

Reactive State Machines And Statecharts

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isLoading

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shame on you

Missile Warning System



Send Actual
Warning

Send Test
Warning

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New - long- blog post. Software testing anti-patterns
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Software Testing Anti-Pattern List

1. Having unit tests without integration tests
2. Having integration tests without unit tests
3. Having the wrong kind of tests
4. Testing the wrong functionality
5. Testing internal implementation

**The most neglected
variable is time.**

Callbacks

Promises

Async-Await

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state management library

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#Frameworkless

**How can we model the behavior
of user interfaces?**

API

API
documented

API
documented
predictable

API
documented
predictable
testable

HumanAPI

documented
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testable

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undocumented
predictable
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```
// ...
onSearch(query) {
  fetch(FLICKR_API + '&tags=' + query)
    .then(data => this.setState({ data }));
} // ... Show data when results retrieved
```

```
// ...
onSearch(query) {
  this.setState({ loading: true });
  fetch(FLICKR_API + '&tags=' + query)
    .then(data => {
      this.setState({ data, loading: false });
    });
}
// ...
```

Show loading screen

Hide loading screen

Show data when results retrieved

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// ...
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Show loading screen
Hide error

Hide loading screen
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```
// ...
onSearch(query) {
  if (this.state.loading) return;

  this.setState({
    loading: true,
    error: false,
    canceled: false
  });

  fetch(FLICKR_API + `&tags=${query}`)
    .then(data => {
      if (this.state.canceled) {
        return;
      }

      this.setState({
        data,
        loading: false,
        error: false
      });
    })
    .catch(error => {
      // mitä vittua
      if (this.state.canceled) {
        return;
      }

      this.setState({
        loading: false,
        error: true
      });
    });
}

onCancel() {
  this.setState({
    loading: false,
    error: false,
    canceled: true
  });
}
```

Search in progress already
Show loading screen
Hide error
Cancel cancellation
Ignore results if cancelled
Hide loading screen
Show data when results retrieved
Hide error

Ignore error if cancelled
Hide loading screen
Show error

Cancel search

```
    error: false
  } );
}
)
.catch(error => {
  // mitä vittua
  if (this.state.cancel) {
    return;
  }
}
```

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The bottom-up approach



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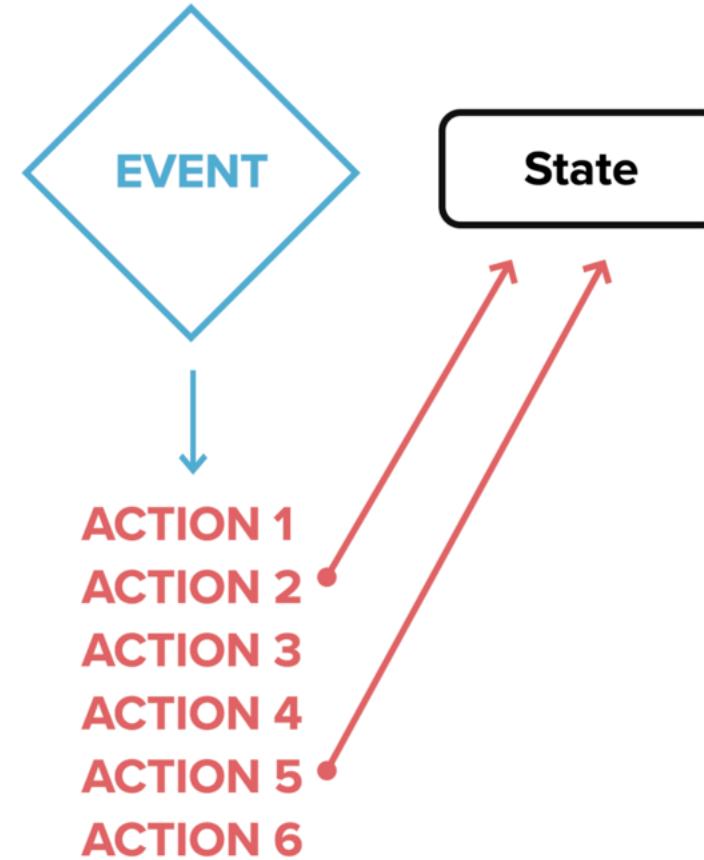


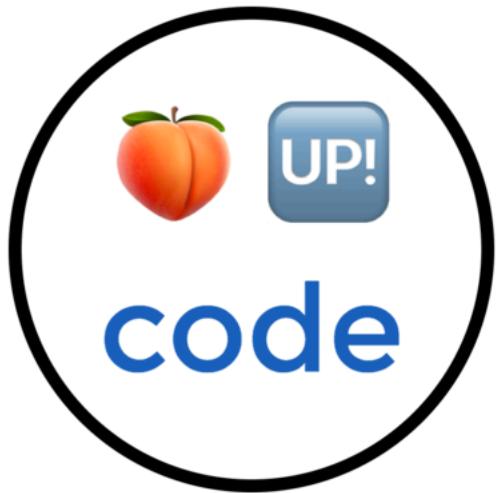
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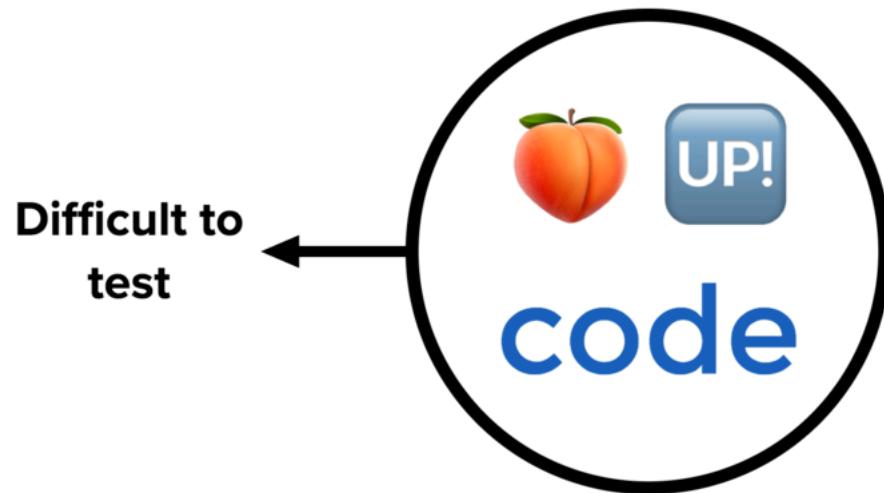


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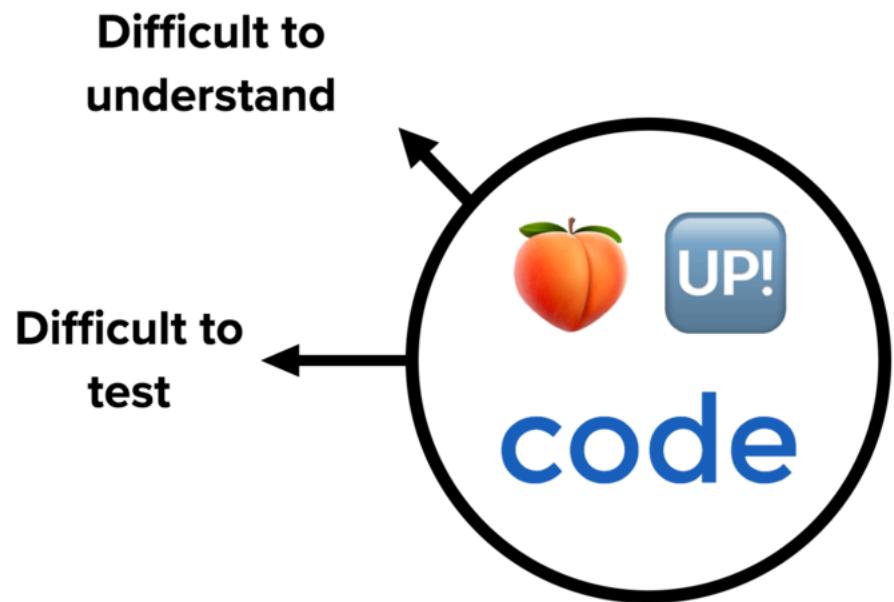




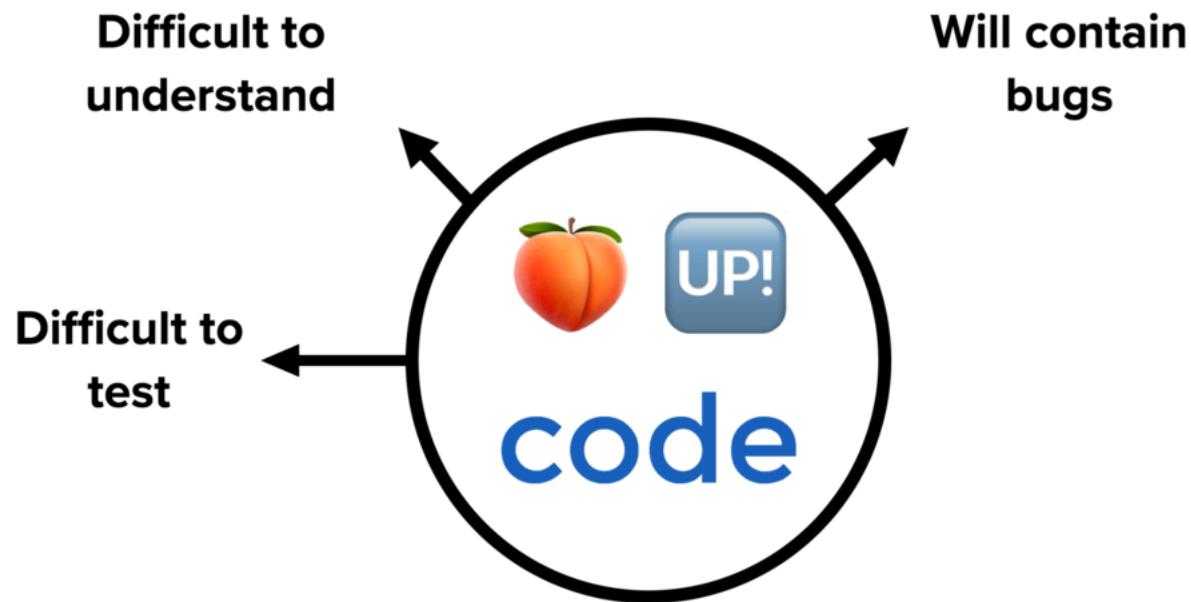
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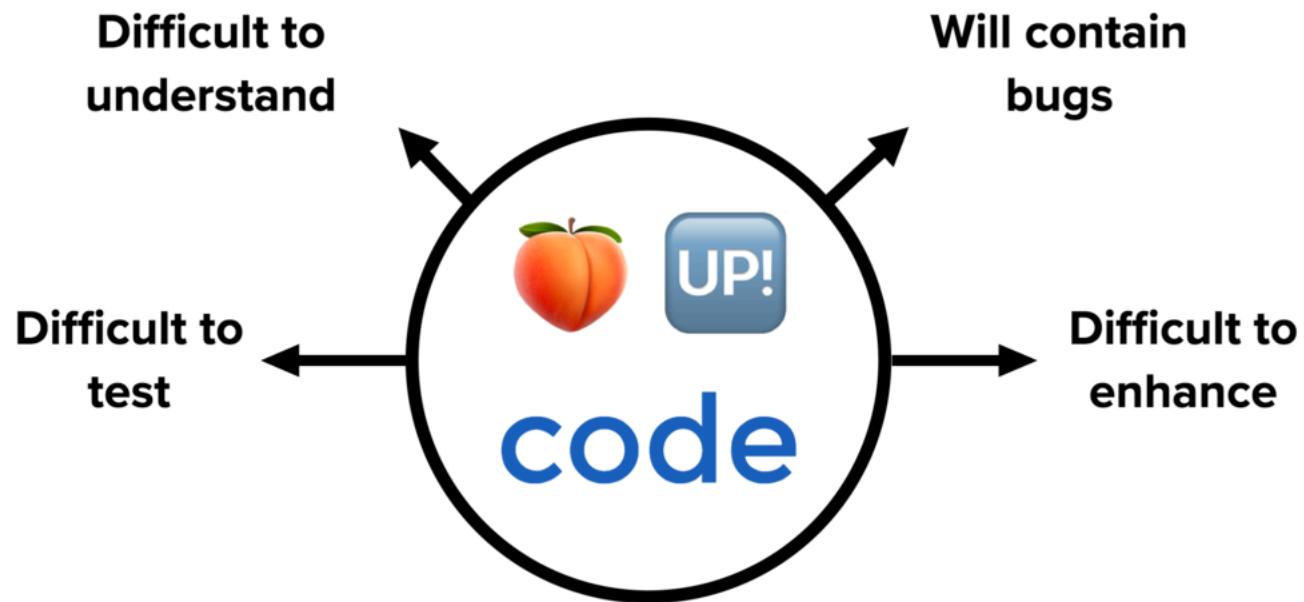
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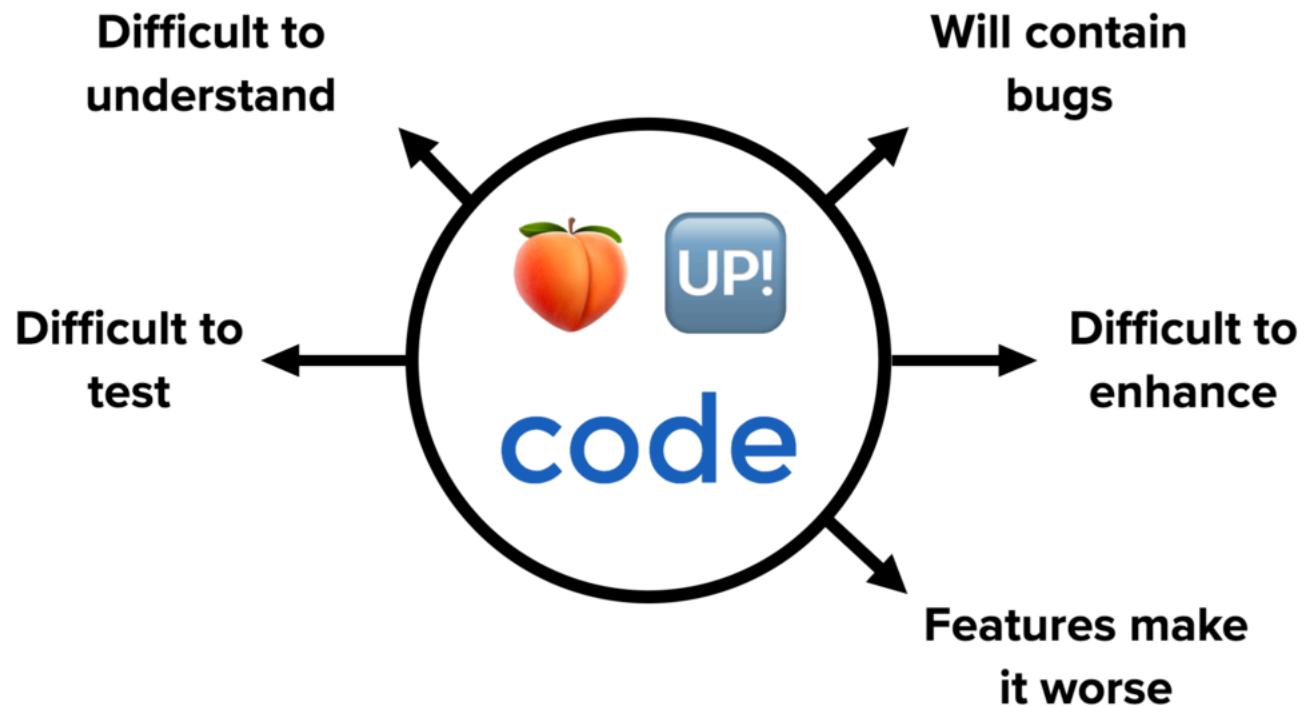
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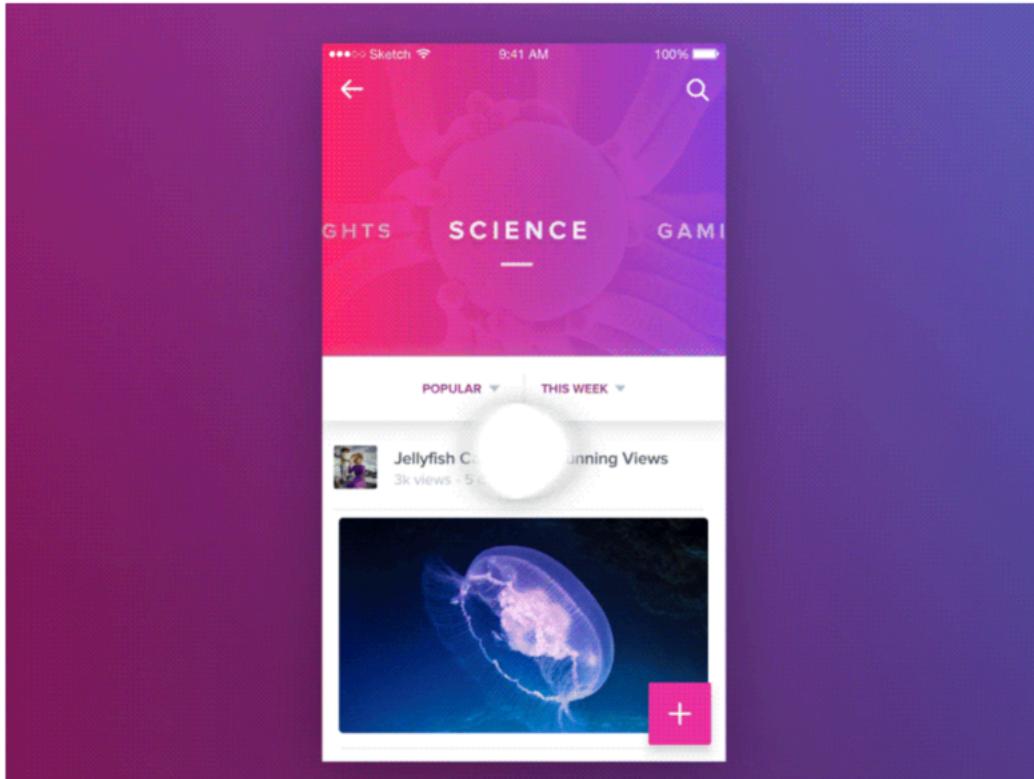


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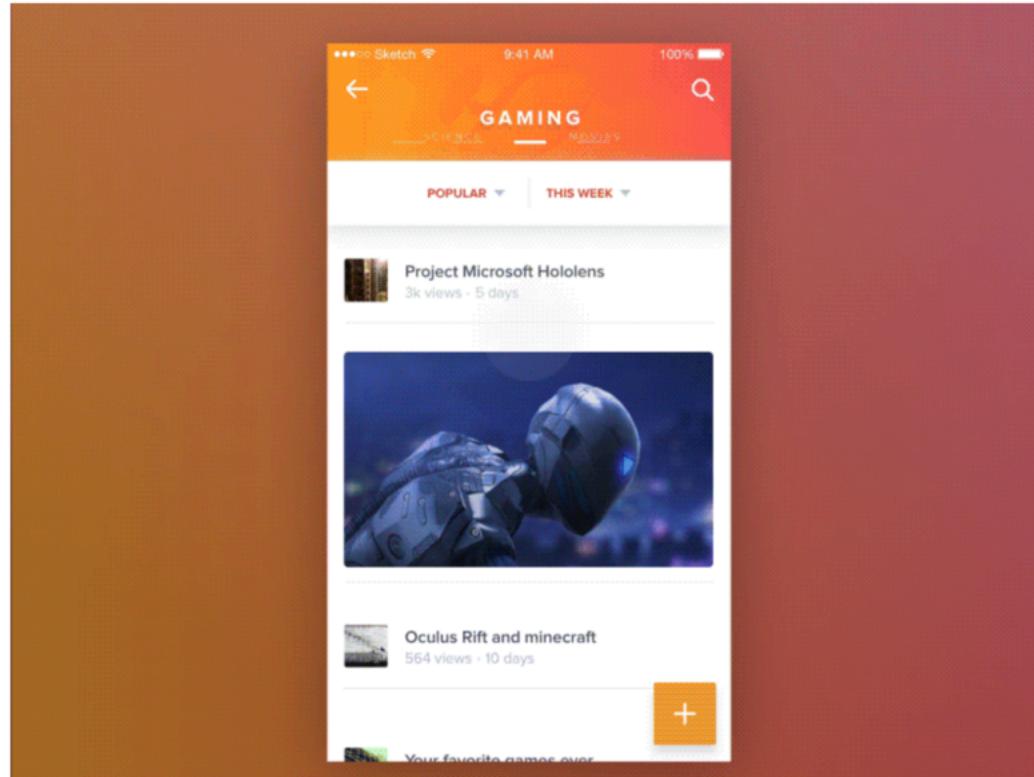
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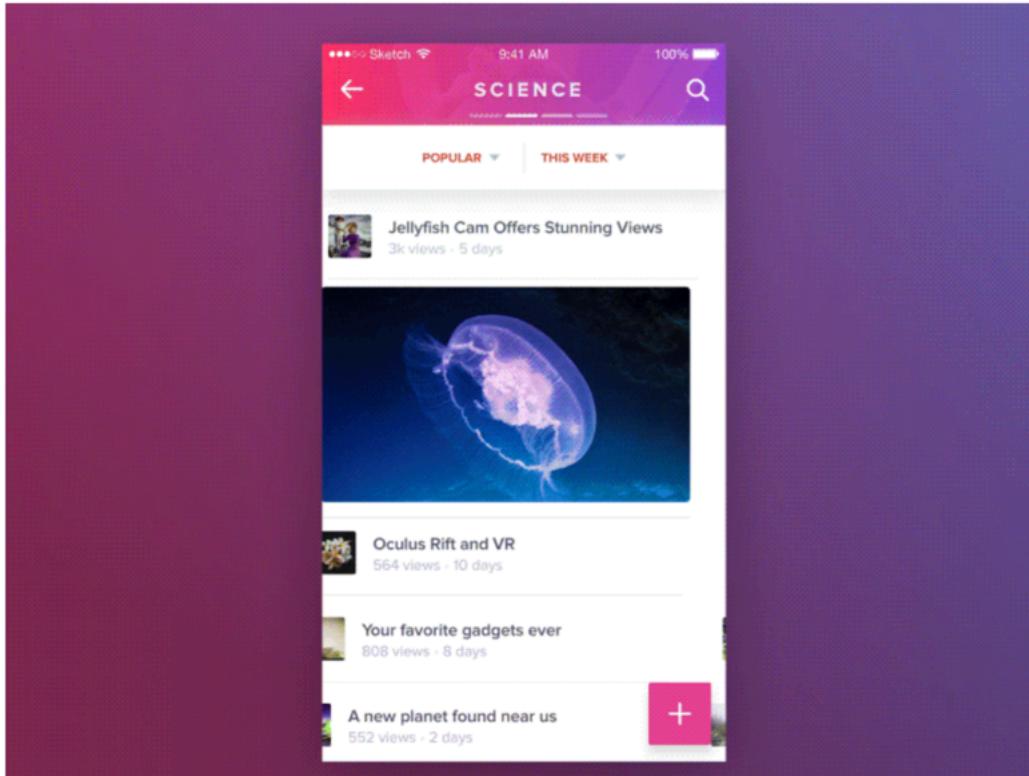
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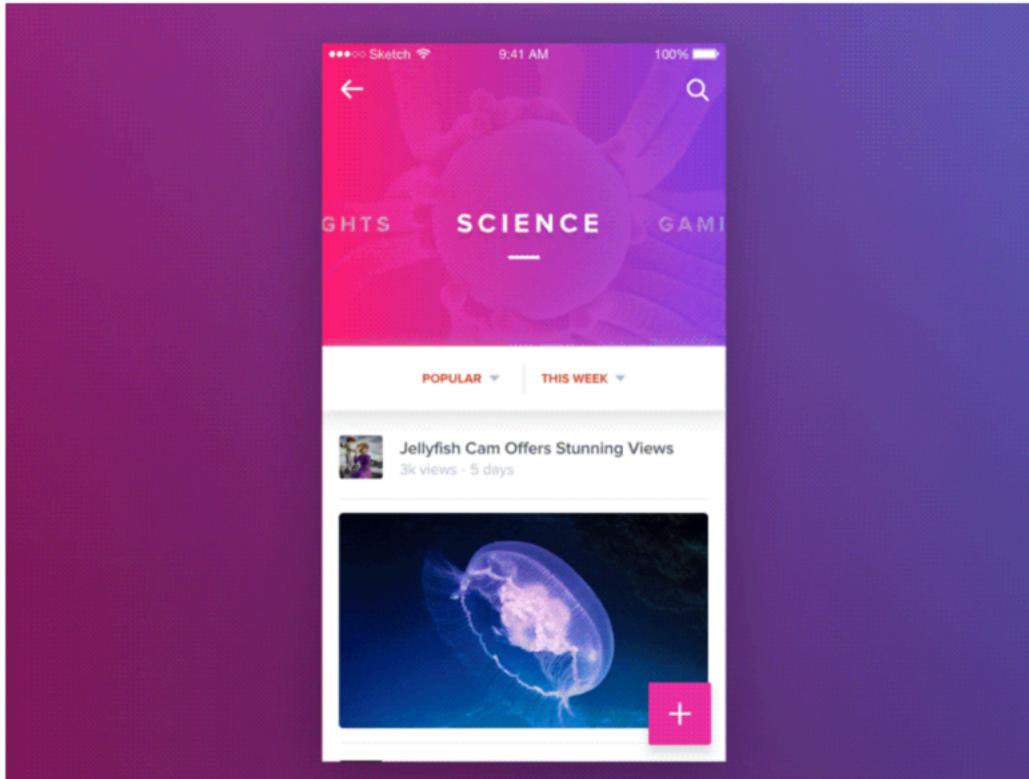
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Actions are based on **event & state**



Intuition

UI components are **not independent**
Actions are based on **event & state**
The event-action paradigm is **too simple**



Mathematical model [edit]

In accordance with the general classification, the following formal definitions are found:

- A *deterministic finite state machine* or *acceptor deterministic finite state machine* (DFA) is a formal model:

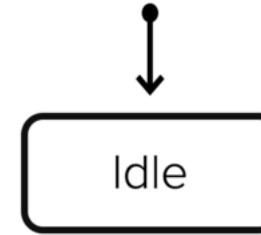
Finite state machines and statecharts

- Σ is the input alphabet (a finite, non-empty set of symbols).
- S is the set of states (a finite, non-empty set of states).
- s_0 is an initial state, an element of S .
- δ is the state-transition function: $\delta : S \times \Sigma \rightarrow S$ (in a nondeterministic finite state machine, the transition function would be $\delta : S \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$, i.e., δ would return a set of states).
- F is the set of final states, a (possibly empty) subset of S .

Finite state machines

Finite state machines

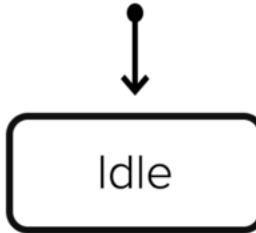
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Finite state machines

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a finite number of **states**

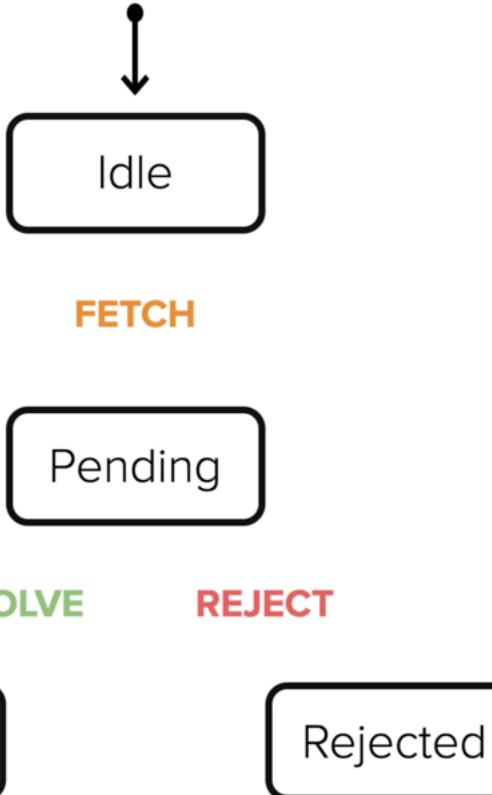


Finite state machines

have one **initial state**

a finite number of **states**

a finite number of **events**



Finite state machines

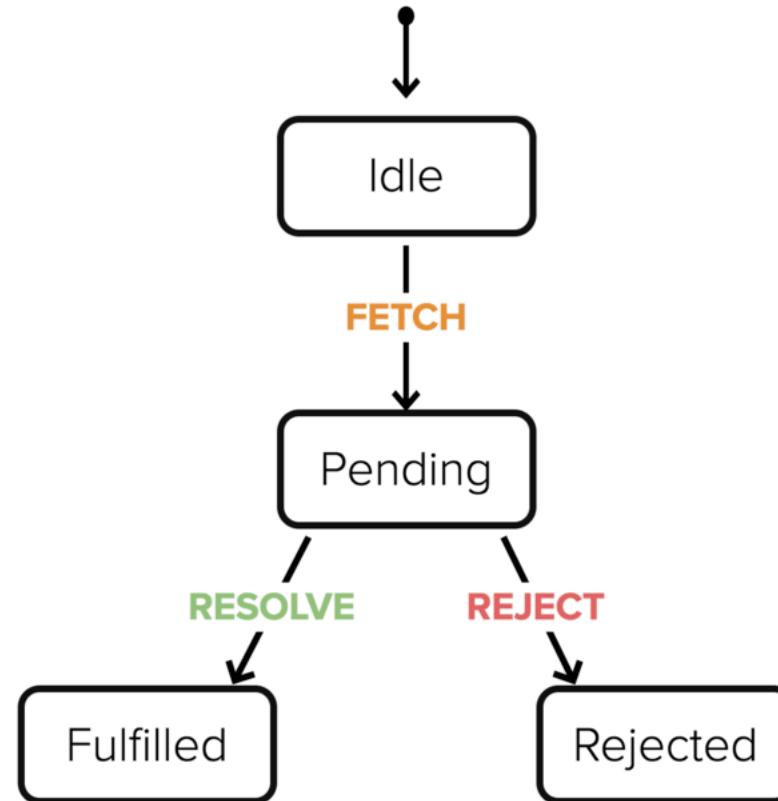
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a mapping of state **transitions**

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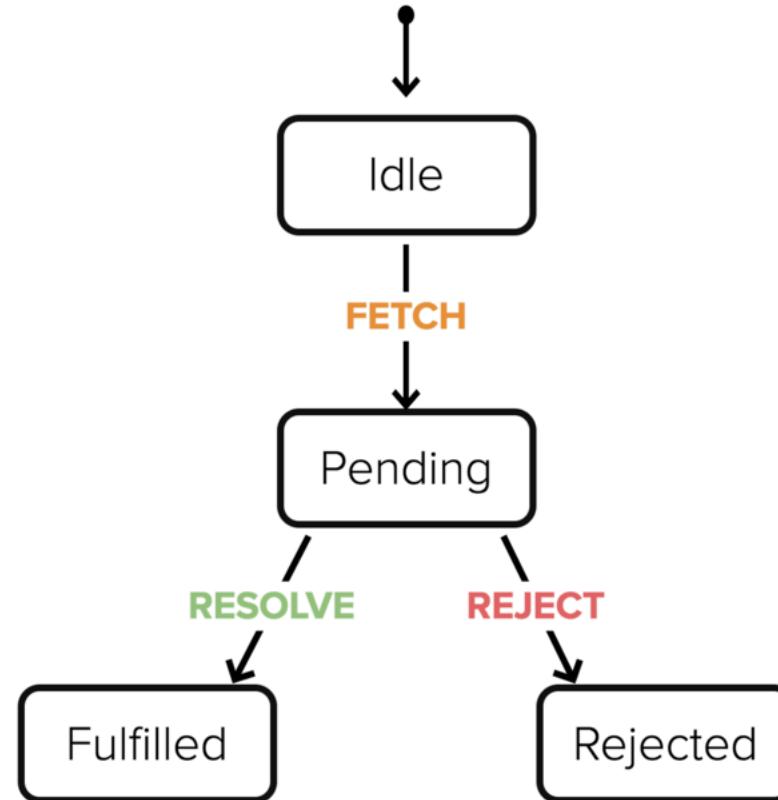
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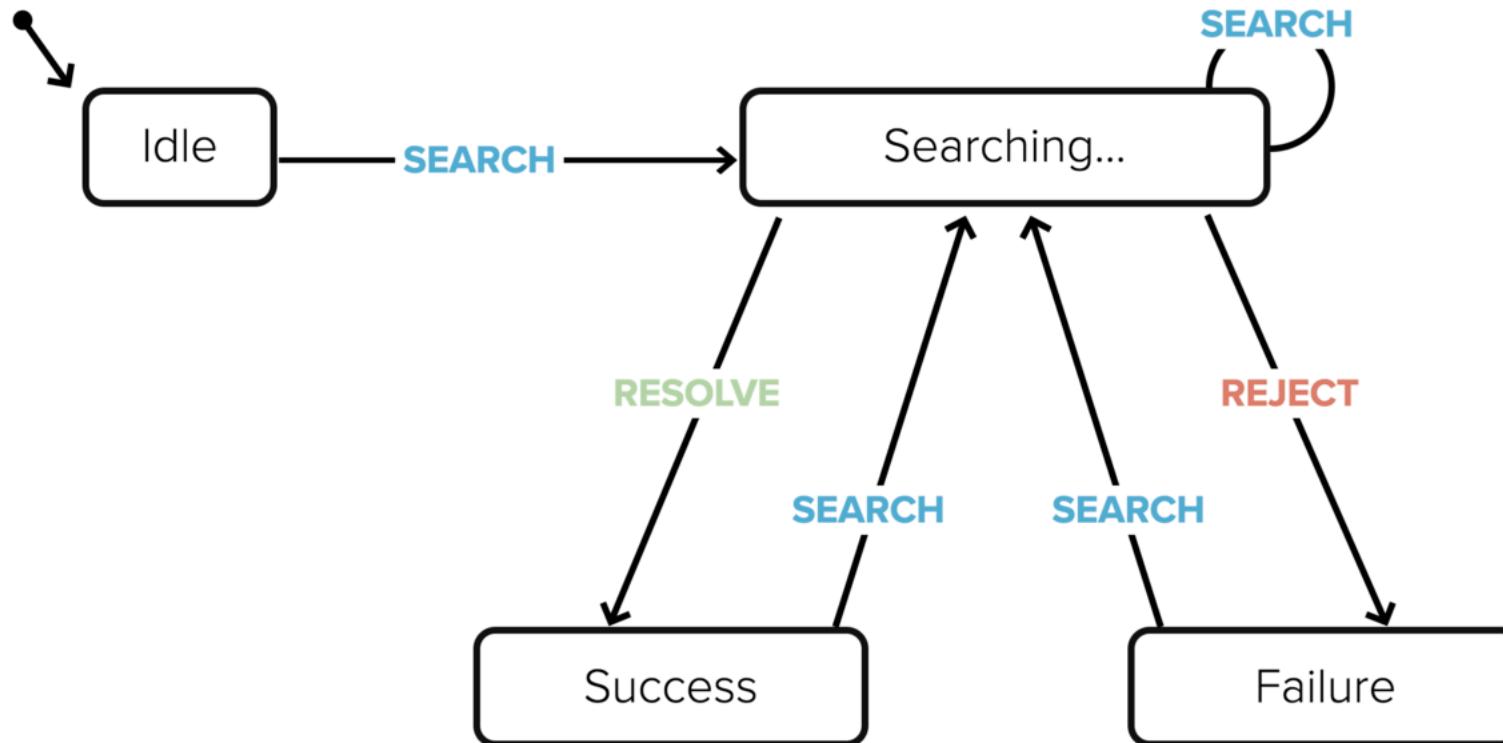
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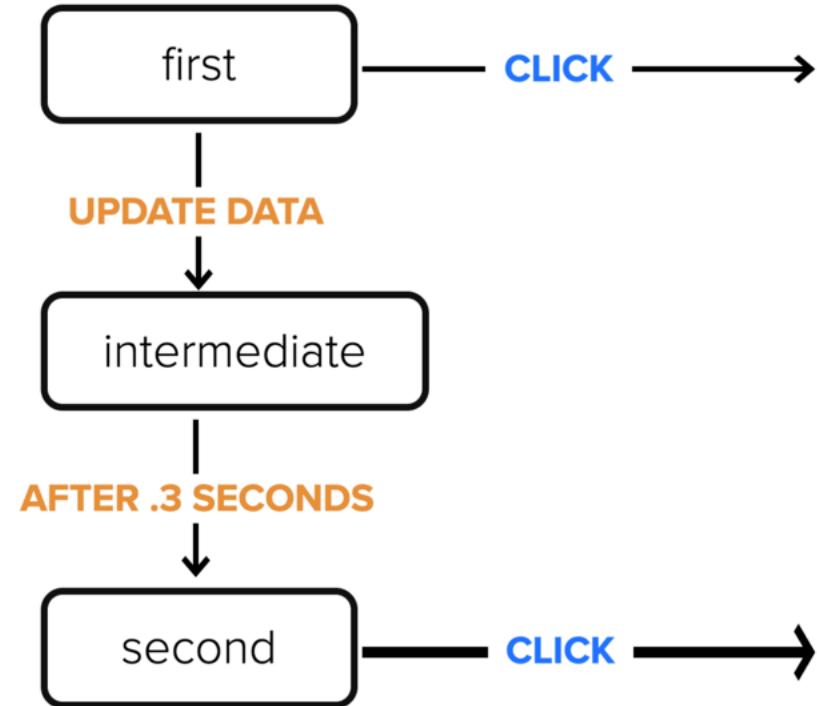
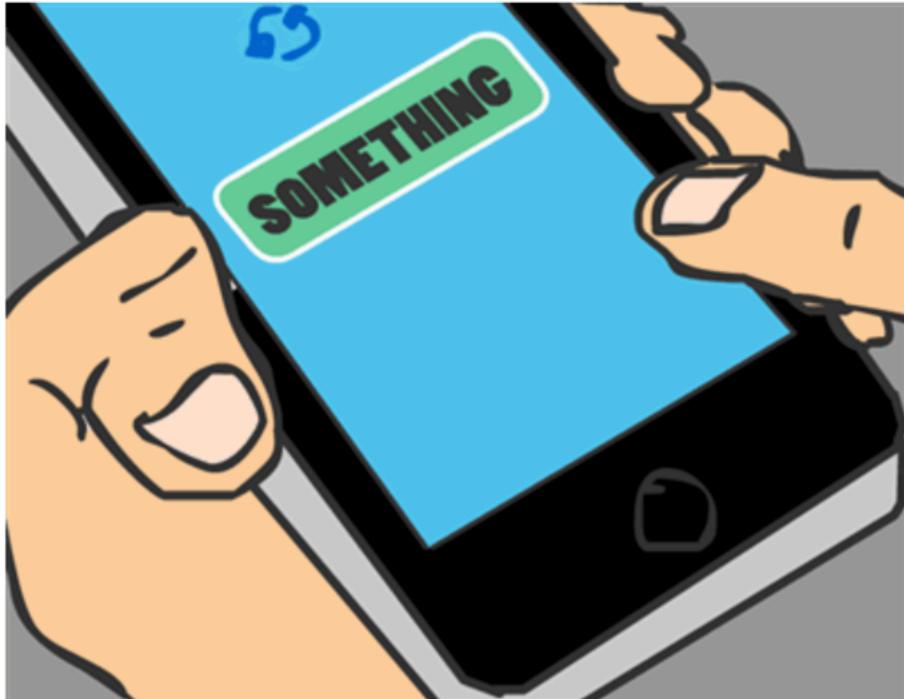
triggered by events

a finite number of **final states**

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```
const machine = {
  initial: 'idle',
  states: {
    idle: {
      on: { SEARCH: 'searching' }
    },
    searching: {
      on: {
        RESOLVE: 'success',
        REJECT: 'failure',
        SEARCH: 'searching'
      }
    },
    success: {
      on: { SEARCH: 'searching' }
    },
    failure: {
      on: { SEARCH: 'searching' }
    }
  }
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function transition(state, event) {
  return machine.states[state].on[event];
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states & **actions**

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HTML SCSS Babel Result

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```
const { Machine } = xstate;

const flipping = new Flipping();

const galleryMachine = Machine({
  initial: 'start',
  states: {
    start: {
      on: {
        SEARCH: 'loading'
      }
    },
    loading: {
      onEntry: ['search'],
      on: {
        SEARCH_SUCCESS: {
          gallery: {
            actions: ['updateItems']
          }
        },
        SEARCH_FAILURE: 'error',
        CANCEL_SEARCH: 'gallery'
      }
    }
  }
});
```

Search Flickr for photos...

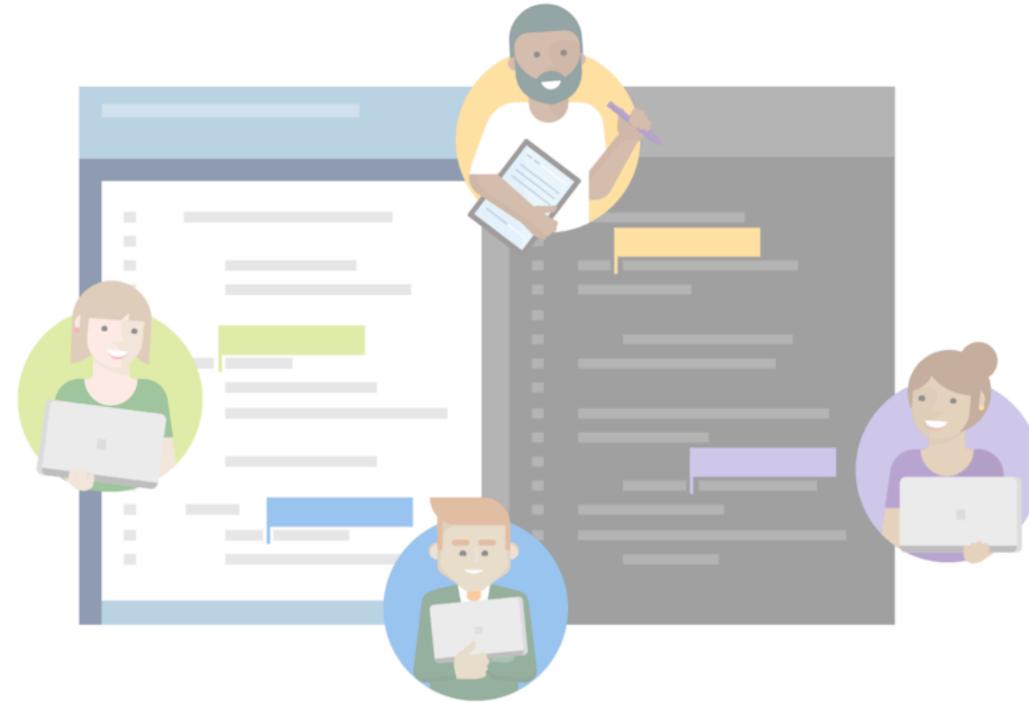
Search

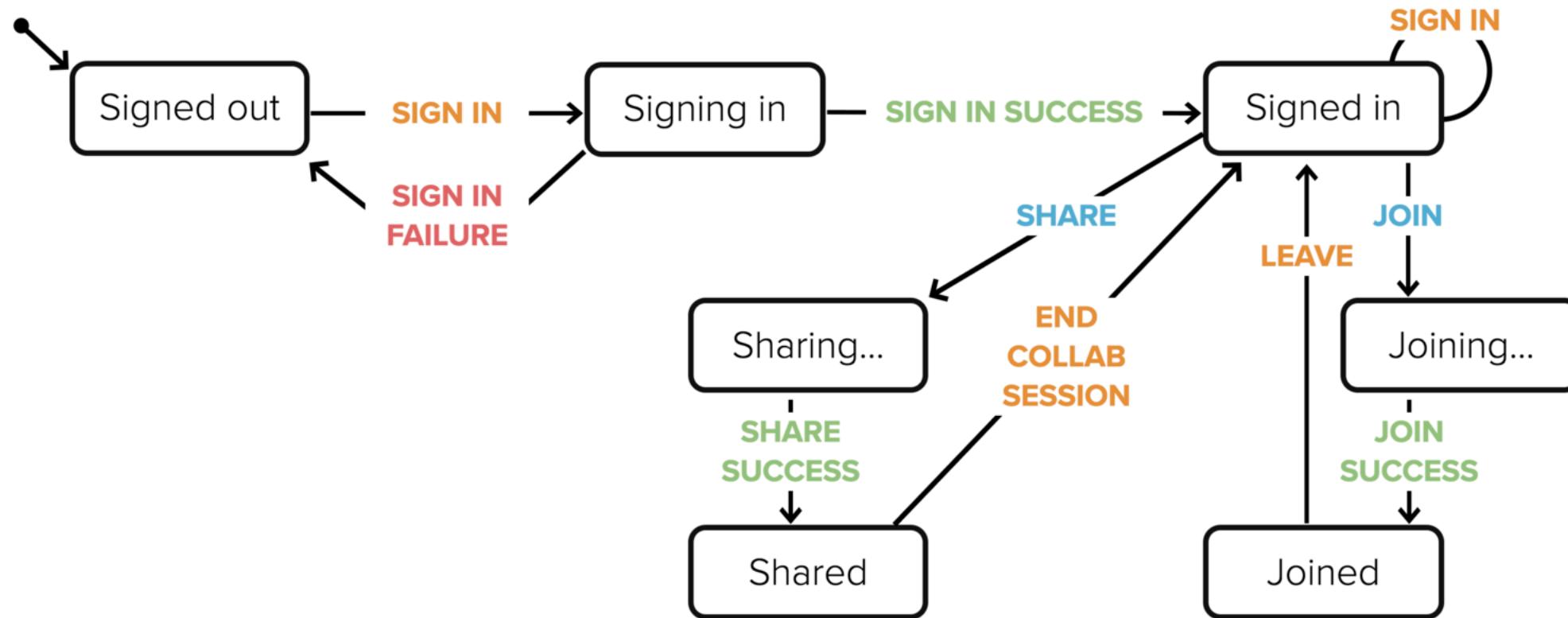
current state: start

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State machines in VS Live Share

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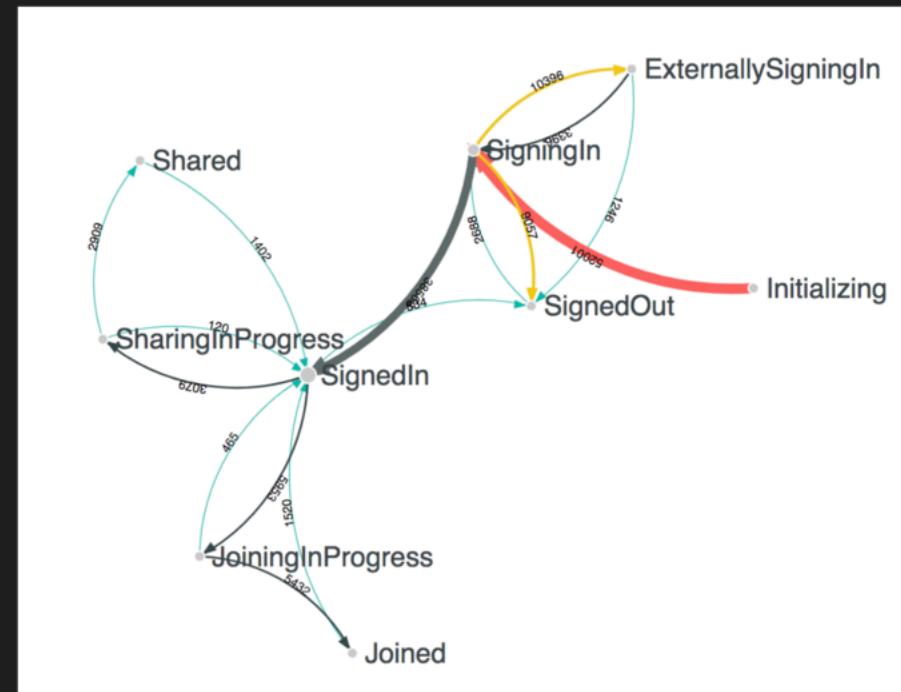
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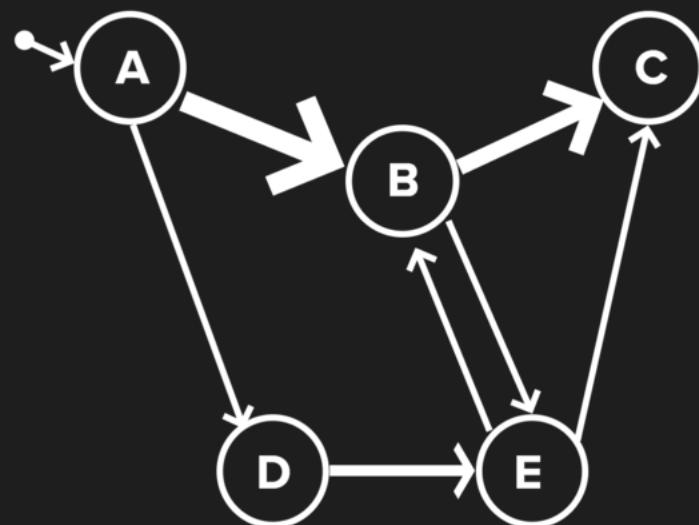
```
transition(currentState, event) {  
  const nextState = // ...  
  
  Telemetry.sendEvent(  
    currentState,  
    nextState,  
    event  
  );  
  
  return nextState;  
}
```

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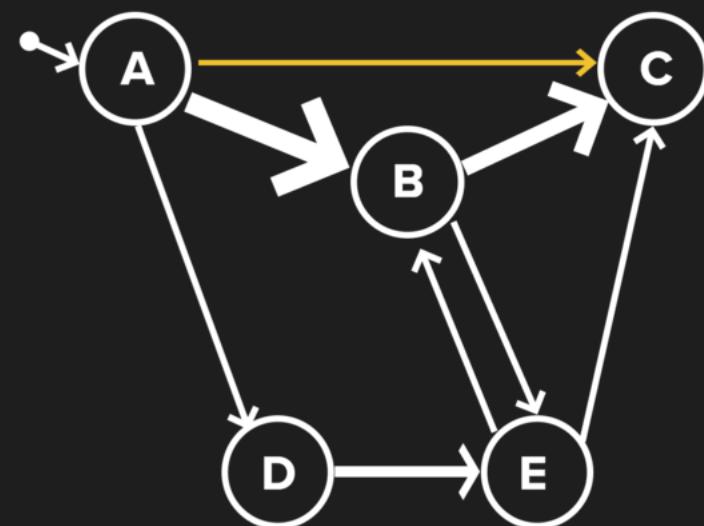
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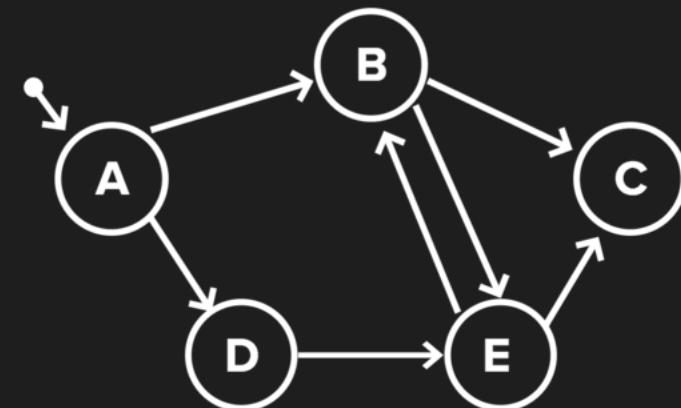
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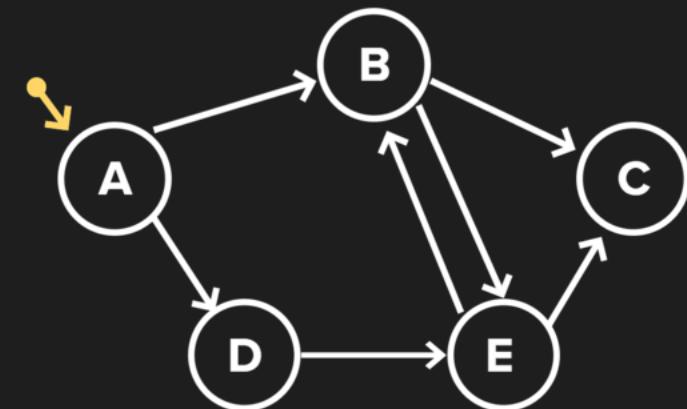
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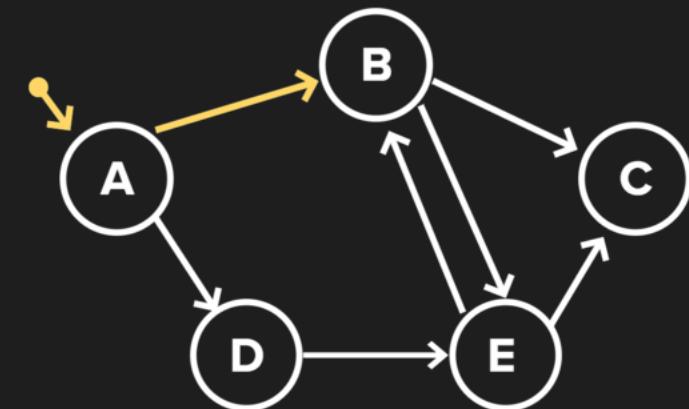
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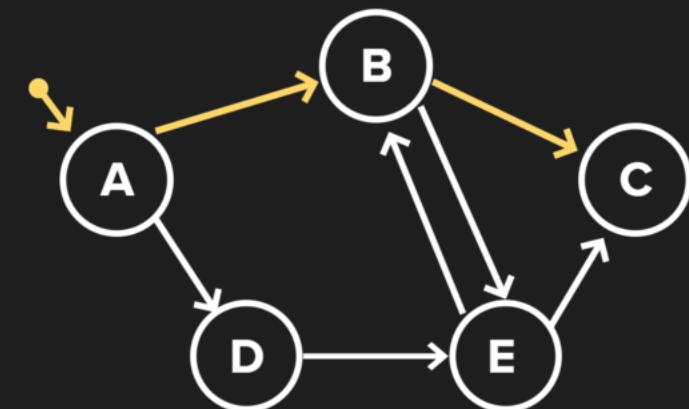
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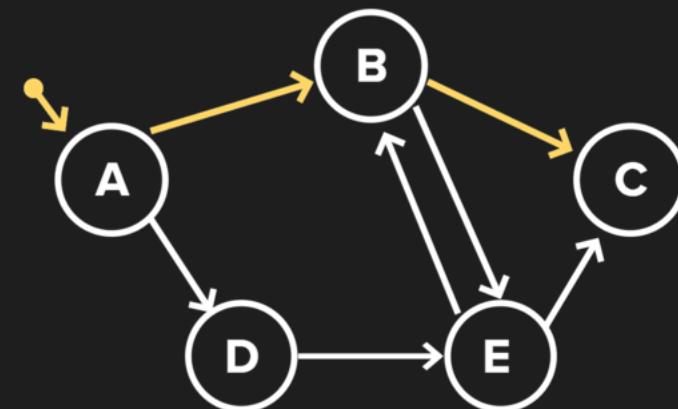
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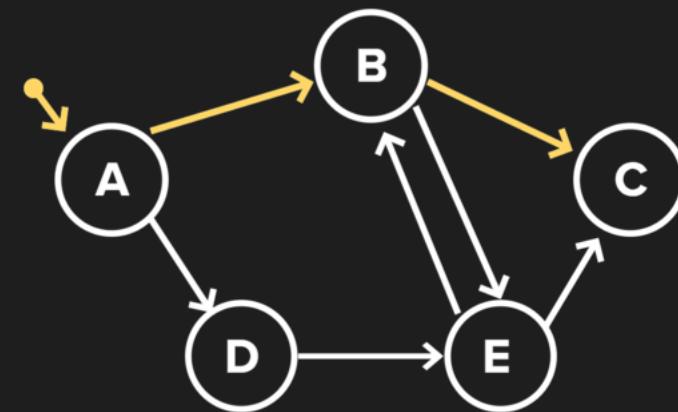
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Shortest path algorithms (Dijkstra, Bellman-Ford, A* search, etc.)



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A → B → C

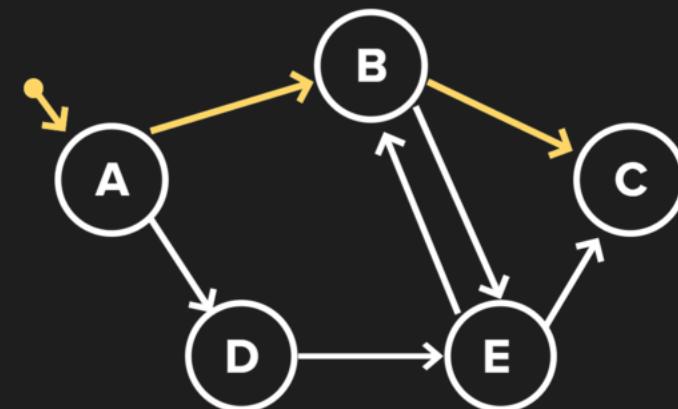
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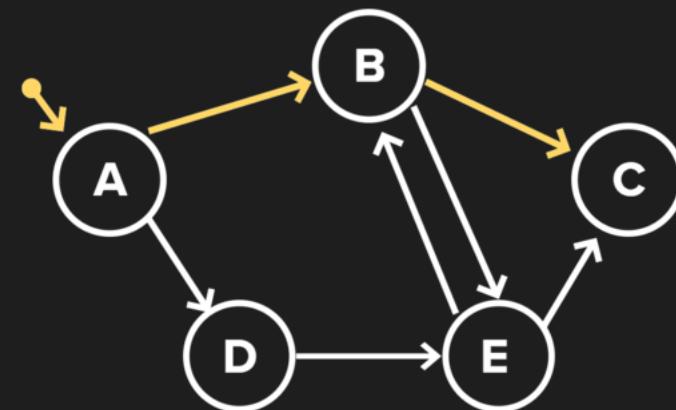
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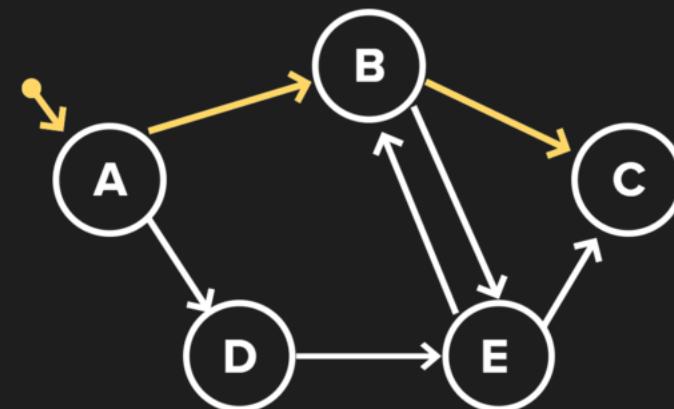
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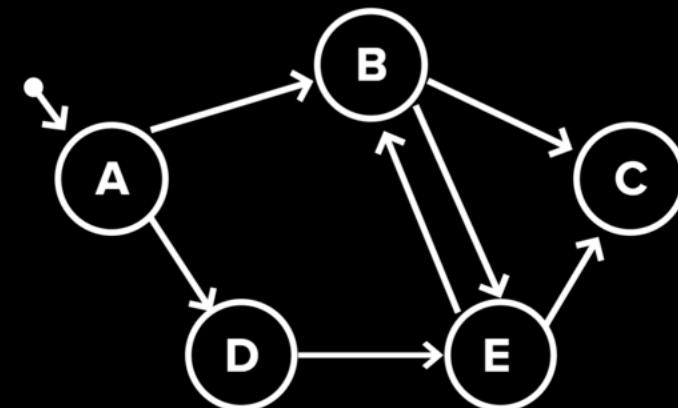
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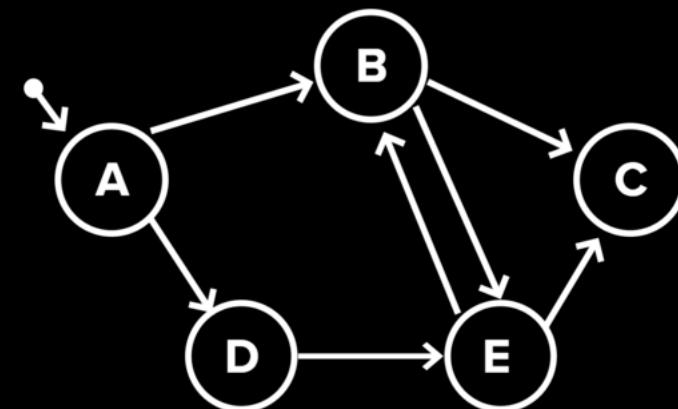
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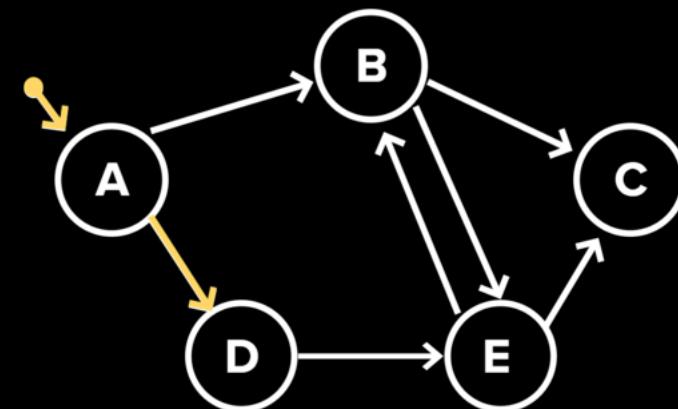
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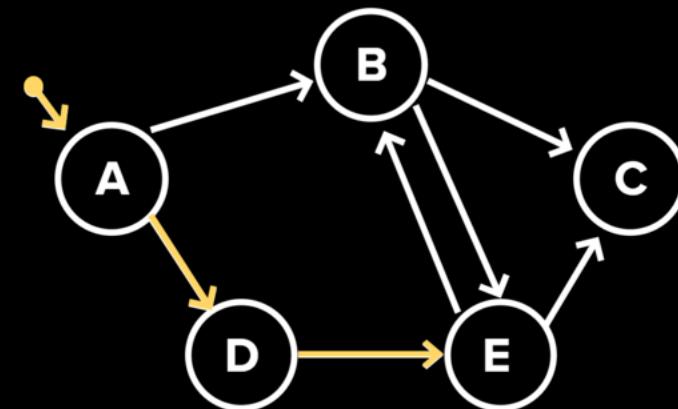
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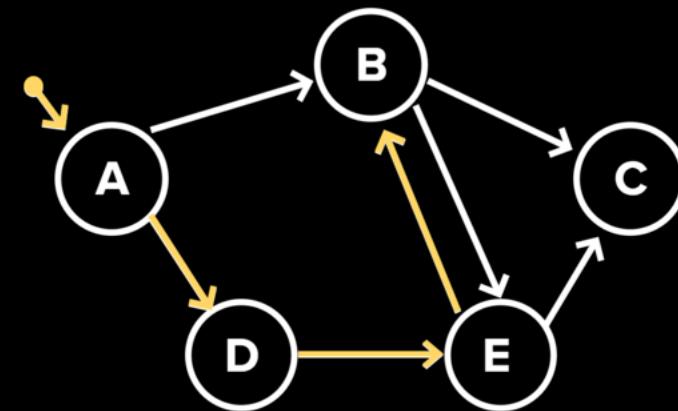
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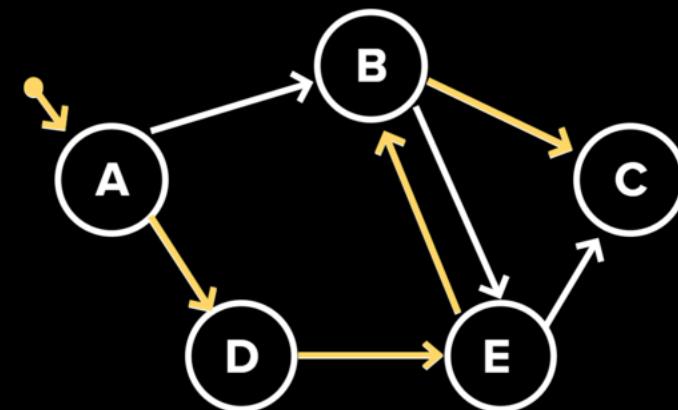
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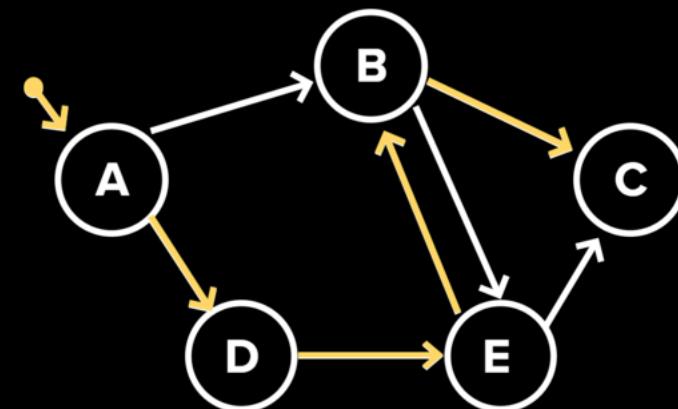
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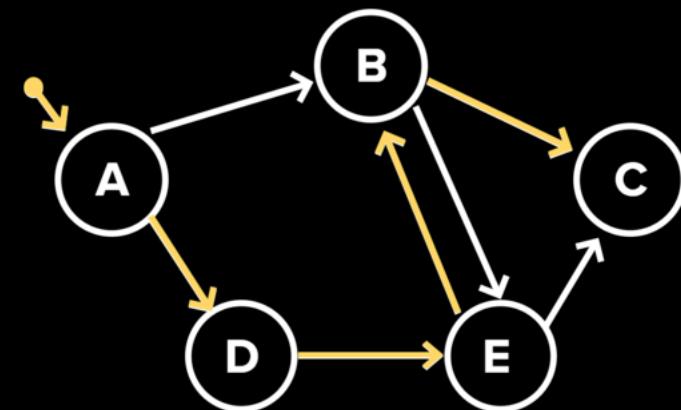


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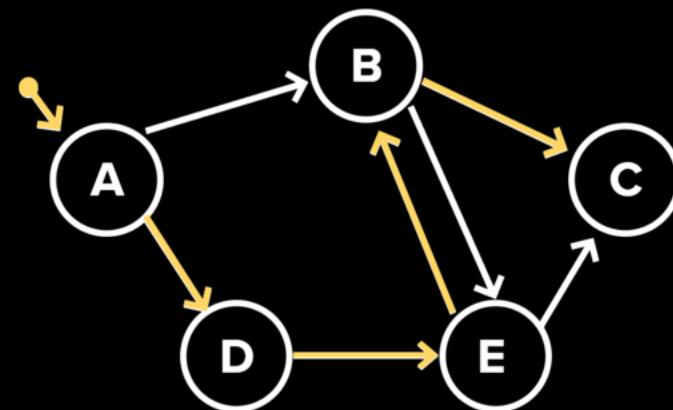
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```
PASS  src/App.test.js
  'question' state
    path 0
      ✓ is in 'question' (1ms)
  'thanks' state
    path 0
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'GOOD' (2ms)
      ✓ is in 'thanks'
    path 1
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'BAD' (3ms)
      ✓ is in 'form' and can send 'SUBMIT' (2ms)
      ✓ is in 'thanks'
  'closed' state
    path 0
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'GOOD' (2ms)
      ✓ is in 'thanks' and can send 'ESC'
      ✓ is in 'closed' (1ms)
    path 1
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'GOOD' (2ms)
      ✓ is in 'thanks' and can send 'CLOSE'
      ✓ is in 'closed' (1ms)
    path 2
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'BAD' (2ms)
      ✓ is in 'form' and can send 'ESC' (1ms)
      ✓ is in 'closed'
    path 3
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'BAD' (2ms)
      ✓ is in 'form' and can send 'SUBMIT' (1ms)
      ✓ is in 'thanks' and can send 'ESC'
      ✓ is in 'closed'
    path 4
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'BAD' (1ms)
      ✓ is in 'form' and can send 'SUBMIT' (1ms)
      ✓ is in 'thanks' and can send 'CLOSE' (1ms)
      ✓ is in 'closed'
    path 5
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'ESC'
      ✓ is in 'closed'
  'form' state
    path 0
      ✓ is in 'question' and can send 'BAD' (1ms)
      ✓ is in 'form'
```

Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total
Tests: 27 passed, 27 total
Snapshots: 0 total
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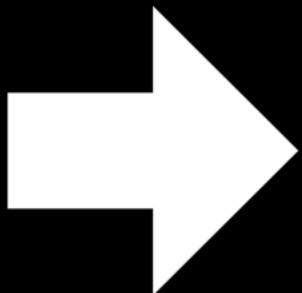
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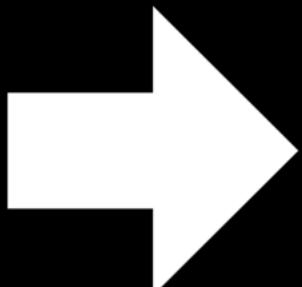
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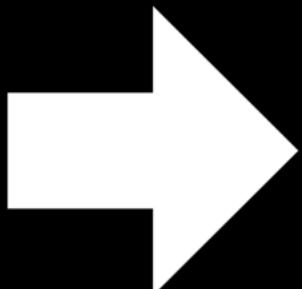
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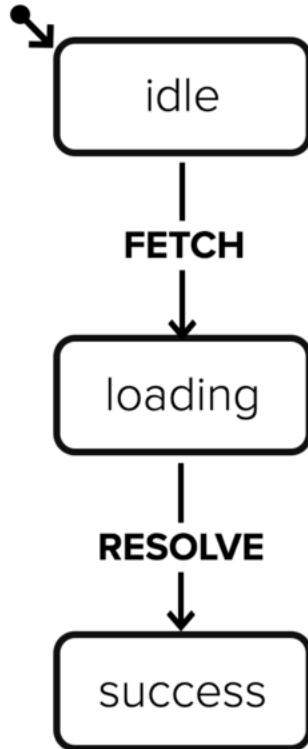
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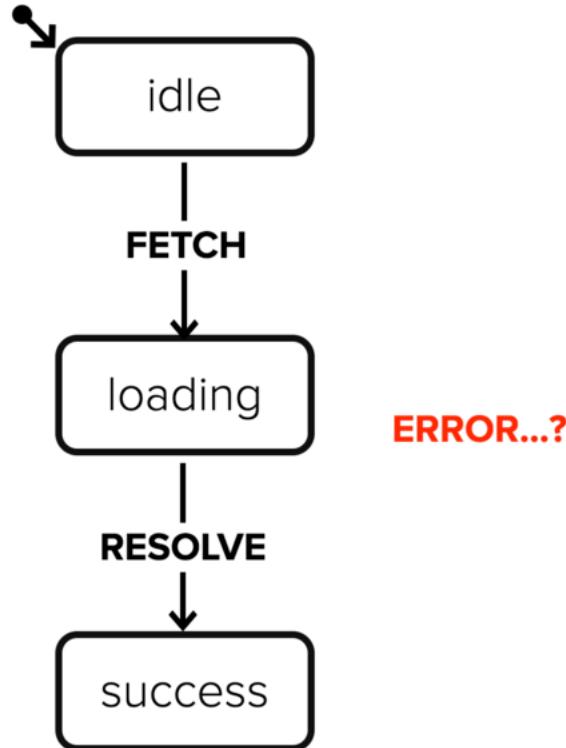
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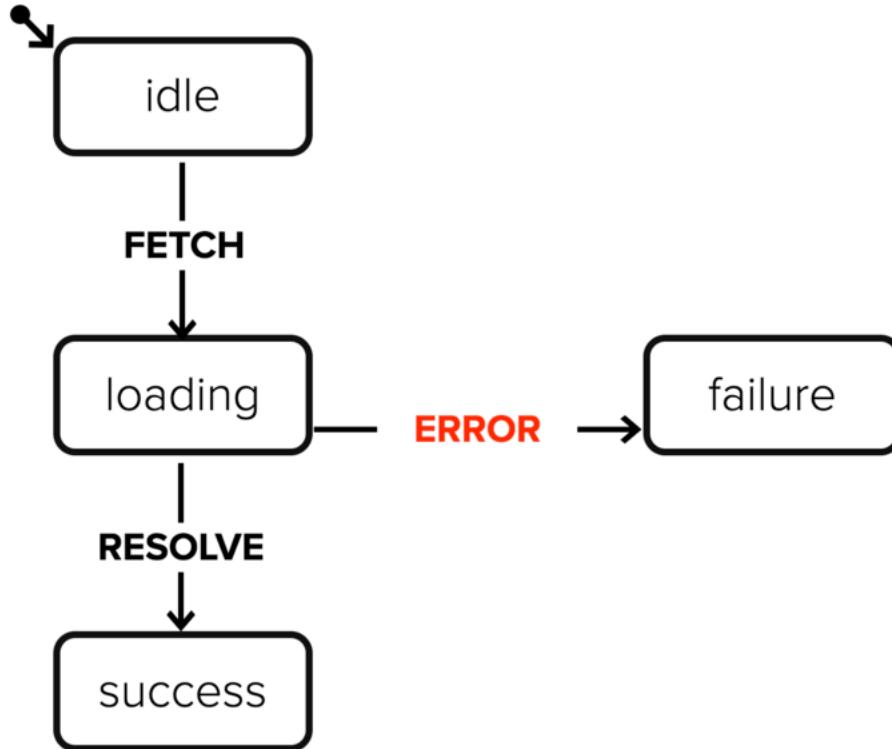
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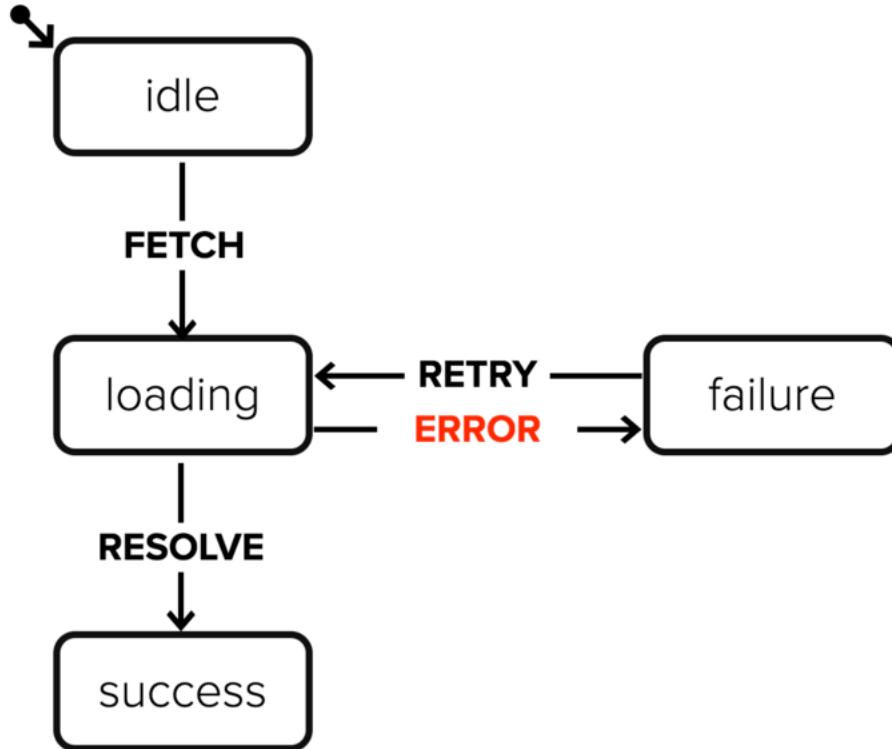
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Harel Statecharts extended finite state machines

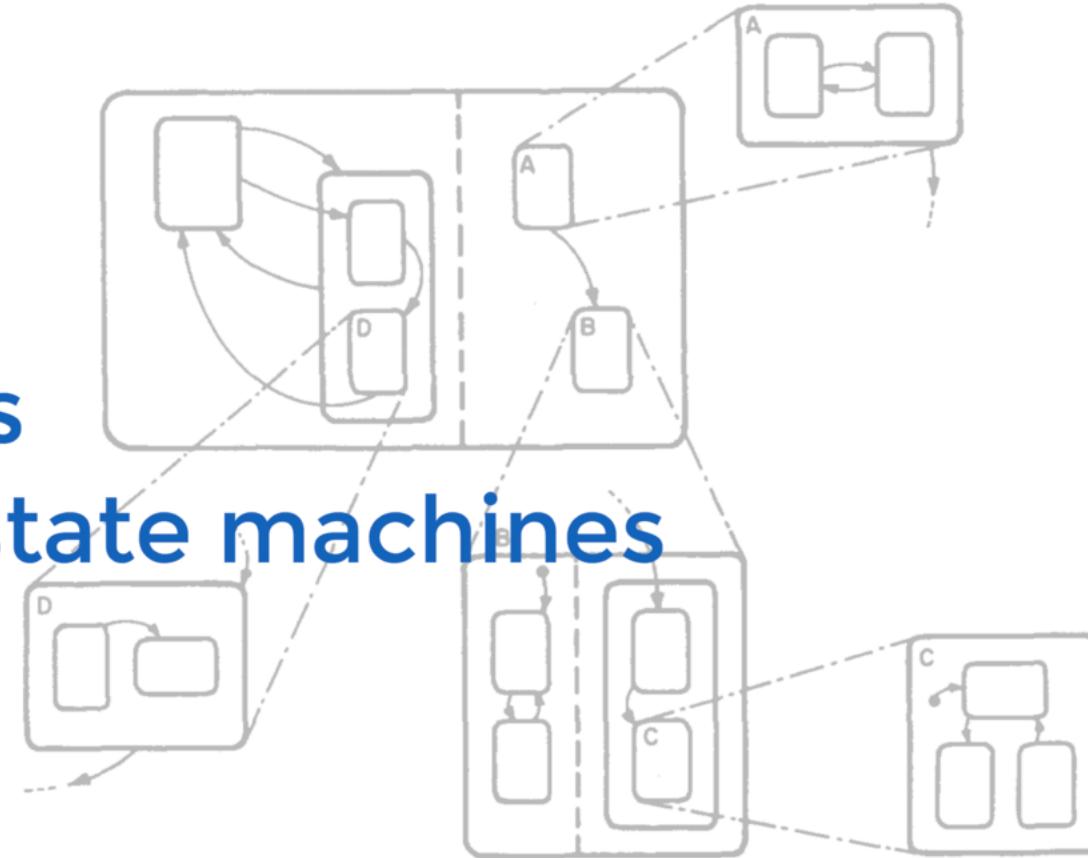
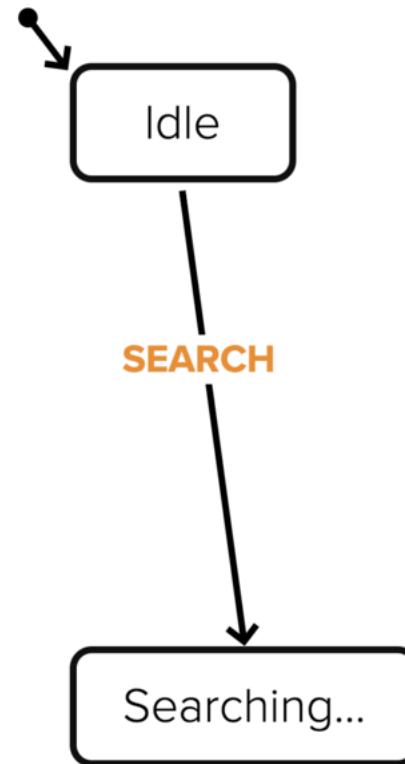


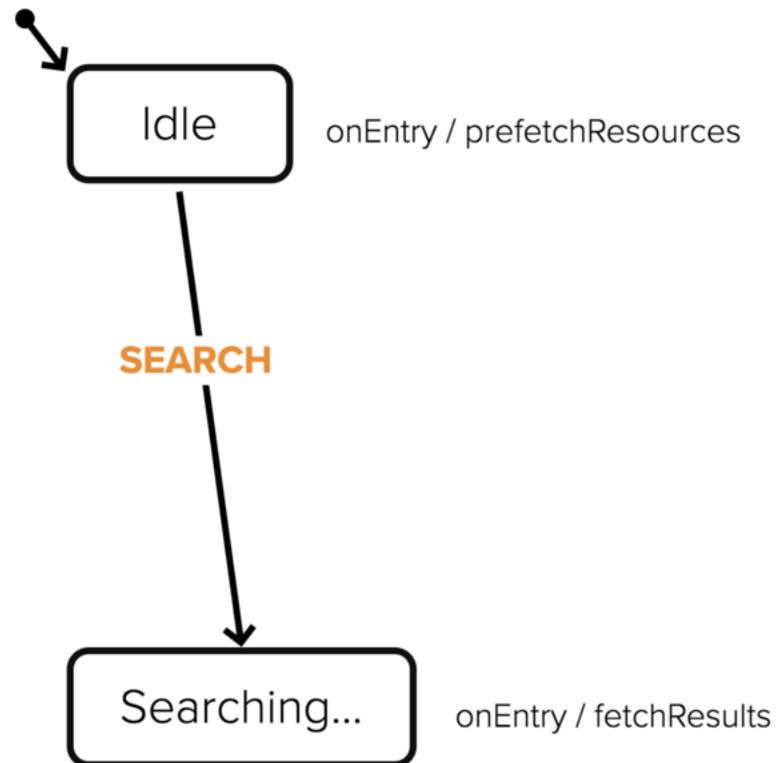
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Statecharts



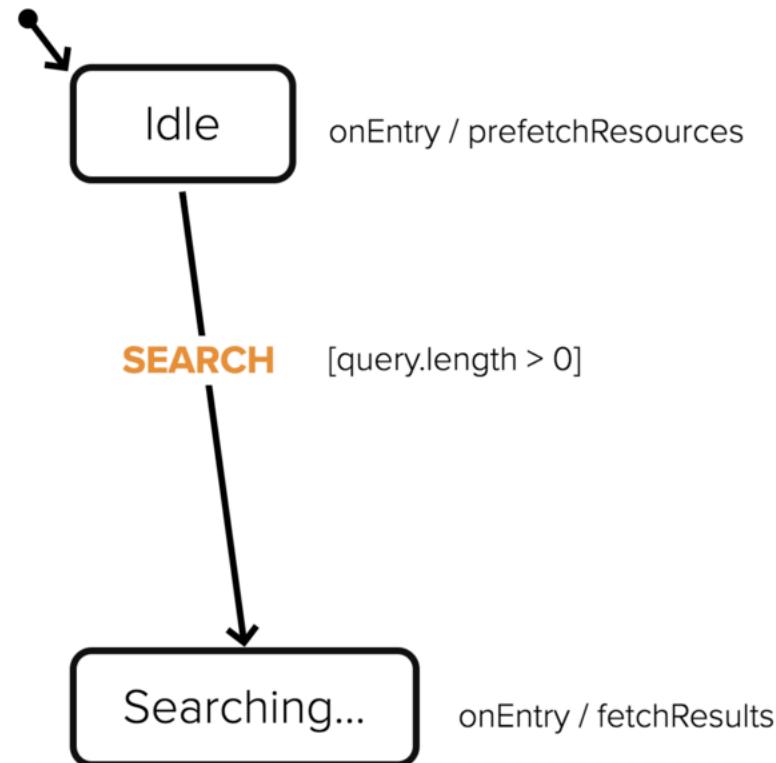
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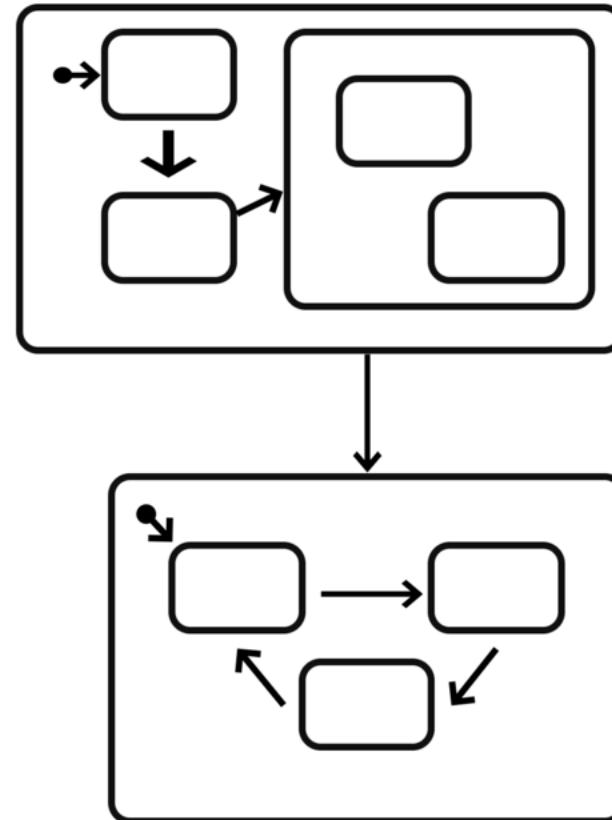


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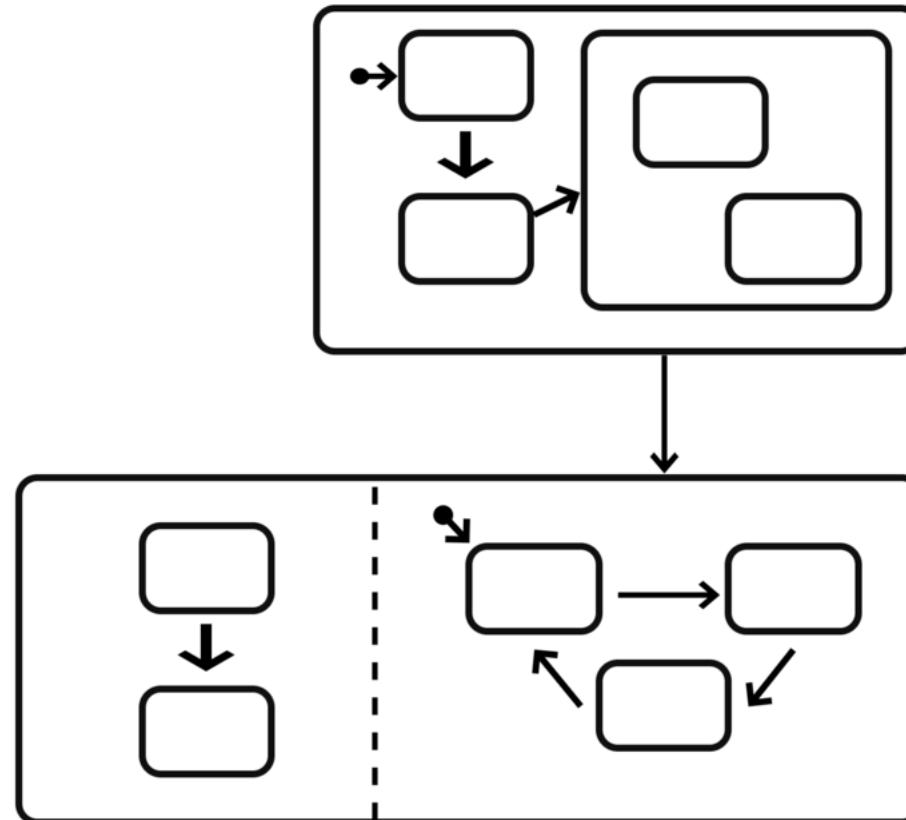
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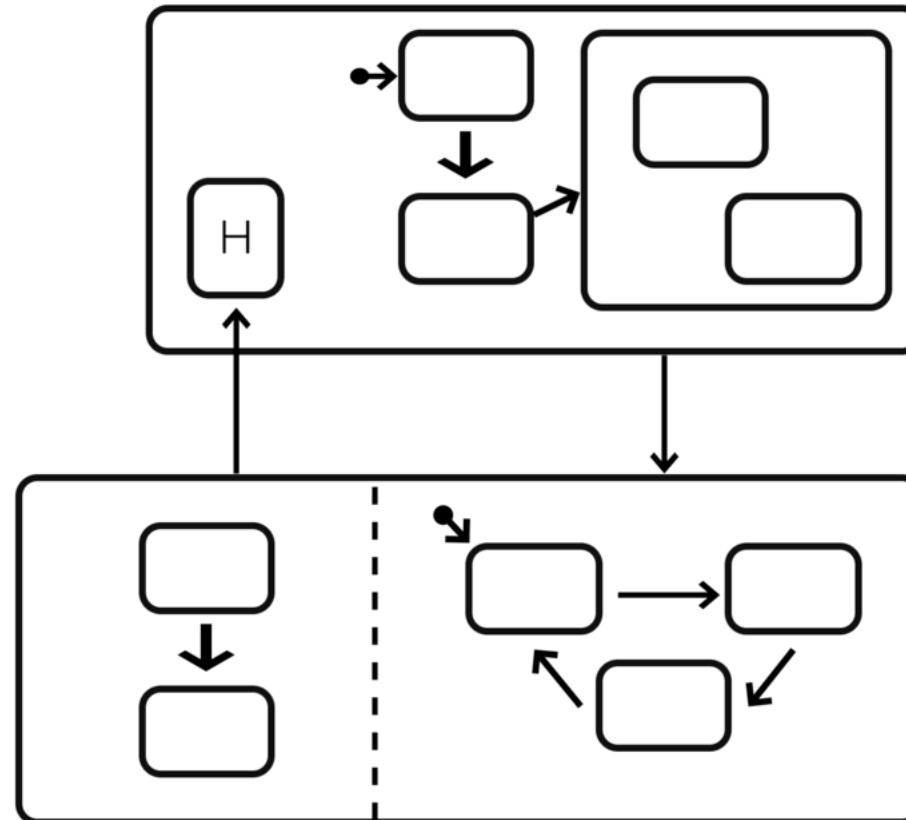
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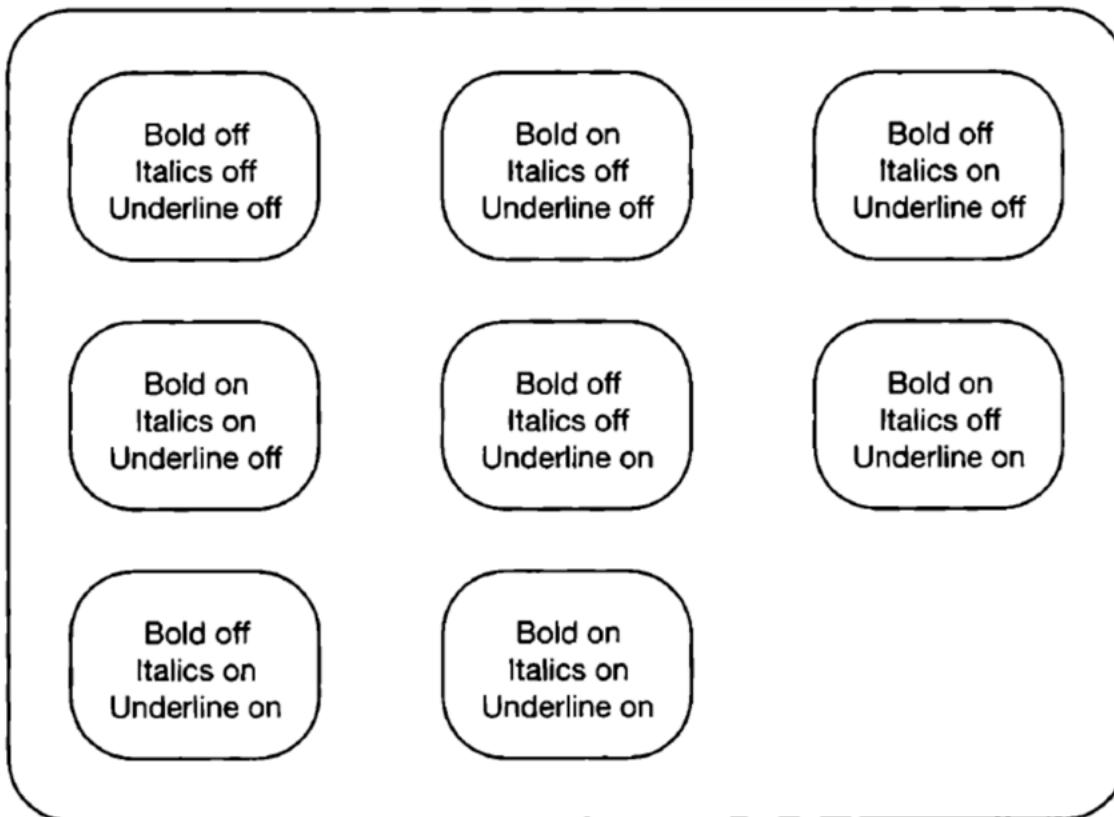


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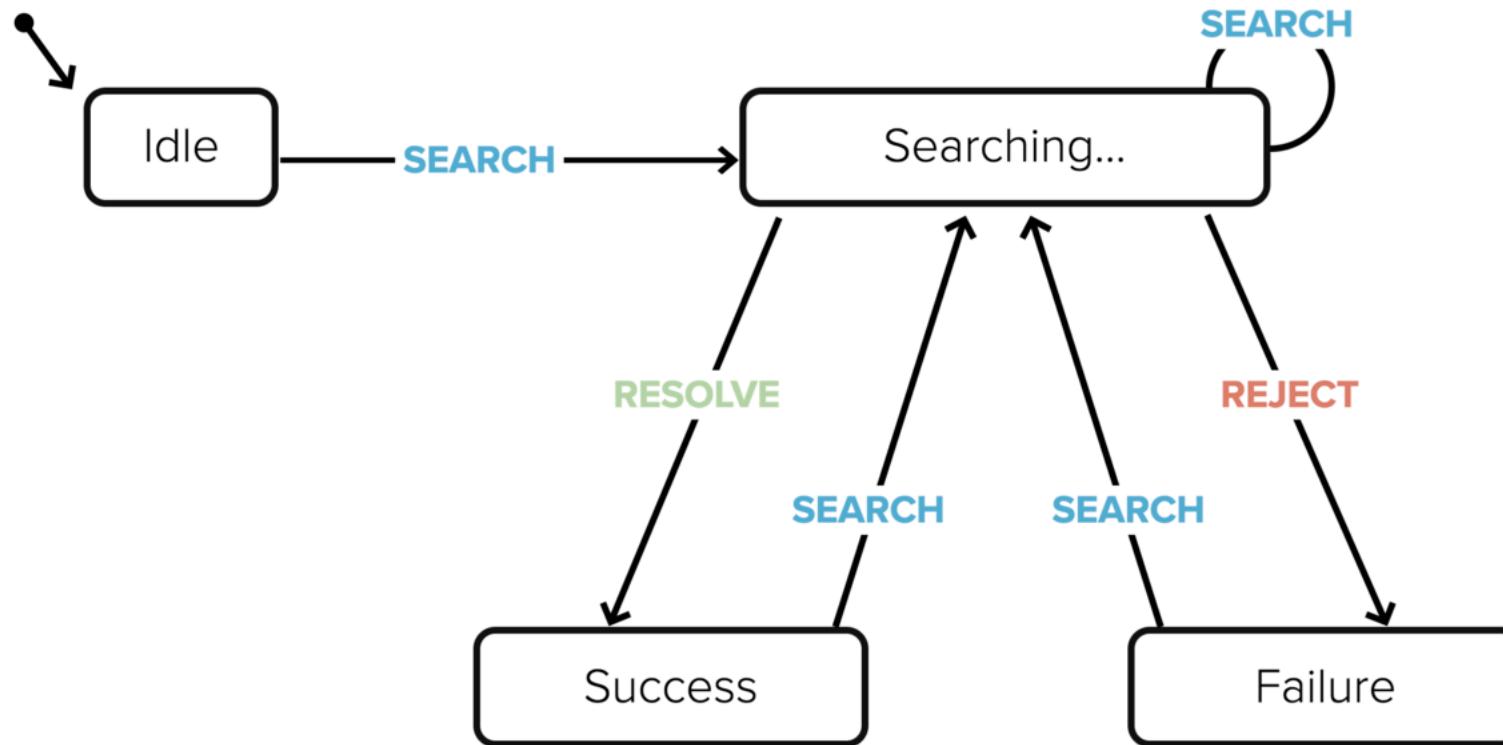
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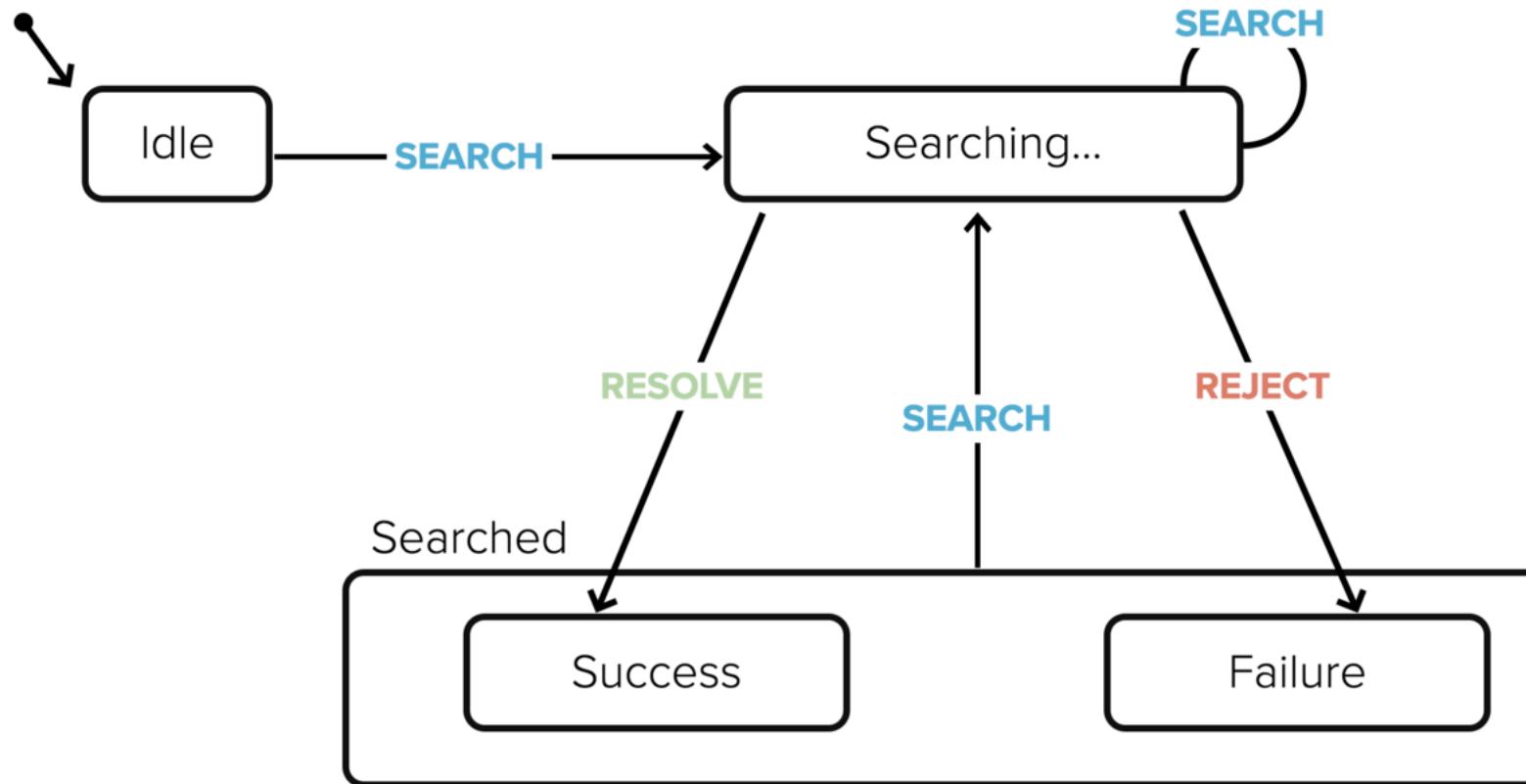
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Statecharts with xstate

npm install xstate --save

```
const lightMachine = Machine({
  initial: 'green',
  states: {
    green: {
      on: {
        TIMER: 'yellow'
      }
    },
    yellow: {
      on: {
        TIMER: 'red'
      }
    },
    red: {
      on: {
        TIMER: 'green'
      }
    }
  }
});
```

```
const nextState = lightMachine
  .transition('green', 'TIMER');
```

```
// State {
//   value: 'yellow'
// }
```

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const lightMachine = Machine({
  initial: 'green',
  states: {
    green: {
      on: {
        TIMER: 'yellow'
      }
    },
    yellow: {
      onEntry: ['activateYellow']
      on: {
        TIMER: 'red'
      }
    },
    red: {
      onExit: ['stopCountdown']
      on: {
        TIMER: 'green'
      }
    }
  });

```

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  states: {
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      on: {
        TIMER: {
          yellow: {
            cond: (xs, event) =>
              event.elapsed > 10000
          }
        }
      }
    },
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    red: {
      initial: 'walk',
      states: {
        walk: {
          { on: { PED_COUNTDOWN: 'wait' } }
        },
        wait: {
          { on: { PED_COUNTDOWN_END: 'stop' } }
        },
        stop: {}
      }
    }
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});
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```
const lightsMachine = Machine({
  parallel: true,
  states: {
    northSouthLight: {
      initial: 'green',
      states: {
        // ...
      }
    },
    eastWestLight: {
      initial: 'red',
      states: {
        // ...
      }
    }
  }
});
```

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```
const payMachine = Machine({
  initial: 'method',
  states: {
    method: {
      initial: 'card',
      states: {
        card: {
          on: { SELECT_CASH: 'cash' }
        },
        cash: {
          on: { SELECT_CARD: 'card' }
        }
      },
      on: {
        NEXT: 'review'
      }
    },
    review: {
      on: {
        PREV: 'method.$history'
      }
    }
  });
});
```

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```

class App extends Component {
  static machine = Machine({ /* ... */ });

  state = {
    appState: machine.initialState
  };

  actions = { /* ... */ };

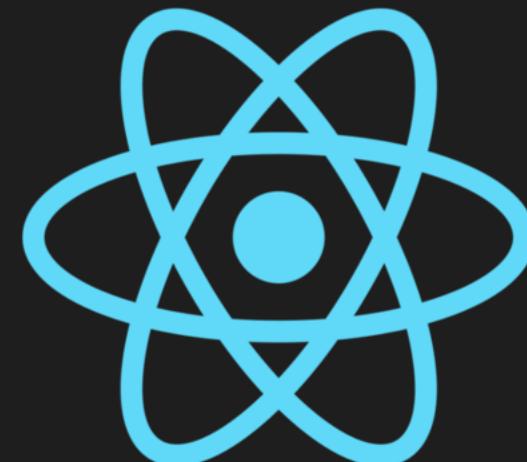
  send(event) {
    const nextState = machine.transition(
      this.state.appState,
      event.type,
      this.state
    );
    const { actions } = nextState;

    this.setState(
      { appState: nextState },
      () => {
        const nextExtState = actions
          .reduce((extState, action) => {
            const command = this.actions[action];
            // Execute the command
            return command(extState, eventType) || extState;
          }, this.state);

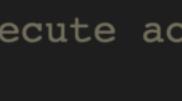
        this.setState(nextExtState);
      }
    );
  }
}

render() {
  return (
    <form onSubmit={() => this.send('SUBMIT')}>
      <input
        type="text"
        onChange={e => this.send({
          type: 'CHANGE',
          value: e.target.value
        })}
      />
      <button>Submit</button>
    </form>
  );
}

```





```
import { scan } from 'rxjs/operators';      const machine = new Machine({/* ... */});  
  
const machine = new Machine({/* ... */});    export const reducer = machine.transition;  
const event$ = // ...  
  
// ...  
  
const state$ = event$.pipe(  
  scan(machine.transition),  
  tap(({ actions }) => {  
    // execute actions  
  }));
  
  
  
  
  
class App extends Component() {  
  // ...  
  componentDidUpdate() {  
    const { state } = this.props;  
    const { actions } = state;  
  
    const nextState = actions.reduce(action  
      // execute the action commands  
    ), this.state);  
  
    // local state, or send it to Redux  
    this.setState(nextState);  
  }
  
  // ...
}
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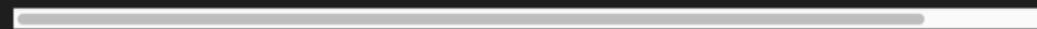
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  const nextState = this.props;
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```
  const actions = state$
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```

```
    // execute action commands
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  }
  // ...
}
```

machine.transition() is just a reducer function!



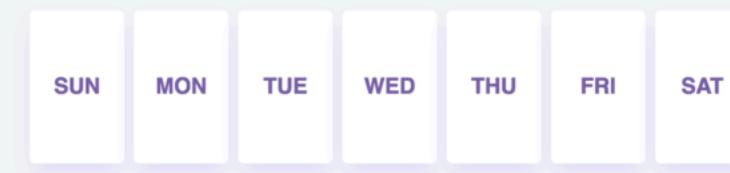
HTML SCSS Babel Result

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```
console.clear();

// safariIE
if (!('animate' in Element.prototype)) {
  Element.prototype.animate = () => {};
}

const dayEls =
Array.from(document.querySelectorAll(".ui-
day"));
const trashEl = document.querySelector(".ui-
trash");
const rect = el => el.getBoundingClientRect();
const trashRect = rect(trashEl);
const center = el => {
  const elRect = rect(el);
  return [elRect.left + elRect.width / 2,
elRect.top + elRect.height / 2];
};
const styleVars = (vars, el =
document.documentElement) => {
  Object.keys(vars).forEach(key => {
```



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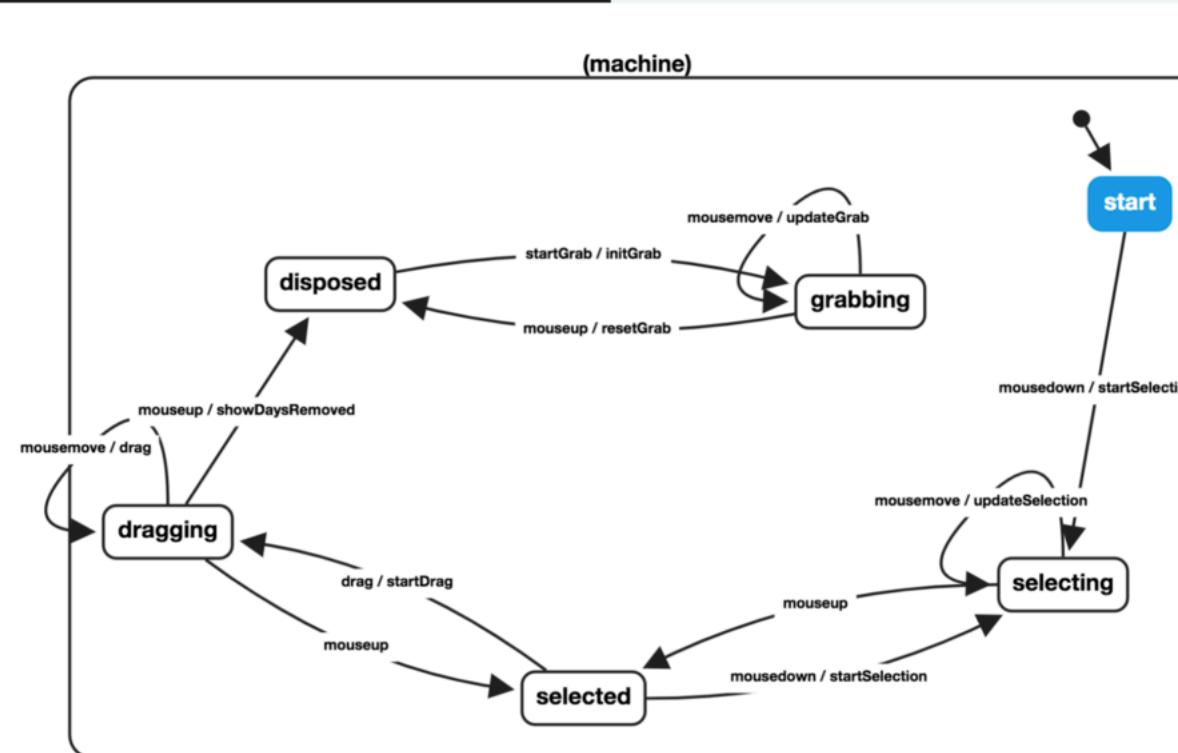
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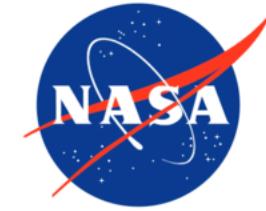
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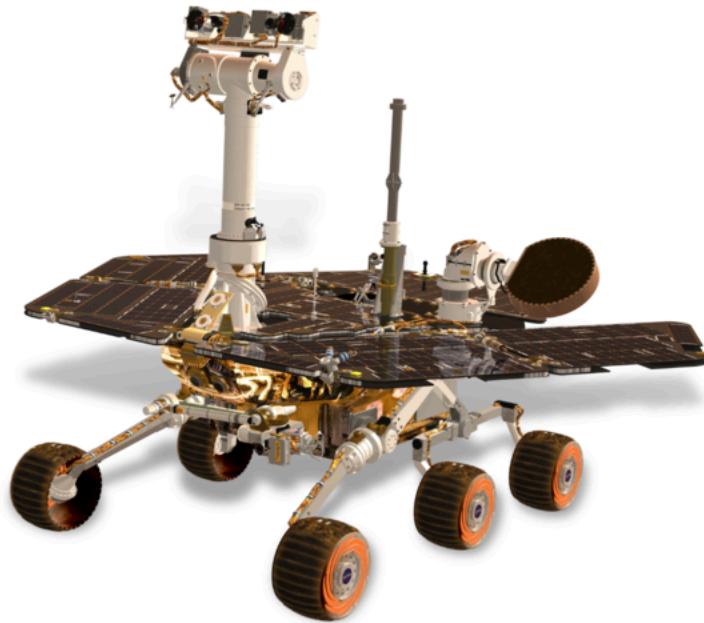


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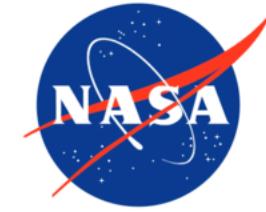
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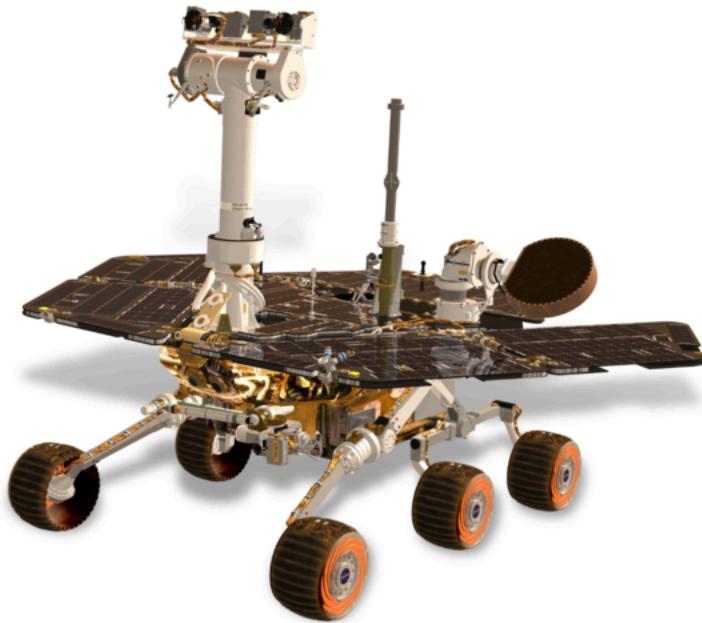


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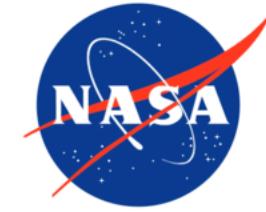


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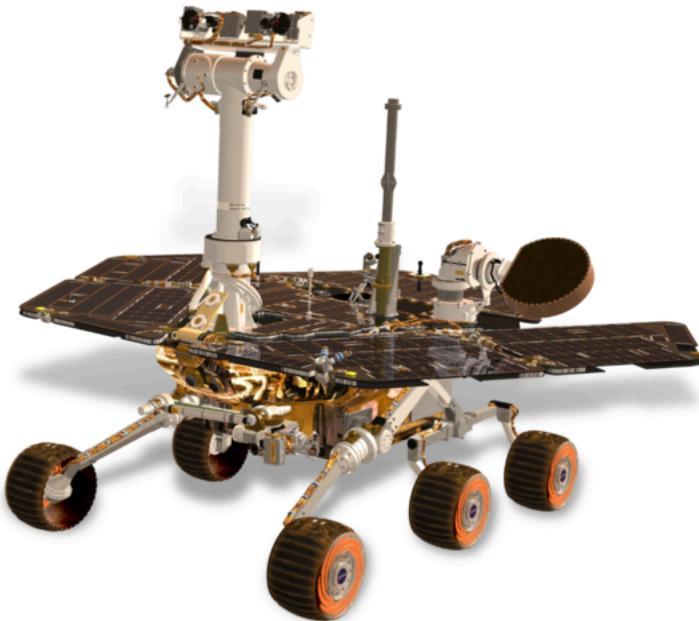


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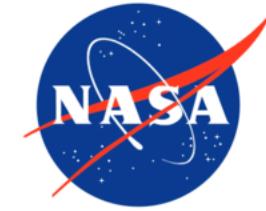
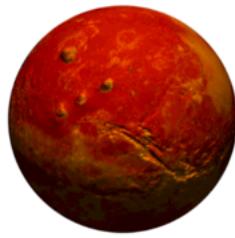


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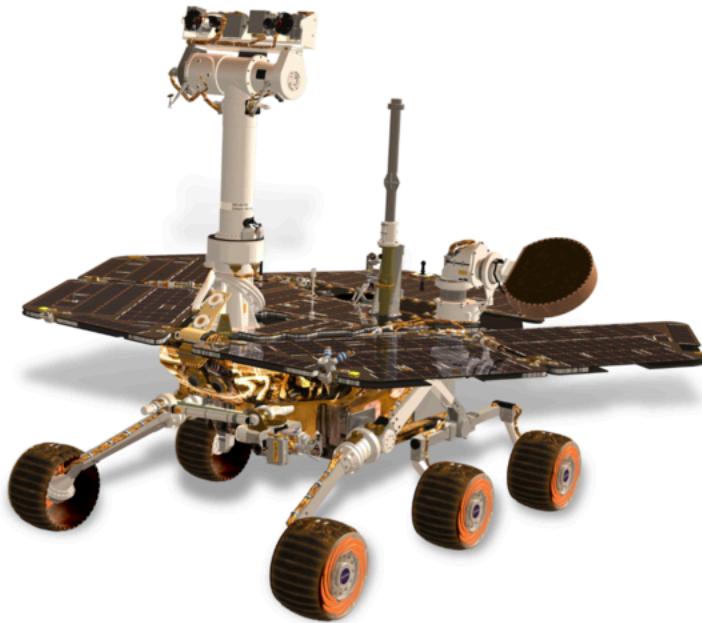


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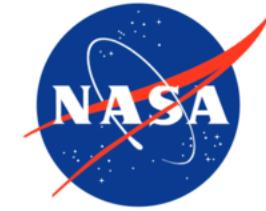
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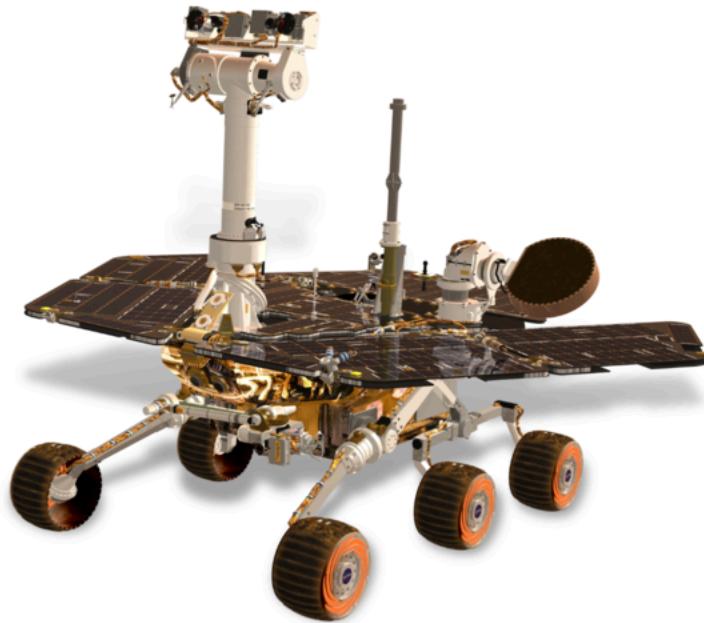
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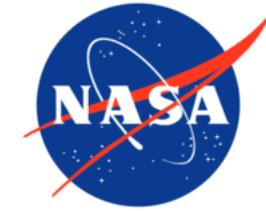
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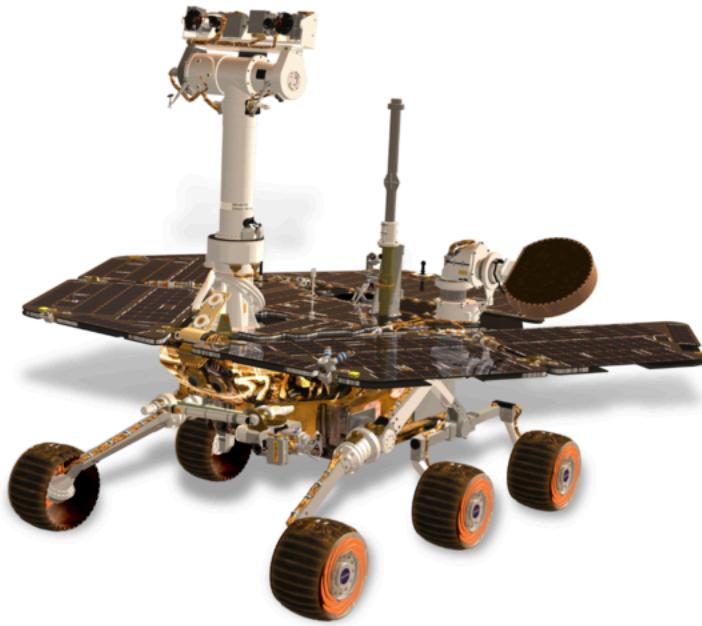
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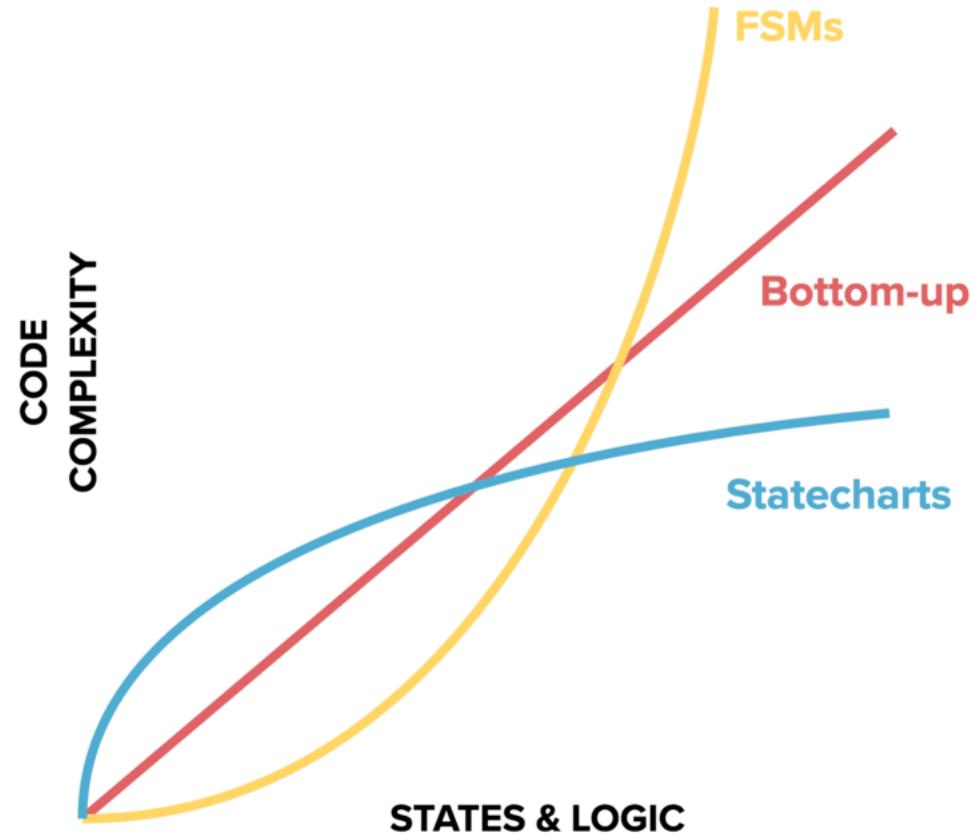
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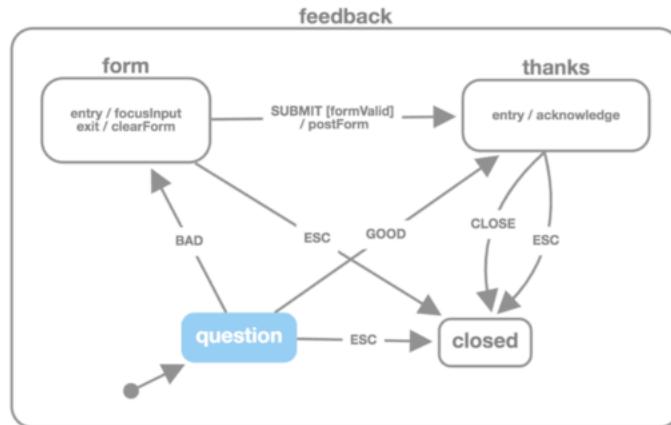
Complexity trade-offs



**Statechart
visualization?**

Statechart visualization?

bit.ly/xstate-viz **BETA!**



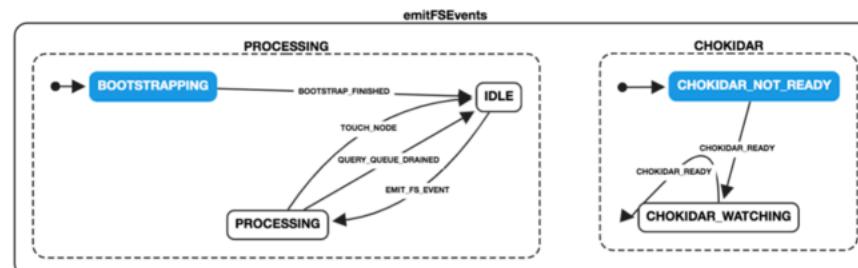
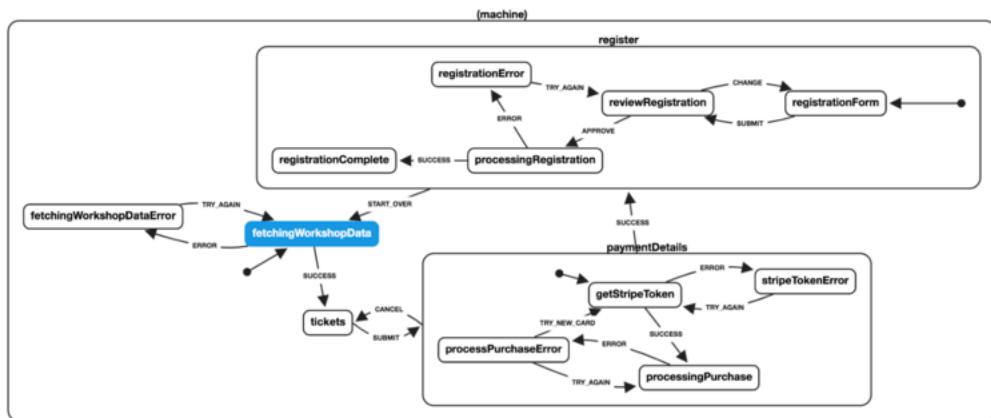
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```
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4   "states": {
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6       "on": {
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8         "BAD": "form",
9         "ESC": "closed"
10      }
11    },
12    "form": {
13      "on": {
14        "SUBMIT": {
15          "thanks": {
16            "actions": [
17              "postForm"
18            ],
19            "cond": "formValid"
20          }
21        },
22        "ESC": "closed"
23      },
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26      ],
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35      }
36    }
37  }
38}
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- @derekduncan on spectrum.io/statecharts

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xstate 3.2
just released!

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Any state can transition to any state
Actions can be functions 🎉
Support for internal transitions
Support for raised events
Support for transient states/transitions
Support for conditional transition arrays
(WIP) More SCXML conversion

Resources and tools

[**The World of Statecharts**](#) - Erik Mogensen
[**Statecharts: A Visual Formalism for Complex Systems**](#) - David Harel (PDF)
[**Constructing the User Interface with Statecharts**](#) - Ian Horrocks (book)
[**xstate documentation**](#)
[**How to model the behavior of Redux apps using statecharts**](#) - Luca Matteis
[**React Automata**](#) - Michele Bertoli
[**Pure UI**](#) - Guillermo Rauch
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