

R 2D Graphics in **rust**

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Rust *Obligatory Evangelism Slides

fast, reliable, productive:
pick three

 **Rust** fast, reliable, productive

Generates fast code: Minimal runtime, no GC, raw performance on par with C/C++

Lowest level: Direct access to
graphics hardware & APIs

*Enables performance-focused design: Safety guarantees make multi-threading easier**

*as in: easier to not mess up

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Ownership semantics: Memory is 'owned' by a particular scope. No shared mutable references (enforced by the compiler).

```
fn main() {  
    let mut my_vec = vec!['a', 'b', 'c'];  
  
    for val in my_vec.iter() {  
        if *val == 'b' {  
            my_vec.insert(0, 'd');  
        }  
    }  
}
```

error[E0502]: cannot borrow `my_vec` as mutable because it is also borrowed as immutable

```
fn main() {  
    let mut my_vec = vec!['a', 'b', 'c'];  
  
    for val in my_vec.iter() {  
        ----- immutable borrow occurs here  
        if *val == 'b' {  
            my_vec.insert(0, 'd');  
            ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ mutable borrow occurs here  
        }  
    }  
}
```

error: aborting due to previous error

Ownership* prevents many common memory errors.

**along with some other language features*

- dangling pointers/use after free and double free.
- buffer overflows: random access into a buffer is bounds checked
- null pointer dereferencing: (first class `Option` type)

Let the compiler track who is
responsible for memory, not
the programmer.

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the expressiveness of a 'high-level' language.

Traits (interfaces) describe
behaviour.

Rust **productive:** Traits

```
/// A generic trait for open and closed shapes.
pub trait Shape {

    /// Convert to a Bézier path.
    fn to_bez_path(&self, tolerance: f64) -> BezPath;

    /// Signed area.
    /// Only produces meaningful results with closed shapes.
    fn area(&self) -> f64;

    /// Total length of perimeter.
    fn perimeter(&self, accuracy: f64) -> f64;

    /// The smallest rectangle that encloses the shape.
    fn bounding_box(&self) -> Rect;

    ... some fields omitted
}
```

Rust productive: Traits

```
/// A circle.  
pub struct Circle {  
    pub center: Vec2,  
    pub radius: f64,  
}
```

Rust productive: Traits

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impl Shape for Circle {  
  
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    /// Signed area.  
    fn area(&self) -> f64 {  
        PI * self.radius.powi(2)  
    }  
  
    /// Total length of perimeter.  
    fn perimeter(&self, _accuracy: f64) -> f64 {  
        (2.0 * PI * self.radius).abs()  
    }  
  
    /// The smallest rectangle that encloses the shape.  
    fn bounding_box(&self) -> Rect {  
        let r = self.radius.abs();  
        let (x, y) = self.center.into();  
        Rect::new(x - r, y - r, x + r, y + r)  
    }  
}
```

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canvas.fill(&our_round_friend, &orange);

let our_pointy_friend = Rect::new(0., -6., 101., 3.4);
canvas.fill(&our_pointy_friend, &orange);
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fill_for_Circle(canvas, &our_round_friend, &orange);

let our_pointy_friend = Rect::new(0., -6., 101., 3.4);
fill_for_Rect(canvas, &our_pointy_friend, &orange);
```

APIs like `Iterator` provide high-level abstractions that compile down to excellent code.

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```
/// A generic trait for open and closed shapes.
pub trait Shape {
    /// The iterator resulting from `to_bez_path`.
    type BezPathIter: Iterator<Item = PathEl>;

    /// Convert to a Bézier path.
    fn to_bez_path(&self, tolerance: f64) -> Self::BezPathIter;
}
```

Rust productive: Iterator

```
pub struct CirclePathIter { ... }

impl Shape for Circle {
    type BezPathIter = CirclePathIter;
    fn to_bez_path(&self, tolerance: f64) -> CirclePathIter { ... }
}
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}
```

```
pub struct RectPathIter { ... }
```

```
impl Shape for Rect {  
    type BezPathIter = RectPathIter;  
    fn to_bez_path(&self, tolerance: f64) -> RectPathIter { ... }  
}
```

Rust productive: Iterator

```
pub struct RectPathIter {  
    rect: Rect,  
    ix: usize,  
}
```

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```
pub struct RectPathIter {
    rect: Rect,
    ix: usize,
}

impl Iterator for RectPathIter {
    type Item = PathEl;

    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<PathEl> {
        self.ix += 1;
        let Rect { x0, x1, y0, y1 } = self.rect;
        match self.ix {
            1 => Some(PathEl::Moveto(Vec2::new(x0, y0))),
            2 => Some(PathEl::Lineto(Vec2::new(x1, y0))),
            3 => Some(PathEl::Lineto(Vec2::new(x1, y1))),
            4 => Some(PathEl::Lineto(Vec2::new(x0, y1))),
            5 => Some(PathEl::Closepath),
            _ => None,
        }
    }
}
```

This gives us the abstraction of a high-level language (`fill()` instead of `fill_rect()`, `fill_path()`, etc) while still giving us fine grained control over the implementation.

 **Rust** fast, reliable, productive, fun

Rust is a pleasure to use.

Friendly, helpful & inclusive
community



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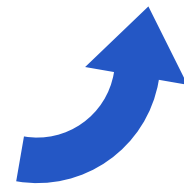


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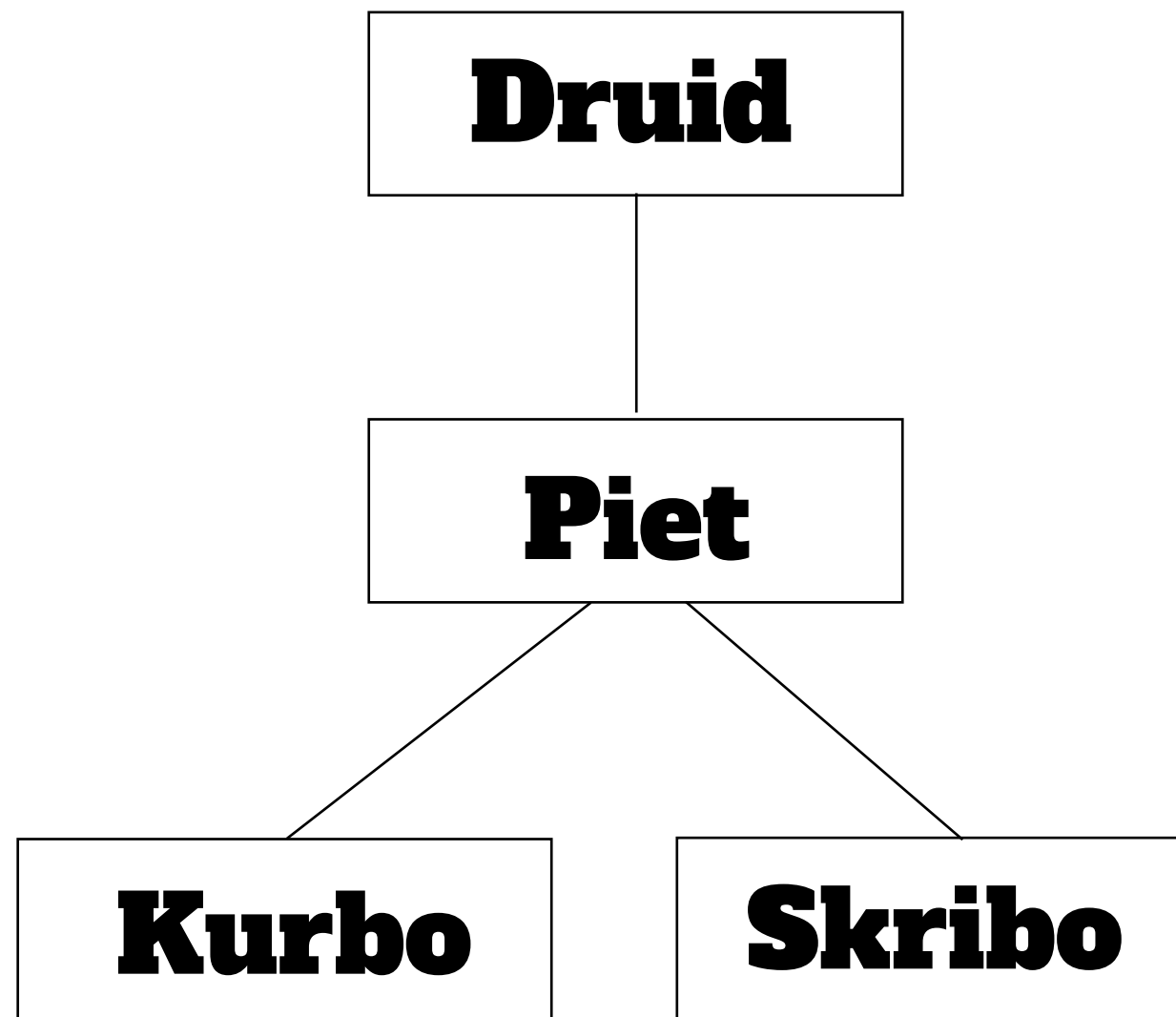


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A cross-platform gui
toolkit





Cross-platform

Piet defines a general set of traits that are then implemented for each target platform.

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An experimental GPU renderer

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Fast

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Easier to fine-tune

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light on CPU

Is traditional 2d API still valid?
Or should UI be direct to GPU?

How it works

Two compute shaders

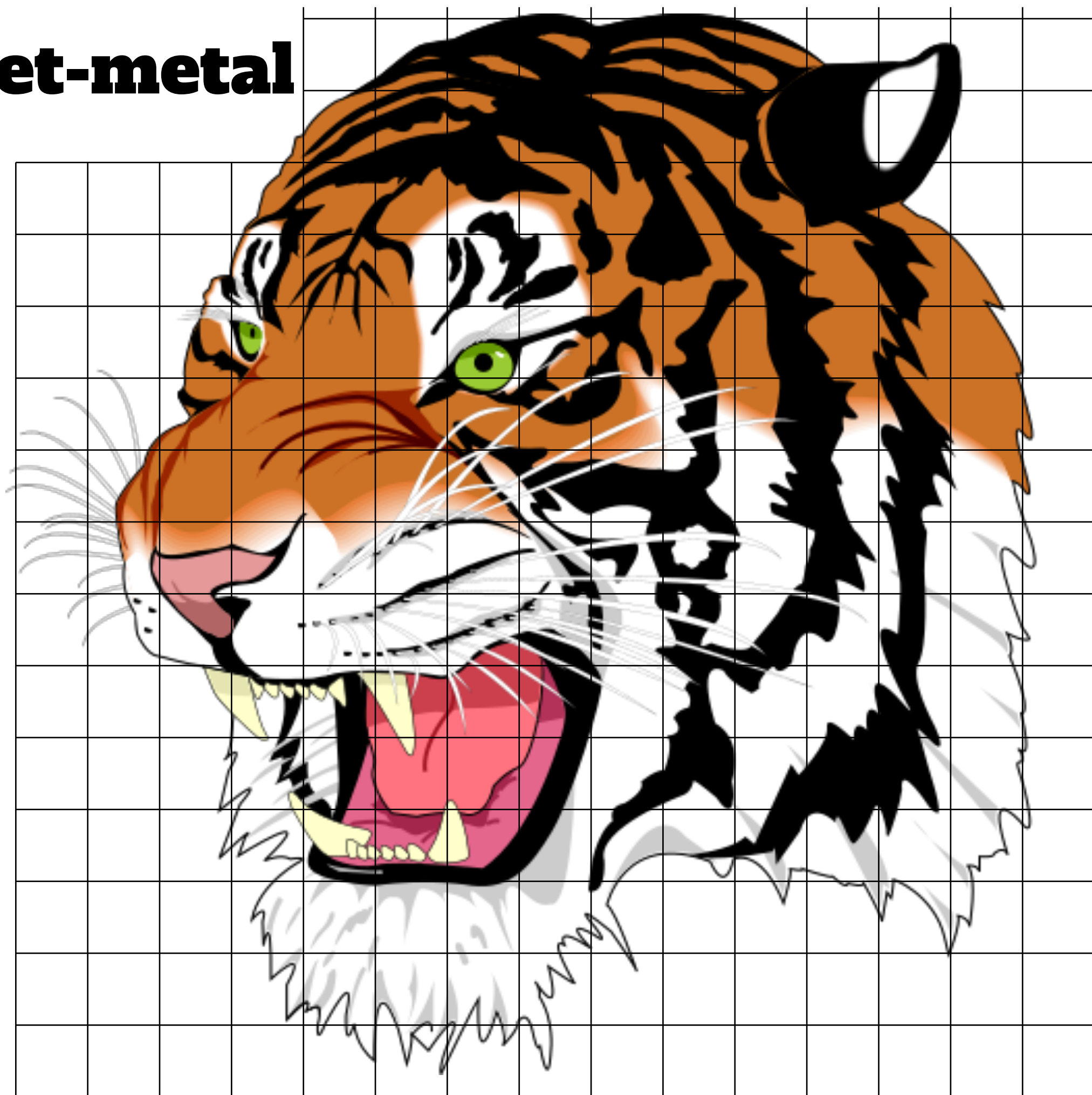
- First splits vector image into tiles
- Second renders each tile

I'm thinking some images here (probably split into multiple slides). The first is tiger with a square grid over it. The second is representation of a single tile.

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*ironically not an SVG

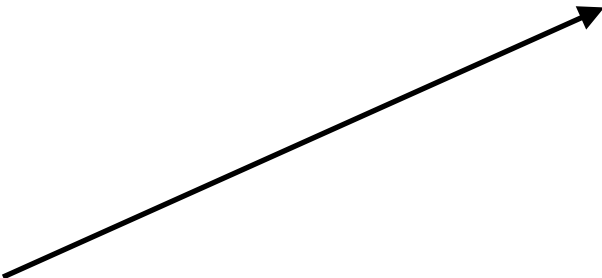
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source vector image



per-tile command list

solid(white)
circle(green)
circle(black)
fill_edge(...)
draw_fill(gray)
stroke(black)
...
end



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still a prototype,
but promising results

Demo

A B C D E F

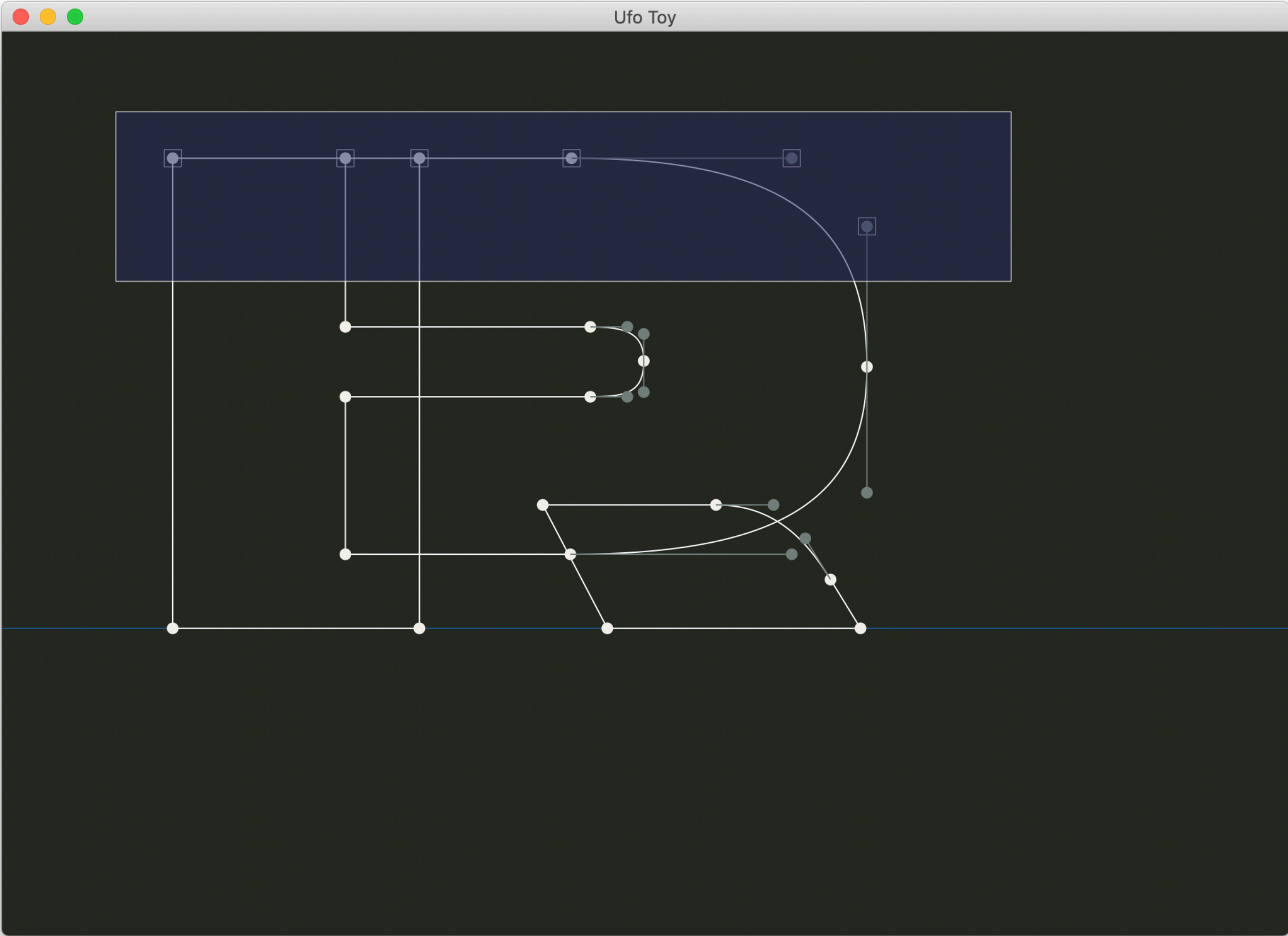
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Thanks!

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