Swift Playgrounds

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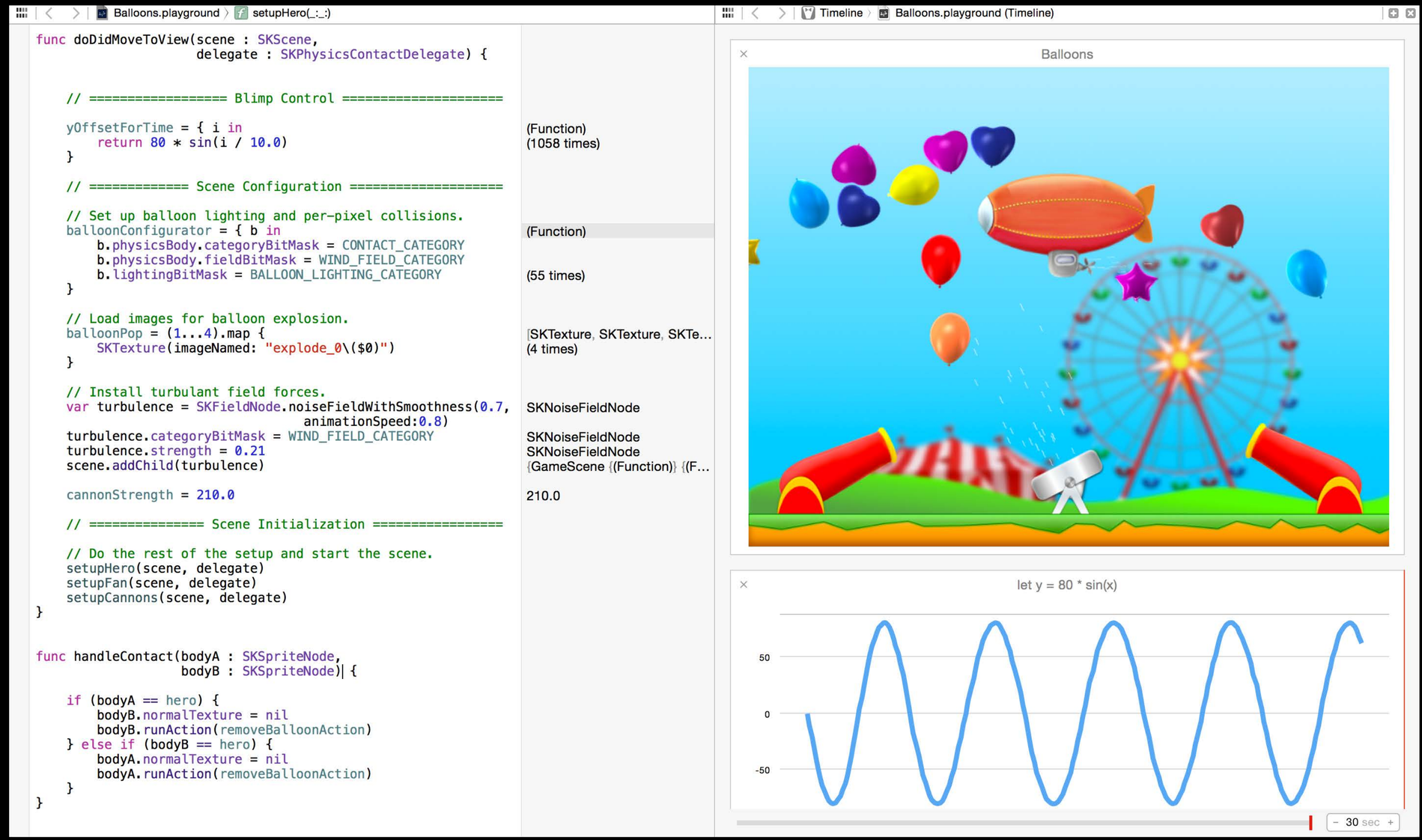

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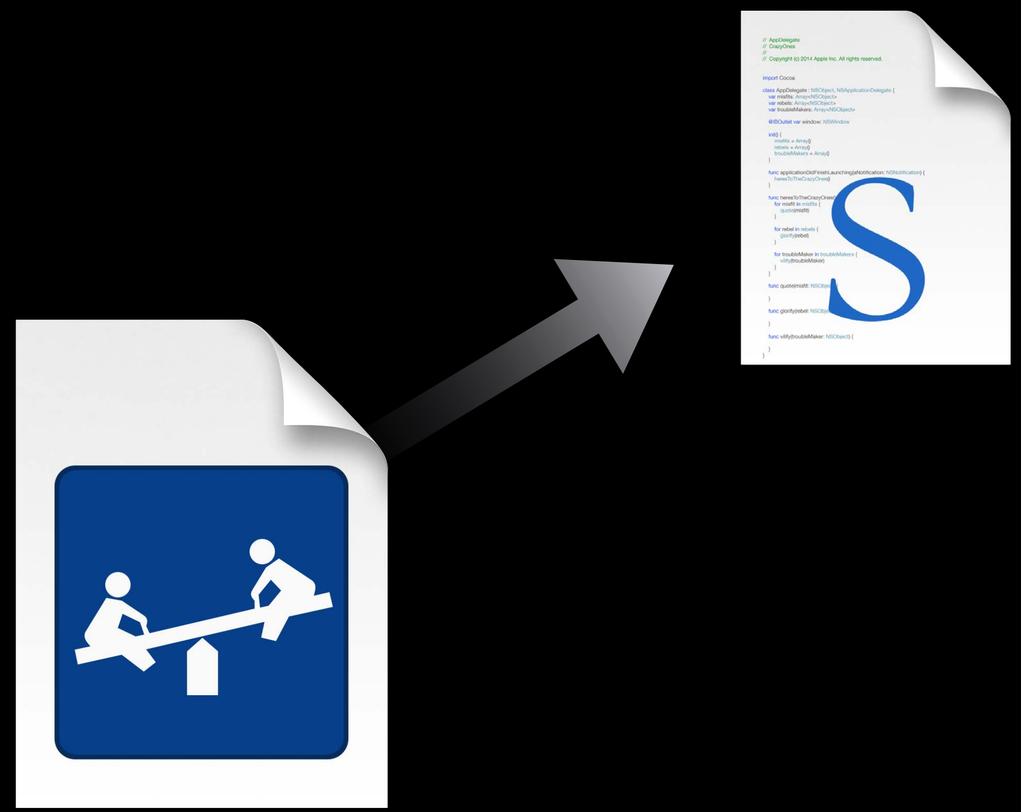

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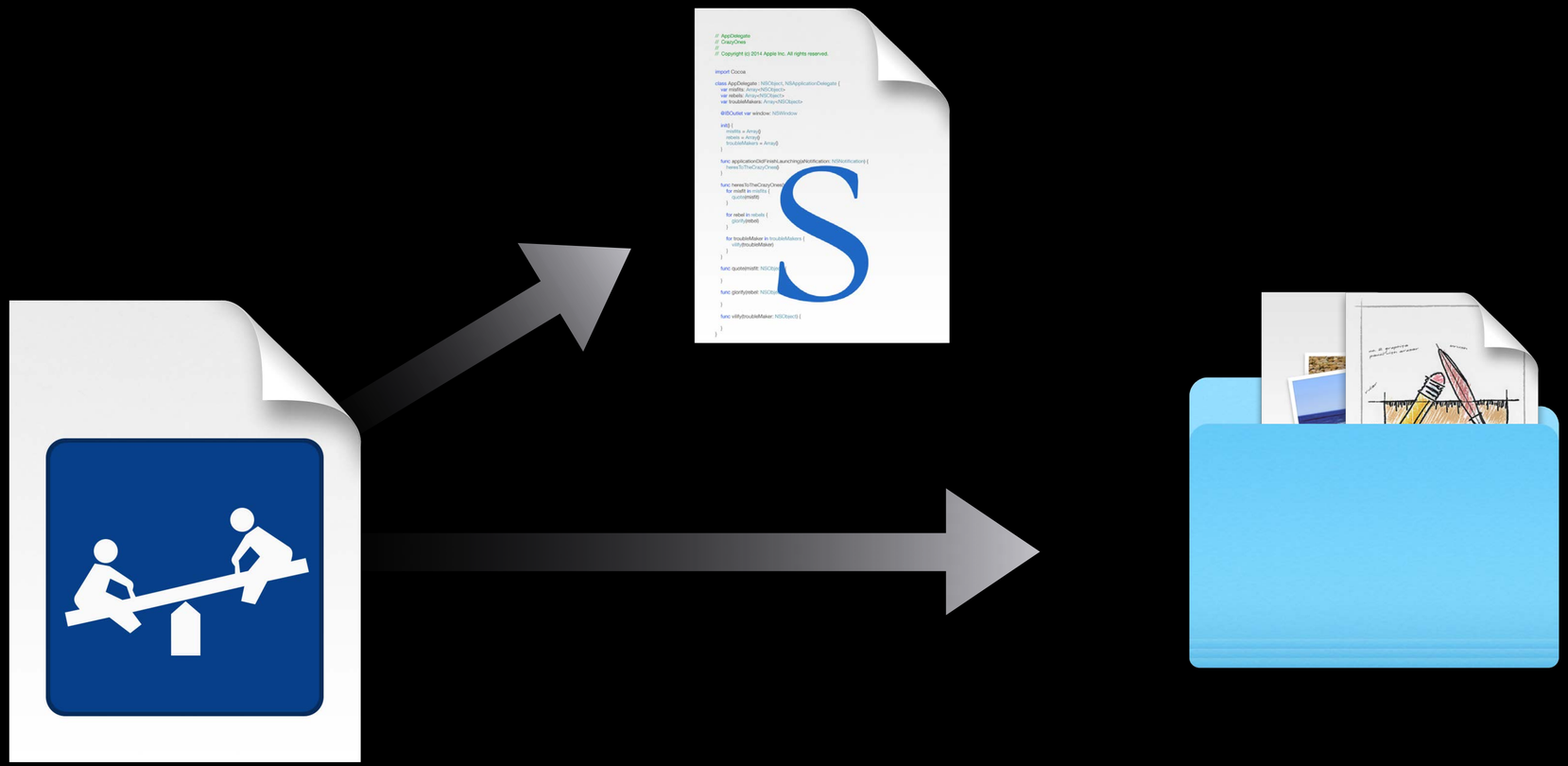

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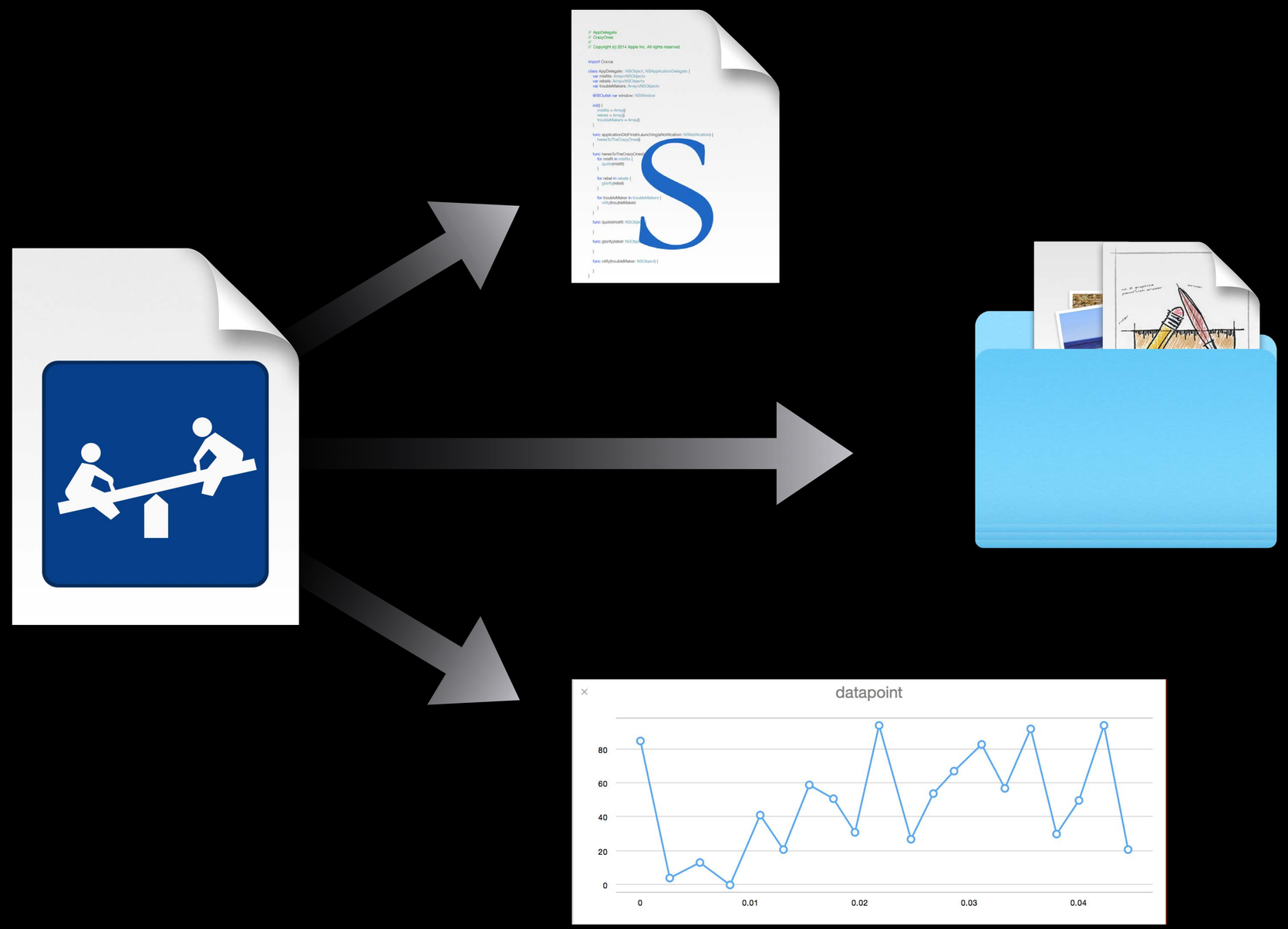

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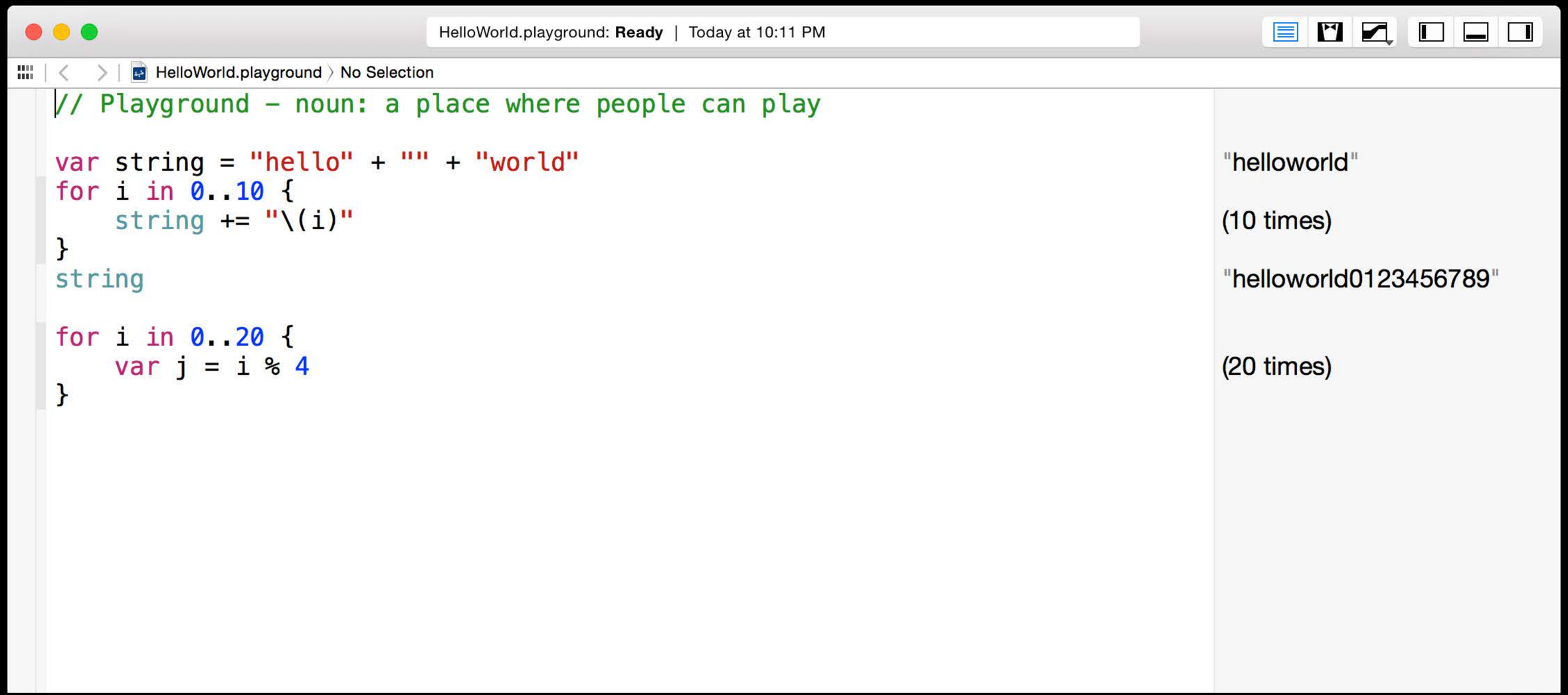

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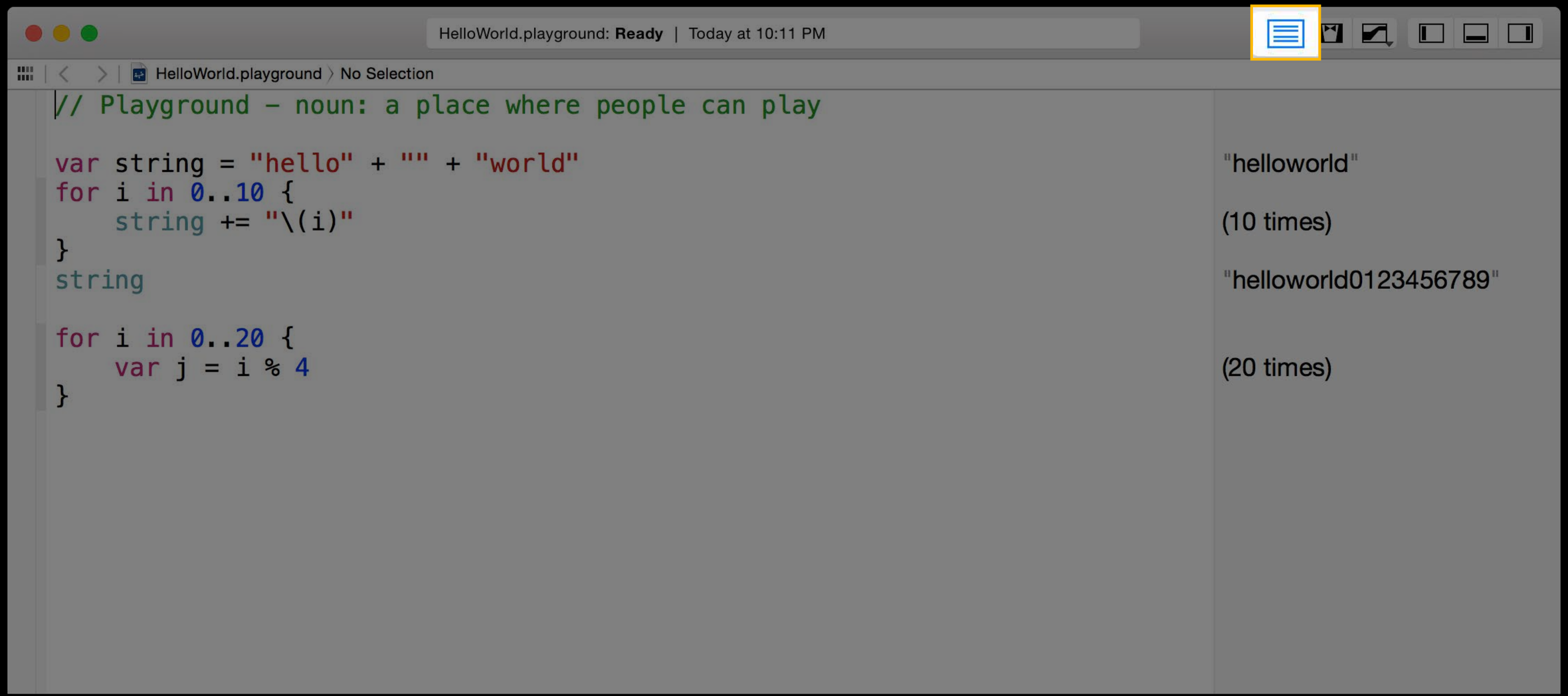

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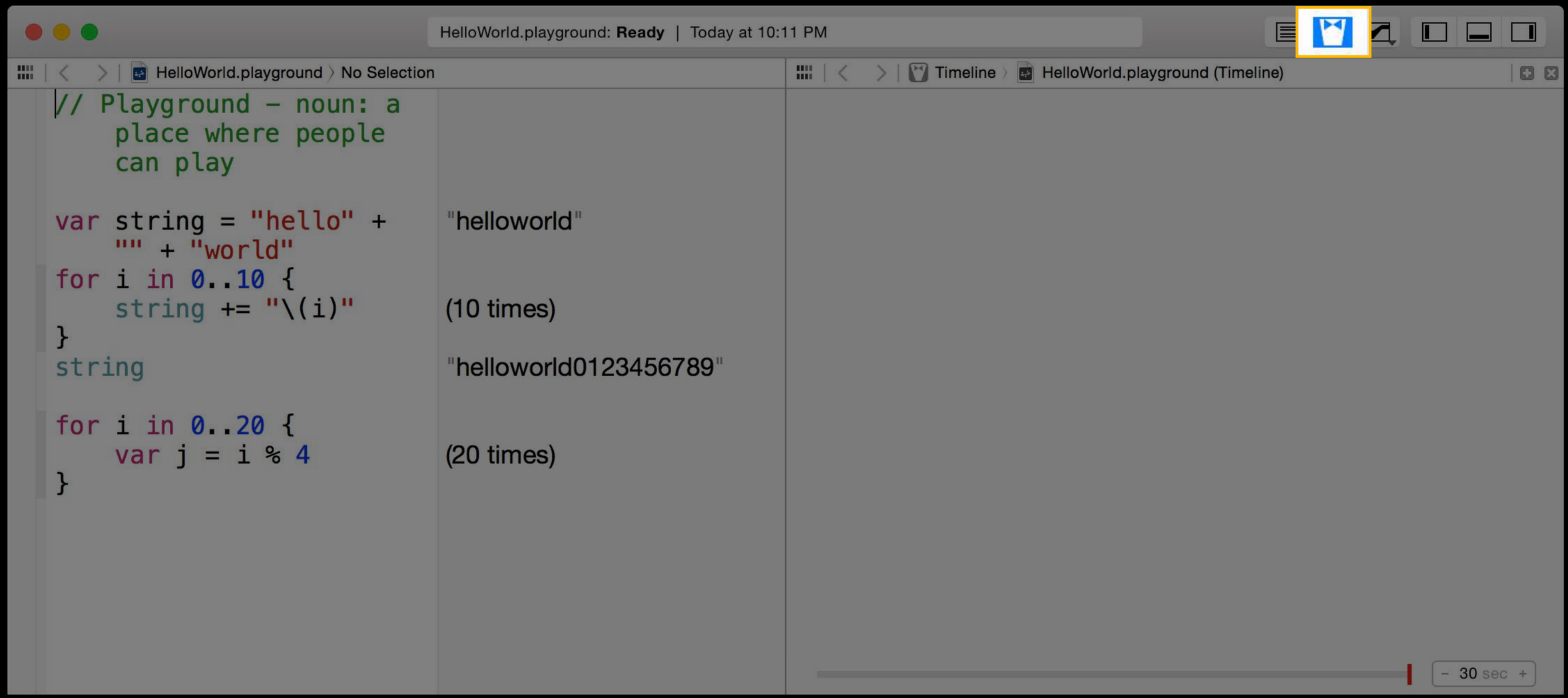

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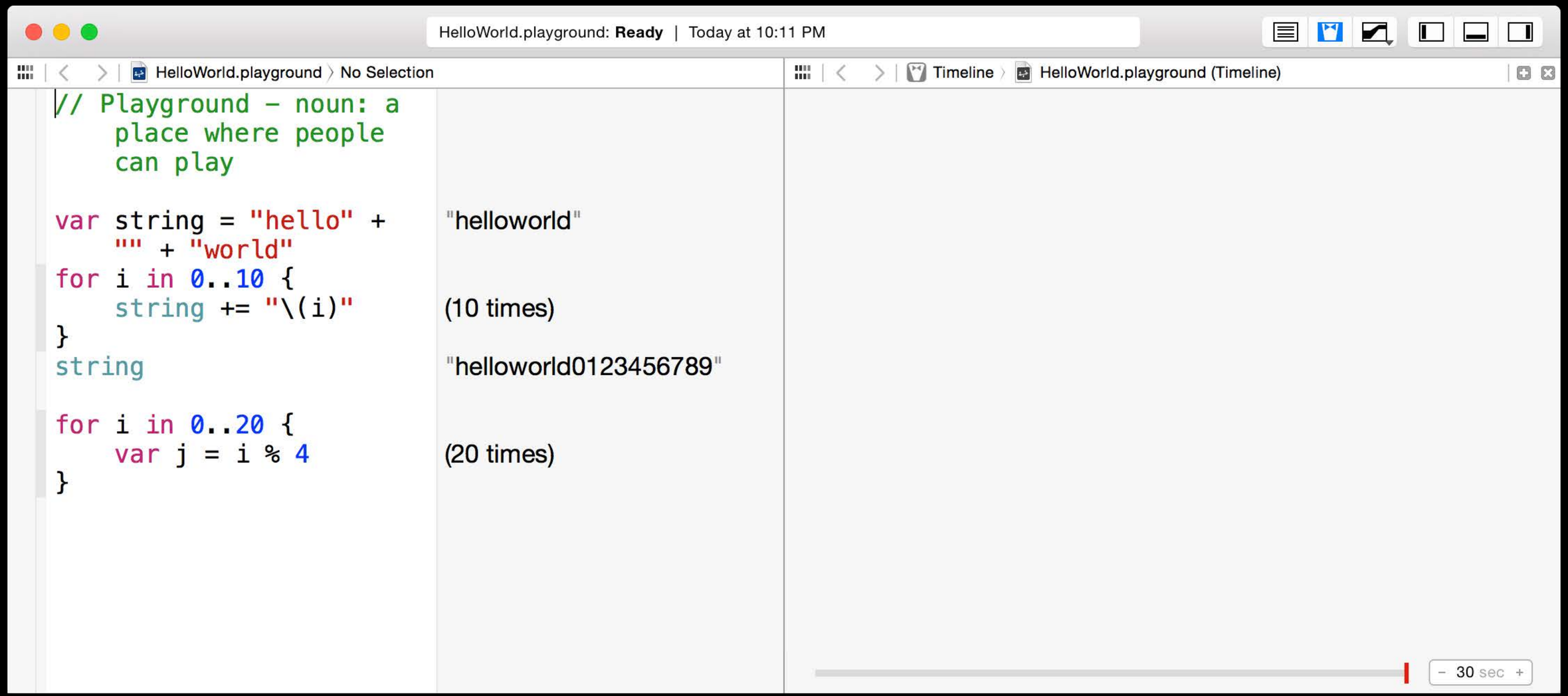

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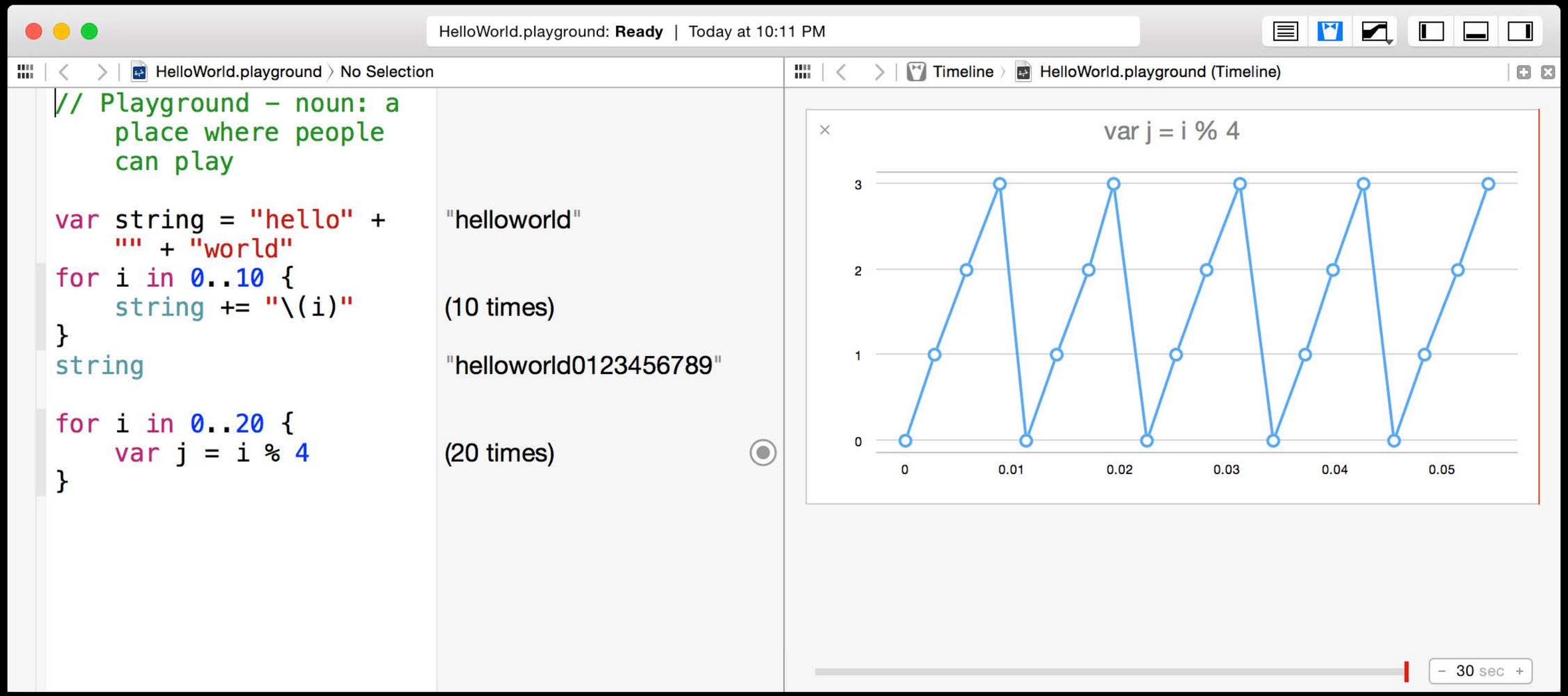

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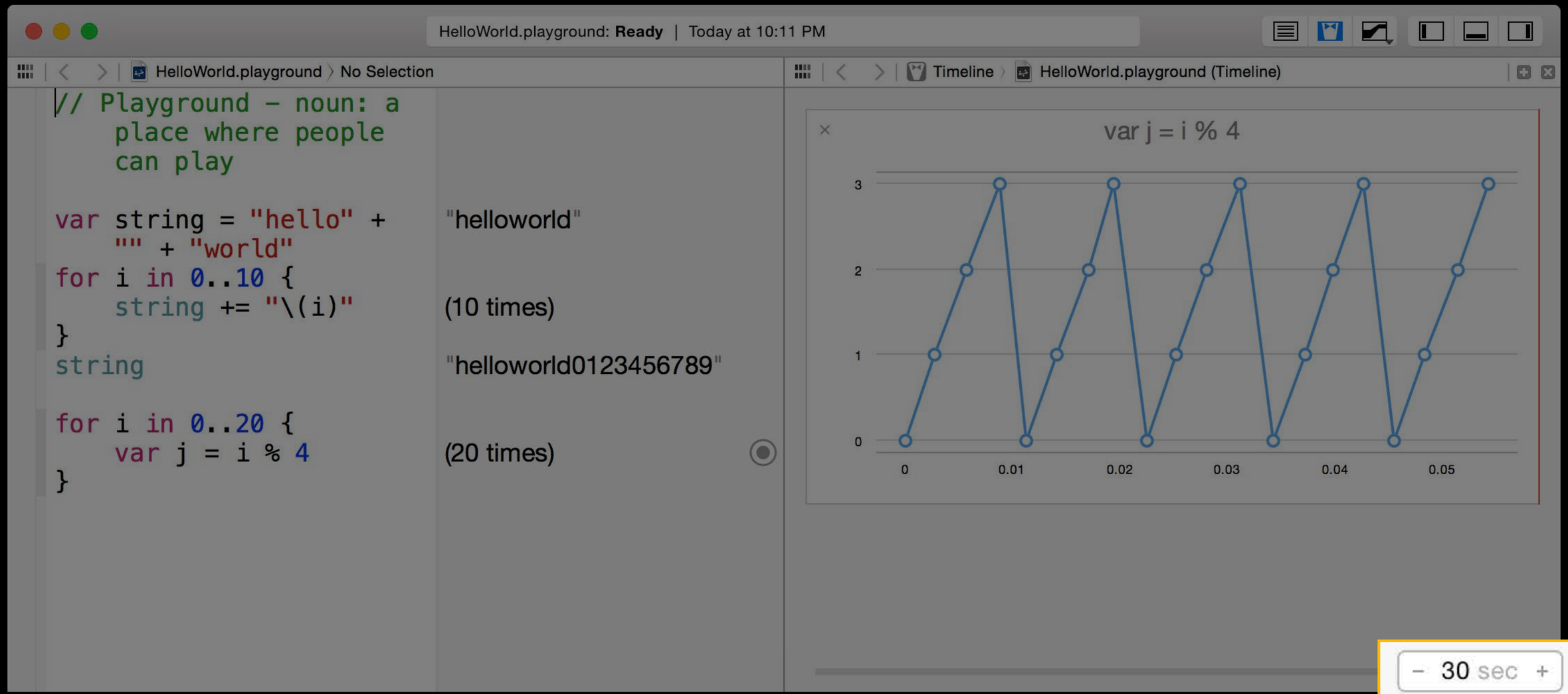

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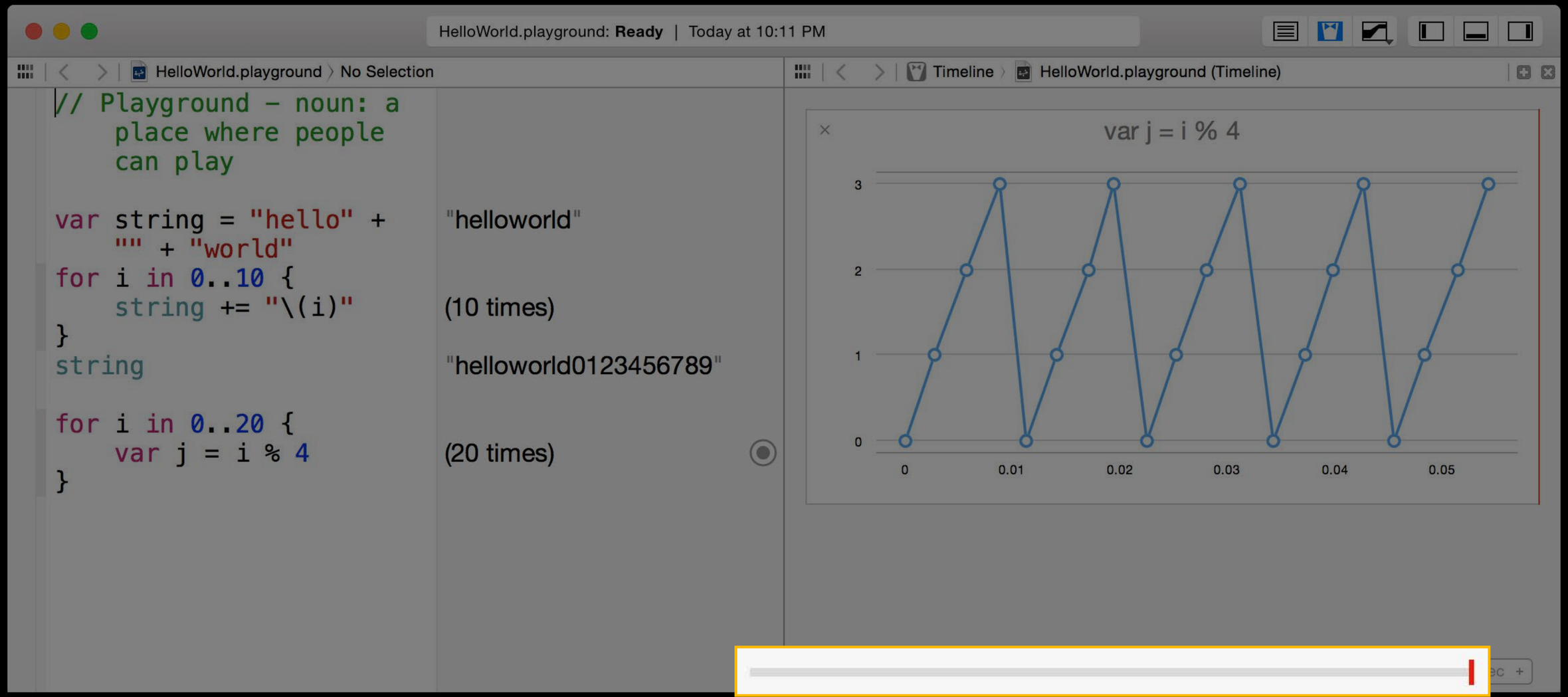

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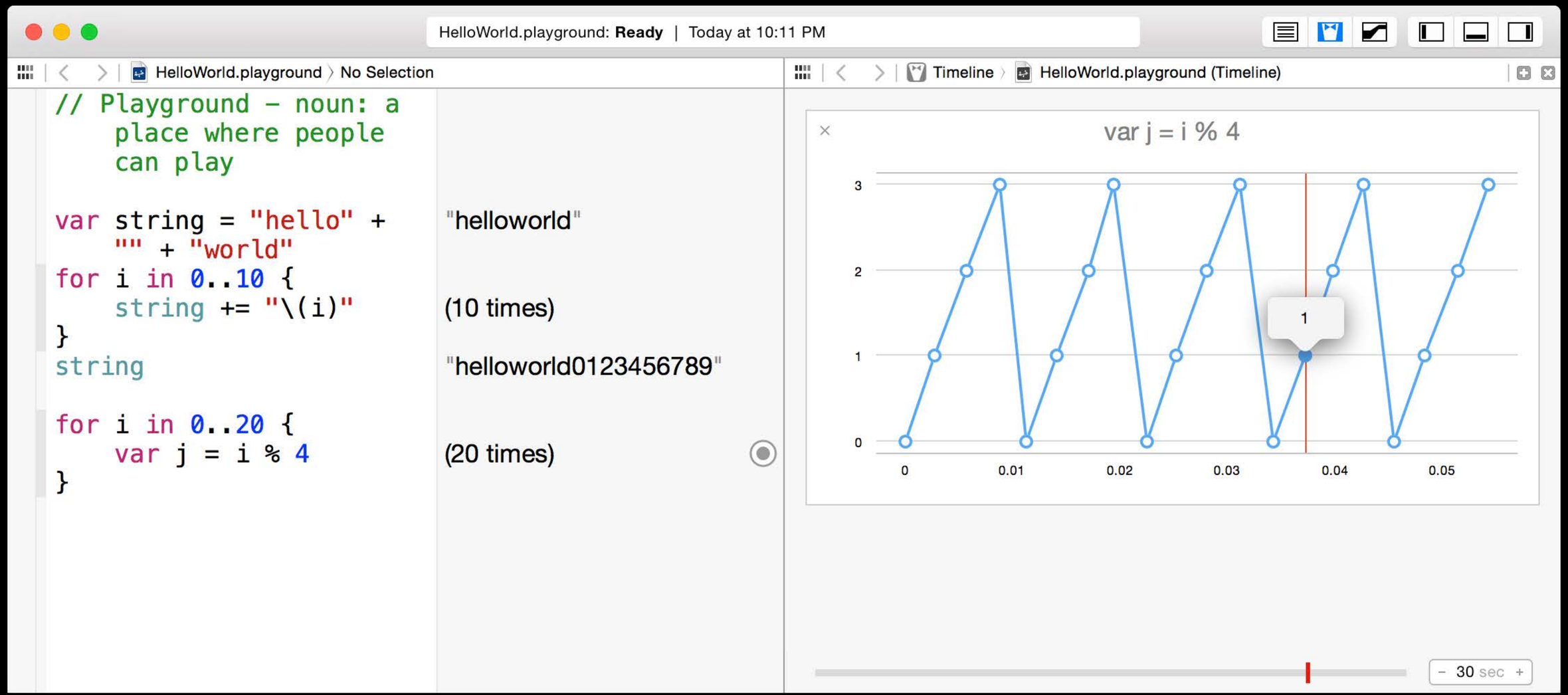

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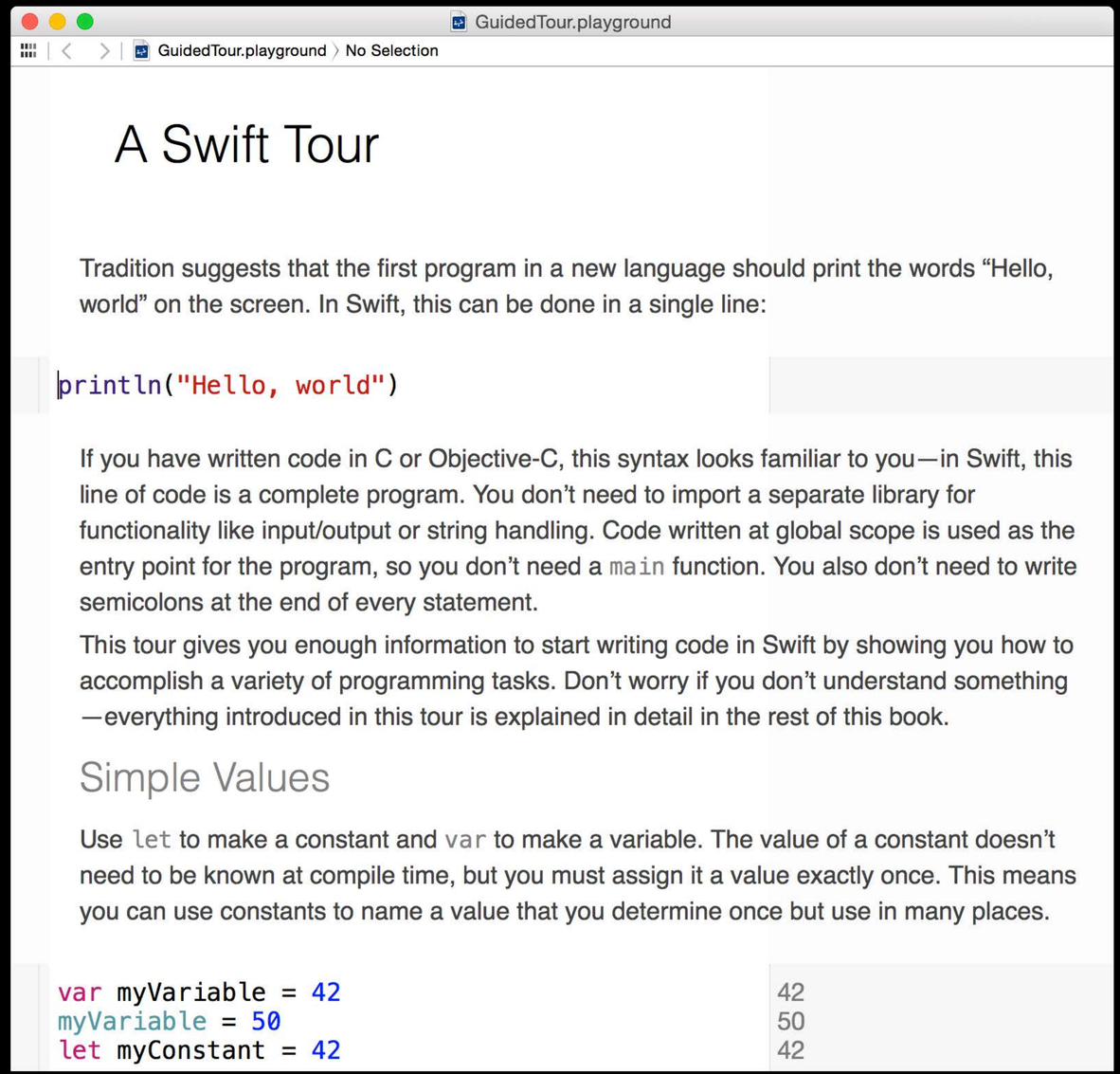

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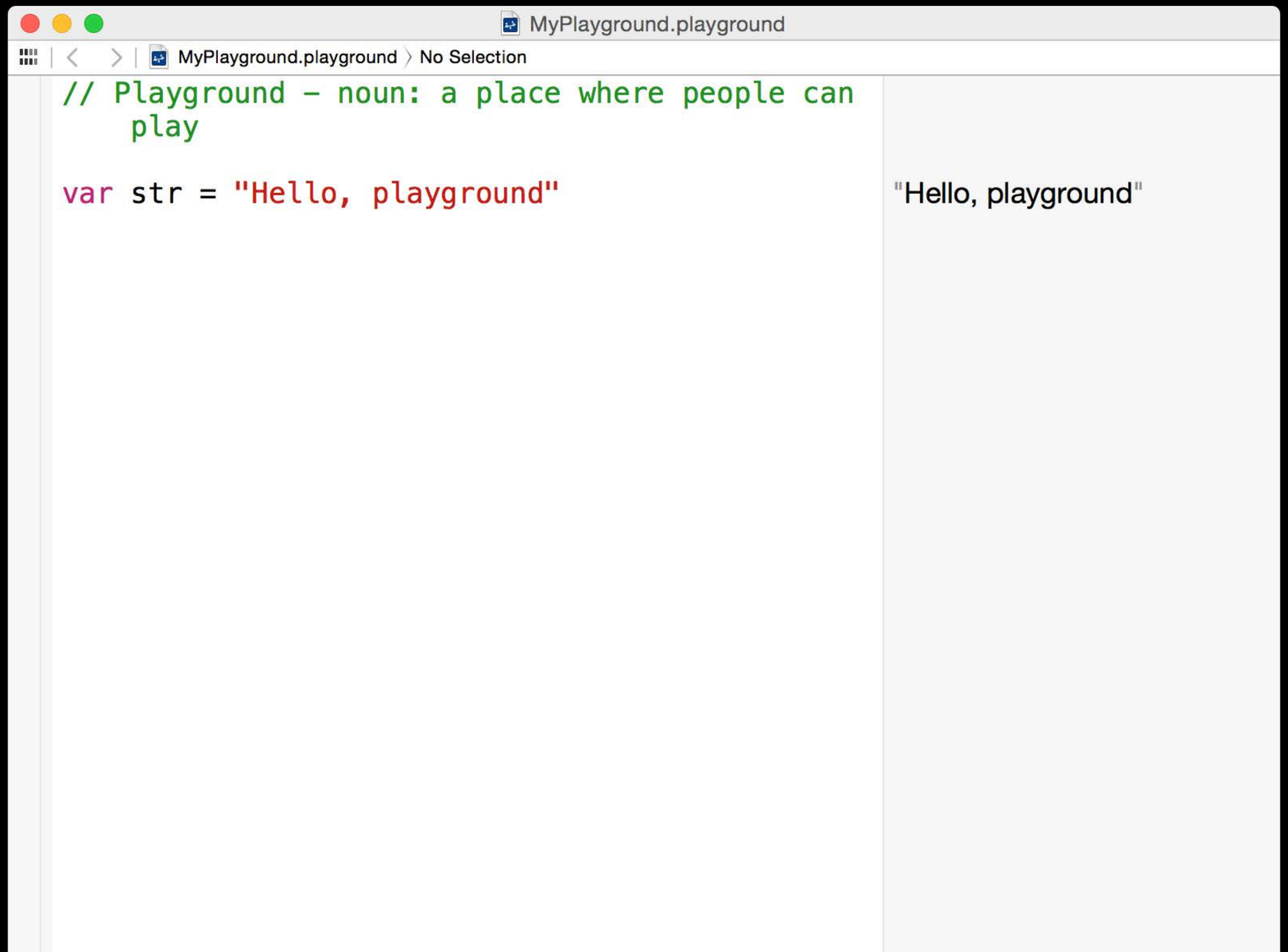

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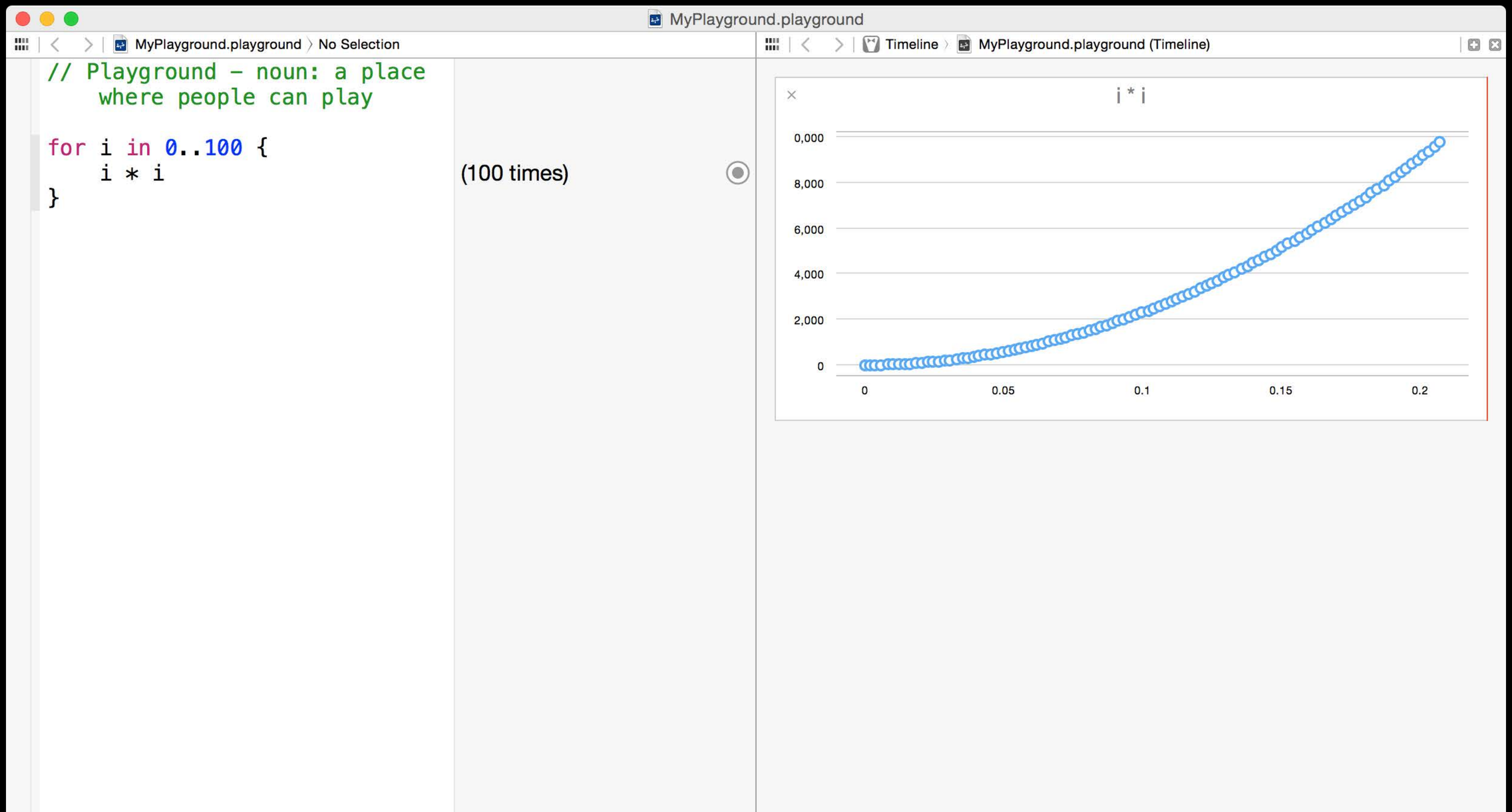

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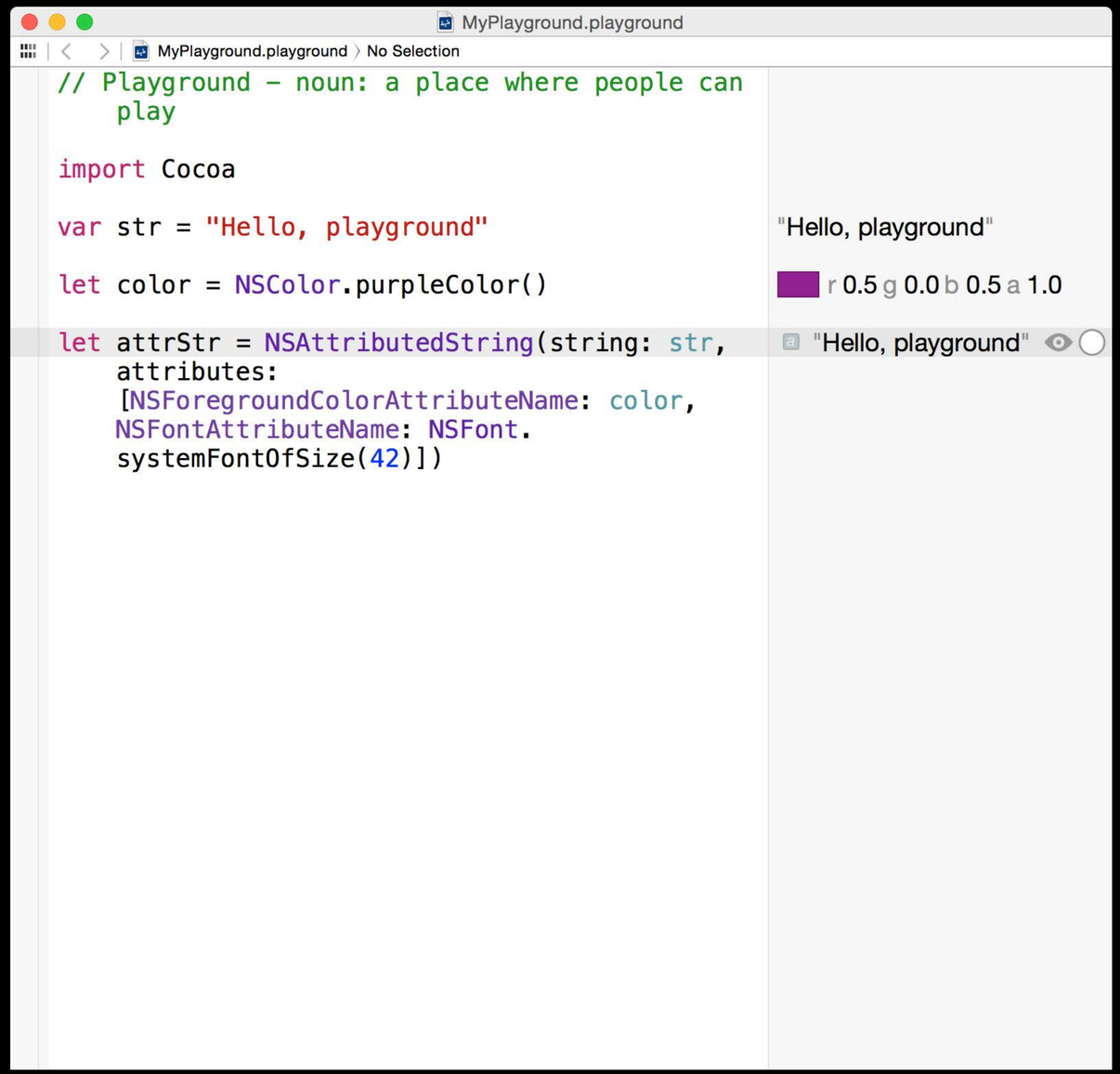

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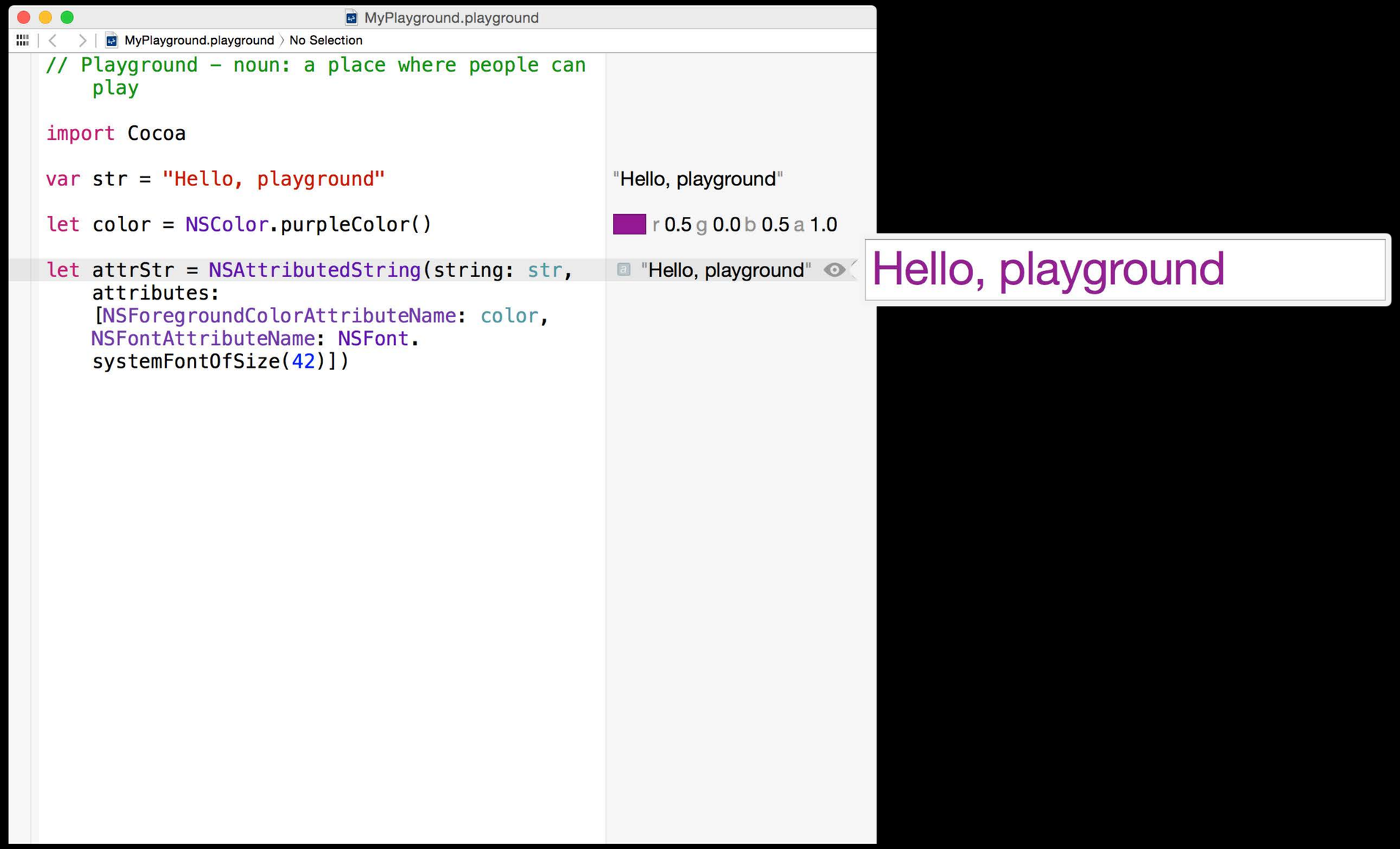

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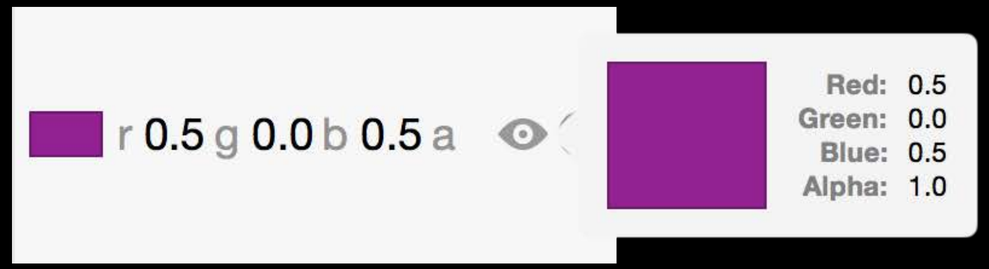

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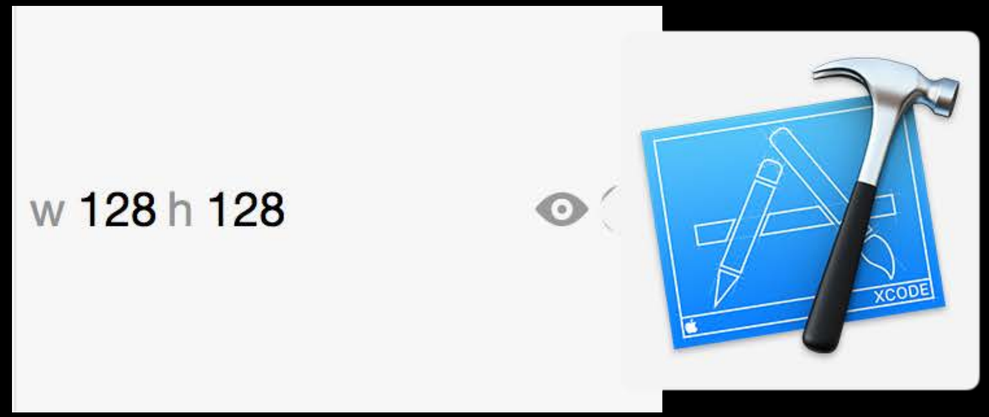

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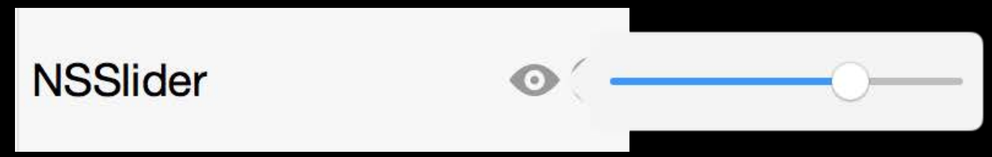

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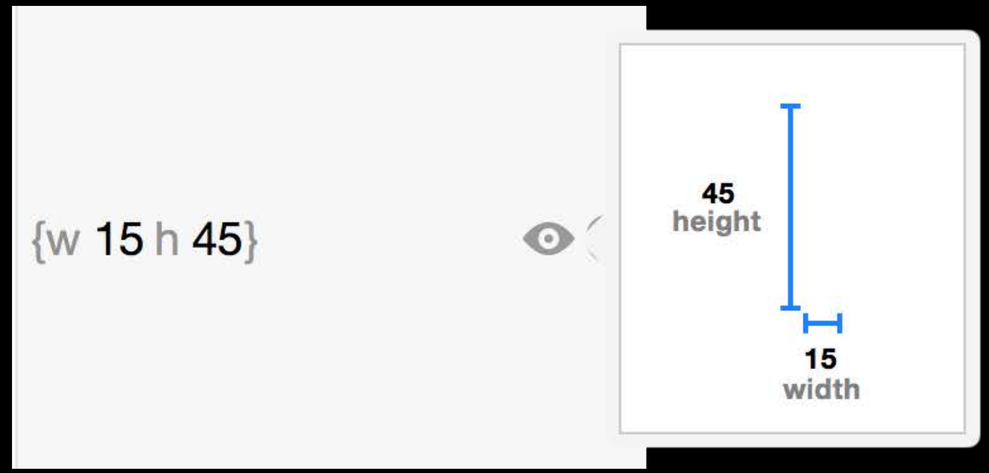

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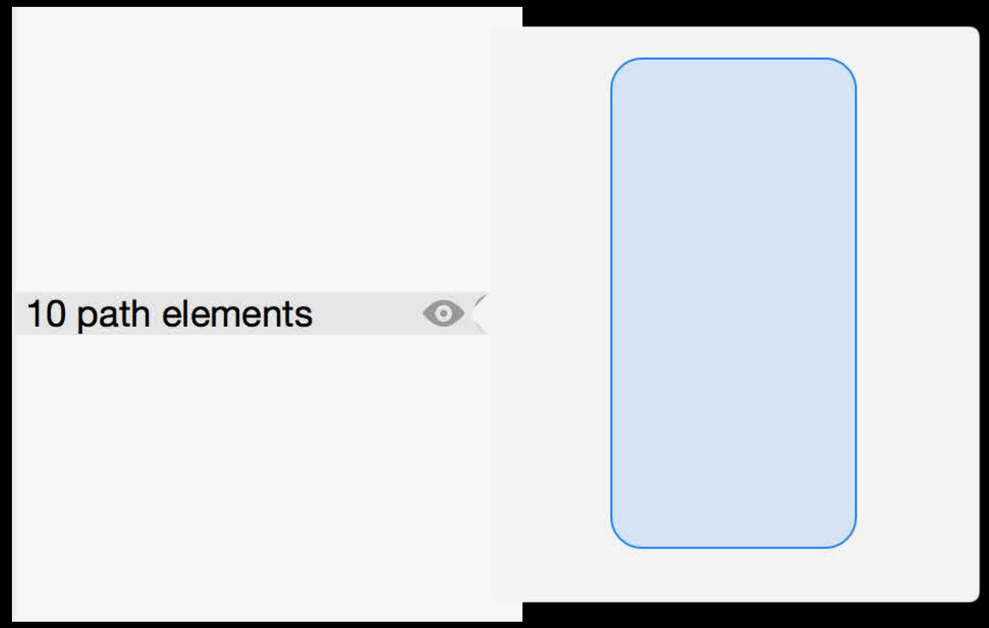

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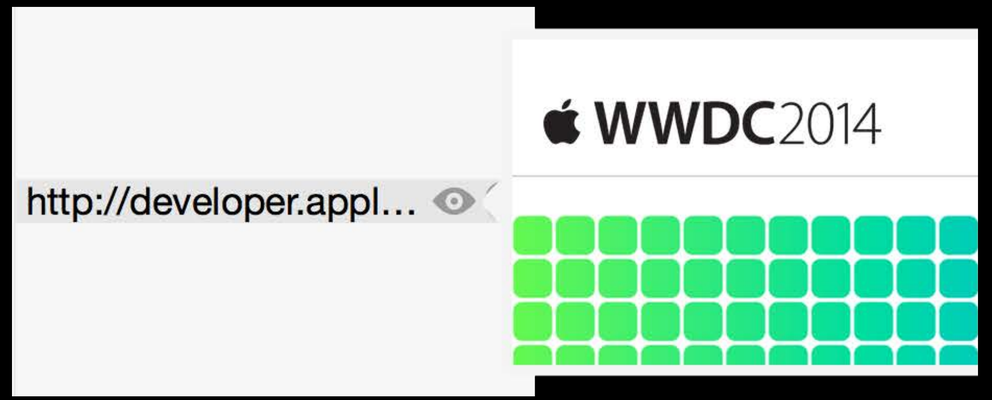

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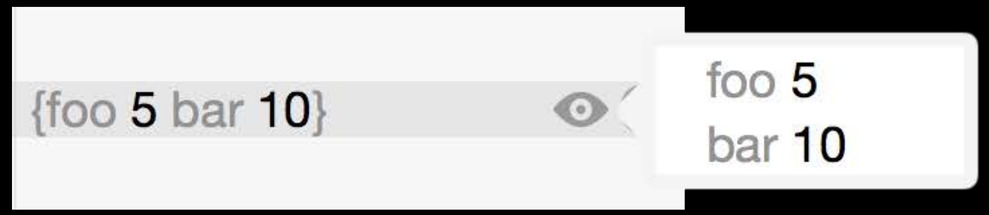

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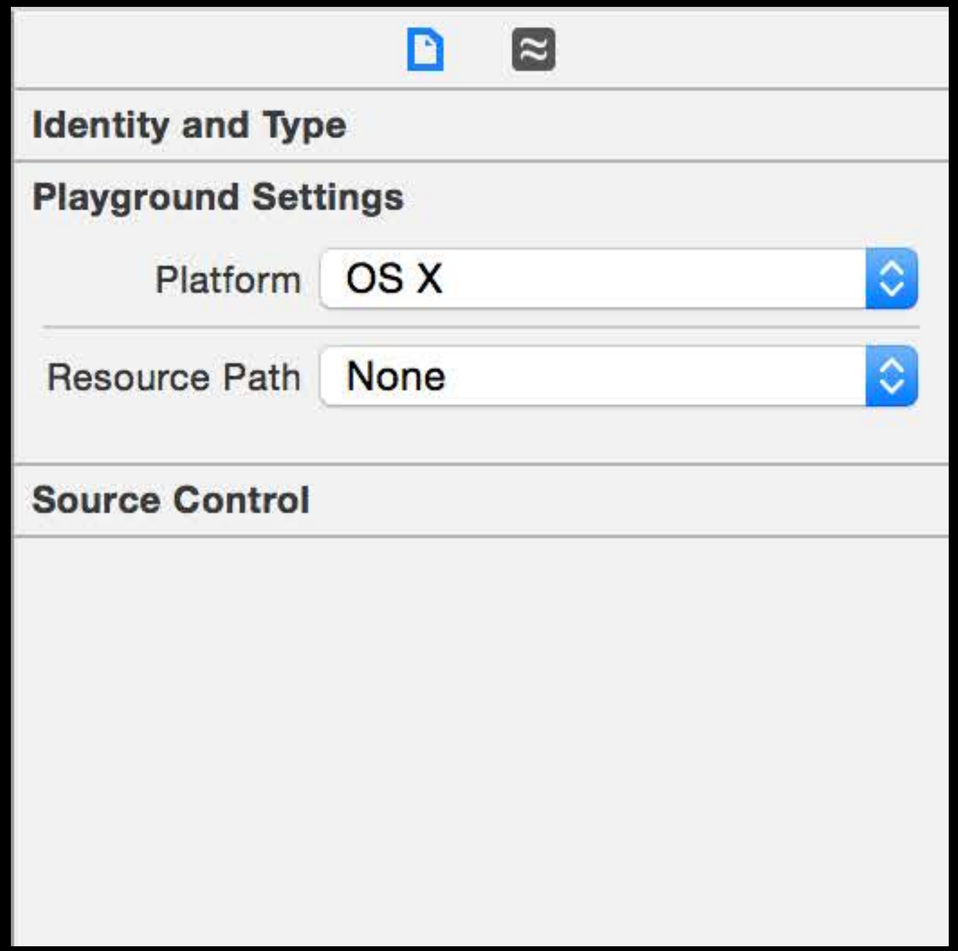

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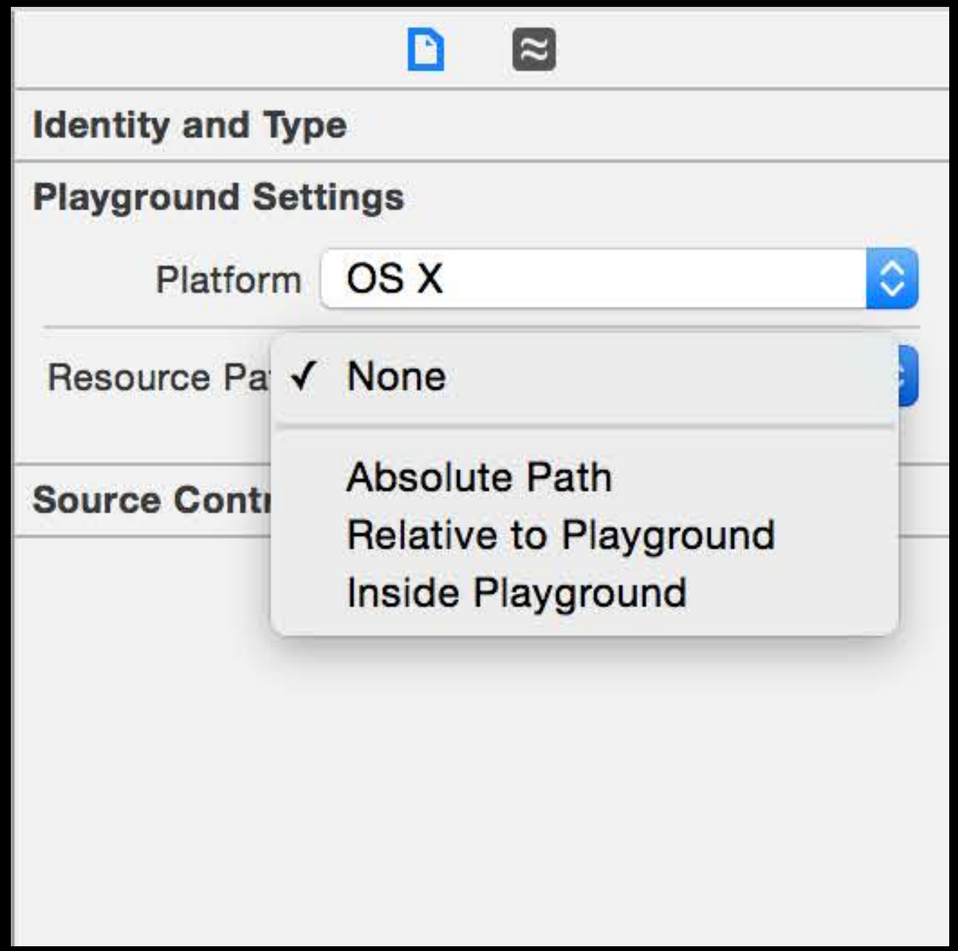

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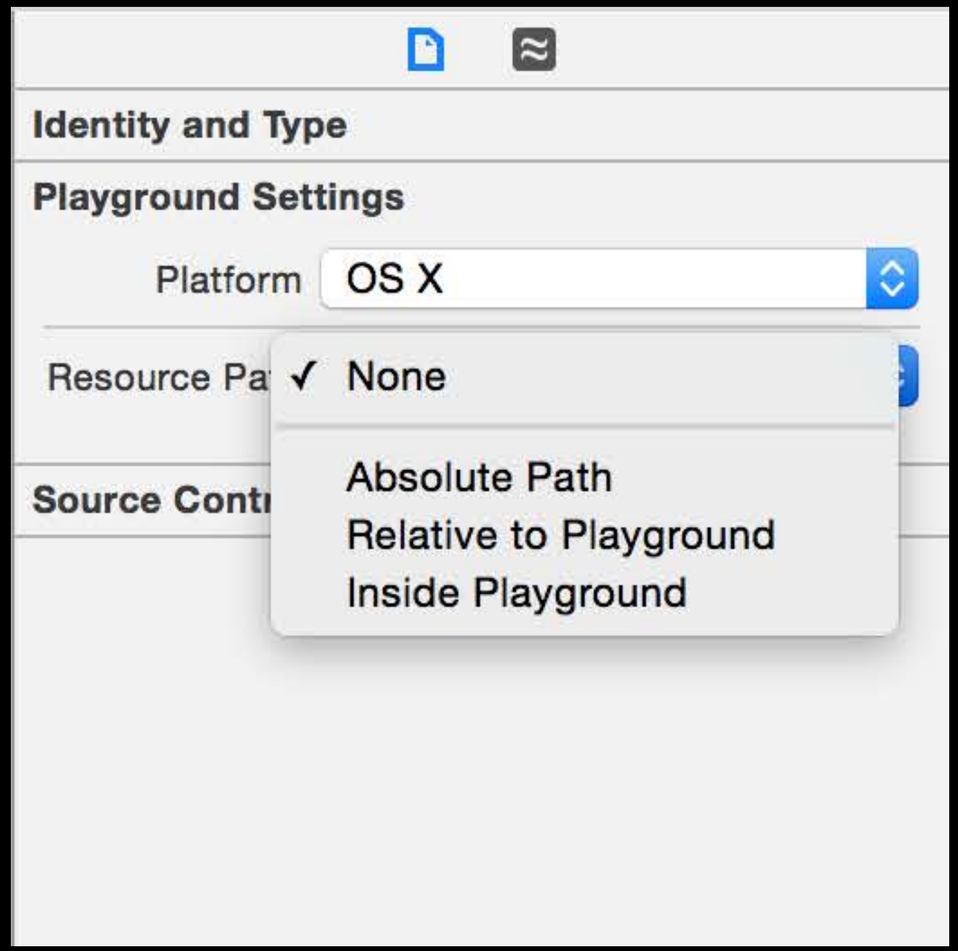

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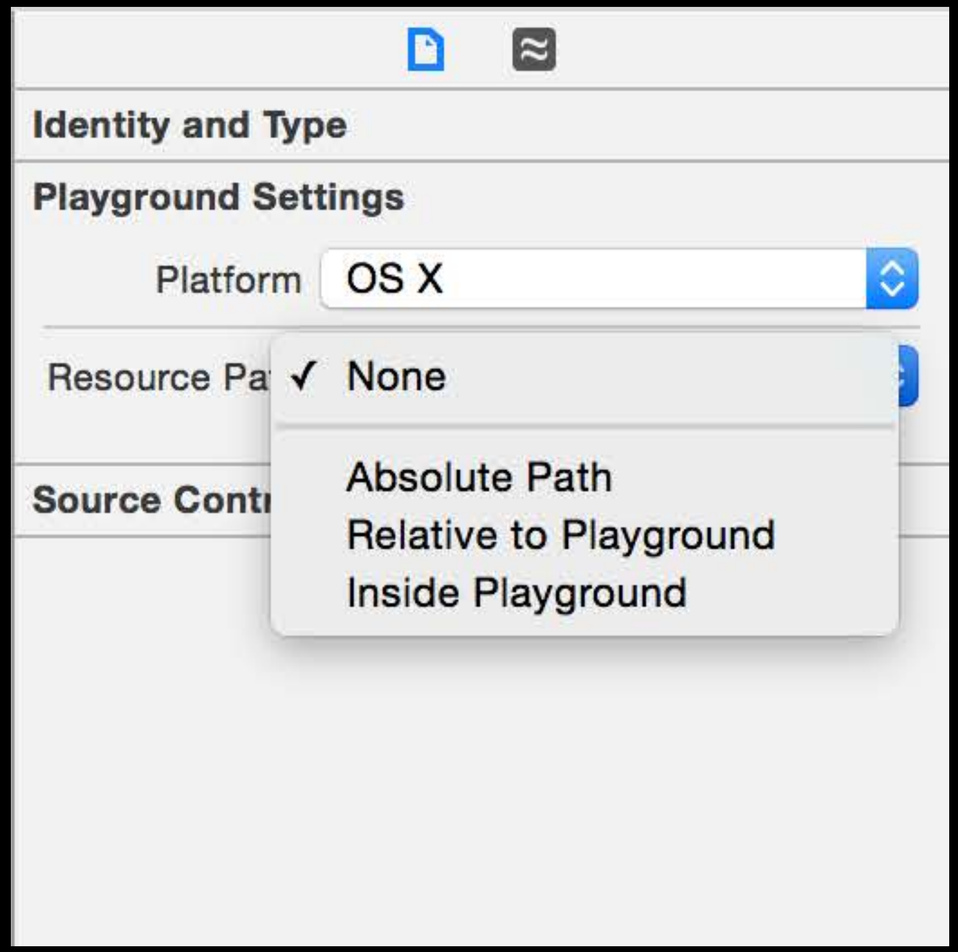

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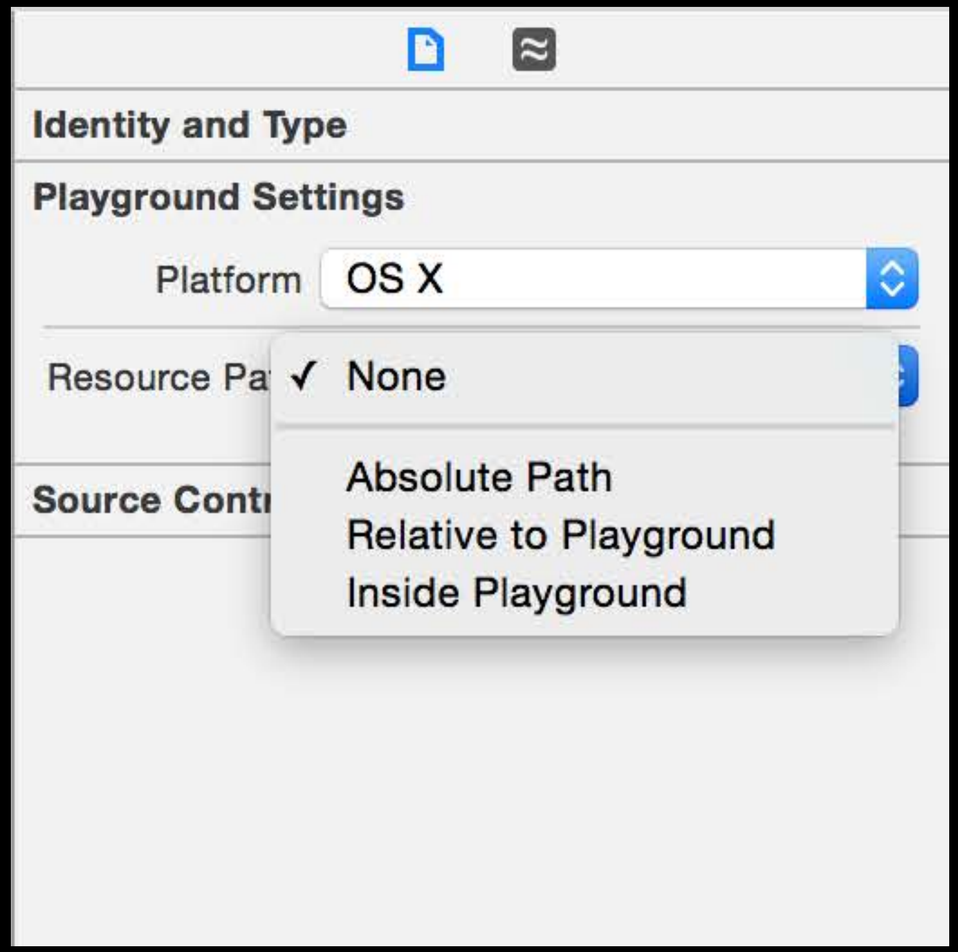

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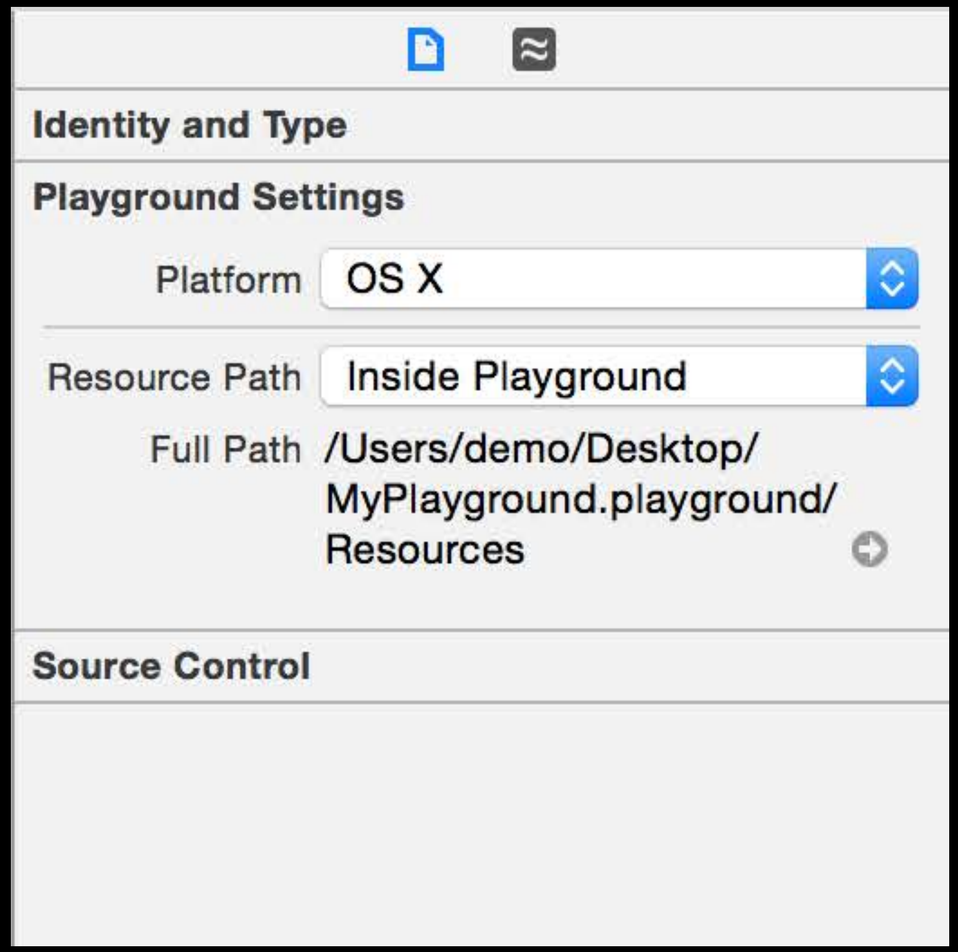
NSBundle.pathForResource(_:ofType:)
NSImage(named:)
```



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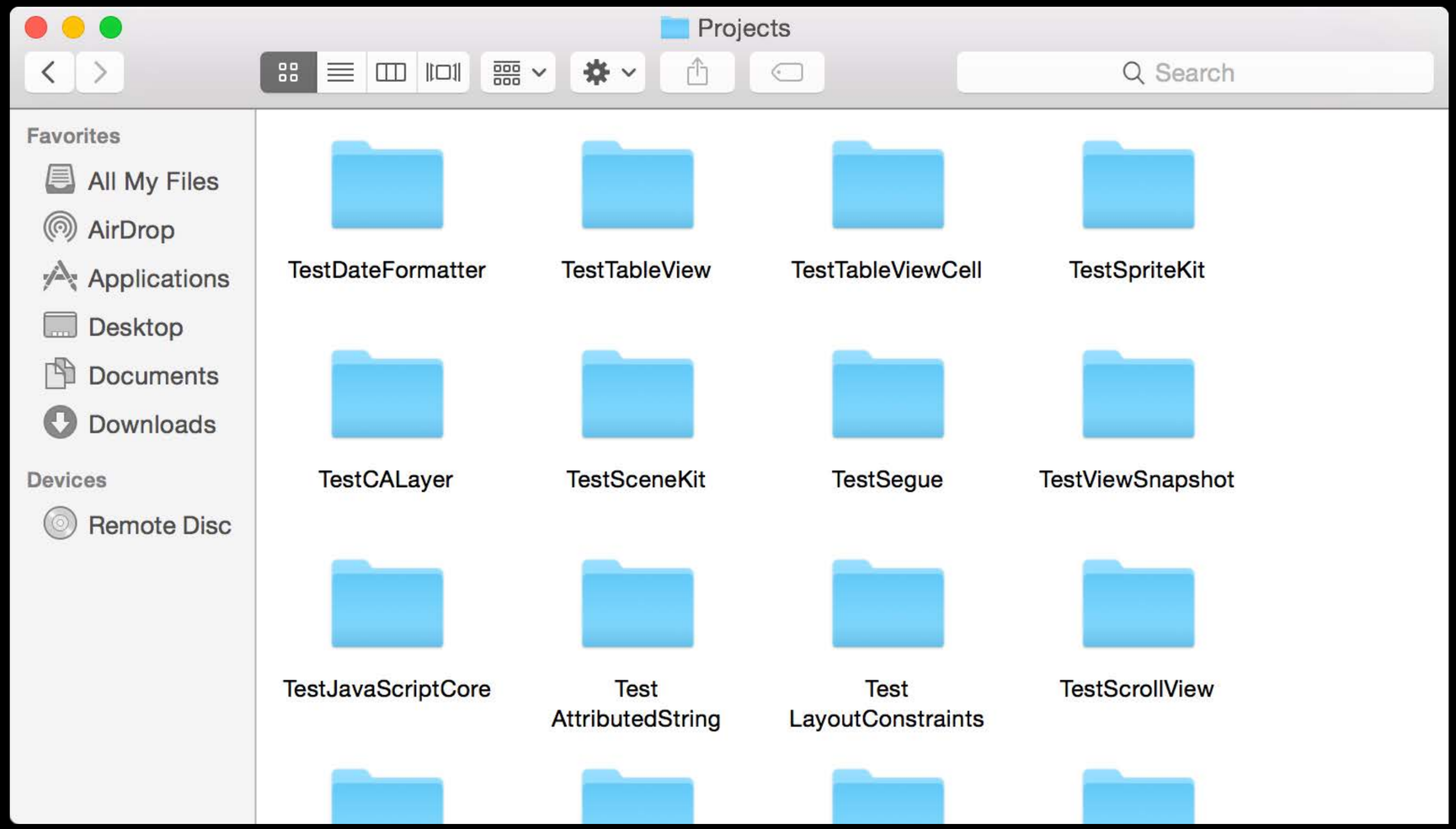

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// Playground - noun: a place where people can
    play

var str = "Hello, playground"
```

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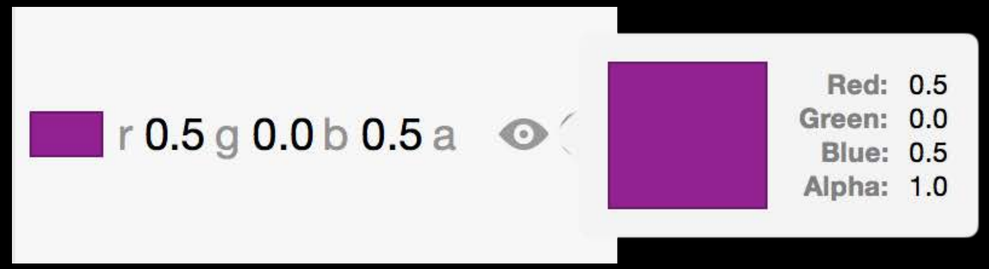

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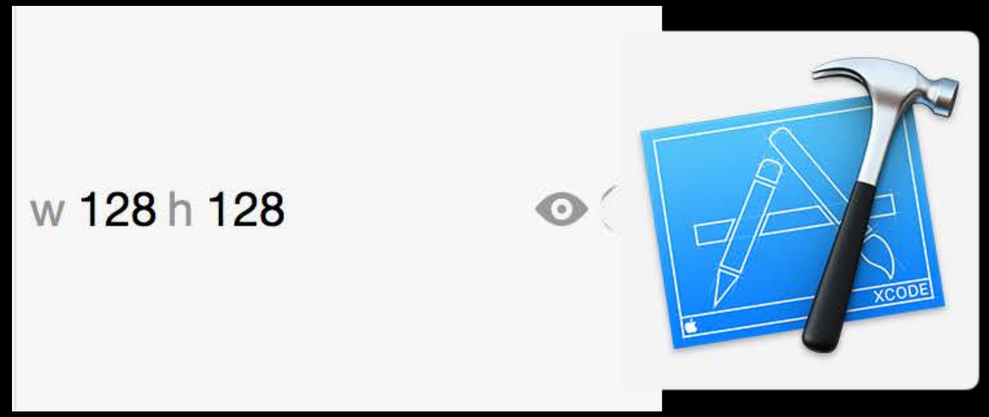

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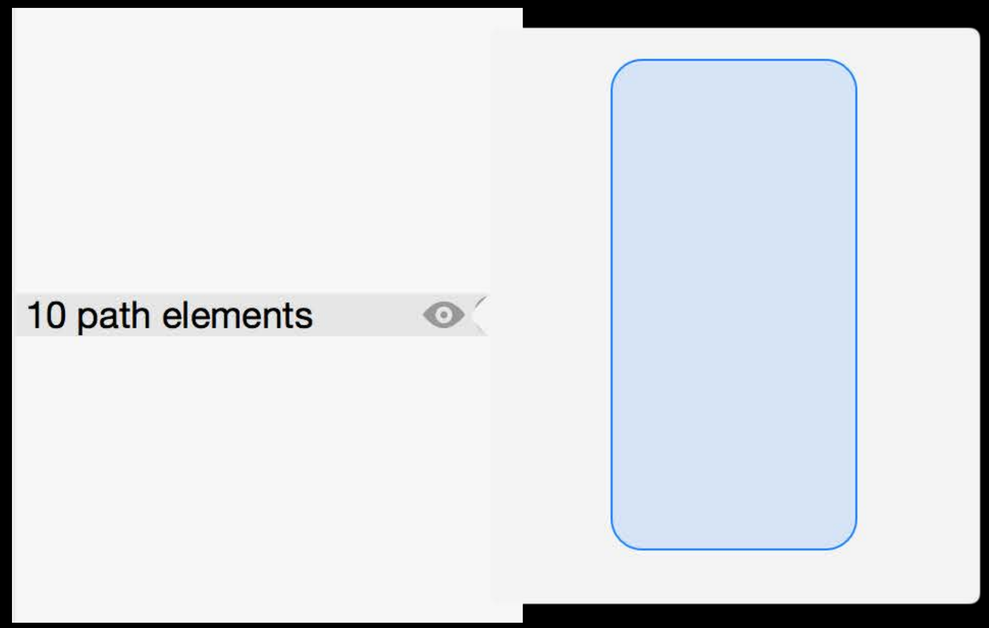

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Alternatives

Prefer to use `XCPSetExecutionShouldContinueIndefinitely` if possible

Methods for waiting for asynchronous operations work too

- Spin the main run loop
- Semaphores

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Playgrounds vs. the REPL

REPL can execute in your process

- Stop at a breakpoint

```
(lldb) repl
```

Playgrounds provide a richer experience

- Automatic execution from a known state
- Quick Looks
- Timeline

Summary

Playgrounds are a great way to play with Swift, Cocoa, and Cocoa Touch

Use them for learning, exploration, and visualization

XCPlayground provides utilities for use in playgrounds

- Manually capture values with `XCPCaptureValue`
- Show live views in the timeline with `XCPShowView`
- Extend execution with `XCPSetExecutionShouldContinueIndefinitely`

Give playgrounds a try!

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