

FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

or such a hipster paradigm you have probably never heard of

Who is this guy?

- SW Engineer at **Ooyala**
- JS fan since JQuery and MooTools were mainstream
- Developed some libraries for React Native
- **Can exit Vim**

What is FP?

A new buzzword that is hard to pronounce

What is FP?

A programming paradigm



- Not as new as you could think
- Has its origins in Lambda calculus (1930)
- Lisp (1962)
- Haskell (1992)



why FP?

Less Bugs

- Easier to understand
- Easier to test

Less Time

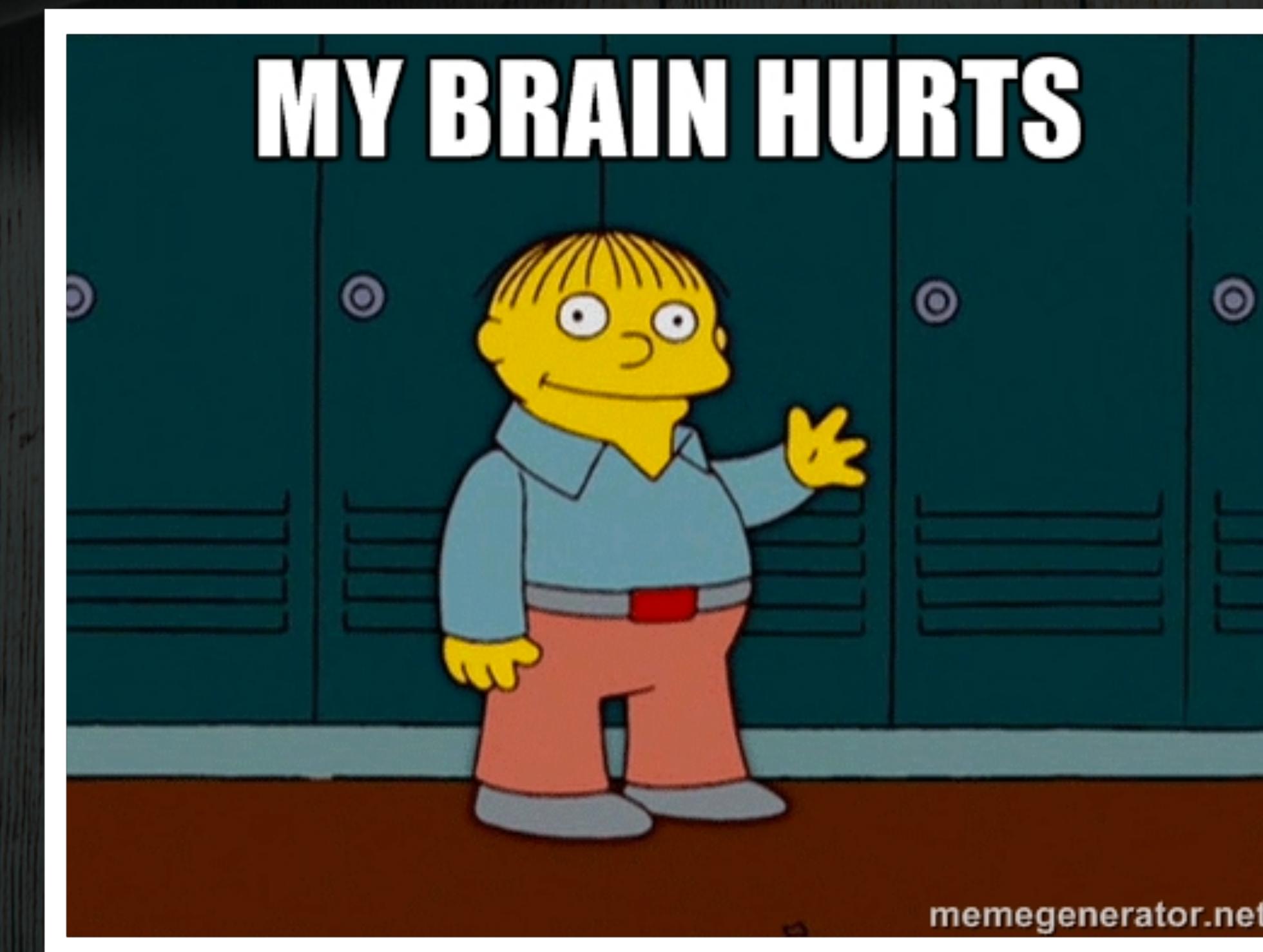
Reuse code



$x + y + z = FP$

(Kinda)

FP has a steep learning curve



Keep Calm

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Pure Functions

Pure functions

- A function that given the same input, will always return the same output
- Don't have side effects

```
let xs = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
```

```
// Slice
xs.slice(0, 3);
xs.slice(0, 3);
xs.slice(0, 3);
```

```
// Splice
xs.splice(0, 3);
xs.splice(0, 3);
xs.splice(0, 3);
```

```
let xs = [1 , 2, 3, 4, 5];  
  
// pure  
xs.slice(0, 3); // -> [1, 2, 3]  
xs.slice(0, 3); // -> [1, 2, 3]  
xs.slice(0, 3); // -> [1, 2, 3]  
  
// impure  
xs.splice(0, 3); // -> [1, 2, 3]  
xs.splice(0, 3); // -> [4, 5]  
xs.splice(0, 3); // -> []
```

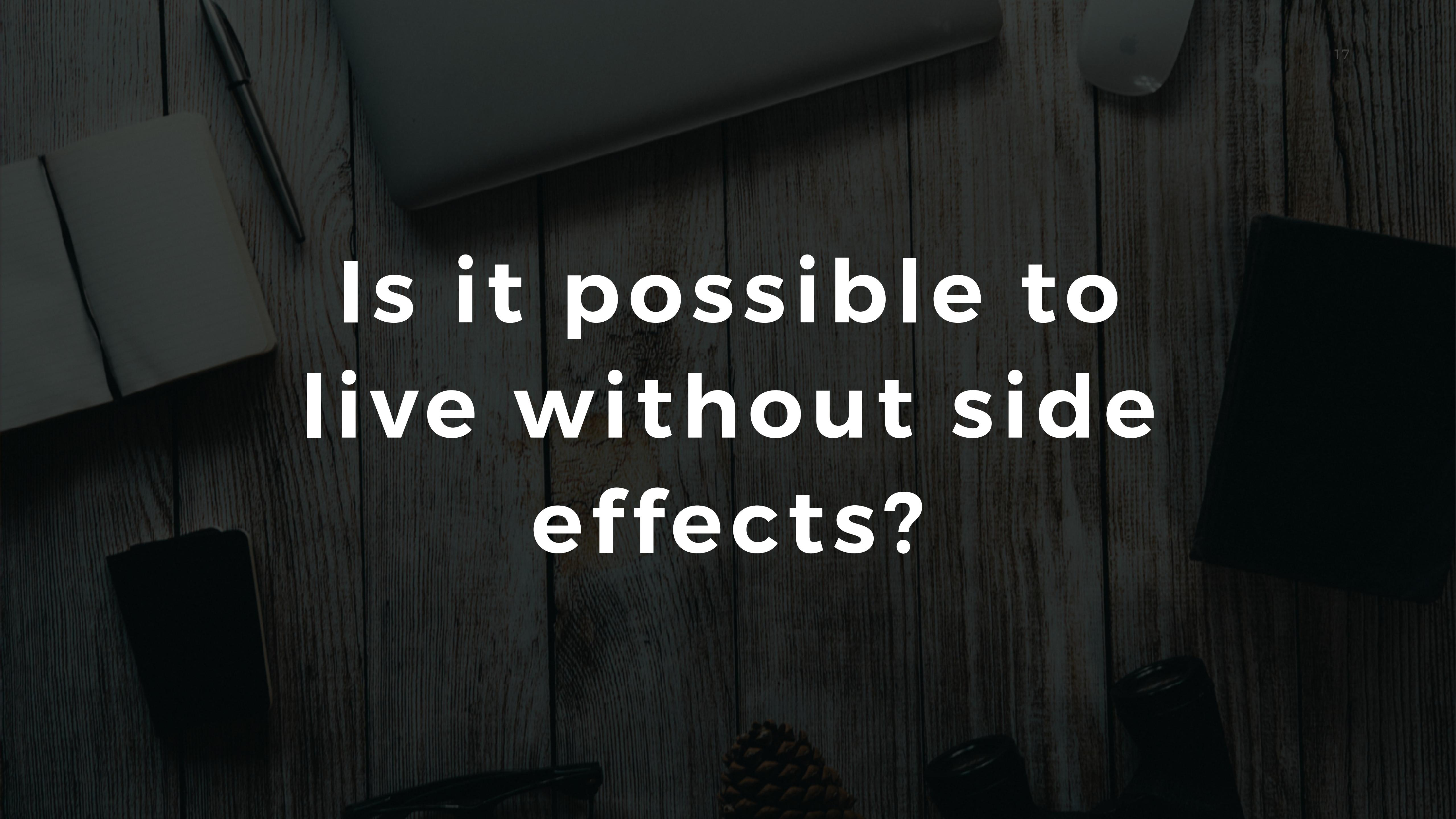
```
// impure
const minimumAge = 18;

let isAdult = function(age) {
  return age >= minimumAge;
}

// pure
let isAdult = function(age) {
  const minimumAge = 18;
  return age >= minimumAge;
}
```

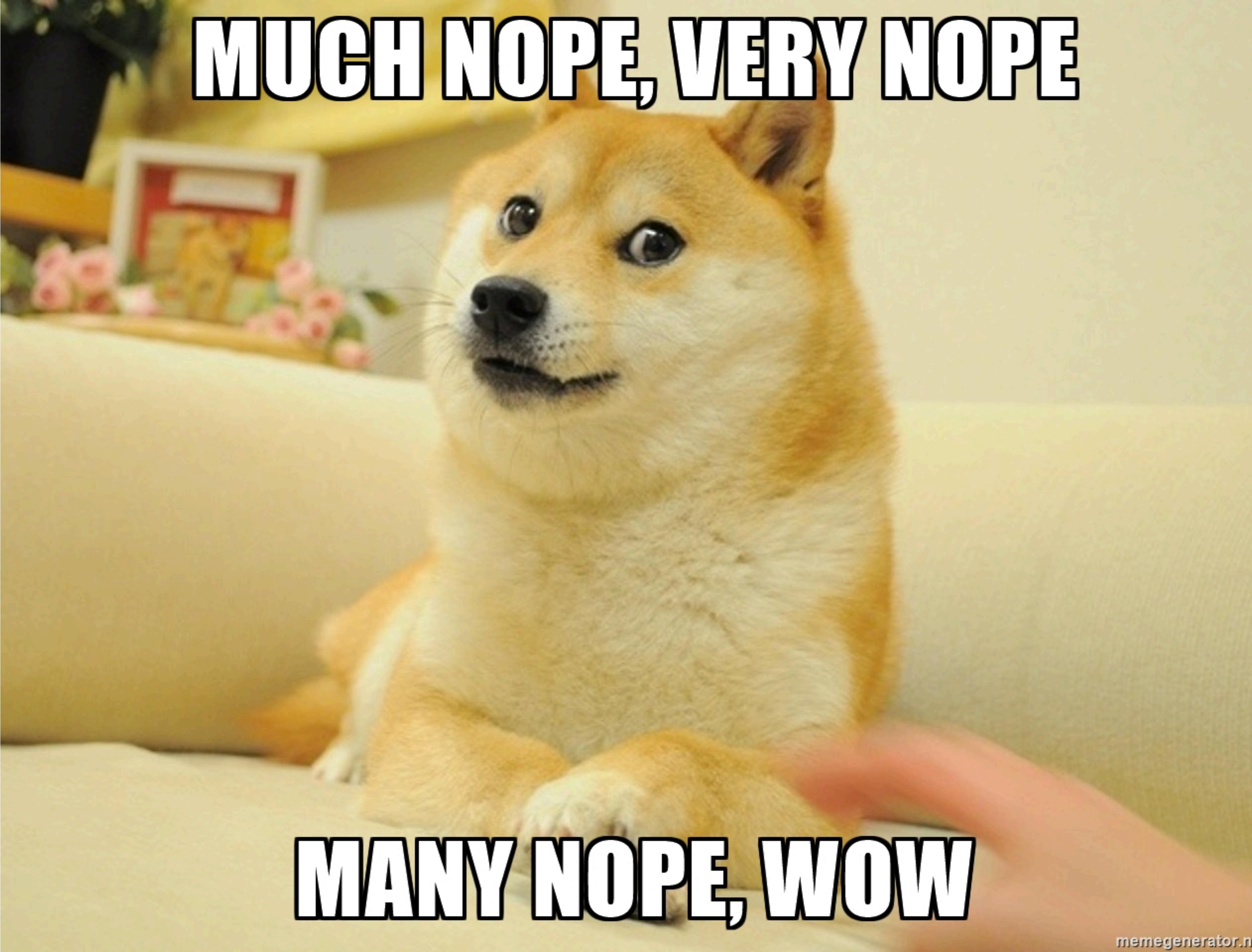
Side effects

- Changing the file system
- Inserting a record in the database
- Making an http call
- Querying the DOM
- Accessing the system state



Is it possible to
live without side
effects?

MUCH NOPE, VERY NOPE



MANY NOPE, WOW

Side effects

- Side effects are a primary cause of incorrect behavior (bugs)
- They are not **forbidden**. We want to contain them and run them in a controlled way.

Pure functions are
mathematical functions

(That's what FP is all about)

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Immutability

Immutability

- In math, $x = x + 1$ is invalid
- Once a variable takes a value, it shouldn't change again

Is const immutable?

```
const x = 1;
```

```
const x = 1;  
x = 2;
```

```
const y = [1];  
y.push(2);
```

```
const z = {};  
z.test = "test";
```

Constant != Immutable

```
const x = 1;  
x = 2; // -> Error: Assignment to constant variable.
```

```
const y = [1];  
y.push(2); // -> [1, 2]
```

```
const z = {};  
z.test = "test"; // { test: "test" }
```

Achieving immutability

- Deep freeze (Object.freeze is not enough)
- Immutable.js

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Higher order Functions

Higher order functions

- A function is a first-class citizen of the language
- Functions are values!
- And they can be passed into other functions

All non-insane programming languages have functions

```
function double(x) {  
    return x * 2;  
}
```

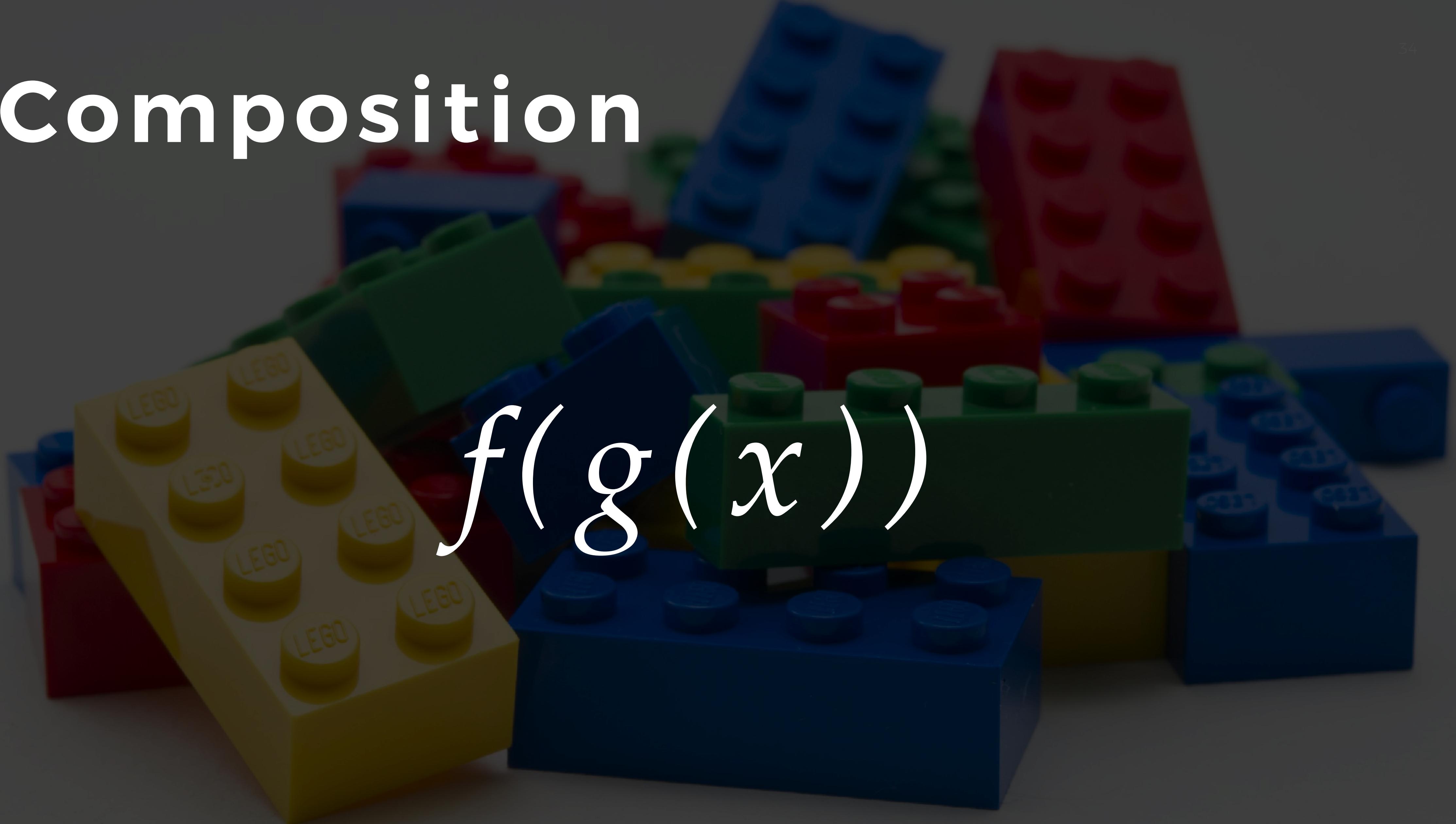
But... not all of them can do this

```
let double = function(x) {  
  return x * 2;  
}
```

Or this...

```
let double = function(x) {  
  return x * 2;  
}  
  
let pizza = double;  
  
pizza(10);  
// 20
```

Composition

$$f(g(x))$$


Composition

```
const compose =  
(f , g) => (x) => f(g(x));
```

Composition

```
const toUpperCase = x => x.toUpperCase();
const exclaim = x => `${x}!`;

// flow is the compose function from lodash
const shout = _.flow(exclaim, toUpperCase);

shout('hello world');
// -> HELLO WORLD!
```

Don't iterate

Use map, reduce and filter

```
map([🌽, 🐄, 🐔], cook)  
=> [🍿, 🍔, 🍳]
```

```
filter([🍿, 🍔, 🍳], isVegetarian)  
=> [🍿, 🍳]
```

```
reduce([🍿, 🍳], eat)  
=> 💩
```

Keep in your mind

```
let animals = [  
  {name: 'Fido', species: 'dog'},  
  {name: 'Epona', species: 'horse'},  
  {name: 'Ursula', species: 'cat'},  
  {name: 'Beethoven', species: 'dog'},  
  {name: 'Alfred', species: 'fish'}  
]
```

Old fashioned way

```
let dogs = [];
for(let i = 0; i < animals.length; i++){
  if(animals[i].species === 'dog')
    dogs.push(animals[i]);
}
```

Functional way

```
let dogs = animals.filter( x => x.species === 'dog' );
```

```
/*let dogs = [];
for(let i = 0; i < animals.length; i++){
if(animals[i].species === 'dog'){
dogs.push(animals[i]);
}
}
*/
```

Better Functional Way

```
const isDog = x => x.species === 'dog';
```

```
let dogs = animals.filter(isDog);
let otherAnimals = _.reject(animals, isDog);
```

Better Functional Way?

```
const isDog = x => x.species === "dog";
const isCat = x => x.species === "cat";

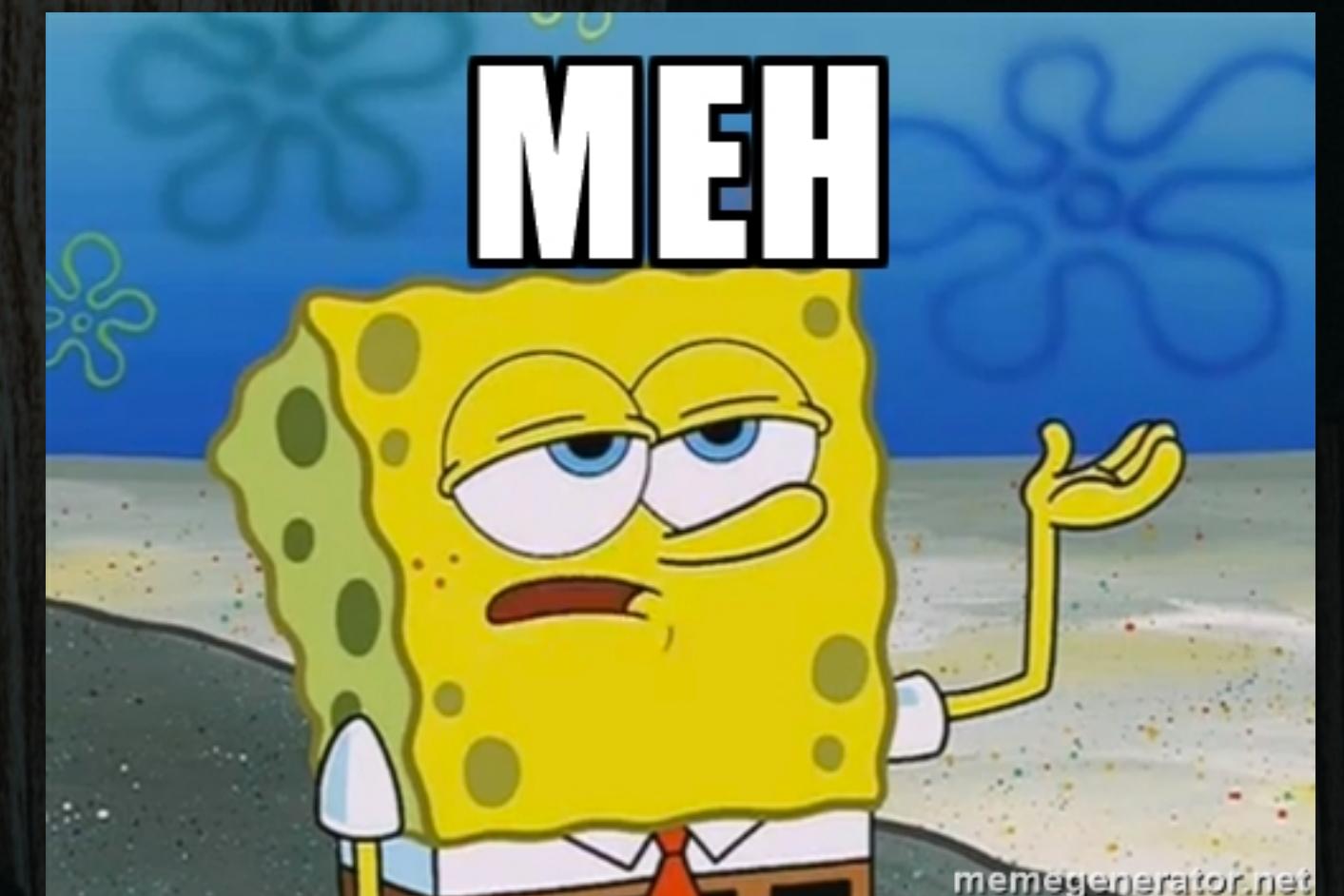
let dogs = animals.filter(isDog);
let cats = animals.filter(isCat);
```

Curried Functions

A function that only takes a single parameter at a time

Curried Functions

```
const add = function(x) {  
  return function (y) {  
    return x + y;  
  }  
}  
  
add(5)(10);  
// or  
add(5, 10);
```



Curried Functions

```
const add = function(x) {  
  return function (y) {  
    return x + y;  
  }  
}
```

```
const add5 = add(5);
```

```
add5(10);
```

Better Functional Way?

```
const isDog = x => x.species === "dog";
const isCat = x => x.species === "cat";

let dogs = animals.filter(isDog);
let cats = animals.filter(isCat);
```

A Better Curried Functional Way

```
const isSpecies = species => x => species === x.species;  
const isDog = isSpecies('dog');  
const isCat = isSpecies('cat');  
  
let dogs = animals.filter(isDog);  
let cats = animals.filter(isCat);
```

A Better Curried Functional Way

```
const isSpecies =  
  _.curry((species, x) => species === x.species);  
  
const isDog = isSpecies('dog');  
const isCat = isSpecies('cat');  
  
let dogs = animals.filter(isDog);  
let cats = animals.filter(isCat);
```

Lazy evaluation

Factories

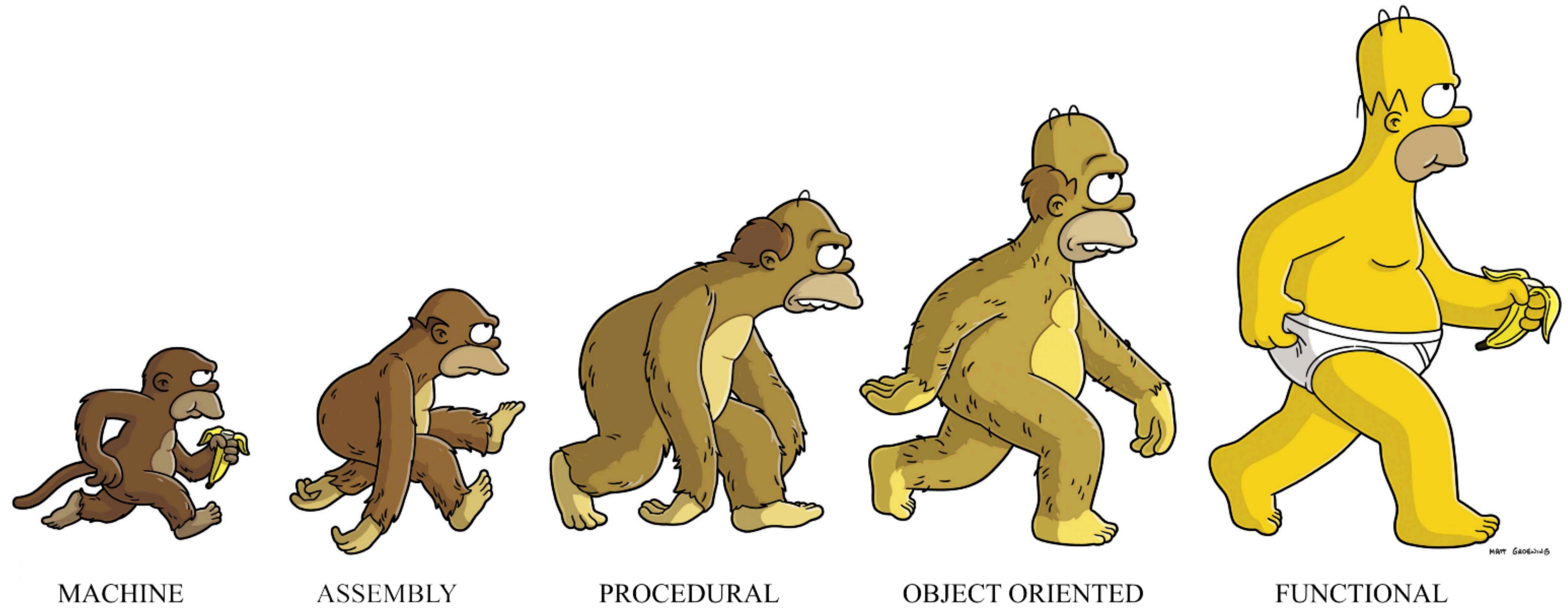
Functors

Memoization

Monads

Recursion

Referential
transparency



Keep in touch!

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