# PaSe: An Extensible and Inspectable DSL for Micro-Animations

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#### What are Micro-Animations?



# They can get very complex...



#### Ok, let's get started!

#### 7 Best Animation Libraries for UI Designers 2018 | Codementor

■ https://www.codementor.lo/hayeskier/7-best-animation-libraries-for-ui-designers-2018.

Jun 29, 2018 · Overall, a great animation library for UI designers in 2018. A must-try.

AnimeJS. GitHub. AnimeJS is fairly new JS animation library compared to others listed here. In the small span of its release, it has grown rapidly and also shows promise to become of the best out there. AnimeJS is a complete package when it comes to animation library.

#### The 10 best JavaScript libraries for SVG animation

https://noeticforce.com/Javascript-libraries-for-svg-animation Sep 15, 2019 · The 10 Best JavaScript Libraries for SVG Animation Veloc Walkway, RaphaelJS, Snap,Svg, Bonsai, Lazy Line Painter, Vivus, Progree Conclusion.

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#### 15 Best JavaScript Animation Libraries for Developers I Code ...

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1. Tween JS. TweenJS is a simple tweening library for use in Javascript. It was developed to integrate well with the EaseJS library, but is not dependent on or ...

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#### on Libraries For The Web I Webdesigner Depot

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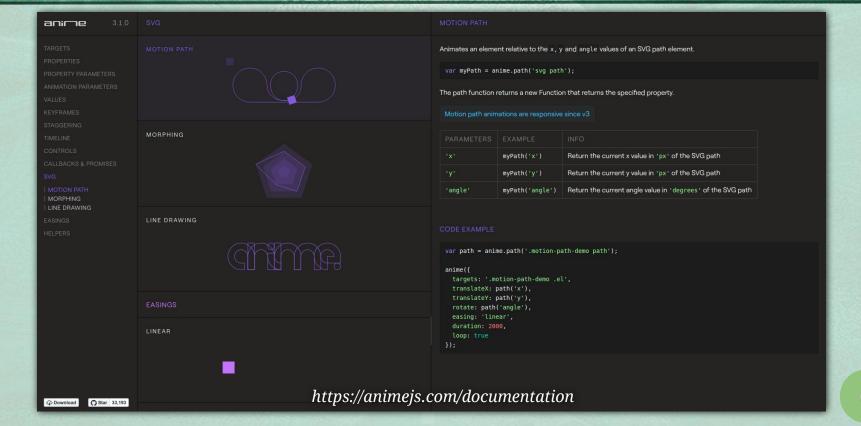
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the web. There are an awful lot of libraries that want to help you animate things on the web. These aren't really libraries that help you with the syntax or the technology of animations, but rather are grab-and-use as-is libraries.

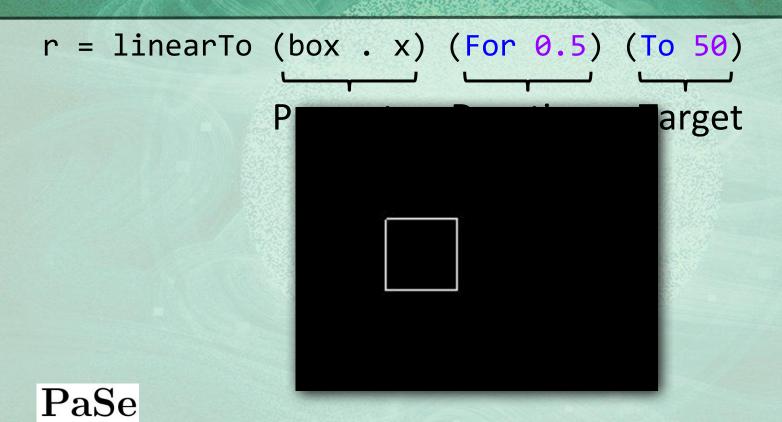
#### Structure in a DSL

- Atomic Operations
- Combination Facilities

#### **Operations**

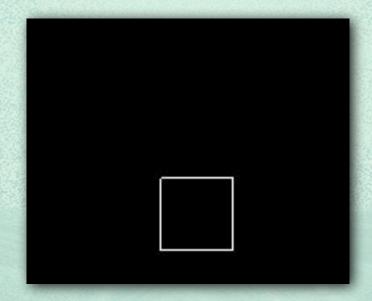


## **Operations**



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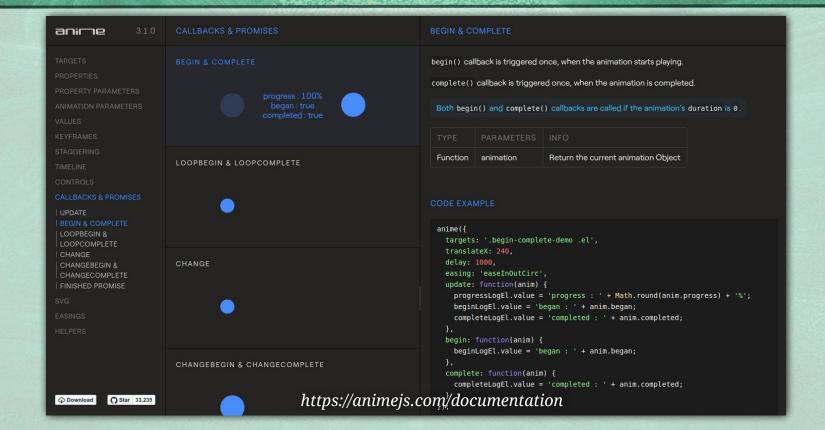
u = linearTo (box . y) (For 0.5) (To 50)



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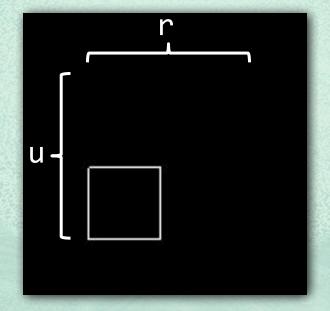
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#### Combination



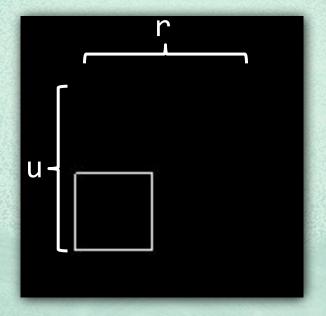
#### Combination

upThenRight = u `sequential` r



#### Combination

diagonal = u `parallel` r



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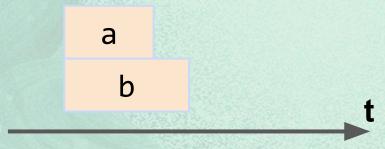
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# Round 1: Semantics

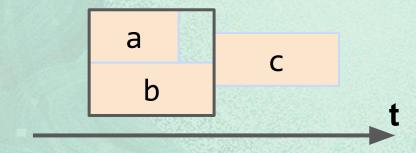
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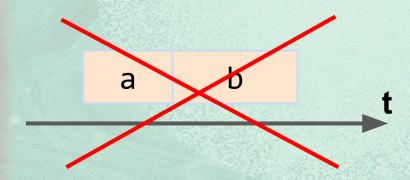
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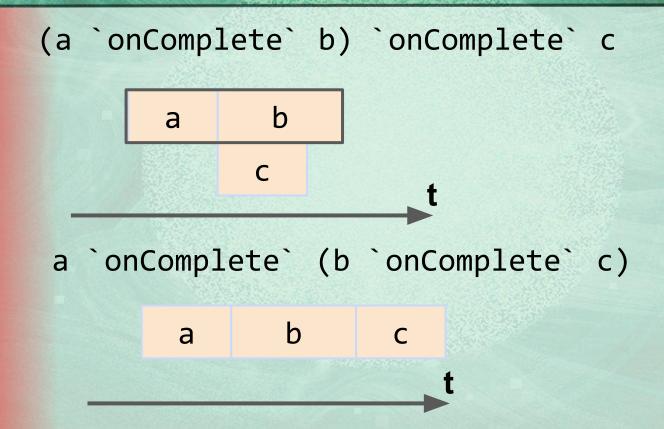


(a `parallel` b) `sequential` c

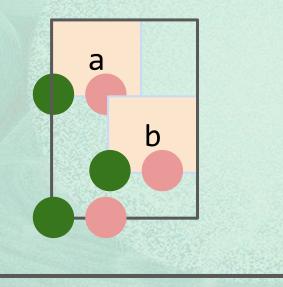


```
a `onComplete` b
( = a.onComplete(() => b.play()) )
```

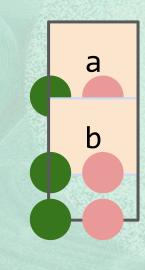




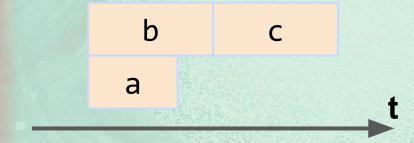
a `onComplete` b



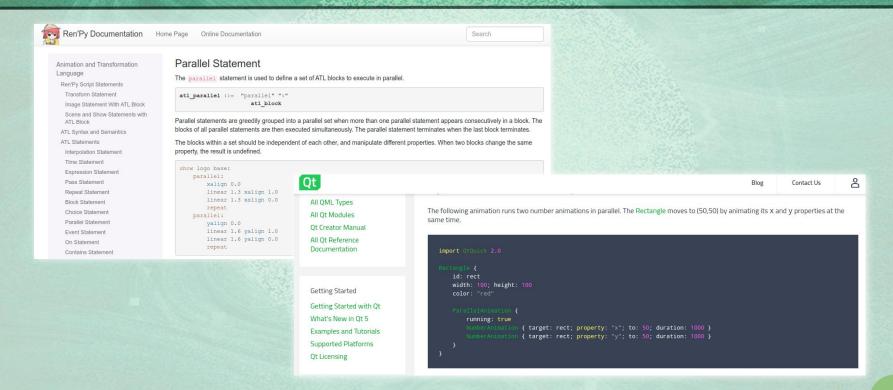
a `onBegin` b



(b `onComplete` c) `onBegin` a



### Parallel/Sequential Combinators



#### Timeline



#### Sequencing with Timelines

Choreographing complex sequences is crazy simple with GSAP's Timelines.

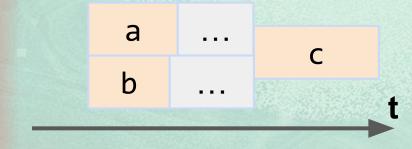
A timeline is a **container** for **tweens** where you place them in time (like a schedule). They can overlap or have gaps between them; you have total control. As the timeline's playhead moves, it scrubs across its child tweens and renders them accordingly! Insert as many as you want and control the entire group as a whole with the standard methods ( play(), reverse(), pause(), etc.). You can even nest timelines within timelines!

Once you get the hang of timelines, a whole new world of possibilities will open up. They provide a fantastic way to modularize your animation code.

#### When to Use a Timeline

- To control a group of animations as a whole.
- To build a sequence without messing with lots of delay values (progressively build so that timing
  adjustments to earlier animations automatically affect later ones, greatly simplifying experimentation and
  maintenance).
- To modularize your animation code.
- · To do any kind of complex choreographing.
- To fire callbacks based on a group of animations (like "after all of these animations are done, call myFunction()").

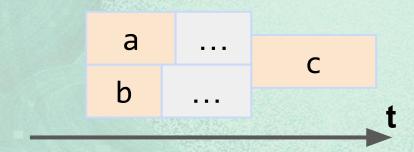
# Round 2: Expressivity



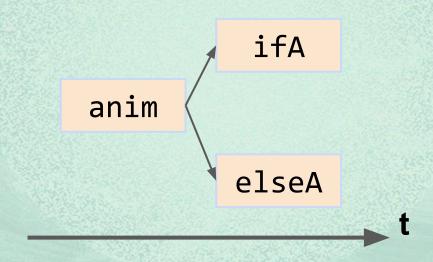
```
if duration a > duration b
  then (a `onComplete` c) `onBegin` b
  else (b `onComplete` c) `onBegin` a
```



(a `parallel` b) `sequential` c



```
function ifThenElse(anim, cond, ifA, elseA){
  anim.onComplete(() => if (cond()) {
    ifA.play()
  } else {
    elseA.play()
  });
  return anim;
```



ifThenElse anim cond ifA elseA = ?

```
a `onComplete` b

onComplete ::
   Animation -> (() -> IO ()) -> Animation
play :: Animation -> IO ()
```

# Round 3: Inspectability

#### Inspectability

```
duration (a `sequential` b) =
 duration a + duration b
duration (a `parallel` b) =
  max (duration a) (duration b)
duration op = <basic value>
```

## Inspectability

```
function duration(anim) {
  const basicDur = <basic value>;
  // analyze all callbacks to fetch
  // additional duration
  const additionalDur = ...;
  return basicDur + additionalDur;
```

#### Inspectability



```
anim1
```

```
.add(() => anim2.play())
.add(() => anim3.play());
```

anim1 anim2 anim3



```
anim1
```

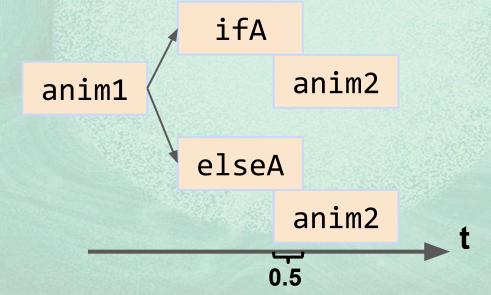
```
.add(() => anim2.play())
.add(() => anim3.play(), "-=0.5");
```

anim1 anim2 anim3 t



```
ifThenElse(anim1, cond, ifA, elseA)
  .add(() => anim2.play(), "-=0.5");
```

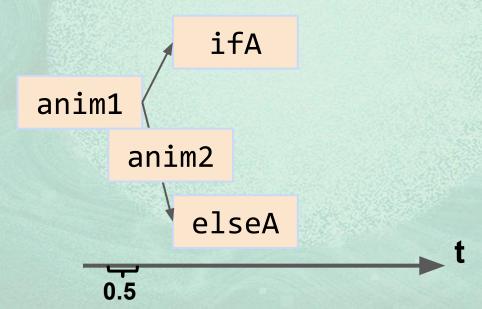
#### **Expected:**





```
ifThenElse(anim1, cond, ifA, elseA)
  .add(() => anim2.play(), "-=0.5");
```

### Reality:





```
ifThenElse(anim1, cond, ifA, elseA)
  .add(() => anim2.play(), "-=0.5");
```

## Reality:

anim1

duration = 0

# Solution

# Open Description

u `sequential` r u `parallel` r



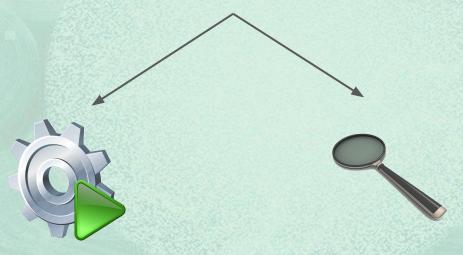
ifThenElse anim cond ifA elseA





# Interpretation

ifThenElse cond ifA elseA



# Interpretation - Animate

#### ifThenElse cond ifA elseA



do

bool <- cond
if bool then ifA else elseA</pre>

# Interpretation - Inspection

ifThenElse cond ifA elseA



duration (ifThenElse cond ifA elseA)

= ?

# Interpretation - Inspection

ifThenElse cond ifA elseA



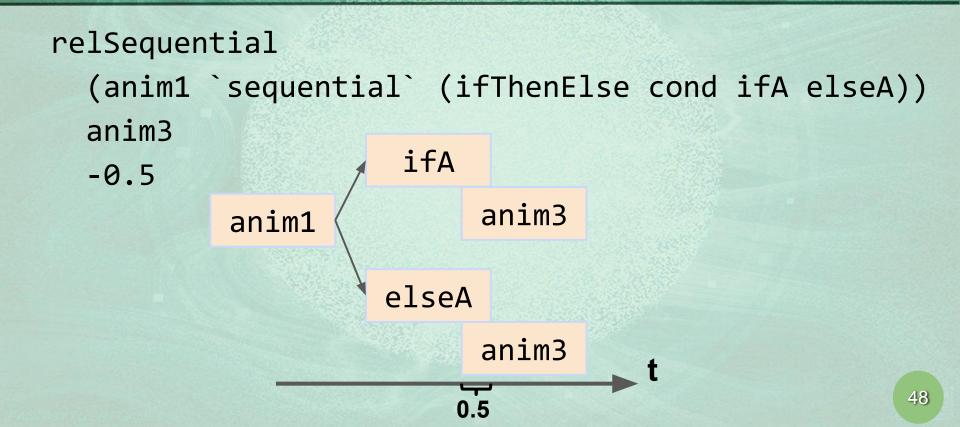
duration (ifThenElse cond ifA elseA)
 = if (duration ifA == duration elseA)
 then duration ifA
 else error

# Interpretation - Inspection

ifThenElse cond ifA elseA



# Relative Sequential Composition



## Conclusion

- Keep your semantics in mind to avoid unintuitive behaviour
- Enable inspectability with structured representation
- Keep expressivity by using an open encoding

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