

# My Least Favorite Anti-Pattern

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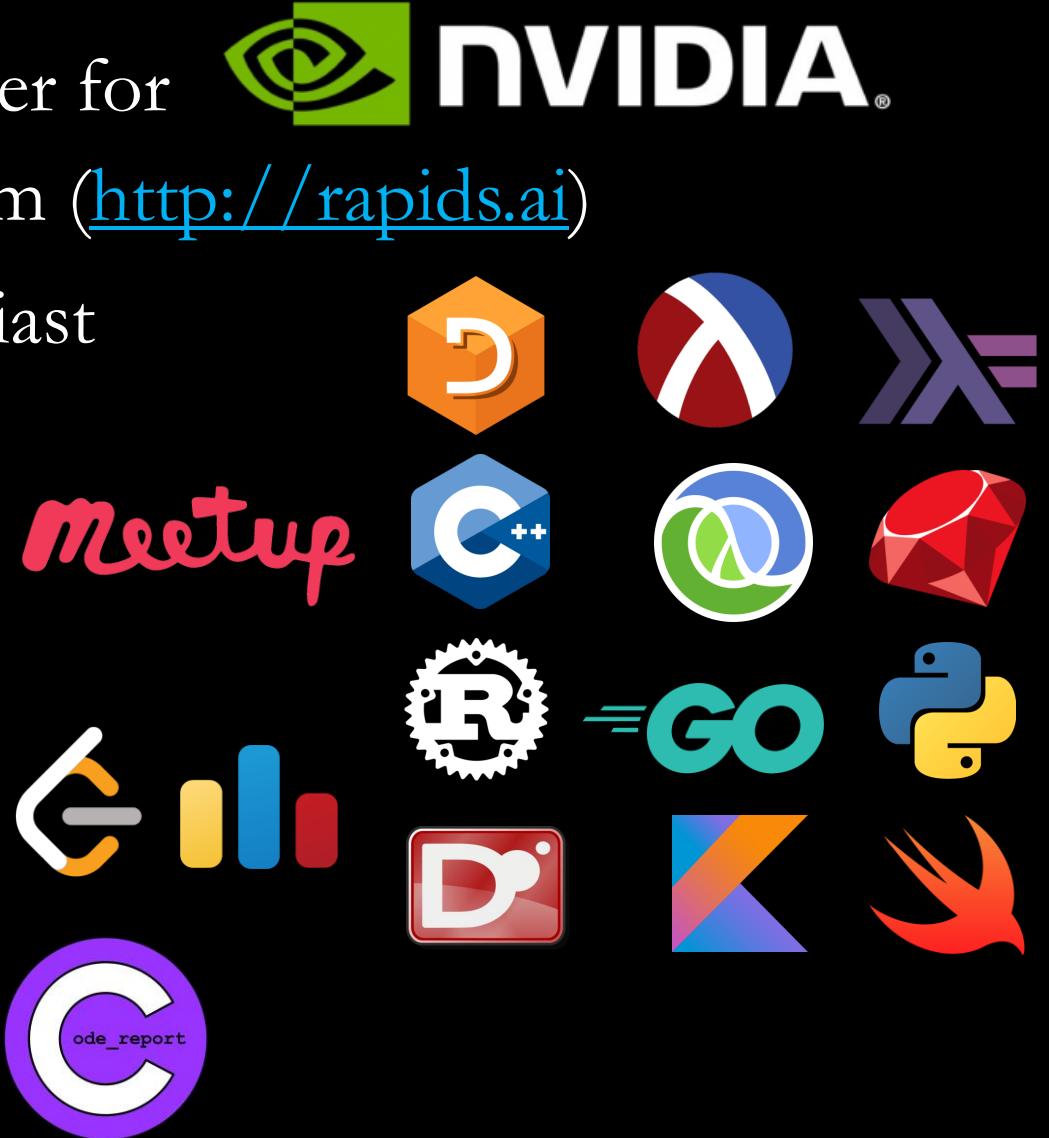


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# About Me

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- I am a programming language enthusiast
- Founder and organizer of the **Programming Languages Virtual Meetup**
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**#blacklivesmatter**

**“I don’t think this is really  
a political issue, it is  
a human rights issue”**



@robwirving



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@blelbach

The CUDA C++ Core Library team stands in solidarity with Black friends and colleagues across the industry to dismantle systemic racism and police violence against Black lives. We are committed to our community to build a better world for Black Lives Matter.

Eric Nielson  
@ericnielson

I believe this is the "Esper". How do we stop gassing peaceful protesters?

#BlackLivesMatter

PBS NewsHour  
Breaking with PBS NewsHour's usual focus on forces for law enforcement, this segment looks at what's been done to stop police violence, and what more needs to be done. (1/x)

Michał :: Black Lives Matter

10:07 PM · Jun 3, 2020

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CppCast  
@cppcast

Completely agree. #BlackLivesMatter 🤝 and I really hope the current protests bring about some real change and police reform. I posted a few links in this episode's notes. If you're interested in supporting: [blacklivesmatter.com](http://blacklivesmatter.com) [aclu.org](http://aclu.org) [hiddengeniusproject.org/15-tech-organizations-taking-action...](http://hiddengeniusproject.org/15-tech-organizations-taking-action/)

Victor Bogado @bogado · Jun 5  
@cppcast:

Kudos for breaking with the business as usual and talking about #BlackLivesMatter 🤝. What African Americans have been through for so long isn't normal and the fact that has been normalised is outrageous.

I understand the level of rage shown by this community.

10:49 AM · Jun 5, 2020 · TweetDeck

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matter 🤝 for my b-

aceful protests w/ g of press? (hint:

in based on:

ions to stop police violence, and data. A thread. (1/x)



Police: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)

LastWeekTonight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf4cea5oObY>

<https://www.youtubeunblocked.live/>

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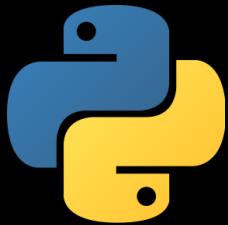
# Beautiful Python Refactoring

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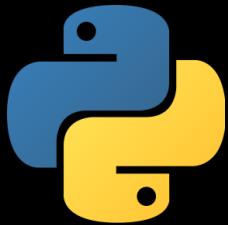
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# Change 1 enumerate

```
col = []  
i = 0
```

```
for t in tr_elements[0]:  
    i += 1  
    name = t.text_content()  
    print('%d: "%s"' % (i, name))  
    col.append((name, []))
```

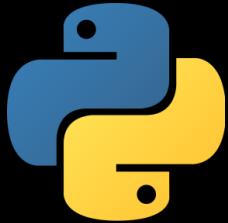


# Change 1 enumerate

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col = []  
  
for i, t in enumerate(tr_elements[0]):  
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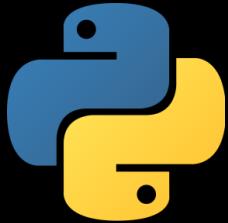
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	Racket	<b>enumerate</b>	list-utils	<a href="#">Doc</a>
	D	<b>enumerate</b>	range	<a href="#">Doc</a>
	Ruby	<b>with_index</b>	Enumerable	<a href="#">Doc</a>
	Kotlin	<b>withIndex</b>	collections	<a href="#">Doc</a>
	Elixir	<b>with_index</b>	Enum	<a href="#">Doc</a>
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	Clojure	<b>map-indexed*</b>	core	<a href="#">Doc</a>
	C#	<b>Select</b>	Enumerable	<a href="#">Doc</a>
	Scala	<b>zipWithIndex</b>	various	<a href="#">Doc</a>



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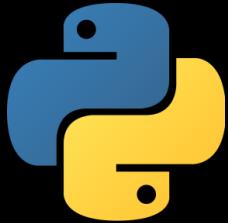
# Change 2

Delete print & enumerate

```
col = []
```

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```





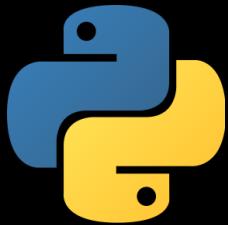
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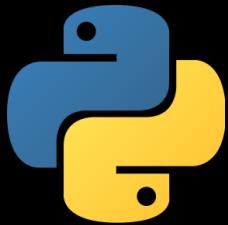
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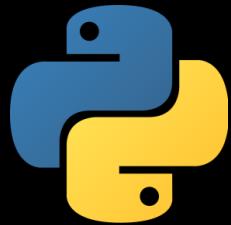
# Change 3

## List comprehension

```
col = []
```

```
for t in tr_elements[0]:  
    col.append((t.text_content(), []))
```





# Change 3

## List comprehension

```
col = [(t.text_content(), []) for t in tr_elements[0]]
```

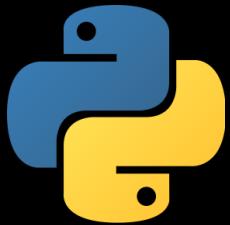


# IITM



Initialize  
Then  
Modify



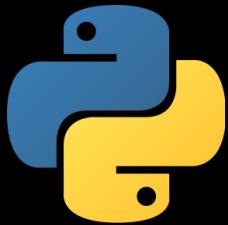


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col = []
```

```
i = 0
```

```
for t in tr_elements[0]:  
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```





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col = []  
  
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```



**IΠΜ**

Initialize

Then

Modify

**I did not “create” this anti-pattern**

**I learned this anti-pattern**

**How?**

**From 2 talks**

#1

# C++ Seasoning

**Sean Parent**

**Going Native 2013**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2tWOdzgXHA>



**“no raw loops”**

**Minute 2:10, C++ Seasoning  
Sean Parent  
Going Native 2013**

**What is a raw loop?**

## What is a Raw Loop?

- A *raw loop* is any loop inside a function where the function serves purpose larger than the algorithm implemented by the loop

# Alternatives to raw loops?



**One drawback of raw loops**



**“what variables are  
modified in that loop”**

**Minute 5:45, C++ Seasoning**

**Sean Parent**

**Going Native 2013**



*// Example 1*

```
std::vector v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i)
    ans += v[i];
```



*// Example 1*

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = 0;
for (auto const& e : v)
    ans += e;
```



*// Example 1*

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = std::accumulate(
    v.cbegin(),
    v.cend(),
    0);
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/KwVY3h>



*// Example 1*

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto const ans = std::accumulate(
    v.cbegin(),
    v.cend(),
    0);
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/UZ6Vvb>



// Example 2

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = false;
for (auto const& e : v) {
    if (e % 2 == 0) {
        ans = true;
        break;
}
}
```



// Example 2

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto const ans = std::any_of(
    v.cbegin(),
    v.cend(),
    [] (auto const& e) { return e % 2 == 0; });
```



*// Example 3*

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = 0;
for (auto const& e : v) {
    if (e % 2 == 0)
        ++ans;
}
```



// Example 3

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto const ans = std::count_if(
    v.cbegin(),
    v.cend(),
    [](auto const& e) { return e % 2 == 0; });
```



*// Example 4*

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = 1;
for (auto const& e : v)
    ans *= e;
```



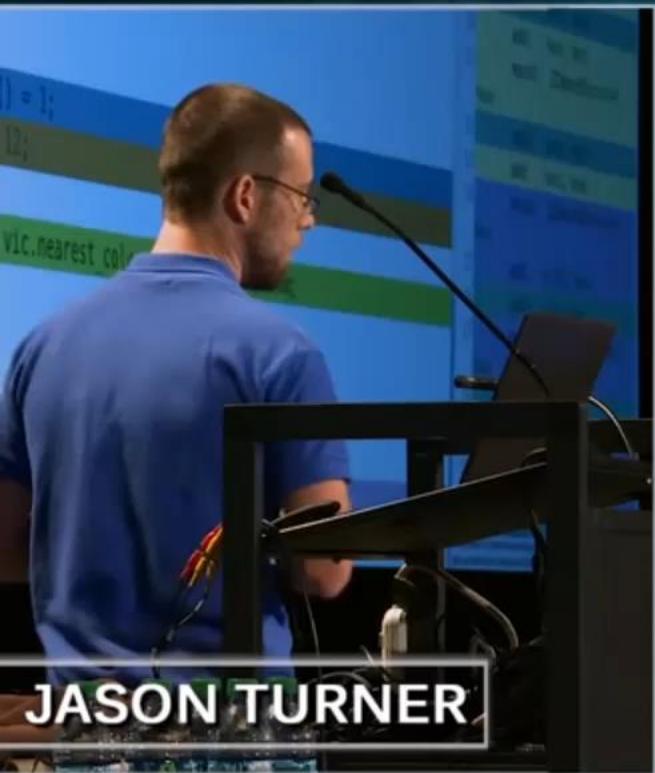
// Example 4

```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto const ans = std::accumulate(
    v.cbegin(),
    v.cend(),
    1,
    std::multiplies{});
```

**[[ digression ]]**

On The Virtues of const



JASON TURNER

Rich Code For  
Tiny Computers:  
A Simple  
Commodore 64 Game  
in C++ 17

A screenshot of a developer's workspace. On the left is a code editor showing C++ code for a Commodore 64 game. The code includes declarations for a `Color` class and a `VIC_II` object, setting up a background color and border. It also includes a call to `vic.nearest_color`. On the right is a terminal window showing the assembly code generated by the compiler for the main function, which involves memory operations like `pushl`, `movb`, and `imull`.

```
Color{0, 0x88, 0x39, 0x32},  
67 Color{1, 0x67, 0xB6, 0xBD},  
68 Color{2, 0x8B, 0x3F, 0x96},  
69 Color{3, 0x55, 0xA0, 0x49},  
70 Color{4, 0x40, 0x31, 0x8D},  
71 Color{5, 0xBF, 0xCE, 0x72},  
72 Color{6, 0x8B, 0x54, 0x29},  
73 Color{7, 0x57, 0x42, 0x00},  
74 Color{8, 0xB8, 0x69, 0x62},  
75 Color{9, 0x50, 0x50, 0x50},  
76 Color{10, 0x78, 0x78, 0x78},  
77 Color{11, 0x94, 0xE0, 0x89},  
78 Color{12, 0x78, 0x69, 0xC4},  
79 Color{13, 0x9F, 0x9F, 0x9F}  
80 };  
81  
82 VIC_II vic;  
83 vic.background() = 1;  
84 vic.border() = 12;  
85  
86 vic.border() = vic.nearest_color<255,0,0>(colors).num;  
87  
88  
89  
90  
91  
92 }  
93
```

```
main:  
# @main  
1 pushl %esi  
2 movb $1, 53281  
3 movb $12, 53280  
4 movzbl _ZZ4mainE6colors+5,  
%eax  
5 addl $-255, %eax  
6 imull %eax, %eax  
7 movzbl _ZZ4mainE6colors+6,  
%ecx  
8 imull %ecx, %ecx  
9 addl %eax, %ecx  
10 movzbl _ZZ4mainE6colors+7,  
%eax  
11 imull %eax, %eax  
12 addl %ecx, %eax  
13 movzbl _ZZ4mainE6colors+1,  
%ecx  
14 addl $-255, %ecx  
15 imull %ecx, %ecx  
16 movzbl _ZZ4mainE6colors+2,  
%edx  
17 imull %edx, %edx  
18 addl %ecx, %edx  
19 movzbl _ZZ4mainE6colors+3,  
%ecx
```



```
std::vector const v = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

auto ans = std::accumulate(
    v.cbegin(),
    v.cend(),
    0);
```



```
let v = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
  
let ans = v.iter()  
    .fold(0, |a, b| a + b);
```



```
let mut v = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
  
let mut ans = v.iter()  
    .fold(0, |a, b| a + b);
```



```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
warning: variable does not need to be mutable
--> src/main.rs:3:9
3 |     let mut v = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
   |     ^----^
   |     |
   |     help: remove this `mut`
   |
   = note: `#[warn(unused_mut)]` on by default

warning: variable does not need to be mutable
--> src/main.rs:5:9
5 |     let mut ans = v.iter();
   |     ^----^^^
   |     |
   |     help: remove this `mut`

warning: 2 warnings emitted
```

**[[ end digression ]]**

#2

**Best Presentation**



# **Easy to Use, Hard to Misuse: Declarative Style in C++**

**Ben Deane**

**C++Now 2018**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ouxETt75R4>

## GCC EXTENSION?

```
Bar b =  
({  
    auto sp = wp.lock();  
    sp ? sp->bar() : Bar{};  
});
```

Not ISO C++.

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**BEN DEANE**

Easy to Use,  
Hard to Misuse:  
Declarative Style in C++

**“`I+LE` ... avoids the  
initialization-declaration split”**

**Minute 17:20, Easy to Use, Hard to Misuse**

**Ben Deane**

**CppCon 2018**



// Example 1

```
auto pet = ""s;  
if (is_cool) {  
    pet = "cat"s;  
} else {  
    pet = "dog"s;  
}
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/ViEDGx>



*// Example 1*

```
auto pet = is_cool ? "cat"s : "dog"s;
```



*// Example 1*

```
auto const pet = is_cool ? "cat"s : "dog"s;
```



// Example 1

```
auto pet = ""s;  
if (is_cool) {  
    // some other logic/stuff  
    pet = "cat"s;  
} else {  
    // some other logic/stuff  
    pet = "dog"s;  
}
```



// Example 1

```
auto const pet = [] {
    if (is_cool) {
        // some other logic/stuff
        return "cat"s;
    } else {
        // some other logic/stuff
        return "dog"s;
    }
}();
```

# ITM so far ...

1. “raw loops” (Sean Parent)
2. initialization-declaration split (Ben Deane)
3. Non-RAII code



```
struct Rectangle {  
    int height;  
    int width;  
};  
  
int main () {  
  
    Rectangle r;  
    r.height = 2;  
    r.width = 3;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



```
struct Rectangle {  
    int height;  
    int width;  
    Rectangle(int h, int w) :  
        height{h}, width{w} {}  
};  
  
int main () {  
    Rectangle r{2, 3};  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



```
struct Rectangle {  
    int height;  
    int width;  
    Rectangle(int h, int w) :  
        height{h}, width{w} {}  
};  
  
int main () {  
    Rectangle const r{2, 3};  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



```
using namespace fluent;

using width_t = NamedType<int, struct WidthTag>;
using height_t = NamedType<int, struct HeightTag>;

struct Rectangle {
    height_t height;
    width_t width;
    Rectangle(height_t h, width_t w) :
        height{h.get()},
        width{w.get()} {}
};

int main () {

    Rectangle const r{height_t{2}, width_t{3}};

    return 0;
}
```



```
std::vector<int> v;  
v.push_back(10);  
v.push_back(20);  
v.push_back(30);  
v.push_back(40);
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/9BcwCm>



```
std::vector const v = { 10, 20, 30, 40 };
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/UGQVjq>

# ITM: Initialize Then Modify

1. “raw loops” (Sean Parent)
2. initialization-declaration split (Ben Deane)
3. Non-RAII code

# How to Avoid the **ITM** Anti-Pattern?

1. Use algorithms 
2. Use I+LE
3. Use RAII

All of these enable more **const**

“sometimes I just need a **for loop**”

- Many developers

no raw loops  $\neq$  no loops

## What is a Raw Loop?

- A *raw loop* is any loop inside a function where the function serves purpose larger than the algorithm implemented by the loop

# **Now What? A vignette in three parts**

**Sean Parent**

**BoostCon 2012**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGenpw2NeKQ>

## Truth

- To utilize the hardware we need to move towards functional, declarative, reactive, and value semantic programming
- No raw loops



**“don’t stick a loop in the middle  
of your function UNLESS that  
function is explicitly an algorithm”**

**Minute 35:30, Now What?**

**Sean Parent  
BoostCon 2012**

# **Unintentional Support for ITM**

# C++ Code Smells

**Jason Turner**  
**CppCon 2019**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_tLQl0wLUM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_tLQl0wLUM)

# What Do We Think?

```
1 #include <string>
2
3 void do_work()
4 {
5     std::string str;
6     // do some stuff
7     str = "Hello World";
8     // work with str
9 }
```

ITM

[https://godbolt.org/z/7zl9t\\_](https://godbolt.org/z/7zl9t_)



C++ Code Smells

# Construction Separate From Assignment - Ben Deane

```
1 #include <string>
2
3 void do_work()
4 {
5     // do some stuff
6     const std::string str = "Hello World";
7     // work with str
8 }
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/mQw9HG>



**Jason Turner**

C++ Code Smells

# What Do We Think?

```
1 #include <string>
2
3 void get_value(std::string &out_param);
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     std::string value;
8     get_value(value);
9     // use value
10 }
```

ITM

<https://godbolt.org/z/egT7ec>



C++ Code Smells

# What Do We Think?

```
1 #include <vector>
2
3 void process_more(const std::vector<double> &);
4
5 void process_data(const std::vector<double> &values) {
6     bool in_range = true;
7     for (const auto &v : values) {
8         if (v < 5.0 || v > 100.0) {
9             in_range = false;
10            break;
11        }
12    }
13
14    if (in_range) {
15        process_more(values);
16    }
17 }
```

ITM

<https://godbolt.org/z/PXsqPk>



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# What Do We Think?

```
1 double Data::total_area()
2 {
3     int value = 0; ← ITM
4
5     // step 1: pipe area
6     for (int i = 0; i < pipes.size(); ++i) {
7         value += pipes[i].radius * pipes[i].radius * M_PI;
8     }
9
10    // step 2: hose area
11    for (int i = 0; i < hose.size(); ++i) {
12        value += hose[i].radius * pipes[i].radius * M_PI;
13    }
14
15    // and many more
16
17    return value;
18 }
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/X30Ywl>



## C++ Code Smells

# Let's Update This Code Sample

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     int length;
7     string greet1 = "Hello";
8     string greet2 = ", world!";
9     string greet3 = greet1 + greet2;
10
11     length = greet3.size();
12 }
```

ITM

<https://godbolt.org/z/hJEDYV>



C++ Code Smells

# Let's Update This Code Sample #2

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     int i, n, fact = 1; // ITM
6
7     std::cout << "Enter a whole number: ";
8     std::cin >> n;
9
10    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
11        fact *= i;
12    }
13
14    std::cout << "\nFactorial of " << n << " = " << fact << std::endl;
15    return 0;
16 }
```

<https://godbolt.org/z/Q2D71b>



C++ Code Smells

# Code Smells

- Constructions Separate from Assignment
- Out Variables
- Raw Loops
- Multi-Step Functions
- Non-Canonical Operators
- Code With Conversions
- Casting Away `const`
- Code With Warnings
- `static const`
- `extern const`
- Raw `new` and `delete`

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# Conclusions

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Avoiding **ITM** enables more **const**

# Two Final Examples

#1



Michael 🍫🍷🥳  
 @\_MRogers



Replying to @code\_report @pycon and 2 others

very enjoyable

trying to overcome the anti-pattern of ITM, straight forward for lists but struggle with dictionaries

for example, if I have a nested dictionary of str:[list] and I want to turn each element of the list into a key and count how often it occurs

```
# this is an anti-pattern ITM (initialise then modify)
nom_count_dict = {}
for i in nominated:
    for name in nominated[i]:
        if name not in nom_count_dict:
            nom_count_dict[name] = 1
        else:
            nom_count_dict[name] += 1
```

4:21 PM · Jun 5, 2020 · Twitter Web App



```
nominated = { "Bob": ["Sam", "Jen", "Cat"],  
              "Sam": ["Bob", "Cat"],  
              "Jen": ["Bob", "Cat"] }  
  
nom_count_dict = {}  
for i in nominated:  
    for name in nominated[i]:  
        if name not in nom_count_dict:  
            nom_count_dict[name] = 1  
        else:  
            nom_count_dict[name] += 1
```



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nom_count_dict = {}  
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        if name not in nom_count_dict:  
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```
import collections as c

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nom_count_dict = c.defaultdict(int)
for votes in nominated.values():
    for name in votes:
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```



```
import collections as c
import itertools as it

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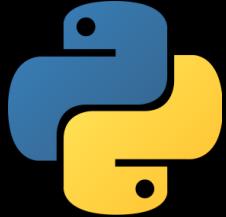
nom_count_dict = c.defaultdict(int)
for name in it.chain(*nominated.values()):
    nom_count_dict[name] += 1
```



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# Counter({'Cat': 3, 'Bob': 2, 'Sam': 1, 'Jen': 1})
```



```
(def nominated
  {"Bob" ["Sam", "Jen", "Cat"]
   "Sam" ["Bob", "Cat"]
   "Jen" ["Bob", "Cat"]})
```

```
(def nom-count-dict
  (-> nominated
      vals
      flatten
      frequencies))
```



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```



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```
(~>> (first-n-odds 10000)
      (chunks-of 2)
      (map product)
      (map (λ (x) (/ 8.0 x))))
      (sum)))
```

#2

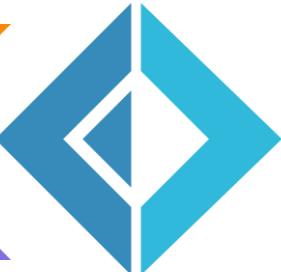


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## Contest 176

Problem 1



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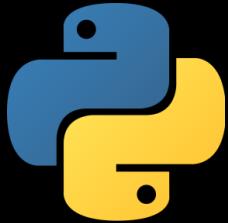
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[ -2, -1, -1, -1 ]

length = 4



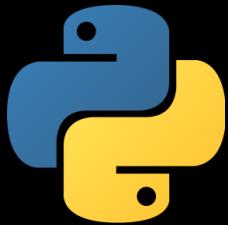
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	flatMap	filter	count
	reduce + append	filter	length
	flatten		count
	concat	filter	count
	concat	filter	length
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# ITM: Initialize Then Modify X

```
def countNegatives(self, grid: List[List[int]]) -> int:  
    ans = 0  
    for row in grid:  
        for i in row:  
            if i < 0:  
                ans += 1  
    return ans
```





```
def countNegatives(self, grid: List[List[int]]) -> int:  
    return sum(i < 0 for j in grid for i in j)
```





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[–] **Academic\_Childhood** 13 points 3 months ago

The unidiomatic, old-fashioned, mutating Python method is the one that every developer from every language will immediately be able to decipher what it does.



[–] **arkethos** [S] 7 points 3 months ago

I agree with your statement. The largest number of programmers across every language will be able to read the "ITM" code. However, you don't state whether you think this code is objectively better - which I would adamantly argue it is not.

It is an "artifact" of our CS education system and therefore the implicit "internet" education that is available that more people are able to read the nested `for` loops in Python compared to the Ruby

```
grid.flatten.count { |x| x < 0 }
```

In my opinion, the Ruby code (without any knowledge of computer science or programming in general) is objectively more readable and understandable. However, algorithms and algorithm composition is not something taught often enough, whereas `for` loops are taught in every CS 101 course.



[–] **arkethos** [S] 10 points 3 months ago

Also, you almost argue for the FP style when you say

I want to count something

Yes the Haskell solution doesn't have `count`, but Scala, Ruby, D and so many of the solutions are literally calling an algorithm called `count`! That is exactly what we want. And to defend Haskell, you can easily define

```
count = length . filter
```

There **isn't** agreement on this topic

# ITM: Initialize Then Modify

1. “raw loops” (Sean Parent)
2. initialization-declaration split (Ben Deane)  
construction-assignment split
3. Non-RAII code

# How to Avoid the **ITM** Anti-Pattern?

1. Use algorithms
2. Use I+LE
3. Use RAII

All of these enable more **const**

## YouTube Video Links:

Speaker	Conference/Meetup	Year	Talk
Conor Hoekstra	PyCon	2020	<a href="#">Beautiful Python Refactoring</a>
Sean Parent	Going Native	2013	<a href="#">C++ Seasoning</a>
Jason Turner	CppCon	2016	<a href="#">Rich Code for Tiny Computers</a>
Ben Deane	C++Now	2018	<a href="#">Easy to Use, Hard to Misuse: Declarative Style in C++</a>
Andrey Breslav	Google I/O	2018	<a href="#">How to Kotlin - from the Lead Kotlin Language Designer</a>
Sean Parent	BoostCon	2012	<a href="#">Now What? A vignette in three parts</a>
Jason Turner	CppCon	2019	<a href="#">C++ Code Smells</a>
Kate Gregory	CppCon	2014	<a href="#">Modernizing Legacy C++ Code</a>



Sean Parent

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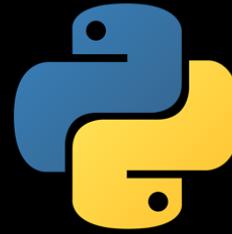
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Kate Gregory

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