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Recursion is awesome, but can be dangerous on the JVM.

```
def generateDates(sd: DateTime, ed: DateTime): List[DateTime] = {
   if (sd isBefore ed)
      sd :: generateDates(sd.plusDays(1), ) //cons is the last call
   else
      List(sd)
  }
```

Use Tail Recursion with an accumulator

```
def genDatesSafe(sd: DateTime, ed: DateTime): List[DateTime] = {
    def rec(s: DateTime, l: List[DateTime]): List[DateTime] =
        if (s isBefore endDate)
        rec(s.plusDays(1), s :: l) //last call is rec, itself
    else
        list
    rec(sd, List())
}
```

Tree Structures can be hard to deal with even with an accumulator

```
sealed trait FS
  case class File(s: String) extends FS
  case class Directory(s: String, l: List[FS]) extends FS {
    override def toString(): String =
       s + " children size = " + l.size
}
```

Let's generate one for testing. first try failed:(

```
def generateFakeFiles(h: Int, w: Int): FS = {
    def rec(h: Int): FS = h match {
        case 0 => Directory(h.toString, (0 to w).map(i => File(i.toString)).toList) //we're done
        case 1 => Directory(h.toString, (0 to w).map(_ => rec(h-1)).toList) //can't put this in tail position
        case _ => Directory(h.toString, List(rec(h-1)))
    }
    rec(h)
}
```

Trampoline Monad to the rescue!

What is a trampoline?

When does a trampoline fail? Whenever the bind is nested...

Why does it die?

```
def flatMap[S, B](f: A => StateT[F, S, B])(implicit F: Bind[F]): StateT[F, S, B] =
    IndexedStateT(s => F.bind(apply(s)) {
        case (s1, a) => f(a)(s1)
    })
```

Bind happens AFTER function creation!

Are we hosed? No... John De Goes had an idea for a better transformer

The F monad's bind happens first now!

Or, we can lift to a strait up Free Monad

```
(0 to 10000).map(ii => State[Int,Int](i => (i,ii)).liftF )
.foldLeft( State[Int,Int](i => (i,0)).liftF )( (s,a) => s.flatMap(i => a.map(ii => (ii+i) )))
.foldRun(0)( (a,b) => b(a)) //we just have Frees, and we're going to fold throught he structure threading through state
```