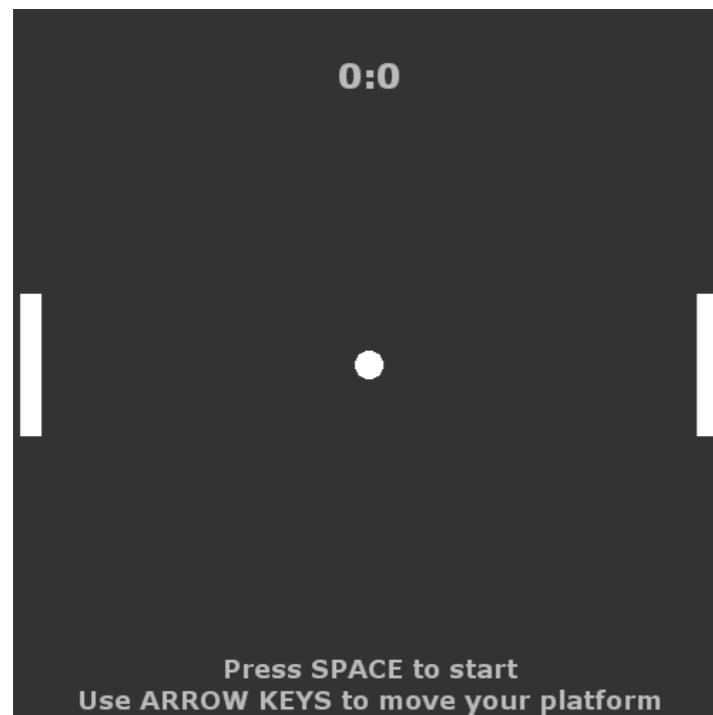


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Rx = **Dart** = **Elm**
Observable **Stream** **Signal**



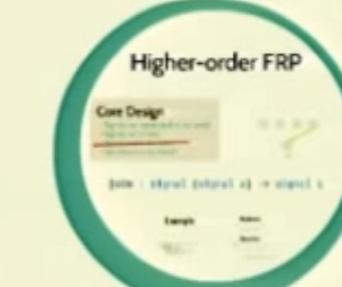
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Static Graphs



Pursuing Reconfigurable Graphs

Dynamic Graphs



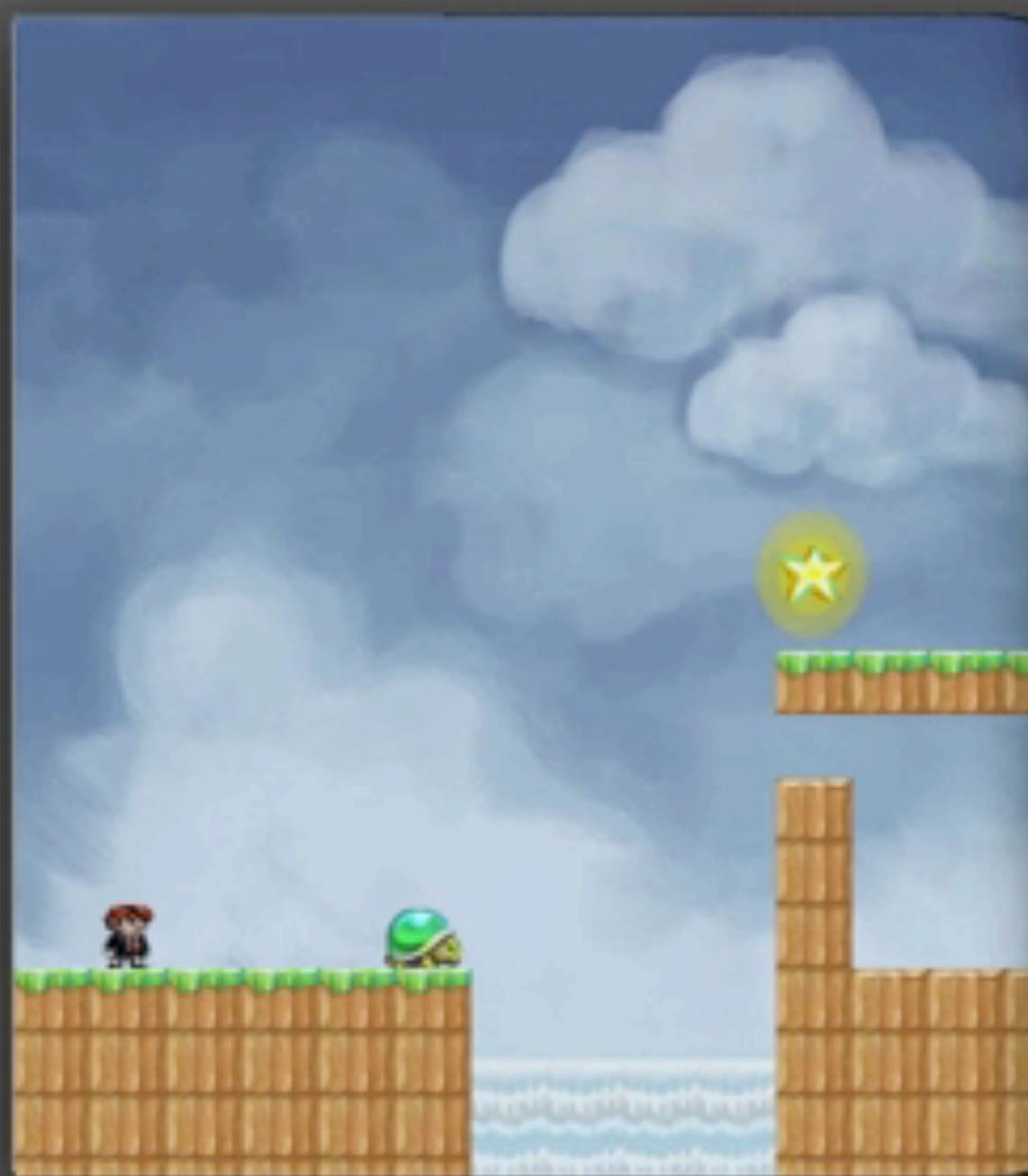
Infinite Signals



Neither!

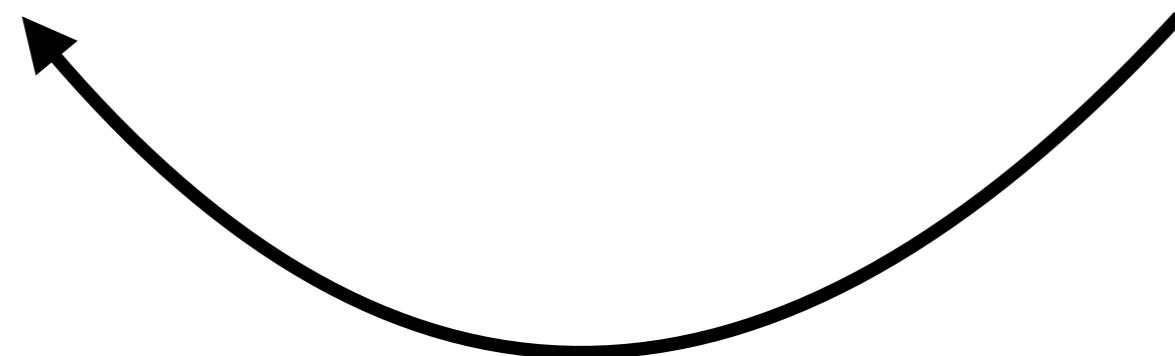
Finite Event Streams





```
});  
});  
  
//-----  
// GameEnemy  
  
var GameEnemy = new Class({  
    Extends: GameObject,  
  
    initialize: function () {  
        this.x = 5;  
        this.y = 14;  
        this.direction = -1;  
        this.stompTime = 0;  
    },  
  
    tick: function (dt, commands) {  
        var isStomped = (this.stompTime > 0);  
        if (isStomped) { this.stompTime -= dt; }  
  
        if (!isStomped) {  
            this.x += this.direction * dt * 0.05;  
        }  
  
        if (this.x < 4.0) { this.direction = 1; }  
        if (this.x > 5.0) { this.direction = -1; }  
    },  
  
    stomp: function () {  
        this.stompTime = 2.0;  
    },  
});
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Idea → See in Action



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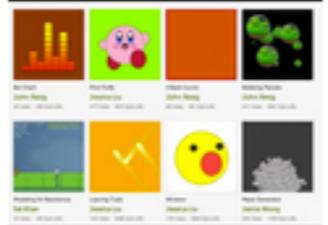
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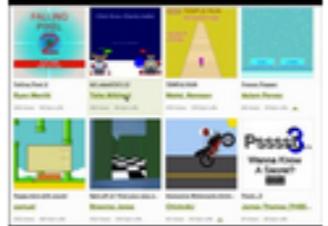
+ Create Program

Documentation



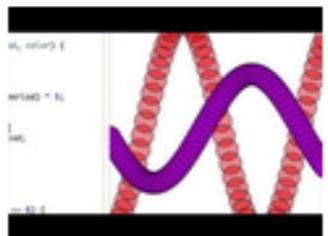
Intro to JS: Drawing & Animation

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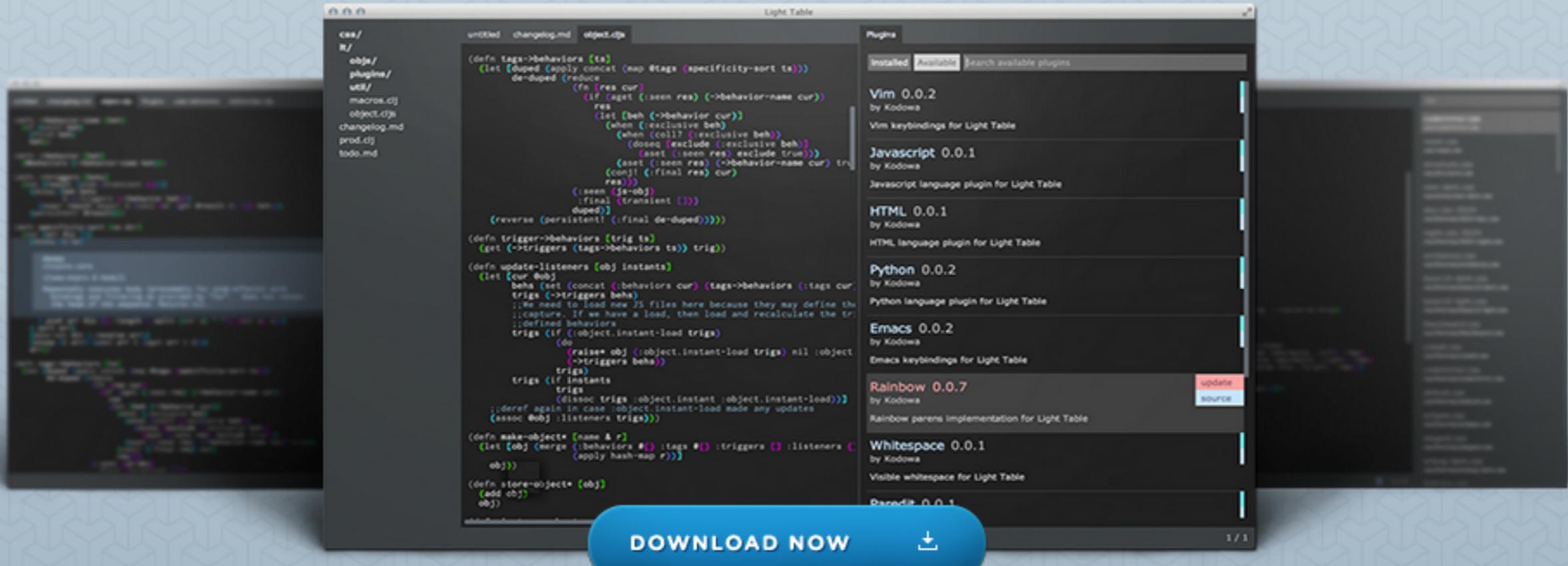
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Learn how to use JavaScript, ProcessingJS, and mathematical concepts to simulate nature in your programs. These tutorials

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the next generation code editor



Elm Debugger: Mario

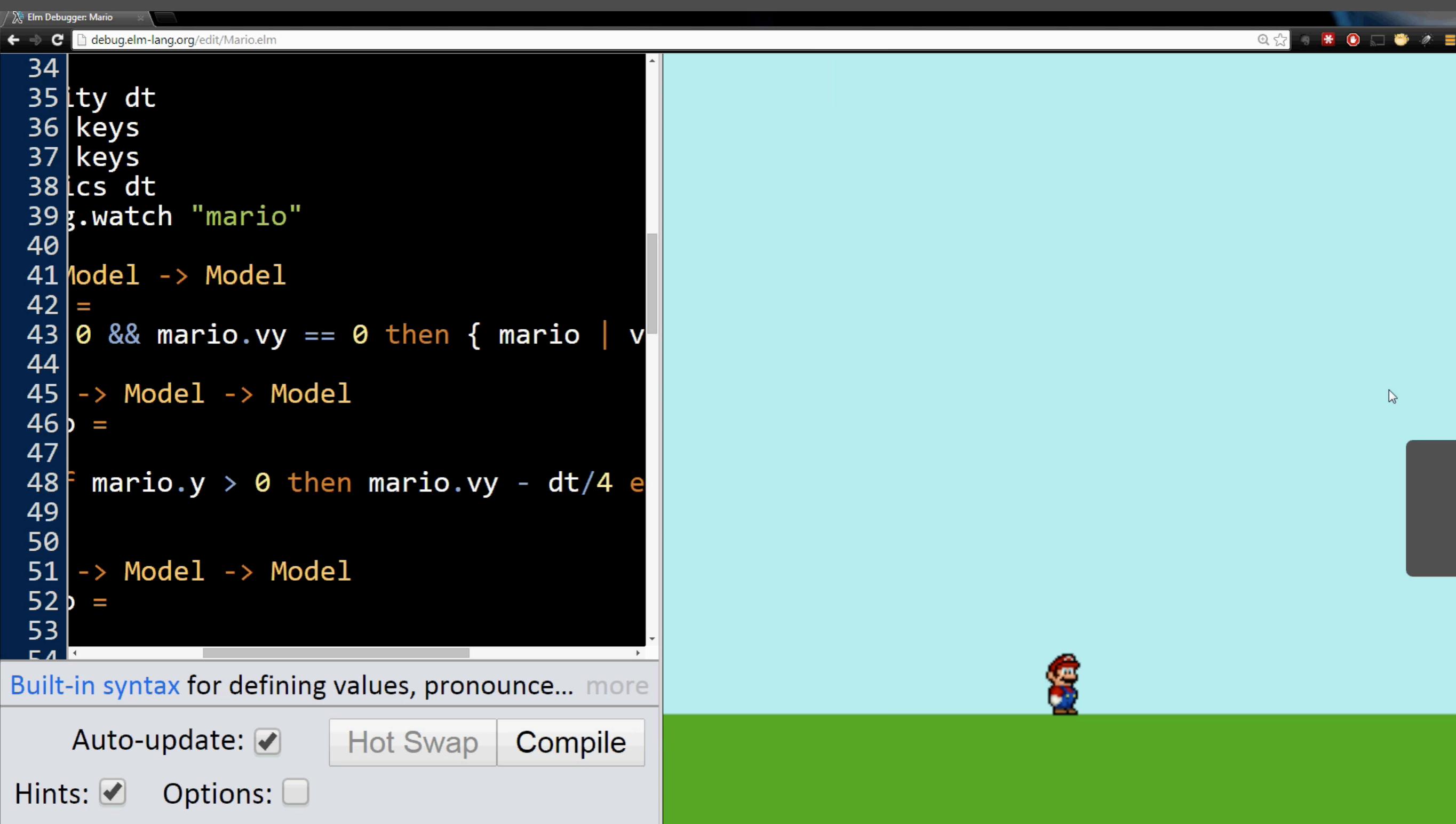
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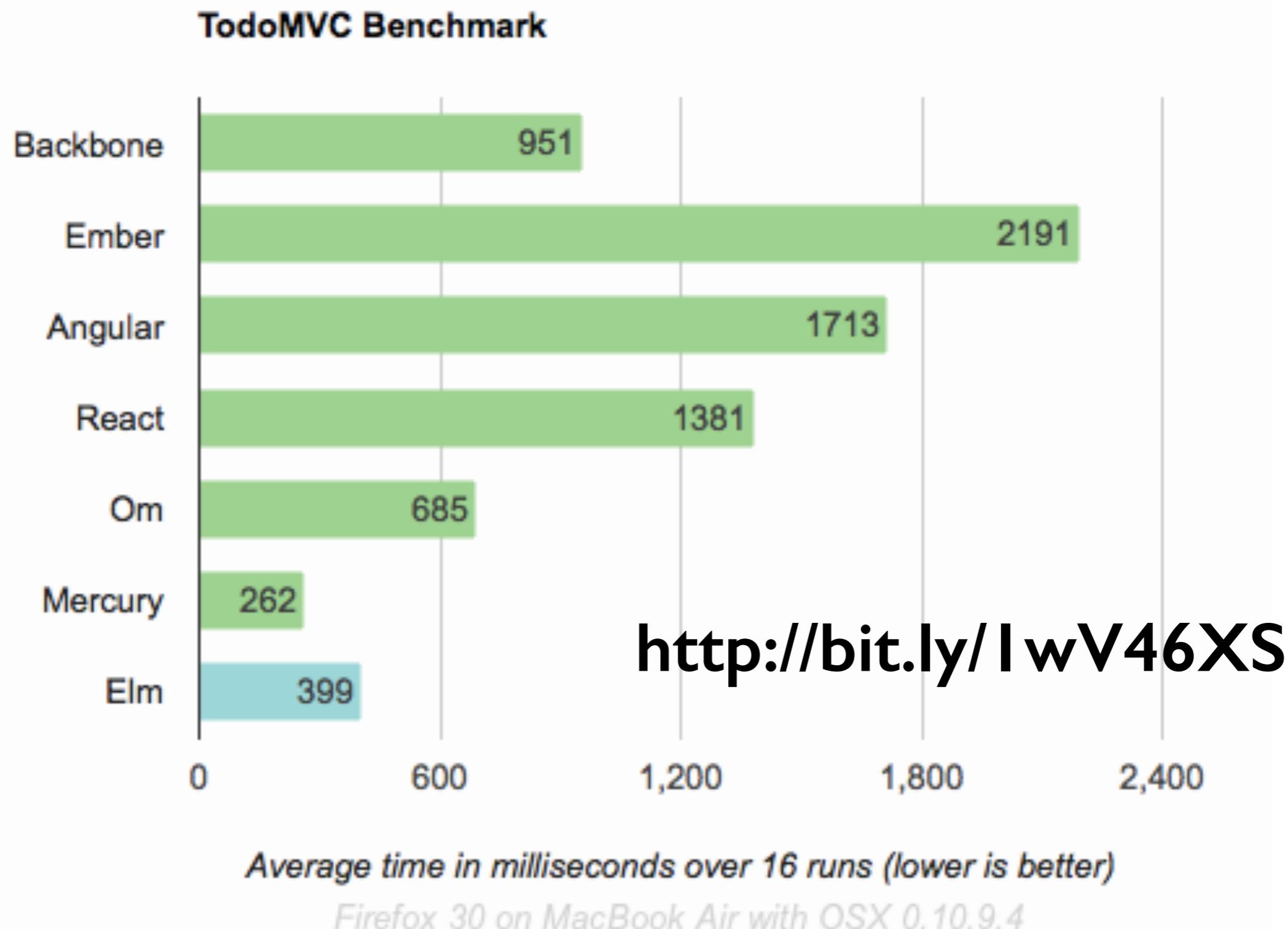
```
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35  ity dt
36  keys
37  keys
38  ics dt
39  g.watch "mario"
40
41 Model -> Model
42 =
43 0 && mario.vy == 0 then { mario | v
44
45 -> Model -> Model
46 0 =
47
48  mario.y > 0 then mario.vy - dt/4 e
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51 -> Model -> Model
52 0 =
53
```

Built-in syntax for defining values, pronounce... more

Auto-update: Hot Swap Compile

Hints: Options:





Elm Basics

add x y = x + y

add : Int -> Int -> Int

add x y = x + y

```
calcAngle start end =  
let distH = end.x - start.x  
distV = end.y - start.y  
in atan2 distV distH
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```
multiply x y = x * y
triple = multiply 3
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f a b c d = ...

f : Int ->

(Int ->

(Int ->

(Int -> Int))))

```
double list = List.map (\x -> x * 2) list
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double list = List.map ((*) 2) list

```
tuple1 = (2, "three")
tuple2 = (2, "three", [4, 5])
```

```
tuple4 = (,) 2 “three”
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```
tuple5 = (,,) 2 “three” [4, 5]
```

x = { age=42, name="foo" }

lightweight, labelled
data structure

```
x.age    -- 42
x.name   -- "foo"
```

```
x.age      -- 42
x.name    -- "foo"
.age x    -- 42
.name x -- "foo"
```

-- clone and update

```
y = { x | name <- "bar" }
```

```
type alias Character =  
{ age : Int, name : String }
```

```
type alias Named a = { a | name : String }
type alias Aged a = { a | age : Int }
```

```
lady : Named (Aged { } )  
lady = { name=“foo”, age=42 }
```

```
getName : Named x -> String  
getName { name } = name
```

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```

```
getName lady -- “foo”
```

```
type Status = Flying Pos Speed  
| Exploding Radius  
| Exploded
```

aka.
**“sums-and-products”
data structures**

sums :
choice between variants of a type

```
type Status = Flying Pos Speed  
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products : tuple of types

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```
drawCircle x y radius =  
circle radius  
|> filled (rgb 150 170 150)  
|> alpha 0.5  
|> move (x, y)
```

drawCircle x y radius =

circle radius

|> filled (rgb 150 170 150)

filled :Color.> Shape -> Form

|> move (x, y)

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“...a clean design is one that supports visual thinking so people can meet their informational needs with a minimum of conscious effort.”

- Daniel Higginbotham
(www.visualmess.com)

A look at Microsoft Orleans through Erlang-tinted glasses

Some time ago, Microsoft announced Orleans, an implementation of the actor model in .Net which is designed for the cloud environment where instances are ephemeral.

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win for the team (more people doing less to work on the codebase, for instance).

As such I have been taking an interest in Orleans to see if it represents a good fit, and whether or not it holds up to the lofty promises around scalability, performance and reliability. Below is an account of my personal views having downloaded the SDK and looked through the samples and followed through Richard Astbury's Pluralsight course.

TL;DR

How we read English

As I dug deeper into how Orleans works though, a number of more worrying concerns surfaced regarding key decisions.

For starters, it's not partition tolerant towards partitions to the data store used for its Silo management. Should a silo be partitioned or suffer an outage, it'll result in a full outage of your service. These are not traits of a masterless system that is desirable when you have strict uptime requirements.

When everything is working, Orleans guarantees that there is only one instance of a virtual actor running in a node. However, when a node is lost the cluster's knowledge of nodes will diverge and during this time the single-activation guarantee is not guaranteed. This means that the system is not eventually consistent. However, you can provide stronger guarantees yourself (see Silo Management section below).

Orleans uses at-least-once message delivery, which means it's possible for the same message to be sent multiple times if the receiving node is under load or simply fails to acknowledge the first message in a timely fashion. This again, is something that you can mitigate yourself (see Message Delivery Guarantee section below).

Finally, its task scheduling mechanism appears to be identical to that of a native event loop and exhibits all the fallacies of an

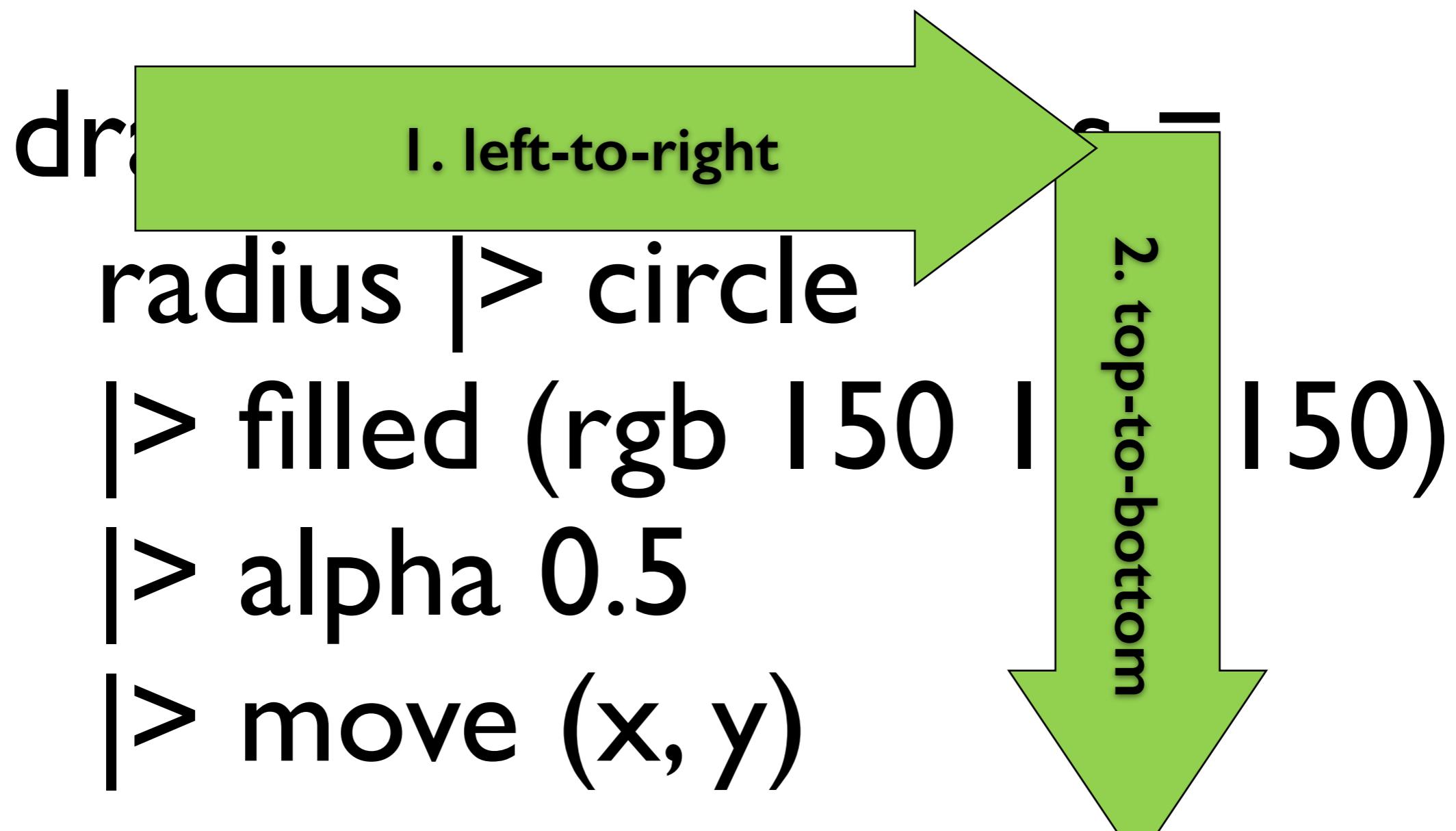
2. top-to-bottom

public void DoSomething(int x, int y)
{
 Foo(y,
 Bar(x,
 Zoo(Monkey())));
}

How we read code

1. right-to-left

2. bottom-to-top



drawCircle : Int -> Int -> Float -> Form

```
drawCircle x y =  
  circle  
    >> filled (rgb 150 170 150)  
    >> alpha 0.5  
    >> move (x,y)
```

drawCircle x y =
circle

>> circled: Float |> Shape 50)

>> alpha 0.5

>> move (x, y)

```
drawCircle x y =  
(Float -> Shape)
```

```
>> filled (rgb 150 170 150)  
>> alpha 0.5  
>> move (x, y)
```

```
drawCircle x y =  
  (Float -> Shape)  
  >> filled (rgb 150 170 150)
```

```
filled: Color -> Shape -> Form  
  >> move (x, y)
```

drawCircle x y =

(Float -> Shape)

Curried!

>> filled (rgb 150 170 150)

filled: Color -> Shape -> Form

>> move (x, y)

```
drawCircle x y =
```

```
(Float -> Shape)
```

```
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```
>> alShape5 > Form
```

```
>> move (x,y)
```

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drawCircle x y =  
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**drawCircle x y =
(Float -> Form)**

drawCircle : Int -> Int -> (Float -> Form)

```
greet name =  
  case name of  
    "Yan"  -> "hi, theburningmonk"  
    _       -> "hi, " ++ name
```

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```
fizzbuzz n =  
  if | n % 15 == 0 -> "fizz buzz"  
  | n % 3    == 0 -> "fizz"  
  | n % 5    == 0 -> "buzz"  
  | otherwise -> show n
```

**Mouse.position
Mouse.clicks
Mouse.isDown**

• • •

Window.dimension

Window.width

Window.height

Time.every

Time.fps

Time.timestamp

Time.delay

...

Mouse.position : Signal (Int, Int)

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Mouse.position : Signal (Int, Int)



A vertical timeline diagram illustrating a sequence of coordinates. It features a thick black horizontal arrow pointing to the right, with four coordinate pairs listed below it: (10, 23), (3, 16), (8, 10), and (12, 5). The first pair is at the start of the arrow, and the subsequent pairs are evenly spaced along the arrow's path.

(10, 23) — (3, 16) · (8, 10) — (12, 5) → (18, 3)

Keyboard.lastPressed : Signal Int

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↑ H — E — L — L — O — space →

Keyboard.lastPressed : Signal Int

↑ H — E — L — L — O — space →

↑ 72 — 69 — 76 — 76 — 79 — 32 →

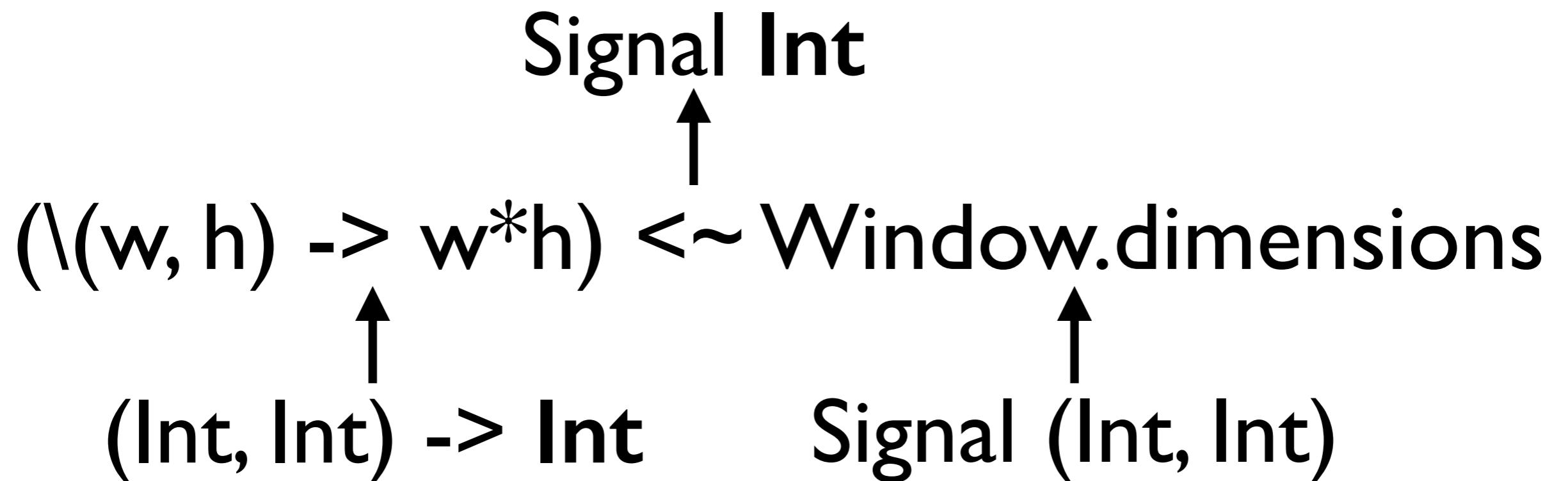
map : (a -> b) -> Signal a -> Signal b

<~

Signal of num of pixels in window

$(\lambda(w, h) \rightarrow w * h) <~ \text{Window.dimensions}$

$$(\lambda(w, h) \rightarrow w * h) <~ \text{Window.dimensions}$$
$$\uparrow$$
$$(\text{Int}, \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{Int} \qquad \text{Signal } (\text{Int}, \text{Int})$$





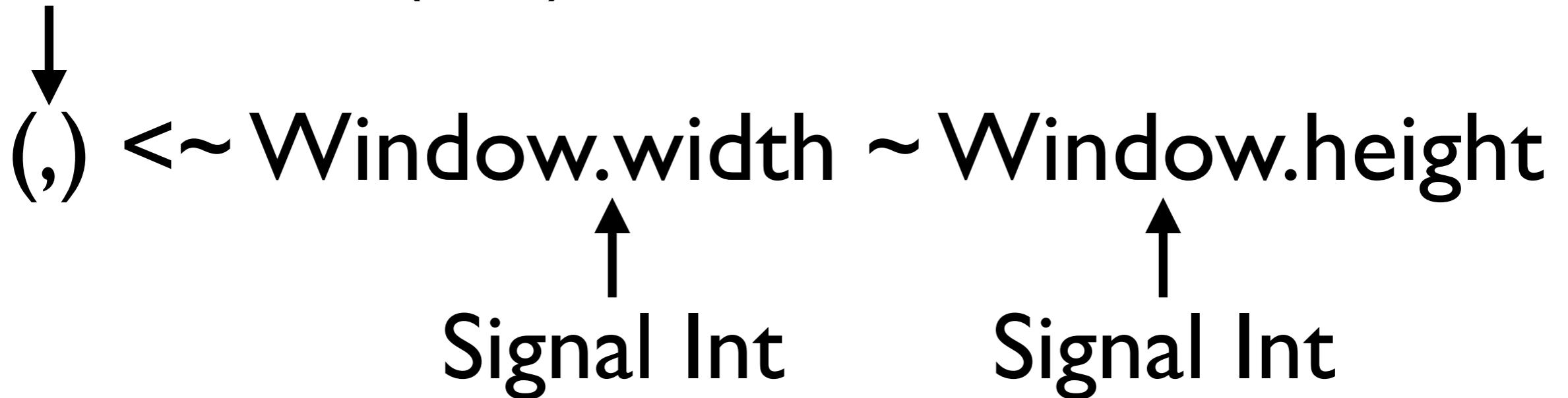
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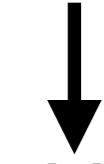
```
map2 : (a -> b -> c)
      -> Signal a
      -> Signal b
      -> Signal c
```



$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow (a, b)$



Int -> Int -> (Int, Int)



(,) <~ Window.width ~ Window.height



Signal Int



Signal Int

map3 : (a -> b -> c -> d)
-> Signal a
-> Signal b
-> Signal c
-> Signal d

(,,) <~ signalA ~ signalB ~ signalC

map4 : ...
map5 : ...
map6 : ...
map7 : ...
map8 : ...

foldp : (a → b → b)
 → b
 → Signal a
 → Signal b

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foldp : (a -> b -> b)
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       -> Signal a
       -> Signal b
```

foldp : (a → b → b)
 → b
 → Signal a
 → Signal b

```
foldp (\_ n -> n + 1) 0 Mouse.clicks
```

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`foldp (_ n -> n + 1) 0 Mouse.clicks`



UP	{ x=0, y=1 }
DOWN	{ x=0, y=-1 }
LEFT	{ x=-1, y=0 }
RIGHT	{ x=1, y=0 }

merge : Signal a -> Signal a -> Signal a
mergeMany : List (Signal a) -> Signal a

...

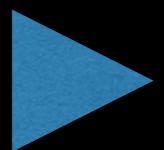
Js Interop,
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HTML layout,
dependency management,
etc.



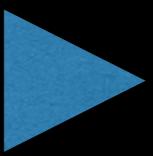
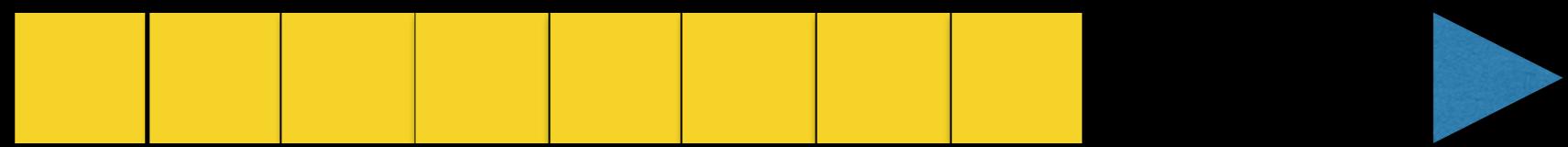
Press SPACE to start.



8 segments



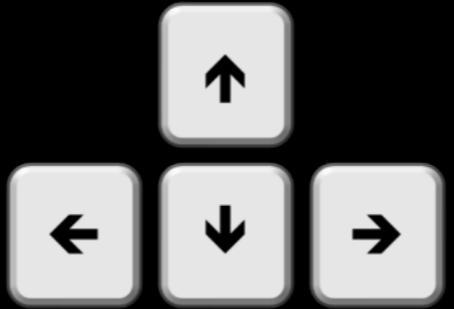
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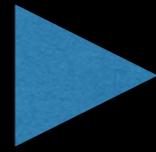


change 

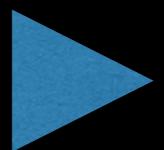
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not allowed 

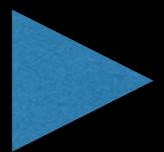


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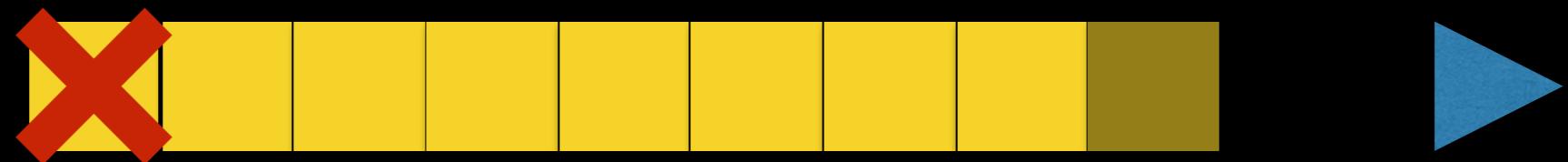
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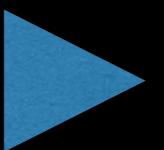
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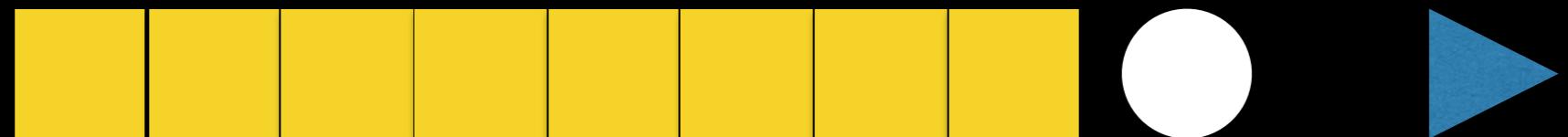


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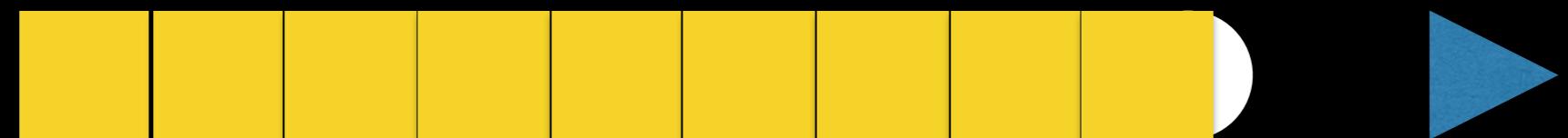
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cherry



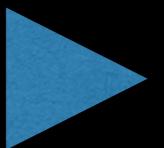
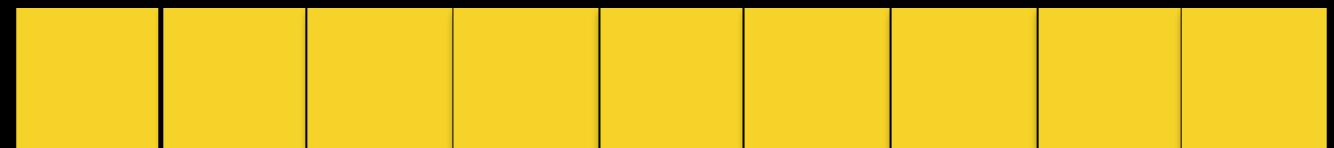
direction

YUM YUM YUM!



direction

+ | segment



direction

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Demo

Elm Debugger: Stamps

debug.elm-lang.org/edit/Stamps.elm

```
1 module Snake where
2
3 import Window
4
5 type UserInput = {}
6
7 userInput : Signal UserInput
8 userInput = constant {}
9
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33 display (w,h) gameState = asText gameState
34
35
36 delta = fps 20
37 input = sampleOn delta (Input<~delta~userInput)
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39 gameState = foldp stepGame defaultGame input
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Runtime error in module Stamps

Error on line 9, column 10: Could not find variable 'userInput'.

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```
33     |> List.map (\x -> (x * 15.0, 0)) }
```

```
34 type Cherry = Maybe (Float, Float)
```

```
35 data GameState = NotStarted | Started (Snake, Cherry)
```

```
36
```

```
37 defaultGame : GameState
```

```
38 defaultGame = NotStarted
```

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39
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```
40
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The screenshot shows a web-based Elm debugger interface. The main area displays the following Elm code:

```
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2
3 import Window
4 import List
5 import Keyboard
6 import Text
7
8 data UserInput = Arrow { x:Int, y:Int } | Space
9 defaultUserInput = Arrow {x=0, y=0}
10
11 arrows : Signal UserInput
12 arrows = Arrow <~ Keyboard.arrows
13
14 spaces : Signal UserInput
15 spaces =
16   (\pressed ->
17     if pressed then Space
18     else defaultUserInput) <~ Keyboard.space
19
20 userInput : Signal UserInput
21 userInput = merge arrows spaces
22
data Text.Text
```

A status bar at the bottom of the code editor includes the following controls and information:

- Hints:
- Options:
- Auto-update:
- Hot Swap
- Compile

A tooltip "Press SPACE to..." is visible on the right side of the screen.

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44
45 txt msg = msg
46     |> toText
47     |> Text.color white
48     |> Text.monospace
49     |> leftAligned
50     |> toForm
51
52 display : (Int,Int) -> GameState -> Element
53 display (w,h) gameState =
54   let background =
55     rect (toFloat w) (toFloat h)
56     |> filled (rgb 0 0 0)
```

Press SPACE to start.

Hints: Options: Auto-update: Hot Swap Compile

The screenshot shows a web-based Elm debugger interface. The top bar displays the title "Elm Debugger: Stamps" and the URL "debug.elm-lang.org/edit/Stamps.elm". The main area contains Elm code for a game:

```
22 userInput = merge arrows spaces
23
24 type Input = { timeDelta:Float, userInput:UserInput }
25
26 data Direction = Left | Right | Up | Down
27 type Snake    = { segments : [(Float, Float)],           direction : Direction }
28
29 defaultSnake =
30   { direction = Right,
31     segments =
32       [ 0.0..8.0 ]
33       |> List.reverse
34       |> List.map (\x -> (x * 15.0, 0)) }
35 type Cherry   = Maybe (Float, Float)
36 data GameState = NotStarted | Started (Snake, Cherry)
37
38 defaultGame : GameState
39 defaultGame = NotStarted
40
41
42 stepGame : Input -> GameState -> GameState
43 stepGame {timeDelta,userInput} gameState =
```

A message "Press SPACE to start." is displayed in the bottom right corner of the code editor. At the bottom of the window, there are several control buttons: "Hints" (checkbox checked), "Options" (checkbox unchecked), "Auto-update" (checkbox checked), "Hot Swap" (button), and "Compile" (button).

The screenshot shows the Elm Debugger interface with the following details:

- Code Editor:** The main area displays the `Stamps.elm` file content. The code defines a game state with a snake and a cherry, handles user input to start the game, and formats a message for the terminal.
- Terminal:** A terminal window on the right side shows the output: "Press SPACE to start."
- Toolbars:** At the bottom, there are several tool buttons:
 - Hints:
 - Options:
 - Auto-update:
 - Hot Swap
 - Compile

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```
38 defaultGame : GameState
39 defaultGame = NotStarted
40
41
42 stepGame : Input -> GameState -> GameState
43 stepGame {windowDim,userInput} gameState =
44 case gameState of
45     NotStarted ->
46         if userInput == Space
47             then Started (defaultSnake, Nothing)
48             else gameState
49     Started ({segments, direction}, cherry) ->
50         let arrow = case userInput of
51             Arrow arrow -> arrow
52                 -> { x=0, y=0 }
53             _ -> newDirection = getNewDirection arrow direction
54             newHead = getNewSegment (List.head segments) newDirection
55             newTail = List.take (List.length segments-1) segments
56             (w, h) = windowDim
57             isGameOver =
58                 List.any (\t -> t == newHead) newTail -- eaten
59                 || fst newHead > (toFloat w / 2) -- hit bottom
60
```

Error on line 53, column 1
Could not find variable

Press SPACE to start.

Hints: Options: Auto-update: Hot Swap Compile

The screenshot shows the Elm Debugger interface. The left pane displays the source code for a file named `Stamps.elm`. The code defines a function `display` which takes width and height and returns an `Element`. It uses `collage` to combine a black background and content. The content includes a message to press space to start. The right pane shows a preview of the resulting user interface.

```
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90   > context
91     > Text.color white
92     > Text.monospace
93     > leftAligned
94     > toForm
95
96 display : (Int,Int) -> GameState -> Element
97 display (w,h) gameState =
98   let background =
99     rect (toFloat w) (toFloat h)
100    |> filled (rgb 0 0 0)
101   content =
102     case Debug.watch "gamestate" gameState of
103       NotStarted ->
104         [ txt "Press SPACE to start." ]
105       |
106   in collage w h (background::content)
107
108
109 delta = fps 20
110 input = sampleOn delta (Input<~Window.dimensions~userInp
111
112
```

Press SPACE to start.

Hints: Options: Auto-update: Hot Swap Compile

The screenshot shows the Elm Debugger interface. On the left, a code editor displays the file `debug.elm-lang.org/edit/Stamps.elm`, with lines 101 to 122 visible. The code includes a function `update` with a `Swap` case. A tooltip is open over the `Swap` label, containing the following code:

```
input
{
    userInput = Arrow {
        x = 0,
        y = 0
    },
    windowDim = (529, 341)
}
```

On the right, a terminal window shows the output of the command `elm-repl`. It includes a logo, a blue button with a double vertical bar, a progress bar at 0%, and the number 59 twice. Below the terminal, a message says "Press SPACE to start." and "gamestate". At the bottom, there are checkboxes for "Hints" (checked) and "Options".

The screenshot shows a web-based Elm debugger interface. The main area displays the following Elm code:

```
11 cherryRadius = 7.5
12
13 data UserInput = Arrow { x:Int, y:Int } | Space
14 defaultUserInput = Arrow {x=0, y=0}
15
16 arrows : Signal UserInput
17 arrows = Arrow <~ Keyboard.arrows
18
19 spaces : Signal UserInput
20 spaces =
21   (\pressed ->
22     if pressed then Space
23     else defaultUserInput) <~ Keyboard.space
24
25 userInput : Signal UserInput
26 userInput = merge arrows spaces
27
28 type Input = { windowDim:(Int, Int), userInput:UserInput }
29
30 data Direction = Left | Right | Up | Down
31 type Snake    = { segments : [(Float, Float)], direction : Direction }
```

A status bar at the bottom of the code editor includes the following controls and information:

- Hints:
- Options:
- Auto-update:
- Hot Swap
- Compile

A tooltip "Press SPACE" is visible on the right side of the screen.

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```
case gamestate of
    NotStarted ->
        if userInput == Space
            then Started (defaultSnake, Nothing)
            else gameState
    Started ({segments, direction}, cherry) ->
        let arrow = case userInput of
            Arrow arrow -> arrow
            _ -> { x=0, y=0 }
        newDirection = getNewDirection arrow direction
        newHead = getNewSegment (List.head segments) newDirection
        newTail = List.take (List.length segments-1) segments
        (w, h) = windowDim
        isGameOver =
            List.any (\t -> t == newHead) newTail -- eat itself
            || fst newHead > (toFloat w / 2) -- hit bottom
            || snd newHead > (toFloat h / 2) -- hit top
            || fst newHead < (toFloat -w / 2) -- hit left
            || snd newHead < (toFloat -h / 2) -- hit right
        in if isGameOver then NotStarted
           else Started ({ segments = newHead::newTail,
                           direction = newDirection },
                         cherry)
```

Press SPACE

Hints: Options: Auto-update: Hot Swap Compile

The screenshot shows the Elm Debugger interface for the file `debug.elm-lang.org/edit/Stamps.elm`. The code is a portion of a snake game implementation:

```
54     | y == 1  && currentDi
55     | x == -1 -> Left
56     | x == 1  -> Right
57     | y == -1 -> Down
58     | y == 1  -> Up
59
60 getNewSegment (x, y) direction
61   case direction of
62     Up    -> (x, y+segmentDim)
63     Down  -> (x, y-segmentDim)
64     Left   -> (x-segmentDim, y)
65     Right  -> (x+segmentDim, y)
66
67 isOverlap (snakeX, snakeY)
68   let (xd, yd) = (cherryX - snakeX, cherryY - snakeY)
69   distance = sqrt(xd * xd + yd * yd)
70   in distance <= (cherryRadius + snakeRadius)
```

A message "Press SPACE to start." is displayed in the center of the window. At the bottom, there are several configuration options:

- Auto-update:
- Hot Swap
- Compile
- Hints:
- Options:

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```
83 newDirection = getNewDirection arrow direction
84 newHead = getNewSegment (List.head segments) newDirection
85 newTail = List.take (List.length segments-1) segments
86 (w, h) = windowDim
87 [spawn, rand1, rand2] = randoms
88 ateCherry =
89   case cherry of
90     Nothing -> False
91     Just cherryCentre -> isOverlap newHead cherryCentre
92 newCherry =
93   if ateCherry then Nothing
94   else if cherry == Nothing && spawn <= 0.5
95     then
96       let cherryX = (rand1 * toFloat w) - (toFloat w /2)
97           cherryY = (rand2 * toFloat h) - (toFloat h /2)
98       in Just (cherryX, cherryY)
99   else cherry
100
101 isGameOver =
102   List.any (\t -> t == newHead) newTail -- eat itself
103   || fst newHead > (toFloat w / 2) -- hit bottom
104   || snd newHead > (toFloat h / 2) -- hit top
```

Hints: Options: Auto-update: Hot Swap Compile

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```
Just cherryCentre ->
newCherry =
  if ateCherry then Nothing
  else if cherry == Nothing
    then
      let cherryX = (
        cherryY = (
          in Just (cherry)
        else cherry
newTail =
  if ateCherry then segments
  else List.take (List.length segments) segments
isGameOver =
  List.any (\t -> t == Nothing)
    fst newHead > (toFront &gt;&gt; segments)
    snd newHead > (toFront &gt;&gt; segments)
    fst newHead < (toFront &gt;&gt; segments)
    snd newHead < (toFront &gt;&gt; segments)
```

Press SPACE to start.

Auto-update: Hot Swap

Compile

Hints: Options:

Snake

github.com/theburningmonk/elm-snake

Missile Command

github.com/theburningmonk/elm-missile-command

elm-lang.org/try

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the not so great things



cryptic error messages

```
Type error between lines 63 and 85:  
    case gameState of  
        NotStarted -> if | userInput == Space ->  
            Started (defaultSnake,Nothing)  
        | True -> gameState  
        Started ({segments,direction},cherry) -> let arrow = case userInput  
            of  
                Arrow arrow -> arrow  
                _ -> {x = 0,y = 0}  
            newDirection = getNewDirection  
                arrow direction  
            newHead = getNewSegment  
                (List.head segments) newDirection  
            newTail = List.take  
                ((List.length segments) - 1)  
                segments  
            (w,h) = windowDims  
            isGameOver = (List.any  
                (\t -> t == newHead)  
                newTail) ||  
                (((fst newHead) >  
                ((toFloat w) / 2)) ||  
                (((snd newHead) >  
                ((toFloat h) / 2)) ||  
                (((fst newHead) <  
                ((toFloat (-w)) / 2)) ||  
                ((snd newHead) <  
                ((toFloat (-h)) / 2))))))  
            in if | isGameOver -> NotStarted  
            | True ->  
            Started  
            ({segments = newHead :: newTail,  
            direction = newDirection},  
            cherry)
```

Expected Type: {}
Actual Type: Snake.Input

breaking changes



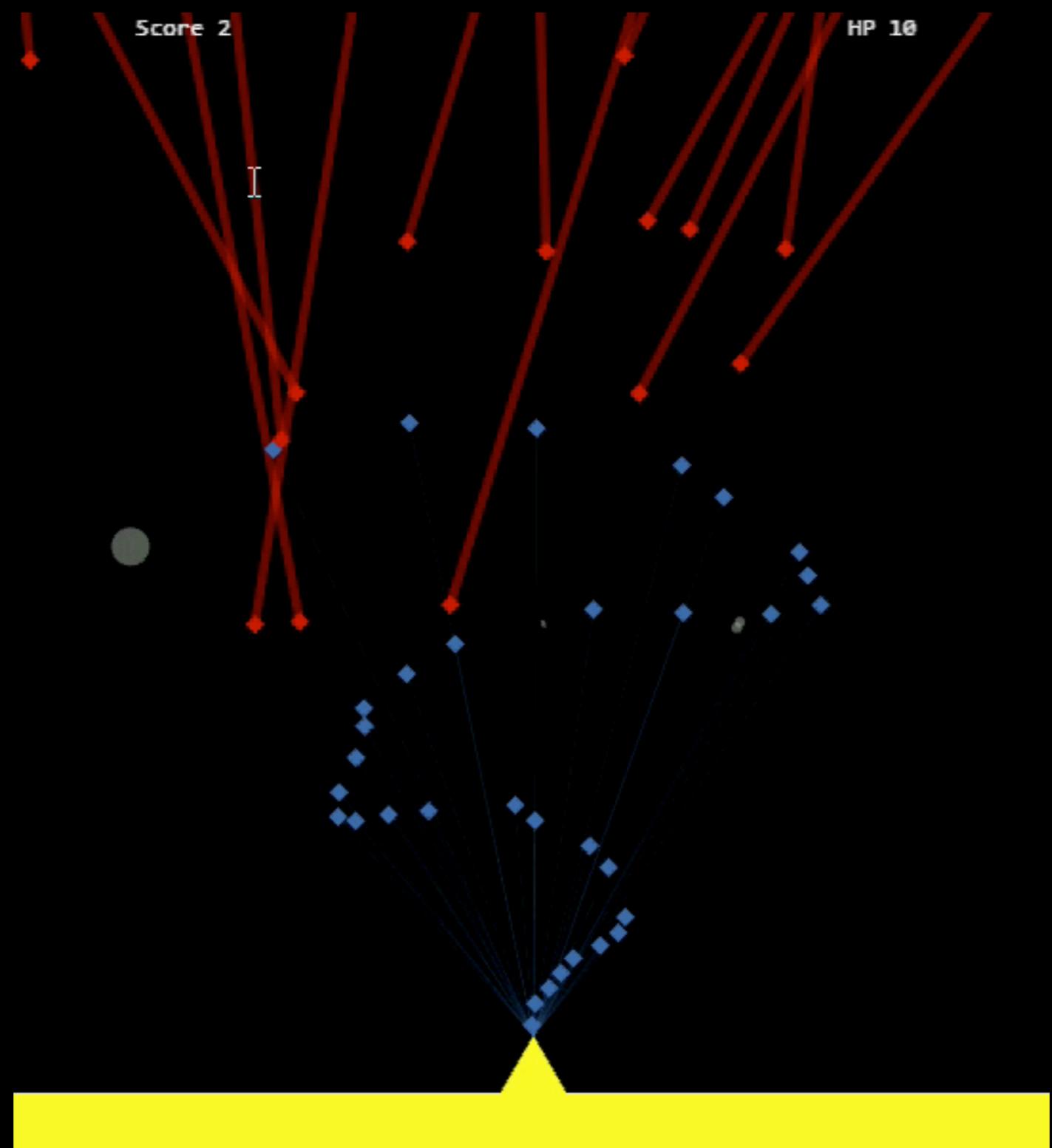
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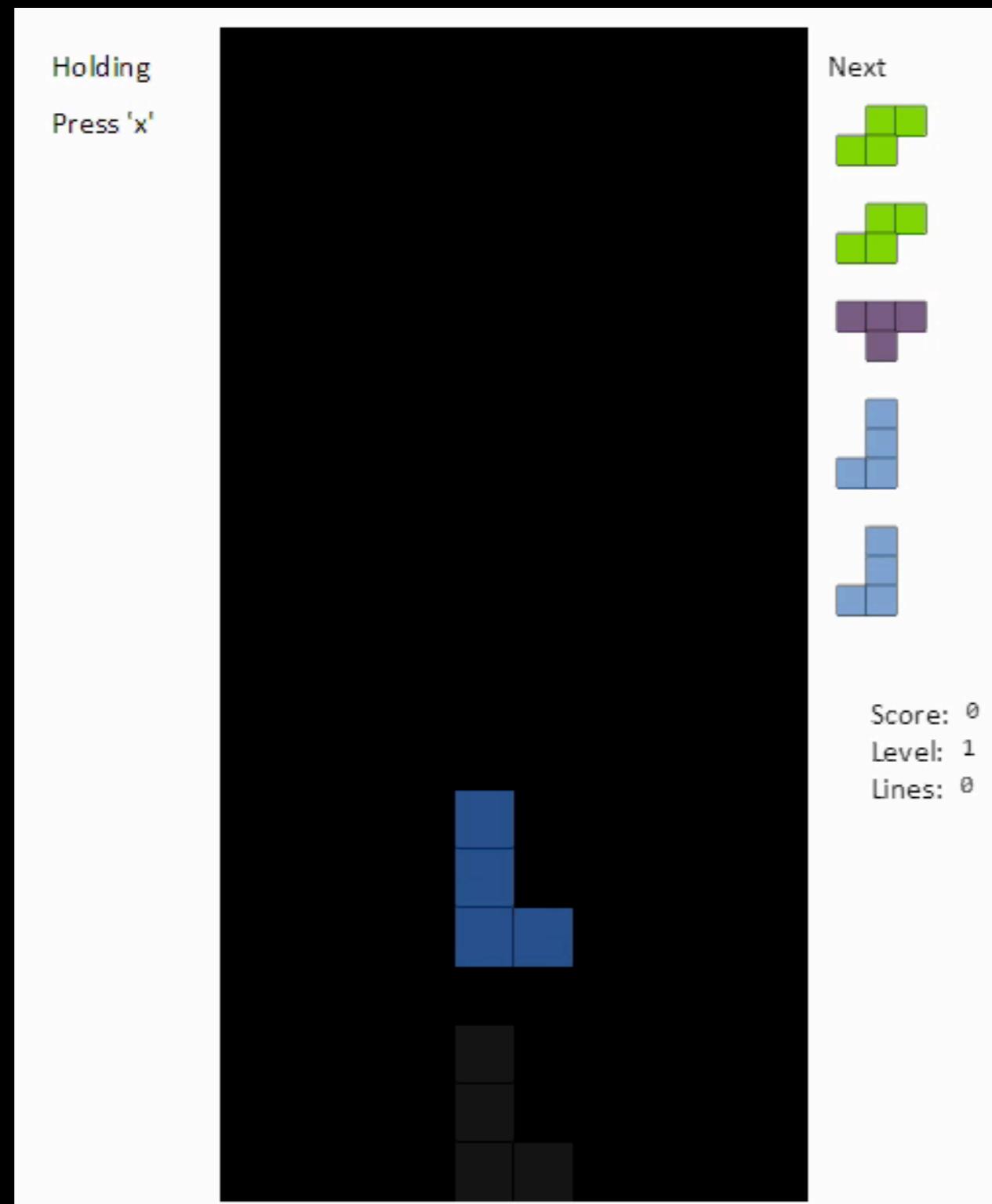


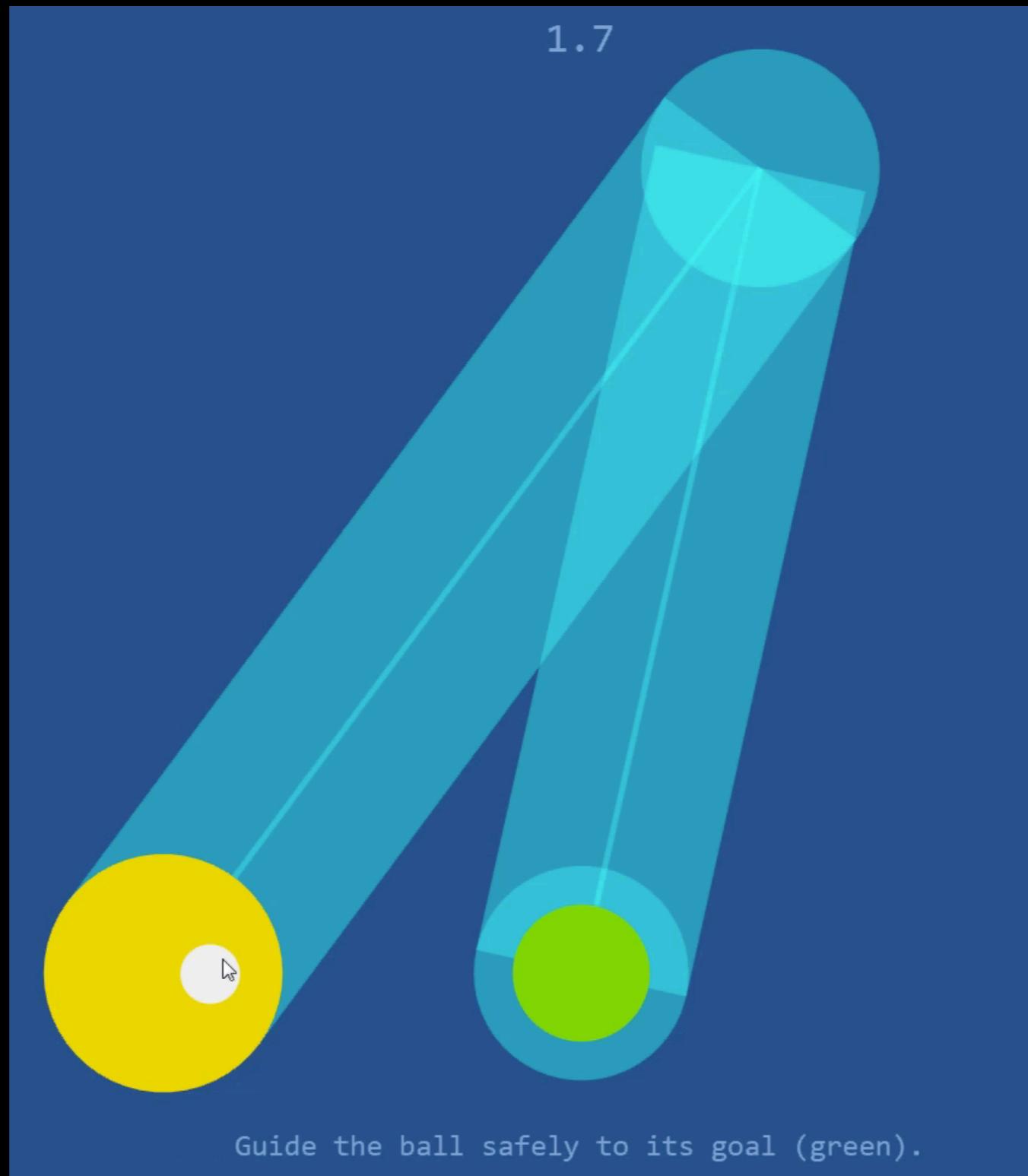
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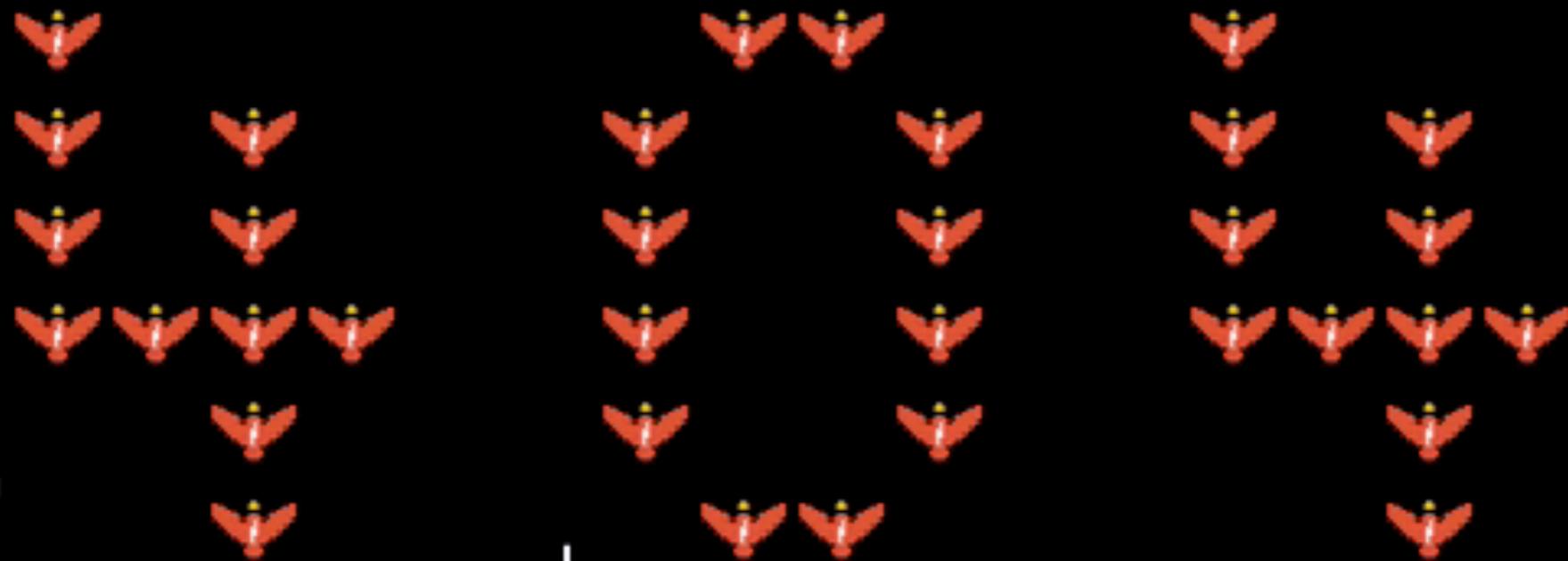








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