

# While we wait to get started

1 - Find someone to work with

2 - Clone from Github:

<https://github.com/bricef/Using-and-Abusing-Ruby>

Then run

bundle install --path vendor/bundle

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# USING AND ABUSING RUBY FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE GREAT GOOD













→ X {...} [...]

Proc



All The Things!



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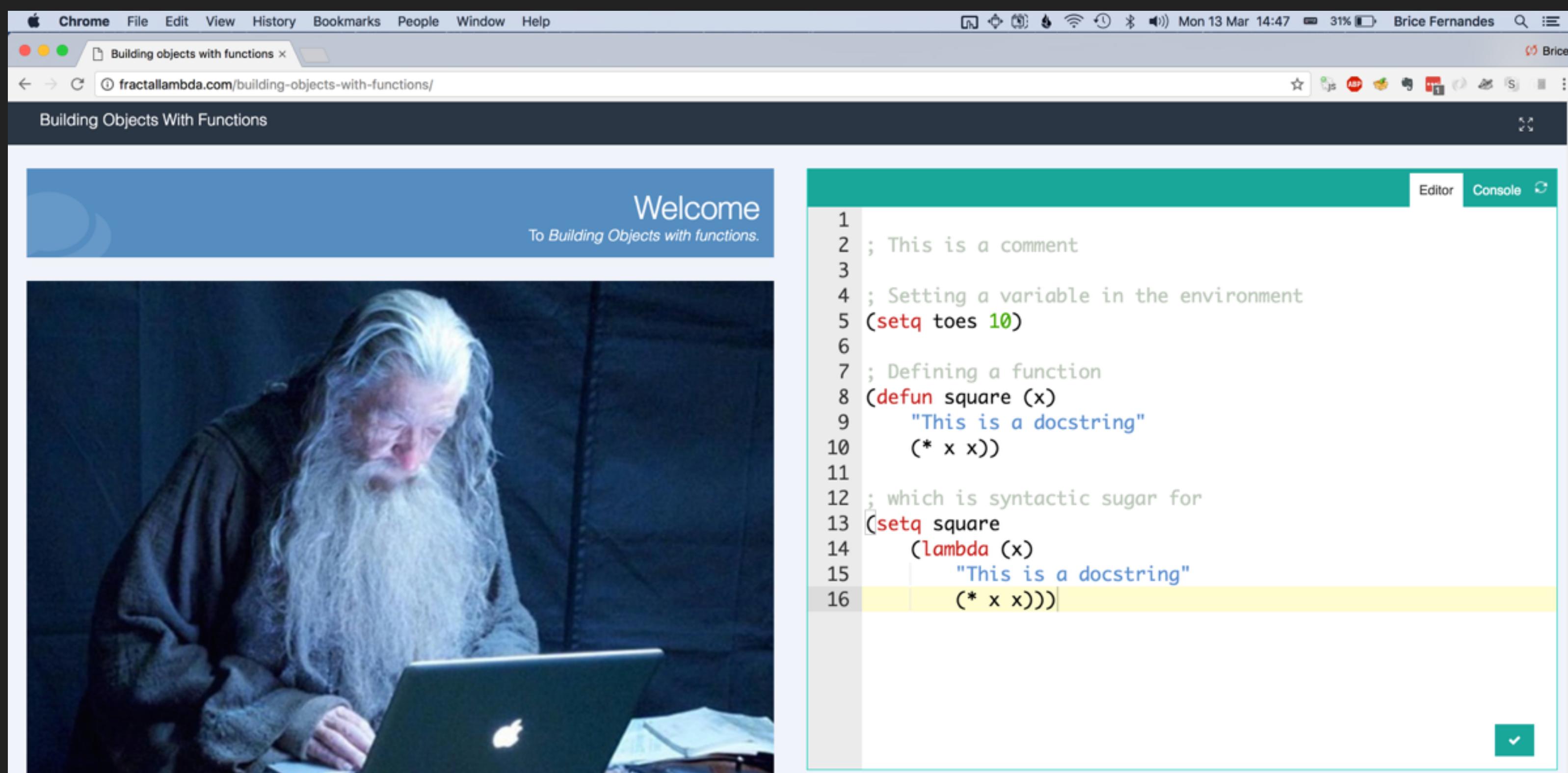
Procs  
&  
*Currying*



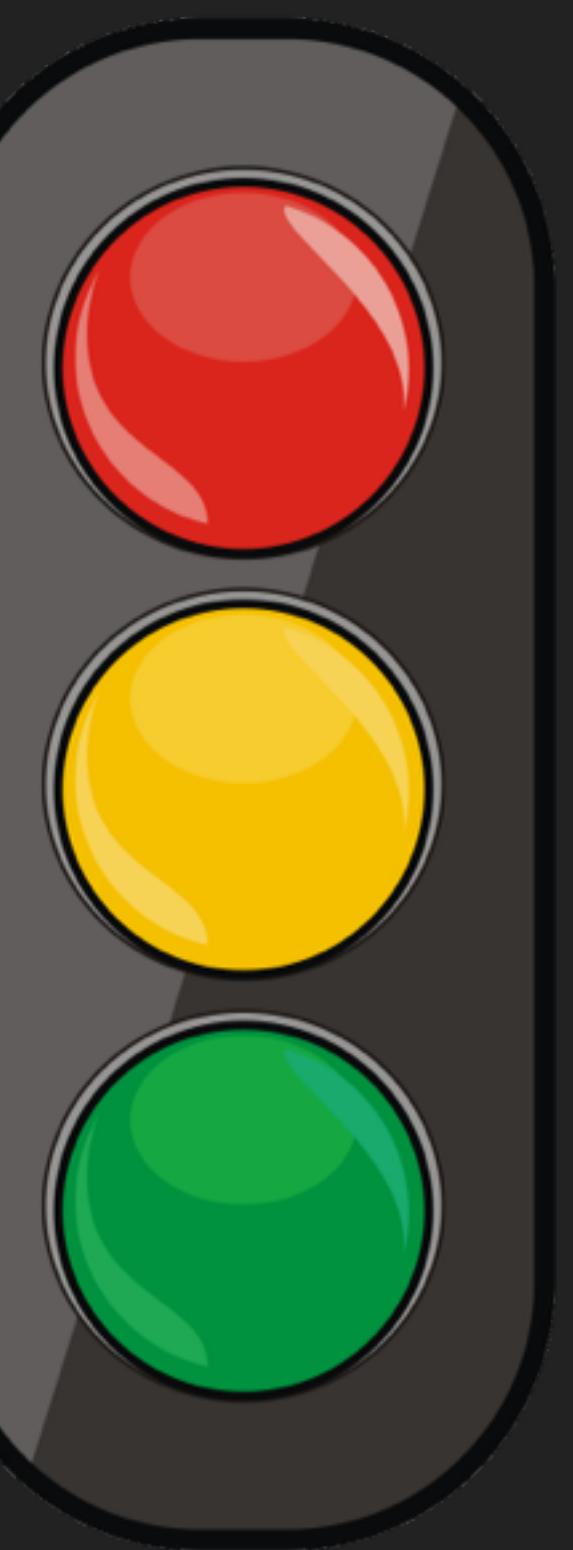
if Bool and  
list equal not  
first pair math  
rest or Ints

# We can build an object oriented language with these features!

<http://fractallambda.com/building-objects-with-functions/>



```
1 ; This is a comment
2
3 ; Setting a variable in the environment
4 (setq toes 10)
5
6 ; Defining a function
7 (defun square (x)
8   "This is a docstring"
9   (* x x))
10
11 ; which is syntactic sugar for
12 (setq square
13   (lambda (x)
14     "This is a docstring"
15     (* x x)))
16
```



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# Truth & Logic

Proc TRUE, when given A and B returns A

Proc FALSE, when given A and B returns B

TRUE =  $\lambda a \{ \lambda b \{ \dots \} \}$

FALSE =  $\lambda a \{ \lambda b \{ \dots \} \}$

TRUE[1][2] # $\rightarrow$  1

FALSE[1][2] # $\rightarrow$  2



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# Truth & Logic

Proc TRUE, when given A and B returns A

Proc FALSE, when given A and B returns B

Proc AND, when given A and B ...

Proc OR, when given A and B ...

Proc NOT, when given A ...

Proc IF, when given C returns A if C else B

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# Truth & Logic

AND =  $\rightarrow a \{ \rightarrow b \{ \dots \} \}$

OR =  $\rightarrow a \{ \rightarrow b \{ \dots \} \}$

NOT =  $\rightarrow a \{ \dots \}$

IF =  $\rightarrow \text{condition} \{$

$\rightarrow \text{consequence} \{$

$\rightarrow \text{alternative} \{ \dots \} \}$



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If, And, Or  
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## 2

# Data Structures

Proc PAIR, LEFT and RIGHT

Proc PAIR takes two things and returns a pair

Proc LEFT takes a pair and returns the first item

Proc RIGHT takes a pair and ...

Hint: PAIR must return a Proc, and the Proc must  
*remember both items somehow*

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# Data Structures

PAIR = → a { → b {...}}

LEFT = → pair {...}

RIGHT = → pair {...}

my\_pair = PAIR[1][2]

LEFT[my\_pair] #→ 1

RIGHT[my\_pair] #→ 2



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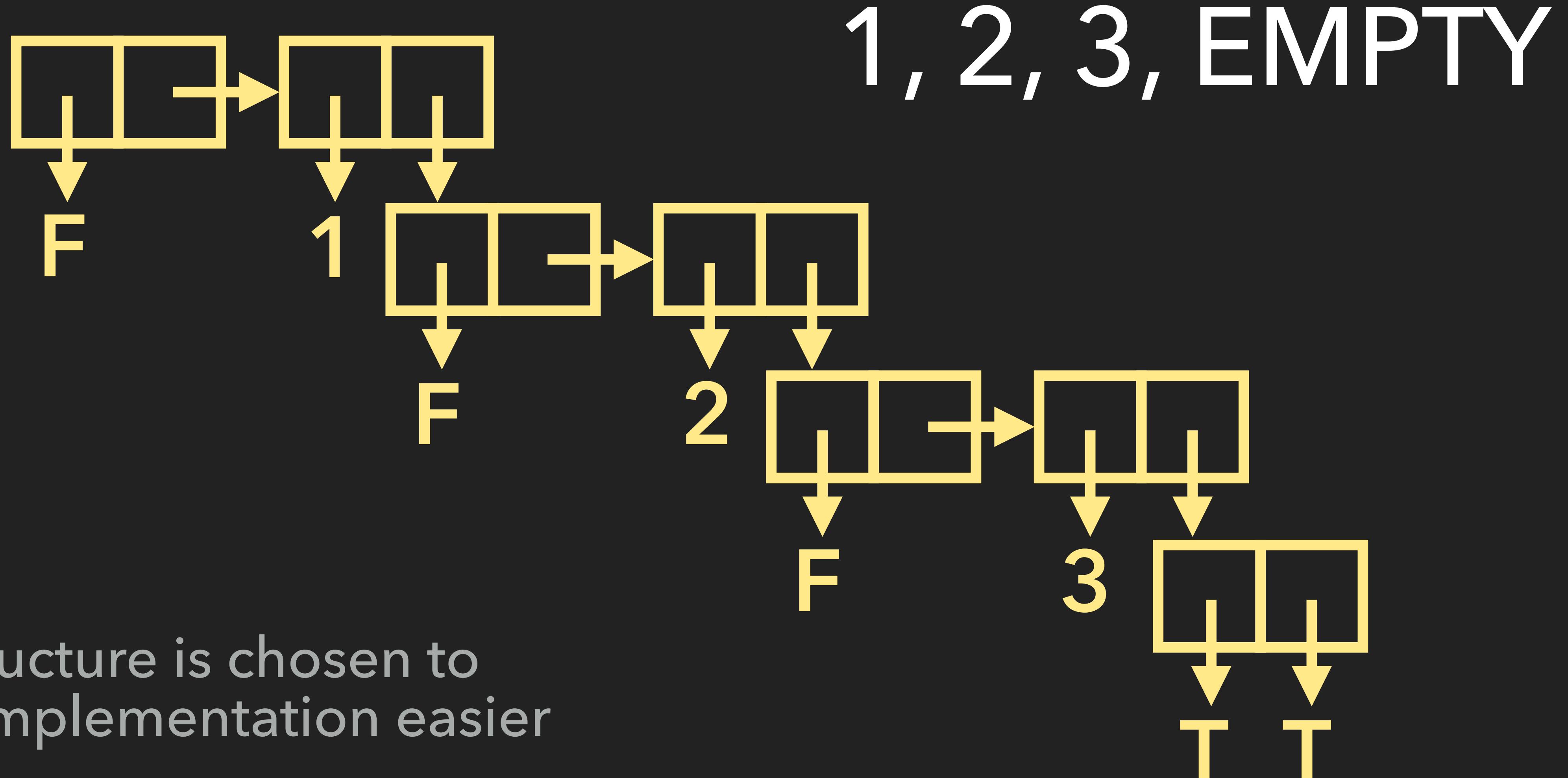
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# Data Structures - List example



This structure is chosen to  
make implementation easier

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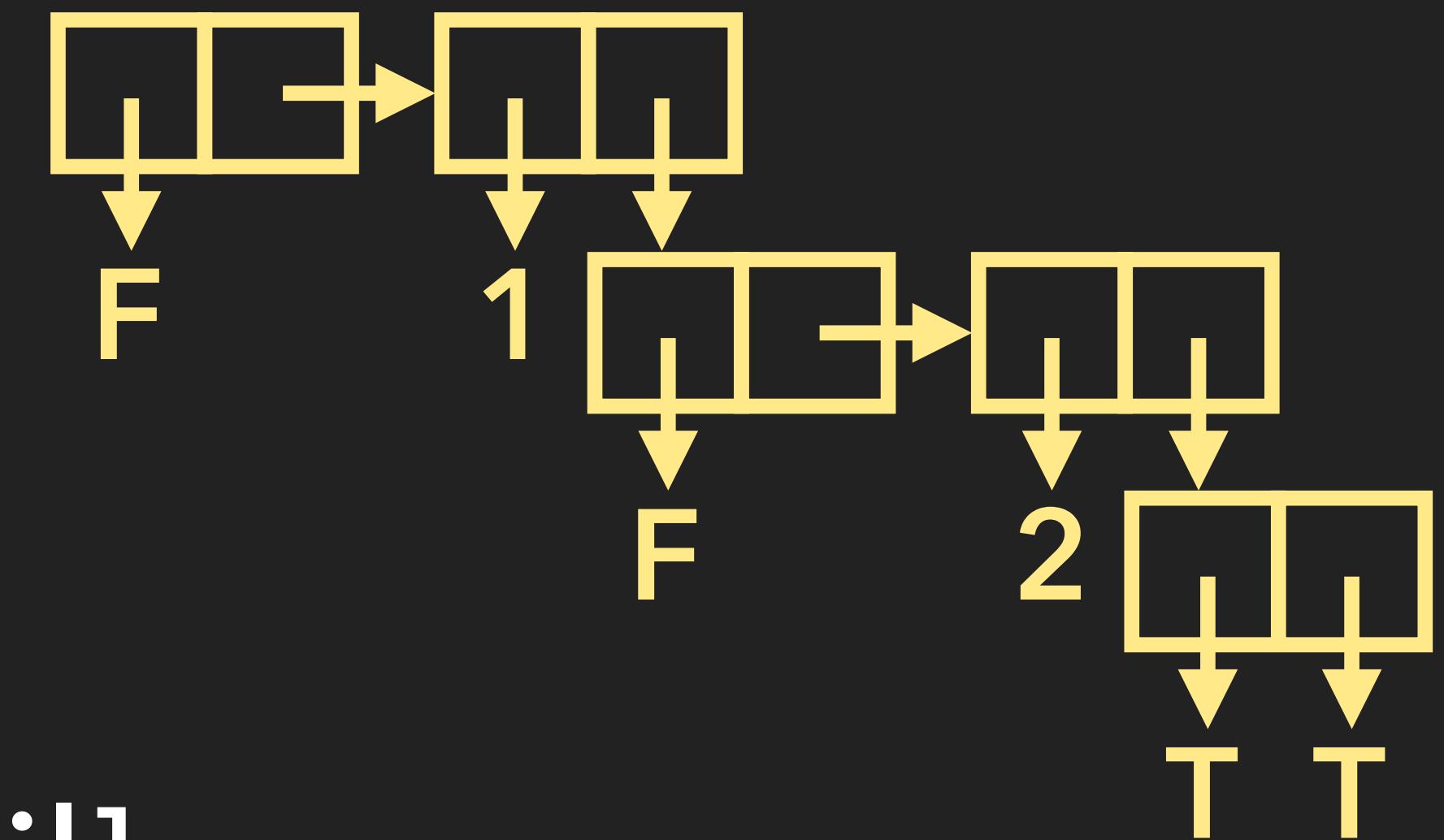
EMPTY is PAIR[TRUE][TRUE]

Lists nodes are nested PAIRS,

with the LEFT as FALSE

and the RIGHT as PAIR[head][tail]

CONS adds an item to the beginning of a list



Define the CONS, HEAD, TAIL and IS\_EMPTY Procs



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List,  
Empty?,  
Head  
& Tail

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# Numbers

A number is a Proc, that when passed in a Proc and a value, applies the Proc n time to the value

$$\text{ZERO}(f, x) = x$$

$$\text{ONE}(f, x) = f(x)$$

$$\text{TWO}(f, x) = f(f(x))$$

## 3

# Numbers

A number is a Proc, that when passed in a Proc and a value, applies the Proc n time to the value

ZERO(f ,x) = x	→ f {
ONE(f ,x) = f(x)	→ x {
TWO(f ,x) = f(f(x))	...
	}



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Numerals

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# Math

ADDONE is a Proc which will add one

ADD is a proc that will add two numbers

MINUSONE will return a subtract one

MINUS is a Proc that will subtract two numbers

MULT is a Proc that will multiply two numbers

EXP is a Proc that will raise a number to a power



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Math  
operators

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# Equal?

IS\_ZERO is a Proc that returns TRUE if given ZERO

LEQ is a PROC that returns TRUE if  $A \leq B$

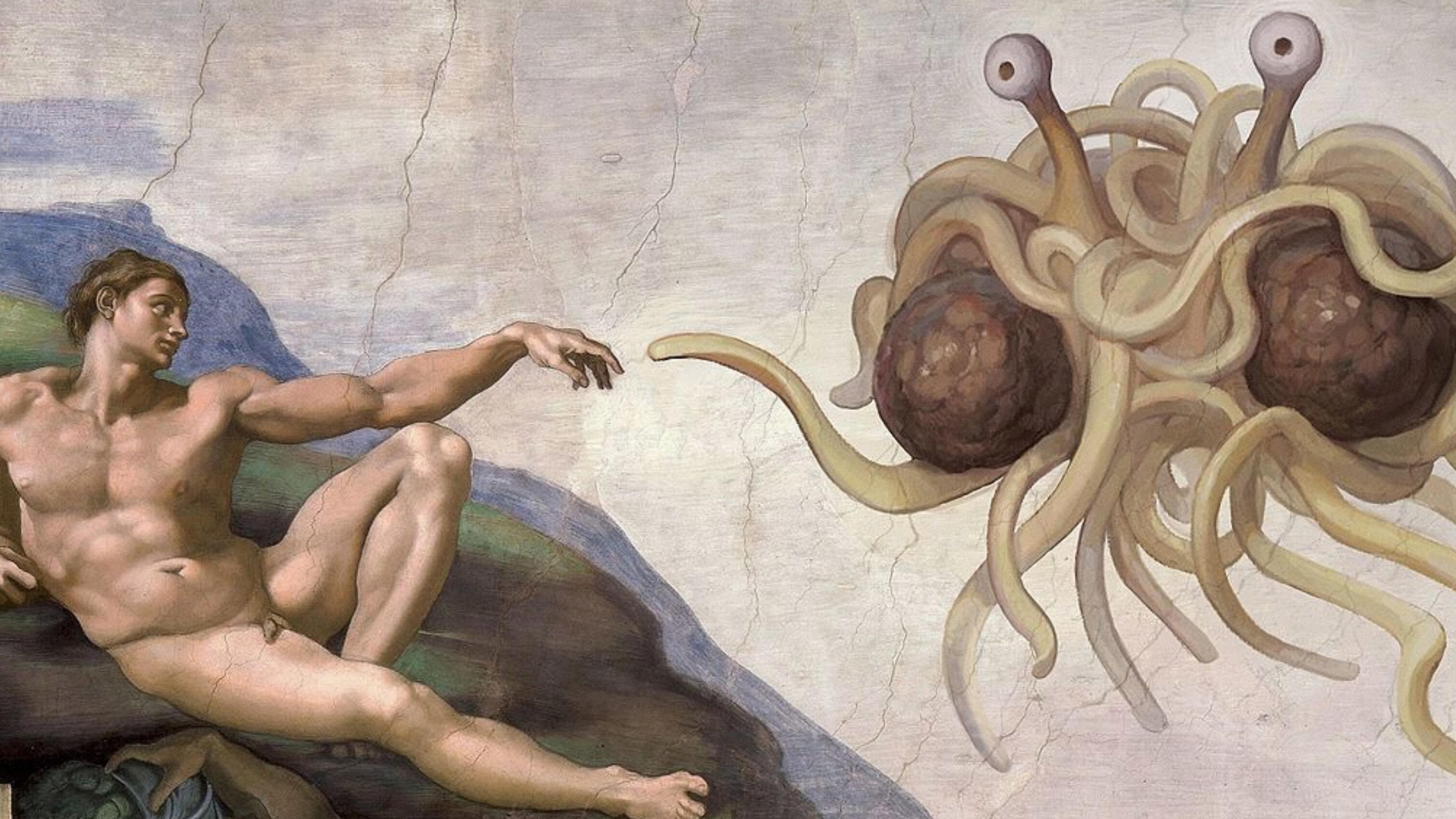
EQ is a PROC that returns TRUE if  $A = B$



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*Equal?*

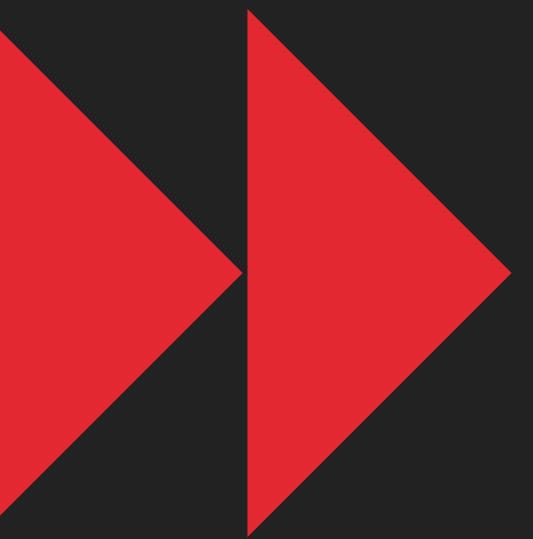
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IO?

Loops/Recursion?

Strings?



List operations?

(reduce)

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Loops/Recursion?

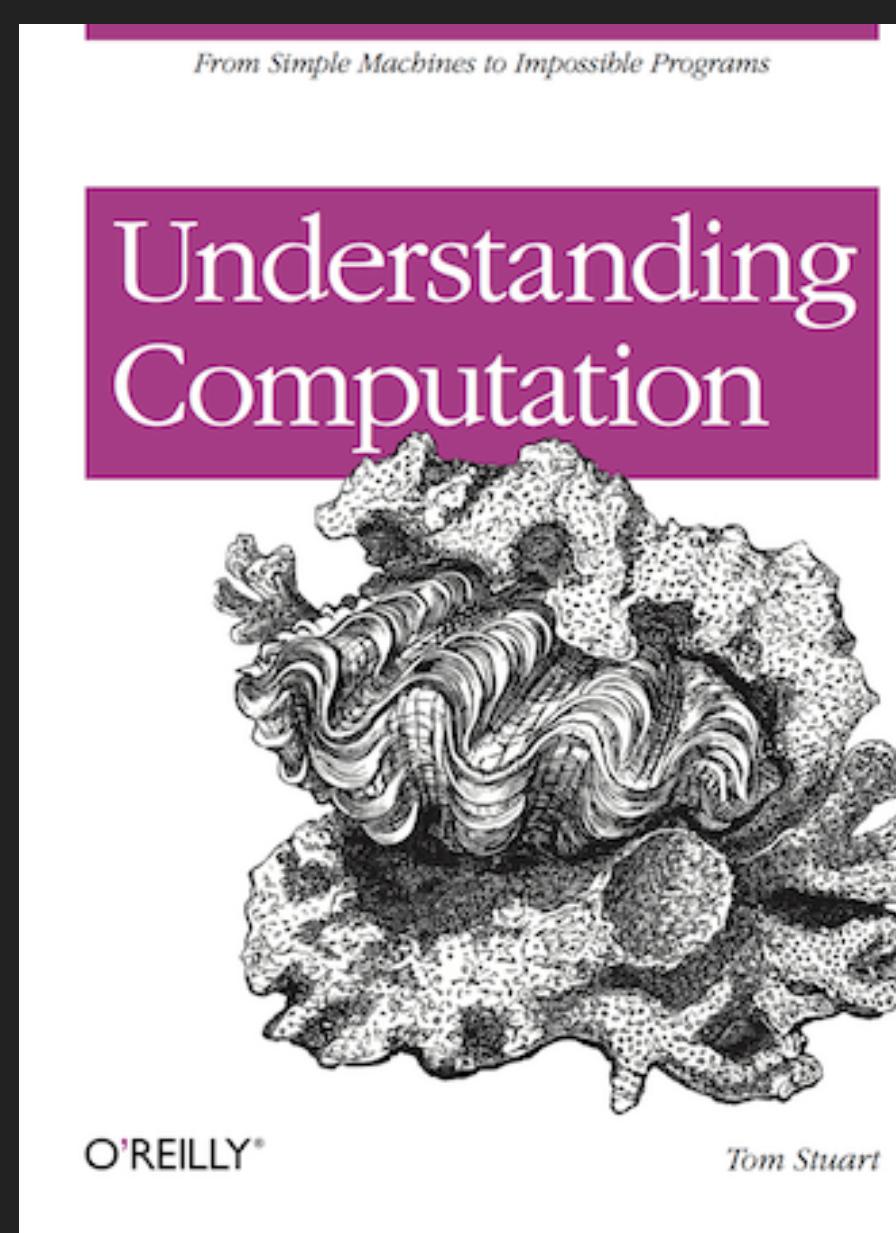


So wat?

Dude, Where's  
my float?

Z?

Y?



Understanding  
Computation  
(Tom Stuart)

SICP  
(Abelson &  
Sussmans)

On Lisp  
(Paul Graham)

<http://tinyurl.com/programming-with-nothing>  
<http://codon.com/programming-with-nothing>  
<http://tinyurl.com/objects-with-functions>  
<http://fractallambda.com/building-objects-with-functions/>

# THANK YOU!

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