Live Programming Seminar
Project Topics

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First things first:

- Seminar Kickoff in Zoom, Thu April 15th, 13:30
  - Zoom Meeting https://uni-potsdam.zoom.us/j/69371244986
    Passcode: 78438809
- SWA Slack Channel for this Seminar #live21
  - https://join.slack.com/t/hpi-swa-teaching/shared_invite/zt-otx3xhv6-XSnQqjizT3gx0OKbJscsdw
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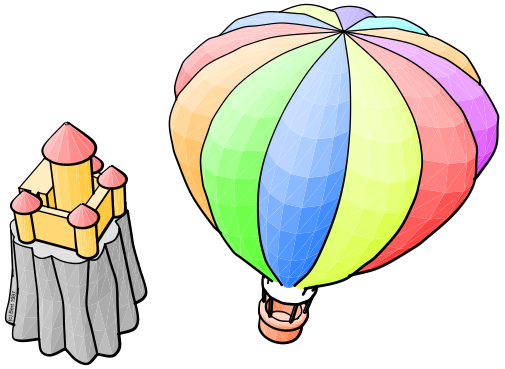
Development Environments

Lively Kernel, JavaScript



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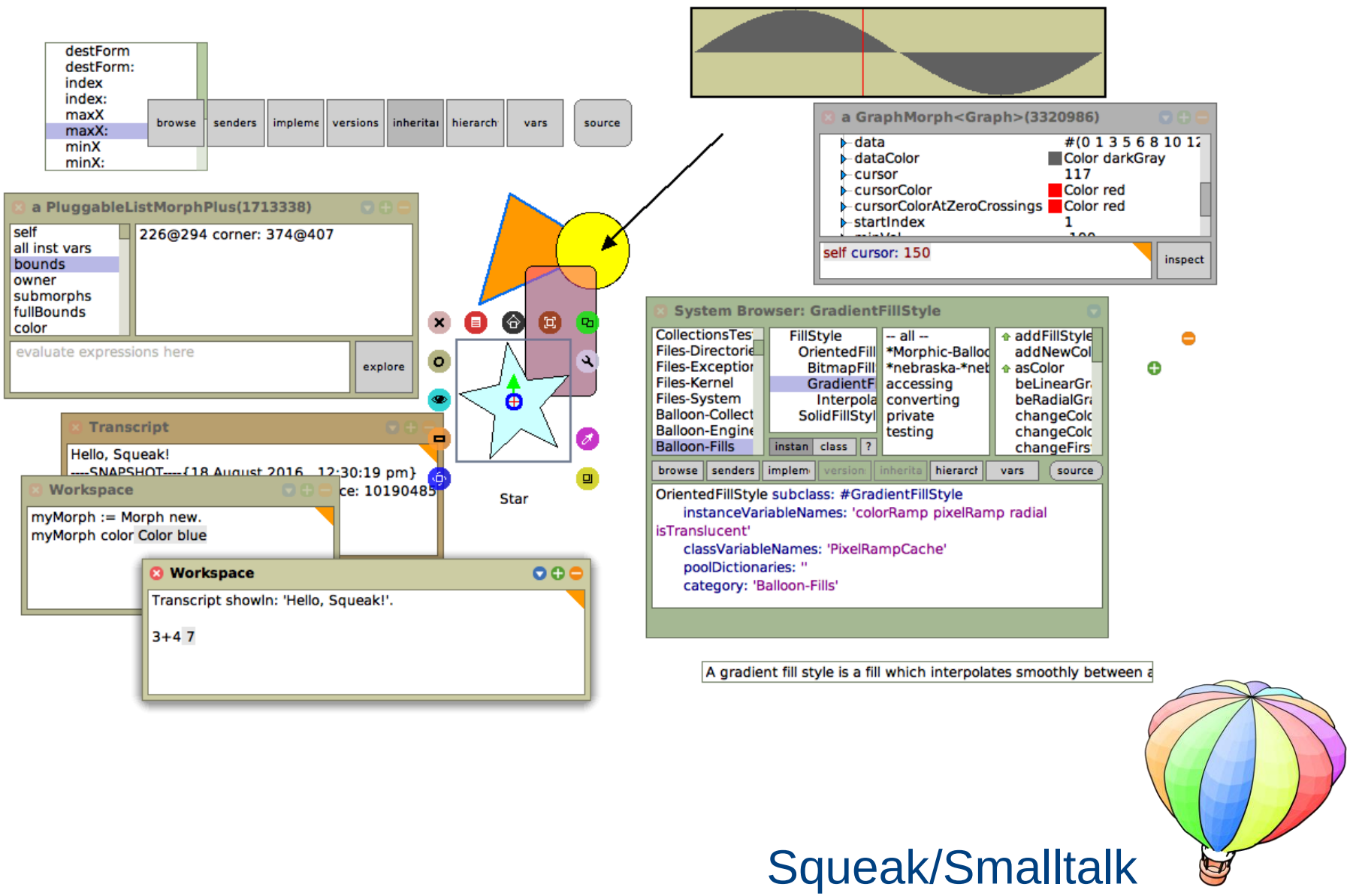

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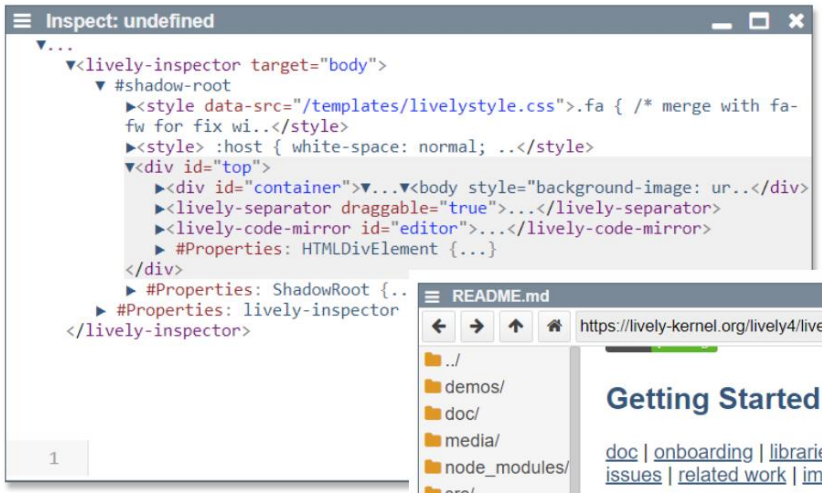
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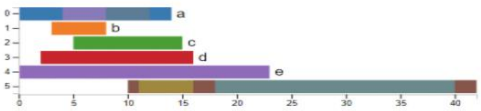
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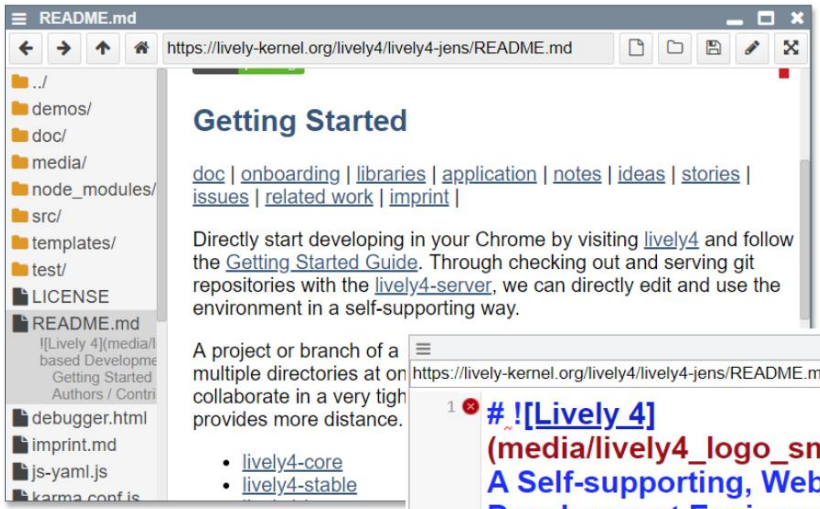
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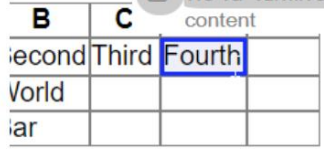
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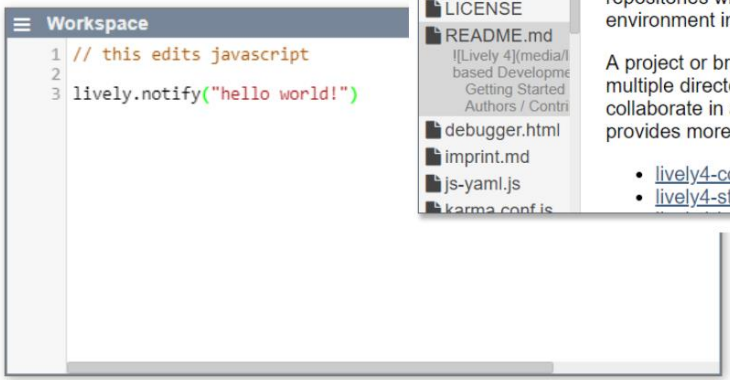
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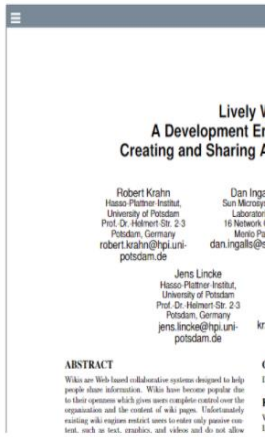
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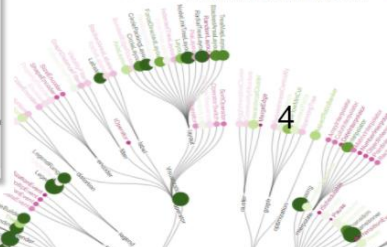
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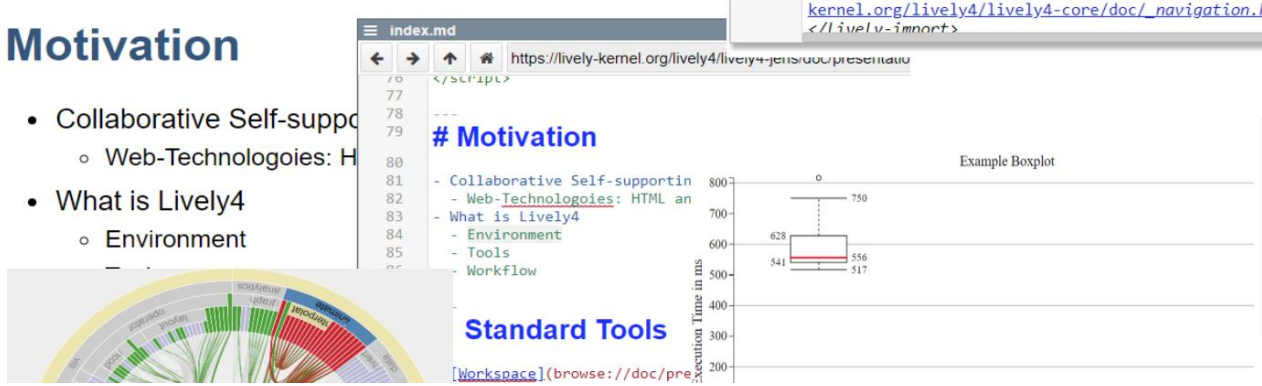
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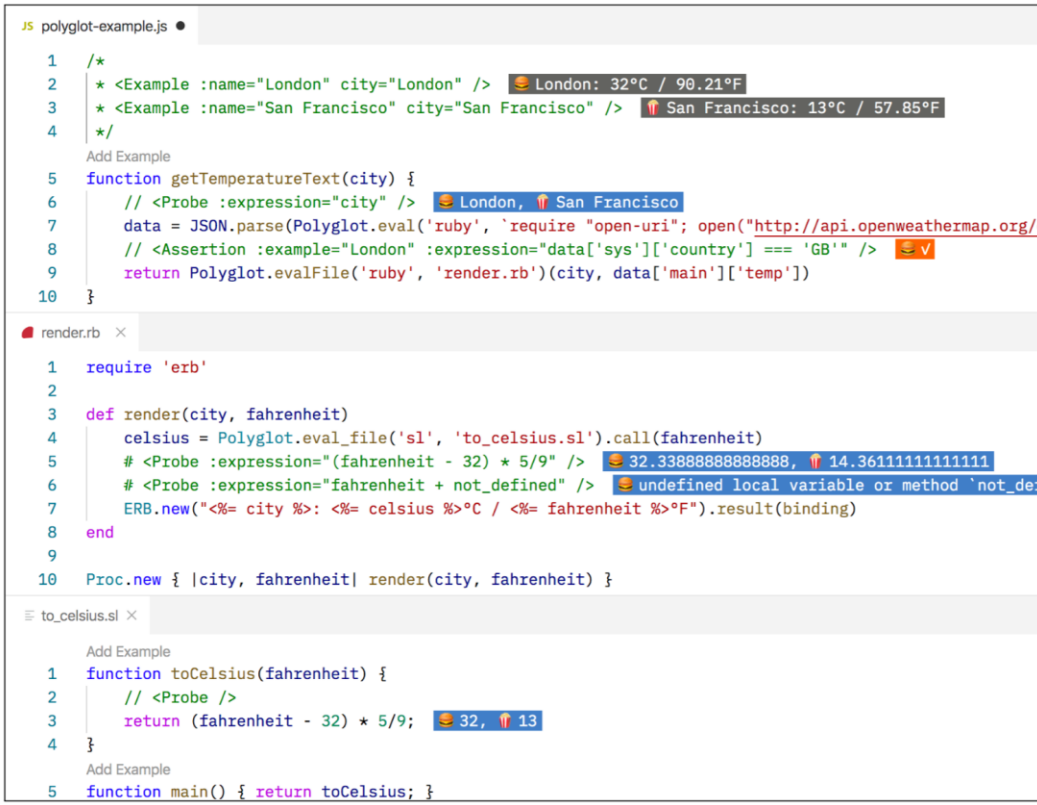
TOPICS

Topic: Babylonian Programming in IntelliJ

Bring Babylonian Programming to IntelliJ based on the polyglot live programming backend.

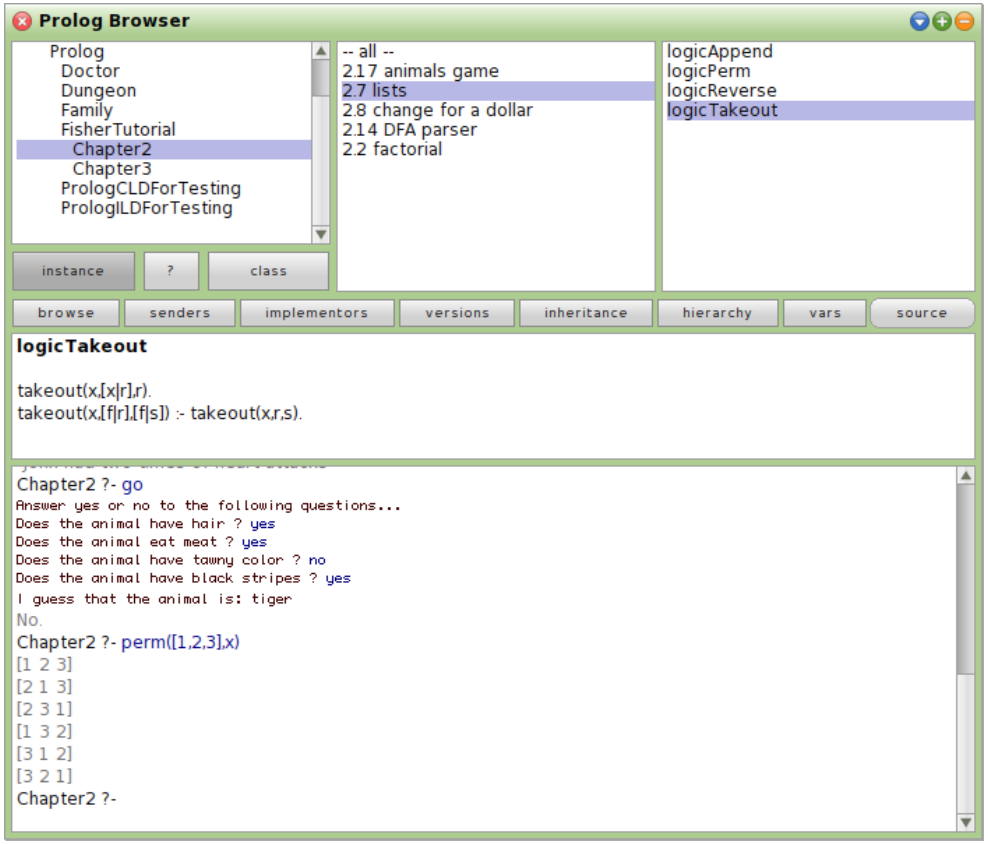
Challenges

- Design based on native IntelliJ Widgets
- Integration as plugin



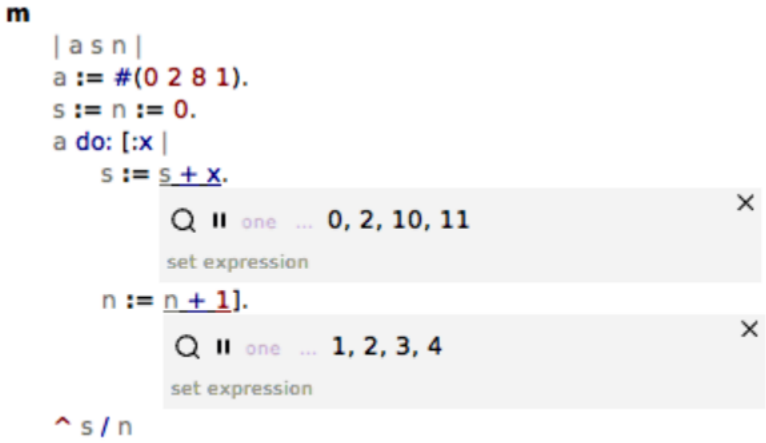
Topic: Babylonian Prolog

Design and implement a Babylonian-style programming environment for Prolog including examples and probes.



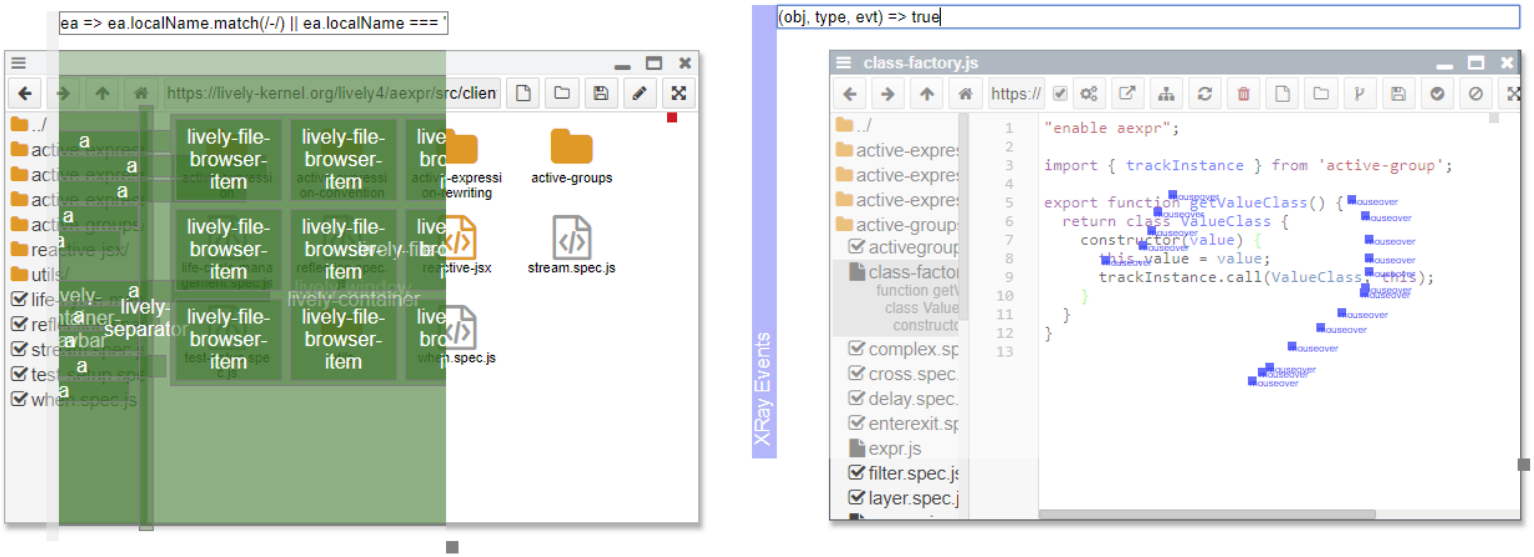
Topic: Live Printf

Explore and implement a live view of run-time behavior similar to a printf-log but based on the results of probes.



Motivation
Probes provide live, over-time feedback on the results of an expression, printf-logging provides feedback on the temporal succession of expressions throughout the program.

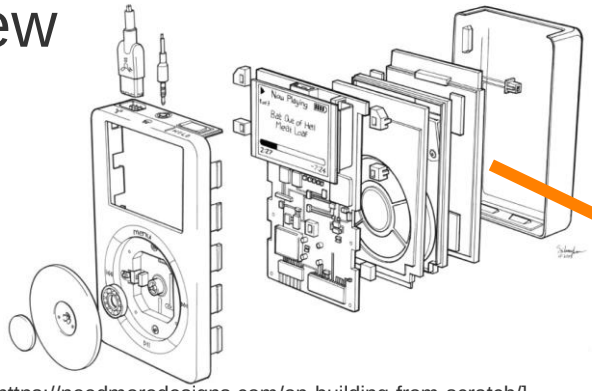
Context: X Ray



- Lively XRay tools overlay graphical user interface to:
  - Reveal and inspect structure of the DOM hierarchy
  - Make user events visible

Topic: X Ray (A) Better UI

- Explosion View



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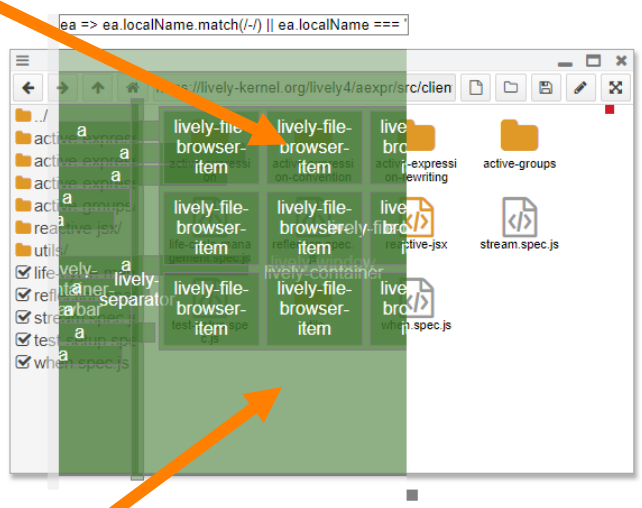
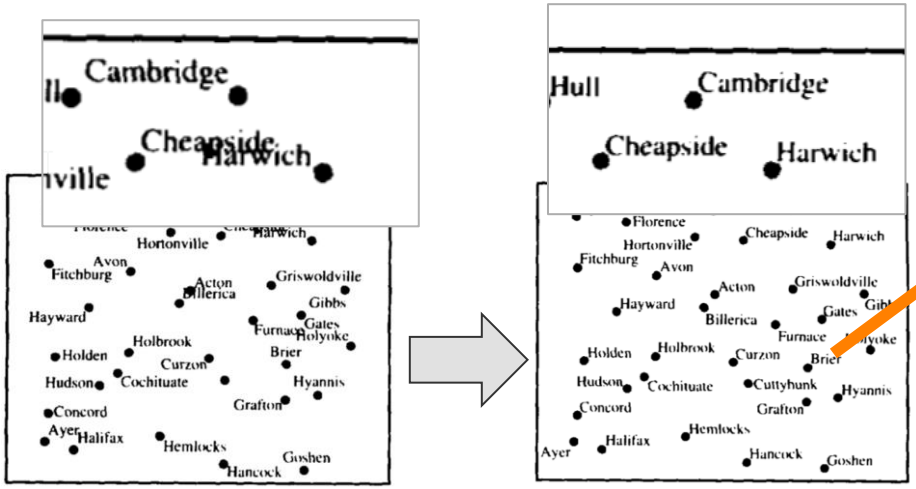


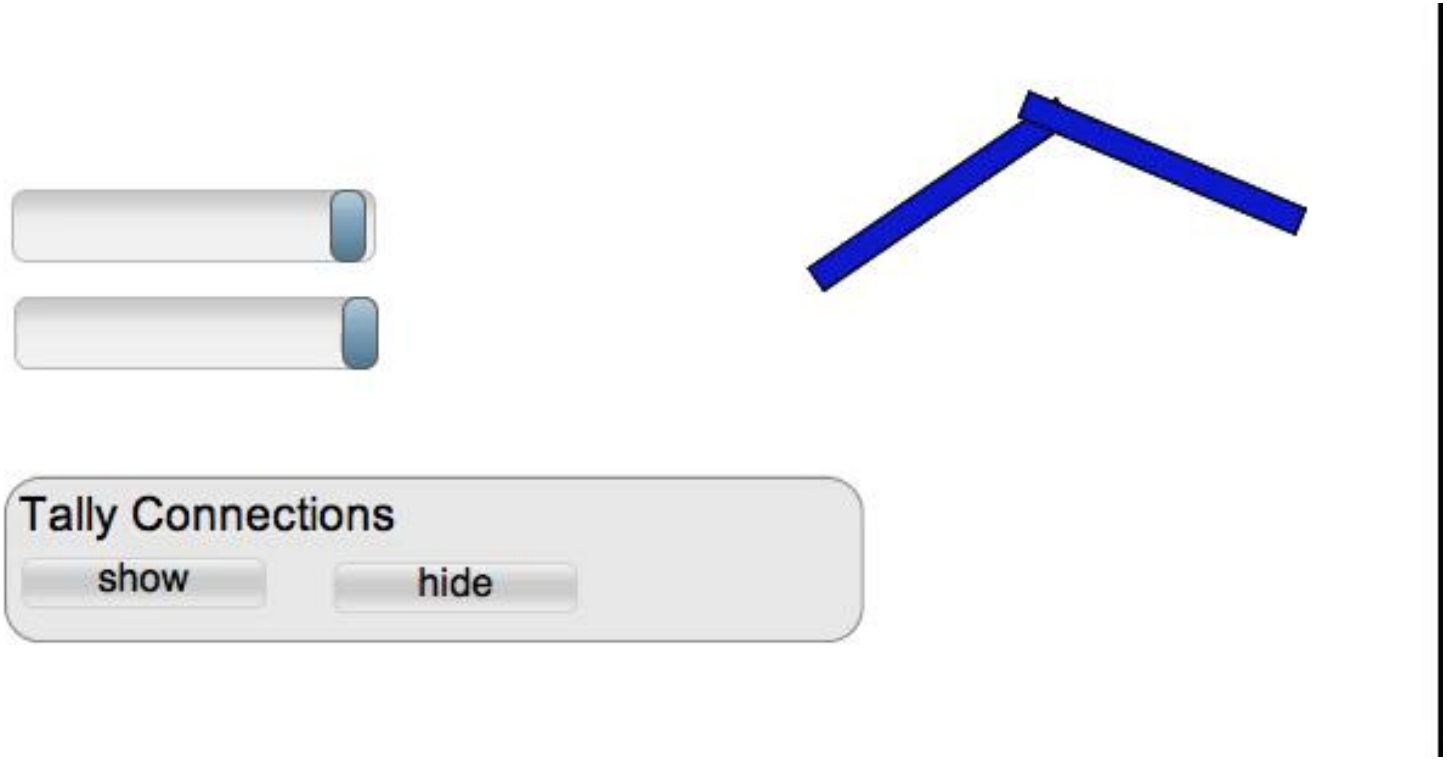
- Better Label Placement



[Christensen 1995. An Empirical Study of Algorithms for Point-Feature Label Placement]

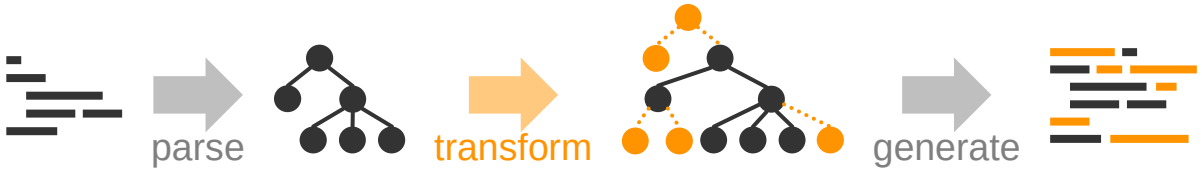
Topic: X Ray (B) Show (Async) Behavior

- **Goal:** Extend XRay tools to reveal behavior
  - Trace and show computation within components
  - Link computation to dynamic DOM structure and static source code
  - Highlight reactive components and their over-time behavior



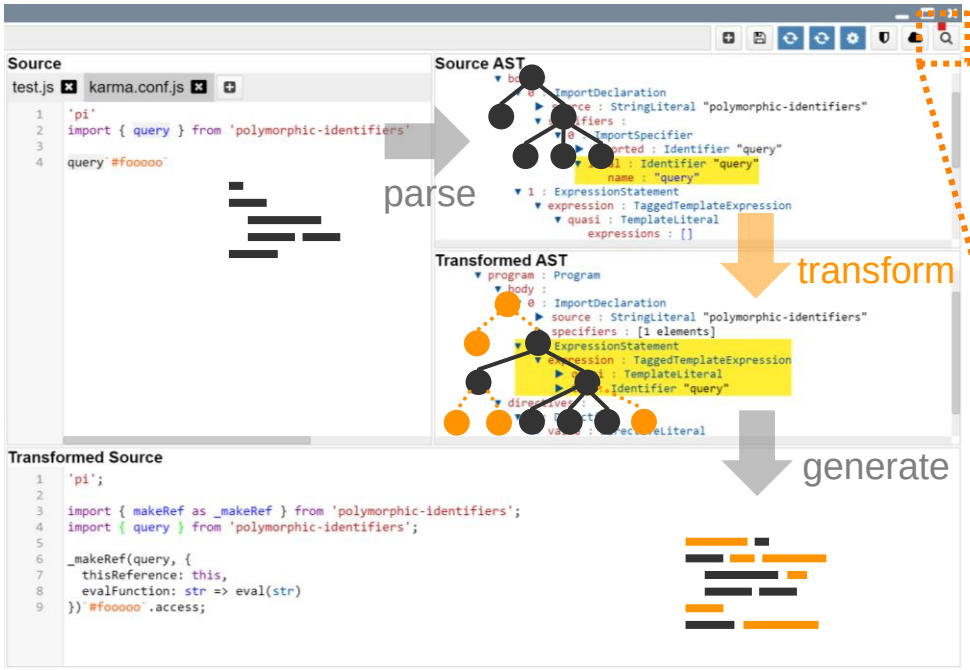
Topic: Live Programming with Back-in-Time Debugging for Source Code Transformations (1/3)

- Context



  - Source code transformations are an integral part in JavaScript workflows to support various language **dialects**, custom **extensions**, and future language **proposals**
  - Multiple interacting transformations entail **high complexity**
- Opportunity
  - A **dedicated tracing tool** may reveal why rules trigger, what effects a rule has, and which further rules apply
  - Connecting input code, output code, and transformations allow for navigating examples **forward and backward in time**
- But
  - Loss of fast feedback loop hampers programming experience
  - **Separation** of tools **discourages adoption** of less frequently-used tools

Topic: Live Programming with Back-in-Time Debugging for Source Code Transformations (2/3)



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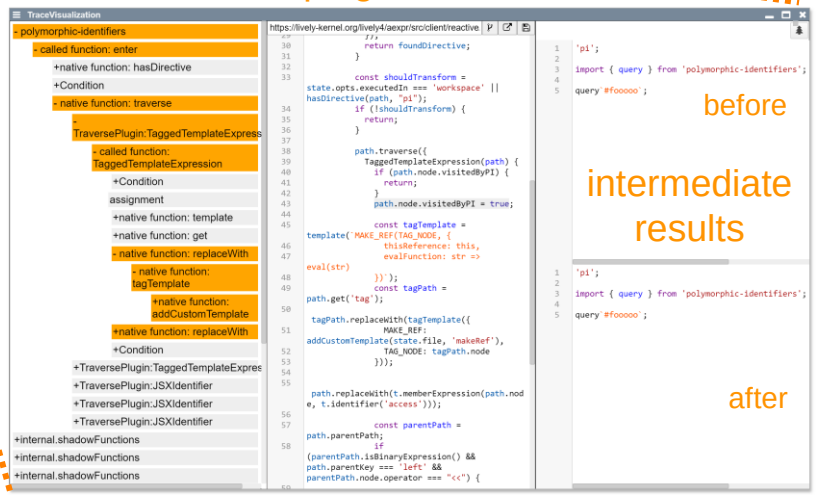
execution trace

plugin code

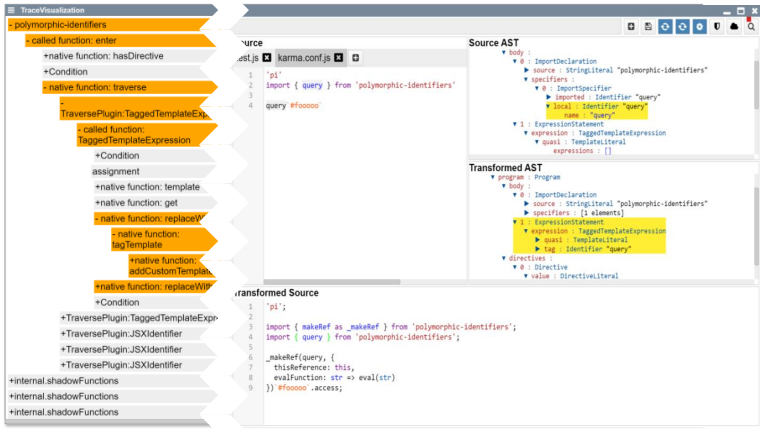


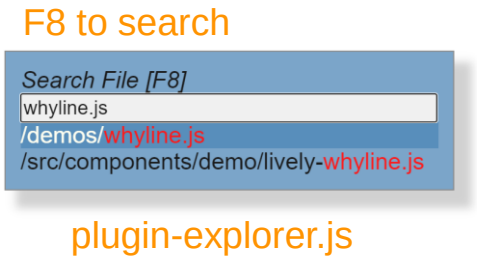
Live Plugin Explorer
programming transformations

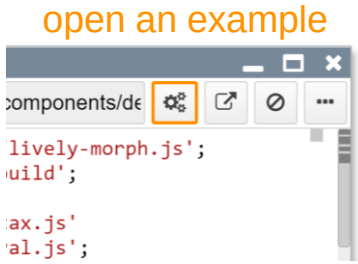
Trace Visualization
navigate execution history

Topic: Live Programming with Back-in-Time Debugging for Source Code Transformations (3/3)

- Goal
  - **Integrate both** tools to shorten feedback loop on powerful insights
- Readings
  - Whyline
  - Inventing on Principle
  - Babylonian-style Programming + Babylonian Demos in Lively4
  - Moldable Debugger
- Getting started
  - Go to https://lively-kernel.org/lively4/lively4-core/start.html

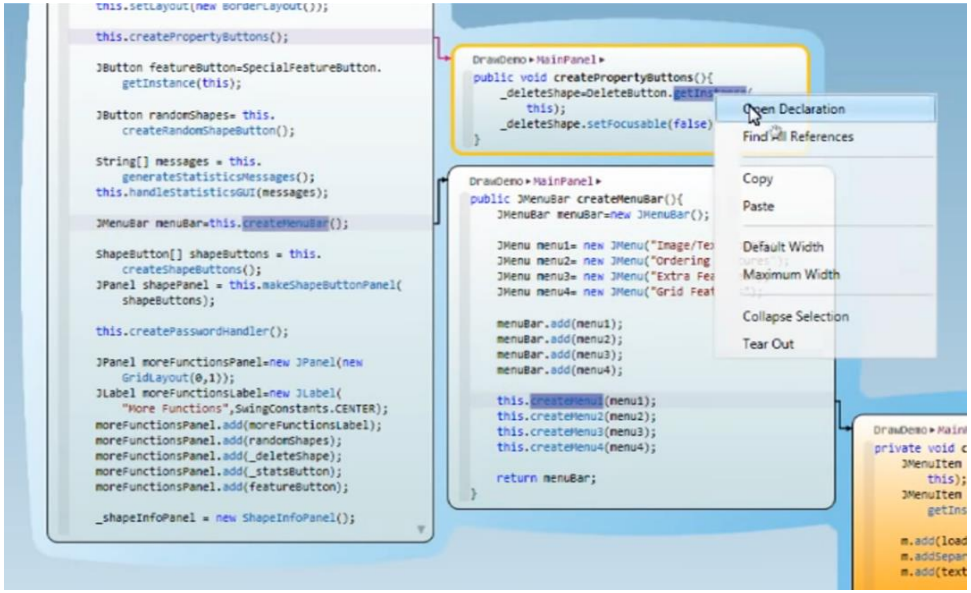


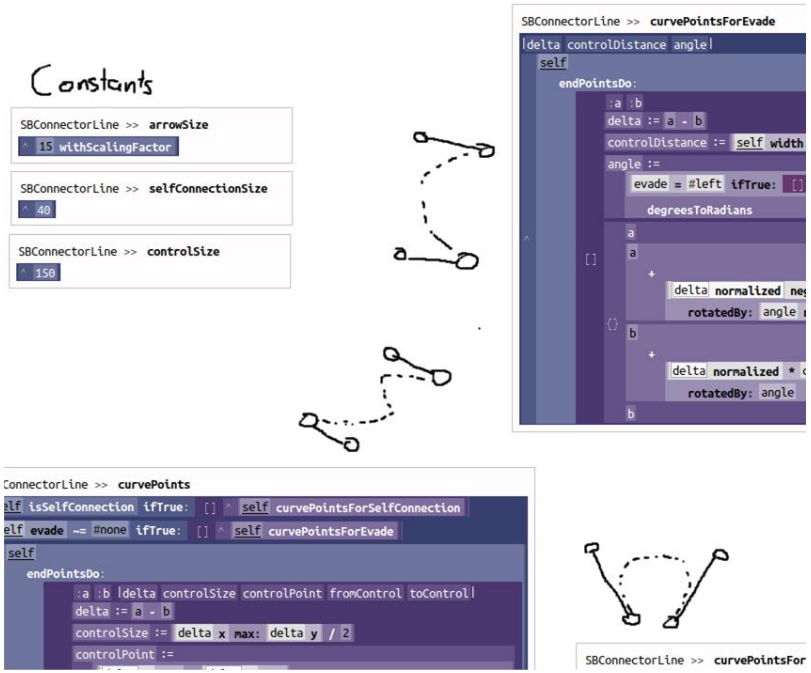




Topic: Spatial Arrangement of Software Systems

Explore and implement manners to manually curate spatial layouts of large code bases on a 2D grid in a block-based programming environment





Topic: React/S

Extend and build tool support for a React implementation in Squeak with a focus on liveness and explorability.

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        props: {#label -> 'My Window'. #defaultExtent -> (400@225)};
        children: {
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        build
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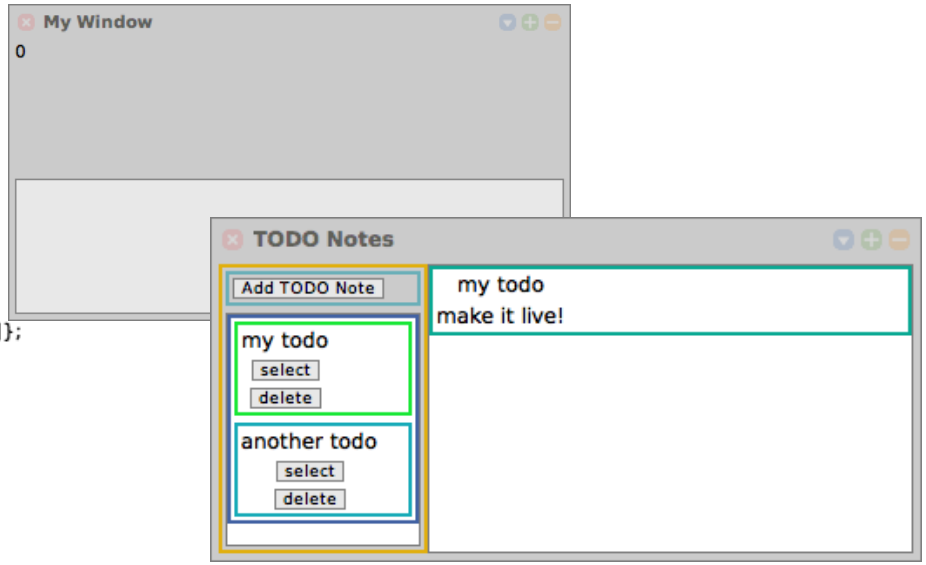
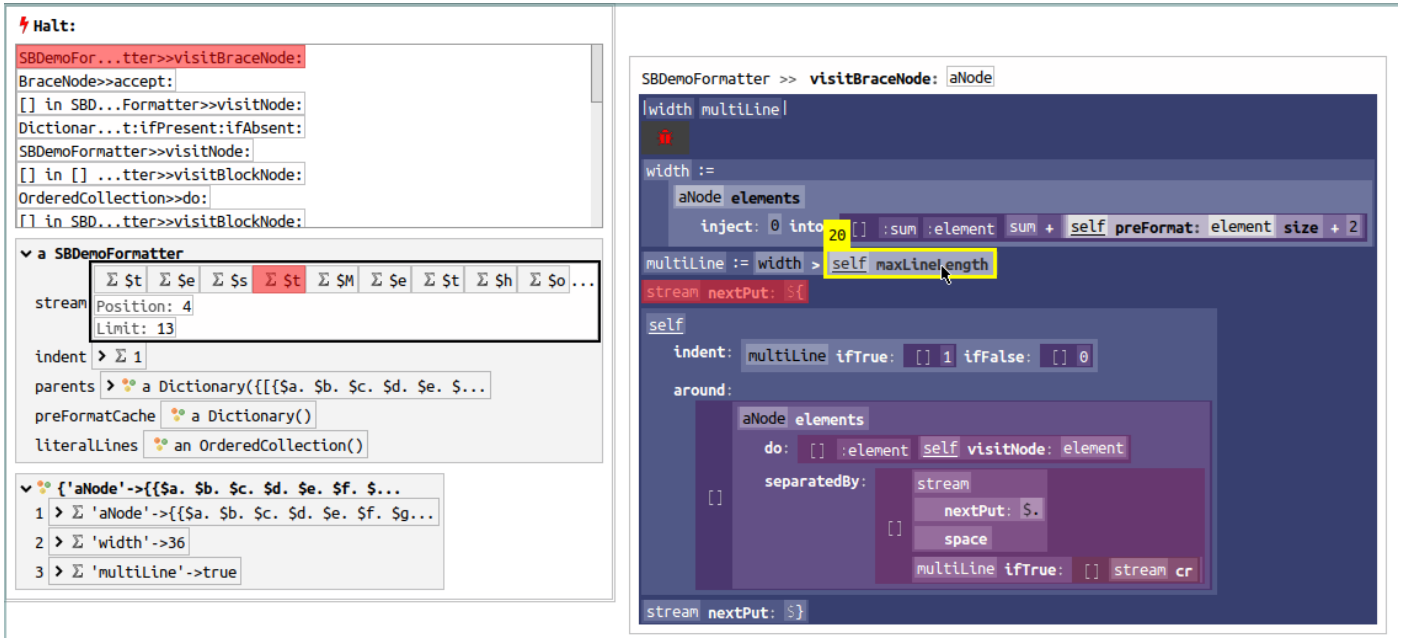


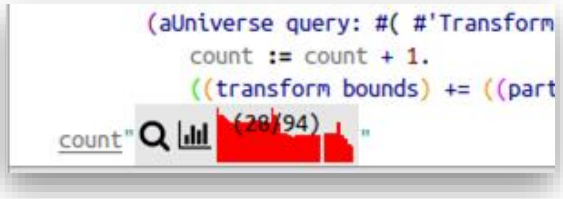
Topic: Debugging with Blocks

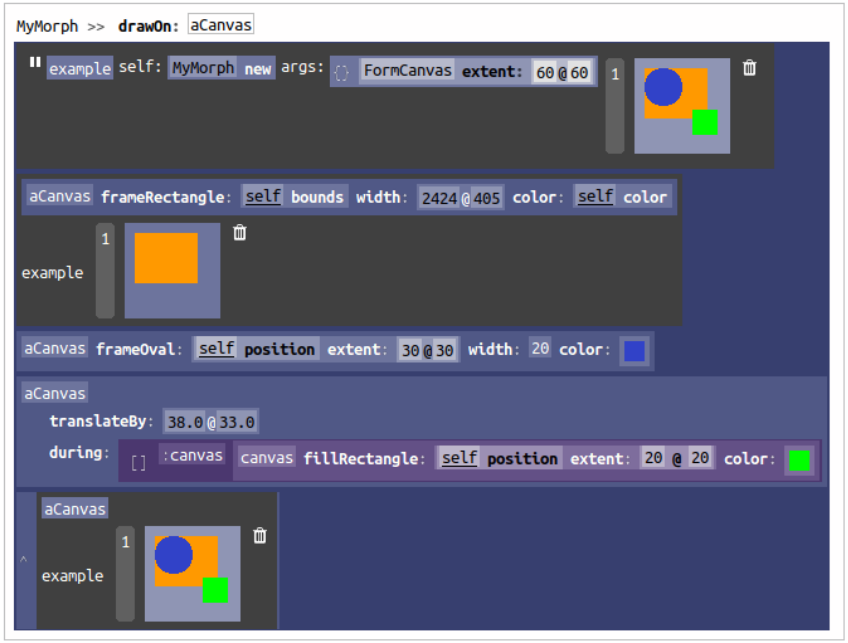
Explore and implement visualizations in a block-based programming environment connected to a stepwise debugger.



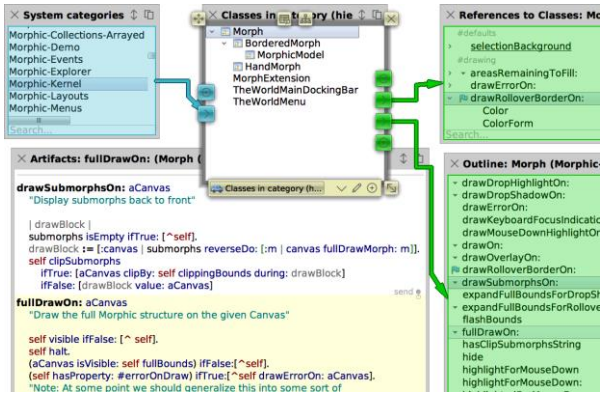
Topic: Runtime Value Visualization

Explore and implement rich, domain-specific visualizations that display and/or accumulate runtime values in probes.





Topic: Async Scripts in Vivide



- Extend a tool-building framework to support script interpretation that is not blocking the UI process

- Literature
  - Taeumel, Hirschfeld. Evolving User Interfaces From Within Self-sustaining Programming Environments: Exploring the Project Concept of Squeak/Smalltalk to Bootstrap Uis. In PX/16, 2016, ACM.
  - Taeumel. Data-driven Tool Construction in Exploratory Programming Environments. PhD Thesis, 2020. https://publishup.uni-potsdam.de/44428
    - Pages 10 – 14, 83 – 89, 93 – 103, 131 – 133, 157 – 169

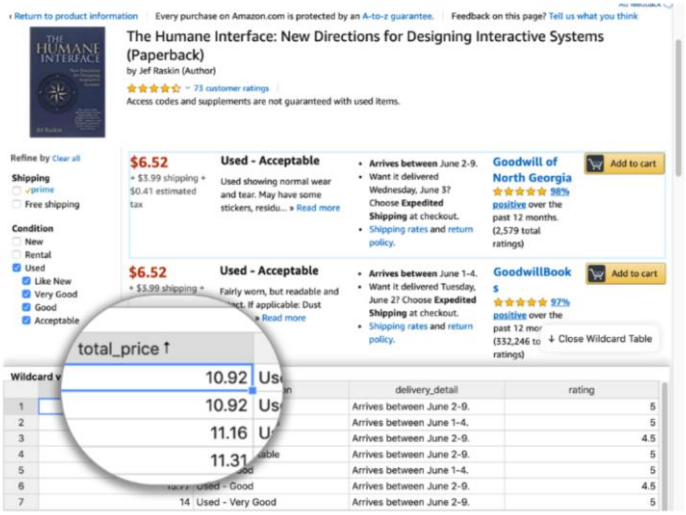
→ github.com/hpi-swa/vivide

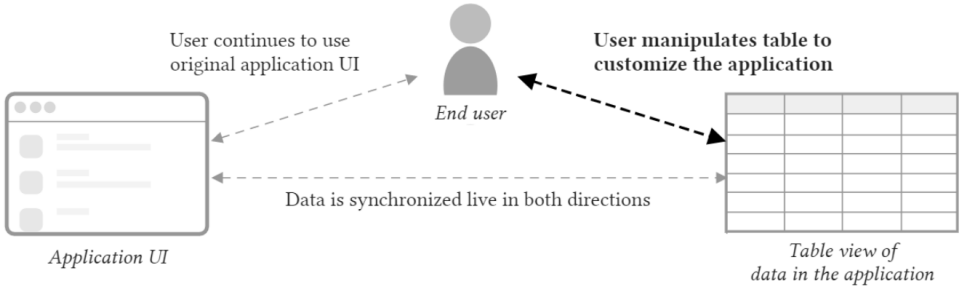
Topic: Squeak Inbox Talk

- Improve communication between contributors and core developers by integrating mailing lists and code repositories in a new tool

- Literature (and other Materials)
  - Steinert, Taeumel, Lincke, Pape, Hirschfeld. CodeTalk – Conversations About Code. C5, 2010, IEEE.
  - Ducasse, Nierstrasz, … Squeak By Example (5.3 Edition). 2020, lulu. (Infos about Morphic and tools)
  - github.com/hpi-swa/squeak-history
    - Web scraping mailman in method #downloadTweak
  - github.com/hpi-swa-teaching/IMAPClient
    - Send and receive emails via IMAP

Topic: Wildcard

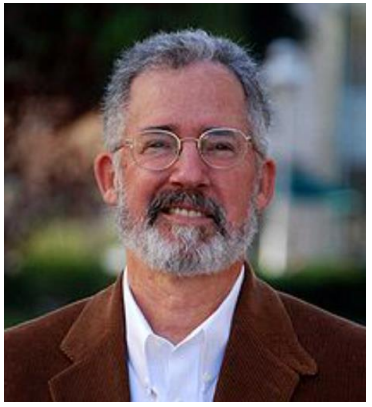




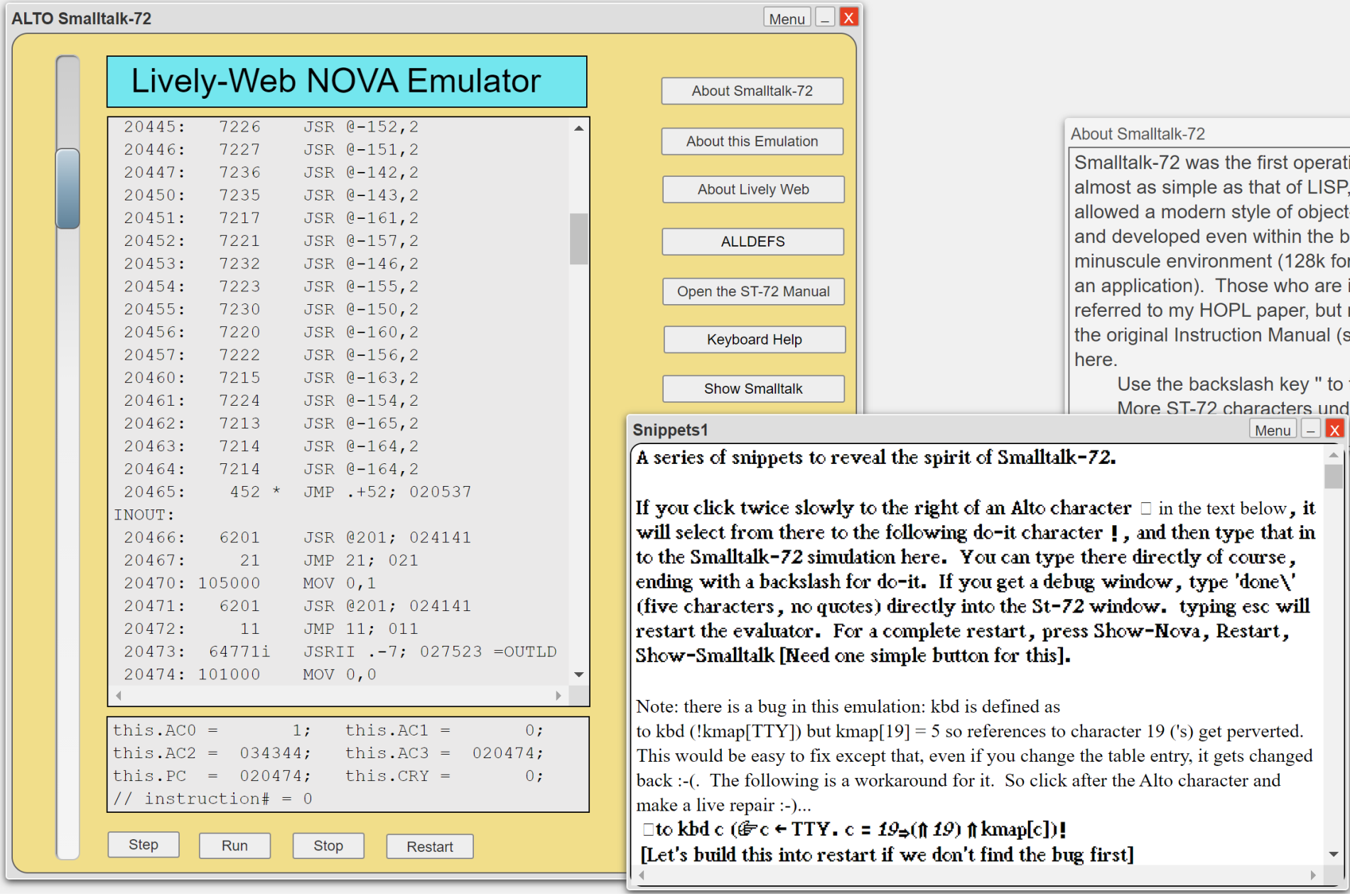
- Literature
  - Geoffrey Litt, Daniel Jackson, Tyler Millis, Jessica Quaye. 2020. End-user software customization by direct manipulation of tabular data.

Topic: Smalltalk-72 redux

- Smalltalk-72 (Alan Kay and Dan Ingalls)
- Goal for Redux
  - metacircular evaluator in St-72 itself
    - currentContext := currentContext next
  - fast enough to be useful /
    faster that the original assembly language interpreter
  - “real definition” of the St-72 interpreter
  - Programmer interface
    - Original had no morphic and no decent debugger



- Literature
  - Daniel Ingalls. 2020. *The evolution of Smalltalk: from Smalltalk-72 through Squeak*
  - https://smalltalkzoo.thechm.org/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20471: 6201 JSR @201; 024141
20472: 11 JMP 11; 011
20473: 64771i JSRII .-7; 027523 =OUTLD
20474: 101000 MOV 0,0
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this.PC = 020474; this.CRY = 0;
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Keyboard Help
Show Smalltalk
About Smalltalk-72
Smalltalk-72 was the first operati
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and developed even within the b
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an application). Those who are i
referred to my HOPL paper, but
the original Instruction Manual (s
here.
Use the backslash key " to
More ST-72 characters und
Snippets1
Menu
A series of snippets to reveal the spirit of Smalltalk-72.
If you click twice slowly to the right of an Alto character in the text below, it will select from there to the following do-it character !, and then type that in to the Smalltalk-72 simulation here. You can type there directly of course, ending with a backslash for do-it. If you get a debug window, type 'done\' (five characters, no quotes) directly into the St-72 window. typing esc will restart the evaluator. For a complete restart, press Show-Nova, Restart, Show-Smalltalk [Need one simple button for this].
Note: there is a bug in this emulation: kbd is defined as
to kbd (!kmap[TTY]) but kmap[19] = 5 so references to character 19 ('s) get perverted.
This would be easy to fix except that, even if you change the table entry, it gets changed back :-(. The following is a workaround for it. So click after the Alto character and make a live repair :-)...
to kbd c (c ← TTY. c = 19⇒(⇑19) ⇑kmap[c])!
[Let's build this into restart if we don't find the bug first]

Bring Your Own Project Idea

- Project proposals are inspirations
- You can shape direction of project!
  - *which use case to cover, …*

Development Links

- Squeak/Smalltalk
  - https://squeak.org/
  - https://github.com/hpi-swa/vivide

- Lively4:
  - https://github.com/livelykernel/lively4-core
  - https://lively-kernel.org/lively4/lively4-core/start.html

Hand-In Reference Sheet

- Presentation
  - Presentation (pdf)
  - Screencast (mp4, public, 1080p)
- End of Semester (in zip, link or email)
  - Presentation and Screencast again
  - Abstract (txt)
  - Figure / Screenshot (png, 800x600)
  - Sourcecode (MIT License)
  - Data
  - (squeak image)
  - README.md
- All hand-ins will be archived in a public repository

Organization

- Course
  - Project-Seminar, 4 SWS, 1-2 students per group
- Presentations
  - End-term Presentation (July)
- Grading
  - 6 ECTS graded credit points
  - Grade based on project work and presentation
- Important dates
  - Project topics on April 15th
  - Enrollment with preferred topic names on or before April 20th
    - Mail to jens.lincke@hpi.de with **Live21** in subject
  - Topic assignment on April 22th
  - Presentation dates determined after topics are assigned