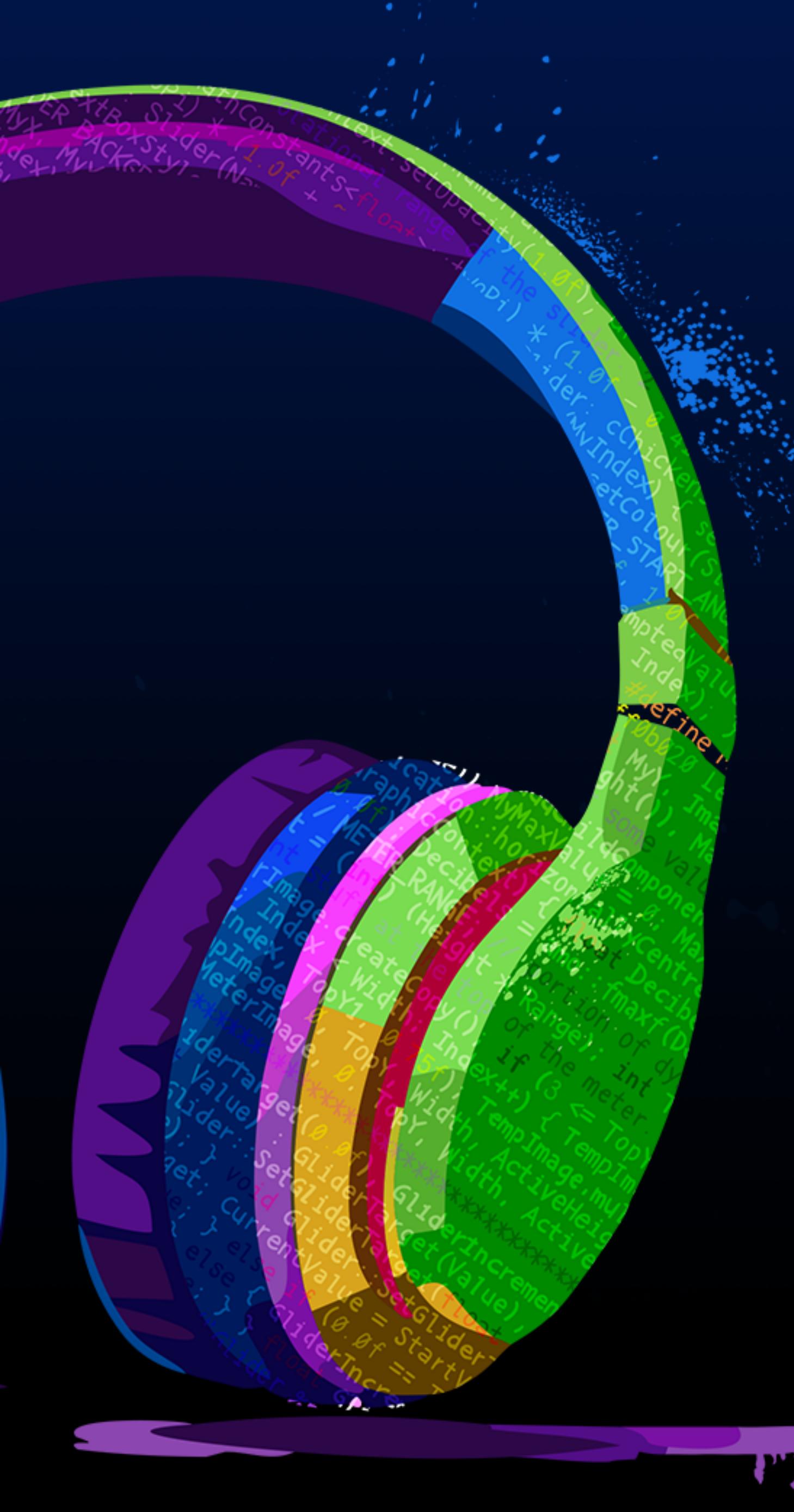




SNAPSHOT TESTING FOR AUDIO DSP

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Motivation

Speed, quality, cost

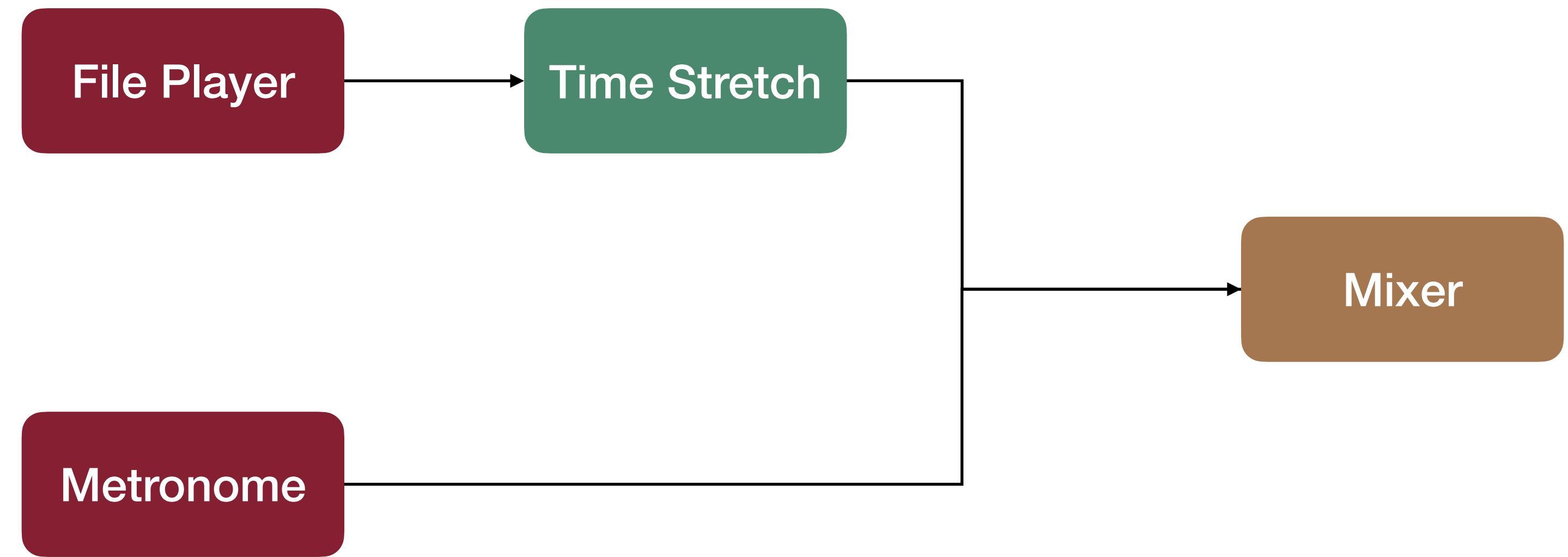
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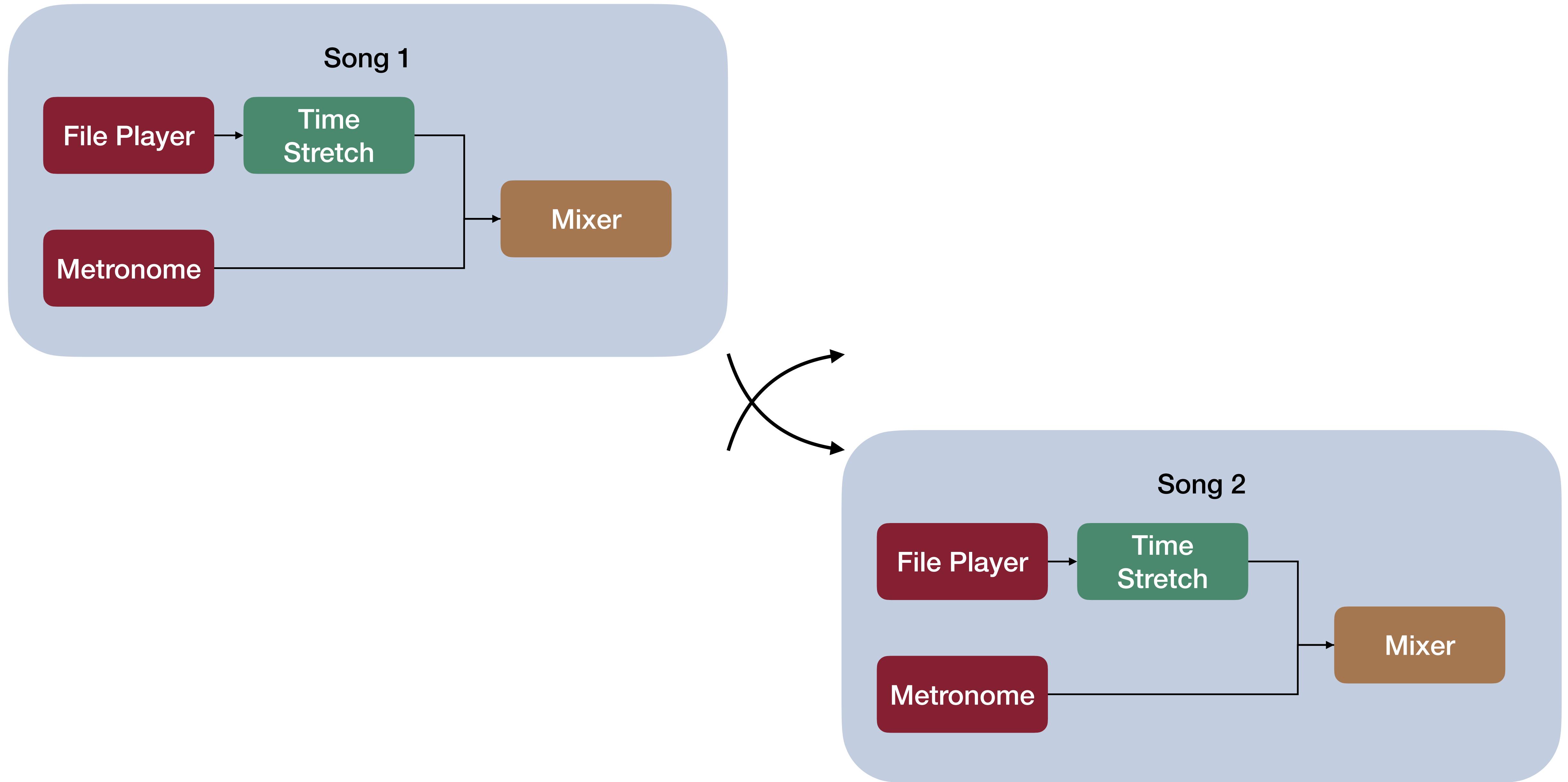
Pick two.

Speed, quality

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Pick one.





Unit Tests

- Complex setup
- Difficulty in describing expected output
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Snapshot Tests

- Easy setup (high-level)
- Using natural visual representation
- Built-in interactivity

02

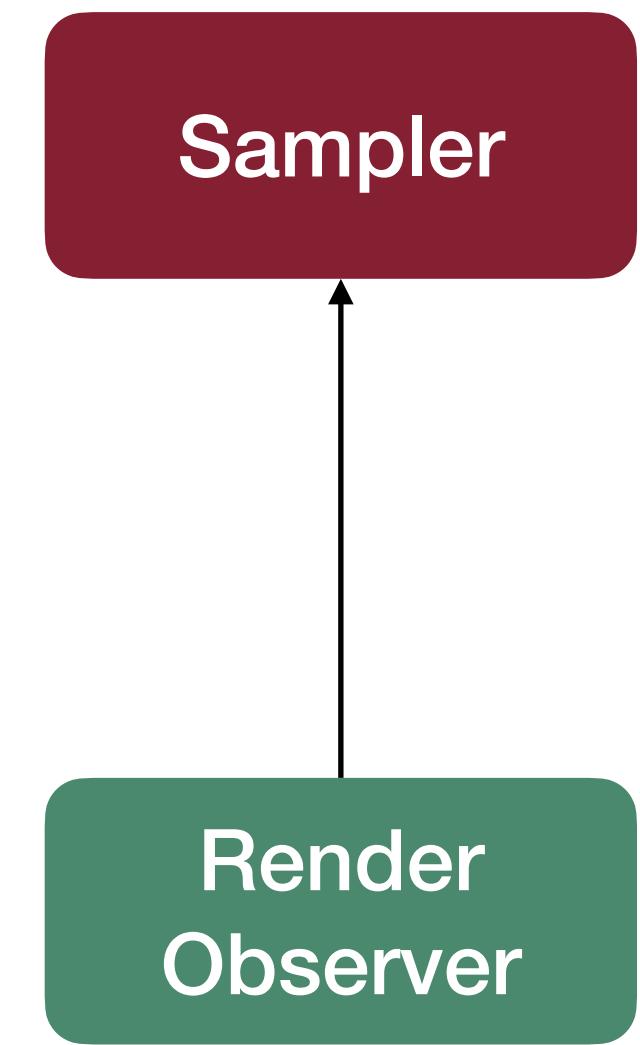
Writing snapshot tests

Metronome App

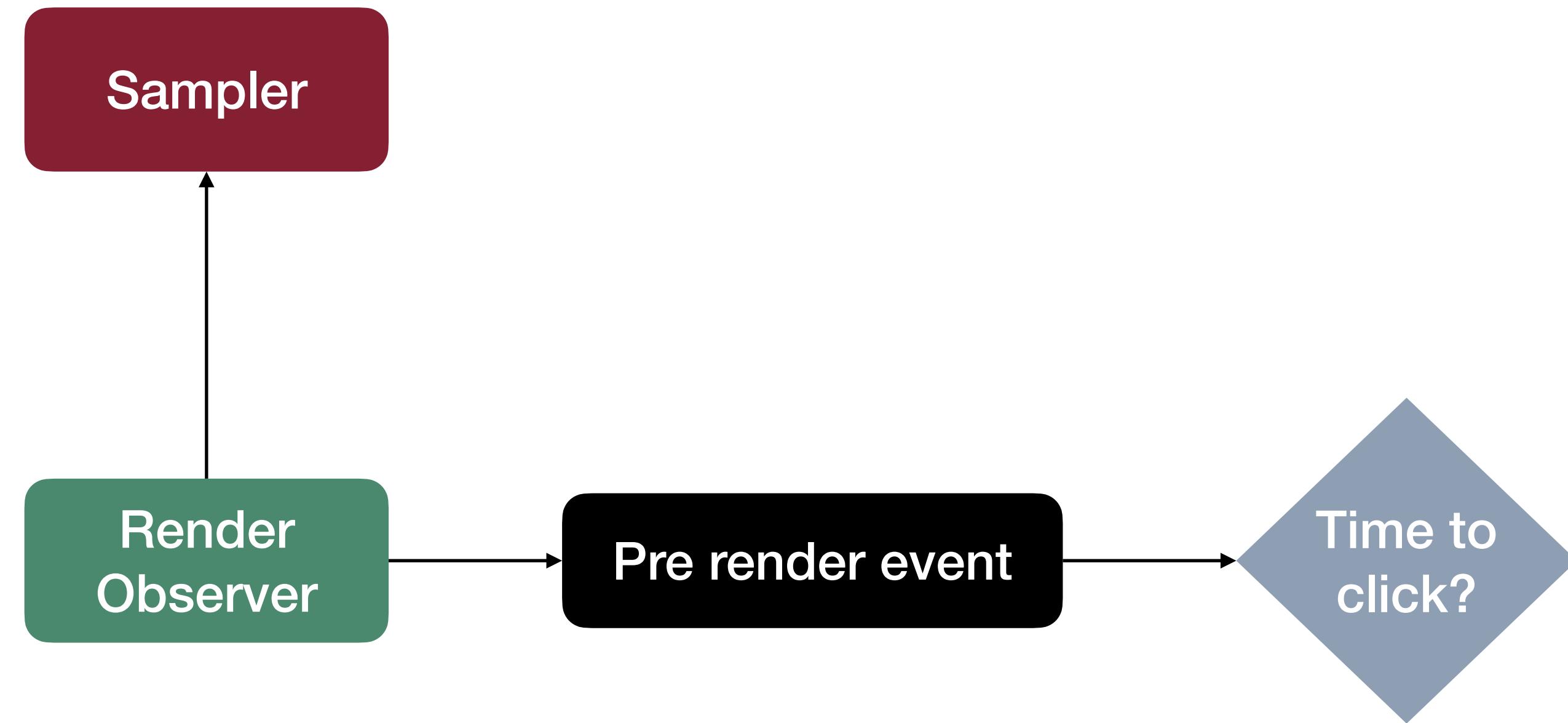
Metronome App

Sampler

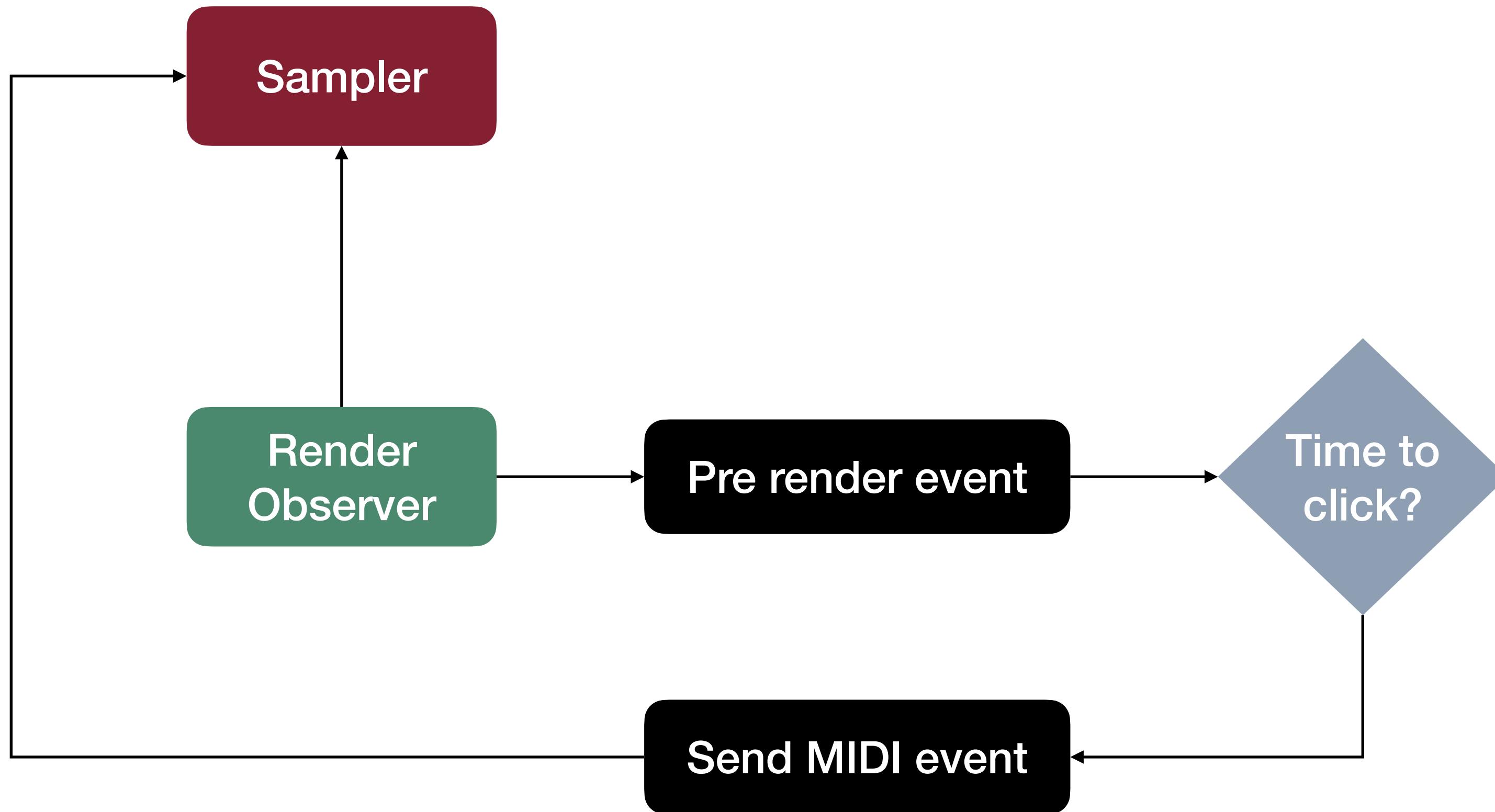
Metronome App



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Metronome App



```
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class Metronome: AVAudioUnitSampler {

    init() {
        super.init()
        let url = Bundle.main.url(
            forResource: "Metronome",
            withExtension: "aupreset"
        )
        try! loadPreset(at: url)
    }
}
```

```
let midiBlock = auAudioUnit.scheduleMIDIEventBlock!
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    byAddingRenderObserver: { flags, timeStamp, frameCount, bus in
        guard flags == .unitRenderAction_PreRender else { return }
        process(
            timeStamp: timeStamp.pointee,
            frameCount: frameCount,
            scheduleMIDI: midiBlock
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    for sampleTime in bufferStart...bufferEnd {  
        if sampleTime.isMultiple(of: sampleRate) {  
            let position = sampleTime - bufferStart  
            scheduleMIDI(position)  
        }  
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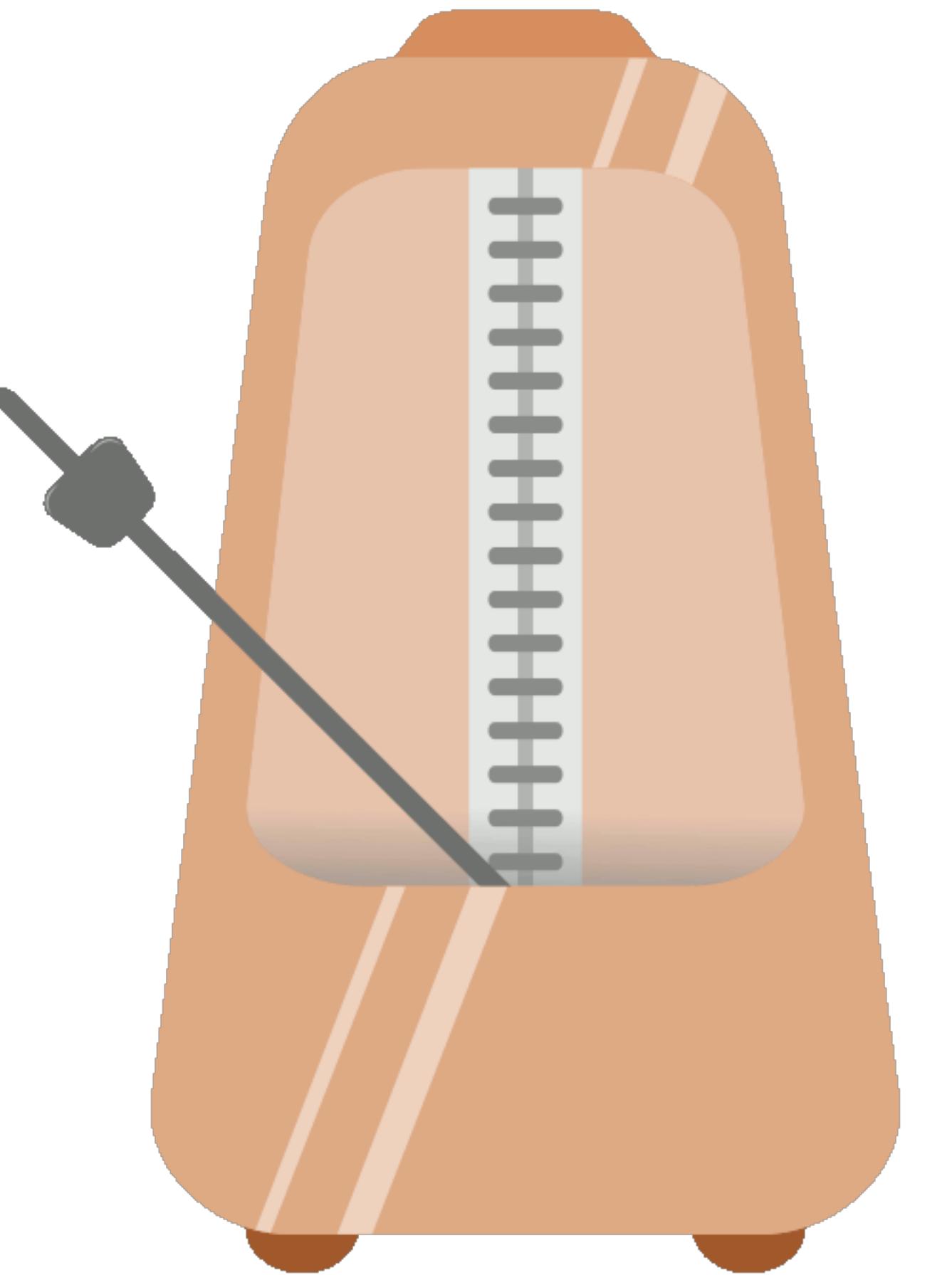


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- We get a report that there is a bug
- How do we approach it?

```
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class MetronomeTests {
    let engine = AVAudioEngine()
    let format = AVAudioFormat(sampleRate: 44100, channels: 2)

    init() {
        engine.enableManualRenderingMode(.offline, format: format)
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@Test
func metronomeEverySecond() throws {
    let node = Metronome()
    engine.connect(node, to: engine.mainMixerNode, format: nil)

    let buffer = AVAudioPCMBuffer(format: format, capacity: 10 * sampleRate)
    let bufferSize = 2048

    try engine.render(bufferSize: bufferSize, format: format, to: buffer)
}
```

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 - Interactive (recording)
 - Non-interactive (asserting)

```
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@Test(.snapshots(record: true))  
func metronomeEverySecond() {  
    // ...  
  
    assertSnapshot(of: buffer, as: .bufferText(width: 120, height: 15))  
}
```

```
@Test(.snapshots(record: true))
func metronomeEverySecond() {
    // ...

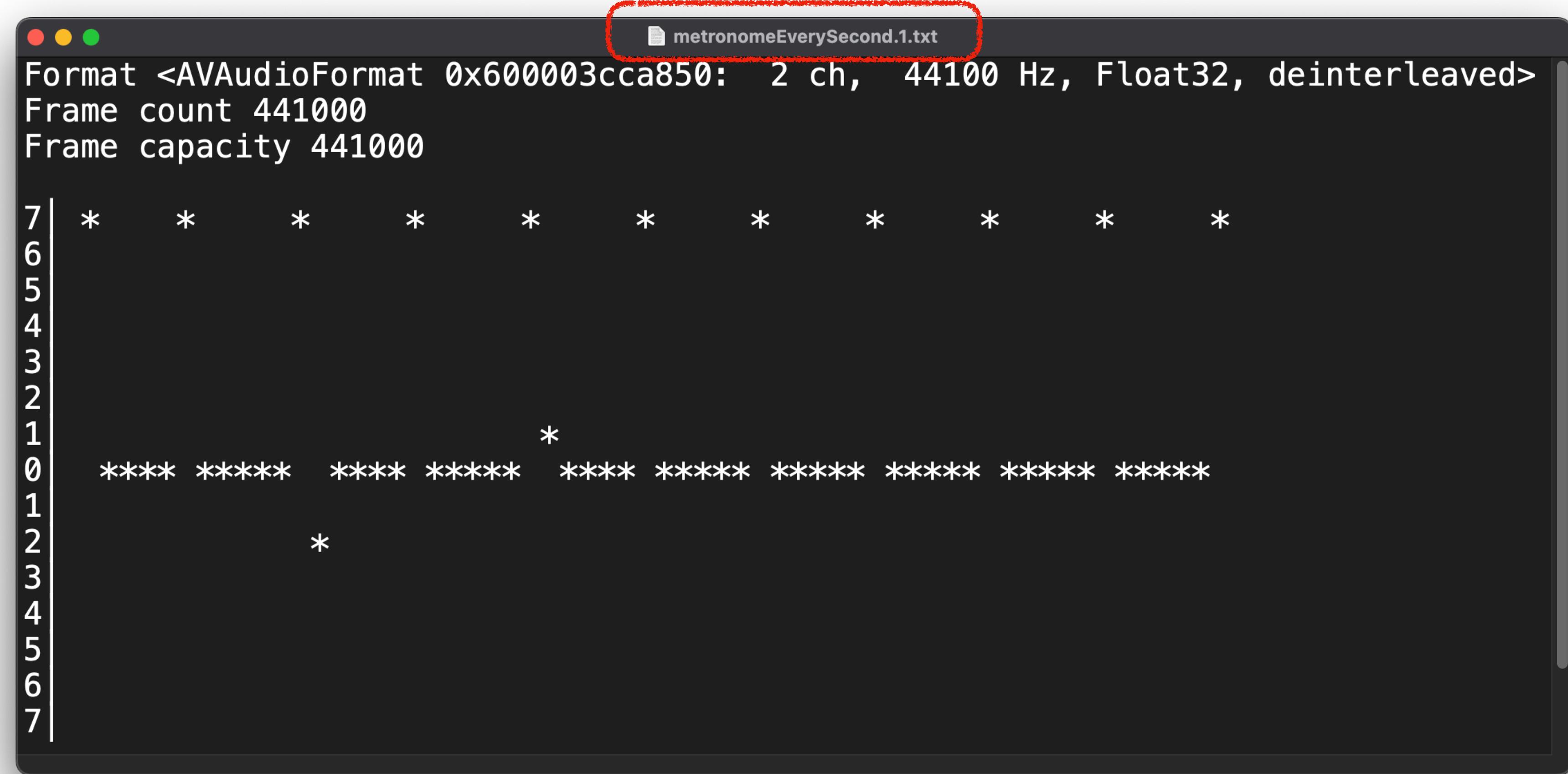
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```

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```

```
Format <AVAudioFormat 0x600003cca850: 2 ch, 44100 Hz, Float32, deinterleaved>
Frame count 44100
Frame capacity 44100

7| *   *   *   *   *   *   *   *   *
6|
5|
4|
3|
2|
1|           *
0| **** * **** * **** * **** * **** * ****
1|
2|   *
3|
4|
5|
6|
7|
```



The terminal window displays the following information:

```
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```

Below this, a metronome pattern is shown as a series of asterisks (*). The pattern consists of two groups of six asterisks each, separated by a single asterisk at the center. To the left of the pattern, a vertical column of numbers from 7 down to 0 is displayed, likely indicating the frame index or step number for each note.

7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6										
5										
4										
3										
2										
1							*			
0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
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7 * * * * * * * * *  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
1 *  
0 **** ***** **** ***** **** ***** **** ***** ****  
1  
2 *  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7
```

metronomeEverySecond.1.txt

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7| *      *      *      *      *      *      *      *      *
6|
5|
4|
3|
2|
1|           *
0| **** ***** **** ****  **** ***** **** **** **** ****
1|
2| *
3|
4|
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```

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0| **** *****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****
1|          *          *
2|
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6|
7|
```

```
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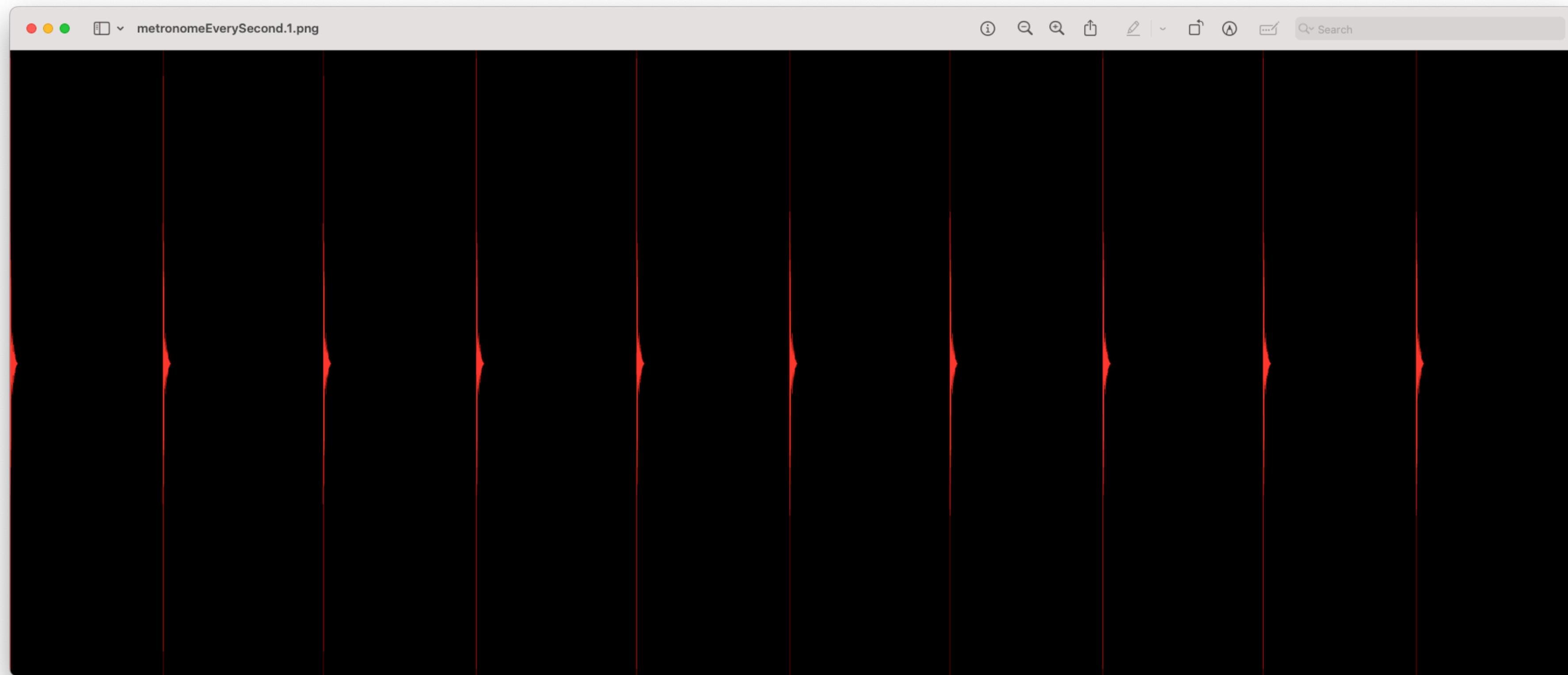
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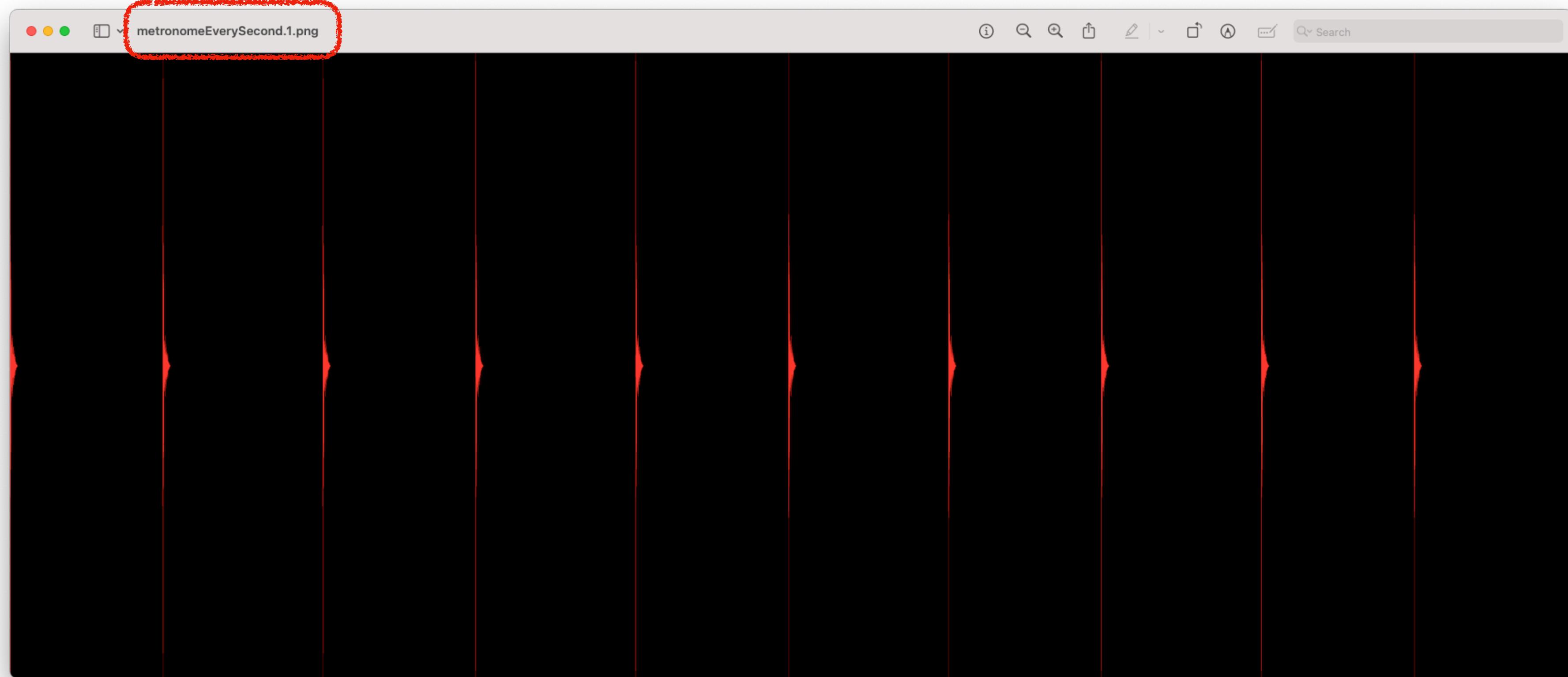
    assertSnapshot(of: buffer, as: .bufferImage(width: 10000, height: 500))
}
```

```
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```





```
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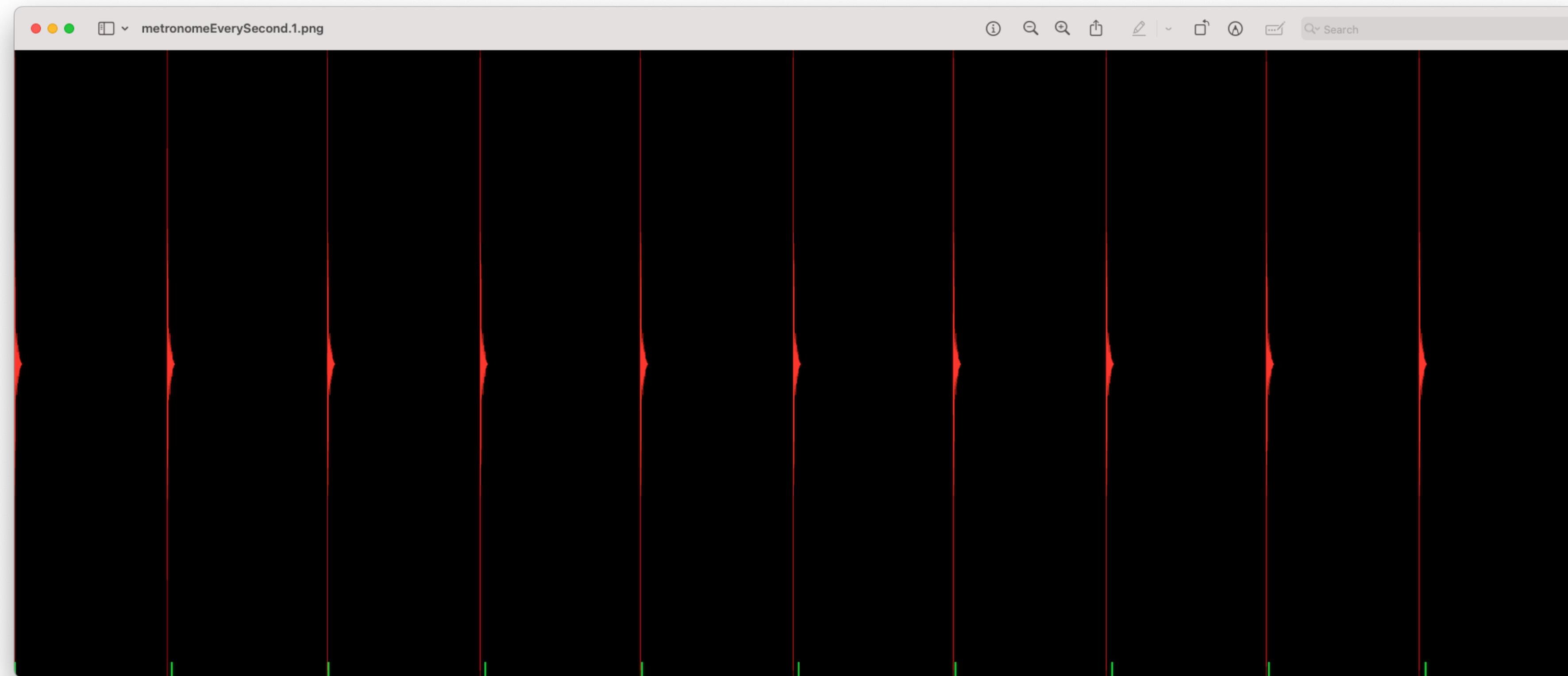
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    )
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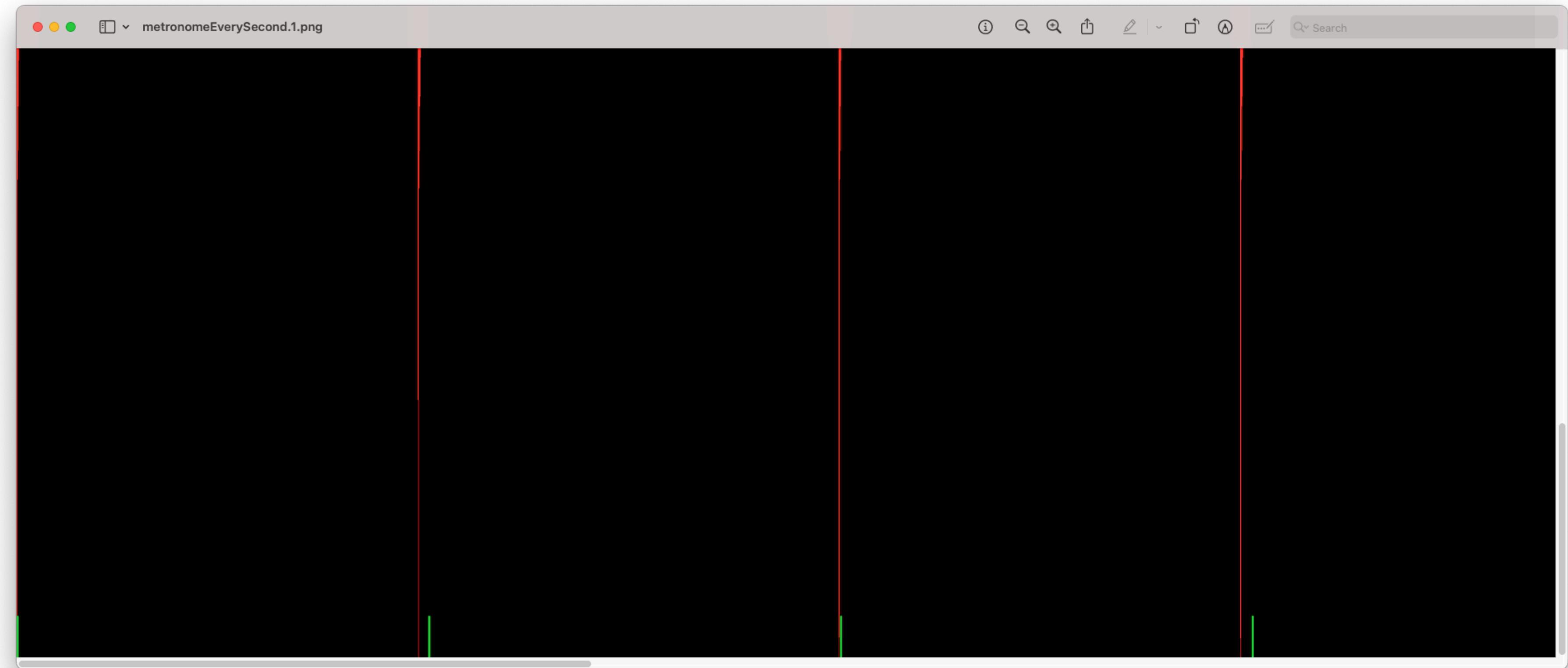
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Recap

- Automated test that reproduces the issue
- Visually verify the correctness of the output
- We can iterate on the fix

AUScheduleMIDIEventBlock

Discussion

eventSampleTime

The sample time at which the MIDI event is to occur. When scheduling parameters during the render cycle, this time can be set to the AUEventSampleTimeImmediate value plus an optional buffer offset, in which case the event is scheduled at that position in the current render cycle.

AUScheduleMIDIEventBlock

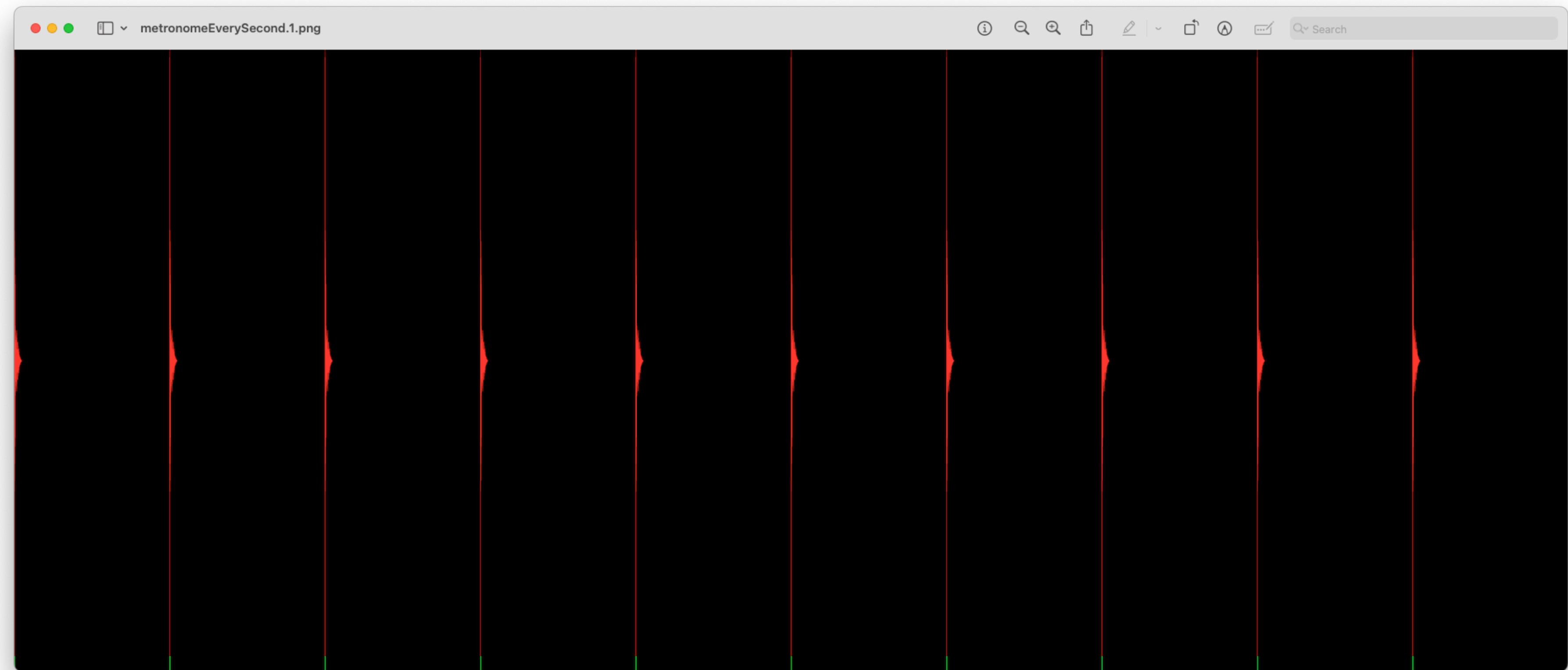
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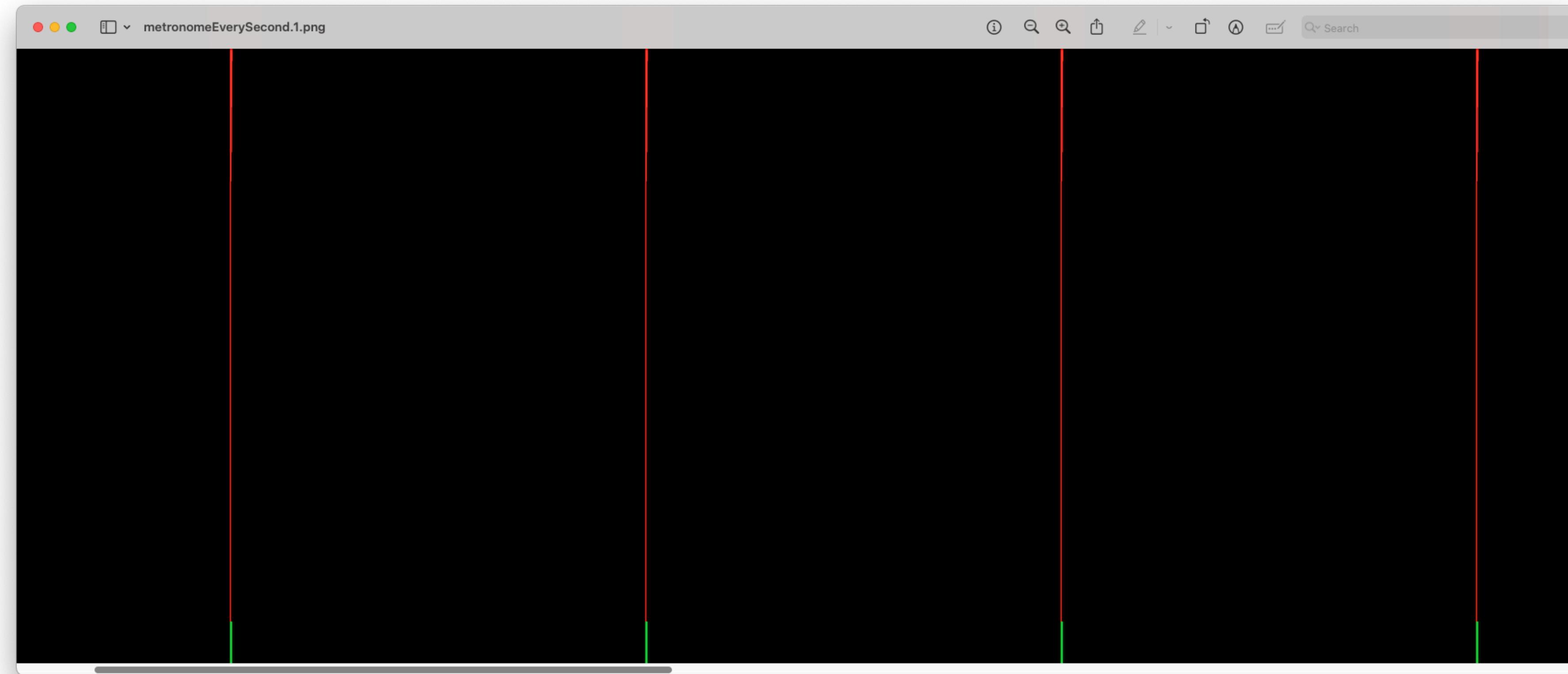
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```
scheduleMIDI(AUEventSampleTimeImmediate + position)
```







```
@Test(.snapshots(record: false))
```

```
18
19  ✓    @Test(.snapshots(record: false, diffTool: .ksdiff))
20  @MainActor
21  func metronomeEverySecond() async throws {
22      let node = Metronome()
23      engine.attach(node)
```

Vim | i insert v visual select c change... d delete... y yank (copy)... b prior word w next word e end of word 0 start of line \$ end of line f next occurrence of... % matching delimiter ^ first visible character - start of line above { previous paragraph



Test Succeeded

Auto ⌘ | ⌘ ⓘ

Fix incorrectly timed MIDI event #1

[Open](#)

jcavar wants to merge 1 commit into `main` from `fix/sample-time-immediate`

[Edit](#) [Code](#)

Conversation 0

Commits 1

Checks 0

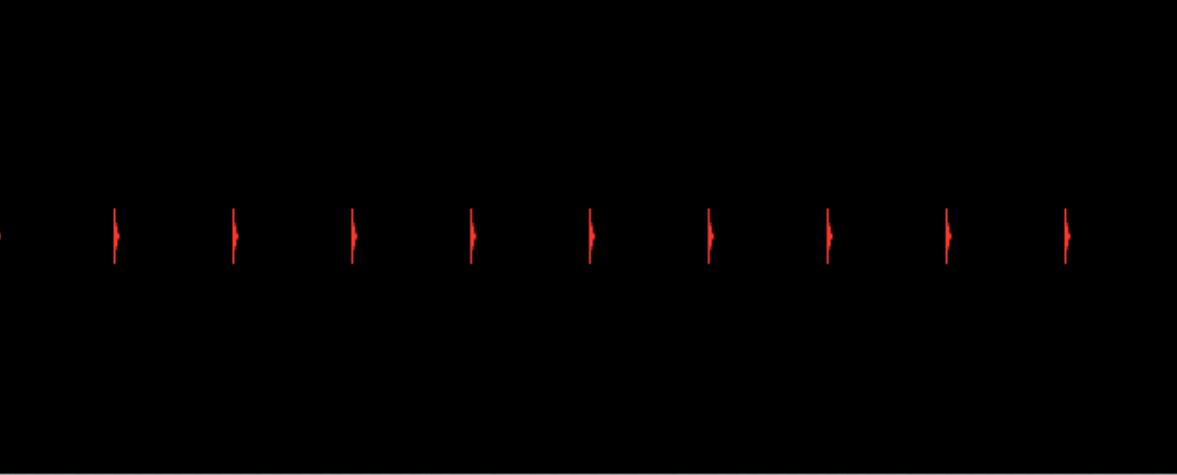
Files changed 4

+59 -1

Metronome/Audio/Metronome.swift

```
@@ -48,7 +48,7 @@ private func process(  
    for sampleTime in bufferStart...bufferEnd {  
        if sampleTime.isMultiple(of: Int64(sampleRate)) {  
            let position = sampleTime - bufferStart  
-            scheduleMIDI(position)  
+            scheduleMIDI(AUEventSampleTimeImmediate + position)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

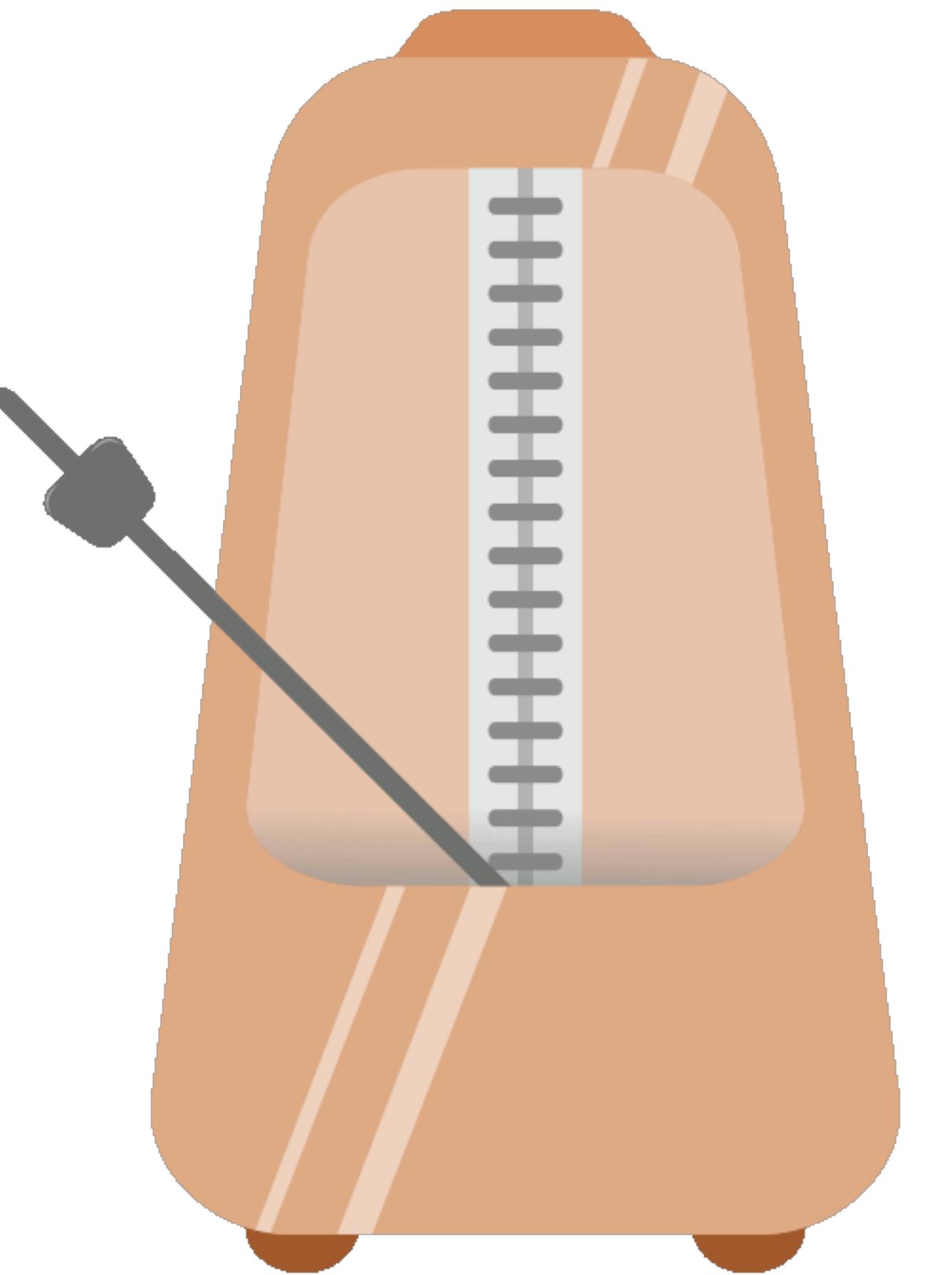
BIN +2.69 MB MetronomeTests/_Snapshots_/MetronomeTests/metronomeEverySecond.1.png



MetronomeTests/_Snapshots_/MetronomeTests/metronomeEverySecond.2.txt

... @@ -0,0 +1,19 @@

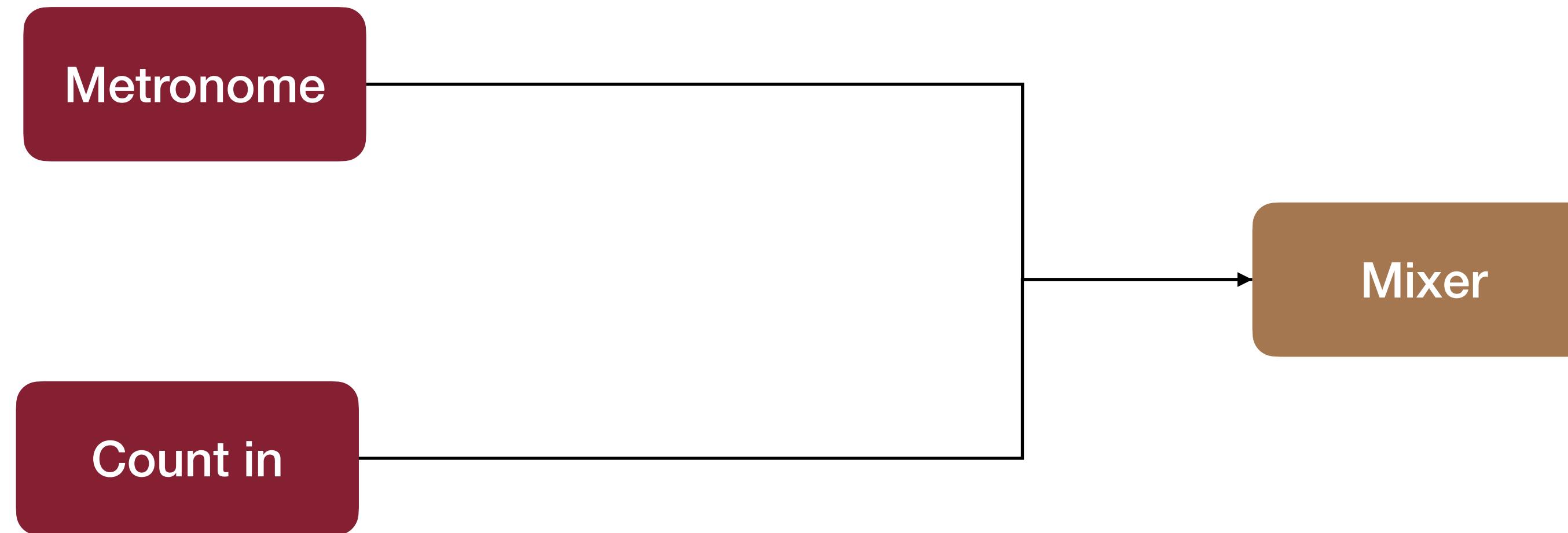
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1 + Format 2 ch, 44100.0 Hz, deinterleaved, Float32  
2 + Frame count 441000  
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4 +  
5 + 7| * * * * * * * * * * *  
6 + 6|  
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10 + 2|  
11 + 1|  
12 + 0| ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****  
13 + 1|
```



A new feature

- Count in 

Count in + Metronome



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    try engine.render(bufferSize: bufferSize, format: format, to: buffer)
    assertSnapshot(of: buffer, as: .bufferImage(width: 10000, height: 4000))
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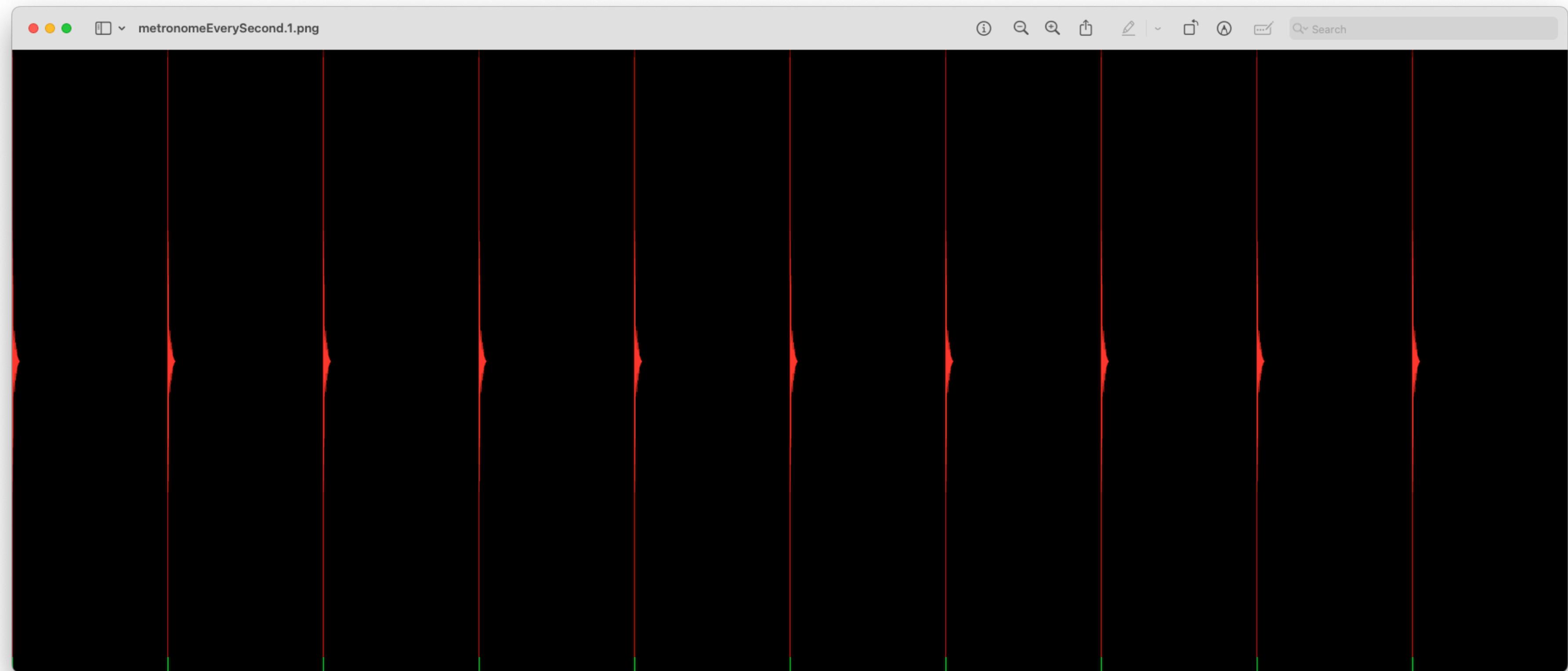
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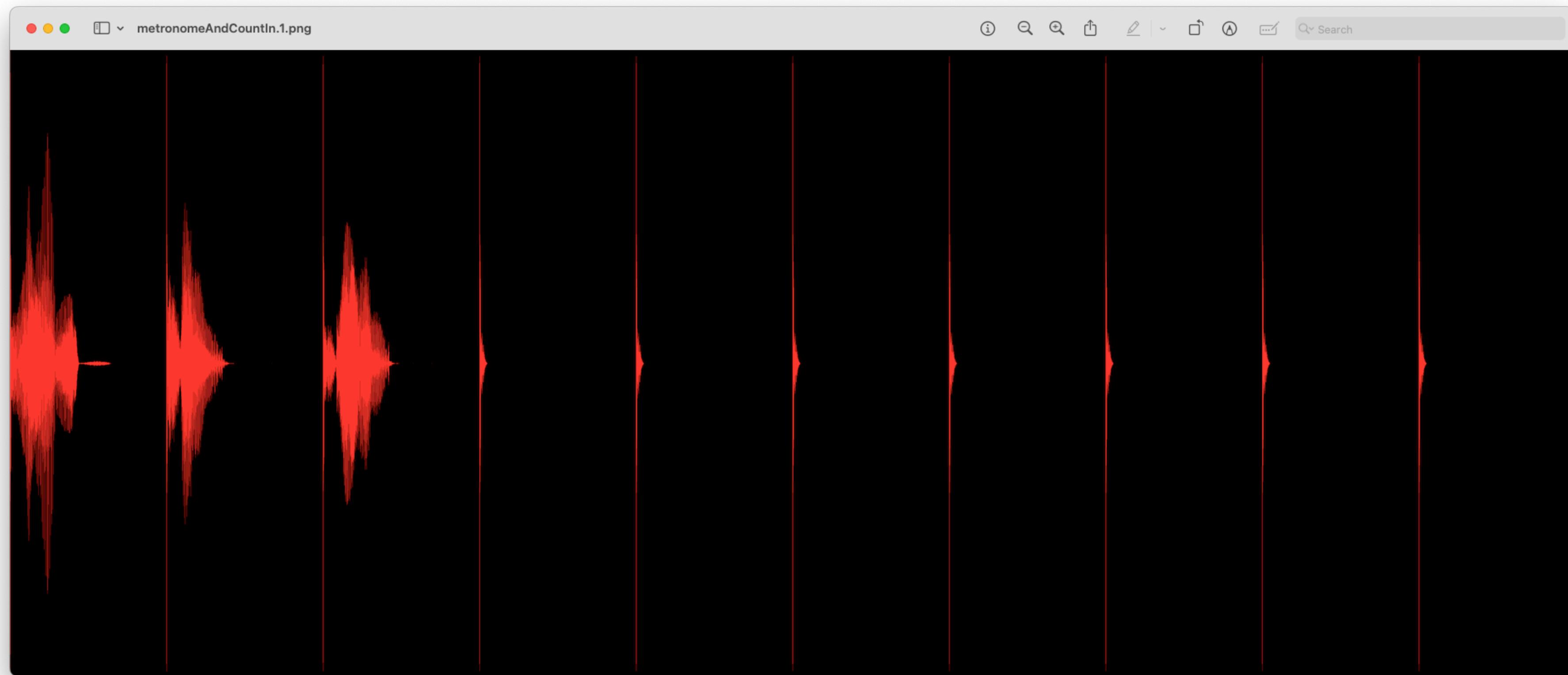
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Development process

- Don't struggle with describing expected output
- Speed up the feedback cycle
- Finish with an artifact that serves as a test suite
- Nice Pull Requests

Try it out

Snapshot

Reference

Approval

Golden Master

Baseline

Characterisation

- <https://github.com/jcavar/Metronome>

