

SIDE EFFECTS AND COMPOSITION

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Functional Programming

SSS



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MODELING A COFFEE SHOP

- Buying coffee
- Card payment

BUYING COFFEE V1

```
import coffee.*

fun buyCoffee(cc: CreditCard): Coffee {
    val cup = Coffee()
    cc.charge(cup.price)
    return cup
}
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Should a CC know how it's charged

BUYING COFFEE V2

```
fun buyCoffee(cc: CreditCard, p: Payments): Coffee {  
    val cup = Coffee()  
    p.charge(cc, cup.price)  
    return cup  
}
```

DI to the rescue - mock Payments in tests

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Charges the same CC multiple times :(

SIDE EFFECT

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Charging the Credit Card prevents composition

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Something that breaks referential transparency

REFERENTIAL TRANSPARENCY

An expression is called referentially transparent if it can be replaced with its corresponding value without changing the program's behavior. - Wikipedia

RT EXAMPLE

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coffeeA is not the same as coffeeB -> means
buyCoffee() is not referentially transparent

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Also code doesn't fit in a slide

CAN WE DO BETTER

BUYING COFFEE V3

```
fun buyCoffee(cc: CreditCard): Pair<Coffee, Charge> {  
    val cup = Coffee()  
    val charge = Charge(cc, cup.price)  
    return Pair(cup, charge)  
}
```

Return a value (indicating the effect) instead of performing a side effect. We perform the side effect later.

COMBINE CHARGES

```
fun combine(c1: Charge, c2: Charge): Charge =  
    if (c1.cc == c2.cc) Charge(c1.cc, c1.price + c2.price)  
    else throw IllegalArgumentException(  
        "Can't combine charges with different cc"  
    )
```

BUYING X COFFEES

```
fun buyCoffees(  
    cc: CreditCard,  
    n: Int  
): Pair<List<Coffee>, Charge> {  
    val purchases: List<Pair<Coffee, Charge>> =  
        List(n) { buyCoffee(cc) }  
    val (coffees, charges) = purchases.unzip()  
    val charge = charges.reduce { c1, c2 -> combine(c1, c2) }  
    return Pair(coffees, charge)  
}
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COMPOSITION AND SIDE EFFECTS

To achieve composition don't mix side effect with business logic.

Questions?