

The Fearless  
Journey



**Fearless:** A minimalistic nominally typed pure OO language where there are no fields and all the state is captured by closures.

**The Fearless Heart:** how to encode booleans, optionals, and lists.

**Braving mutability:** how to add mutability to such a language without losing the reasoning advantages of functional programming.

**The Treasure:** support for automatic parallelisation, correct cache invalidation and representation invariants.

# The Fearless Heart

**First, we will sail comforting  
friendly waters, exploring the  
functional core of Fearless**



**Core Syntax:** no inference, no sugar

$L ::= D[Xs] : D1[Ts1] \dots Dn[Tsn] \{ 'x Ms \}$

$M ::= sig, | sig \rightarrow e,$

$e ::= x | e.m[Ts](es) | L$

$sig ::= m[Xs](x1:T1, \dots, xn:Tn) : T$

$T ::= x | D[Ts]$

Overall, Fearless can be seen as 'lambda calculus' where lambdas have multiple components and we have a table of top-level declarations.

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M ::= sig, | sig -> e,  
e ::= x | e m[Ts](es) | L  
sig ::= m[Xs](x1:T1, ..., xn:Tn) : T  
T ::= X | D[Ts]
```

Syntactic sugar:

- Can omit empty parenthesis {} [] or ()
- Can omit () on 1 argument method (becomes left associative operator)
- Top level Declarations omitted 'x = 'this'. Omitted 'x for declarations in methods is fresh
- Omitted declaration name D of a literal inside of an expression is fresh

Concrete syntax:

- Declaration overloading based on generics arity,
- Method overloading on parameter arity, method names both as .lowercase or operators

Inference:

- The implemented types Ts of a declaration are inferred when the target type is known.
- An overridden sig can omit the types
- Can omit even the method name if there is only 1 abstract method

```
Person[]: { .age[](): Num, .name[](): Str } //a Person with age and name
```

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Not a record with two fields, but a trait with two methods taking zero arguments.

Not behave like fields: trigger (potentially non terminating) computations.

No guarantee that any storage space is used by those methods.

Example: .name captures a string, .age is the length of the same string.

Making a person directly:

```
Bob: Person{ .age:Num -> 42, .name:Str -> "Bob" }  
Bob: Person{ .age -> 42, .name -> "Bob" } //infer inherited method type  
Person{ .age -> 42, .name -> "Bob" } //can be of an anonymous type
```

Making a person with a factory:

```
FPerson.of(42, "Bob")
```

Defined as:

```
FPerson: { .of(age: Num, name: Str): Person ->  
          Anon: Person{ .age:Num->age, .name:Num->name} }
```

```
FPerson: { .of(age: Num, name: Str): Person ->{ .age->age, .name->name} }
```

But... wait...

```
FPerson.of(42, "Bob")      //making a person with a factory
```

What are 42 and "Bob"? Are they in the shown syntax? Yes!

- 42 desugared as FreshName:42 [] {}
- "Bob" desugared as FreshName:"Bob" [] {}
- FPerson == FPerson[] {} == FreshName:FPerson[] {}

The singleton instance of any top level declaration with no abstract method can be 'summoned' by just writing the name

```
Person: { .age: Num, .name: Str } //a Person with age and name
```

Functions can just be generic top level declarations

```
F[R]:{ #: R } //Note: # is a valid method name just like .of
```

```
F[A, R]:{ #(a: A): R }
```

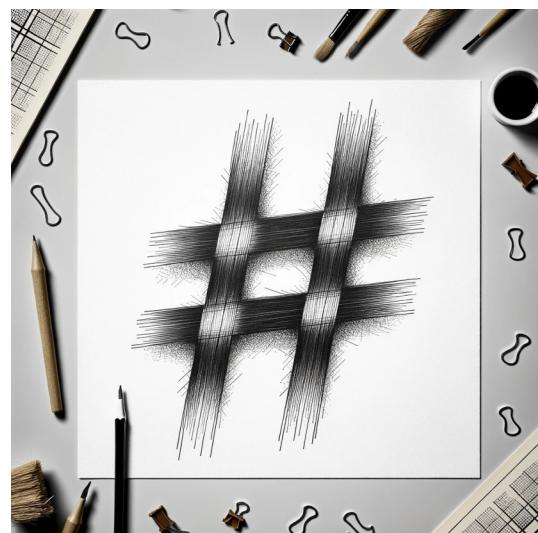
```
F[A, B, R]:{ #(a: A, b: B): R }
```

```
F[A, B, C, R]:{ #(a: A, b: B, c: C): R }
```

Now we FPerson can be a kind of function

```
FPerson:F[Num, Str, Person]{ age, name -> { .age->age, .name->name } }
```

```
FPerson#(42, "Bob") //making a person with a function/factory
```



~~Person: { .age: Num, .name: Str } //not declared at top level~~

Person as an internally declared trait instead

```
FPerson:F[Num, Str, Person] { age, name -> Person:{  
    .age:Num->age,  
    .name:Str->name  
} }
```

```
FPerson#(42, "Bob")      //same instantiation syntax as before,  
                         //but now this is guaranteed to  
                         //be the only way to make a Person.  
//A declaration name introduced inside a method body is 'final' and  
//can not be inherited. Thus writing 'Person{...}' anywhere else would  
//be a type error.
```

```
Bool: {  
    .and(other: Bool): Bool,  
    .or(other: Bool): Bool,  
    .not: Bool,  
    .if[R] (m: ThenElse[R]): R  
}
```

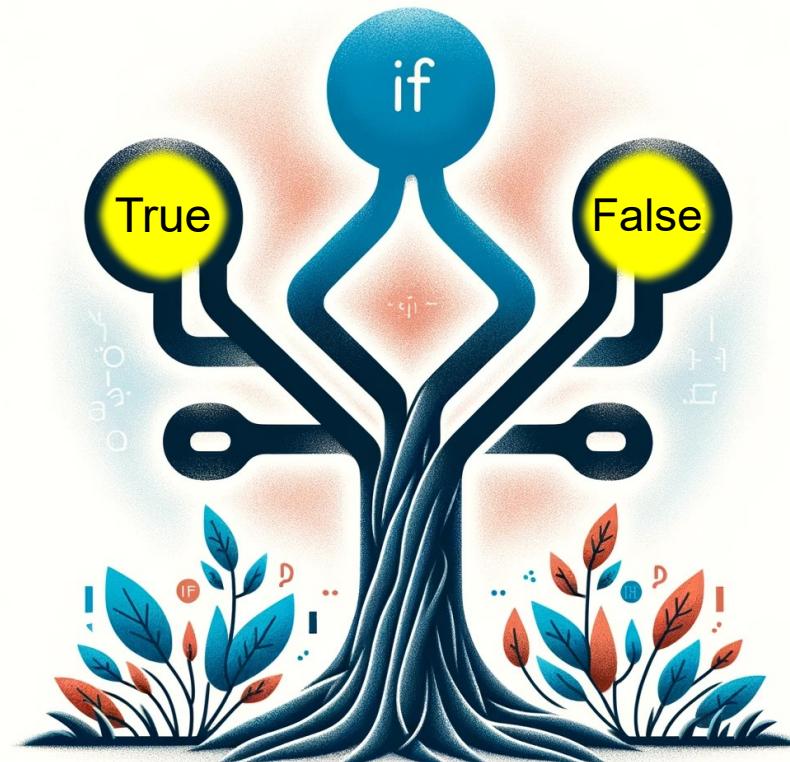
```
ThenElse[R]:{ .then: R, .else: R }
```

```
True: Bool{  
    .and(other) -> other,  
    .or(other) -> this,  
    .not -> False,  
    .if(m) -> m.then,  
}
```

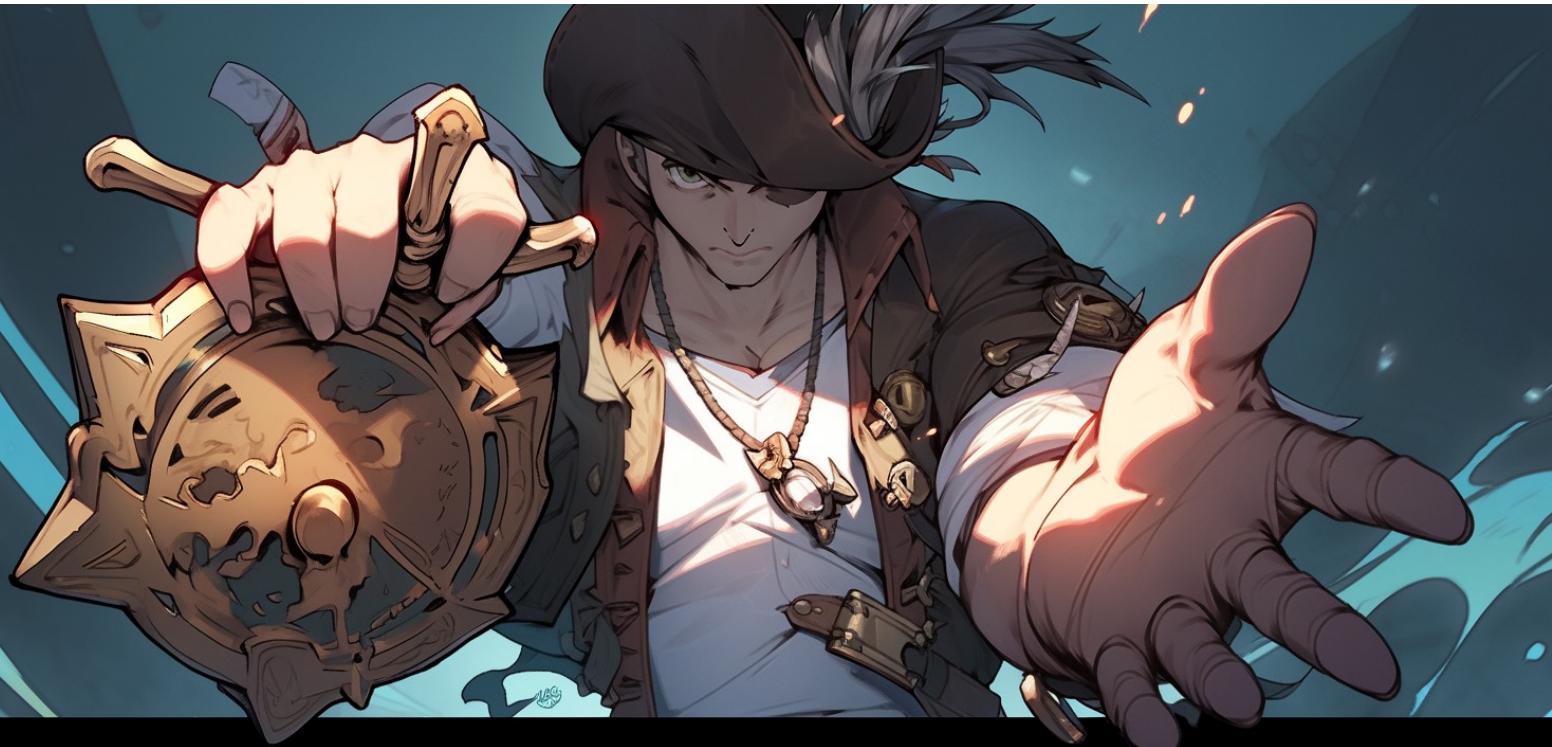
```
False:Bool{  
    .and(other) -> this,  
    .or(other) -> other,  
    .not -> True,  
    .if(m) -> m.else,  
}
```

```
//usage example  
True.and(False).if({  
    .then->/*code for the then case*/,  
    .else->/*code for the else case*/,  
})
```

```
True.and False.if{  
    .then->/*code for the then case*/,  
    .else->/*code for the else case*/,  
}
```



```
Opt[T]: {  
  .match[R] (m: OptMatch[T,R]): R -> m.empty  
}  
OptMatch[T,R]: {  
  .empty: R,  
  .some(t: T): R  
}  
Opt: {  
  #[T] (t:T):Opt[T] -> { m -> m.some(t) }  
}
```



```
//usage example  
Opt#bob      //Bob is here  
Opt[Person]  //no one is here
```

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}

Opt: {
  #[T] (t:T) : Some[T] -> Some[T] : Opt[T] { m -> m.some(t) }
}

//We could give an explicit name to the Some Opt, but we
//avoid defining more declaration names than strictly needed

//Note the generics: Some[T]{...} is 'funneling' the generic arguments
//used inside of it. All the generic parameters
//captured from the environment must be repeated in the declaration
```

```

List[T]: {
  .match[R] (m: ListMatch[T,R]): R -> m.empty
  +(e: T): List[T] -> { m -> m.elem(this, e) } ,
}
ListMatch[T,R]: {
  .empty: R,
  .elem(list: List[T], e: T): R
}

```

//usage examples

List[Num]+1+2+3

List[Opt[Num]]+{}+{}+(Opt#3)

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Example: {

```

  .sum(ns: List[Num]): Num -> ns.match{
    .empty -> 0,
    .elem(list, e) -> this.sum(list) + e
  }
}
```



```

List[T]: {
  .match[R] (m: ListMatch[T,R]): R -> m.empty
  +(e: T): List[T] -> { m -> m.elem(this, e) },
  .map[R] (f: F[T, R]): List[R] -> this.match{
    .empty -> {},
    .elem(list, e) -> list.map(f) + (f#e)
  }
}

ListMatch[T,R]: {
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}

```



```
//Visitor pattern in 1 slide
Html: { .match[R] (m: HtmlMatch[R]): R }
HtmlMatch[R]: {
    .h1(text: Str): R,
    .h5(text: Str): R,
    .a(link: Str, text: Str): R,
    .div(es: List[Html]): R,
}
Fhtml:HtmlMatch[Html]{ //the factory is a shallow clone visitor
    .h1(text) -> {m -> m.h1 text},
    .h5(text) -> {m -> m.h5 text},
    .a(link, text) -> {m -> m.a(link, text)},
    .div(es) -> {m->m.div es},
}
//HtmlClone == deep clone visitor
HtmlClone:Fhtml{ .div(es) -> FHtml.div(es.map{e -> e.match this}) }
CapitalizeTitles:HtmlClone{ .h1(text) -> Fhtml.h1(text.toUpperCase) }
...
myHtml.match(CapitalizeTitles) //usage
myHtml.match{ .h1(text) -> FHtml.h1(text.toUpperCase) } //direct definition
```



```
Let: { #[T,R] (x: T, f: F[T,R]): R -> f#x }
```

```
Let#(12+foo, {x -> x*3}) //usage
```

```
//Alternative option
```

```
Let: { #[T] (x: T): In[T] -> {f -> f#x } }
```

```
In[T]: { .in(f: F[T,R]): R }
```

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Let#(12+foo) .in {x->x*3} //usage
```

**Braving Mutability:  
Fearless's Journey  
into mutability**



# Mutable state obtained by inserting a magic Ref # implementation

## Mutable state controlled with reference capabilities

```
Ref[T]: { //First approximation
    .get: T,
    .set(x: T): Void,
}
```

```
Ref: { #[T](x: T): Ref[T] -> Magic! }
```

# Mutable state obtained by inserting a magic Ref # implementation

## Mutable state controlled with reference capabilities

```
Ref[T]: {    //two .get in overloading
  mut .get: T, //result: T as provided
  read .get: read T, //result: T as read
  mut .swap(x: T): T,
  mut .set(x: T): Void -> Block#(this.swap(x), Void),
}
```

```
Ref: { #[T](x: T): mut Ref[T] -> Magic! }
```

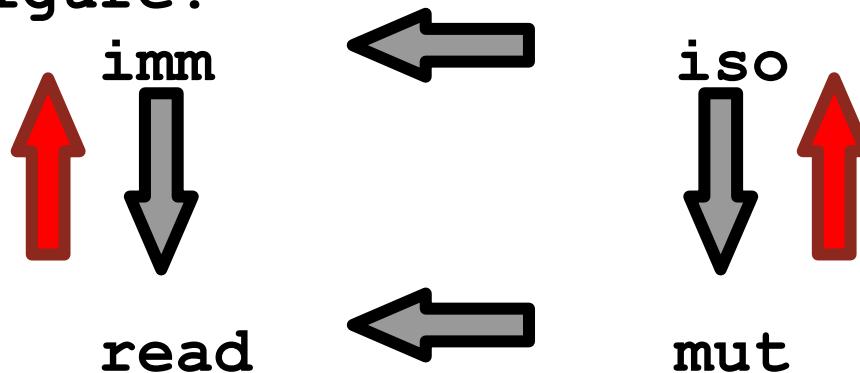
```
Void: {}
```

```
Block: {
  #[A,B](x: A, res: B): B -> res,
  #[A,B,C](x: A,y: B, res: C): C -> res,
  #[A,B,C,D](x: A, y: B, z: C, res: D): D -> res,
}
```

# Reference modifiers and grammar

```
R ::= imm | iso | read | mut
```

figure:



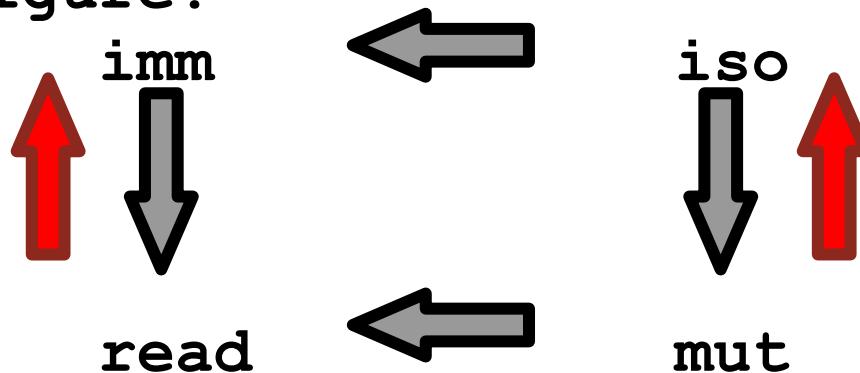
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e ::= x | e.m[Ts](es) | R L
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**Mutable mut**



**Immutable imm**



**Readable read**



## **Mutable mut**



Easy to eat, easy to digest.  
Hard to manage since they can tangle.

For hygenic reasons is better to eat your own food instead of having many strangers eating from the same plate.

Mut is like free Java objects,  
not like rust mut or mut&

## Isolated iso



The gold standard.

Affine: can be used only zero or one times.

It can be sold to a stranger.

It is often open only in private.

The whole MROG of the iso is only reachable  
from the iso reference itself.

Immutable objects can be freely shared

The unchanging eternal diamond.

Deep immutable objects as  
in functional programming.

Can be shown to strangers, can be shared.

**Immutable imm**



The magnifying lens allows us to see stuff well,  
but we can not modify it or touch it using it.

You can look to any kind of things!



**Readable read**



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**Readable read**

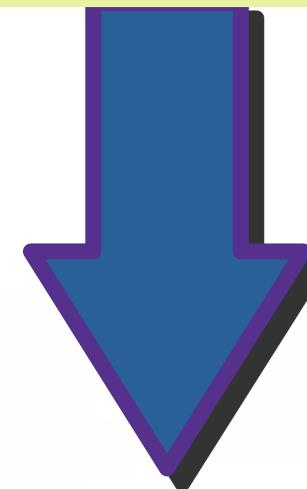


## **Multiple method typing:**

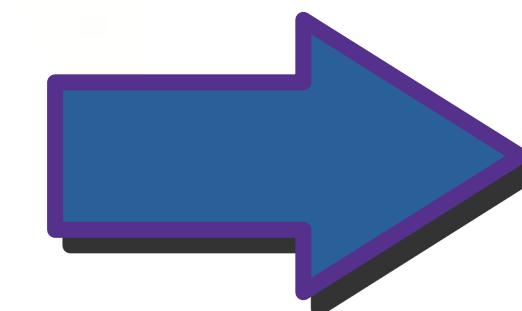
A method has an additional valid signature, where all the mut parameters are turned in iso and all the read parameters are turned in imm; then a mut result can be turned into iso and a read result into imm.

This also applies for whole method bodies: if a method body does not use any mut/read parameters, then it can return a mut value as an iso or imm, and a read value as an imm.

## Deeply immutable input

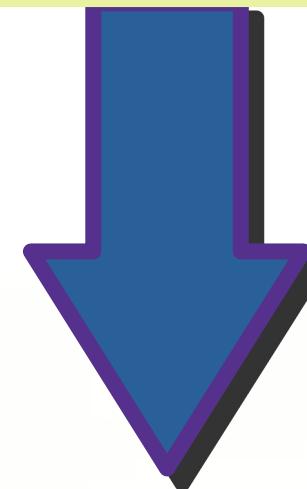


The input objects could flow into the output,  
but is not important since immutable objects  
are referentially transparent

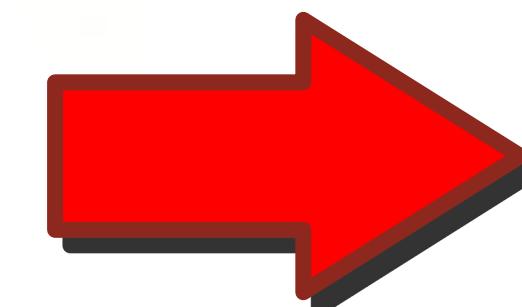


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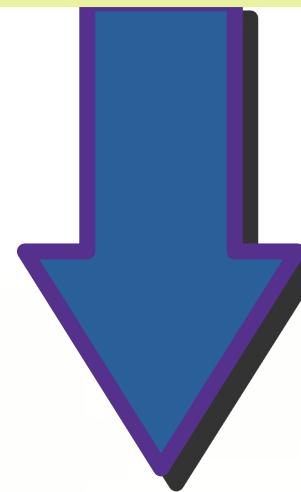


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**Mutable output**

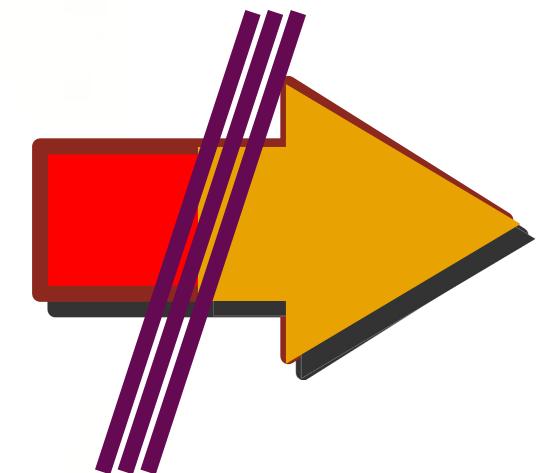
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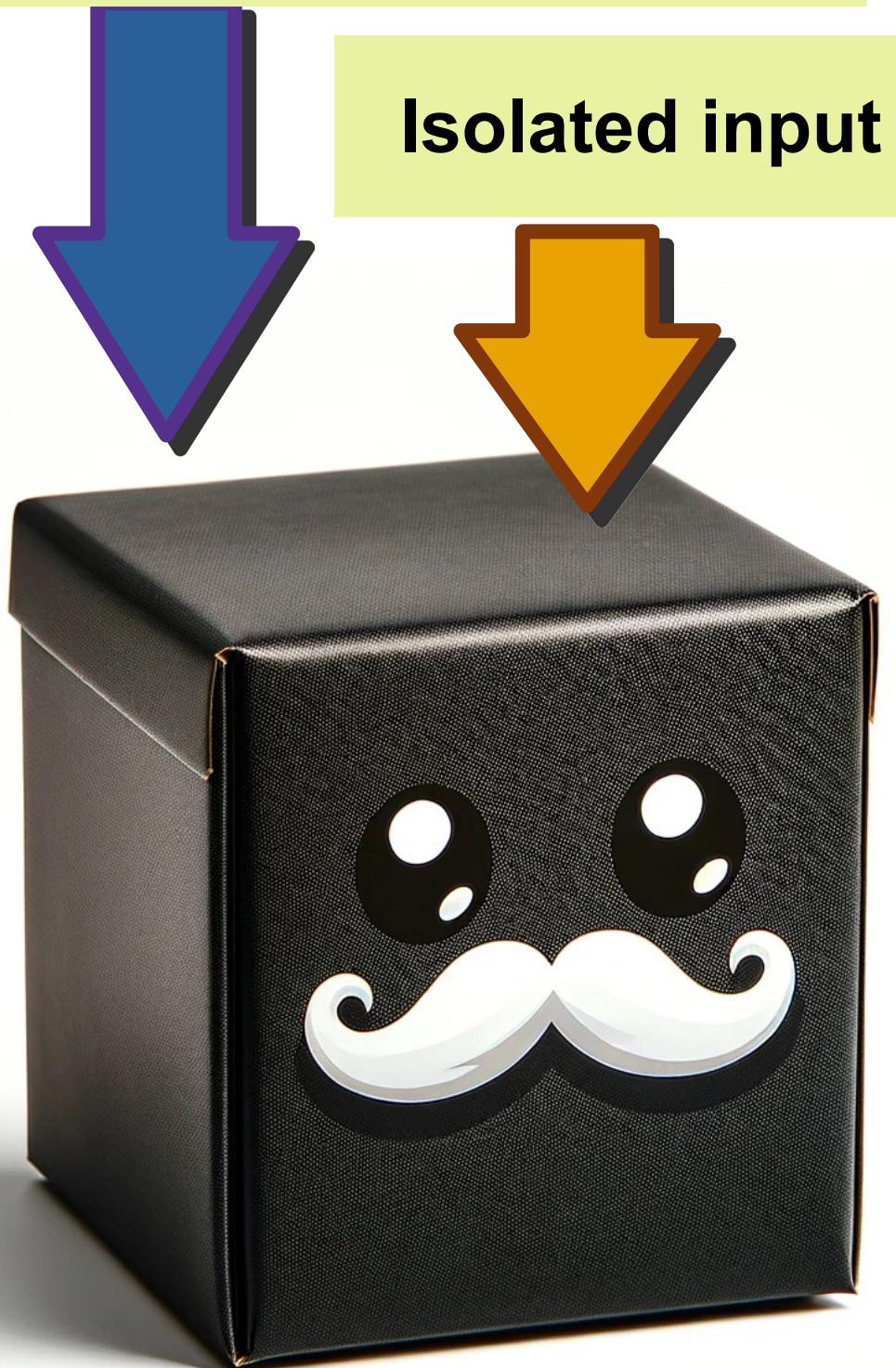
Thus... we know that the mutable output is actually iso

In the absence of external impurities, the raw mutable material is refined into pure gold



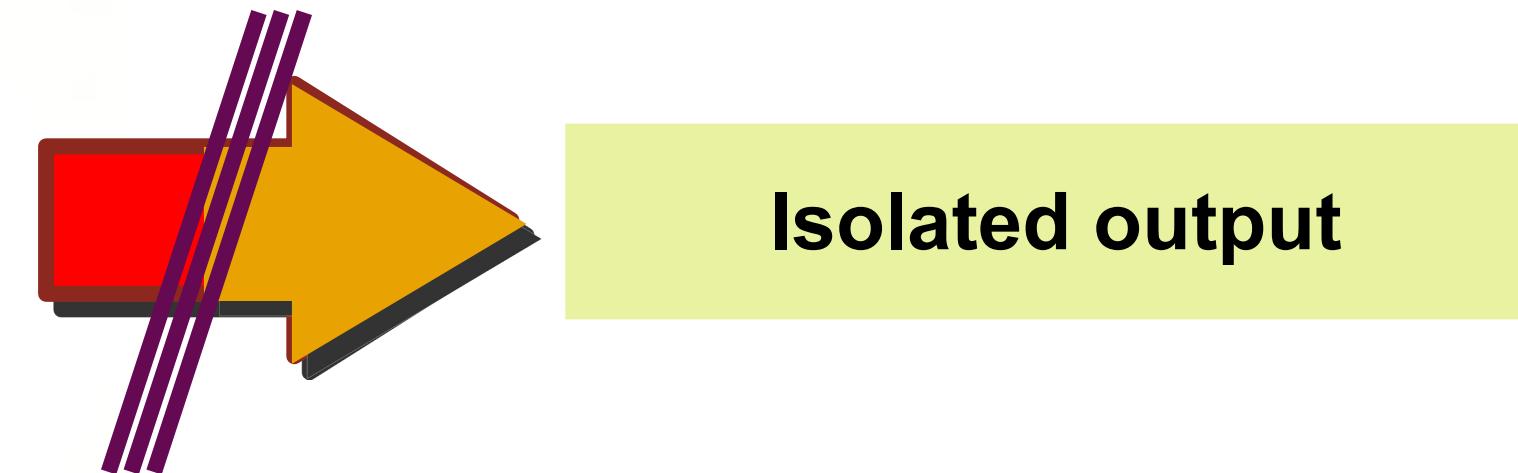
**Isolated output**

## Deeply immutable input



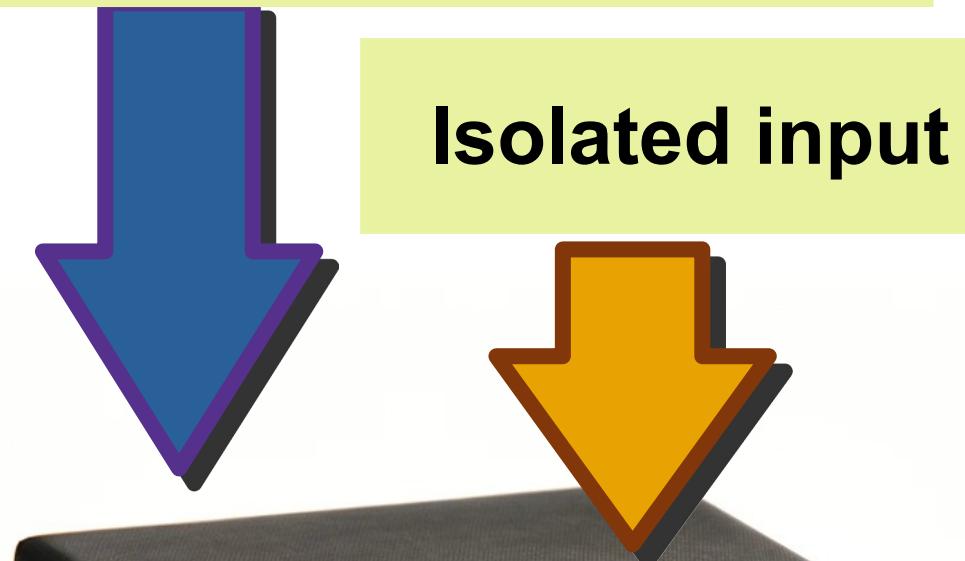
Isolated input does not break this idea.  
The output will be able to contain mutable  
objects from the isolated input, but they are  
now unreachable from the rest of the  
program anyway.

The result can still be promoted to iso.



Isolated output

## Deeply immutable input



What if the result is 'read'?  
Read == mut or imm

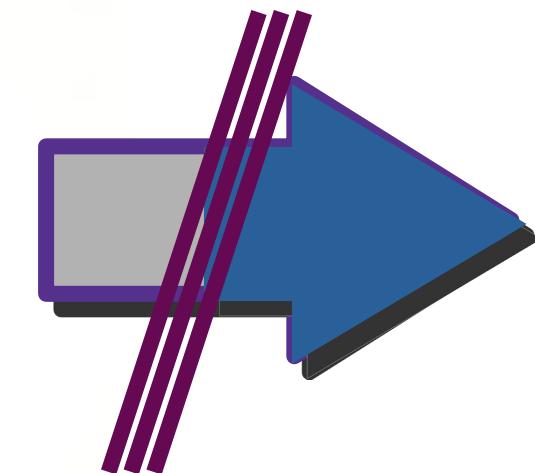


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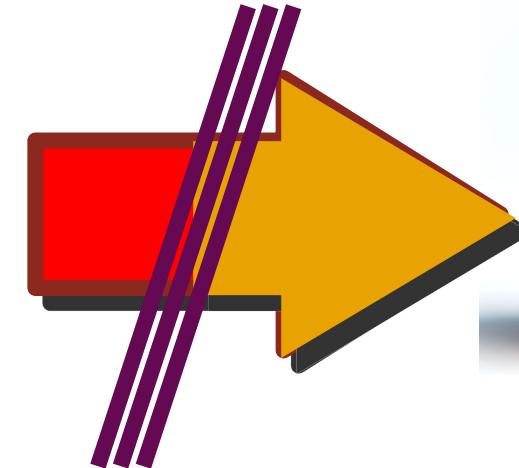
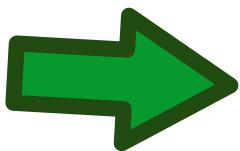


What if the result is ‘read’?  
Read == mut or imm

- If imm, we know is imm, we return it as imm
- If mut, promote it to iso and subtype it to imm



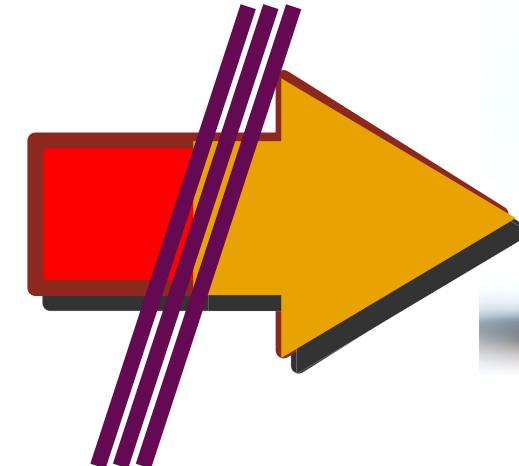
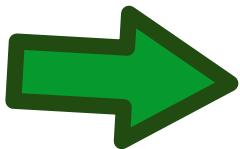
Deeply immutable output



Isolated objects are simple to use  
because we never need to actually use them!

Just declare `mut`→`mut` methods

Pass iso in input, get iso back



Reference capabilities are kind of opt-in

Opt out = Use imm for library stuff and mut for your stuff

Another programmer can still recover iso  
from your simple minded code

# Capturing reference capabilities

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```
Circle: { imm .center: imm Point }  
.geometry(p: imm Point): Circle -> Fresh:imm Circle{ imm .center:imm Point -> p}
```



Example: A circle capturing  
a Point as the center.

Long version here

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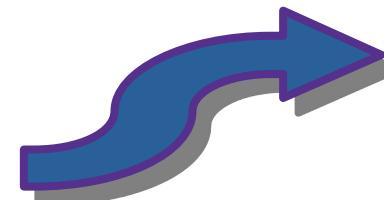


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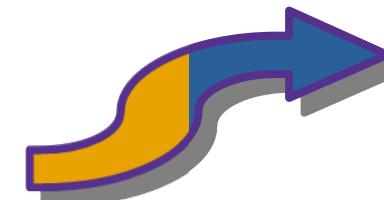
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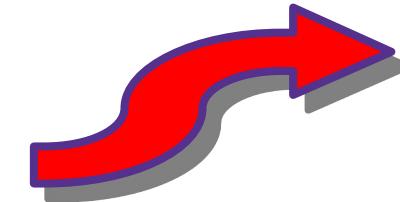
```
Circle: { imm .center: imm Point }  
.geometry(p: iso Point): Circle -> { p }
```



iso is always captured as imm

# Capturing reference capabilities

```
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.geometry(p: mut Point): mut Circle -> { p }
```

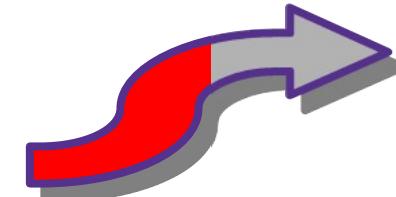


mut methods of mut literals  
capture mut/read as mut/read

Same for iso methods  
or iso literals

# Capturing reference capabilities

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Circle: { read .center: read Point }  
.geometry(p: mut Point): mut Circle -> { p }
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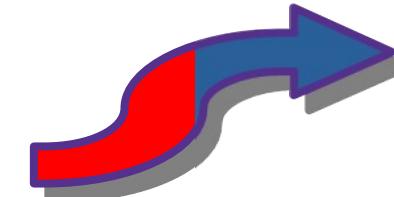


read methods  
capture mut/read as read

In this way we can not get mut  
access to the ROG with a read  
reference.

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.geometry(p: mut Point): mut Circle -> { p }
```

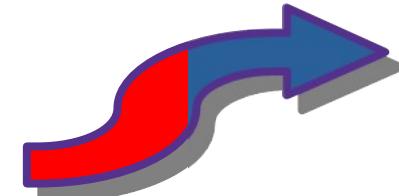


imm methods of mut literals  
can capture mut/read as imm

This is the funny bit!

# Capturing reference capabilities

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```

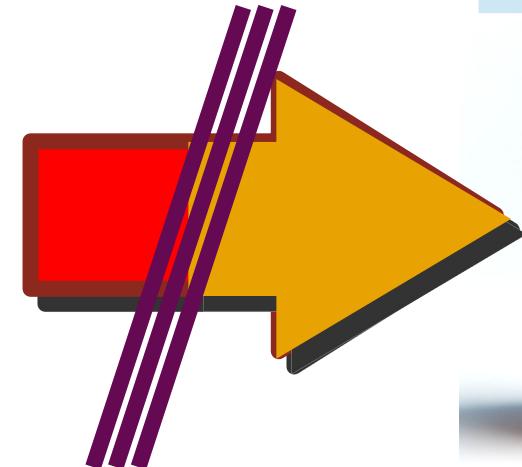


Key idea: the imm method can not be called until the mut object is promoted

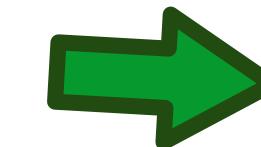
mut Circle with mut Point



iso circle



imm Circle with imm Point



iso subtype imm



# Input output via Object Capabilities

Object Capabilities (OC) are not a type system feature, but a programming methodology that is greatly beneficial when it is embraced by the standard library.

The main idea is that instead of being able to make non deterministic actions like IO everywhere in the code by using static methods or public constructors, only certain specific objects have the 'capability' of doing those privileged actions, and access to those objects is kept under strict control.

In Fearless, this is done by having the main taking in input a `mut System` object. `System` is a normal trait with all methods abstract. An instance of `System` with magically implemented methods is provided to the user as a parameter to the `main` method at the beginning of the execution.

# Finally, Hello World

```
HelloW: Main{ s -> s.println("Hello World") }
```

Where **Main** is a trait defined as follows:

```
Main{ .main(s:mut System):Void }
```

Java execution starts from any class with a main method,  
Fearless execution starts from any class transitively implementing **Main**.  
This allows for abstraction over the main. A unit test could look like this:

```
MyTests:UnitTest{ logger->... }
```

Where **UnitTest** inherits from **Main** and implements the main method,  
forges a logger and so on, leaving a single method abstract that is called from the  
implemented **.main**.

**Crucially, all non deterministic methods will be 'mut' methods.**  
**If a capability is saved or passed around as read, it would be harmless.**

## Better syntax for local variables

The '`= sugar`' allows for local variable to be integrated in fluent APIs.  
In code using fluent APIs we often have an initial receiver and then a bunch of method calls, for example in Java Streams we could have

```
myList.stream().map(x->x*2).filter(y->y>3).toList()
```

Here myList is the initial receiver of the shown sequence of method calls.  
In our proposed sugar, a method call of form

```
e.m(e1, {x, self->self ... })
```

where ... is a sequence of method calls using self as the initial receiver  
can be written using the more compact syntax

```
e.m x=e1 . . .
```

## Better syntax for local variables

We have a `Block[T]` trait supporting a fluent statements API.  
We can obtain a `Block[T]` by calling `Block#` without parameters.

Example:

```
MyApp:Main{s->Block#
  .var[mut Fs] fs = {FIO#s}
  .var content = {fs.read("data.txt") }
  .if {content.size > 5} .return {s.println("Big") }
  .return {s.println("Small") }
}
```

Removing this layer of sugar the code would look as follow:

```
MyApp:Main{s->Block#
  .var[mut Fs] ({FIO#s}, {fs,self1->self1
    .var({fs.read("data.txt") }, {content,self2->self2
      .if {content.size > 5} .return {s.println("Big") }
      .return{s.println("Small") }
    })})
}
```



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The background of the image is a desert landscape at sunset, with warm orange and yellow hues. Superimposed on the scene are several glowing, translucent energy fields. One large, circular field is centered in the middle ground, containing a smaller circle with concentric rings. Another large, vertical field is positioned behind the text, featuring intricate geometric patterns like a diamond shape with a central dot and a series of concentric circles. The overall effect is one of a futuristic or spiritual realm.

**RC+OC = determinism**

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Note, with Ref[T], we need to distinguish identical by identity and structurally identical

(1) Any method taking in input only imm parameters is deterministic.

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(2) Any method taking in input only imm/read parameters is deterministic up to external mutation of its read parameters.

Pass structurally identical parameters and get a structurally identical result  
(and the parameters are not mutated)

This form of determinism is weaker than functional purity:

Non termination can happen (deterministically)

Exceptions can happen (deterministically and not)

Capturing exceptions without breaking this determinism property is possible  
but outside of the scope of this presentation

# The Treasure:

Invariants, caching and  
automatic parallelism

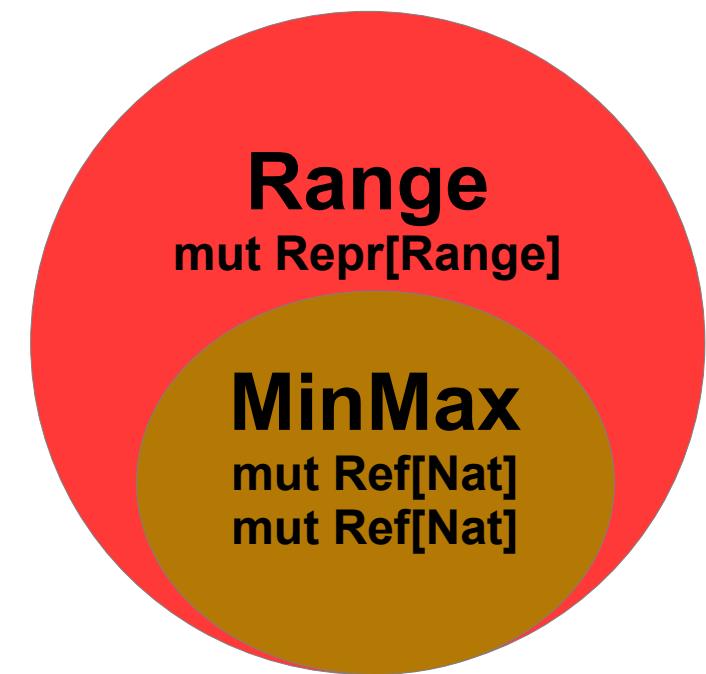


# Invariants and caching

```
FMinMax:F[Nat,Nat,mut MinMax]{min, max -> Block#
.ref _min = {min}
.ref _max = {max}
.return{mut MinMax{
    read .min:Nat -> _min.get,
    read .max:Nat -> _max.get,
    mut .min(n:Nat):Void -> _min.set(n),
    mut .max(n:Nat):Void -> _max.set(n),
  }
}}
```



```
FRange:F[Nat,Nat,mut Range]{min, max -> Block#
.var minMax = {Repr#(FMinMax#(min,max)) }
.do {minMax.addInvariant {r -> r.min < r.max } }
.var toS      = minMax.addCached{r -> toString}
.return {mut Range{
    read .min:Nat -> minMax.look{r -> r.min},
    read .max:Nat -> minMax.look{r -> r.max},
    mut .min(n:Nat):Void -> minMax.mutate{r -> r.min(n)},
    mut .max(n:Nat):Void -> minMax.mutate{r -> r.max(n)},
    read .toS:Str -> toS# //cached
  }}
```



# Invariants and caching: the Repr API

```
Repr{ #[T](t: iso T): mut Repr[T] -> Magic! }
```

```
Repr[T]:{
    read .look[R](f:read RF[read T,imm R]):imm R,
    read .mutate[R](f:read RF[mut T,imm R]):imm R,
    mut .addInvariant(f:F[read T,Bool]):Void,
    mut .addCached[R](f:F[read T,imm R]):read CachedProperty[imm R],
}
```

```
RF[A,R]:{ read #(a: A): R } //can capture outer mut/read stuff as read
```

```
CachedProperty[R]:{ read #:R }
```

---

```
FRange:F[Nat,Nat,Range]{min, max -> Block#
.var minMax = {Repr#(FMinMax#(min,max)) }
.do {minMax.addInvariant {r -> r.min < r.max } }
.var toS      = minMax.addCached{r -> toString}
.return {mut Range{
    read .min:Nat -> minMax.look{r -> r.min},
    read .max:Nat -> minMax.look{r -> r.max},
    mut   .min(n:Nat):Void -> minMax.mutate{r -> r.min(n)},
    mut   .max(n:Nat):Void -> minMax.mutate{r -> r.max(n)},
    read .toS:Str -> toS# //cached, works thanks to the magic above
} }
```

# Automatic parallelism

Example of flow based code:

```
.foo(as: List[A]): List[C] ->
  as.flow
  .map{a -> a.bar}
  .filter{b -> b.acceptable}
  .map{b -> b.cab}
  .list
```

The API of Flow[T] shows what can and can not be done by those operations:

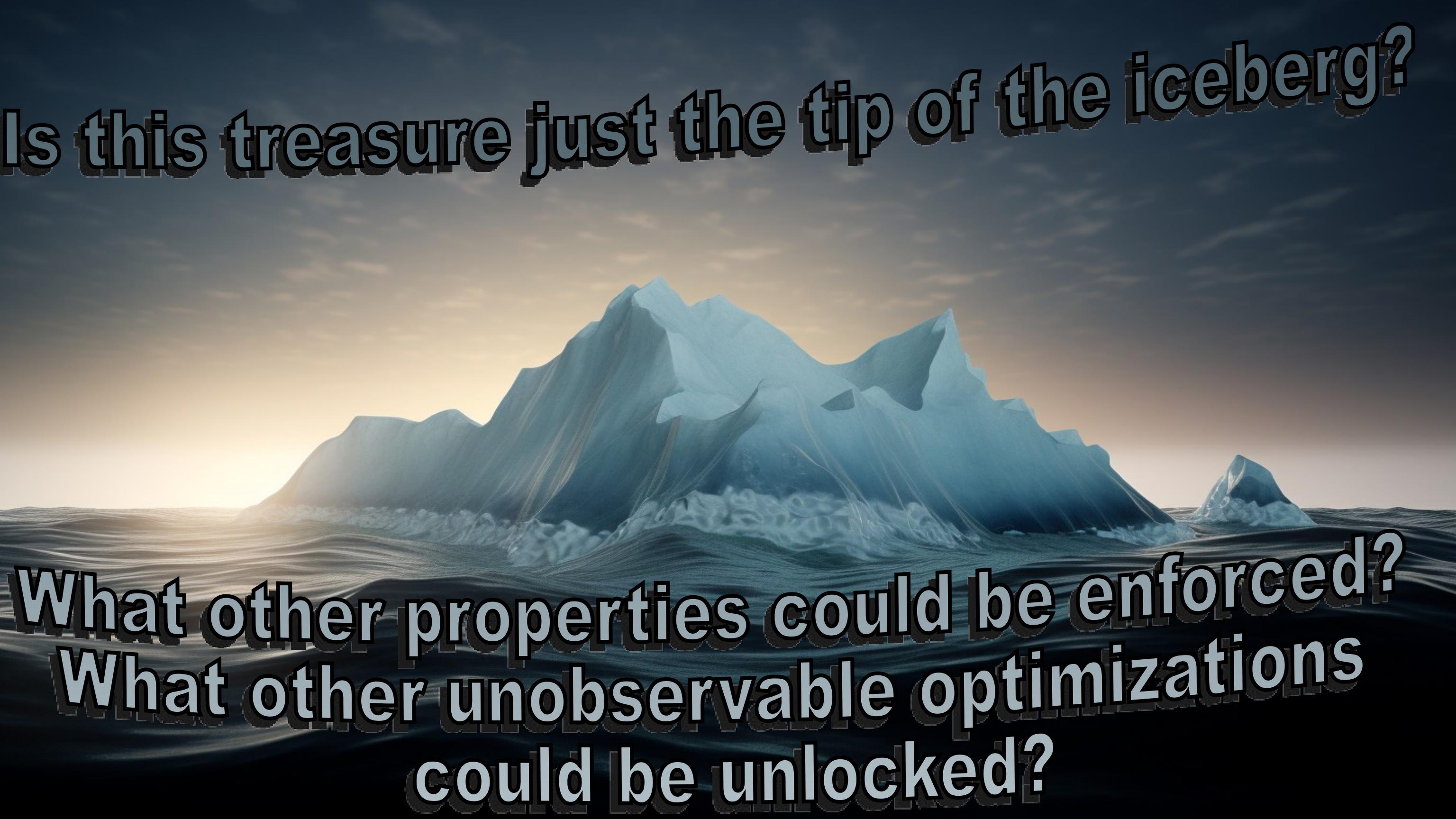
```
Flow[T]:{
  mut .map(f: RF[T,R]): mut Flow[T]
  mut .filter(f: RF[T,Bool]): mut Flow[T]
  mut .list: List[T]
}
```

RF[T,R] and RF[T,Bool] encode deterministic computations

→ could be optimised by a smart compiler.

Could be run in parallel. Works for imm/mut/read containers of imm/read elements

Can be more! Parallel operations on a mut List[mut Repr[T]]

A large, jagged iceberg is shown floating in the ocean. The sun is setting behind the iceberg, casting a warm glow and creating a dramatic contrast between the bright sky and the dark water. The iceberg's surface is textured and layered, reflecting the light from the horizon.

Is this treasure just the tip of the iceberg?

What other properties could be enforced?  
What other unobservable optimizations  
could be unlocked?

# More: Fork Join

- We could have a magic forkJoin method

```
.forkJoin[A, B, Ra, Rb, R] (  
    a: mut Repr[A], b: mut Repr[B],  
    fa: F[mut A, imm Ra], fb: F[mut B, imm RB],  
    f: mut F[imm RA, imm RB, R]) →  
    ) -> f#(a.mutate(fa), b.mutate(fb)) //but in parallel
```

Same for more than 2 Repr if needed.

Note how an object Node capturing two Repr[Node] children to represent a tree can now encode a parallel tree computation.

# More: Normalization

- We could have a magic norm method

```
.norm[A] (a: imm A) -> imm A
```

Returning the a single ‘normalized/interning representation for any immutable object for structurally equivalent objects.

- Now the cache of .cached methods can be recover. For example fibonacci could rely on normed computational objects with a cached # method, and get the memoized performance of fibonacci automatically

# More: Eager cache

- In addition to `.cached` we could have other variants.

```
mut .addCached[R](f:F[read T, imm R]):_
```

```
mut .addEagerCached[R](f:F[read T, imm R]):_
```

```
mut .addProperty[R](f:F[read T, imm R]):_
```

`cached` makes a lazy cache,

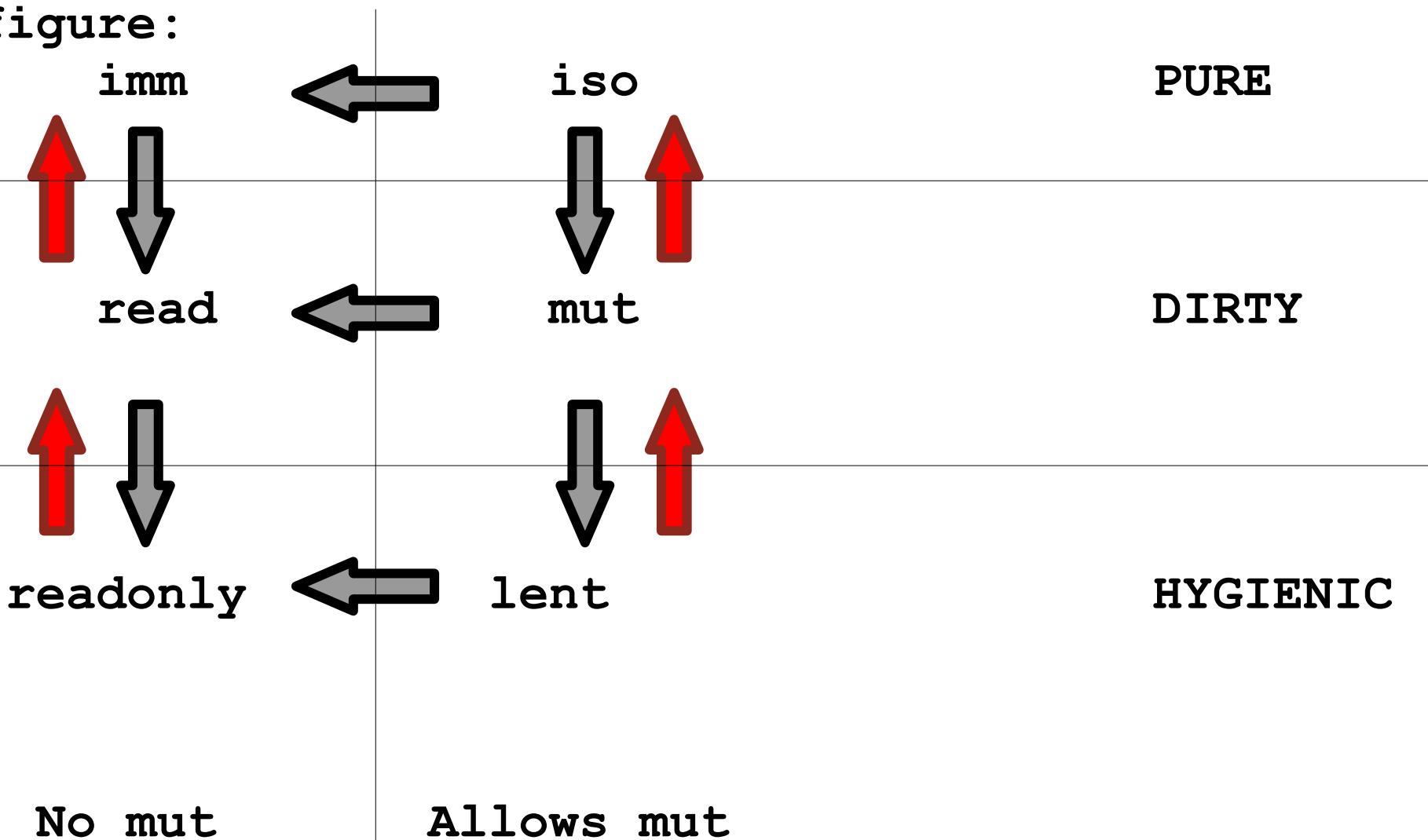
`eagerCached` starts the computation immediately on a parallel worker,

`property` runs the computation immediately and re run it immediately any time the cache is cleared. Inveriants are actually a kind of properties

## More Reference modifiers and grammar

R ::= imm | iso | read | mut | readonly | lent

figure:



readonly and lent can be in input for imm/iso promotions, making them more flexible.  
Mostly only for references: List[lent Person] or List[readonly Person ] are problematic

Multiple method typing:

Additional valid signatures:

//Repeated to show lent/readonly parameters stay untouched  
All the mut parameters are turned in iso and all the read  
parameters are turned in imm; then a mut result can be turned  
into iso and a read result into imm.

Compact:

sig[mut=iso, read=imm]

//New1:

sig[mut=iso, read=imm, readonly=imm]

//New2:

sig[result=hygienic] [mut=iso, read=readonly]

//New3:

sig[result=hygienic] [1\_mut=lent, other\_muts=iso]

//1 mut parameter goes to lent, the other muts to iso

sig[result=hygienic] ==> mut,iso=lent, read=readonly

## Added Flexibility:

- (1) A method taking no mut/read can easily produce an iso. Can still take lent/readonly to edit/access mutable data. (eg parser)
- (2) A  $\text{mut} \rightarrow \text{mut}$  method now works both as an  $\text{iso} \rightarrow \text{iso}$  and as a  $\text{lent} \rightarrow \text{lent}$
- (3) A  $\text{read}^* \rightarrow \text{read}$  method works as a  $\text{readonly}^* \rightarrow \text{readonly}$
- (4) A lent/readonly object can capture other readonly objects using (3)
- (5) A lent object can capture zero or one lenses using (2)

Mutable state obtained by inserting a magic Ref # implementation  
Mutable state controlled with reference capabilities

```
Ref[T]: {    //two .get in overloading
  mut .get: T, //result: T as provided
  read .get: read/imm T, //result: T if T is imm, read T otherwise
  mut .swap(x: T): T,
  mut .set(x: T): Void -> Block#(this.swap(x), Void),
}
```

```
Ref: { #[T](x: T): mut Ref[T] -> Magic! }
```

```
Void: {}
```

```
Block: {
  #[A,B](x: A, res: B): B -> res,
  #[A,B,C](x: A,y: B, res: C): C -> res,
  #[A,B,C,D](x: A, y: B, z: C, res: D): D -> res,
}
```

Capturing strategy for object literals:

Assume we have a  $R_0 \text{ Foo}[] : Ts\{'x M_1..M_n\}$  being typed in a gamma  $G$

The method  $M_i$  with modifier  $R$  can capture variables using  $G' = (G, x:R_0 \text{ Foo}[]) [R_0, R]$

```
#define G[R0,R] = G' // where R0=receiver, R=method
(x: T, G) [R0,R1] = x: T[imm] G[R0,R1] with T = iso or imm
(x: T, G) [R0,R1] = x: T G[R0,R1] with R0 and R1 in iso, mut
(x: T, G) [R0,imm] = x: T[imm] G[R0,R1] with R0 in iso,mut,read
(x: T, G) [R0,read] = x: T[read] G[R0,R1] with R0 in iso,mut,read
(x: T, G) [R0,R1] = G[R0,R1] otherwise
```

Where

$R D[Ts][R_0] = R_0 D[Ts]$

$R X[R_0] = R_0 X$

$\text{mdf } X[R_0] = R_0 X$

$M_1..M_n$  must be all the abstract methods of  $Ts$  that are applicable to  $R_0$ :

If the object literal is born imm or read,

mut and iso methods could never be called

→ it is an error to override a mut/iso method in an imm/read literal

## There are two non obvious relation between fields and RC that Fearless avoids by not having explicit fields:

- If a mut reference always refers to a mut object, should a mut field always refer to a mut object?

Confusingly, the answer is no. Fields are (usually) declared in classes while instances of classes can be both mut and imm objects. The whole ROG of an imm object is imm, thus even the field originally declared as mut in the class, will hold an imm object when the receiver is imm.(relations between mut fields and poly)

- An iso reference is affine.

Would an iso field be affine too?

Affine fields are not used in RC literature, instead iso fields (if allowed at all) have some different behaviour, often destructive reads plus complex language supported patterns where the field is consumed and then reconstituted.

# Extended subtyping: The adapt rule

```
.ad01(r: Ref[mut Person]): Ref[Person] -> r, //OK
```

Assume a rich List type, with get(i) and set(i), assume TallPerson<Person

```
.ad02(l: List[TallPerson]): List[Person] -> l, //OK
```

```
.ad03(l: List[mut TallPerson]): List[Person] -> l, //OK
```

```
.ad04(l: mut List[TallPerson]): mut List[Person] -> l, //Correctly rejected
```

## The adapt rule

$R\ D[T_1..T_n] \leq R\ D[T'_1..T'_n]$

If all the methods callable on a (promoted)  $R\ D[T'_1..T'_n]$   
could be identically called on a (similarly promoted)  $R\ D[T_1..T_n]$ .

Consider the iconic `List[T].concat(List[T]):List[T]` method:

Does it satisfy the 'adapt rule'?

A simple minded implementation/metarule  
would attempt to generate an infinite proof.

```
.ex01(r: Ref[Person], p: Person): Void -> r.set(p), //type error, r is immutable

.ex02(r: read Ref[Person], p: Person): Void -> r.set(p), //type error, r is readable

.ex03(r: mut Ref[Person], p: Person):Void -> r.set(p) //ok

.ex04(r: mut Ref[Person]): Ref[Person] -> r //type error, mut is not a subtype of imm

.ex05(r: mut Ref[Person]): read Ref[Person] -> r //ok, read is a subtype of all R

.ex06(p: Person): mut Ref[Person] -> Ref#p //ok, the factory returns a mut Ref[Person]

.ex07(p: Person): iso Ref[Person] -> Ref#t //ok, iso promotion: the method takes
// no mut/read in input and returns an mut; this mut can be promoted to imm

.ex08(p: Person): Ref[Person] -> Ref#p //ok, iso promotion + iso-> imm subtyping

.ex09(r: Ref[Person]): read Person-> r.get, //ok using the read .get

.ex10(r: mut Ref[Person]): Person-> r.get, //ok using the mut .get

.ex11(r: Ref[mut Person]): Person-> r.get, //ok using the read .get and imm promotion:
//the call rt.get returns a read object, but only takes in input imm objects,
//thus the result must be imm (or promotable to imm via iso promotion)
.ex12(r: read Ref[Person]): Person -> r.get //ok using the read[imm T] .get
.ex13(r: Ref[Person]): Person -> r.get //ok with either the read[imm T] .oget or the
//read .get and imm promotion
```