

# Expressing Interactivity with States and Constraints

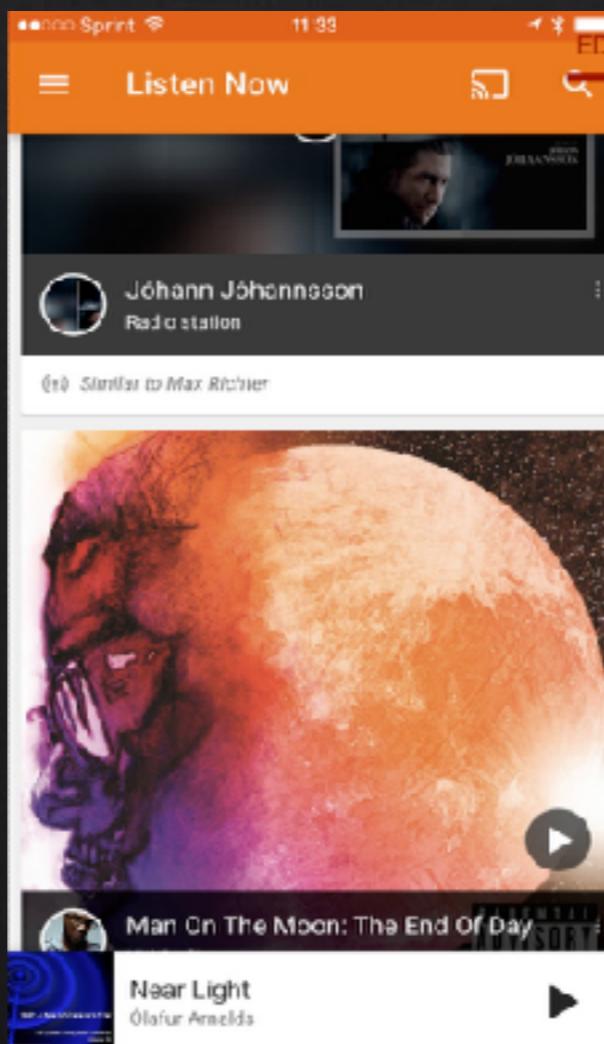
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- interfaces are defined by:
  - appearance (relatively easy)
  - behavior (relatively difficult)
  - reaction to user input (& other events)
  - controls usability & accessibility
  - sum of interactive behaviors

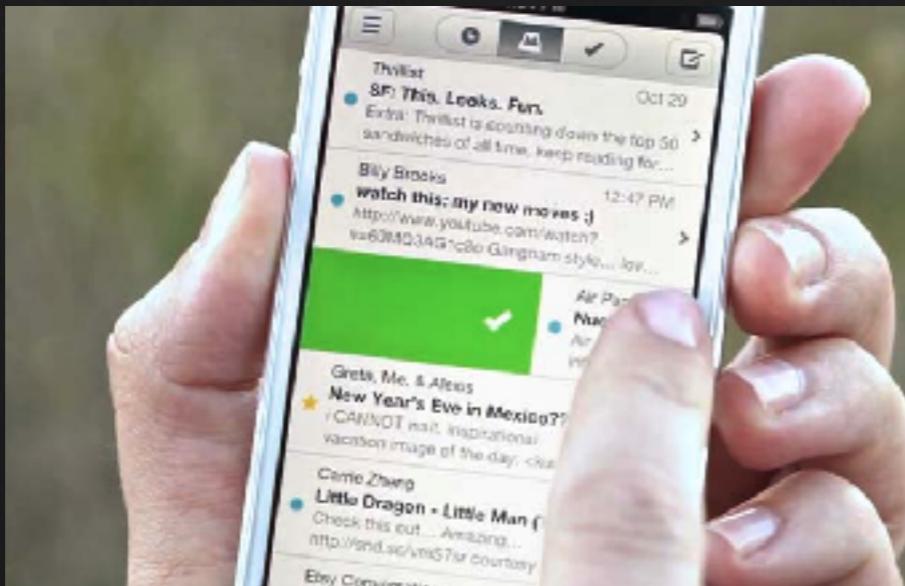
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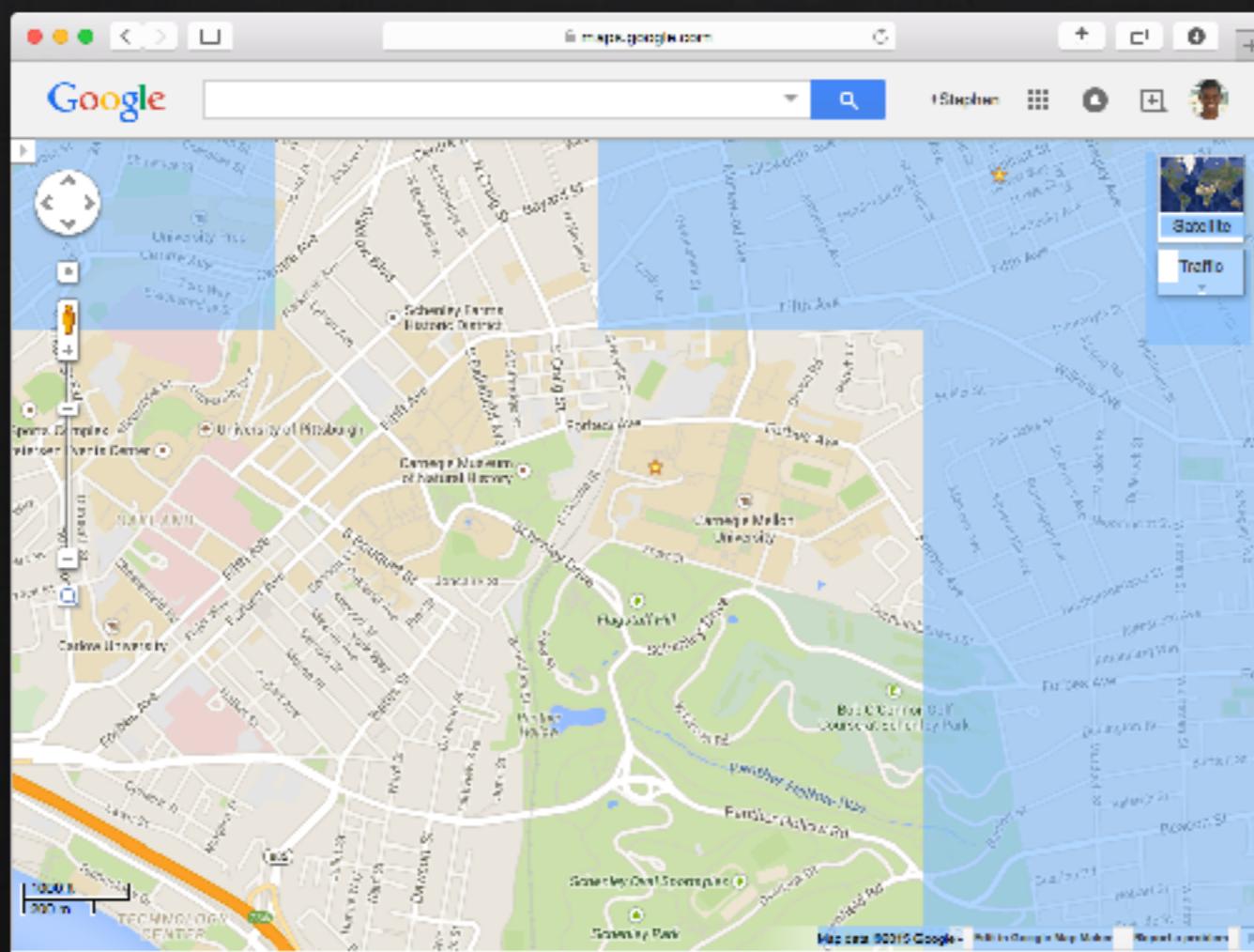
Mailbox



Tinder

a natural model for defining  
interactive behaviors

# interactive behaviors



Google Maps

# gui programming

- reactive in nature
  - react to user events, timer events, etc.
  - execution order (control flow) depends on external inputs

# event-callback

- most common paradigm for defining interactive behaviors
- specify what actions to take in reaction to events with callbacks

# event-callback

on mouse move:

```
function mmove() {  
    // ...  
}
```

on mouse up:

```
function mup() {  
    // ...  
}
```

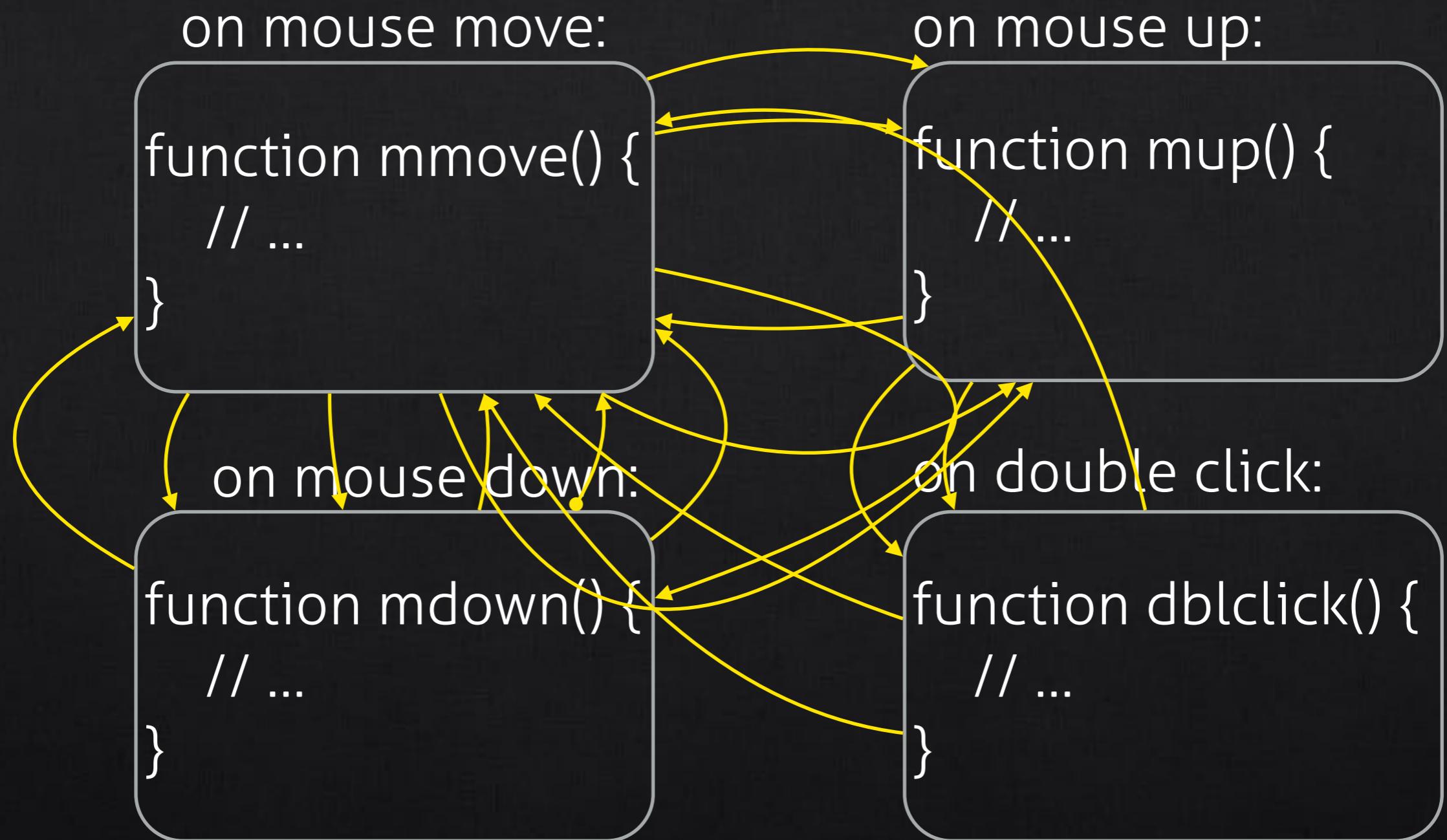
on mouse down:

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function mdown() {  
    // ...  
}
```

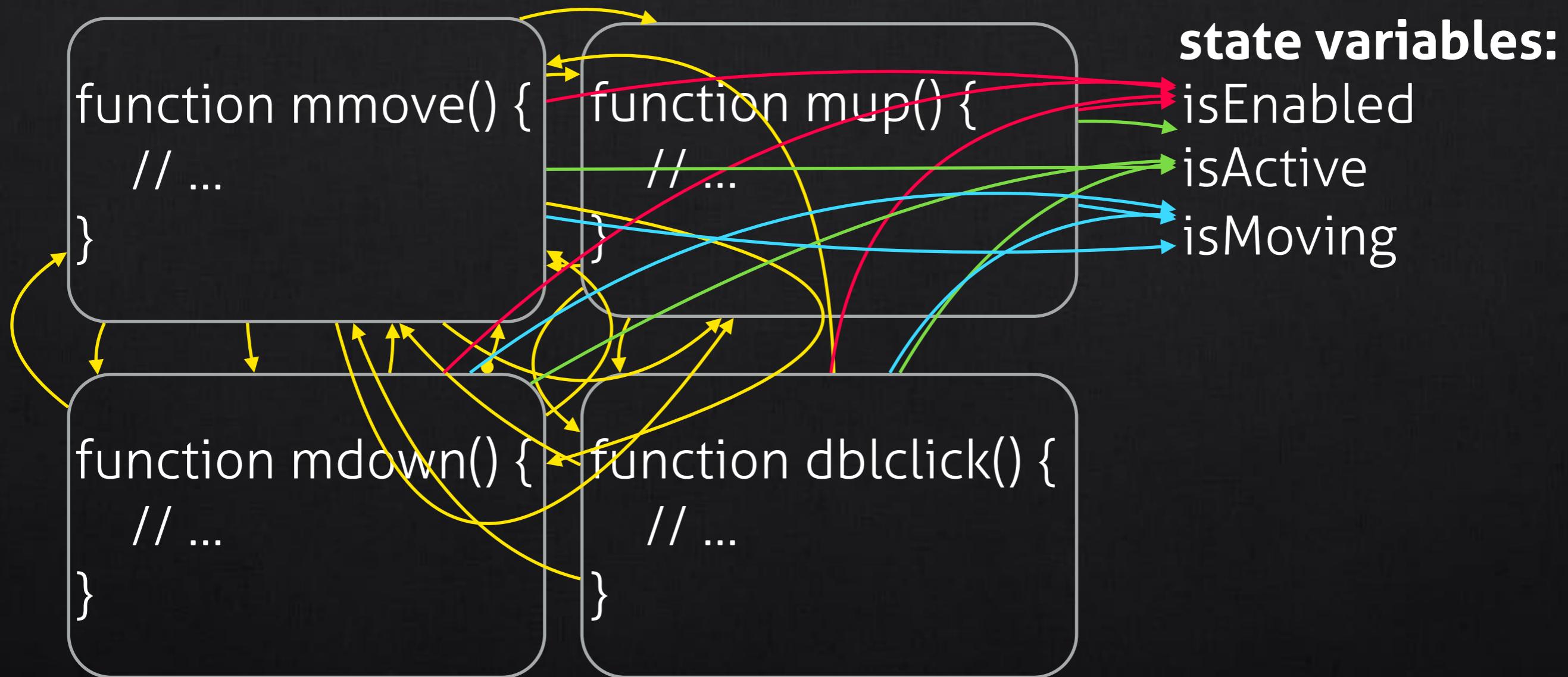
on double click:

```
function dblclick() {  
    // ...  
}
```

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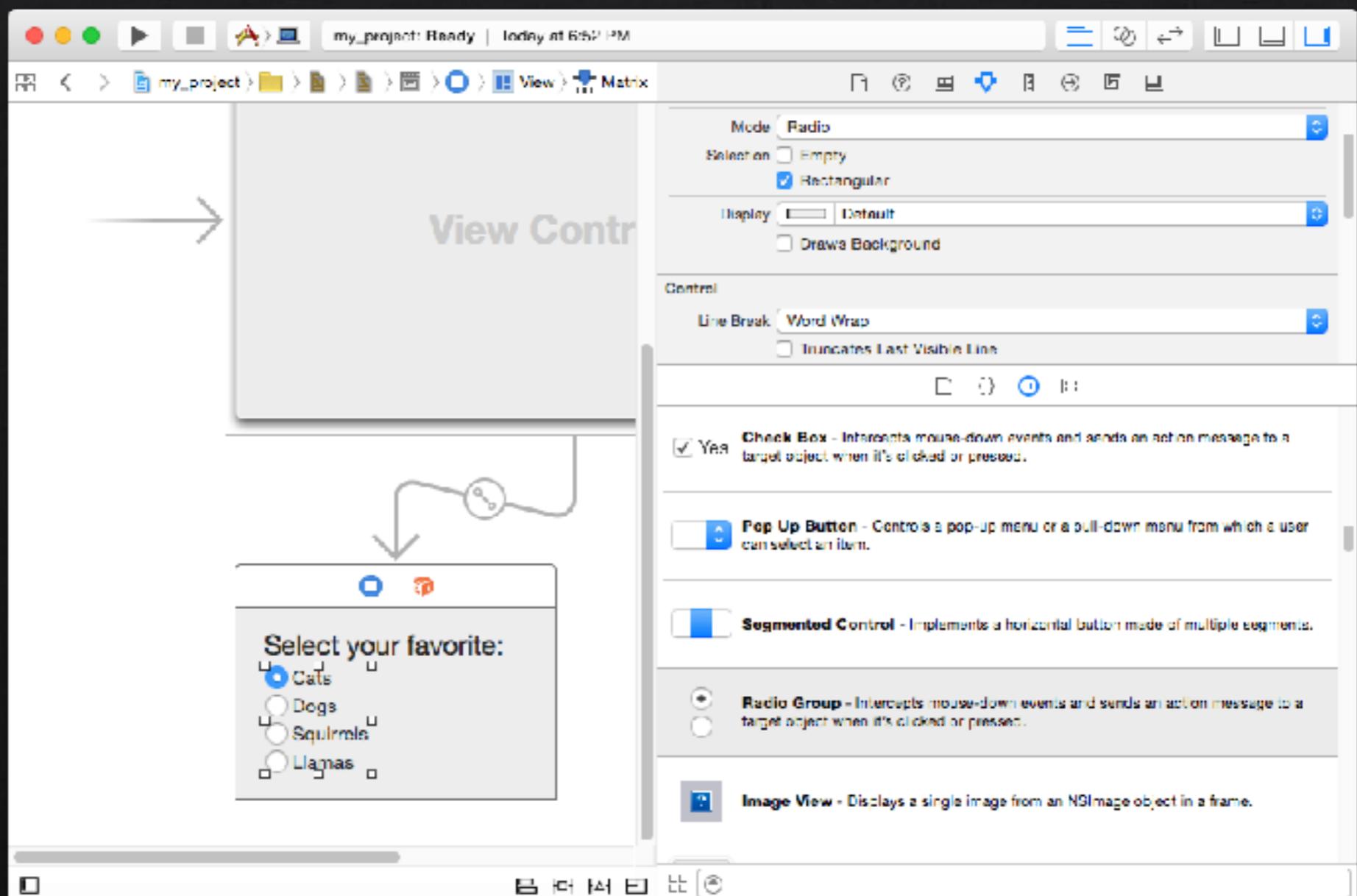


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- leads to **error-prone** code
  - behaviors involve many callbacks
  - complex control flow for behaviors



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combines **states** and **constraints**

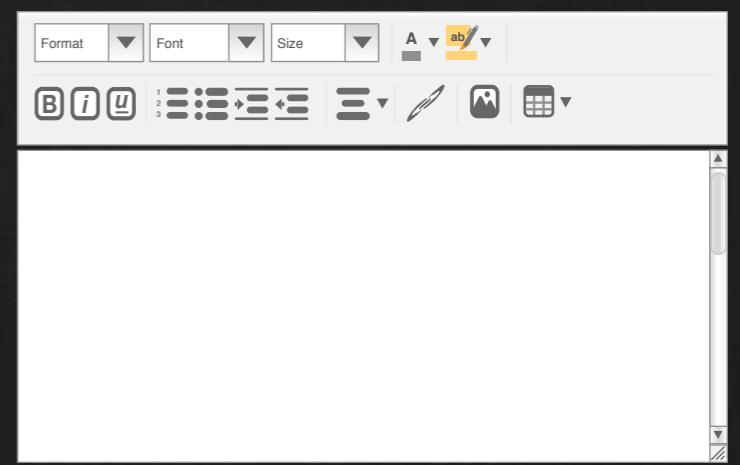
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principles:

- human-centric
- guided by:
  - non-programmers' descriptions of behaviors
  - workshops with interaction designers

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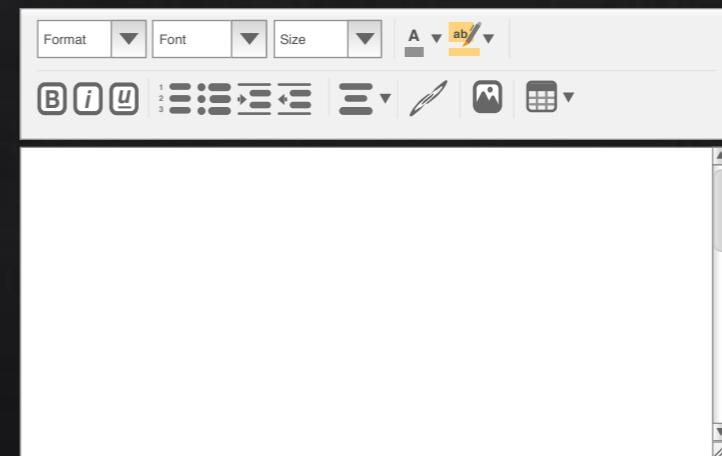
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```
toolbar.x <= workspace.x  
toolbar.y <= workspace.y - toolbar.height
```

# constraint

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can produce **clearer** code by **reducing** the **burden** of maintaining relationships

...but **not expressive enough** for many nuanced behaviors

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libraries for imperative (“traditional”) languages

e.g. FlapJax, Angular

used for **data bindings** and specifying **layout**

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# state

the **status** of an interface at a given moment, often **controls** appearance & behavior

# state machines

track an interface's state & when it  
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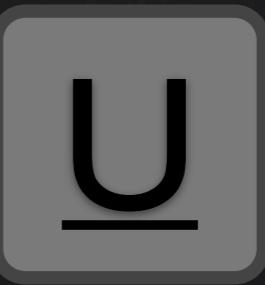
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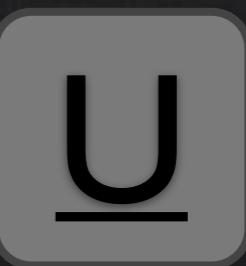


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# state

- GUIs are state-oriented
  - appearance & behavior
  - libraries for imperative languages (C, Java, JavaScript, etc.)
  - e.g. SwingStates, SproutCore

[Letondal 2010, Samek 2003,  
Apperat 2008, sproutcore.com]

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when (state)  
then (constraints)

# thesis statement

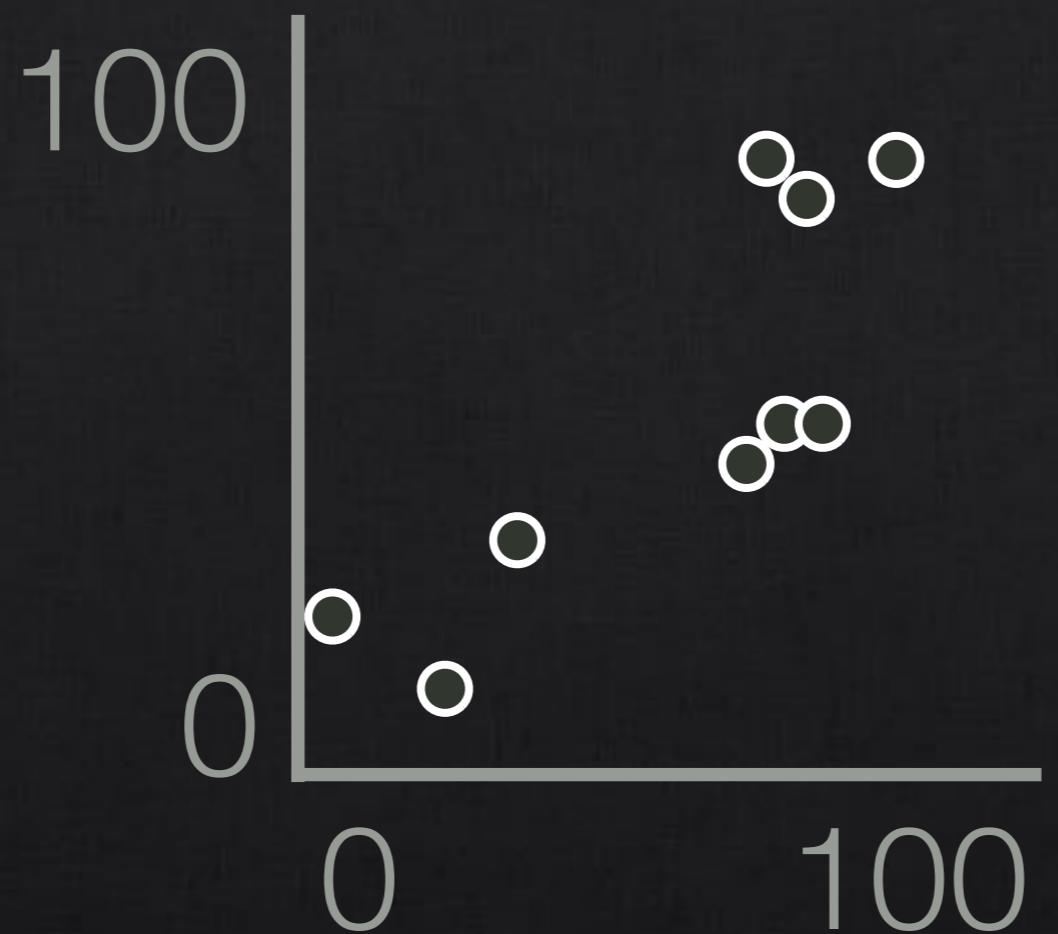
development tools combining  
constraints with state can express  
many nuanced interactive behaviors  
more clearly than event-callback code

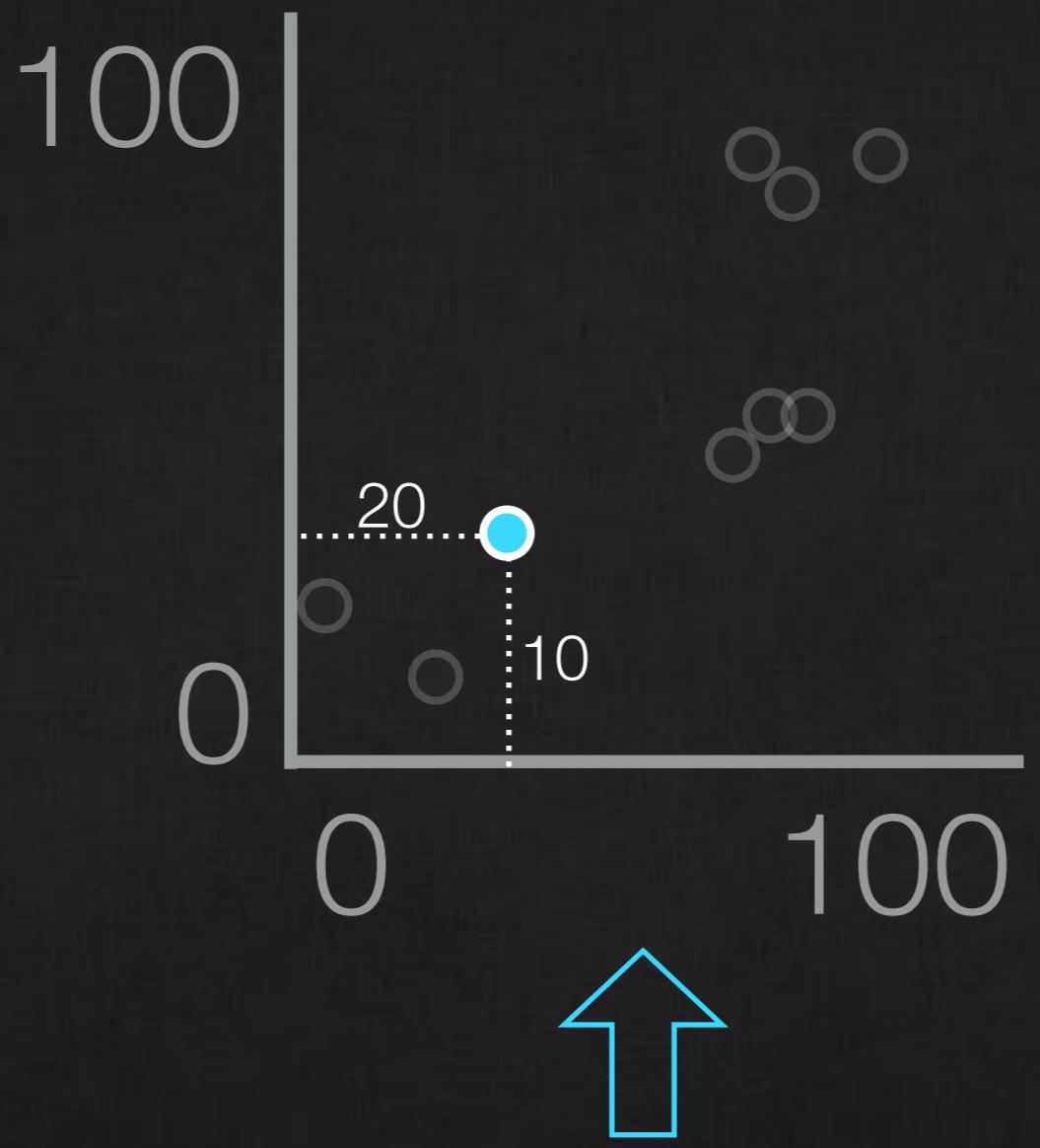
# outline

- ConstraintJS (JavaScript library)
- InterState (interactive editor)
  - user evaluation
  - multi-touch primitives
- conclusion

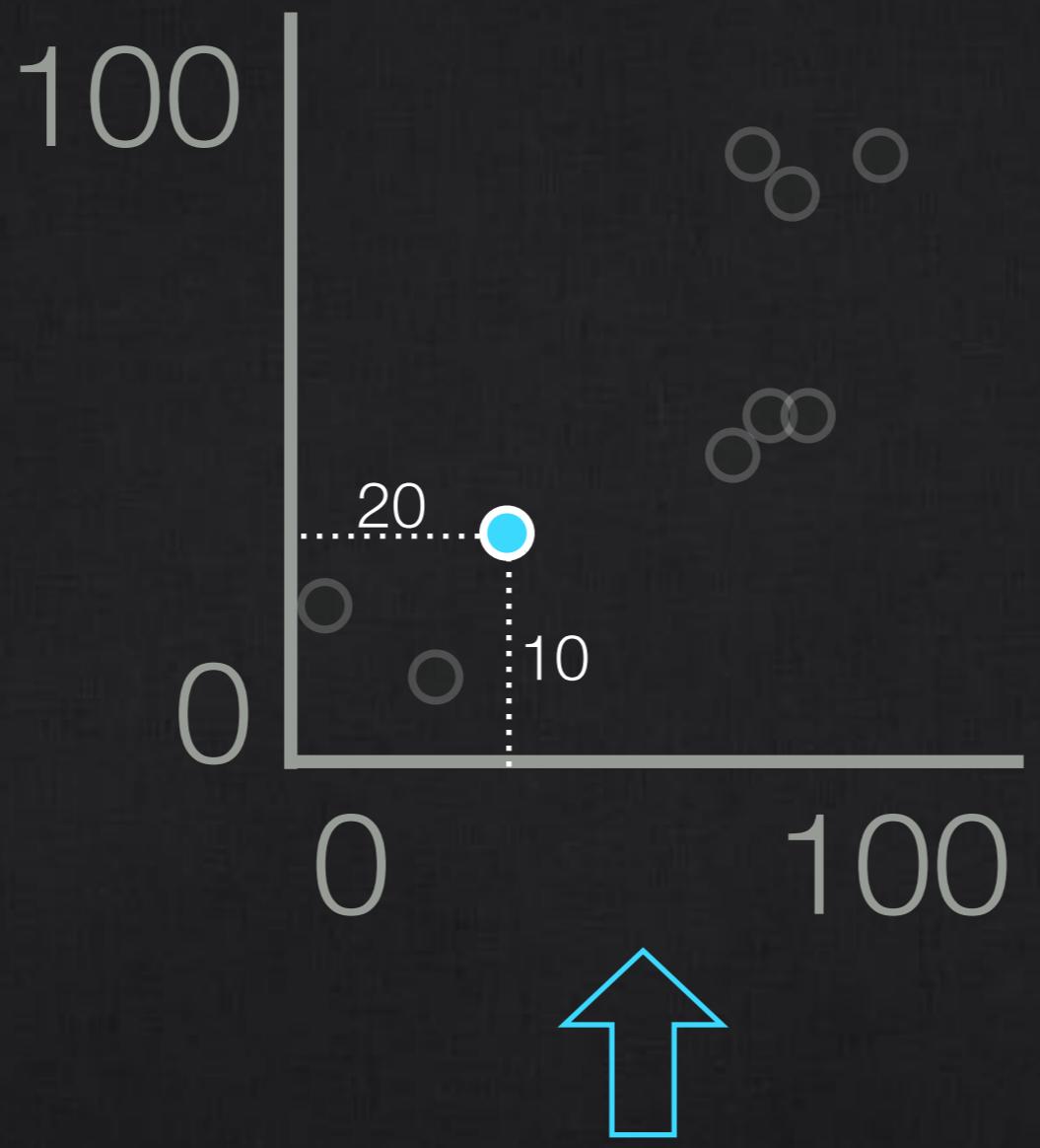
# ConstraintJS Contributions

- integrates constraints & states on Web
- integrates with HTML & CSS syntaxes
- efficient implementation

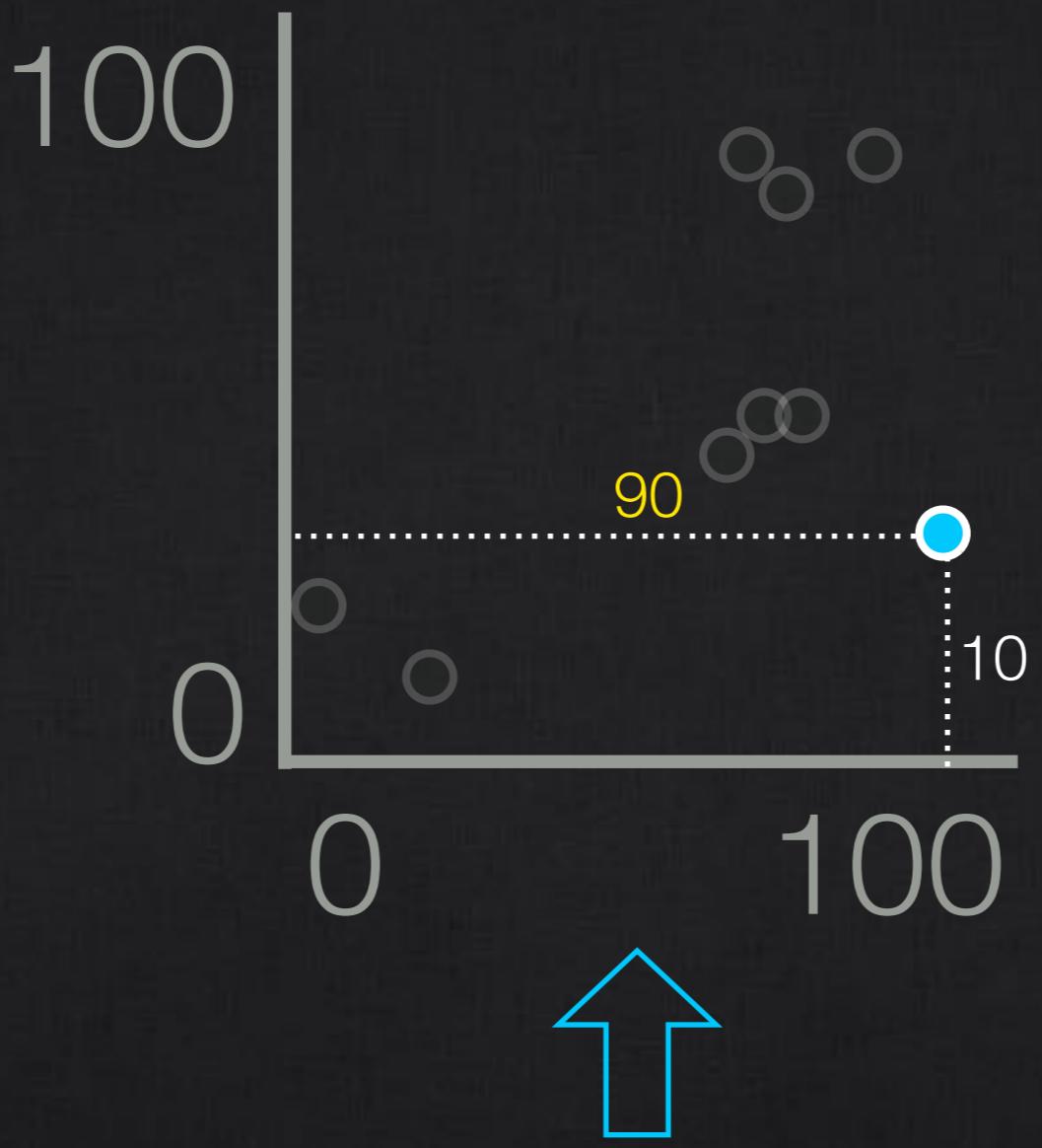




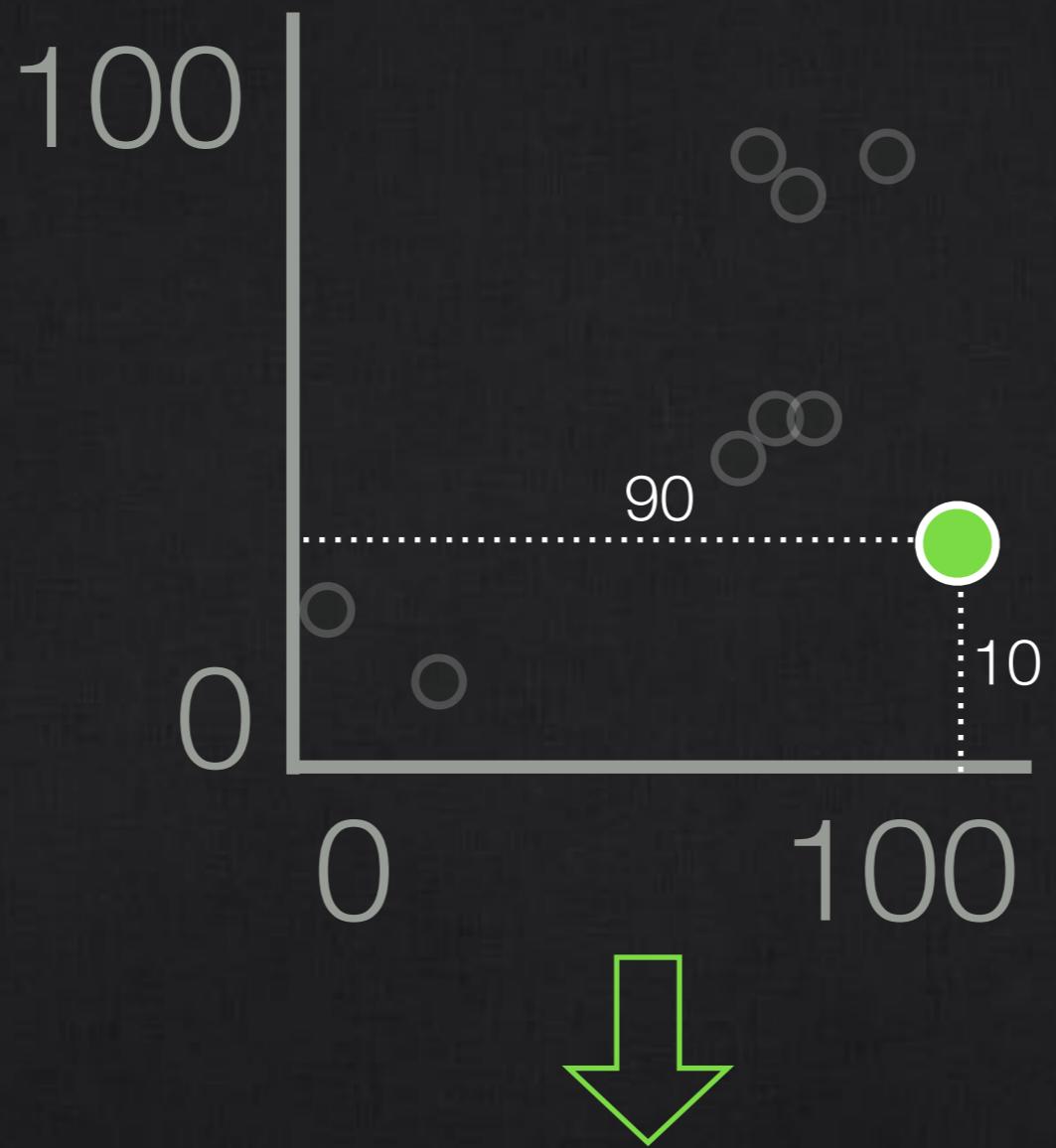
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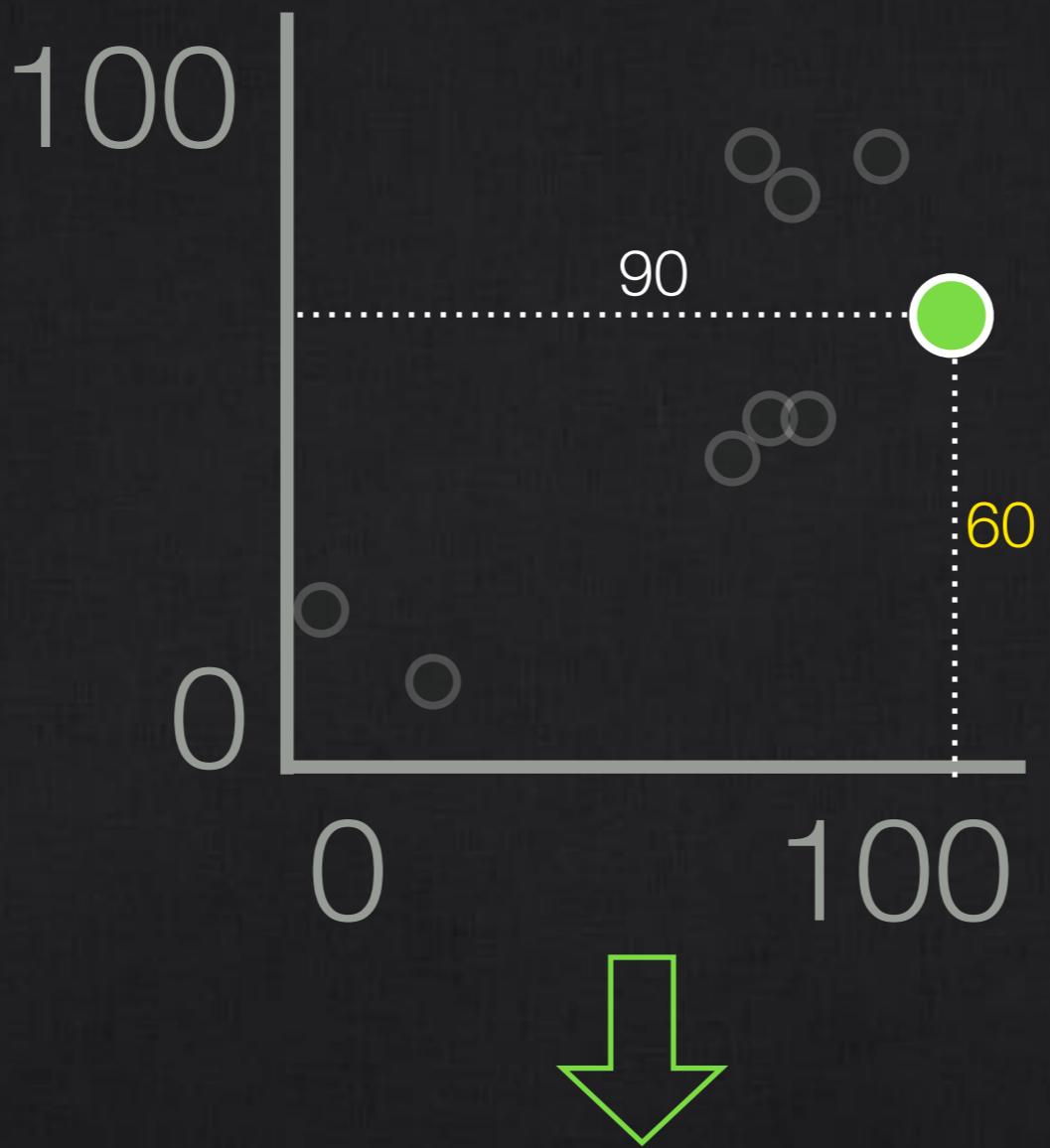
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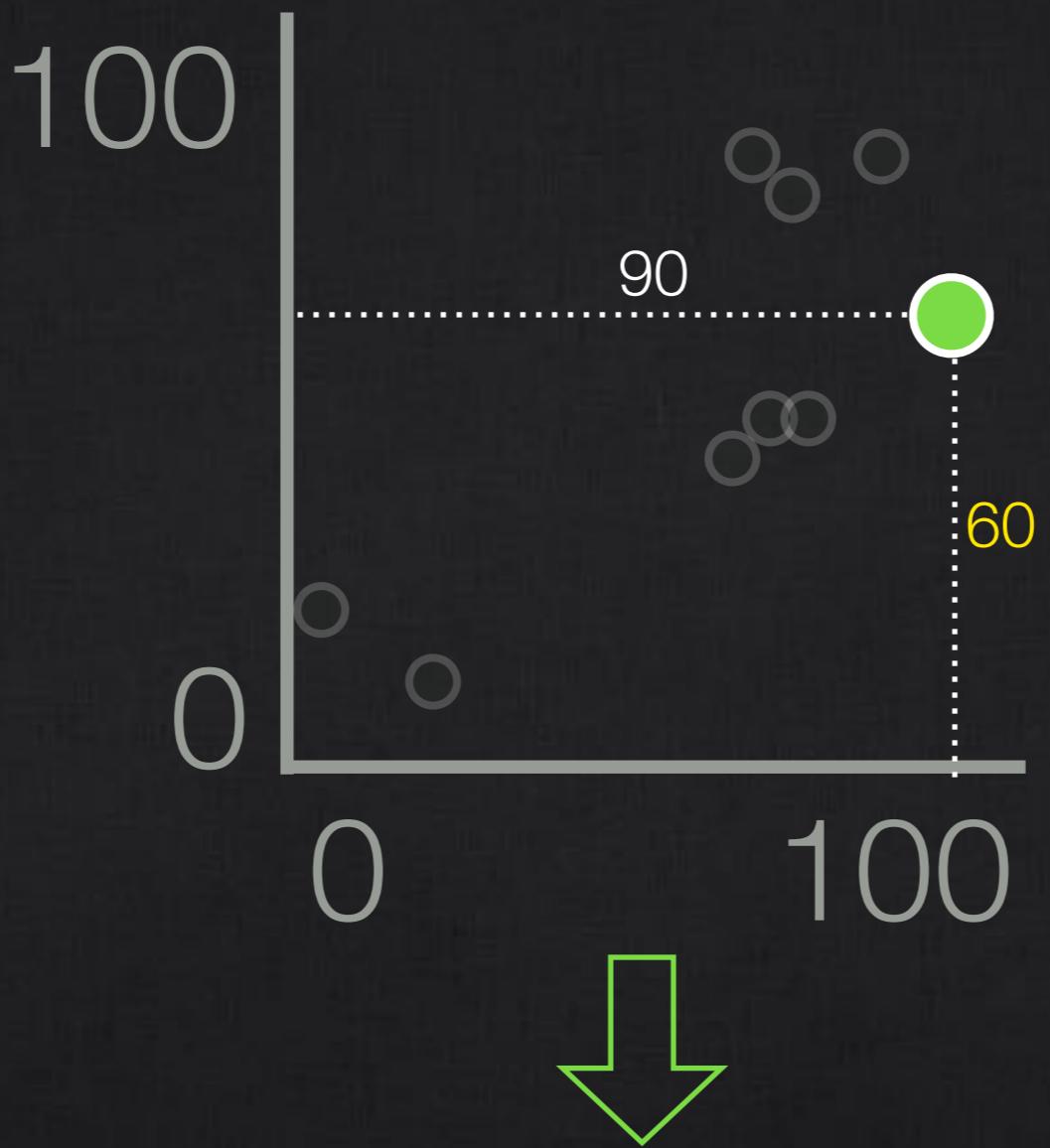
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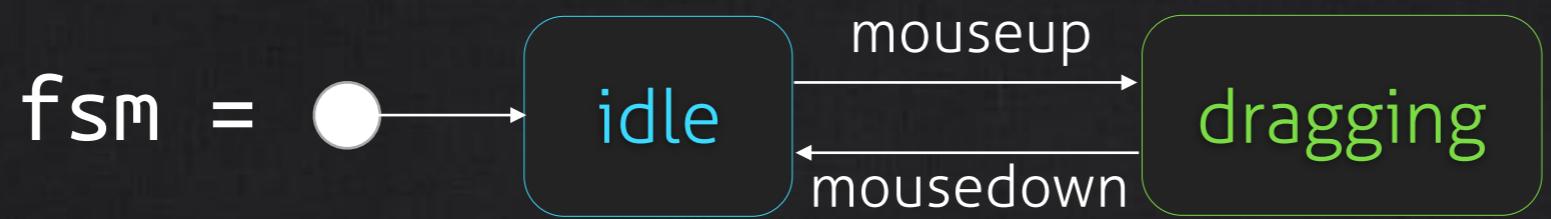
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solves for **a**

**multi-way:**  $a \leq b + 1$

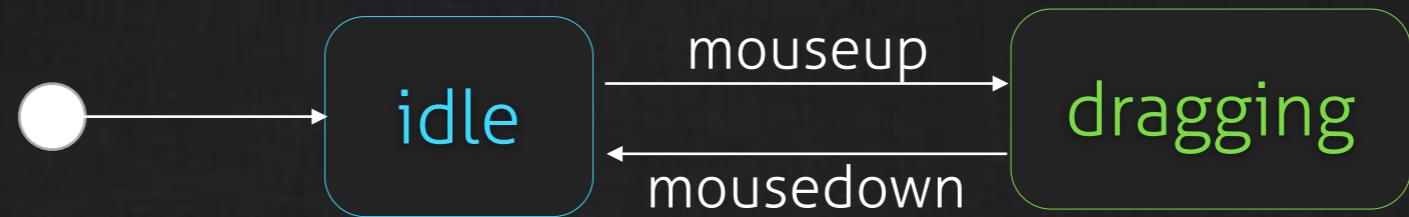
solves for **a** or **b**

uses hierarchy (difficult to control)



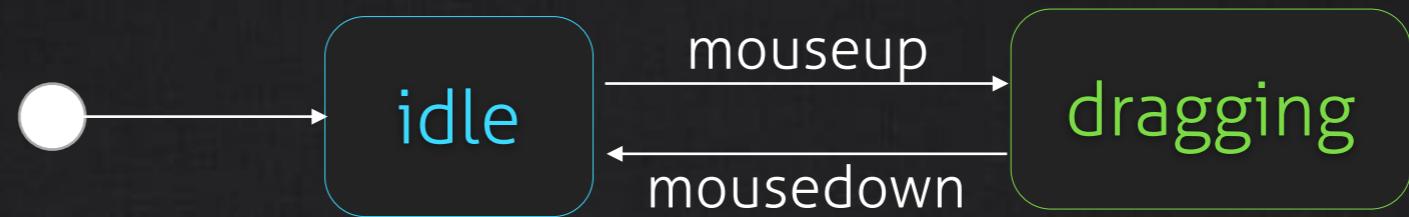
state machine (for every point)

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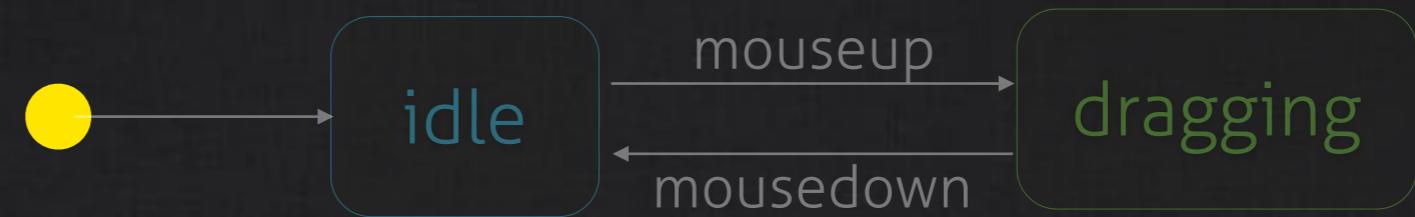
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    model_x,  
  });  
  
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  });  
  
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  view_x  
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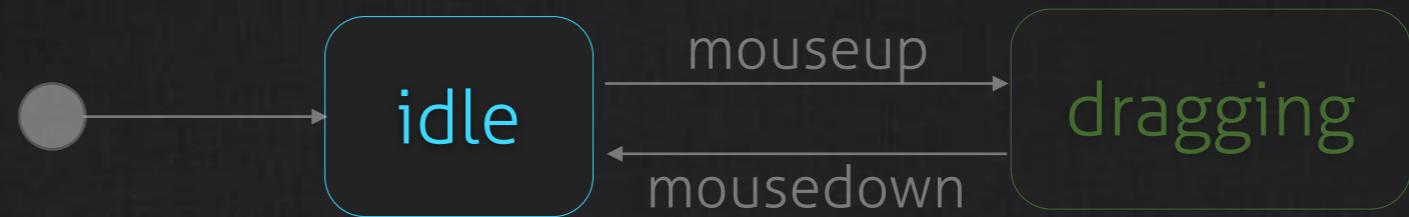
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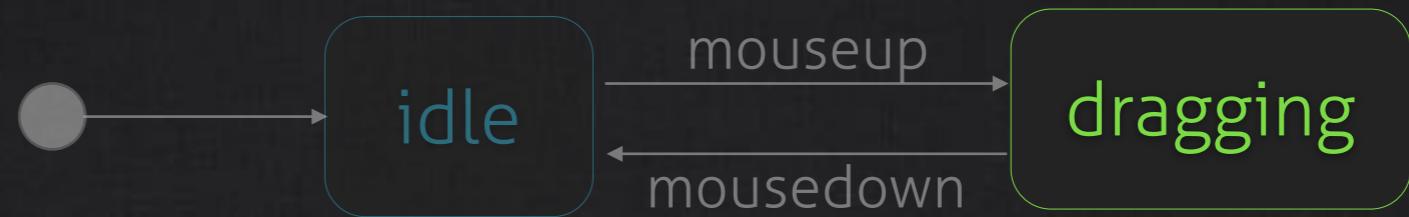
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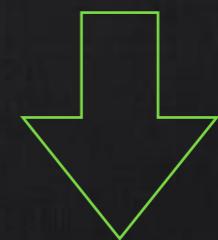
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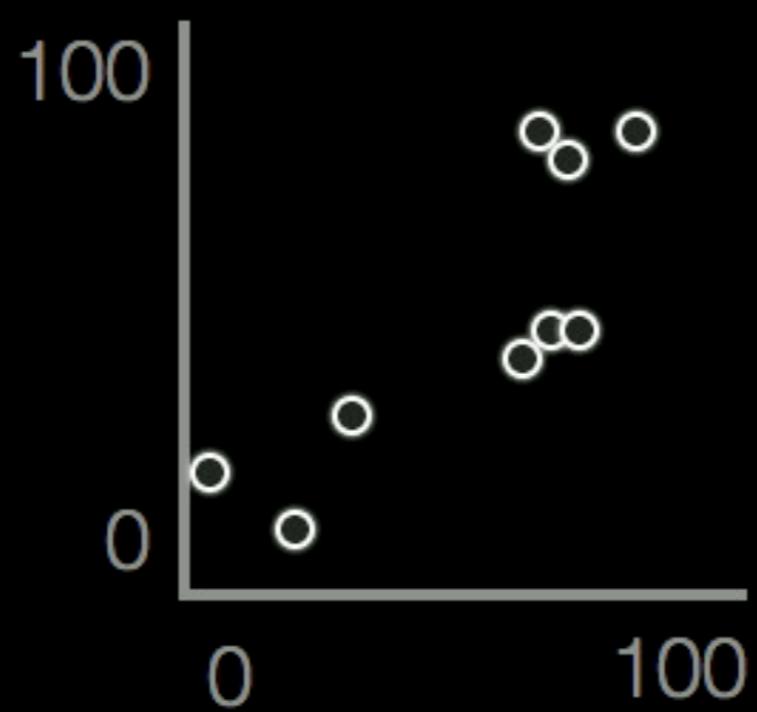
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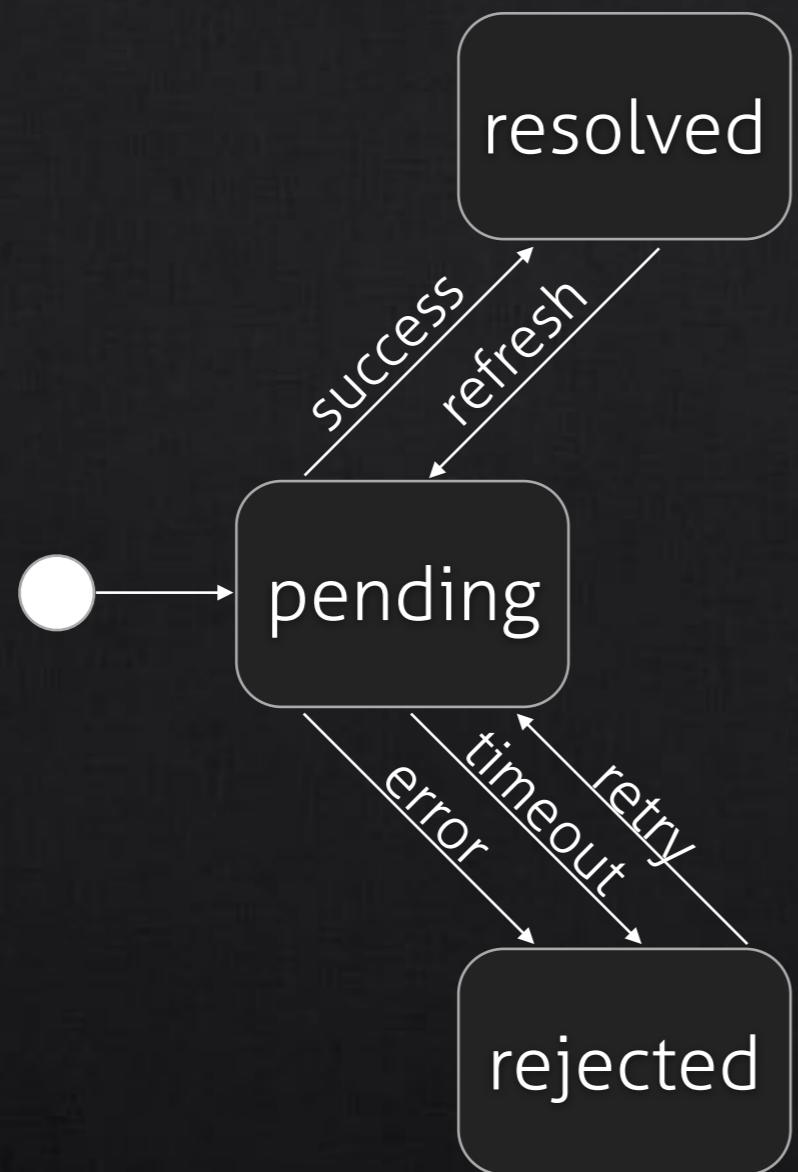


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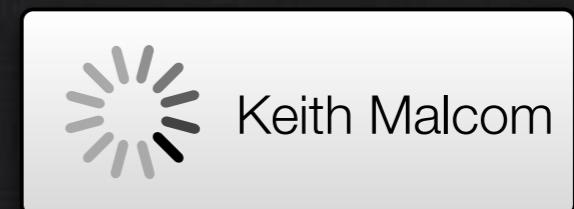
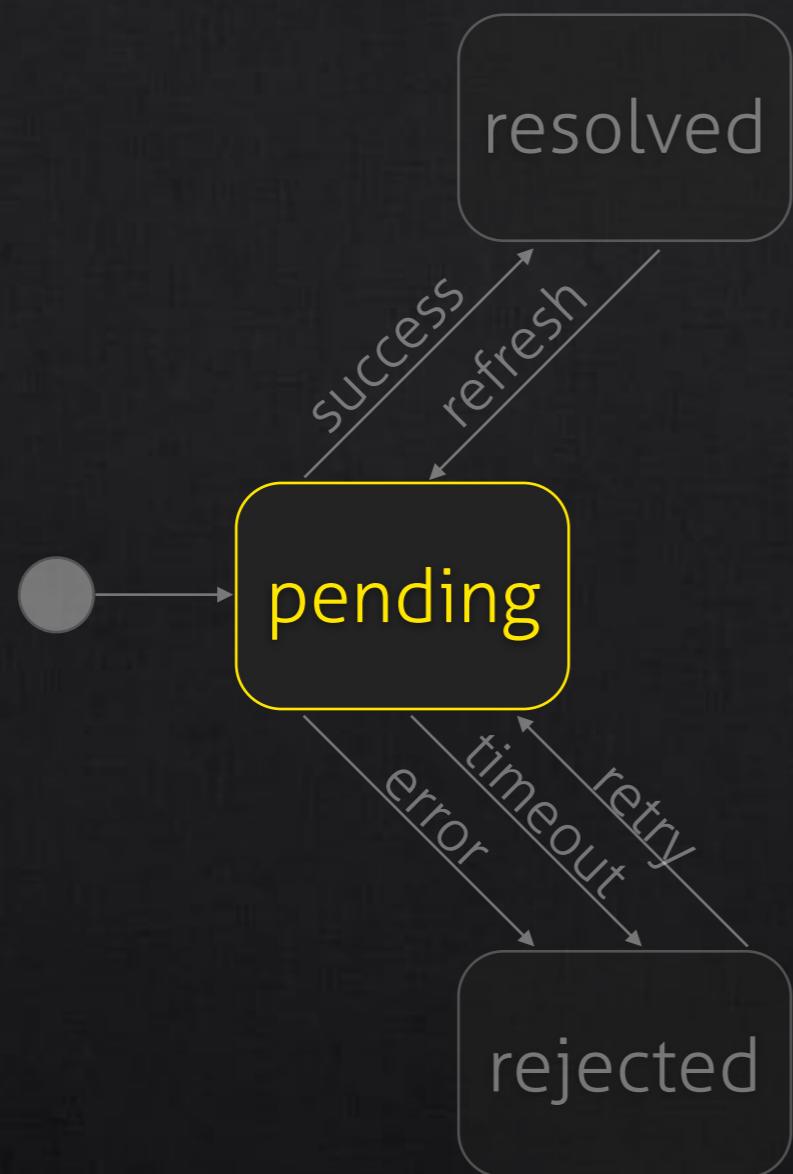
- indeterminate wait before return
- can greatly increase complexity of imperative code
  - control timing
  - propagation of values

Loading friends...

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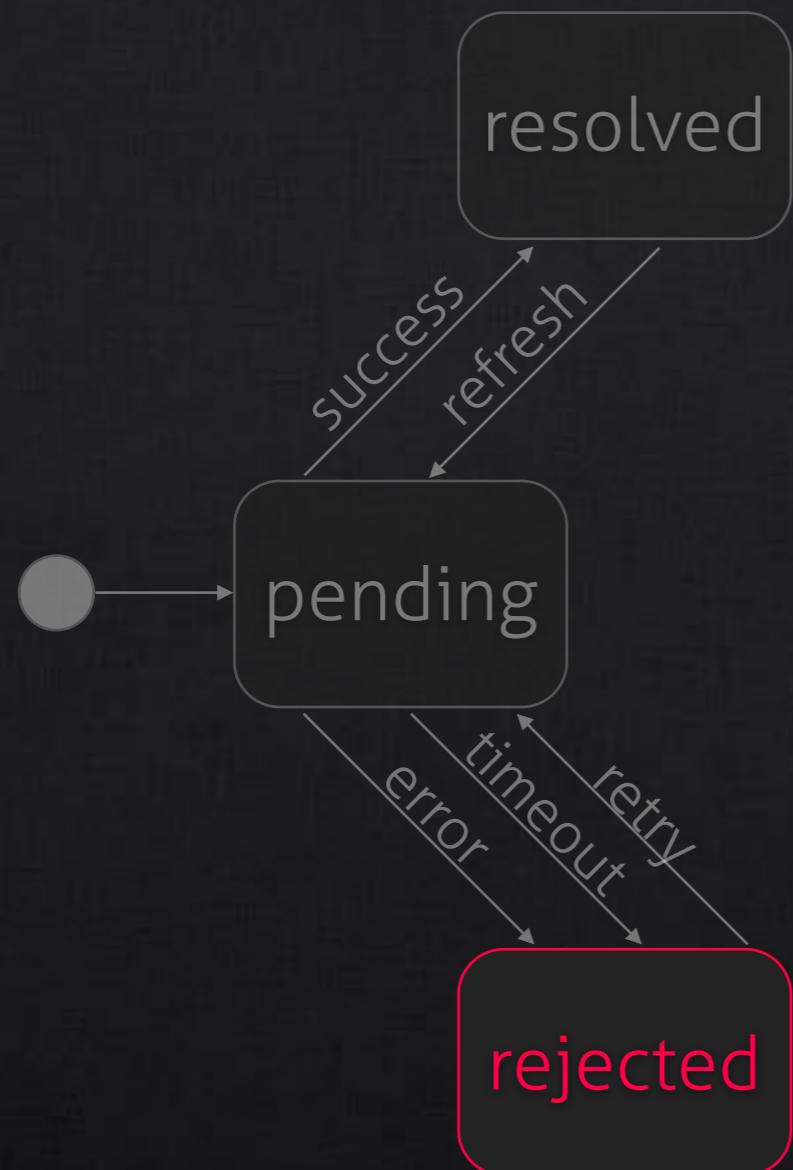


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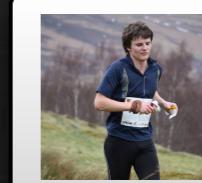
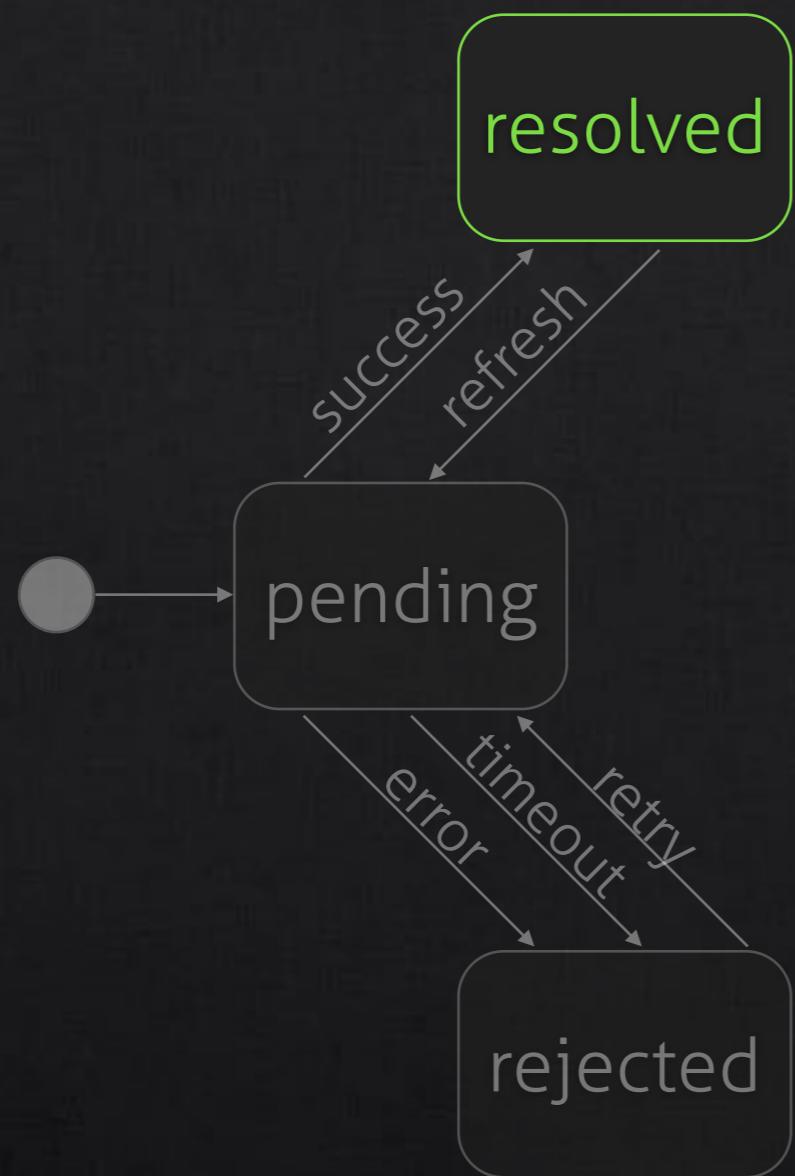
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pending: "loading.gif",  
rejected: "error.gif"

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pending: "loading.gif",  
rejected: "error.gif" ,  
**resolved**: {{ picture }}

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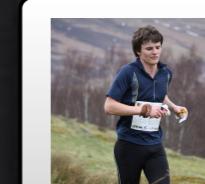
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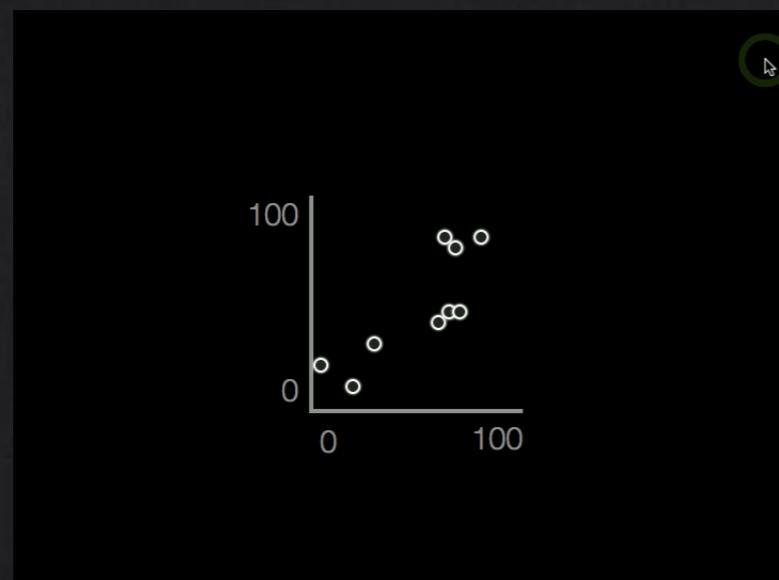


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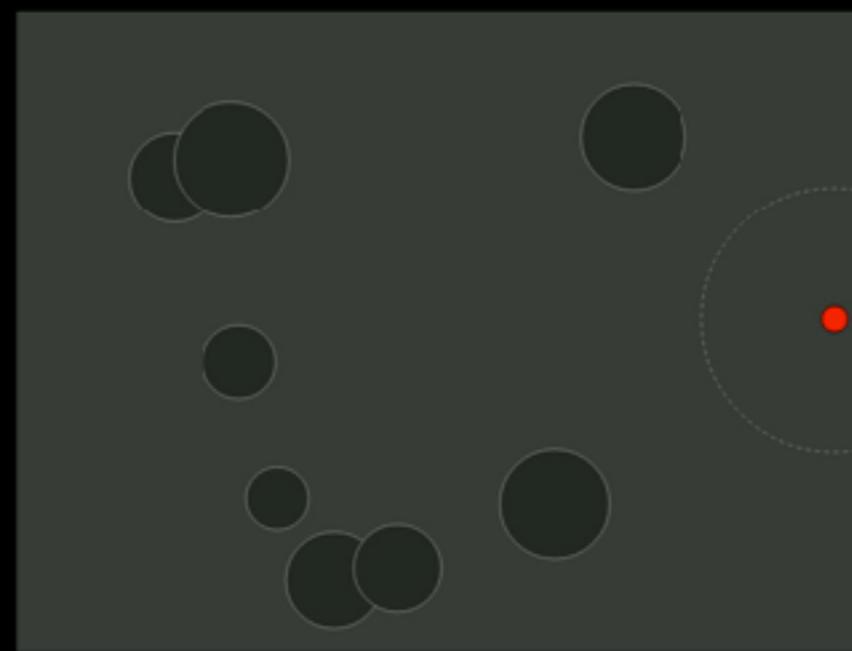
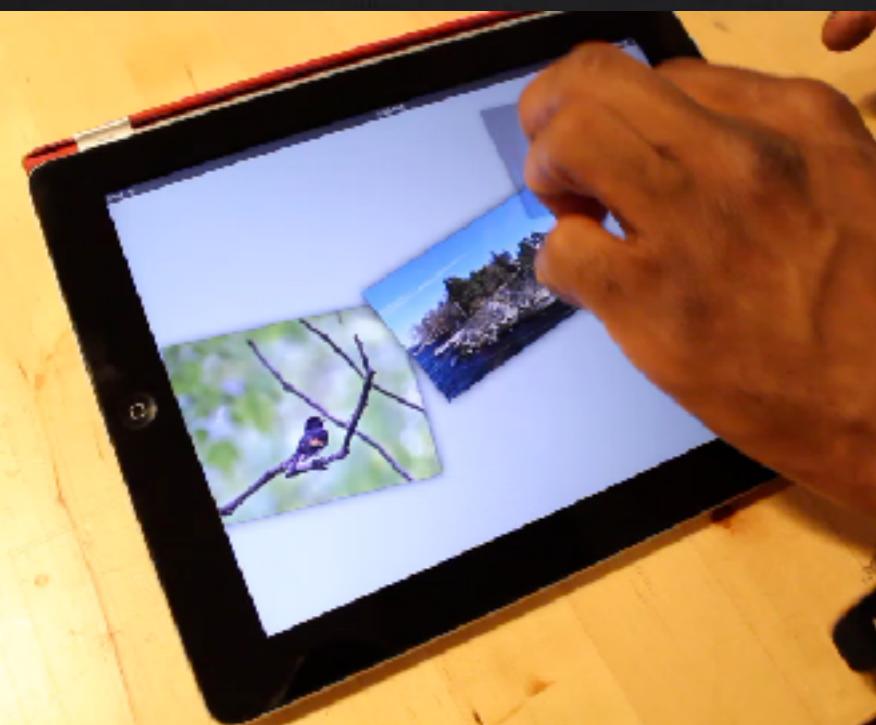


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7 // Reviewer's code below:
8 load_friends = (selector) ->
9     people = $(selector).text("Loading friends...")
10    FB.api "/me/friends", (answer) ->
11        if friends=answer.data
12            for friend in friends
13                people.append $("<div>#{friend.name}</div>")
14                    .prepend(img=$('<img/>'))
15                    img.attr "src", "loading.gif"
16                    FB.api "/#{friend.id}/picture", (answer) ->
17                        if picture=answer.data
18                            img.attr "src", picture
19                        else
20                            img.attr "src", "error.gif"
21                    else
22                        friends.text("Error")
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title bar "ConstraintJS" and the address bar "cjs.from.so". The main content area displays the ConstraintJS homepage. On the left, there's a large yellow star-shaped logo with "CONSTRAINT" above "JS". Below it is a blue button with a download icon and the text "Download v0.9.6" and "10kb minified & gzipped". To the right of the logo are links for "Github", "Tutorial", and "API". The main text reads "ConstraintJS is a library for creating dynamic web apps". Three sections follow: "CLEANER CODE" (describing how it enables constraints), "LIGHTWEIGHT" (noting its small size and compatibility with jQuery), and "SIMPLE SYNTAX" (mentioning its readable API and Handlebars-like templates). Below this is a section titled "Examples: Live Handlebars Templates" showing code and output. The code includes Handlebars-like templates and JavaScript to create them. The output shows a form with a name input and a greeting message.

# ConstraintJS

cjs.from.so

## ConstraintJS

is a library for creating dynamic web apps

**CLEANER CODE**

ConstraintJS enables constraints – relationships that are declared once & automatically maintained. These constraints can make writing dynamic apps easier.

**LIGHTWEIGHT**

ConstraintJS is small (about 10kb) and works well with other JavaScript libraries like jQuery.

**SIMPLE SYNTAX**

ConstraintJS's API is very readable and includes features for dynamic handlebars-like templates.

### Examples: Live Handlebars Templates

ConstraintJS includes a Handlebars-like templating syntax. Unlike Handlebars templates, these templates are *live*—DOM nodes are created, moved, and removed dynamically without modifying other page elements. See [the API documentation](#) for more details.

Code (Templated HTML & JavaScript)	Output
<pre>&lt;label&gt;Name:&lt;/label&gt; &lt;input class='form-control' type='text' cjs-out='name' placeholder='Enter your name' /&gt;  &lt;h3&gt;Hello, {{name}}!&lt;/h3&gt; &lt;h4&gt;I am {{libName}}&lt;/h4&gt;  cjs.createTemplate(ex1_code, {libName: cjs}); // use template above</pre>	<p>Name:</p> <p>friend</p> <p>Hello, friend!</p> <p>I am ConstraintJS v0.9.6</p>

<http://cjs.from.so/>

Projection Mapping: The Evolution and Extension of Augmented Workspaces for Learning Electronics Modeling Through Projection Mapping  
Akizuma & Miyashita

Low-Sphere Immersive Experience Sharing with 360 degrees Head-mounted Camera  
Kawahara, Nagai, & Nakamoto

FlexSense: A Transparent Self-Sensing Deformable Surface  
Benni, Kim, Fumita, Parisa, Fitzmaurice, Taylor, Zeld, Schneid, Haller, & Izadi

Data-Driven Interaction Techniques for Improving Navigation of Educational Videos  
Kim, Kim, Cho, Li, Rajan, K. Miller

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8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast

8:00-5:00 PM Registration / Kona Mo

9:00-10:40 AM

**Fabrication**

Chair: Alex Olwal

WirePrint: 3D Printed Previews For Fab  
Mueller, Im, Guravich, Teibrich, Pfister

PrintScreen: Fabricating Highly Custom  
Oberding, Wessely & Steinle

ShrinkyCircuits: Sketching, Shrinking,  
Lo & Paulos

Teeg!: Tangible EEG Interface  
Frey, Gervais, Fleck, Lotte & Hachet

The Hybrid Artisan: A Case Study In  
Zoran, Shilkrot, Nanyakkara & Pandian

In-Air Gestures Around Unmodified Mobile Devices

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**READING LIST**

**BEST TALK**

**In-Air Gestures Around Unmodified Mobile Devices**

Our technique can be used to enable rich gestural interaction around unmodified mobile devices

**Abstract:**

We present a novel machine learning based algorithm extending the interaction space around mobile devices. The technique uses only the RGB camera now commonplace on off-the-shelf mobile devices. Our algorithm robustly recognizes a wide range of in-air gestures, supporting user variation, and varying lighting conditions. We demonstrate that our algorithm runs in real-time on unmodified mobile devices, including resource-constrained smartphones and smartwatches. Our goal is not to replace the touchscreen as primary input device, but rather to augment and enrich the existing interaction vocabulary using gestures. While touch input works well for many scenarios, we demonstrate numerous interaction tasks such as mode switches, application and task management, menu selection and certain types of navigation, where such input can be either complemented or better served by in-air gestures. This removes screen real-estate issues on small touchscreens, and allows input to be expanded to the 3D space around the device. We present results for recognition accuracy (93% test and 88% train), impact of memory footprint and other model parameters. Finally, we report results from preliminary user evaluations, discuss advantages and limitations and conclude with directions for future work.

Hara, Sun, Jacobs & Froehlich

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Nguyen

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A Series of Inlets Adding Immediately to 3D Prints Using Internal Pipes  
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Breakfast

Devices

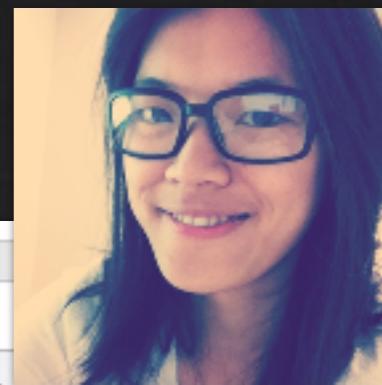
Building a User to a Constrained Set

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# CHI & UIST Interactive Web Programs

# Gneiss (by Kerry Chang)



File Edit Setting

Selected (click on the path to edit): results[0].name

When moving the selected item to the spreadsheet, populate the column with similar items in the array.

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    "bar",
    "establishment"
}

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  {
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      lng : -73.982489
    }
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  reference : "CoQBBeQWANsg3EEk
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  ]
}

```

A	B (name)	C (rating)	D (price_level)	E (formatted_address)	F	G
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2		Little Branch	4.3	3	20 7th Ave S, New York, NY, United States	false
3		Louis 649	4.2	2	649 E 9th St, New York, NY, United States	true
4		Garage Restaurant & Cafe	4.1	2	99 7th Ave S, New York, NY, United States	false
5		Jazz Standard	4.1	3	118 E 27th St, New York, NY, United States	true
6		BIRDLAND	4	3	315 W 44th St, New York, NY, United States	true
7		The Flatiron Room	4	3	37 W 26th St, New York, NY, United States	false
8		La Lanterna di Vittorio	4	2	129 MacDougal St, New York, NY, United States	false
9		Smoke Jazz & Supper Club	4	2	2751 Broadway, New York, NY, United States	false
10		BLACK DUCK	4	3	122 E 29th St, New York, NY, United States	false
11		Knickerbocker Bar & Grill	3.9	3	33 University Pl, New York, NY, United States	false

Places to Go

Sort descending by rating  Sort descending by price

**Jazz bar New York City**  
Rating: 4.4, Price level: 4  
 Plot on map!

**Little Branch**  
Rating: 4.3, Price level: 3  
 Plot on map!

**Louis 649**  
Rating: 4.2, Price level: 2  
 Plot on map!

**Garage Restaurant & Cafe**  
Rating: 4.1, Price level: 2  
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**Jazz Standard**  
Rating: 4.1, Price level: 3  
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Rating: 4, Price level: 3  
 Plot on map!

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Rating: 4, Price level: 3  
 Plot on map!

**La Lanterna di Vittorio**  
Rating: 4, Price level: 2

UIelements

- Vertical List
- Grid List
- Bar Chart
- Line Chart
- Plot Chart
- Scatter Chart
- Bubble Chart
- Map

Table

Value	Jazz bar New York City
Placeholder	Search here!
Width	200px
Live	false
Focused	false
State	true
Inline	false

[Chang UIST 2014, Chang CHI 2015]

# InterState

- visual notation and live editor
- expressive and understandable

# InterState Contributions

## Computational Model

- clear & concise
- states & constraints

# InterState Contributions

## Computational Model

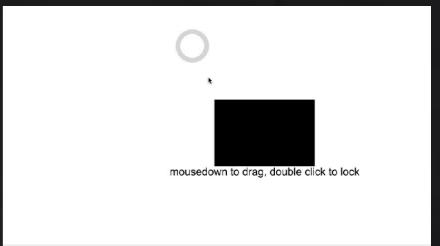
- clear & concise
- states & constraints

## Visual Notation

- suits computational model
- states & constraints in grid



mousedown to drag, double click to lock



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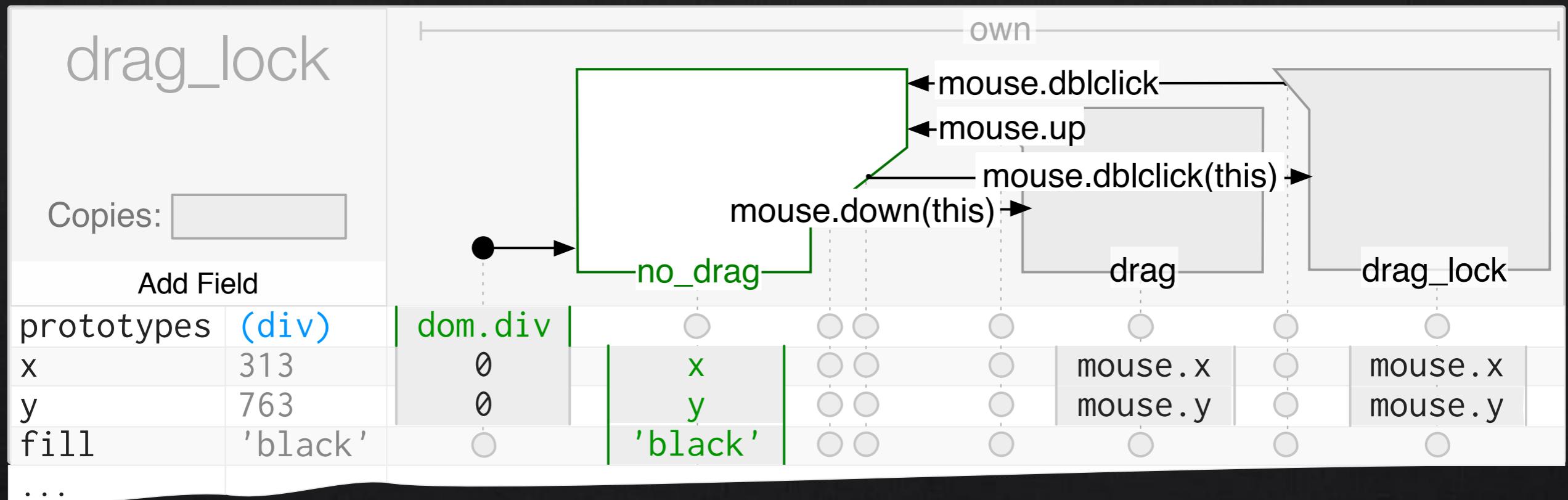
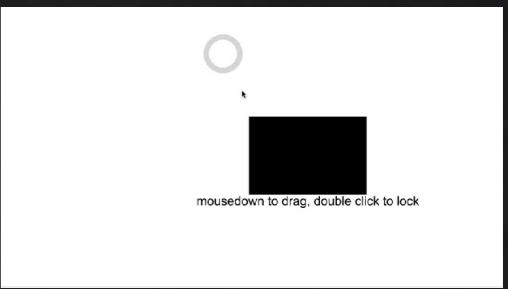
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});
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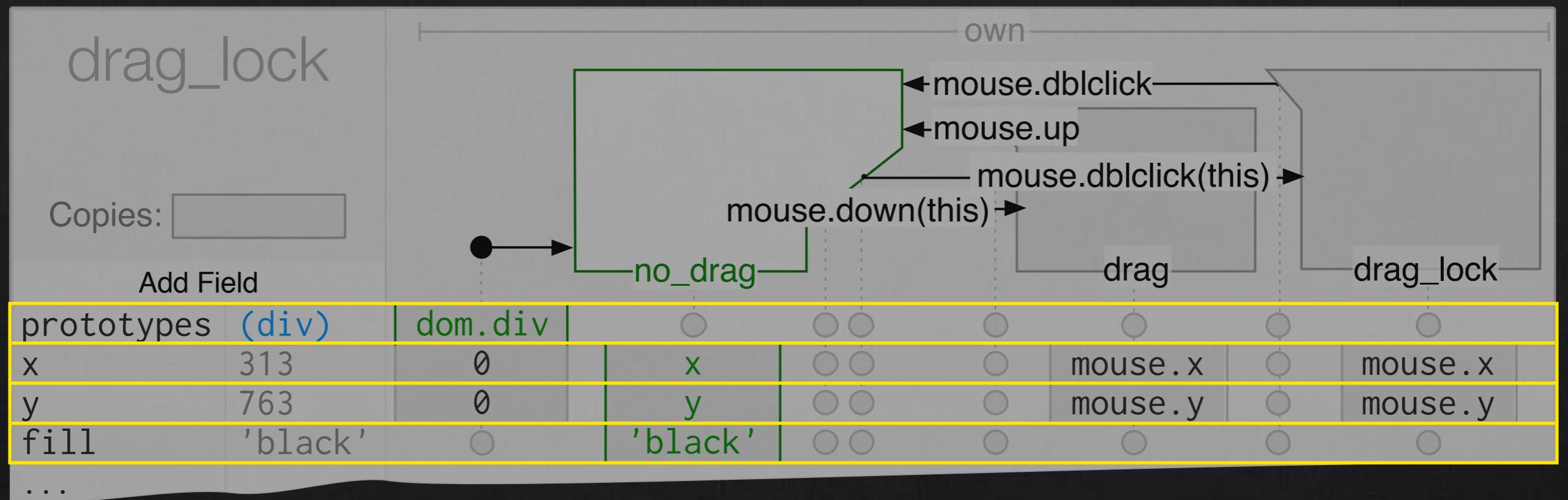
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});
```





## drag\_lock

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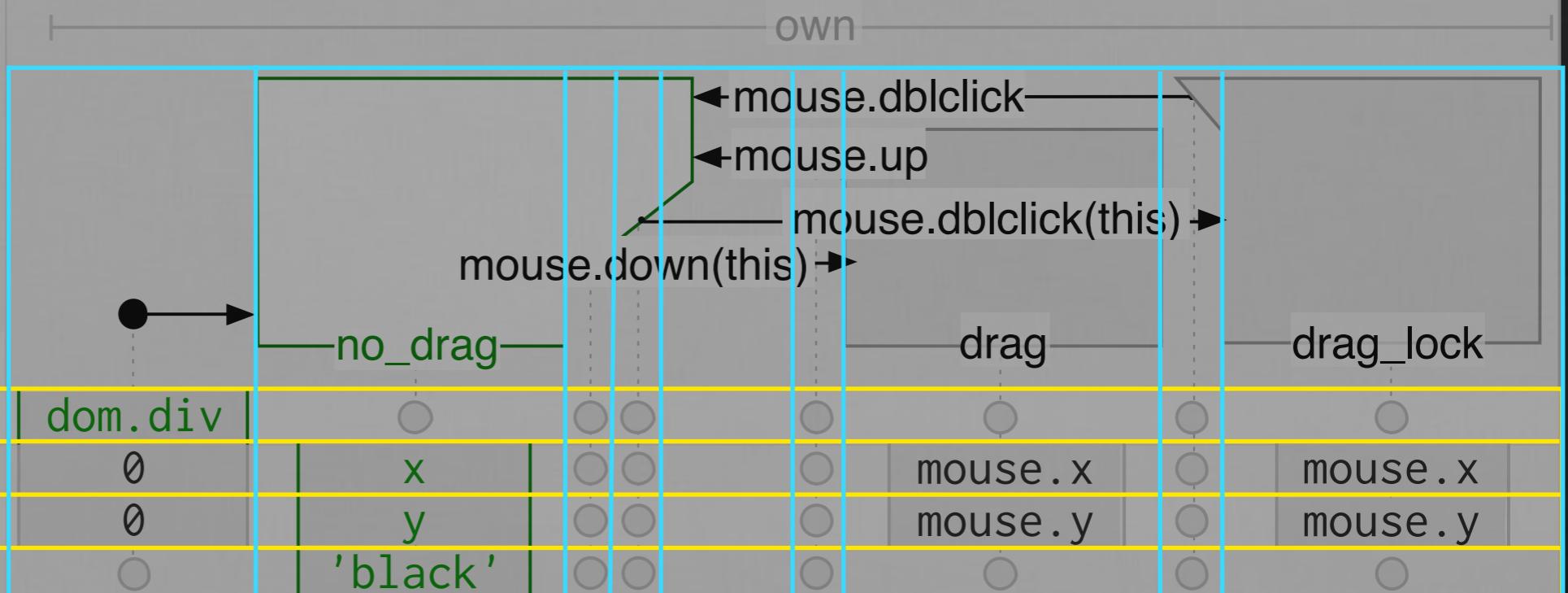
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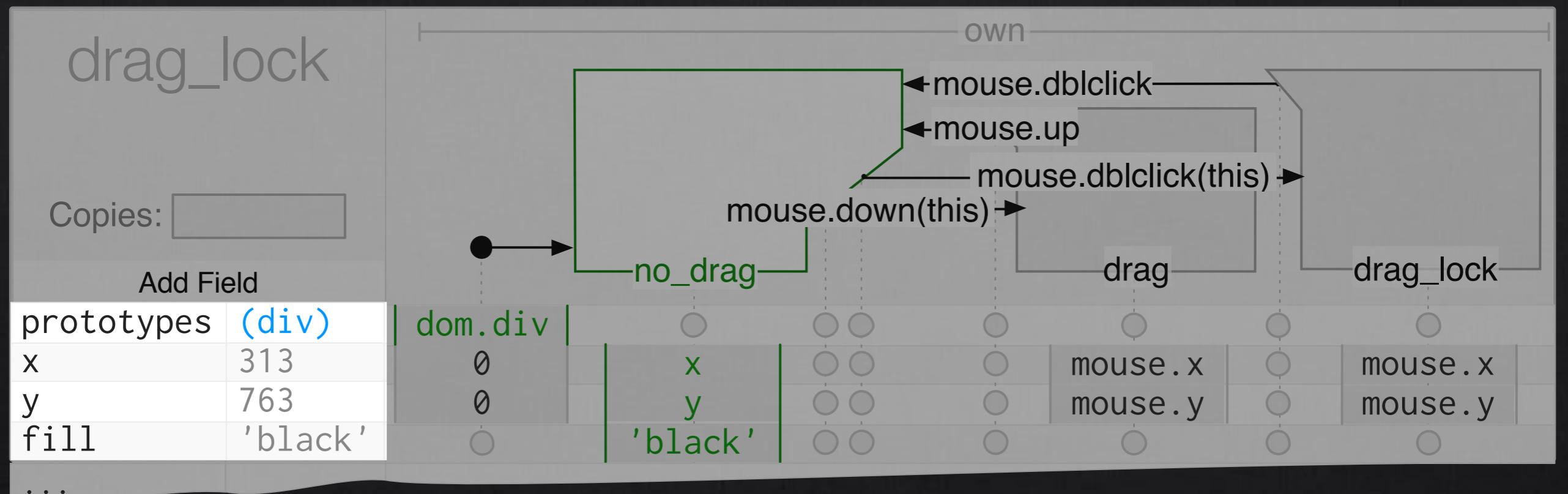
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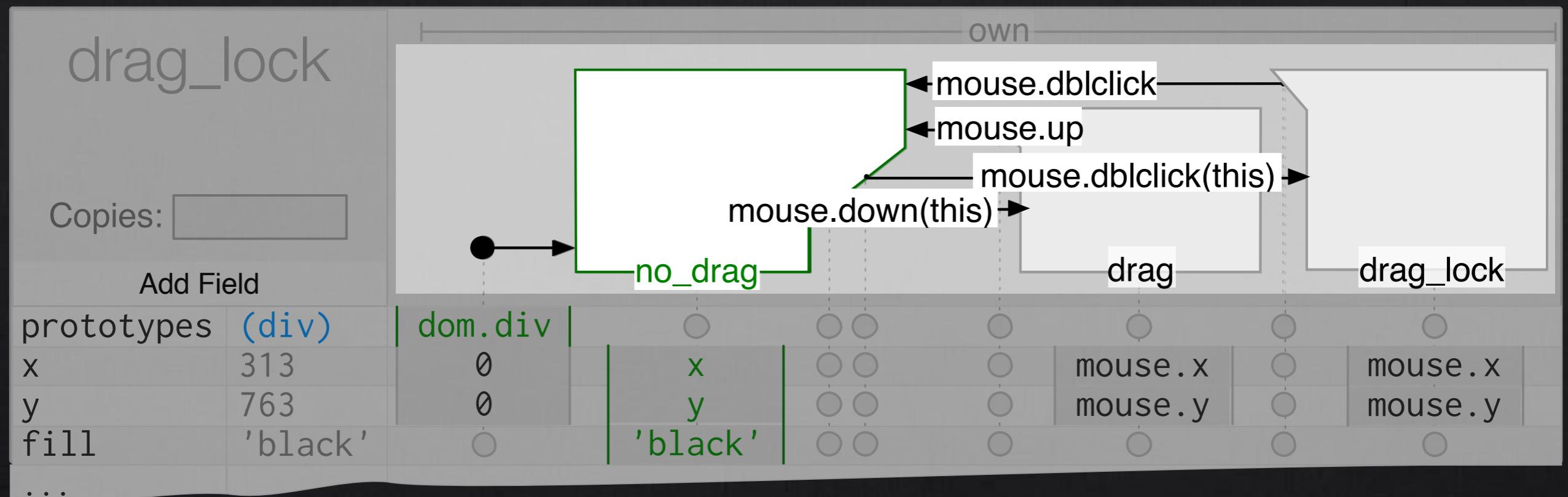
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fields

## state machine

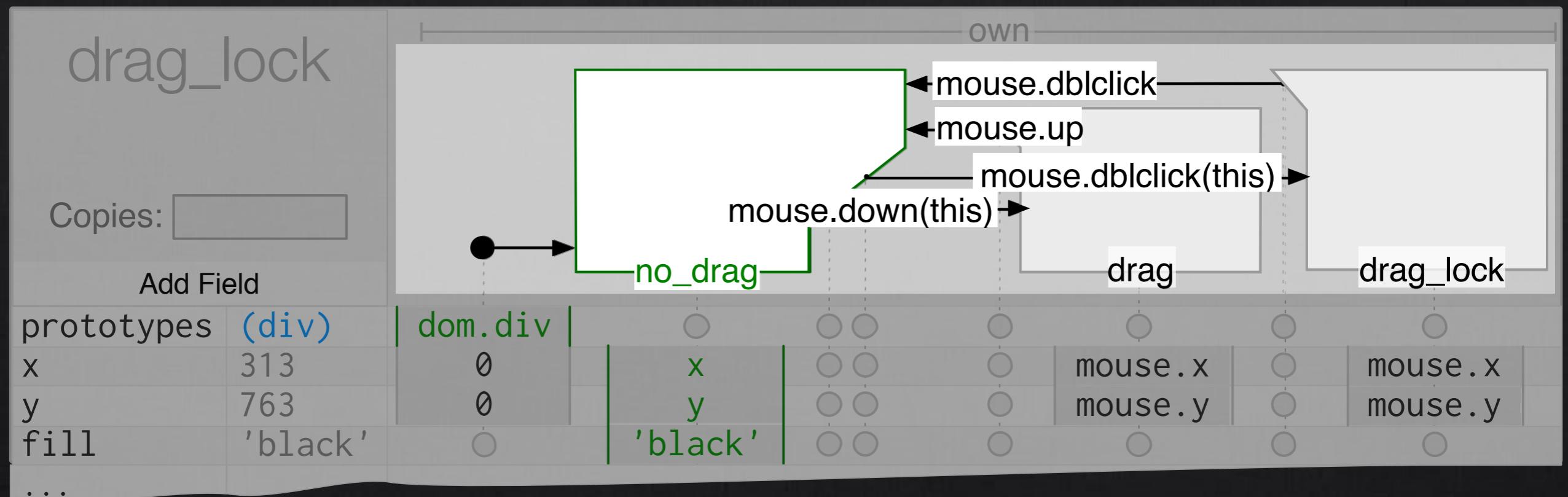


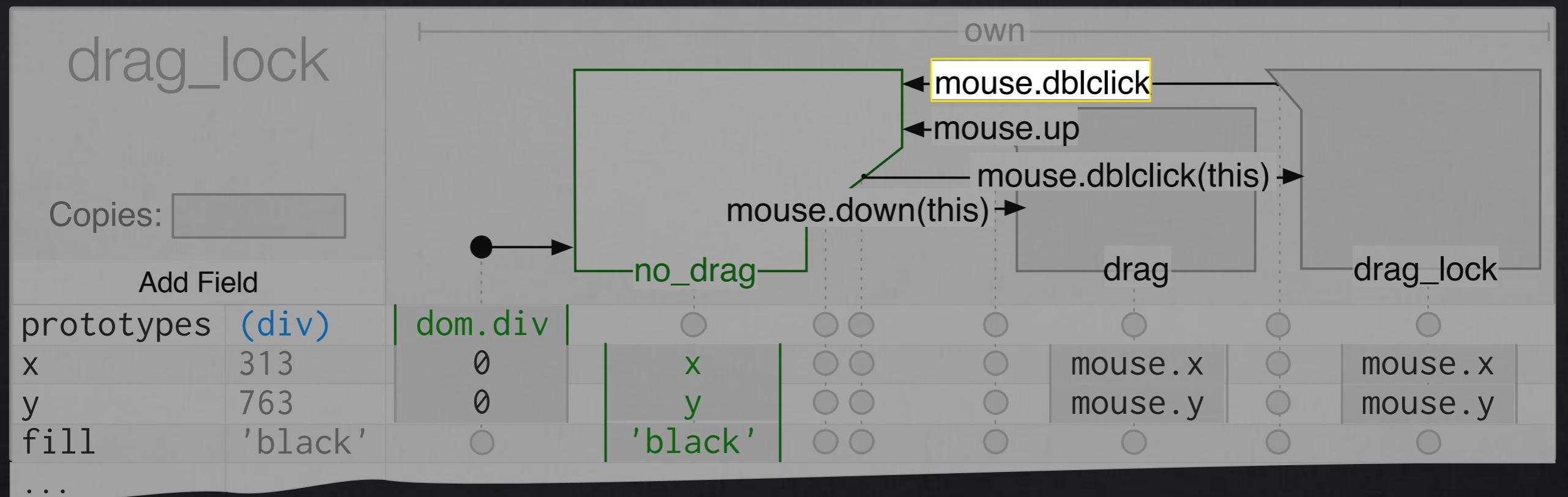
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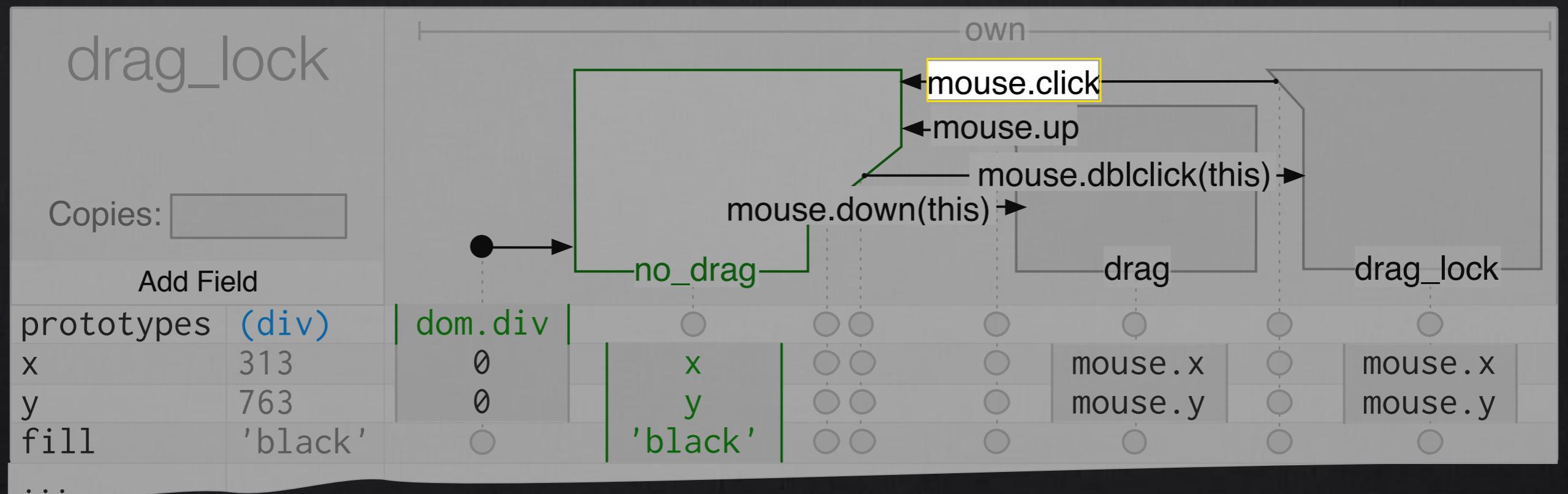
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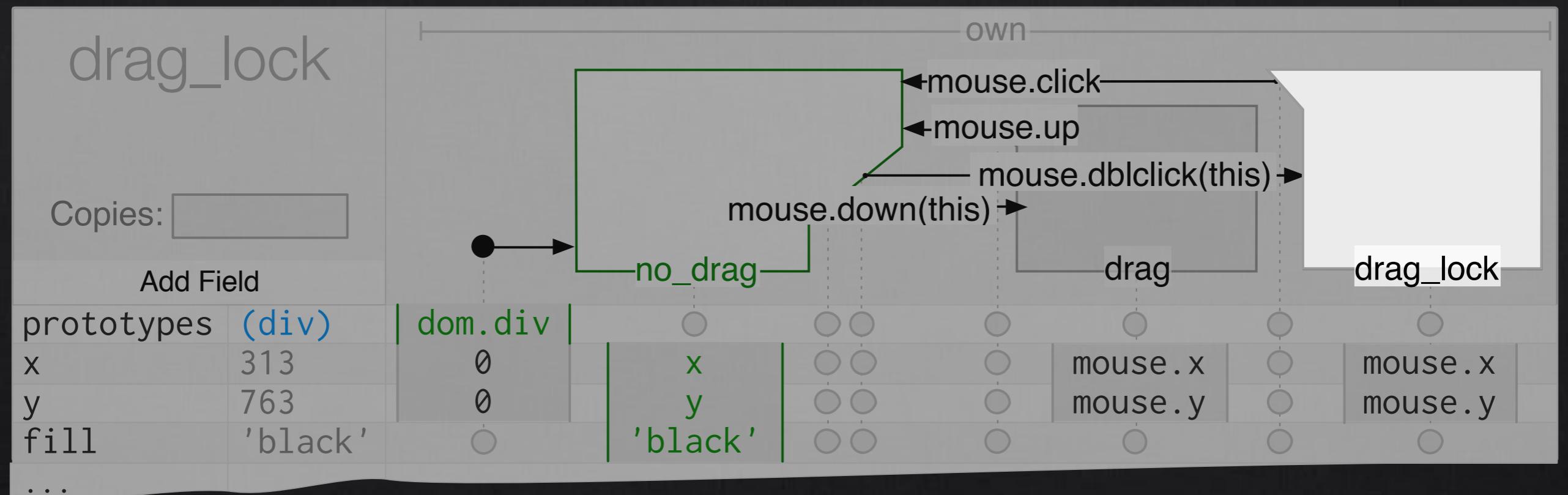
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## state machine







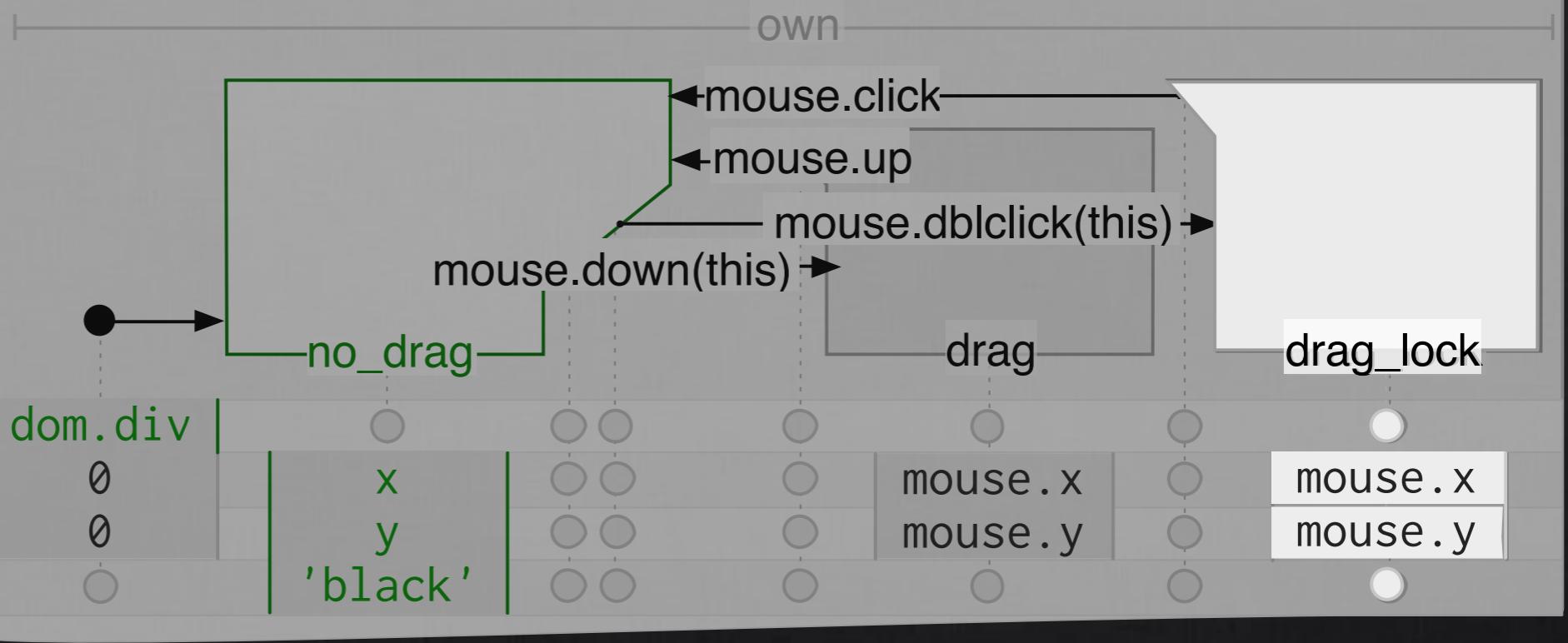


# drag\_lock

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drag\_lock

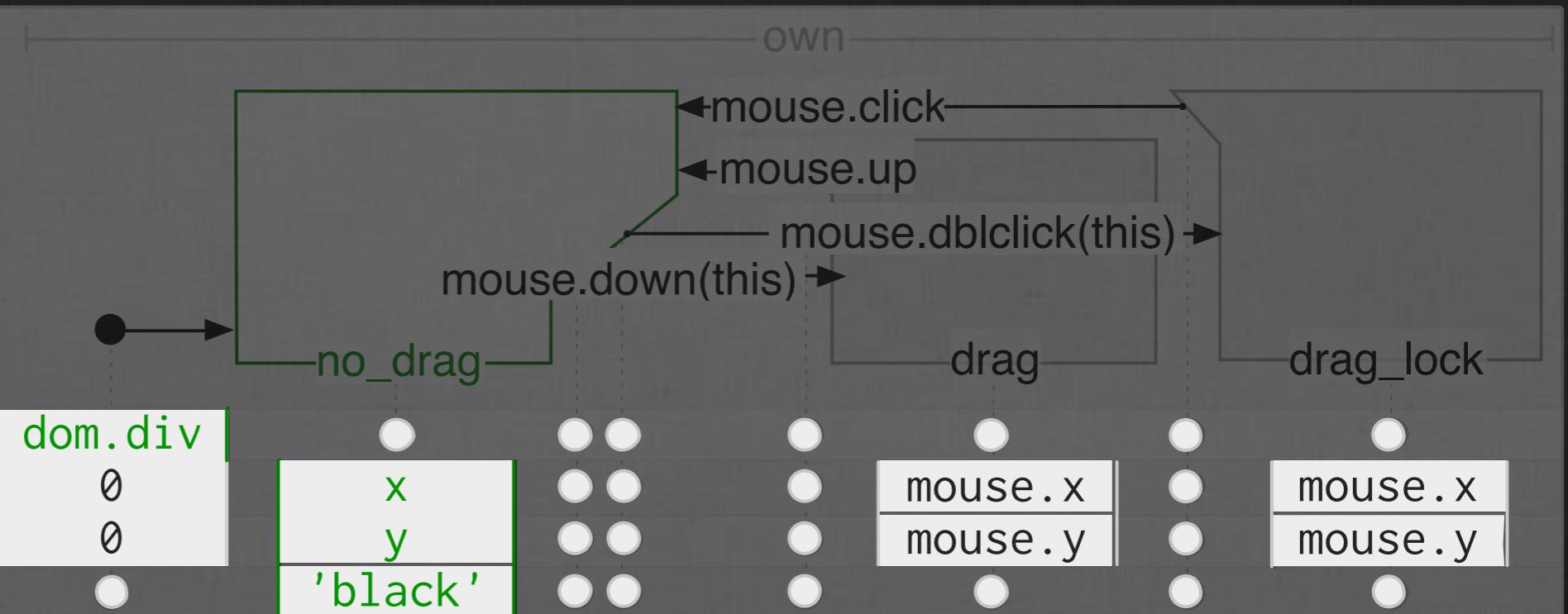
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constraints

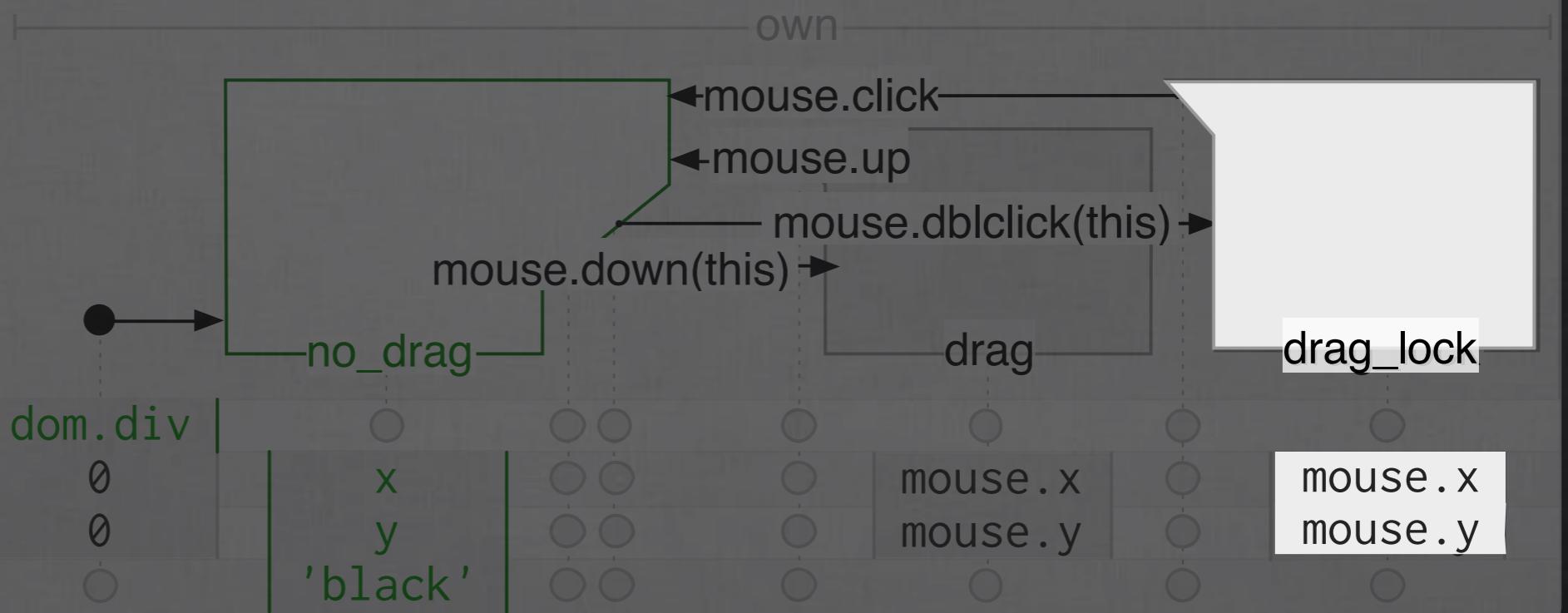
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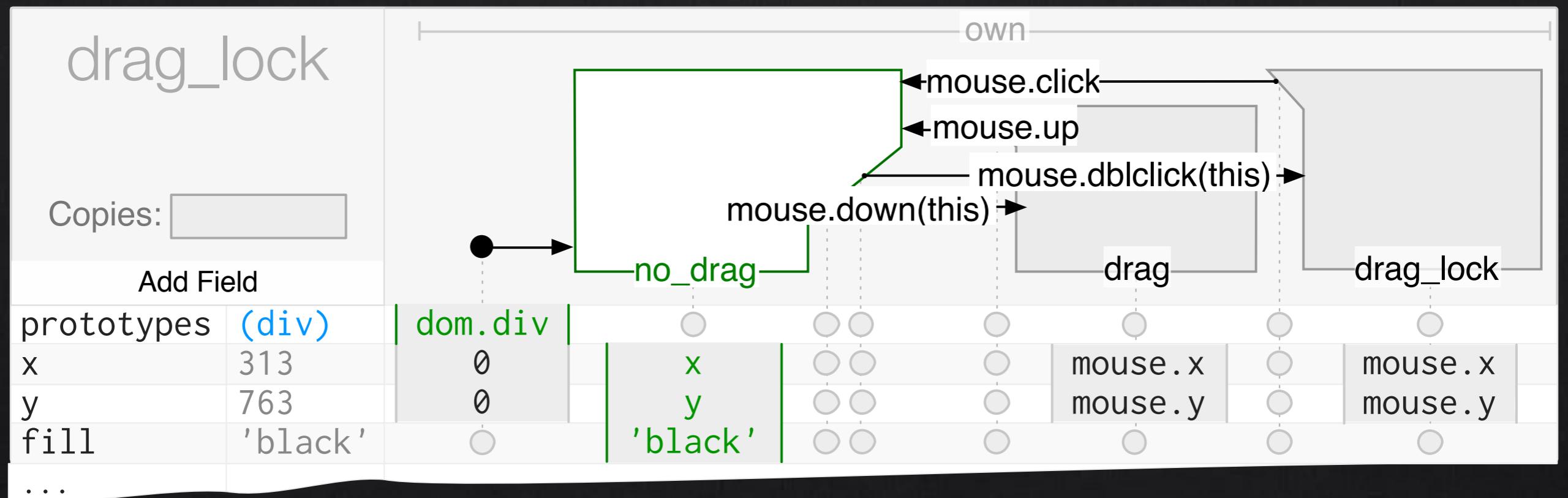
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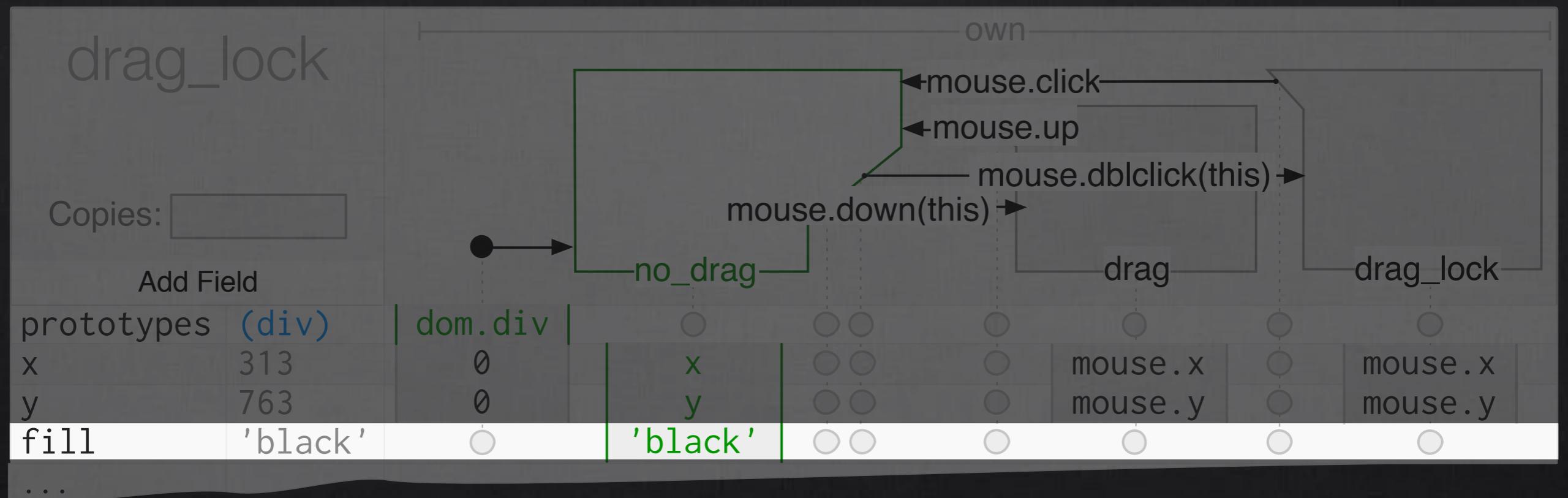
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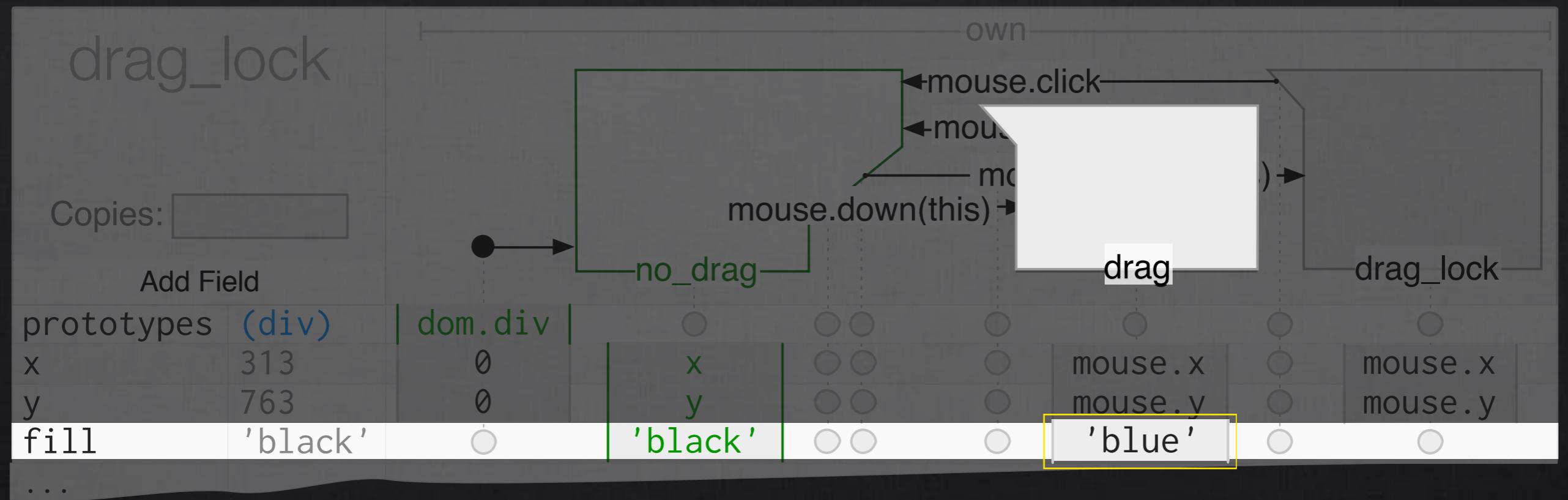
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}).dblclick(function(md_event) {
    if(isDragLocked) {
        removeEventListener("mousemove", mm_listener);
    } else {
        addEventListener("mousemove", mm_listener);
        draggable.attr({ fill: "navy" });
    }
    isDragLocked = !isDragLocked;
});
draggable.attr({ fill: "black" });
setInitialValues(draggable);
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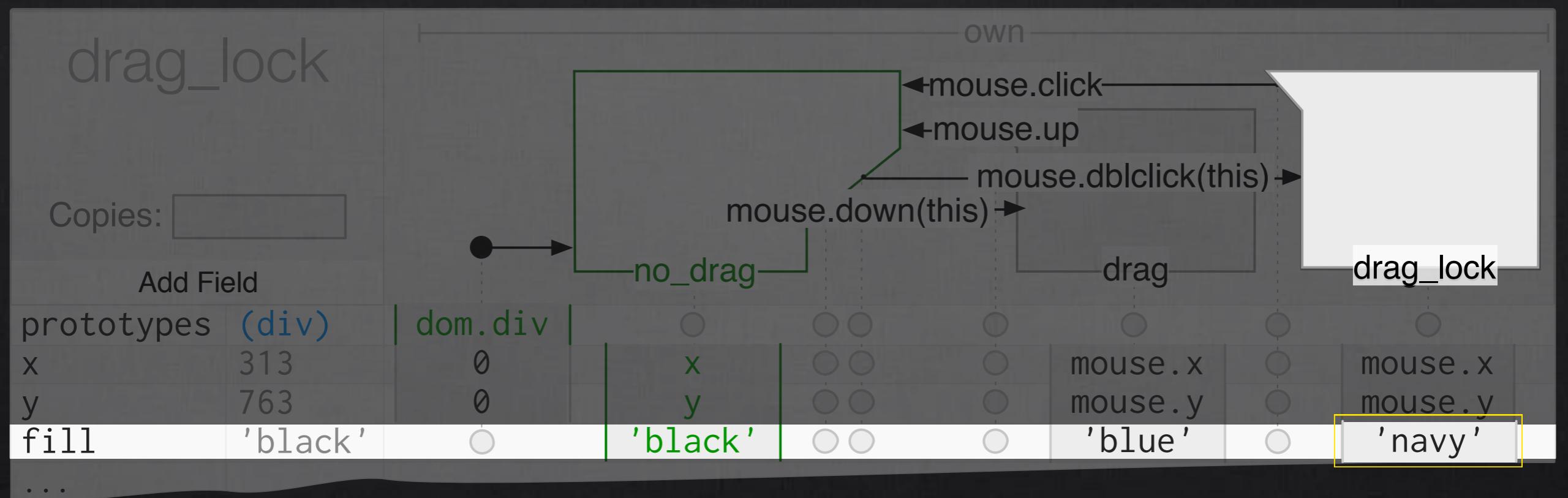
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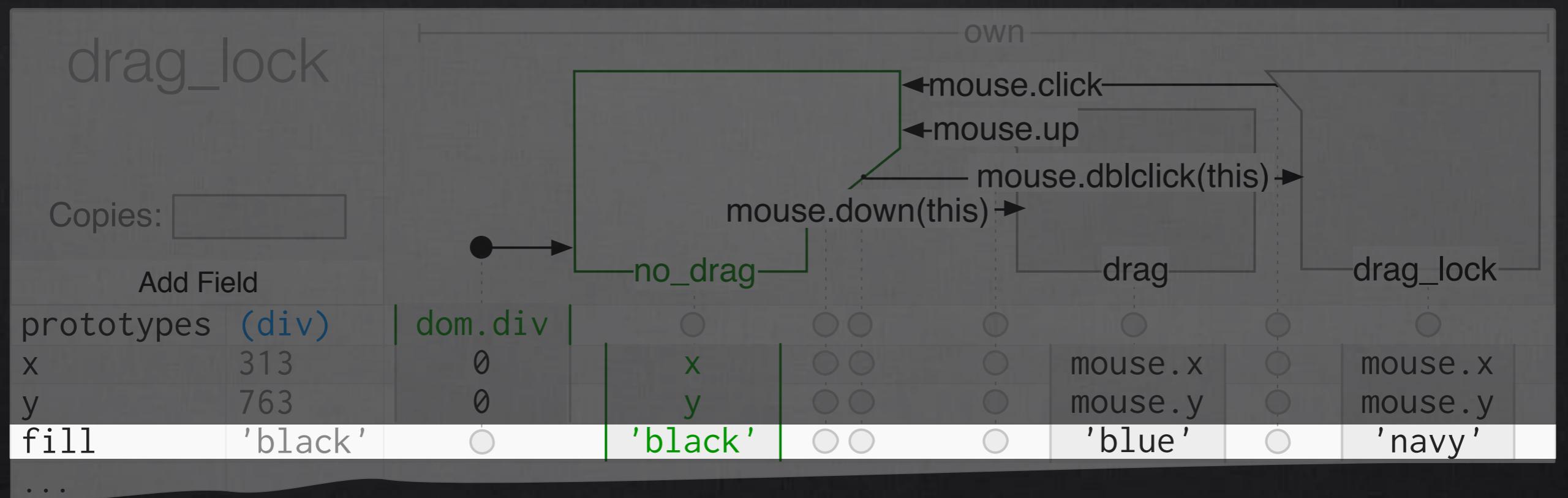
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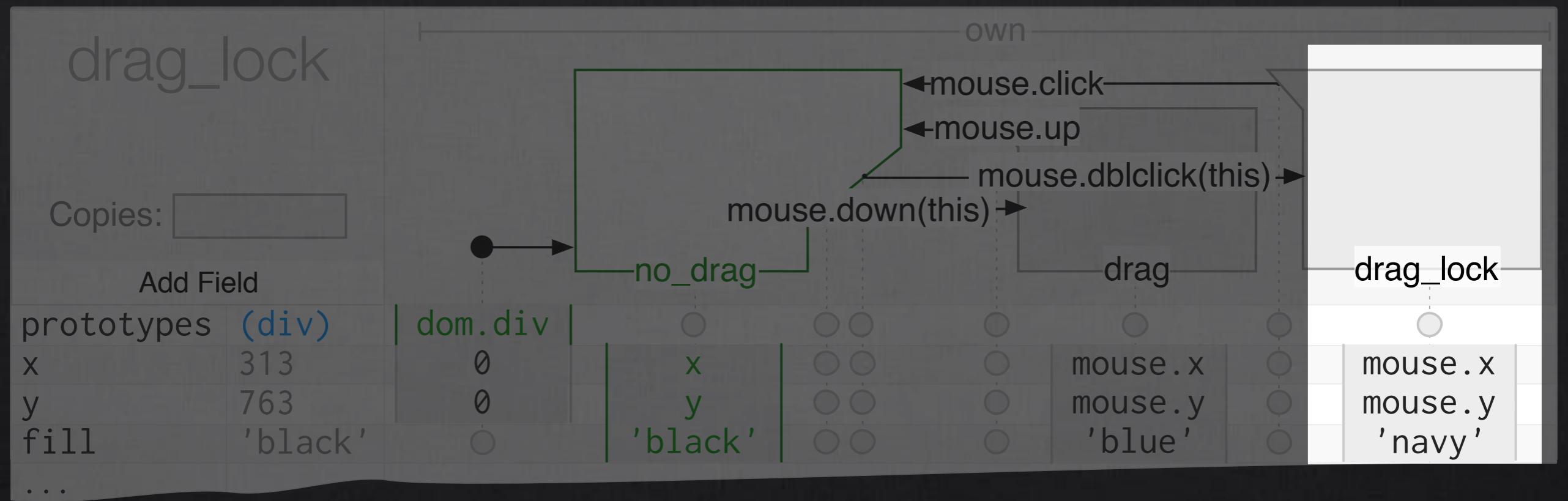


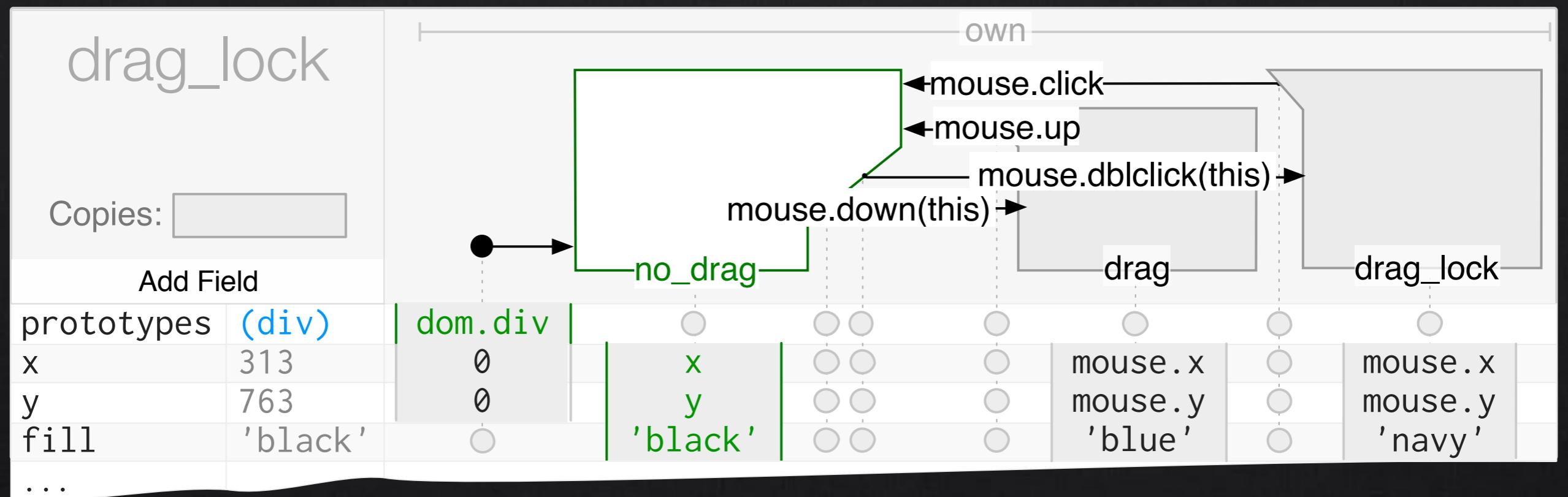












# InterState Contributions

## Computational Model

- clear & concise
- states & constraints

## Live Editor

- current states/values
- immediate effects

## Visual Notation

- suits computational model
- states & constraints in grid

InterState Runtime

localhost:8000

Reader EDIT

sketch

paper

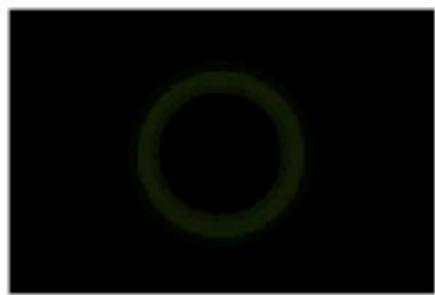
prototypes (paper)

draggable

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Add Field

prototypes	(recta)	svg.rectang	x	y	fill
x	38	0	x	0	black
y	165	0	y	0	'black'
fill			mouse.x-wid	mouse.y-wid	'blue'
			mouse.x-wid	mouse.y-wid	'navy'



InterState Editor

Undo Redo

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prototypes

(recta	svg.rectang
x	69
y	142
fill	'black'
width	150
show	true
clip_rect	null
cursor	'defau

no\_drag

on('mousedown', this)

on('dblclick', this)

on('mouseup')

drag

drag\_lock

+ Add

The screenshot shows the InterState Editor interface. At the top, there's a toolbar with Undo, Redo, and a Copies dropdown set to '(empty)'. Below the toolbar is a main workspace with a diagram and a properties panel. The workspace contains a black square with a green circle inside. A green line labeled 'no\_drag' connects the square to a state transition. The transition has three parallel branches: one labeled 'on('mousedown', this)' leading to a new state, another labeled 'on('dblclick', this)' leading to a new state, and a third labeled 'on('mouseup')' leading to a new state. From this third state, a horizontal line labeled 'drag' leads to another state, which then has a line labeled 'drag\_lock' leading to a final state. The properties panel on the left lists various prototype properties for a 'recta' object, including x, y, fill, width, show, clip\_rect, and cursor. The 'fill' property is currently set to 'black'. The 'width' property is set to 150, with a value of 150 highlighted in green. The 'cursor' property is set to 'default'.

# InterState Contributions

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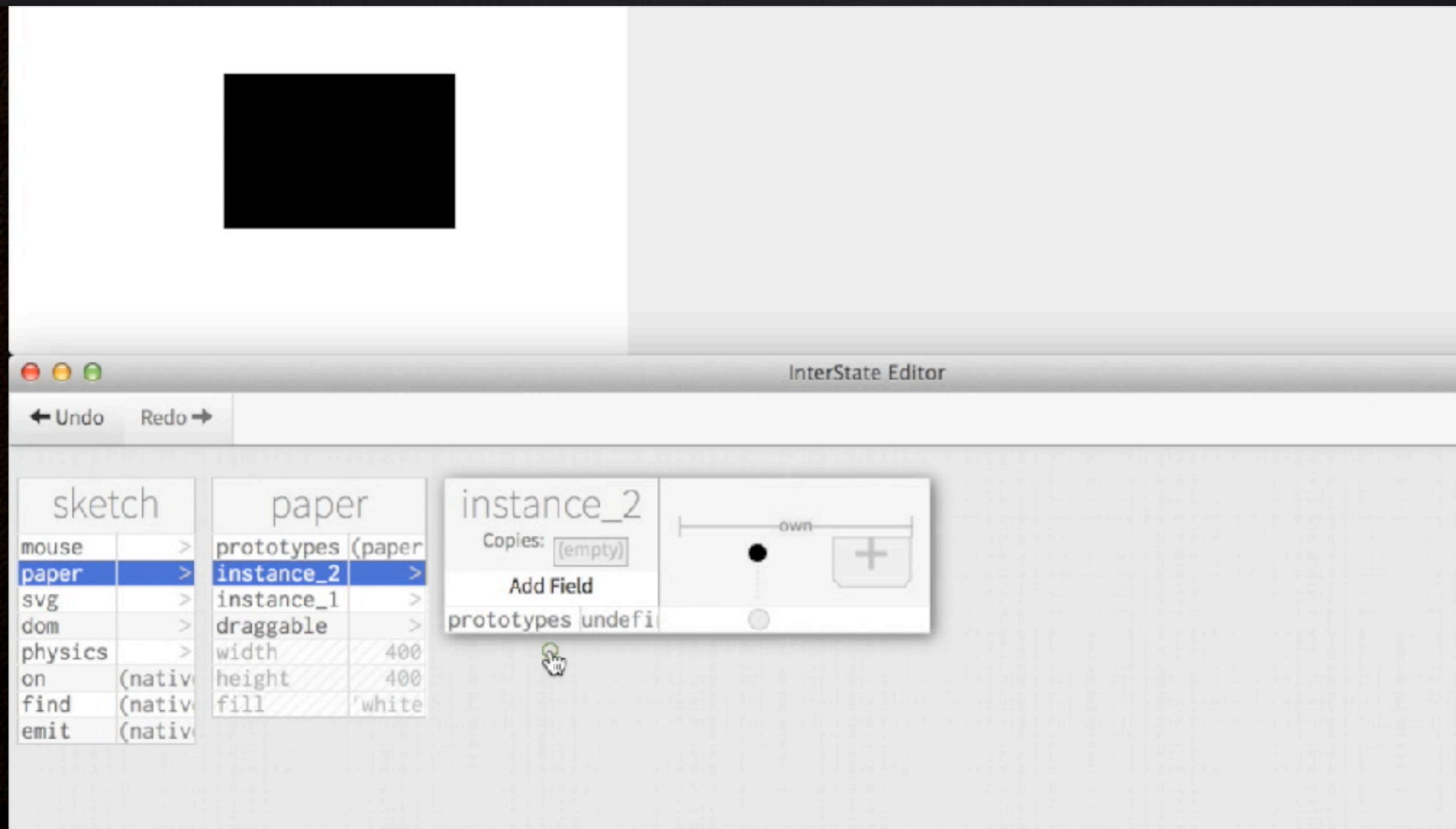
- suits computational model
- states & constraints in grid

## Live Editor

- current states/values
- immediate effects

## Behavior Re-use

- inheritance mechanism
- template re-use



The screenshot shows the InterState Editor interface. At the top, there's a preview window displaying a blue rectangle at the top and a black rectangle below it. Below the preview is the main editor area.

**Toolbar:**

- Undo
- Redo

**Search Bar:**

find (native) fill 'white'  
emit (native)

**Object Details:**

instance\_2  
Copies: (empty)  
Add Field

**Prototypes:**

dragg	draggable
x	25
y	85
fill	'black'

**State Transition Diagram:**

```
graph LR; S1[+] -- own --> S2[ ]; S2 -- no_drag --> S3[ ]; S3 -- on('mousedown', this) --> S4[ ]; S3 -- on('mouseup') --> S5[ ]; S4 -- on('click') --> S6[ ]; S4 -- on('dblclick', this) --> S7[ ]; S5 -- on('click') --> S6[ ];
```

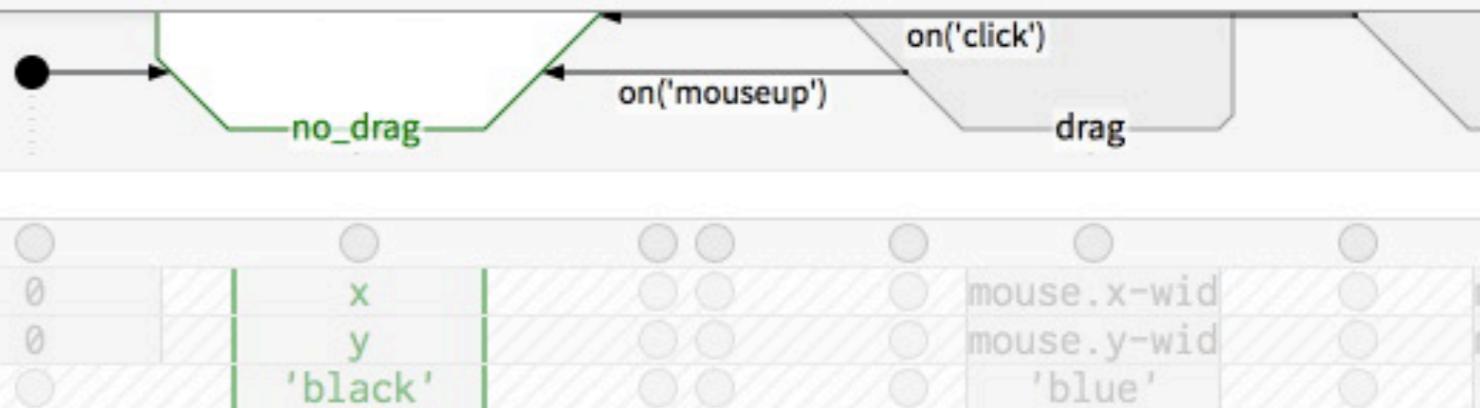
The diagram illustrates a state transition for a draggable object. It starts in an 'own' state, transitions to a 'no\_drag' state, then to a 'drag' state. From the 'drag' state, it can receive 'click' or 'dblclick' events. From the 'no\_drag' state, it can receive 'mousedown' and 'mouseup' events, which then trigger 'click' events in the 'drag' state.



InterState Editor

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opacity	1	1.0
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stroke	'none'	'none'



## InterState Editor

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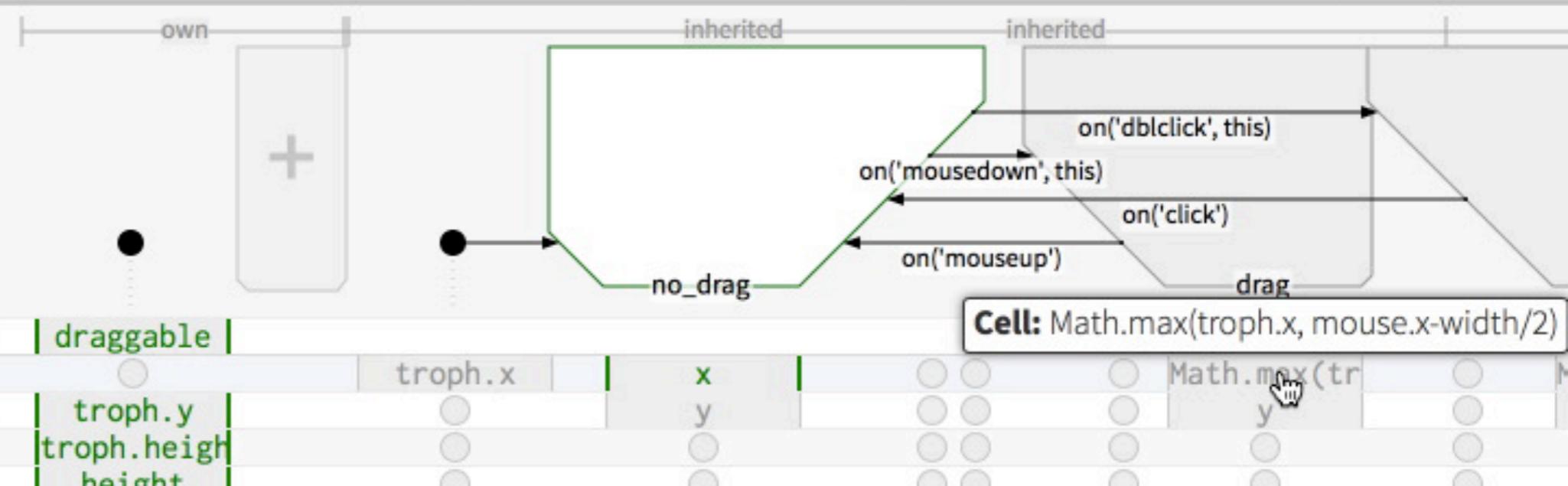
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# InterState Contributions

## Computational Model

- clear & concise
- states & constraints

## Live Editor

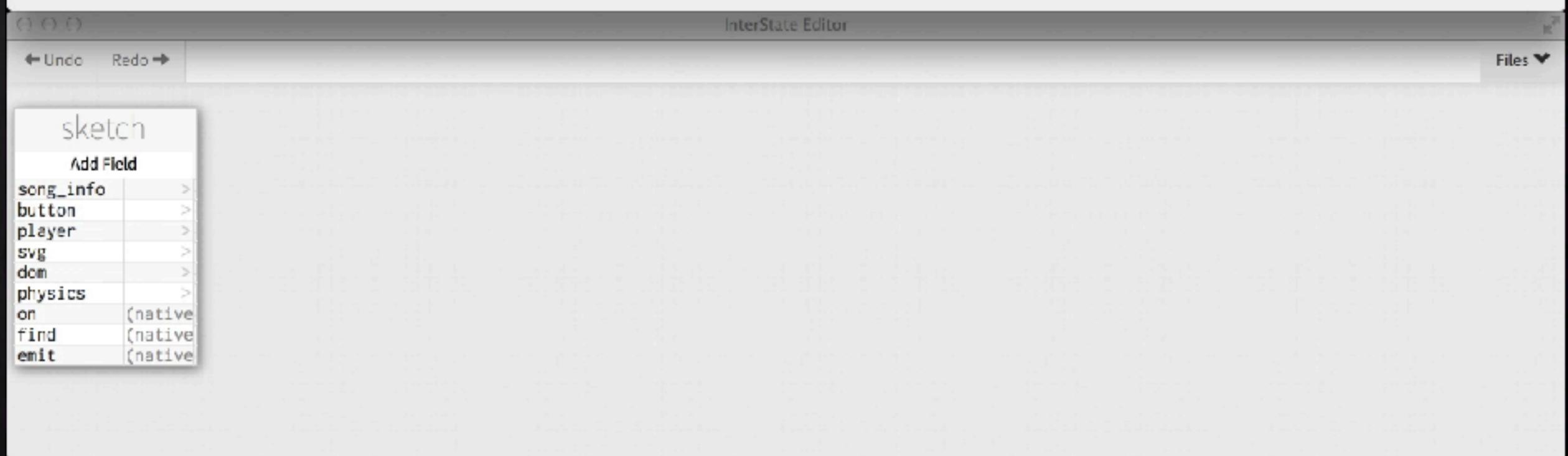
- current states/values
- immediate effects

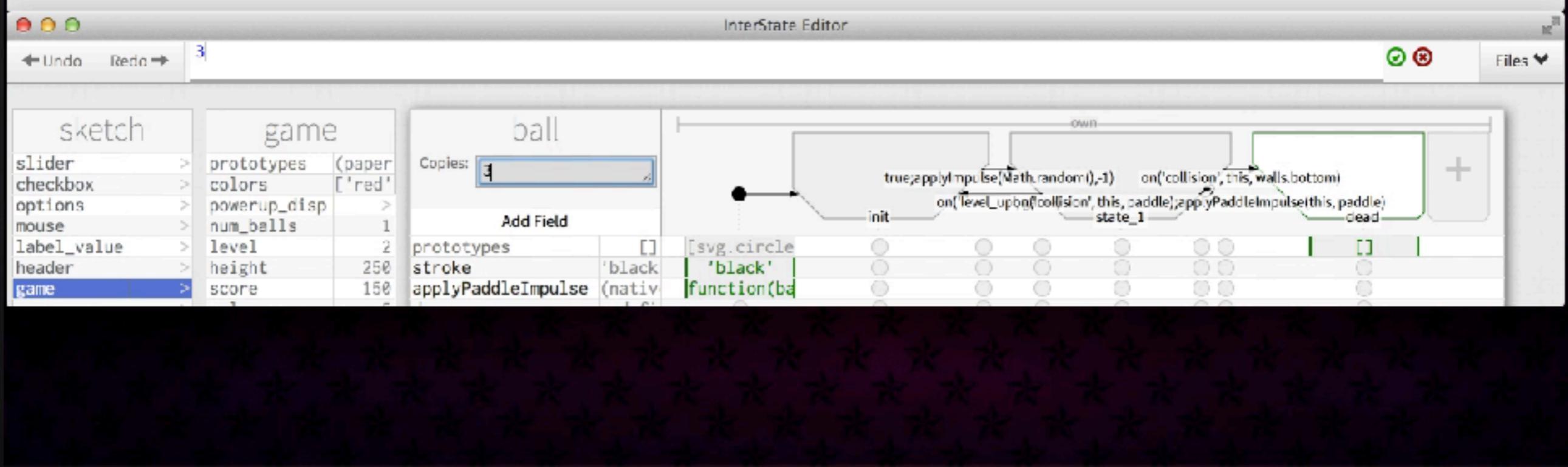
## Visual Notation

- suits computational model
- states & constraints in grid

## Behavior Re-use

- inheritance mechanism
- template re-use

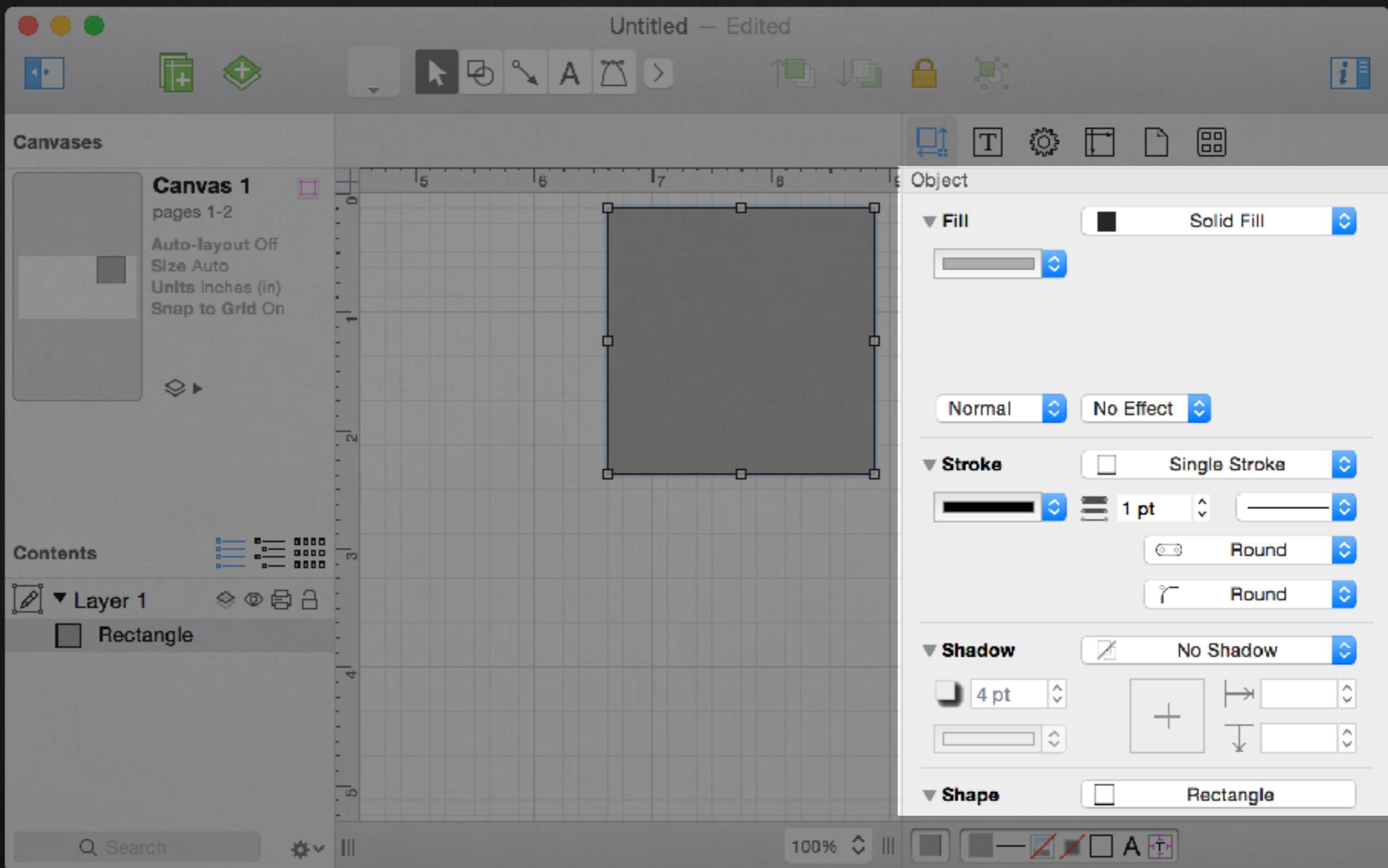




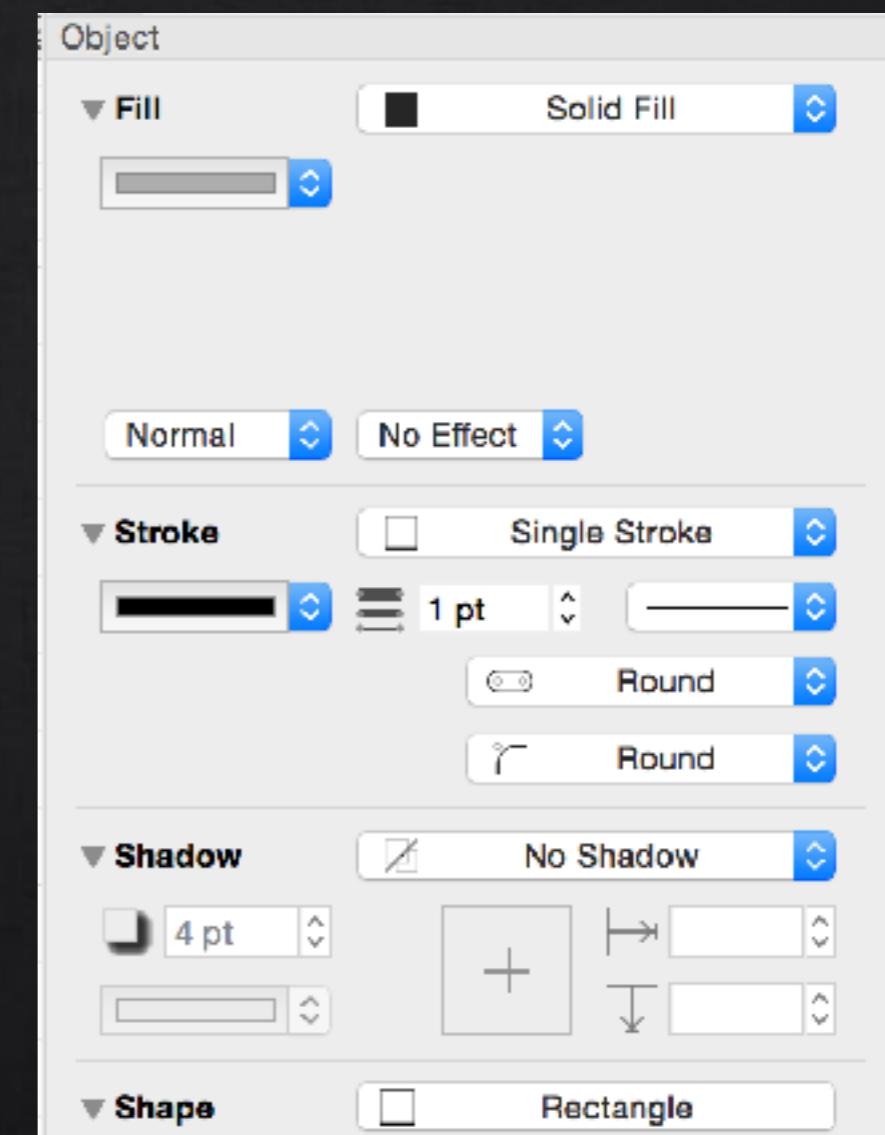
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opacity	1	1.0
r	0	0
stroke	'none'	'none'
stroke_dasharray	''	''
stroke_opacity	1	1.0
stroke_width	1	1
transform	''	''
width	150	150
height	100	100
animated_properties	false	false
animation_duration	300	300
animation_easing	'linear'	'linear'
debugDraw	false	false
shape	'rect'	'rectangle'



# user evaluation

- **hypothesis:** easier to understand/modify InterState code than event-callback code
- 20 participants
  - (some programming experience)

drag lock

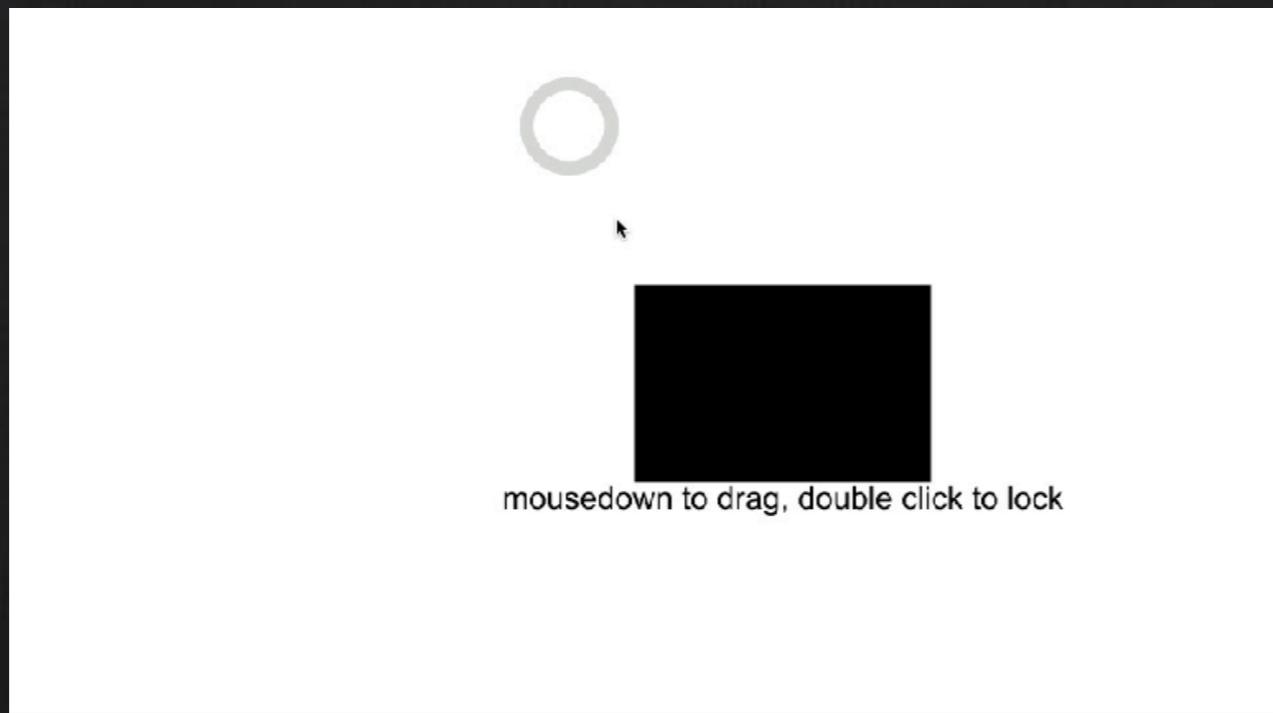
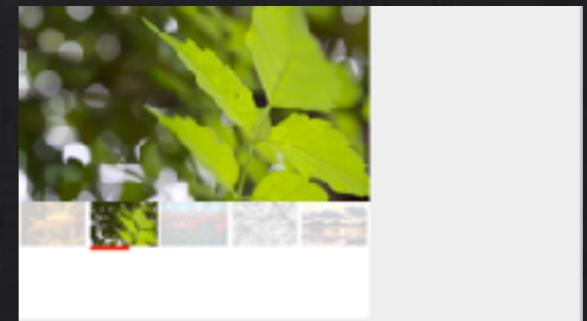


image carousel



drag lock

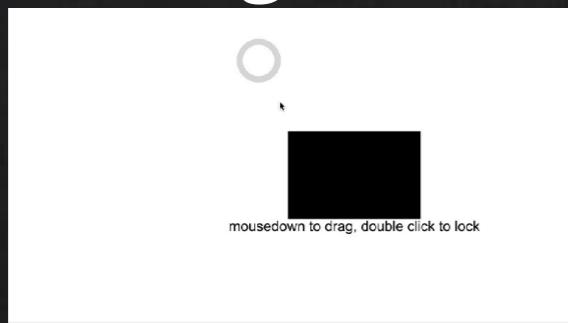
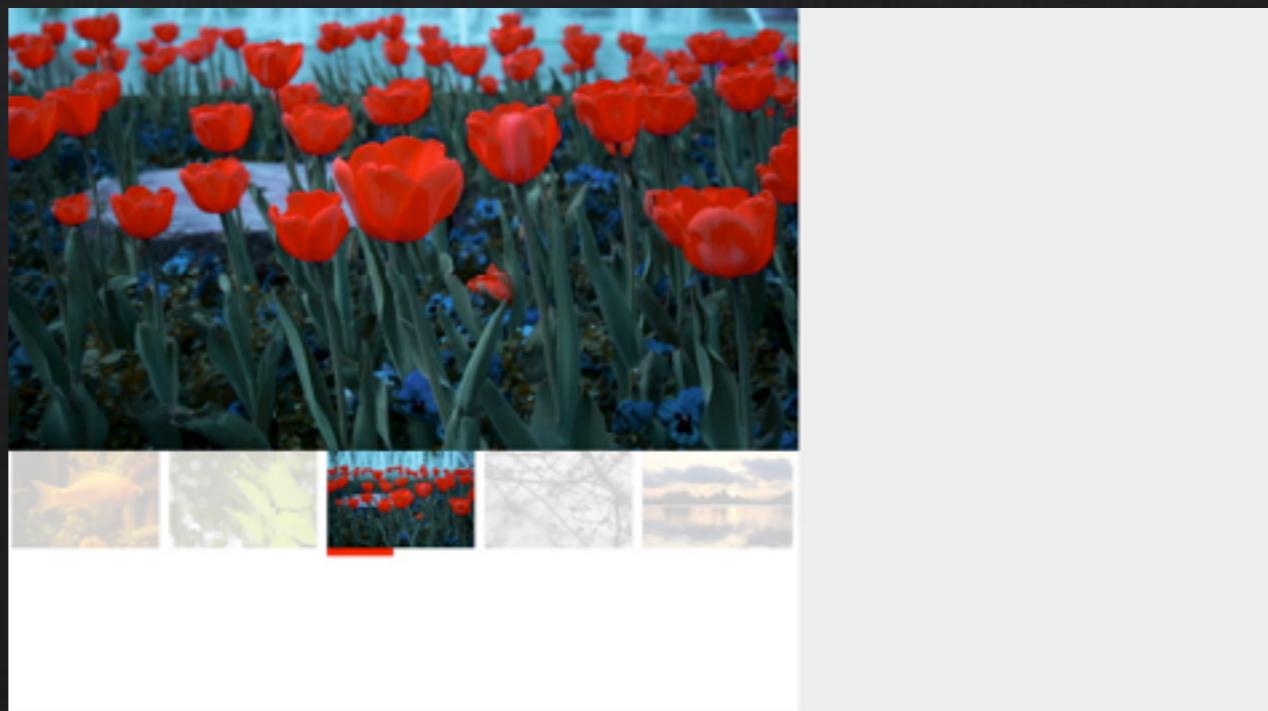


image carousel



drag lock

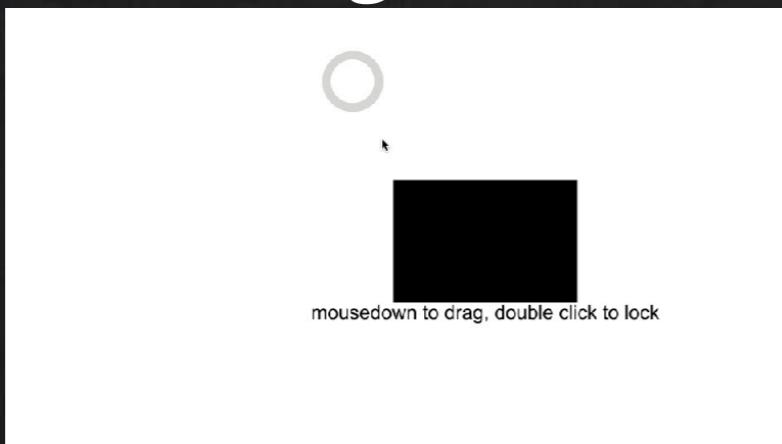
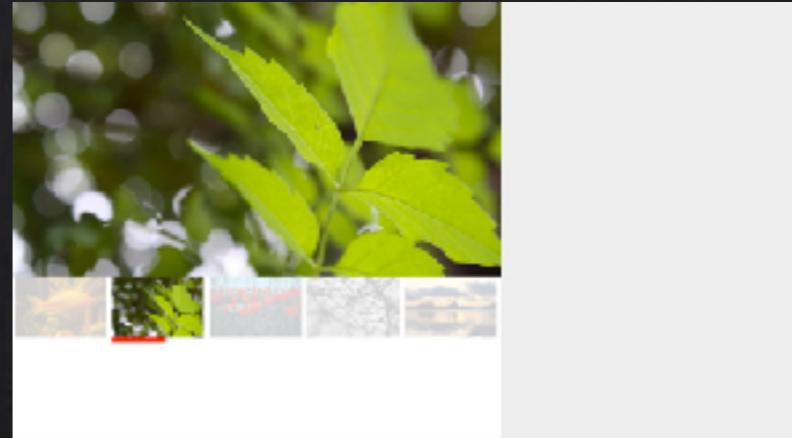
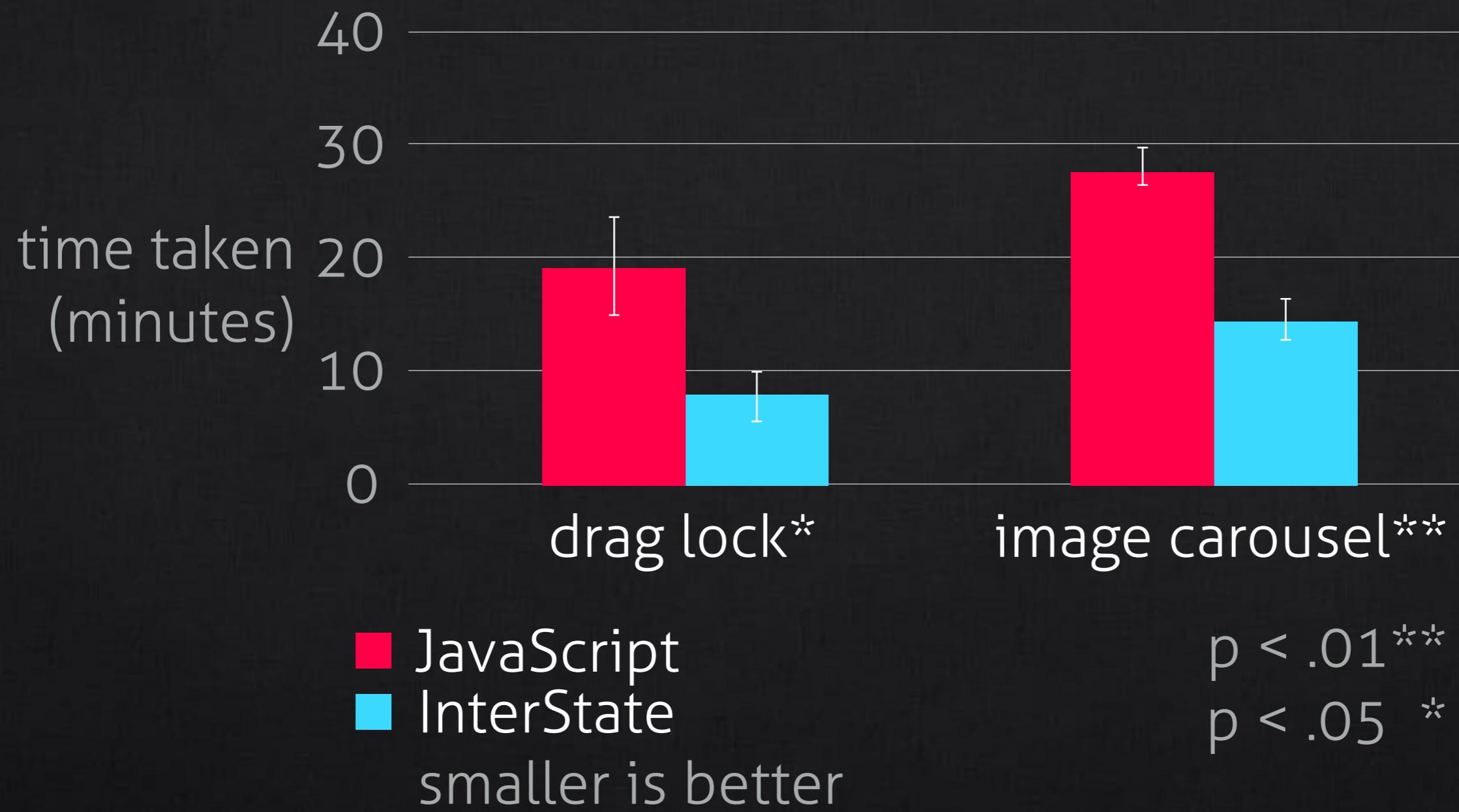
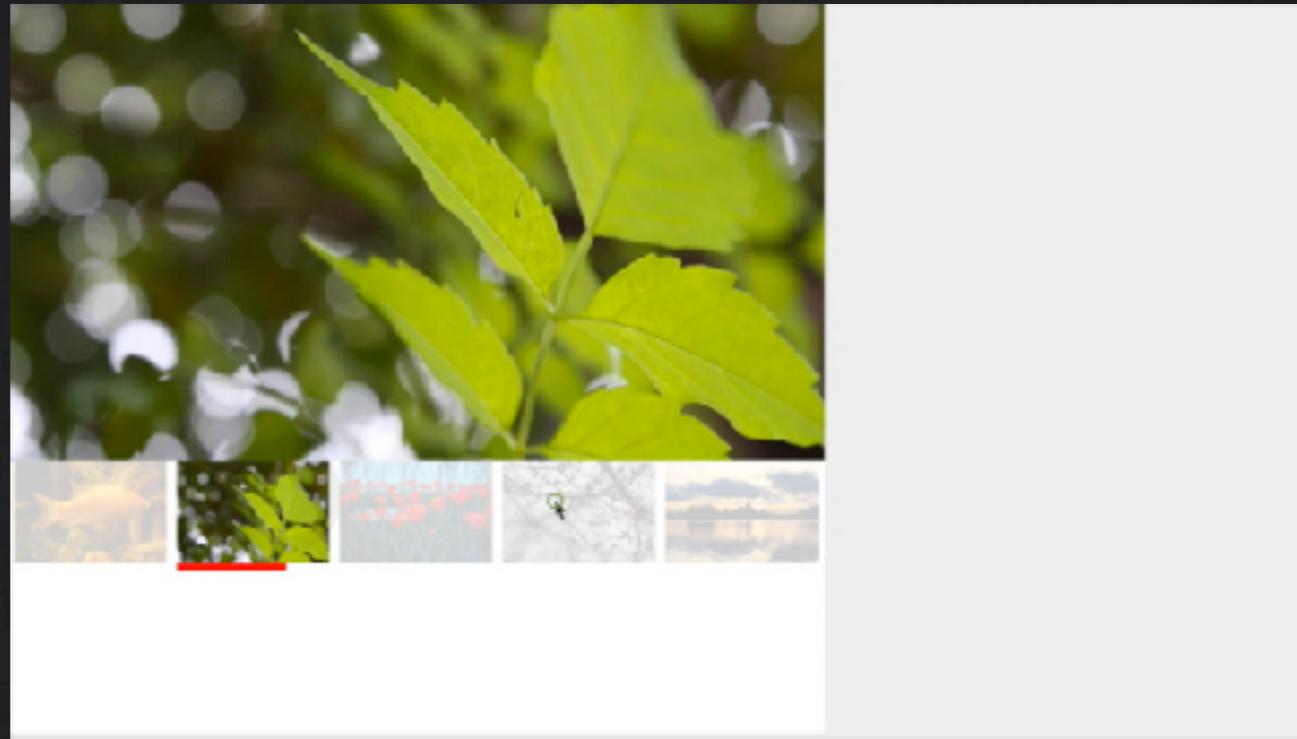


image carousel







```
var ms_until_advance;
window.setInterval(function () {
    ms_until_advance = 5000 - g
    if (diff <= 0) {
        set_selected_index((sel
        reset_timer();
    }
}
```

JavaScript

fill	'red'
next_thumb	(thumb
last_advance	141260
ms_until_advance	4873
auto_advance_delay	5000
y	266.67
x	2

InterState

# multi-touch

- larger state space for gestures
- delay between events and recognition
- richer gesture features
- expectations of directness

# touch clusters



num\_fingers = 2

# touch clusters

- descriptive touch events
- developers specify number of fingers, where pressed, etc
- outputs: location, scale, rotation

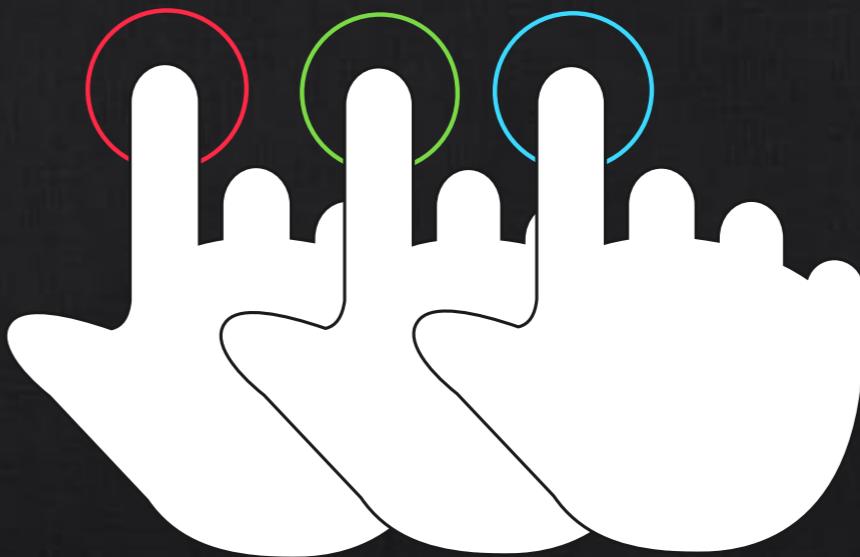
# resolving conflicts

- optional delay & priority for events
- touch clusters can determine whether other clusters can use same touches

# resolving conflicts



three-finger  
cluster fires



**three** single-touch  
clusters fire

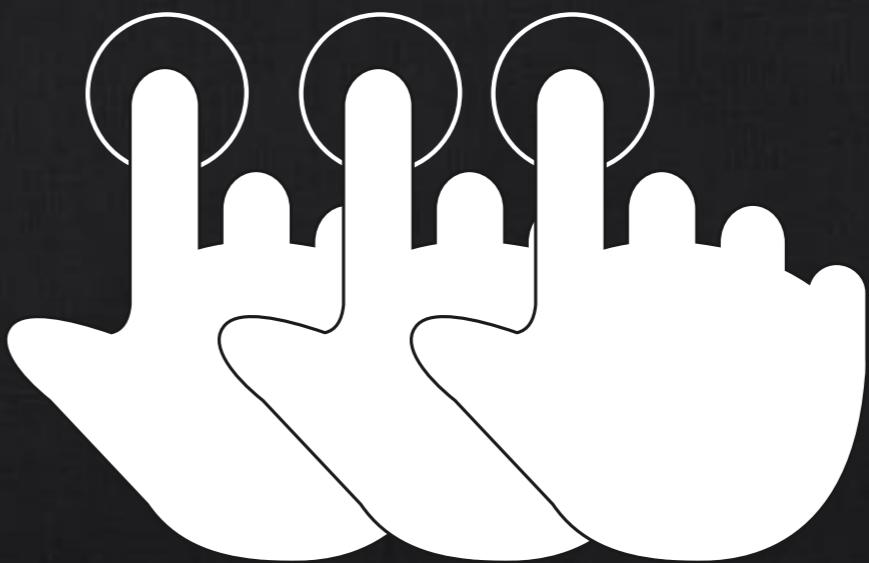
# resolving conflicts



greedy

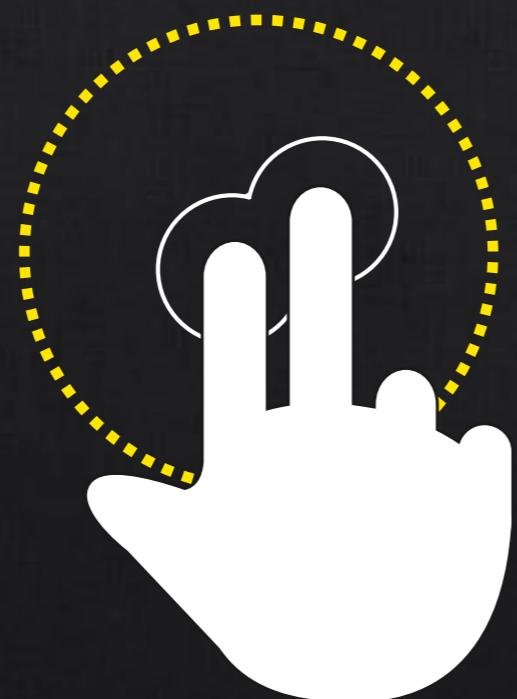


# resolving conflicts



delay: 100ms

# crossing events



crossEvent

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touchCluster	(touch   touchEvent
path	(cross   crossingLin

# crossing events



crossEvent

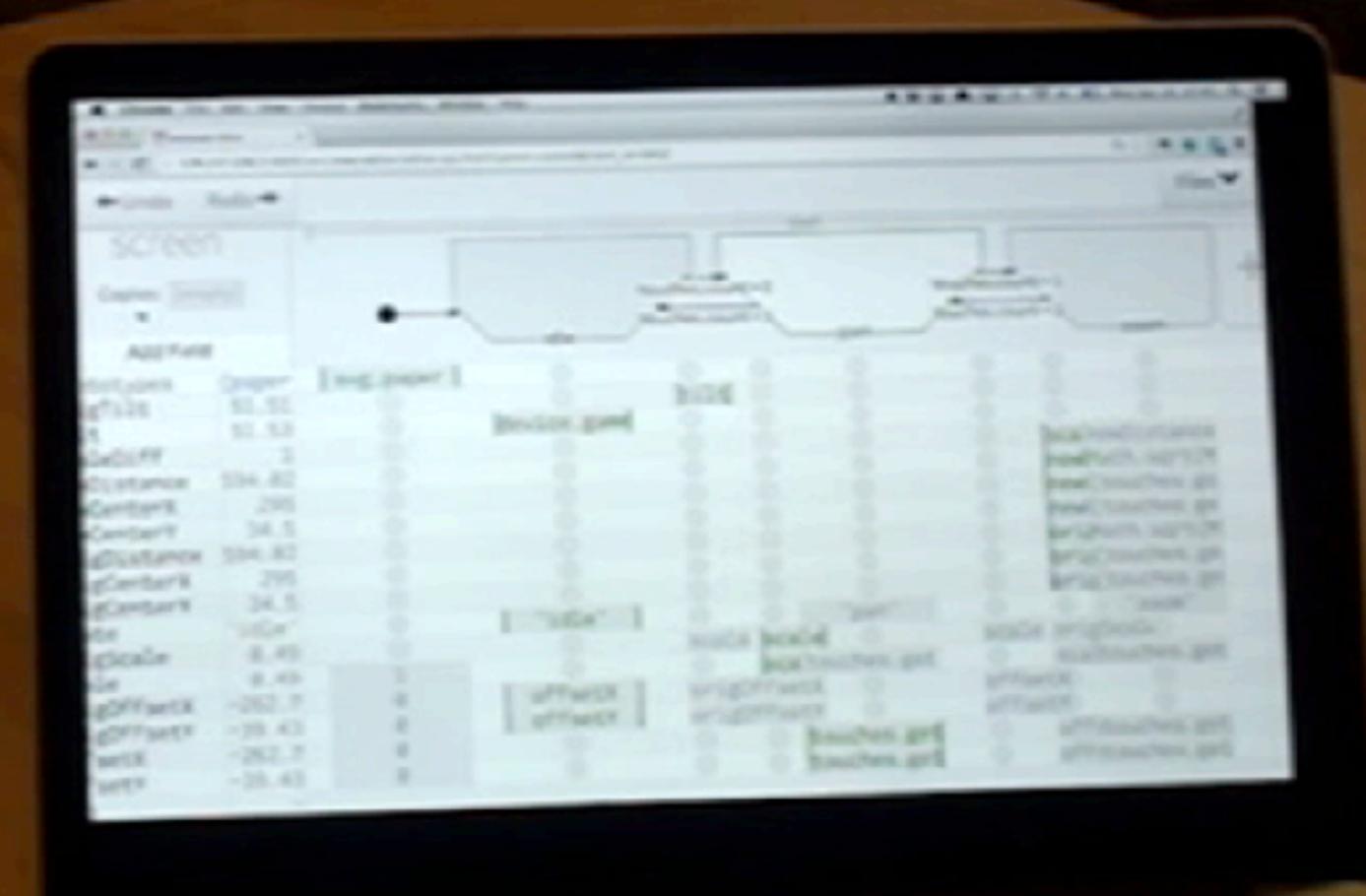
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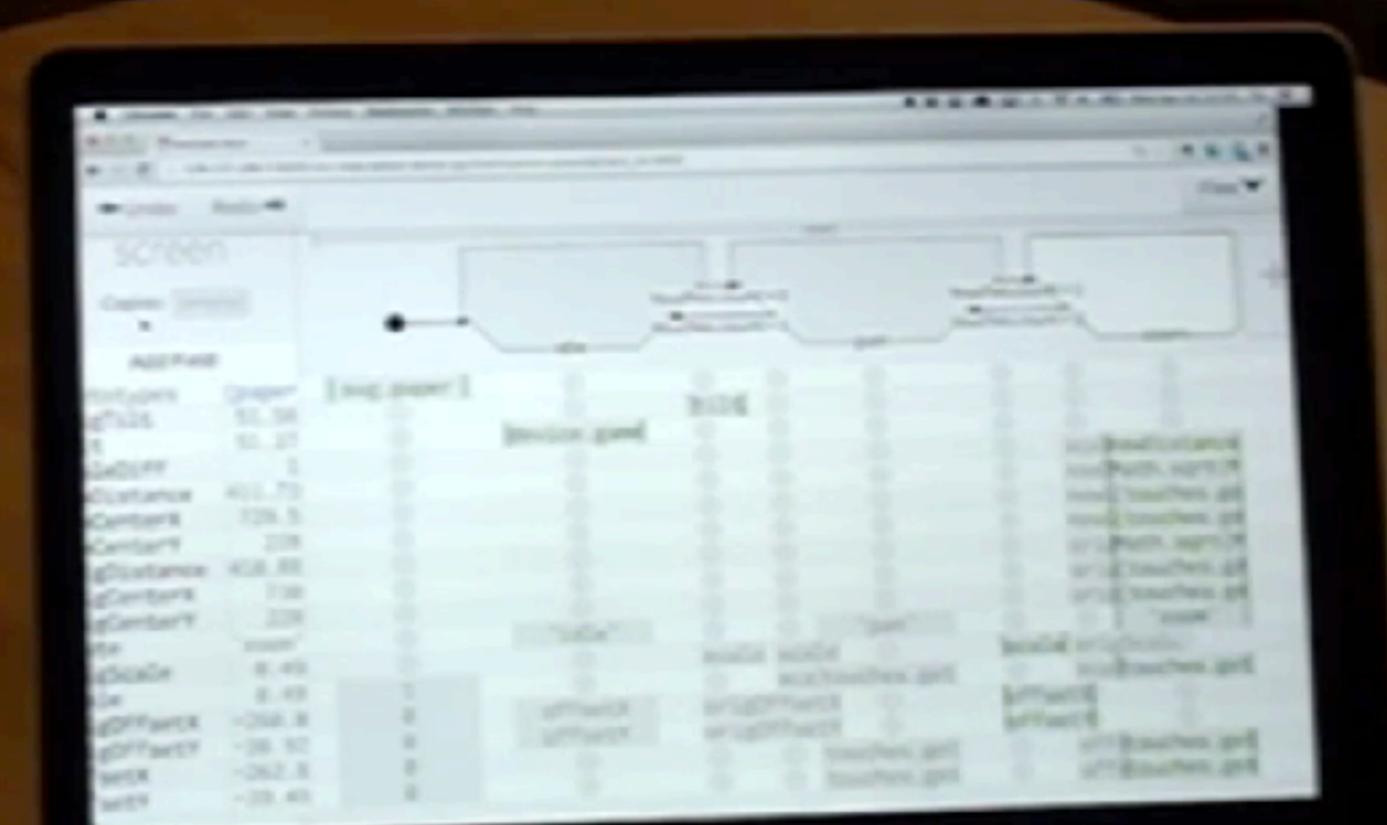
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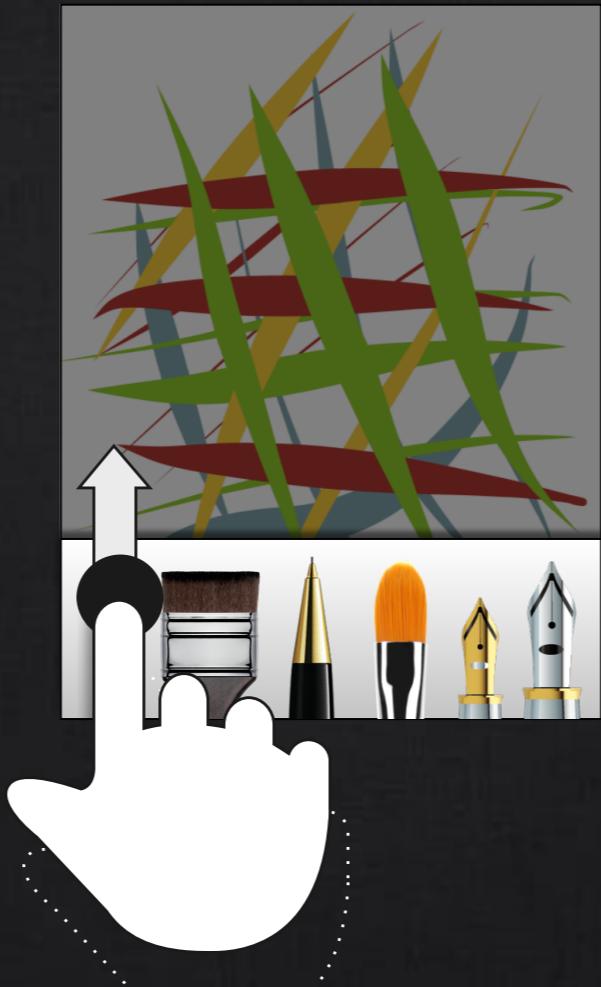
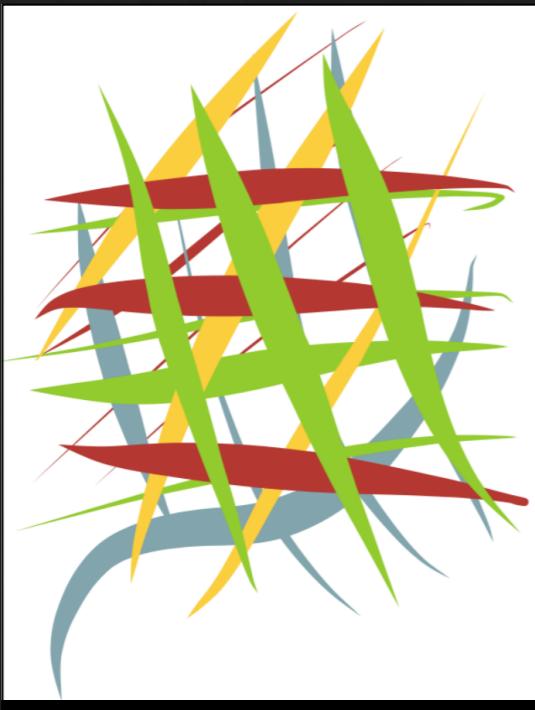
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# InterState + touch

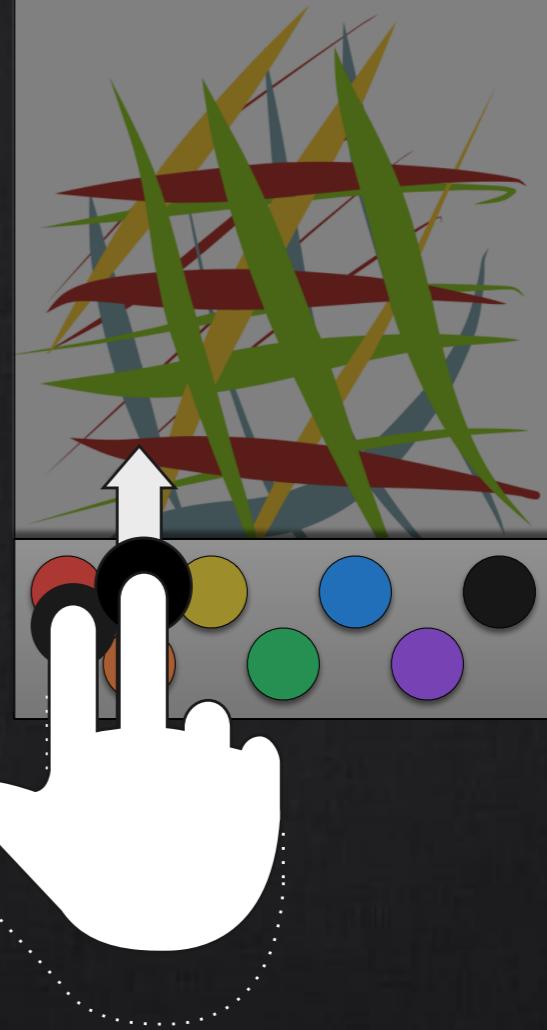
- descriptive touch events
- natural constraints on finger properties
- manage conflicts between touchscreen gestures
- mechanisms for event abstraction





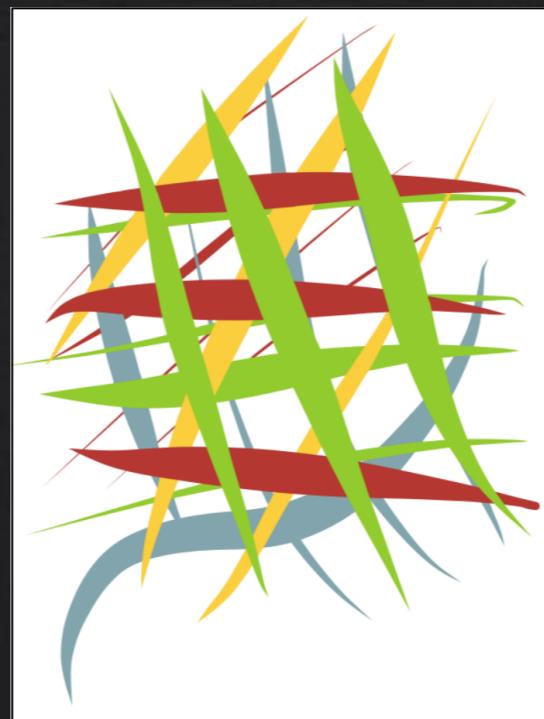


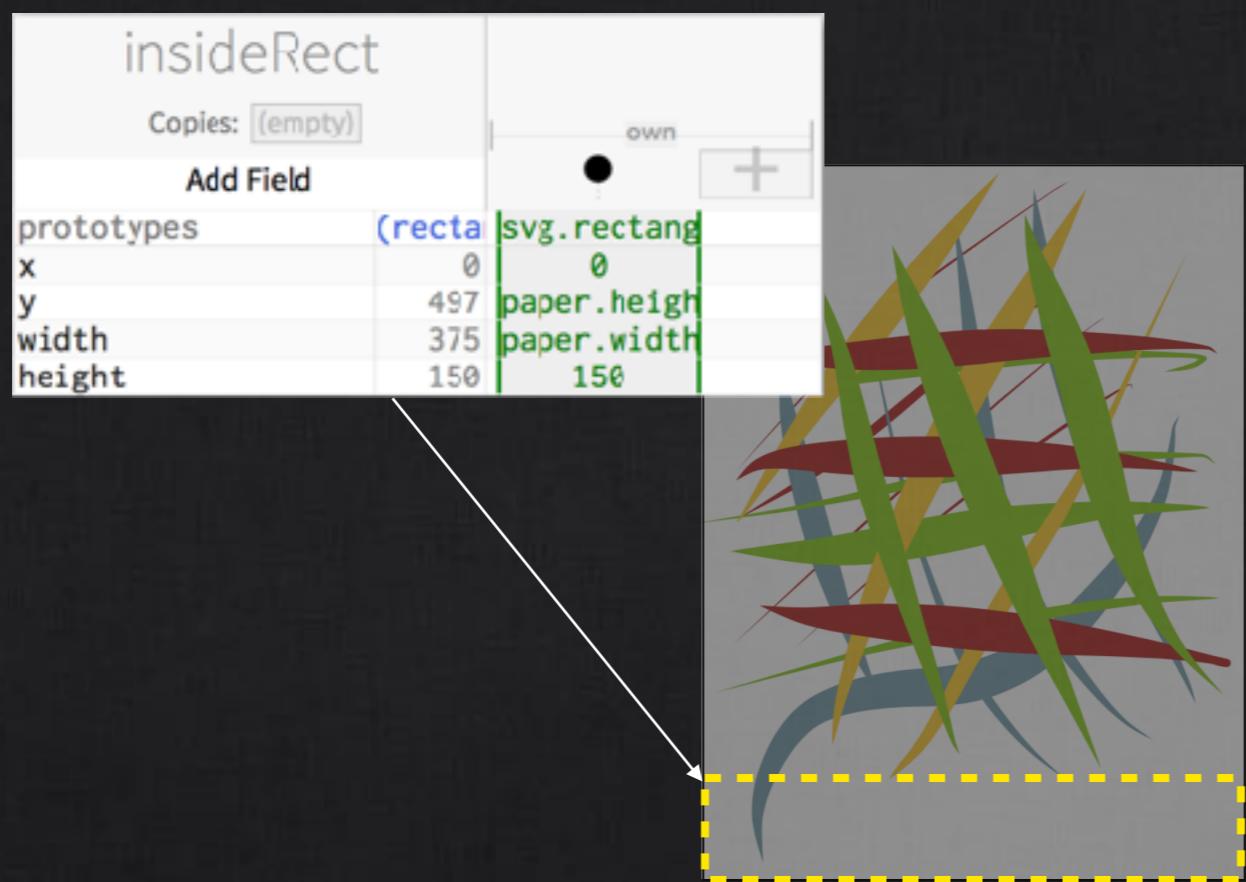
a one-finger swipe  
from the bottom brings  
up the brush menu

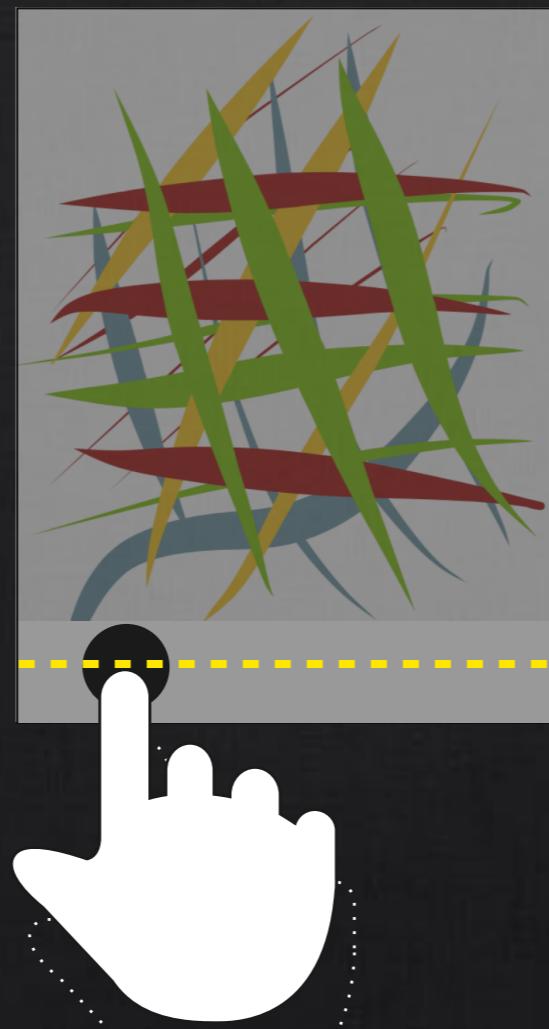
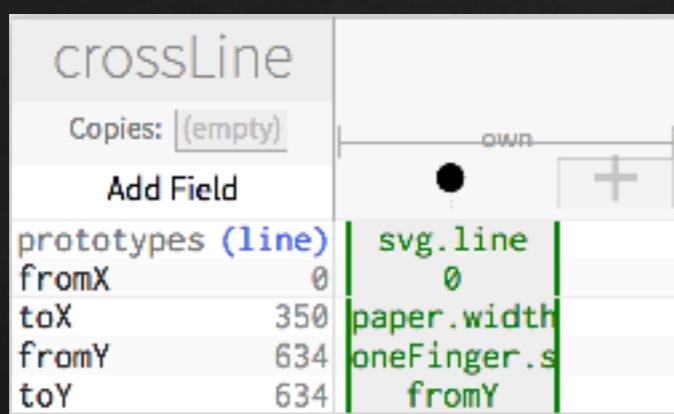


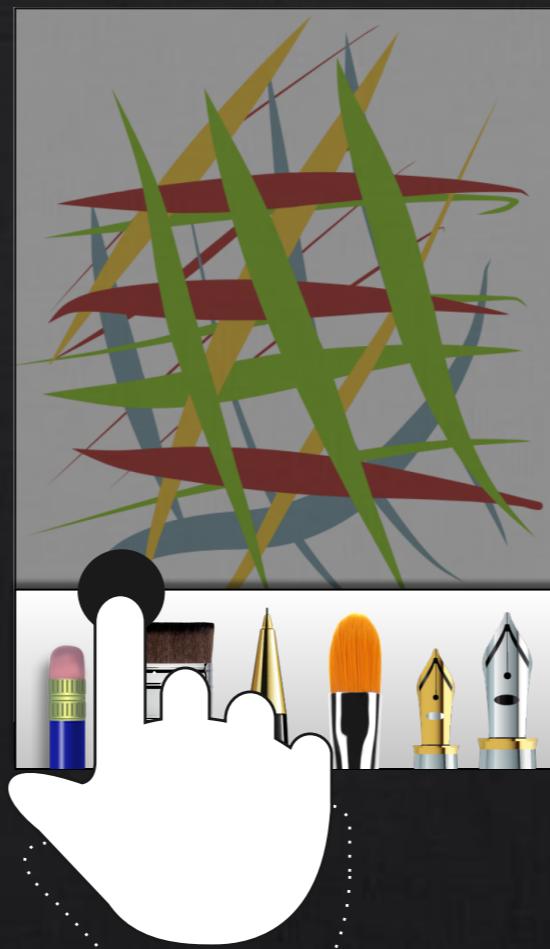
a two-finger swipe  
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up the color menu











**brushesPanel**

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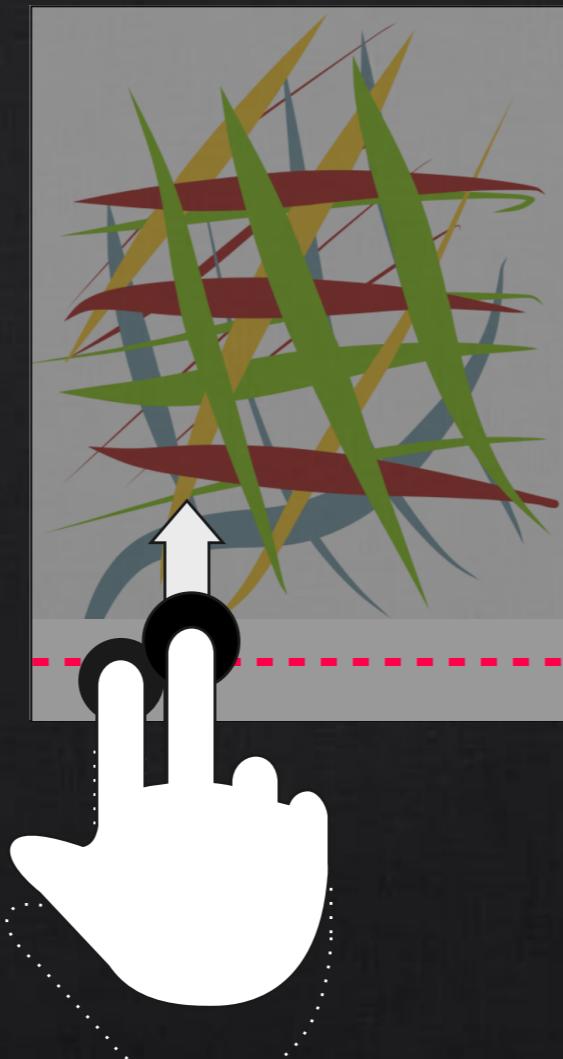
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width	375	colorsPanel
height	137	colorsPanel

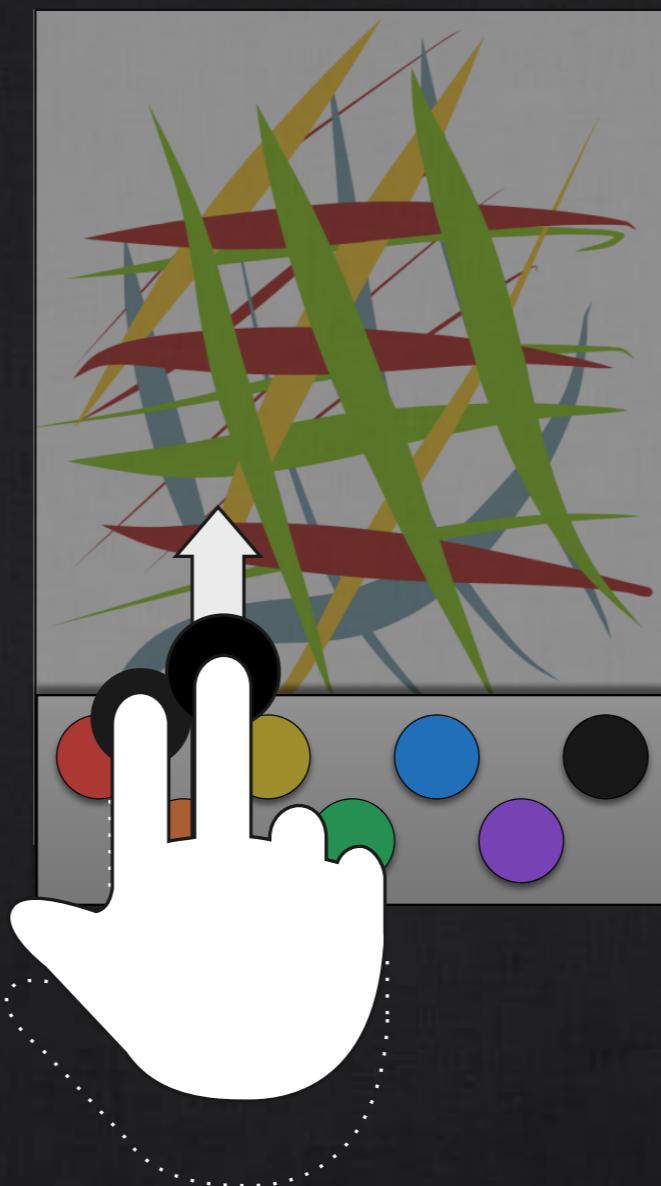
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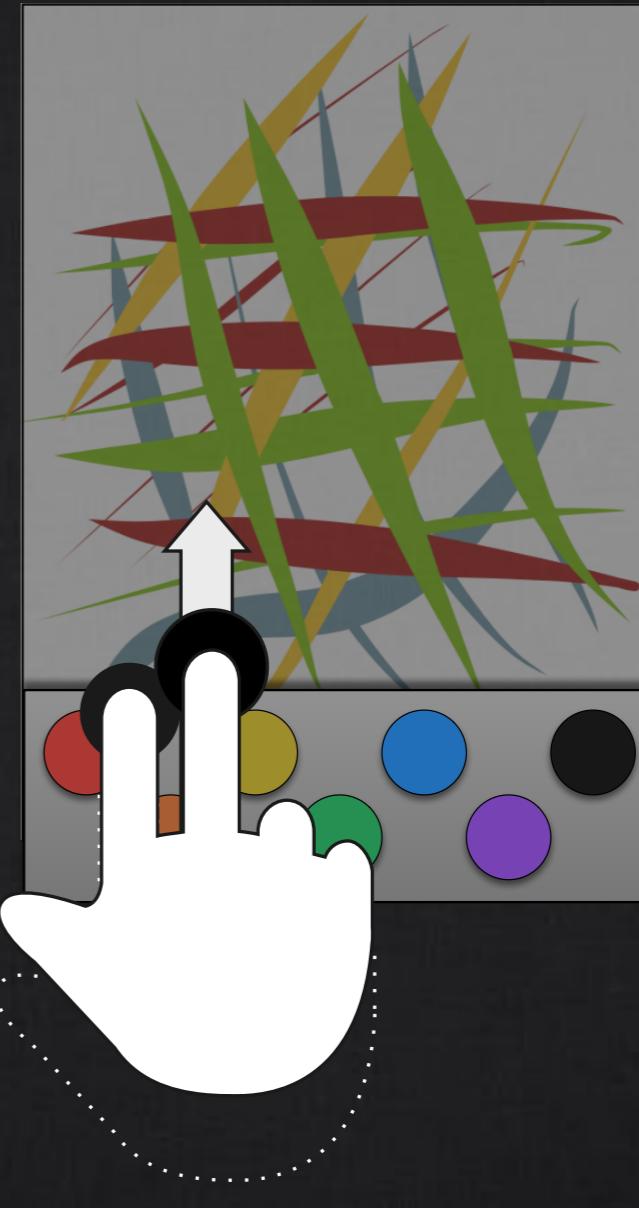
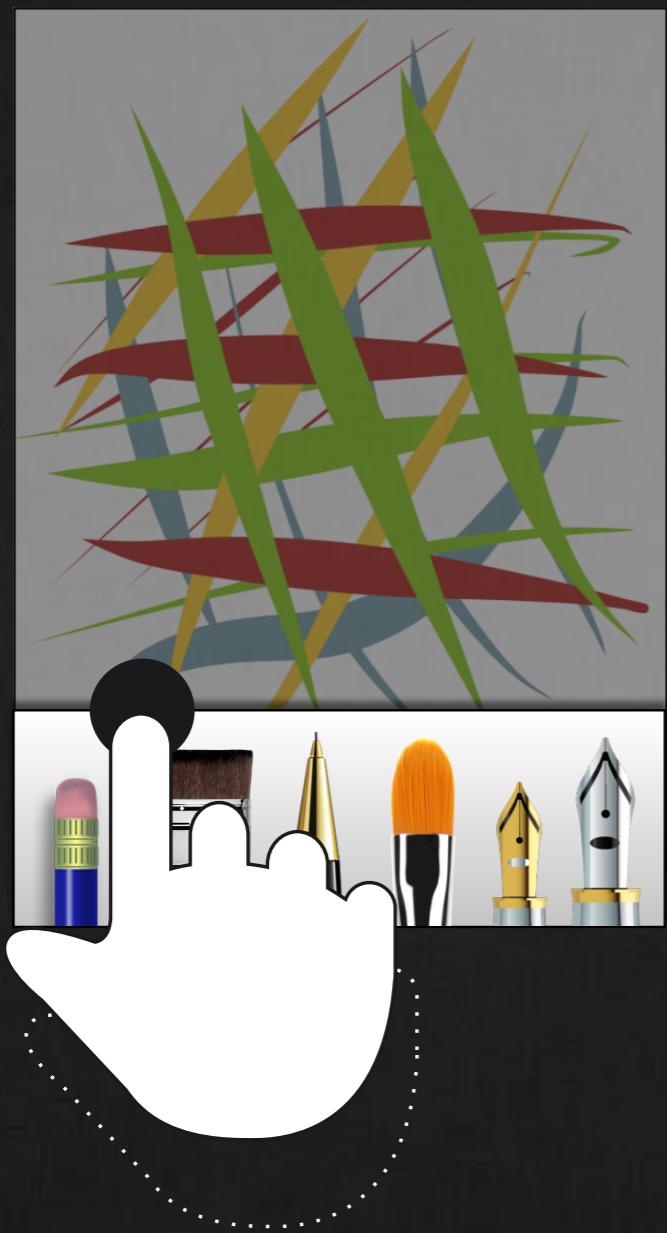
graph LR
    hidden[hidden] -- "oneFinger.unsatisfied" --> tHide[tHide]
    tHide -- "oneFin...tary-50" --> tShow[tShow]
    tShow -- "oneFinger.unsatisfied" --> dragging[dragging]
    dragging -- "oneFinger" --> showing[showing]
    
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The brushesPanel component has a height of 137 pixels and a width of 375 pixels. It contains a prototype for a `svg.group` element located at position (0, 0) with a height of 0 and a width of 375. The component also includes fields for `hidden`, `tHide`, `tShow`, `dragging`, and `showing`. The `hidden` state is triggered by a `oneFinger.unsatisfied` event. The `tHide` state is triggered by a `oneFin...tary-50` event. The `tShow` state is triggered by a `oneFinger.unsatisfied` event. The `dragging` state is triggered by a `oneFinger` event. The `showing` state is triggered by a `oneFinger` event.

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prototypes (line)	svg.line
fromX	0
toX	350
fromY	634
toY	634







## oneFinger

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prototypes	(touch	touch	
numFingers	1	1	
downInside	(insideRect	insideRect	
delay	100	100	

## twoFingers

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prototypes	(touch	touch	
numFingers	2	2	
greedy	true	true	
downInside	(insideRect	insideRect	

output

EDIT

## InterState editor



## colorsPanel

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prototypes	(image)	svg.image
width	375	paper.width
height	137	width*274/7
x	0	0
y	647	twoFingers.paper.height
href	'touch'	'touch_imag
show	true	true
clip_rect	null	null
cursor	'defau	'default'
opacity	1	1.0
transform	''	''
animated_properties	false	false
animation_duration	300	300
animation_easing	'linea	'linear'
shape	'image'	'image'

hidden

twoFinger...atisfied

twoFingers

tHide

twoFingers.startY-50

twoFingers.unsatisfied

tShow

dragging

twoFingers

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own

twoFingers.y&gt;twoFingers.startY+5...0

Math.max(pa

paper.height

## brushesPanel

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prototypes	(image)	svg.image
x	0	0
y	647	paper.height
width	375	colorsPanel
height	137	colorsPanel
href	'touch'	'touch_imag
show	true	true
clip_rect	null	null
cursor	'defau	'default'
opacity	1	1.0
transform	''	''
animated_properties	false	false
animation_duration	300	300
animation_easing	'linea	'linear'
shape	'image'	'image'

hidden

oneFinger.unsatisfied

oneFinger

tHide

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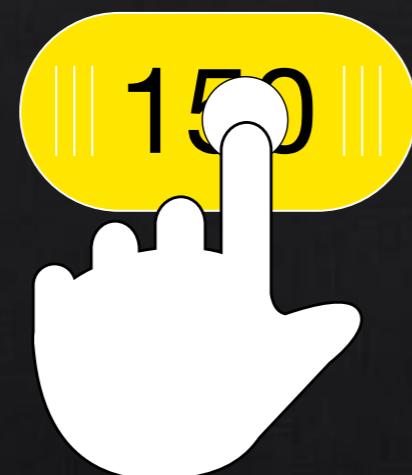
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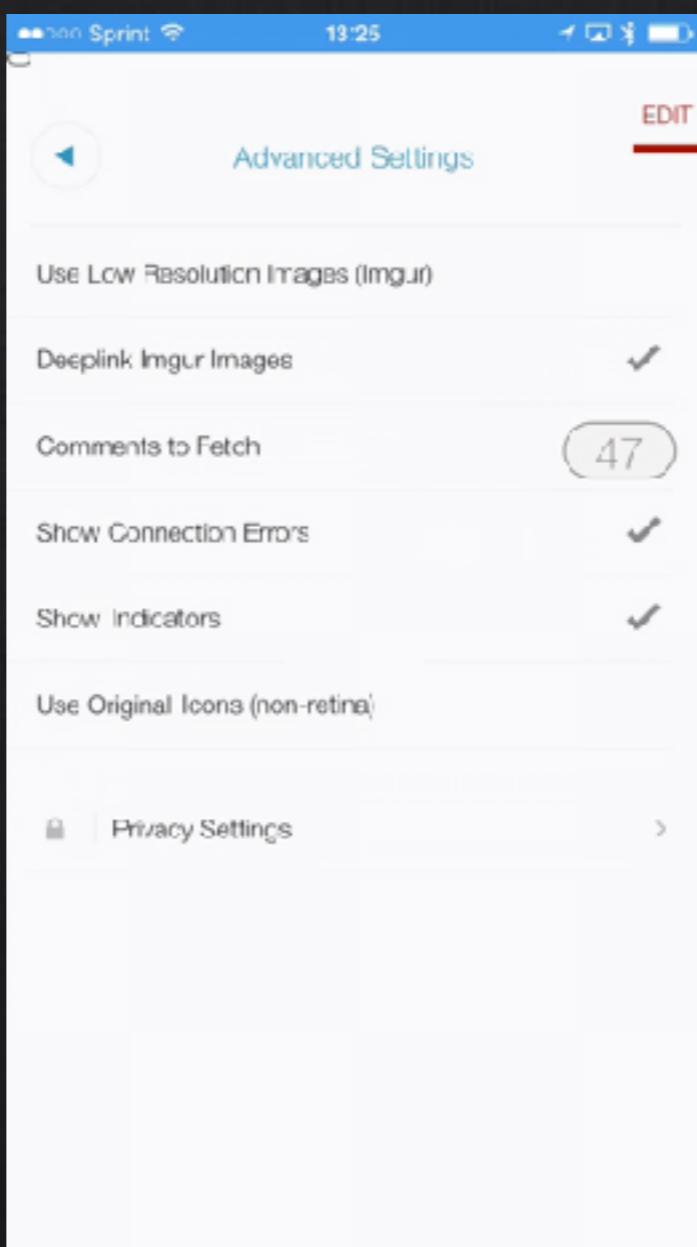


slide the widget left or right  
to fine-tune the value

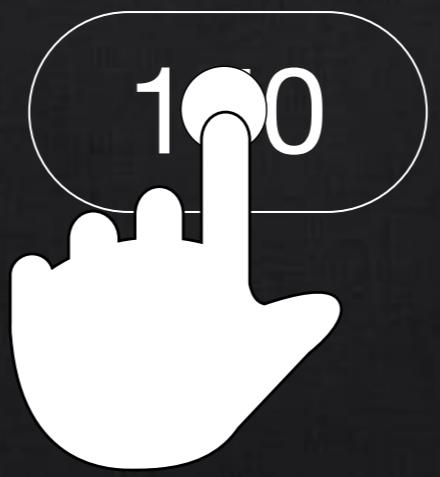
tap the widget to invoke  
the numeric keyboard



1	2 ABC	3 DEF
4 GHI	5 JKL	6 MNO
7 PQRS	8 TUV	9 WXYZ
	0	✖



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## leftLine

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prototypes	(line)	svg.line
fromX	-10	touchEvent.
toX	-10	fromX
fromY	185	handle.y
toY	215	handle.y+ha

## rightLine

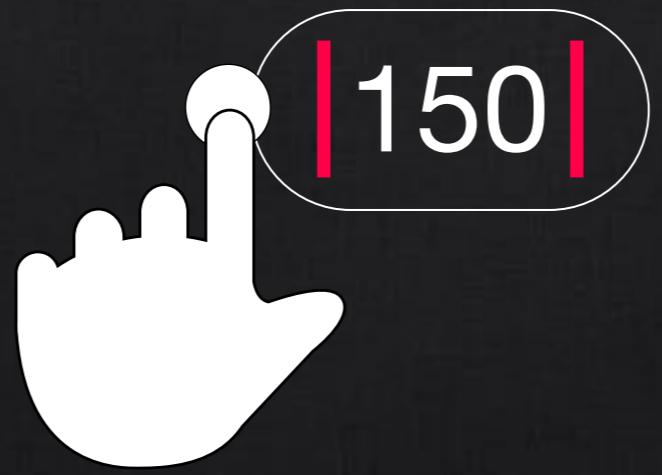
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toX	undefined	toX
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toY	215	leftLine.td



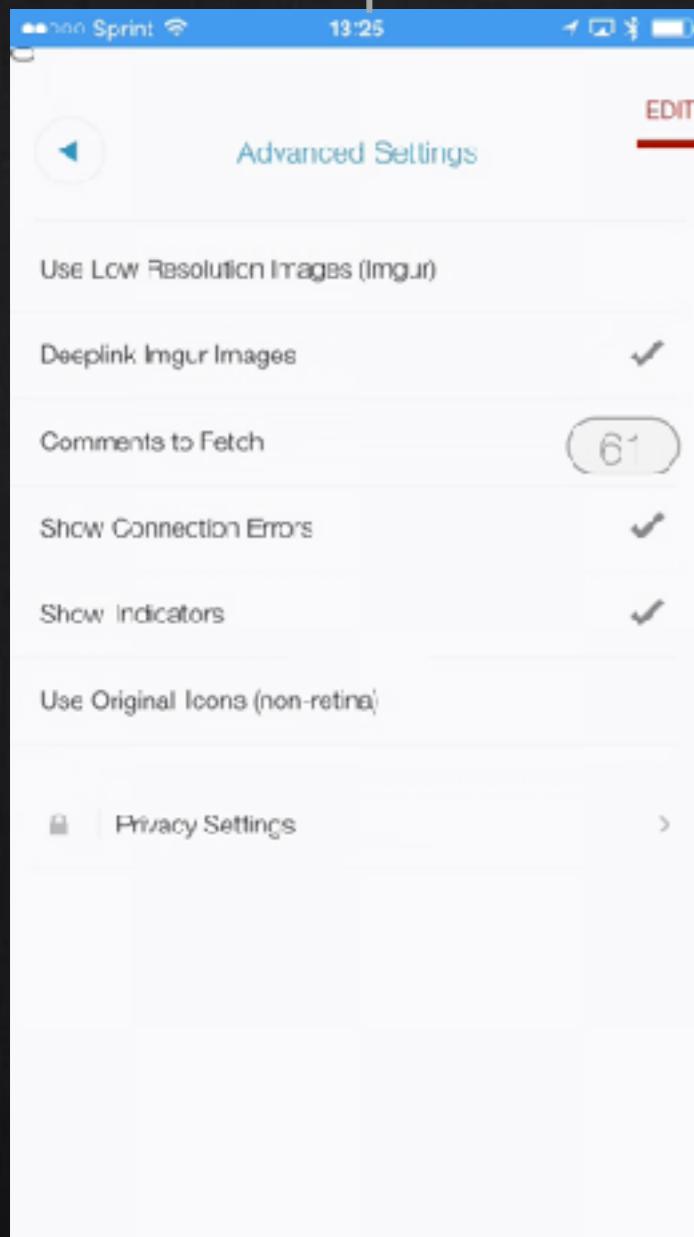




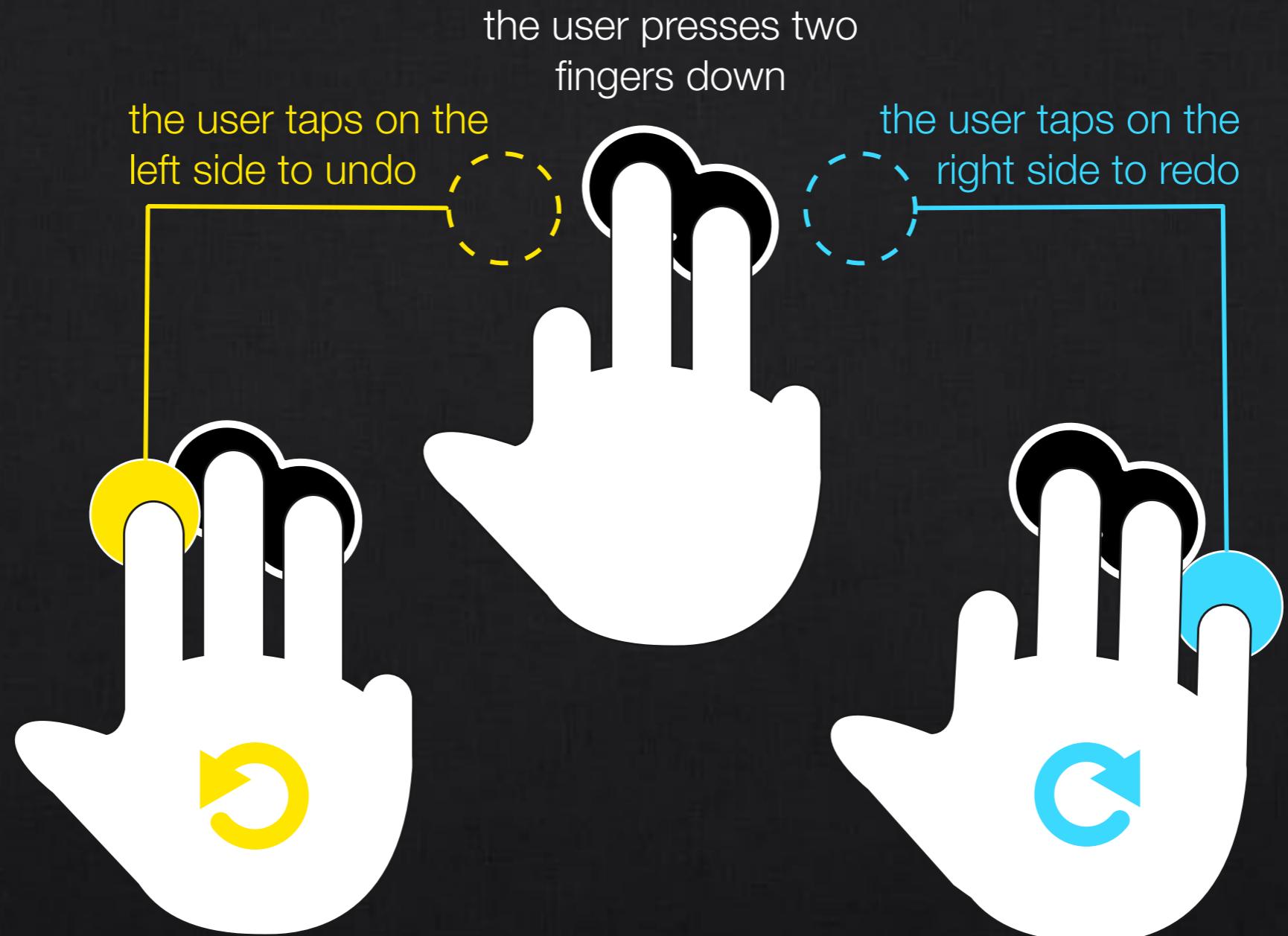
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# output



## InterState editor





twoFingers

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Add Field

prototypes

greedy

numFingers

(touch true)

2

touch true

2

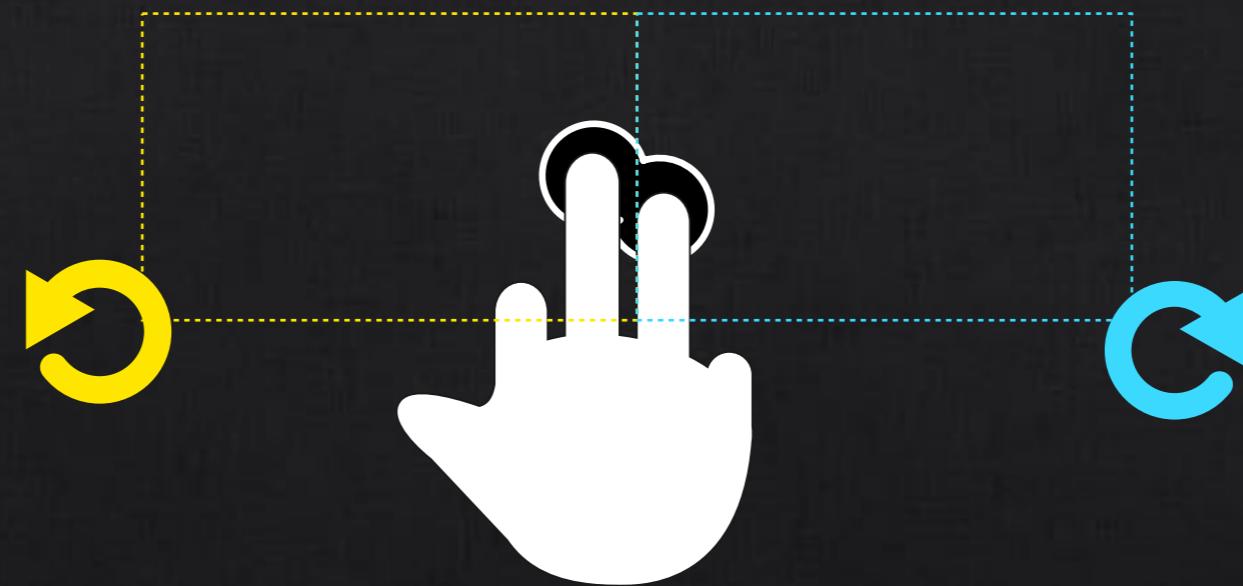


## undoRectangle

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x	-300
y	-100
width	300
height	200

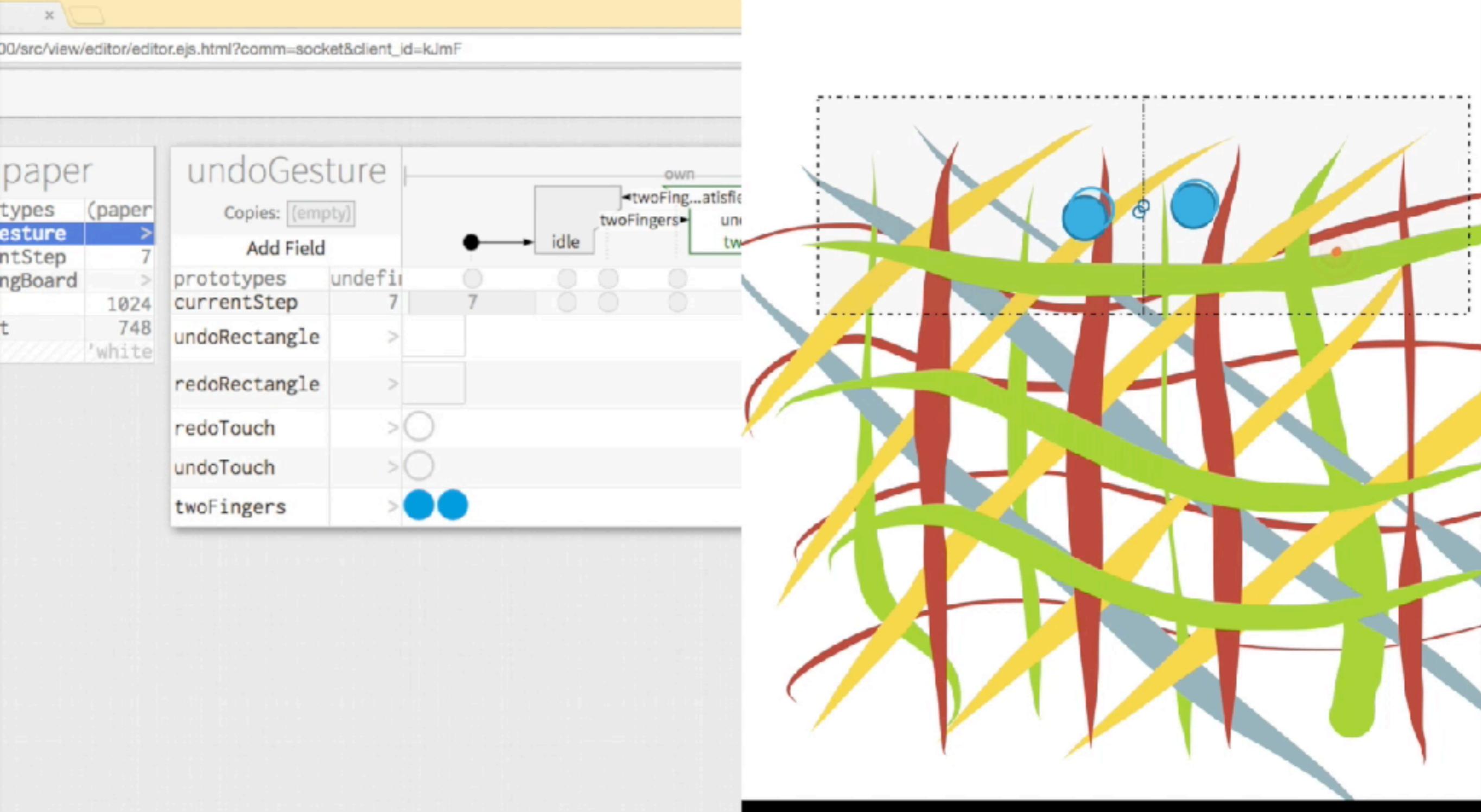
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width	300
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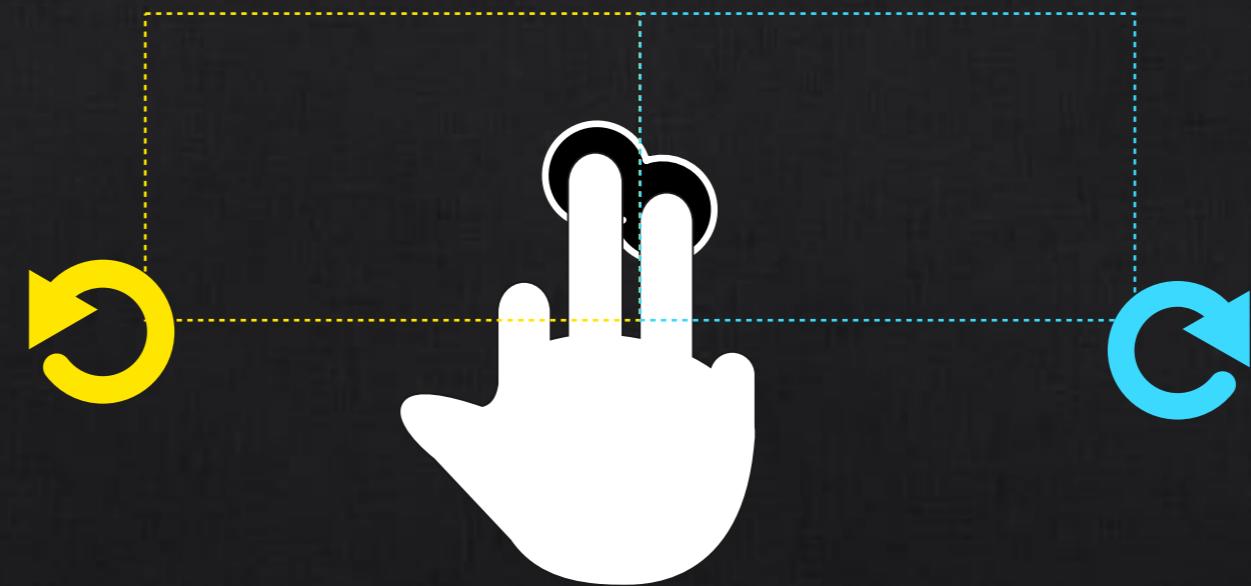


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width	300
height	200

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height	200

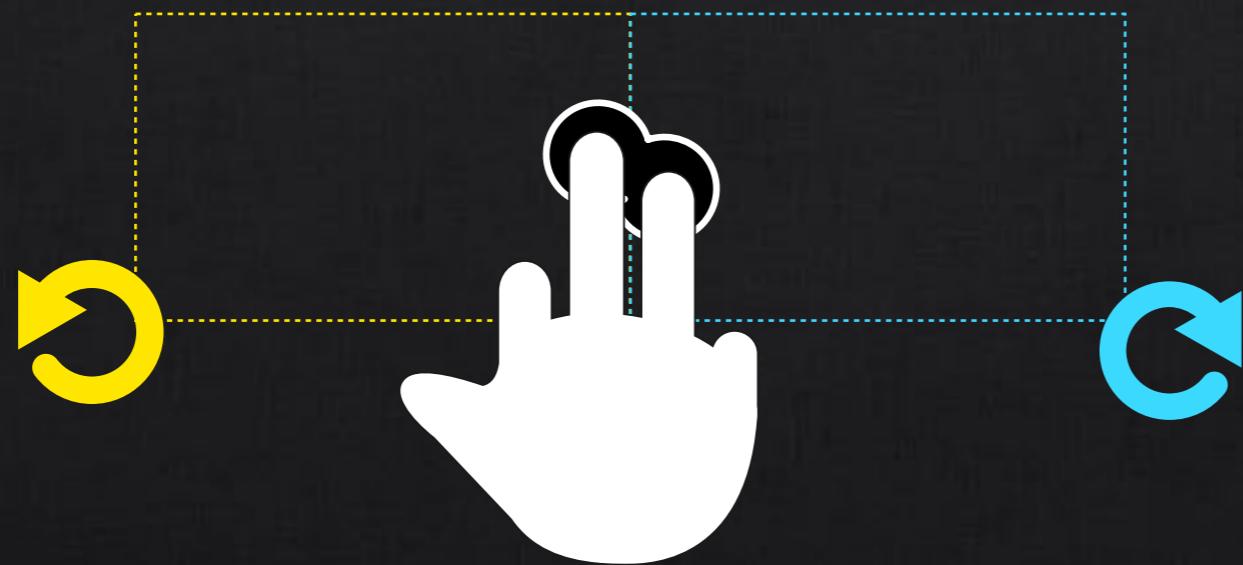


## undoRectangle

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x	-300   <b>twoFingers.</b>
y	-100   <b>twoFingers.</b>
width	300   <b>300</b>
height	200   <b>200</b>

## redoRectangle

Copies:	(empty)
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prototypes	(recta   <b>svg.rectangle</b> )
x	-900   <b>twoFingers.</b>
y	-100   <b>undoRectangle.</b>
width	300   <b>undoRectangle.</b>
height	200   <b>undoRectangle.</b>



InterState Editor

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Undo Redo Files

sketch

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svg >
dom >
find (native >
device >
timeout (timeo >
mouse (mouse >
key (keybo >
touch (touch >
event >
physics >

paper

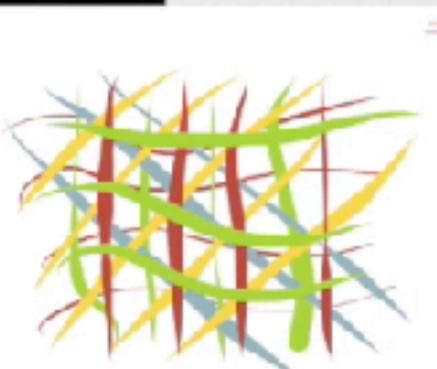
prototypes (paper >
undoGesture >
currentStep 7
drawingBoard >
width 1024
height 748
fill 'white'

undoGesture

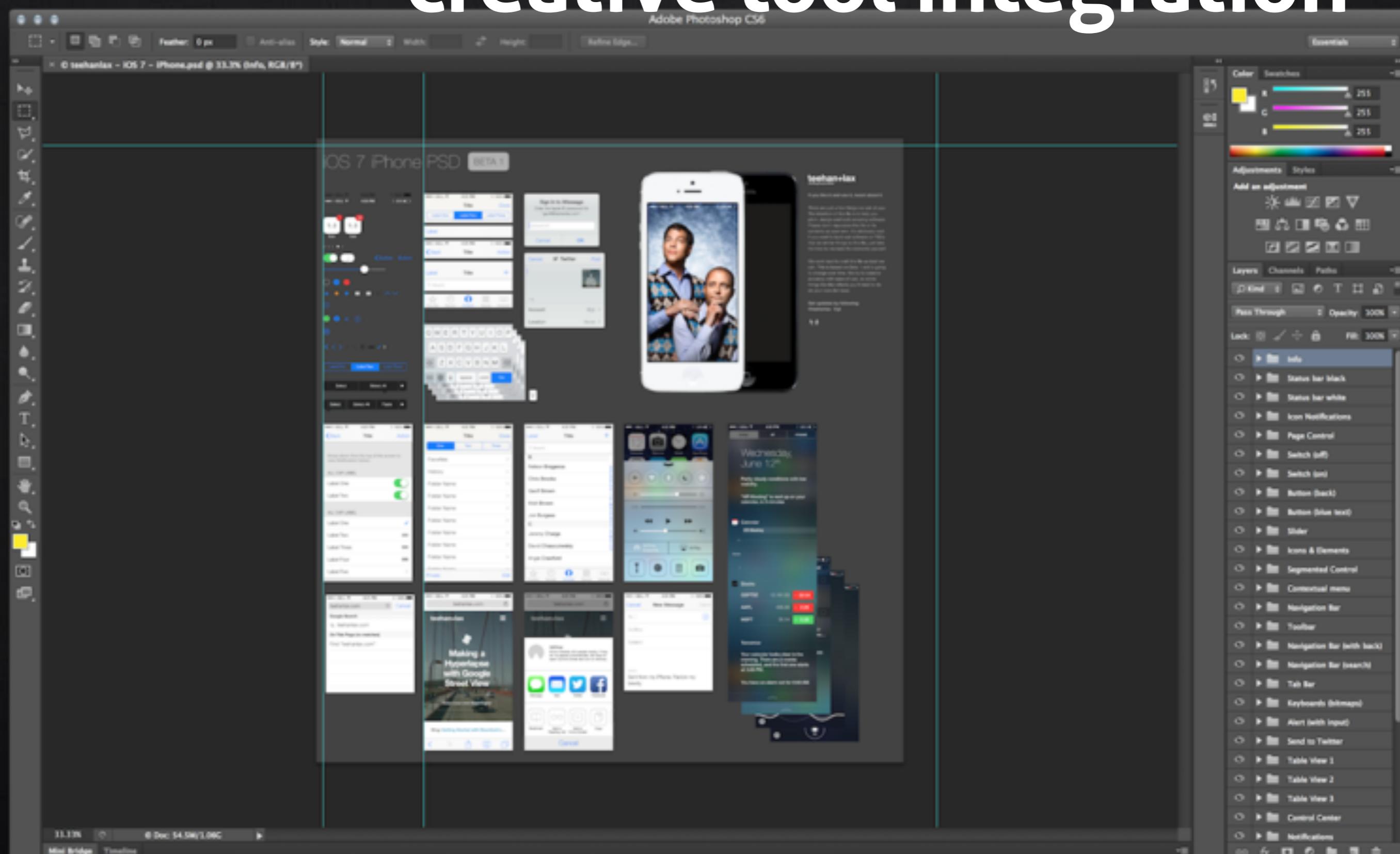
prototypes undefined
currentStep 7
undoRectangle >
redoRectangle >
redoTouch >
undoTouch >
twoFingers >

undoRectangle

Copies: (empty)
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prototypes (recta
x -300
y -100
width 300
height 200
debugDraw true
fill 'none'
stroke 'black'
show true
clip_rect null
cursor 'defau
fill_opacity 1
opacity 1
r 0
stroke_dasharray ''
stroke_opacity 1
stroke_width 1
transform ''
animated_properties false
animation_duration 300
animation_easing 'linea
shape 'recta'



# creative tool integration



# contributions

- constraint model integrating state
- library for developers (ConstraintJS)
- visual notation of constraint model
- live editor for visual notation
- primitives for inheritance & templating
- evaluation of model, primitives & visual notation
- multi-touch development primitives

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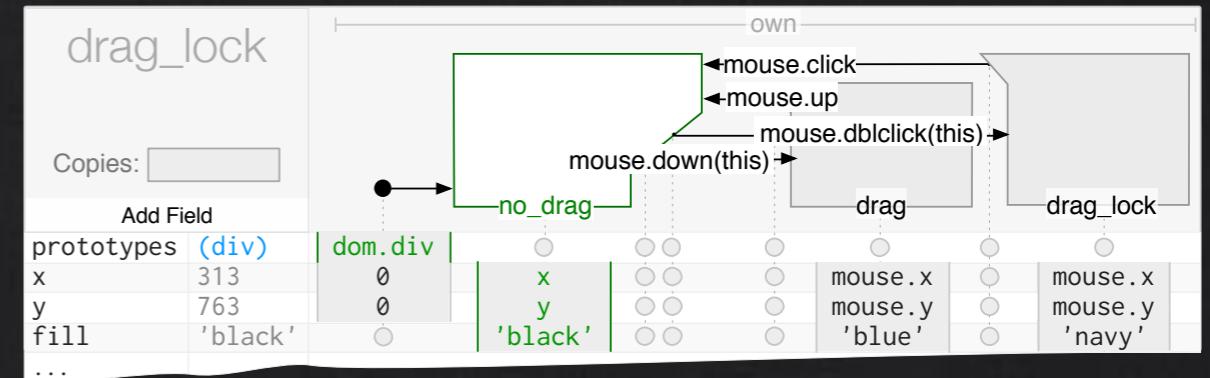
```

1 friends = cjs.async(fb_request("/me/friends"));
2 pics    = friends.map(function(friend) {
3     return cjs.async(fb_request( "/" + friend.id
4                               + "/picture"));
5 });
6
7 //...
8
9 {{#diagram friends.state}}
10 {{#state pending }} Loading friends...
11 {{#state rejected}} Error
12 {{#state resolved}}
13   {{#each friends friend i}}
14     {{#diagram pics[i].state}}
15       {{#state pending }} <img src = "loading.gif" />
16       {{#state resolved}} <img src = "{{pics[i]}}" />
17       {{#state rejected}} <img src = "error.gif" />
18     {{/diagram}}
19     {{friend.name}}
20   {{/each}}
21 {{/diagram}}

```

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