# AFP Ants assignment

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#### What we will talk about

- Ants compiler
  - Assembler for Ants (AFA)
  - Ants scripting language (ASL)
  - IDE
- Ants strategy
  - Collector
  - Defender
- Simple IDE

# Multiple compiler stages

Ant Scripting Language



Assembler for Ants



Ant file

#### Assembler For Ants

AFA, a simple Ant assembler language.

#### **Features**

- All native instructions
- Linear program flow by default
- Labels ☺
- JUMP / GOTO / NOP

```
Sense Here 5 1 Home
Move 2 2
Flip 2 3 4
Turn Left 0
Turn Right 0
Flip 1 5 5
```

```
find-home:
     SENSE HERE HOME OR GOTO home-move
     GOTO found-home
home-move:
     MOVE OR JUMP 1
                               : FLTP ...
     FLIP 2 OR JUMP 3
                               ; TURN RIGHT
     TURN LEFT
     JUMP 2
                               : GOTO find-home
     TURN RIGHT
     GOTO find-home
found-home:
     NOP
     GOTO found-home
```

# Ant scripting language

**Imperative** 

Java'ish (not completely)

Compiled to AFA

Lexer based on Alex (lex for Haskell)

Parser based on Happy (yacc for Haskell)

## While

**ASL** 



**AFA** 



Ant

```
while (Move) {
    Mark 0
}
```

```
_1_WHILE:

_MOVE OR GOTO _1_IFNOT

_MARK 0

_GOTO _1_WHILE

_1_IFNOT:
```

Move 1 0 Mark 0 0

### If

**ASL** 

if (Move) {
 Unmark 0
} else {
 Mark 0
}

```
MOVE OR GOTO _1_ELSE
UNMARK 0
GOTO _1_END
_1_ELSE:
MARK 0
_1_END:
NOP
```

**AFA** 

#### Ant

Move 1 2 Unmark 0 3 Mark 0 3 Flip 1 0 0

#### **Functions**

**ASL** 



function main() {
 a(2)
}
function a(i) {
 Mark 3

**AFA** 



Ant

```
START:

MARK 3

GOTO START
```

Mark 3 0

## Times

ASL 🚞

**AFA** 



Ant

```
times (i, 3) {
   Mark i
}
```

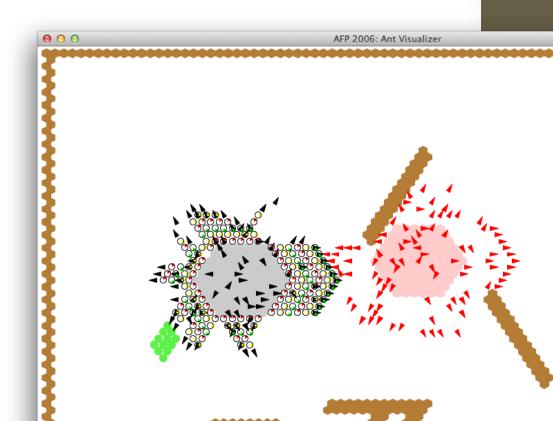
```
MARK 1
MARK 2
MARK 3
```

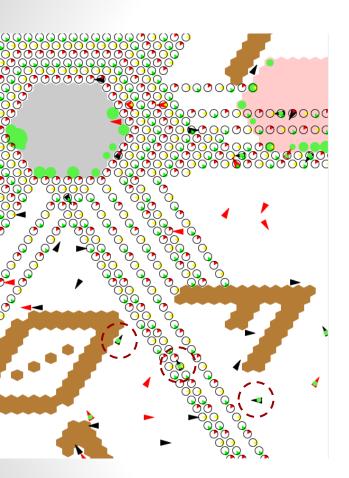
Mark 1 1 Mark 2 2 Mark 3 0

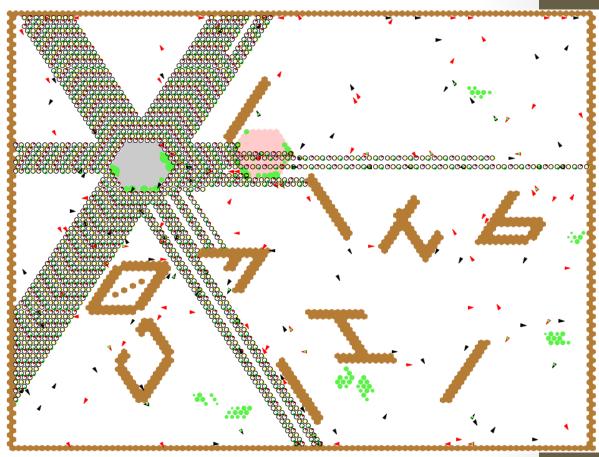
# Ants strategy

#### Collector-ant

- Mark way back
- Find food
- Return home







"Defending" the hill

#### IDE

```
\Theta \Theta \Theta
                                                            AntsBuilder 0.1
                                             Sense Here 1 4 Home
                                                                                           Linking ants ...
START:
1 WHILE:
                                             Turn Left 2
                                                                                           -n simple.ant: compiled, generated
                                            Turn Left 3
   SENSE HERE MARKER 0 OR GOTO _1_WHILE_:
                                                                                              16 instructions.3
   SENSE HERE MARKER 1 OR GOTO _1_WHILE :
                                            Turn Left 5
   GOTO 1 WHILE OR2
                                             PickUp 10 5
_1_WHILE_1_NOTEND:
                                             Move 0 6
   GOTO _1_WHILE_OREND
                                             Move 5 7
1 WHILE OR2:
                                             Flip 2 8 9
   SENSE HERE MARKER 2 OR GOTO _1_WHILE_: Turn Right 6
   GOTO _1_WHILE _2_OREND
                                             Turn Left 6
_1_WHILE_2_OR2:
                                             Sense Here 15 11 Home
   SENSE HERE MARKER 3 OR GOTO _1_WHILE_: Move 10 12
1 WHILE 2 OREND:
                                             Flip 2 13 14
   GOTO 1 IFNOT
                                             Turn Right 11
_1_WHILE_2_NOTEND:
                                             Turn Left 11
                                             Sense Here 1 4 Home
1 WHILE OREND:
```

-- Iterate while navigating to the food.

function main() {

-- Simple Ant specification in ASL (Ant Scripting Language)

-- alternates between finding food and retrieving food.

-- This ant walks around, randomly altering its direction on obstacles, and