Evolving Game Development with Genetic Algorithms

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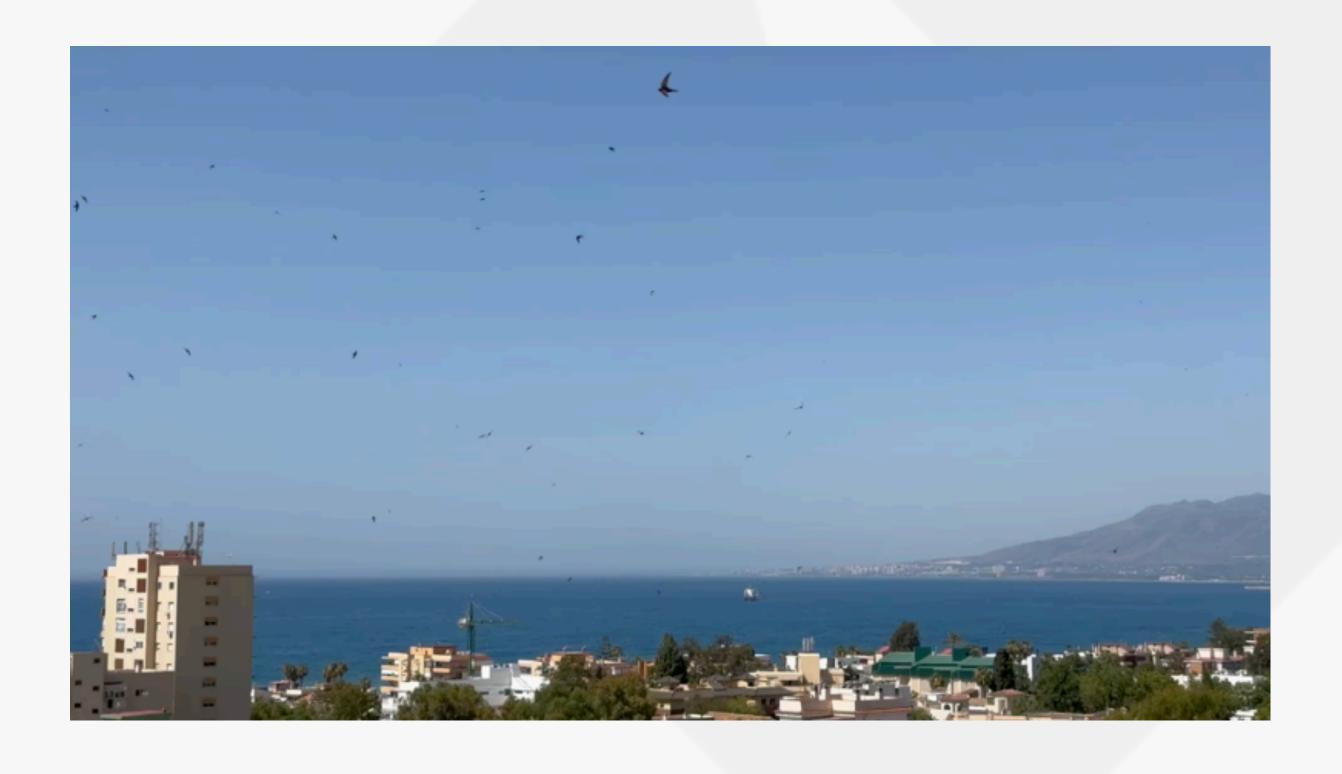


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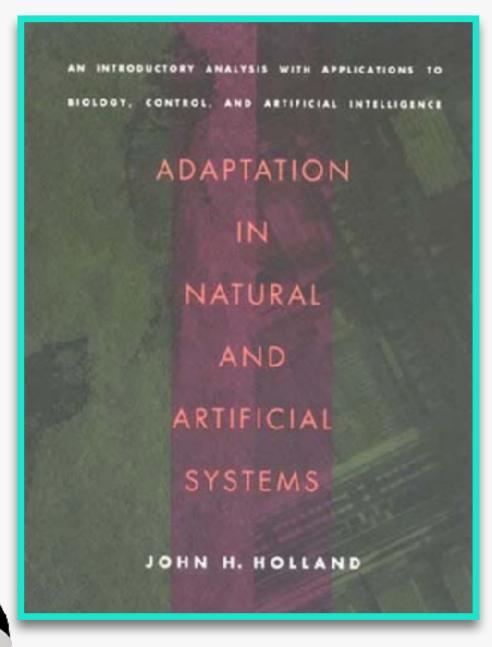






Genetic Algorithms

Adaptation in Natural and Artificial Systems



"general theories of adaptive processes apply across biological, cognitive, social, and computational systems"





Why genetic algorithms?



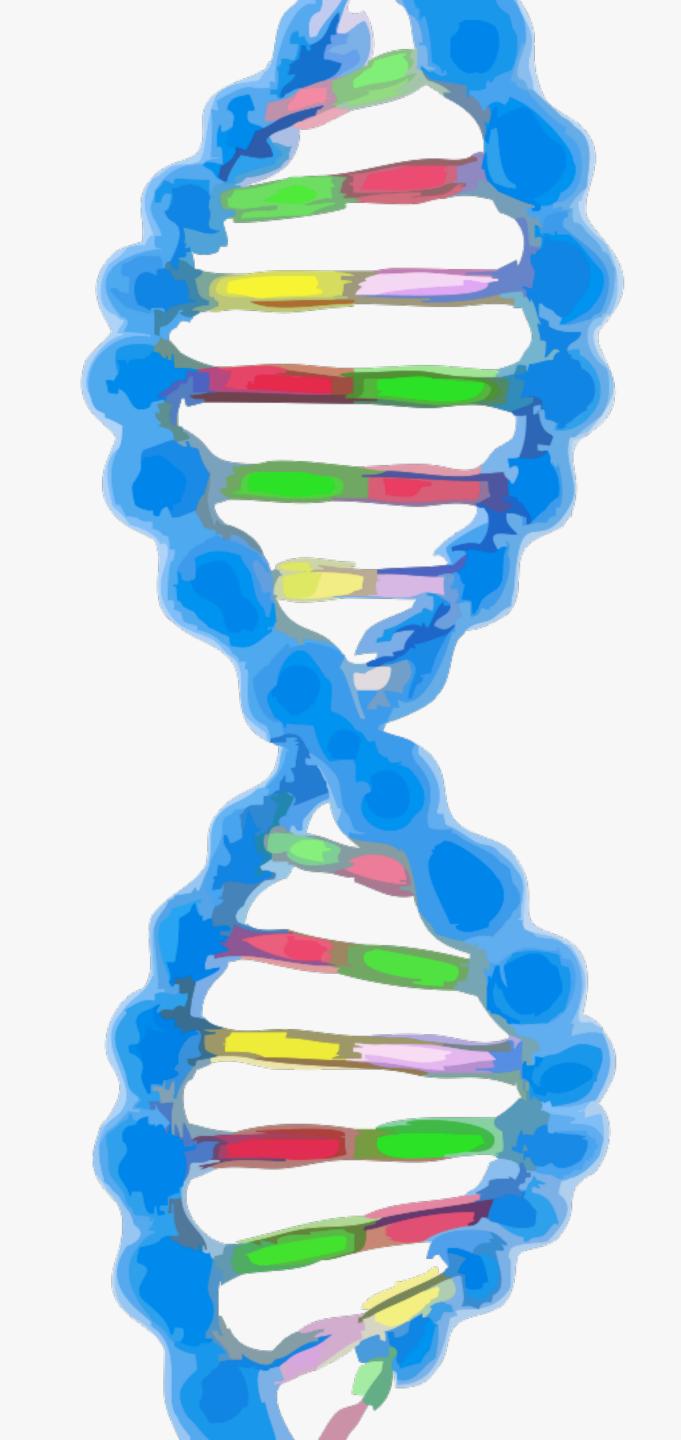
Desired behavior



Optimal design

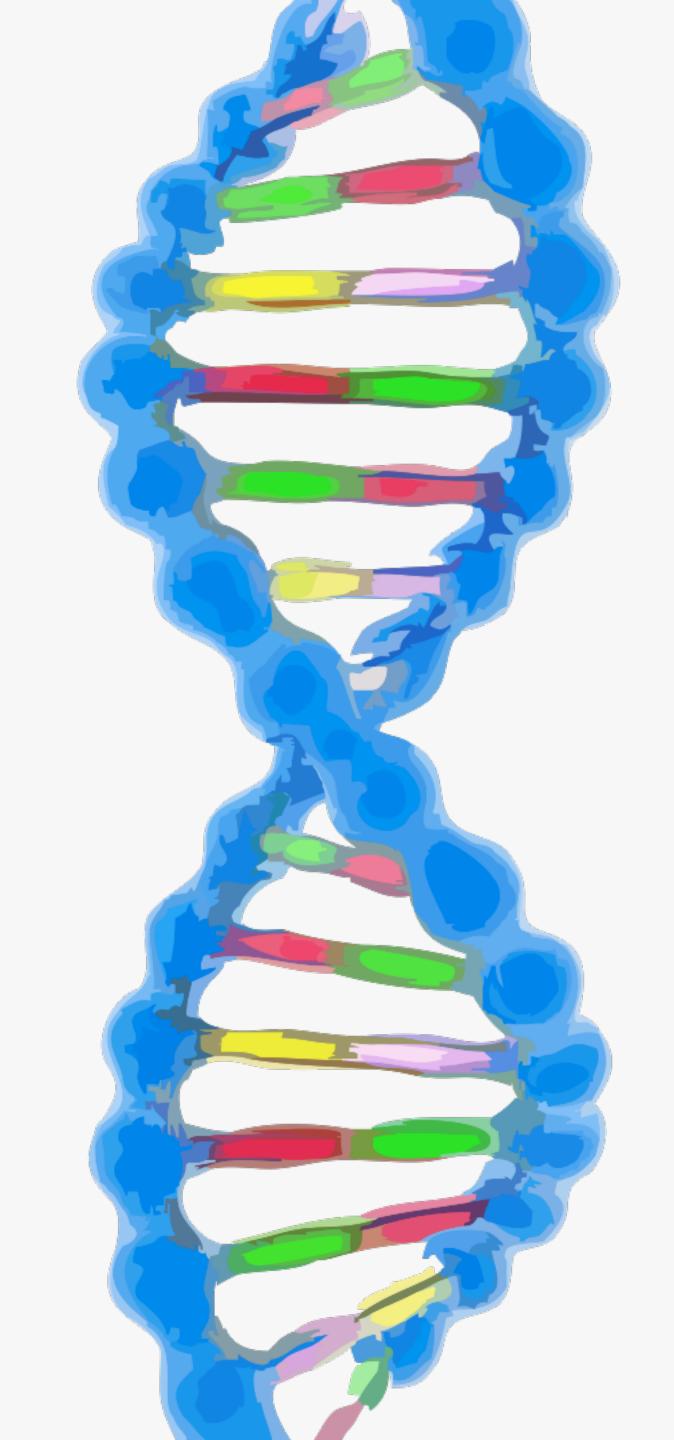


Solve complex search problems

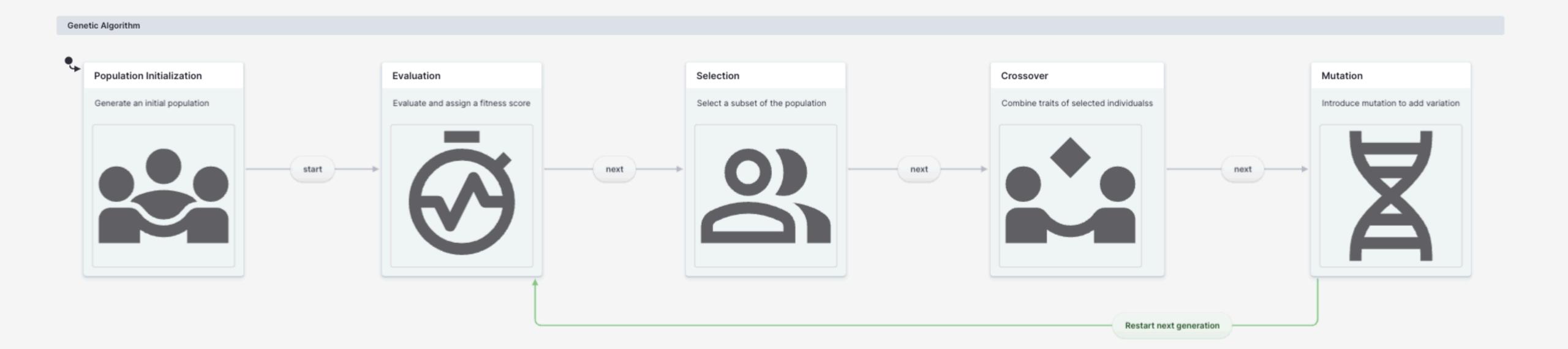


There's a GA for that!

- Designing efficient network topologies
- Automated software testing
- Evolving game strategies
- Scheduling Problems
- Complex hardware design



States of a genetic algorithm



Population Initialization





Many "individuals"

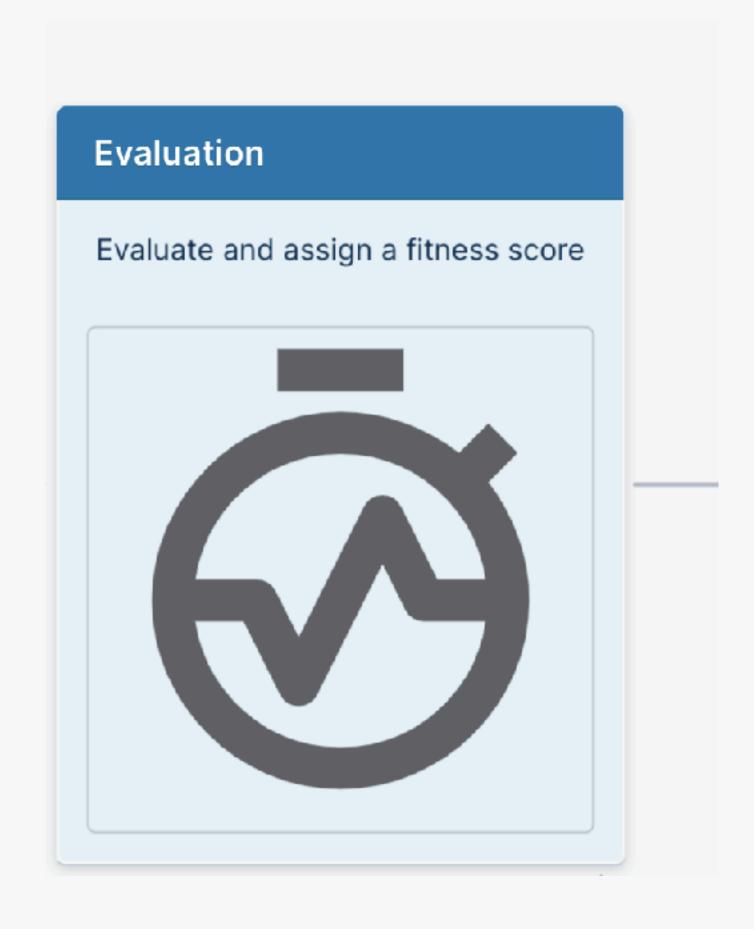


Each with a potential solution



Stored in their "DNA"

Evaluation & Fitness



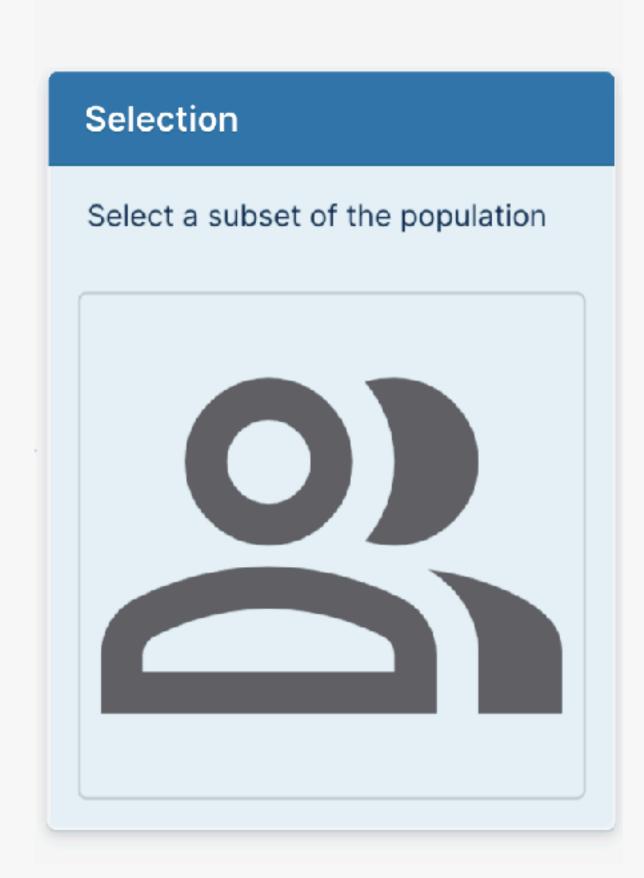




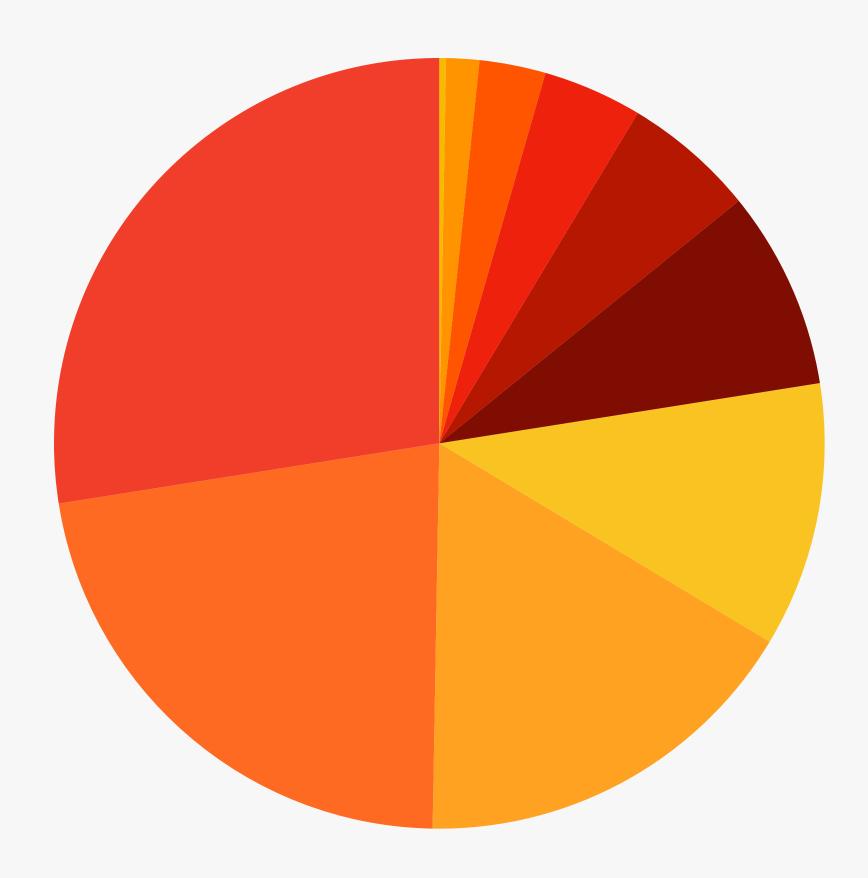




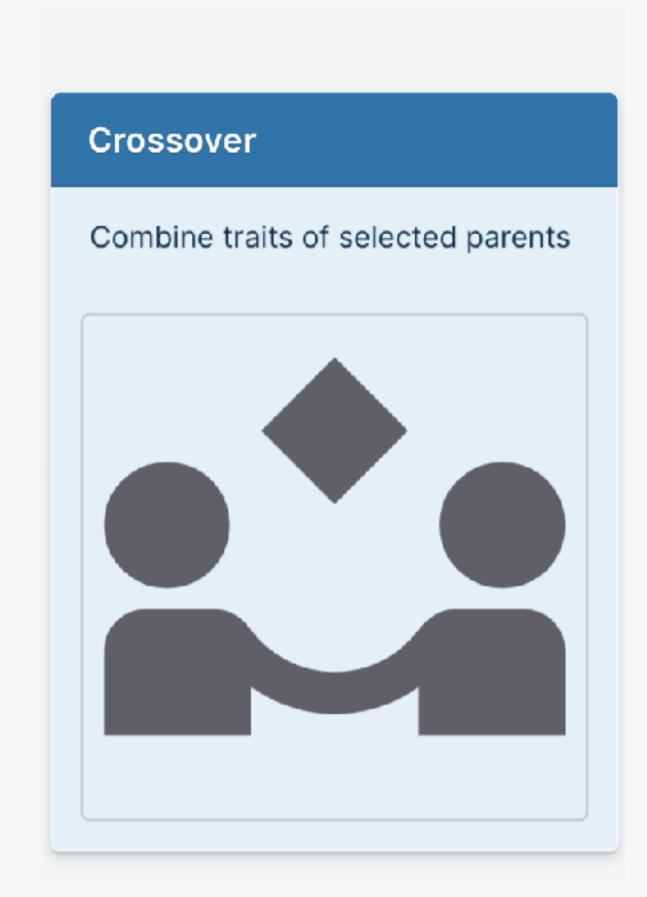
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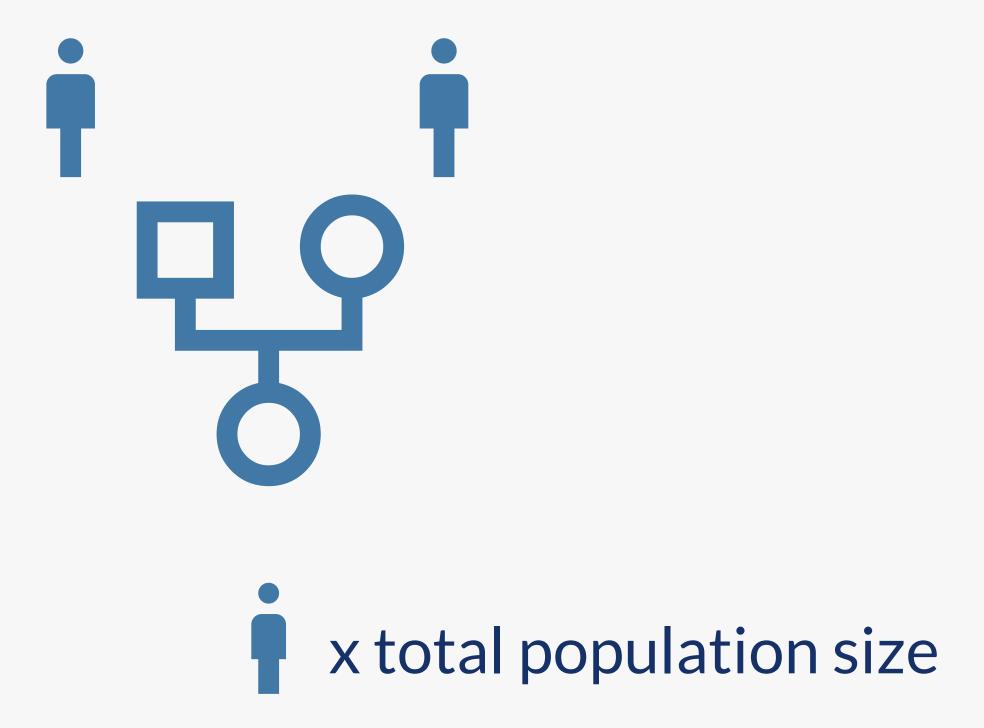


Roulette Wheel Selection

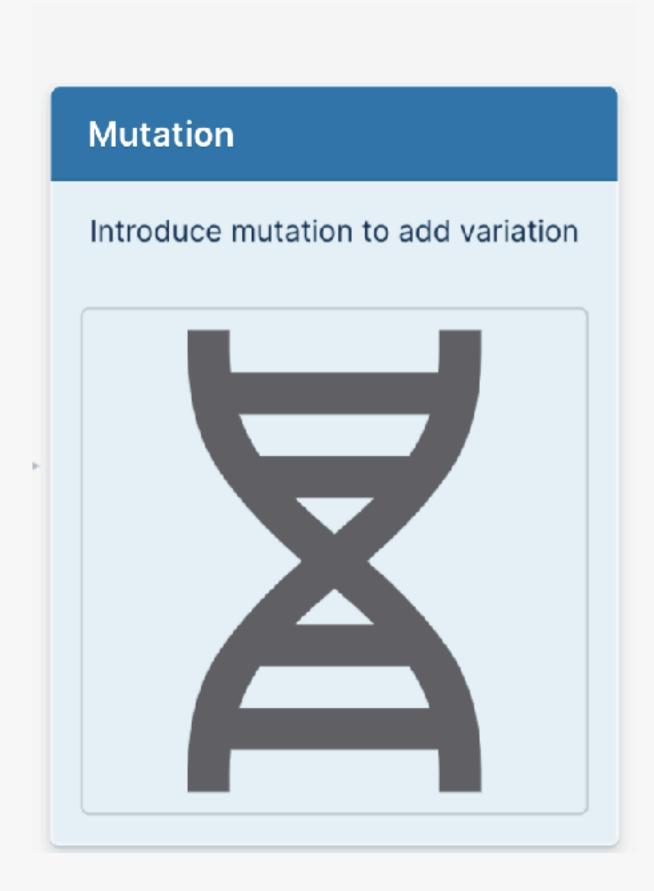


Crossover



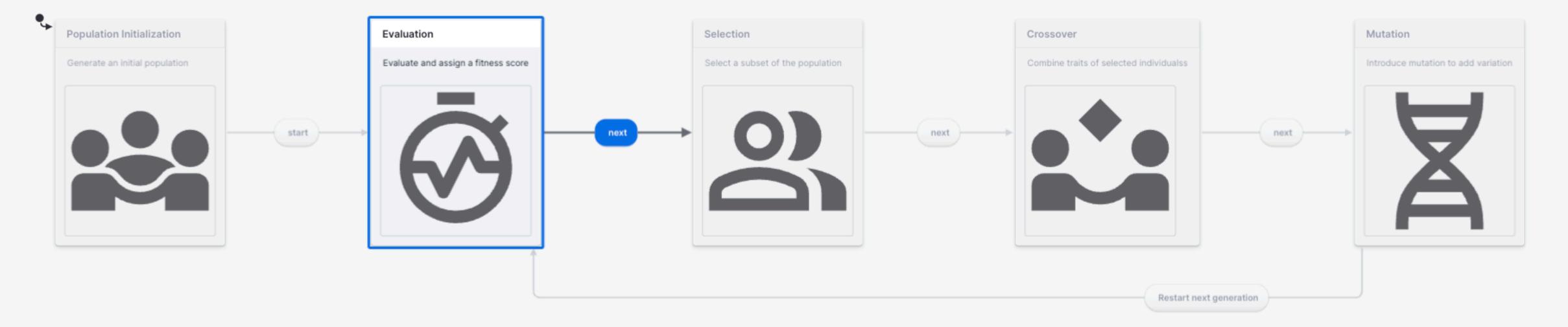


Mutation



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

Genetic Algorithm







Museo Videojuego Malaga





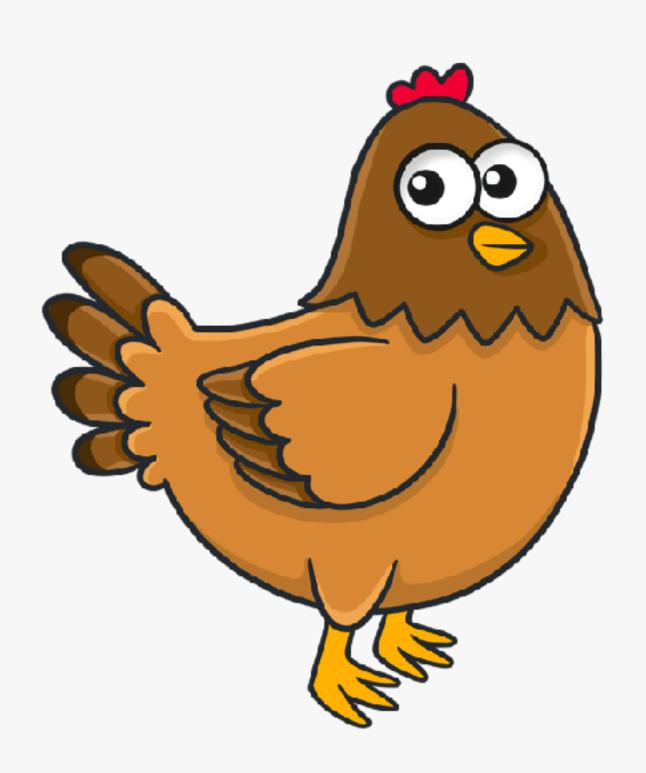
Atari 2600

Nintendo

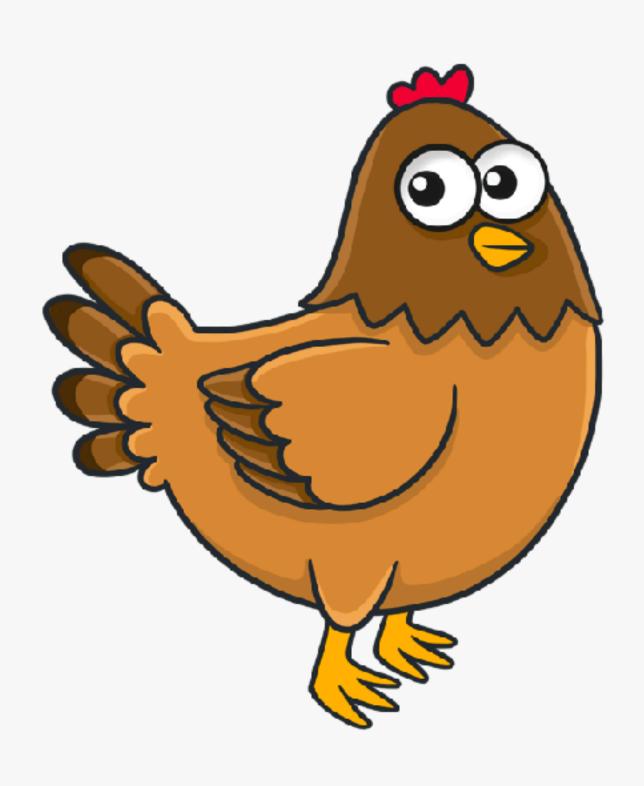






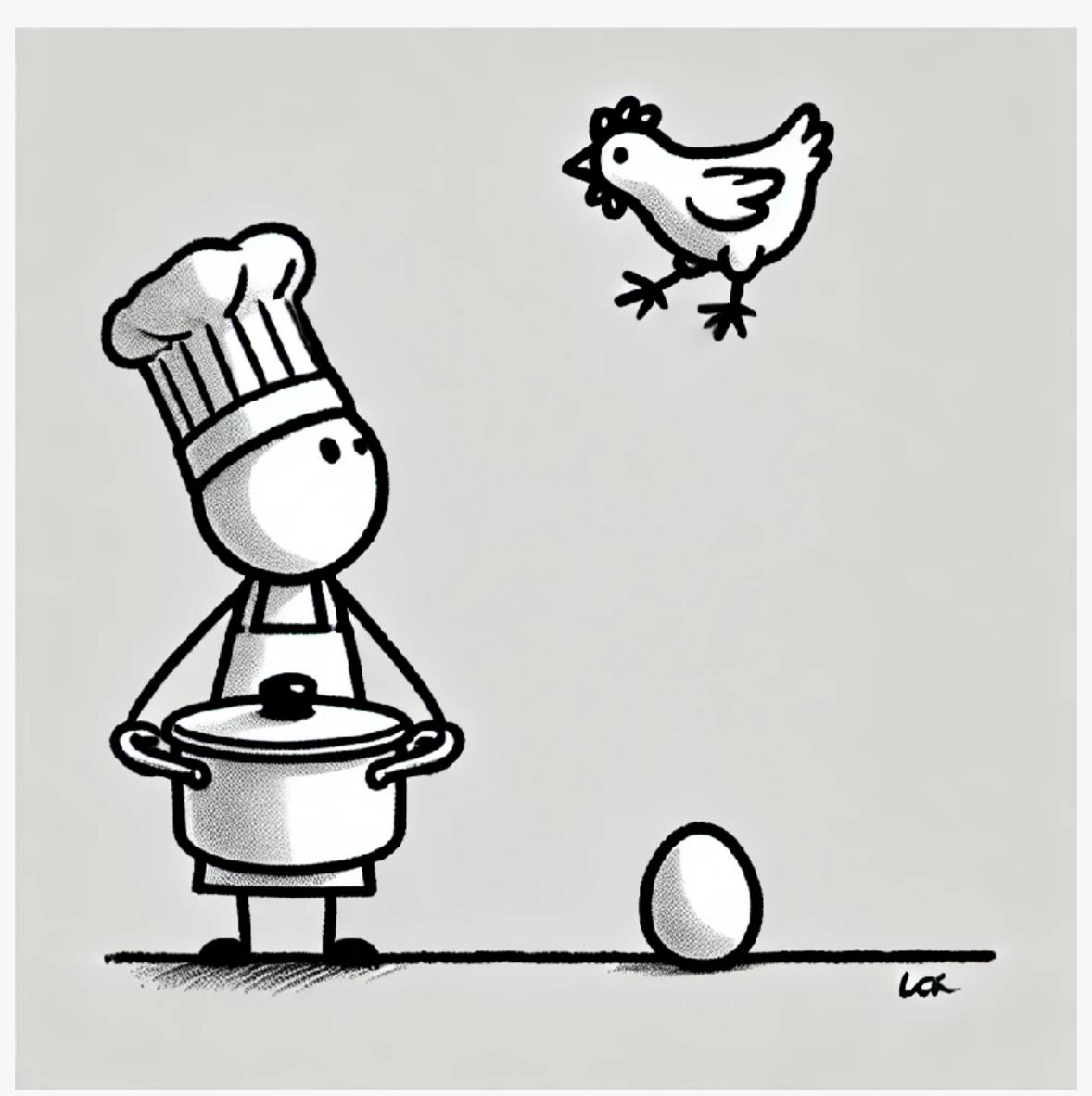


Egg drop

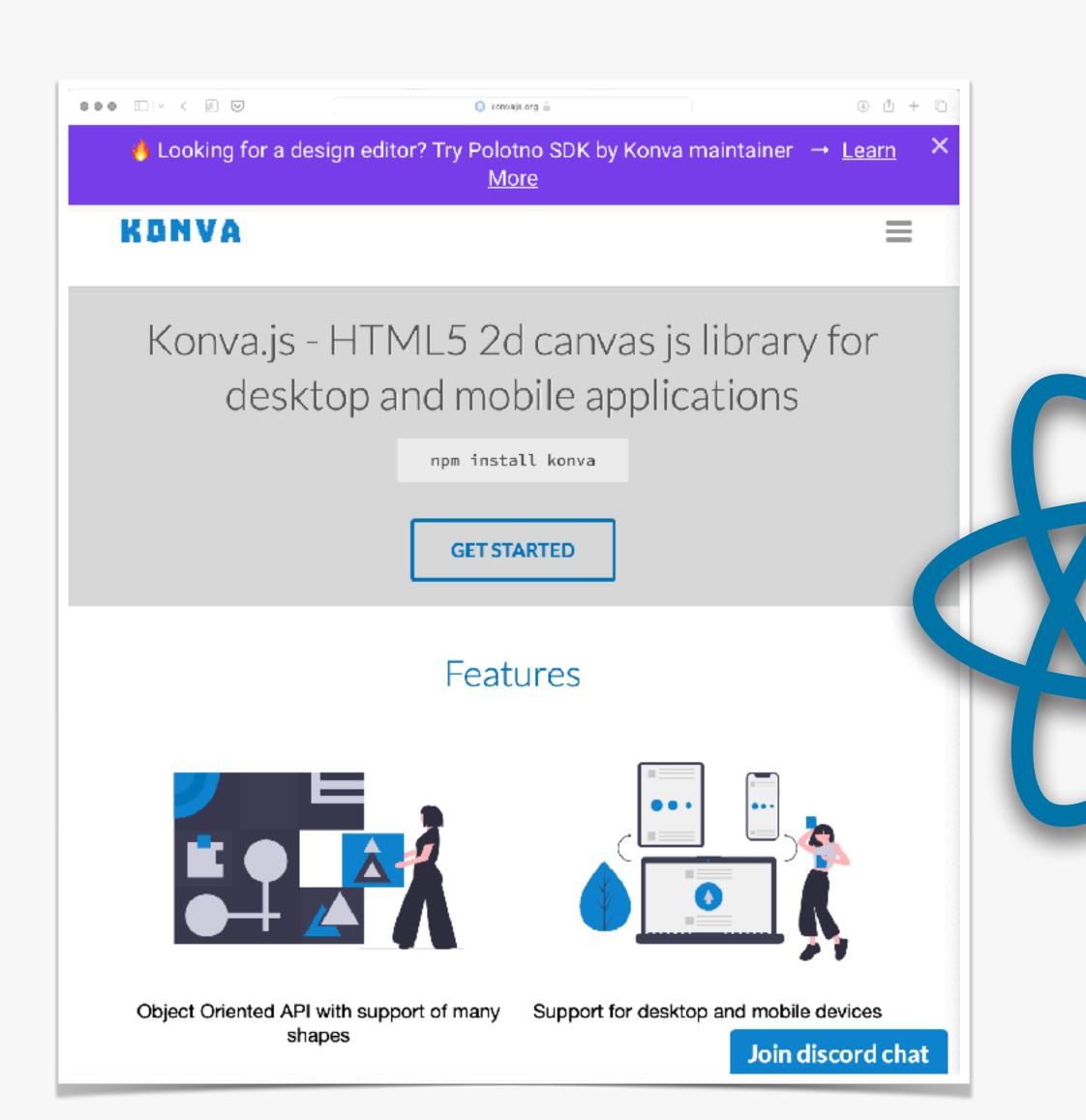


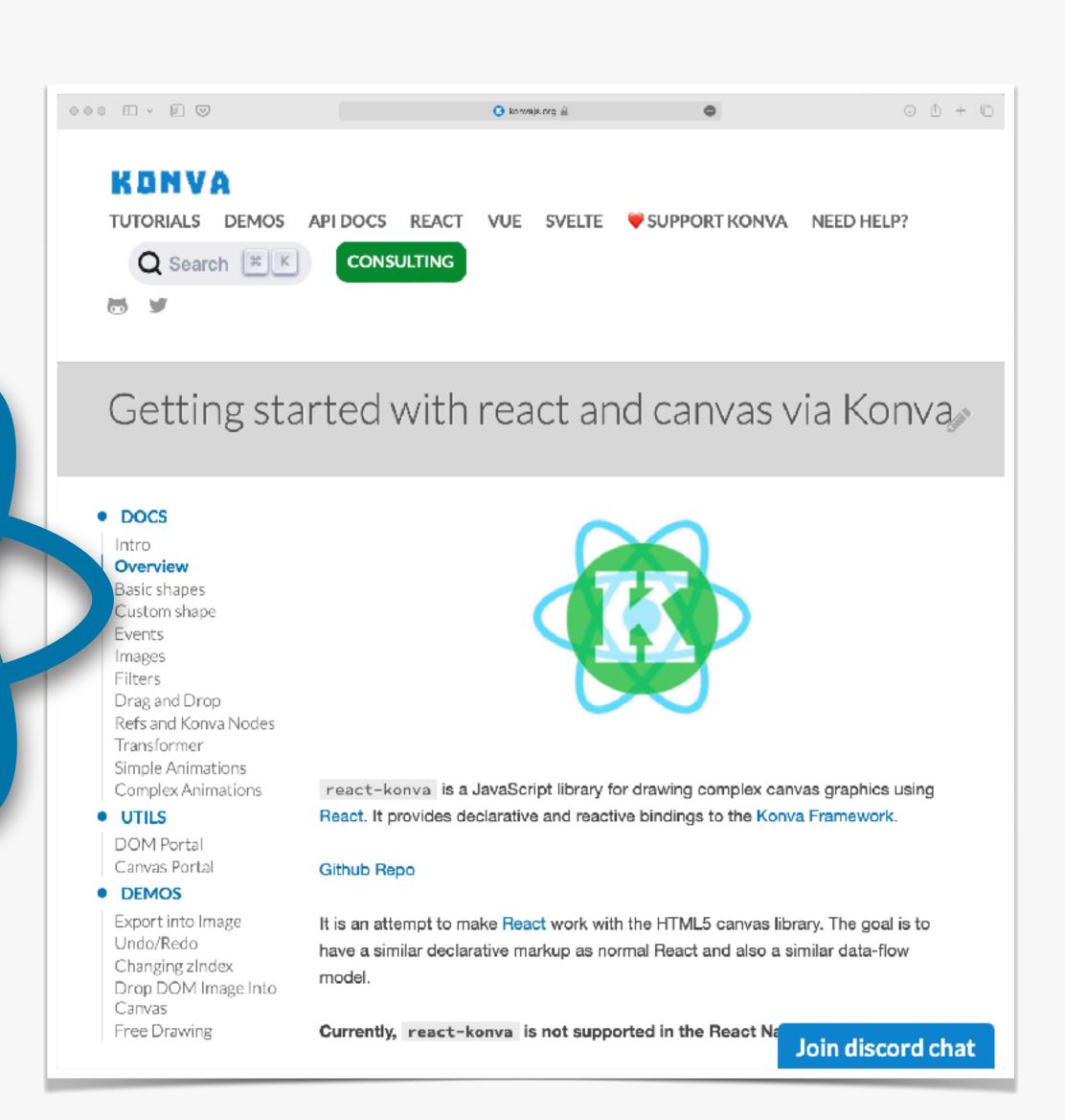


Egg drop



React + Konva





Konva

```
return (
 <Stage
   width={gameConfig.stageDimensions.width}
   height={gameConfig.stageDimensions.height}
   style={{ background: 'blue', border: '1px solid black' }}
   {/* Background graphics layer - static (no events) */}
   <BackgroundLayer />
   {children}
   {/* Dynamic App UI Layer */}
   <Layer>
     <MuteButton />
     {showGameIntro && (
       // Play button
       <TransparentButton</pre>
         x=\{0.5 * gameConfig.stageDimensions.width - 500\}
         y={0.5 * gameConfig.stageDimensions.height - 250}
         width={1000}
         height={500}
         onClick={() => appActorRef.send({ type: 'Play' })}
       />
   </Layer>
 </Stage>
```

Konva

```
{/* Background kitchen image */}
<Group>
  <Image
    image={kitchenBgImage} ...
    height={gameConfig.stageDimensions.height}
  {/*} Translucent overlay to mute the background image */}
  <Rect
    width={gameConfig.stageDimensions.width} ---
    y=\{0\}
  {/* Hen beam image */}
  <Image
    image={henBeamImage} ...
   y={gameConfig.henBeam.y}
</Group>
```

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(),
```







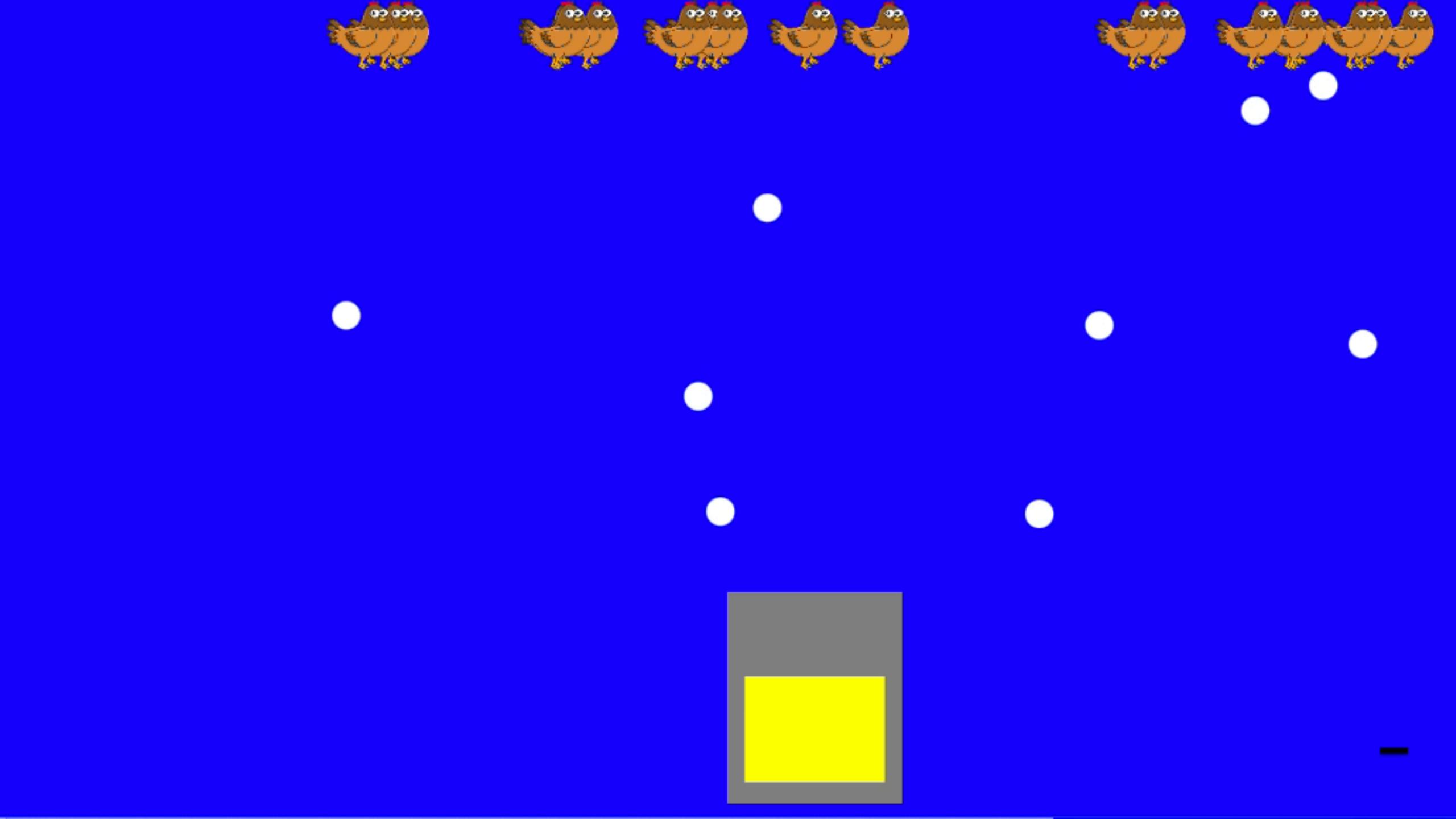








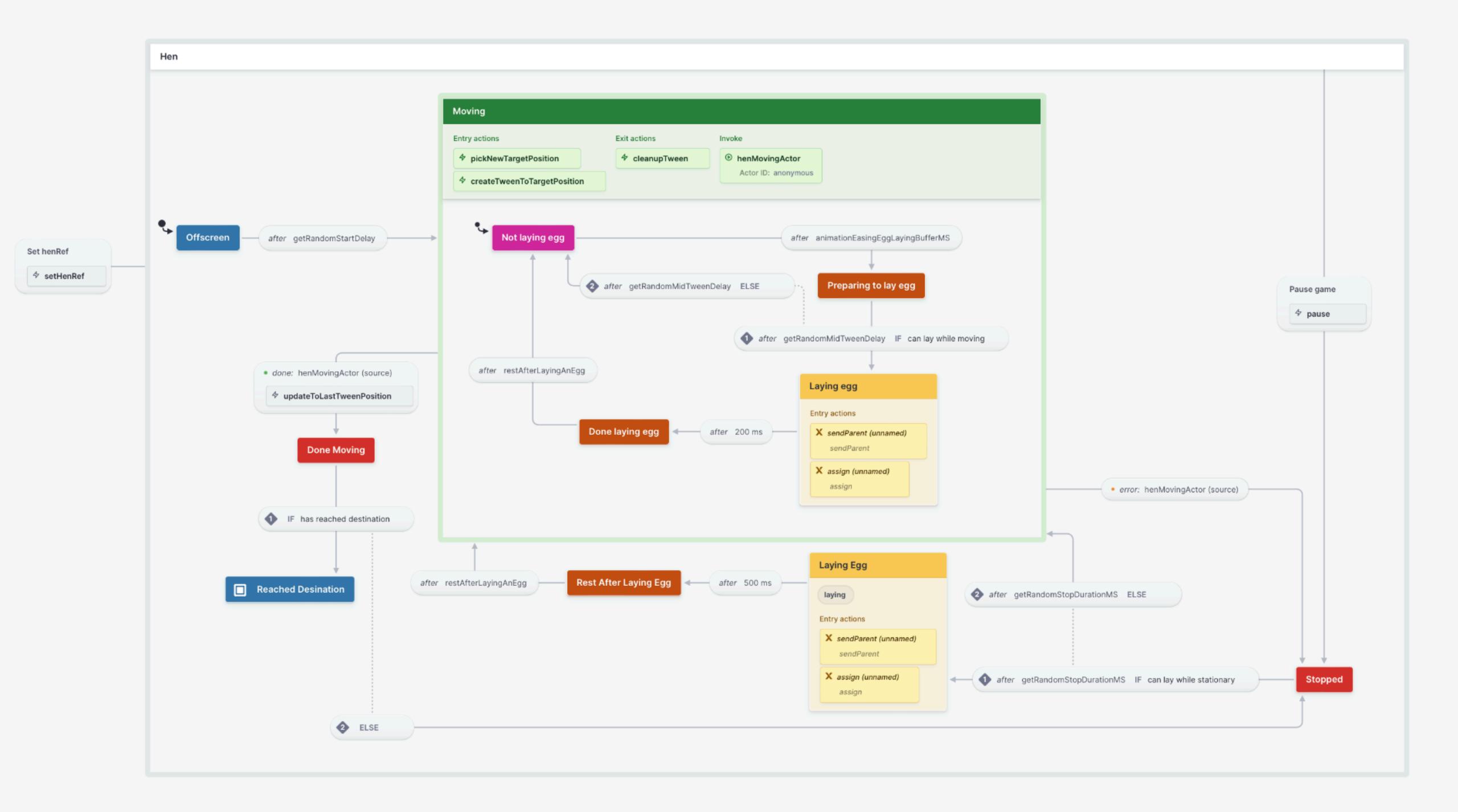


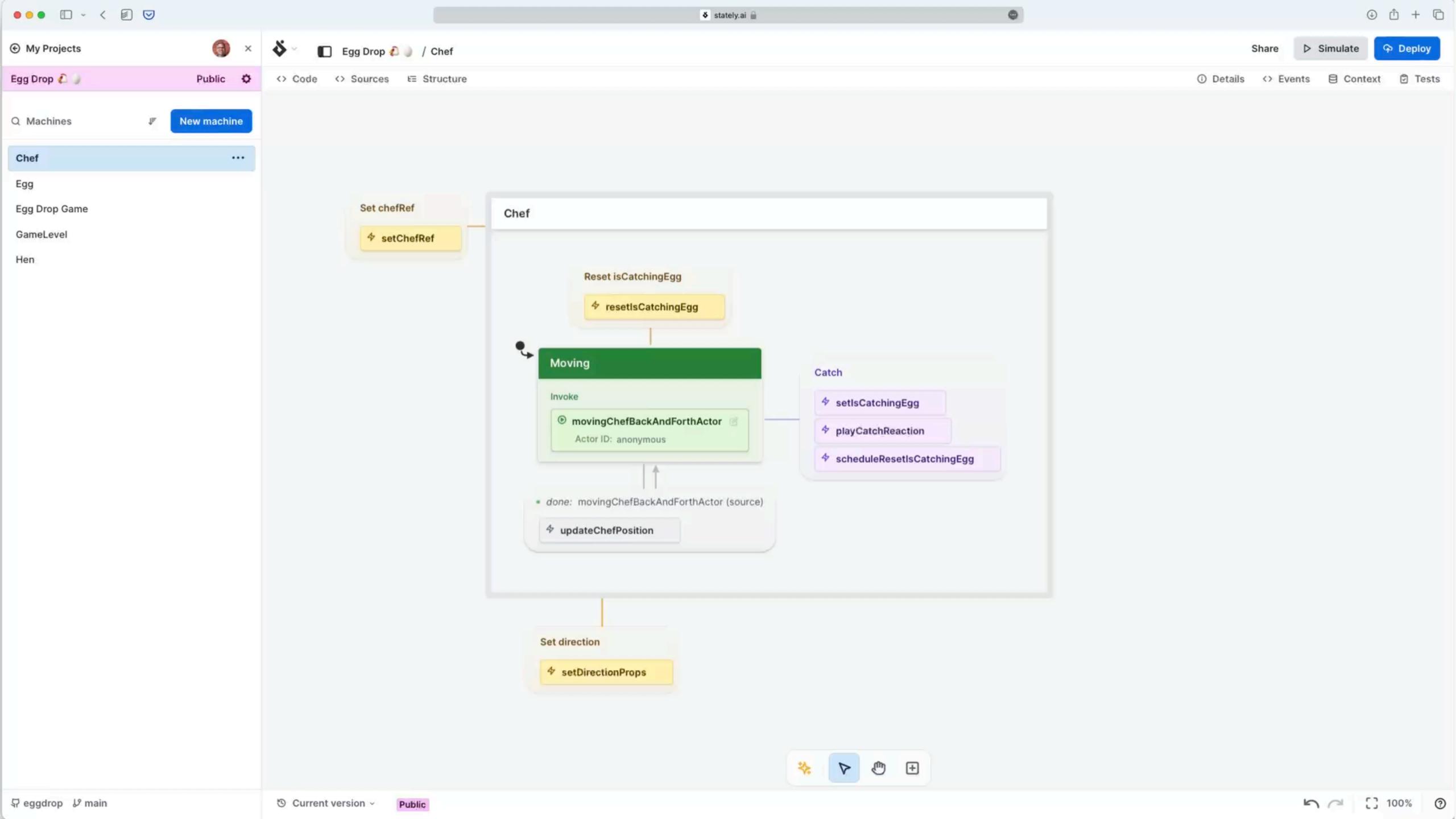


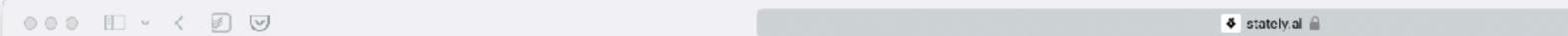
Konva Hit Detection

- 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>







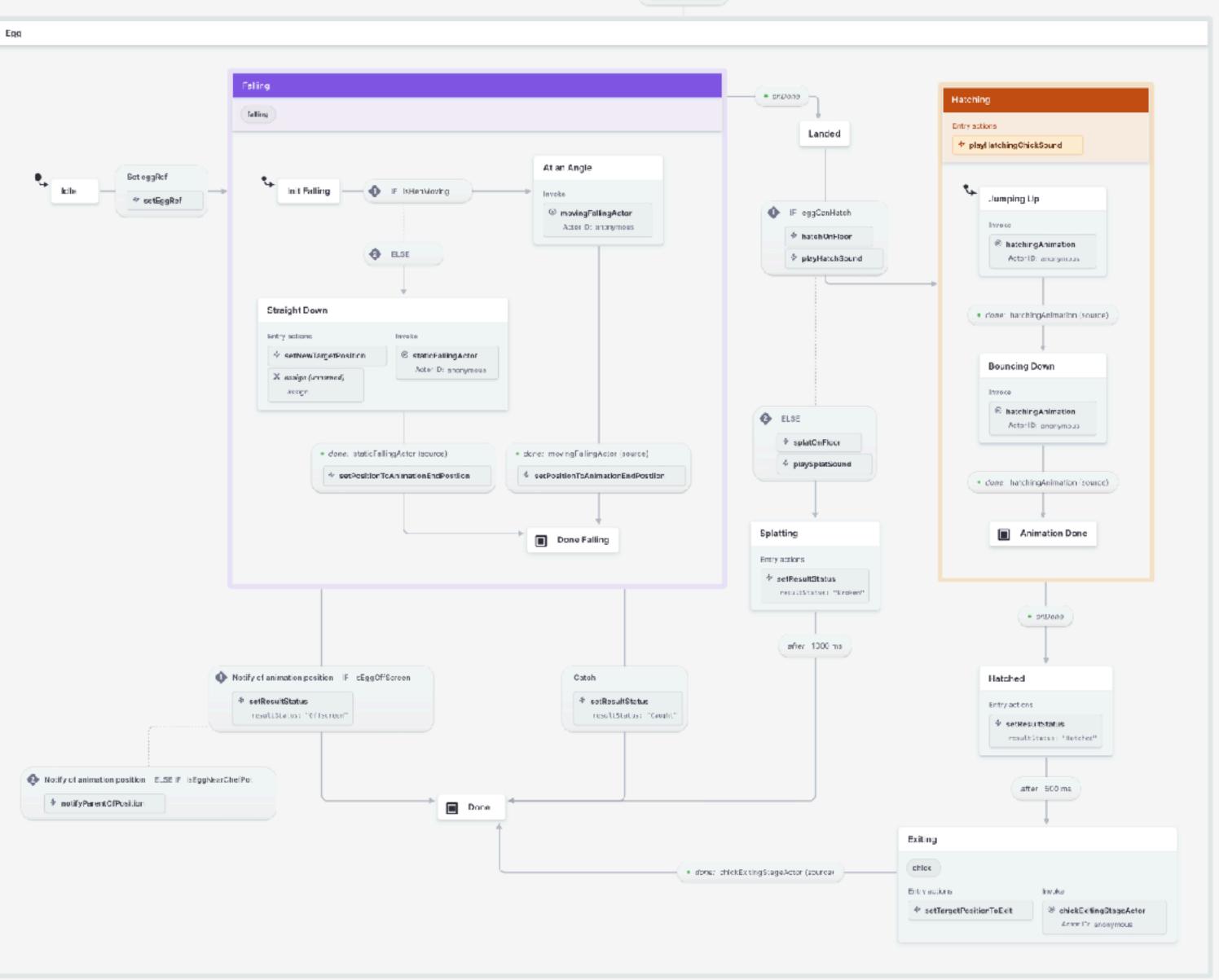


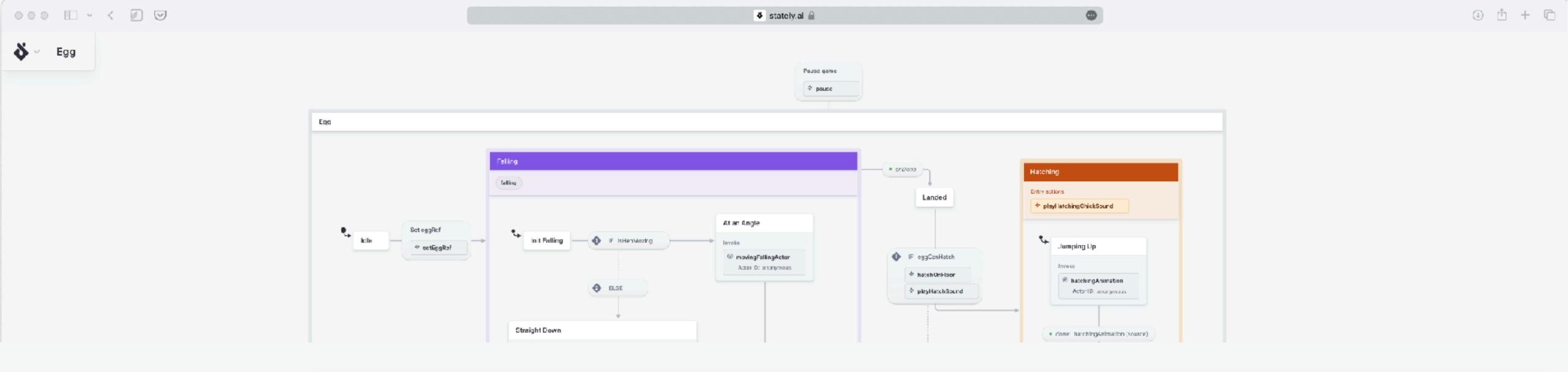
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Ö ∨ Egg

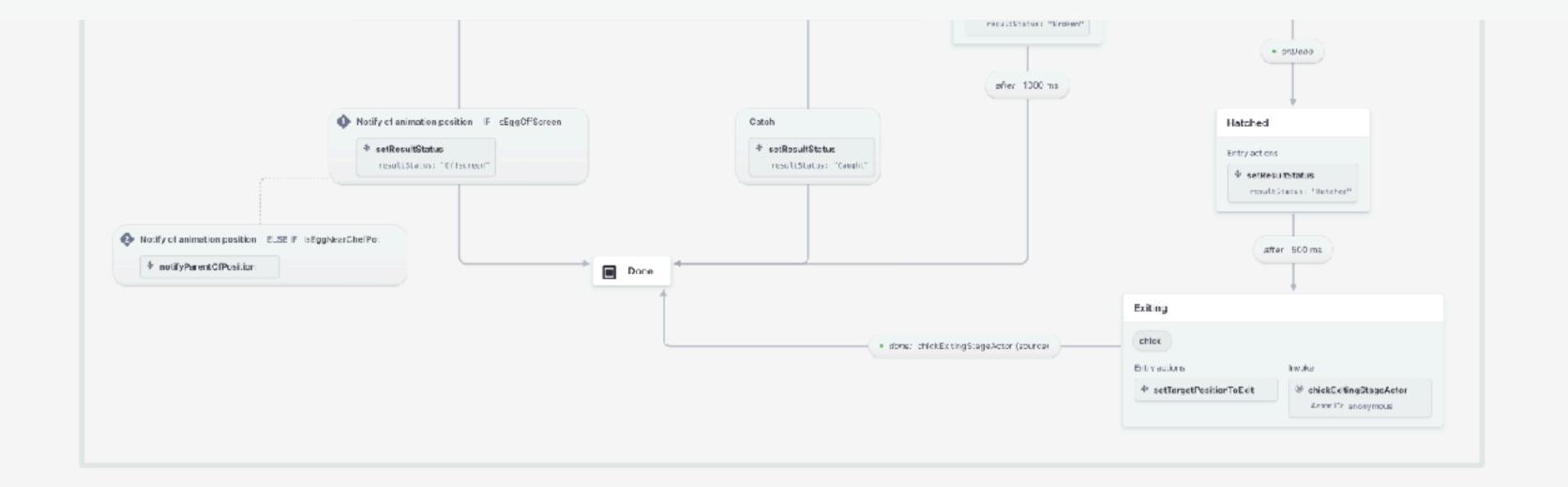
Pause game







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





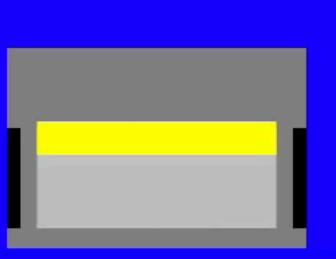








Gen: 1 Time: 25 seconds



Gen: 0 Time: 2 seconds

Vector Graphics



Vector Graphics?









Kitche

Gen: 1 Time: 53 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);
```

Gen: 0 Time: 6 seconds



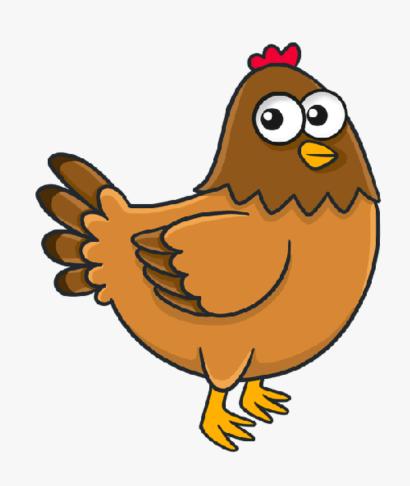
Gen: 0 Time: 17 seconds

Score: 0
Eggs: 0

Gold: 0



Open Al Casting Call for Hens

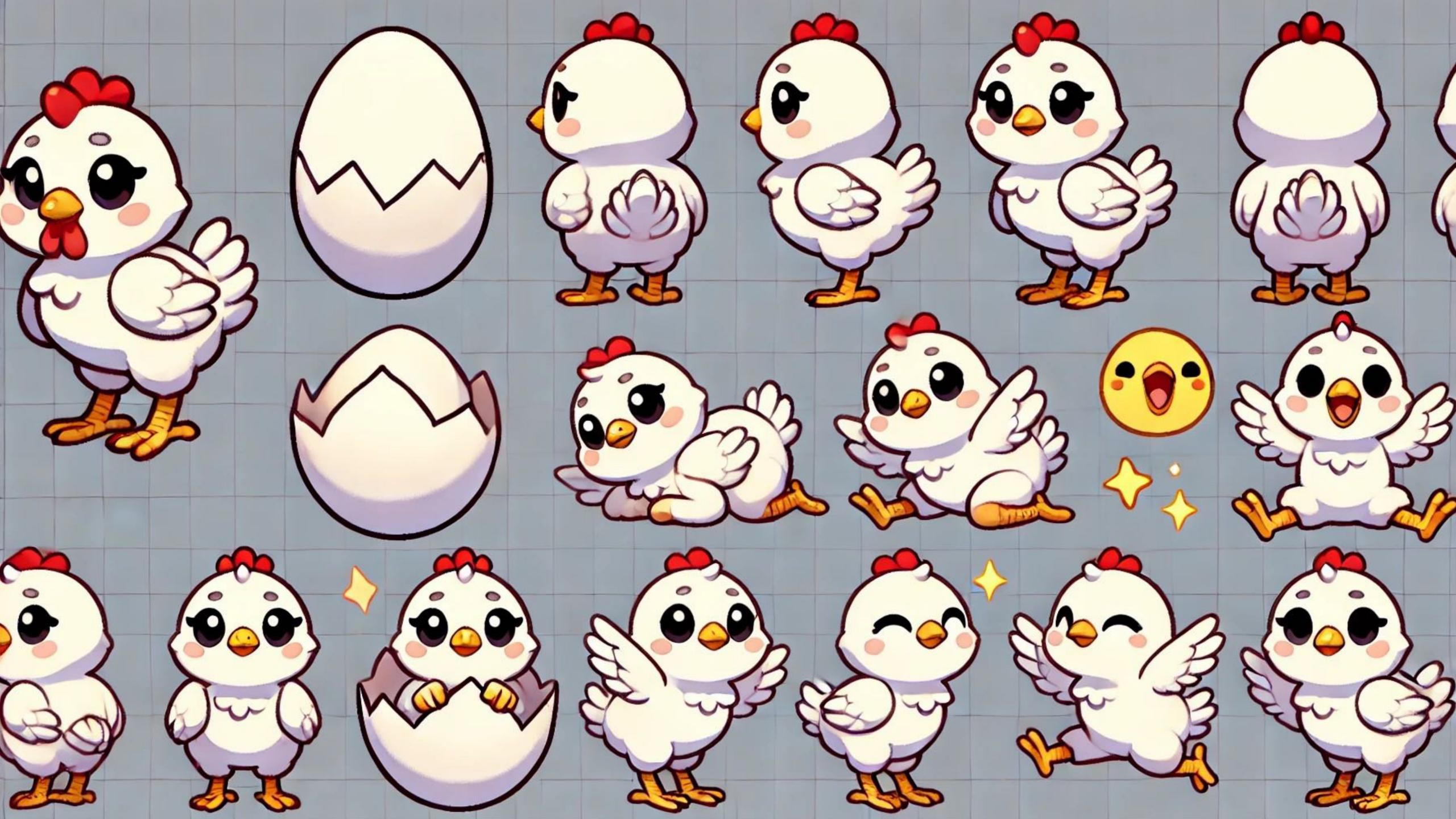




















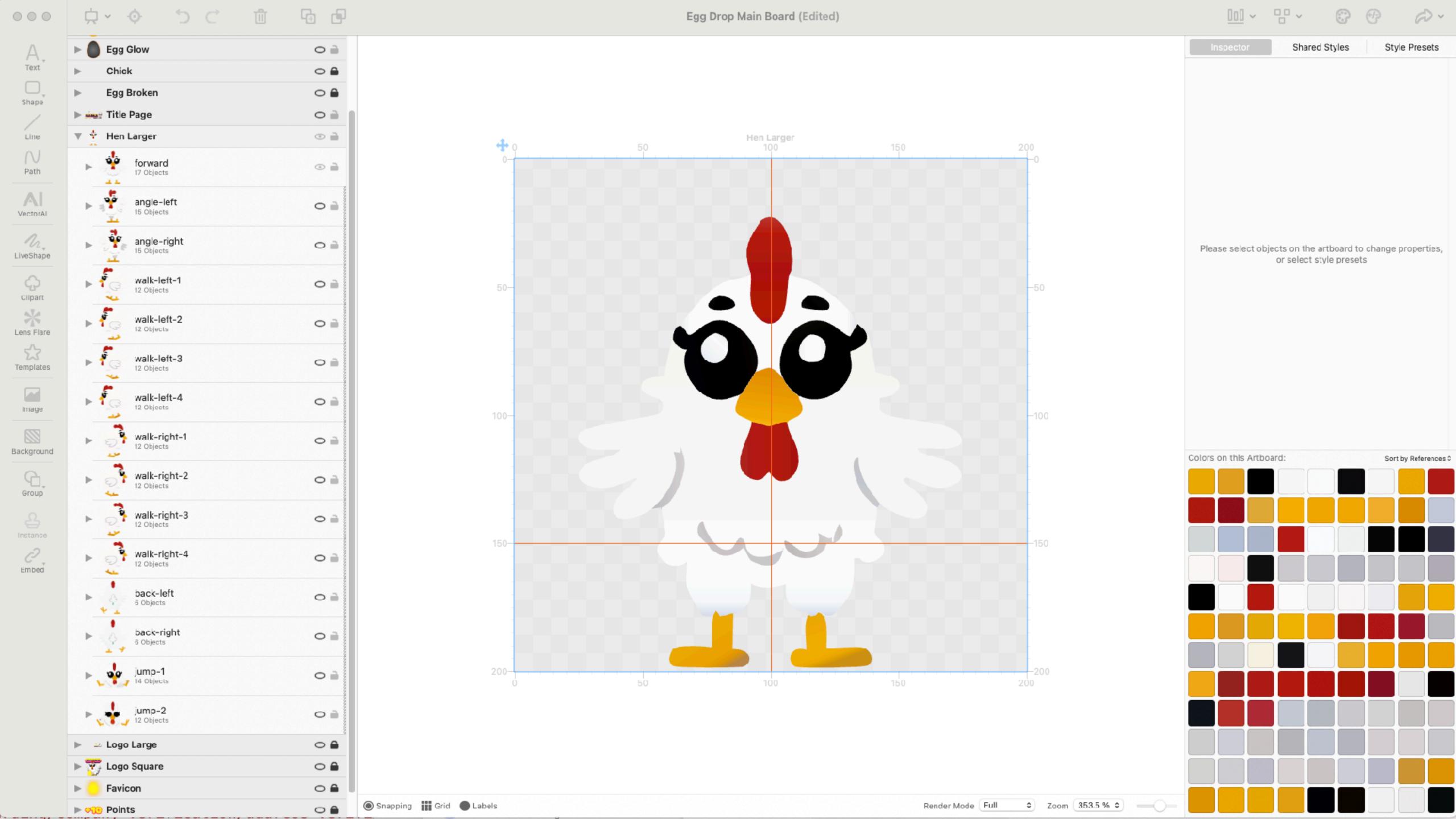
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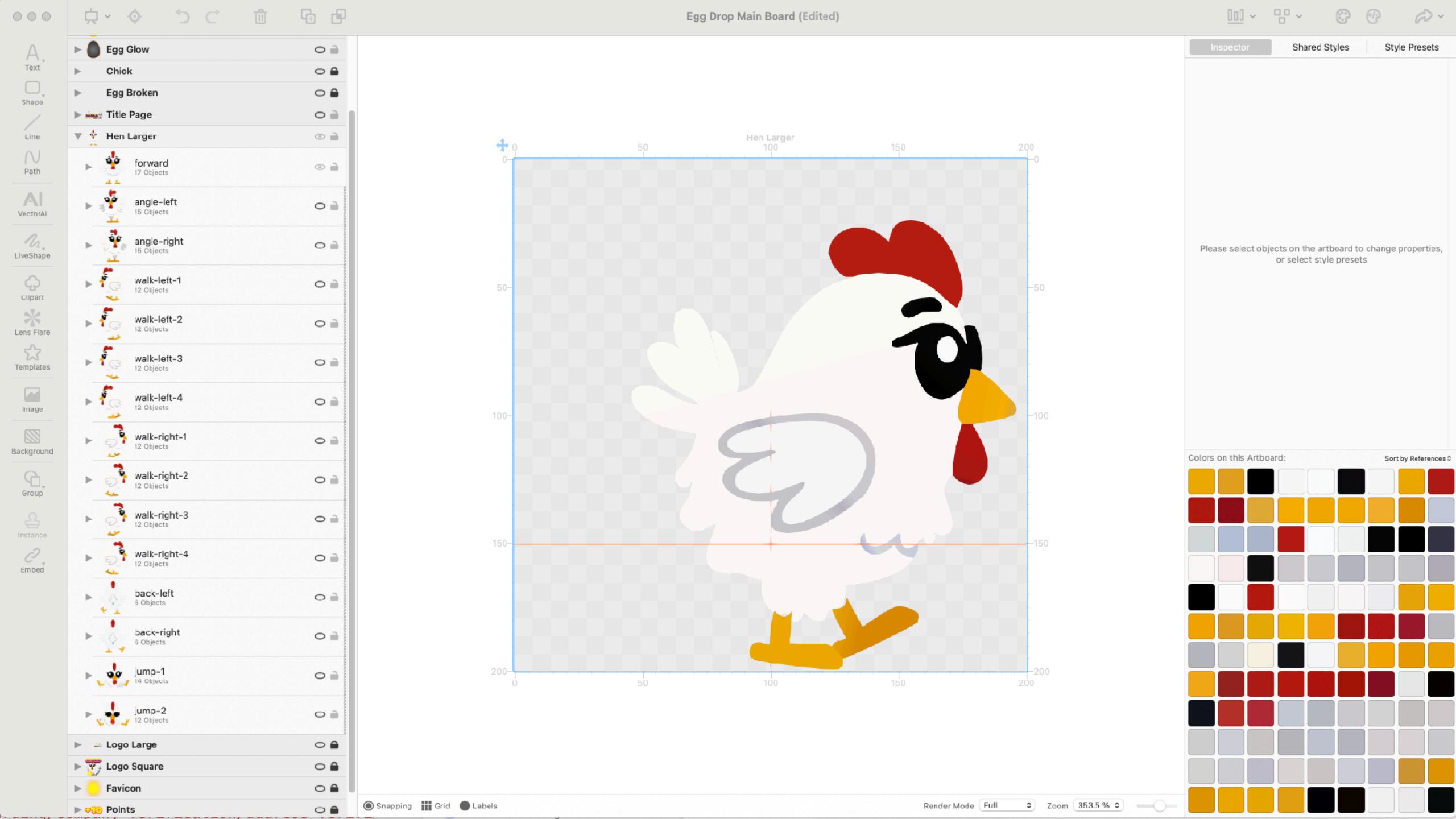


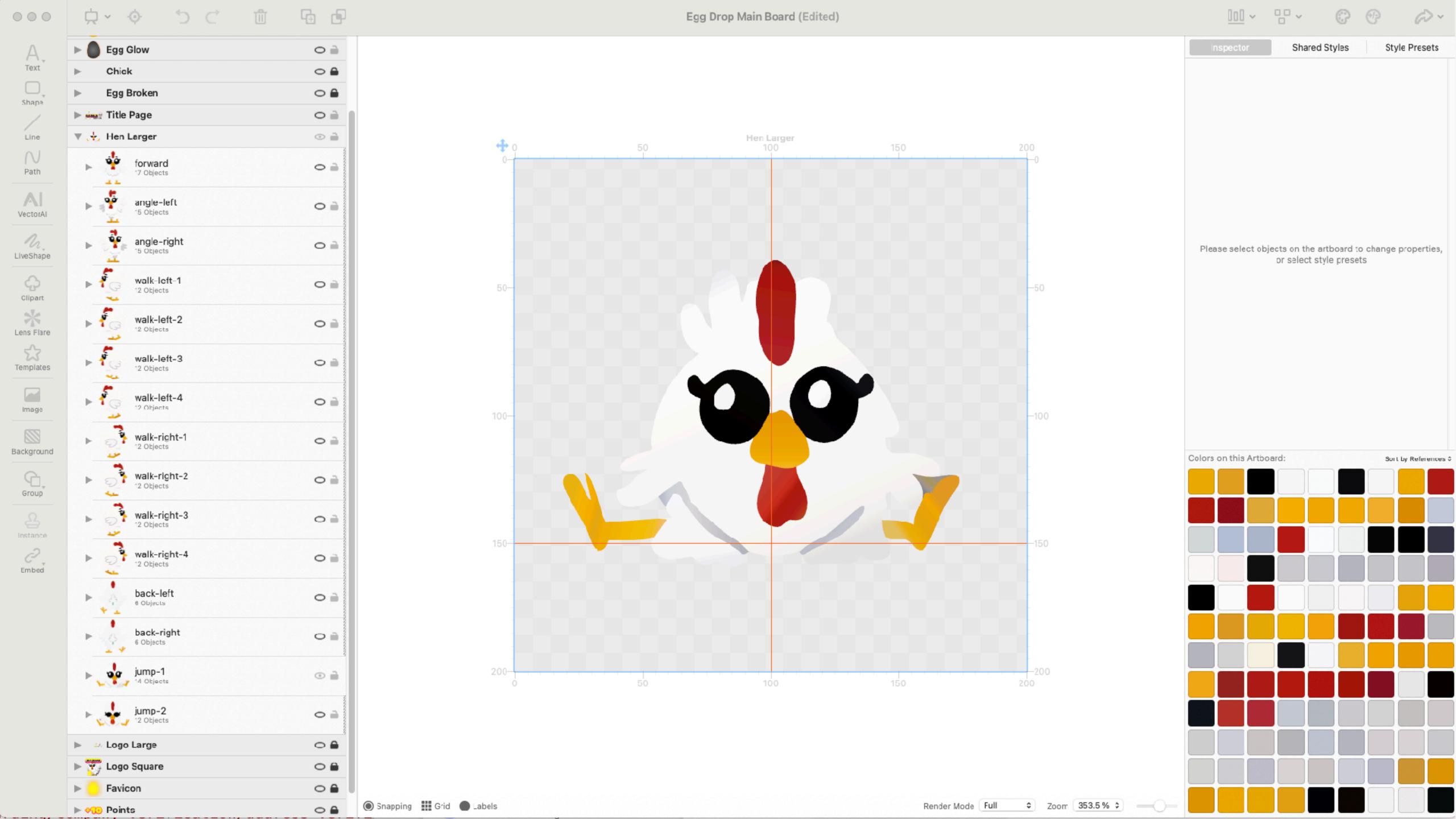
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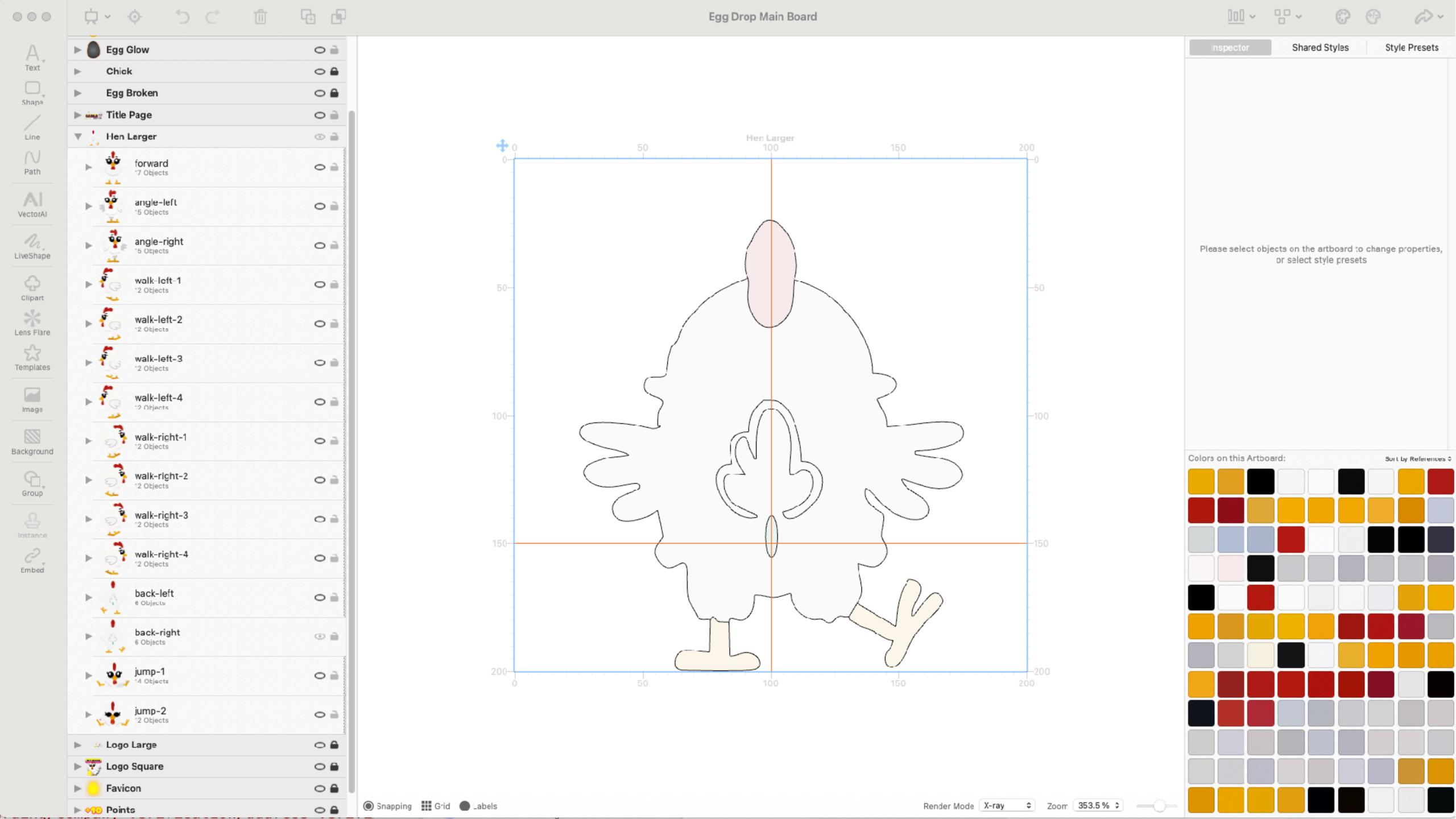


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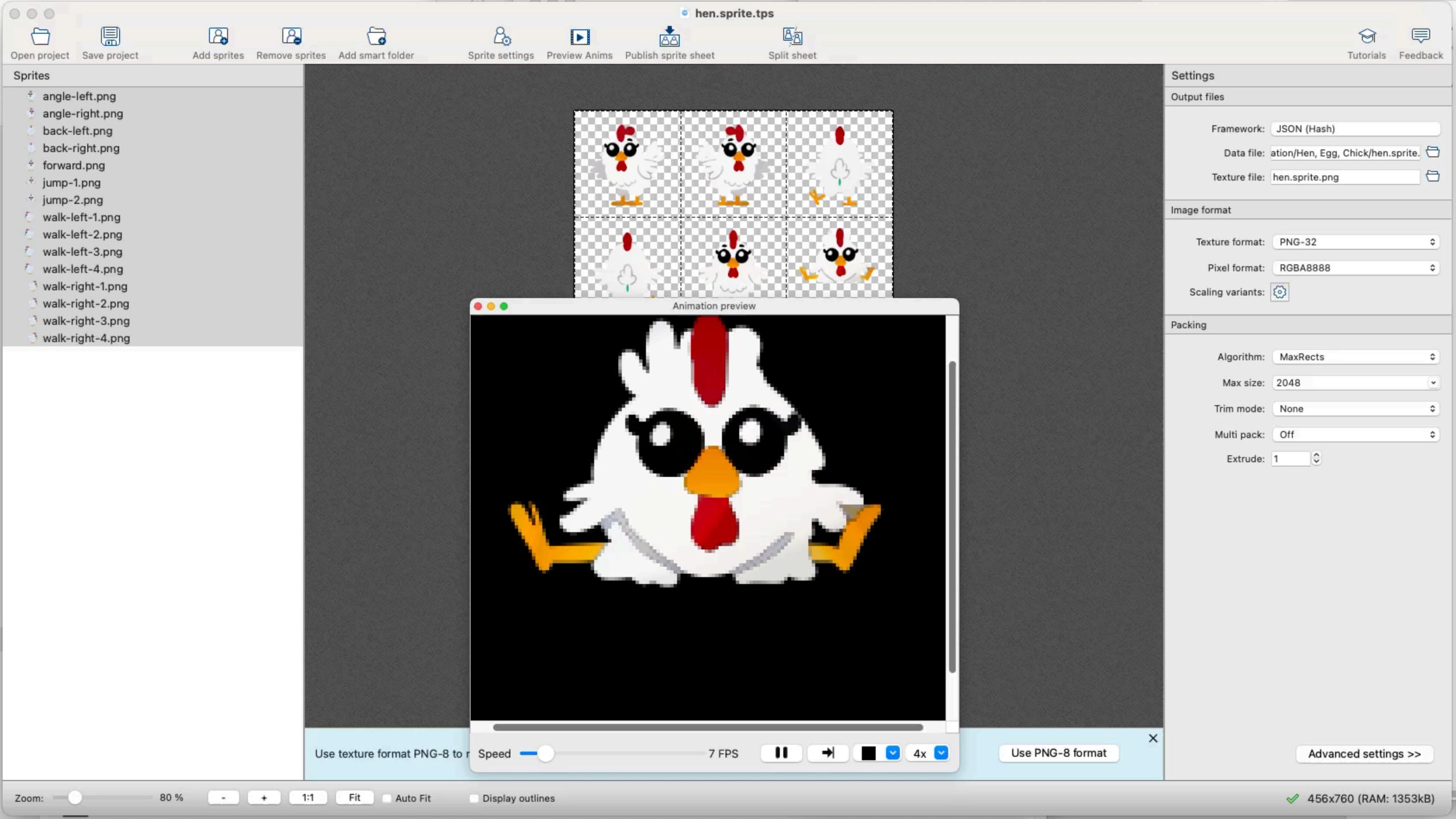






Texture Packer





















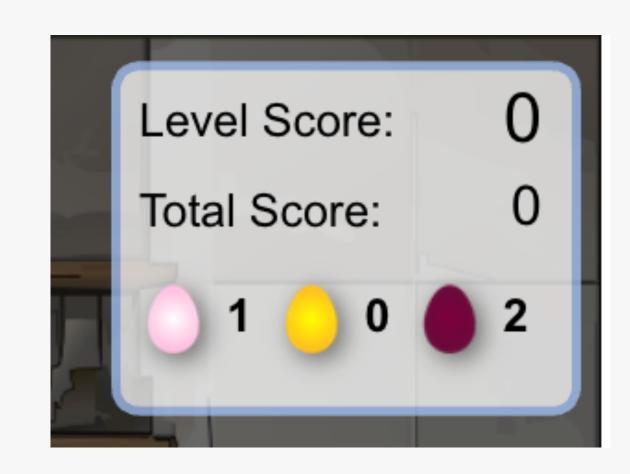


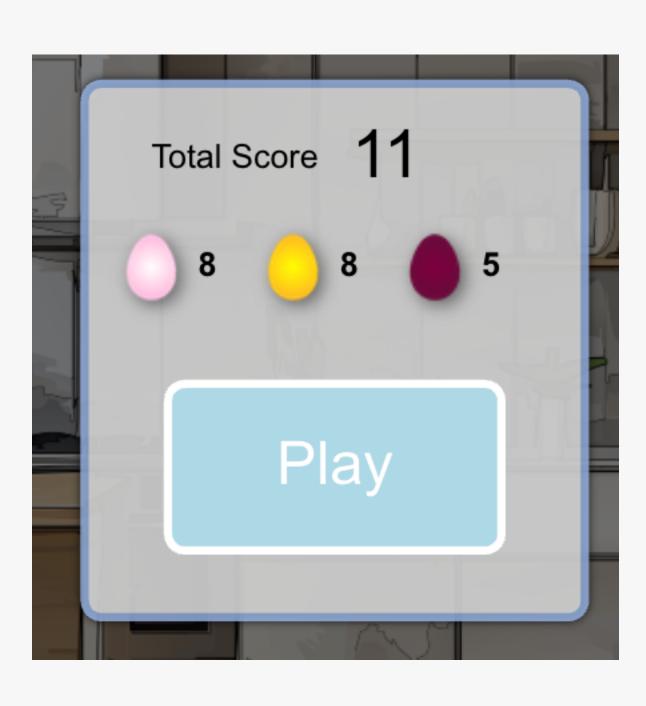


What about fonts?

Arial in a game is so sad







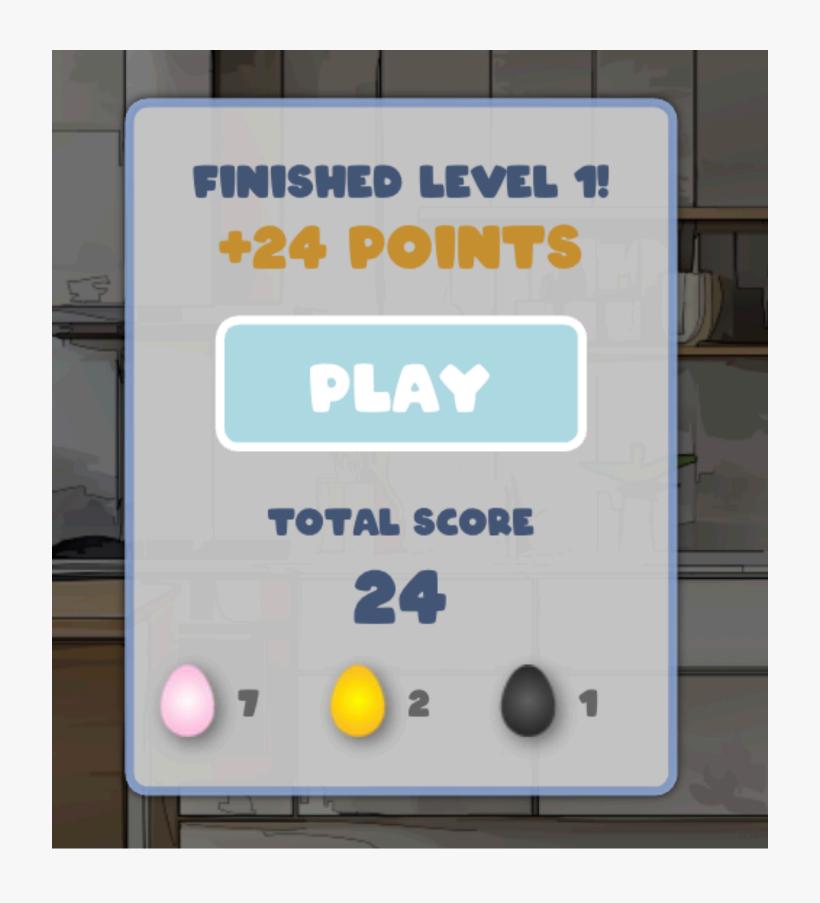


THE QUICK YELLOW CHICK JUMPS OVER THE LAZY CHEF.

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

ARCO

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ARCO



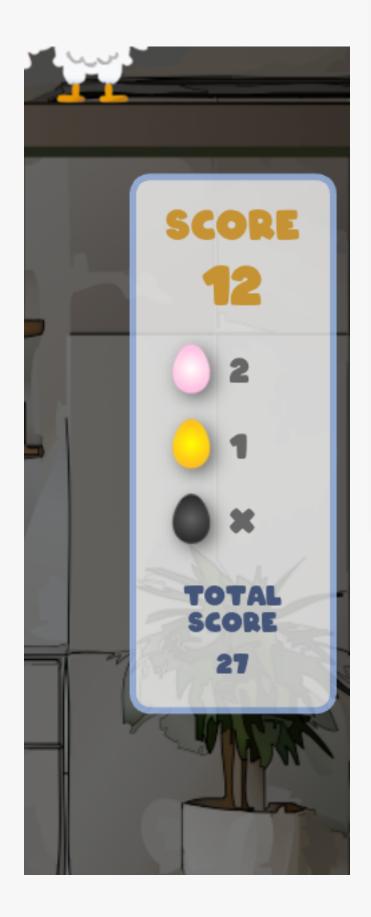
ARCO



FOUT - Flash of unstyled text
FOIT - Flash of invisible text
FOFT - Flash of faux text



new FontFaceObserver('Arco');



```
Loading Fonts
Invoke

Actor ID: anonymous

Invoke

Invoke

Actor ID: anonymous

Invoke

Invoke
```

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









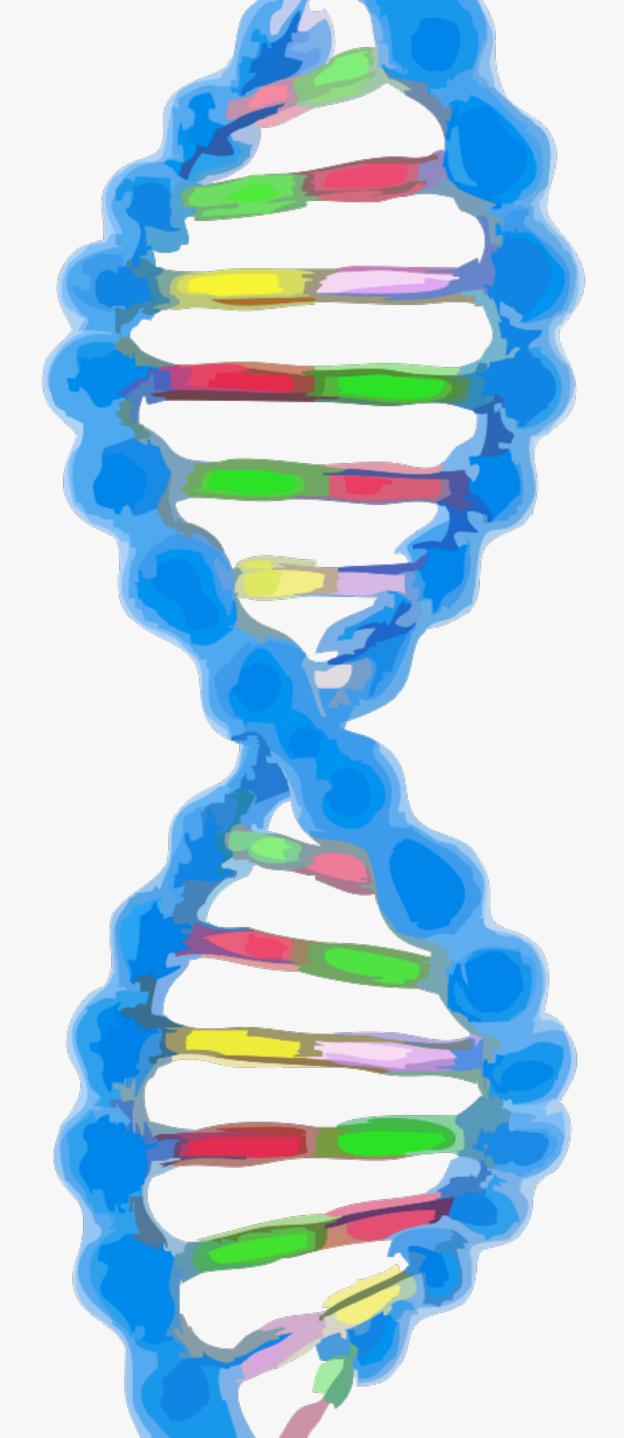
```
export const sounds = {
  backgroundLoop: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/i-am-dreaming-or-final-fantasy-menu-kinda-thing-29173.mp3'],
    volume: 0.5,
    loop: true,
  }),
  layEgg: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/laid.wav'],
   volume: 0.4,
  }),
  catch: new Howl({
    src: ['sounds/marimba-c5.wav'],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



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.plav();
```

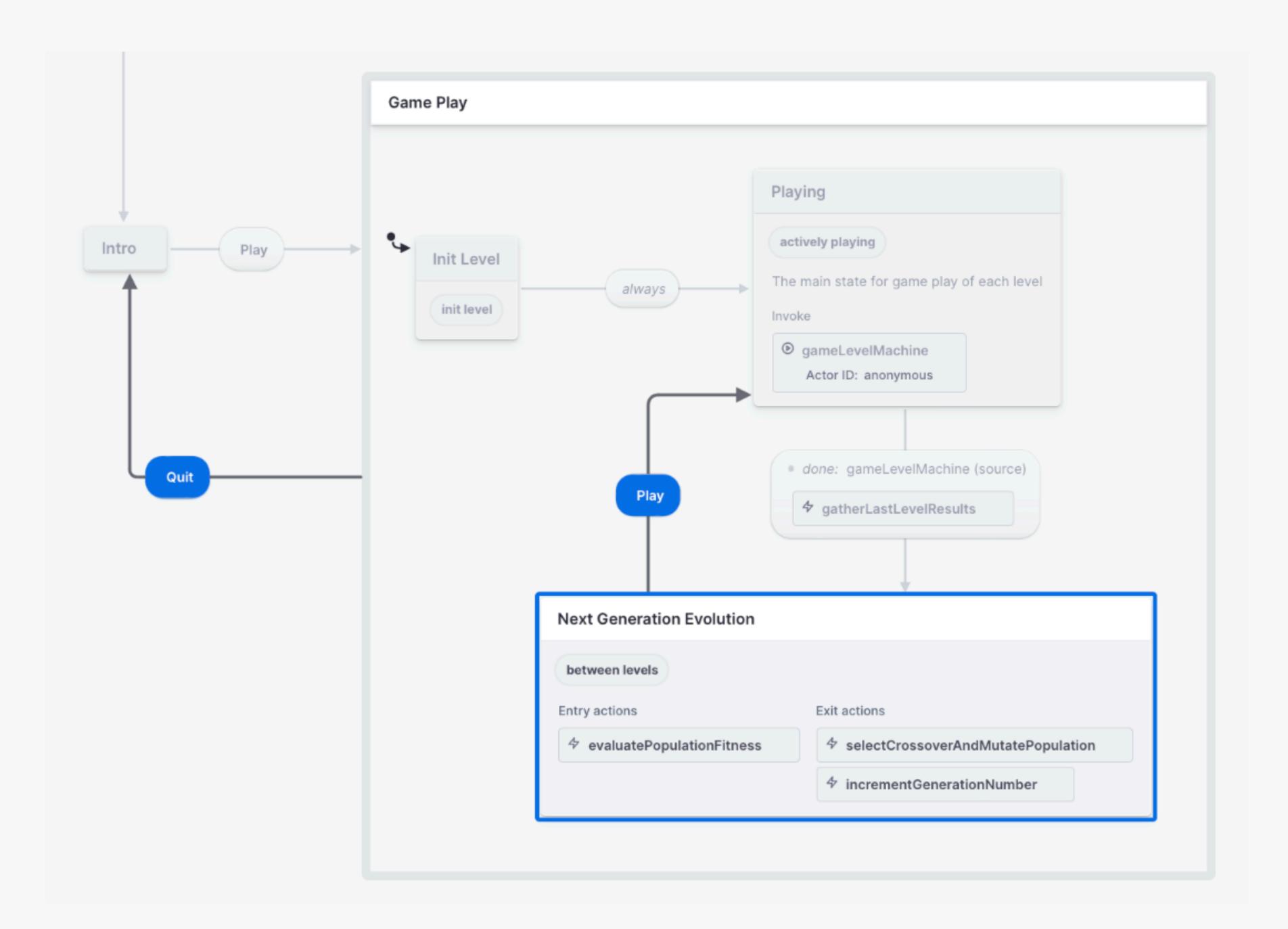
GENETIC ALGORITHM IN EGG DROP



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;
 maxStonMS: number:
```



Evaluation & Fitness





Evaluate performance



Reward behavior

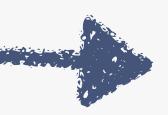


Hens that lay more eggs
Hens whose eggs go uncaught

Hens whose black eggs get caught



Punishment



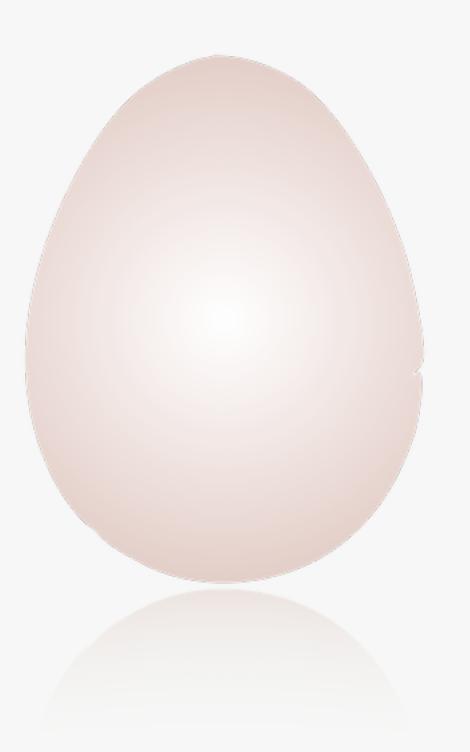
Hens who don't lay any eggs at all



Weighted criteria

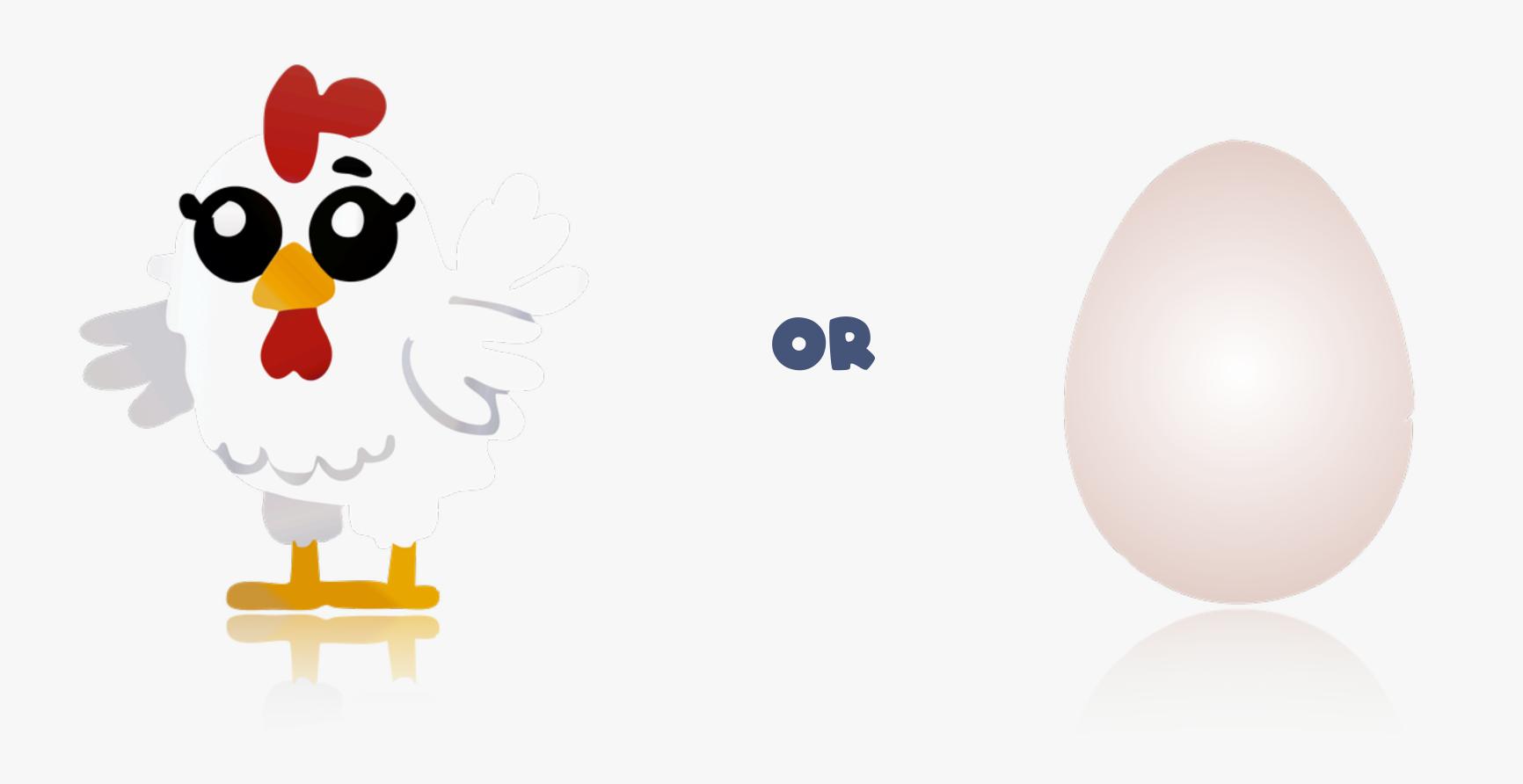


TWEAK THE GA



BUILD THE GAME

TWEAK THE GA

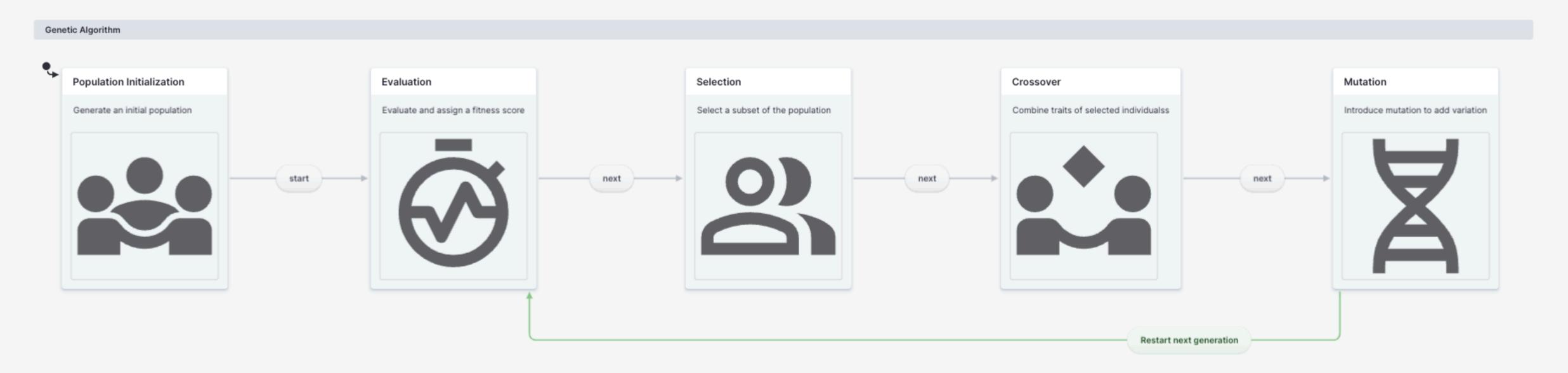








Overcome small population size



Add genes (traits)

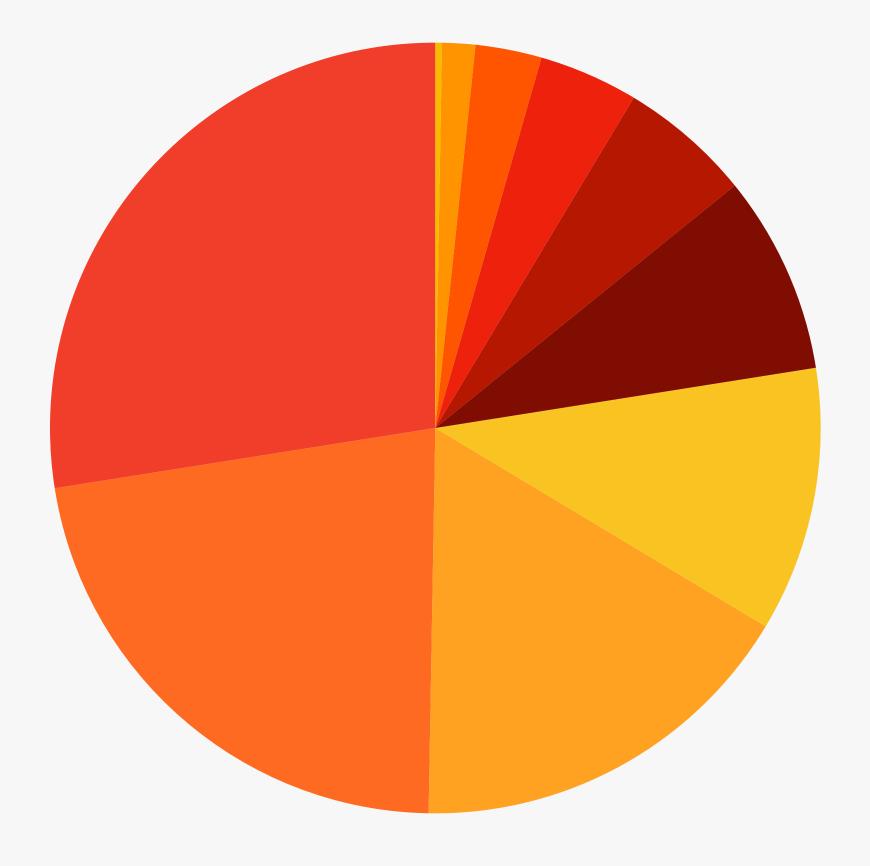
Tweak Fitness

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,
 // 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];
```



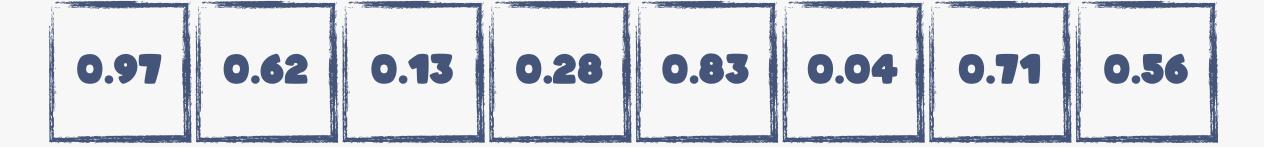


PHENOTYPE

{SPEED, COLOR, SIZE, ...}

```
export class DNA {
 /**···
  static crossover(parentDNA1: DNA, parentDNA2: DNA) { ...
  private id: string = '';
  private genes: number[];
  constructor(length: number) {
    this genes = [];
    for (let i = 0; i < length; \underline{i}++) {
      this.genes.push(Math.random());
```

PARENT 1



PARENT 2



```
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PARENT 1



PARENT 2



CHILD



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

```
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,
 子,
```

// The min v amount a hen can move during its animation

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   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;
```







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Generation			3	4	5	6	/	ŏ	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
averageMinStopMS	506	711	737	753	810	802	852	911	941	951	956	964	979	979	979	979
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
averageGoldEggRate	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
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

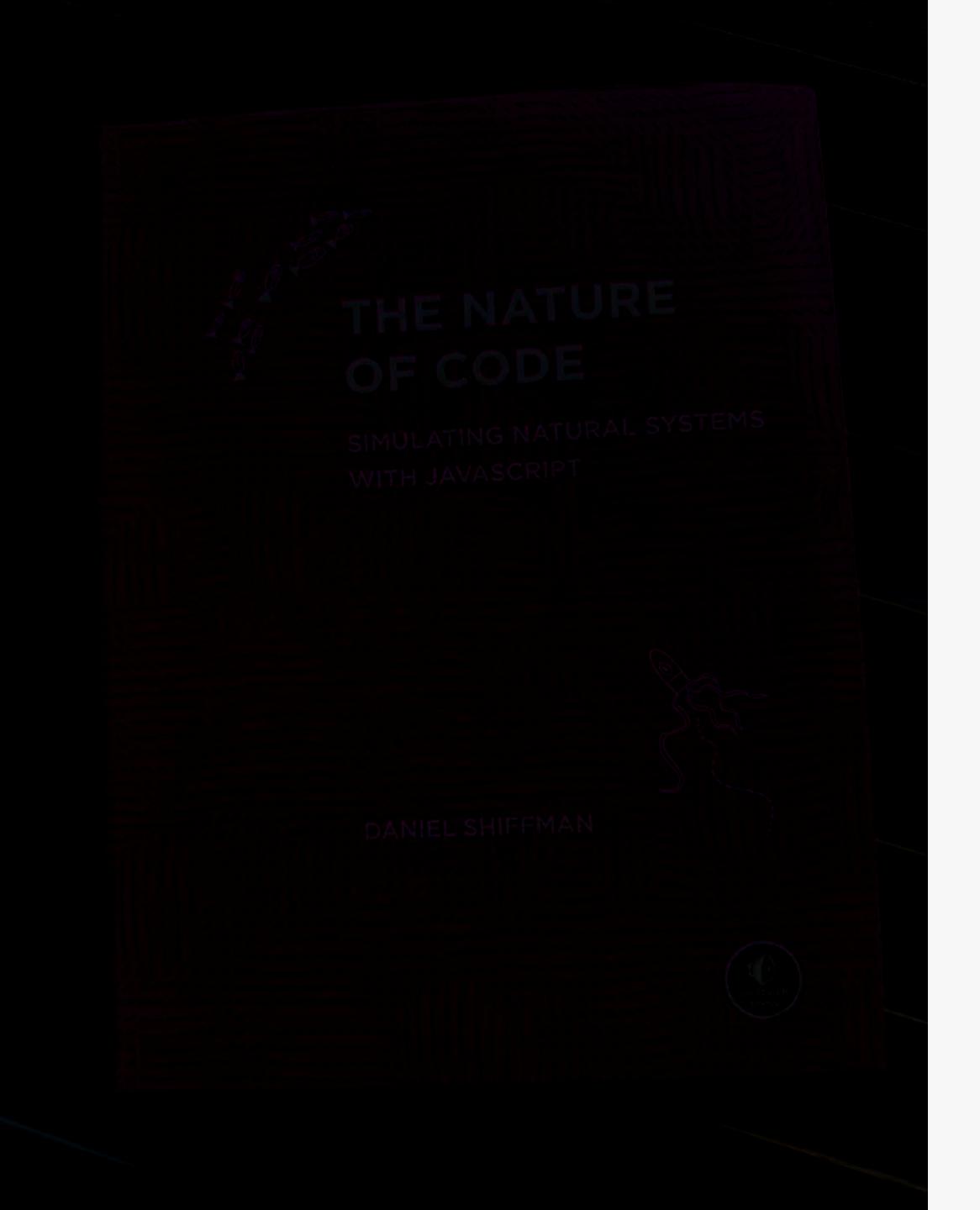
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totalEggsLaid	68	76	96	88	95	79	72	57	73	75	80	67	73	68	60	73
averageEggsLaid	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.8
catchRate	35%	38%	30%	27%	36%	33%	39%	37%	27%	28%	29%	36%	38%	21%	25%	29%
averageFitness	0.78	0.89	1.03	0.95	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
averageMinStopMS	506	711	737	753	810	802	852	911	941	951	956	964	979	979	979	979
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
averageGoldEggRate	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
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

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