

# What's New in SpriteKit

Session 604

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2D graphics framework for games

Super easy to use

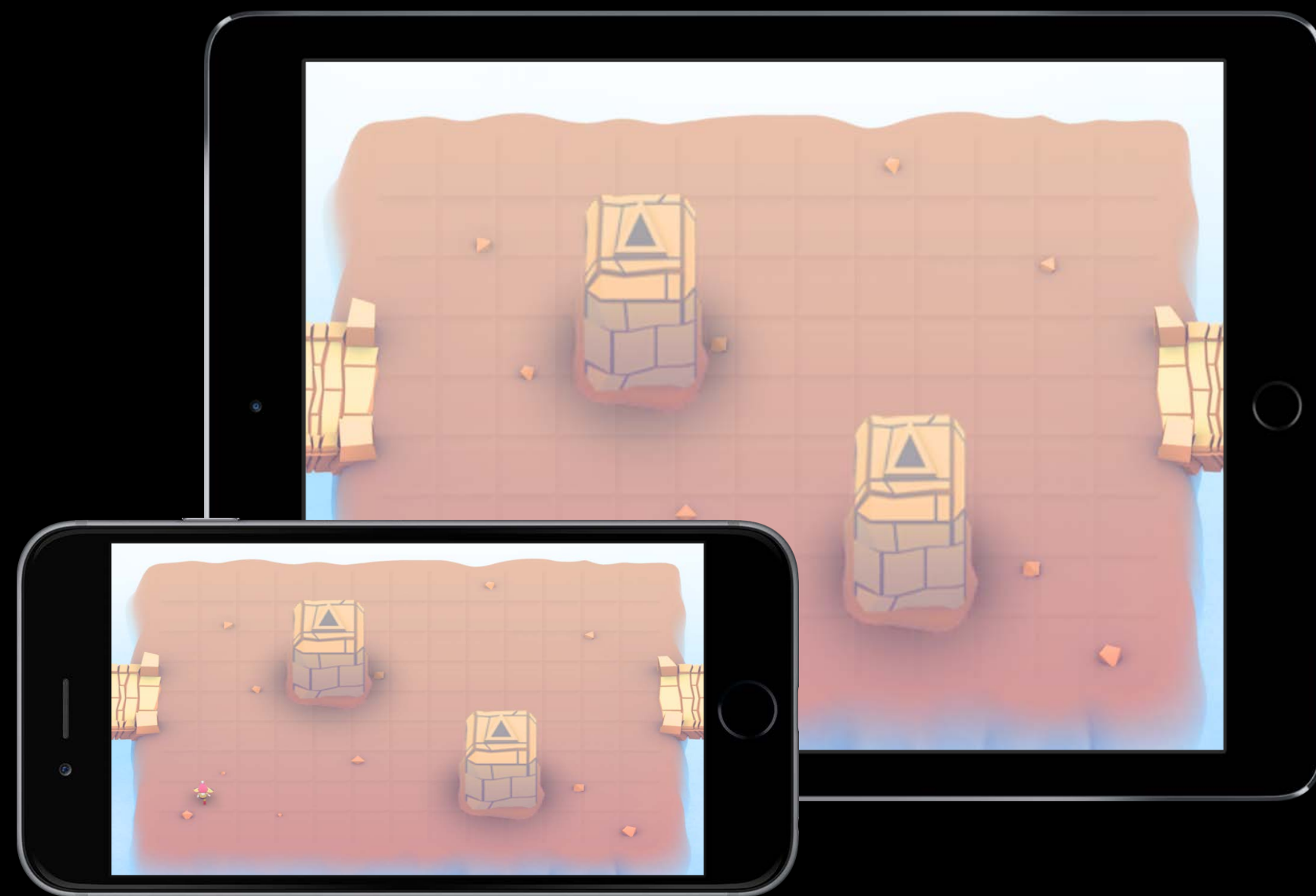
Lets you design your game in the most natural way possible

Automatic access to the latest and greatest



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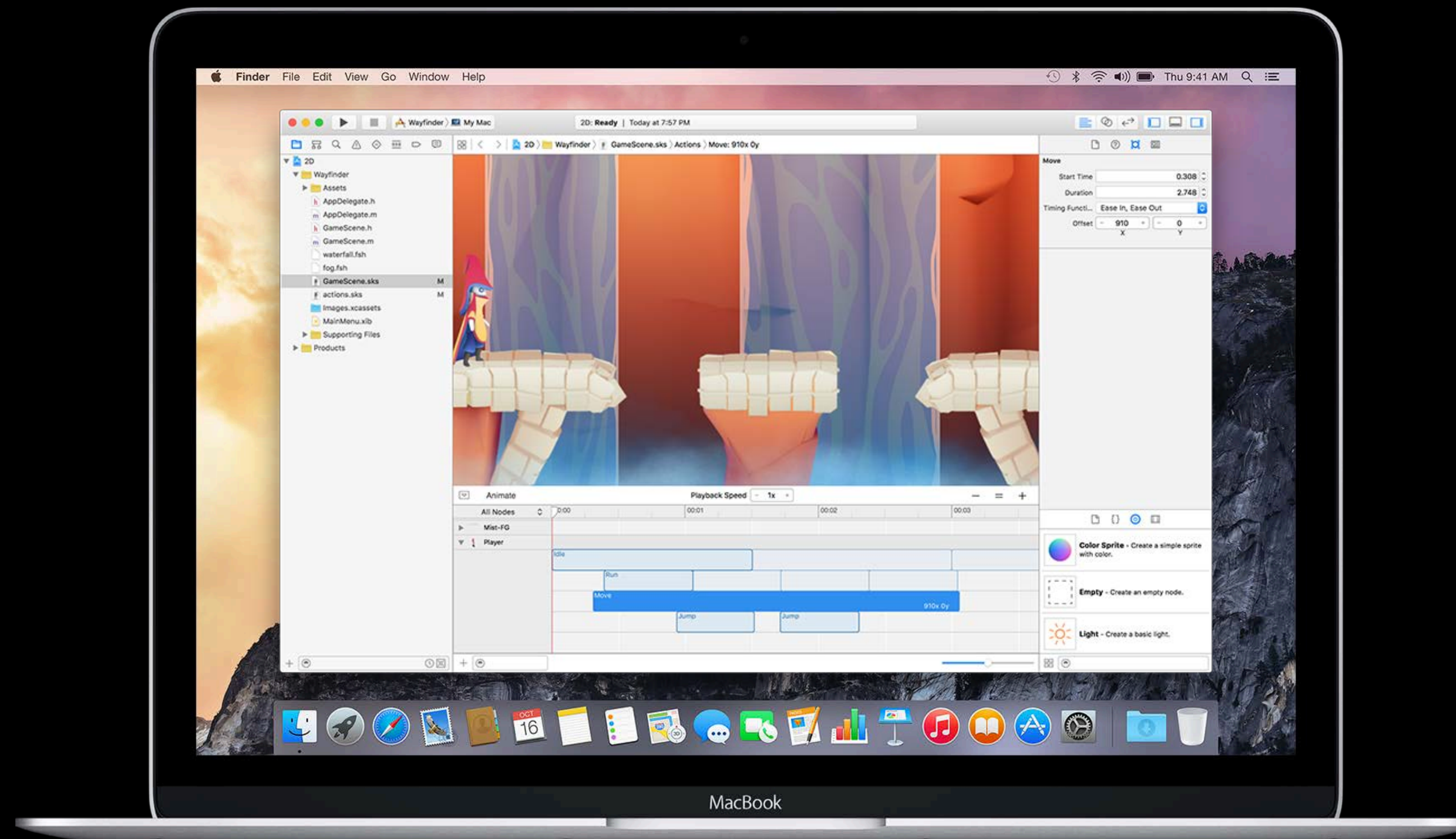
Supported across iOS and OS X





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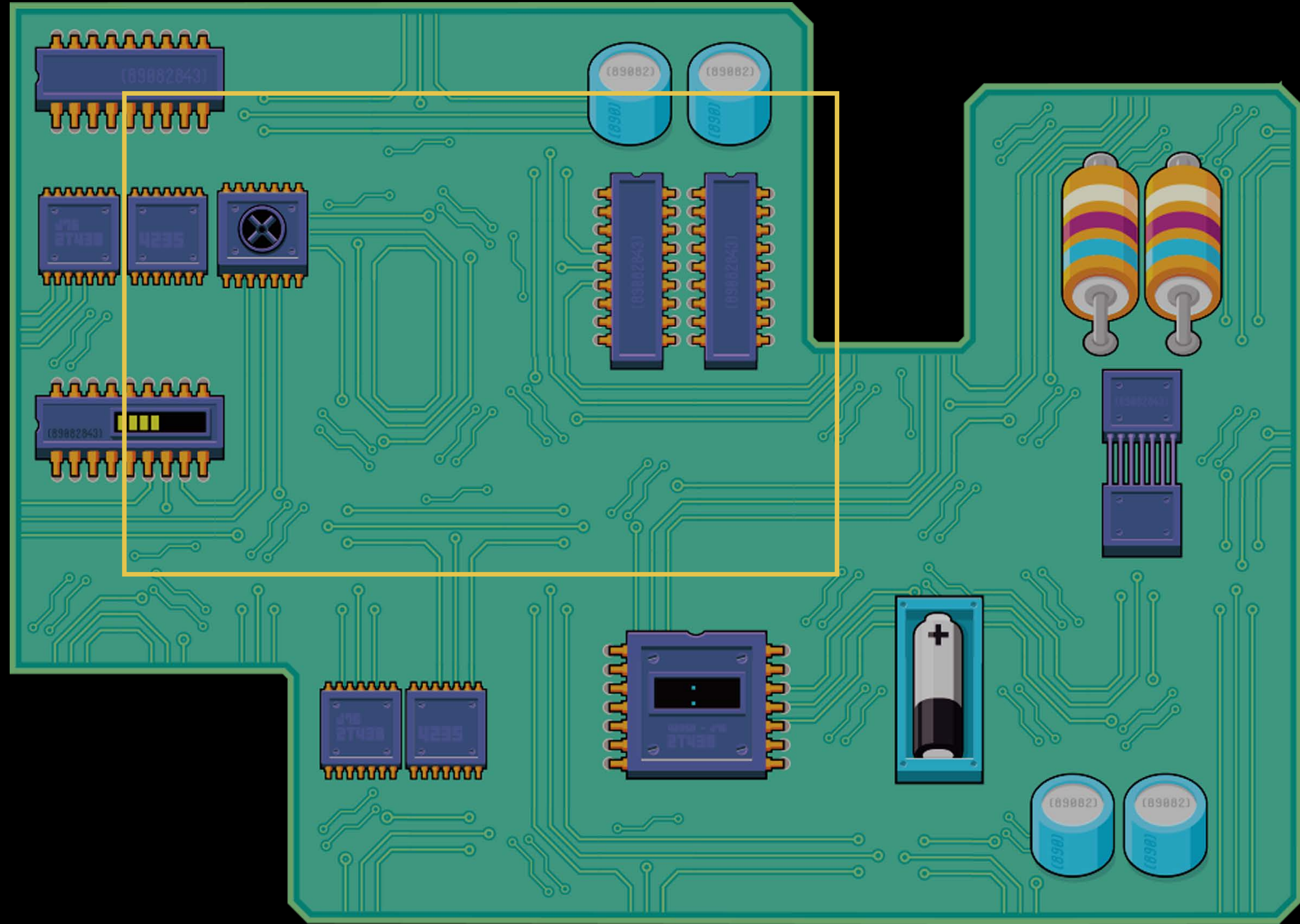
## Xcode integrated live editor



New Additions

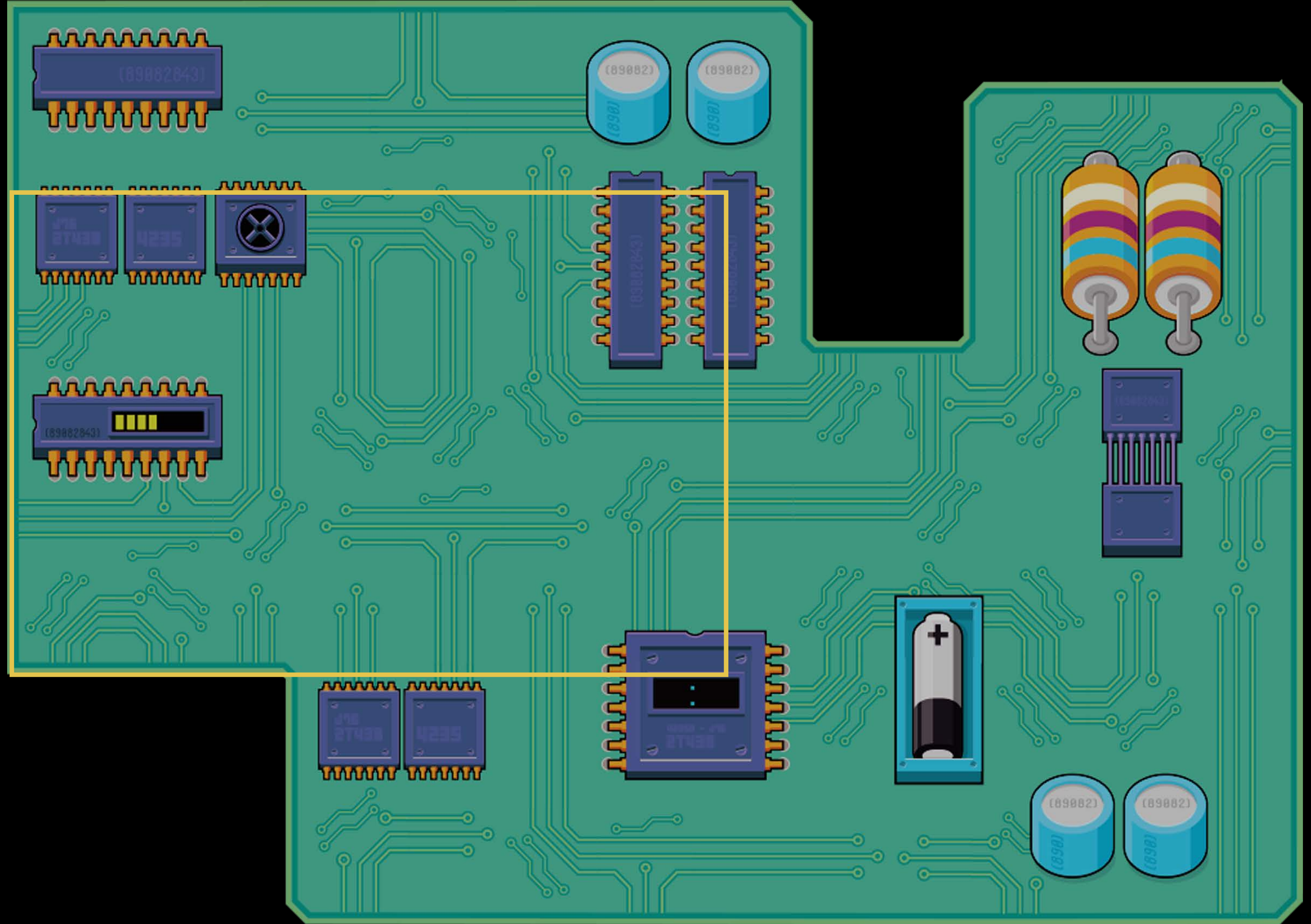


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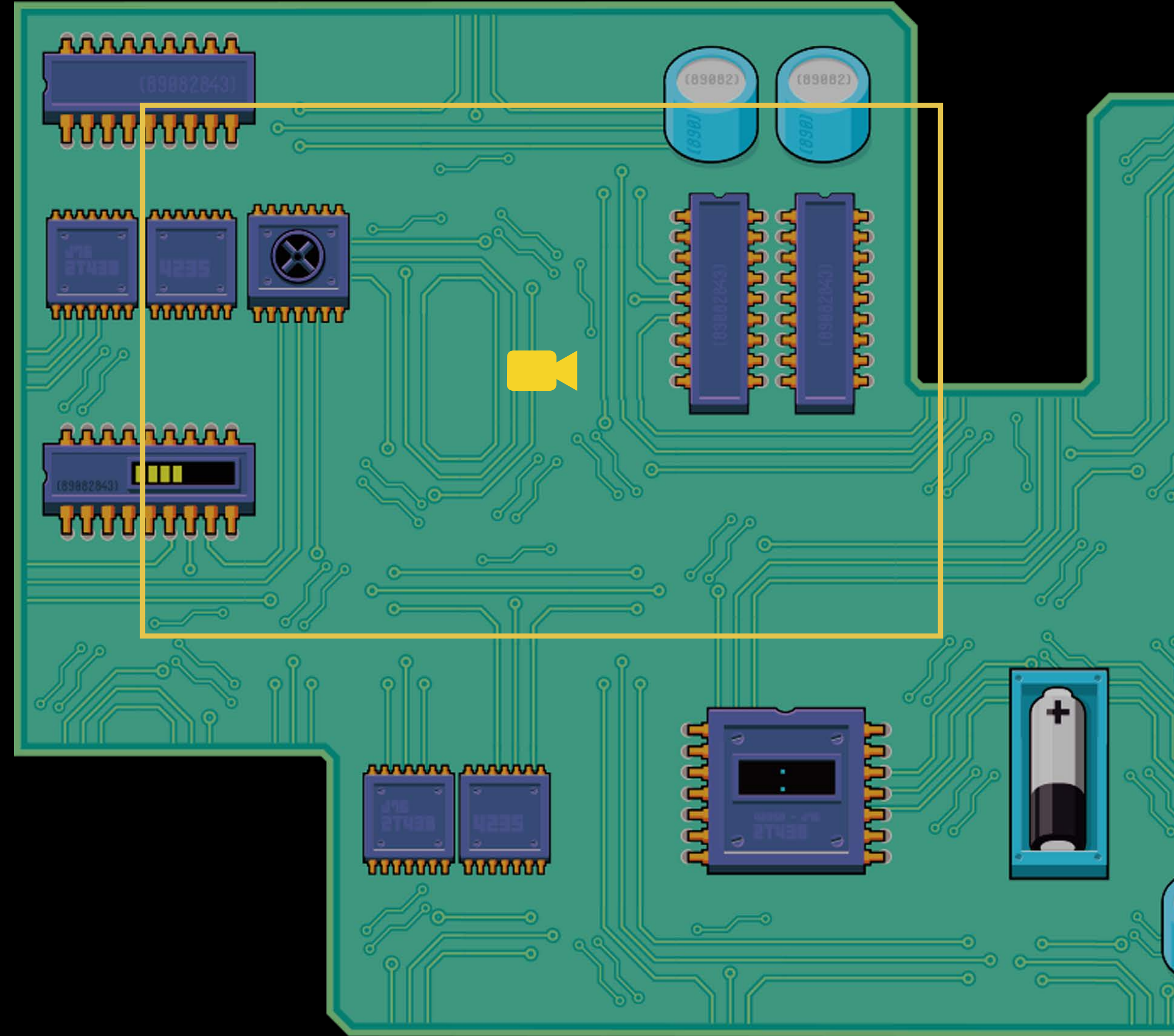
# SKCameraNode

Represents the center of the viewport

SKScene property

Move the camera not the world

Static elements can be moved with  
the camera

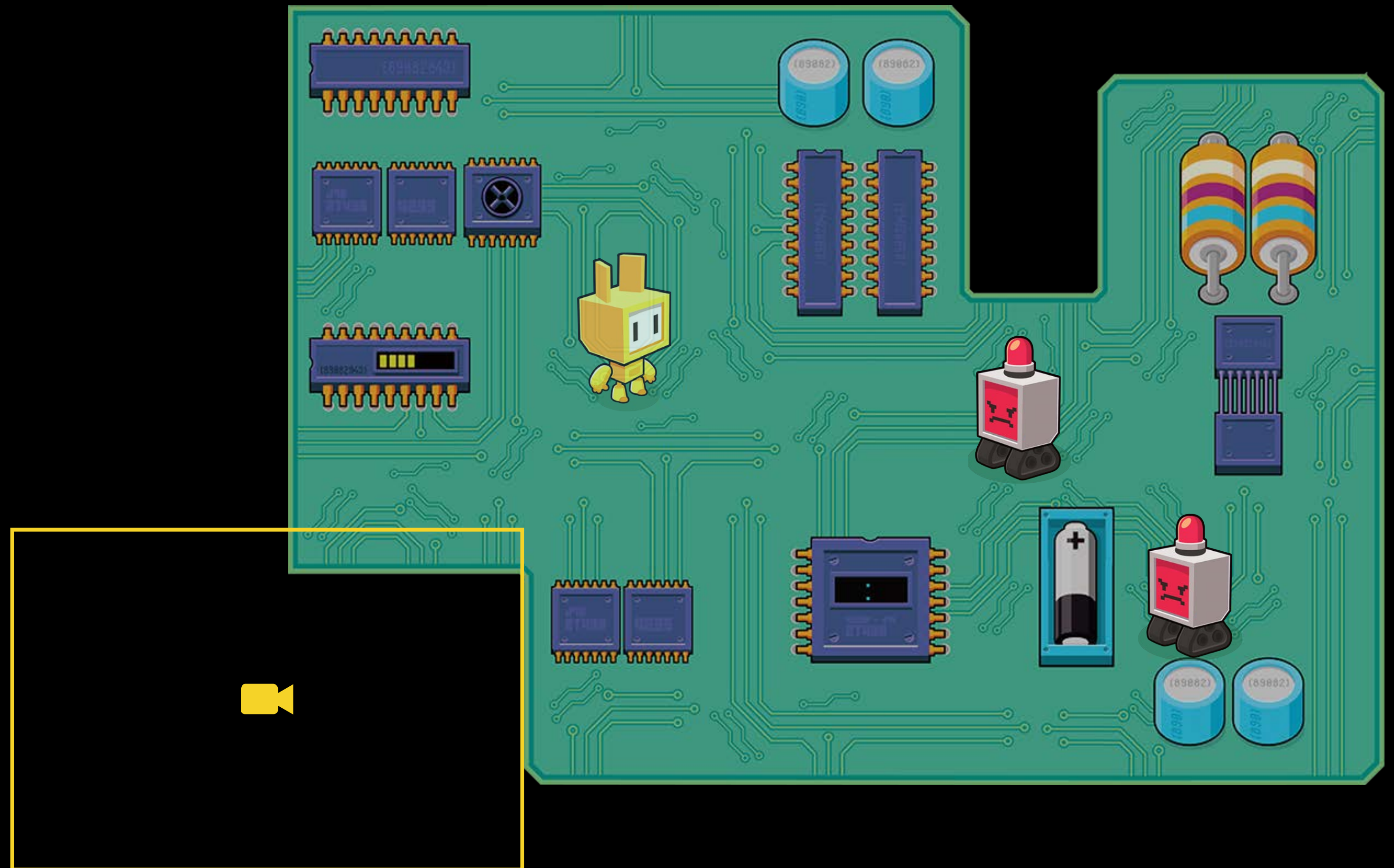




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- Rotation
- Scale

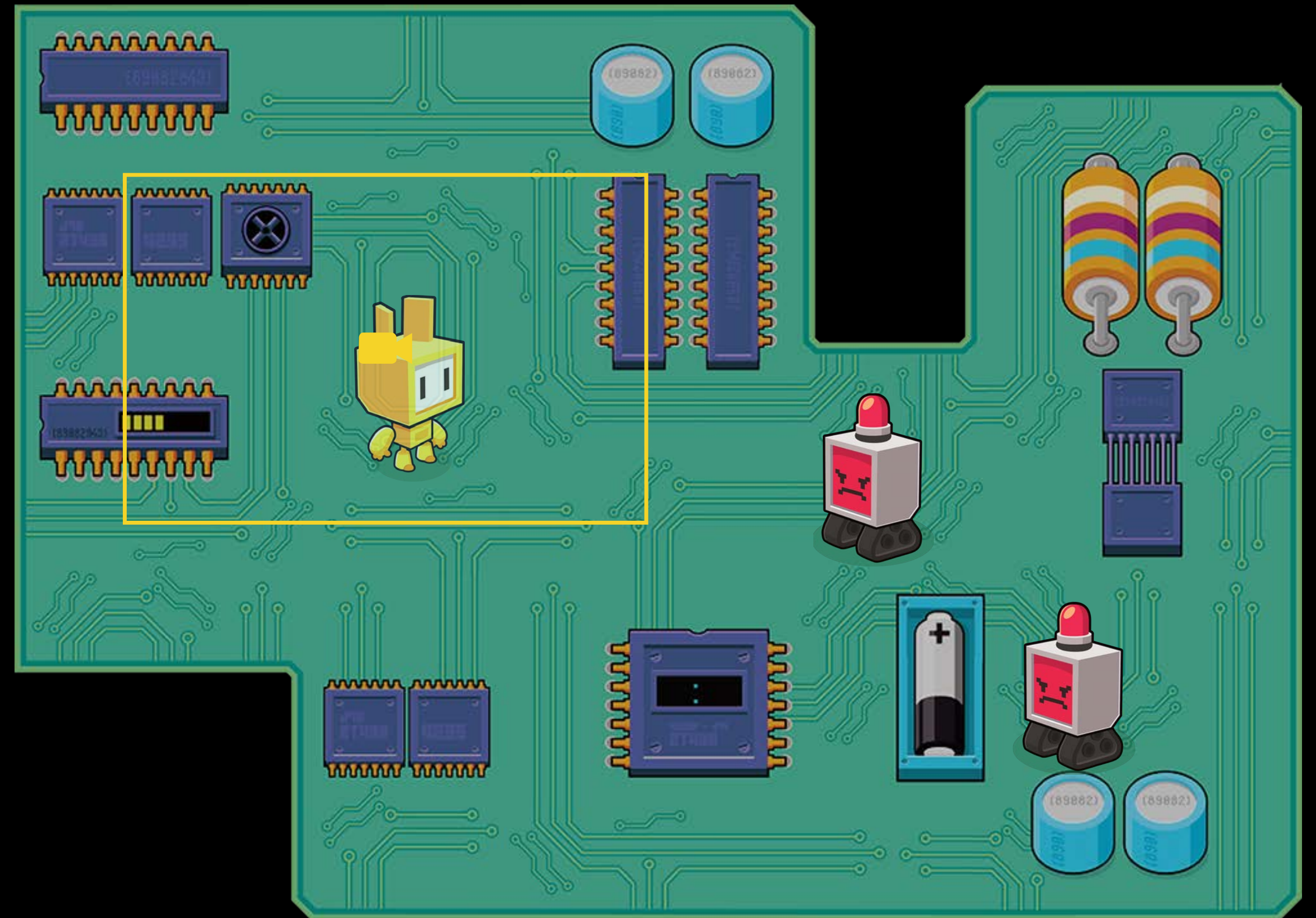




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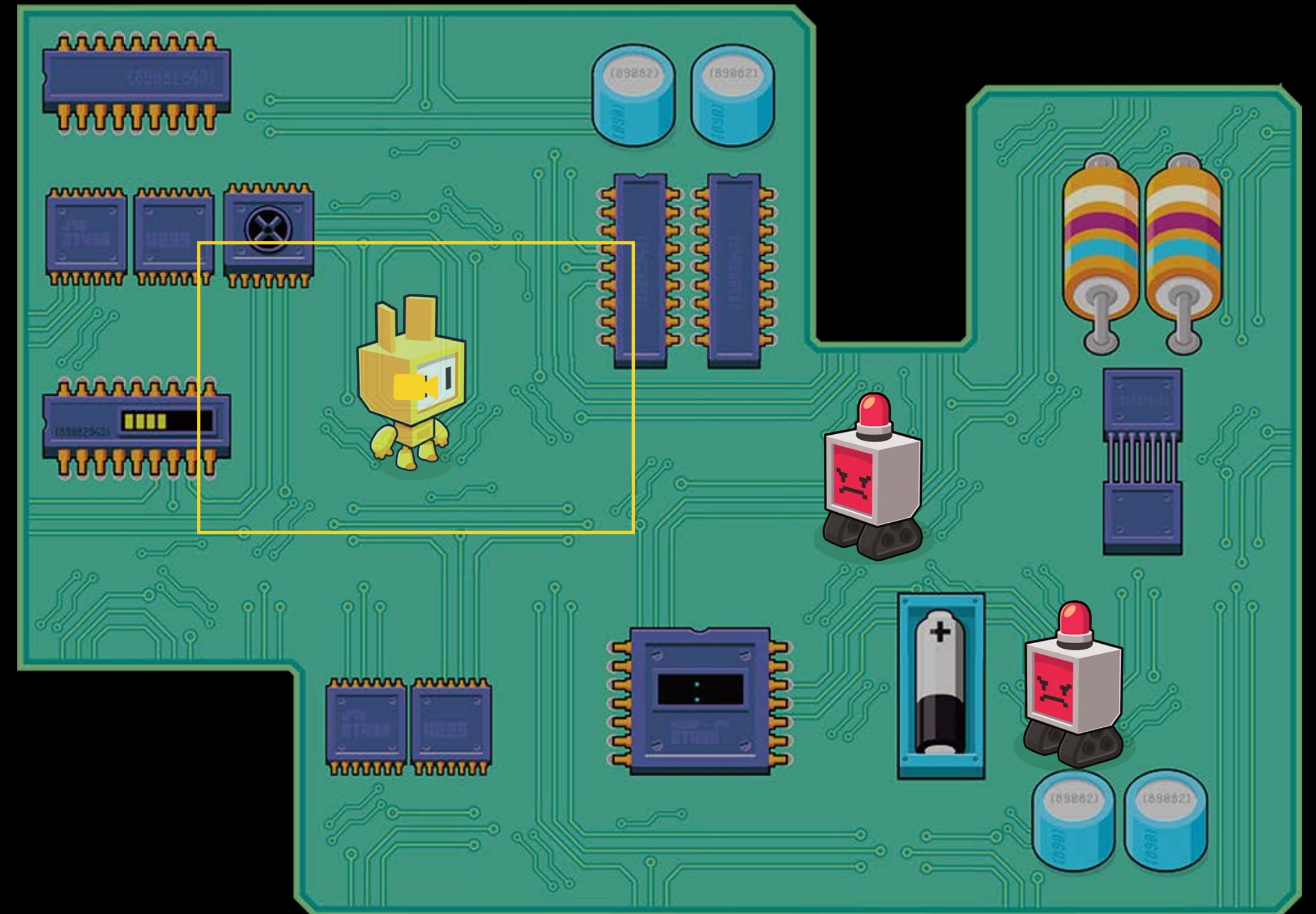




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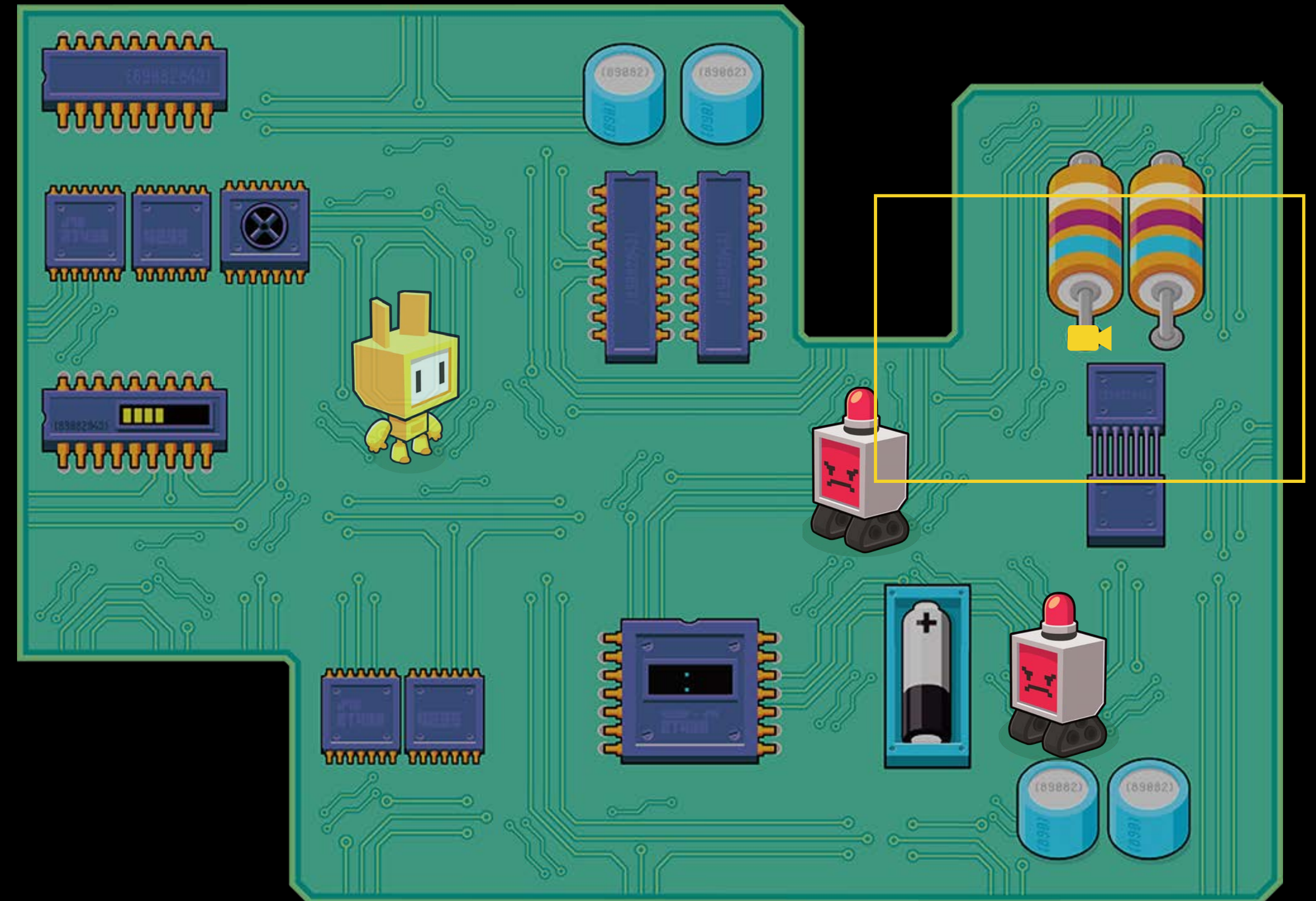




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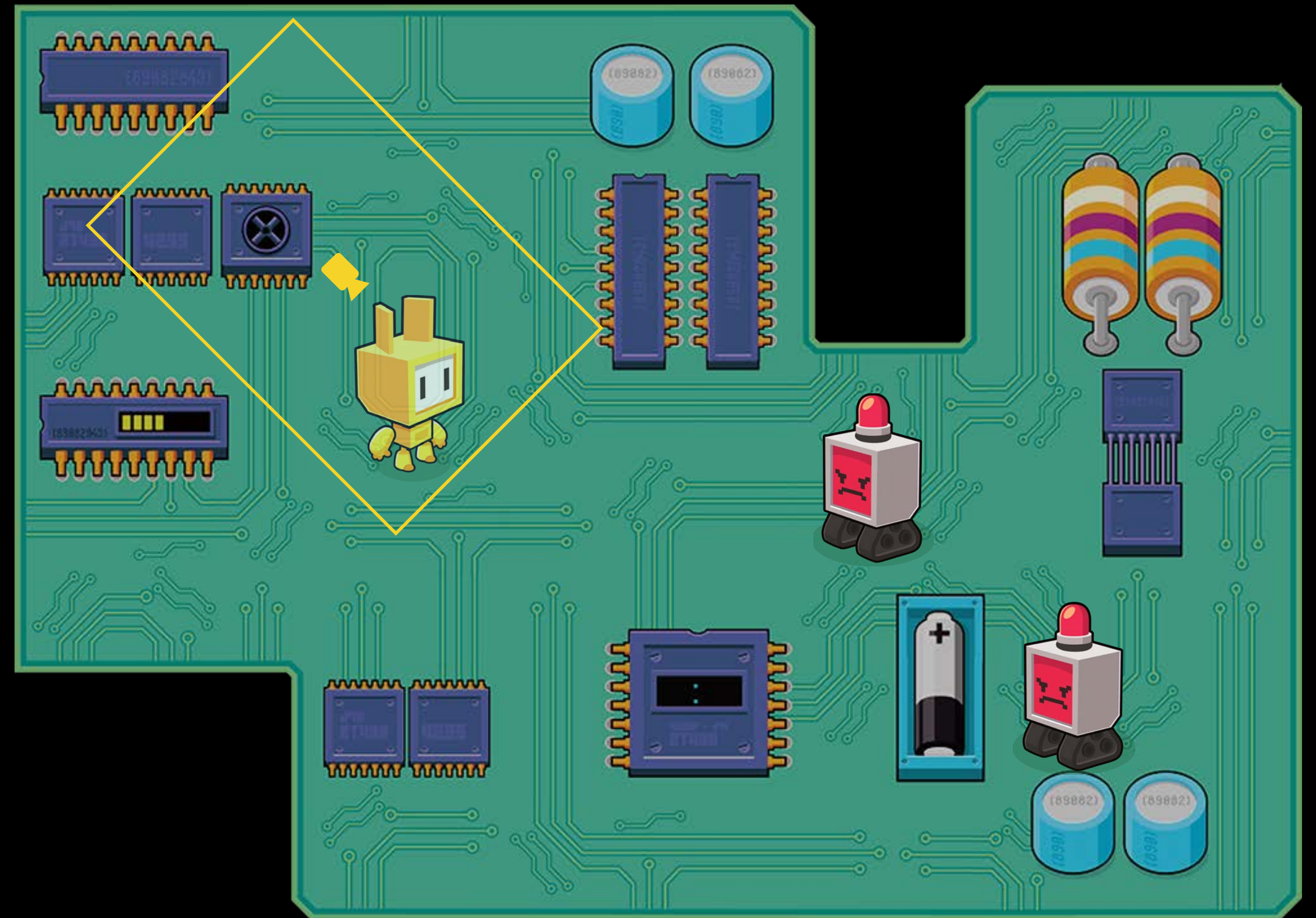




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# SKAudioNode

## Positional audio

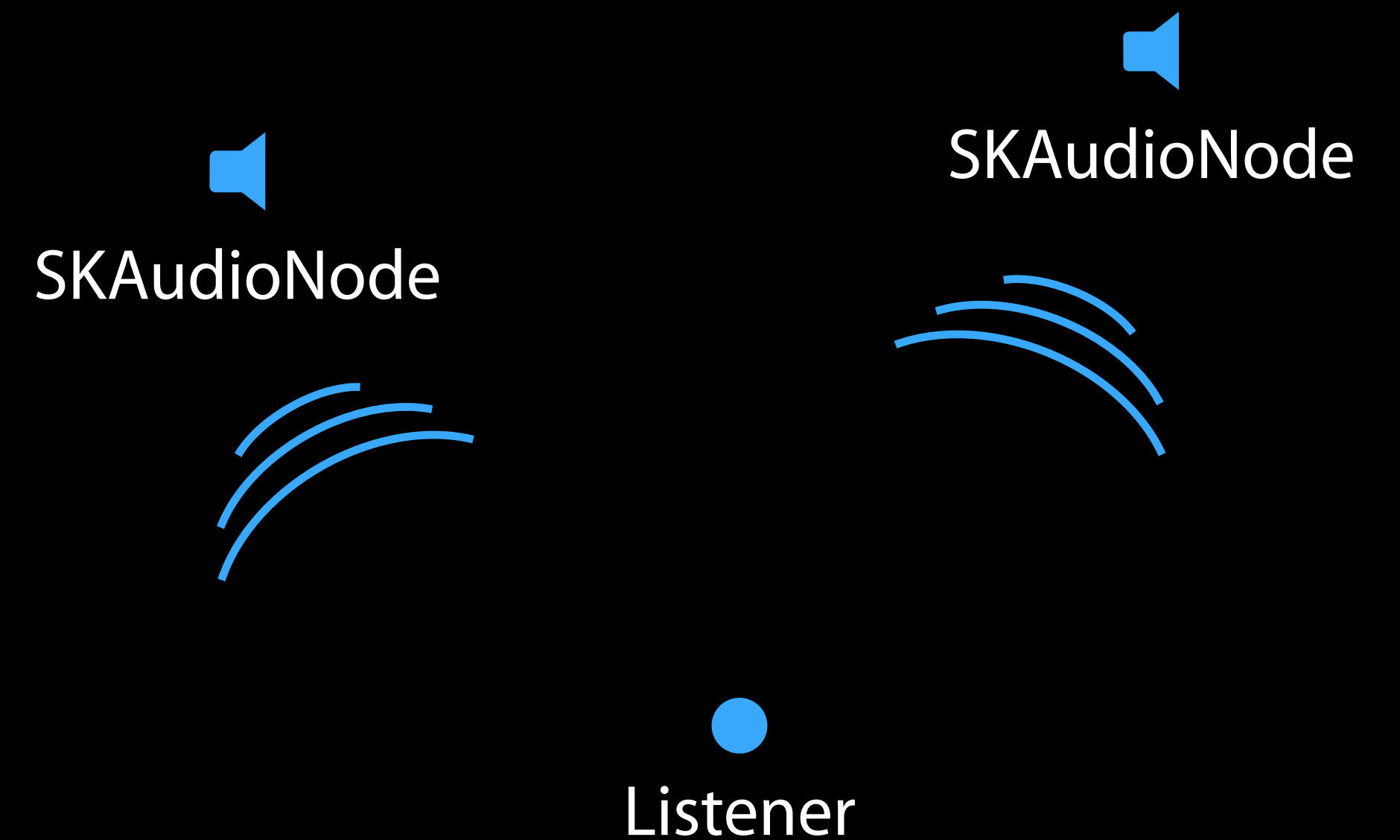
Leveraging AVAudioEngine

Position calculated via node position

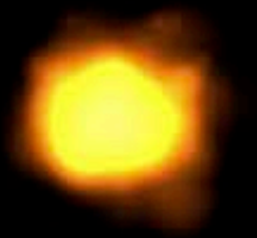
Listener node property on SKScene

Create with filename or URL

Full control via **avAudioNode** property



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Listener



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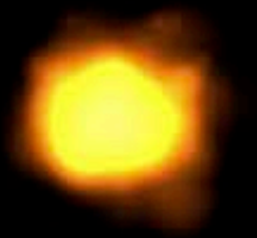


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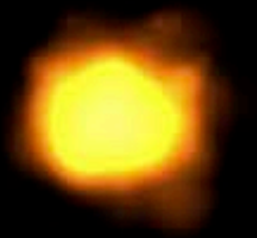


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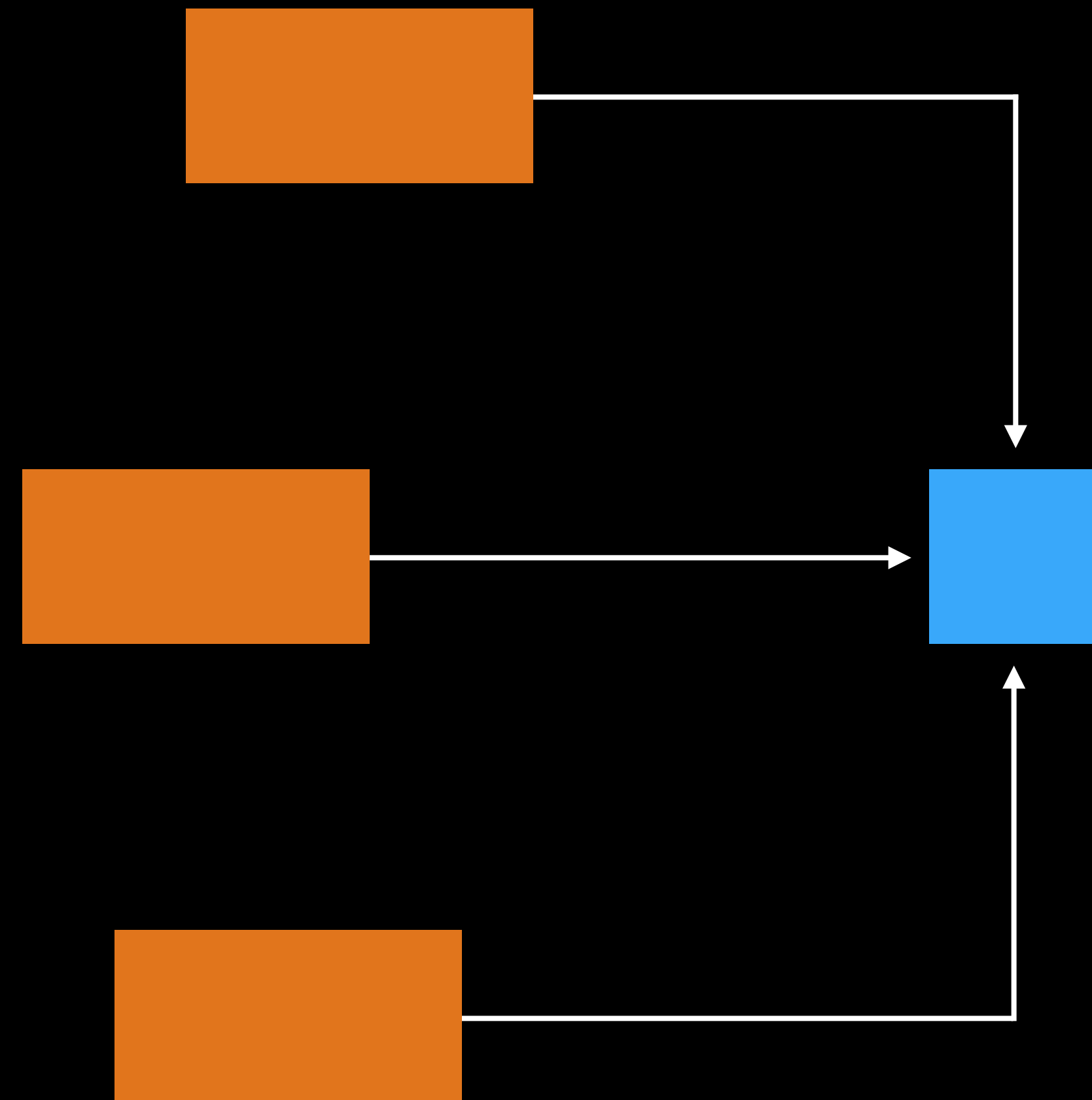
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# References and Instancing

Leverage the NSCodering capability  
Instances of SKAction and SKNode  
Reusable components  
Share across multiple projects

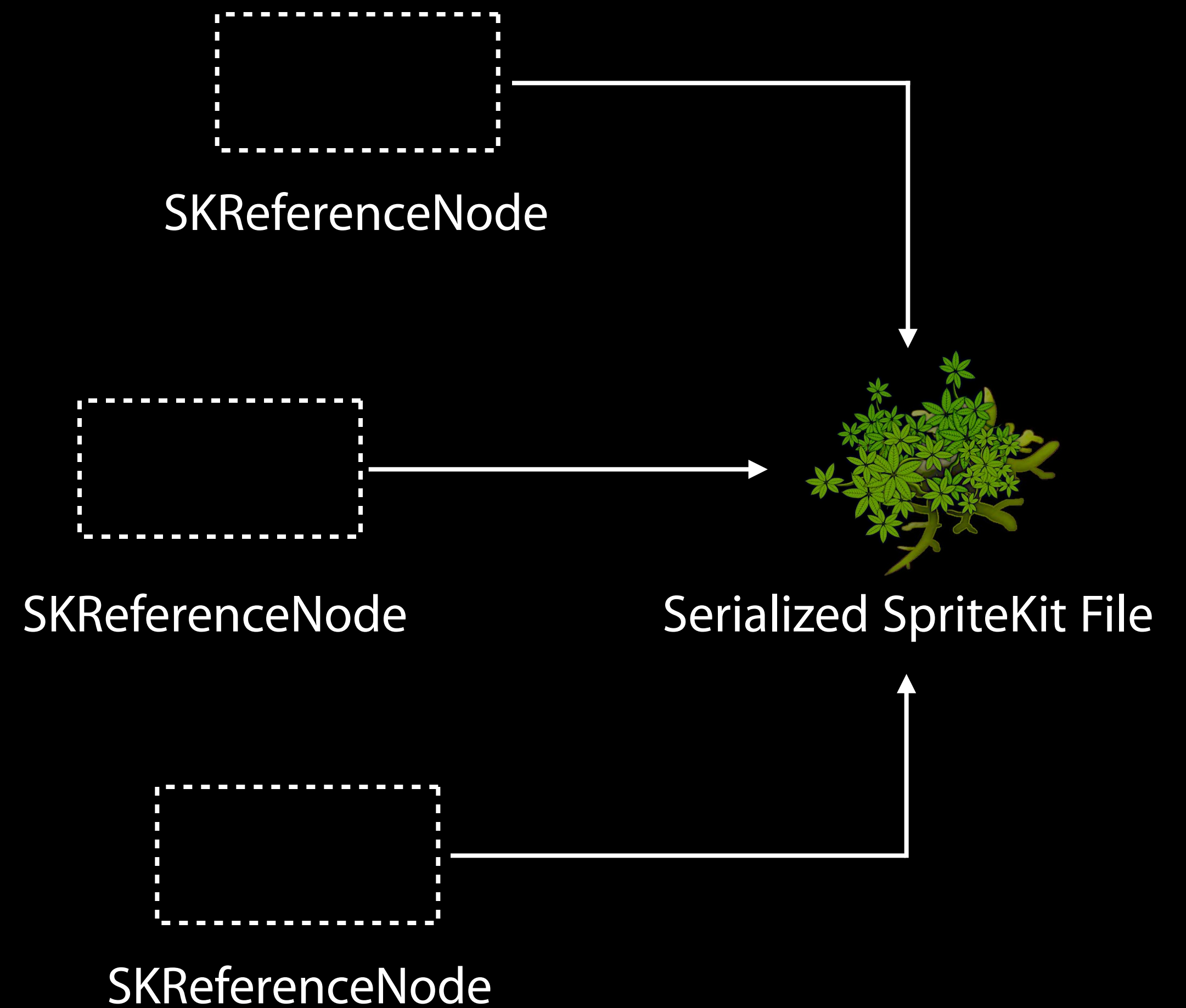


# SKReferenceNode

Place reference nodes

Bundle based filename or any URL

Editor supported



# Named SKActions

Create in Xcode

Share and reuse action files

```
[SKAction actionNamed:]
```

```
[SKAction actionNamed:duration:]
```



SpriteKit Action Files



# New SKActions

Playback control actions

`play`, `pause`

`changePlaybackRateTo: duration:`

`changeVolumeTo: duration:`

Normal texture animation

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# System Integration

# Metal Backed

iOS and Mac

Metal backed on devices that support it

OpenGL on systems that don't

Zero action required for developers

All SpriteKit apps automatically upgraded

SKShaders automatically upgraded





# We Speak Swift and Objective-C

Nullability enhancements

Objective-C generics

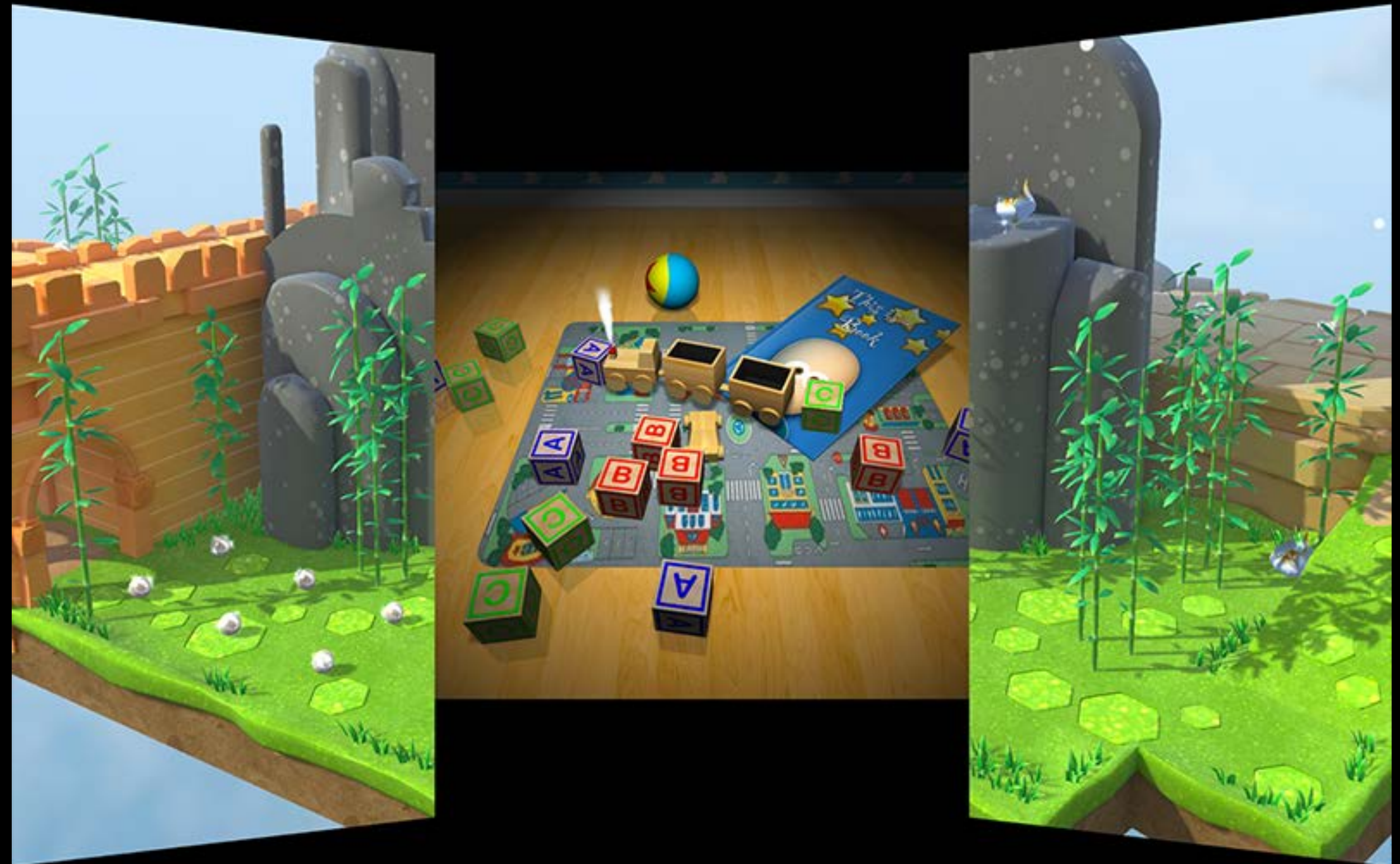
Enhanced type safety



# SceneKit

## SKTransitions

Use SKTransitions in SceneKit  
SceneKit Metal support  
Automatic context matching





# GameplayKit

Step up your game

Entity/Component systems

State machines

Agents and behaviors

Pathfinding

AI strategists

Random sources

Rule systems





# GameplayKit

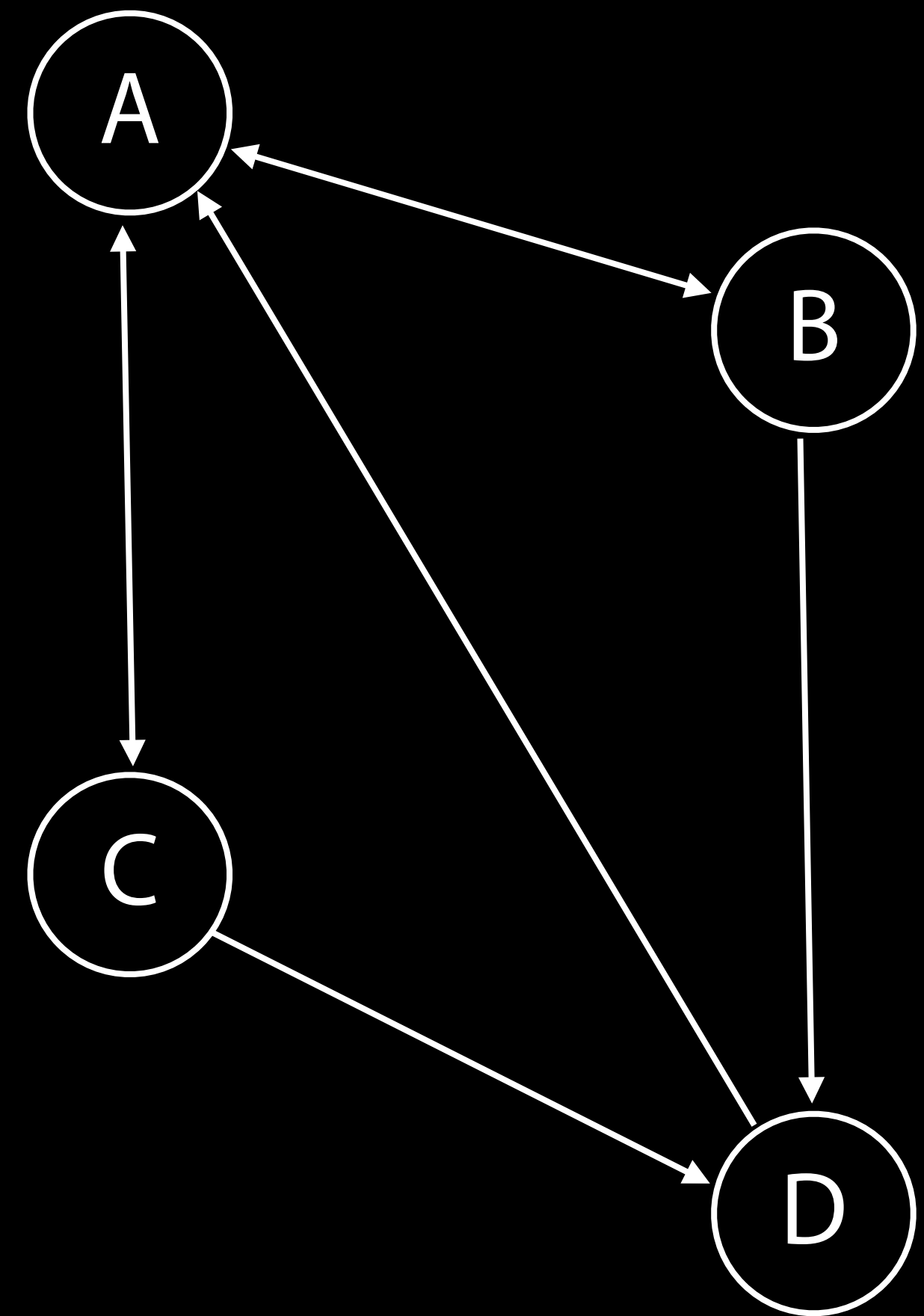
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Pathfinding operates on a navigation graph

Graphs are collections of nodes

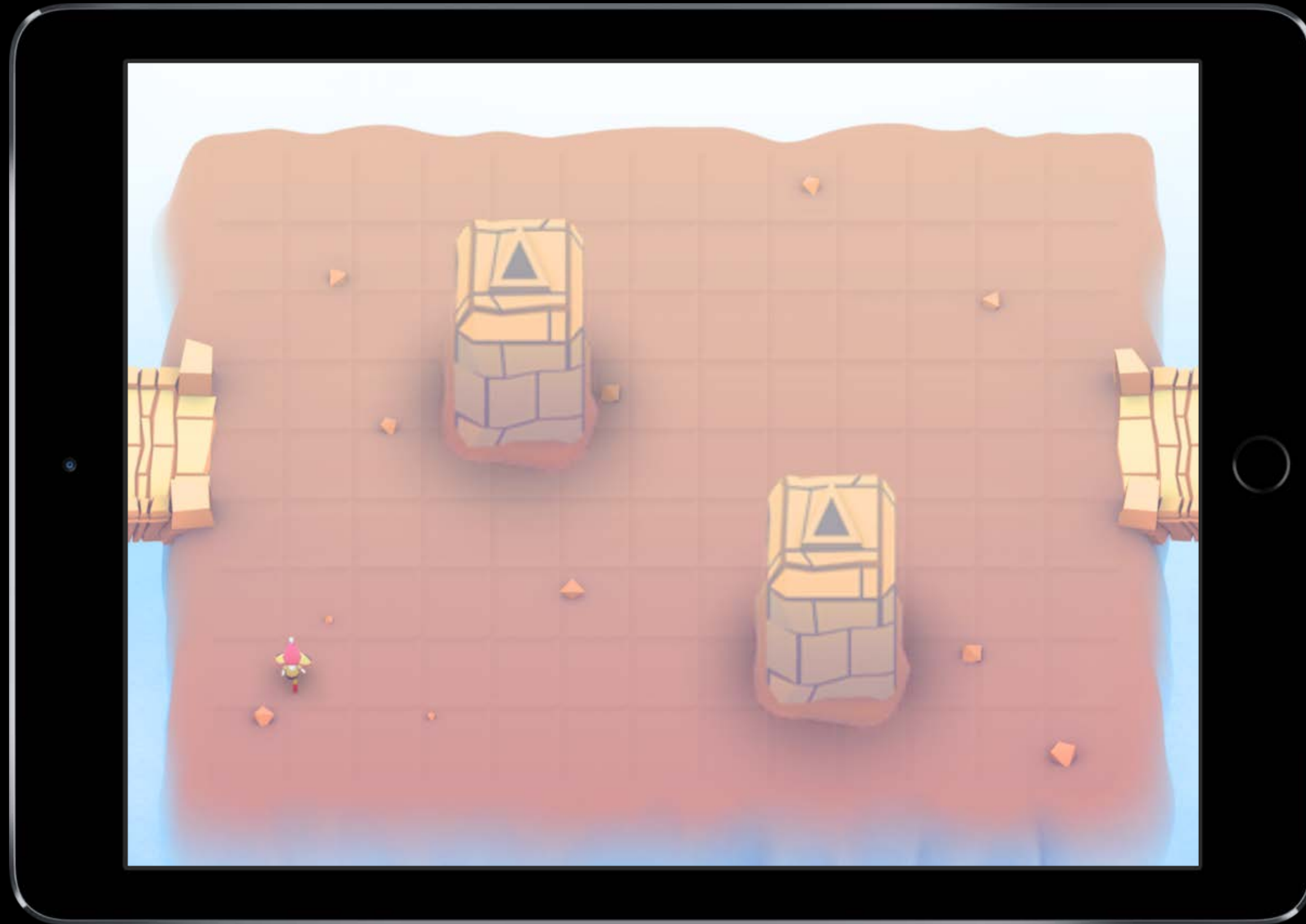
Nodes are joined by connections

Each connection has an associated cost



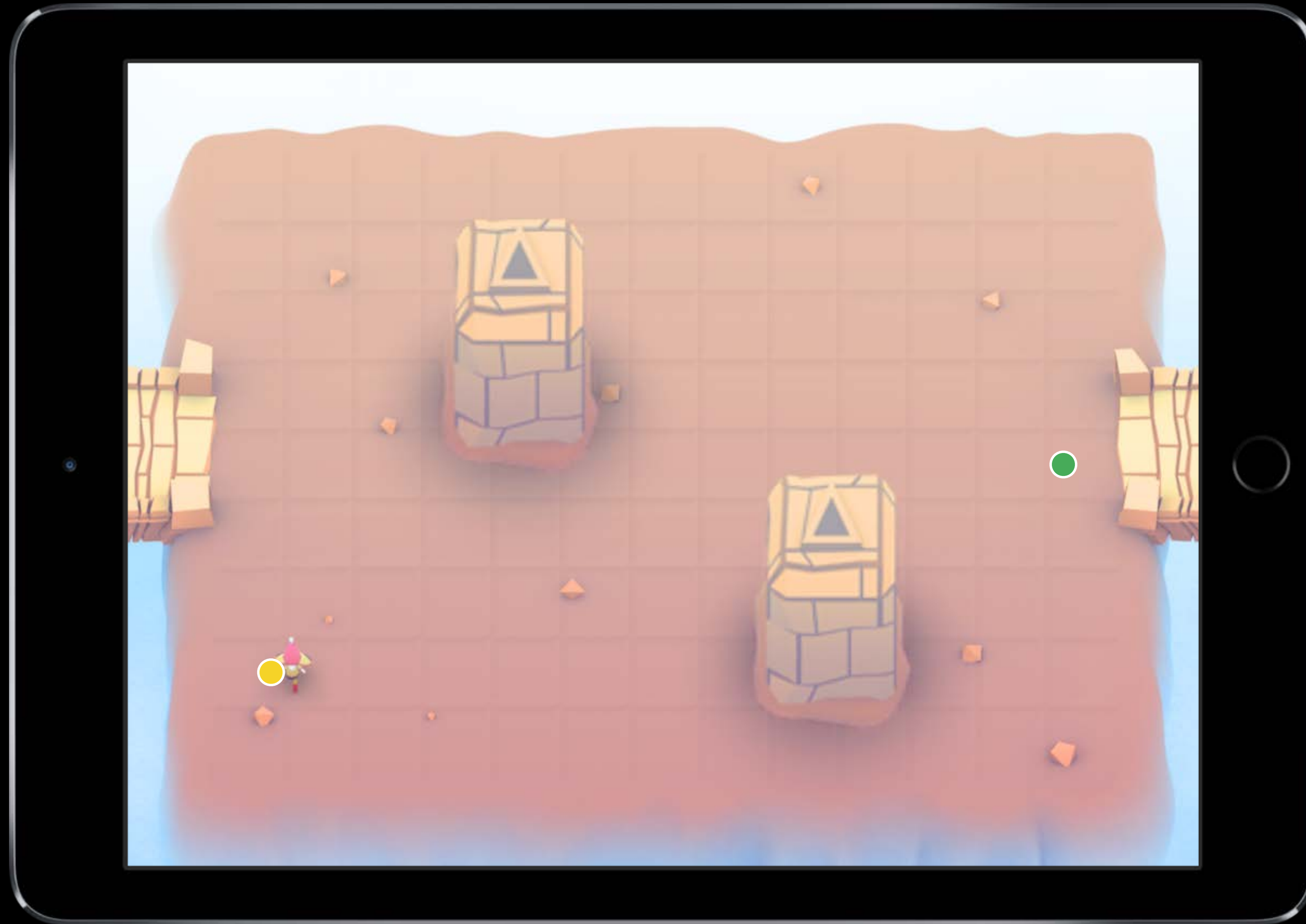
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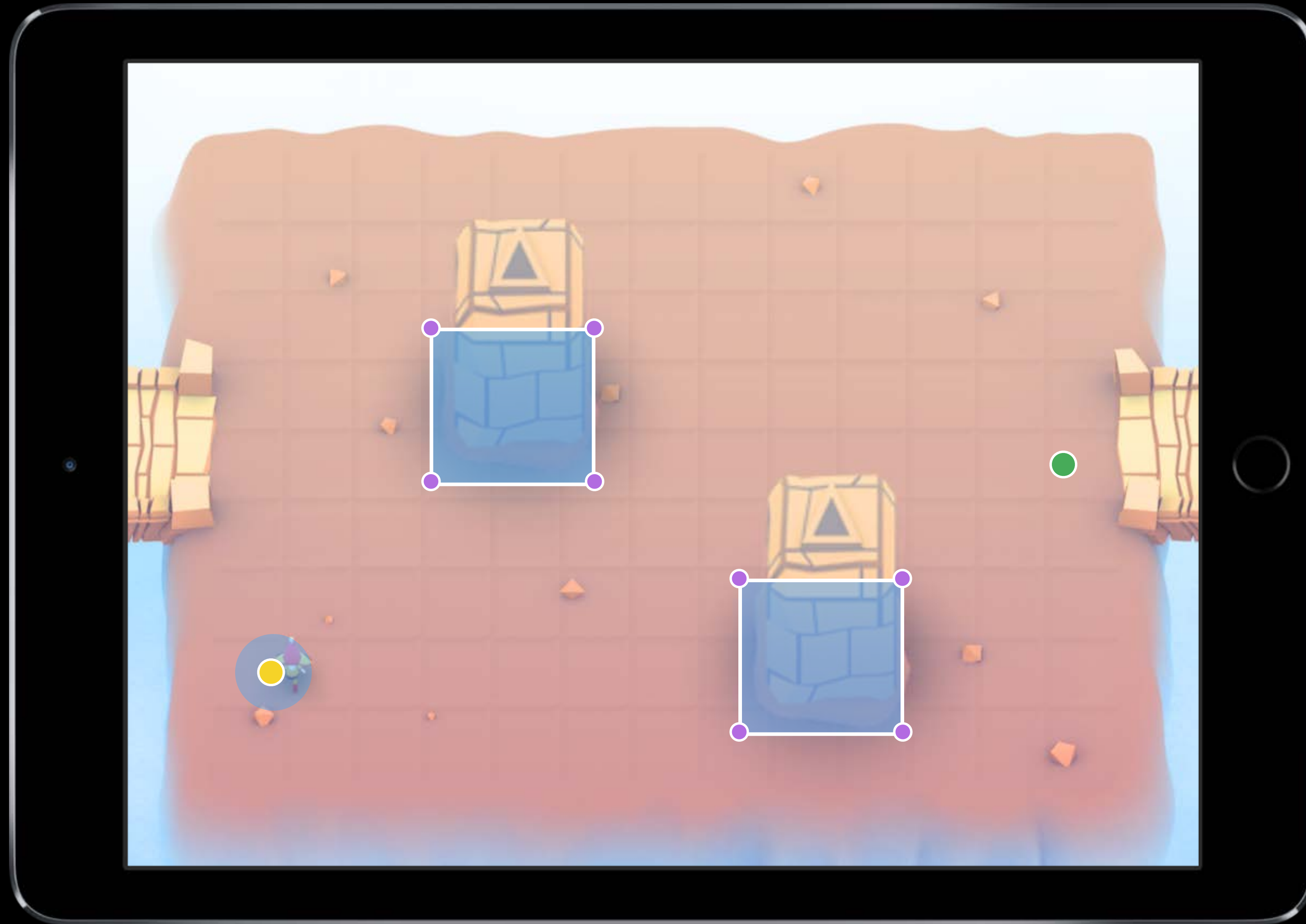






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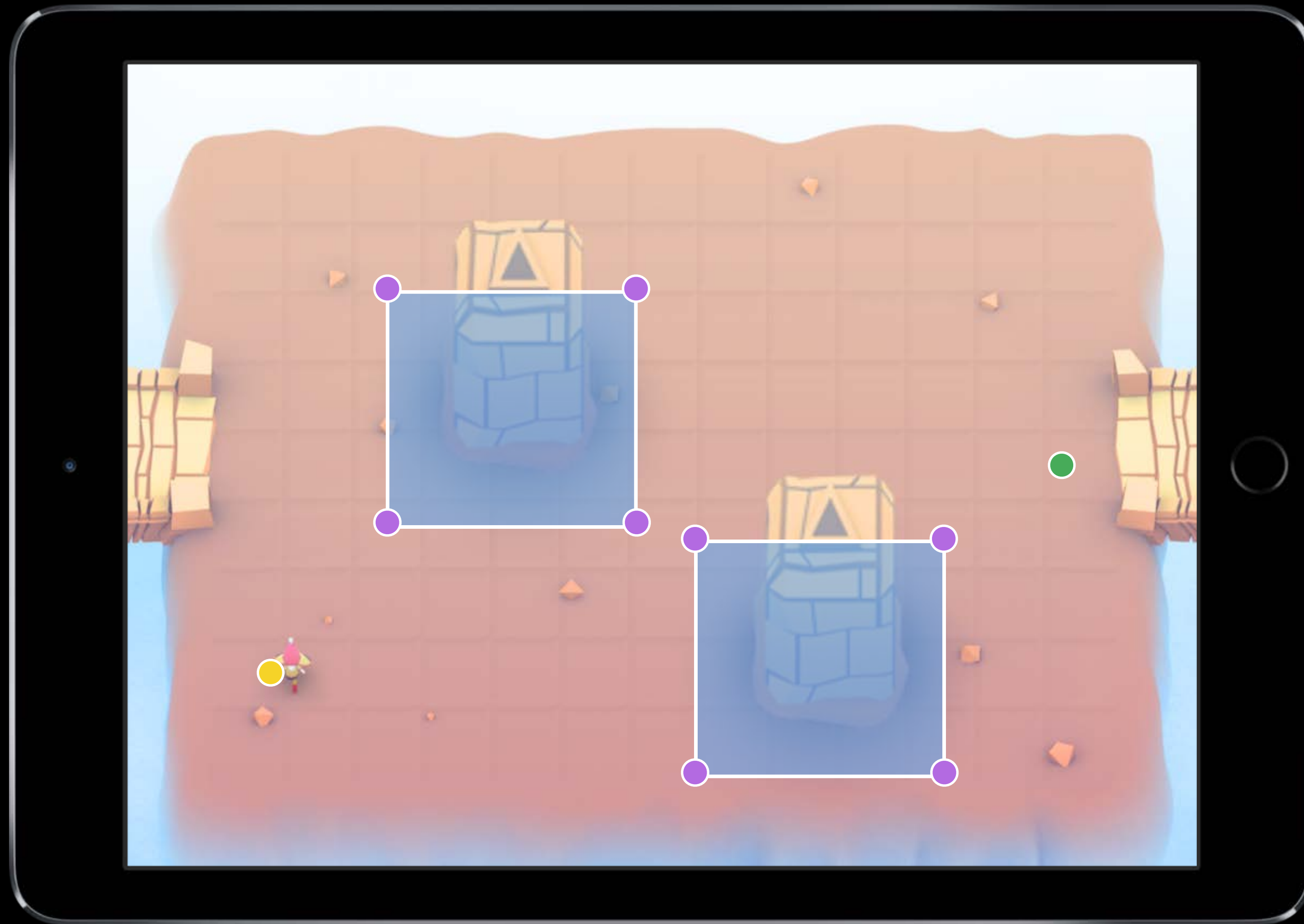
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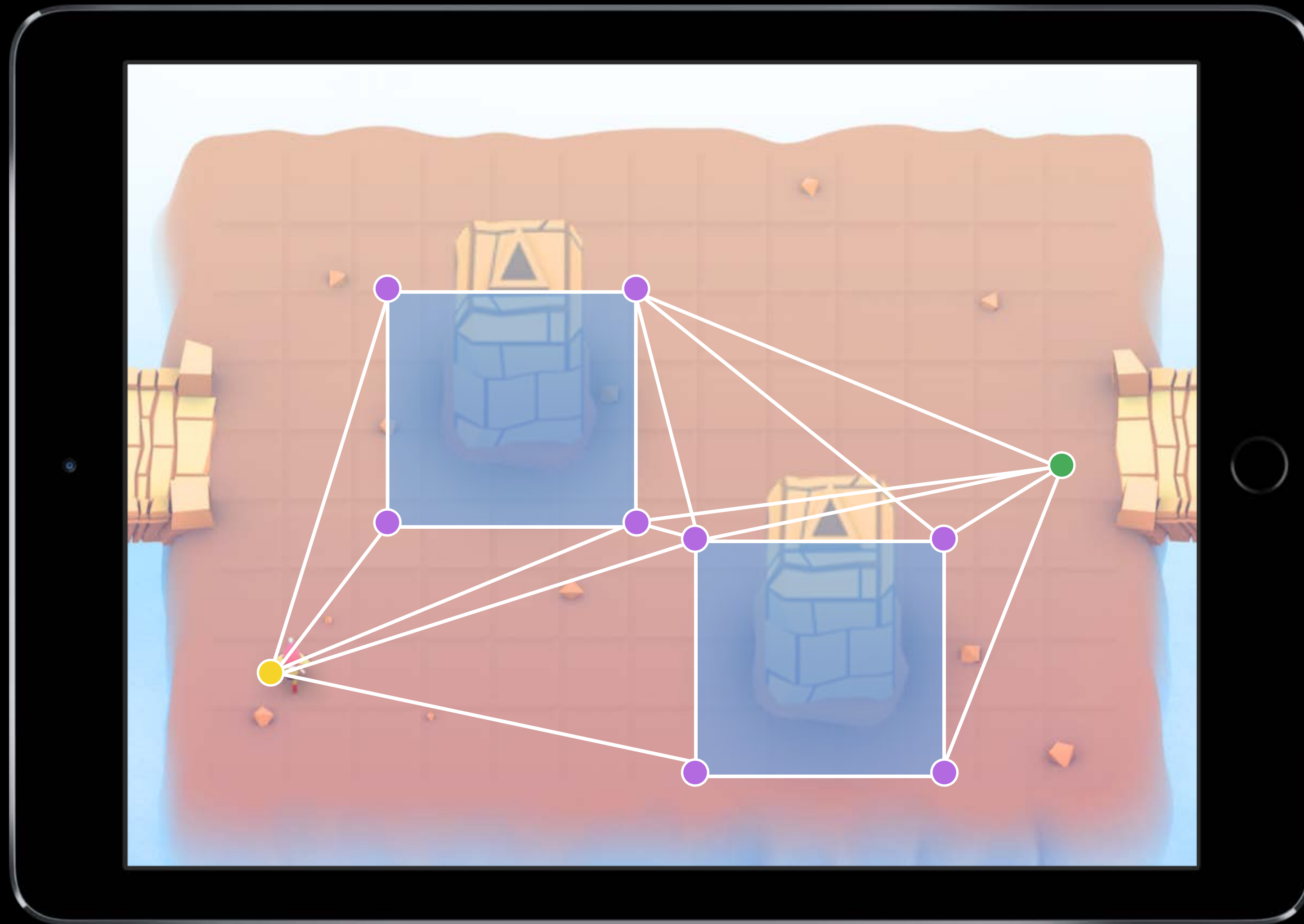
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## Introduction

Games rely on tools for iteration and scalability

- Game logic, animation, or art assets

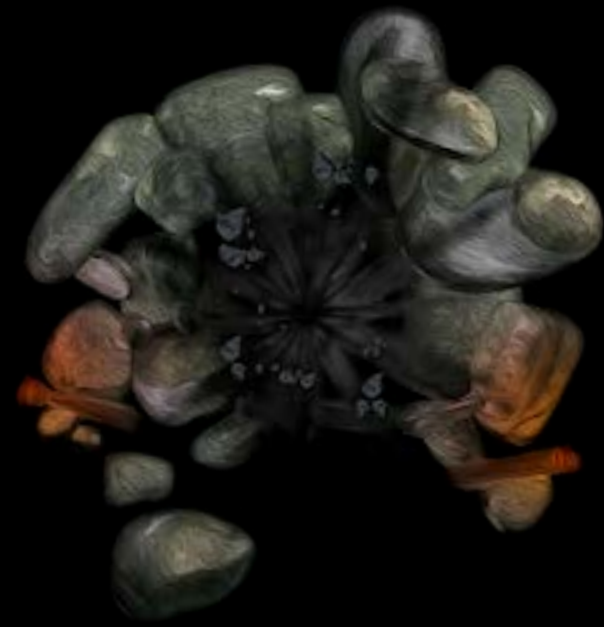
Improve work flow and build game faster

Focus on building the gameplay



# SpriteKit Tools

## Texture atlas



cave\_destroyed.png



big\_tree\_base.png



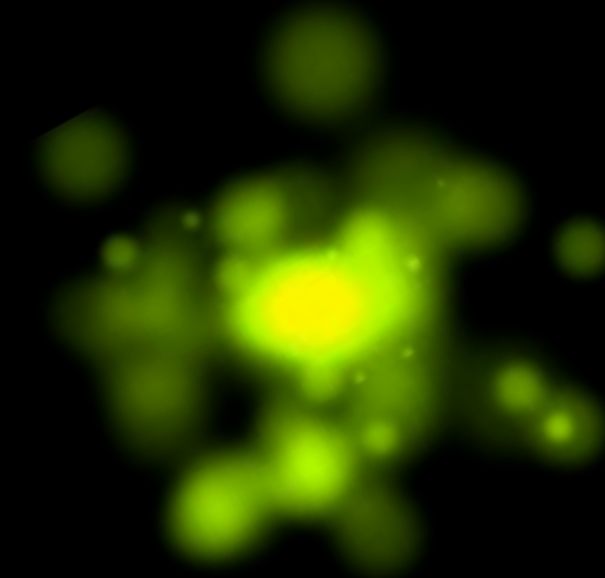
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cave\_top.png



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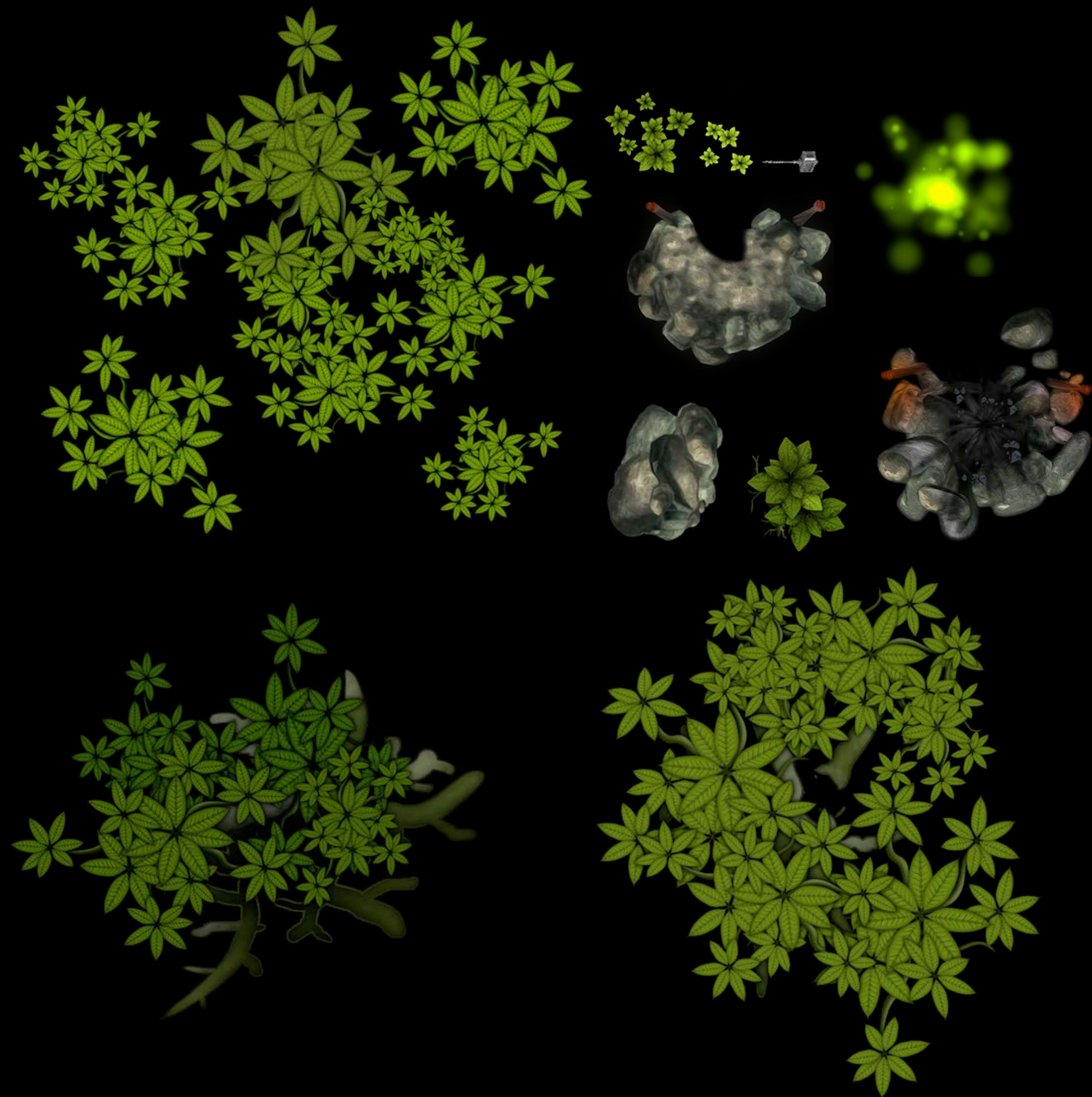


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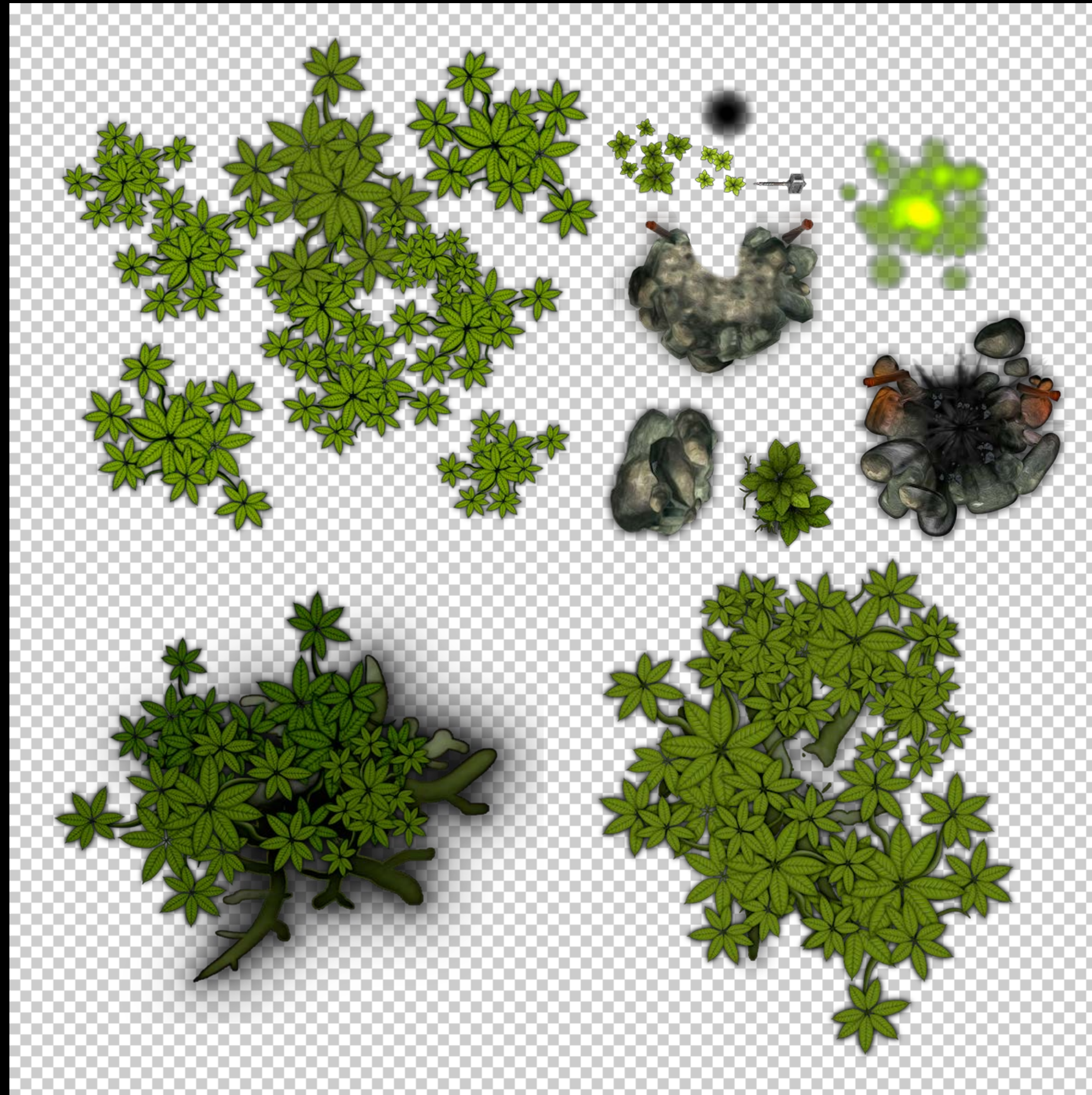
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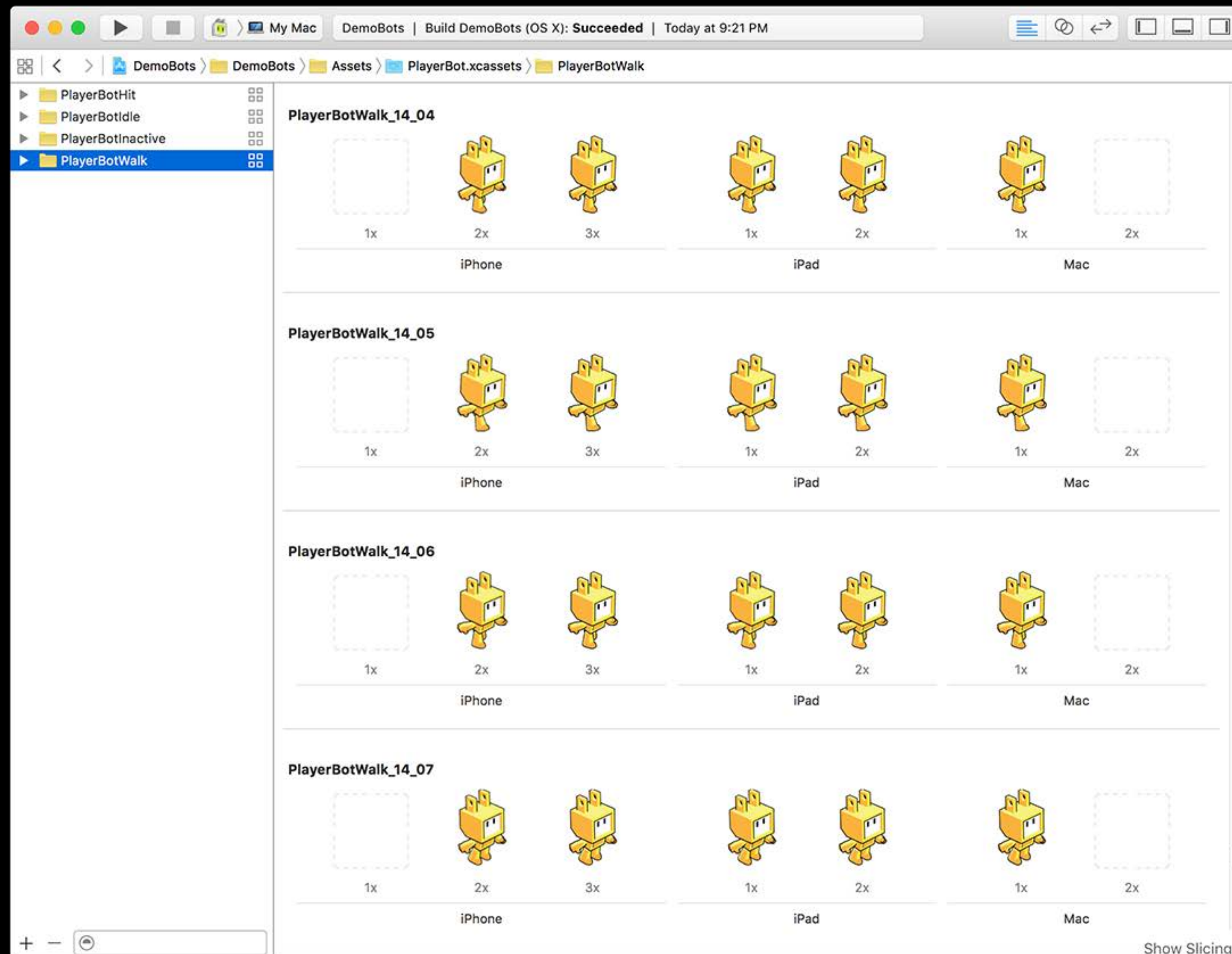
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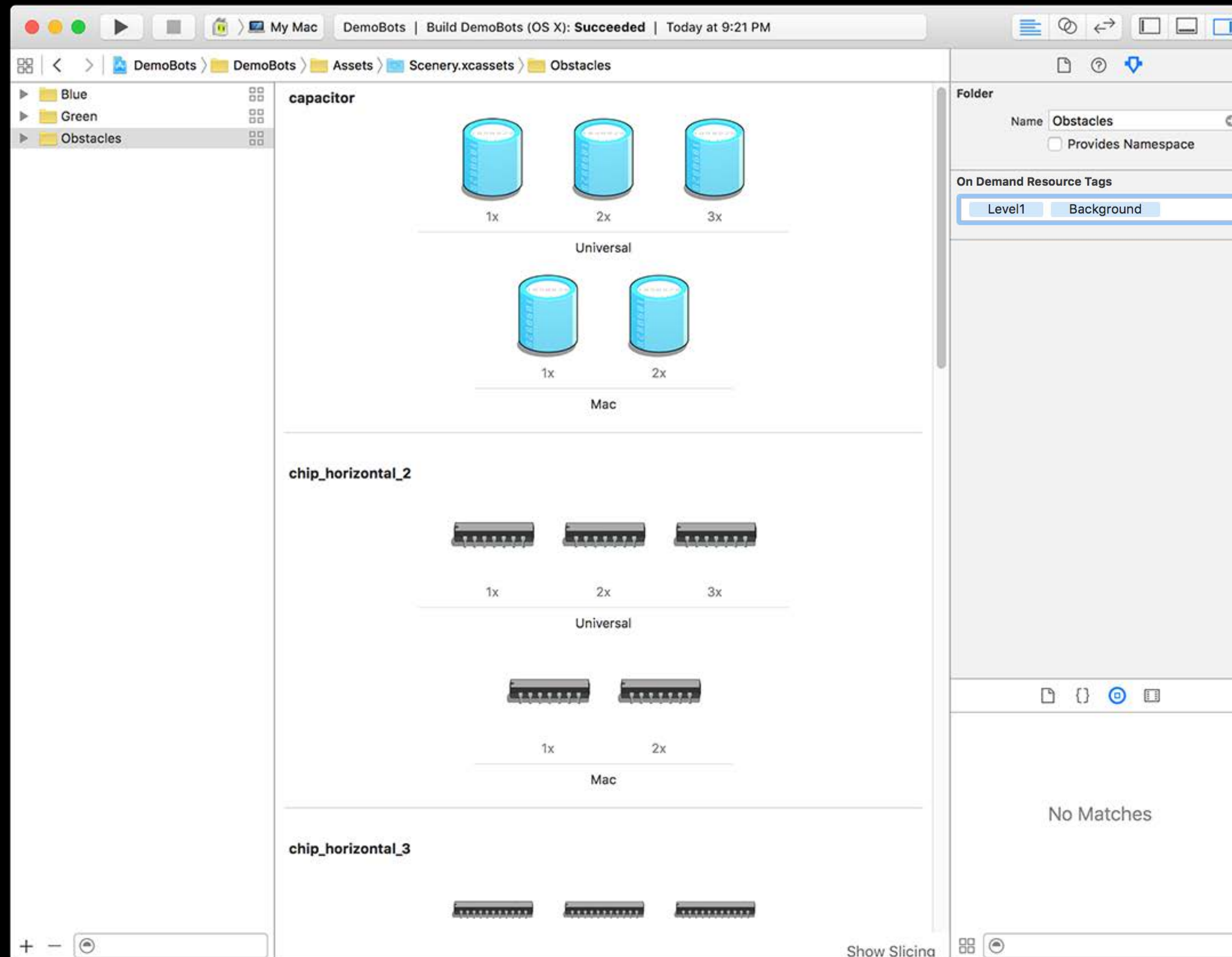
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## Texture atlas in Asset Catalog



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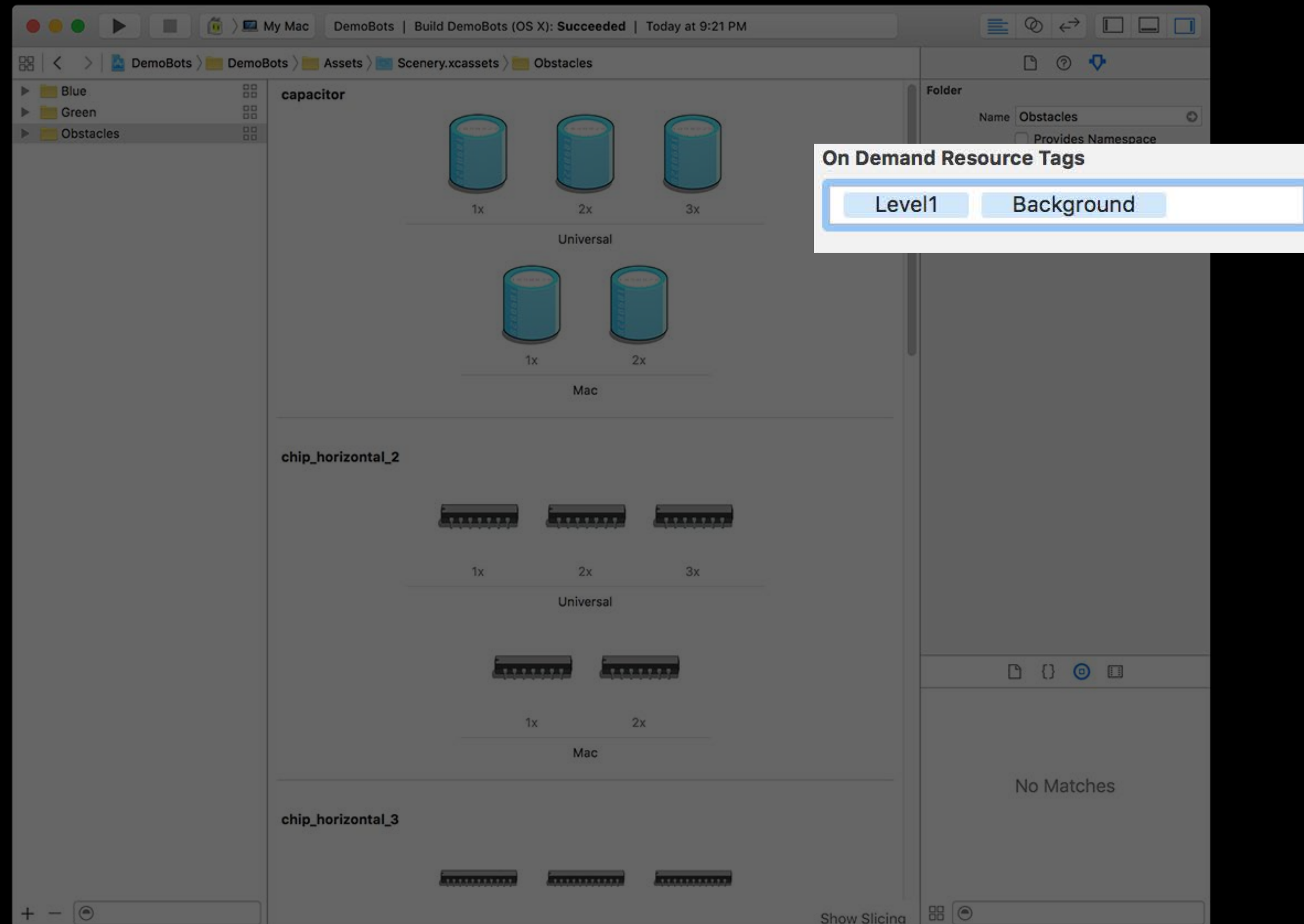
## Texture atlas with On Demand Resources





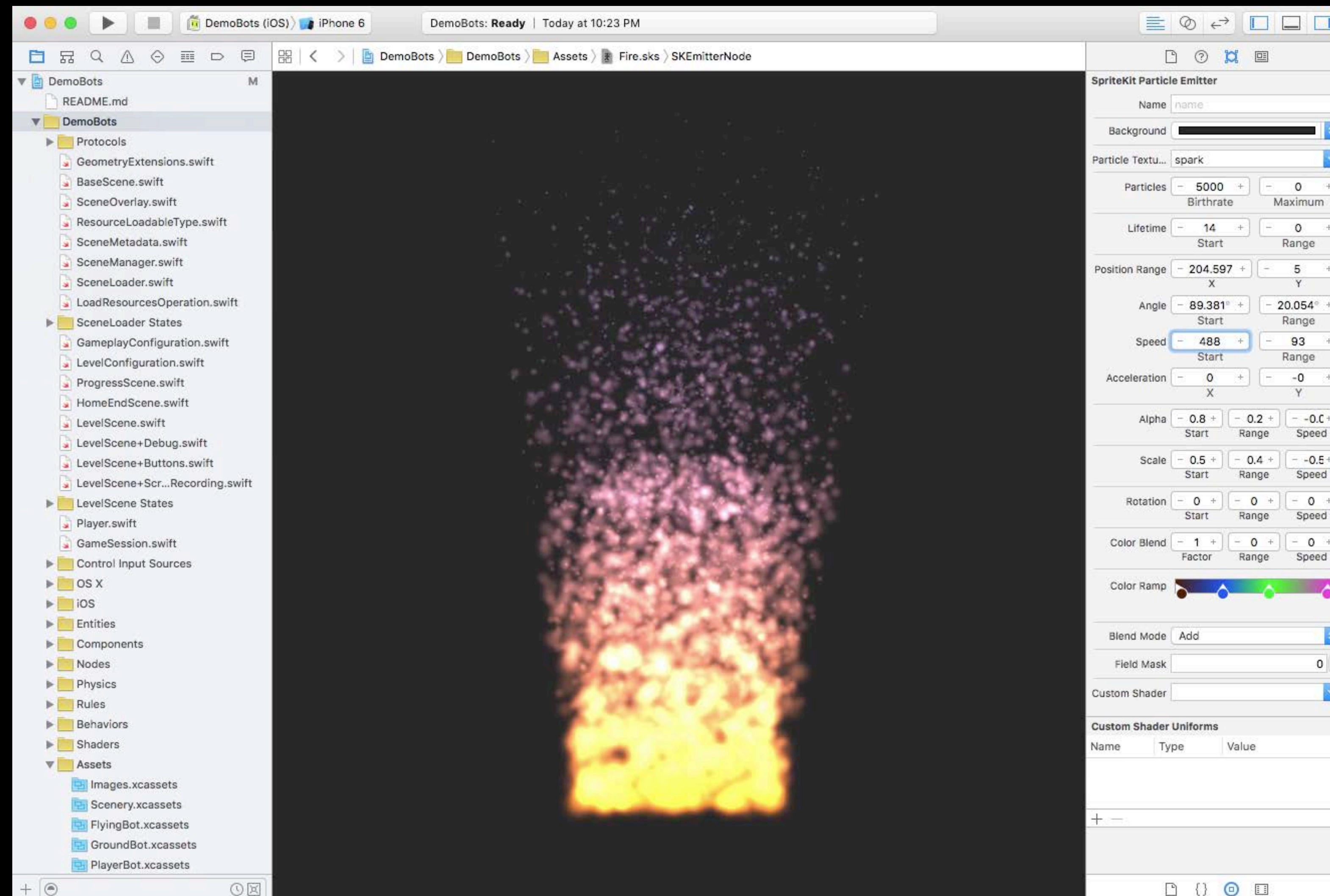
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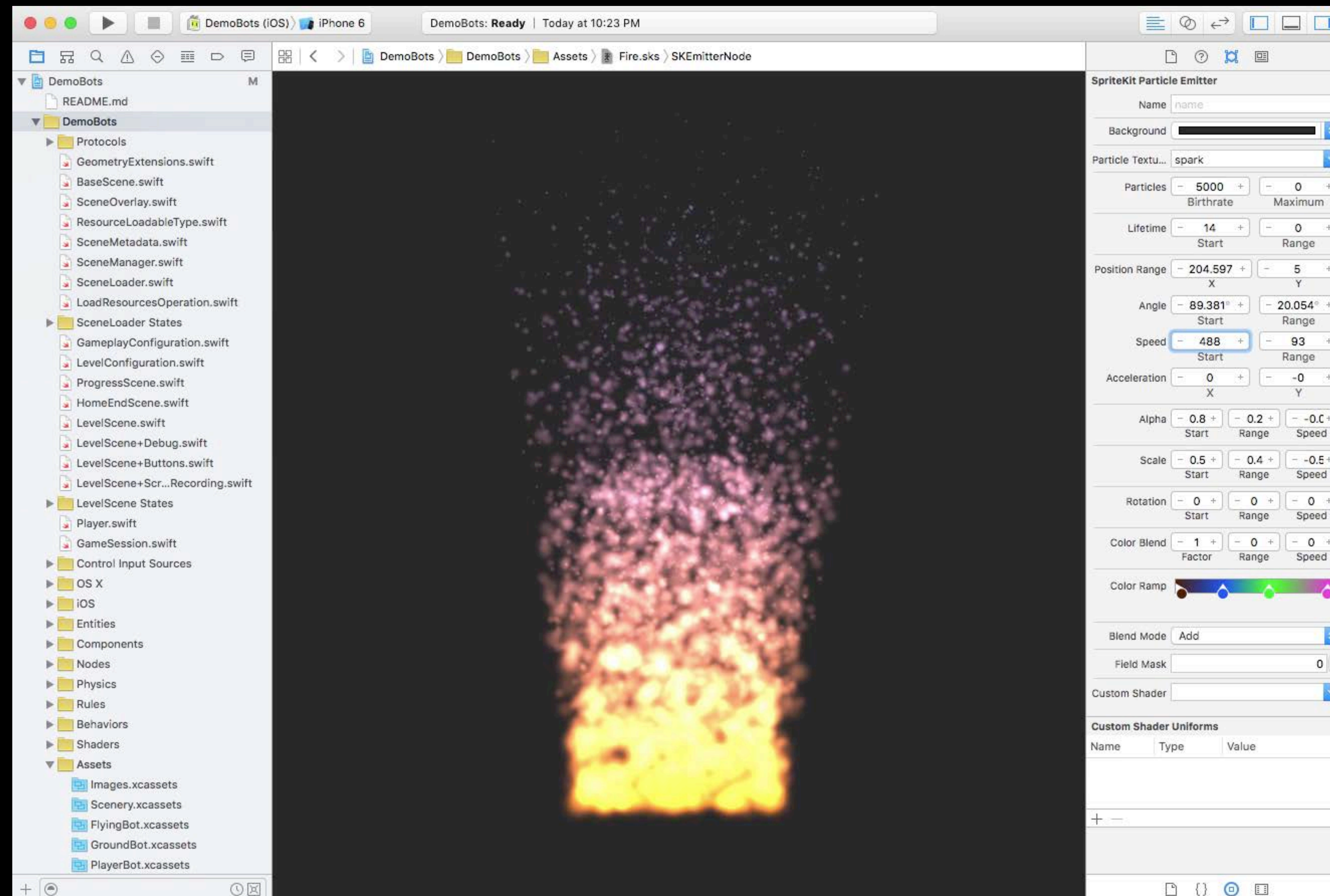
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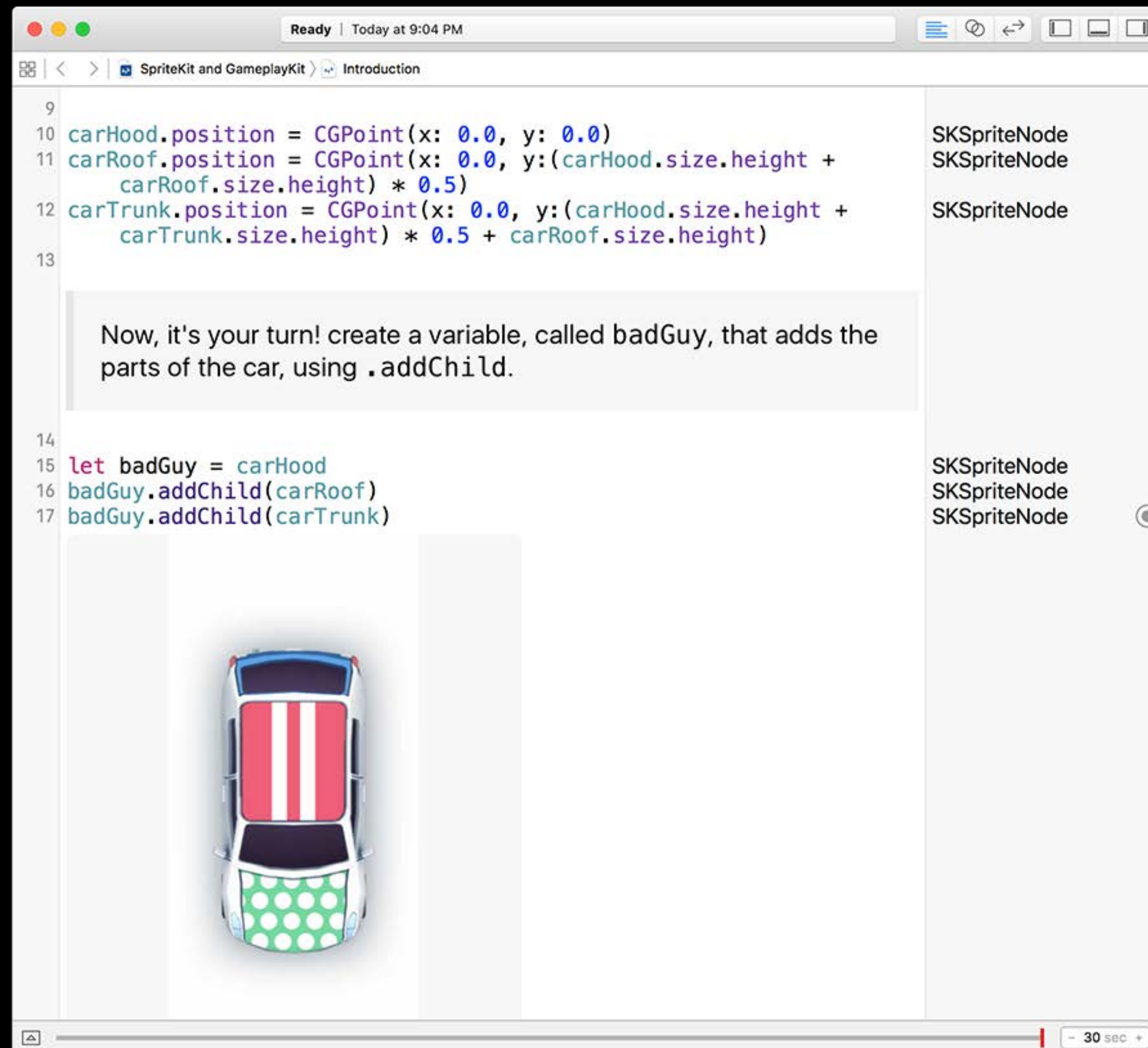
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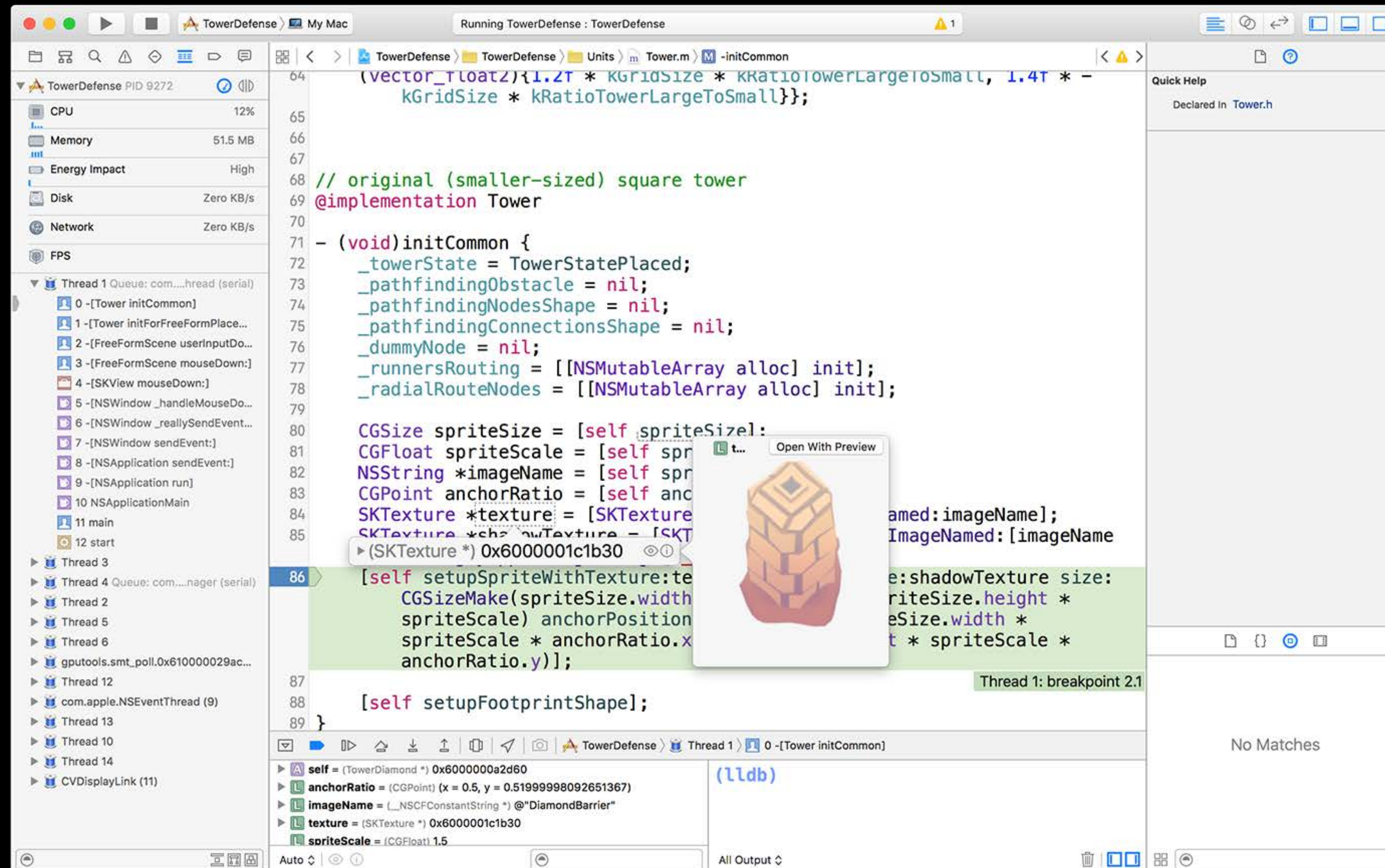
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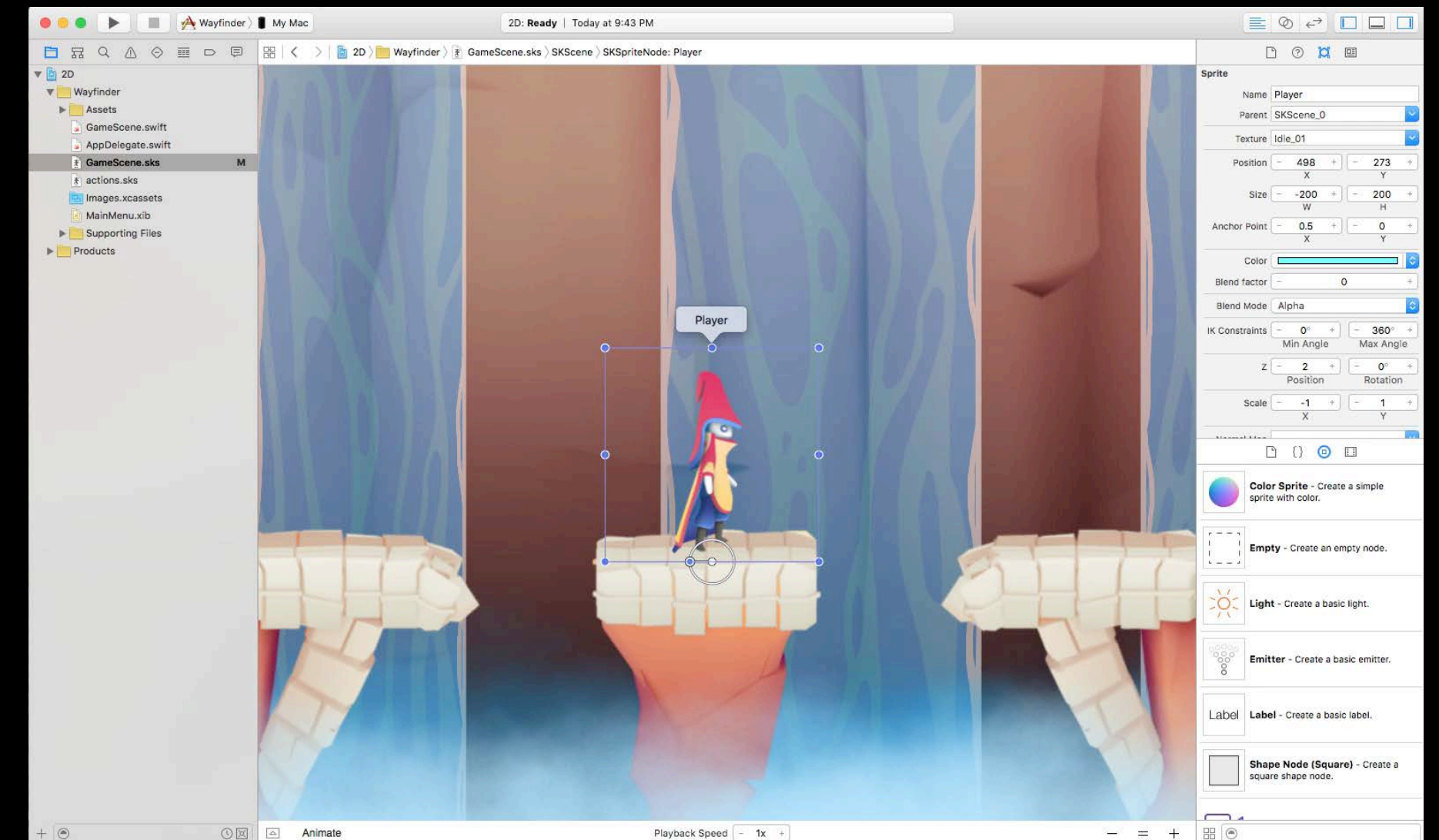
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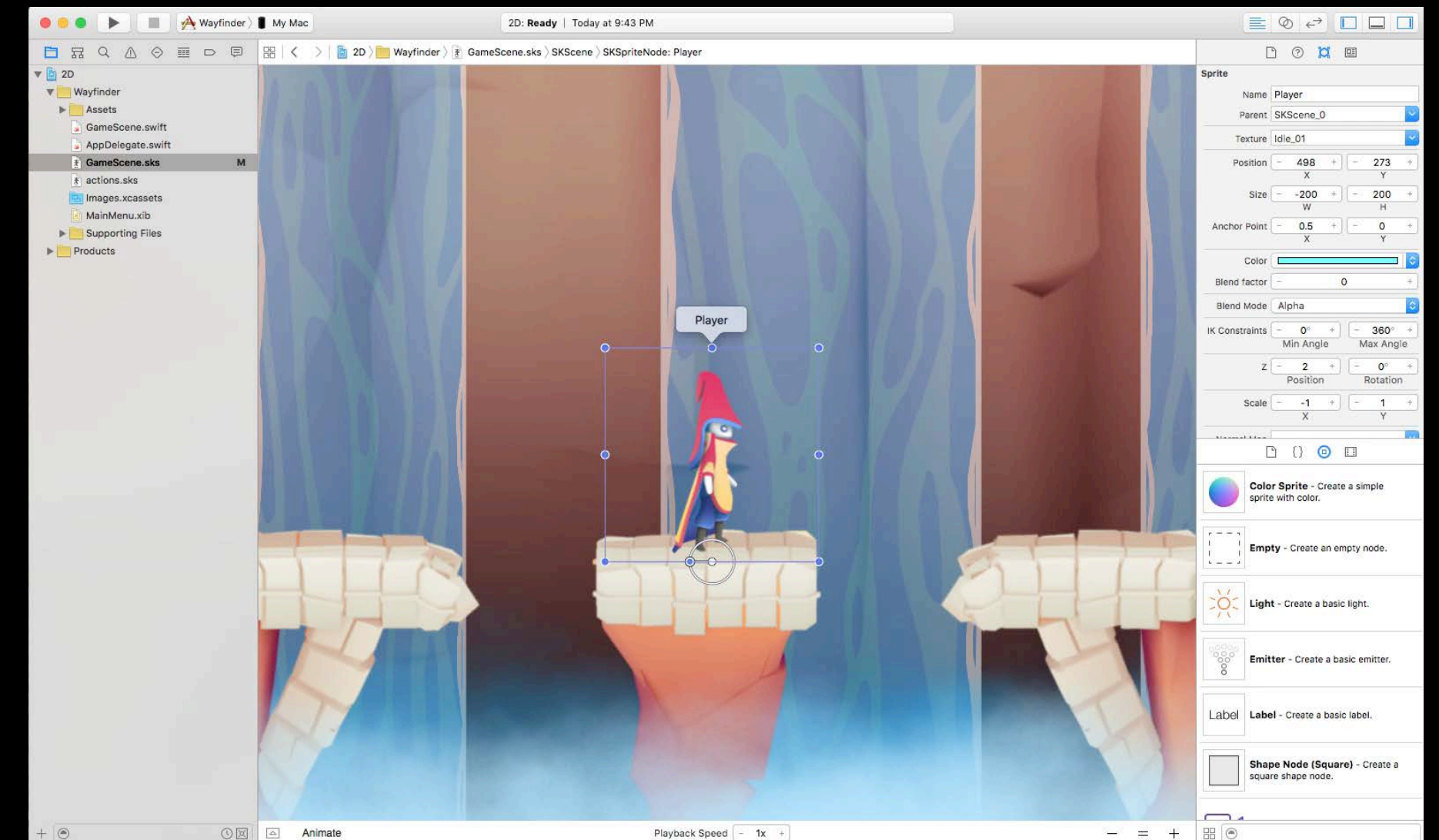
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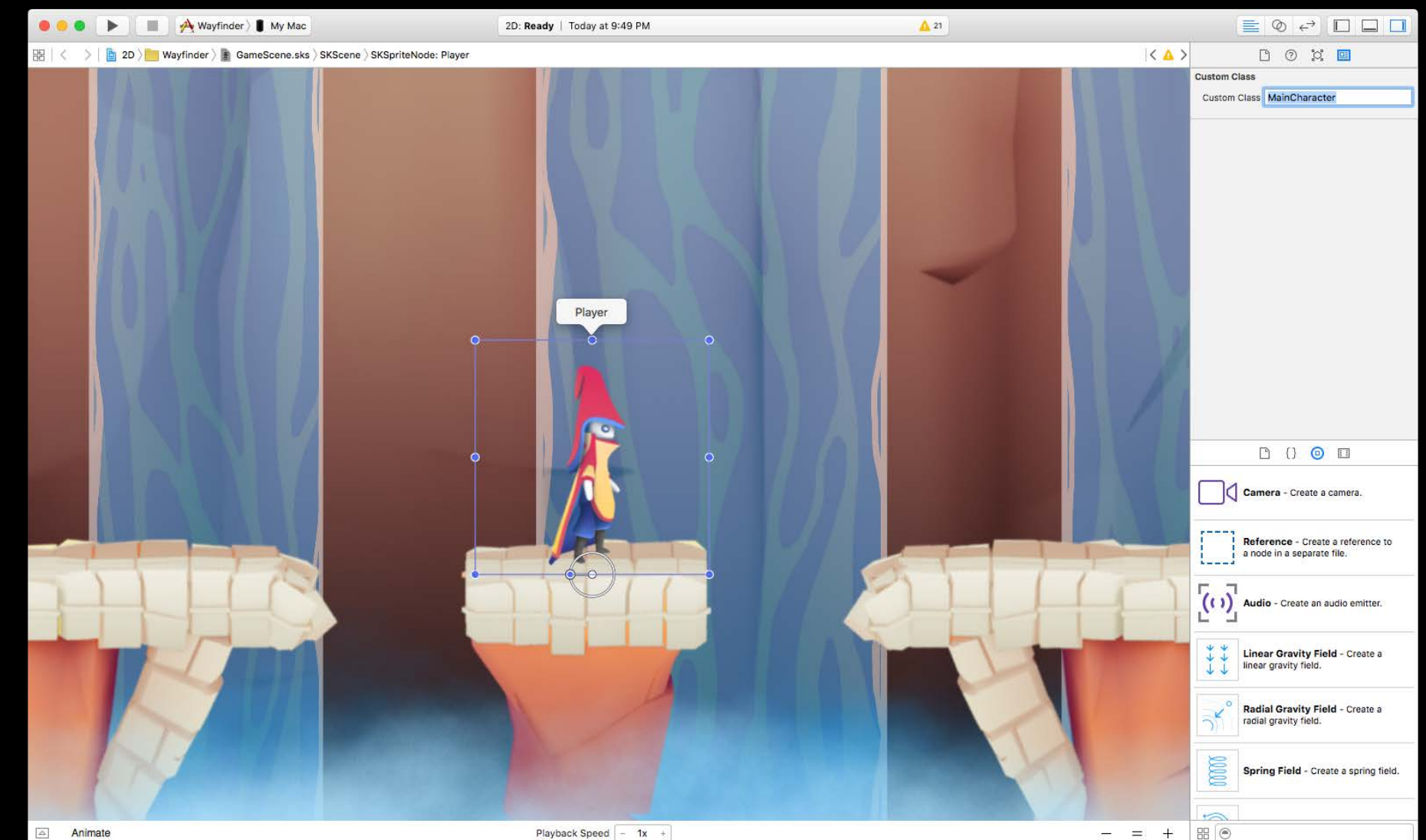
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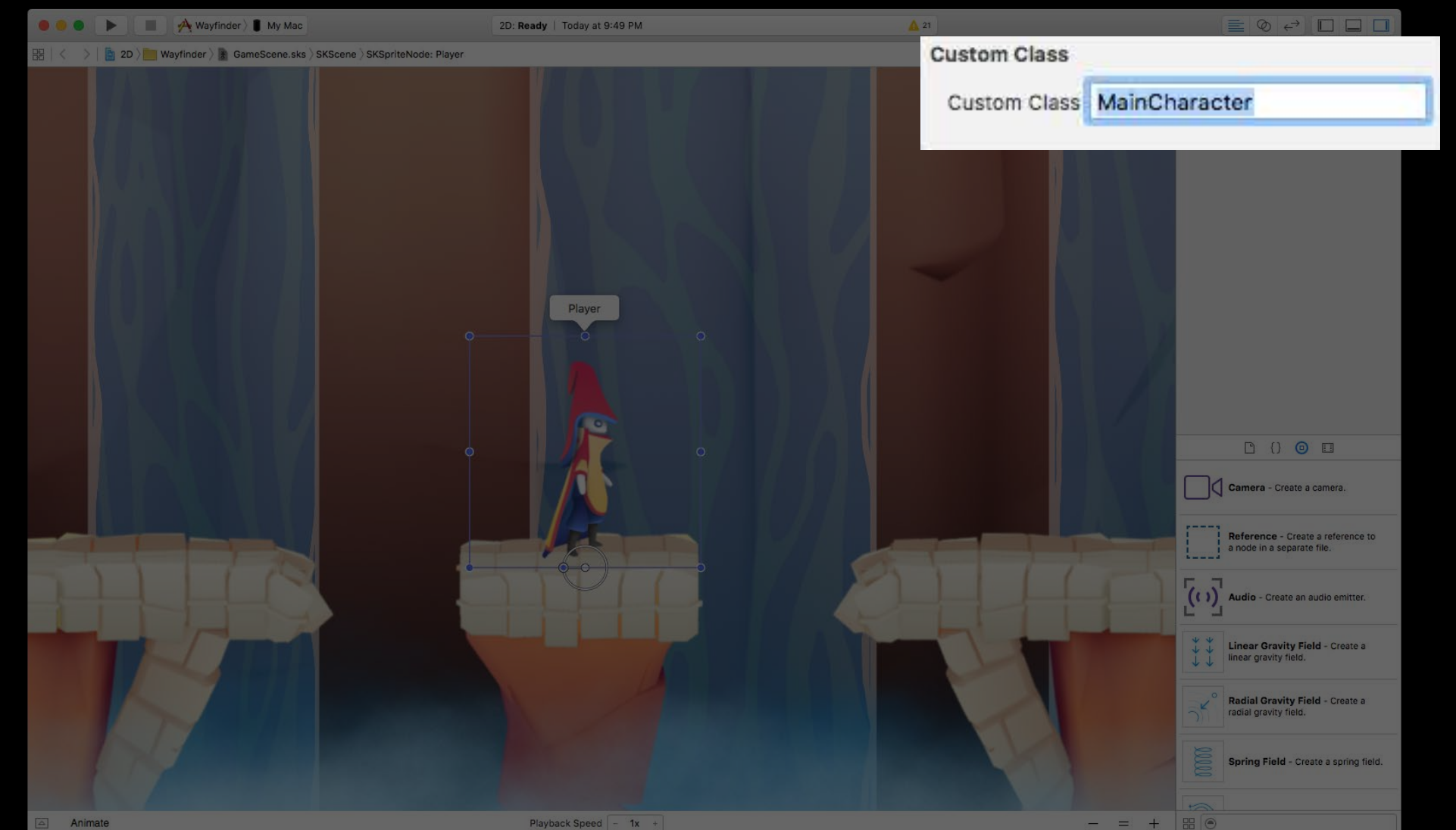
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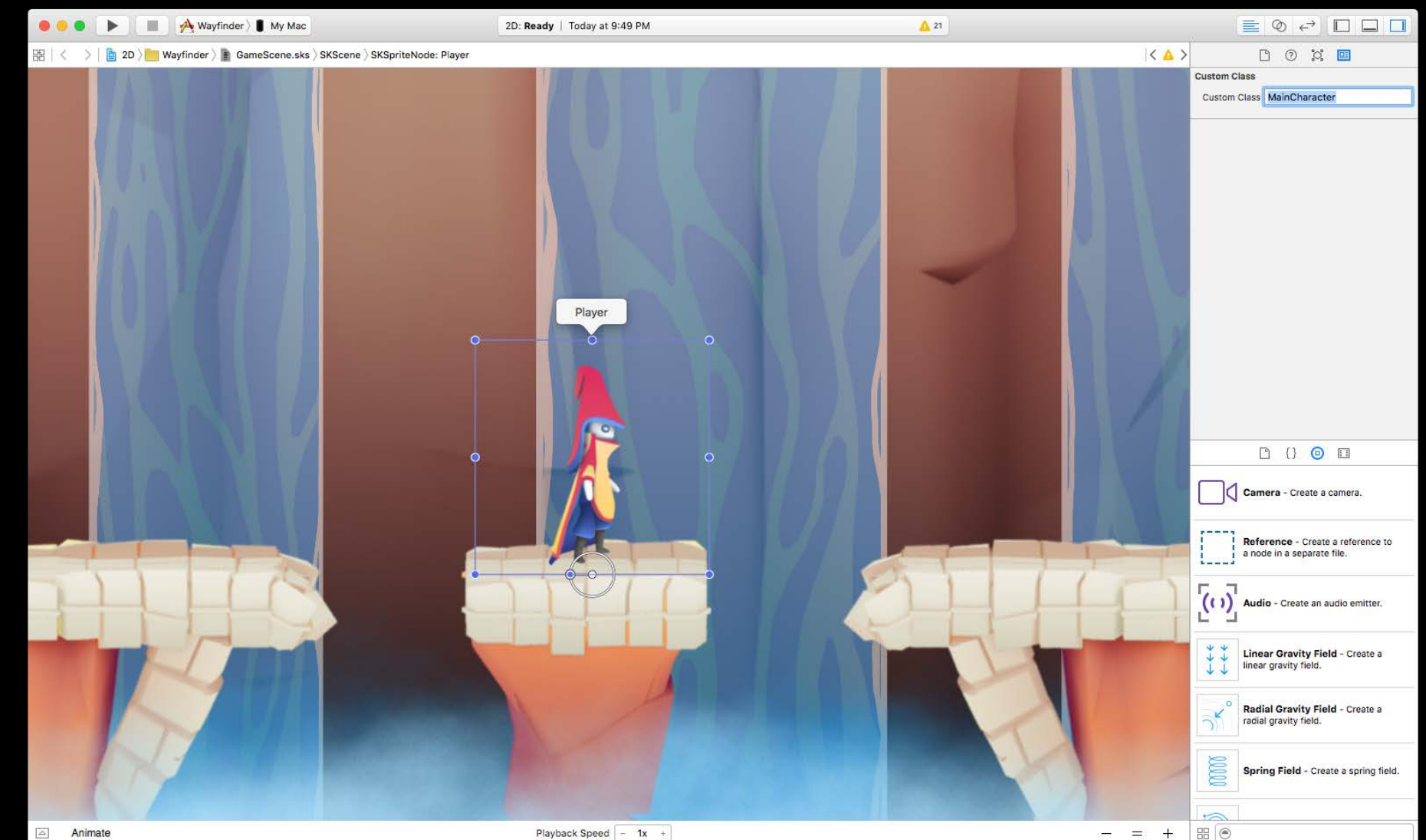
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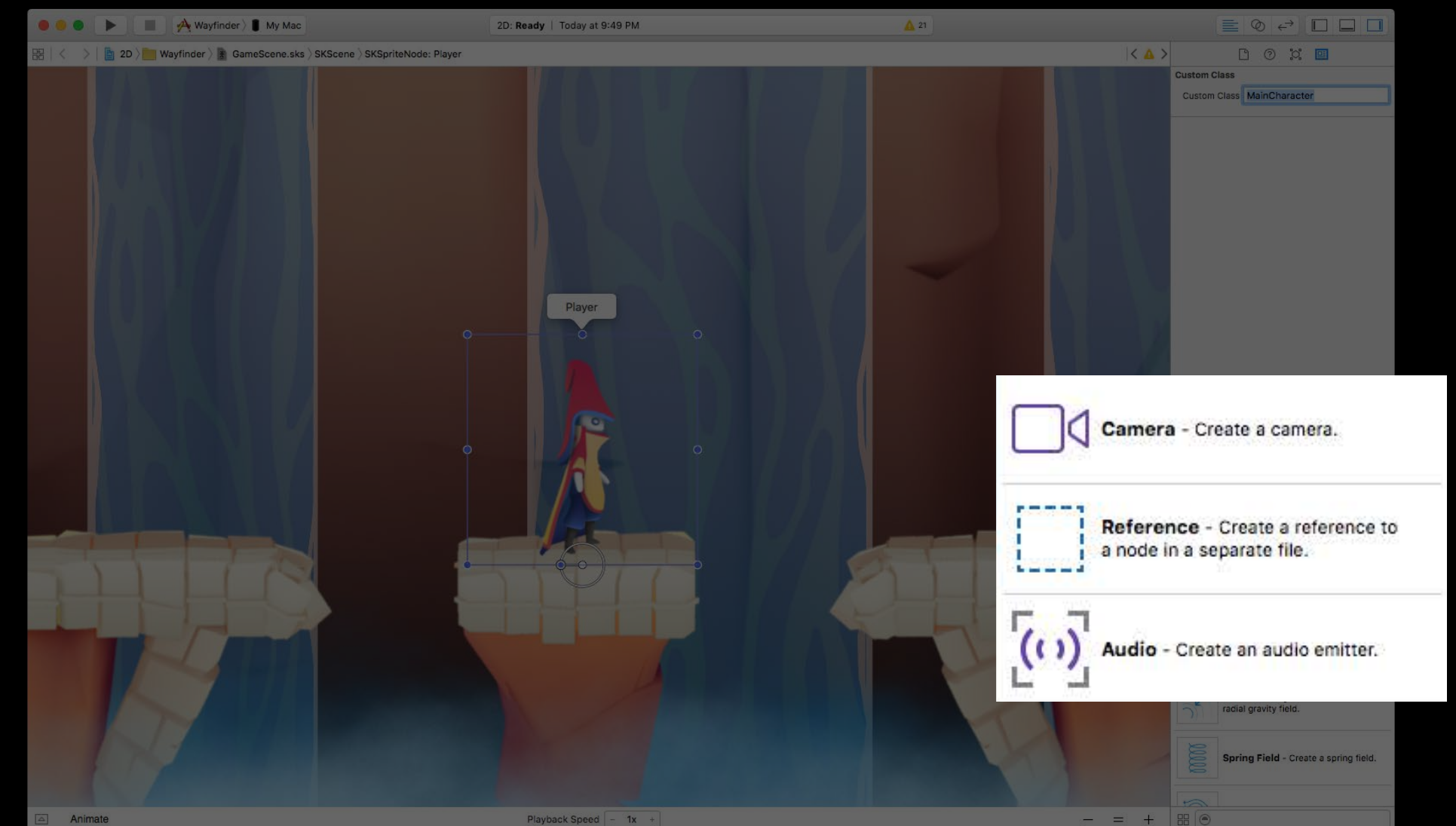
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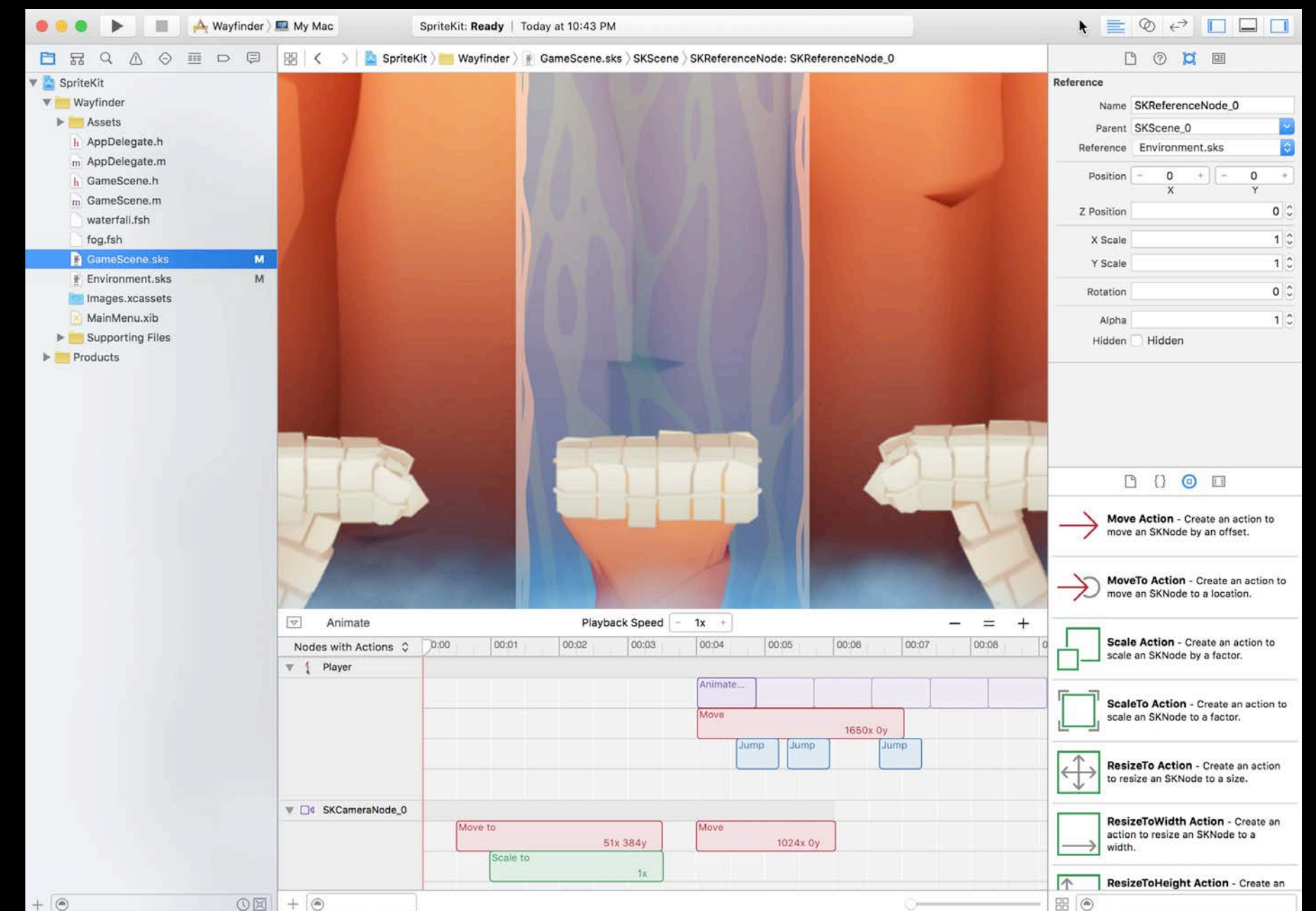
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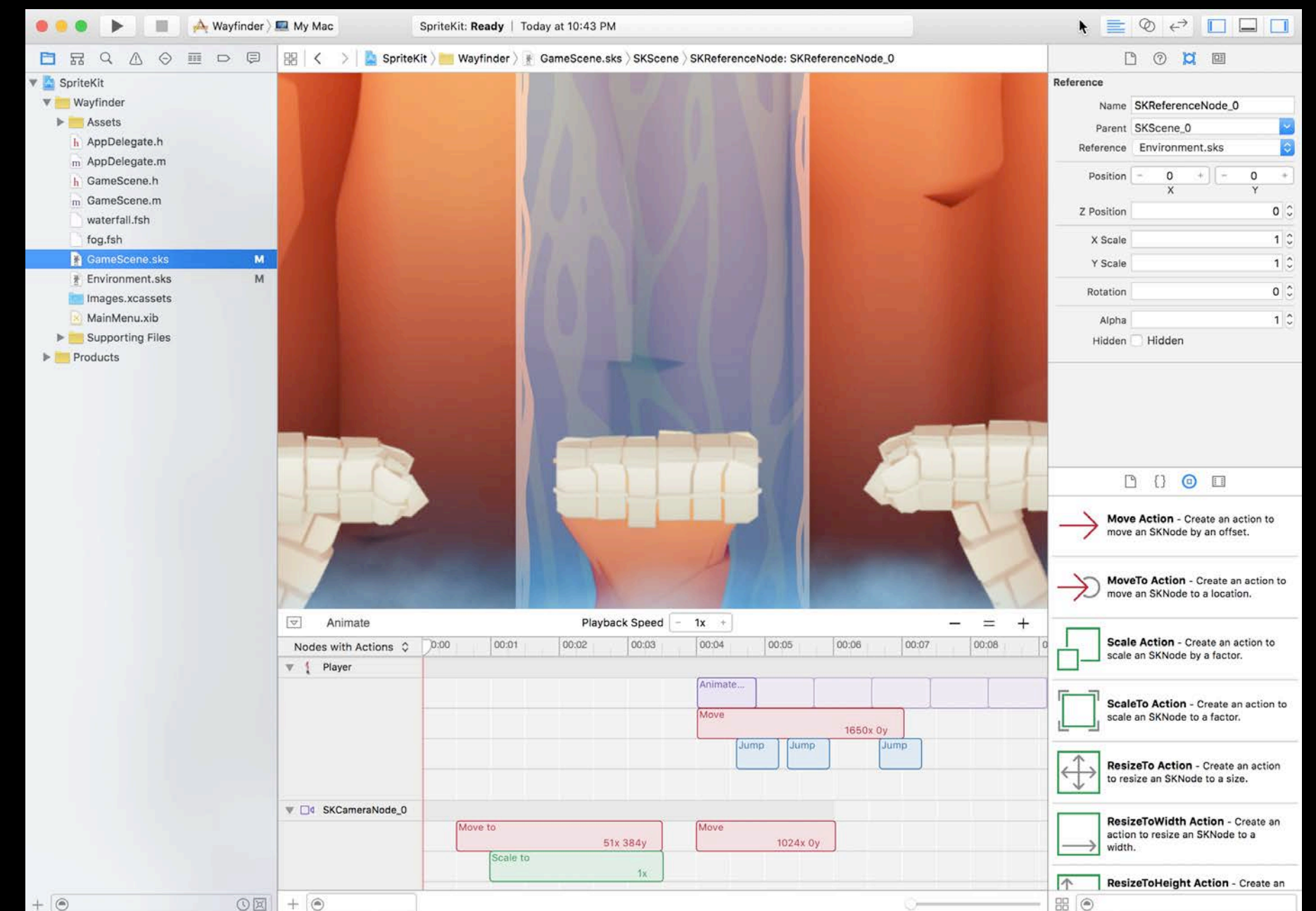
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Reusable components

Data-driven model

Share across multiple projects

Separate resource files

No code required

# SpriteKit Tools

## Referenced actions

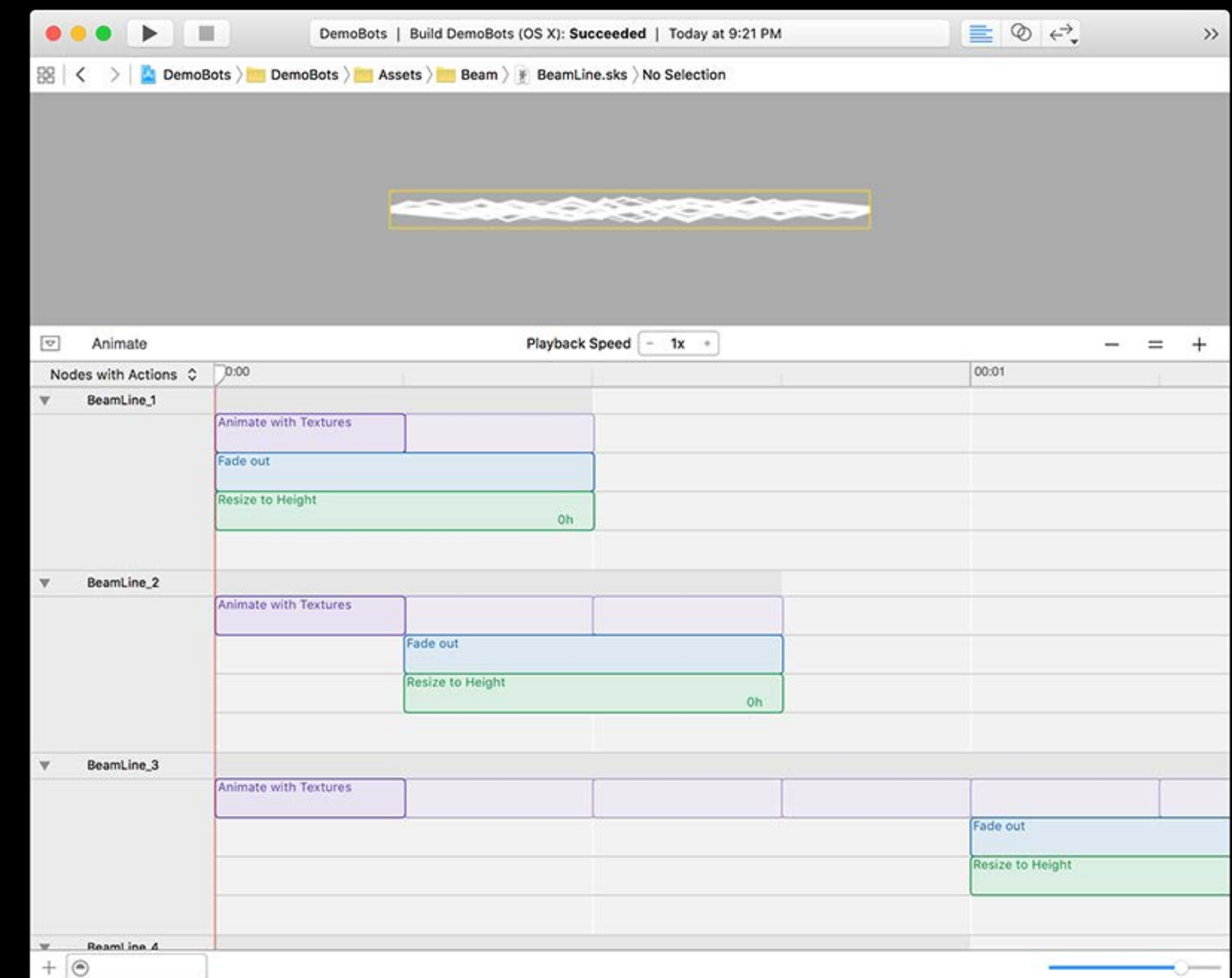
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Reference via editor or code

Leveraging the new **SKAction actionNamed:**

Build a custom library of actions

Build very complex actions





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## Referenced nodes

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Leveraging the new SKReferenceNode API

Build a custom library of nodes

Share between multiple scenes, and projects

**Reference**

Name

Parent

Reference

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Position

X Y

Z Position

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X Scale

Y Scale

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Rotation

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Alpha

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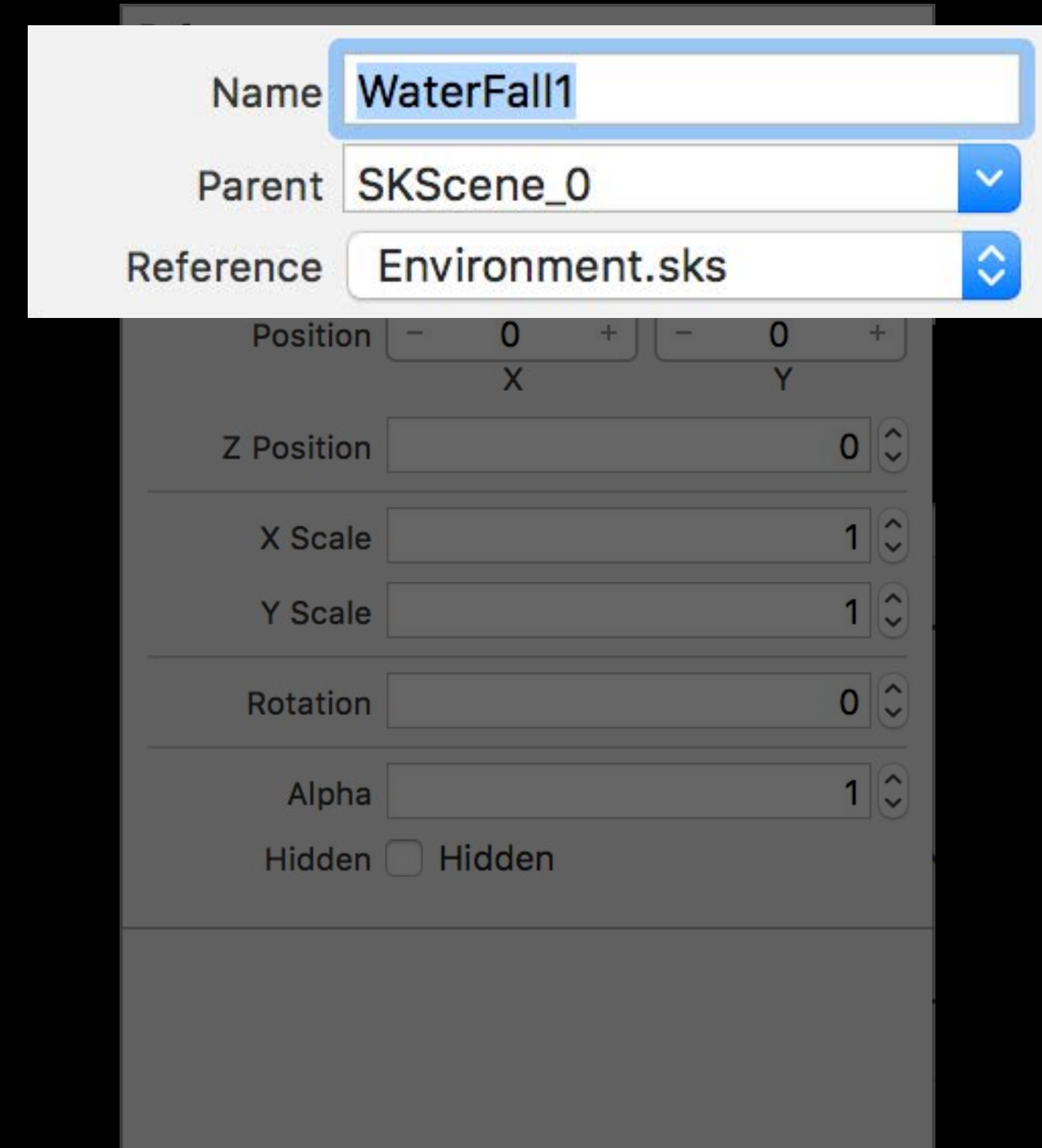
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*Demo*

Building a SpriteKit game

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# Summary

Exciting year for SpriteKit developers

- Audio node, Camera node, Reference node, Reference action
- All new timeline based action editor
- Asset Catalog integration
- App Thinning
- On Demand Resources
- Metal integration
- GameplayKit integration

# More Information

SpriteKit Documentation and Videos

<http://developer.apple.com/spritekit>

Apple Developer Forums

<http://developer.apple.com/forums>

Developer Technical Support

<http://developer.apple.com/support/technical>

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# Related Sessions

Going Social with ReplayKit and Game Center	Mission	Wednesday 1:30PM
Enhancements to SceneKit	Mission	Wednesday 2:30PM
Introducing GameplayKit	Mission	Thursday 11:00AM
Deeper into GameplayKit with DemoBots	Mission	Thursday 1:30PM



# Related Labs

SpriteKit Lab	Graphics B	Wednesday 11:00AM
Game Controllers Lab	Graphics D	Thursday 2:30PM
GameplayKit Lab	Graphics B	Thursday 2:30PM
SpriteKit Lab	Graphics C	Friday 10:00AM

