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State and Concurrency

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State and Concurrency

Clojure to the rescue!

functional style +
immutable data structures =
concurrency

store state that is independent

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```
(def who-atom (atom :caterpillar))
```

need to dereference it with @

```
(def who-atom (atom :caterpillar))
who-atom
;; -> #<Atom@e6df69d: :caterpillar>
@who-atom
;; -> :caterpillar
```

change the value with reset!

```
(reset! who-atom :chrysalis)
;; -> :chrysalis
@who-atom
;; -> :chrysalis
```

change the value with swap!

```
(defn change [state]
  (case state
    :caterpillar :chrysalis
    :chrysalis :butterfly
    :butterfly))
```

change the value with swap!

```
(swap! who-atom change)
;; -> :chrysalis
@who-atom
;; -> :chrysalis
```

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might be retries – so beware side effects

operation is atomic

other threads do not see inconsistent vals

dereferencing atom does not block

either sees value before or after swap

change the value with swap!

```
(def counter (atom 0))
@counter
;; -> 0
(dotimes [_ 5] (swap! counter inc))
@counter
```

MORE THREADS

```
(def counter (atom 0))
@counter
(let [n 5]
  (future (dotimes [ n] (swap! counter inc)))
  (future (dotimes [ n] (swap! counter inc)))
  (future (dotimes [ n] (swap! counter inc)))
@counter
```

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@counter
```

MORE THREADS

```
(def counter (atom 0))
@counter
                     Run in another thread
 (future (dotimes [_ n] (swap! counter inc)))
  (future (dotimes [ n] (swap! counter inc))
  (future (dotimes [ n] (swap! counter inc)))
@counter
```

```
(def counter (atom 0))
(defn inc-print [val]
  (println val)
  (inc val))
(swap! counter inc-print)
```

```
(def counter (atom 0))
(let [n 2]
(future (dotimes [_ n] (swap! counter inc-print)))
(future (dotimes [_ n] (swap! counter inc-print)))
(future (dotimes [_ n] (swap! counter inc-print))))
```

```
@counter
```

```
Swap! Retrying
acounter
```

Independent & Synchronous Changes

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What about Coordinated Changes?

Allow for Coordinated Shared State

Have to change value in transaction

Software Transactional Memory (STM)

Atomic: error with one ref – none updated

Consistent: optional validator before committing

Isolated: every transaction has isolated view of world

State and Concurrency Refs defining

```
(def alice-height (ref 3))
(def right-hand-bites (ref 10))

@alice-height
;; -> 3
@right-hand-bites
;; -> 10
```

updating with alter and dosync

```
(defn eat-from-right-hand []
  (when (pos? @right-hand-bites)
     (alter right-hand-bites dec)
     (alter alice-height #(+ % 24))))
```

updating with alter and dosync

```
(eat-from-right-hand)
;; -> IllegalStateException No
transaction running
```

need to do it in an transaction

updating with alter and dosync

```
(dosync (eat-from-right-hand))
;; -> 27
```

need to do it in an transaction

updating with alter and dosync

```
(let [n 2]
  (future (dotimes [_ n] (dosync (eat-from-right-hand))))
  (future (dotimes [_ n] (dosync (eat-from-right-hand))))
  (future (dotimes [_ n] (dosync (eat-from-right-hand))))

@alice-height
;; -> 147

@right-hand-bites
;; -> 4
```

State and Concurrency Refs resetting value with ref-set

```
(def alice-height (ref 3))
(dosync (ref-set alice-height 5))
@alice-height
;; -> 5
```

Independent and asynchronous changes

State and Concurrency Agents defining

```
(def who-agent (agent :caterpillar))
@who-agent
;; -> :caterpillar
```

State and Concurrency Agents send

```
(defn change [state]
  (case state
    :caterpillar :chrysalis
    :chrysalis :butterfly
    :butterfly))
(send who-agent change)
;; -> #<Agent@31c89c8b>
@who-agent
  -> :chrysalis
```

State and Concurrency Agents send

- Send dispatches the action to the agent
- Gets processed by thread in thread pool
- Only processes one action at a time
- Like a pipeline
- send returns immediately

State and Concurrency Agents send-off

- Use send-off if you might block on I/O
- send uses fixed thread pool (good for cpu bound operations)
- send-off uses expandable thread pool in case of i/o blocking

State and Concurrency Summary

Type	Communication	Coordination
Atom	Synchronous	Uncoordinated
Ref	Synchronous	Coordinated
Agent	Asynchronous	Uncoordinated

State and Concurrency Wait there is more!

pmap like map but parallel (with futures)

```
(pmap inc [1 2 3 4])
;; -> (2 3 4 5)
```

State and Concurrency Wait there is more!

promise set only once with deliver

```
(def my-promise (promise))
@my-promise
Will Block
```

State and Concurrency Wait there is more!

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```
(def my-promise (promise))
(realized? my-promise)
;; -> false
```

State and Concurrency Wait there is more!

promise set only once with deliver

```
(deliver my-promise "cake")
(realized? my-promise)
;; -> true

@my-promise
;; -> "cake"
```

State and Concurrency Wait there is more!

delay evaluates when deref then cache

```
(def my-delay (delay (println "Cake is tasty") "cake"))
@my-delay
;; prints "Cake is tasty"
;; -> "cake"

@my-delay
;; -> "cake"
```



Exercises!

Summary

- cd oscon-solve-concurrency
- cd clojure-intro
- lein test-refresh
- openintro2_state_concurrency_test.clj
- · uncomment tests to get started

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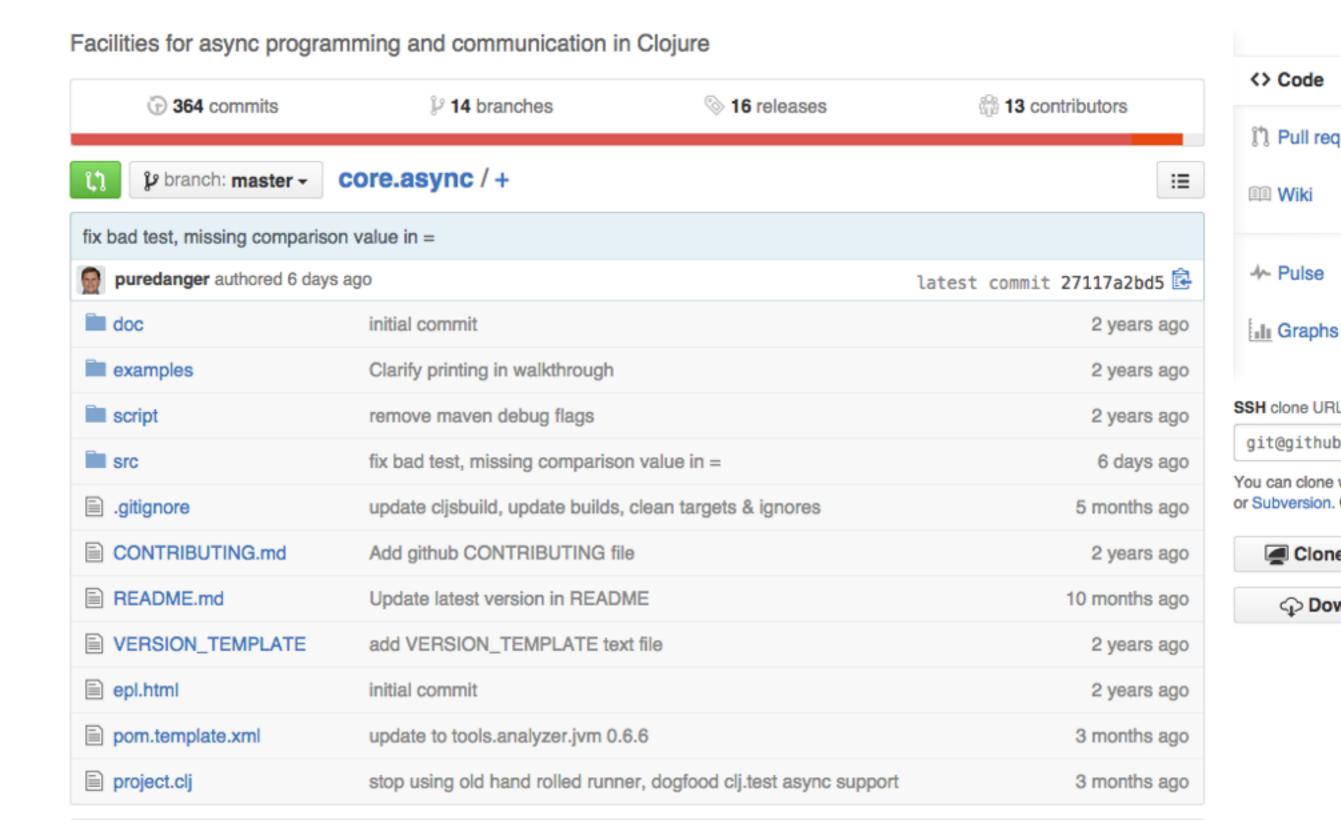
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Library

Async & Concurrent Communication using Channels





Basics

Creating a channel

```
(def tea-channel (async/chan))
```

Basics

Putting things on a channel synchronously

Blocking put: >!!

Blocking get:<!!

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(def tea-channel (async/chan 10))
```



Basics

Putting things on a channel synchronously

```
(async/>!! tea-channel :cup-of-tea)
;; -> true
```

Basics

Getting things off a channel synchronously

```
(async/<!! tea-channel)
;; -> :cup-of-tea
```

Basics

Closing a channel with close!

```
(async/>!! tea-channel :cup-of-tea-2)
;; -> true
(async/>!! tea-channel :cup-of-tea-3)
;; -> true
(async/>!! tea-channel :cup-of-tea-4)
;; -> true
(async/close! tea-channel)
```

Basics

Closing a channel with close!

```
(async/>!! tea-channel :cup-of-tea-5)
;; -> false
```

Cannot put items on a closed channel

Basics

Closing a channel with close!

```
(async/<!! tea-channel)
;; -> :cup-of-tea-2
(async/<!! tea-channel)
;; -> :cup-of-tea-3
(async/<!! tea-channel)
;; -> :cup-of-tea-4
```

Can get items off of a closed channel

Basics

Closing a channel with close!

```
(async/<!! tea-channel)
;; -> nil
```

Get nil if channel is "drained" of values

Basics

Nil is special

```
(async/>!! tea-channel nil)
;; IllegalArgumentException Can't put
nil on channel
```

Cannot put nil on a channel

Basics

Putting things on/off a channel asynchronously

async put: >!

async get: <!

both need to be in a go block

Basics

Putting things on/off a channel asynchronously

```
(let [tea-channel (async/chan)]
  (async/go (async/>! tea-channel :cup-of-tea-1))
  (async/go
          (println "Thanks for the "
                (async/<! tea- channel))))
;; Will print to stdout:
;; Thanks for the :cup-of-tea-1</pre>
```

Basics

using a go-loop to continuously execute

```
(def tea-channel (async/chan 10))

(async/go-loop []
  (println "Thanks for the "
        (async/<! tea-channel))
  (recur))</pre>
```



Basics

using a go-loop to continuously execute

```
(async/>!! tea-channel :hot-cup-of-tea)
;; Will print to stdout:
;; Thanks for the :hot-cup-of-tea
(async/>!! tea-channel :tea-with-sugar)
;; Will print to stdout:
;; Thanks for the :tea-with-sugar
(async/>!! tea-channel :tea-with-milk)
;; Will print to stdout:
;; Thanks for the :tea-with-milk
```

How does this go-loop work?

- go block has special pool of threads
- take from channel doesn't block but pauses execution
- go-loop takes value from channel when available, then recur, and wait for the next value

COre.async multiple channels alts!

wait for input across many channels

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```
(def tea-channel (async/chan 10))
(def milk-channel (async/chan 10))
(def sugar-channel (async/chan 10))
```

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```
(async/>!! sugar-channel :sugar)
;; Will print to stdout:
;;Got :sugar from #<ManyToManyChannel@2555e95>
(async/>!! milk-channel :milk)
;; Will print to stdout:
;; Got :milk from ManyToManyChannel@1a1850e5
(async/>!! tea-channel :tea)
;; Will print to stdout:
  Got :tea from #ManyToManyChannel@130f42ba>
```

multiple channels alts!

go blocks are lightweight can have lots of channels

poll endpoints while not blocking main processing



Exercises!

Summary

- cd oscon-solve-concurrency
- · cd async-playground
- lein test-refresh
- open src/async_playground/ core.clj
- follow along comments and experiment

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ClojureScript

Clojure for the Browser

Uses Google's Closure Compiler

Can use all of Google Closure libs

Google Closure compiler is really smart

Can use any JavaScript lib

ClojureScript

Clojure for the Browser

Subset of Clojure

there are atoms – but no refs, agents

JavaScript interop rather than Java

Only integer and floating point numbers

There is core.async!

```
ClojureScript:cljs.user> (+ 1 1)
;; => 2
```

```
(js/Date);; ->"Sun Oct 26 2014 11:27:20 GMT-0400 (EDT)"
```

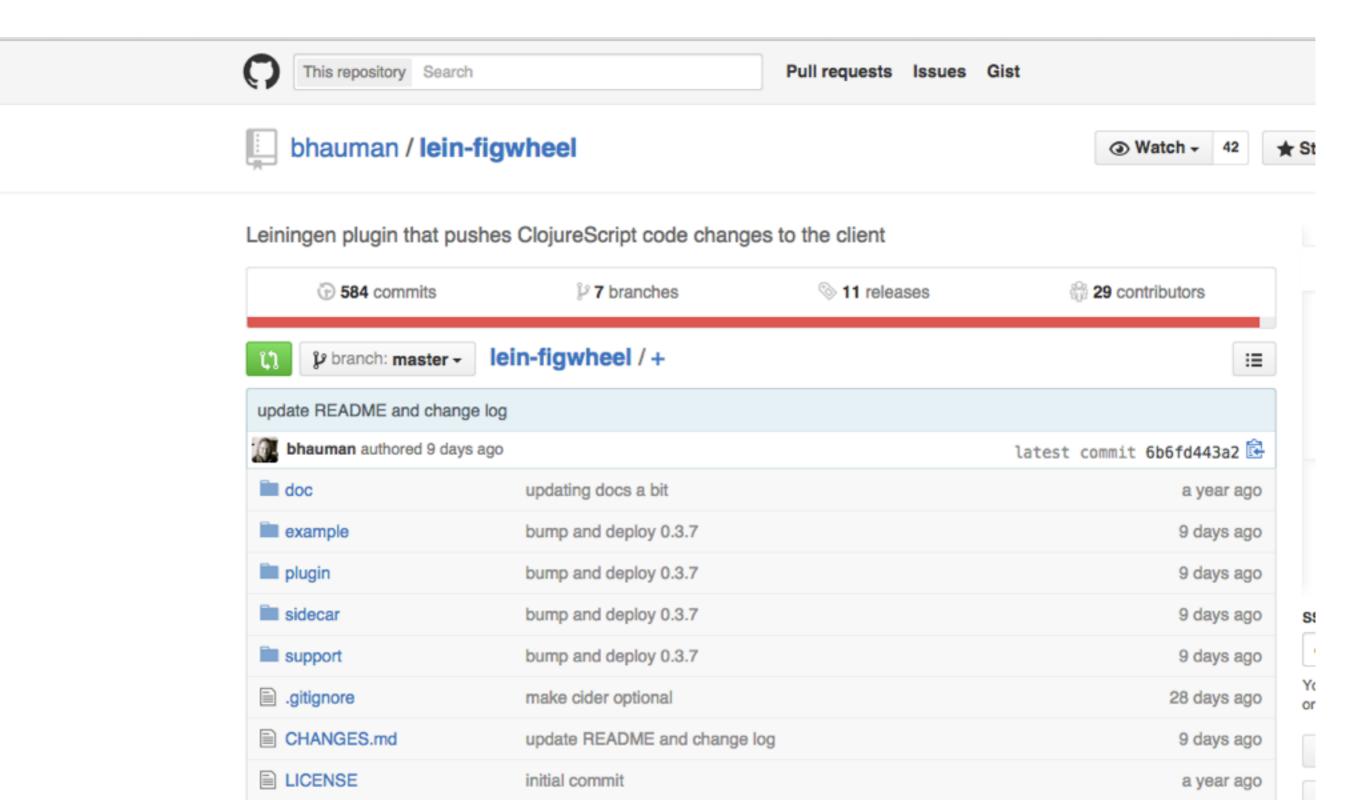
```
(first [1 2 3 4]);; ->1
```

```
(def x (atom 0))
;; -> #<Atom: 0>

(swap! x inc)
;; -> 1
```

ClojureScript

Figwheel



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Super feedback for ClojureScript development

Autoreloading of the browser

Push on save!

ClojureScript Playground Example

Playground

Checkout your developer console.

cd clojurescript-async-demo

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lein fig wheel

browser http://localhost:3449/

ClojureScript Up to you – experiment!

Playground

Checkout your developer console.

make another dot

color dot by odd even

make the dots move