I want my live programming environment!

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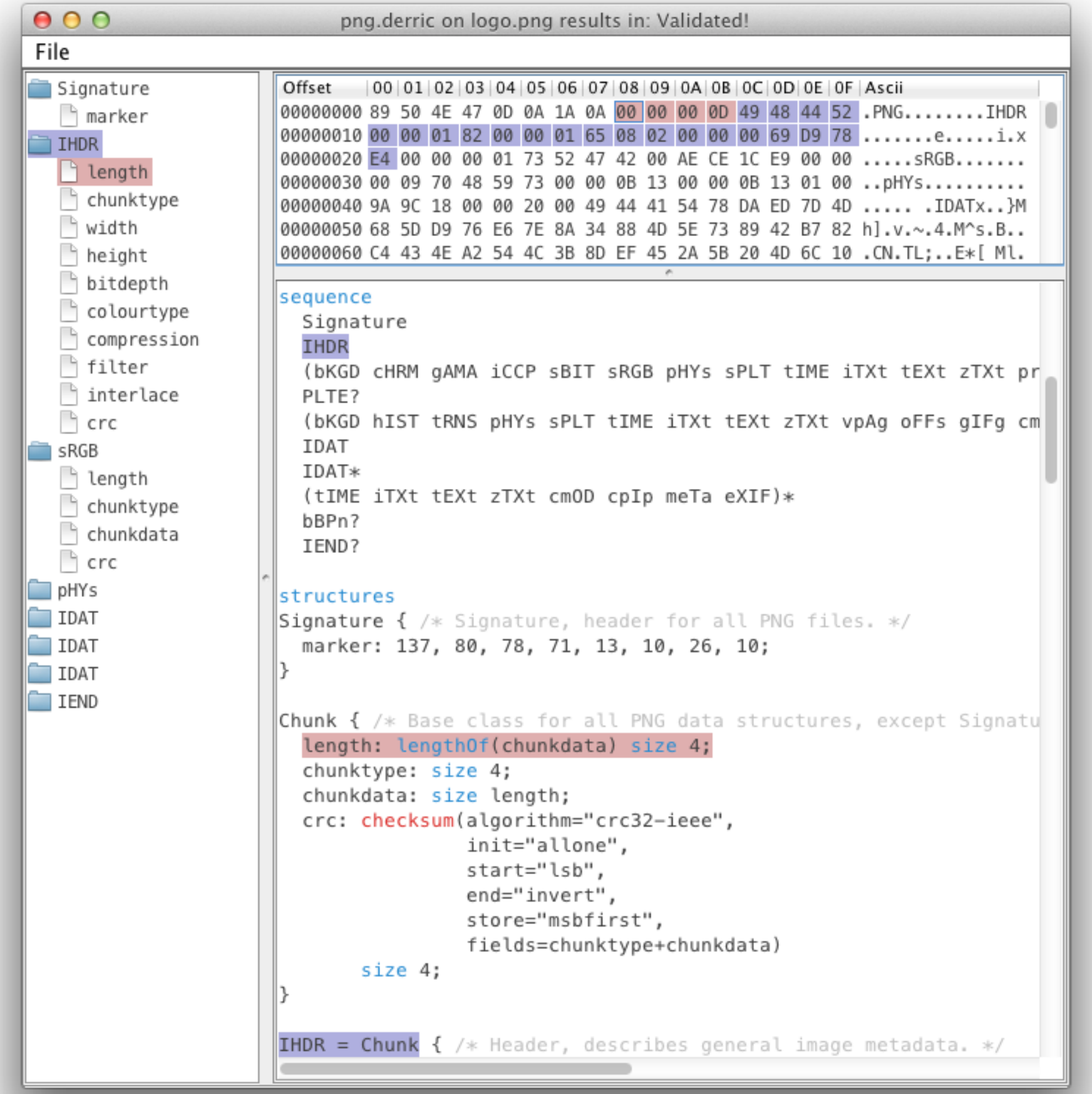
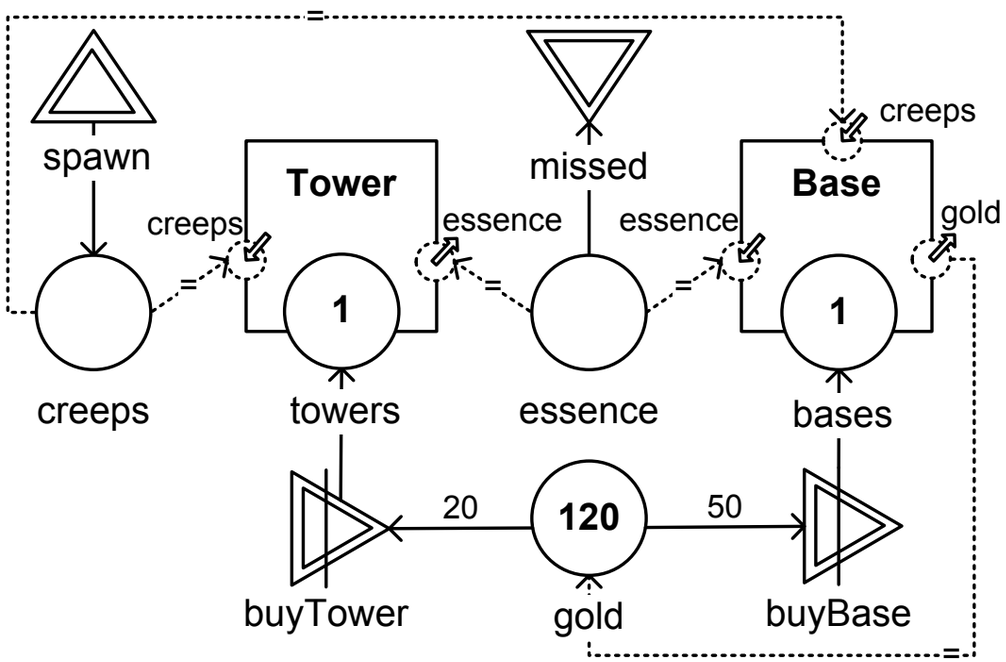
Context

- External DSLs
- Language workbench: Rascal
- Want: live DSL environments



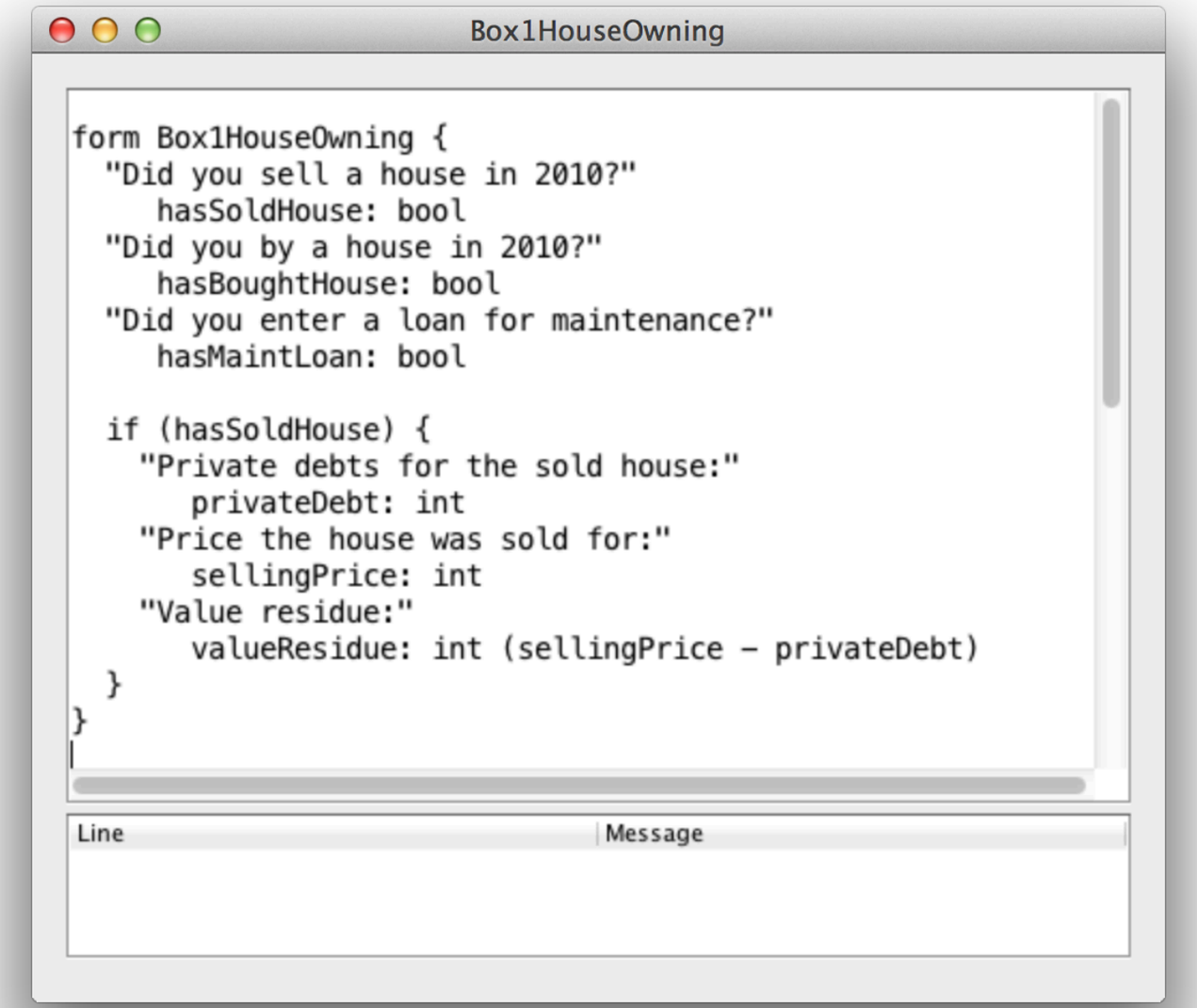
Trinity, an IDE for the Matrix

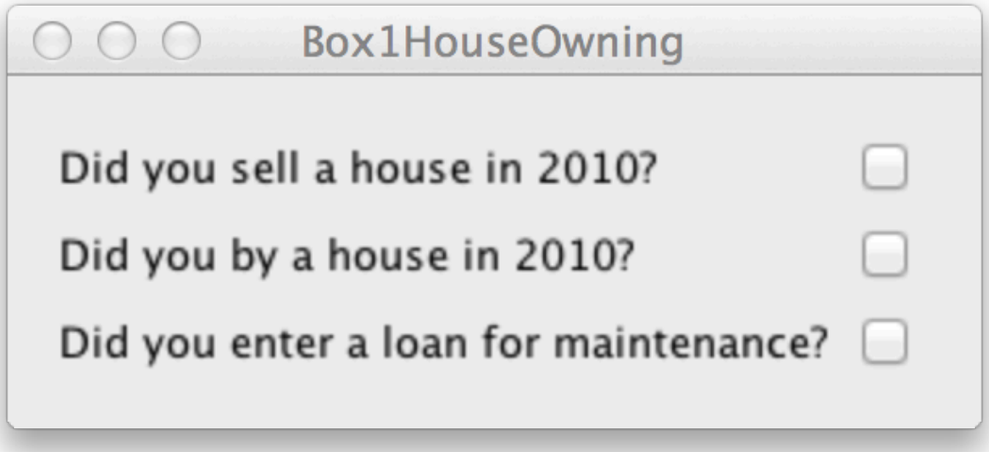
Micro Machinations



Van Rozen, Dormans, Adapting game mechanics with Micro-Machinations, FDG'14

Live QL





van der Storm, *Semantic Deltas for Live DSL Environments*, LIVE'13

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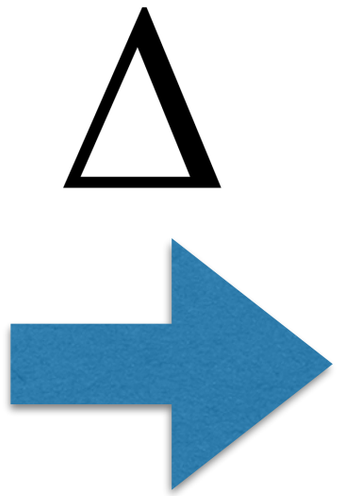

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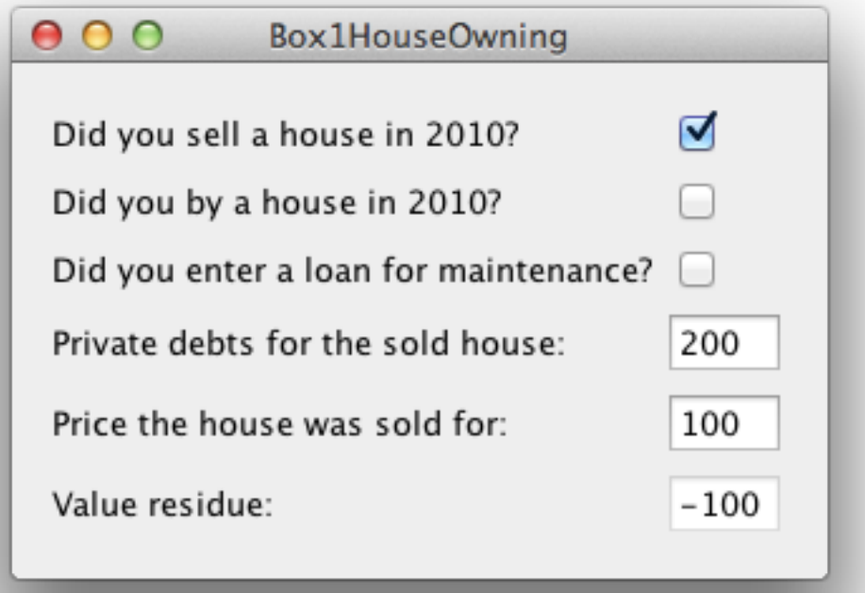
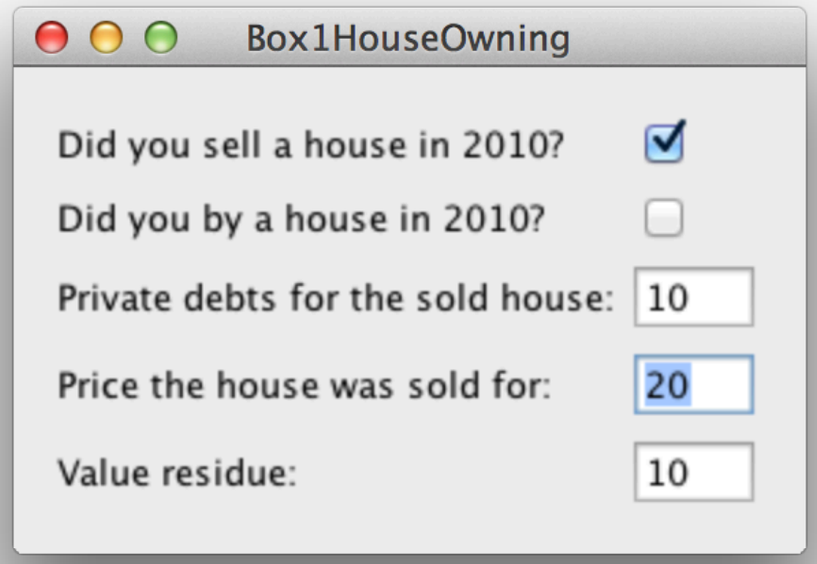


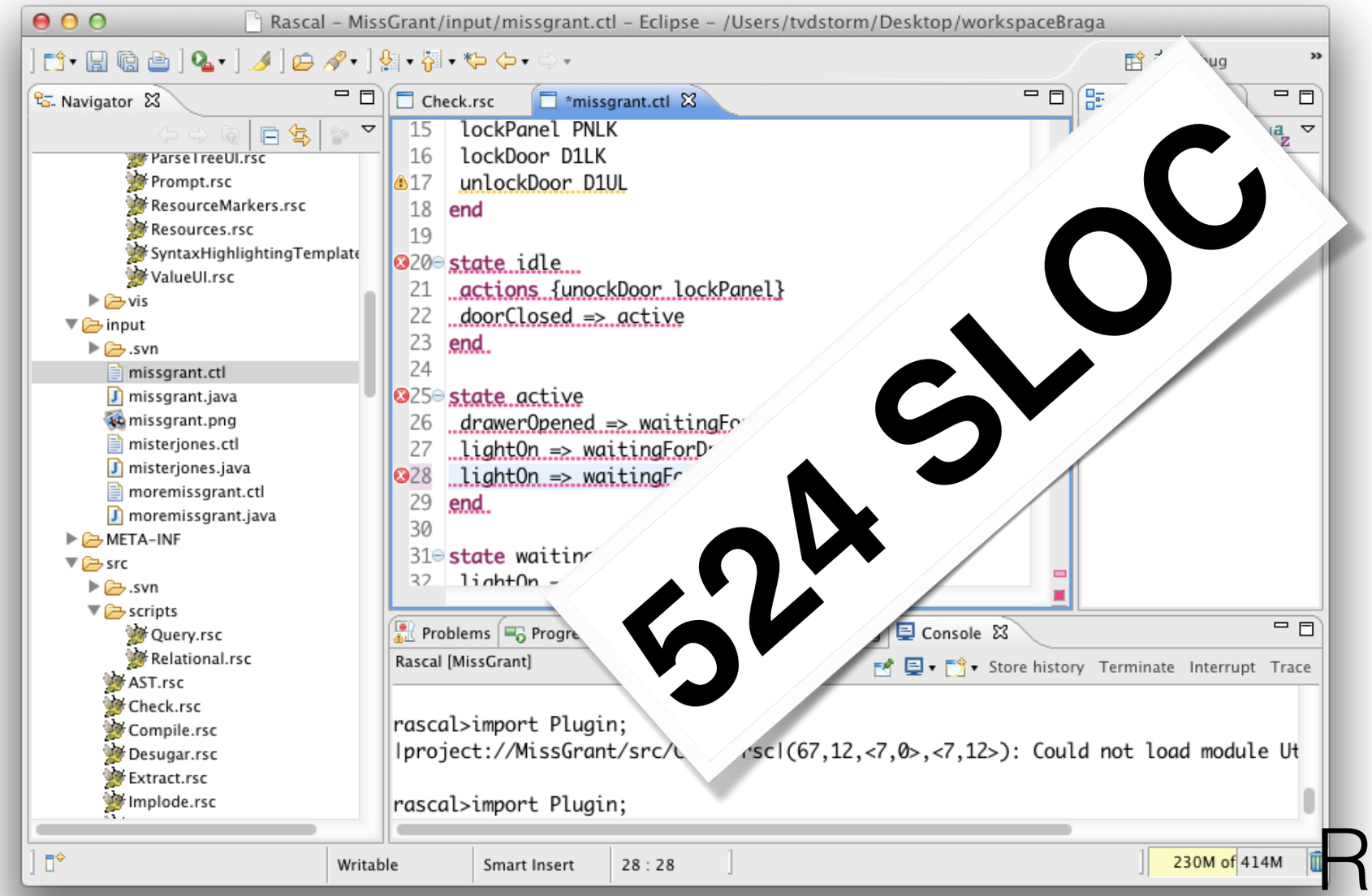
Patch runtime



Language workbenches

- Encoding language designs of the past…
- In generic, reusable and limiting tools ;)
- Language engineering vs. “PL”
- Our approach: Rascal
- FP for meta programming

State machine DSL in Rascal



Concrete syntax
Abstract syntax
Unparse
Desugaring
Checking
Outline
Hyperlinking
Compilation
Visual simulation
Rename refactoring
Parallel merge

Goal: generic tools to bridge the gulf of evaluation

Framework

- “Programs as models”
- Assume relation between static model and runtime model
- Generic *diff* to obtain semantic deltas
- Generically patch the runtime model
- Specialize patch where needed to migrate runtime state

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  state closed d2
    open => opened u1

  state opened d3
    close => closed u2

end
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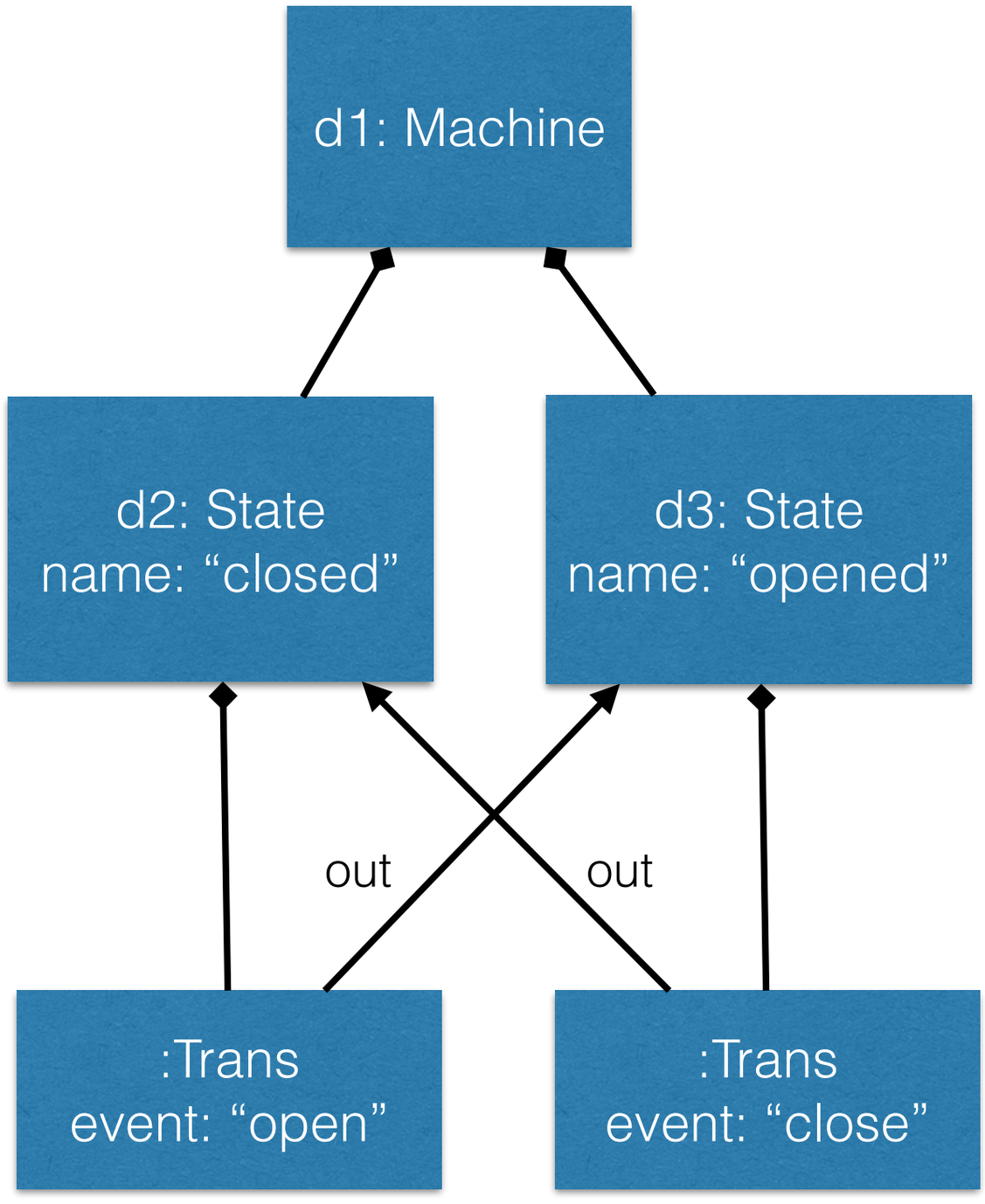

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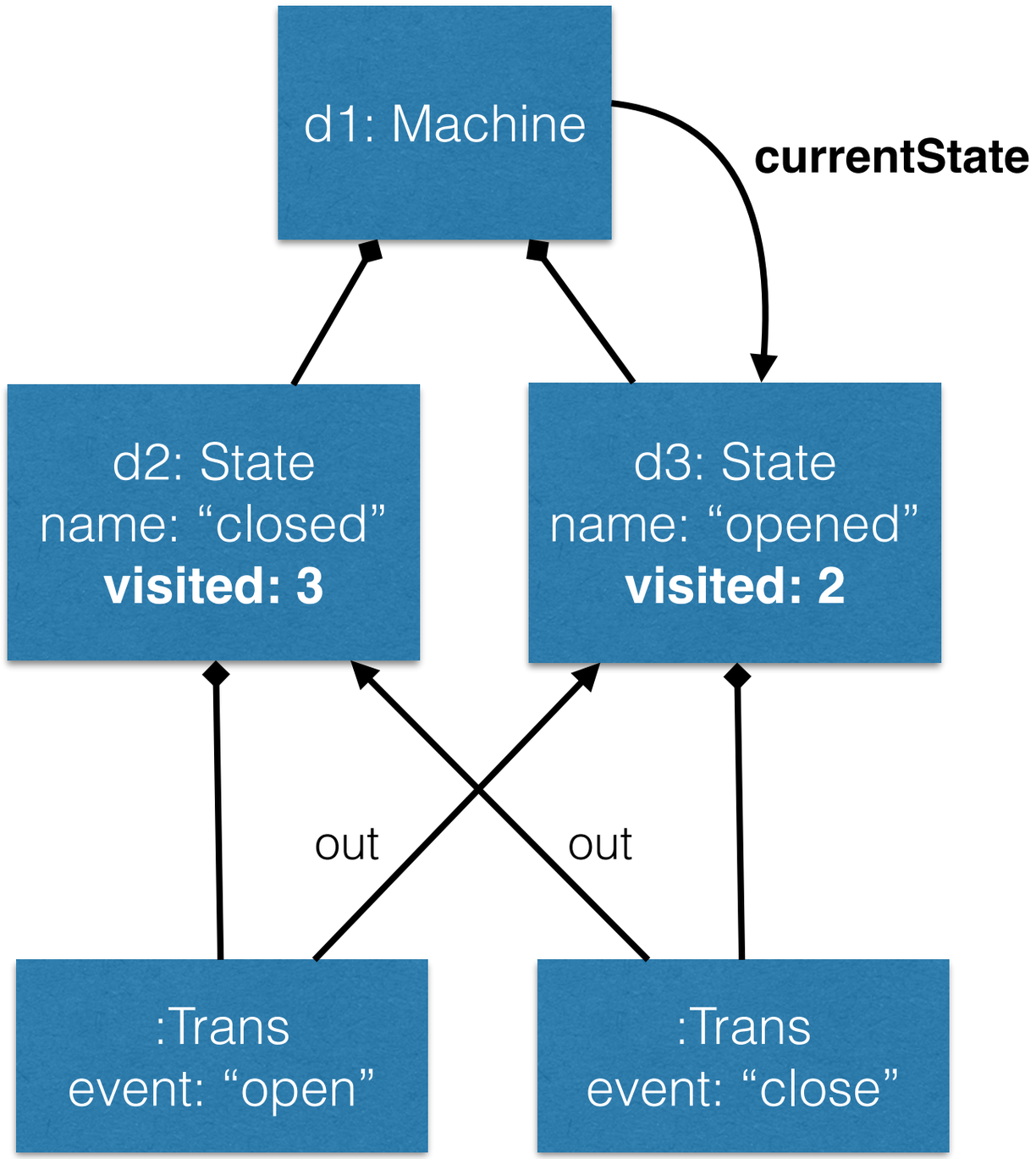

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  state closed d5
    open => opened u3
    lock => locked u4

  state opened d6
    close => closed u5

  state locked d7
    unlock => closed u6

end
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diff (

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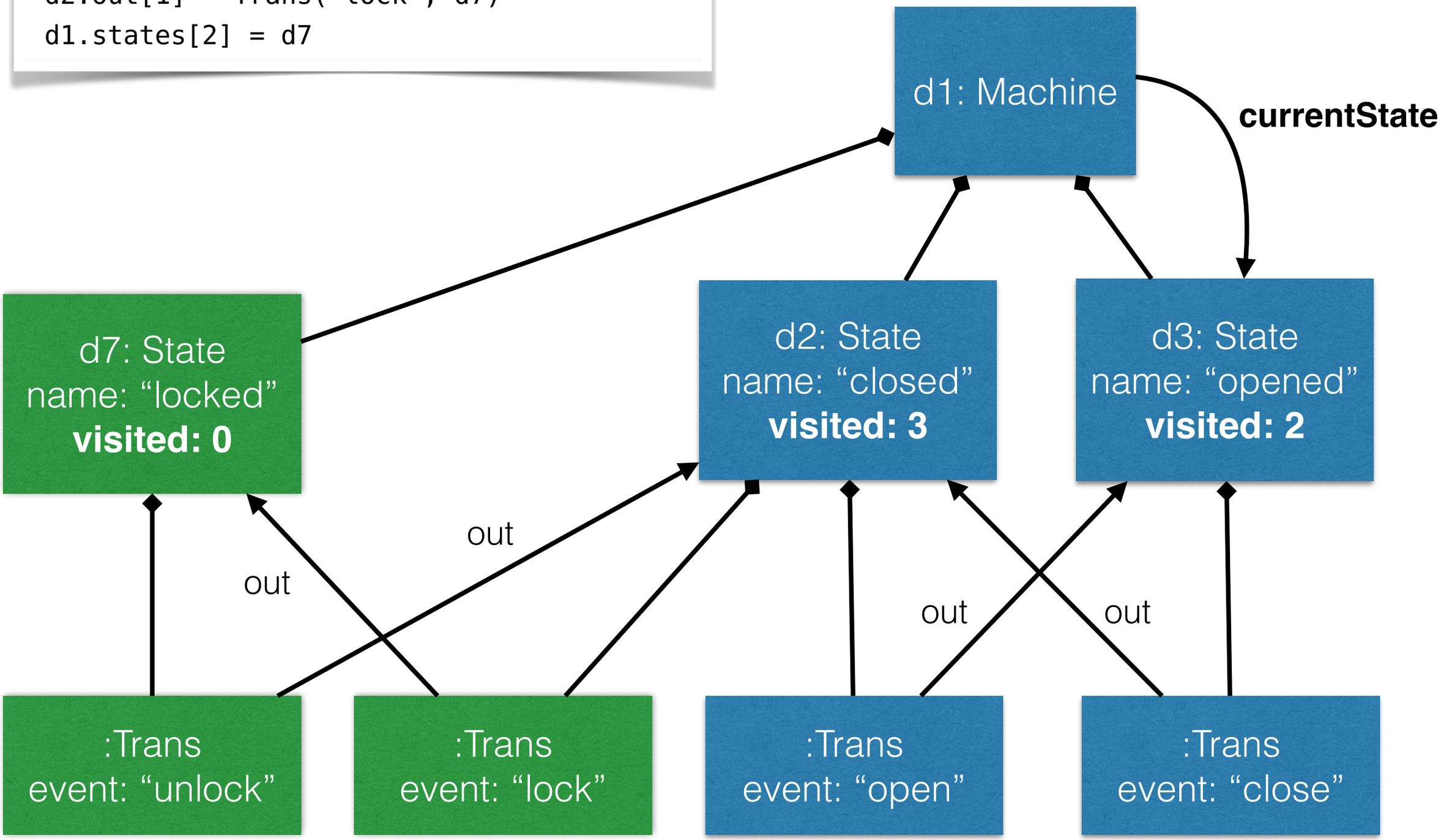

Potential

- Time travel (undo, the inevitable slider)
- Time branching (what-if scenarios)
- Merging (!?!?@!@!?@#@#%%%)
- Persistence (EventStores!)
- Versioning

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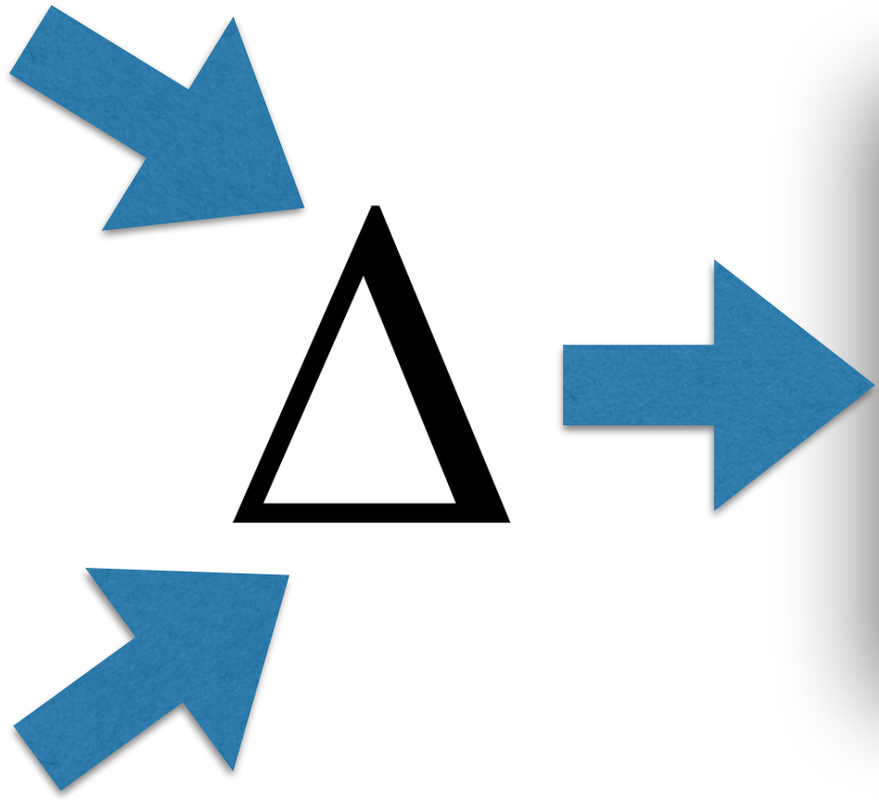
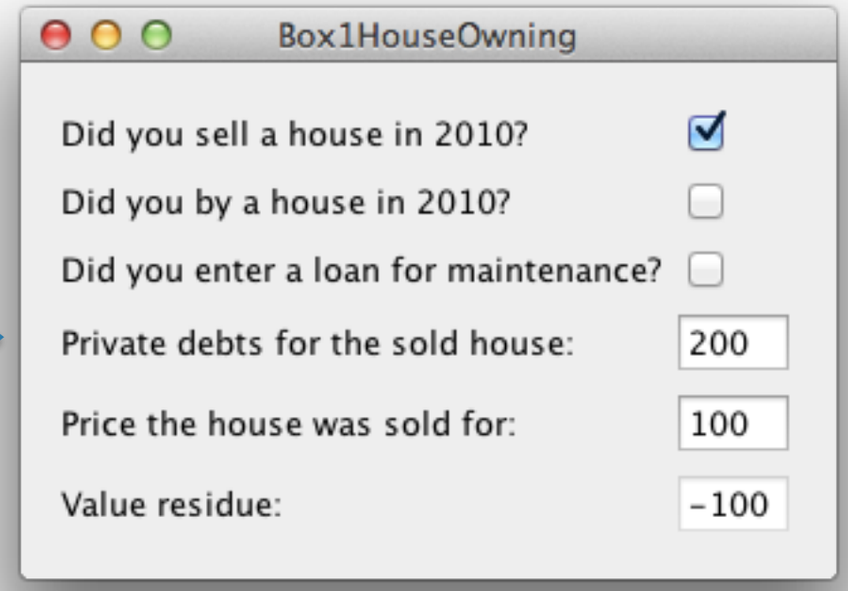
Code change





User event

I have my live DSL environments (?)

- Generic “semantic” diff
- *Dynamically* apply *static* delta
- Decoupling of front-end and back-end
- Editing the program ~ interacting with the program
- Deltas!!!

Discussion

- Too good to be true? (Seems to work well)
- Nature of relation static model / runtime model?
    - (Inverted lens?)
- How general?
- Towards delta-oriented languages and systems