Monadic Operations in C++23



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...with exceptions

But I can't use exceptions!

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```

Does an error flag help?

```
class CMyClass
    bool m_bError{false};
};
bool CMyClass::getNumericTableValueNegative
    (const CDb& db, const Key& key,
    const CLocation& location, bool& out)
    auto table = getTable(getElement(db,key))
    auto cell = getCell(table, location))
    auto value = getNumericCellValue(cell))
    if (m_bError) { return false; }
    result = (value < 0);
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```

Does an error flag help?

```
CTableData CMyClass::getTable
class CMyClass
    //...
                                if (m_bError)
    bool m_bError{false};
};
                                   return{};
bool CMyClass::getNumericTableVa{yeNegative
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    auto value = getNumericCellValue(cell))
       (m_bError) { return false; }
   result = (value < 0);
    return true;
```



Can std::optional help?

```
std::optional<bool> isNumericTableCellValueNegative
     (const CDb& db, const Key& key, const CLocation& location)
     auto oElement = getElement(db,key);
     if ( ! oElement.has_value()) { return {}; }
     auto oTable = getTable(oElement.value());
     if ( ! oTable.has_value()) { return {}; }
     auto oCell = getCell(oTable.value(),location);
     if ( ! oCell.has_value()) { return {}; }
     auto oValue = getNumericCellValue(oCell.value());
     if ( ! oValue.has_value()) { return {}; }
     return (oValue.value() < 0);</pre>
```

C++23: Begone, Boilerplate!



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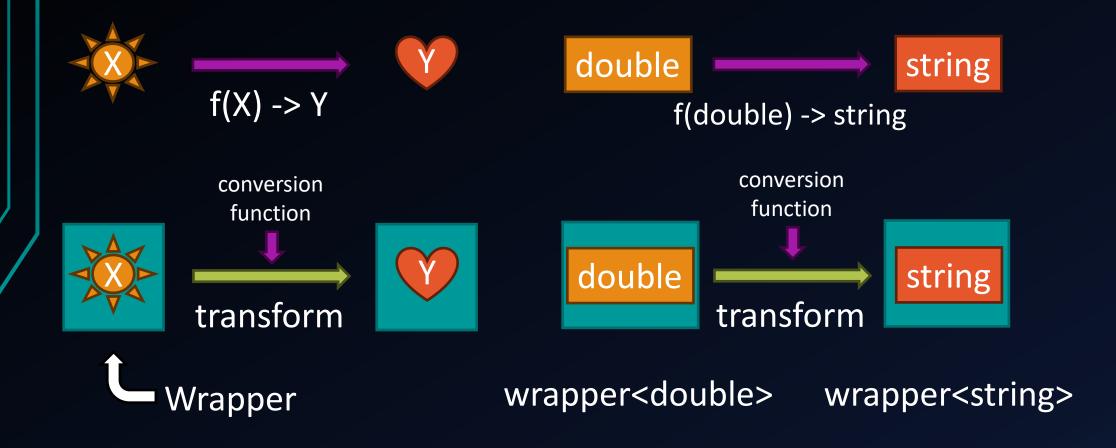
Functors

WRAP & TRANSFORM

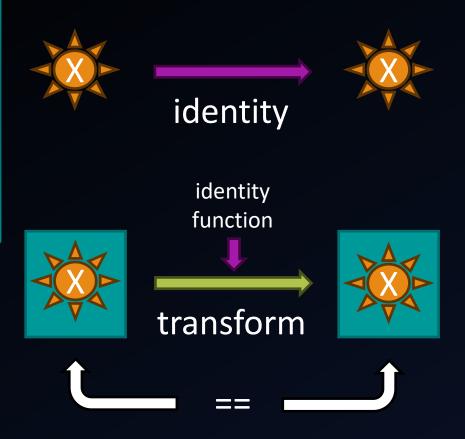
What is a Functor?

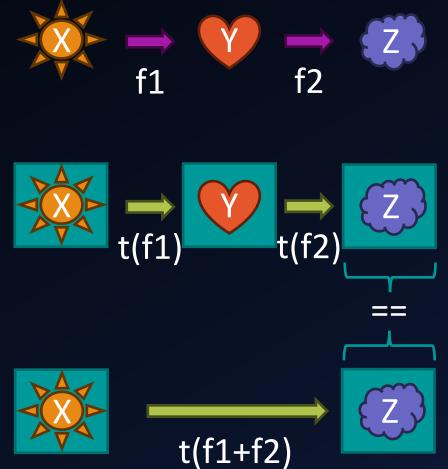
```
class CNegator
public:
    int operator()(const int value) const
        return -value;
};
CNegator negator;
auto x = negator(5); // -5
```

Now really, what is a Functor?



Two rules for the Transformation





```
#include <format>
double makeSquared(const double value)
    return std::pow(value, 2.0);
std::string dblToStr(const double value)
    return std::format("{:}",value);
```



```
auto v = std::vector{1.5,2.0,2.5};

std::vector<std::string> strings;
for(const auto& value : v)
{
    strings.push_back(dblToStr(makeSquared(value)));
}

// 'strings' now contains {"2.25","4","6.25"}
```

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The Pipe to the Rescue

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Classic Solution vs. Functor Solution

View: Does <u>not own</u> or copy its data

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```
std::vector<std::string> strings;
for(const auto& value : v)
  strings.push_back(dblToStr(makeSquared(value)));
auto strings = v
               std::views::transform(makeSquared)
               std::views::transform(dblToStr);
```

It's a Trap!

```
struct CEntry {
    int m_X{};
    int m_Y{};
    std::string m_Text{}; };
CEntry getNearestEntry(const int x) {...}
using namespace std;
auto v = vector\{1,3,7\};
auto strings = v
         views::transform(getNearestEntry)
         views::transform(&CEntry::m_Text);
printOutput(strings);
```

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```

The Type of the Resulting View

```
class std::ranges::transform_view
 <class std::ranges::transform_view</pre>
  <class std::ranges::ref_view</pre>
    <class std::vectoruto
<double,class std::allocator<double>>
    >,double (__cdec/*)(double)
 class std::basic_string
  <char,struct std::char_traits<char>,
    class std::allocator<char>
  > (__cdecl*)(double)
```

Converting the output of views into a container

```
std::vector<std::string> convertViewResultToContainer()
  using namespace std;
  auto v = vector\{1.5, 2.0, 2.5\};
  auto strings = v
       views::transform(makeSquared)
       views::transform(dblToStr);
  return ranges::to<vector<string>>(strings);
```

Inlining functions that return views

```
inline auto getSquaredNumerbersAsString
  (const std::vector<int>& vector)
  using namespace std;
  auto strings = v
      views::transform(makeSquared)
       views::transform(dblToStr);
  return strings;
```

Callables

DIFFERENT WAYS TO FEED YOUR FUNCTOR (OR MONAD)

Callables: Free functions

Callables: (Class) Static Functions

```
class CConv
public:
  static double makeSquaredStatic(const double value);
  //...
auto v = vector\{1.5, 2.0, 2.5\};
auto strings = v
   std::views::transform(CConv::makeSquaredStatic)
```

Callables: Inline Lambda

Callables: Inject Parameters via Inline Lambda



Callables: Inject Parameters via std::bind*

```
foo( int , bool , double )

std::bind_front (foo, 42 , true ) -> f(double)

std::bind_back (foo, true , 3.14 ) -> f(int)
```

Callables: Inject Parameters via std::bind_back

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Callables: Member Functions with std::mem_fn

```
struct CValue
  double getValue() const;
  //...
};
auto strings = std::vector{CValue{1.5},CValue{2.0}}
    std::views::transform
      (std::mem_fn(&CValue::getValue))
   std::views::transform(makeSquared)
//...
```

Callables: Member Functions with Lambda

```
struct CValue
  double getValue() const;
  //...
auto strings = std::vector{CValue{1.5},CValue{2.0}}
    std::views::transform(
     [](const CValue& obj){return obj.getValue();})
   std::views::transform(makeSquared)
//...
```



Callables: Member Function from Params (std::bind*)

```
class CConv
public:
  double makeSquared(const double value);
};
//...
using namespace std;
CConv conv;
auto v = vector\{1.5, 2.0, 2.5\};
auto strings = v
    views::transform(std::bind_front(&CConv::makeSquared, &conv))
    //...
```

Callables: Member Functions from Params (Lambda)

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public:
  double makeSquared(const double value);
};
using namespace std;
CConv conv;
auto v = vector\{1.5, 2.0, 2.5\};
auto strings = v
    views::transform([&conv](const double& value)
    {return conv.makeSquaredMember(value);})
    //...
```

Callables: Named Lambda

```
auto makeSquaredLocalLambda = [](const double value)
{
    return std::pow(value,2.0);
};

auto v = vector{1.5,2.0,2.5};
auto strings = v
    | std::views::transform(makeSquaredLocalLambda)
    | //...
```



Callables: Function Object

```
struct CMakeSquared
  double operator()(const double value) const;
};
CMakeSquared makeSquaredFunctionObject;
auto v = vector\{1.5, 2.0, 2.5\};
auto strings = v
    std::views::transform(makeSquaredFunctionObject)
```

Callables: std::function

```
#include <functional>
std::function<double(double)> fAnyFuncDblInDblRet
  = makeSquared;
// Function could be a passed parameter, adding flexibility
auto v = vector\{1.5, 2.0, 2.5\};
auto strings = v
    std::views::transform(fAnyFuncDblInDblRet)
```

Callables: Template Parameter



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Callables: Summary

```
Inline Code [](const double& value)
                 {return value * value;}
Extra Param [power](const double& value)
             {return std::pow(value, power);})
           [](const CValue& obj){return obj.getValue();})
Member
from instance
           [&conv](const double& value)
Member
               {return conv.makeSquaredMember(value);}
with param
           std::function<double(double)> fMakeSquared
Inject
             = makeSquared;
callable
```

Functors: Summary



Functions, Class Instances, Lambdas, std::function, Template parameter,...

Monads

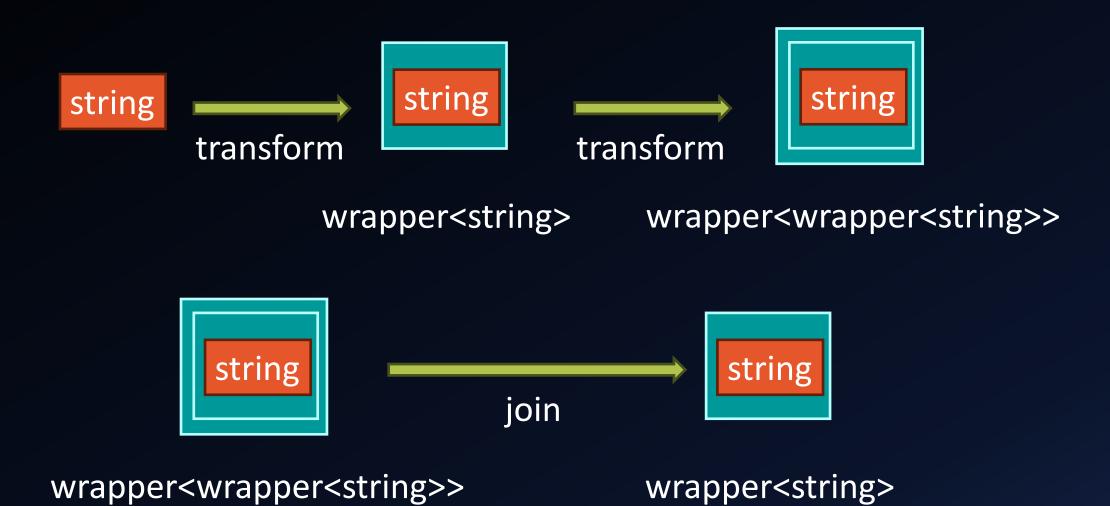
FUNCTORS+JOIN



Monad = Functor + Join



Usage of Join



Printing Diagnostics: Conversion Functions

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void printDiagnostic(const CDiagnosic& info);
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for(const auto& folder : folders)
  auto files = getFilesInFolder(folder);
  for(const auto& file : files)
    auto diagnostics = compile(file);
     for(const auto& diagnostic : diagnostics)
       printDiagnostic(diagnostic);
```

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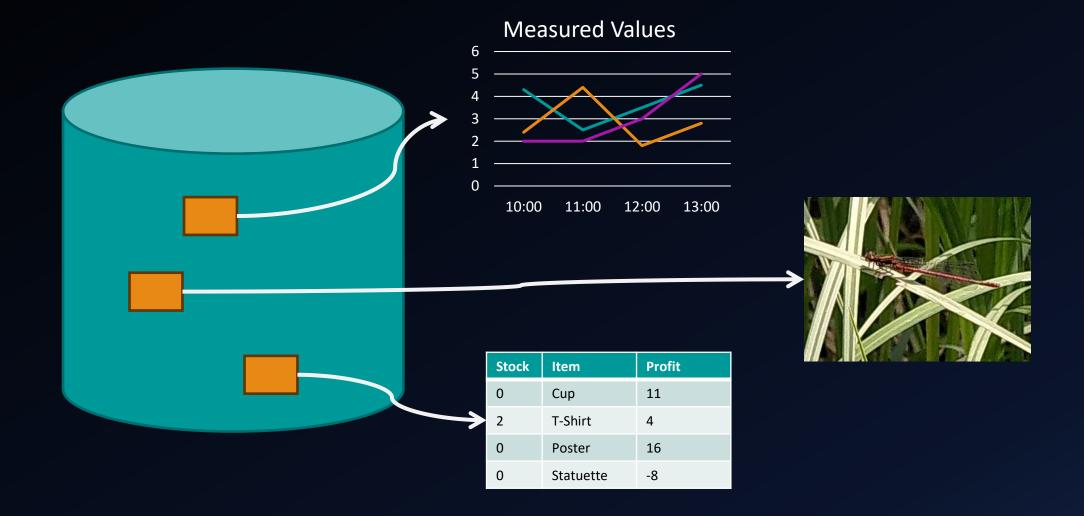
Printing Diagnostics: Code comparison

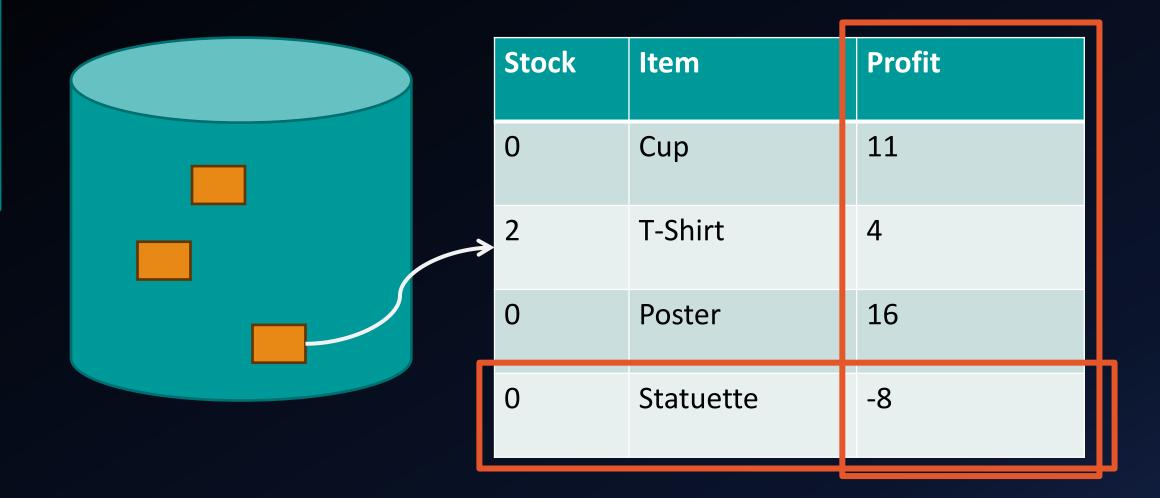
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for(const auto& folder : folders)
   auto files = getFilesInFolder(folder);
   for(const auto& file : files)
      auto diagnostics = compile(file);
      for(const auto& diagnostic : diagnostics)
          printDiagnostic(diagnostic);
namespace vw = std::views;
auto diagnostics = folders
           vw::transform(getFilesInFolder) |
                                             vw::join
           vw::transform(compile)
                                              vw::join;
std::ranges::for_each(diagnostics,printDiagnostic);
```

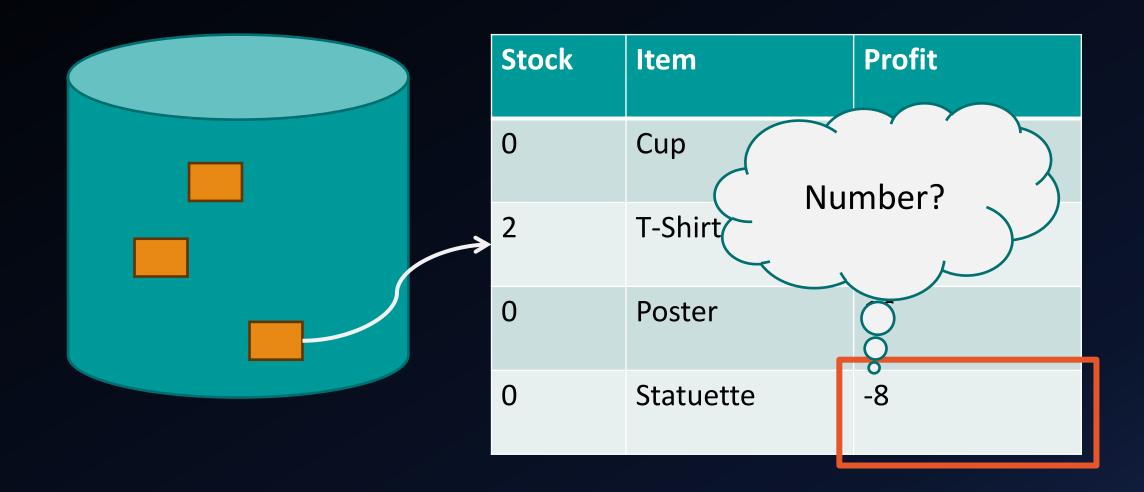
Handling Failure

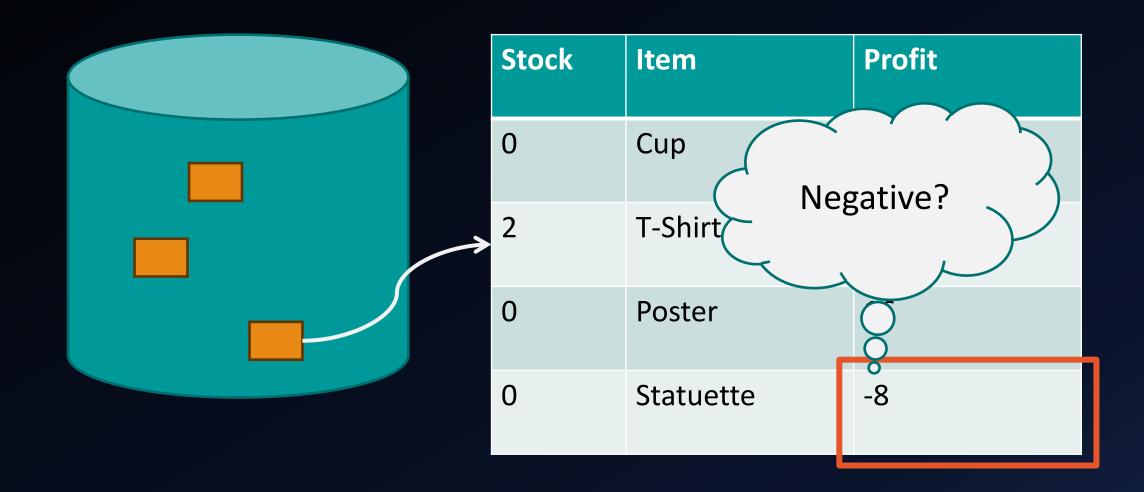
THE OPTIONAL AND EXPECTED MONADS

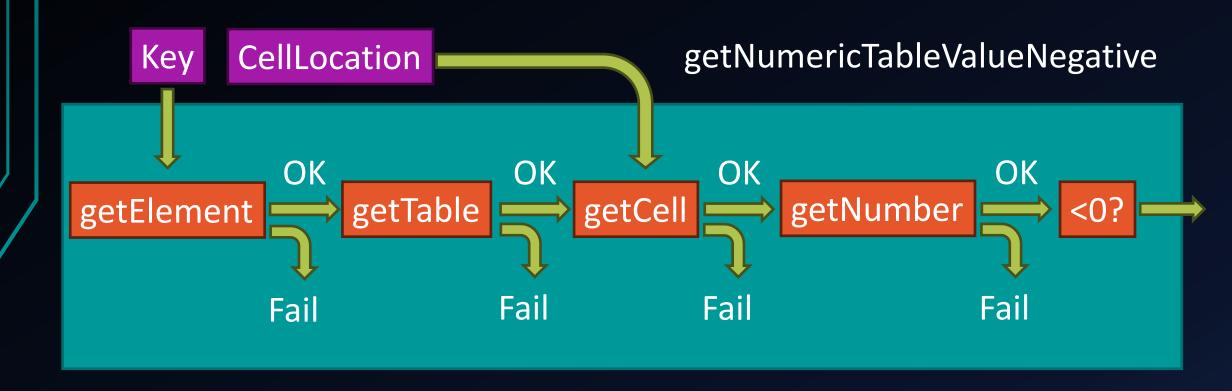




















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   if ( ! getElement(db, key, element)) { return false; }
   CTableData table;
   if ( ! getTable(element, table))
                                               { return false; }
   CTableCell cell;
   if ( ! getCell(table, location, cell)) { return false; }
   int value;
   if ( ! getNumericCellValue(cell, value)) { return false; }
   result = (value < 0);
   return true;
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   CTableCell cell;
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   int value;
   if ( ! getNumericCellValue(cell, value)) { return false; }
   result = (value < 0);
   return true;
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                                   const ElementKey& key);
std::optional<CTable> getTable(const CElement& element);
std::optional<CCell> getCell(const CTable& tableData,
                             const CLocation& location);
std::optional<int> getNumericCellValue(const CCell& cell);
bool isNegative(const int value);
```



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std::optional<CElement> getElement(const CDb& db,
                                    const ElementKey& key)
   if (/* Key not found */)
       return{}; // or: return std::nullopt;
    }
   CElement elem = //...
   return elem;
```



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Quiz Time! – What makes this a monad?

```
getElement(...) -> std::optional<CElement>
   getElement(db, key)
             .and_then(getTable)
             //...
          getTable(std::optional<CElement>) -> std::optional<CTable>
auto wrapped = std::optional<std::optional<int>>{5};
                                                      identity
std::optional<int> unwrapped =
                                                      function
   wrapped.and_then(std::identity{});
                                                    transforr
```





What you can do with an std::optional

```
std::optional<TRet> result = foo();
if (result.has_value())
    auto value = result.value();
    //...
else
   //...
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Chaining Functions That Can Fail: Code Comparison

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if ( ! getTable(element, table))
                                                   { return false; }
CTableCell cell;
if ( ! getCell(table, location, cell))
                                                   { return false; }
int value;
if ( ! getNumericCellValue(cell, value))
                                                  { return false; }
result = (value < 0); return true;
return getElement(db, key)
              .and_then(getTable)
              .and_then(std::bind_back(&getCell,cellLocation))
              .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
              .transform(isNegative);
```





```
std::optional<bool> isNumericTableCellValueNegative
 (const CDb& db, const Key& key, const CLocation& location)
   return getElement(db, key)
            .and_then(getTable)
            .and_then(std::bind_back(&getCell,cellLocation))
            .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
            .transform(isNegative)
          .or_else(log<bool>);
template<class TRet>
std::optional<TRet> log();
```



Catching failure: or_else

```
template < class TRet >
std::optional < TRet > COptional Monad::log()
{
    std::println("Error:");
    dumpStack(std::stacktrace::current());
    return std::nullopt;
}
```



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           std::stacktrace
                              std::stacktrace_entry
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                                  source line
                                               description
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Chaining Functions That Can Fail: The Optional Monad

call stack location



```
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    (const CDb& db,const ElementKey& key);
std::optional<CTable> getTable
    (const CElement& element);
std::optional<CCell> getCell
    (const CTable& tableData, const CLocation& location);
std::optional<int> getNumericCellValue
    (const CCell& cell);
bool isNegative(const int value);
```



```
std::expected < CElement, CErr> getElement
    (const CDb& db, const ElementKey& key);
std::expected<CTable CErr> getTable
    (const CElement& element);
std::expected<CCell,CErr> getCell
    (const CTable& tableData, const CLocation& location);
std::expected<int,CErr> getNumericCellValue
    (const CCell& cell);
bool isNegative(const int value);
```



```
std::expected<CElement,CErr> getElement(const CDb& db,
                                    const ElementKey& key)
   if (/* Key not found */)
       return std::unexpected{CErr("Key not found")};
   CElement elem = //...
   return elem;
```



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   if (/* Key not found */)
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   CElement elem = //...
   return elem;
```





```
std::expected<bool, CErr> isNumericTableCellValueNegative
 (const CDb& db, const Key& key, const CLocation& location)
   return getElement(db, key)
            .and_then(getTable)
            .and_then(std::bind_back(&getCell,__llLocation))
            .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
            .transform(isNegative)
                                               CErr with callstack
          .or_else(log<bool>);
template<class TRet>
std::expected<TRet> log(const CErr& errorInfo);
```



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The Default Monad

THE OTHER SIDE OF STD::OPTIONAL

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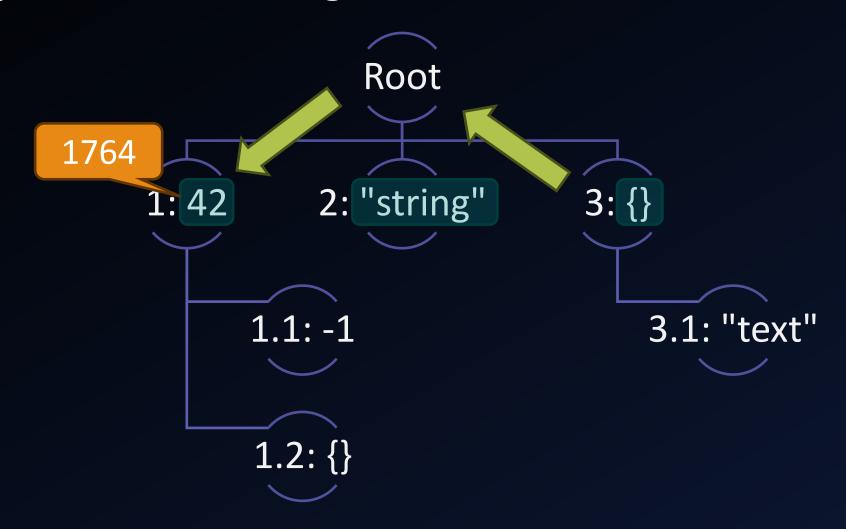
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Feature	C++ Version	GCC	Clang	MSVC
std::format	20	13	17	19.29
std::views::transform	20	10	15	19.29
std::ranges::to	23	14	17	19.34
std::bind_front	20	9	13	19.25
std::bind_back	23	14	19	19.34
std::optional::and_then / or_else	23	12	14	19.32
std::print / std::println	23	14	18	19.37
std::stacktrace	23	-	-	19.34
std::expected	23	12	16	19.33
Current compiler version		14.2	19.1	19.40

Beyond C++23

MORE MONADS



```
using CContent = std::variant<std::monostate, int, std::string>;
class CNode
public:
     //...
    CNode* getParent();
    CNode* getChild(const CNodeKey nodeKey);
    CContent getContent() const;
    void setContent(const CContent& arg);
     //...
};
```



```
std::optional<int> getSiblingValueSquared
       (CNode* pNodeStart, const CNodeKey& siblingKey)
  if ( ! pNodeStart) { return{}; }
  auto* const pParent = pNodeStart->getParent();
  if ( ! pParent) { return{}; }
  auto* const pSibling = pParent->getChild(siblingKey);
  auto oNumericValue = getNodeNumericValue(pSibling);
  return oNumericValue.transform(makeSquared);
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```
std::optional<int> getNodeNumericValue(CNode& node)
{
    auto content = node.getContent();
    if ( ! std::holds_alternative<int>(content)) { return{}; }
    return std::get<int>(content);
}
```



Implementing A Pointer Monad

```
template<cIsPointer TPtr>
struct CPtr {
   CPtr() = default;
   explicit CPtr(const TPtr& ptr);
   TPtr operator->() const;
   operator bool() const;
   bool operator!() const;
   //...
private:
   TPtr m_Ptr{};
};
```



```
template<cIsPointer TPtr>
struct CPtr {
                           template<class T>
   CPtr() = default;
                           concept cIsPointer = std::is_pointer_v<T>;
   explicit CPtr(const TPtr& ptr);
   TPtr operator->() const;
   operator bool() const;
   bool operator!() const;
   //...
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template<cIsPointer TPtr>
CPtr<TPtr >::CPtr(const TPtr& ptr)
    : m_Ptr(ptr)
{}
```



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};
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```
template < cIsPointer TPtr >
T CPtr < TPtr > :: operator -> () const
{ return m_Ptr; }

template < cIsPointer TPtr >
CPtr < TPtr > :: operator bool() const
{ return m_Ptr; }

template < cIsPointer TPtr >
bool CPtr < TPtr > :: operator!() const
{ return ! m_Ptr; }
```



```
template < cIsPointer TPtr >
struct CPtr {
    //...

template < class TCall, class... TArgs >
    auto and_then(TCall&& fInvoke, TArgs... args);
private:
    TPtr m_Ptr{};
};
```



```
template<cIsPointer TPtr>
template<class TCall, class... TArgs>
auto CPtr<TPtr>::and_then(TCall&& fInvoke, TArgs... args)
   using TRef = std::add_lvalue_reference_t<std::remove_pointer_t<TPtr>>;
   using TRet = std::invoke_result_t<TCall,TRef,TArgs...>;
   static_assert(std::is_invocable_v<TCall,TRef, TArgs...>);
   if constexpr (cIsPointer<TRet>)
      //...return type is a pointer
   else
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Rolling Our Own: A Pointer Monad

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else // Return type is not a pointer
  using TValue = TRet::value_type;
  static_assert(std::is_same_v<std::optional<TValue>,TRet>,
          "Return type is neither pointer nor std::optional");
  if (m_Ptr)
    return std::invoke(std::forward<TCall>(fInvoke),
                       *m_Ptr,std::forward<TArgs>(args)...);
  return std::remove_cvref_t<TRet>{};
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if constexpr (cIsPointer<TRet>)
  if (m_Ptr)
     return CPtr<TRet>(std::invoke(std::forward<TCall>(fInvoke), //...
  return CPtr<TRet>{};
else // Return type is not a pointer
  if (m_Ptr)
     return std::invoke(std::forward<TCall>(fInvoke), //...
  return std::remove_cvref_t<TRet>{};
```







Pointer Monad – Features Beyond this Talk

- Add support for functions already returning CPtr
- Distinguish const/non-const pointers
- Add or_else
- Add transform (for functions returning plain values)
- Consider using std::expected instead std::optional
- Consider handling functions returning references
- Test edge cases

Pointer Monad – Summary

- Writing monads does not need a lot of code
- General advice for writing template code applies
 - Test for specific types
 - Think about how different value categories affect your code
 - Use concepts and static_assert to prevent misuse at compile time

Monad Use Cases

WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO WITH THEM

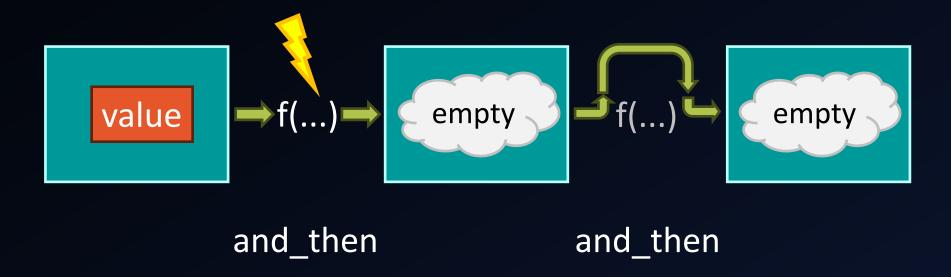
Ranges Monad



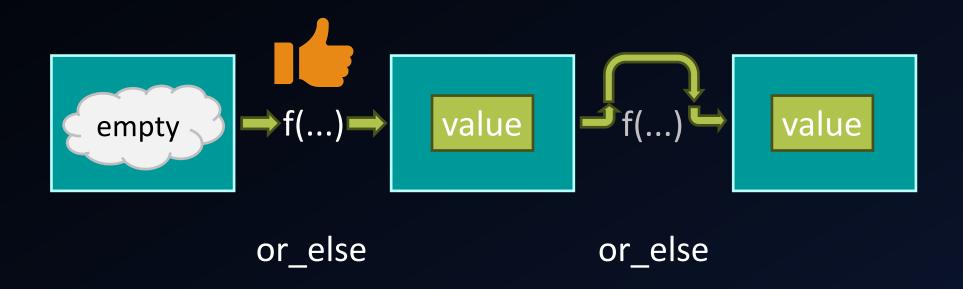
transform

join

Optional ("Maybe") Monad

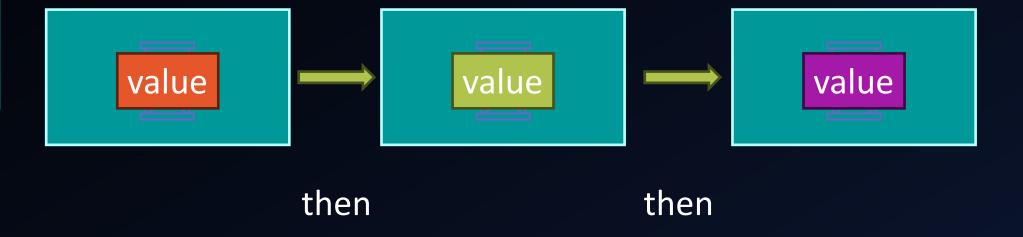


Default Monad

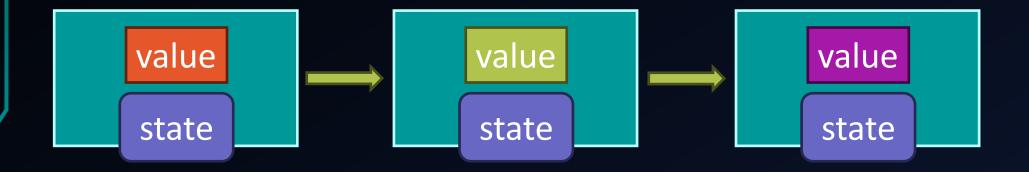




Continuation Monad



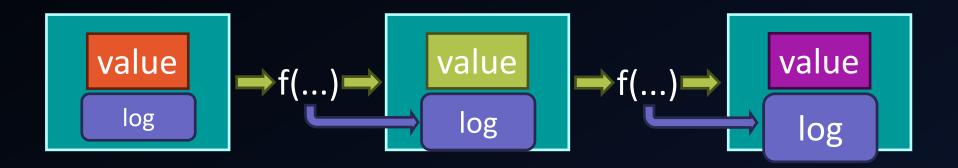
State Monad



newValue = f(value, state);

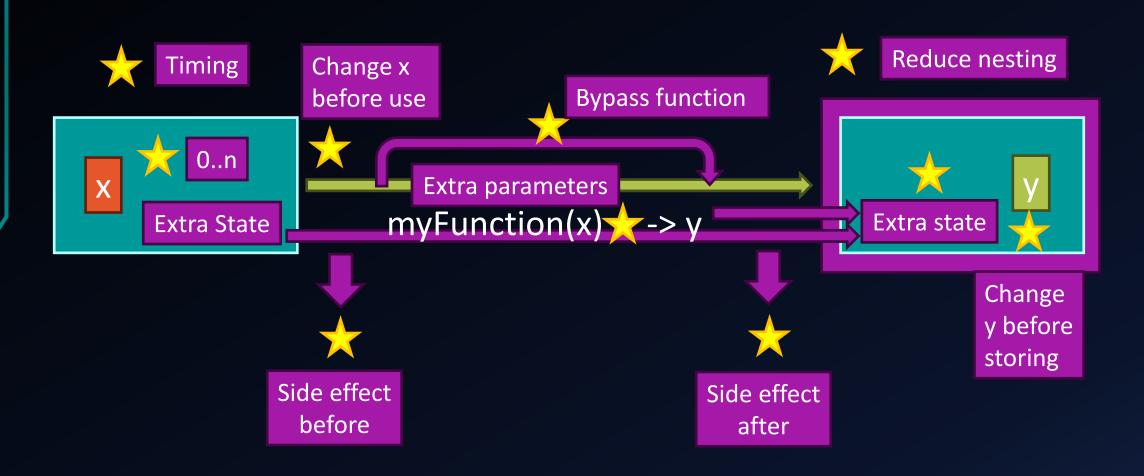


Writer Monad





The Power of Monads



```
auto diagnostics = folders
                                               vw::join
      vw::transform(getFilesInFolder)
      vw::transform(compile)
                                               vw::join;
return getElement(db, key)
           .and_then(getTable)
           .and_then(std::bind_back(&getCell,cellLocation))
           .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
           .transform(isNegative);
return getLanguageFromCommandLine()
           .or_else(getLanguageFromRegistry)
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           .value_or(ELanguage::English);
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