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As we just discussed, smaller functions are easier to read and understand (as well as easier to write) than larger functions. A general rule of thumb is that your function should fit comfortably into one screen—that is, you should be able to read the entire thing all at once without scrolling. Of course, exactly what constitutes "one screen" somewhat depends on your terminal window size, and how you format your code, so remember that this is a guideline. If you end up with a function that makes logical sense and is over by three lines, do not sweat it too much. Likewise, if you have a function that performs eight different logical tasks, you should not say "well that is fine, I managed to cram it all on one screen."



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