Monadic Operations in C++23



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Calling successive functions that might fail

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```

...with exceptions

```
throw std::out_of_range("row out of bounds");
bool getNumericTableValueNegative(const CDb& db, const Key& key,
                                       const CLocation& location)
    auto table = getTable(getElement(db,key));
    auto cell = getCel((table, cellLocation);
    return (getNumericCellValue(cell) < 0);</pre>
                      catch (const std::invalid_argument& e)
                         //...
                      catch (const std::out_of_range& e)
                         //...
                      catch (...) //...
```

But I can't or won'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))
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    if (m_bError) { return false; }
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CTableData CMyClass::getTable
class CMyClass
    //...
                                if (m_bError)
    bool m_bError{false};
};
                                   return{};
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    auto cell = getCell(table. location))
    auto value = getNumericCellValue(cell))
       (m_bError) { return false; }
   result = (value < 0);
    return true;
```



Fixing the return type with std::optional

```
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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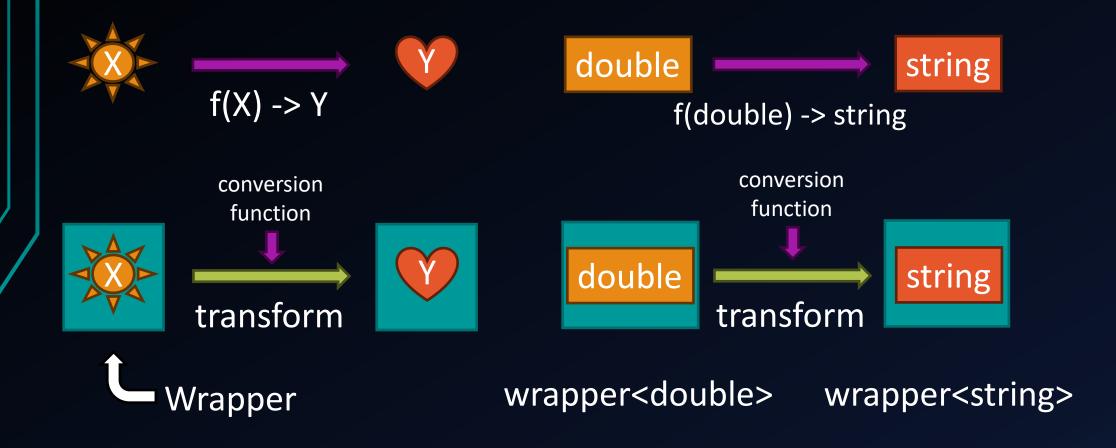
Functors

WRAP & TRANSFORM

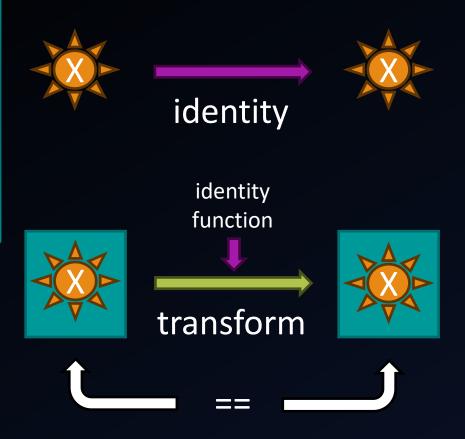
What is a Functor?

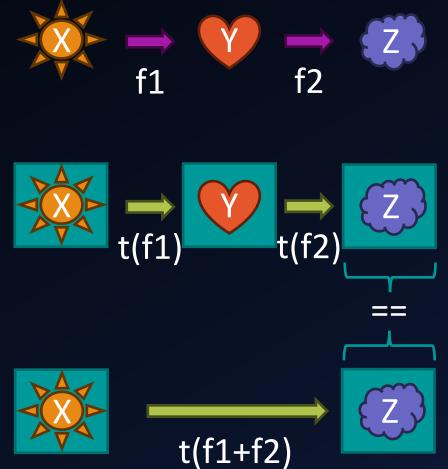
```
class CNegator
public:
    int operator()(const int value) const
        return -value;
};
CNegator negator;
auto x = negator(5); // -5
```

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: Pick overload with Inline Lambda

Callables: Inject Parameters via Inline Lambda



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 Functions from Params (Lambda)

```
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([&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: More options - Adapter functions

Function	Use for	Example
std::mem_fn	Class member functions	<pre>auto f = std::mem_fn(&CClass::foo); f(pInstance, arg1, arg2);</pre>
std::bind_front	Adapt functions with too many arguments	<pre>void foo(int arg1, std::string arg2); auto f = std::bind_front(&foo, 42); f("OnlyStringNeeded");</pre>
std::bind_back		<pre>void foo(int arg1, std::string arg2); auto f = std::bind_back(&foo, "String"); f(123); // Only int needed</pre>
std::bind	Not recommended	

Full examples in the talk material. See link at the end of the talk!

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

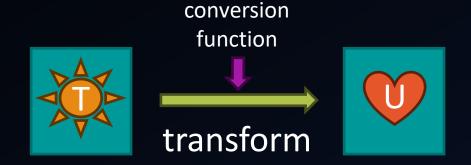


Callables: Template Parameter

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

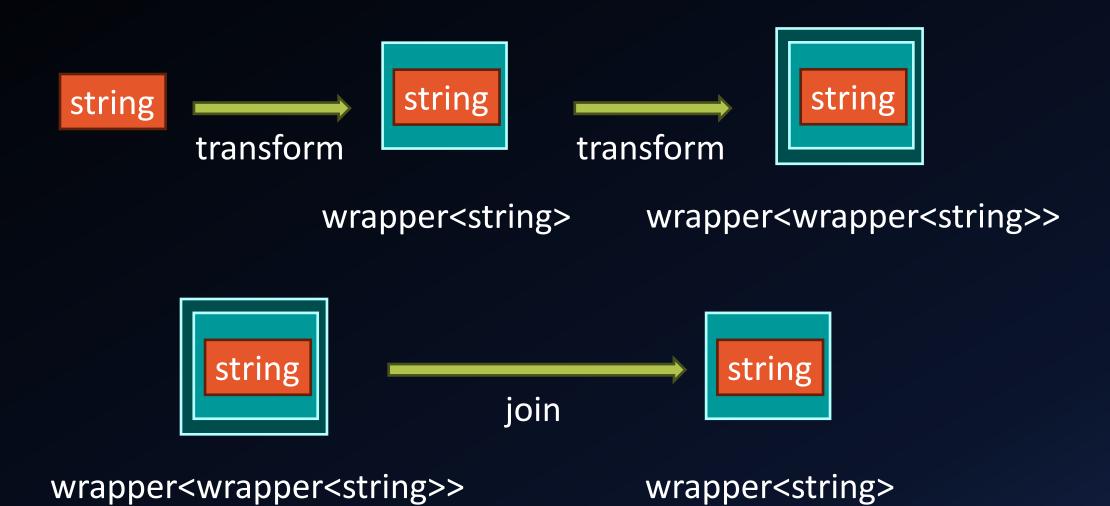
FUNCTORS+JOIN



Monad = Functor + Join



Usage of Join



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  auto files = getFilesInProject(project);
  for(const auto& file : files)
    auto diagnostics = compile(file);
     for(const auto& diagnostic : diagnostics)
       printDiagnostic(diagnostic);
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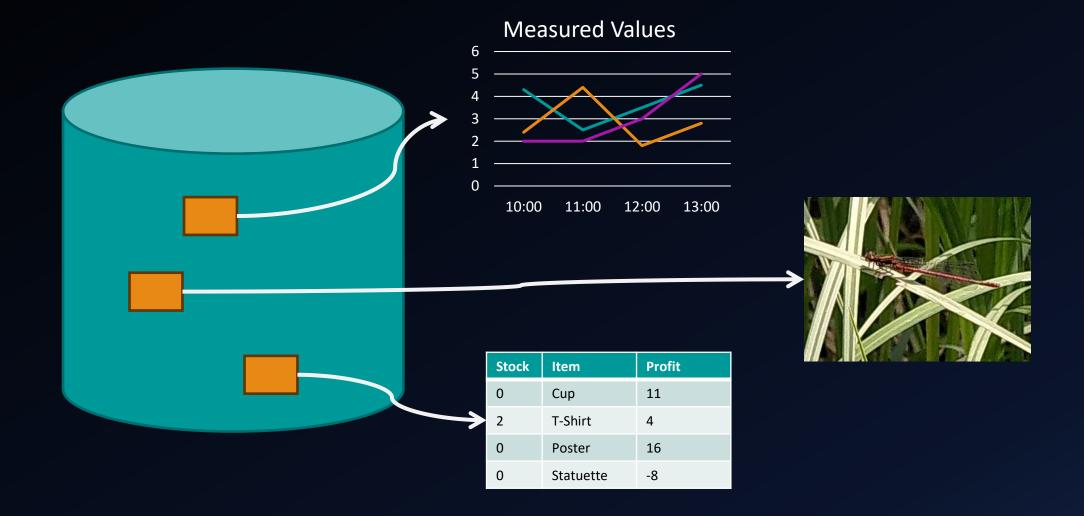
Printing Diagnostics: Code comparison

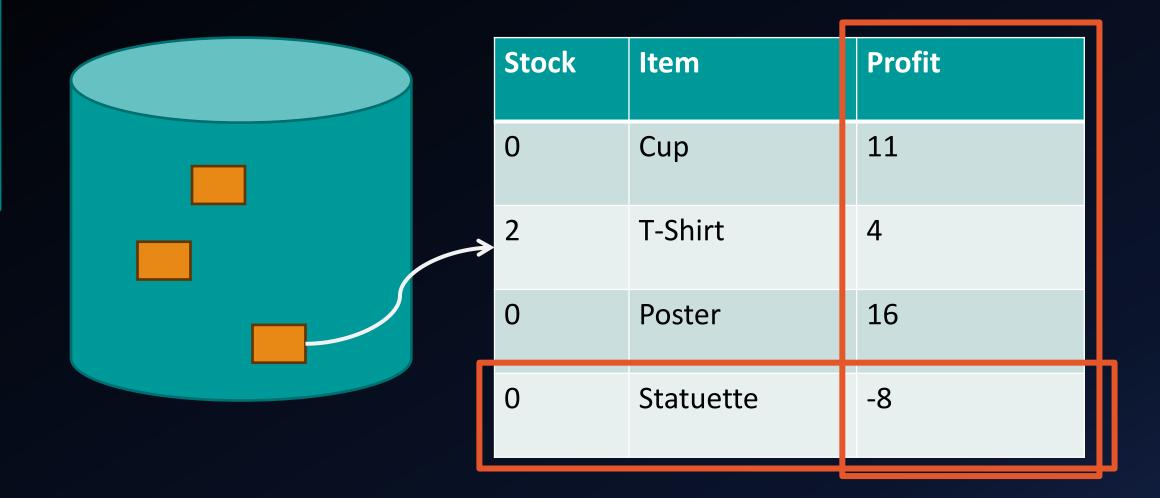
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   auto files = getFilesInProject(project);
   for(const auto& file : files)
      auto diagnostics = compile(file);
      for(const auto& diagnostic : diagnostics)
         printDiagnostic(diagnostic);
namespace vw = std::views;
auto diagnostics =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

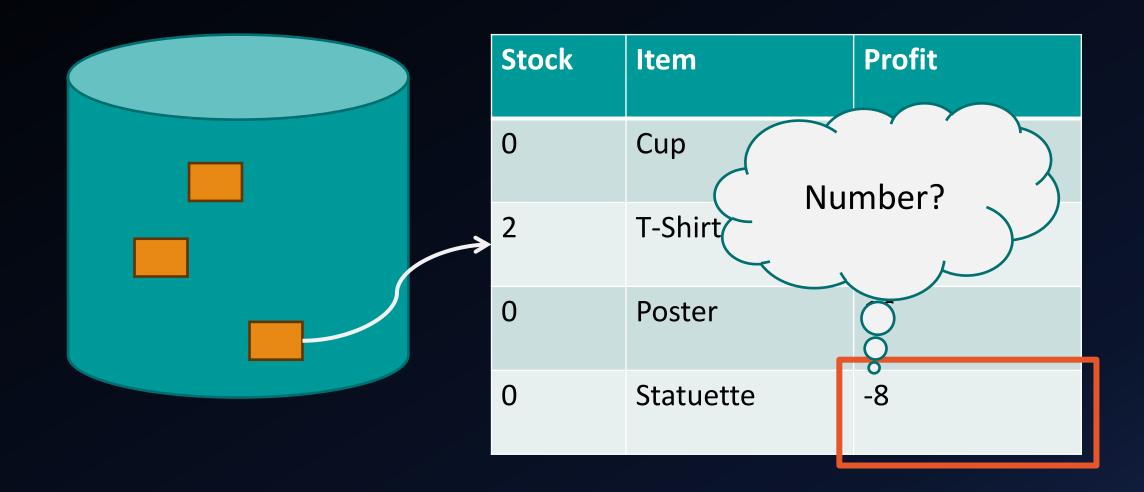
Handling Failure

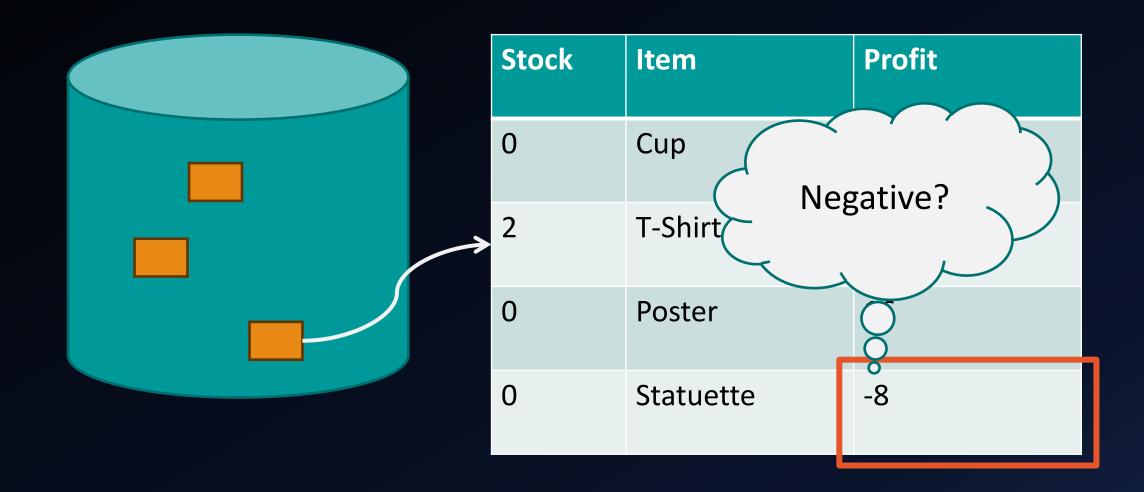
THE OPTIONAL AND EXPECTED MONADS

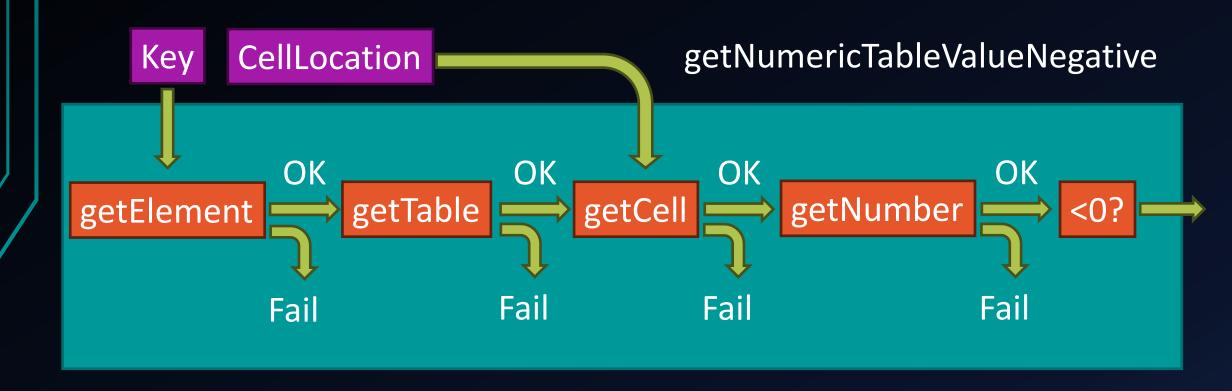




















```
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    const CLocation& location, bool& out)
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   if ( ! getElement(db, key, element)) { return false; }
   CTableData table;
   if ( ! getTable(element, table))
                                               { 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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   return true;
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                                   const ElementKey& key);
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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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                                                   { return false; }
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                                                   { return false; }
result = (value < 0); return true;
return getElement(db, key)
    .and_then(getTable)
    .and_then([location](const CTableData& table)
              {return getCell(table, location);})
    .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([location](const CTableData& table)
                      {return getCell(table, location);})
            .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
            .transform(isNegative)
          .or_else(log<bool>);
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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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template<class TRet>
std::optional<TRet> COptionalMonad::log()
    std::println("Error at:");
    dumpStack(std::stacktrace::current());
    return std::nul pt;
           std::stacktrace
                              std::stacktrace_entry
                      source file
                                  source line
                                               description
```

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Catching failure: Lack of error context

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            .and_then(getTable)
            .and_then([location] const CTableData& table)
                       {return getCell(_______e, location);})
            .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
            .transform(isNegative)
                                       error location
          .or_else(log<bool>);
                               call stack location
```

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    (const CTable& tableData, const CLocation& location);
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    (const CCell& cell);
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```



```
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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   CElement elem = //...
   return elem;
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```
std::expected<bool, CErr> isNumericTableCellValueNegative
 (const CDb& db, const Key& key, const CLocation& location)
   return getElement(db, key)
            .and_then(getTable)
            .and_then([location](const CTableData& table)
                      {return getCell(ta____location);})
            .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
            .transform(isNegative)
                                         CErr with callstack
          .or_else(log<bool>);
template<class TRet>
std::expected<TRet> log(const CErr& errorInfo);
```



```
std::expected<TRet, CErr> result = foo();
if (result.has_value())
    auto value = result.value();
    //...
else
    auto errorInfo = result.error();
    //...
```



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The Default Monad

THE OTHER SIDE OF STD::OPTIONAL

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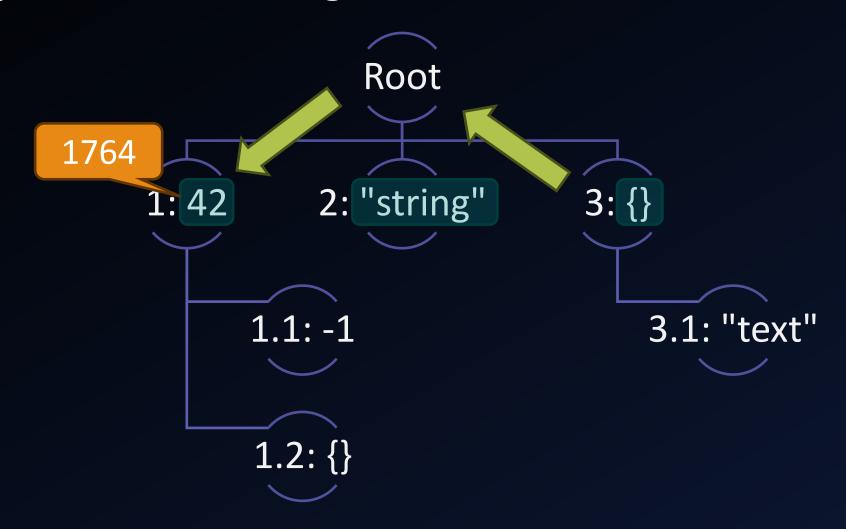
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Feature	C++ Version	GCC	Clang	MSVC
std::format	20	13	17	19.29
std::views::transform	20	10	15	19.29
std::ranges::to	23	14	17	19.34
std::bind_front	20	9	13	19.25
std::bind_back	23	14	19	19.34
std::optional::and_then / or_else	23	12	14	19.32
std::print / 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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                                                if ( ! pNode)
                                                   return {};
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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);
}
```



```
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);
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```
template<cIsPointer TPtr>
CPtr<TPtr >::CPtr(const TPtr& ptr)
    : m_Ptr(ptr)
{}
```



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   bool operator!() const;
   //...
private:
  TPtr m_Ptr{};
};
```



```
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 >
    auto and_then(TCall&& fInvoke);
private:
    TPtr m_Ptr{};
};
```



```
template<cIsPointer TPtr>
template<class TCall>
auto CPtr<TPtr>::and_then(TCall&& fInvoke)
   using TRef = std::add_lvalue_reference_t<std::remove_pointer_t<TPtr>>;
   using TRet = std::invoke_result_t<TCall,TRef>;
   if constexpr (cIsPointer<TRet>)
      //...return type is a pointer
   else
      //...return type is NOT a pointer
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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);
  return std::remove_cvref_t<TRet>{};
```



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  if (m_Ptr)
    return std::invoke(std::forward<TCall>(fInvoke),*m_Ptr);
  return std::remove_cvref_t<TRet>{};
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          "Return type is neither pointer nor std::optional");
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    return std::invoke(std::forward<TCall>(fInvoke),*m_Ptr);
  return std::remove_cvref_t<TRet>{};
```



```
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>{};
```







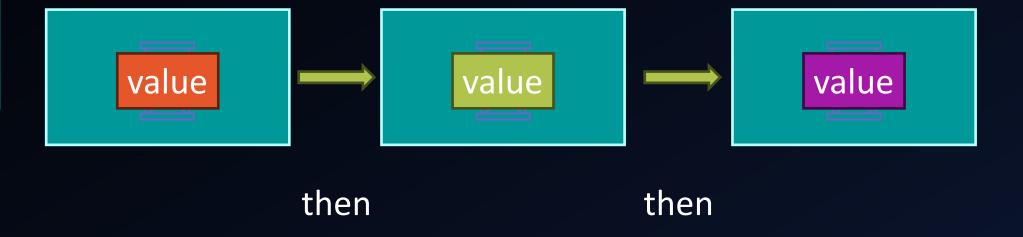
Pointer Monad – Summary

- 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

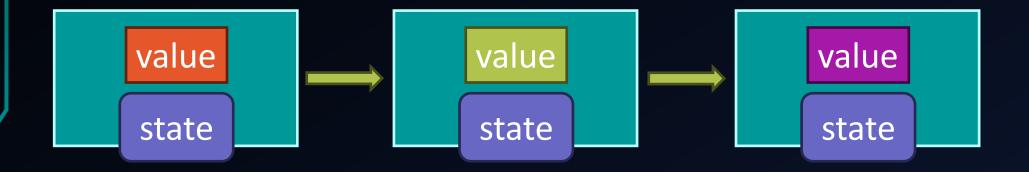
Monad Use Cases

WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO WITH THEM

Continuation Monad



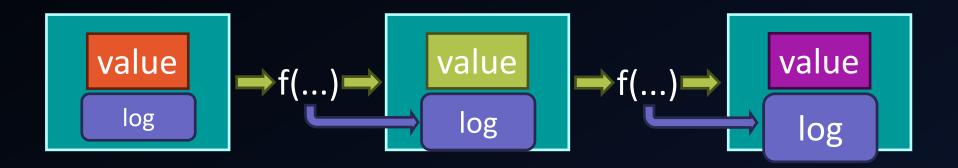
State Monad



newValue = f(value, state);

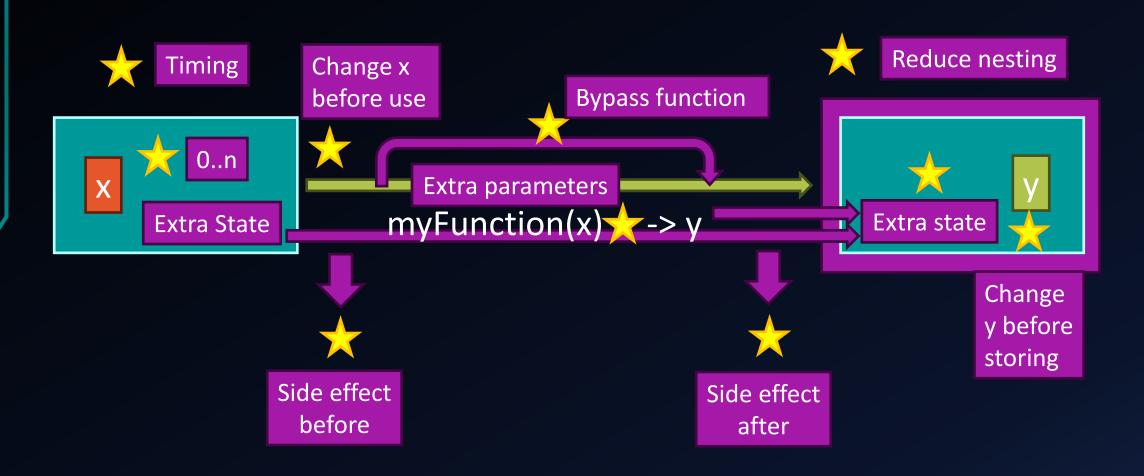


Writer Monad

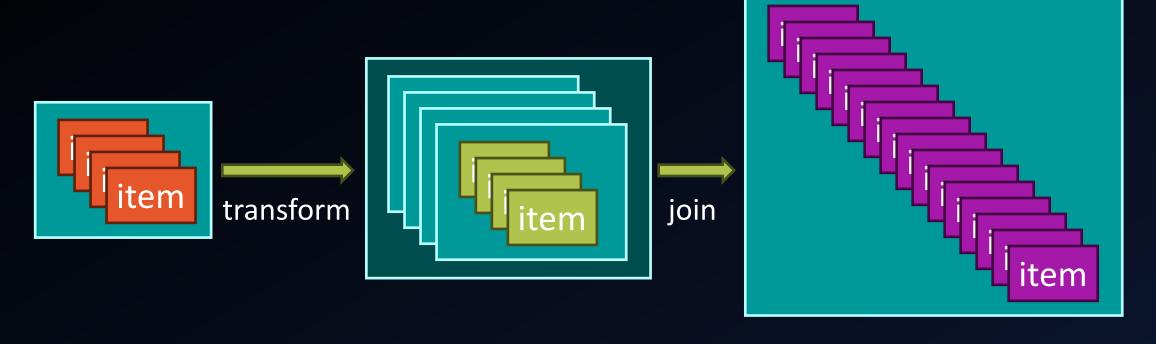




The Power of Monads



Ranges Monad

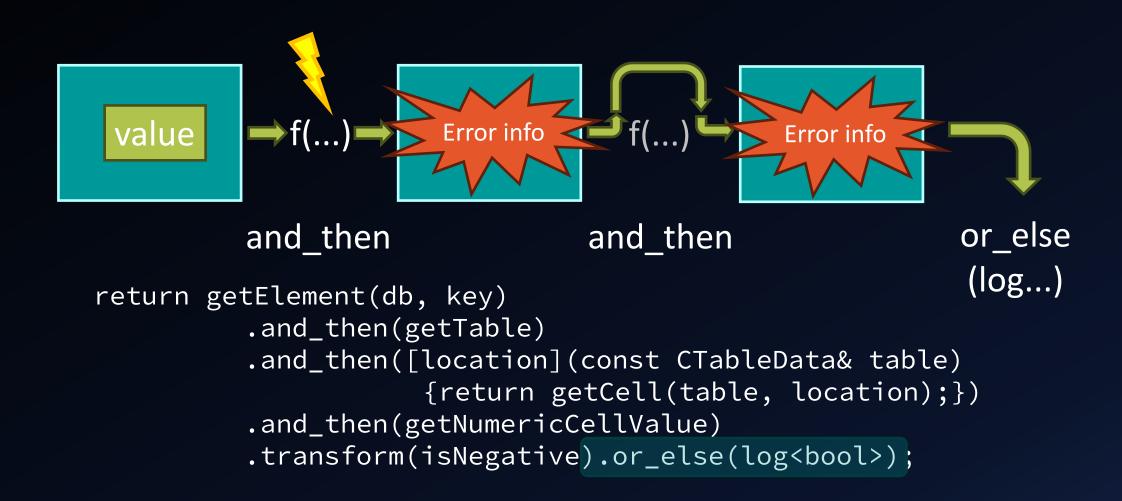


Optional ("Maybe") Monad

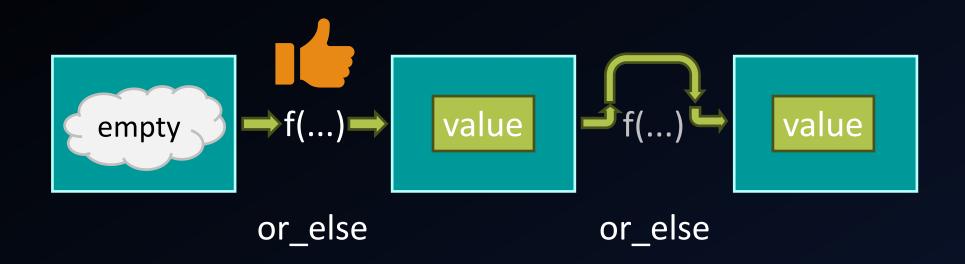
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empty
                                            empty
         and then
                               and_then
return getElement(db, key)
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         .and_then([location](const CTableData& table)
                     {return getCell(table, location);})
         .and_then(getNumericCellValue)
         .transform(isNegative);
```



Expected Monad



Default Monad





Monadic Operations in C++23



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