

Writing applications in Elm Functional Programming

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function 1
$$\mid$$
> function 2 \mid > ... \mid > function n

Pipes example



```
["Daniel", "Dennett"]
|> String.join ""
|> String.length -- 13
```

JSON parsing in Elm



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□ What is the input?



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 Result Http.Error String



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Decode.int -- simply decodes JSON int to Elm Int

Running Elm decoder



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```
decodeString : Decoder a -> String -> Result String a
```

```
decodeString int "4" == 0k 4
decodeString int "1<sub>U</sub>+<sub>U</sub>2" == Err ...
```

Combining decoders



```
list : Decoder a -> Decoder (List a)
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```
list int -- Decoder (List Int)
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Decoding object fields



```
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jsonString = """{"name":"David Chalmers"}"""
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field : String -> Decoder a -> Decoder a
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```
at "name" string
```



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   """{__"result":__{__"name":__"David Chalmers"}}"""
```



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   """{_u"result":_u{_u"name":_u"David Chalmers"}}"""
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index : Int -> Decoder a -> Decoder a
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```
index 0 string
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jsonString : String
jsonString = """{u"name":u"Richard Dawkins"u}"""
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personParser : Decoder Person
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  field "name" string
```

```
parsePerson : String -> Result String Person
parsePerson =
  decodeString personParser
```

Decoder pipeline



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Install with elm-package install
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userDecoder : Decoder User
userDecoder =
  decode User
  |> required "id" int
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= { id : Int
   , name : String
   , email : String
}
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```

```
userDecoder : Decoder User
userDecoder =
decode User
|> required "id" int
|> required "name" string
|> optional "email" string "nouemail"
```

Exercise 1: Parse JSON



Clone the elm-exercises from cphbus-functional-programming

https://github.com/cphbus-functional-programming/elm-exercises

Work on the json.elm file in the basicelm folder

Goal 1: Parse the incoming JSON to a Person

Goal 2: Display all the fields in the Person type in the HTML

Time in Elm



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type alias Time = Float

Converting time in Elm



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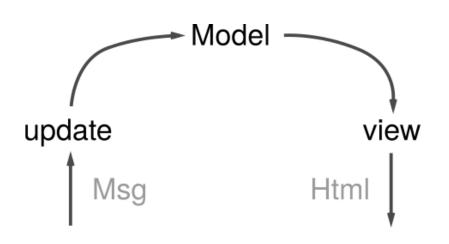
Like setInterval in JavaScript

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update : msg -> model -> model
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Elm Runtime



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```
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```

```
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```

```
subscriptions : Model -> Sub Msg
subscriptions model =
Time.every millisecond Tick
```

Exercise 2: Timed progress bar



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Work on the subscriptions.elm file in the basicelm folder

Goal 1: Start a subscription every millisecond

Goal 2: Update the model when the subscription arrive in the update functions

Goal 3: Set the width of the second progress-bar in the view (by correctly updating the 'progress' variable in line 51) to go from 0 to 100 once every 5 seconds.





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What are the pros and cons of using websockets?

Websockets in Elm



```
listen : String -> (String -> msg) -> Sub msg
```

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```

```
type Msg = Echo String | ...
subscriptions model =
  listen "ws://echo.websocket.org" Echo
```

Exercise 3: Websocket



Clone the elm-exercises from cphbus-functional-programming

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Work on the chat.elm file in the chat folder

Goal 1: Start the node websocket server available in server.js

Goal 2: Connect to the websocket server on port 3000 from Elm

Goal 3: Write the response from the server to your HTML

Websocket chat server assignment



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