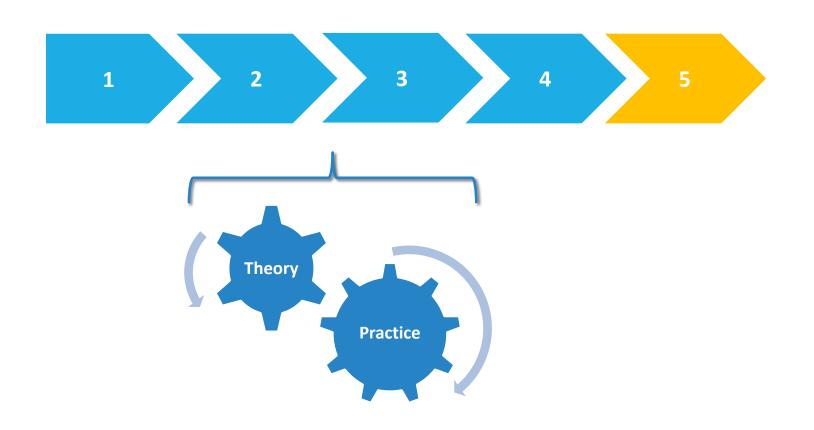


Objectives

- > Understand the basic core principles behind FP
- > Understand the F# syntax and structures
- > Get motivation to practice and master F#
- > How to build a DSL in F#
- > Functional parallel programming (bonus)

Modules



Agenda

Intro

What is F# and the tenets of functional programming

Module 1

Bindings | Functions | Tuples | Records

Module 2

High order functions | Pipelining | Partial application | Composition

Module 3

Options | Pattern matching | Discriminated unions

Module 4

Functional lists | DSL

Module 5

Concurrency | Async Programming | Agents

Module 1

BINDINGS | FUNCTIONS | TUPLES | RECORDS

Bindings

let x = 1

let mutable x = 1 x <- 2

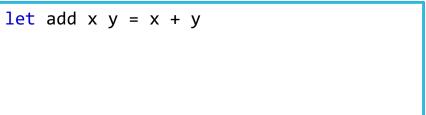
x = x + 1

let y = x + 1

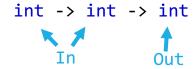
Functions

```
int Add(int x, int y)
{
    return x + y;
}
```









Tuples

```
let divide dividend divisor =
  let quotient = dividend / divisor
  let remainder = dividend % divisor
  (quotient, remainder)
```

let quotient, remainder = divide 10 3

Records

```
type DivisionResult = {
   Quotient: int
   Remainder: int
}
```

```
let result = { Quotient = 3; Remainder = 1 }
```

```
let result = { Quotient = 3; Remainder = 1 } : DivisionResult
```

```
let newResult = { Quotient = result.Quotient; Remainder = 0 }
```

```
let newResult = { result with Remainder = 0 }
```

```
let result1 = { Quotient = 3; Remainder = 1 }
let result2 = { Quotient = 3; Remainder = 1 }
result1 = result2 // true
```

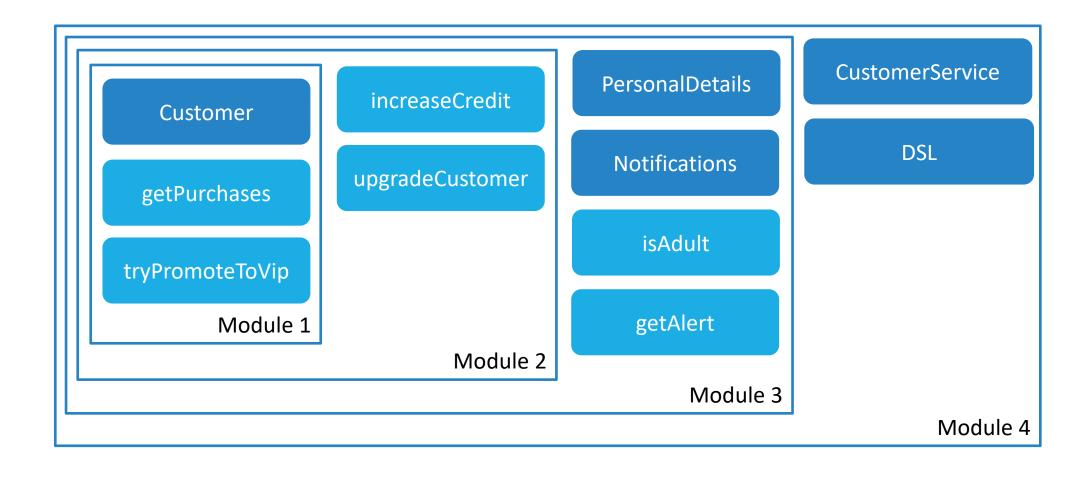
Structural Equality Reference Types



Demo 1

BINDINGS | FUNCTIONS | TUPLES | RECORDS

Exercise



Exercise 1

BINDINGS | FUNCTIONS | TUPLES | RECORDS

Review

- > How do you return a value in a function?
- > Can you explain this type? string -> int -> object
- > How do you change a Record?

Module 2

HIGH ORDER FUNCTIONS | PIPELINING | PARTIAL APPLICATION | COMPOSITION

High Order Functions

High Order Function

let sum (a: int) (b: int) = a + b

High Order Function

let compute (a: int) (b: int) (operation: int -> int -> int) = operation a b

```
let getOperation (type: OperationType) =
  if type = OperationType.Sum then (fun a b -> a + b)
  else (fun a b -> a * b)
```

```
let getOperation type =
  if type = OperationType.Sum then (+)
  else (*)
```

Pipelining Operator

```
let filter (condition: int -> bool) (items: int list) = ...
```

```
let filteredNumbers = filter (fun n -> n > 10) numbers
```

```
let filteredNumbers = numbers(|>)filter (fun n -> n > 10)
```

```
let filteredNumbers = numbers
|> filter (fun n -> n > 10)
|> filter (fun n -> n < 20)
```

let filteredNumbers = filter (fun n -> n < 20) (filter (fun n -> n > 10) numbers)

Partial Application

let sum ab = a + b

let result = sum 1 2

Returns int = 3

let addOne = sum 1

Returns int -> int

let result = addOne 2

Returns int = 3

let result = addOne 3

Returns int = 4

Composition

let addOne a = a + 1

let addTwo a = a + 2

let addThree = addOne >> addTwo

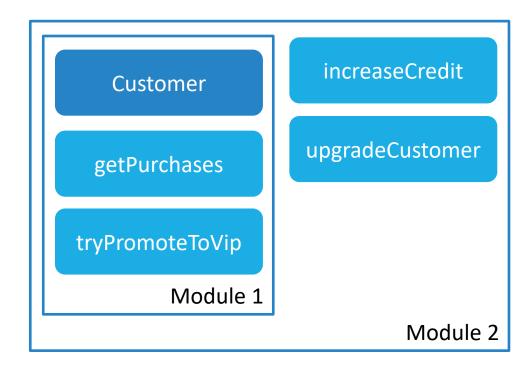
let result = addThree 1

Returns int = 4

Demo 2

HIGH ORDER FUNCTIONS | PIPELINING | PARTIAL APPLICATION | COMPOSITION

Exercise 2



Exercise 2

HIGH ORDER FUNCTIONS | PIPELINING | PARTIAL APPLICATION | COMPOSITION

Review

- > What keyword do you use for lambda expressions?
- > What is the benefit of using the pipelining operator?
- > What happens when a function is called without its last parameter?

Module 3

OPTIONS | PATTERN MATCHING | DISCRIMINATED UNIONS

NullReferenceExceptions (C#)

```
var customer = GetCustomerById(42);
```

public Customer GetCustomerById(int id)

var age = customer.Age;

Non Nullable Nullable

NullReferenceException

var age = GetCustomerAgeById(42);

var result = GetCustomerAgeById(42);

var age = result.Value;

public int GetCustomerAgeById(int id)

Non Nullable

public int? GetCustomerAgeById(int id)

Nullable

Hint: Possible Null

Options

C#
int
int
int option
Some of int
Customer
Customer
Customer
Customer
Some of Customer
Some of Customer

Options

let divide x y = x / y

let divide x y = if y = 0 then None else Some(x / y)

let result = divide 4 2

Some 2

let result = divide 4 0

None

```
let example input =
    let x = doSomething input
                                                    Nested null checks
    if x <> null then
        let y = doSomethingElse x
        if y <> null then
            let z = doAThirdThing y
            if z <> null then
                let result = z
                result
            else
                null
        else
            null
    else
        null
```

```
let example input =
    let x = doSomething input
    if x <> null then
        let y = doSomethingElse x
        if y <> null then
            let z = doAThirdThing y
            if z <> null then
                let result = z
                result
            else
                null
        else
            nu11
    else
        null
```

Nulls are a code smell: replace with Maybe!

```
let example input =
    let x = doSomething input
    if x.IsSome then
        let y = doSomethingElse x.Value
        if y.IsSome then
             let z = doAThirdThing y.Value
             if z.IsSome then
                 let result = z.Value
                 result
             else
                                                  Much more elegant, yes?
                 null
        else
                                                        No! This is ugly!
             nu11
                                                        But there is a pattern we can exploit...
    else
        null
```

```
let example input =
    let x = doSomething input
    if x.IsSome then
        let y = doSomethingElse x.Value
        if y.IsSome then
            let z = doAThirdThing y.Value
            if z.IsSome then
                // do something with z.Value
                // in this block
            else
                None
        else
            null
    else
        null
```

```
let example input =
    let x = doSomething input
    if x.IsSome then
        let y = doSomethingElse x.Value
        if y.IsSome then
           // do something with z.Value
           // in this block
        else
            None
    else
        null
```

```
let example input =
    let x = doSomething input
    if x.IsSome then
     // do something with z.Value
     // in this block
    else
        None
```

```
if opt.IsSome then
   //do something with opt.Value
else None
                       let ifSomeDo (f:a -> Option<b>) (opt: Option<a>) =
                          if opt.IsSome then
                             f( opt.Value )
                          else
                             None
                                               let example input =
                                                   doSomething input
                                                   > ifSomeDo doSomethingElse
 doSomething(input)
                                                    > ifSomeDo doAThirdThing
 .ifSomeDo(doSomethingElse)
                                                    > ifSomeDo (fun z -> Some z)
 .ifSomeDo(doAThirdThing)
```

Pattern Matching

```
let result = divide 4 0
if result = None then
   printfn "No Result"
else
   printfn "Result: %i" result.Value
```

```
let result = divide 4 0
match result with
| None -> printfn "No Result"
| Some(n)-> printfn "Result: %i"(n)
```

Discriminated Unions

```
type Boolean =
| True
| False
```

DivisionResult

DivisionSuccess
- result

DivisionError
- message

type DivisionResult =
 | DivisionSuccess of result : int
 | DivisionError of message : string

Discriminated Unions

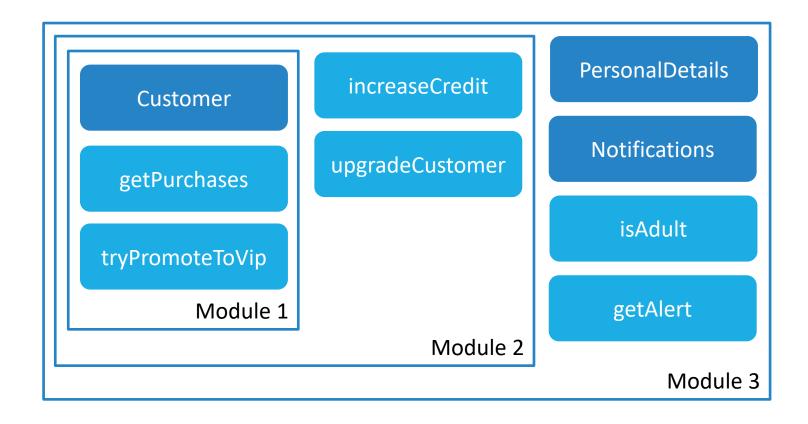
```
let divide x y =
  match y with
  |0 -> DivisionError("Divide by zero")
  |_ -> DivisionSuccess(x / y)
```

```
let result = divide 4 0
match result with
| DivisionSuccess result -> printfn "Result: %i" result
| DivisionError message -> printfn "Error: %s" message
```

Demo 3

OPTIONS | PATTERN MATCHING | DISCRIMINATED UNIONS

Exercise



Exercise 3

OPTIONS | PATTERN MATCHING | DISCRIMINATED UNIONS

Review

- > When should we use "_"?
- > What are the possible types of string option?
- > What happens when a function is called without its last parameter?

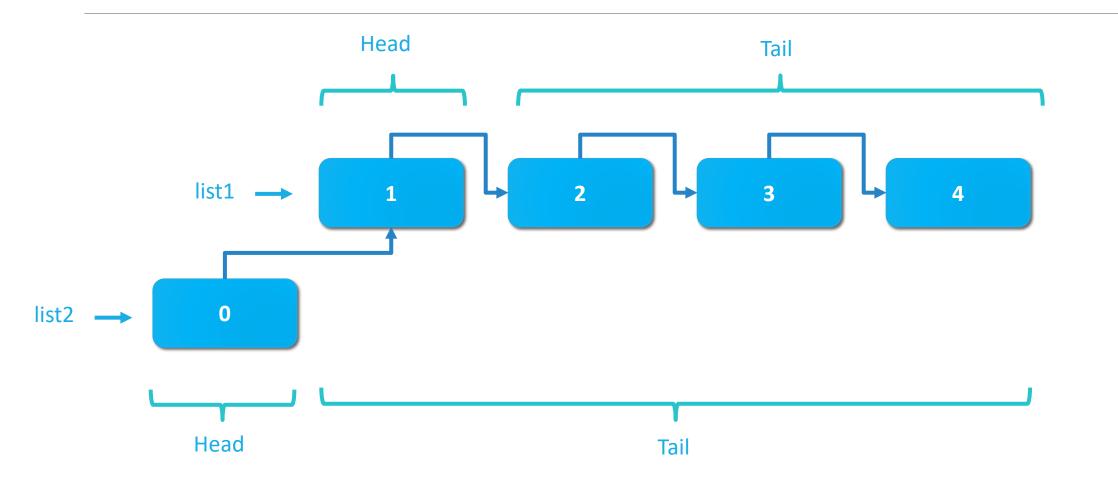
Pattern Matching Guards

```
let divide x y =
   match y with
   |0 -> DivisionError("Divide by zero")
   |_ when x > 1000 -> DivisionSuccessForLargeNumber(x / y)
   |_ -> DivisionSuccess(x / y)
```

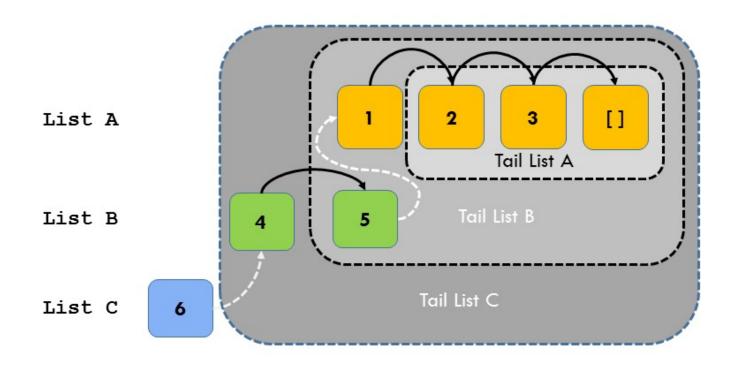
Module 4

FUNCTIONAL LISTS | UNITS OF MEASURE | OBJECT EXPRESSION | OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Functional Lists



Structural Sharing



Functional Lists

```
let numbers = [2; 3; 4]
```

let newNumbers = 1 :: numbers

let twoLists = numbers @ [5; 6]

let empty = []

```
let ns = [1 .. 1000]
```

```
let odds = [1 .. 2 .. 1000]
```

```
let gen = [ for n in numbers do
    if n%3 = 0 then
    yield n * n ]
```

Creating a List

From a range expression

```
let integers = [1..1000]
```

From a list expression

```
let integers = [for i in 1..1000 do yield i]
let integers = [for i in 1..1000 -> i]
```

Using a function in the List module

```
let integers = List.init 1000 (fun i -> i+1)
```

From another other collection

```
let Files (dir : string) =
   Directory.EnumerateFiles(dir)
|> List.ofSeq
```

Lists vs Arrays vs Sequences

```
List let myList = [1; 2]
```

```
Array let myArray = [|1; 2|]
```

Seq let mySeq = seq { yield 1; yield 2 }

List Module

Complete list:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/enus/library/ee353738.aspx

F#

List.filter List.map List.fold List.find List.tryFind List.forall List.exist List.partition List.zip List.rev List.collect List.choose List.pick List.toSeq List.ofSeq

C#

.Where Select .Aggregate .First .FirstOrDefault .All .Any .Zip .Reverse .SelectMany .AsEnumerable .ToList

What is an Array?

- Standard .NET type
- Length fixed on creation
- All elements of same type
- Array as a whole is immutable
 - let myArray = [|8;6;7;5;3;0;9|]
 - myArray <- [|8;7;7;5;3;0;9|]</pre>
- Elements mutable
 - □ myArray.[1] <- 7</p>

8

6

7

5

3

0

9

Creating an Array

From a literal

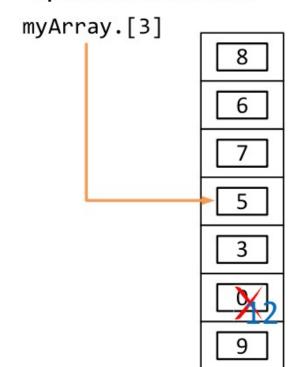
```
let primes = [|1; 3; 5; 7; 11|]
```

From a comprehension

- Using a function from the Array module
 - Array.create
 - Array.init
- With zero-valued elements
 - Array.zeroCreate
- From another array or IEnumerable

Accessing Array Elements

- .[index] notation
 - let myValue = myArray.[3]
- Update elements with <-



myArray.[5] <- 12

Dictionary

- Generic mapping from keys to values
- Create:
 - let capitals = new Dictionary<string,string>()
- Add values:
 - □ capitals.Add("United Kingdom","London")
 - □ capitals.Add("France", "Paris")
- Access values:
 - printfn "The capital of France is %s" capitals.["France"]

Adding or Assigning

- Assigning using <- to the indexed value...
 - □ capitals.["Spain"] <- "Madrid"</pre>
- Adds if the value doesn't pre-exist
- Or updates if the value does pre-exist

Dict - bulit in Dictionary in F#

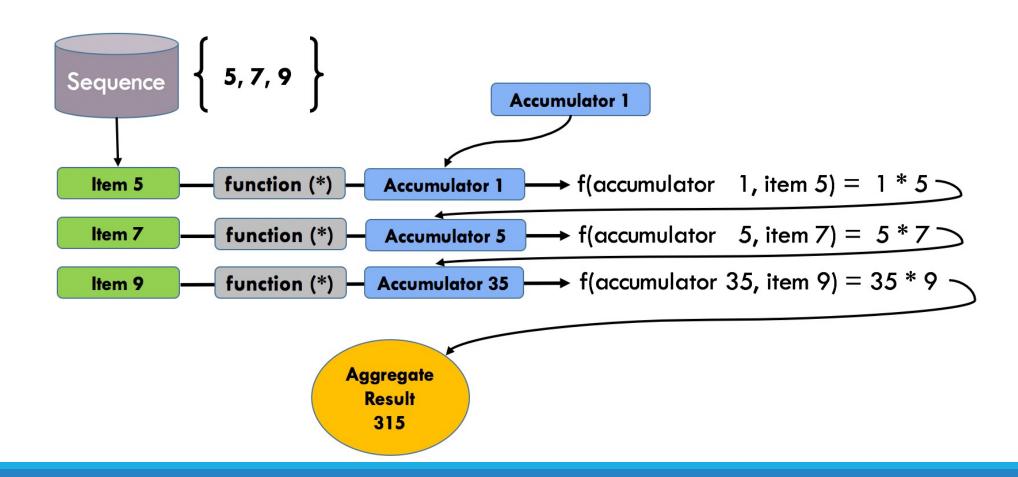
- Create and populate in one
- Never in an invalid state
- Use 'dict'

```
let dictionary = dict myValueslet dictionary = myValues |> dict
```

Input must consist of tuples

```
let capitals =
    [
        "United Kingdom", "London"
        "United States of America", "Washington D.C."
        "France", "Paris"
        ] |> dict
```

Aggregating and reducing



Units of Measure

```
let distanceInMts = 11580.0
let distanceInKms = 87.34
let totalDistance = distanceInMts + distanceInKms
```

11667.34

```
[<Measure>] type m
[<Measure>] type km

let distanceInMts = 11580.0<m>
let distanceInKms = 87.34<km>
let totalDistance = distanceInMts + distanceInKms
```



Error: The unit of measure 'm' does not match the unit of measure 'km'

Units of Measure

```
[<Measure>] type km
[<Measure>] type h
let time = 2.4<h>
let distance = 87.34<km>
let speed = distance / time
                                    36.39<km/h>
[<Measure>] type m
let width = 2<m>
let height = 3<m>
let surface = width * height
                                    6<m^2>
```

Units of Measure

```
let distanceInMts = 11580.0<m>
let distanceInKms = 87.34<km>
let totalDistance = distanceInMts + distanceInKms
```



Error: The unit of measure 'm' does not match the unit of measure 'km'

let mts2Kms (m : float) =
$$m / 1.0 < m > / 1000.0 * 1.0 < km >$$



let totalDistance = (mts2Kms distanceInMts) + distanceInKms



Object Oriented Programming

Immutable Fields

```
type MyClass(myField: int) =
```

member this.MyProperty = myField

member this.MyMethod methodParam =
 myField + methodParam

Mutable Fields

```
type MyClass(myField: int) =
  let mutable myMutableField = myField
```

member this.MyProperty
 with get () = myMutableField
 and set(value) = myMutableField <- value</pre>

member this.MyMethod methodParam =
 myField + methodParam

Object Expressions

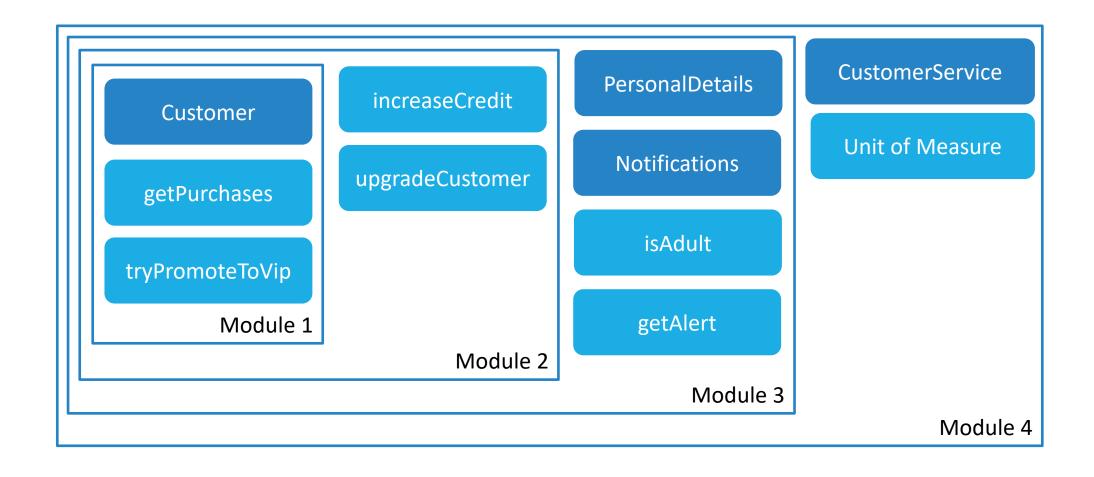
```
type IMyInterface =
  abstract member MyMethod: int -> int
```

```
let myInstance =
    { new IMyInterface with
        member this.MyMethod methodParam =
        methodParam + 1 }
```

Demo 4

FUNCTIONAL LISTS | UNITS OF MEASURE | OBJECT EXPRESSION | OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Exercise 4



Exercise 4

FUNCTIONAL LISTS | UNITS OF MEASURE | OBJECT EXPRESSION | OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Module 5

RECURSION | ACTIVE PATTERNS

Imperative loops

for item in data do printfn "Item value %A" item

```
for i = 0 to 50 do
let item = data.[i]
printfn "Item value %A" item
```

```
let mutable index = 0

while index < data.Length - 1 do
    let item = data.[index]
    printfn "Item value %A" item
    index <- index + 1</pre>
```

Recursion

```
let rec factorial number =
  if number = 0 then 1
  else
    printfn "Number %d" number
    number * factorial (number -
1)
```

```
let tailRecFactorial number =
  let rec fact number acc =
    if number = 0 then acc
    else
       printfn "Number %d" number
       fact (number - 1) acc * number
    fact number 1
```

Active Patterns

```
// create an active pattern
let (|Int|_|) str =
 match System.Int32.TryParse(str:string) with
  (true,int) -> Some(int)
   -> None
// create an active pattern
let (|Bool|_|) str =
 match System.Boolean.TryParse(str:string) with
  (true,bool) -> Some(bool)
   -> None
```

```
// create a function to call the patterns
let testParse str =
    match str with
    | Int i -> printfn "The value is an int '%i'" i
    | Bool b -> printfn "The value is a bool '%b'" b
    | _ -> printfn "The value '%s' is something else" str

// test
testParse "12"
testParse "true"
testParse "abc"
```

Active Patterns

```
let (|Long|Medium|Short|) (value:string) =
    if value.Length < 5 then Short
    elif value.Length < 10 then Medium
    else Long

let test () =
    match "Hello" with
    | Short -> "This is a short string!"
    | Medium -> "This is a medium string!"
    | Long -> "This is a long string!"
```

Demo 5

RECURSION | ACTIVE PATTERNS

Exercise 5

RECURSION | ACTIVE PATTERNS

F# Koans Workshop

Module 6

DSL | ASYNC PROGRAMMING | MAILBOXPROCCESOR

DSL = model + syntax

How a DSL is defined

- Primitives (data elements)
- Combinators
- Semantic & Syntax

Why use DSL

- Domain Focus
 - Non-experts can read it
- Productivity
- Reliability
- Correctness
- Maintainability
 - Easier to reason

Hides the implementation

Domain-specific language approach

We have a class of problems

Create a language for the class Use language to solve them

Domain model

Understand the problem domain! Using ADT - discriminated unions

Domain-specific language

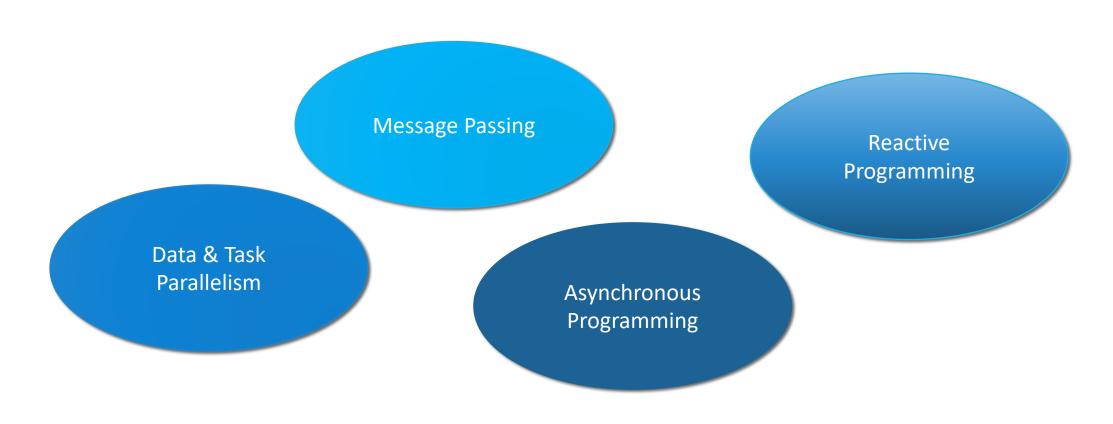
Primitives – basic building blocks Composition – how to put them together

DSL ordering a cup of coffee

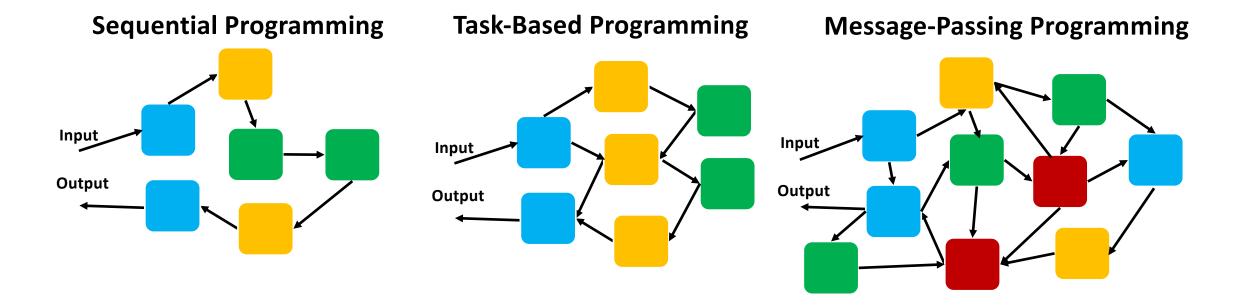
```
type size = Tall | Grande | Venti
type drink = Latte | Cappuccino | Mocha
type extra = Shot | Syrup
type Cup = { Size:size; Drink:drink; Extras:extra list }
    static member (+) (cup:Cup,extra:extra) =
                { cup with Extras = extra :: cup.Extras }
    static member Of size drink =
                { Size=size; Drink=drink; Extras=[] }
let price (cup:Cup) =
    let tall, grande, venti =
        match cup.Drink with
         Latte -> 2.69, 3.19, 3.49
         Cappuccino -> 2.69, 3.19, 3.49
         Mocha -> 2.99, 3.49, 3.79
   let basePrice =
        match cup.Size with
         Tall -> tall
         Grande -> grande
         Venti -> venti
   let extras =
       cup.Extras |> List.sumBy (function
                                   Shot -> 0.59
                                   Syrup -> 0.39 )
   basePrice + extras
```

Concurrency

Concurrency Core Concepts



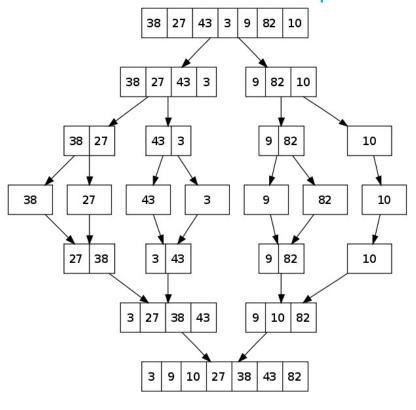
Different type of concurrency models lead to different challenges



Its about maximizing resource use

To get the **best** performance, your application has to partition and divide processing to take full advantage of multicore processors – enabling it to do **multiple** things at the same time, i.e. **concurrently**.

Divide and Conquer



Asynchronous Workflows

- > Software is often I/O-bound, it provides notable performance benefits
 - Connecting to the Database
 - Leveraging web services
 - Working with data on disks
- Not easy to predict when the operation will complete (non-deterministic)
- > IO bound functions can scale regardless of threads
 - IO bound computations can often "overlap"
 - This can even work a for huge numbers of computations

(A)synchronous code

```
var wc = new WebClient();
var html = await wc.DownloadDataTaskAsync(url);
await outputStream.WriteAsync()
```

Easy to change, easy to write

Can use loops and exception handling

Scalable – no blocking of threads

Async Workflow

```
let printThenSleepThenPrint = async {
    printfn "before sleep"
    do! Async.Sleep 5000
    printfn "wake up"
    }

Async.StartImmediate printThenSleepThenPrint
    printfn "continuing"
```

Async Workflow

let! like await on Task<T> in C#

do! like await on Task in C#

return! like return await on Task<T> C#

Its all about Scalability

```
let httpAsync (url : string) = async {
   let reg = WebRequest.Create(url)
   let! resp = req.AsyncGetResponse()
   use stream = resp.GetResponseStream()
    use reader = new StreamReader(stream)
   return! reader.ReadToEndAsync() }
et sites =
  [ "http://www.live.com";" "http://www.fsharp.org";
   "http://news.live.com"; "http://www.digg.com";
   "http://www.yahoo.com"; "http://www.amazon.com"
   "http://www.google.com"; "http://www.netflix.com";
   "http://www.facebook.com"; "http://www.docs.google.com";
   "http://www.youtube.com"; "http://www.gmail.com";
   "http://www.reddit.com"; "http://www.twitter.com"; ]
sites
> Seq.map httpAsync
|> Async.Parallel
|> Async.Start
```

Anatomy of Async Workflows

- Async defines a block of code which execute on demand
- Easy to compose

Unbounded parallelism Async.Parallel (and Async.Start)

```
let httpAsync (url : string) = async {
   let req = WebRequest.Create(url)
   let! resp = req.AsyncGetResponse()
   use stream = resp.GetResponseStream()
   use reader = new StreamReader(stream)
   return! reader.ReadToEndAsync() }
let sites =
       "http://www.yahoo.com";
                                 "http://www.amazon.com"
       "http://www.google.com";
                                  "http://www.netflix.com";
       "http://www.facebook.com"; "http://www.docs.google.com";
       "http://www.youtube.com"; "http://www.gmail.com";
       "http://www.reddit.com";
                                  "http://www.twitter.com"; ]
|> Seq.map httpAsync
> Async.Parallel
```

Declarative parallelism

Run in parallel and wait for completion

```
var docs = await Task.WhenAll
  (from url in pages select DownloadPage(url));
```

Functional approach

Works nicely with F# sequences and LINQ

```
let! docs =
  Async.Parallel [ for url in urls -> downloadPage url ]
```

Async.Catch

```
let asyncTask = async { raise < |</pre>
                      new System.Exception("My Error!") }
asyncTask
> Async.Catch
 > Async.RunSynchronously
> function
   Choice10f2 result
           printfn "Async operation completed: %A" result
     Choice20f2 (ex : exn) ->
           printfn "Exception thrown: %s" ex.Message
```

Simple agent in F#

```
Receive message and say "Hello"

let agent = Agent.Start(fun agent -> async {
    while true do
        let! name = agent.Receive()
        printfn "Hello %s" name
        do! Async.Sleep 500 })

agent.Post("World!")
```

- Single instance of the body is running
- Waiting for message is asynchronous
- Messages are queued by the agent

Simple agent with state in F#

```
type Message =
   Add of string
   GetNames of AsyncReplyChannel<string list>
let agent = Agent.Start(fun agent ->
 let rec loop names = async {
  let! msg = agent.Receive()
  match msg with
   Add name -> return! loop (name::names)
   GetNames channel -> channel.Reply(names)
                         return! loop names }
 loop [])
agent.Post(Add "Bella")
agent.Post(Add "Stellina")
let names = agent.PostAndReply(fun ch -> GetNames ch)
for name in names do
  printfn "Name is %s" name
```

Mutable and immutable state

Mutable state

- Accessed from the body
- Used in loops or recursion
- Mutable variables (ref)
- Fast mutable collections.

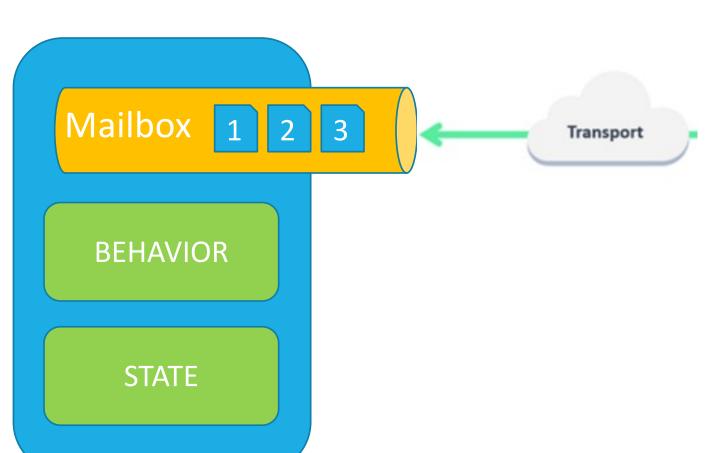
Immutable state

- Passed as an argument
- Using recursion (return!)
- Immutable types
- Can be returned from the agent

```
Agent.Start(fun agent -> async {
  let names = ResizeArray<_>()
  while true do
    let! name = agent.Receive()
    names.Add(name) })
```

```
Agent.Start(fun agent ->
  let rec loop names = async {
    let! name = agent.Receive()
    return! loop (name::names) }
loop [])
```

Message Passing based concurrency



- Processing
- Storage State
- Communication only by messages
- Share Nothing
- Message are passed by value
- Lightweight object
- Running on it's own thread
- No shared state
- Messages are kept in mailbox and processed in order
- Massively scalable and lightening fast because of the small call stack

Demo 6

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Exercise 6

PARALLEL WEB CRAWLER

Resources



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