

# UIDE



*User Interface Design Environments*



# In the Beginning...

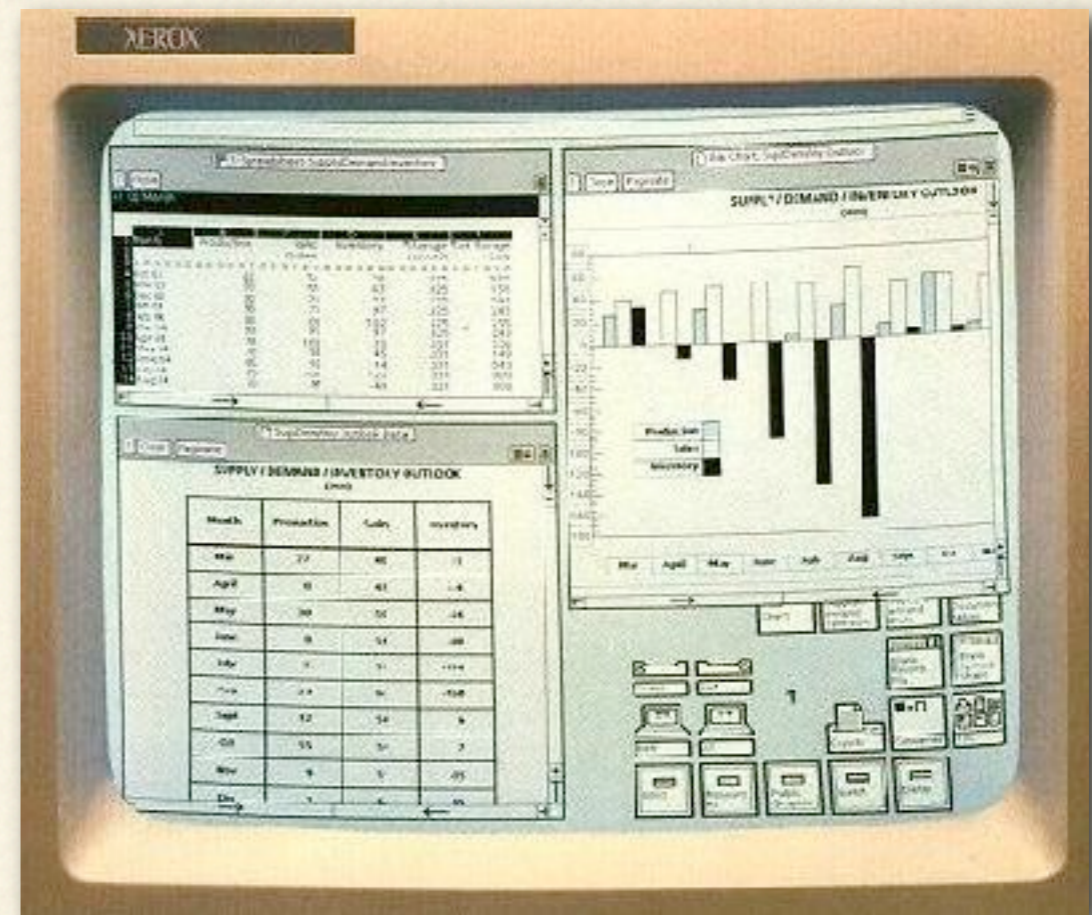
- There were punch cards
- and it was bad





# and Then There was Graphics... and it was good, but there were problems.

- View
  - View Creation
  - View Debugging
- Controller
  - Controller Creation
- Model
  - Event debugging
  - Visual Programming





# Smalltalk

- No Direct Manipulation
- Separated Classes



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The screenshot displays a Smalltalk development environment with several overlapping windows:

- System Browser:** A hierarchical tree view on the left showing categories like 'Collections-Sequence', 'Graphics-Primitives', and 'Graphics-Display'. A table in the center lists classes such as 'Interval', 'LinkedList', 'MappedCollection', 'OrderedCollection', and 'SortedCollection'. A right-hand pane shows methods for the selected class, including 'collect:', 'do:', 'do:andBetweenDo:', 'promoteFirstSuchT', 'reverse', 'reverseDo:', and 'select:'. A 'Form Editor' window is also visible in the top right.
- Code Editor:** Shows the implementation of the `collect:` method for `aBlock`. The comment reads: *"Evaluate aBlock with each of my elements as the argument. Collect the resulting values into a collection that is like me. Answer with collection. Override superclass in order to use add:, not at:put:"*. The code includes:

```
| newCollection |
newCollection ← self species new.
self do: [:each | newCollection add: (aBlock value: each)].
↑newCollection
```
- User Interrupt:** A window showing a stack trace of the current execution:

```
Paragraph>>characterBlockAtPoint:
Paragraph>>mouseSelect:to:
CodeController(ParagraphEditor)>>processRedButton
CodeController(ParagraphEditor)>>processMouseButtons
CodeController(ParagraphEditor)>>controlActivity
CodeController(Controller)>>controlLoop
```
- controlActivity:** A window showing the implementation of the `controlActivity` method:

```
self scrollBarContainsCursor
ifTrue:
    [self scroll]
ifFalse:
    [self processKeybo
    self processMouseE
```
- Object Inspector:** A window showing the state of an object, including:

```
[ ]<Robson>SF>*
[File]<Robson>SF>ScreenForm.st
[File]<Robson>SF>ScreenFormChanges.st
[File]<Robson>SF>WordGraphics.form
```
- Fig. 1.:** A window containing a detailed technical drawing of a bolt and nut.
- Bottom Window:** A window titled '(Form readFrom: 'FilledSkate.form') edit' showing a dark area, likely a form or image being edited.





User View - Status

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USERVIEW - WORKSPACE

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screen restore  
smalltalk quit

Changes  
Files  
Fonts  
Classes  
Messages  
Hardcopy

DocWindow.C.IUS.

Class new title: 'DocWindow';  
subclassof Window;  
fields: 'document scrollbar editorMen  
as follows:

User events  
window to edit  
scrollbar and  
gain control

Event Res

enter [self show  
editorMen  
Leave [document  
editorMen  
outside  
(editorMen  
scrollbar s  
if false)  
pendown [d  
keyboard [d  
Image  
show [super  
showDoc  
(document  
title [title

Window.Class.

Class new title: 'Window';  
fields: 'frame';  
as follows:

This is a superclass for presenting windows on the display. It  
holds windows with the focus is depicted outside. While it holds  
windows, it distributes messages to itself based user actions.

Scheduling

startup  
[frame contains: styles locs  
[self enter.  
repeat  
[frame contains: styles locs  
(keyboard actions [self keyboard]  
styles-downs [self pendown]]  
self outside;  
styles-downs [self leave]]  
if false]

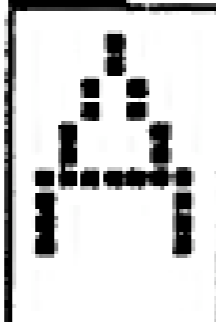
Default Event Responses

enter [self show]  
leave  
outside [if false]  
pendown  
keyboard [keyboard next; frame flush]

Image

show  
[para outside;  
circumfix put self title at frame +margin+titleloc.  
circumfix complement]

Font 1





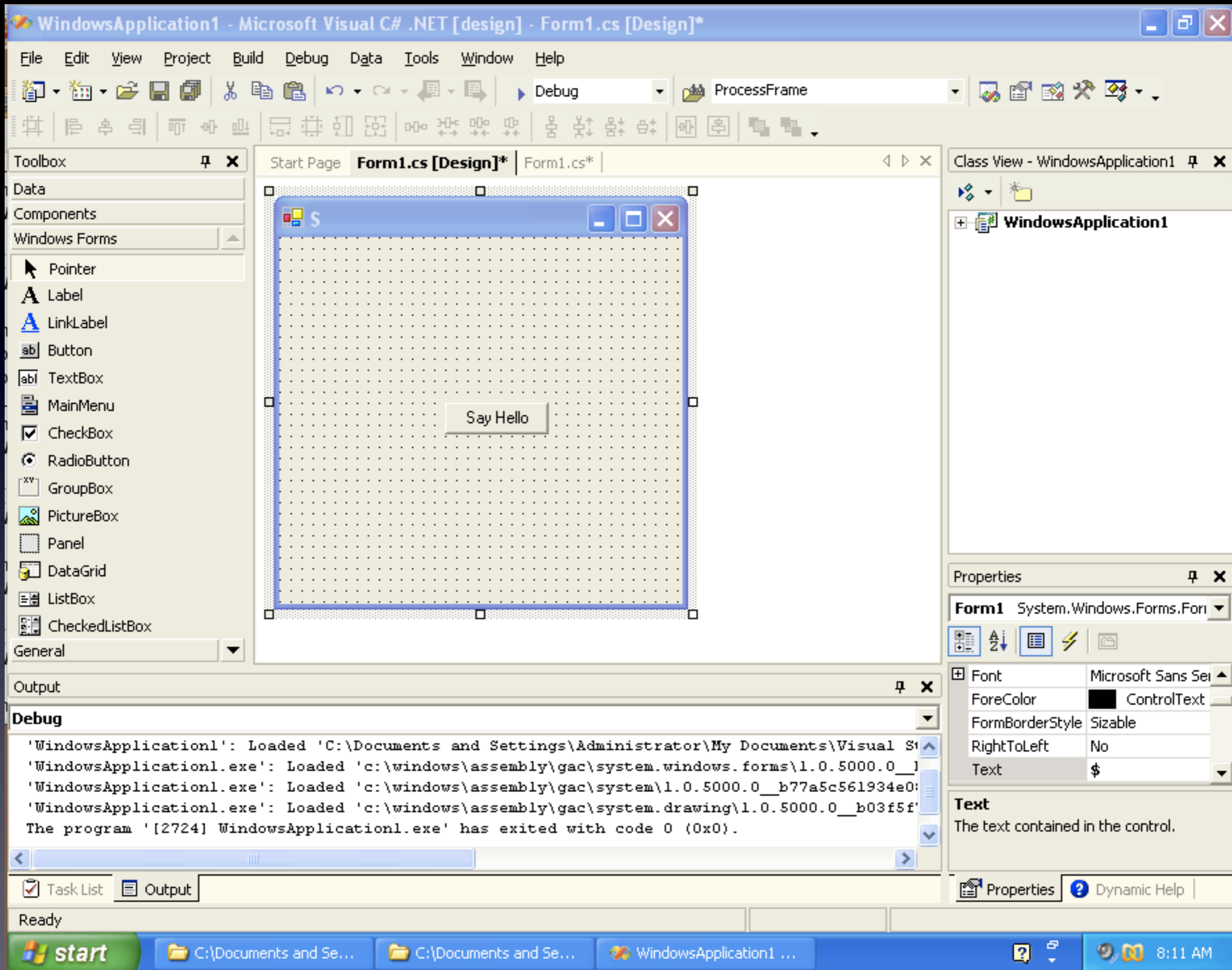




# Visualizing the View

- For IDE's the first thing that was done to help program development
- Used widely for rapid prototyping
- Demo of .Net
- Demo of JSpy







**SpyJ** Memory used:2,131,176 Total:3,227,648

Exit Reload Expand Collapse Trace Props

Point Options About

**Components**

- com.spyj.Demo\$a[frame0,0,479,559x177,layout=java.a
- java.awt.Panel[panel25,4,63,551x110,layout=java.aw
- java.awt.Panel[panel26,0,0,551x110,layout=java.aw
- java.awt.Panel[panel27,0,0,551x46,layout=java.a
- java.awt.Label[label6,0,0,551x23,align=left,te
- java.awt.Label[label5,0,23,551x23,align=left,te
- java.awt.List[list1,0,46,551x64,selected=null]
- java.awt.Button[button7,0,0,0x0,hidden,label=OK
- java.awt.Panel[panel24,4,30,551x33,layout=java.awt.
- java.awt.Button[button6,168,5,126x23,label=Comp
- java.awt.Button[button5,299,5,84x23,label=Method
- com.spyj.a0[dialog0,0,0,167x80,invalid,layout=java.awt
- java.awt.Panel[panel0,4,30,159x46,invalid,layout=java
- This component is not displayed by the trial versi
- com.spyj.bp[panel1,0,0,0x0,invalid,layout=java.awt
- com.spyj.ac[panel7,0,0,0x0,invalid]
- com.spyj.ac\$a[panel22,0,0,0x0,invalid,layout=j
- This component is not displayed by the trial ve
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- java.awt.Scrollbar[scrollbar3,0,0,0x0,invalid,
- java.awt.Scrollbar[scrollbar2,0,0,0x0,invalid,
- This component is not displayed by the trial ve
- com.spyj.ac\$a[panel20,0,0,0x0,invalid,layout
- com.spyj.i[panel17,0,0,0x0,invalid,layout=jav

```

this = java.awt.List[list1,0,46,551x64,selected=2. Resize the SpyJ and this d
getClass() = class java.awt.List
getBounds(null) = java.awt.Rectangle[x=0,y=46,width=551,height=64]
getLocationOnScreen() = java.awt.Point[x=4,y=588]
getFont() = java.awt.Font[family=Dialog,name=Dialog,style=plain,size=12]
getName() = list1
getParent() = java.awt.Panel[panel26,0,0,551x110,layout=java.awt.GridBagL
isEnabled() = true
isShowing() = true
isVisible() = true
getPreferredSize() = java.awt.Dimension[width=549,height=64]

```

Action  Adjus  Comp  Conta  Ancestor  Caret  CellEditor  
 Focus  Item  Key  Mous  Change  Document  Hyperlink  
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 TableMode  TreeExpan  TreeModel  
 TreeSelect  TreeWillEx  UndoableE

Line:      Total:

1. Assuming SpyJ started correctly, click "Init Spy" button. Full SpyJ window will appear.
2. Resize the SpyJ and this demo window to not overlap each other
3. Press/release mouse button on "Point" button, move to this list box and press any key.

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# Problems with using a Graphical View

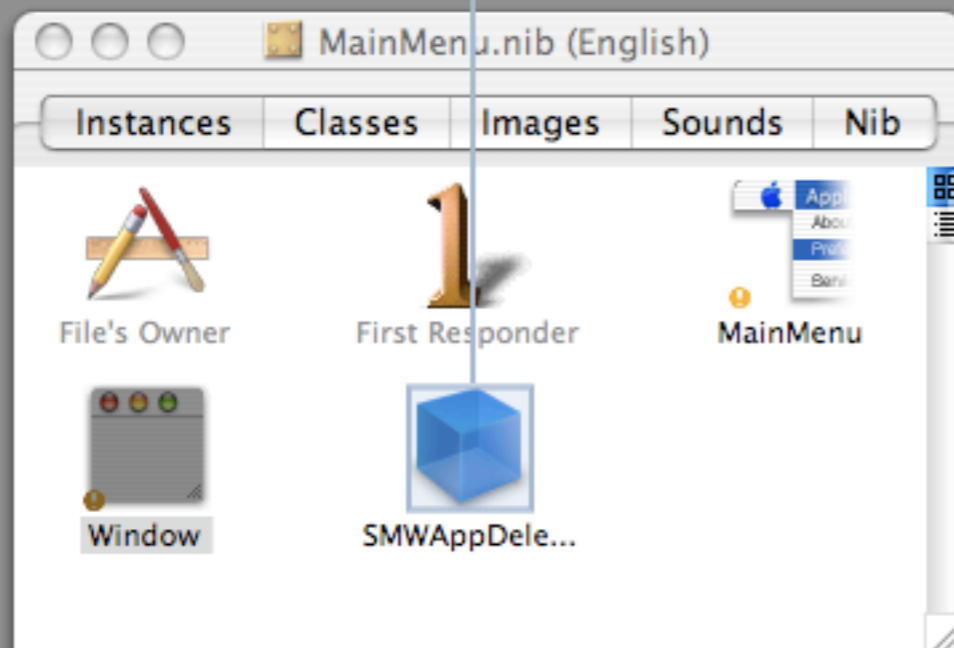
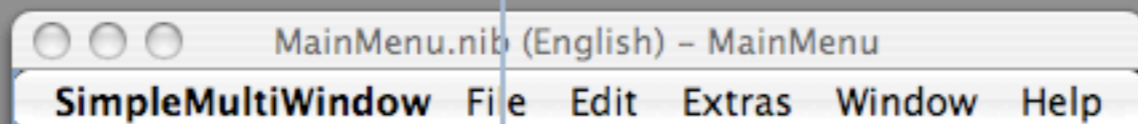
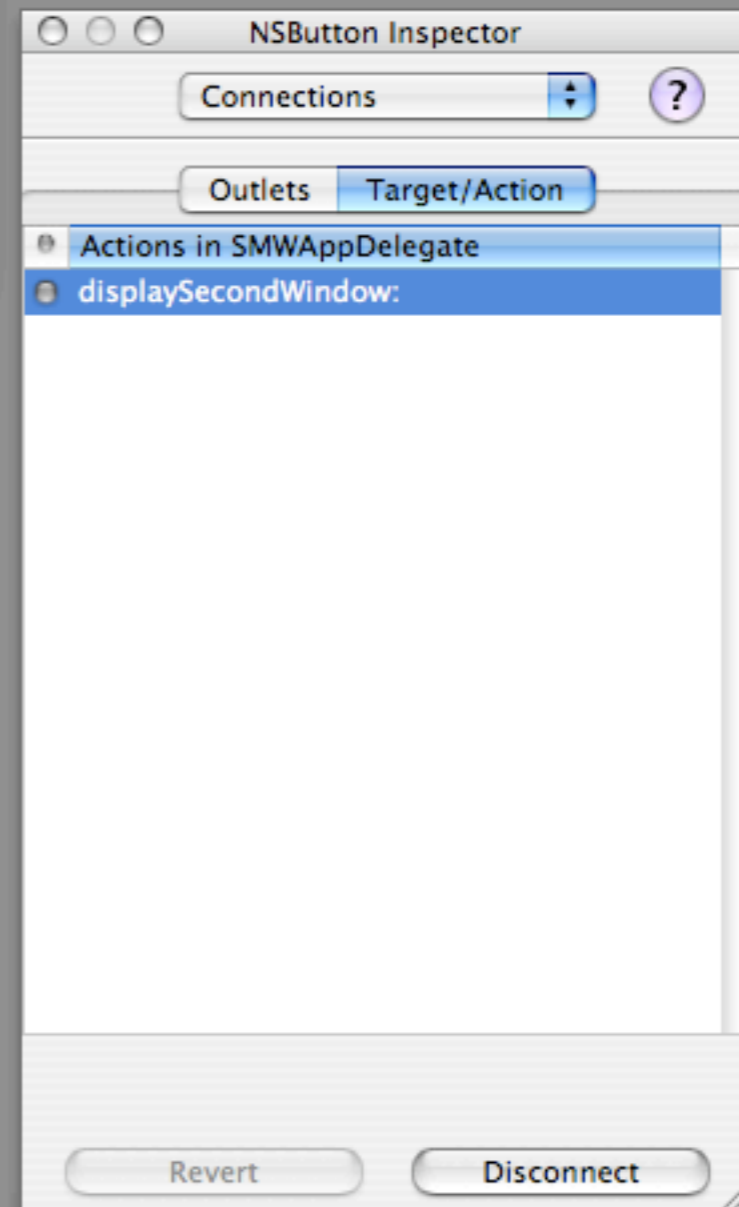
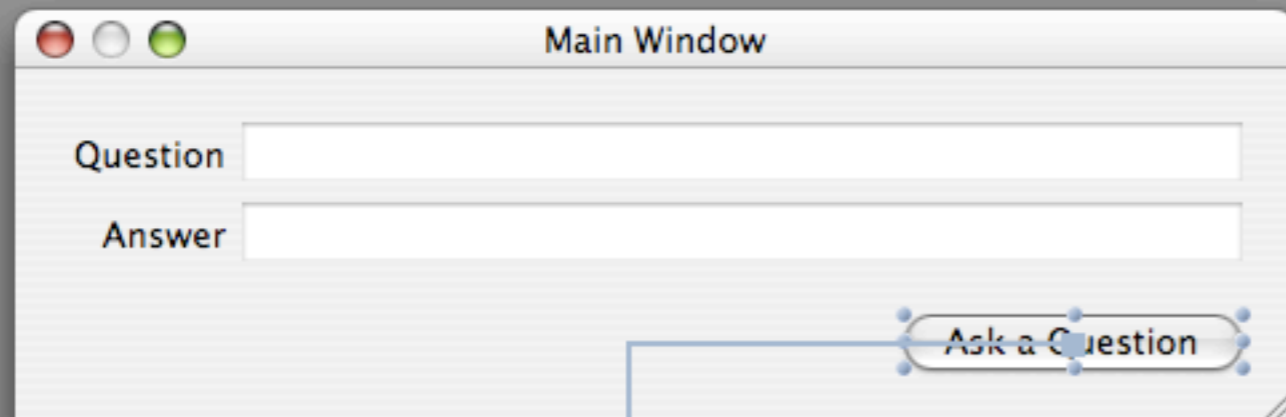
- Keeping code and internal model of view synchronized
- Editing code that is machine generated
- Creating a prototype view can lead people to think the application is closer to completion than reality.



# Visualizing Controller

- First Done with NeXT
- Demo with Interface Builder
- No known software for visual controller testing











Key File Edit View Window Help

KeySpace

Observation - Parameters

CPU Load

Monitor

1st Recorder - Parameters

00:00:26

Inspector	Time	User	System	New	Old
CPU Load	15:26:02.389	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:03.389	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:04.389	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
View Options	15:26:05.389	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:06.389	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00
Structure table	15:26:07.389	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:08.389	0.01	0.14	0.00	0.00
Colors	15:26:09.389	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:10.389	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:11.389	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
	15:26:12.389	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Appropriate load







# Problems with using a Graphical Controller

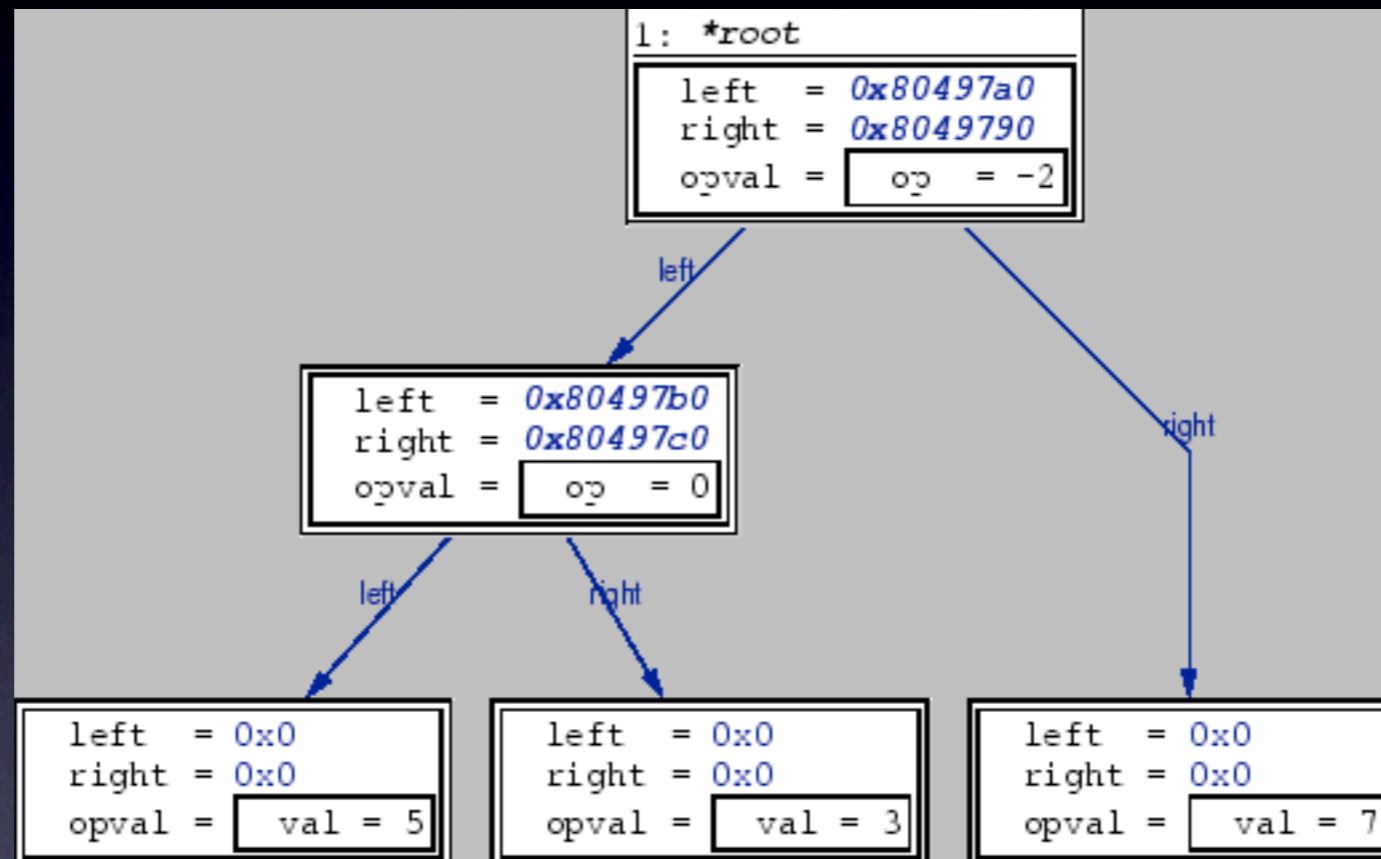
- No code to edit
- Separation from program code
- Accessibility problems



# Visualizing the Model

- Model usually seen as storage of memory
- Debugging tracks memory usage
- Demo of DDD (Data Display Debugger)







# Problems with using a Graphical Model

- A lot of information to view at one time. Usually only viewing part of the model.
- A lot of algorithms do not have a understandable visual model yet.



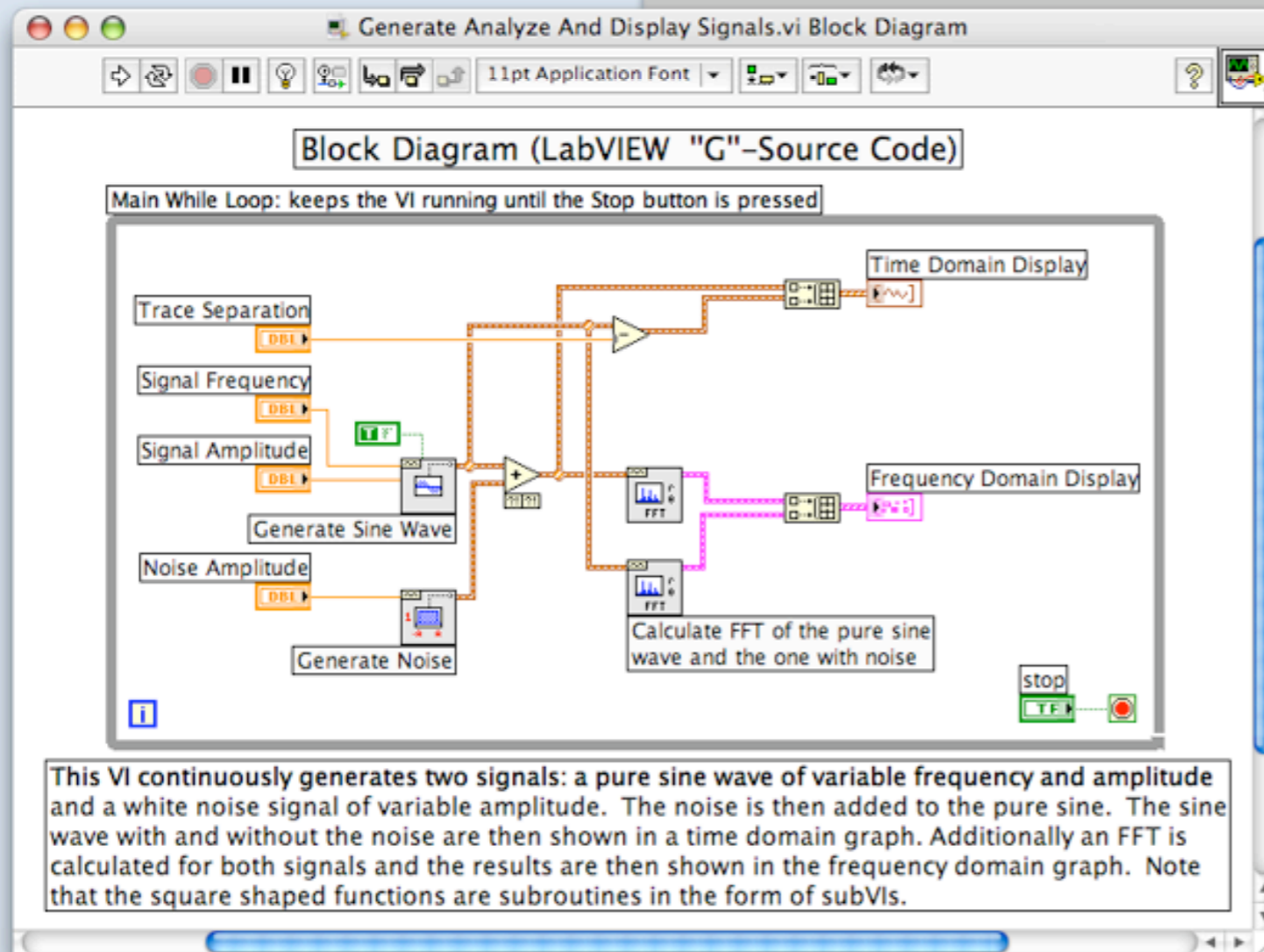
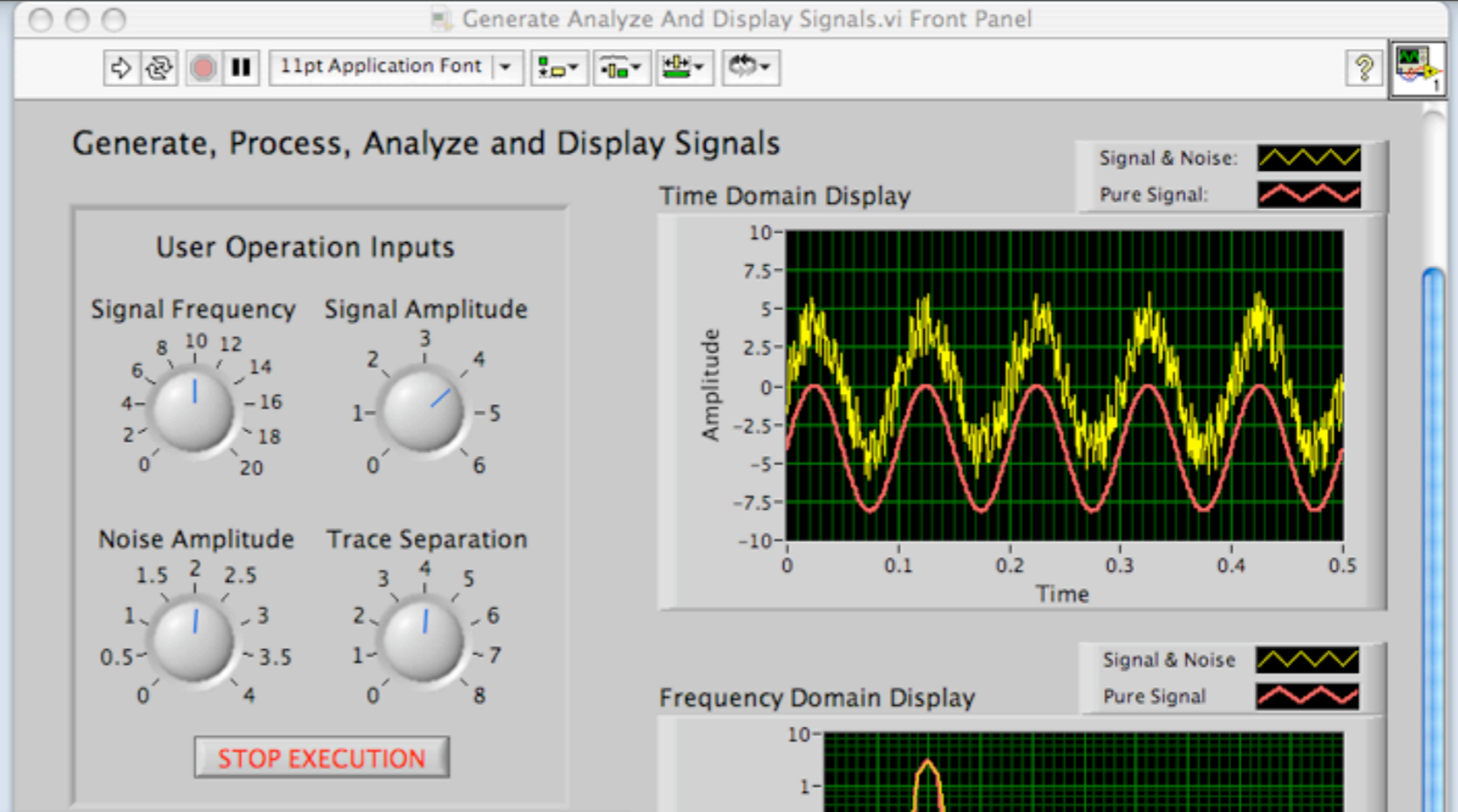
# Visual Programming

- Programming without syntax
- Used for people that don't understand formal programming
- Demo of Automator
- Used in professional programming for when graphical visualization works better
- Demo of Quartz Composer







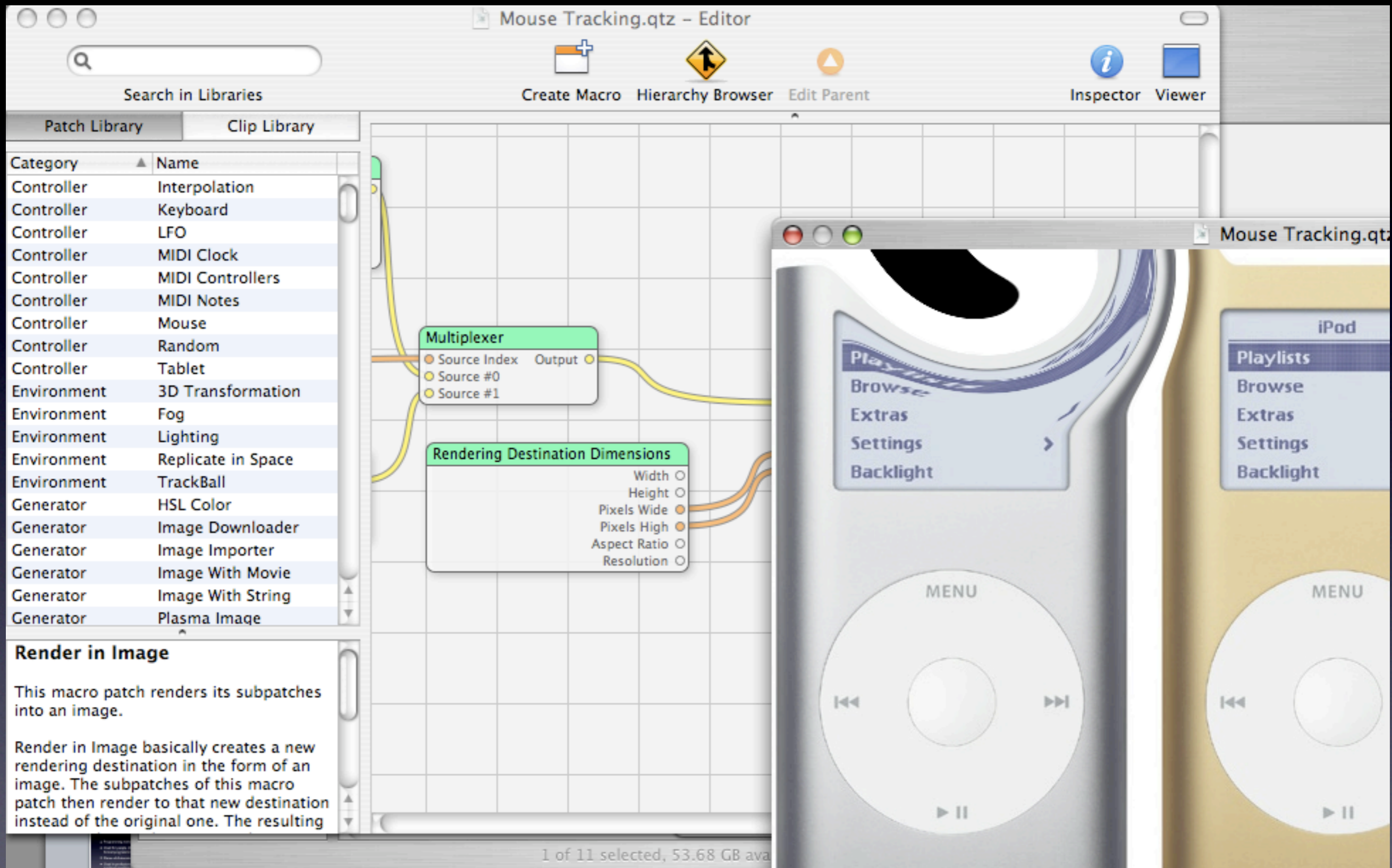


This VI continuously generates two signals: a pure sine wave of variable frequency and amplitude and a white noise signal of variable amplitude. The noise is then added to the pure sine. The sine wave with and without the noise are then shown in a time domain graph. Additionally an FFT is calculated for both signals and the results are then shown in the frequency domain graph. Note that the square shaped functions are subroutines in the form of subVIs.















# Problems with Visual Programming

- Hard to reproduce “code”
- Some problems hard to understand visually



# Programs

- View
  - Creation- .Net (Visual Studio)
  - Debugging- jSpy
- Controller
  - Creation- Interface Builder
  - Debugging- Nothing Yet
- Model
  - Creation- Visual Programming
  - Debugging- DDD



# Conclusion

- Problem of double learning visual path & code path
- Accessibility problems
- Problem of trying to keep machine and developer code synchronized



Questions?