Clear Narratives

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Your code tells a story

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Defense attorney deserts client midtrial

North shore judge ships lawyer to jail

By Claire Galofaro
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Two days into a St. Tammany Parish rape trial, the defense attorney stood and confessed to the judge that he'd done an inadequate job representing his client, a 25-year-old Slidell man accused of raping two young girls.

Attorney Claiborne Brown refused to proceed, despite the judge's threats to hold him in contempt of court.

Judge William Burris, with "righteous indignation," as he described his feelings on the matter, told the bailiffs to take

PAPER LAYS OFF 200 EMPLOYEES

New companies to have 20 percent fewer workers

DA cites progress while avoiding discord

He beseeches mayor for more money

By John Simerman
Staff writer

Orleans Parish District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro chose tact over attack in his annual address to the city Tuesday night, boasting progress for a notoriously dysfunctional New Orleans criminal justice system while plying Mayor Mitch Landrieu for more money.

Cannizzaro touted the successful prosecutions of some high-profile criminals, including last year's conviction of Uptown crime kingpin

Confident Code

“Code always tells a story (or tries to) but timid code [code with a poor narrative] often pauses and says ‘uhm’ and ‘ahh’”

- Avdi Grimm
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8J0j2xJFgQ

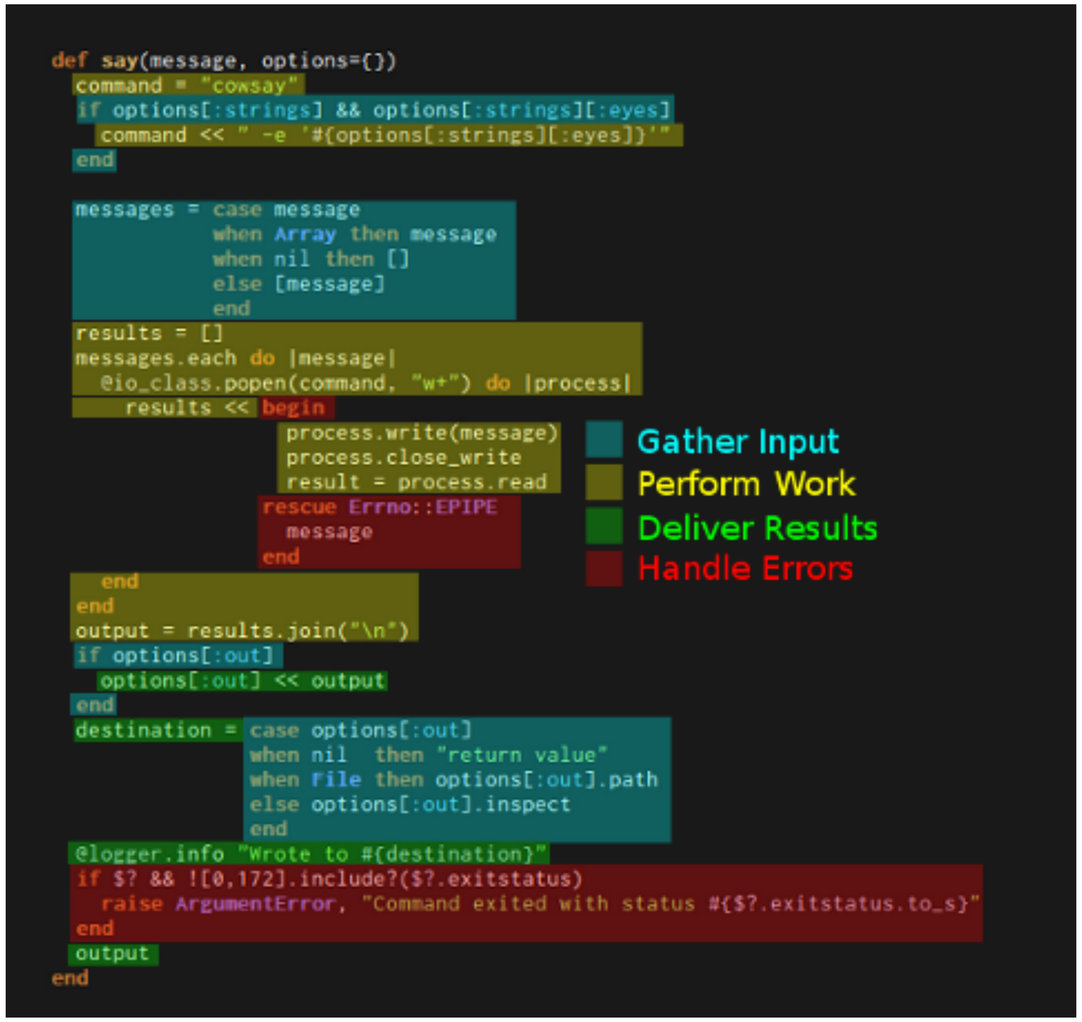
Confident Narrative

Do the following:

gather input
perform work
deliver results
check for errors

in separate phases and in that order

Confident Narrative



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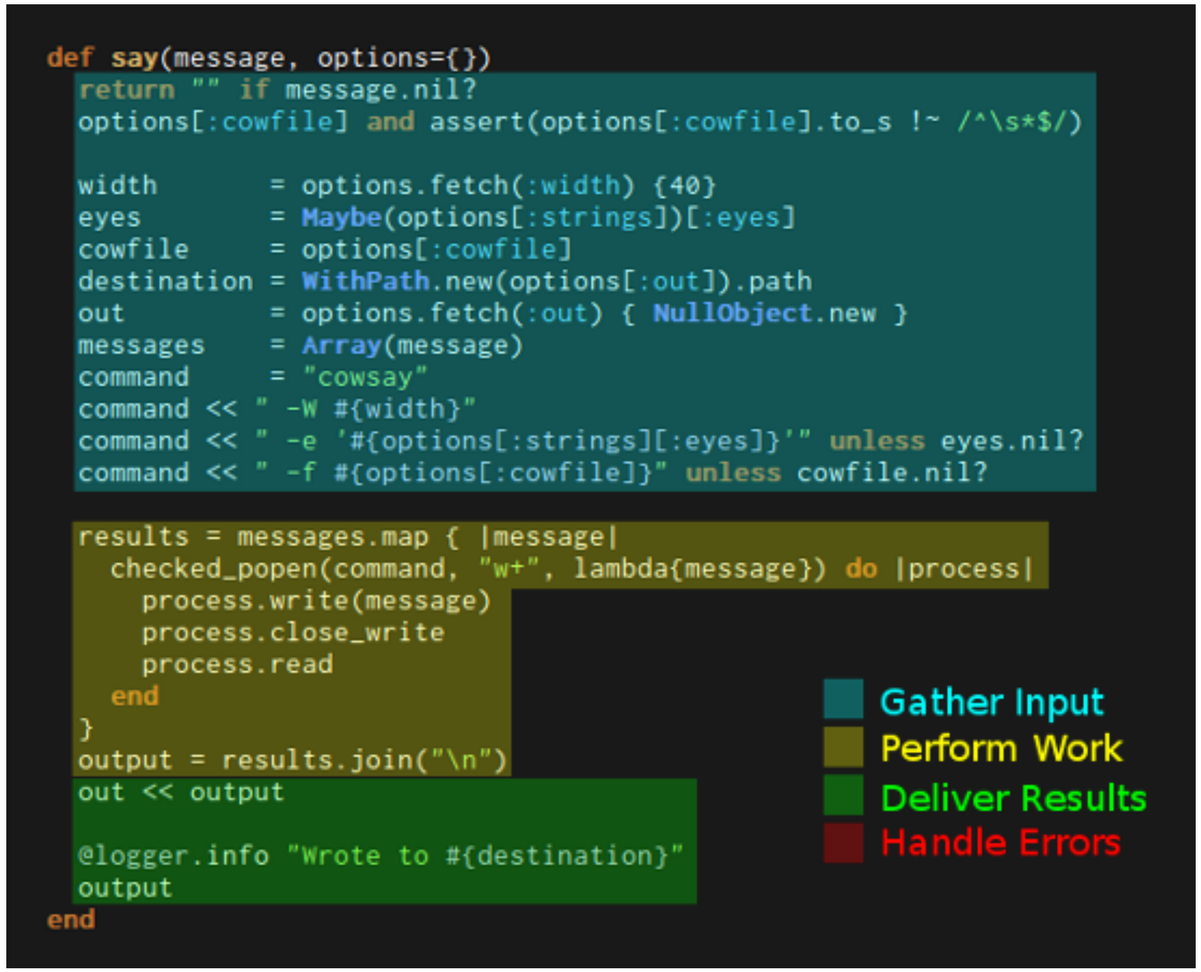

Summary

Have in mind the reader of your code.
A good story well told.

Avoid tangents and digressions by adopting a good narrative structure throughout your code.