Transducers and core.async

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core.async

- Core.async is a library (not shipped with Clojure)
- It nicely complement already existent concurrency models
- It is based on Hoare's Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP) model
- Go-loops avoid blocking by parking threads in the background.
- One of the main driver for transducers was to re-use the same sequential processing on top of CSP "channels"

core.async essentials for the lab

- (def in (chan 1)) creates a channel with buffer size = 1
- (def out (chan 1 xform)) also takes optional xform
- (close! in) claims back resources and stops running loops
- >! Writes into a channel
 <! Reads from a channel

Resources

- Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP) paper
- Core.async walk-through
- Extended guide

Lab 03 Transducers and core.async

Goal of Lab3

- Task 1: create channels and orchestrate them so incoming products end up in a local cache
- Task 2: use the "prepare-data" transducer from lab01 to transform incoming products.

Open transducers-workshop.lab03 to start.