



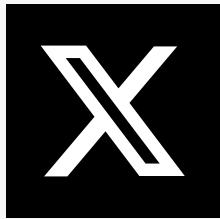
# Evolving Game Development with Genetic Algorithms

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Atari 2600



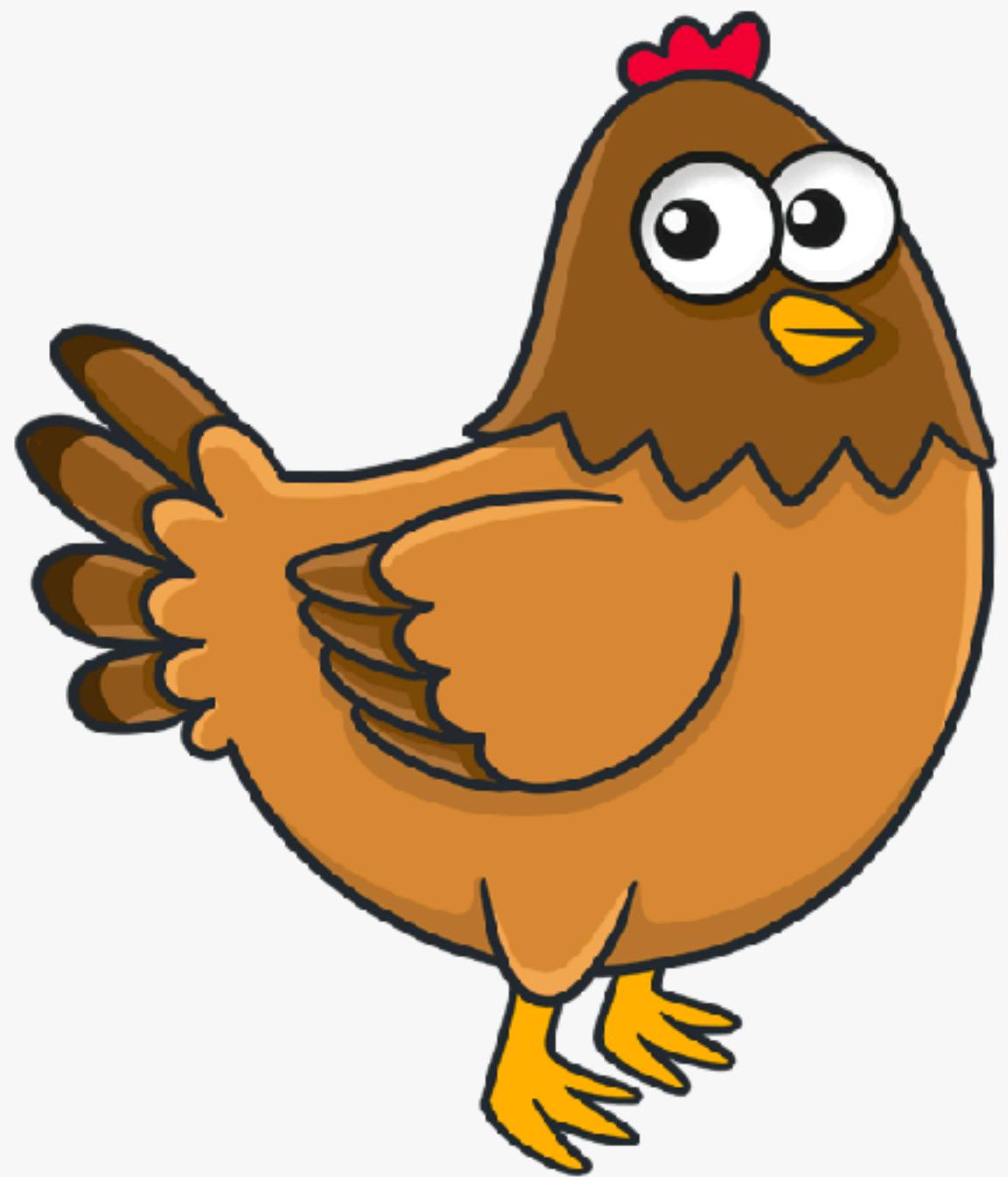
Nintendo

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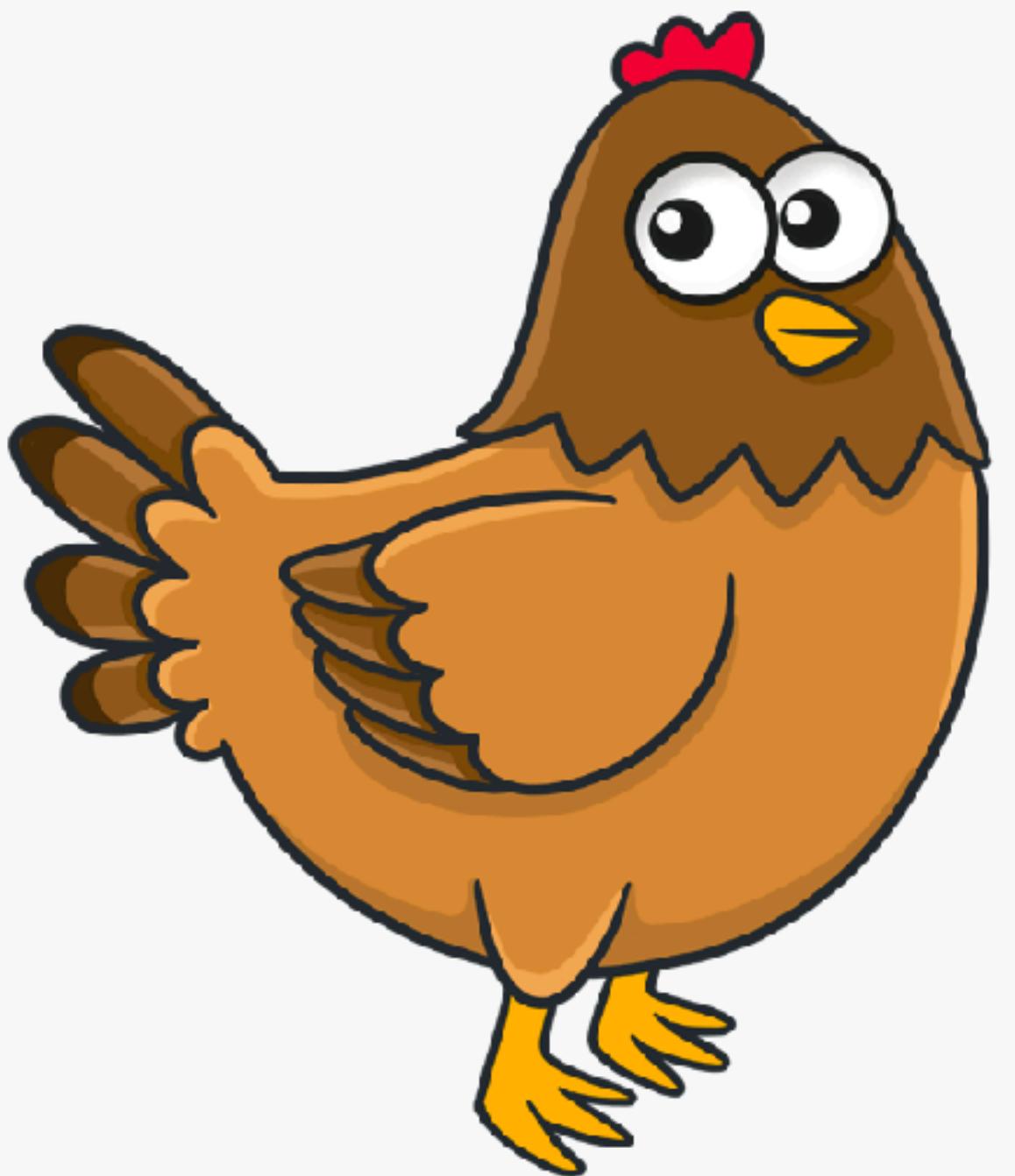








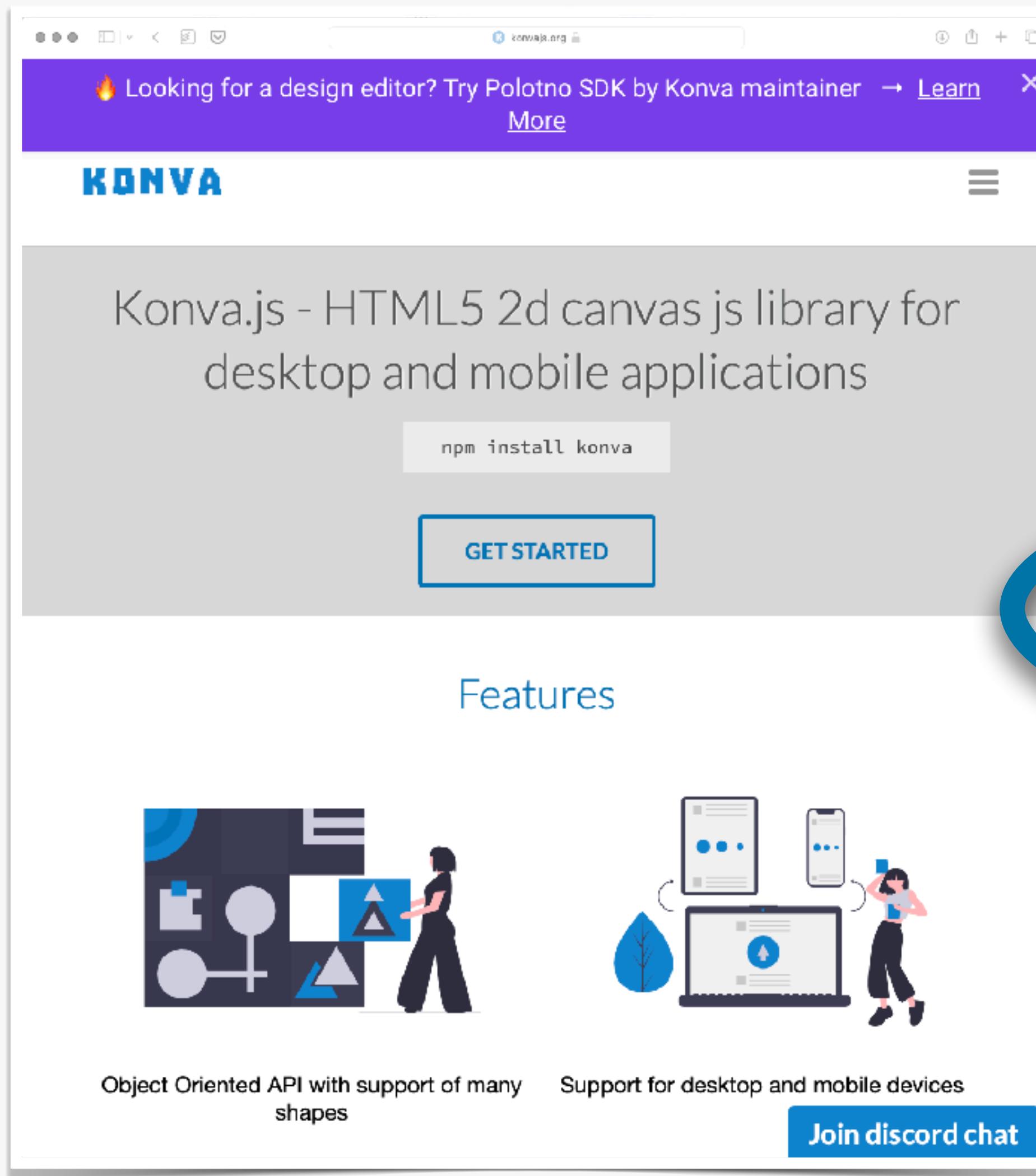
# Egg drop



# Egg drop



# React + Konva



The Konva.js website features a purple header bar with a fire icon and the text "Looking for a design editor? Try Polotno SDK by Konva maintainer → Learn More". Below the header, the Konva logo is displayed. The main content area contains the text "Konva.js - HTML5 2d canvas js library for desktop and mobile applications" and a "GET STARTED" button. A large blue React atom logo is overlaid on the page. At the bottom, there are sections for "Features" showing a person interacting with a canvas, and "Support for desktop and mobile devices" showing a person using a laptop and smartphone.

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**KONVA**

Konva.js - HTML5 2d canvas js library for desktop and mobile applications

`npm install konva`

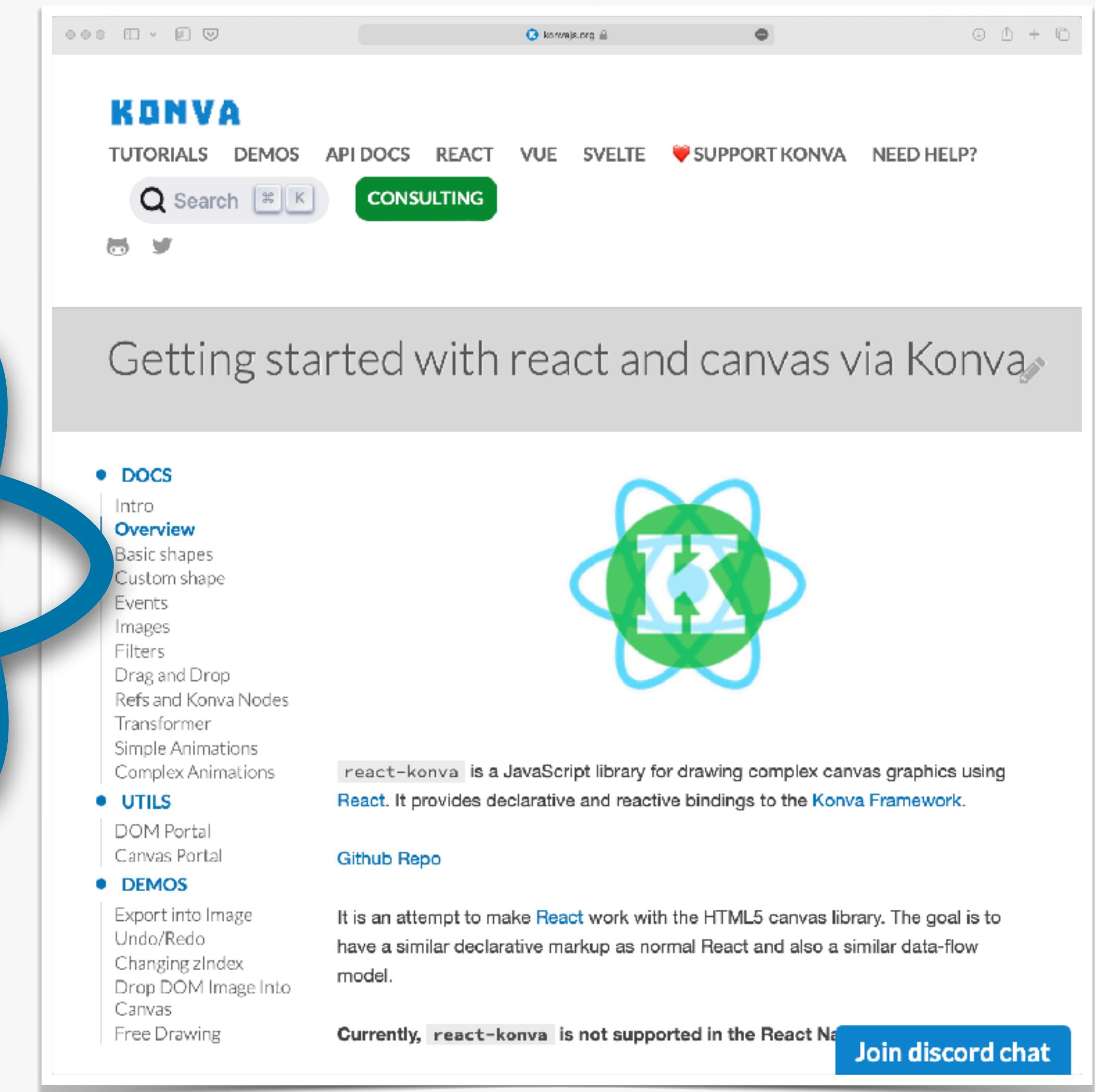
[GET STARTED](#)

**Features**

Object Oriented API with support of many shapes

Support for desktop and mobile devices

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The react-konva website has a header with the Konva logo and links for TUTORIALS, DEMOS, API DOCS, REACT, VUE, SVELTE, SUPPORT KONVA, and NEED HELP?. It includes a search bar and social media icons for GitHub and Twitter. A large "Getting started with react and canvas via Konva" section is highlighted. To the right, there's a "react-konva" logo consisting of a green circle with a white "K" and arrows. The page lists sections for DOCS (Intro, Overview, Basic shapes, Custom shape, Events, Images, Filters, Drag and Drop, Refs and Konva Nodes, Transformer, Simple Animations, Complex Animations), UTILS (DOM Portal, Canvas Portal), and DEMOS (Export into Image, Undo/Redo, Changing zIndex, Drop DOM Image Into Canvas, Free Drawing). A note states that react-konva is not supported in the React Native environment. A "Github Repo" link is also present.

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Getting started with react and canvas via Konva

**DOCS**

- Intro
- Overview**
- Basic shapes
- Custom shape
- Events
- Images
- Filters
- Drag and Drop
- Refs and Konva Nodes
- Transformer
- Simple Animations
- Complex Animations

**UTILS**

- DOM Portal
- Canvas Portal

**DEMOS**

- Export into Image
- Undo/Redo
- Changing zIndex
- Drop DOM Image Into Canvas
- Free Drawing

react-konva is a JavaScript library for drawing complex canvas graphics using [React](#). It provides declarative and reactive bindings to the [Konva Framework](#).

[Github Repo](#)

It is an attempt to make [React](#) work with the HTML5 canvas library. The goal is to have a similar declarative markup as normal React and also a similar data-flow model.

Currently, react-konva is not supported in the React Native environment.

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# Konva

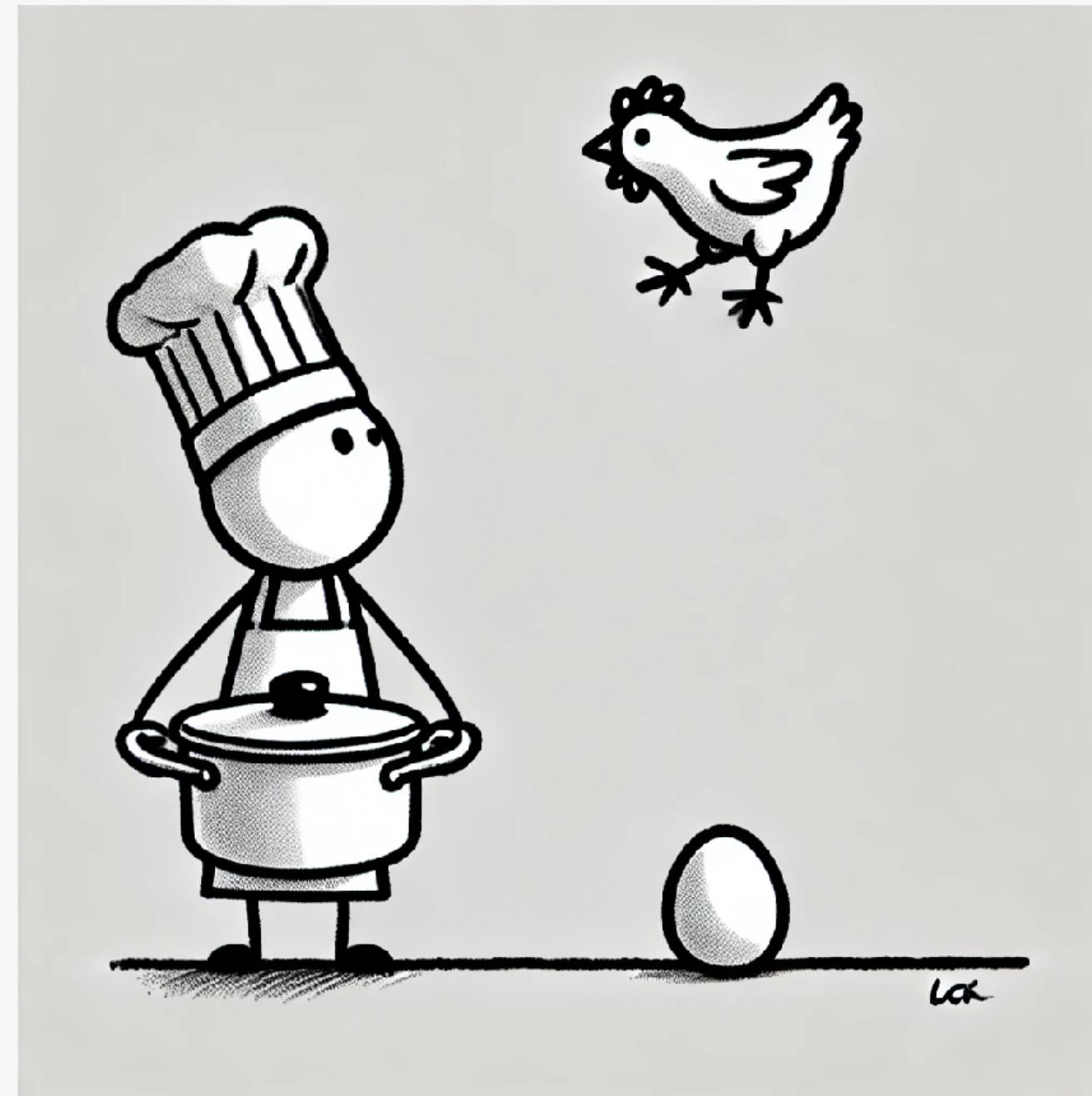
```
return (  
    <Stage>  
        <Layer listening={false}></Layer>  
        <Layer></Layer>  
        <Layer></Layer>  
    </Stage>  
) ;
```

# Konva

```
const [image] = useImage('images/chef.sprite.png');

return (
  <Stage>
    <Layer>
      <Group>
        <Rect width={100} height={100} fill="red" />
        <Image image={image} />
      </Group>
    </Layer>
  </Stage>
);
```

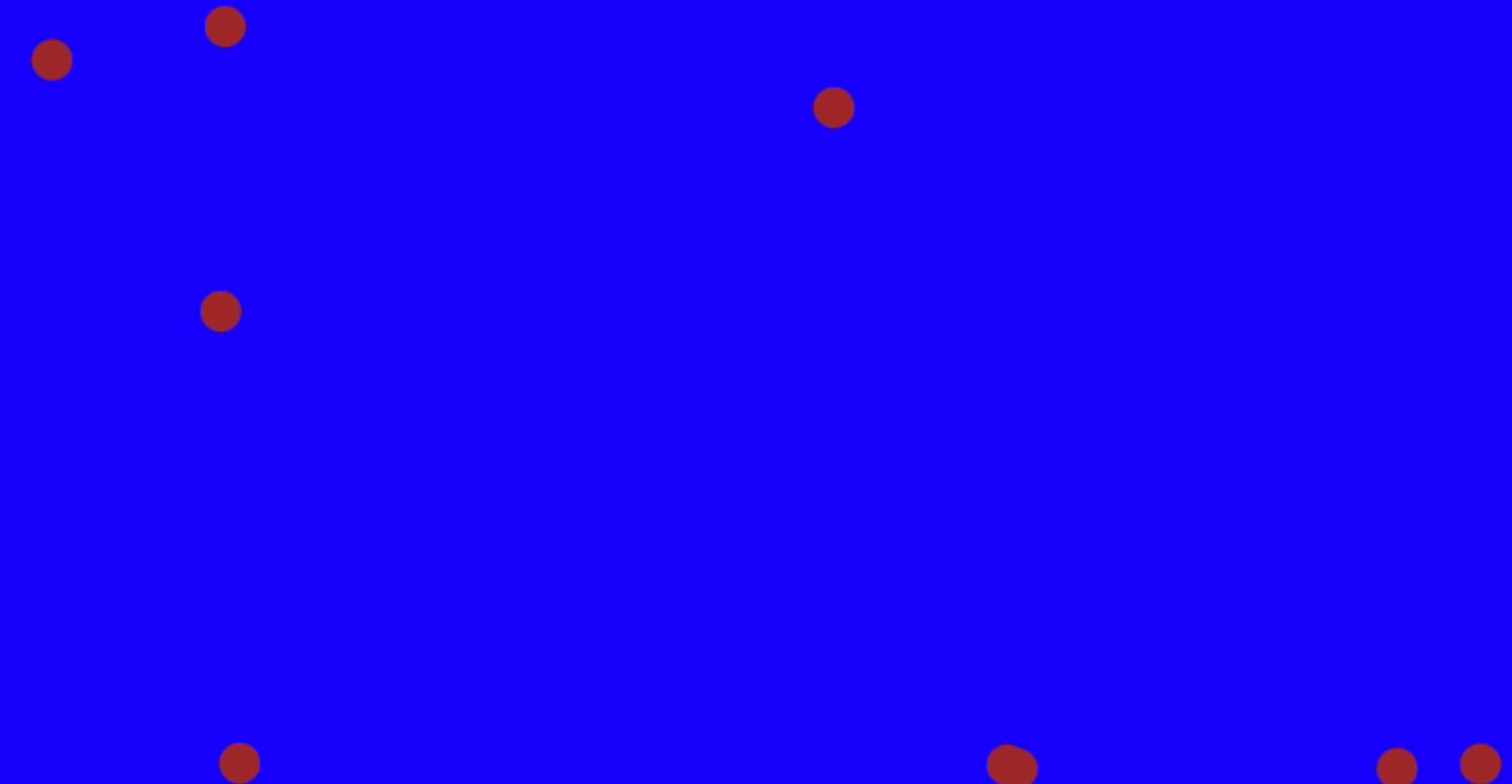
# Game Mechanics



- Who are the characters?
- How will they move?
- How will they interact?
- How will the player interact with the game?

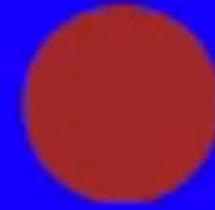
# First Prototypes



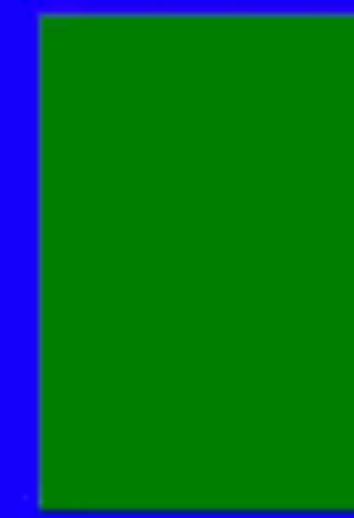


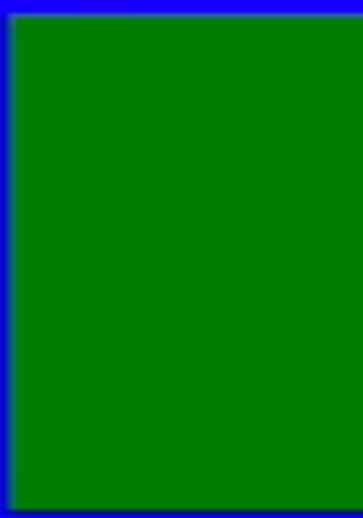
# Konva Tween

```
return new Konva.Tween({
  node: context.eggRef.current,
  duration: context.gameConfig.egg.fallingDuration,
  x: context.targetPosition.x,
  y: context.targetPosition.y,
  rotation: Math.random() > 0.5 ? 720 : -720,
  onUpdate: () => {
    if (self.getSnapshot().status === 'active') {
      self.send({
        type: 'Notify of animation position',
        position: {
          x: context.eggRef.current!.x(),
          y: context.eggRef.current!.y(),
        },
      });
    }
});
```





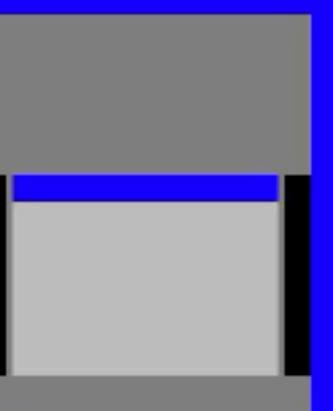




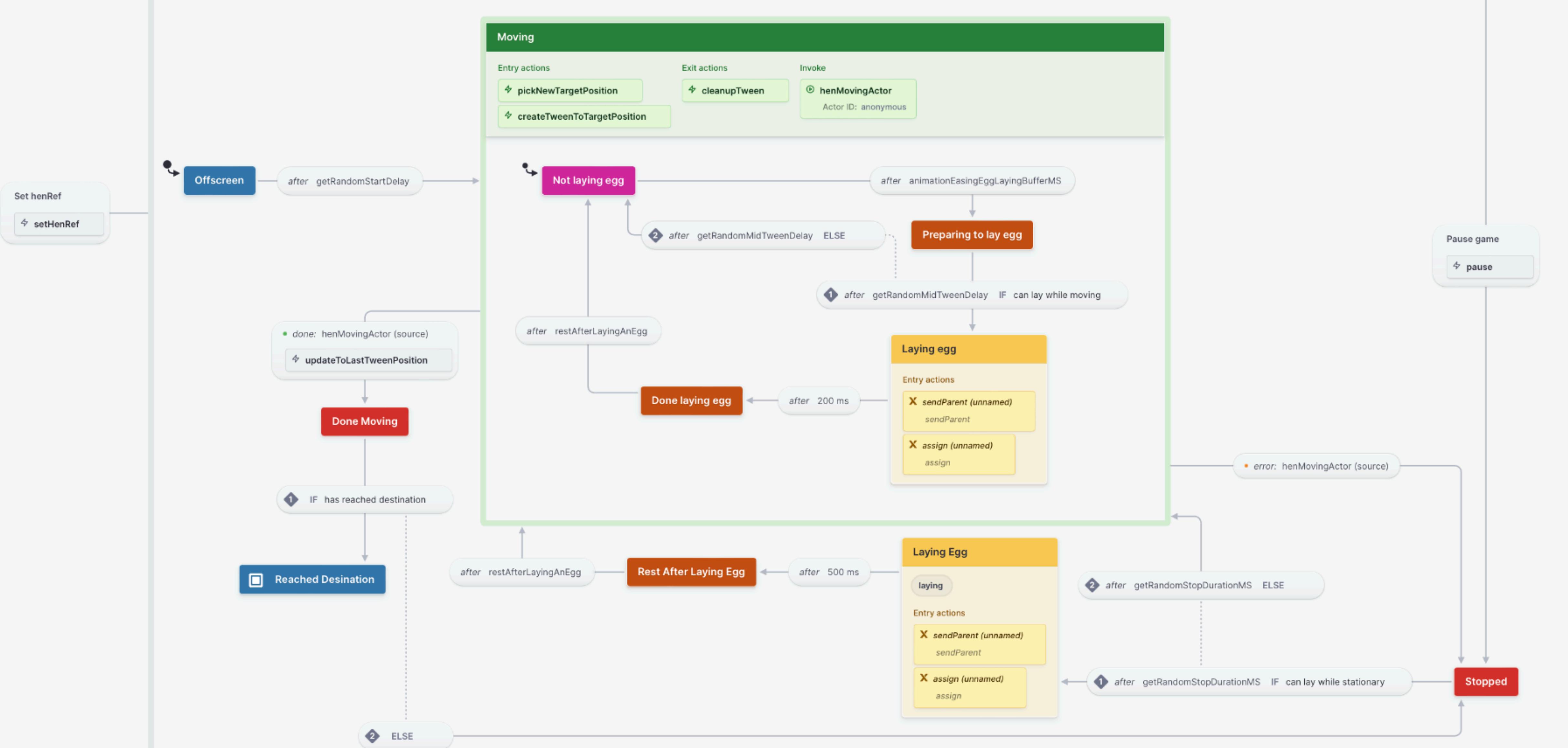


# Konva Hit Detection

- **Pixel-level** - User clicks, can include color detection
- **Bounding Box** - Fast, less-precise
- **Shape-level** - Basic shapes like rectangles, circles, polygons
- **Custom Hit Detection** - Irregular or dynamic shapes
- **Group** - Detects hits on any grouped objects <Group>...</Group>



## Hen



My Projects

Egg Drop / Chef

Code Sources Structure Details Events Context Tests

Machines New machine

Chef ...

Egg

Egg Drop Game

GameLevel

Hen

Set chefRef ↗ setChefRef

Reset isCatchingEgg ↗ resetIsCatchingEgg

Moving

Invoke movingChefBackAndForthActor Actor ID: anonymous

done: movingChefBackAndForthActor (source) ↗ updateChefPosition

Catch

setIsCatchingEgg

playCatchReaction

scheduleResetIsCatchingEgg

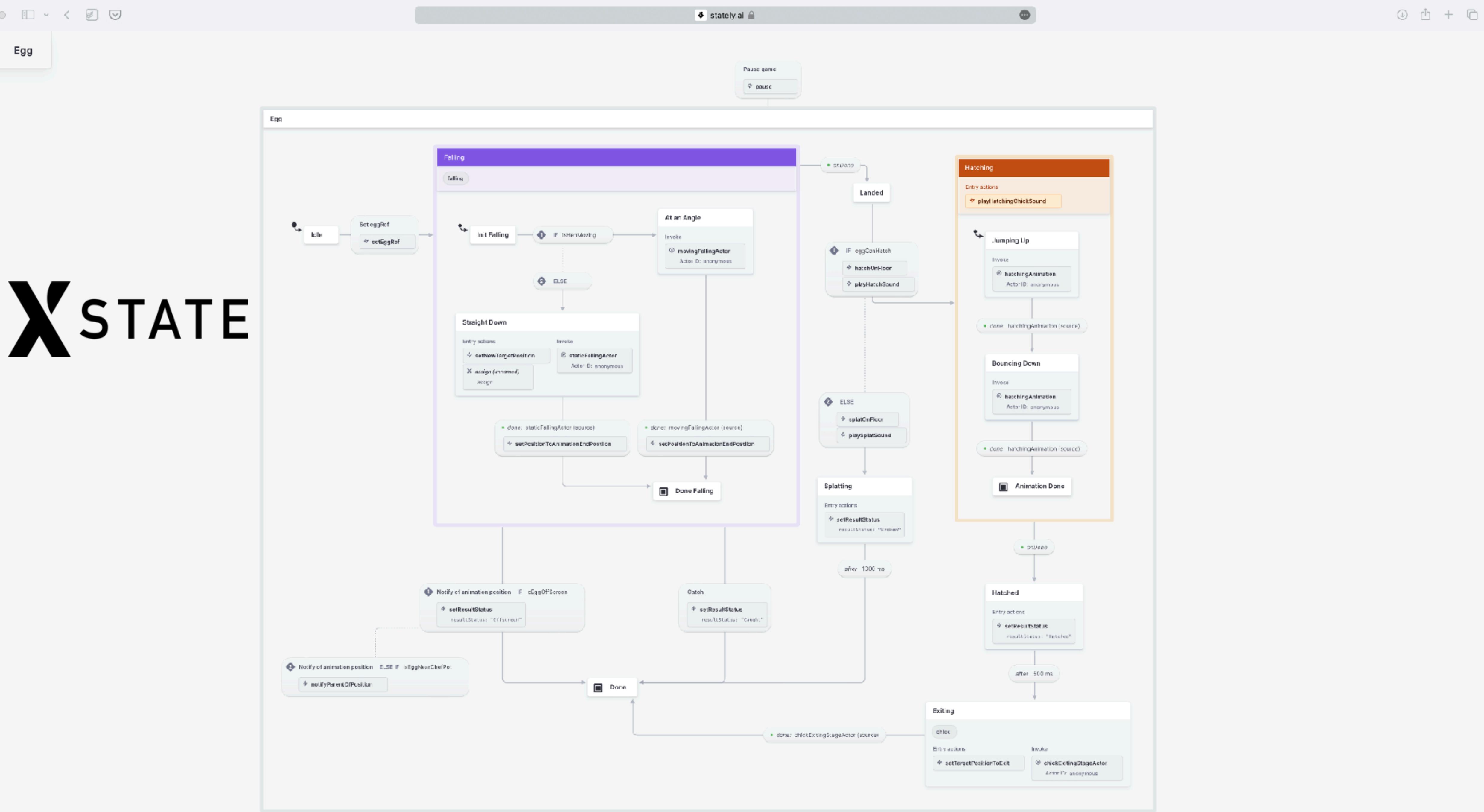
Set direction ↗ setDirectionProps

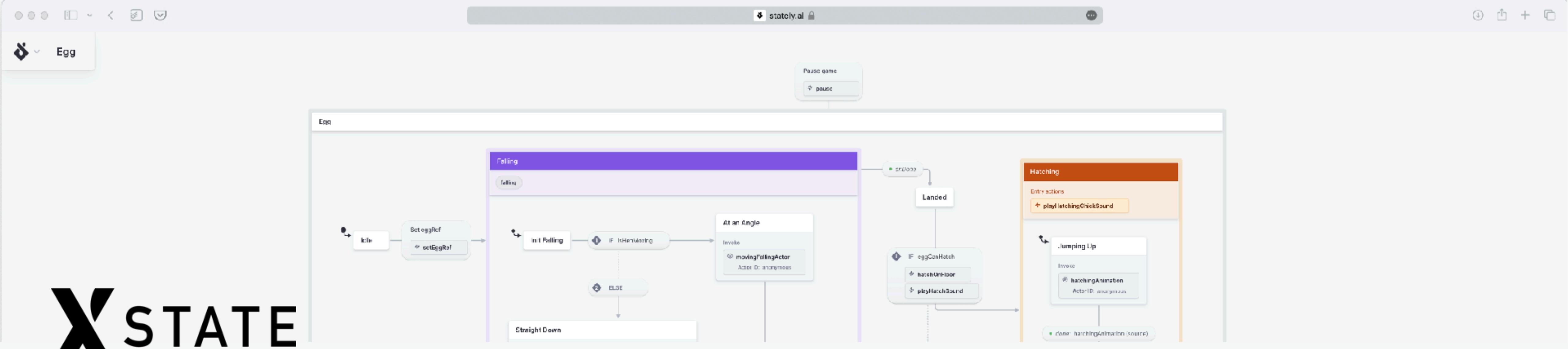
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Current version Public

eggdrop main

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# X STATE

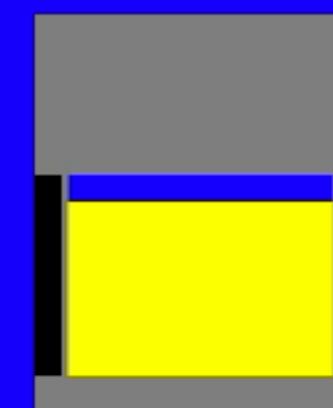
```
const eggState = useSelector(eggActorRef, (state) => state);
```





Gen: 1 Time: 0 seconds

Kitchen bg





Kitchen bg



Gen: 0 Time: 2 seconds



# Vector Graphics



# Vector Graphics?



openAI







Kitch

Gen: 1 Time: 49 seconds

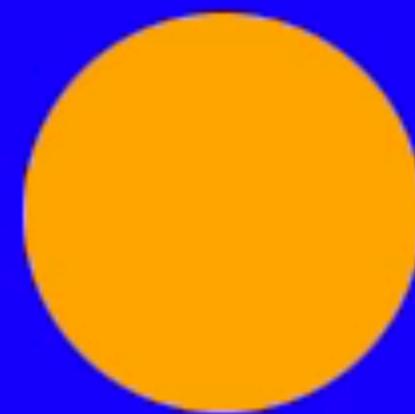


# Konva Animation

```
const animation = new Konva.Animation(frame => {
  if (frame) {
    // Calculate new x and y positions
    const newXPos = input.node.x() + input.xSpeed;
    input.node.x(newXPos);

    // Calculate new y position with a minimum change threshold
    const minYChange = 2.5; // Minimum change in Y position to prevent it from stalling
    const deltaY = input.ySpeed * (frame.timeDiff / 1000);

    // Ensure there's always a minimum change in the Y position
    const newYPos =
      input.node.y() +
      (Math.abs(deltaY) > minYChange
        ? deltaY
        : minYChange * Math.sign(input.ySpeed));
    input.node.y(newYPos);
  }
});
```



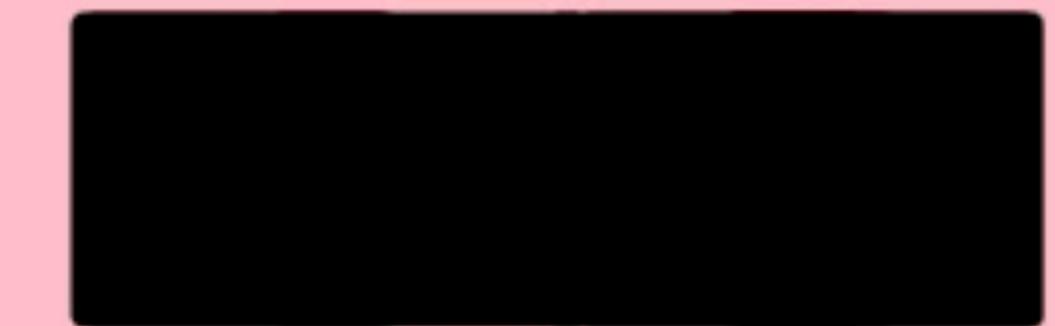
In between levels

Kitchen

Total eggs laid 57

Total eggs caught 14

Catch rate 25%



K



Gen: 0 Time: 16 seconds

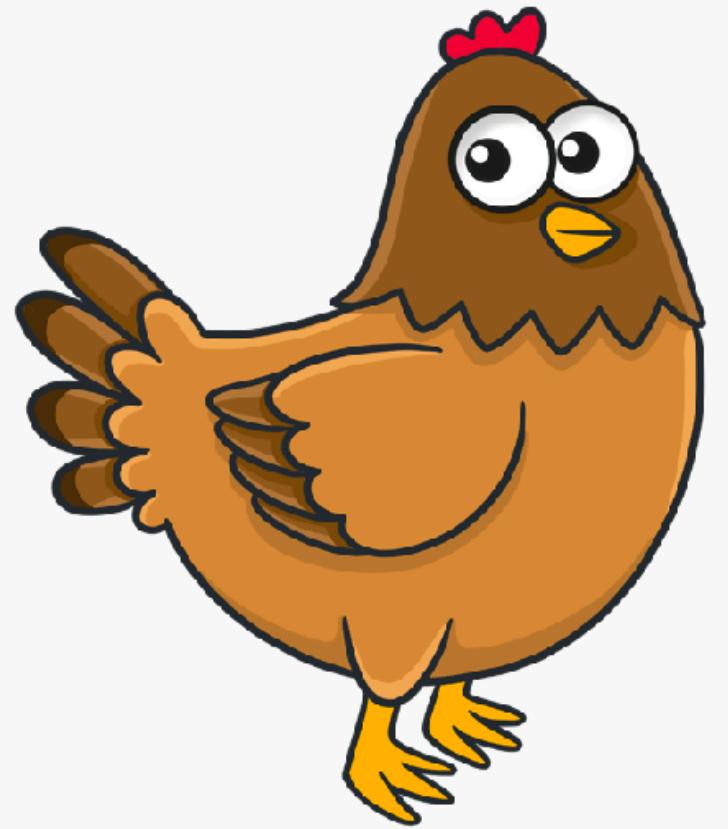
Score: 0

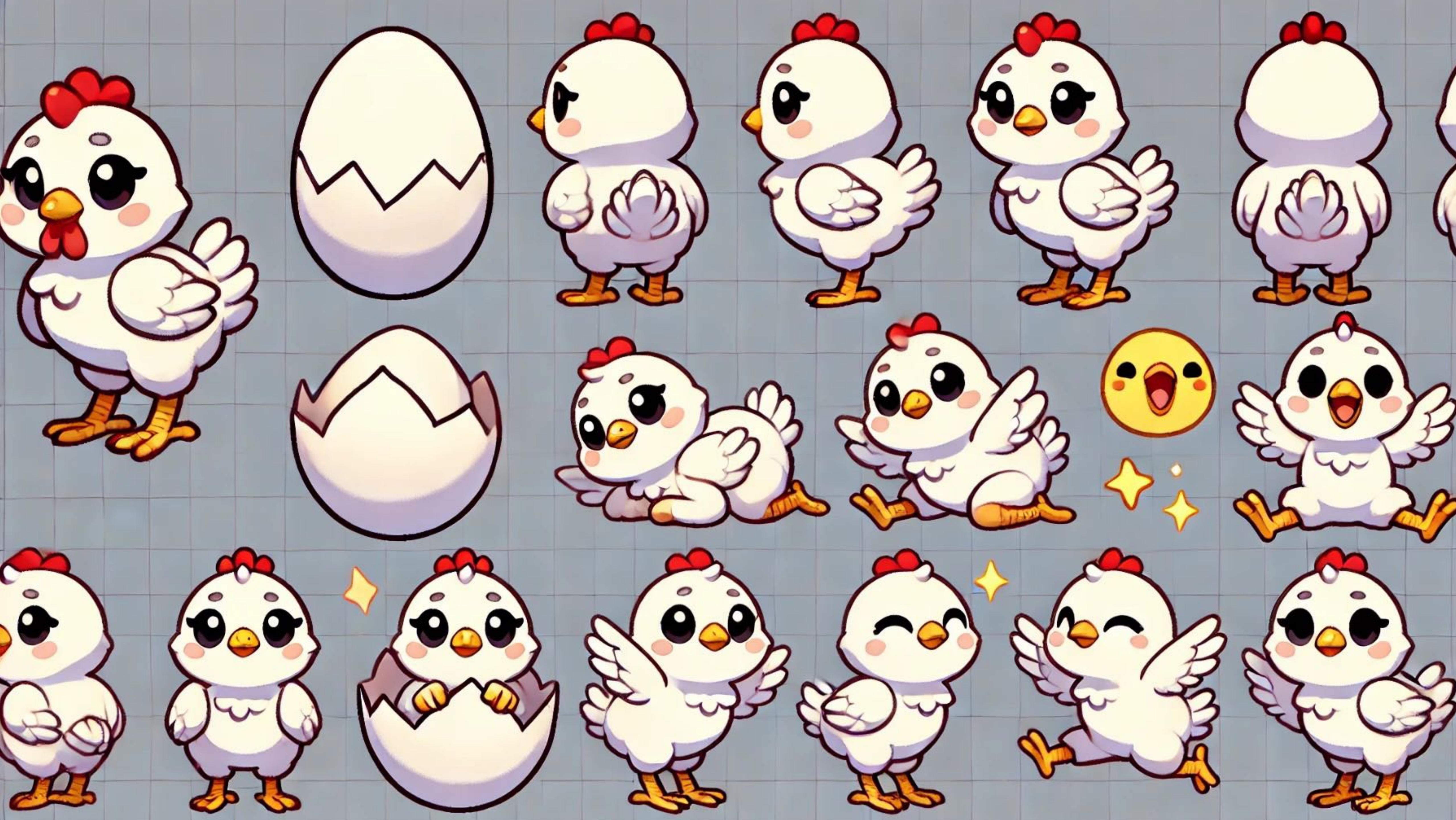
Eggs: 0

Gold: 0



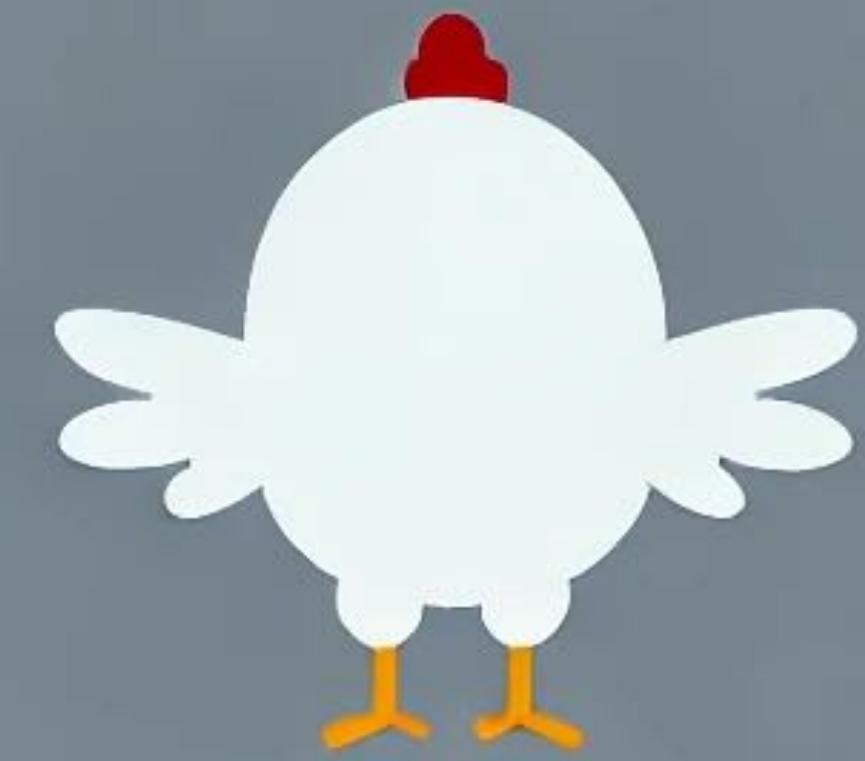
# Open AI Casting Call for Hens







ex 8







# Logoist 5

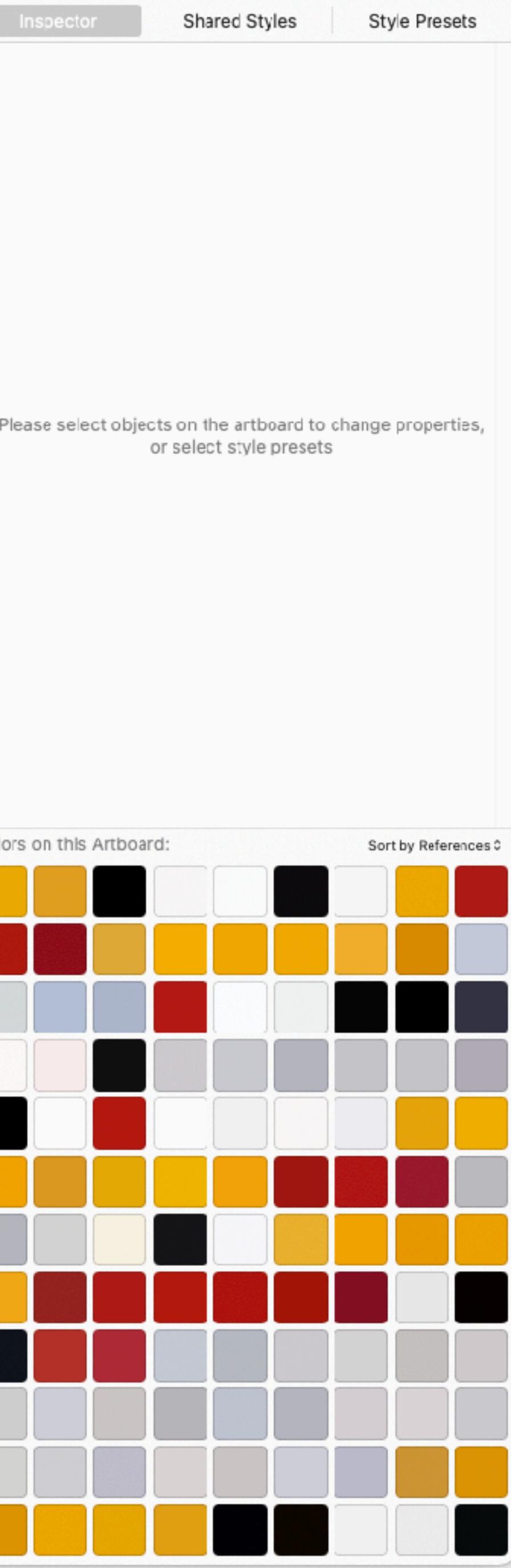
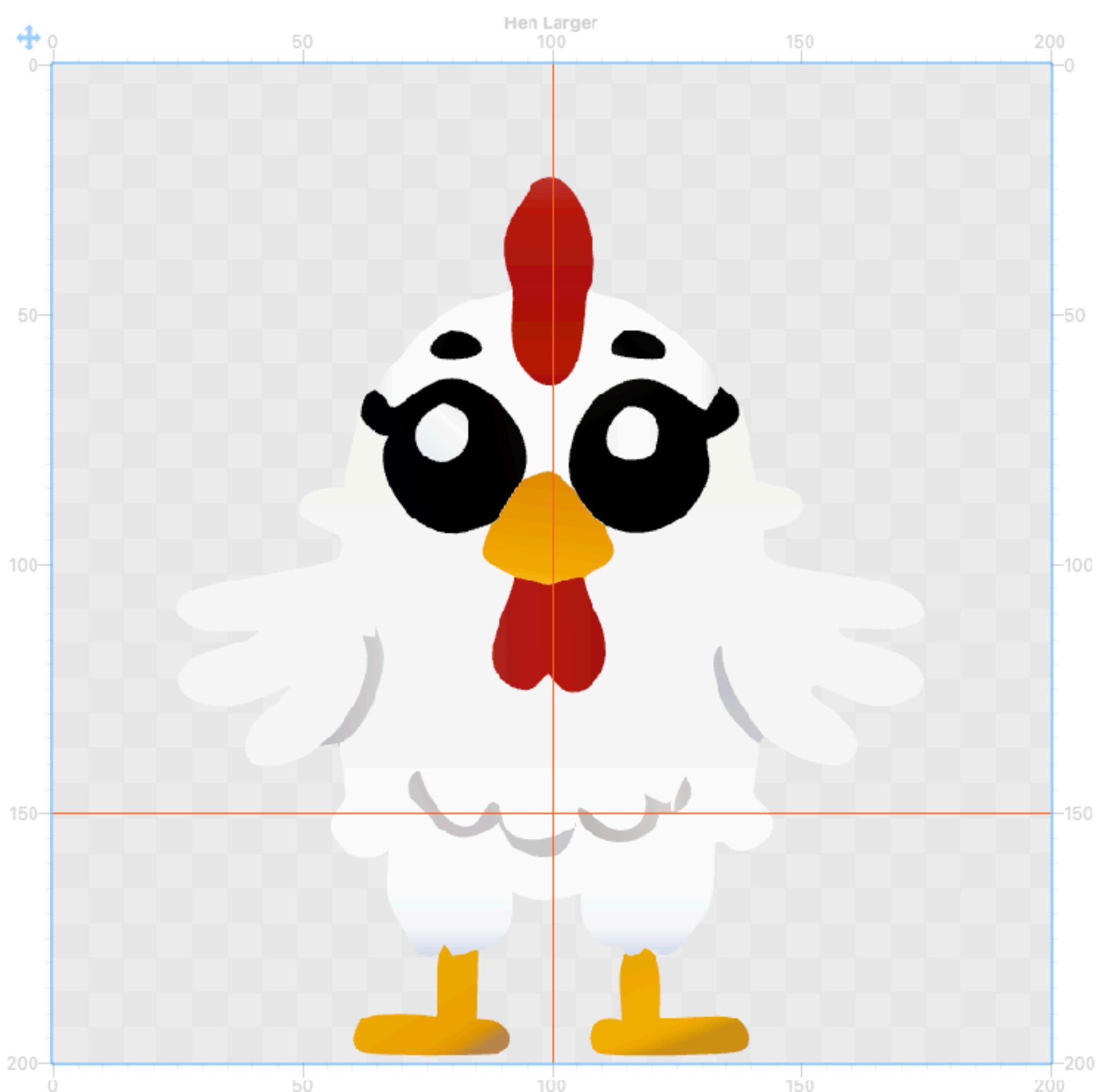
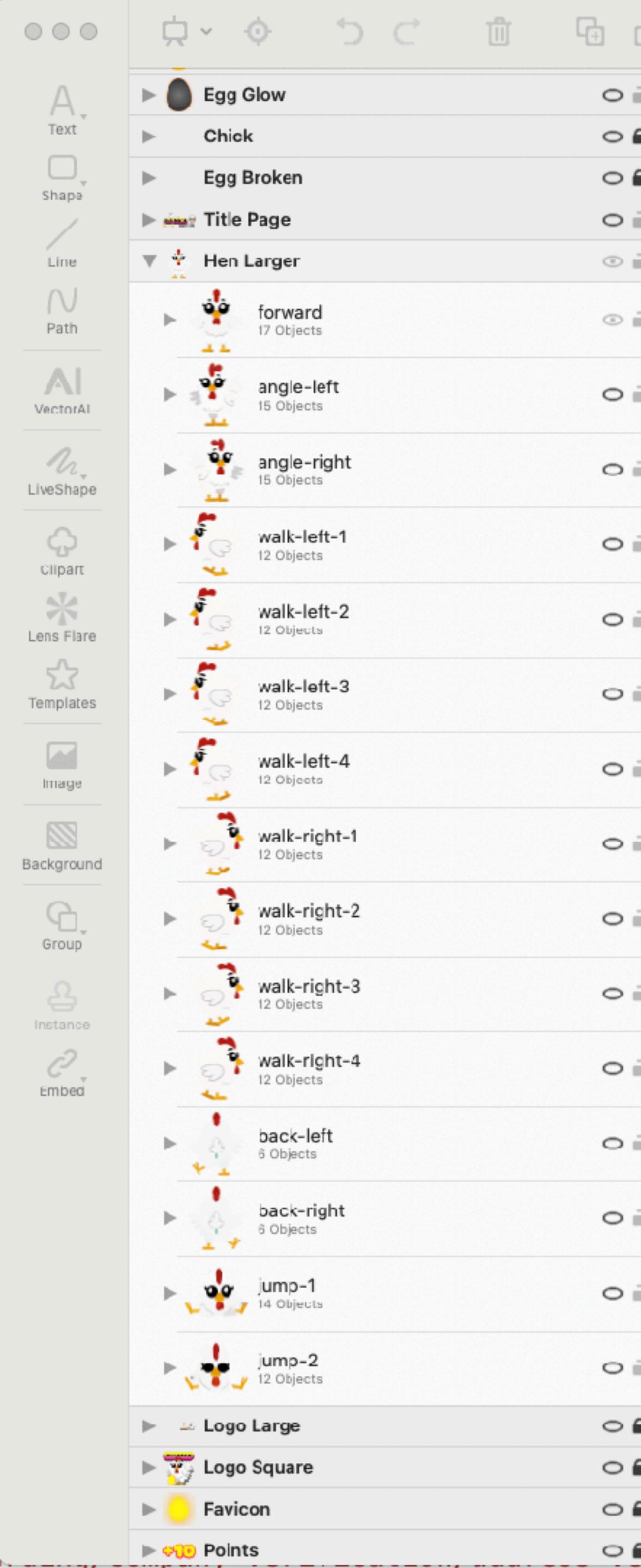


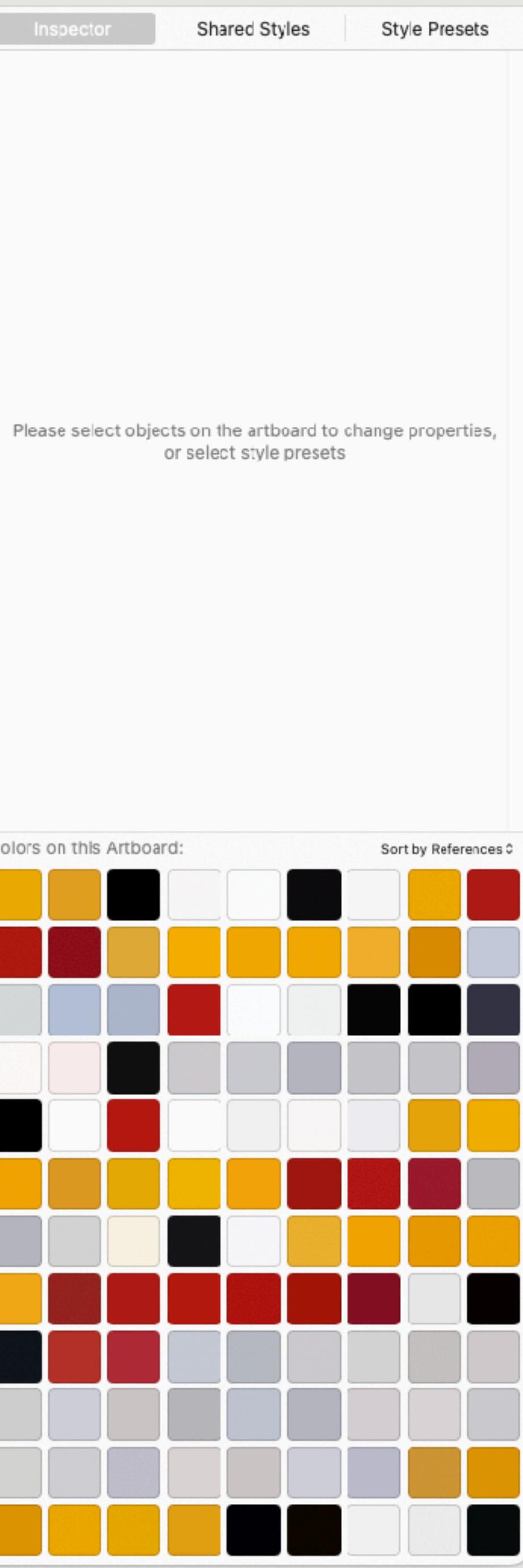
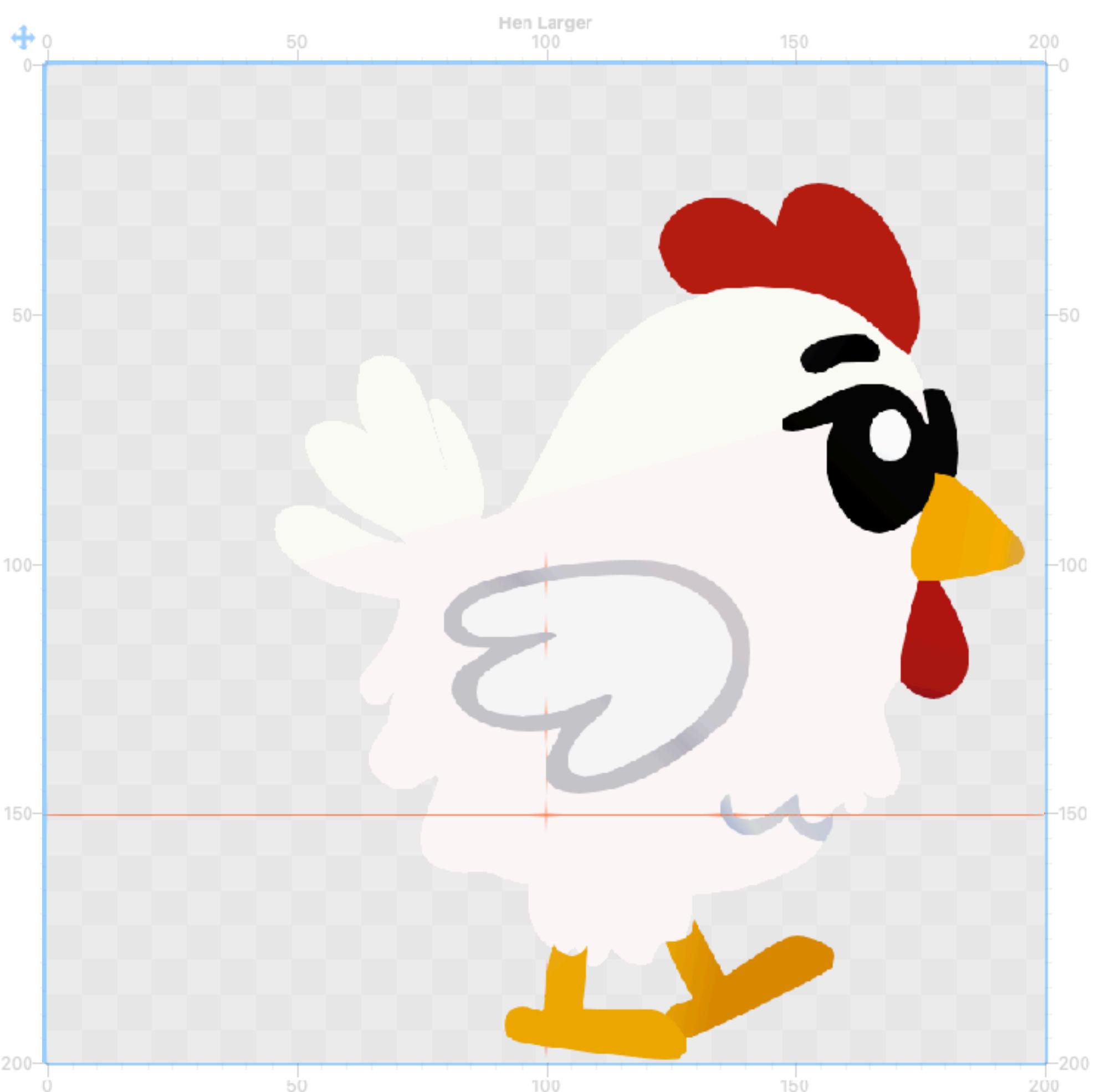
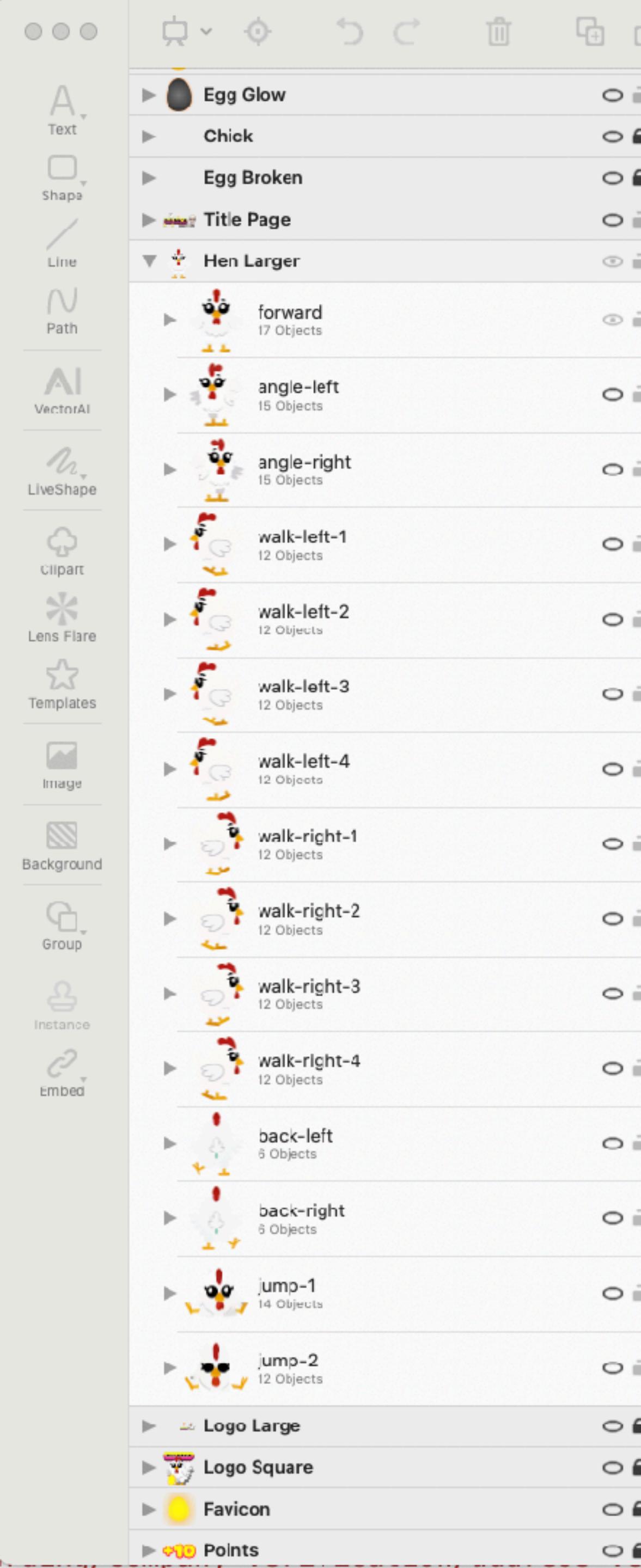
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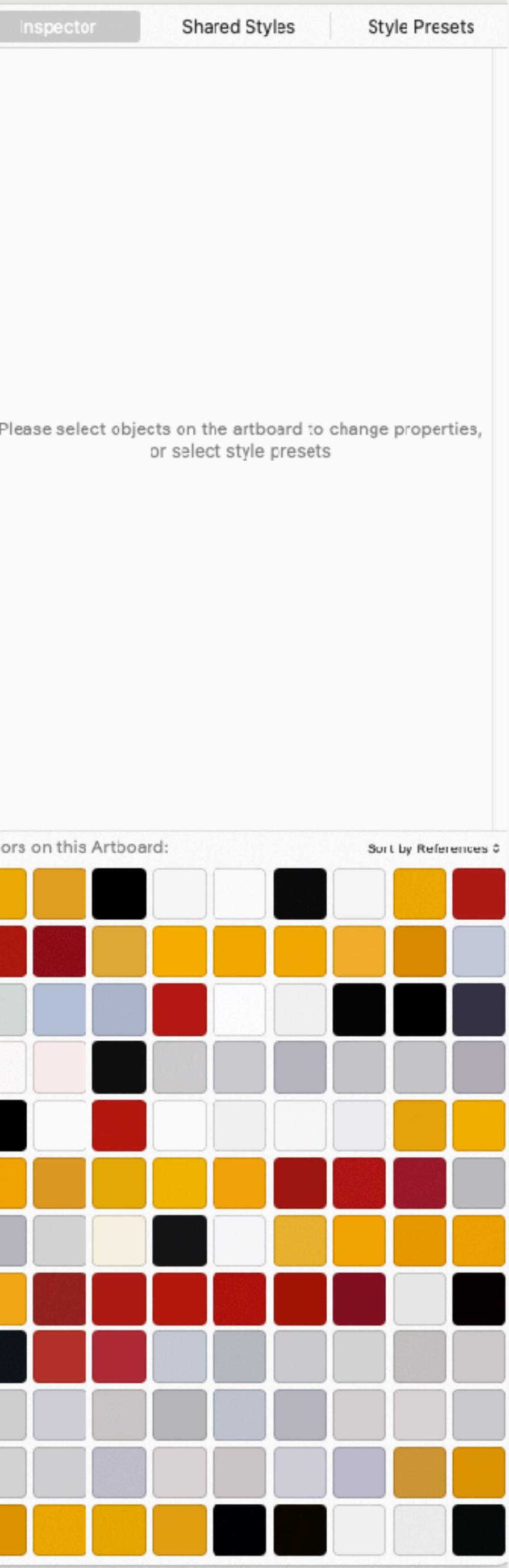
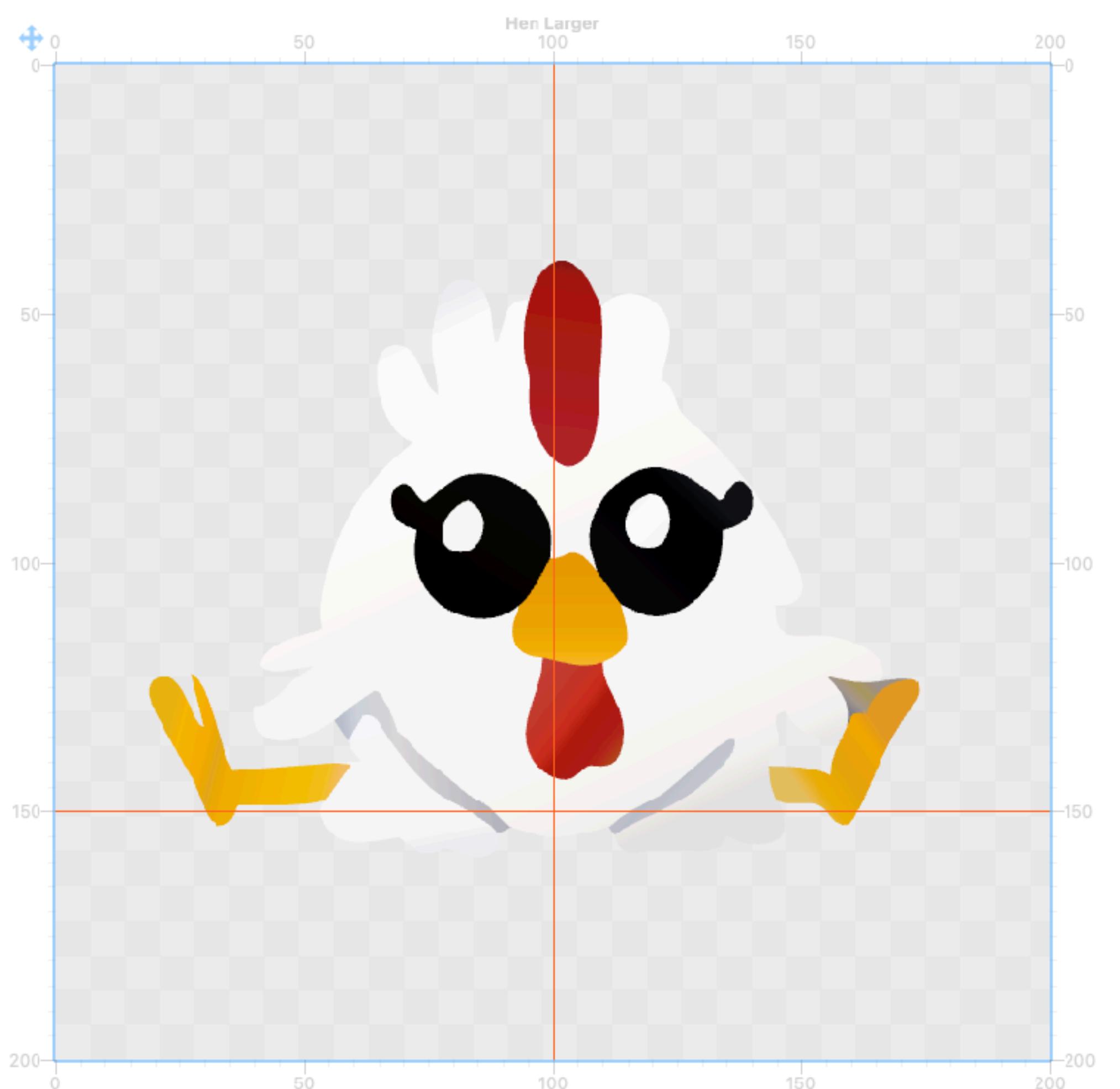
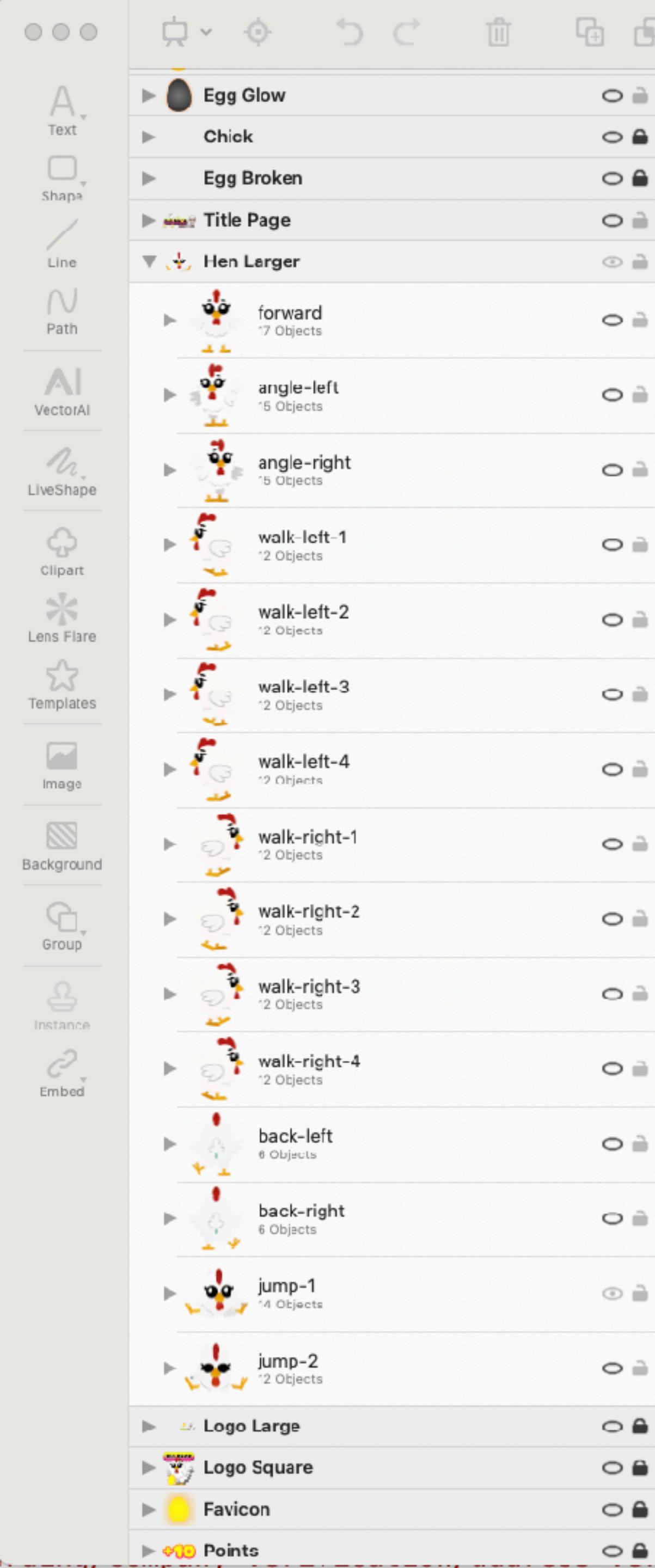


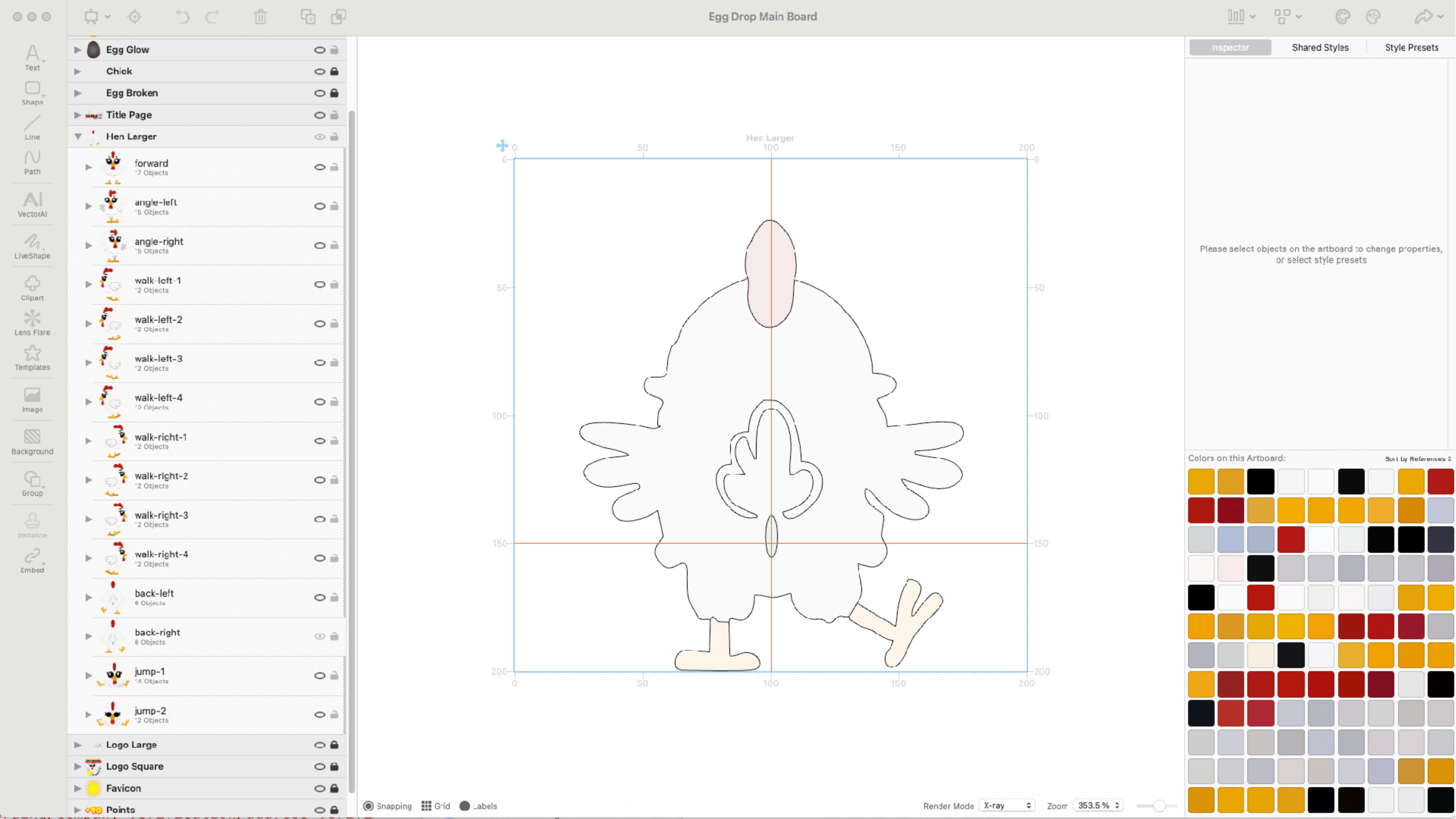
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# Texture Packer



hen.sprite.tps

Open project Save project Add sprites Remove sprites Add smart folder Sprite settings Preview Anims Publish sprite sheet Split sheet

Tutorials Feedback

Sprites

- angle-left.png
- angle-right.png
- back-left.png
- back-right.png
- forward.png
- jump-1.png
- jump-2.png
- walk-left-1.png
- walk-left-2.png
- walk-left-3.png
- walk-left-4.png
- walk-right-1.png
- walk-right-2.png
- walk-right-3.png
- walk-right-4.png

Settings

Output files

Framework: JSON (Hash)

Data file: action/Hen, Egg, Chick/hen.sprite.tps

Texture file: hen.sprite.png

Image format

Texture format: PNG-32

Pixel format: RGBA8888

Scaling variants:

Packing

Algorithm: MaxRects

Max size: 2048

Trim mode: None

Multi pack: Off

Extrude: 1

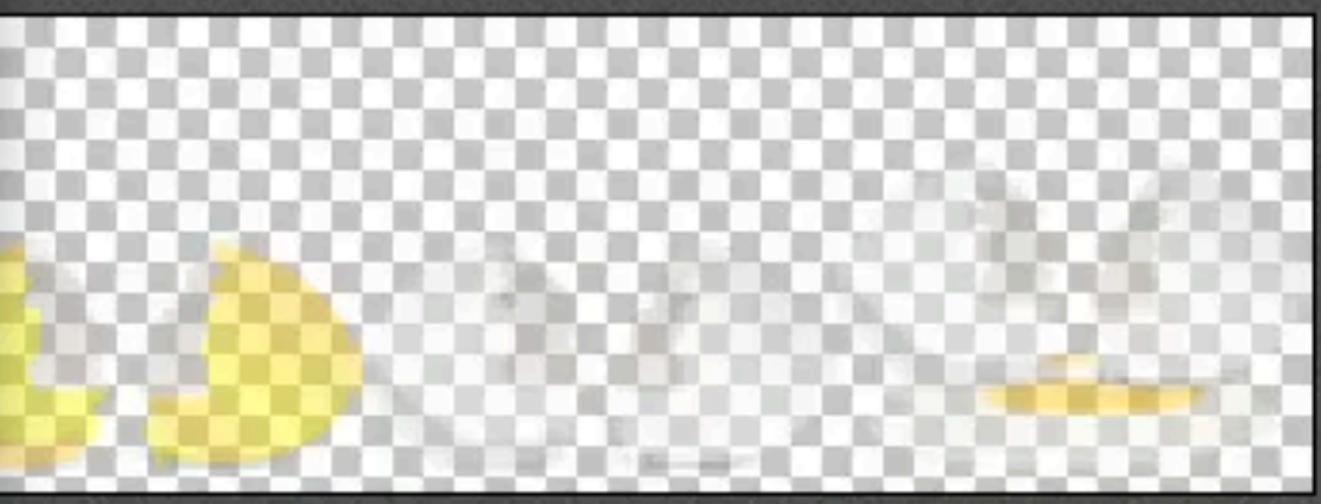
Animation preview

Use texture format PNG-8 to r Speed 7 FPS 4x Advanced settings >

Use PNG-8 format

Zoom: 80 % 1:1 Fit Auto Fit Display outlines 456x760 (RAM: 1353kB)

The screenshot shows a sprite editor window titled "hen.sprite.tps". The top menu bar includes standard file operations like Open project, Save project, and various sprite management tools. The left sidebar lists individual sprite files. The main workspace displays a 3x4 grid of frames from a hen's sprite sheet, each featuring a different pose of the hen. Below this is an "Animation preview" window showing a continuous loop of the hen walking towards the right. The preview window has controls for speed (7 FPS) and format (using PNG-8). On the right side, there are several tabs for "Settings" including output file configuration (JSON framework), image format (PNG-32 pixel format), and packing options (MaxRects algorithm). The bottom of the screen shows zoom and display settings.









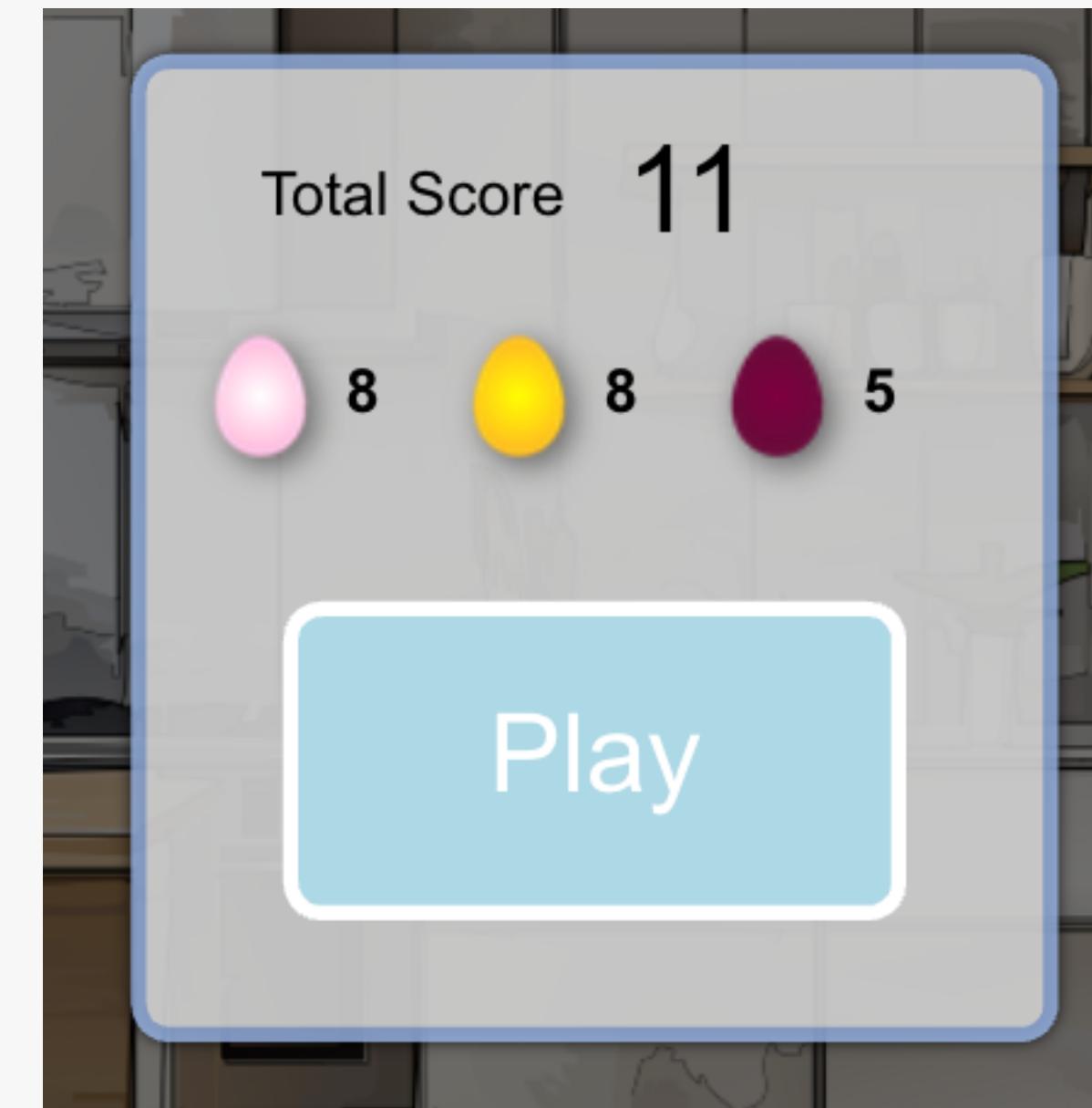






# What about fonts?

Arial in a game is so sad



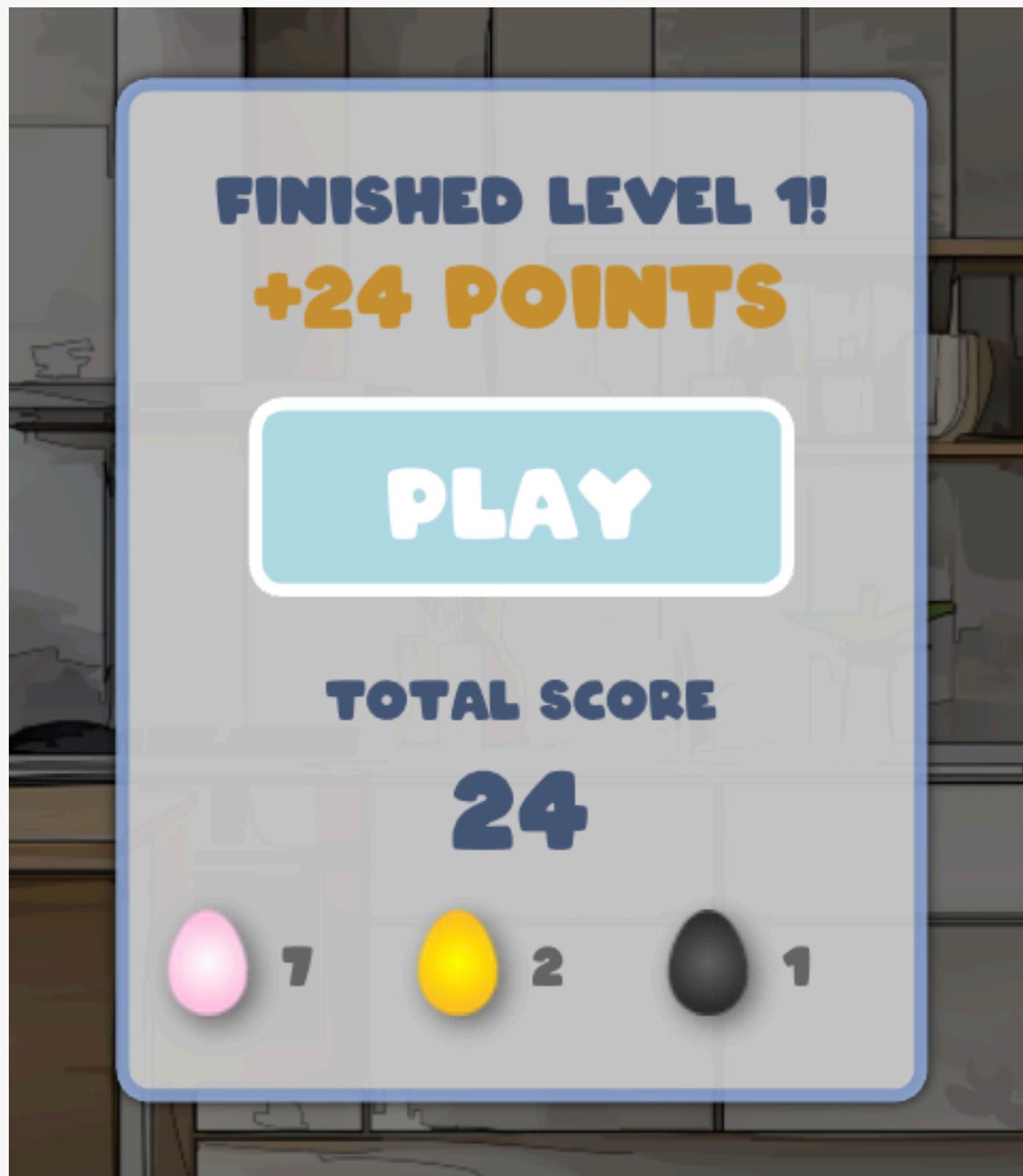
# ARCO

**THE QUICK YELLOW CHICK JUMPS OVER THE LAZY CHEF.**

```
@font-face {  
    font-family: 'Arco';  
    src: local('Arco-Regular'), url('/fonts/ARC0.ttf') format('truetype');  
}
```

# ARCO

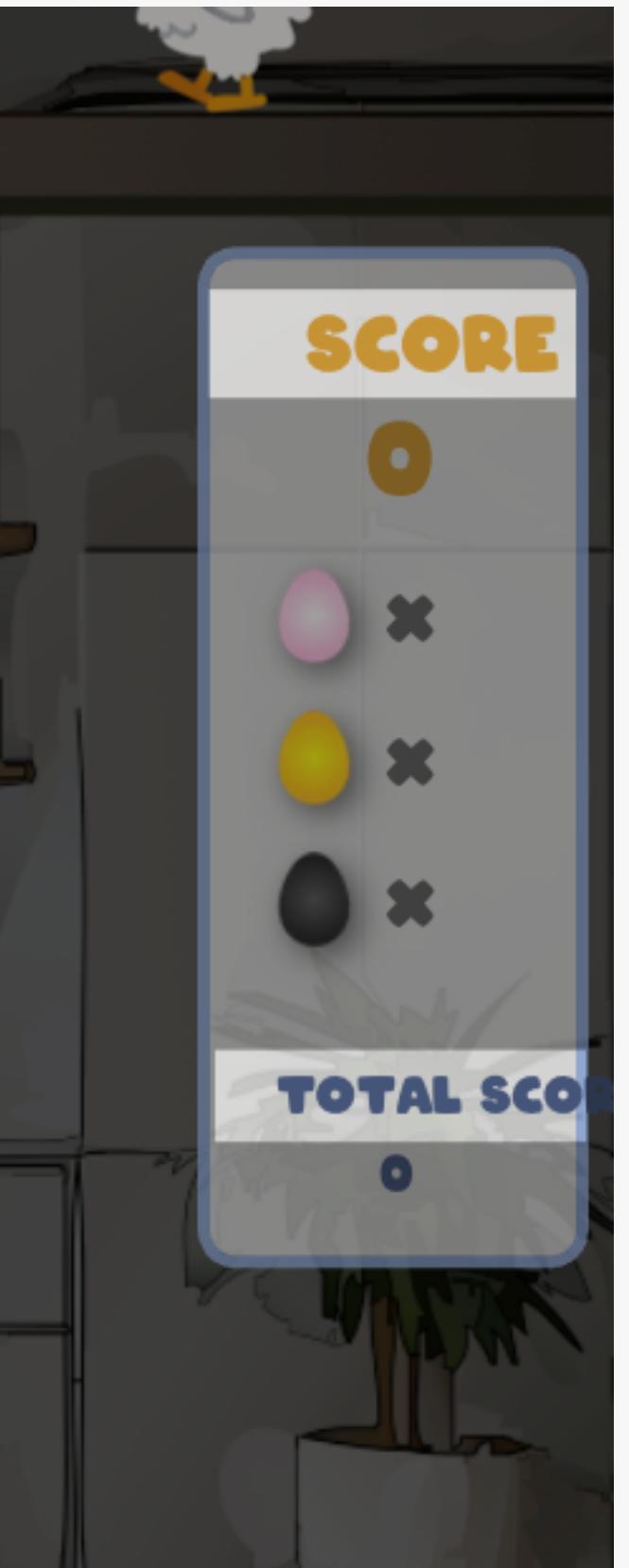
THE QUICK YELLOW CHICK JUMPS OVER THE LAZY CHEF.



# ARCO



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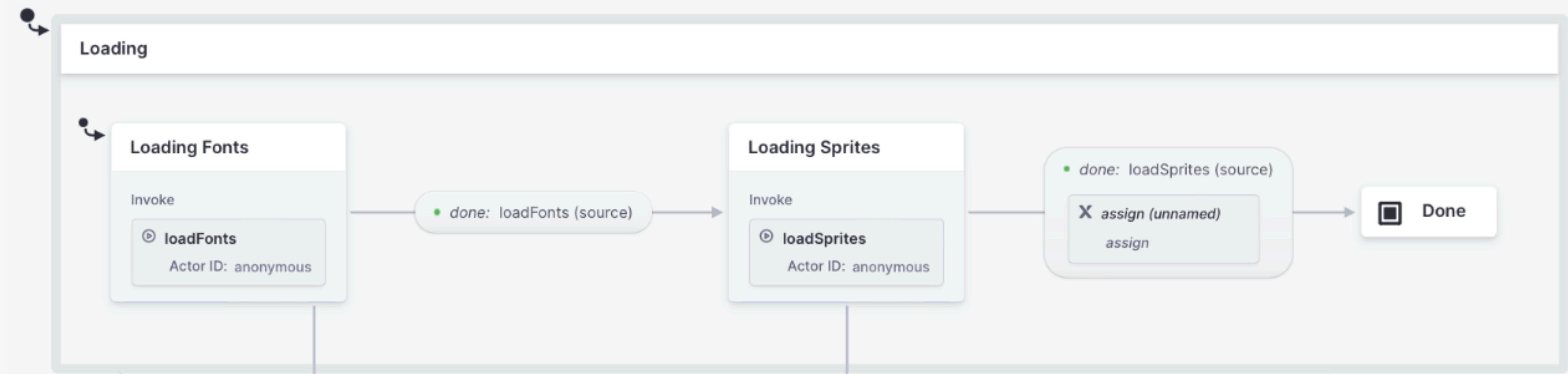


**FOUT** - *Flash of unstyled text*

**FOIT** - *Flash of invisible text*

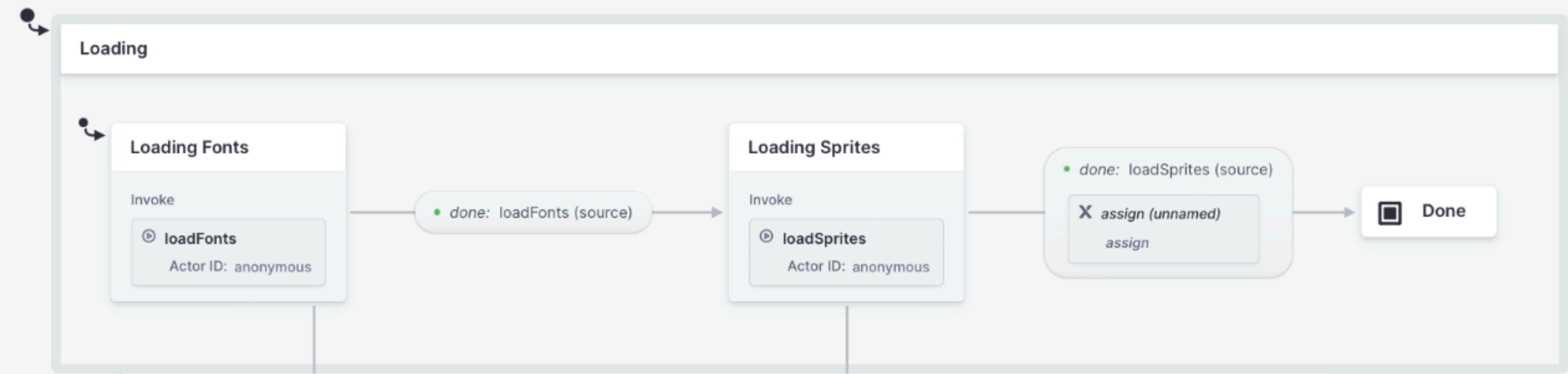
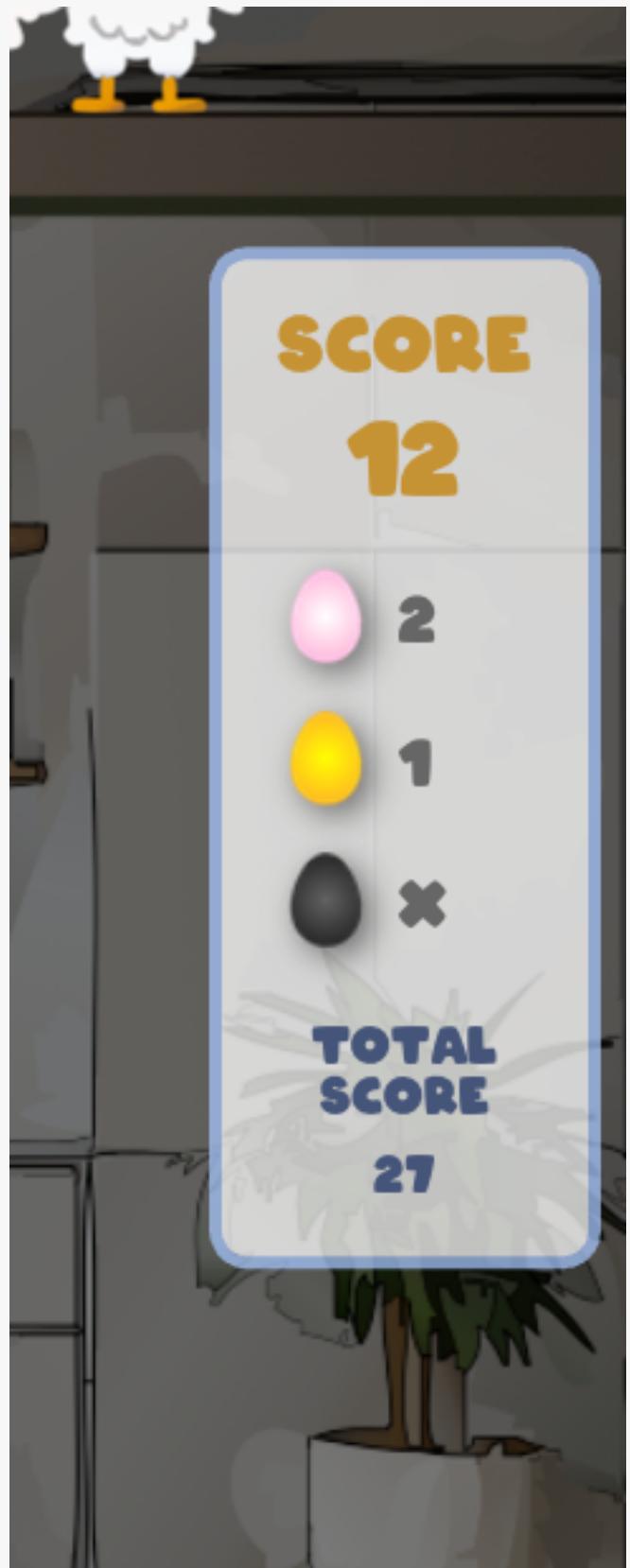
**FOFT** - *Flash of faux text*

# ARCO



# ARCO

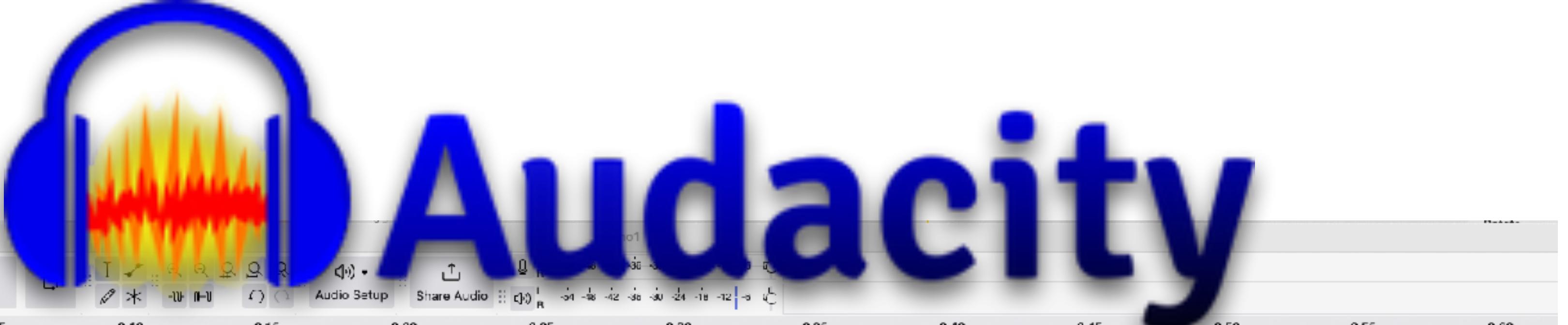
## new FontFaceObserver('Arco');



```
loadFonts: fromPromise(() => {
    const arcoFont = new FontFaceObserver('Arco');
    const jetBrainsMonoFont = new FontFaceObserver('JetBrains Mono');
    return Promise.all([arcoFont.load(), jetBrainsMonoFont.load()]);
}),
```









# HOWLER.JS

```
export const sounds = {
  backgroundLoop: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/i-am-dreaming-or-final-fantasy-menu-kind-a-thing-29173.mp3'],
    volume: 0.5,
    loop: true,
  }),
  layEgg: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/laid.wav'],
    volume: 0.4,
  }),
  catch: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/marimba-c5.wav'],
    volume: 0.5,
  }),
  hatch: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/egg-crack.mp3'],
    volume: 0.5,
  })
};
```



# HOWLER.JS

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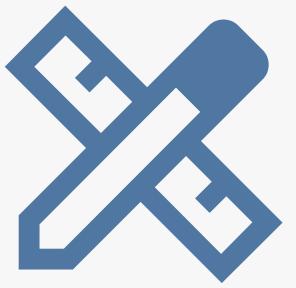
# XSTATE

```
// Sounds
playSplatSound: () => {
  sounds.splat.play();
},
playHatchSound: () => {
  sounds.hatch.play();
},
playHatchingChickSound: ({ context }) => {
  switch (context.color) {
    case 'gold':
      sounds.yipee.play();
      break;
    case 'white':
      sounds.haha.play();
  }
}
```

# GENETIC ALGORITHMS



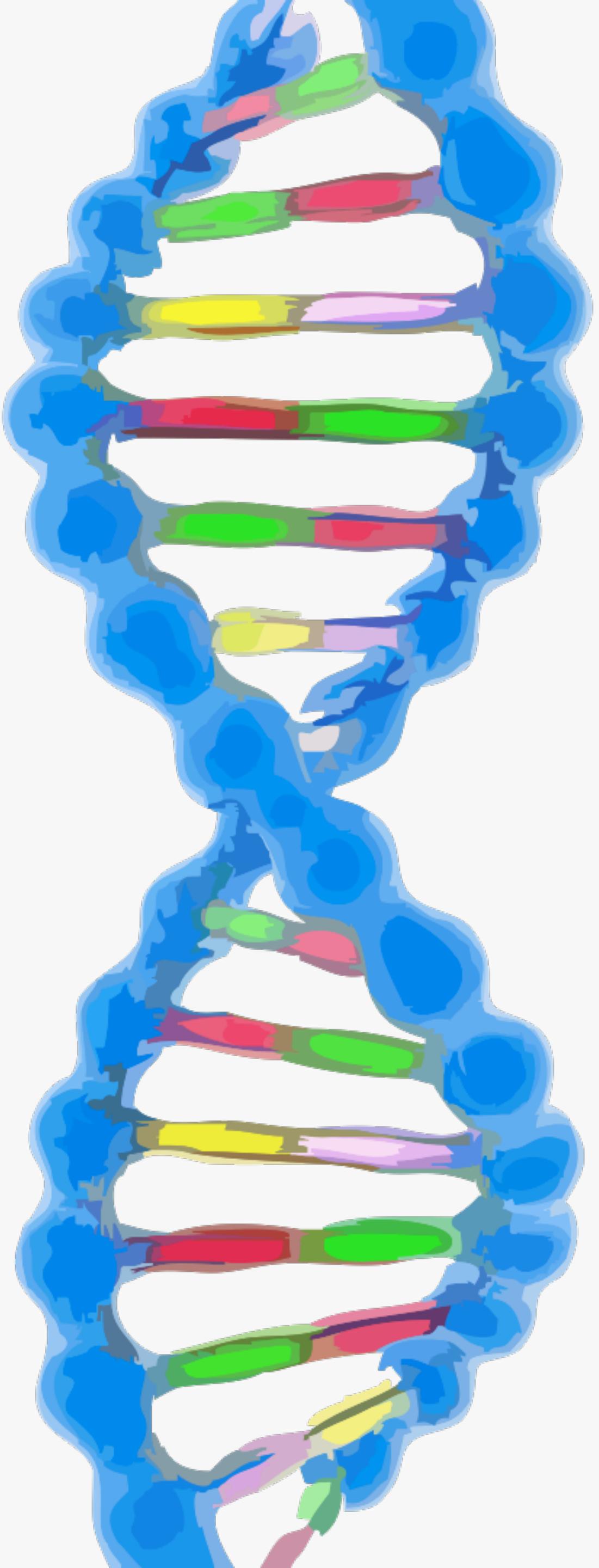
**DESIRED BEHAVIOR**



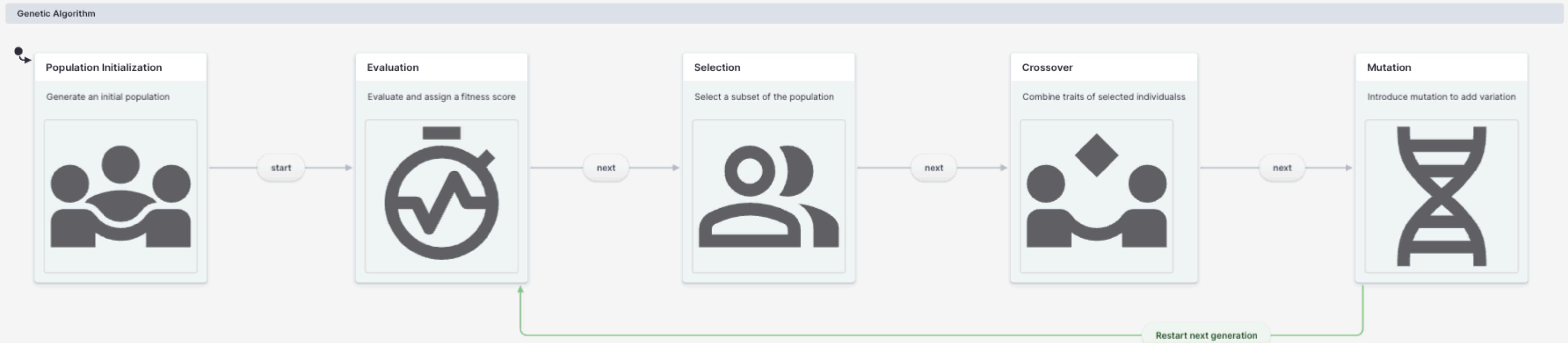
**OPTIMAL DESIGN**



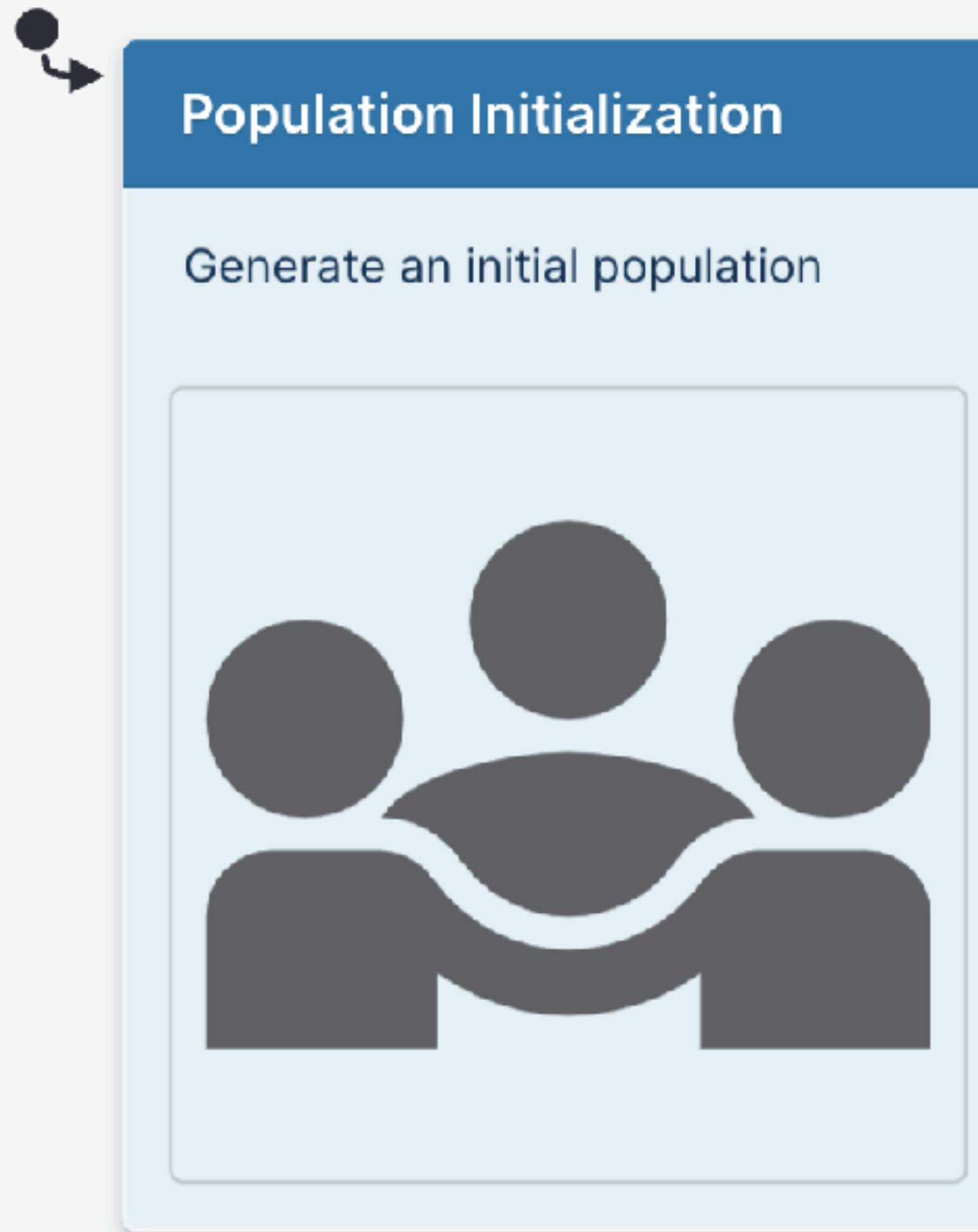
**SOLVE COMPLEX SEARCH PROBLEMS**



# States of a genetic algorithm



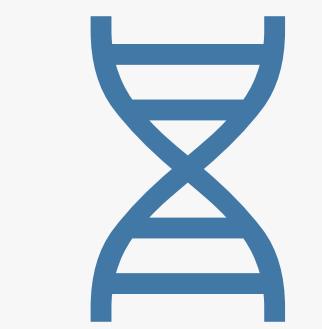
# Population Initialization



Many “individuals”

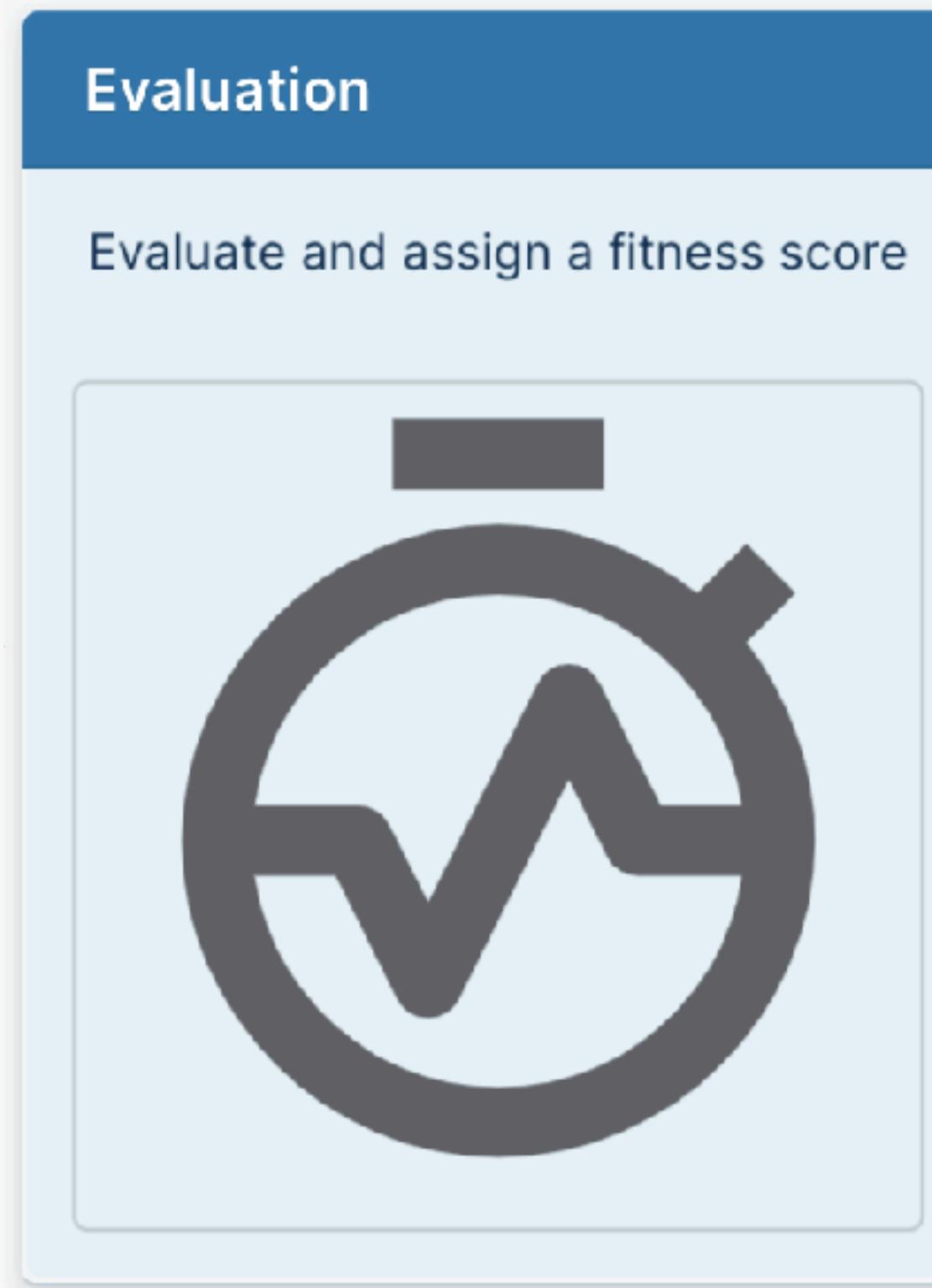


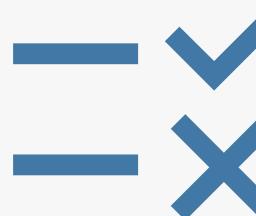
Each with a potential solution



Stored in their “DNA”

# Evaluation & Fitness

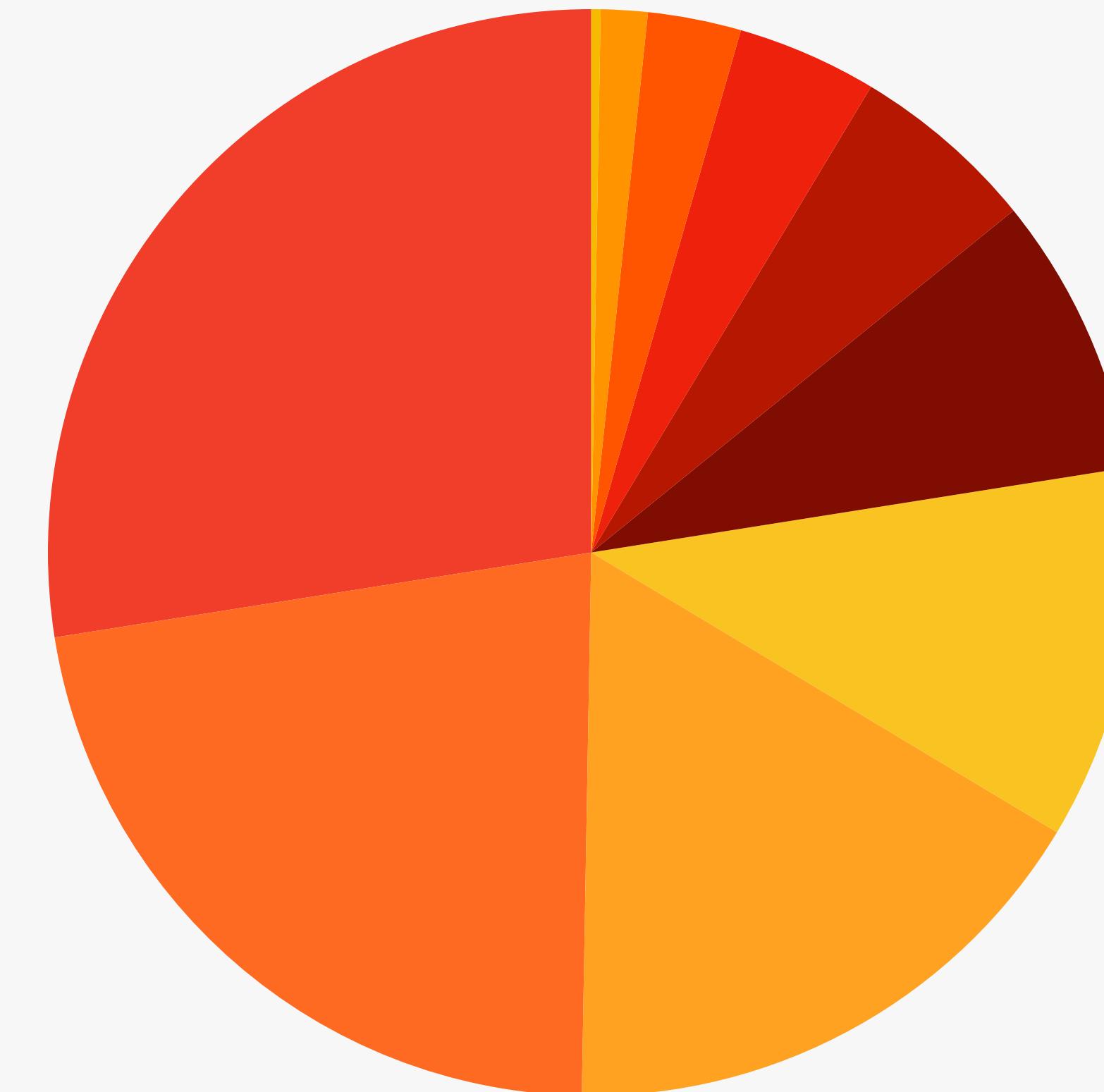


-  Evaluate performance
-  Reward behavior
-  Punishment
-  Weighted criteria

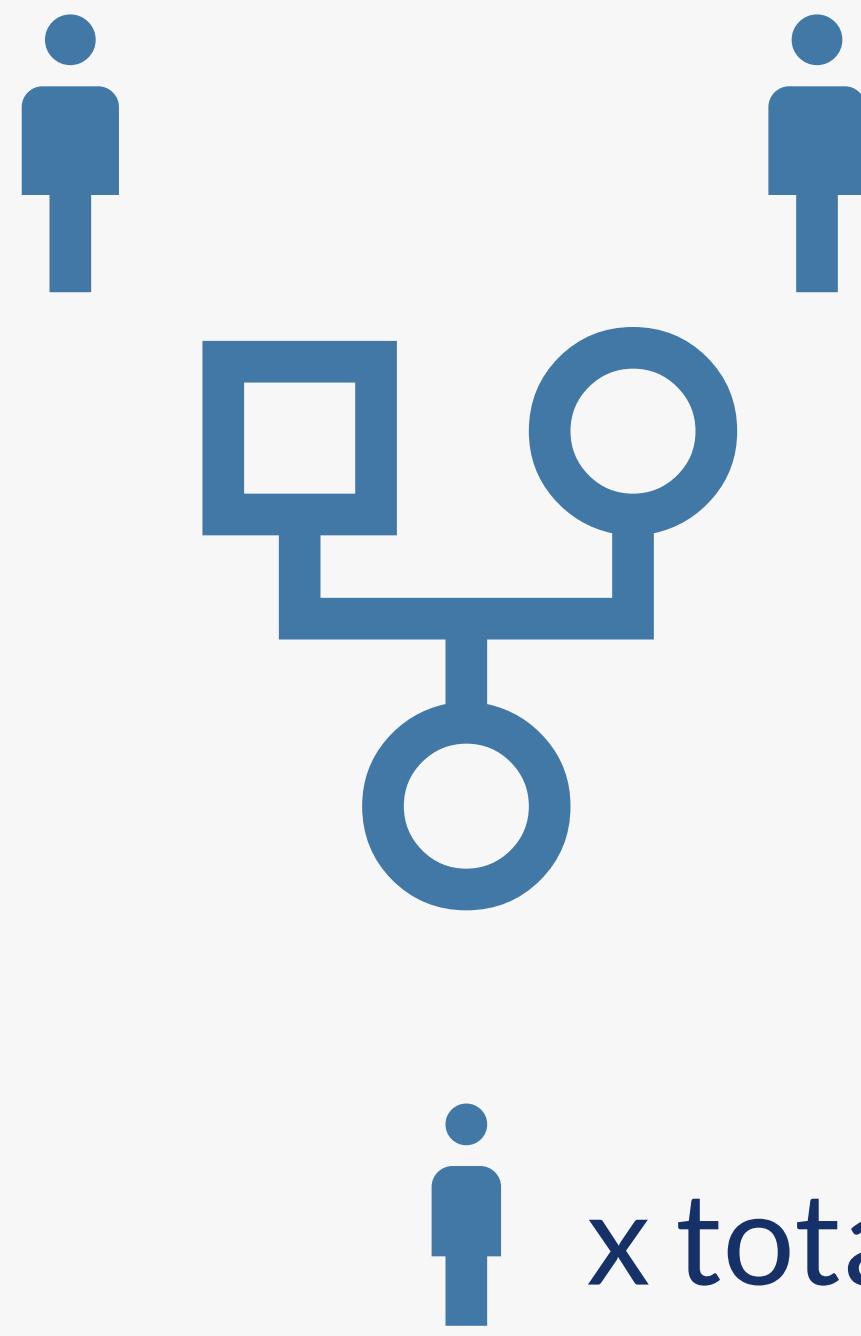
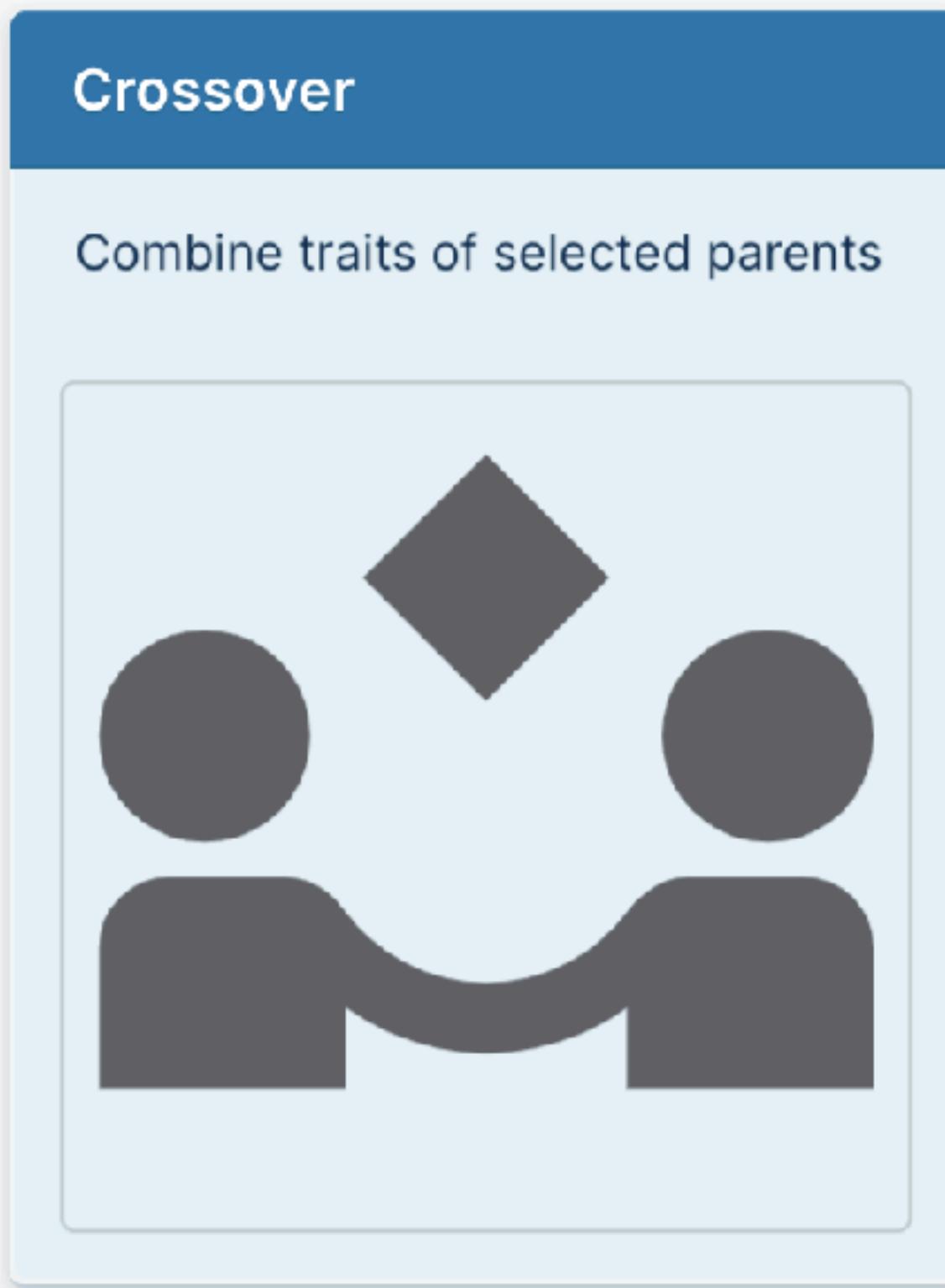
# Selection



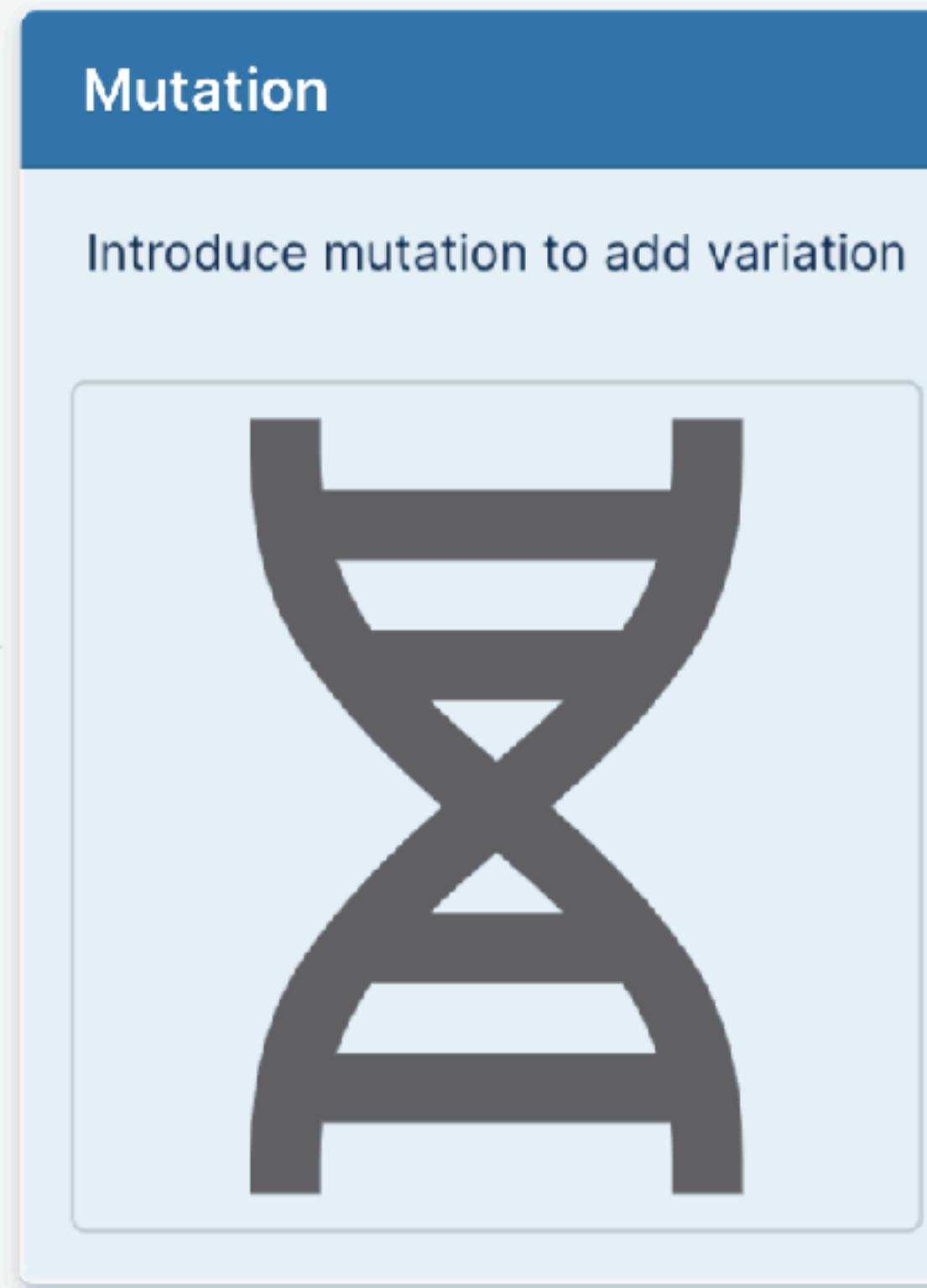
## Roulette Wheel Selection



# Crossover

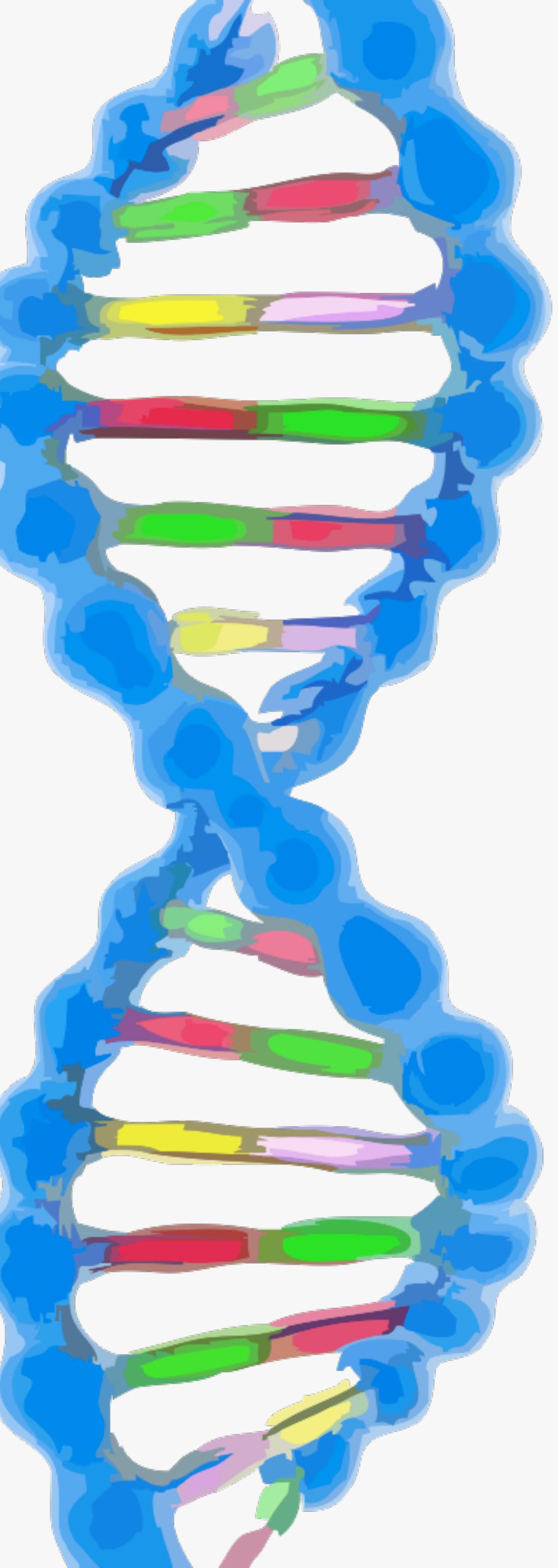


# Mutation



- Need to maintain variation
- Avoid “local optima”
- Strive for the “global optimum”
- Mutation rate
- Mutation amount

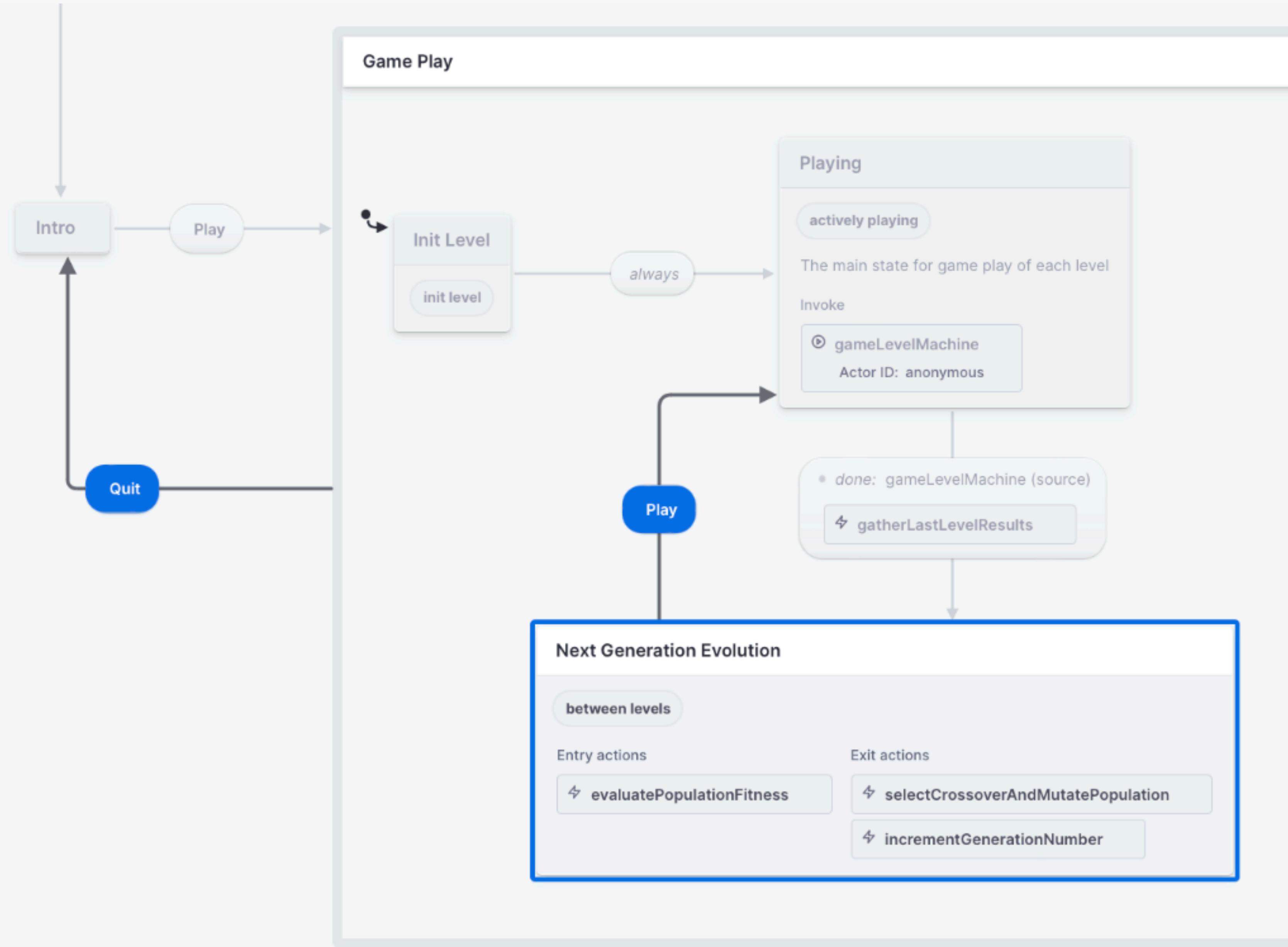
# **GENETIC ALGORITHMS IN EGG DROP**



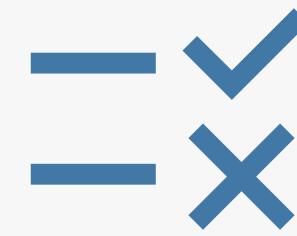
# HENDIVIDUAL



```
export interface Hendividual {  
  id: string;  
  // Configuration  
  initialPosition: Position;  
  speed: number;  
  baseTweenDurationSeconds: number;  
  maxEggs: number;  
  stationaryEggLayingRate: number;  
  movingEggLayingRate: number;  
  restAfterLayingEggMS: number;  
  blackEggRate: number;  
  goldEggRate: number;  
  hatchRate: number;  
  minX: number;  
  maxX: number;  
  minStopMS: number;  
  maxStopMS: number;
```



# Evaluation & Fitness



Evaluate performance

Hens that lay more eggs

Hens whose eggs go uncaught

Hens whose black eggs get caught



Reward behavior



Punishment



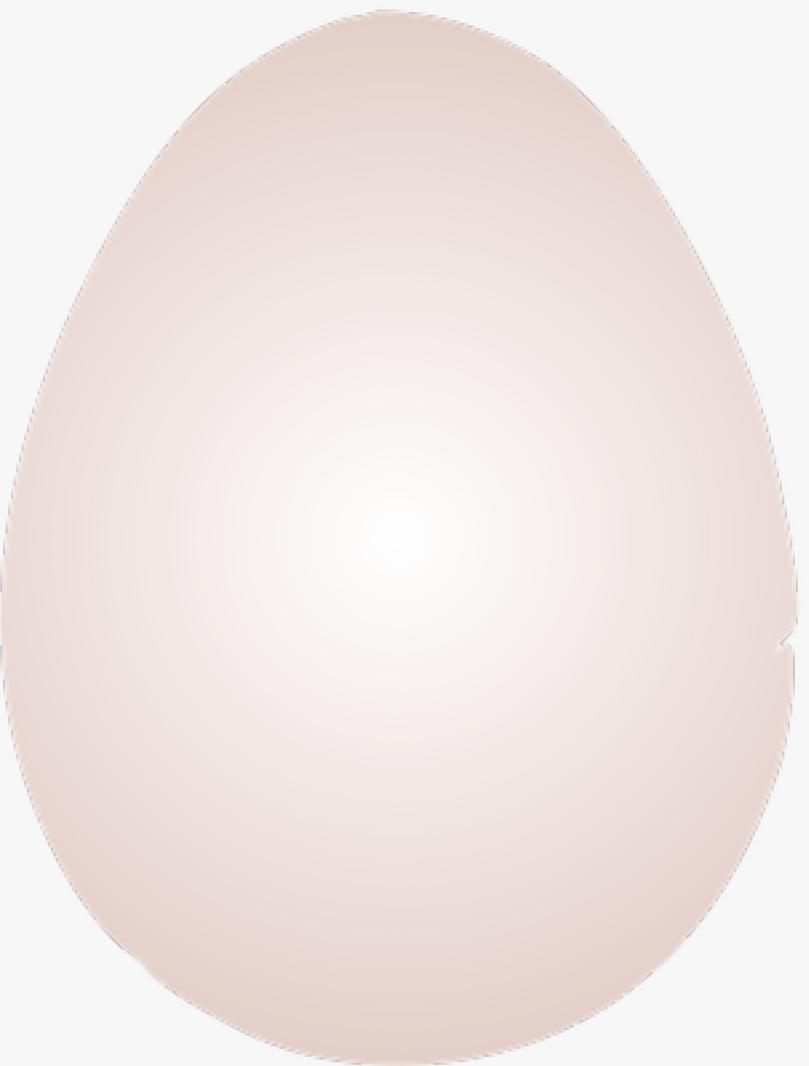
Hens who don't lay any eggs at all



Weighted criteria



# TWEAK THE GA

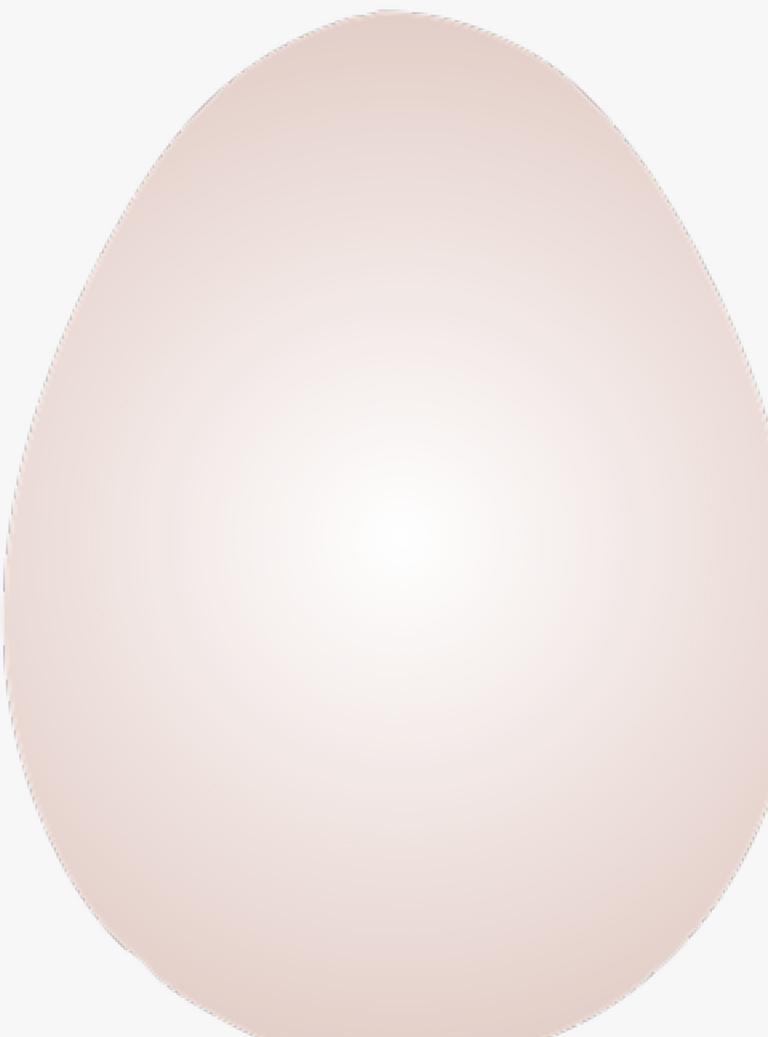


**BUILD THE GAME**



**TWEAK THE GA**

**OR**







LEVEL 1



55s

SCORE

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X

X

1

TOTAL  
SCORE

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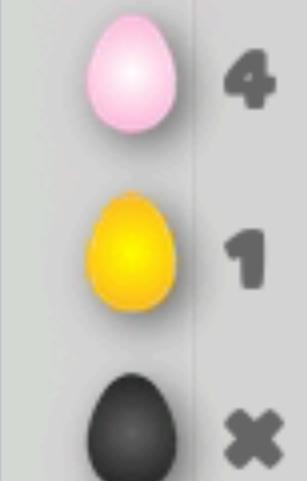




LEVEL 1



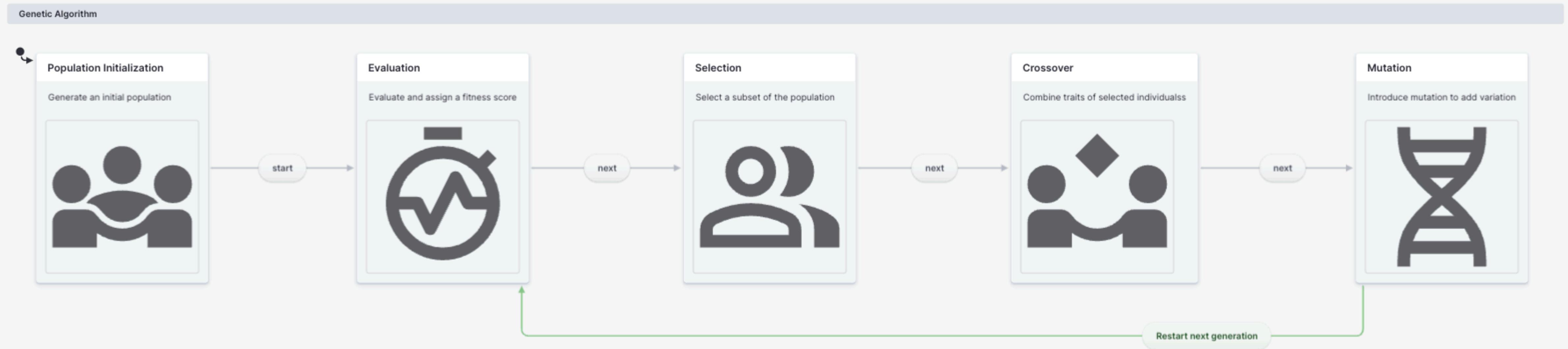
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TOTAL  
SCORE  
14



# Overcome small population size



Add genes (traits)

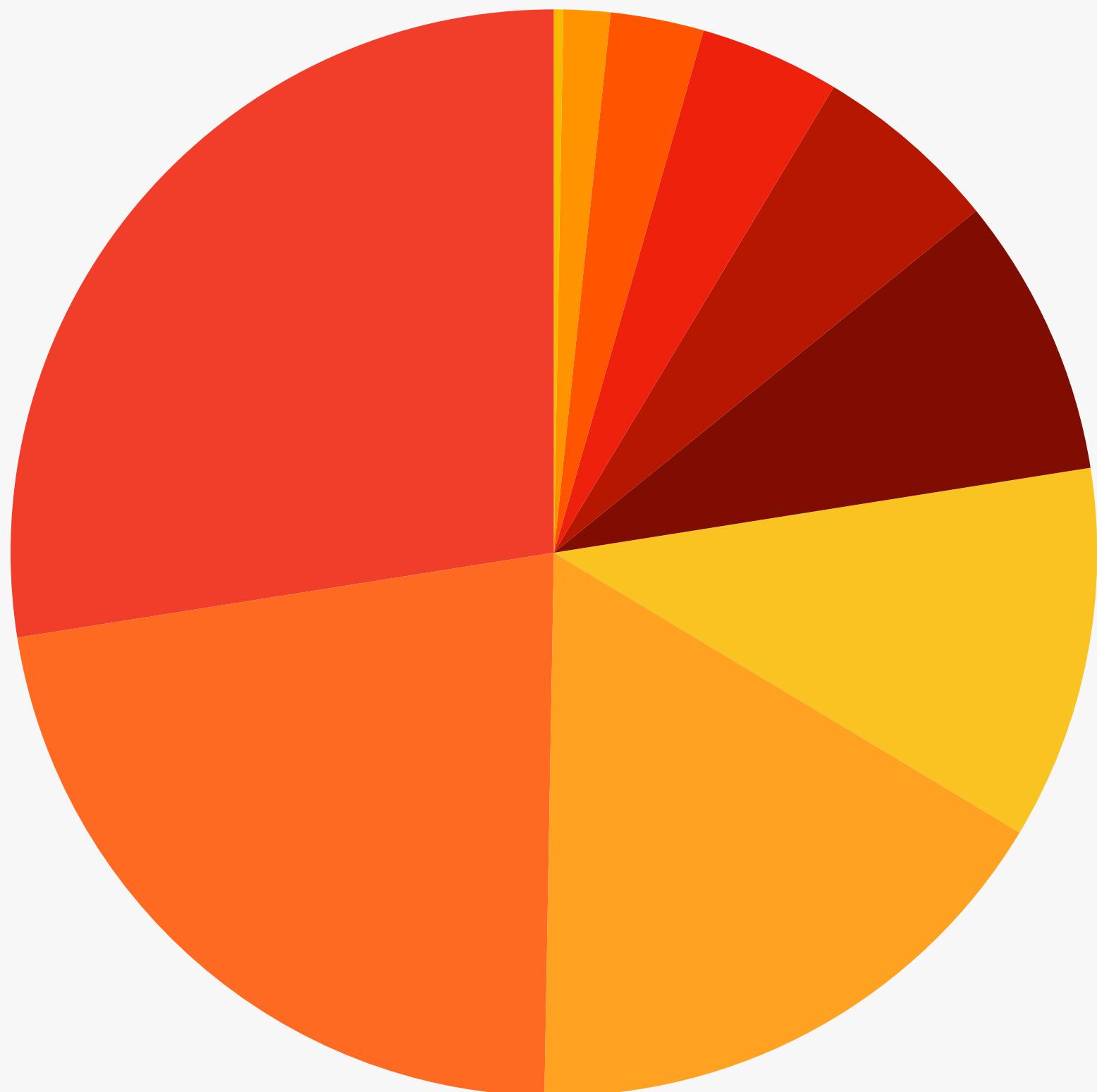
Tweak Fitness

Introduce elitism

Hybrid averaging/selection

Increase rate

# Roulette Wheel Selection



```
/**  
 * Selects an individual based on their relative fitness  
 * using roulette wheel selection  
 * @param population  
 * @returns  
 */  
export function rouletteWheelSelection(population: Individual[]) {  
    // Calculate the total fitness of the population  
    const totalFitness = population.reduce(  
        (acc, individual) => acc + individual.fitness,  
        0  
    );  
  
    // Generate a random number between 0 and the total fitness  
    let rand = Math.random() * totalFitness;  
  
    // Iterate through the population and select an individual based on the random  
    for (let individual of population) {  
        rand -= individual.fitness;  
        if (rand <= 0) {  
            return individual;  
        }
    }  
  
    // In case of rounding errors, return the last individual  
    return population[population.length - 1];
}
```

# Hendividual DNA (genes)

**GENOTYPE**



**PHENOTYPE**

{ SPEED, COLOR, SIZE, ... }

# Hendividual DNA (genes)

```
export class DNA {  
    /**...  
     * @param genes - array of numbers representing gene values  
     */  
    static crossover(parentDNA1: DNA, parentDNA2: DNA) {...}  
  
    private id: string = '';  
    private genes: number[];  
  
    constructor(length: number) {  
        this.genes = [];  
        for (let i = 0; i < length; i++) {  
            this.genes.push(Math.random());  
        }  
    }  
}
```

## PARENT 1



## PARENT 2



# Hendividual DNA (genes)

```
export class DNA {  
    /**...  
     * @param length - length of the DNA  
     */  
    static crossover(parentDNA1: DNA, parentDNA2: DNA) {...}  
  
    private id: string = '';  
    private genes: number[];  
  
    constructor(length: number) {  
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    }  
}
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## PARENT 1



## PARENT 2



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        }  
    }  
}
```

**AGNOSTIC OF PHENOTYPE VALUES**



**PARENT 1**



**PARENT 2**



**CHILD**



```
export type PhenotypeKey =  
  | 'speed'  
  | 'baseTweenDurationSeconds'  
  | 'stationaryEggLayingRate'  
  | 'movingEggLayingRate'  
  | 'hatchRate'  
  | 'minXMovement'  
  | 'maxXMovement'  
  | 'minStopMS'  
  | 'maxStopMS'  
  | 'maxEggs'  
  | 'blackEggRate'  
  | 'goldEggRate'  
  | 'restAfterLayingEggMS';
```

**CHILD**



```
export const phenotypeConfig: PhenotypeConfig = {  
  // The x speed of the hen  
  speed: {  
    min: 0,  
    max: 1,  
  },  
  // The maximum number of eggs the hen can lay  
  maxEggs: {  
    min: 1,  
    max: 10,  
    round: true,  
  },  
  // The likelihood of the hen laying an egg while stationary  
  stationaryEggLayingRate: {  
    min: 0,  
    max: 0.5,  
  },  
  // The likelihood of the hen laying an egg while moving  
  movingEggLayingRate: {  
    min: 0,  
    max: 0.5,  
  },
```

```
/** Genetic Algorithm individual of the population */
export interface Individual {
  dna: DNA;
  phenotype: Record<PhenotypeKey, number>;
  fitness: number;
}
```



```
/** Hendividual = Hen + Individual for Egg Drop */
export interface Hendividual extends Individual {
  id: string;

  // Configuration
  initialPosition: Position;

  // Results
  stats: {
    eggsLaid: number;
    eggsCaught: {
      white: number;
      gold: number;
      black: number;
    };
    eggsHatched: number;
    eggsBroken: number;
    eggsOffscreen: number;
  };
}
```

LEVEL 3



SCORE  
39

16

3

2

TOTAL  
SCORE

93





Test sound

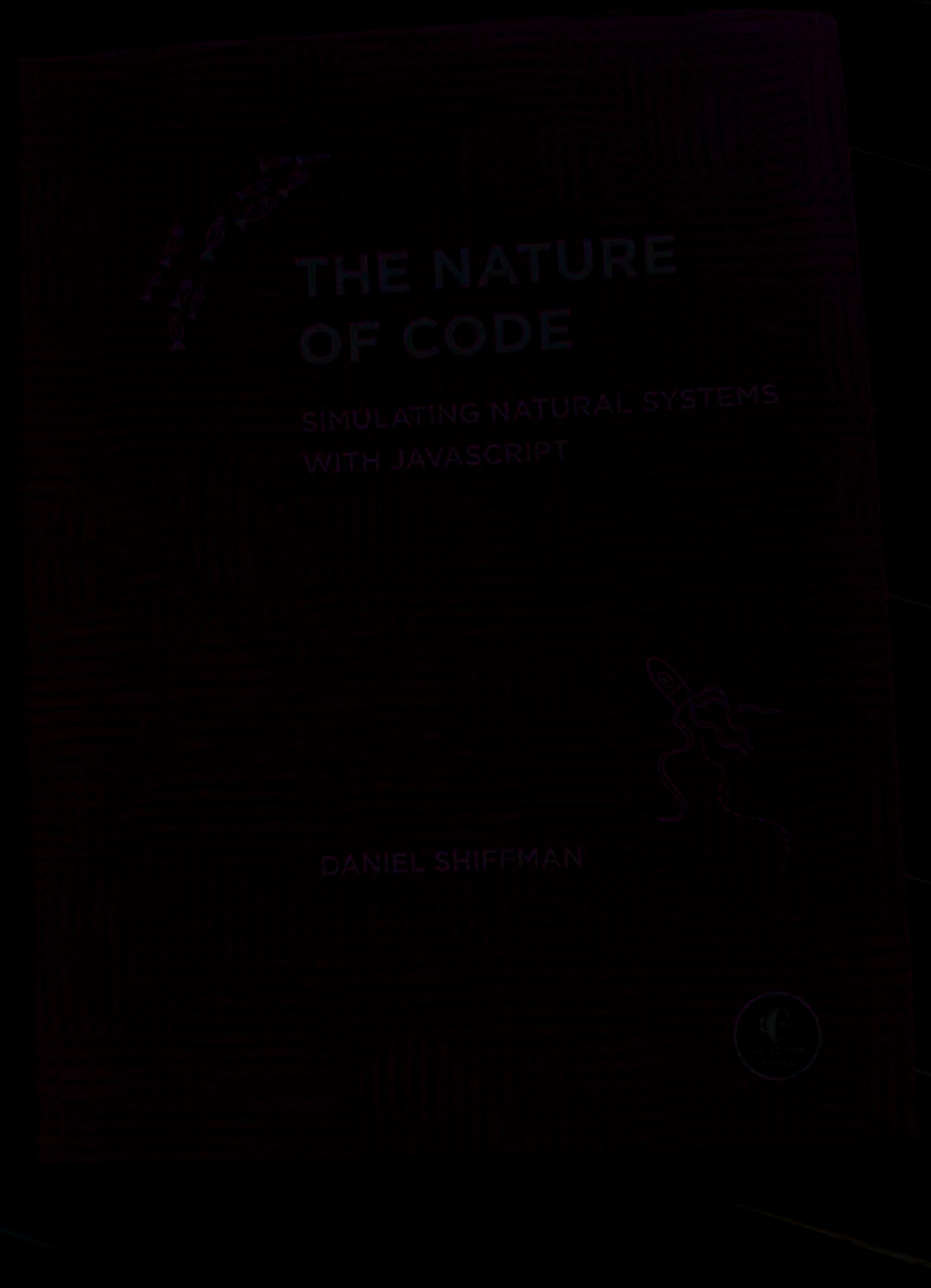
Generation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
totalEggsLaid	68	76	96	88	95	79	72	57	73	75	80	67	73	68	60	73
averageEggsLaid	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.8
catchRate	35%	38%	30%	27%	36%	33%	39%	37%	27%	28%	29%	36%	38%	21%	25%	29%
averageFitness	0.78	0.89	1.03	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.88	0.79	0.90	0.94	1.02	0.84	0.83	1.06	0.88	0.92
averageHenSpeed	0.51	0.71	0.74	0.75	0.81	0.80	0.85	0.91	0.94	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
averageBaseTweenDurationSeconds	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
averageStationaryEggLayingRate	0.25	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49
averageMovingEggLayingRate	0.25	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49
averageHatchRate	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
averageMinXMovement	126	156	160	163	171	170	178	187	191	193	194	195	197	197	197	197
averageMaxXMovement	771	982	1,009	1,025	1,084	1,076	1,127	1,188	1,219	1,229	1,235	1,242	1,258	1,258	1,258	1,258
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averageMaxStopMS	2,532	3,557	3,684	3,762	4,049	4,011	4,259	4,552	4,704	4,755	4,780	4,818	4,894	4,894	4,894	4,894
averageMaxEggs	5.5	7.4	7.6	7.8	8.4	8.3	8.8	9.3	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
averageBlackEggRate	0.15	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
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averageRestAfterLayingEggMS	1,013	1,423	1,474	1,505	1,620	1,604	1,704	1,821	1,882	1,902	1,912	1,928	1,958	1,958	1,958	1,958

Test sound

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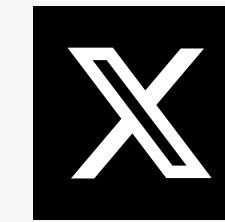
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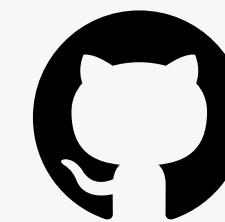
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