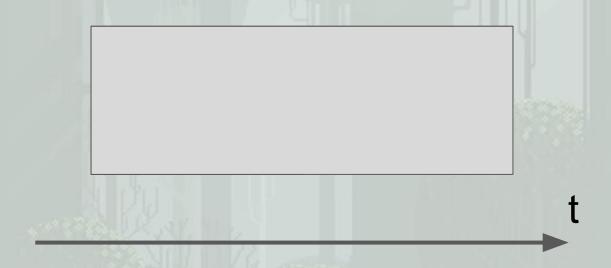
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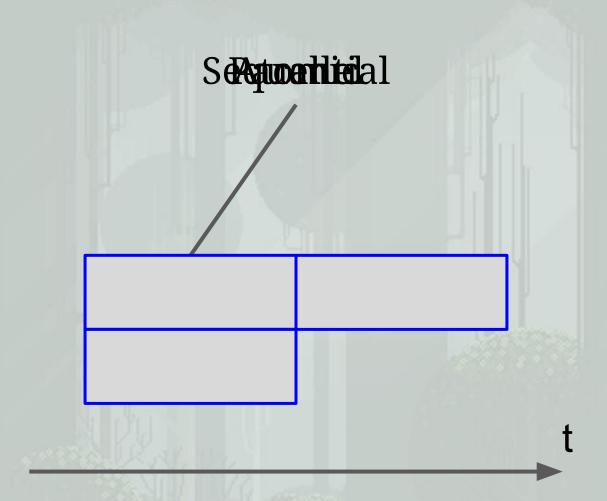
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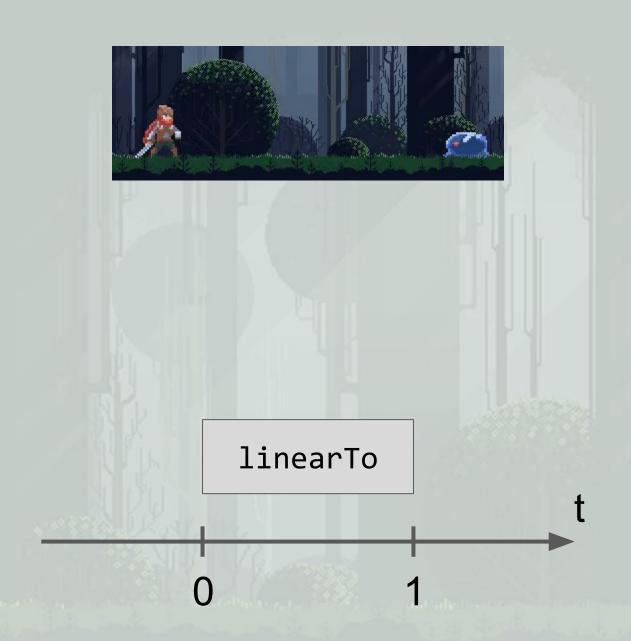


Background - edermunizz (itch.io) Adventurer, Slime - rvros (itch.io)

Overview



Parallel Sequential







moveX

moveSheet



```
movePlayer =
  moveX `parallel` moveSheet
```



swing

minusOne

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```
hit =
   swing `sequential` minusOne
```

Encoding Animation Techniques

Frame by Frame Animation







delay 0.1	delay 0.1	 delay 0.1	_	-
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```
moveSheet =
  set (player . texture) "frame0"
  `sequential`
  delay 0.1
  `sequential`
  set (player . texture) "frame1"
  `sequential`
  `sequential`
  delay 0.1
  `sequential`
  set (player . texture) "frame5"
```

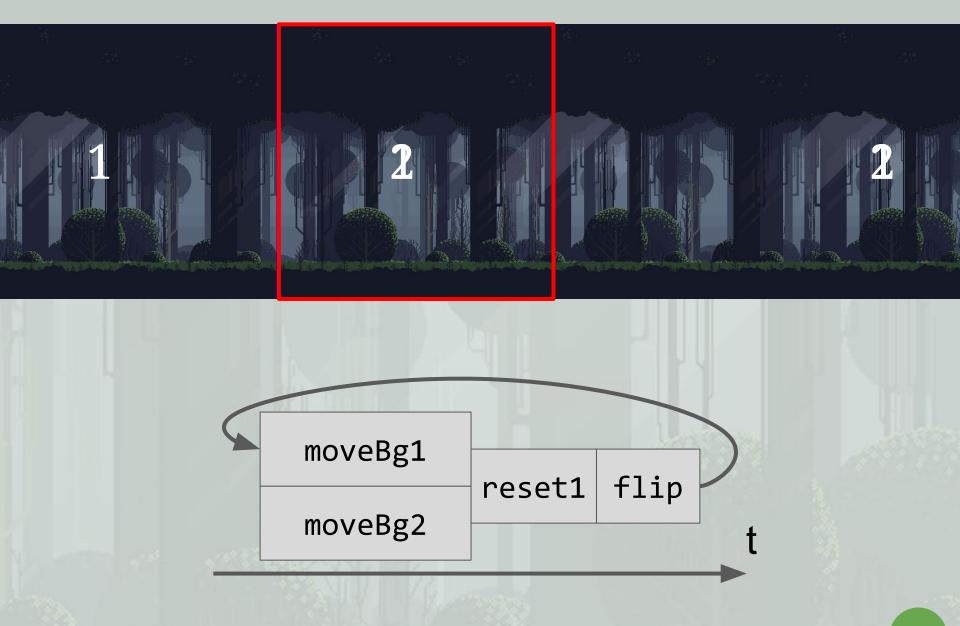


```
moveSheet = frameByFrame (player . texture) 0.1
["frame0", ..., "frame5"]
```

frameByFrame lens delay list = ...

Scrolling Background







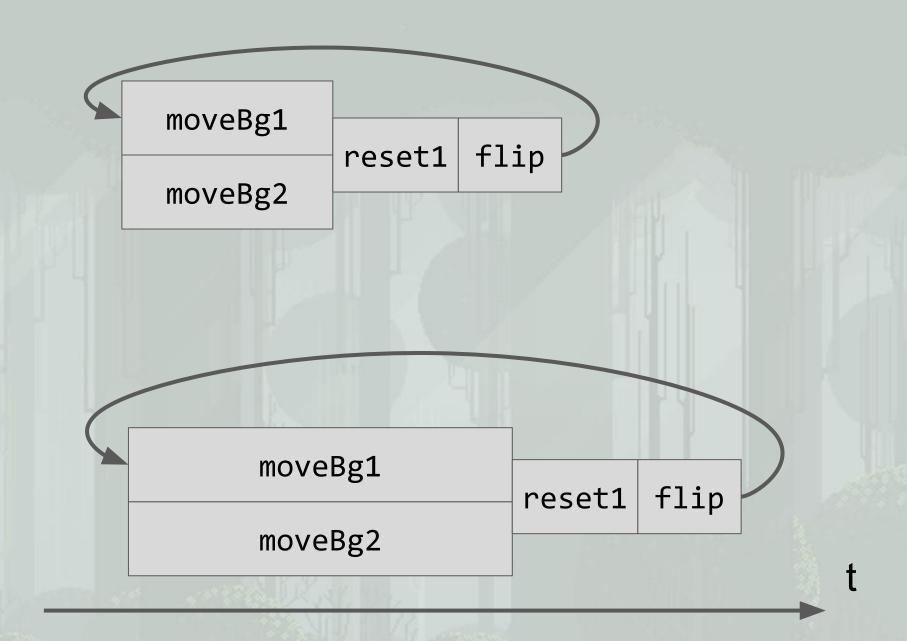
```
scrollingBg dur bg1 bg2 =
  (moveBg dur bg1 `parallel` moveBg dur bg2)
  `sequential`
  set (bg1 . x) 0
  `sequential`
  scrollingBg dur bg2 bg1
```

Parallax



slow





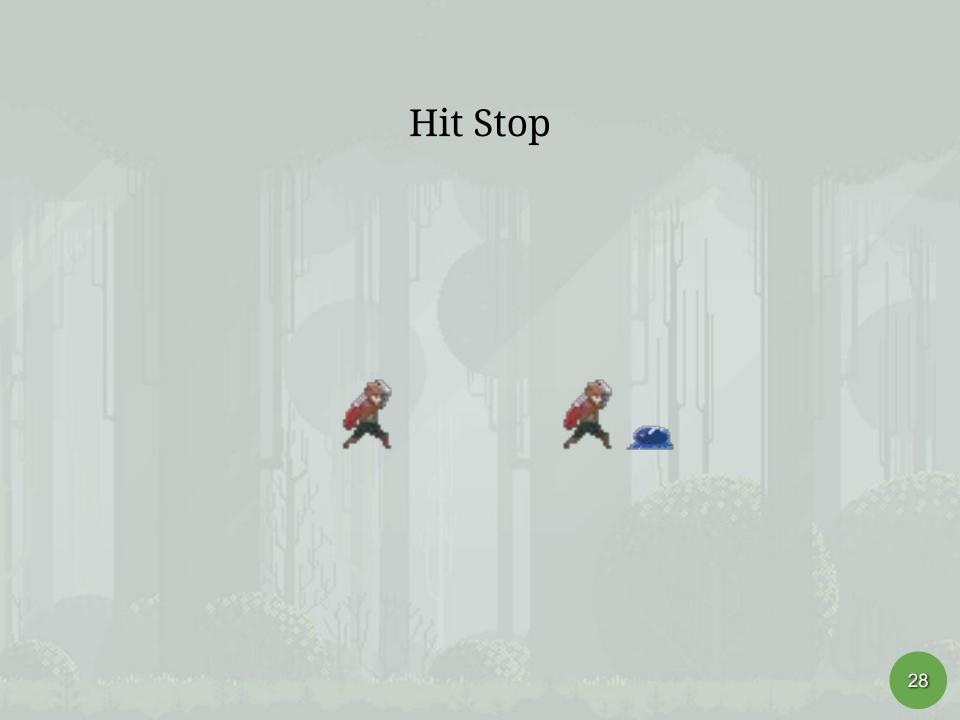


```
parallaxBg =
  scrollingBg 5 bg1A bg1B
  `parallel`
  scrollingBg 7.5 bg2A bg2B
  `parallel`
  scrollingBg 10 bg3A bg3B
  `parallel`
  scrollingBg 15 bg4A bg4B
```

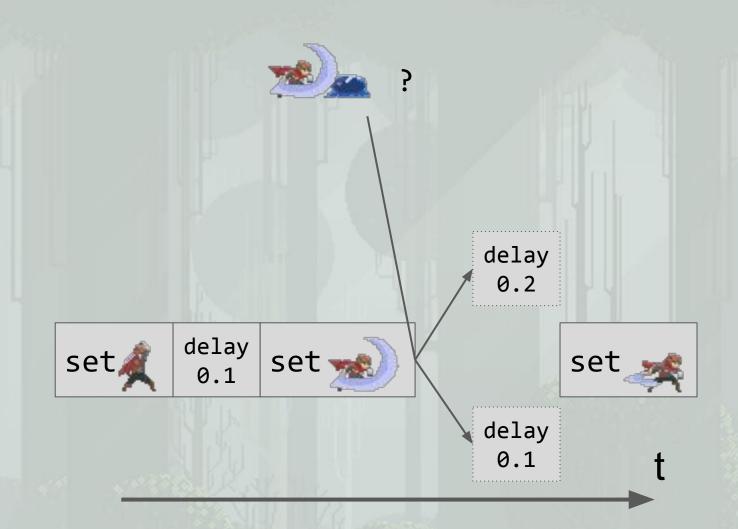


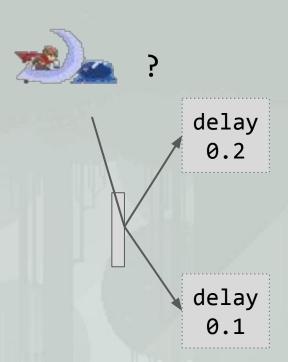
```
parallaxBg = parallax
  [ (5, bg1A, bg1B)
  , (7.5, bg2A, bg2B)
  , (10, bg3A, bg3B)
  , (15, bg4A, bg4B)
  ]
```

parallax = ...



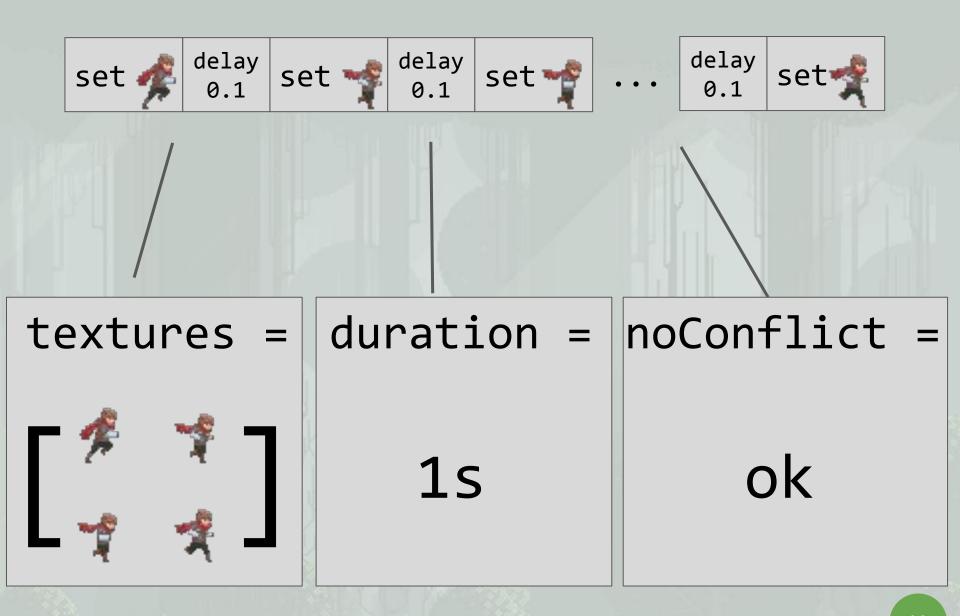






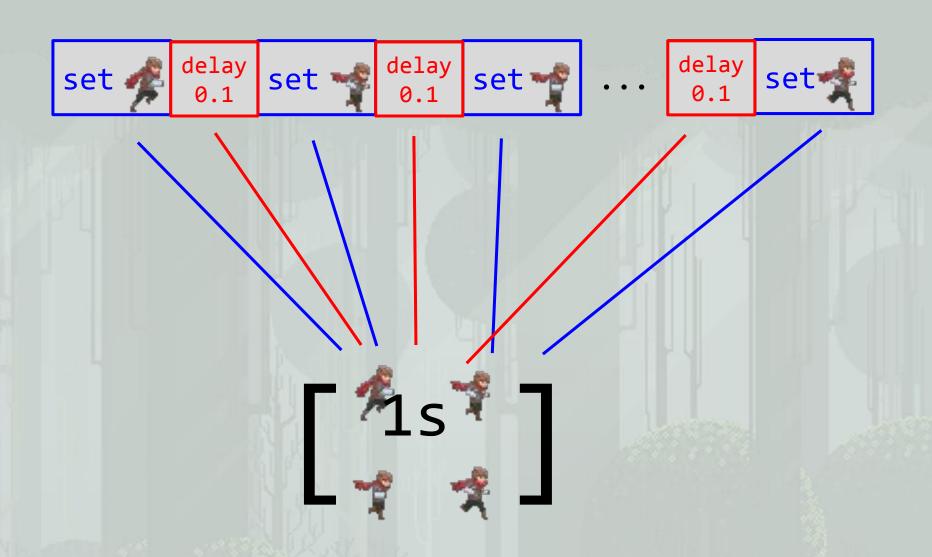
hitStop =
 ifThenElse condition (delay 0.2) (delay 0.1)

Inspectability



allTextures =

["playerIdle.png"
allTextUSEAttack0.png"
extspasyleAttack0.png"
extspasyleAttack1.phgations
, "playerAttack2.png"
, "playerAttack3.png"



anim a a -> anim b

Expressivity



Inspectability

Conclusion

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Paper

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- DSL Design using MTL/Finally Tagless encoding
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Particles



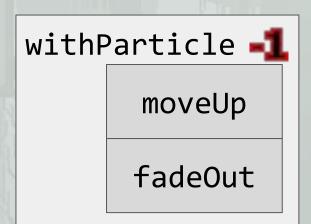






```
particle = do
  id <- create
  (moveUp id `parallel` fadeOut id)
  delete id</pre>
```







```
particle =
  withParticle $ \id ->
   moveUp id `parallel` fadeOut id
```