

What's New in SpriteKit

Session 610

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What Is SpriteKit?

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Framework features

2D graphics framework for games

Flexible, easy to use, high-performance

Supported on iOS, macOS, tvOS & watchOS

Automatic access to the latest updates

Natural integration with Swift



What Is SpriteKit?

Xcode-integrated live editor

Visually lay out your game scenes

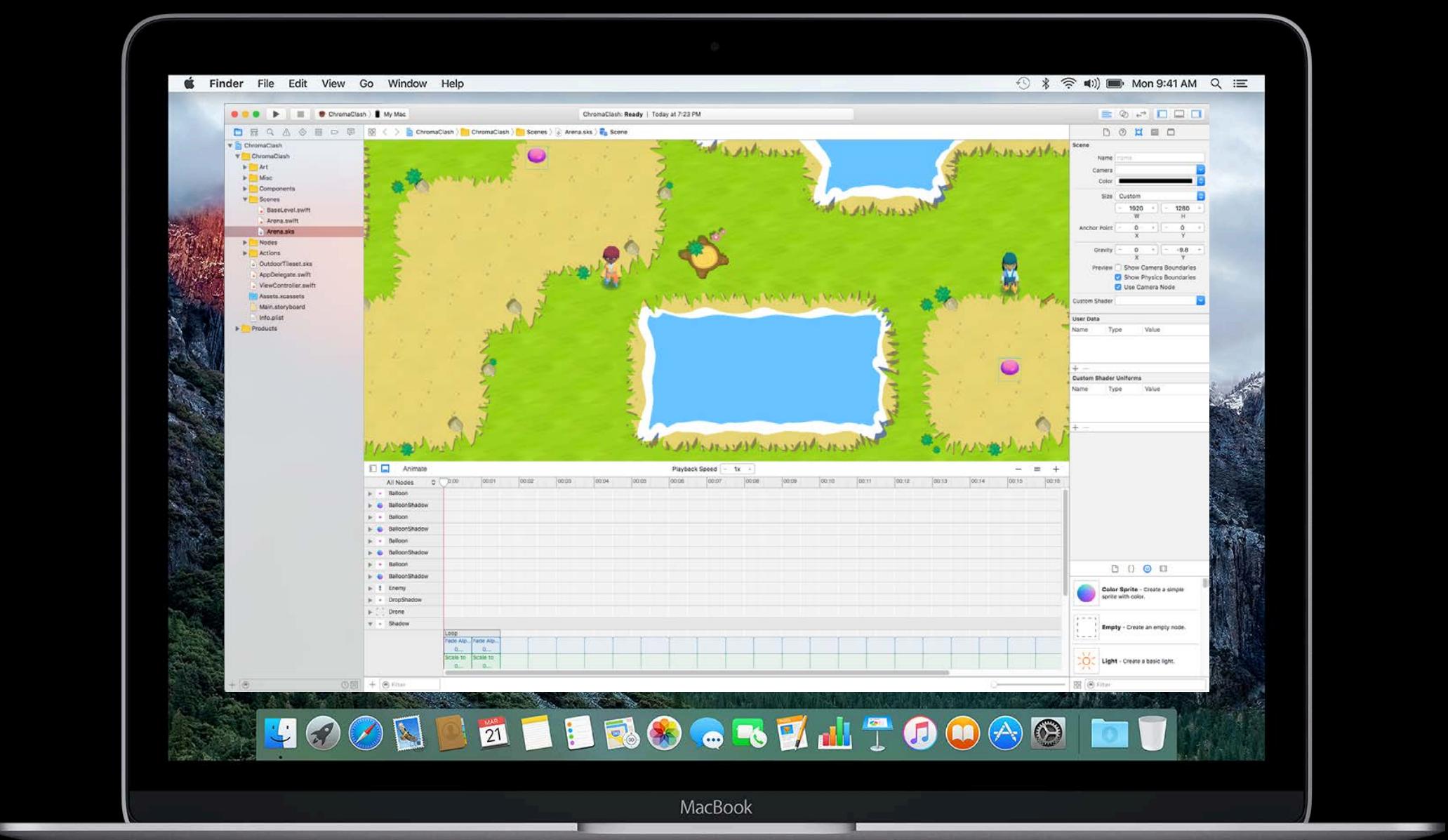
Timeline-based animation

Particle editor

Asset Catalog integration

Tile map editing

GameplayKit integration



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Built-in Metal support

Automatically Metal-backed

Zero action required for developers





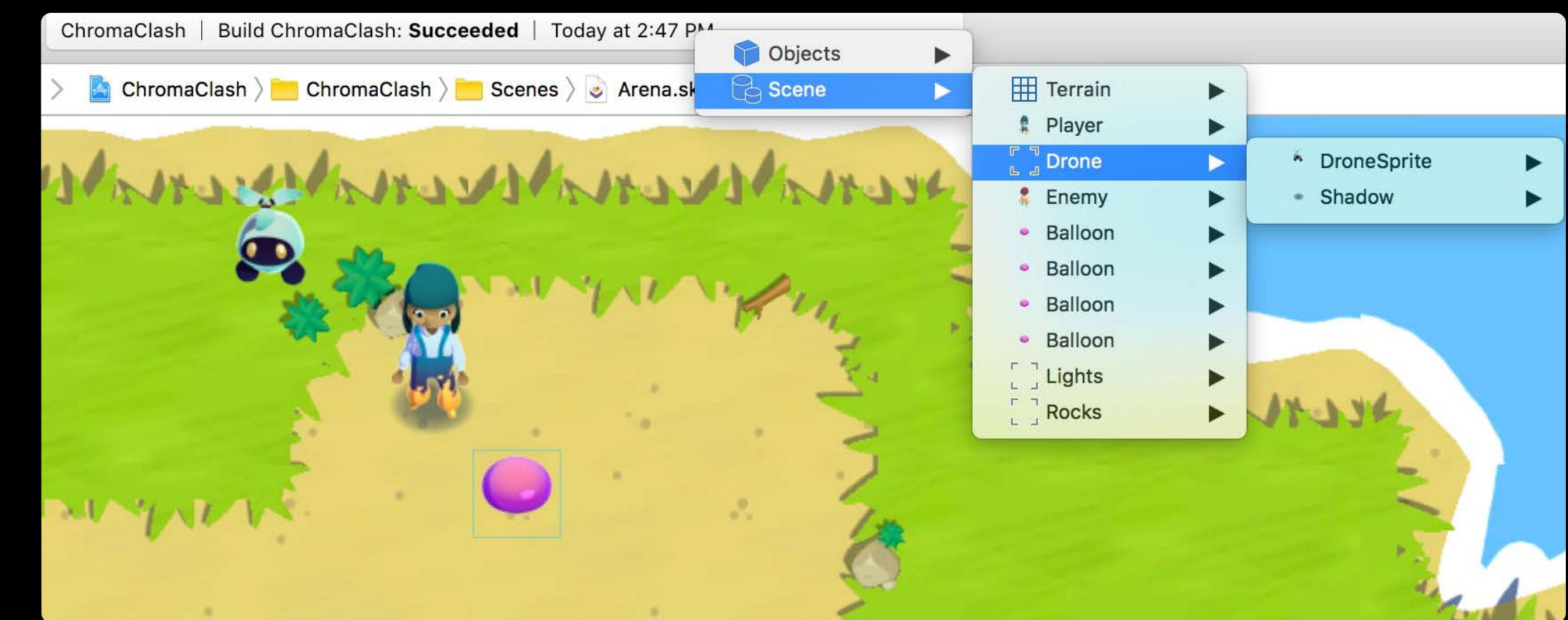
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Scene hierarchy at-a-glance

The Jump Bar contains the scene hierarchy

- Only allows for selection
- Shows one branch at a time



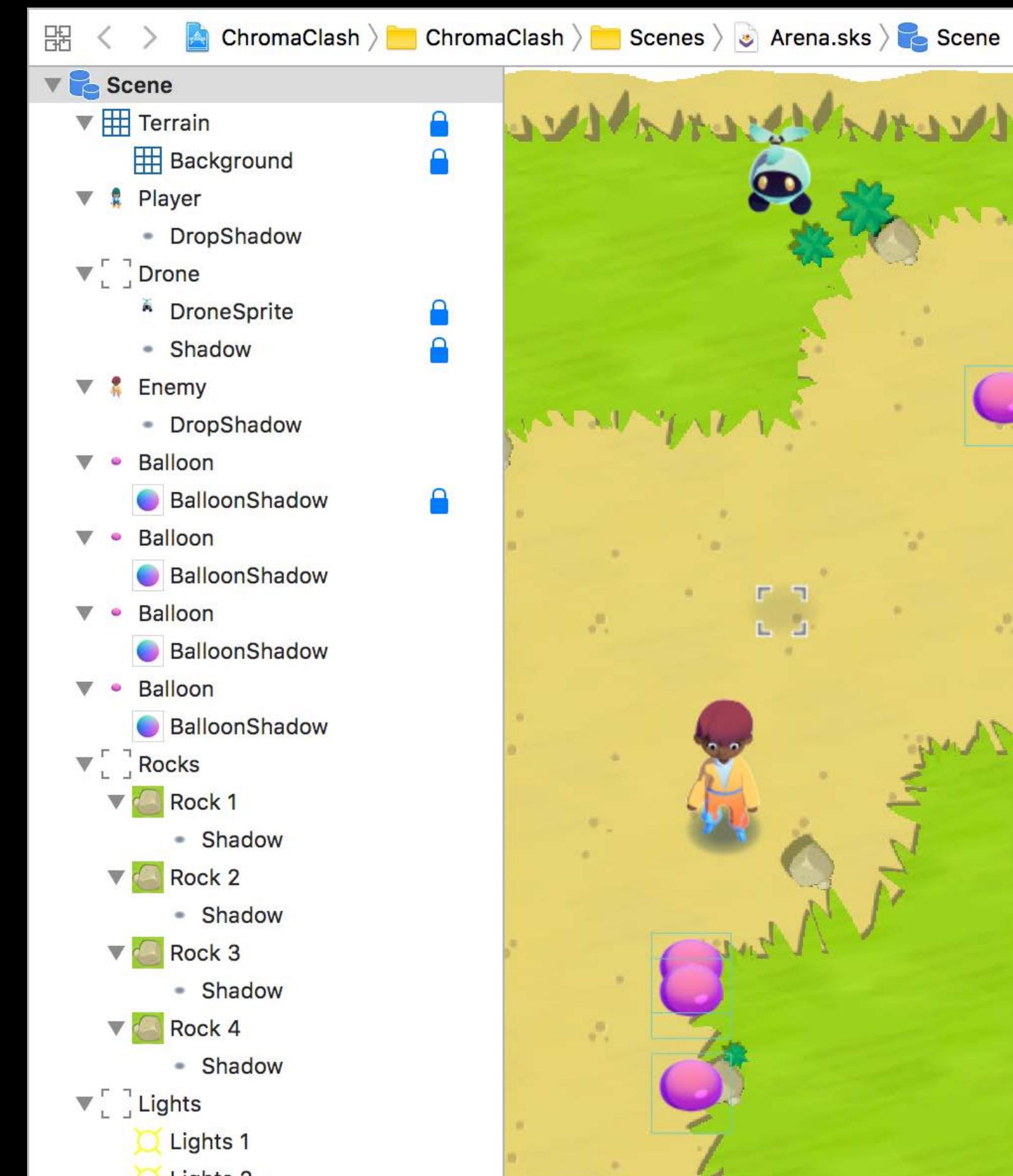
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- Select, rename, remove
 - Drag to parent/unparent
 - Can lock and/or hide nodes



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Entities and components

Design pattern focused on modularity

Components encapsulate behavior

- Health
- Collision
- Player input

Write it once, assign to multiple objects



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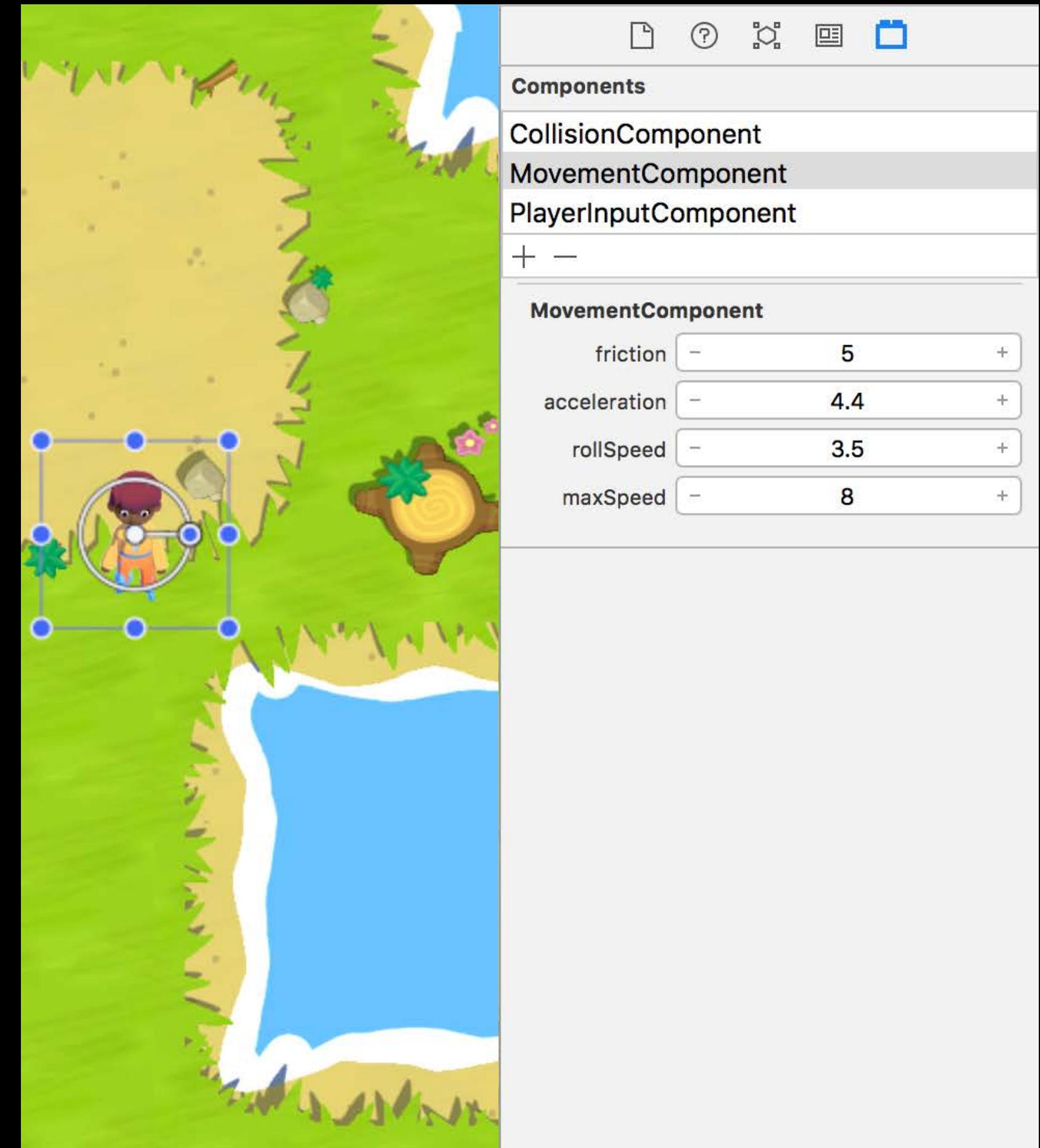
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Assign components directly from the editor

Properties can be tweaked via the inspector

We take care of the hard stuff for you



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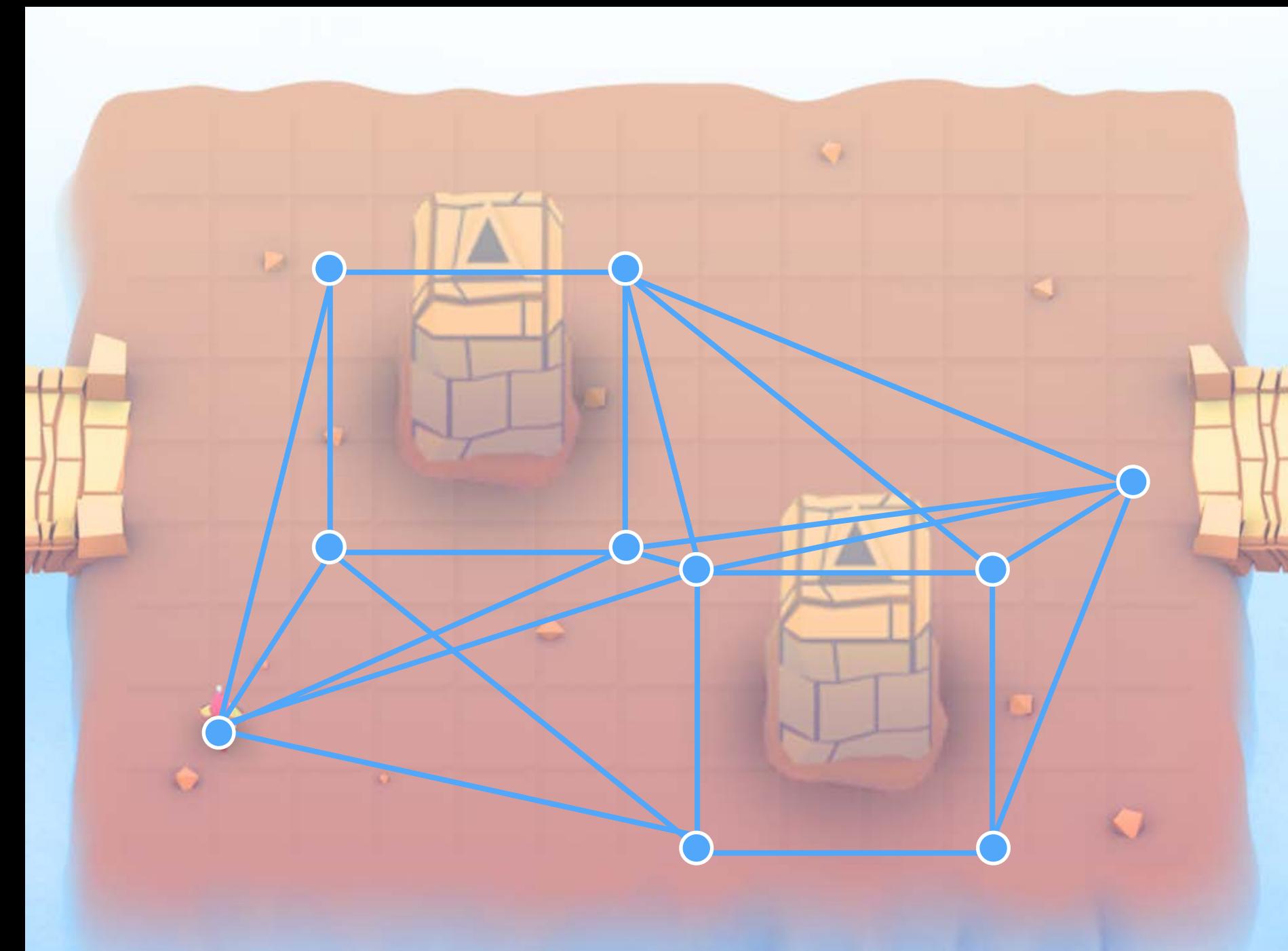
Pathfinding

Pathfinding uses navigation graphs

Graphs are collections of nodes

Nodes are joined by connections

Describes how to move through scene



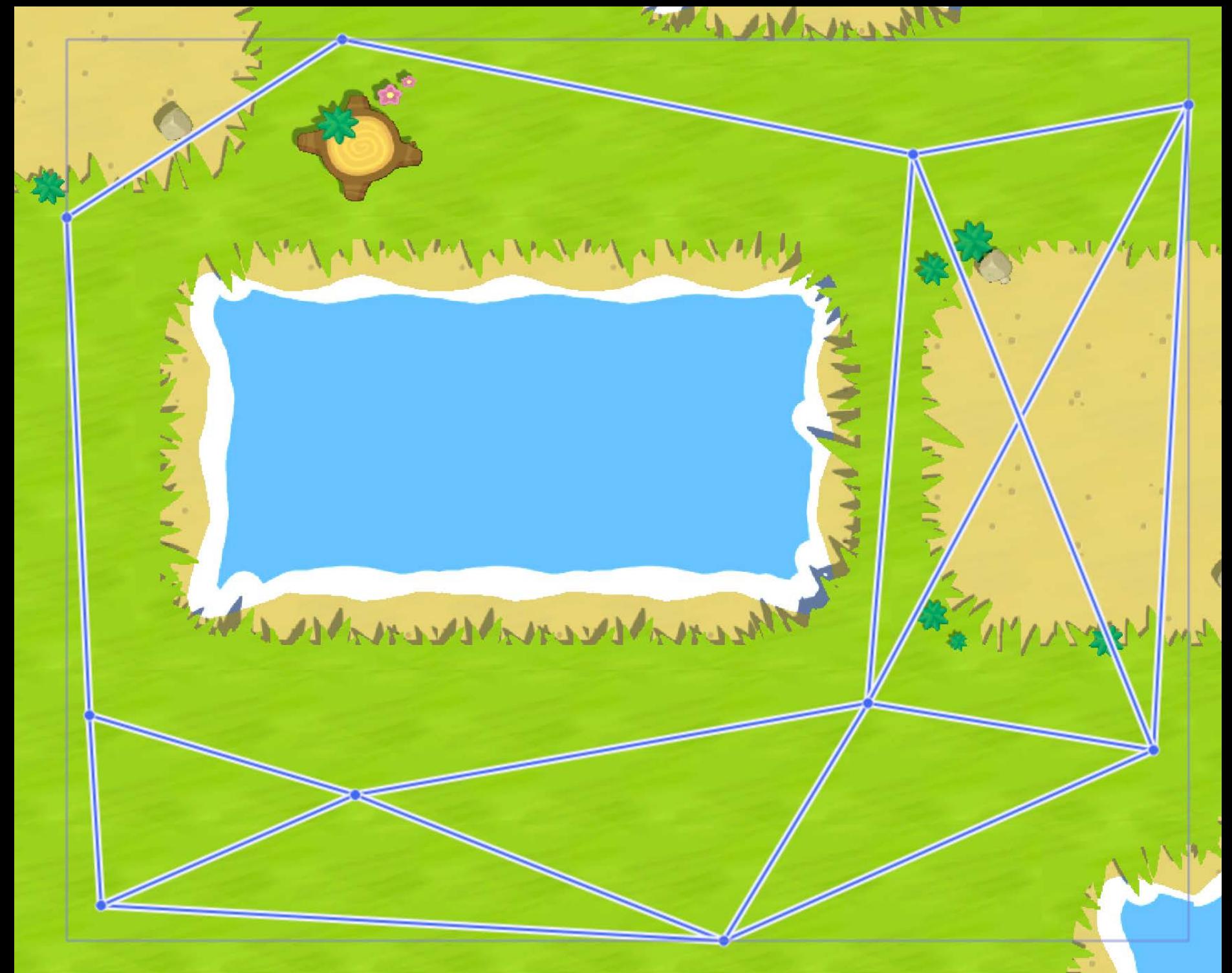
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Navigation graph editor

Create and edit navigation graphs

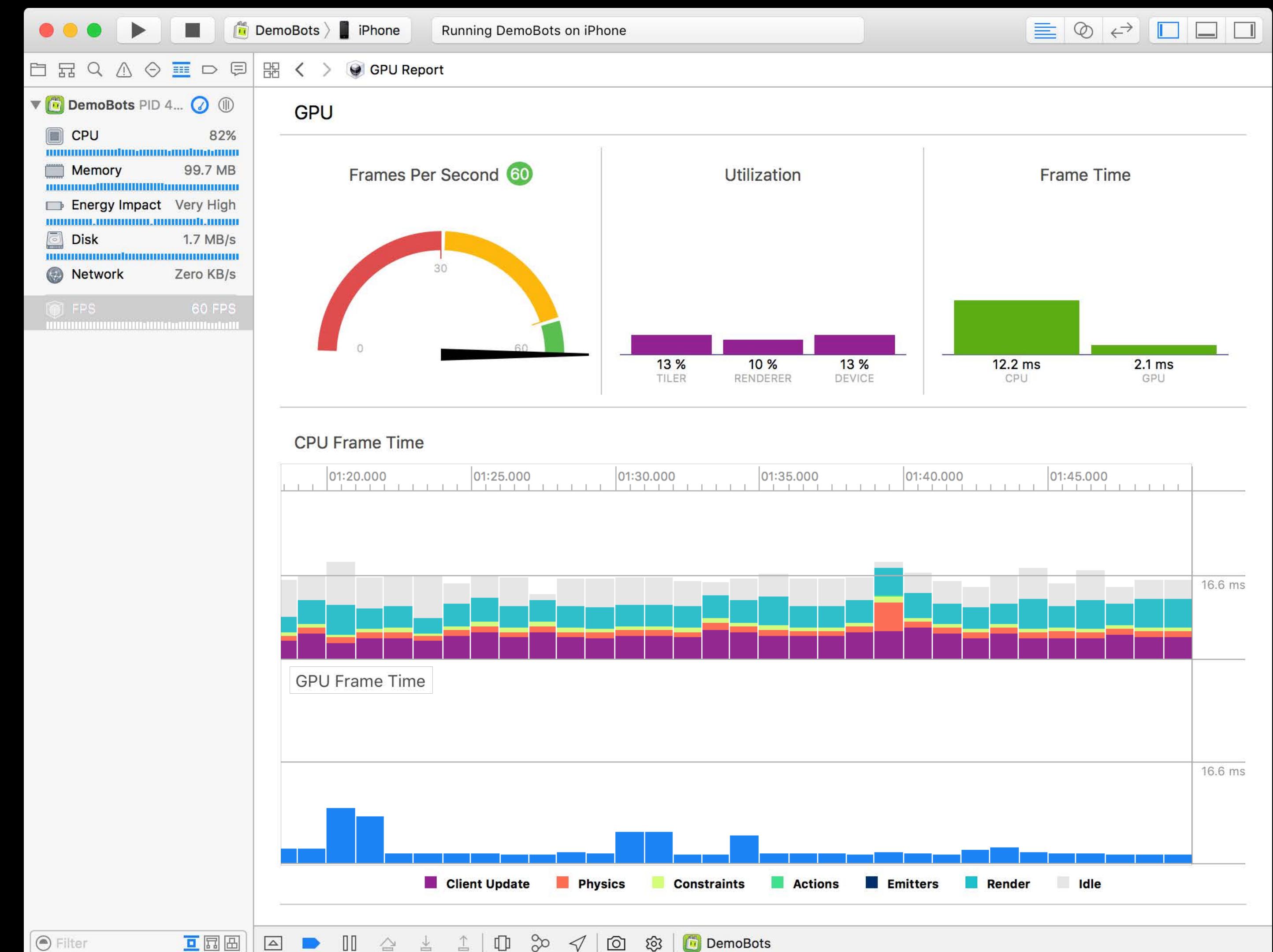
- Add and remove nodes
- Create or adjust connections



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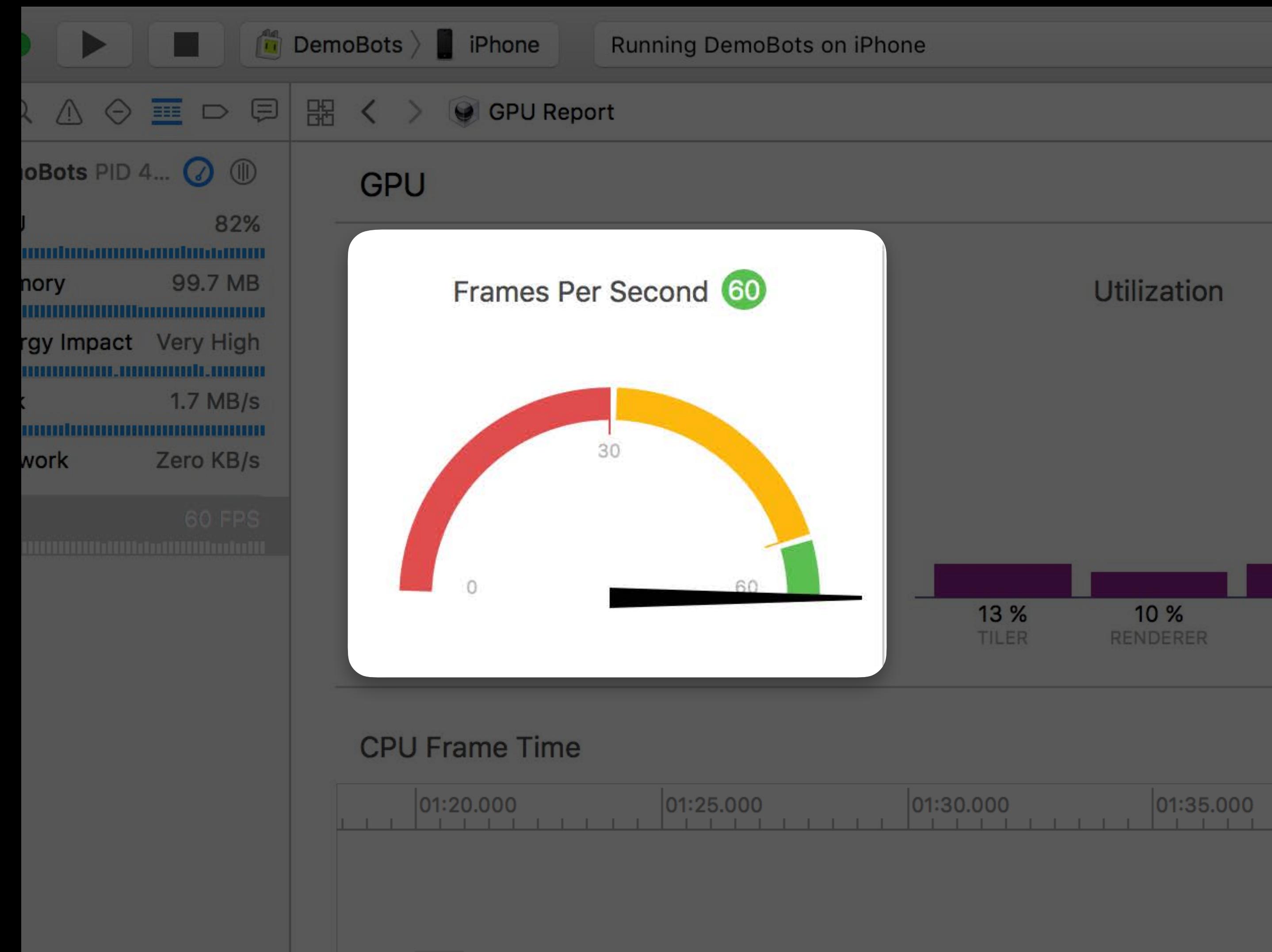
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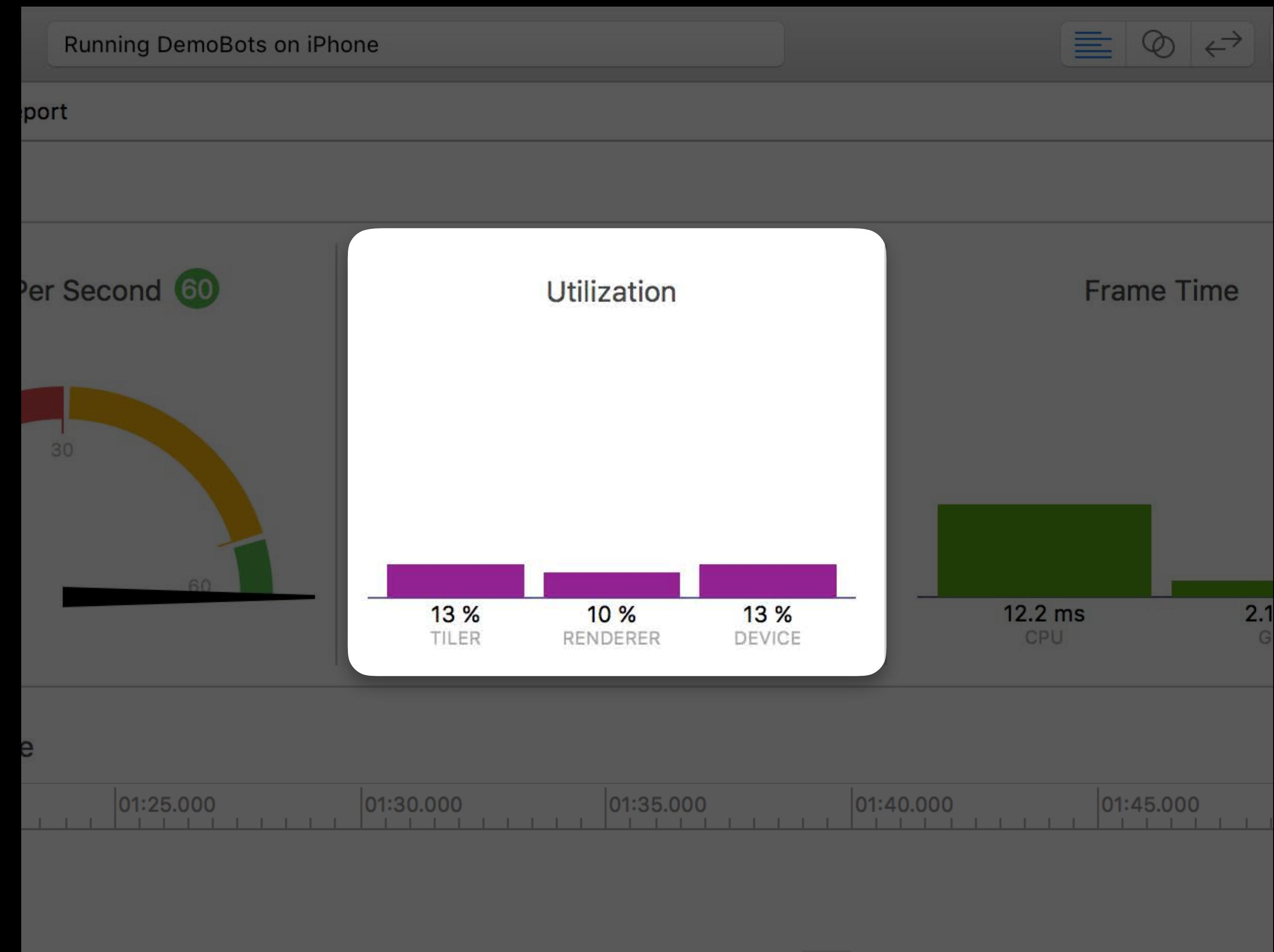


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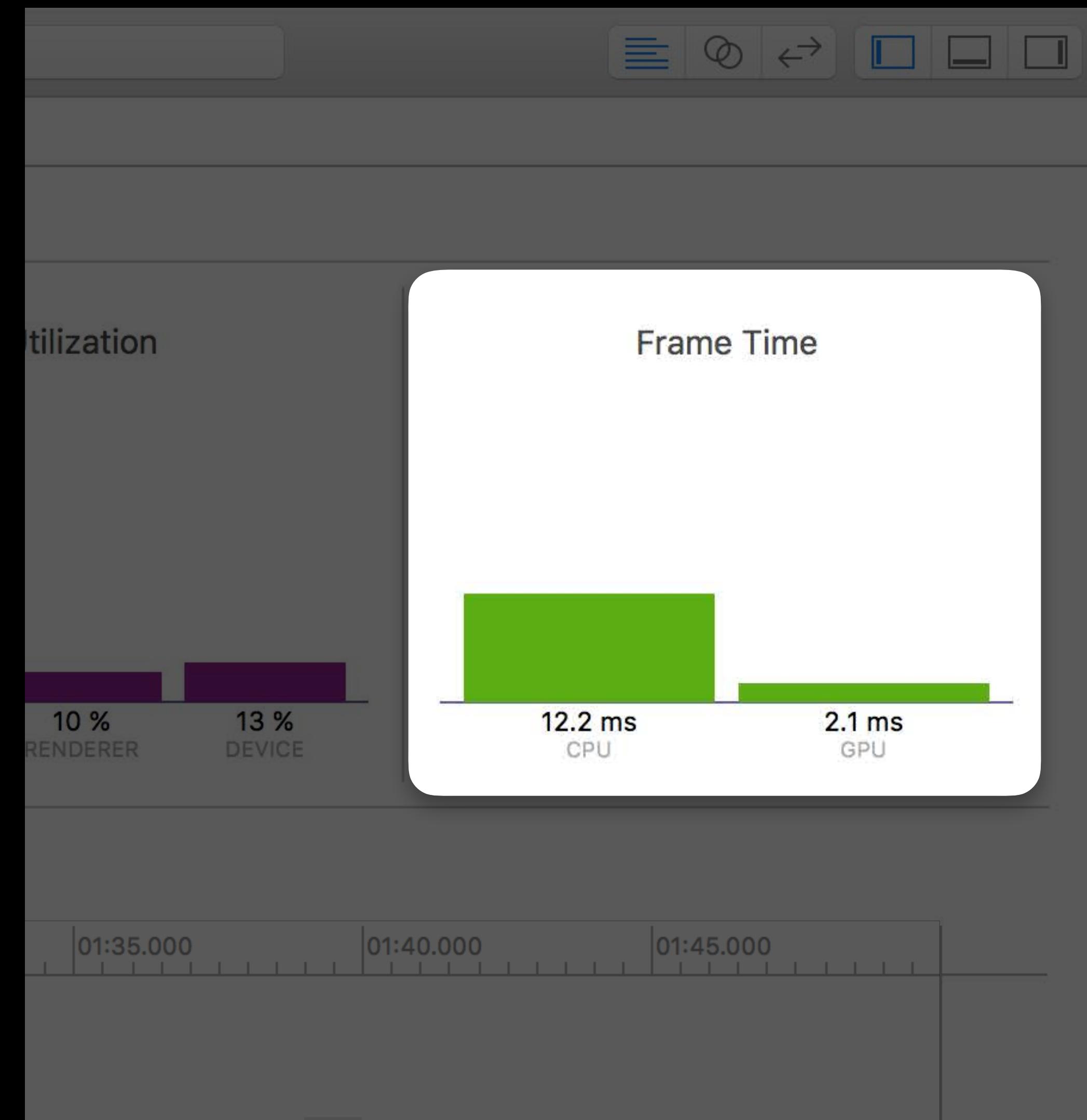
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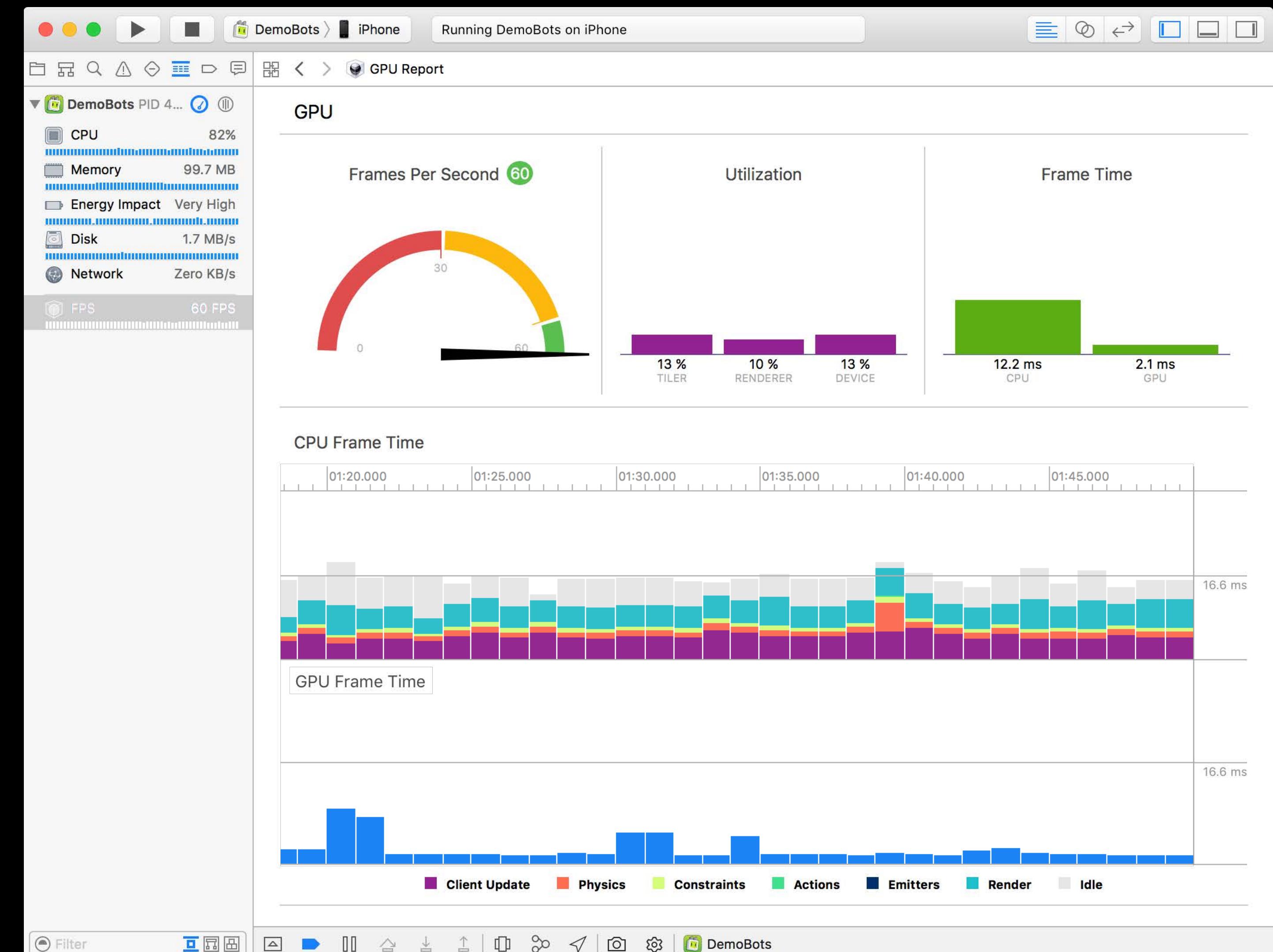
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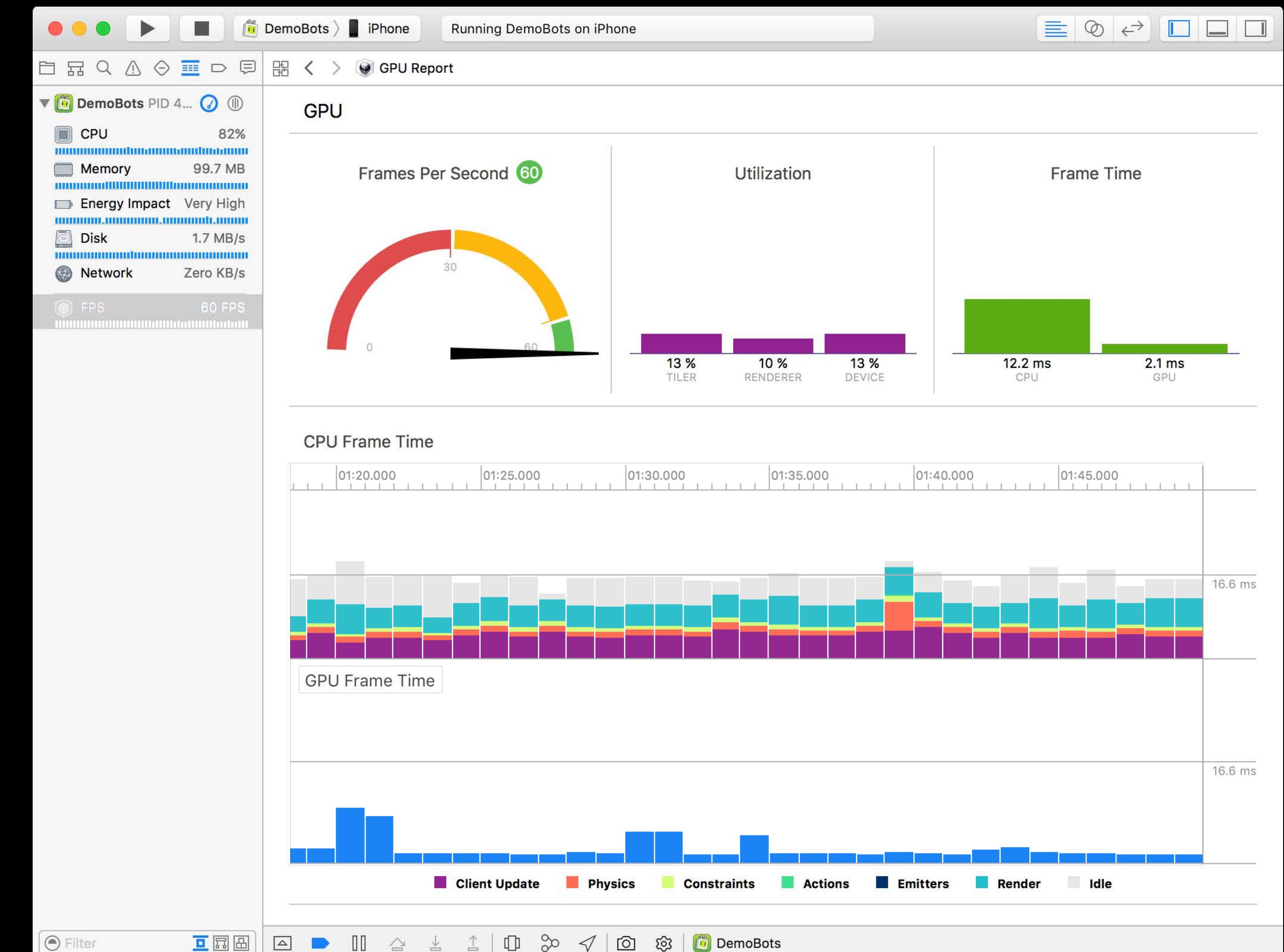
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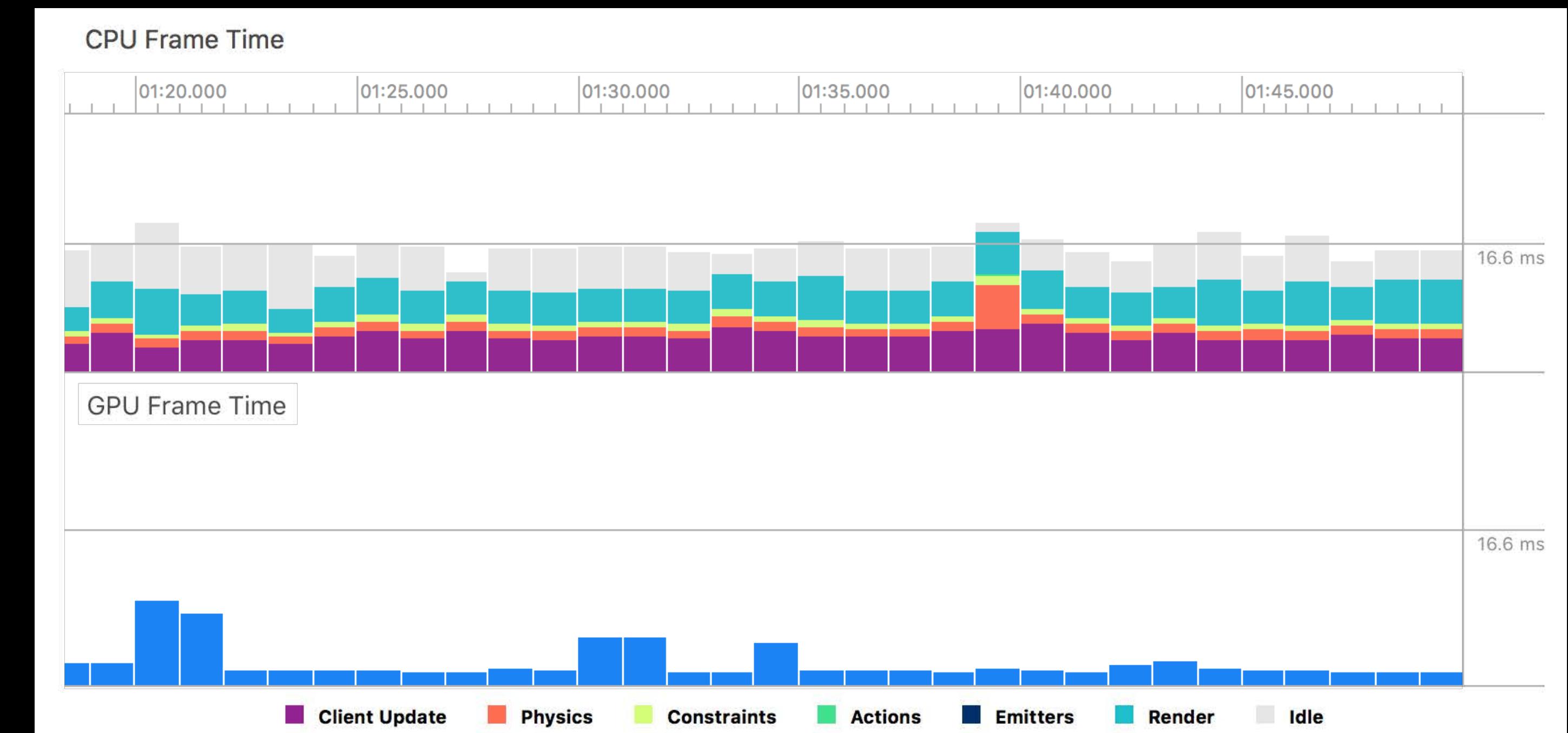
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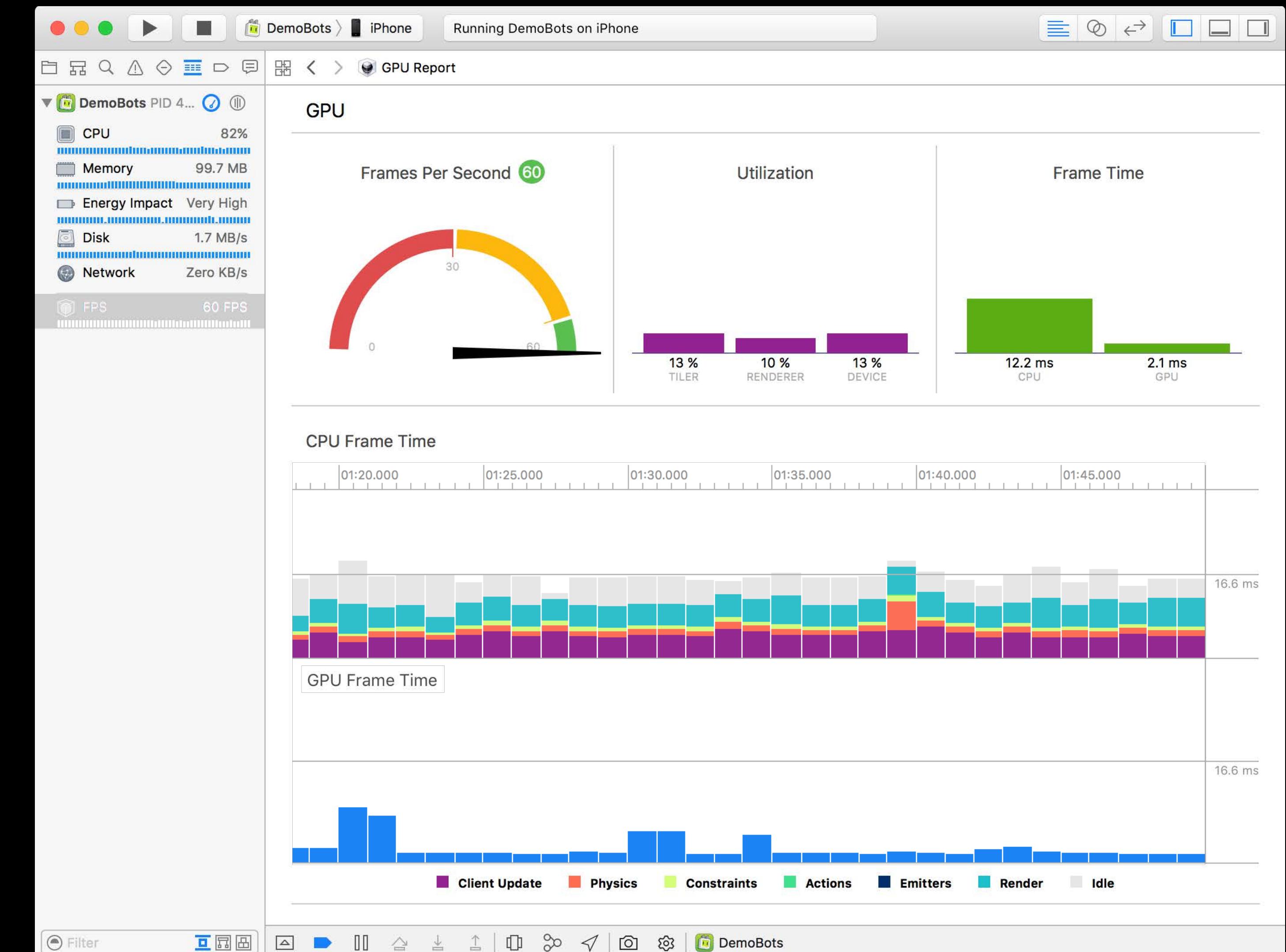
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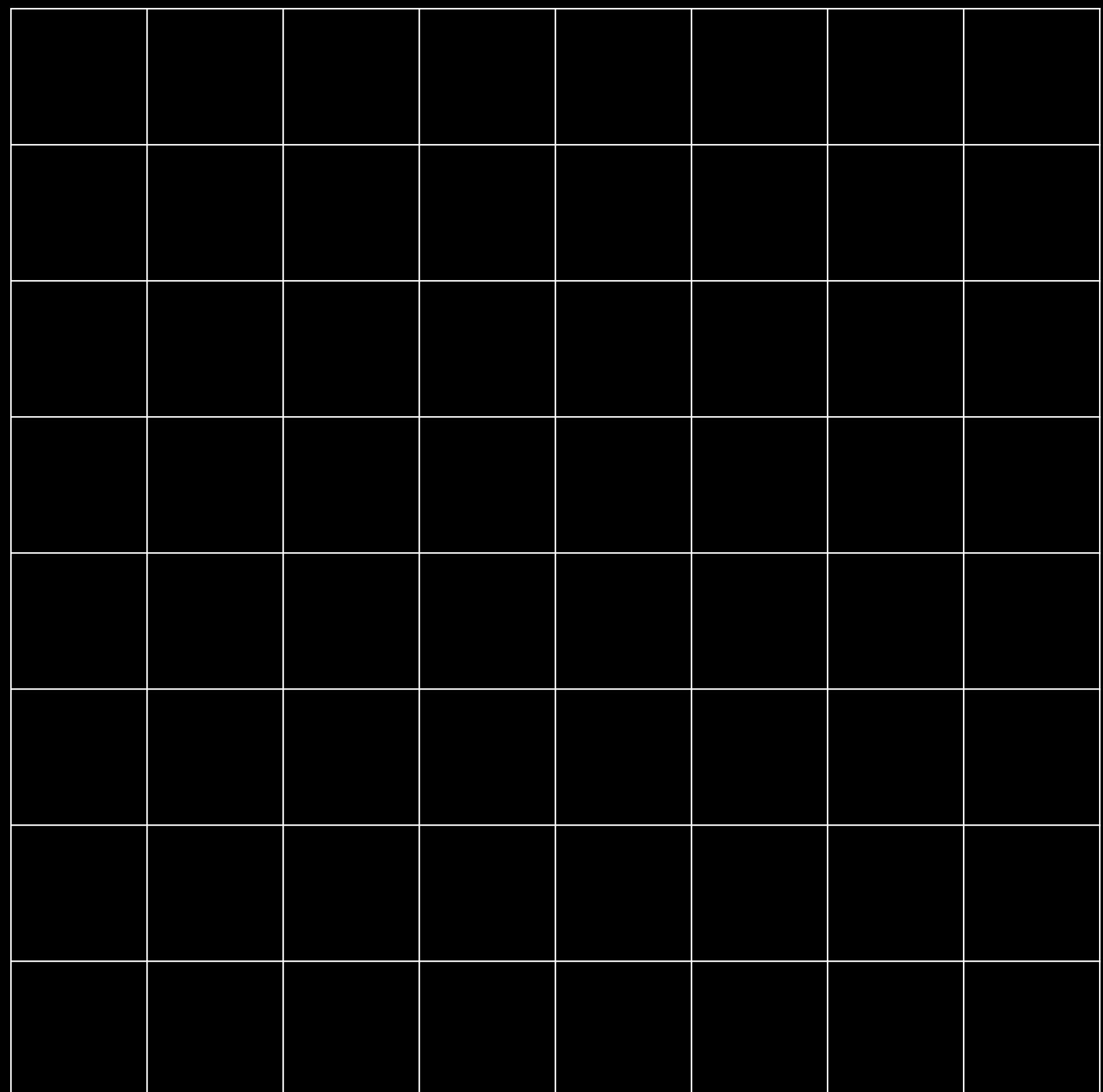
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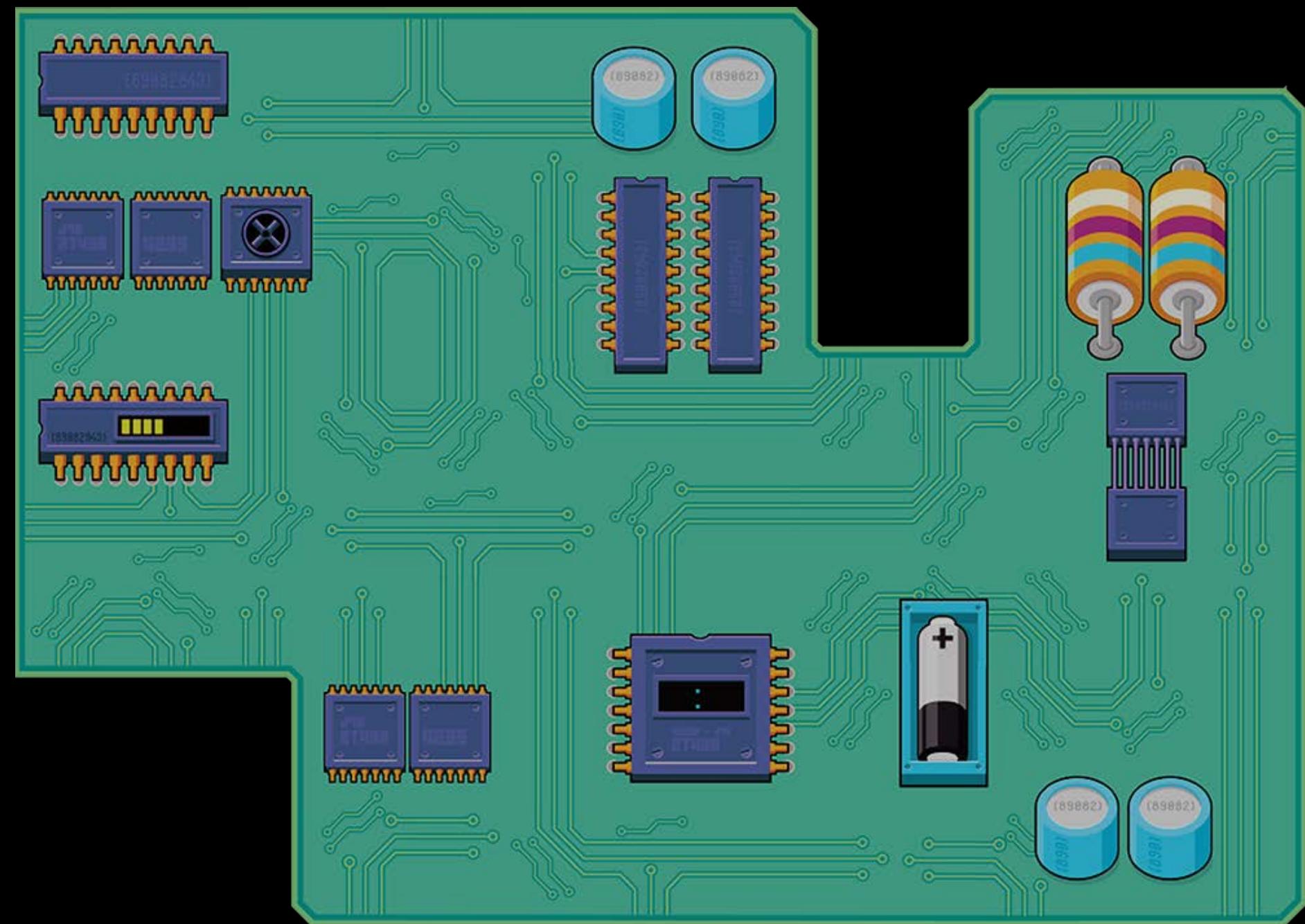
Could use static images for your scenes

Pros

- Easy to place and manage
- Doesn't clutter the scene

Cons

- Tweaks require changing your assets
- Large images require more memory
- Variety requires additional large assets



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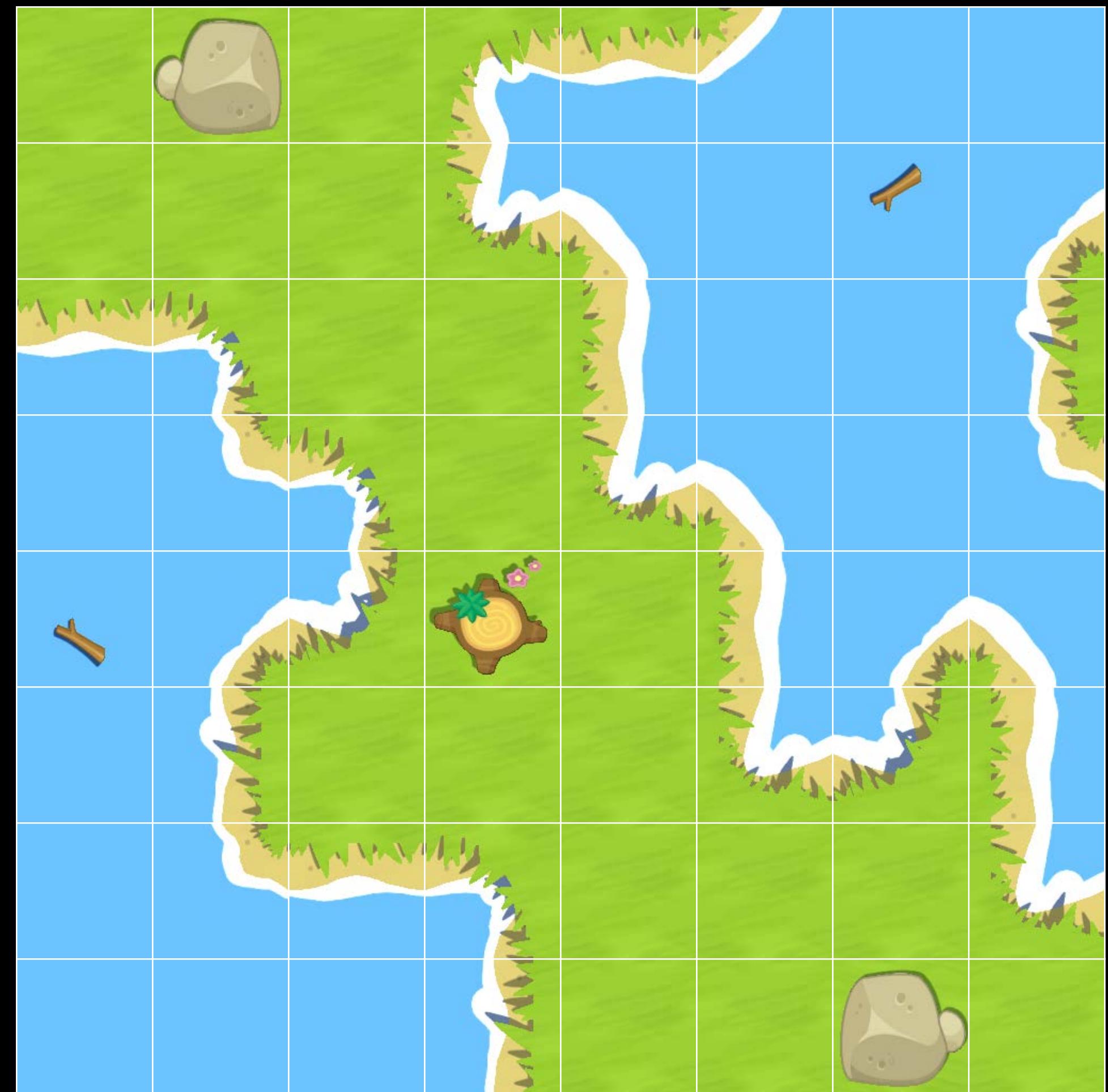
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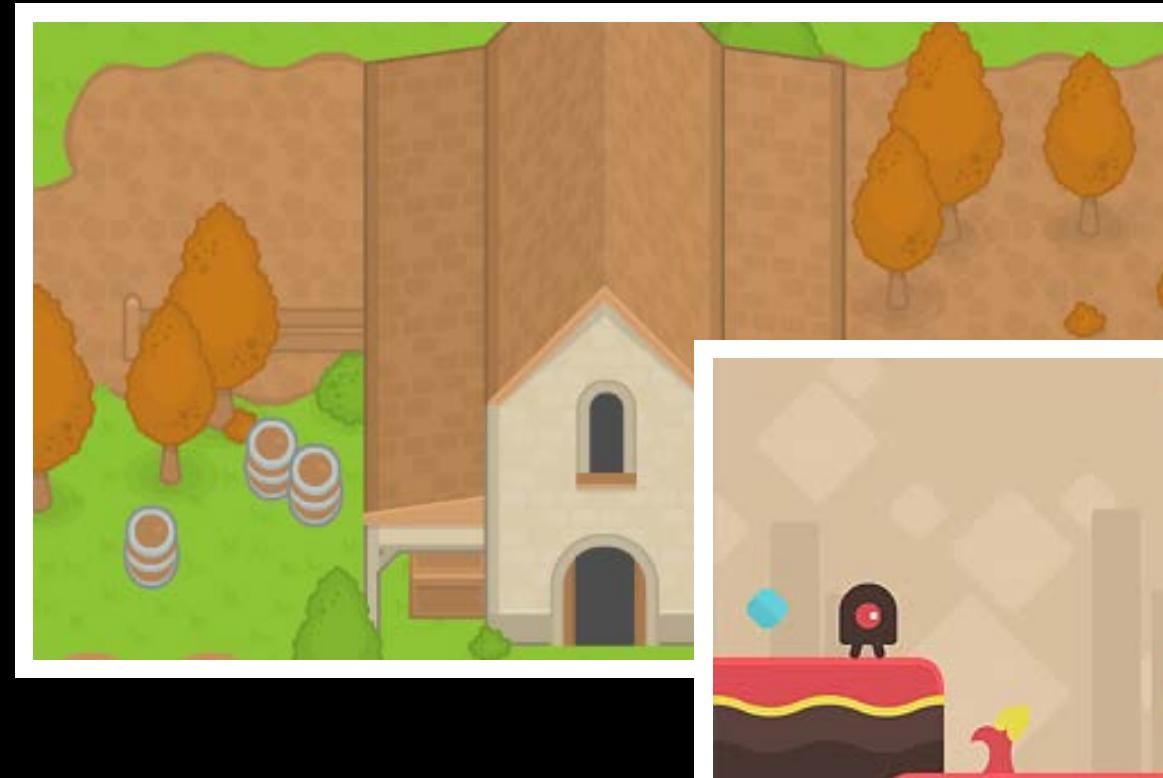
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- Hex-based board games



Demo

Tile maps in action

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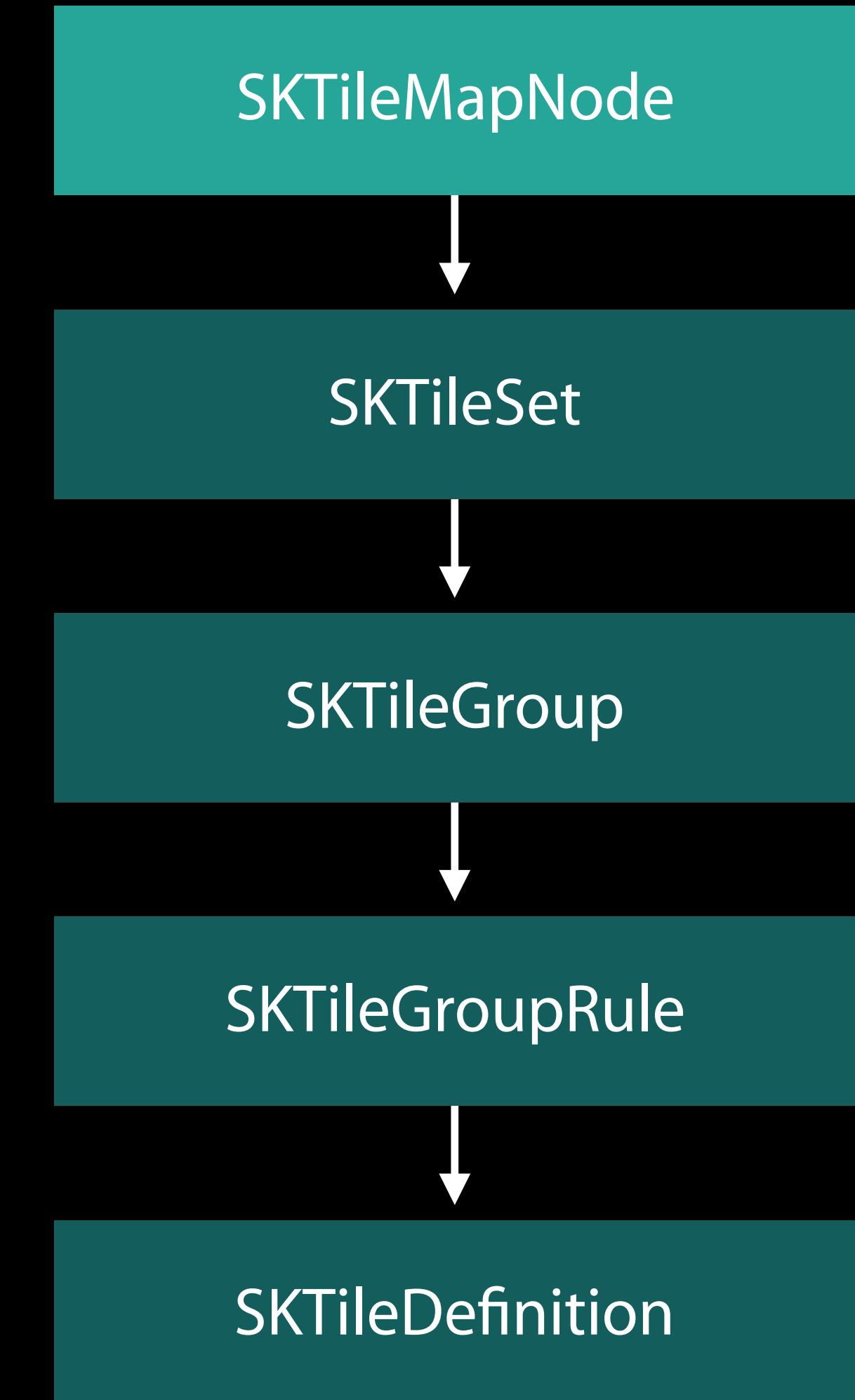
Class overview

SKTileMapNode is the tile map

Derived from SKNode

Contains all of the placed tiles

Needs a tile set to be able to place tiles



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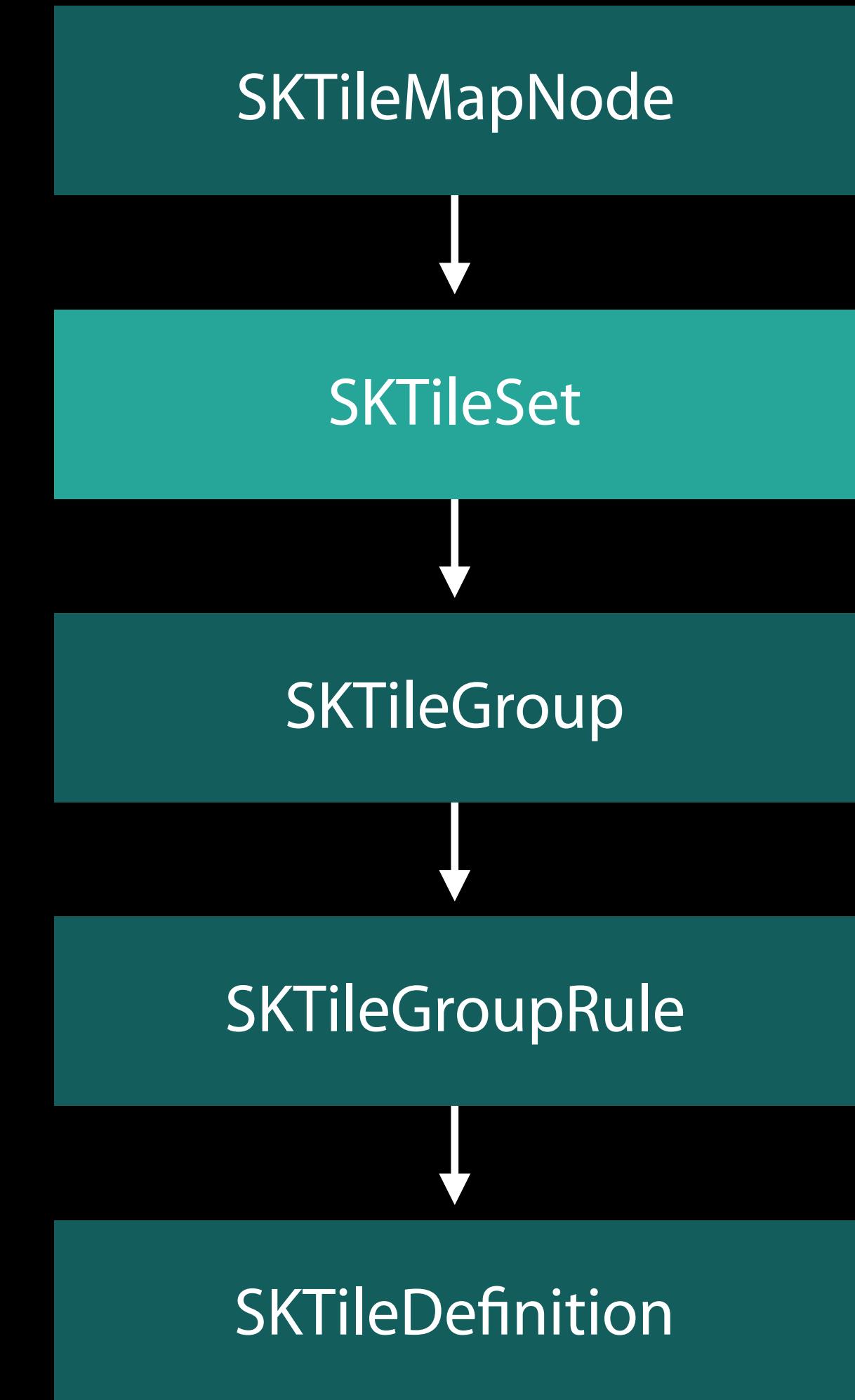
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SKTileSet contains all placeable tile groups

Also defines the type of tiles it contains

- Grid
- Isometric
- Hexagonal



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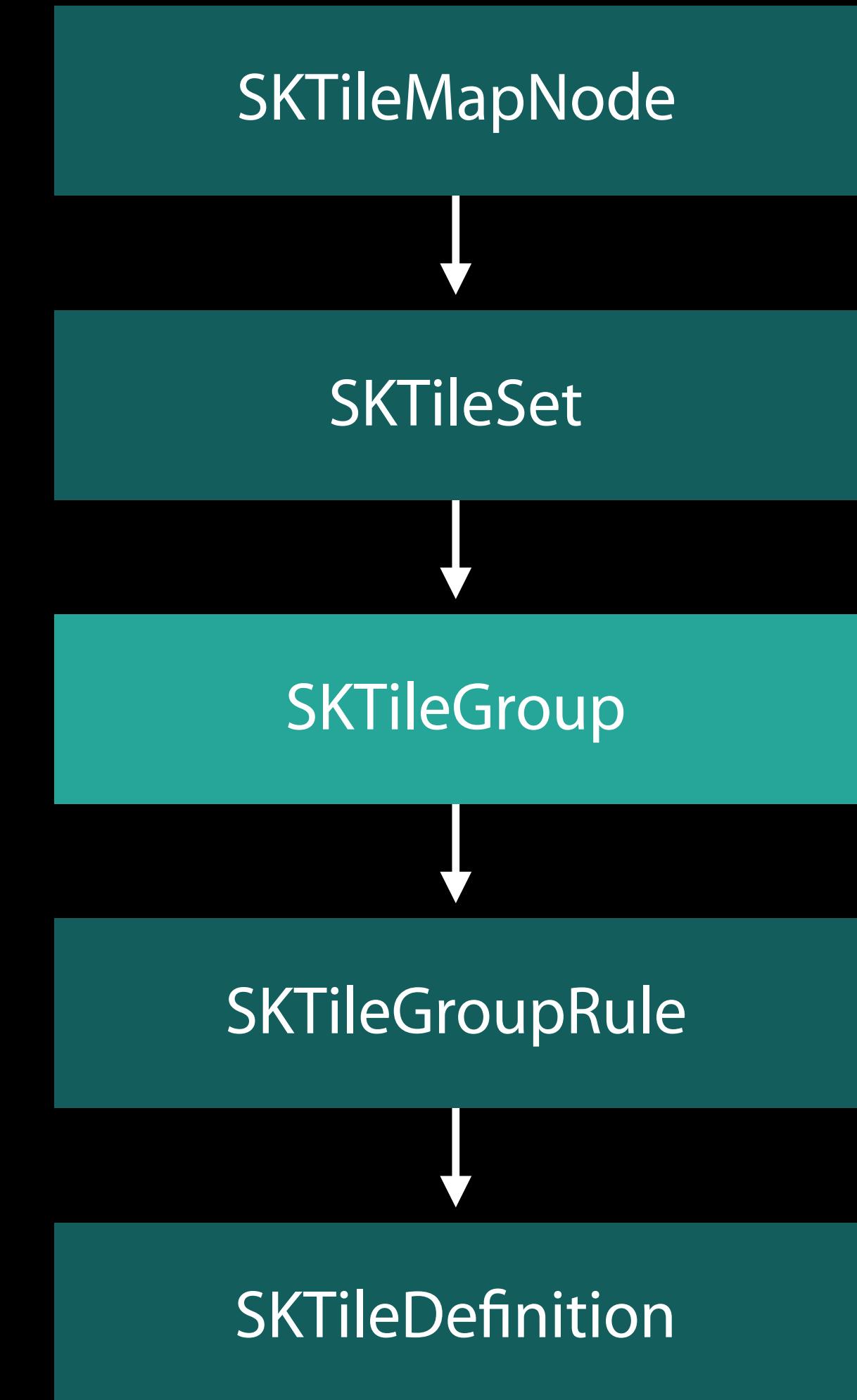
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SKTileGroup contains a set of related tiles

- Grass
- Water
- Stone

Has rules that govern tile placement



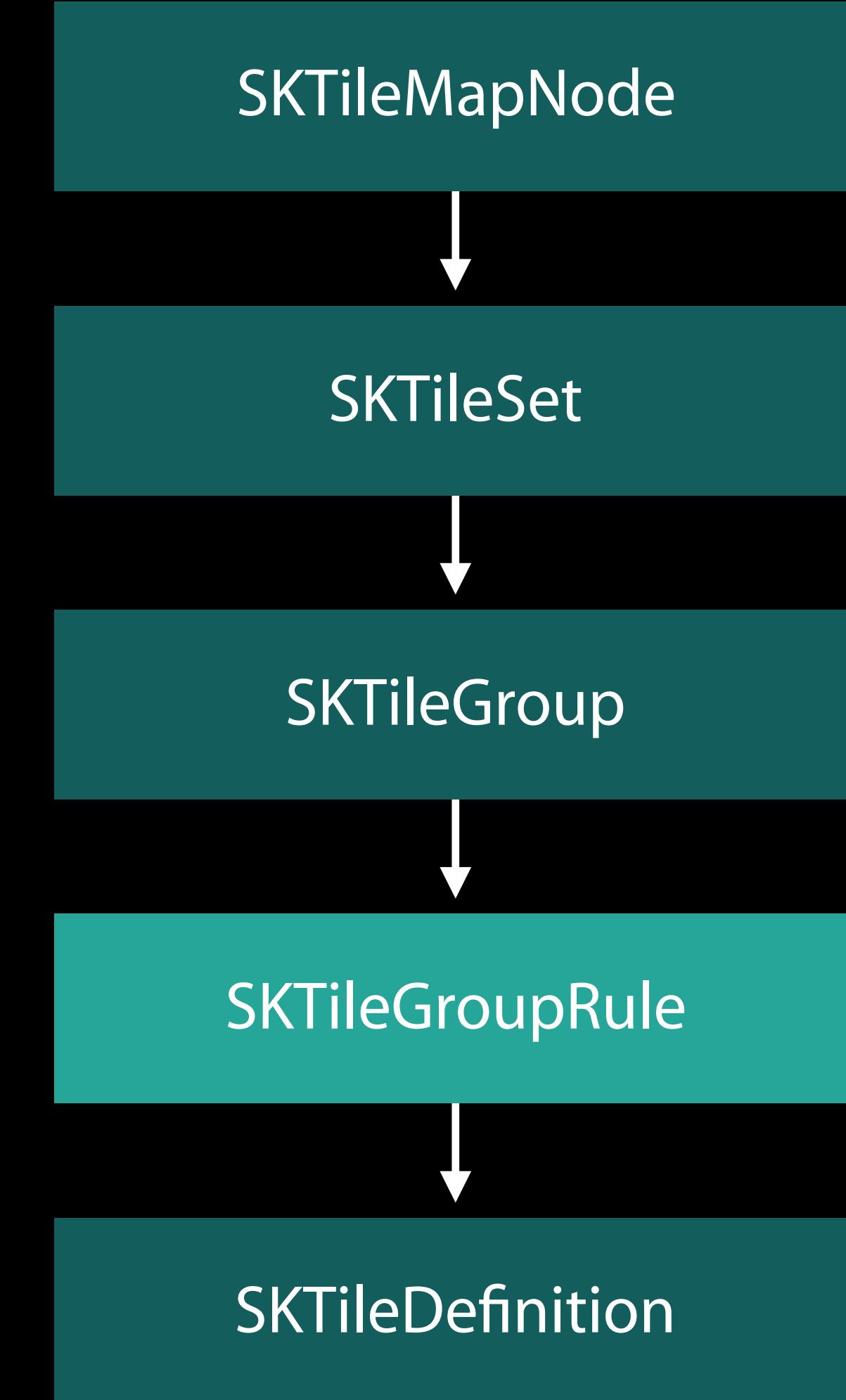
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SKTileGroupRule controls how to interact

Contains tile variants



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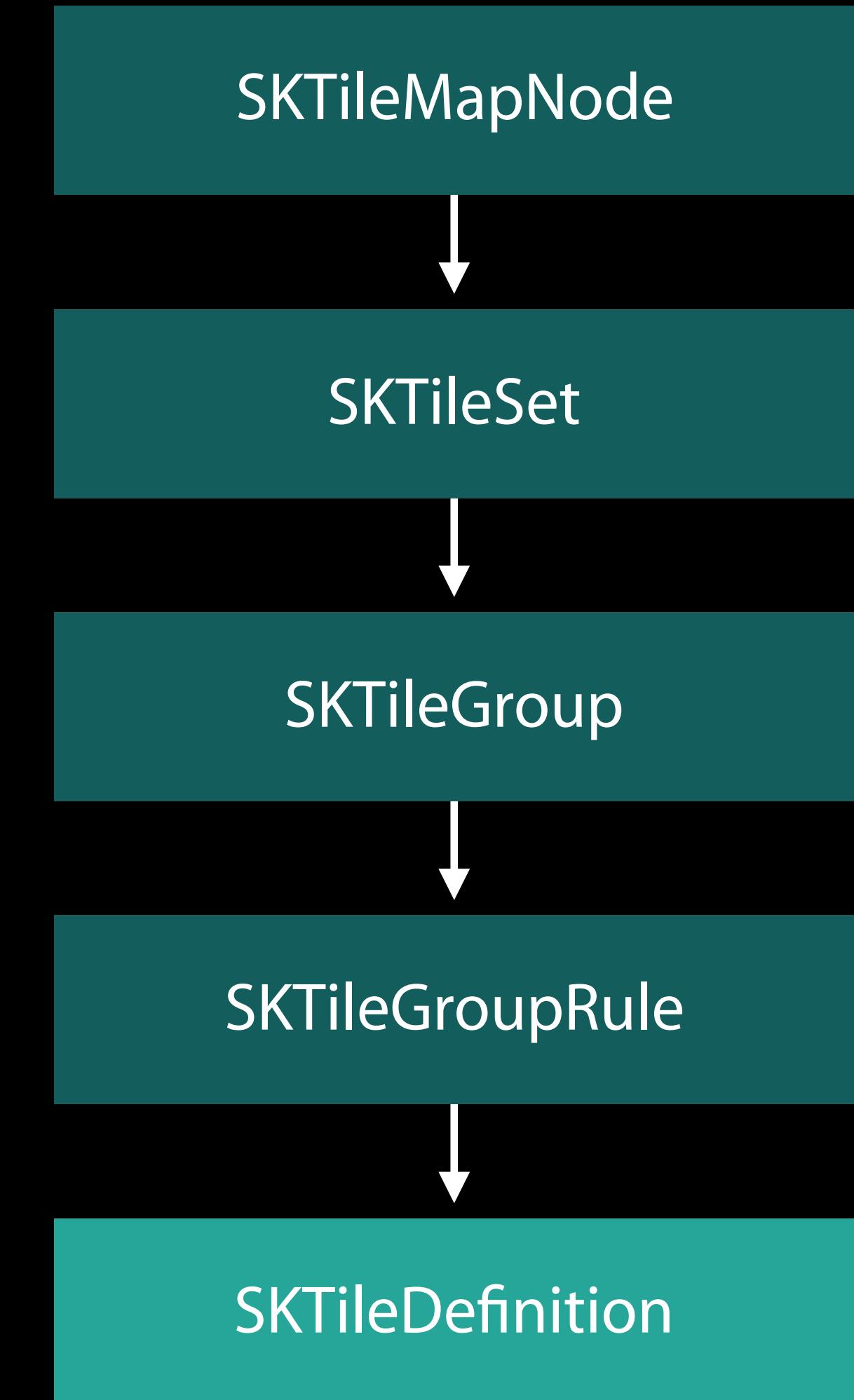
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SKTileDefinition defines tile appearance

Allows for animation

Images can be flipped and/or rotated



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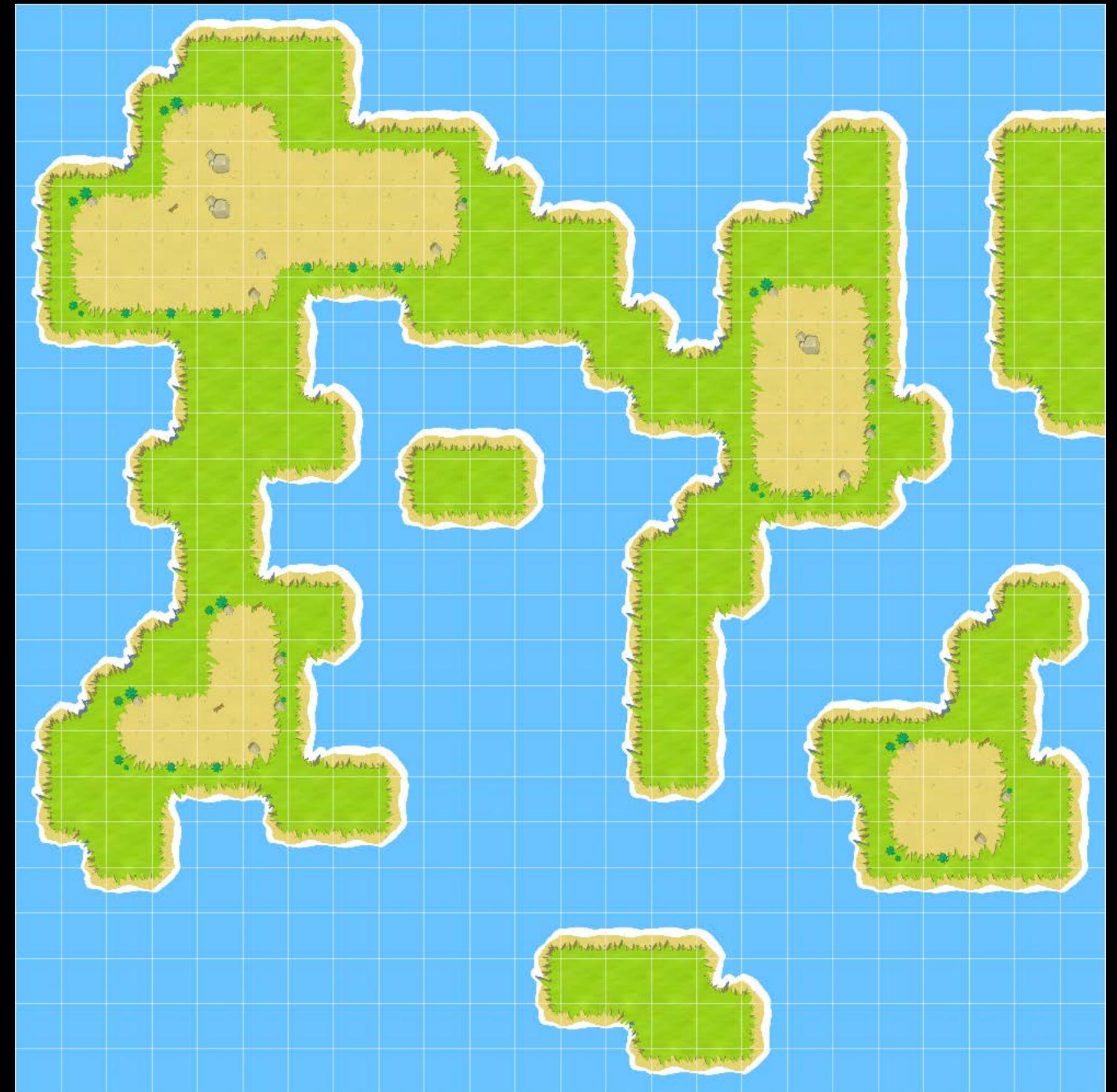
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Tile maps get more out of your art budget

- Fewer assets needed
- Reduced memory overhead

Supports animation



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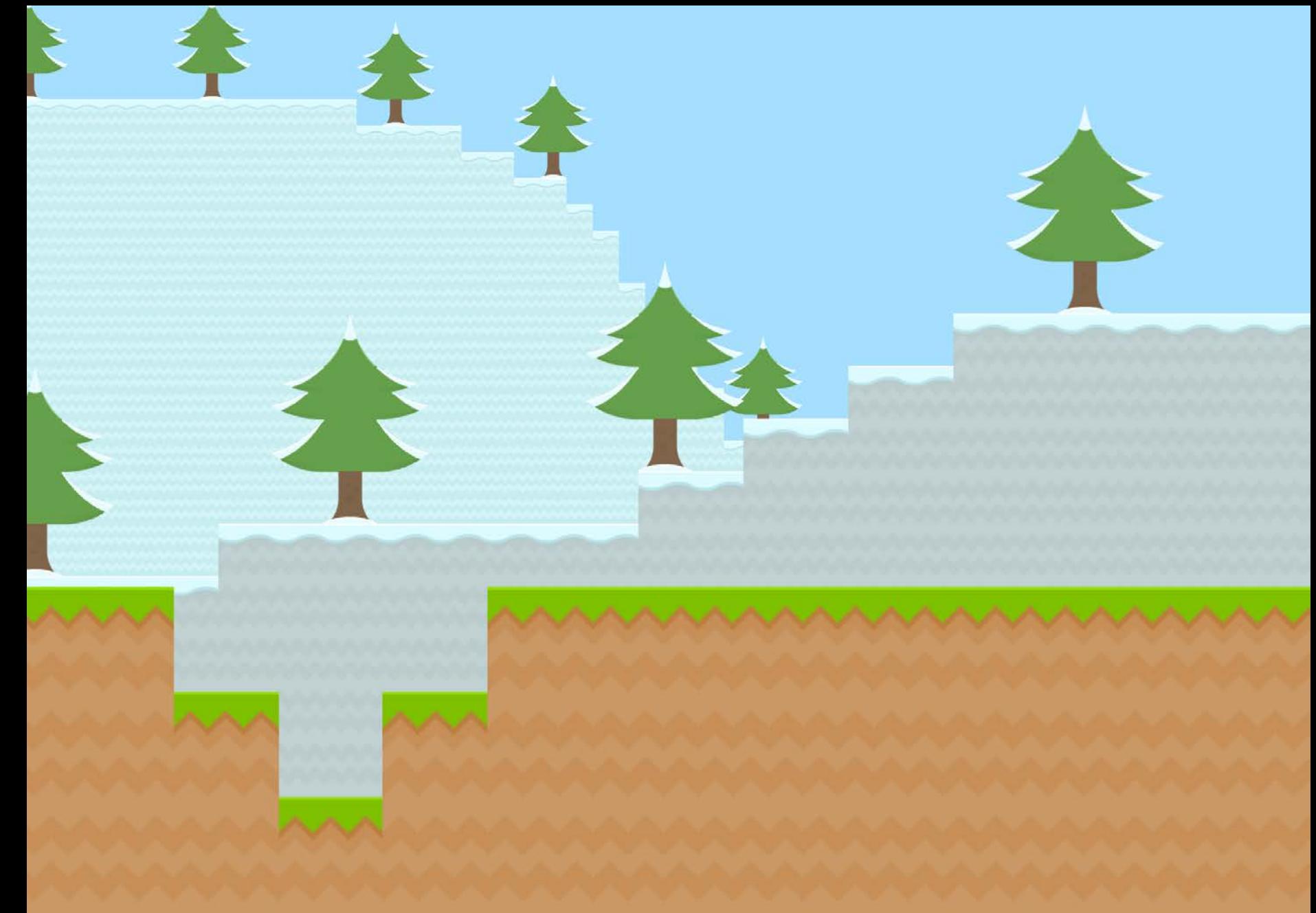
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Designed to be layered

- Increased asset versatility
- Enables effects

Great for different art styles and games



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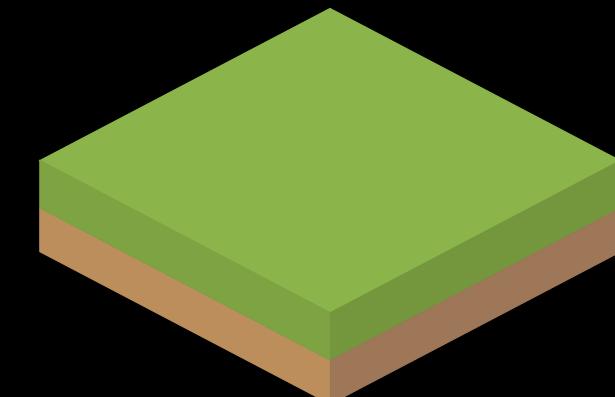
Automatic subdivision

- Only visible chunks are drawn

Batch rendering

Multiple tile types

- Grid
- Isometric
- Hexagonal



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Editor feature recap

Editing tile maps is simple and easy

Automapping does the hard work for you

Create new tile sets visually



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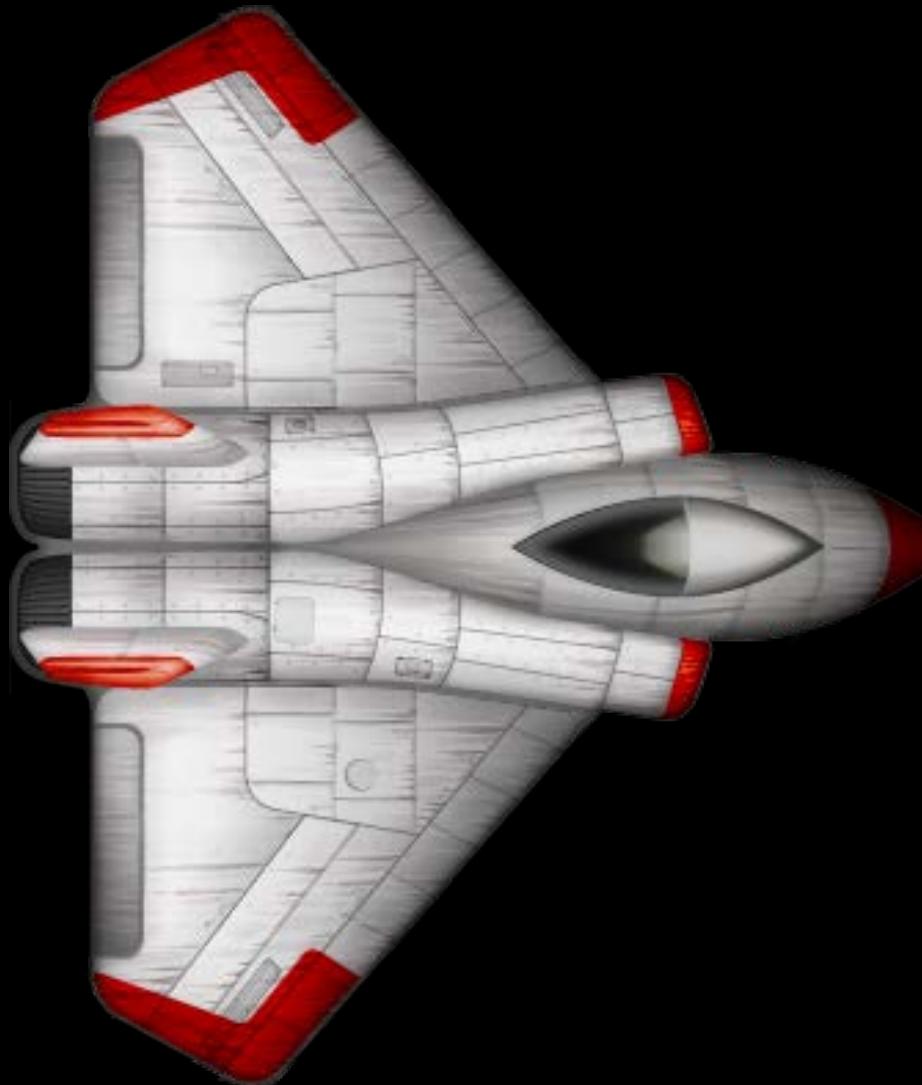


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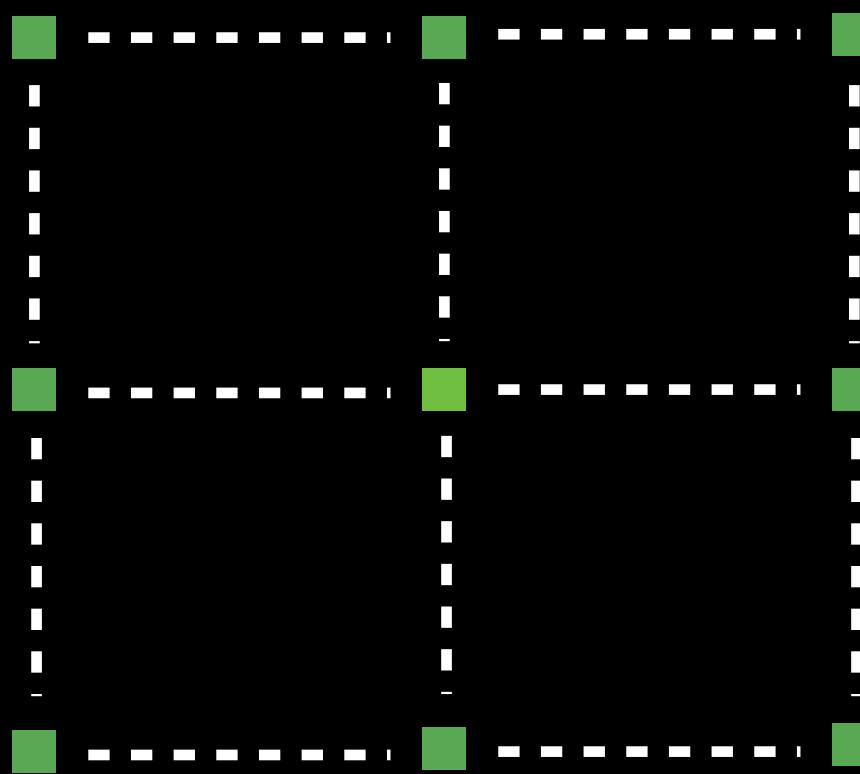
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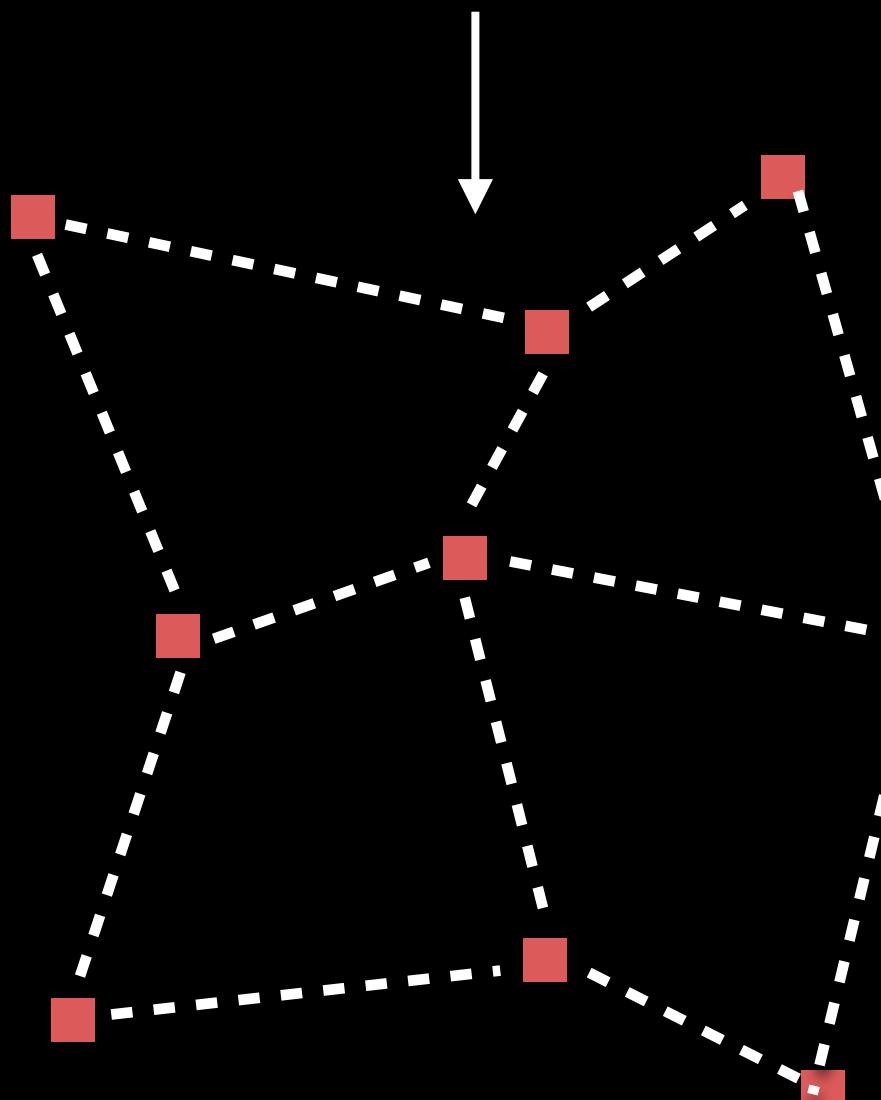
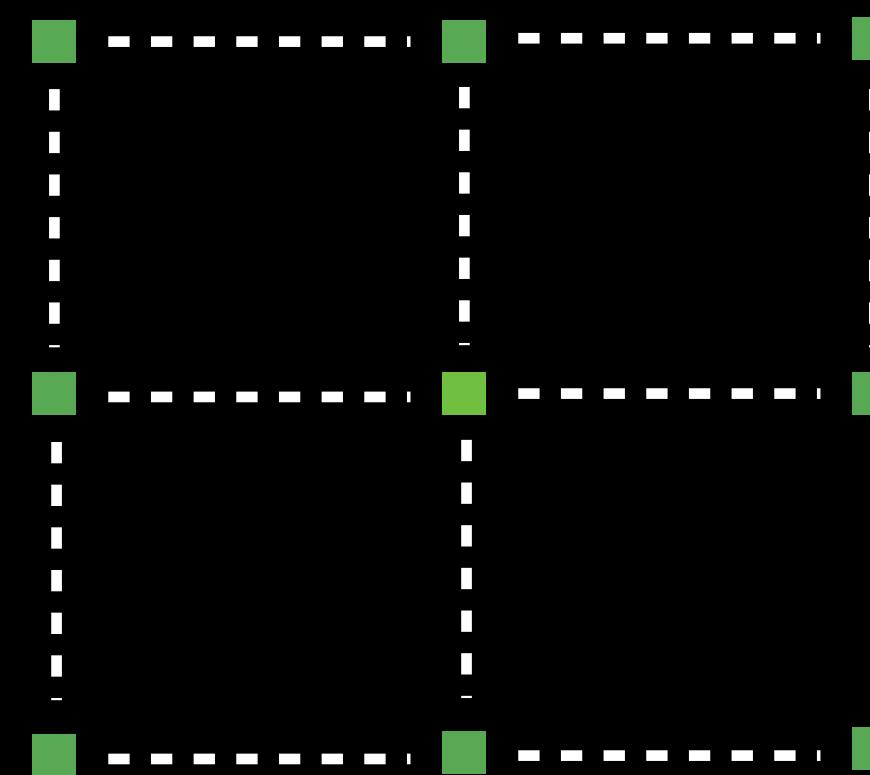


Warp Transformation

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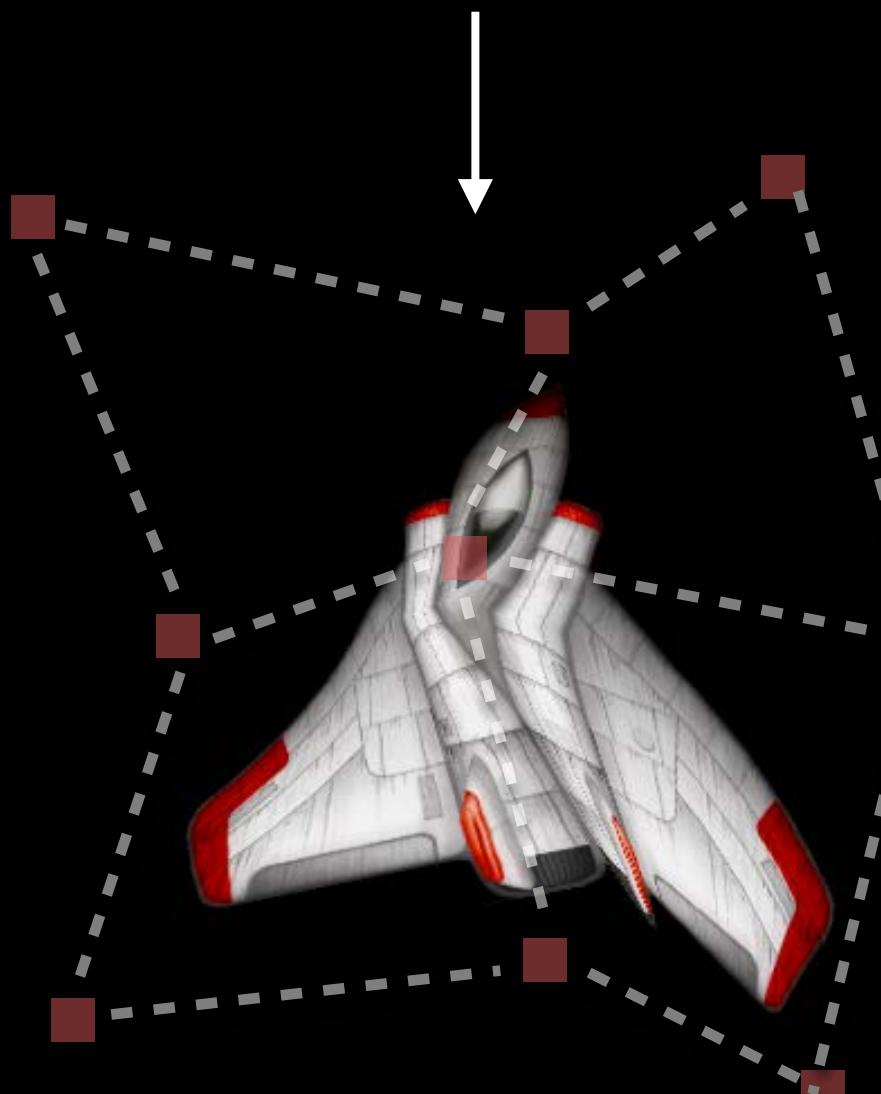
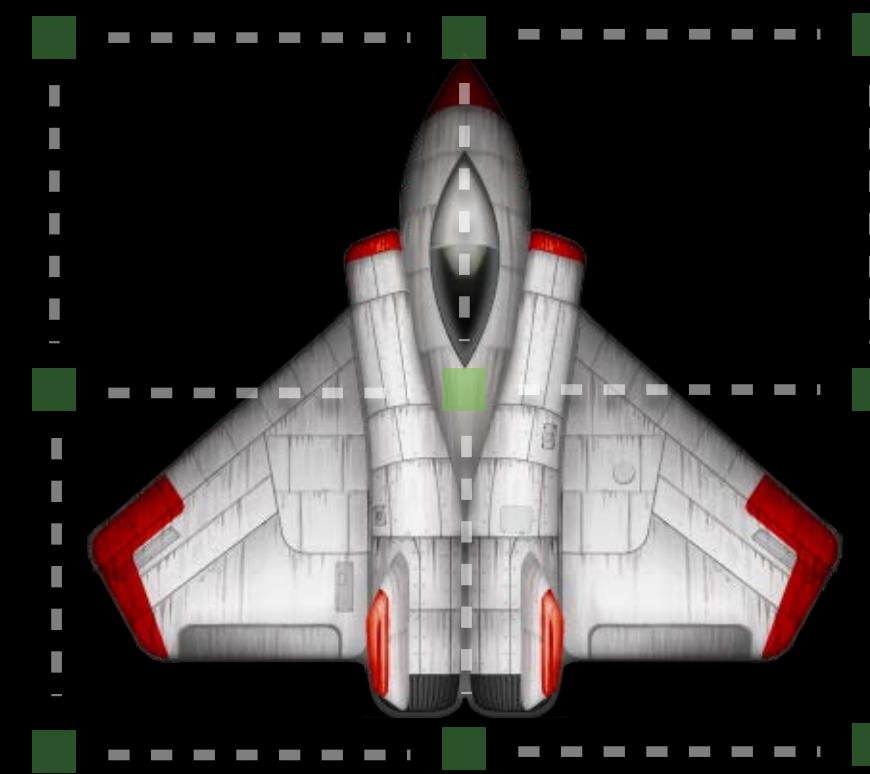
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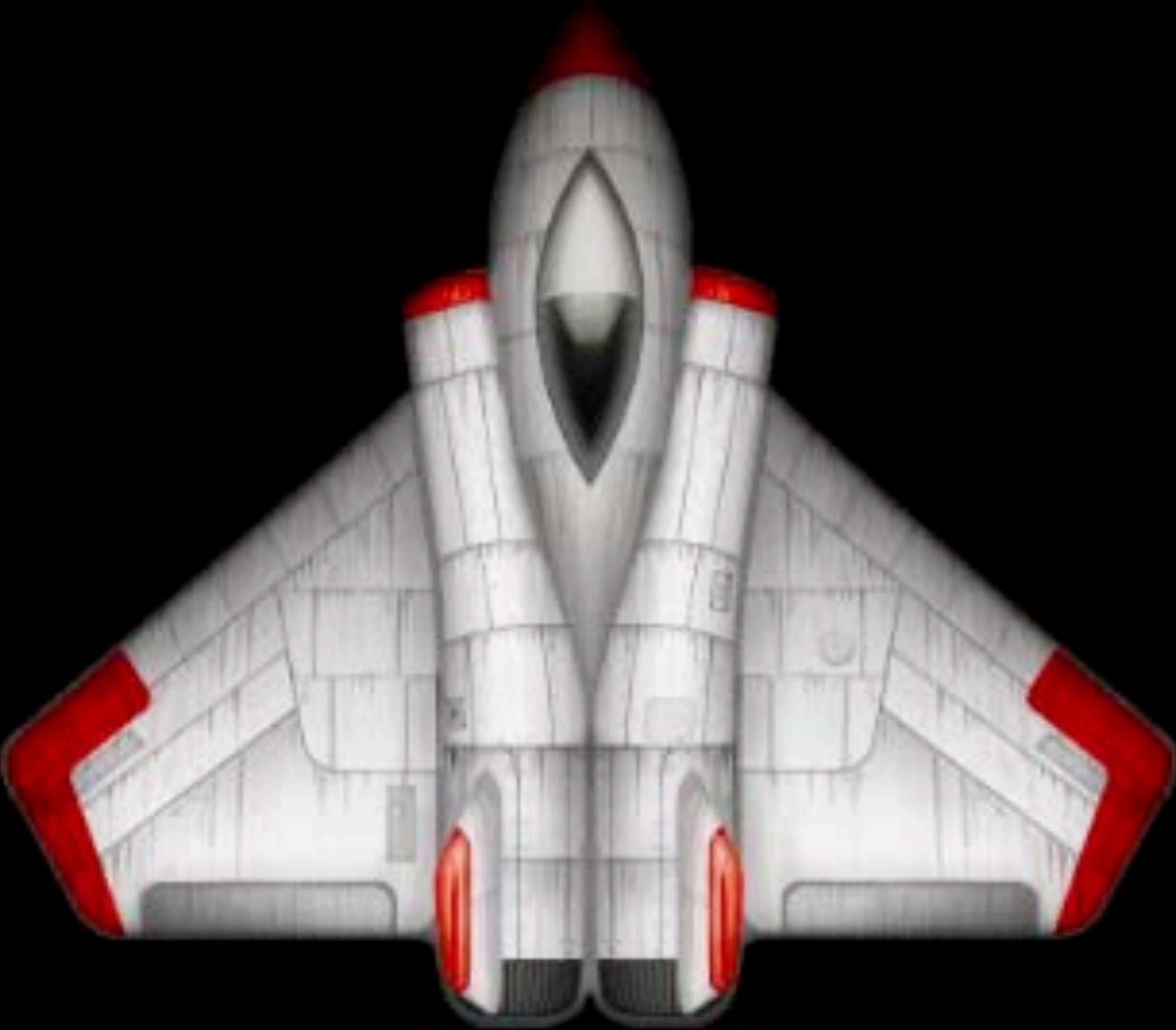
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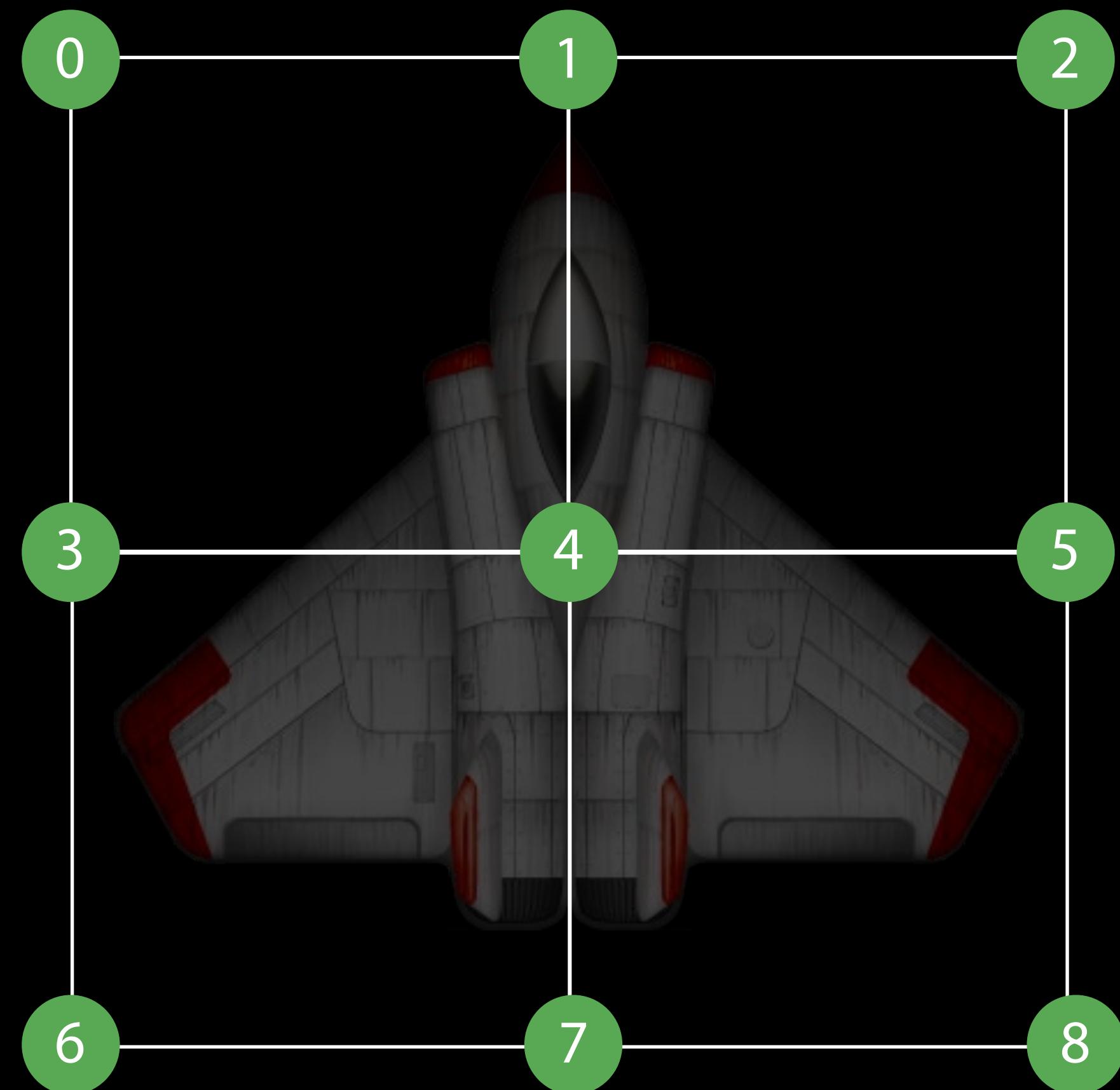
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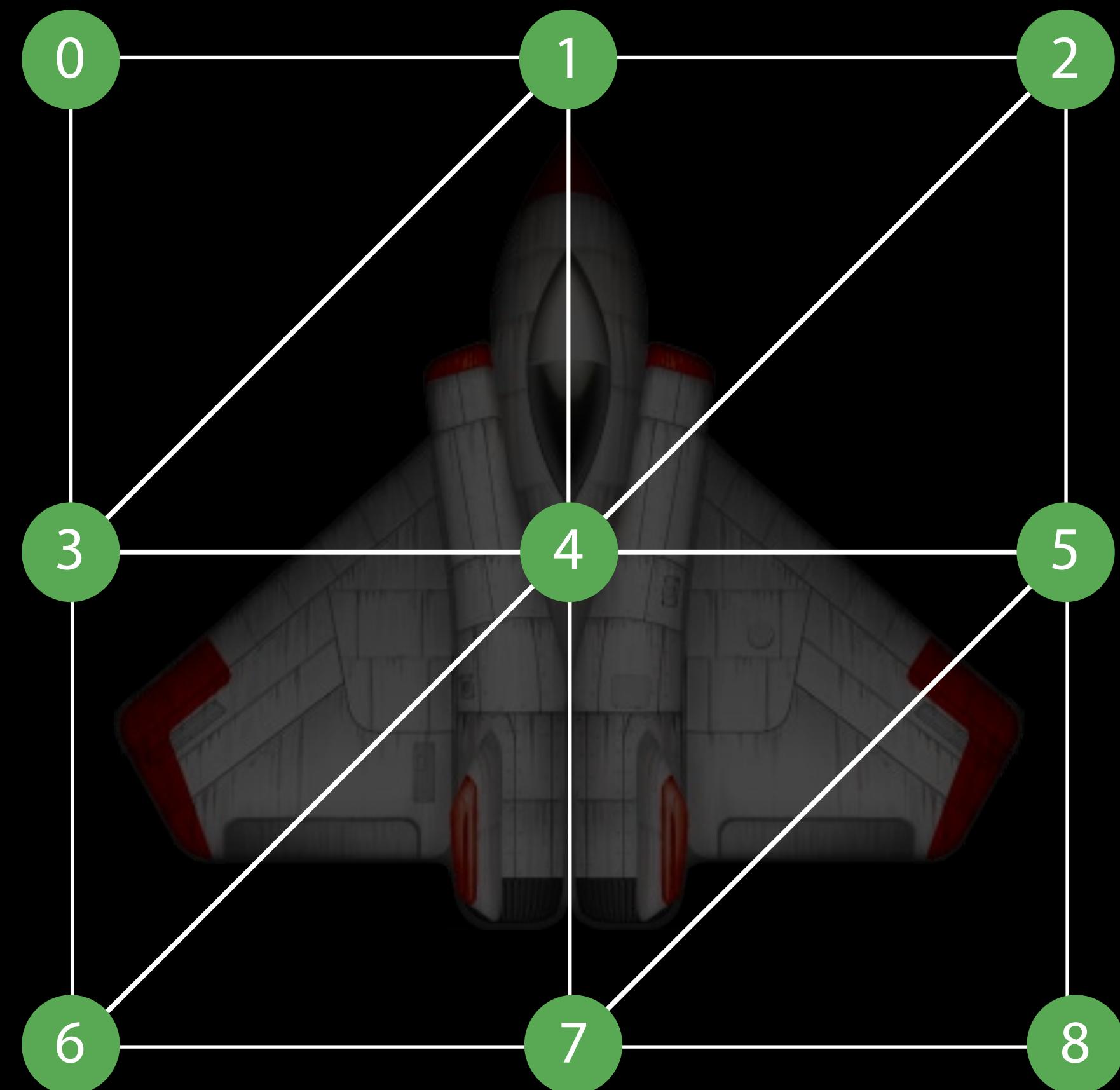
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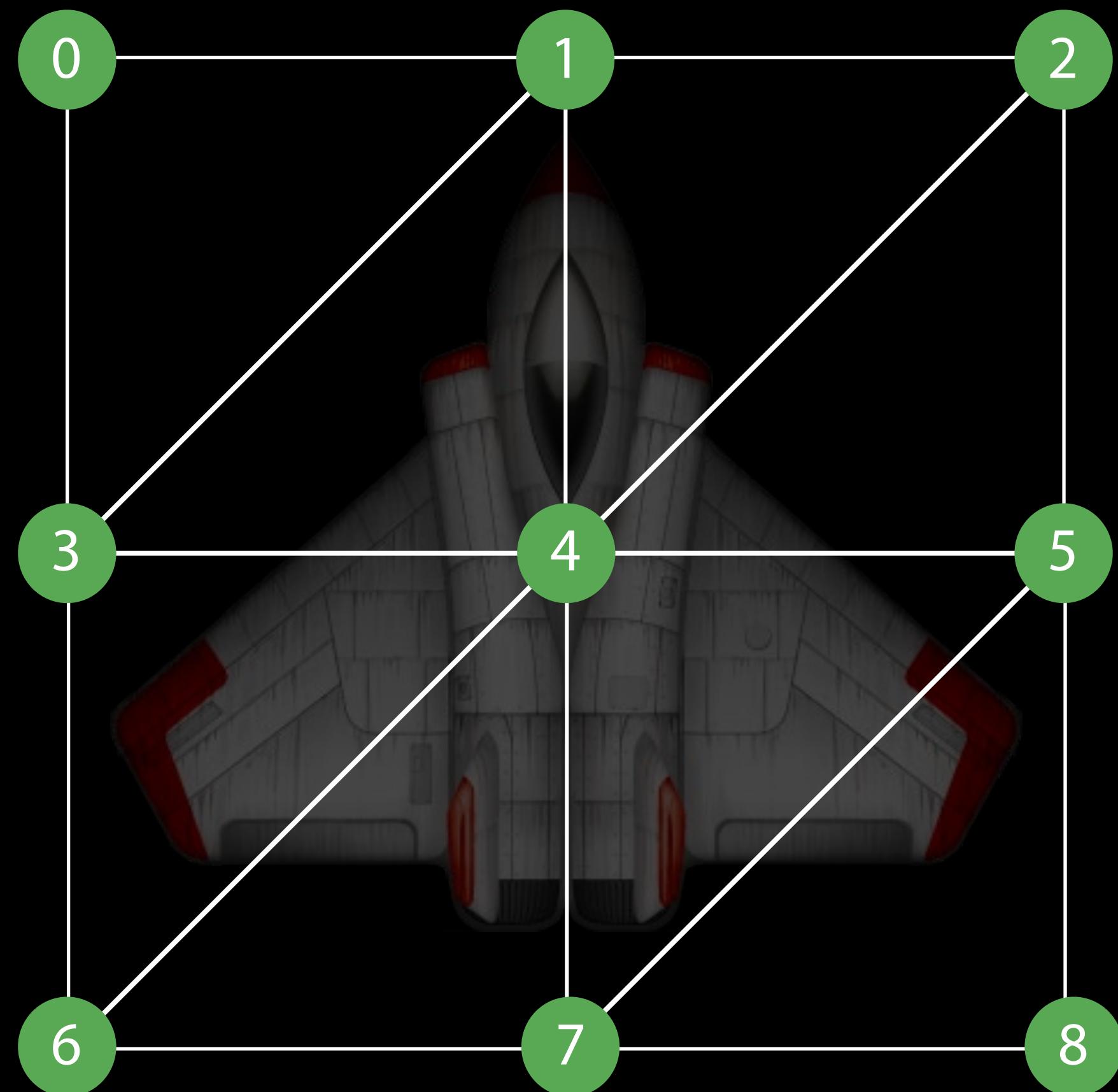
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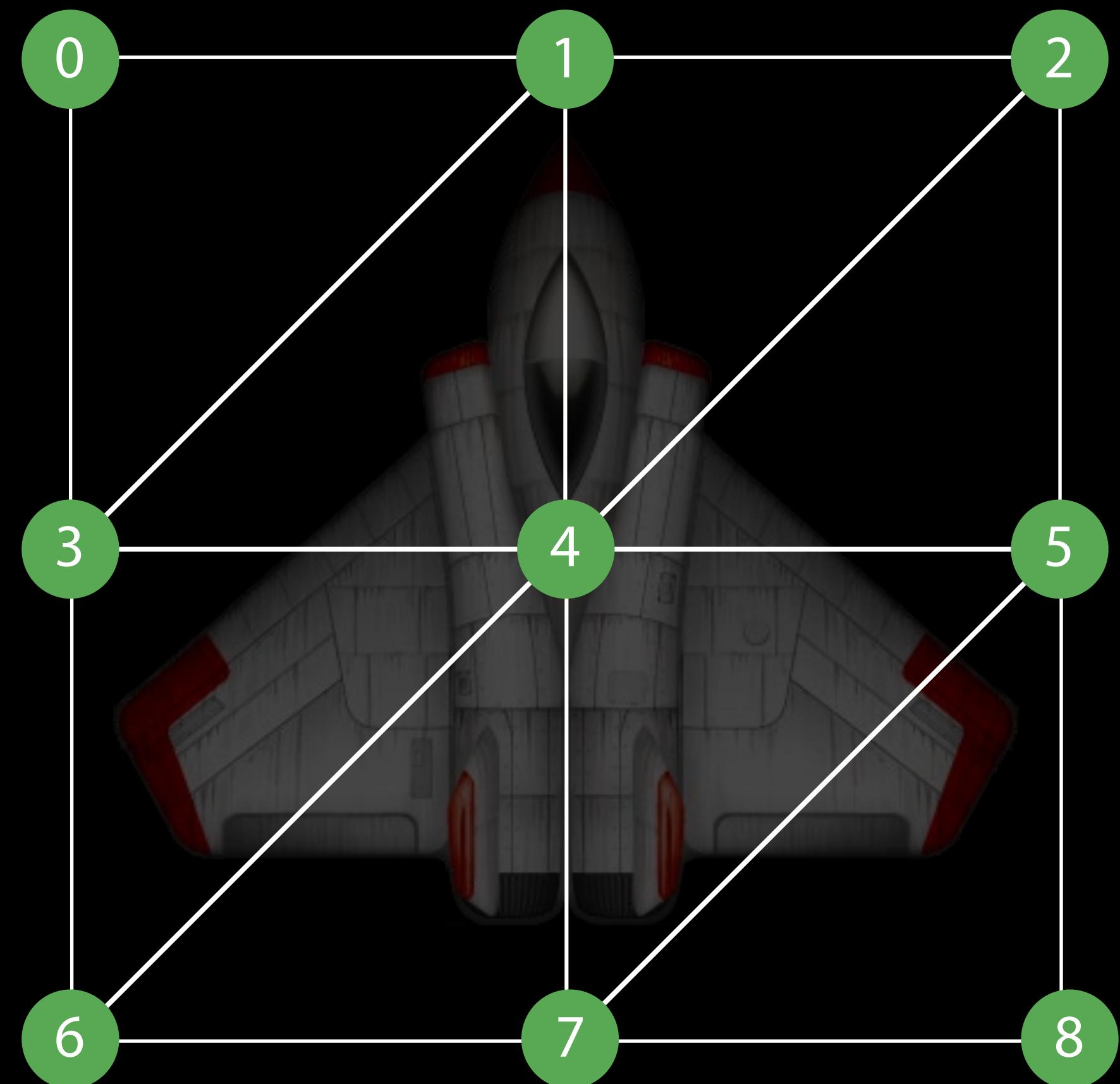
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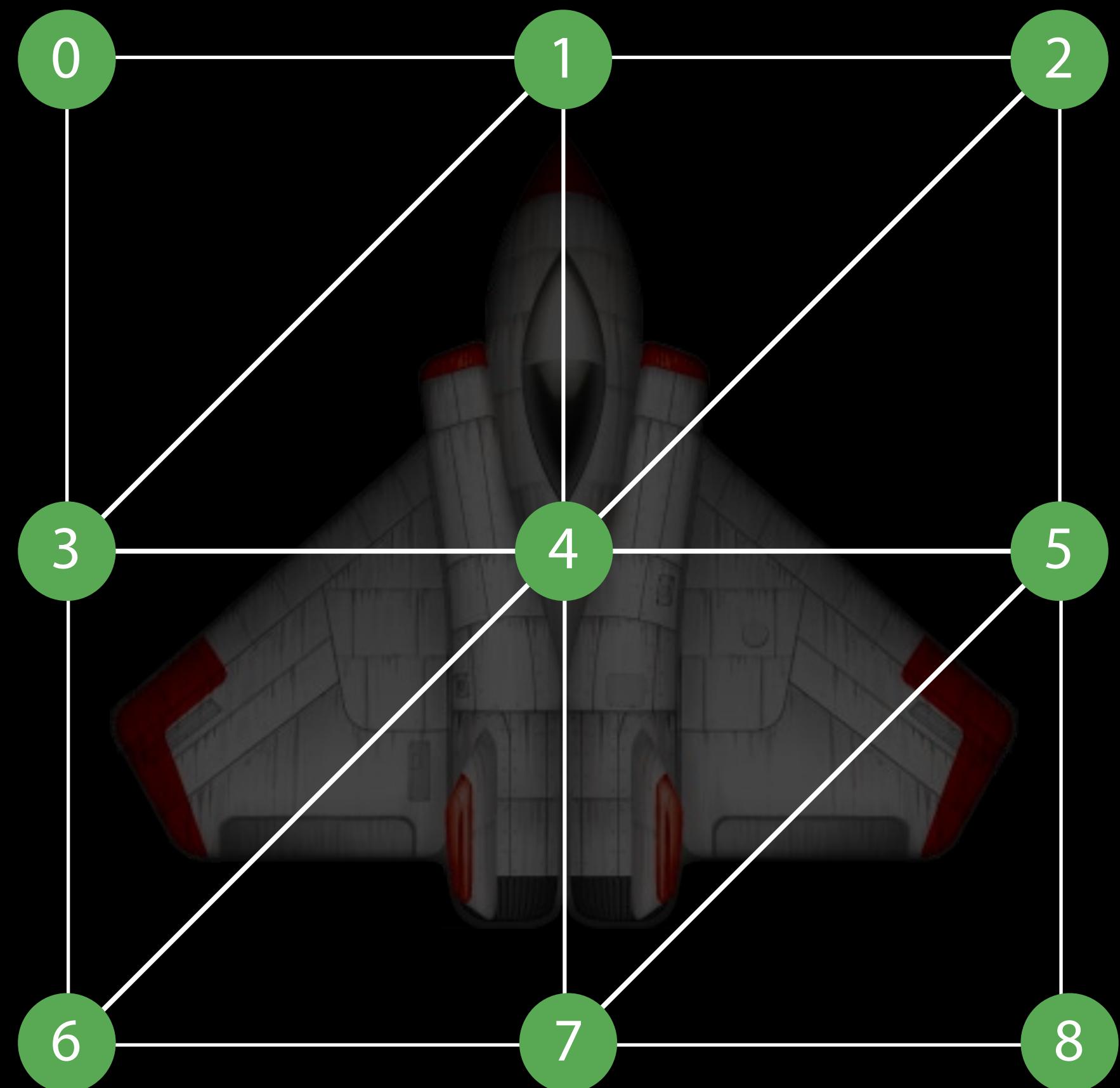
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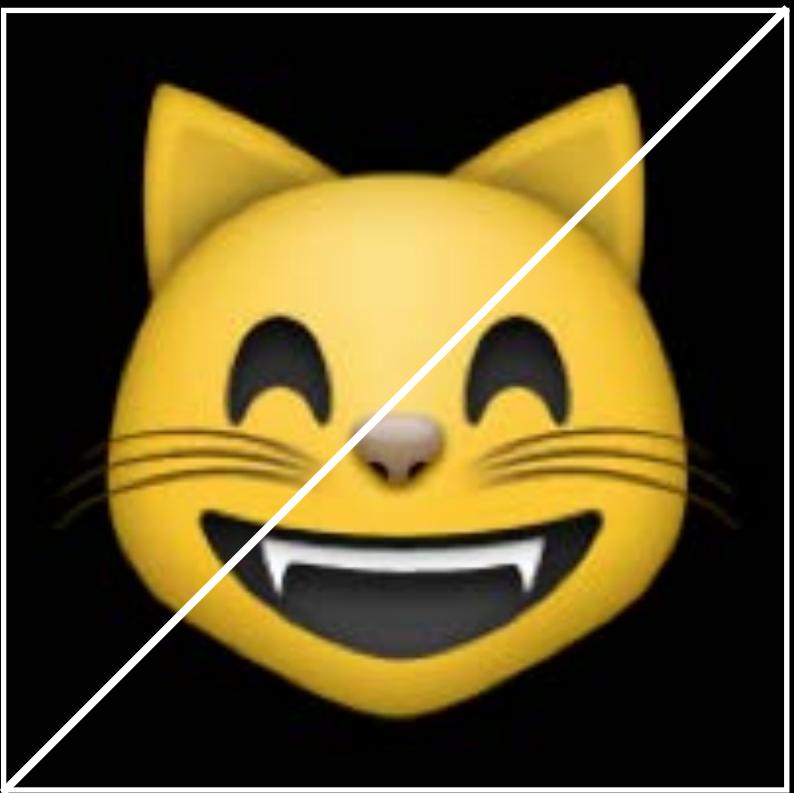
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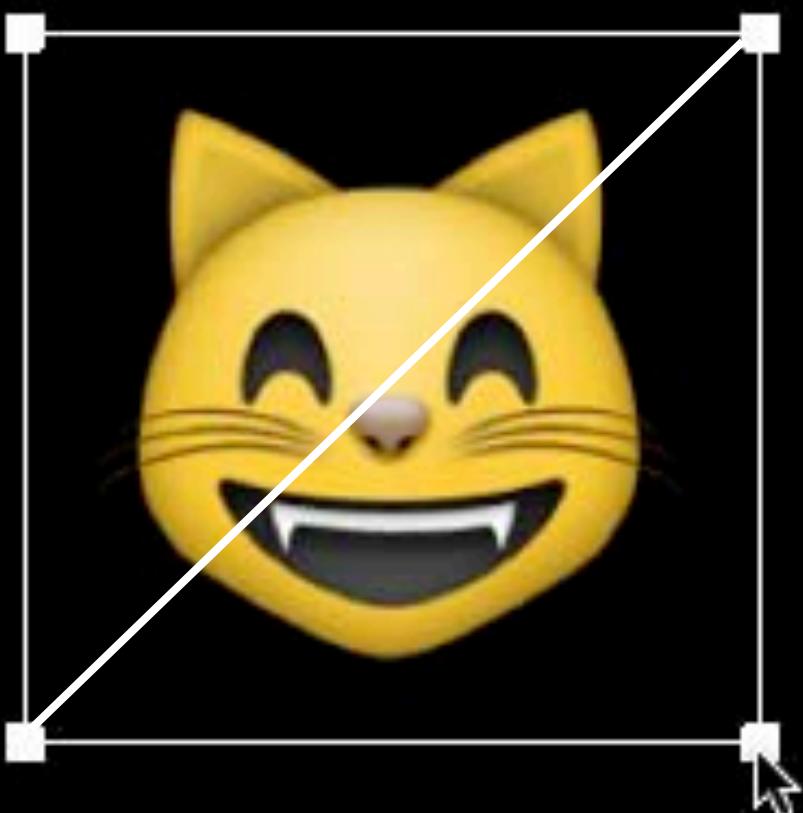
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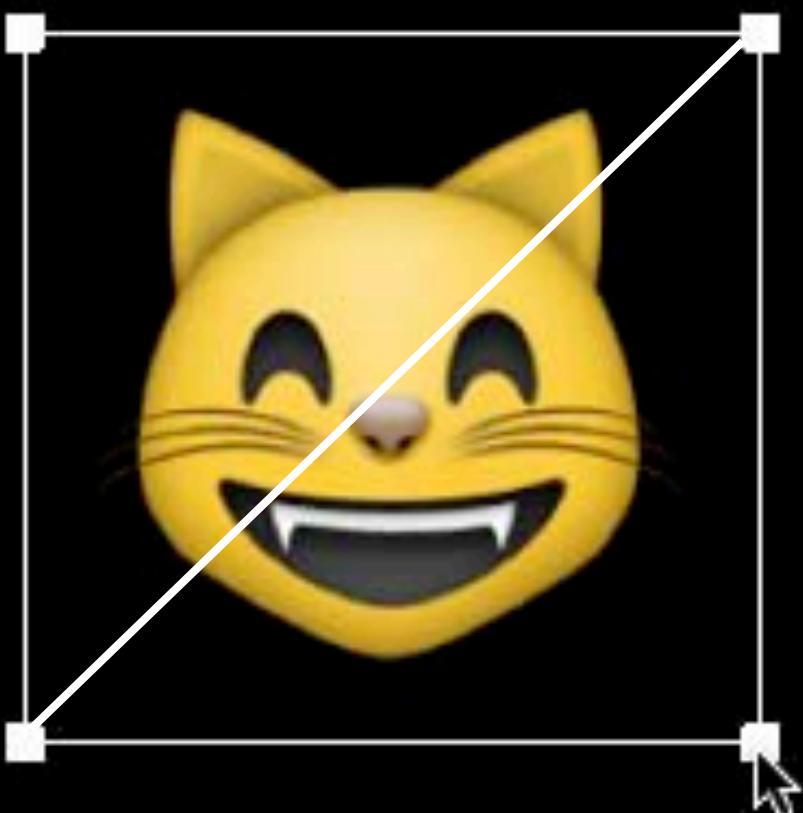
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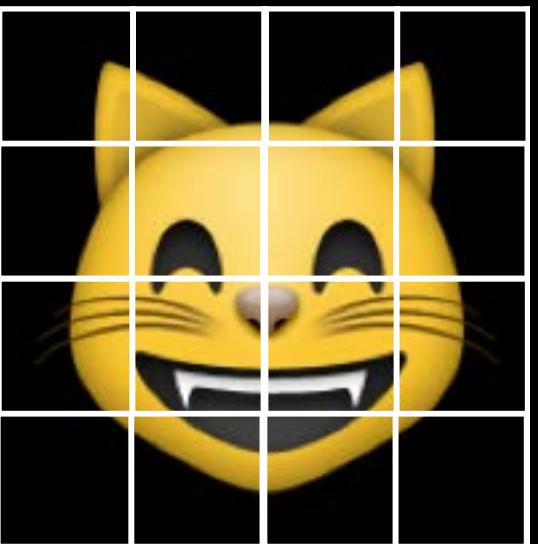
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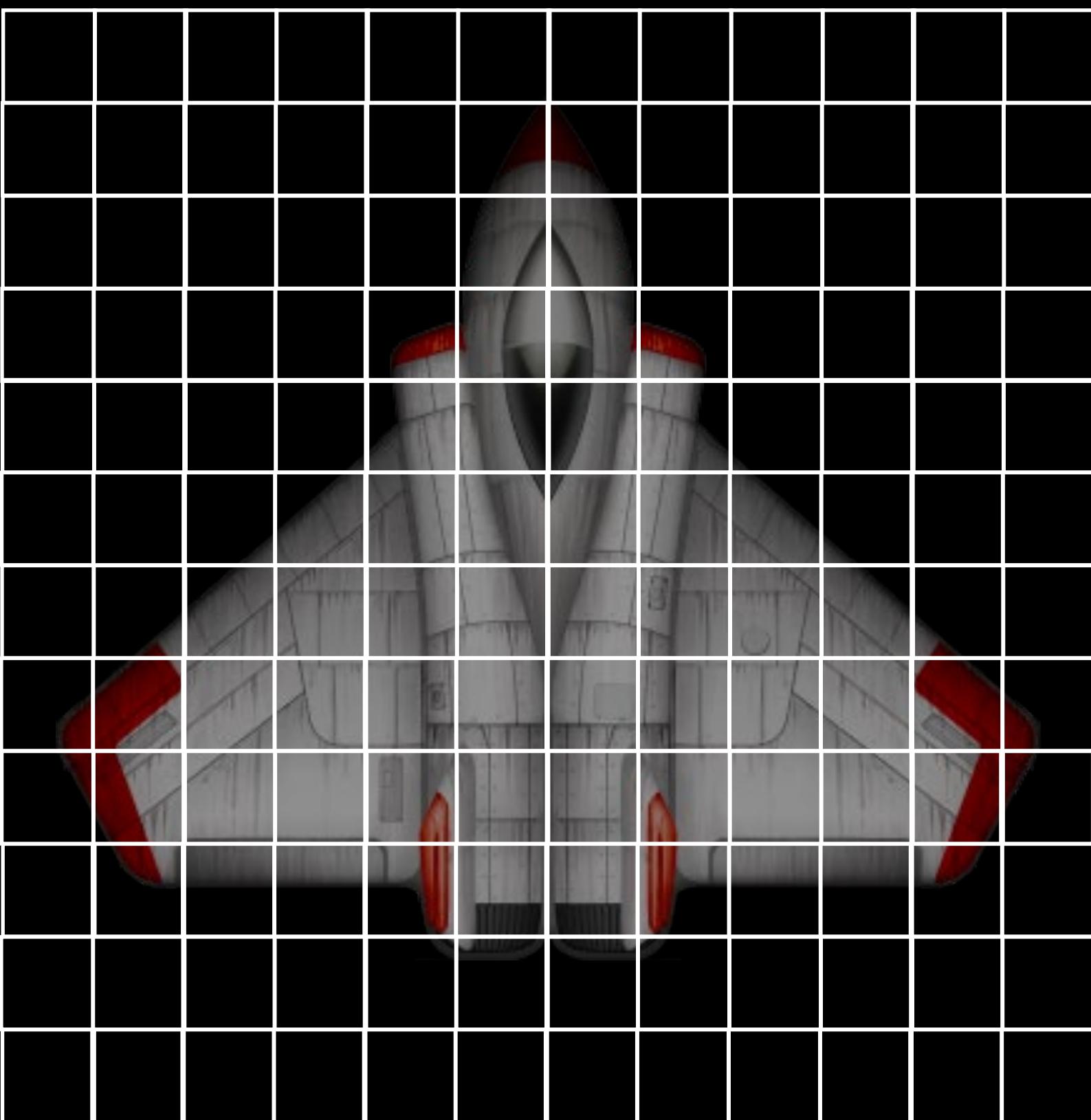
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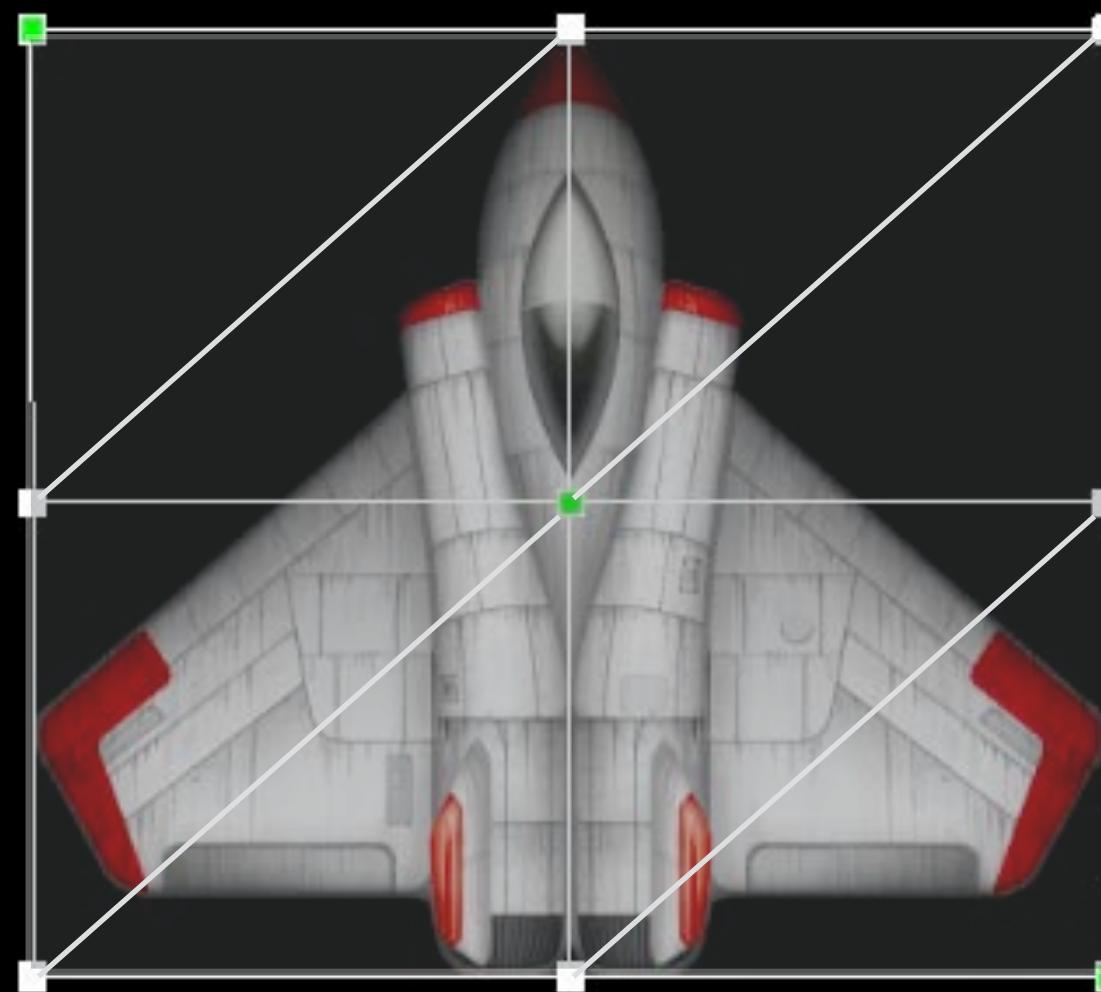
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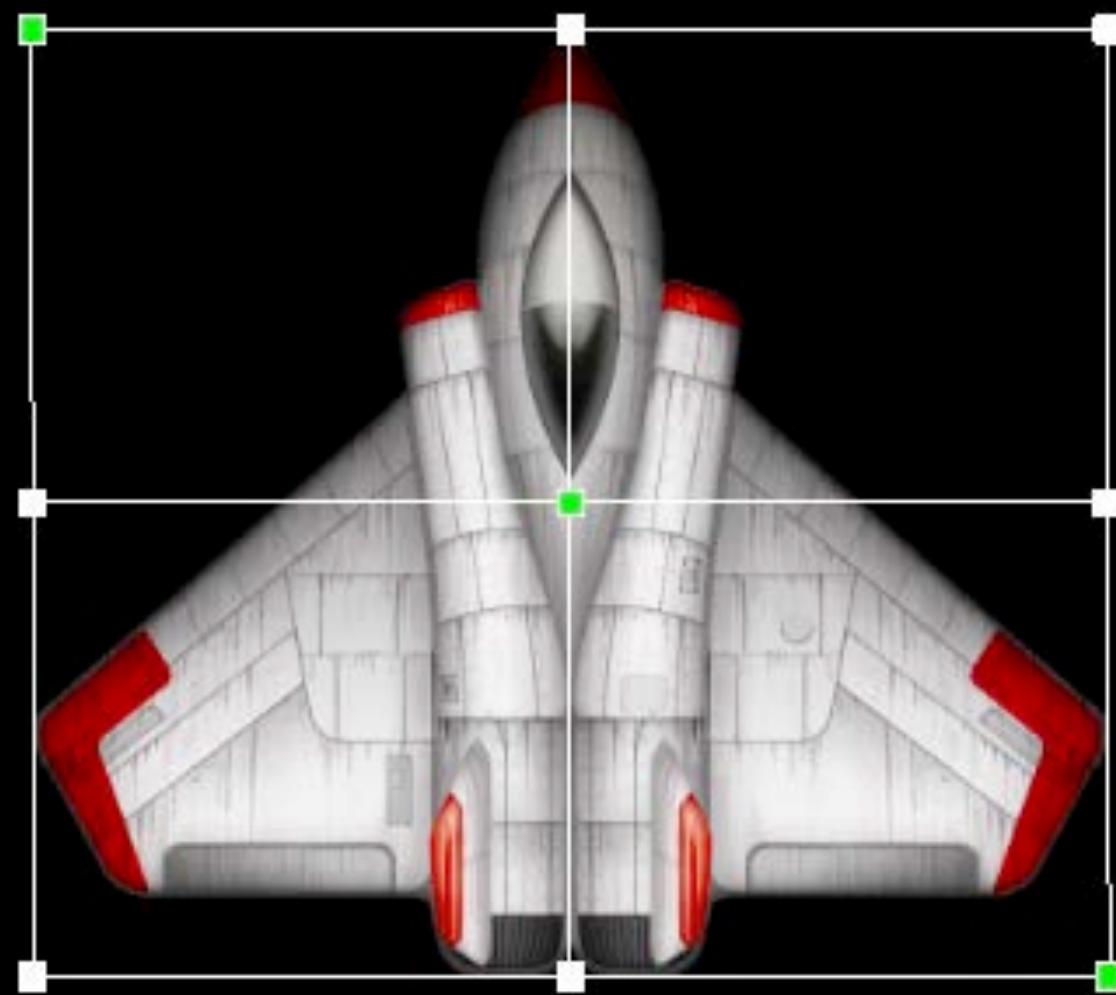
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How it works

End result

- Automatic quad subdivisions
- High level of detail
- Minimal quad count



Warp Transformation

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How it works

You can specify the max subdivision level

- Adjust details level
- Performance tuning

$sd = 1$



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Warp transformation

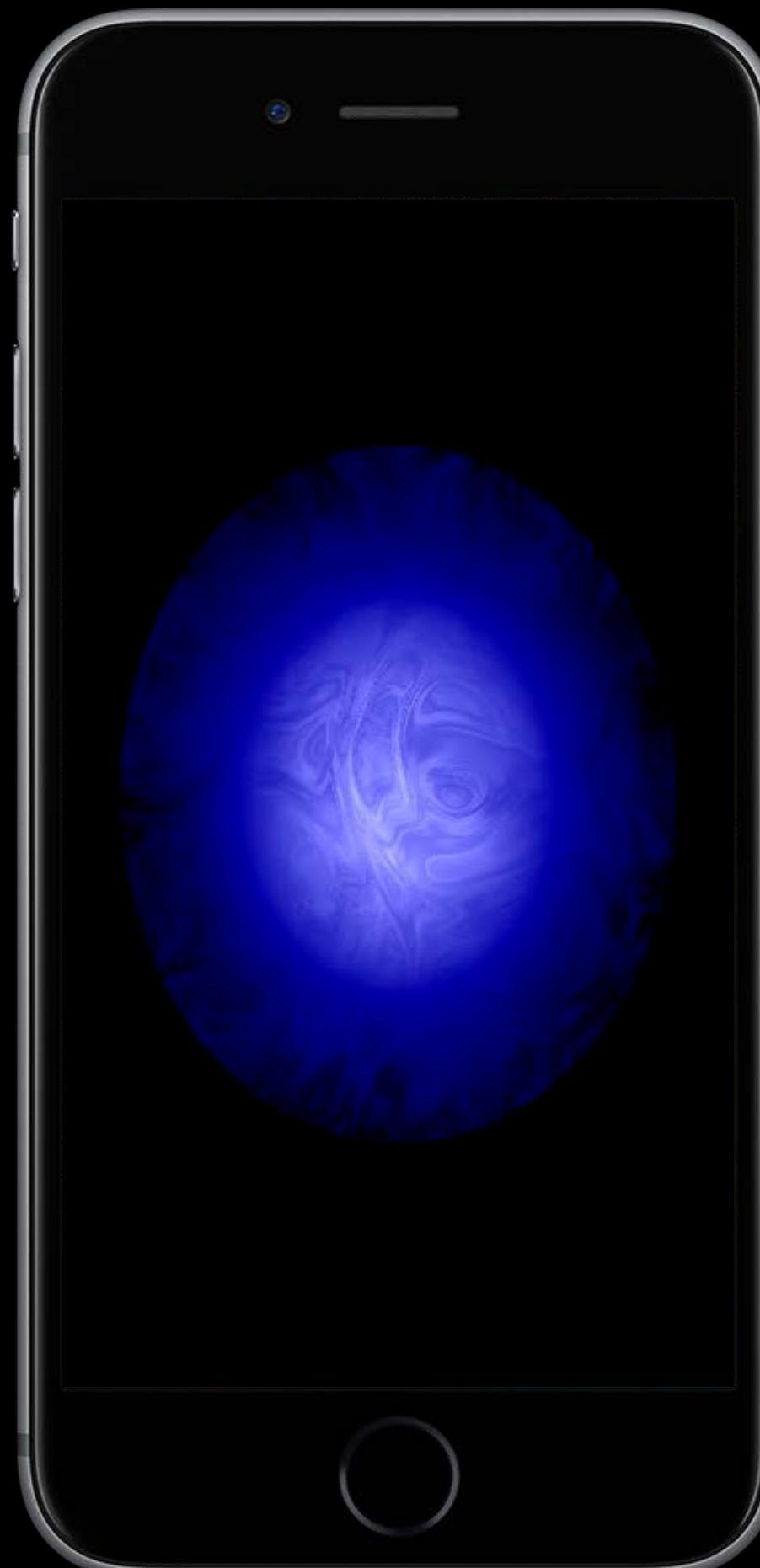
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Introduction

Custom shaders in SpriteKit

- SKShader (fragment shader)
- Built-in shader symbols
- SKUniform

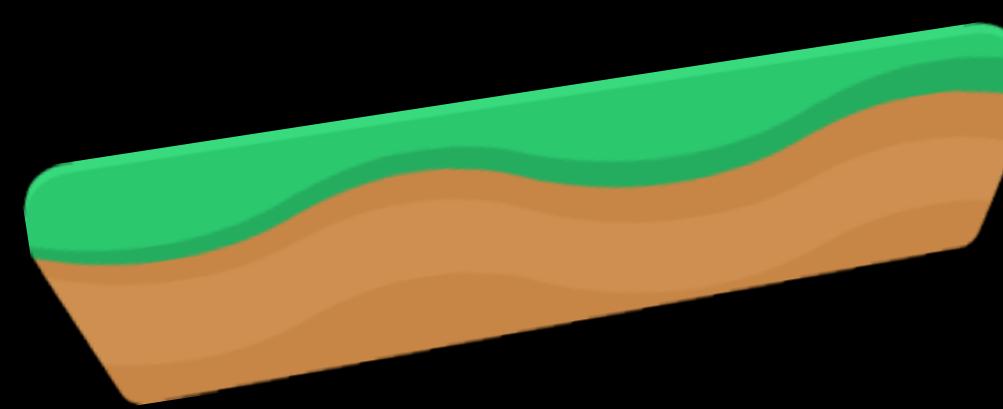
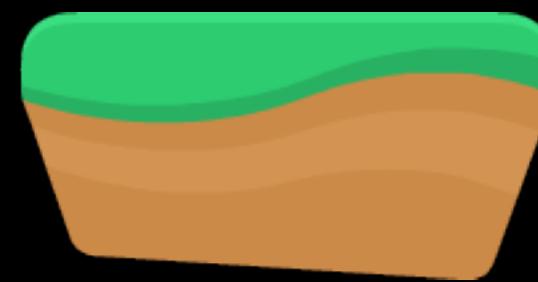
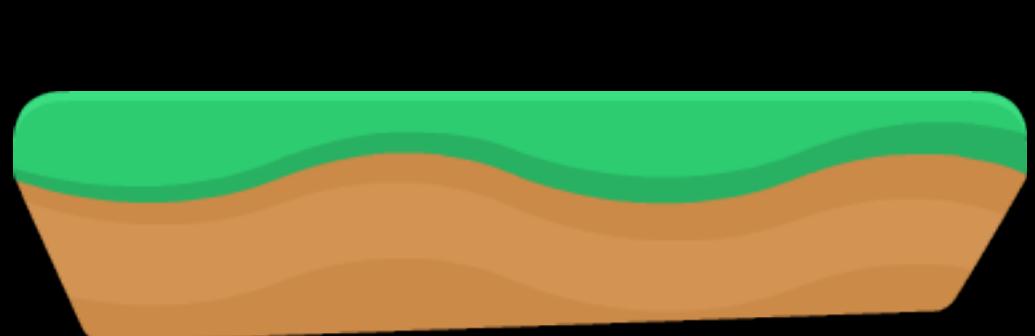


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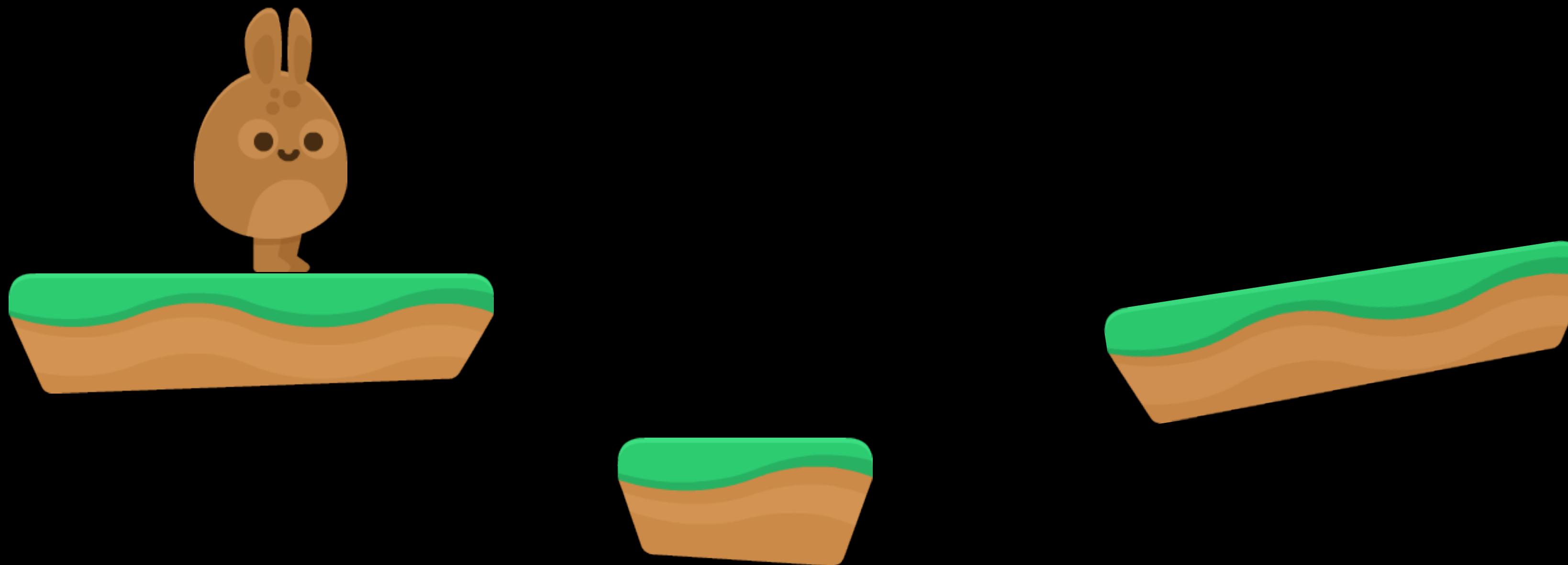
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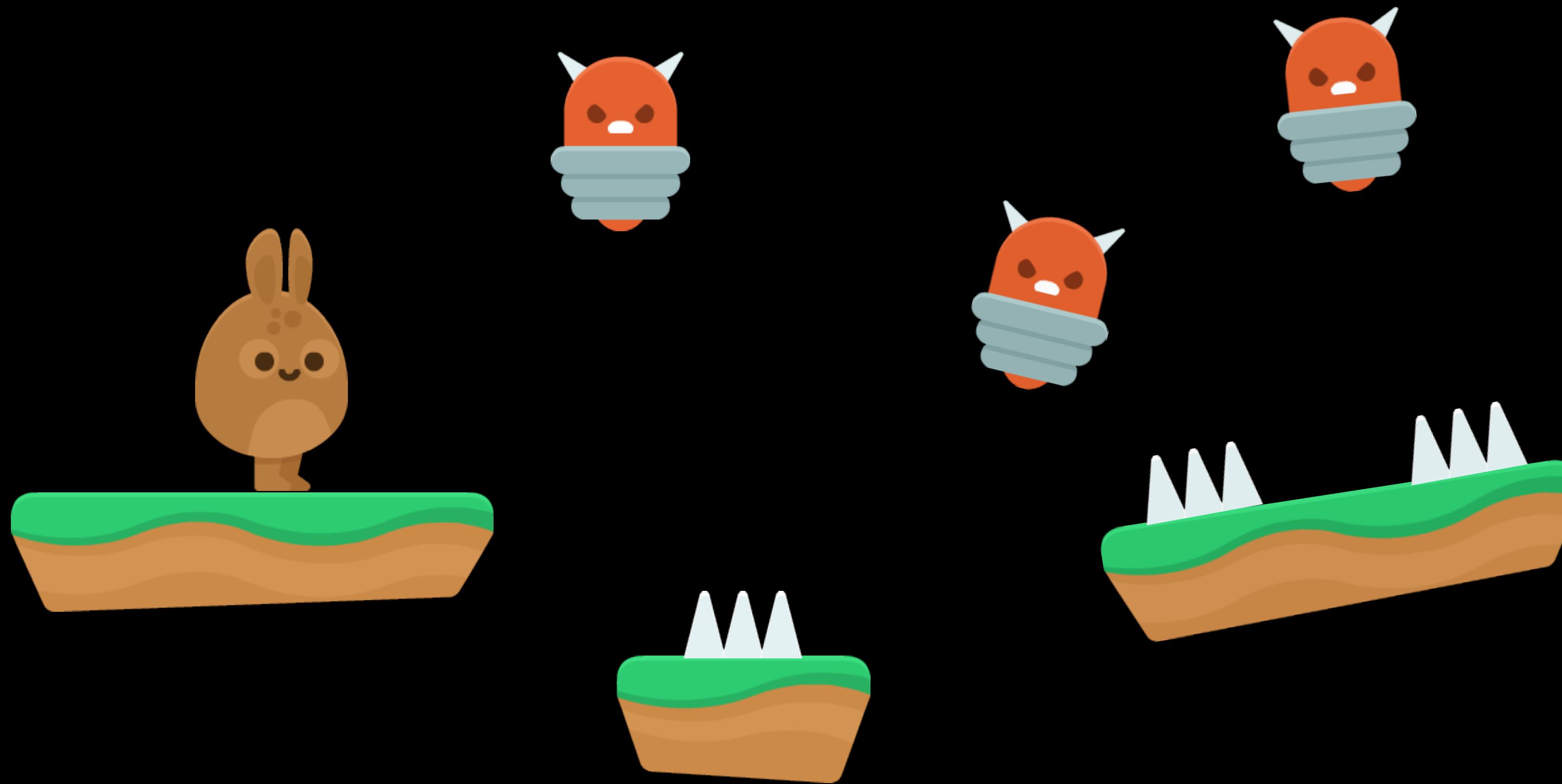
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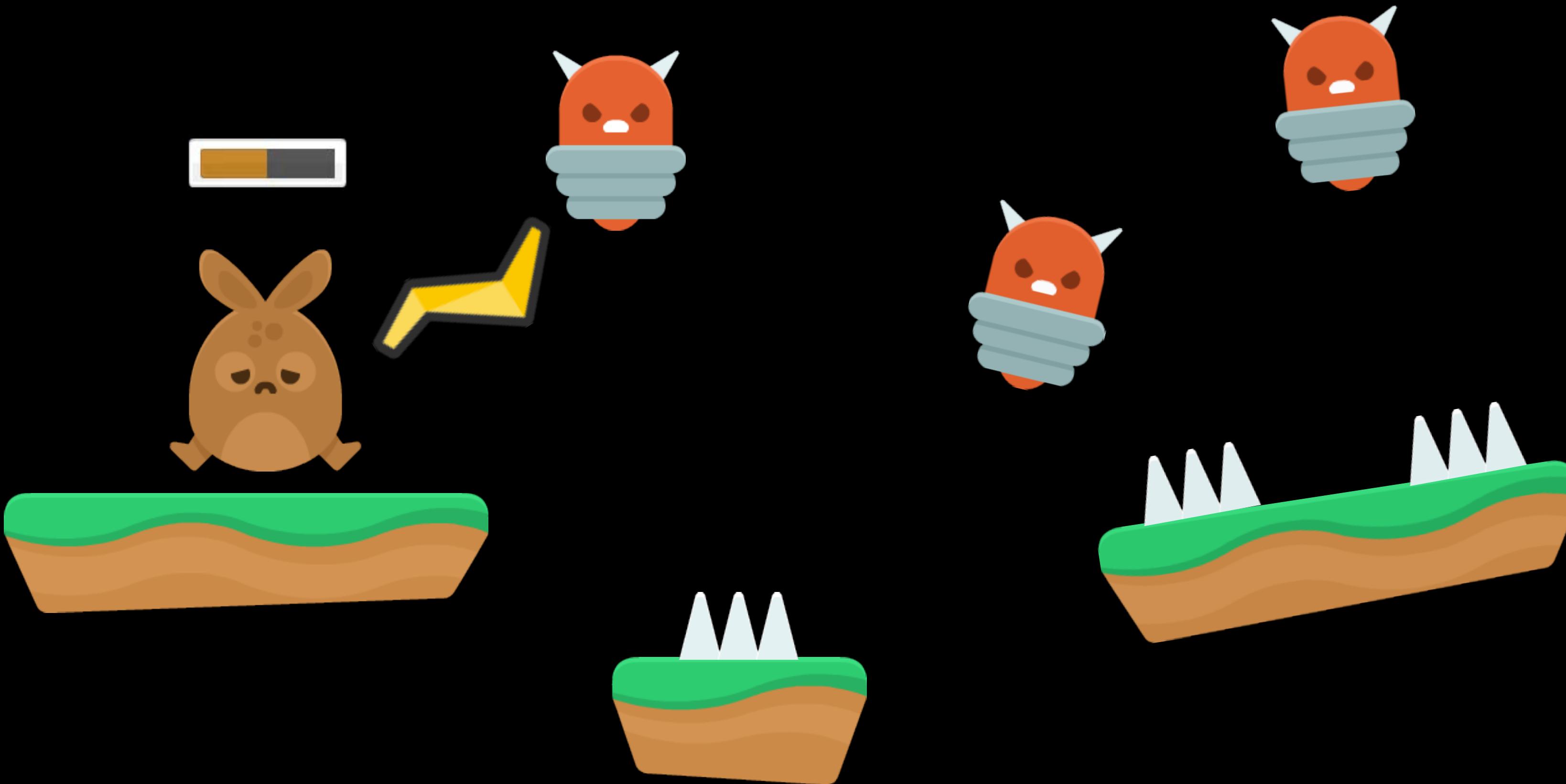
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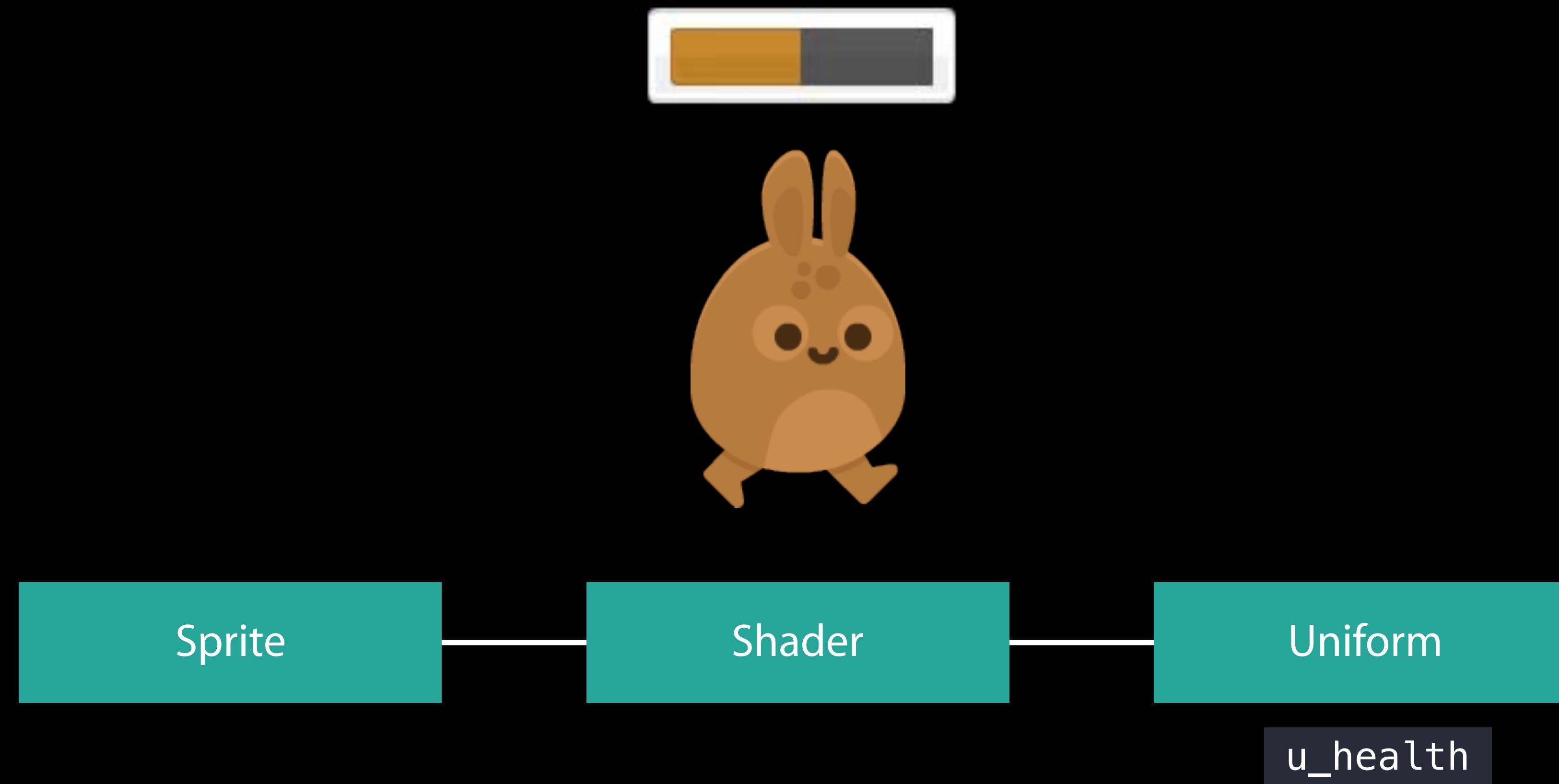
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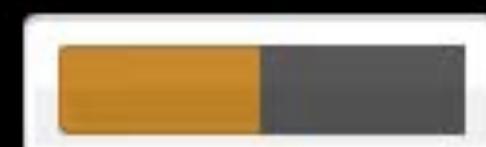
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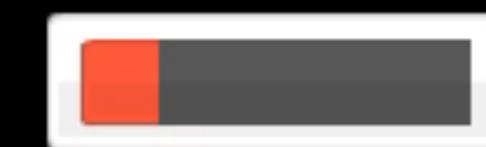
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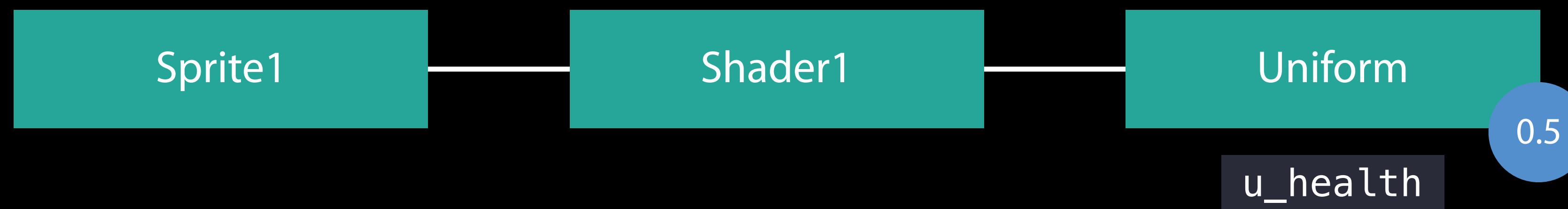


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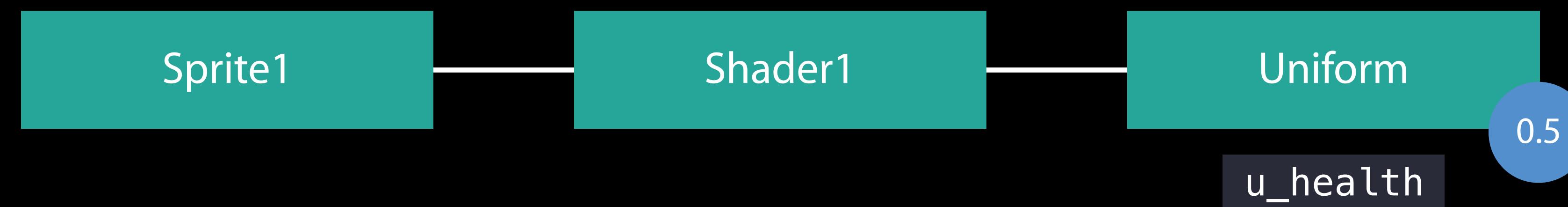
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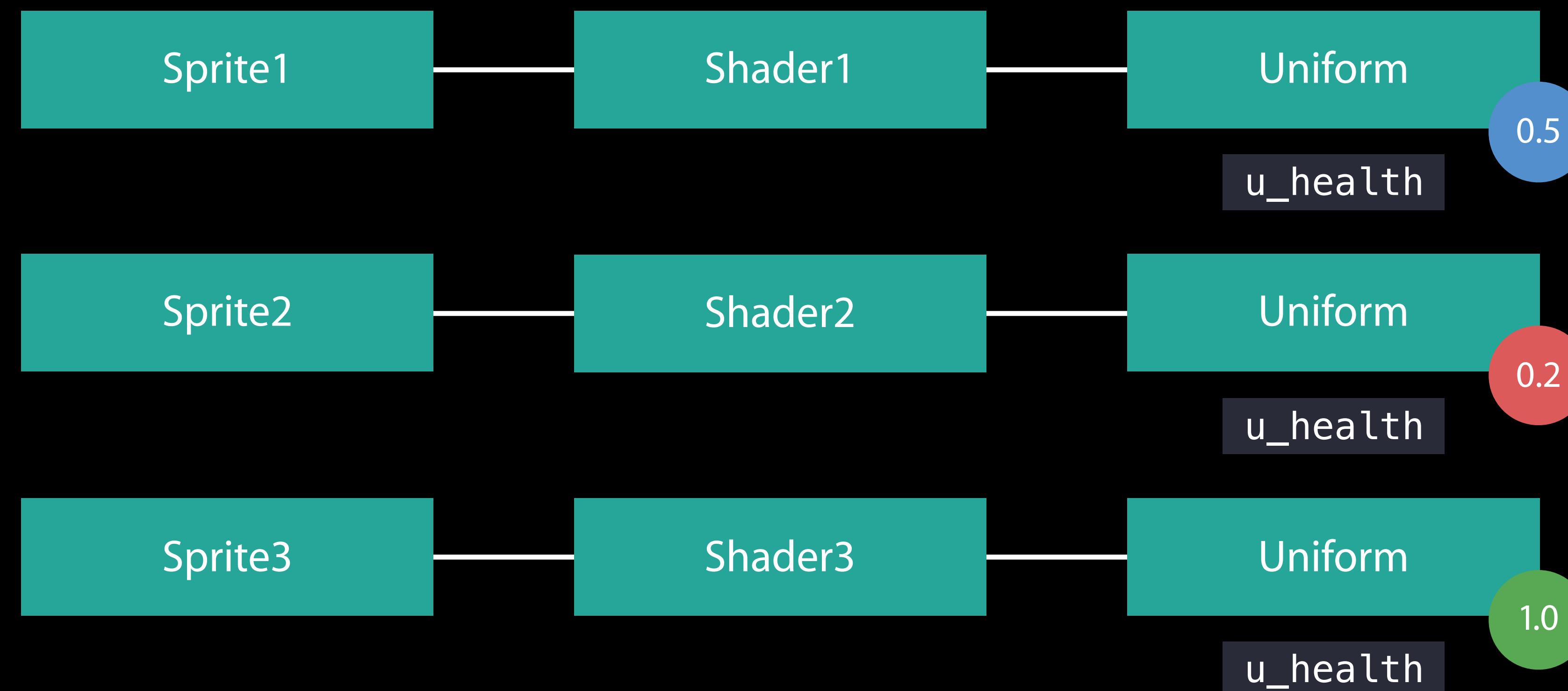
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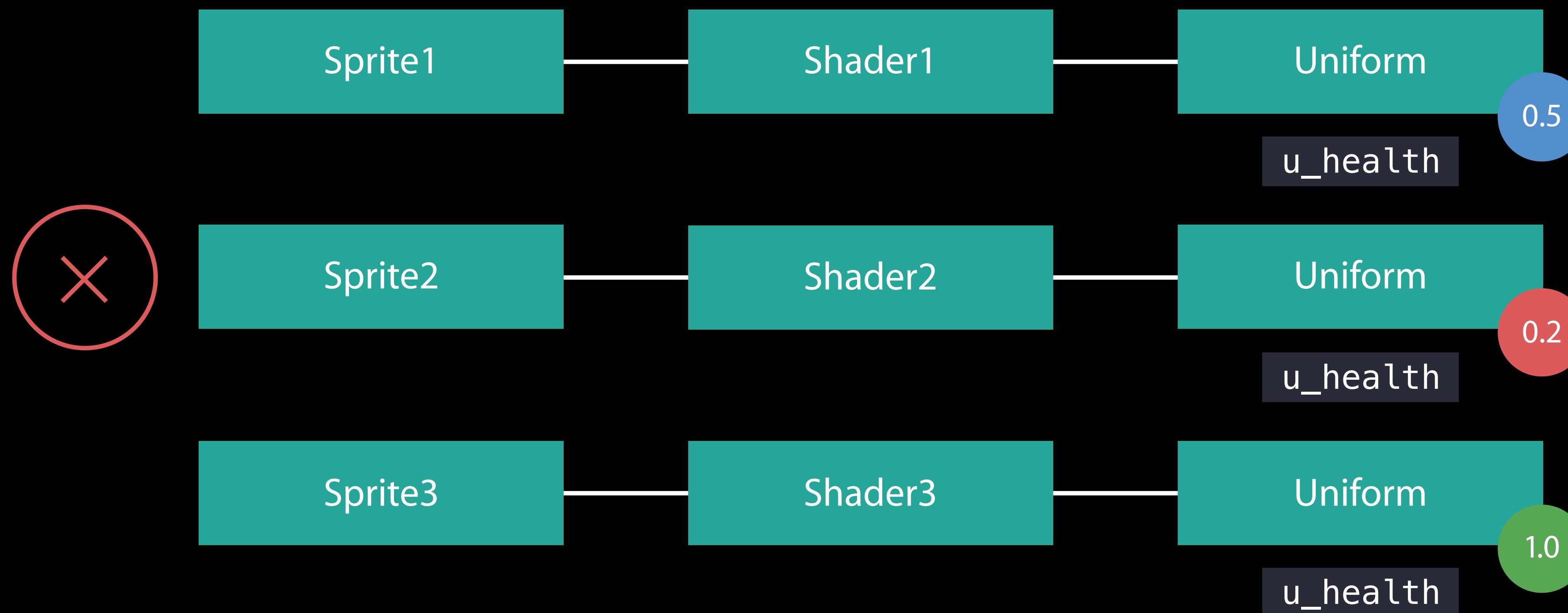
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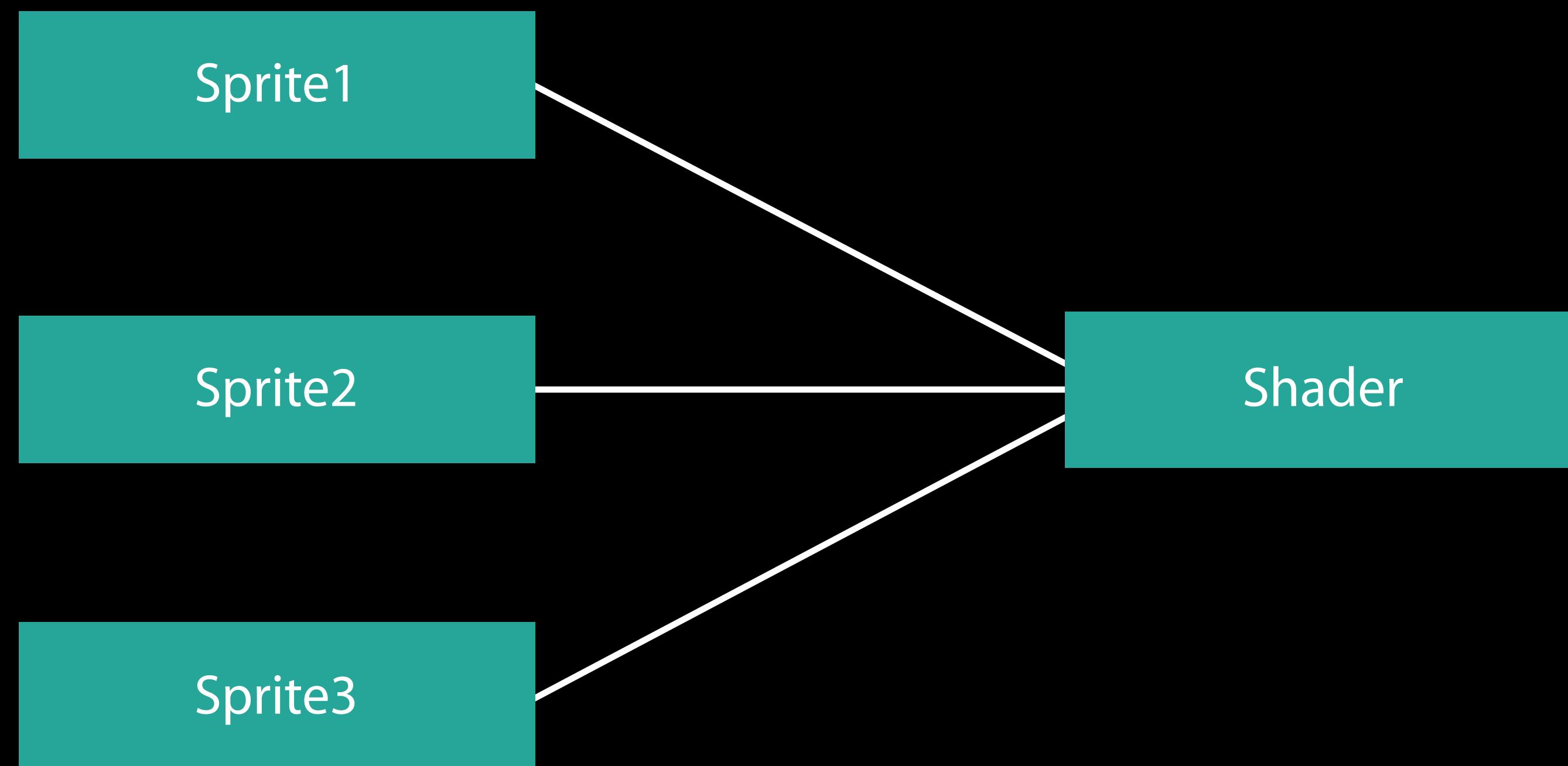
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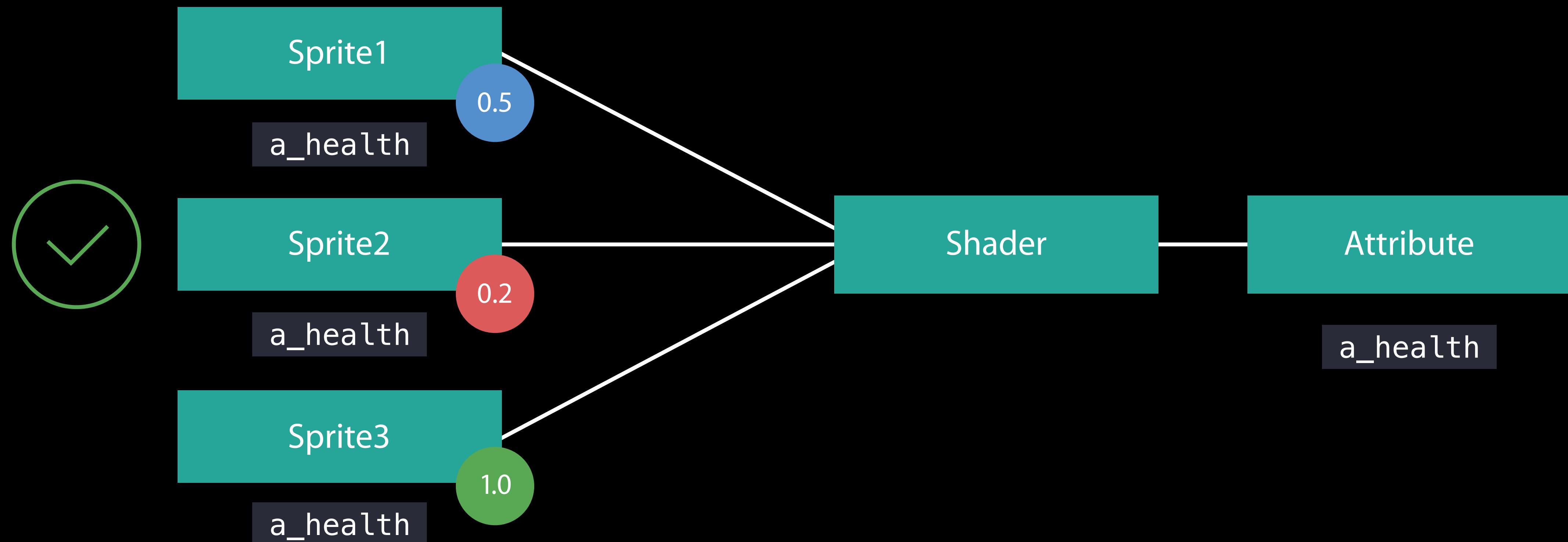
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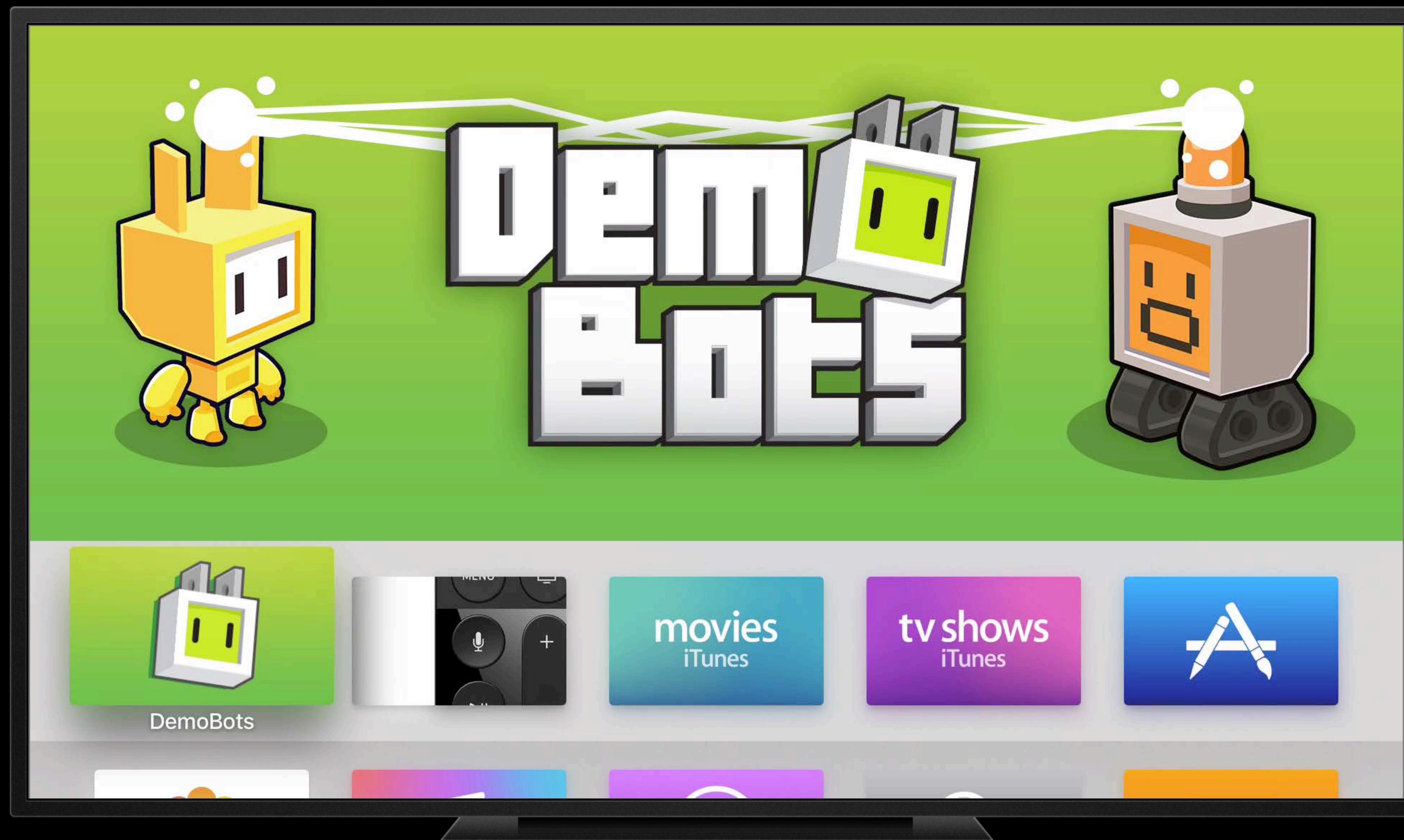
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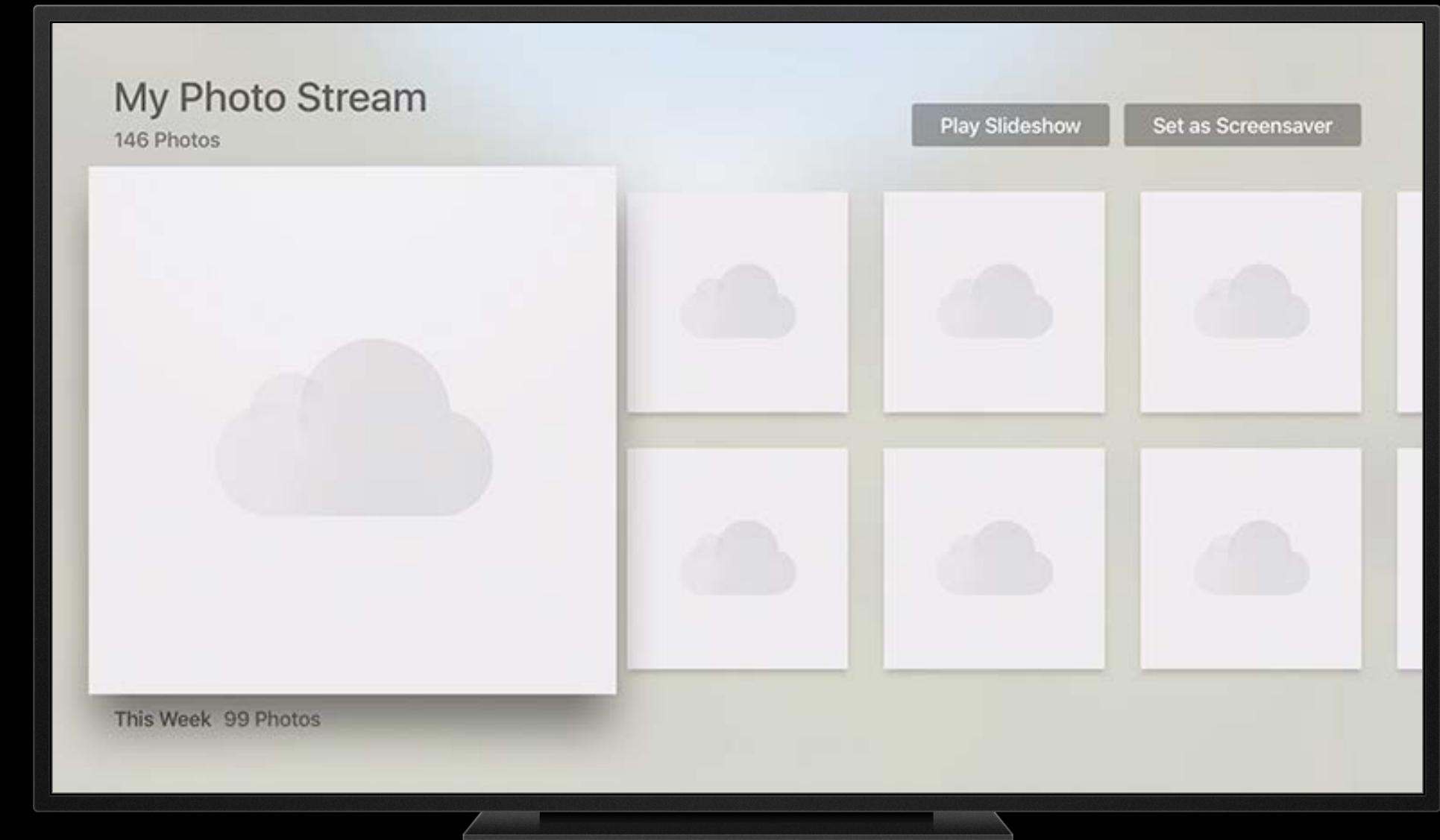


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Introduction

Interaction on tvOS

- Integrated with UIKit
- Simple to use
- Consistent user experience
- Support a wide range of controllers



Focus Interaction on Apple TV

NEW

SpriteKit integration

Now also integrated with SpriteKit!

Use cases

- Game menus
- Entire game interaction
- Less code!



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// Focus extended support for non-view items  
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NEW

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public protocol UIFocusItem : UIFocusEnvironment  
  
// SKNode now conforms to the UIFocusItem protocol  
public class SKNode : UIResponder, NSCopying, NSCoding, UIFocusItem
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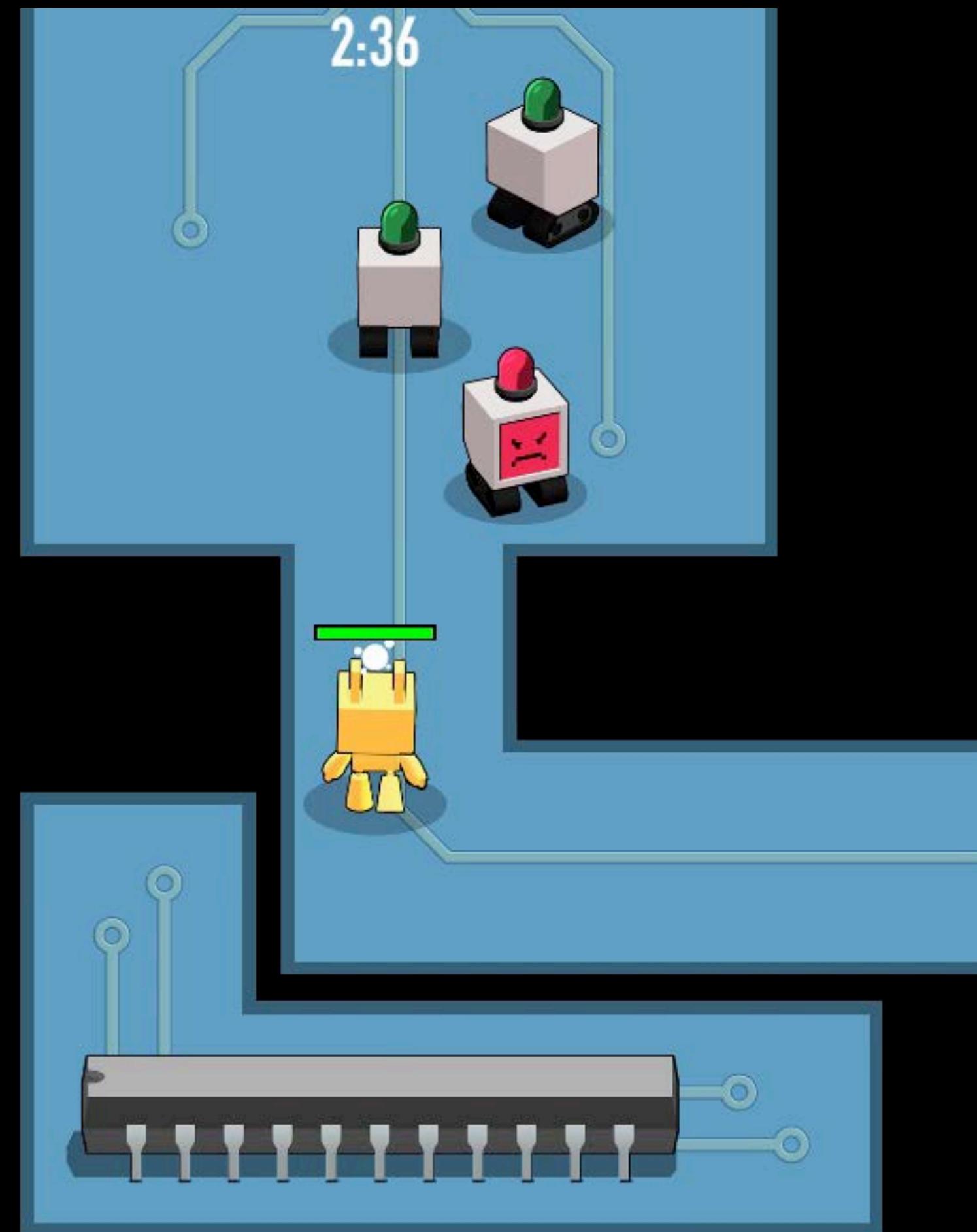
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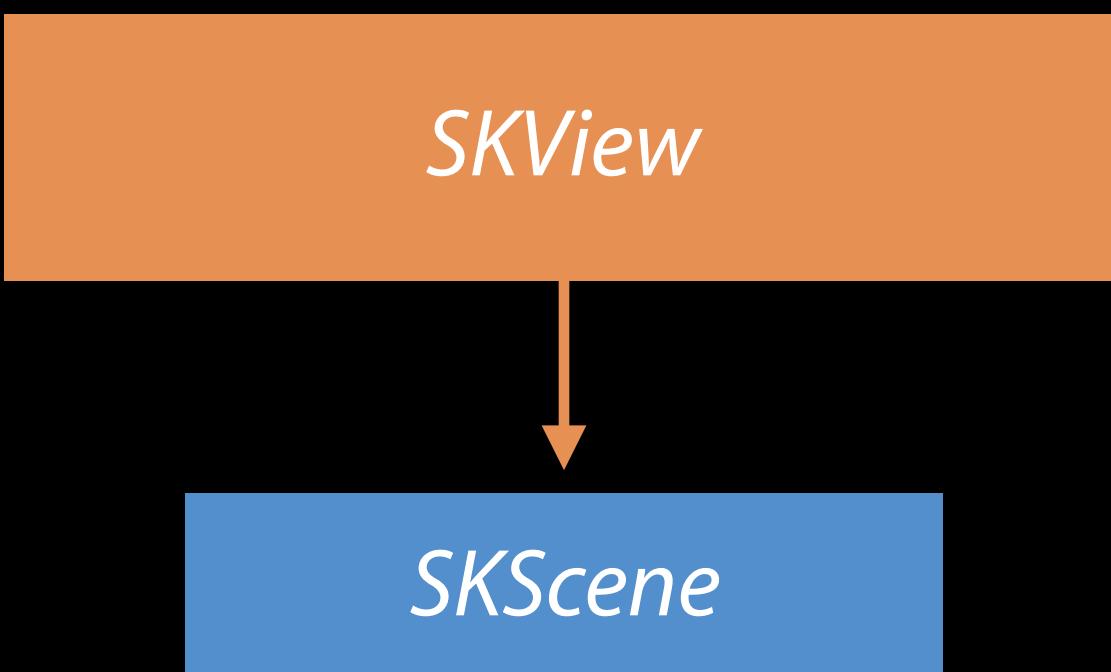
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SKView

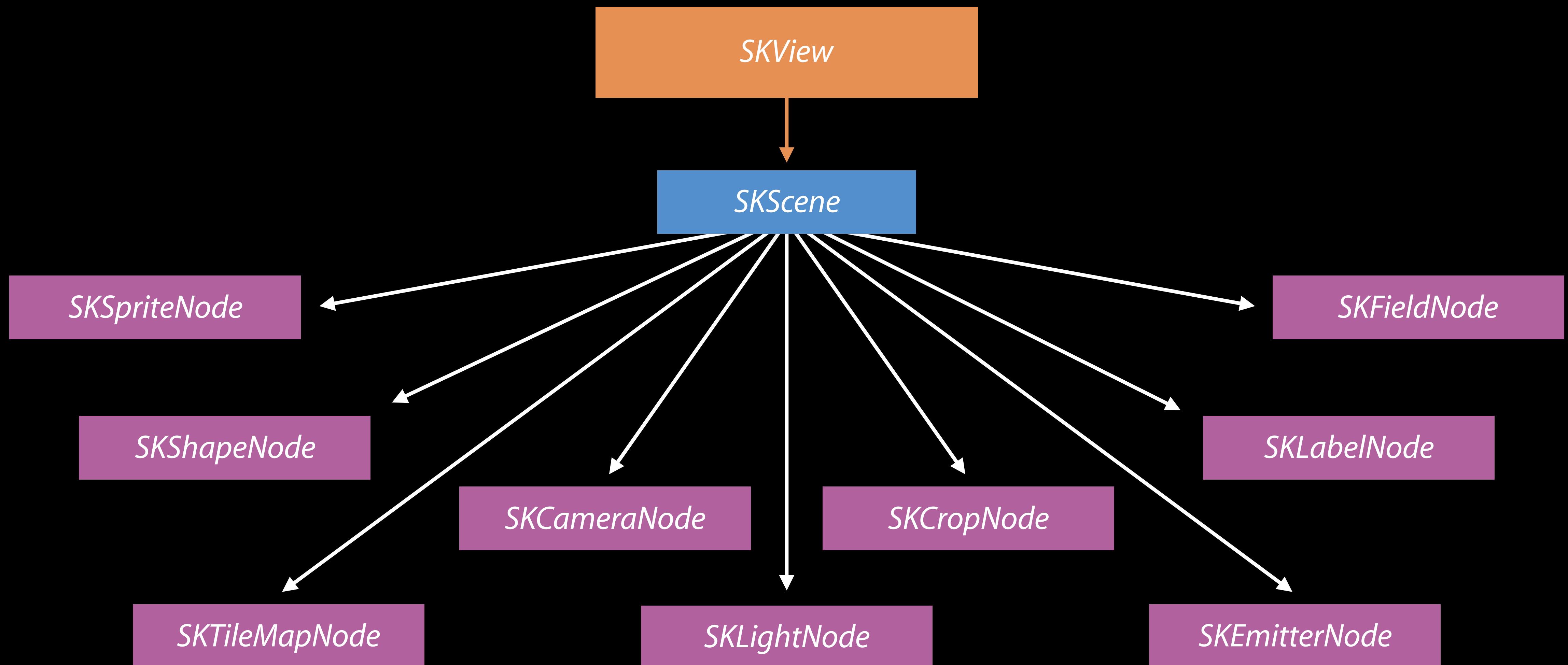
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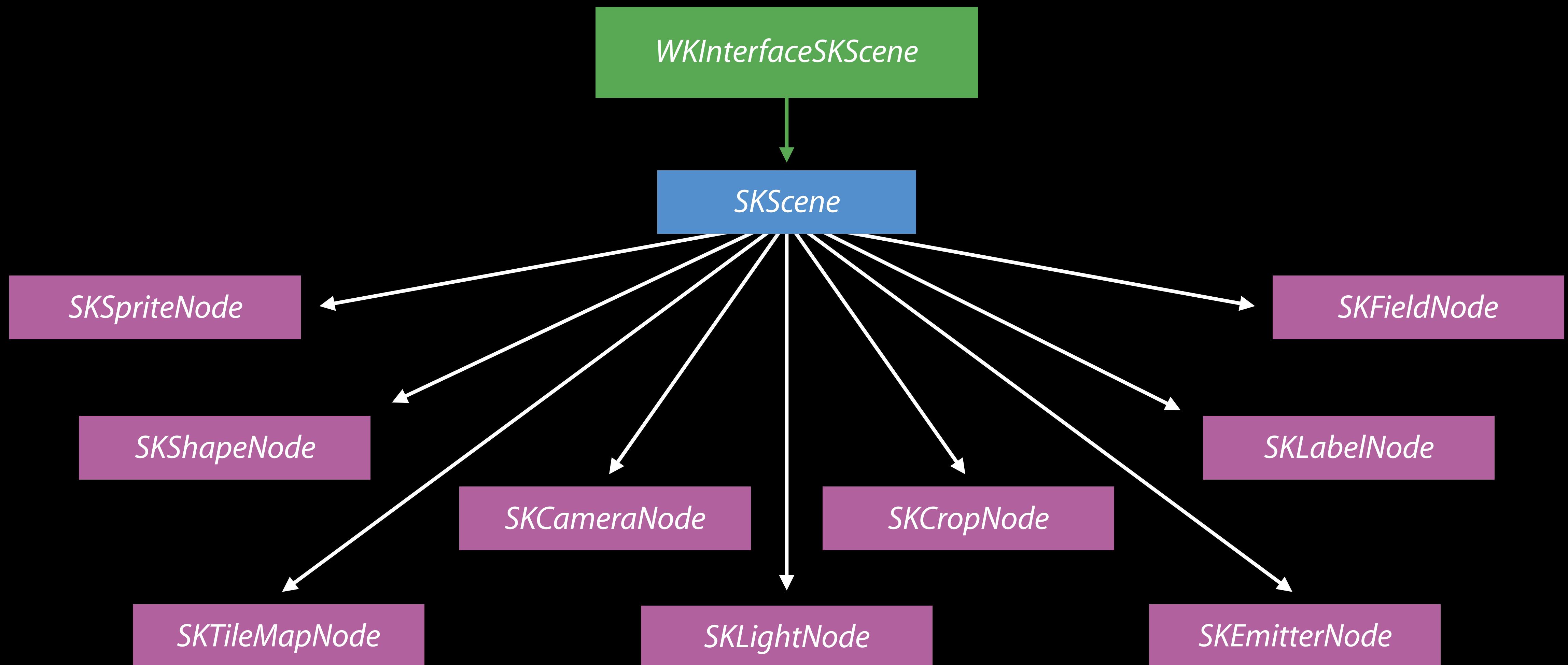
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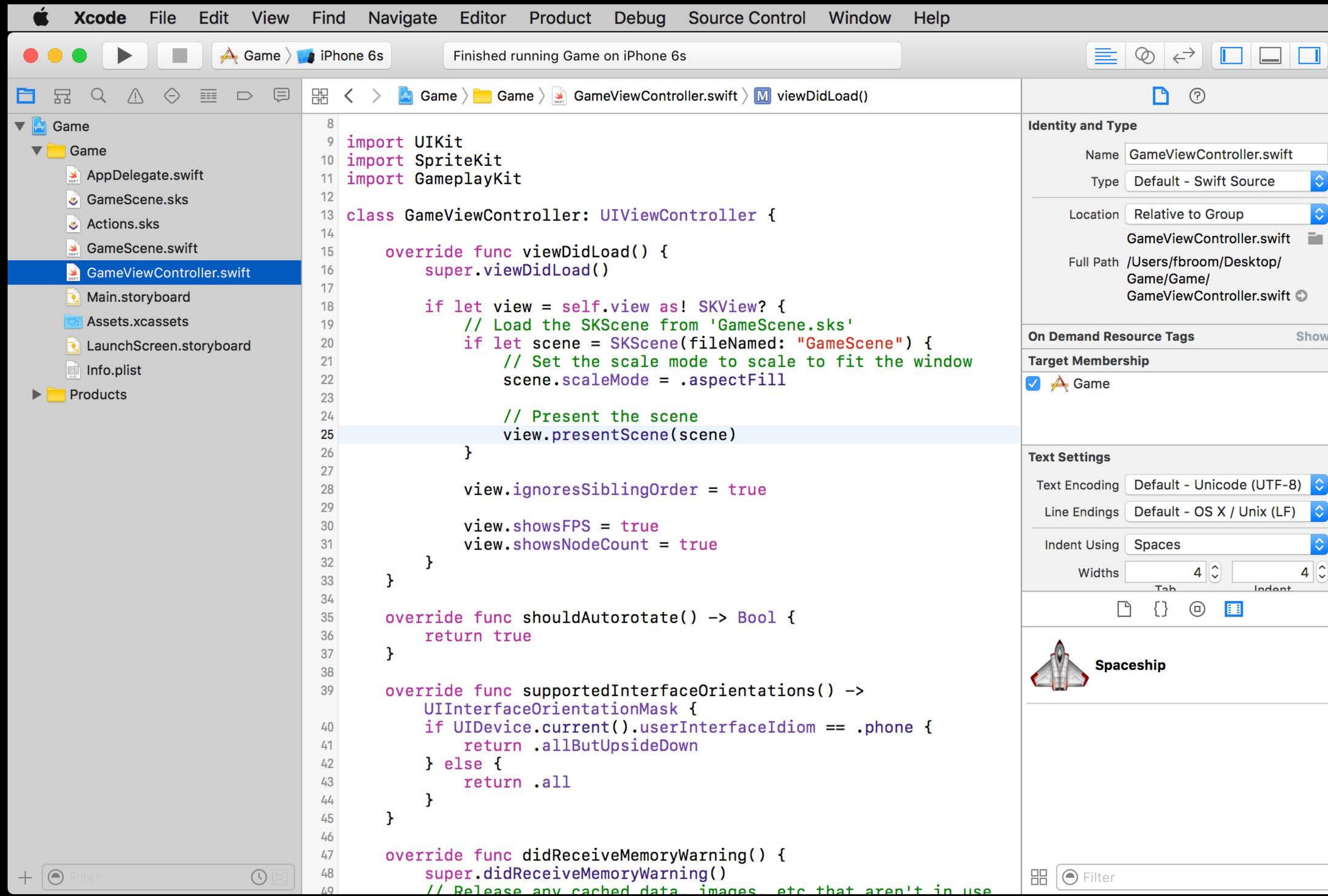
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Game > iPhone 6s Finished running Game on iPhone 6s

Game GameViewController.swift viewDidLoad()

```
8 import UIKit
9 import SpriteKit
10 import GameplayKit
11
12 override func viewDidLoad() {
13     super.viewDidLoad()
14
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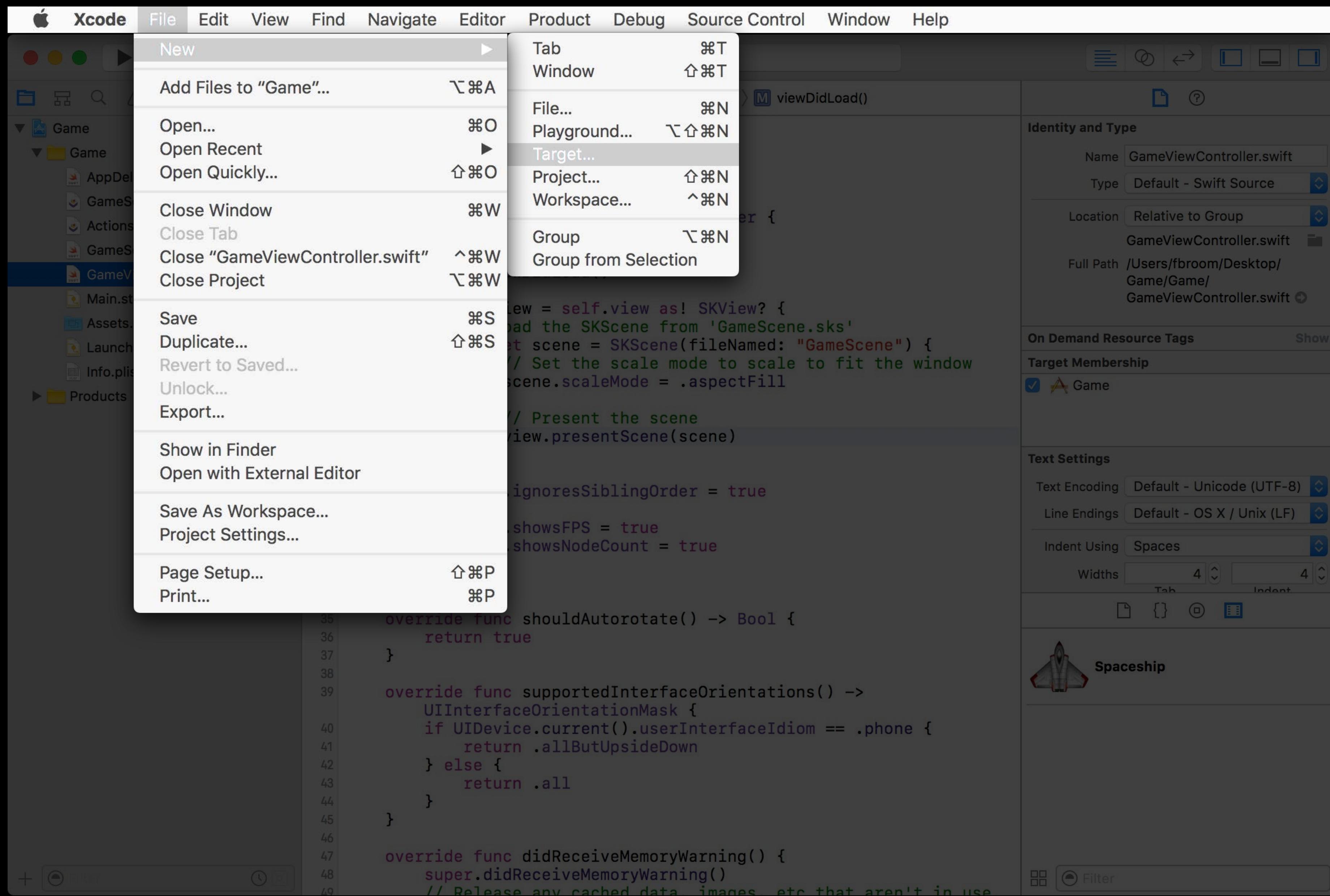
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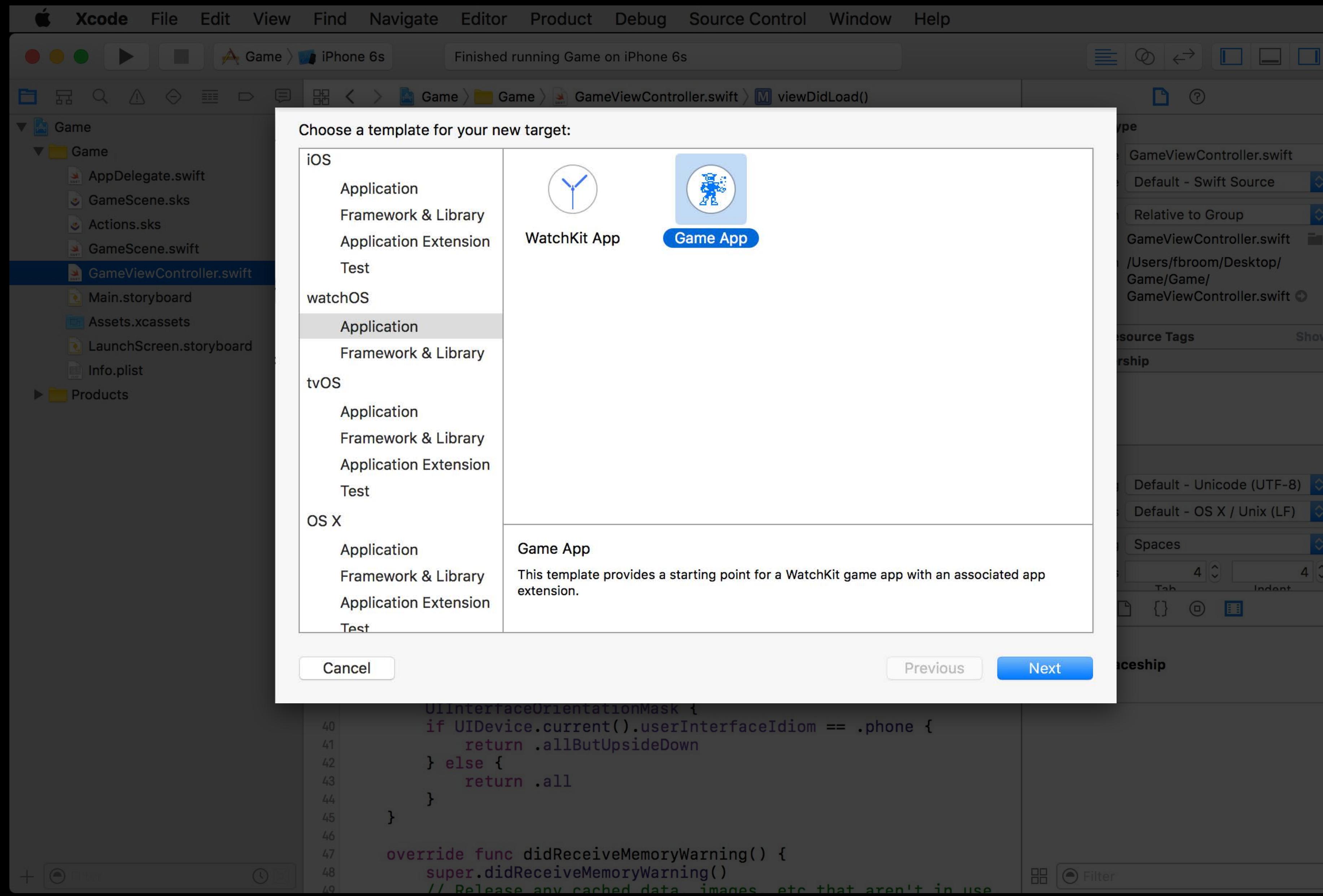
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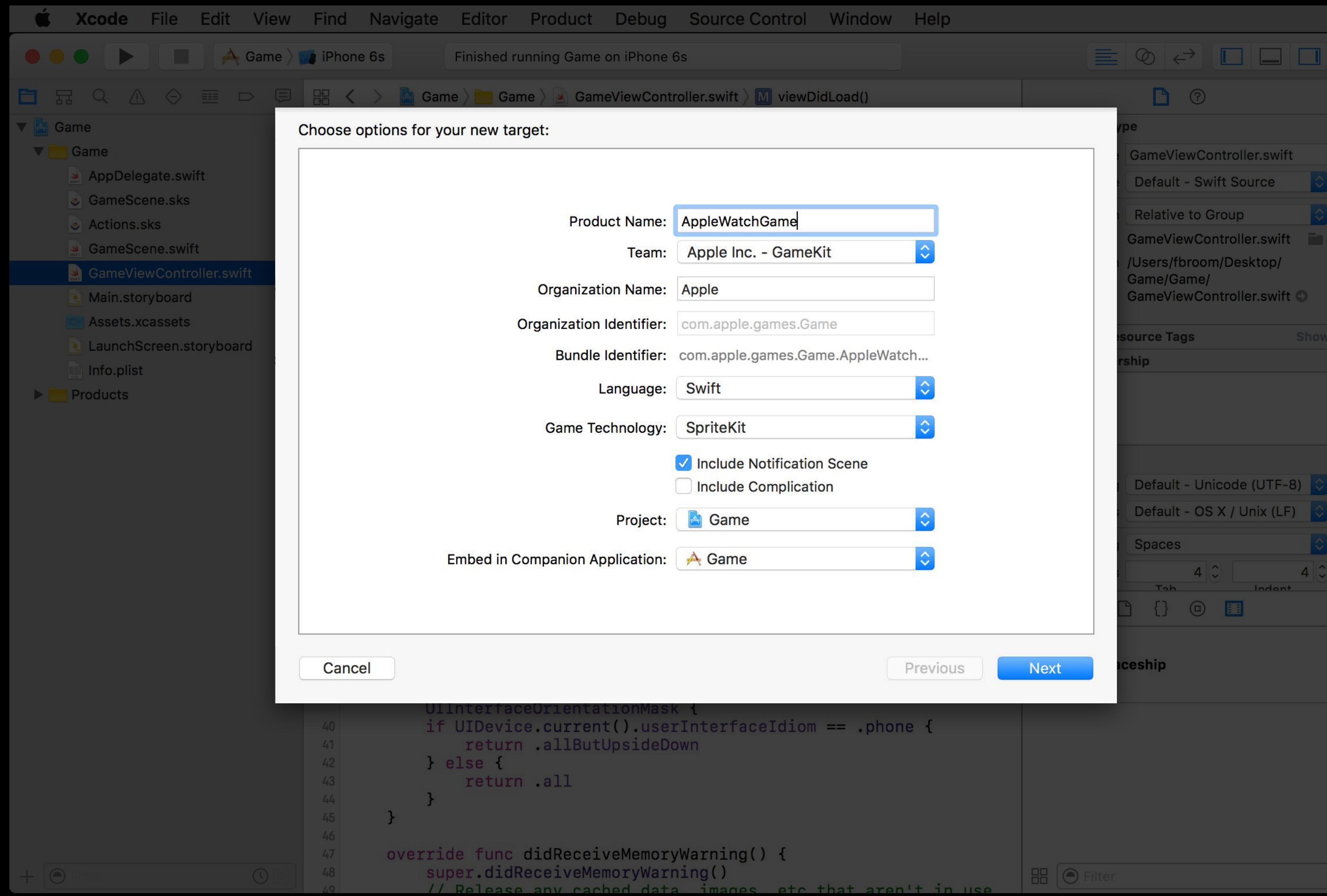
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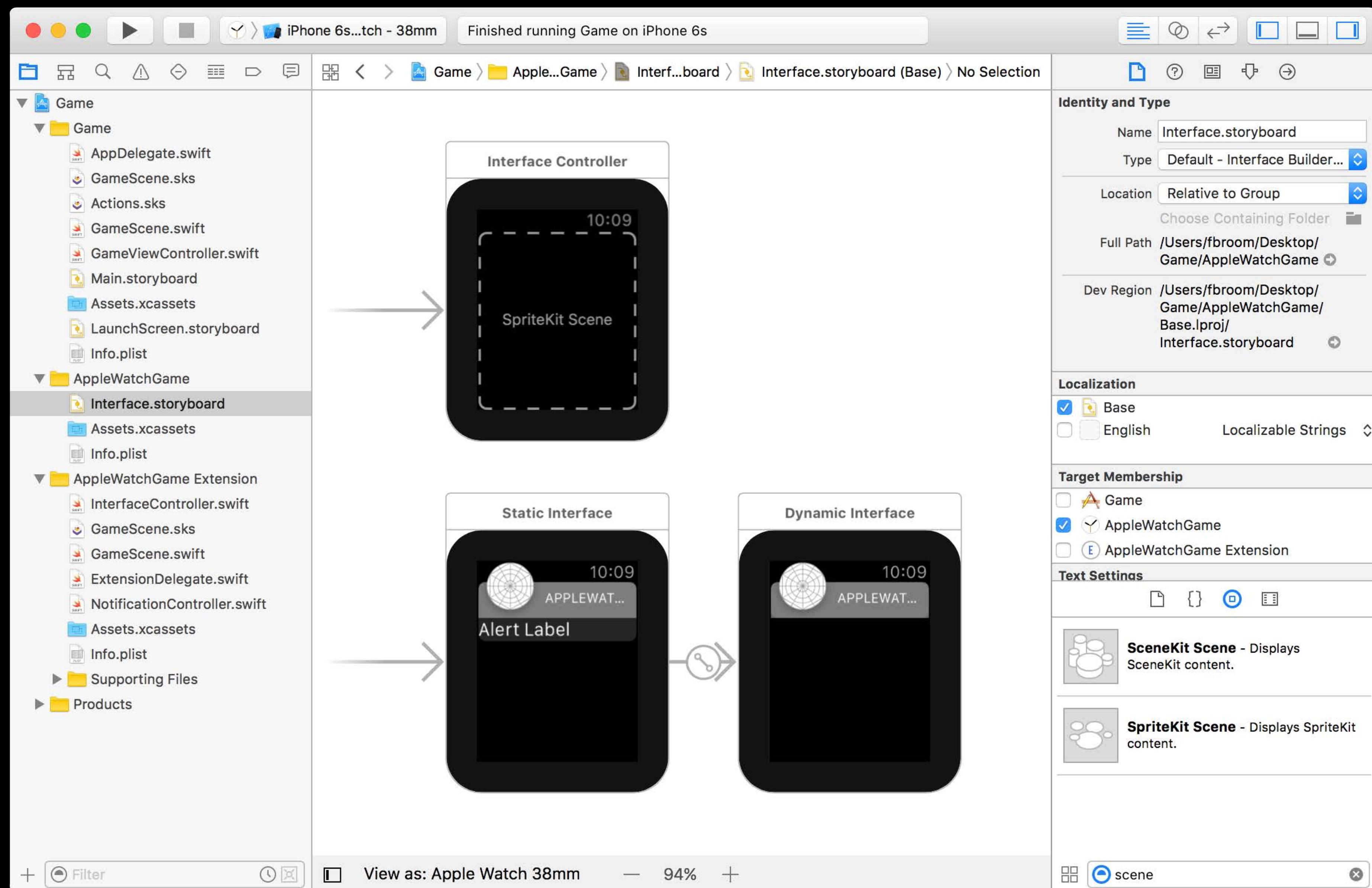
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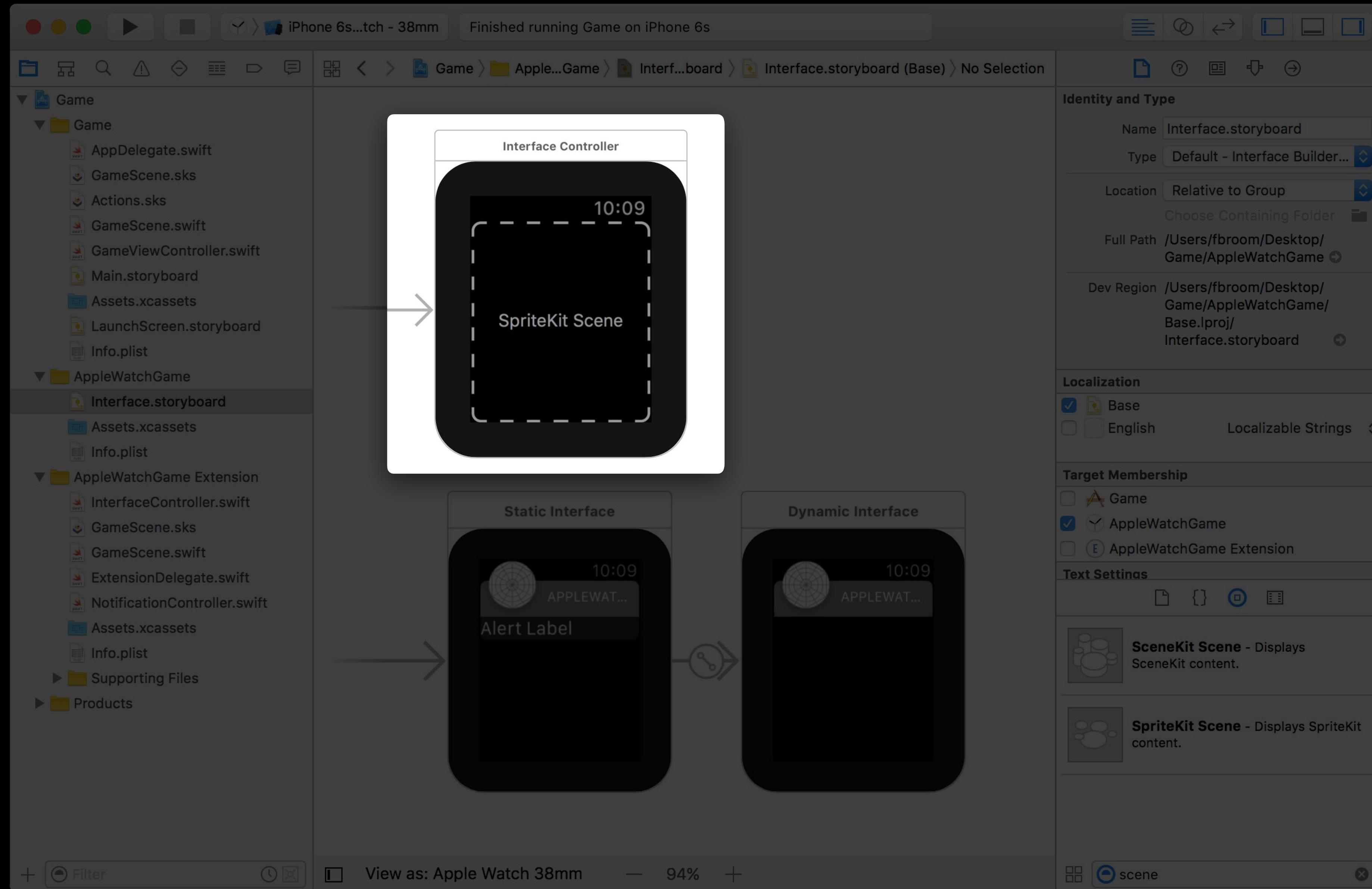
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The screenshot shows the Xcode interface with the following details:

- Project Navigator:** Shows the project structure with the following files:
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 - AppleWatchGame**: Interface.storyboard, Assets.xcassets, Info.plist.
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- Editor Area:** Displays the **InterfaceController.swift** file for the **AppleWatchGame Extension**. The code is written in Swift and defines a **WKInterfaceController** subclass. It imports **WatchKit** and **Foundation**. The **awakeWithContext:** method is overridden to load a **SKScene** from a **.sks** file named **GameScene**. The **scaleMode** is set to **.aspectFill**, and the **preferredFramesPerSecond** is set to 30. The **willActivate** and **didDeactivate** methods are also implemented.
- Toolbar:** Standard Xcode toolbar items like Run, Stop, and Build are visible.
- Status Bar:** Shows "iPhone 6s...tch - 38mm" and "Finished running Game on iPhone 6s".

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9 import WatchKit
10 import Foundation
11
12
13 class InterfaceController: WKInterfaceController {
14
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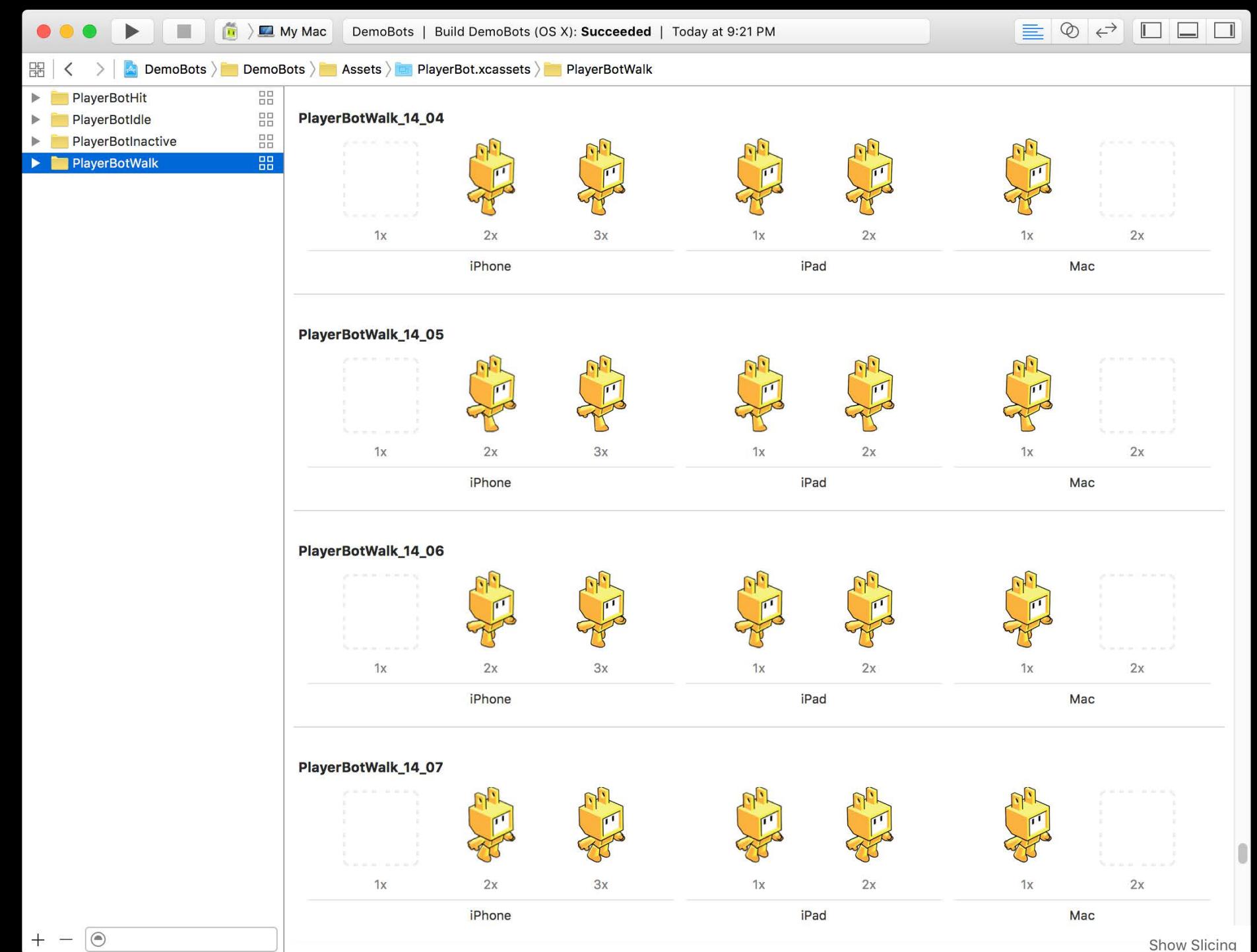
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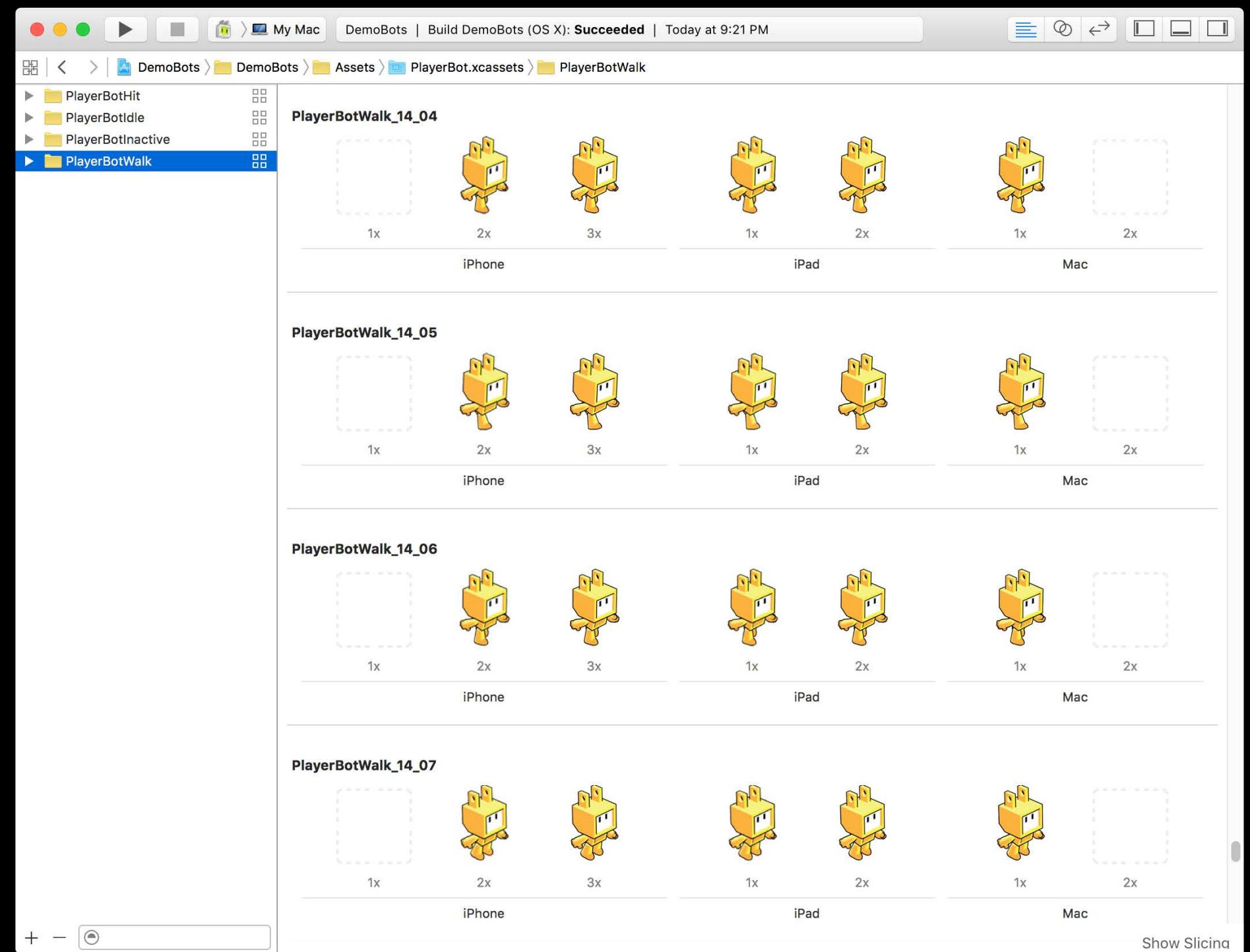
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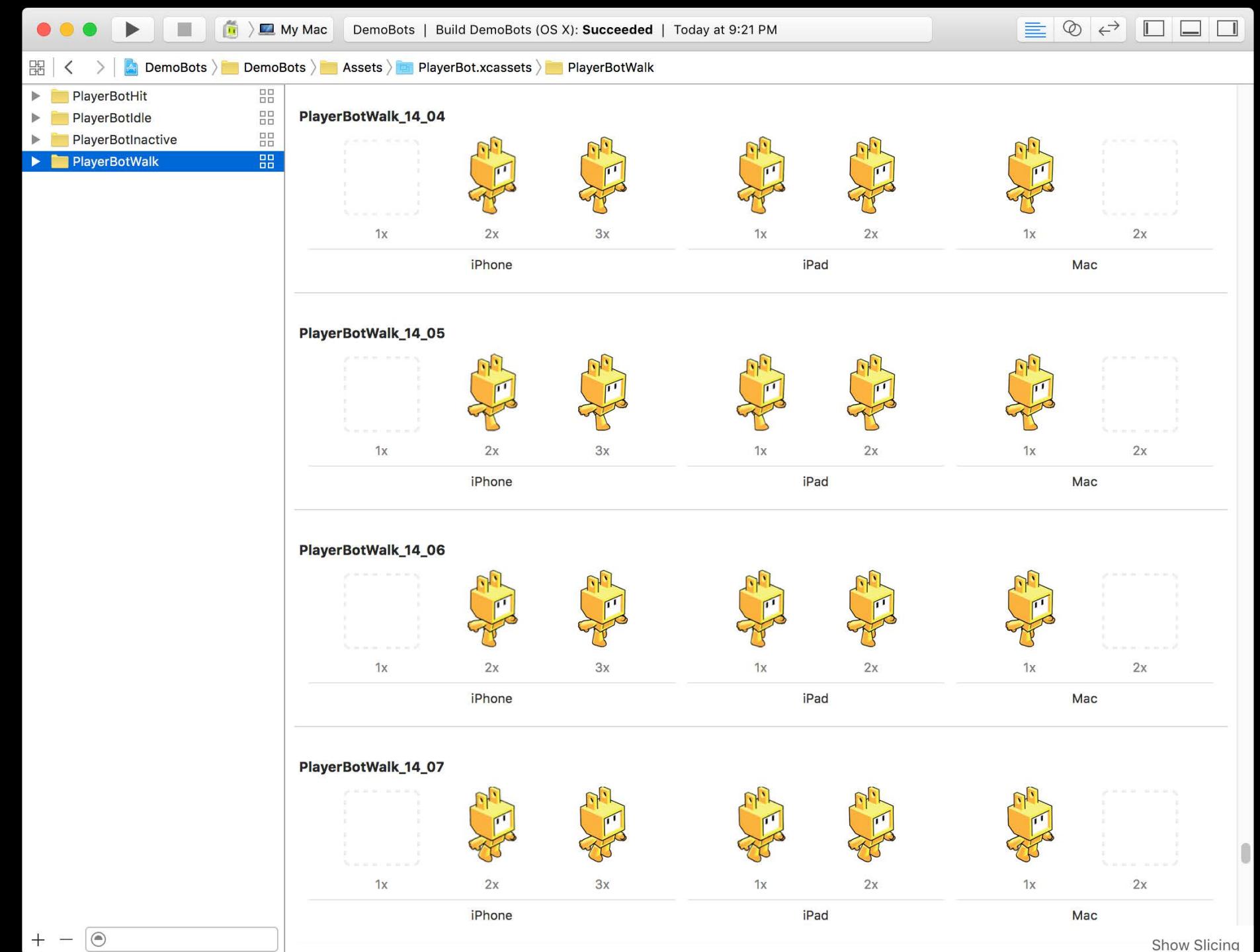


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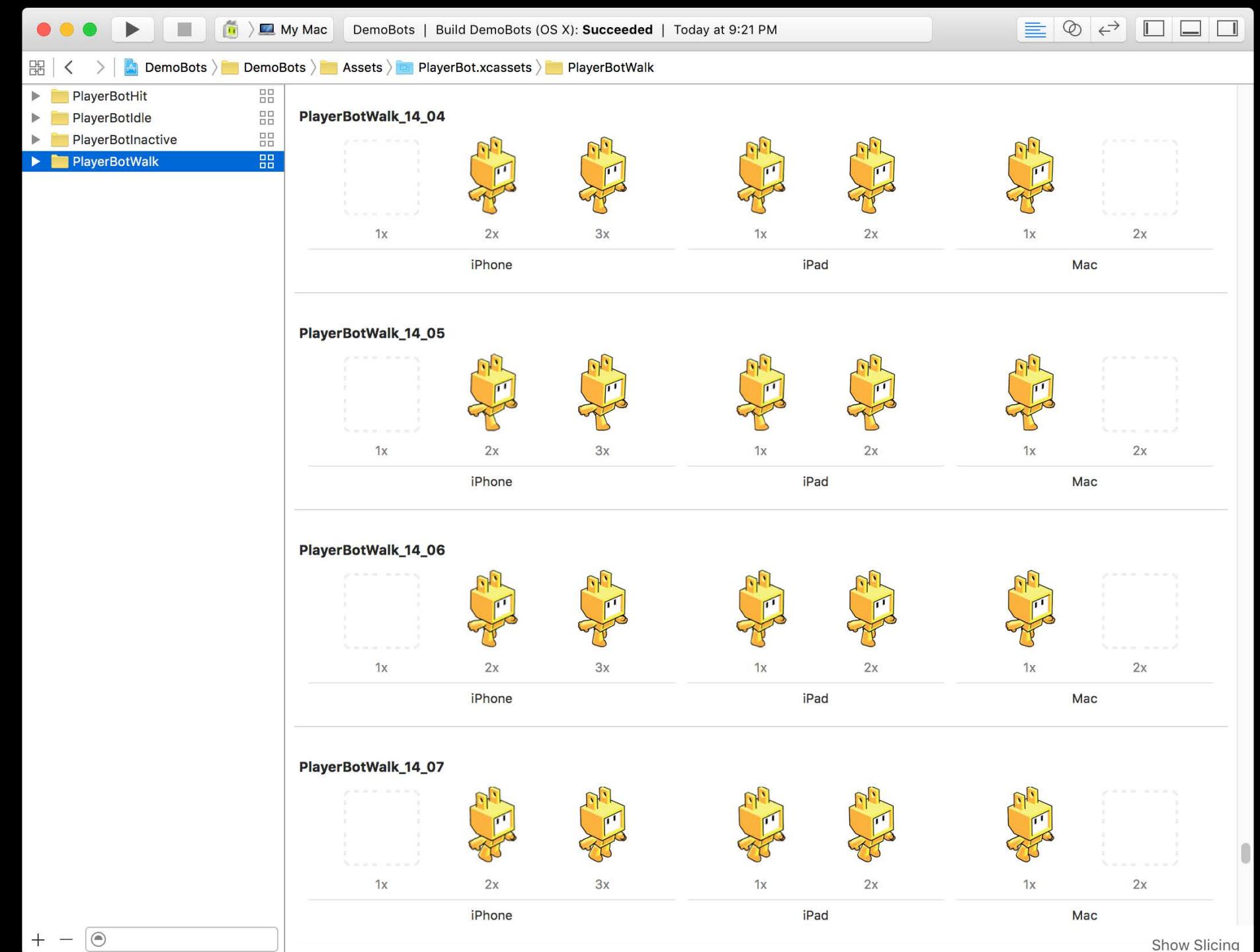


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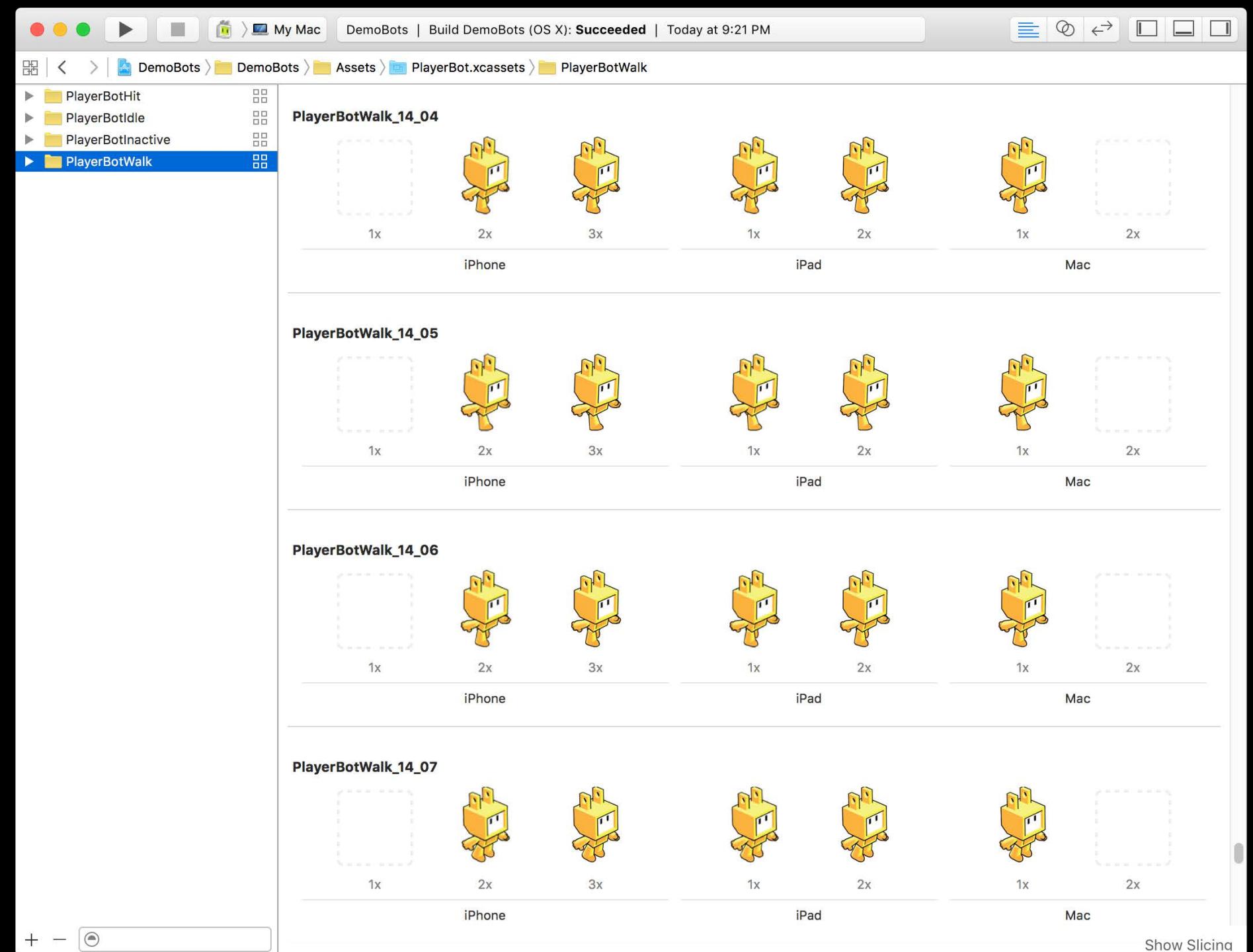


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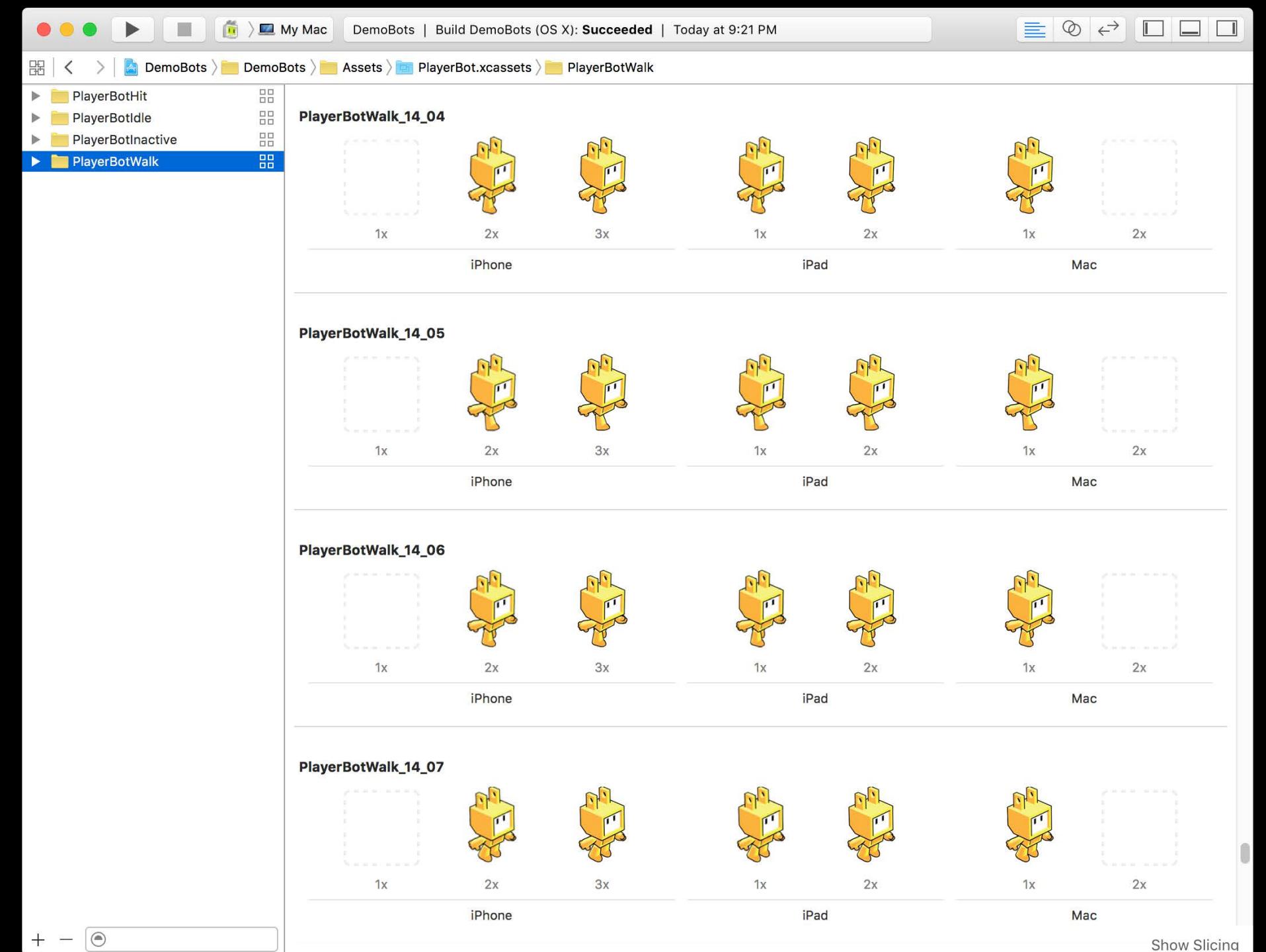


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