

And Then() Some(T)

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Abstract

Don't look in the box!

Forget about Monads and burritos - let's get practical and see how C++ got more functional by way of Rust Option(T) and Haskell Maybe.

Can we write cleaner code using continuations? Let's explore patterns of using C++23 std::optional and std::expected.

See how combinators and higher-order functions can be used to manage control flow in a modular fashion, by building pipelines of computation yielding values.

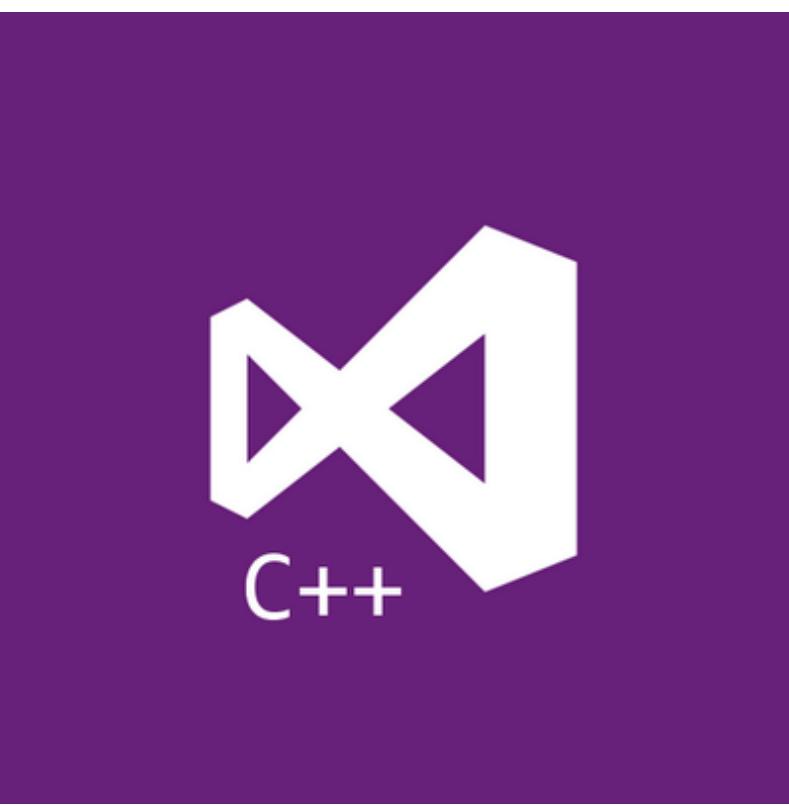
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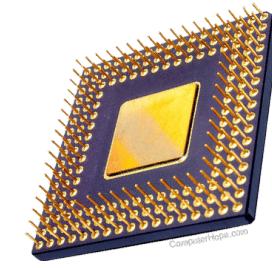
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Paradox of Programming

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**Is it easier to think like a machine,
than to do some simple math?**

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Machine

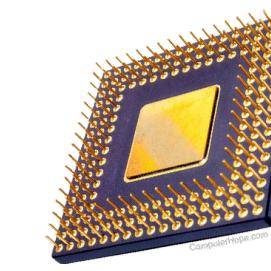


Human

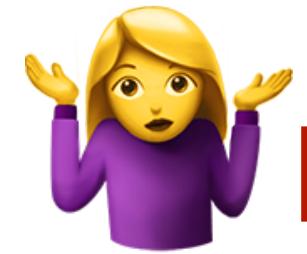
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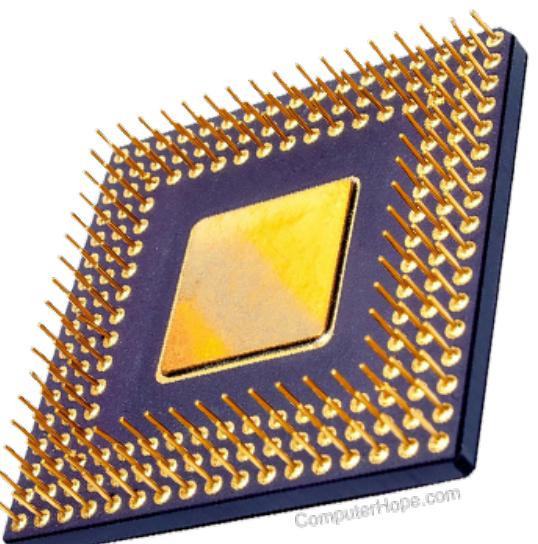
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Imperative

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The computation method is
variable assignment



Declarative

WHAT

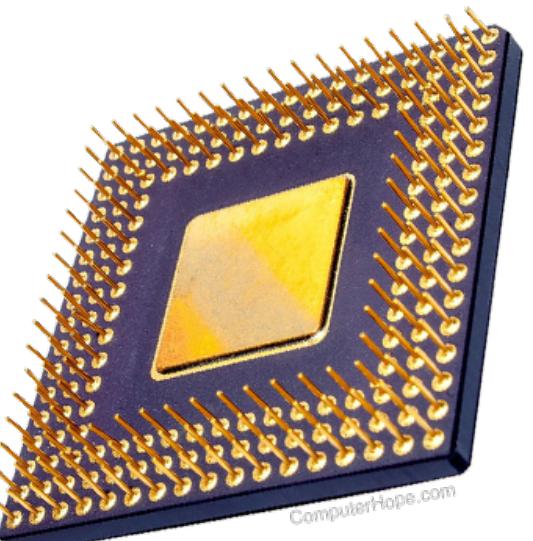
The computation method is
logic & rules



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Functional

WHAT

The computation method is
function application



Goal:

Minimizing moving parts



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OO makes code understandable by encapsulating moving parts. FP makes code understandable by minimizing moving parts.

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What is Functional Programming ?

- Functional programming is a **style** of programming in which the basic method of computation is the ***application of functions*** to arguments
- A functional **language** is one that supports and encourages the ***functional style***



Are you already using `std::optional` ?

Would you want to write exception-less
error handling with C++23 `std::expected` ?

You only need to understand 2 functions
to write C++ in a functional style

transform()

and_then()

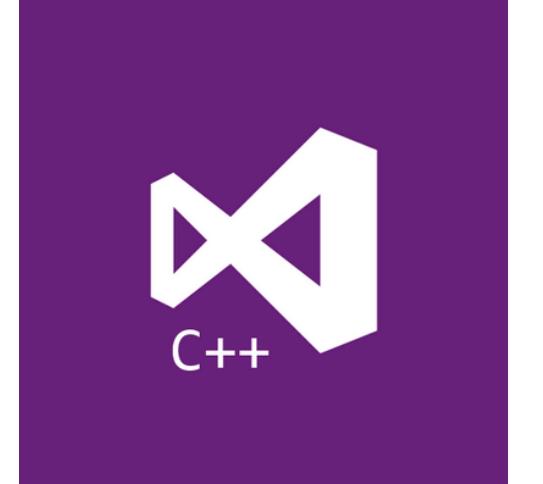
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What do you mean ?

pipelines

Maybe | Just

fold

lazy evaluation

monads

map

pattern matching

pure functions

category theory

ranges

algorithms

lambdas & closures

declarative vs imperative

higher order functions

FP

currying

recursion

optional

lifting

monoids

values types

algebraic data types

composition

expressions vs statements

partial application

Not a talk about...

>>=Haskell

But...

Most of the "new" ideas and innovations in modern programming languages are actually very old...

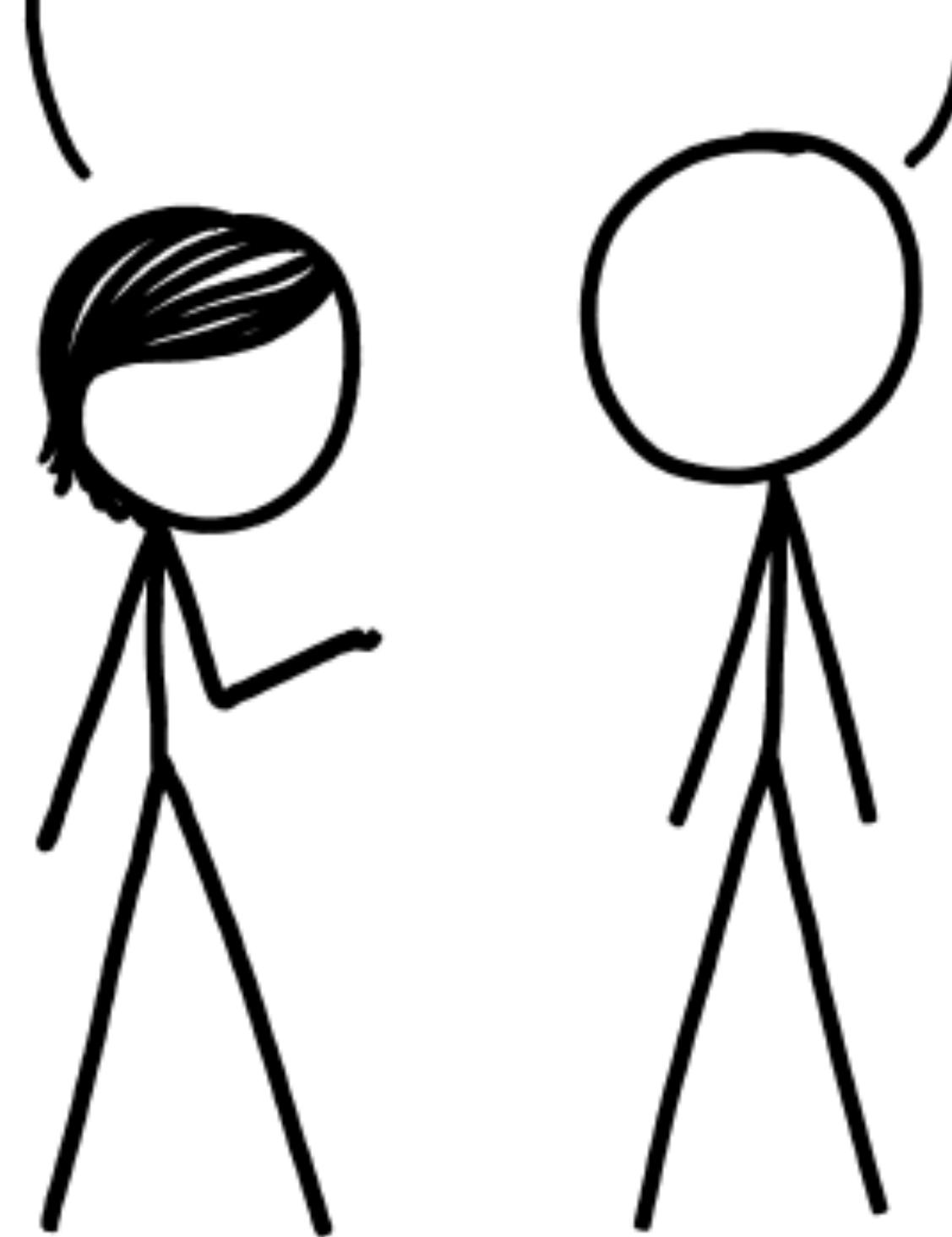


- 1930s Alonzo Church develops the lambda calculus, a simple but powerful *theory of functions*
- 1950s John McCarthy develops Lisp, the *first functional language*, with some influences from the lambda calculus, but retaining *variable assignments*
- 1960s Peter Landin develops ISWIM, the first *pure functional language*, based strongly on the lambda calculus, with *no assignments*
- 1970s John Backus develops FP, a functional language that emphasizes *higher-order functions* and reasoning about programs
- 1970s Robin Milner and others develop ML, the first modern functional language, which introduced *type inference* and *polymorphic types*
- 70-80s David Turner develops a number of *lazy functional languages*, culminating in the Miranda system
- 1987 An international committee starts the development of Haskell, a *standard lazy functional language*
- 1990s Phil Wadler and others develop *type classes* and *monads*, two of the main innovations of Haskell



CODE WRITTEN IN HASKELL
IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE
NO SIDE EFFECTS.

...BECAUSE NO ONE
WILL EVER RUN IT?



xkcd.com/1312/

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My claim is that it has.

But not as a Roman legion loudly marching in a new territory, rather as distributed Trojan horses popping in at the gates, masquerading as modern features or novel ideas in today's mainstream languages.

Modern C++ is functional

Functional Programming ideas that have been around for over 40 years are rediscovered to solve our current software complexity problems.

Indeed, contemporary C++ has become more functional.

From mundane concepts like lambdas & closures, std::function, values, ADT, to composable of STL algorithms, lazy ranges, folding, mapping, partial application, higher-order functions or even monads such as optional, future, expected ...

A Taste of Haskell

`f [] = []`

`f (x:xs) = f ys ++ [x] ++ f zs`

where

`ys = [a | a ← xs, a ≤ x]`

`zs = [b | b ← xs, b > x]`

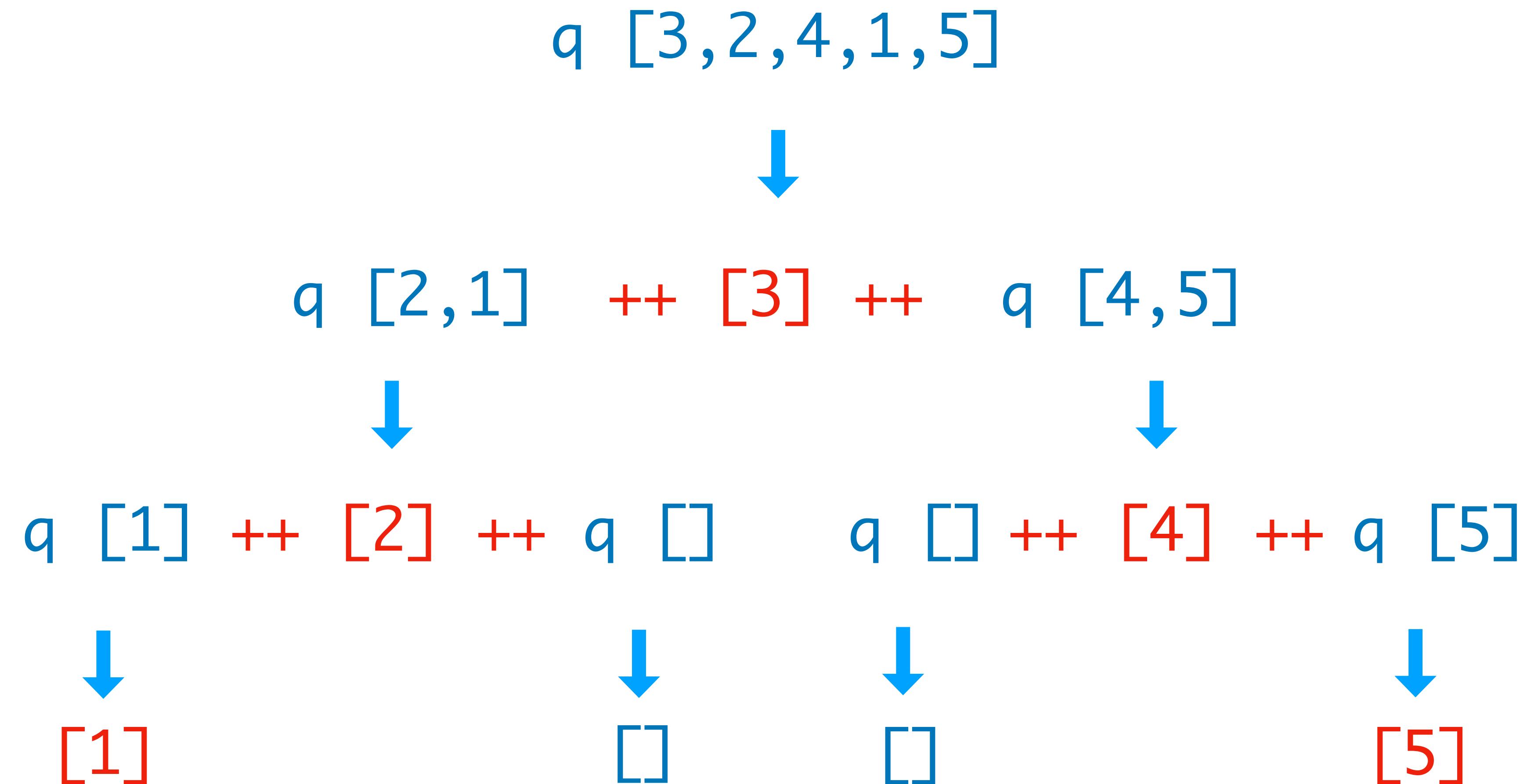


What does `f` do ?

Quick Sort

```
qsort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
qsort []      = []
qsort (x:xs) =
    qsort smaller ++ [x] ++ qsort larger
  where
    smaller = [a | a <- xs, a ≤ x]
    larger  = [b | b <- xs, b > x]
```

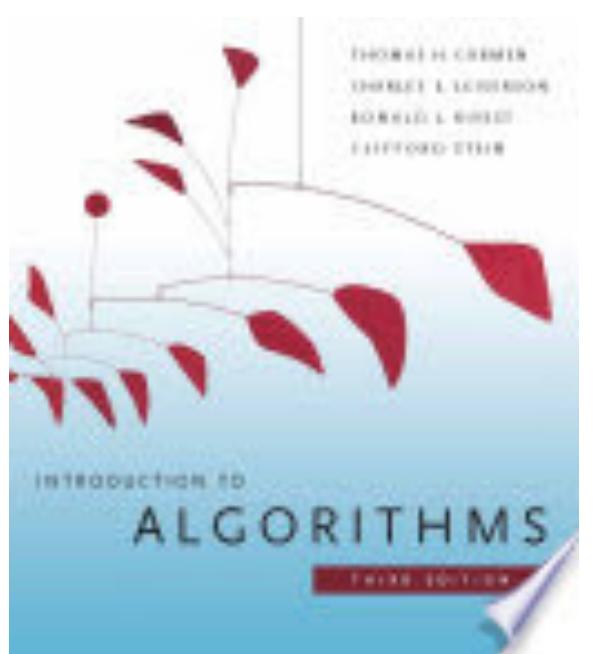
Quick Sort



Quick Sort

```
void quickSort(arr[], low, high)
{
    if (low < high)
    {
        /* pi is partitioning index, arr[pi] is now
           at right place */
        pi = partition(arr, low, high);

        quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
    }
}
```



pseudo-code

```
/* This function takes last element as pivot, places
   the pivot element at its correct position in sorted
   array, and places all smaller (smaller than pivot)
   to left of pivot and all greater elements to right
   of pivot */
partition (arr[], low, high)
{
    // pivot (Element to be placed at right position)
    pivot = arr[high];

    i = (low - 1) // Index of smaller element

    for (j = low; j <= high- 1; j++)
    {
        // If current element is smaller than or
        // equal to pivot
        if (arr[j] <= pivot)
        {
            i++; // increment index of smaller element
            swap arr[i] and arr[j]
        }
    }
    swap arr[i + 1] and arr[high])
    return (i + 1)
}
```

True Story

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The task:

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His solution written in **Pascal** was 10 pages long.

True Story

Doug McIlroy



[wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy)

True Story

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His response was a 6-line shell script that did the same:

```
tr -cs A-Za-z '\n' |  
tr A-Z a-z |  
sort |  
uniq -c |  
sort -rn |  
sed ${1}q
```

[wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy)

It's all about | pipelines

Taking inspiration from **Doug McIlroy**'s UNIX shell script,
write an algorithm in **your favorite programming language**,
that solves the same problem: **word frequencies**



I'm hooked.

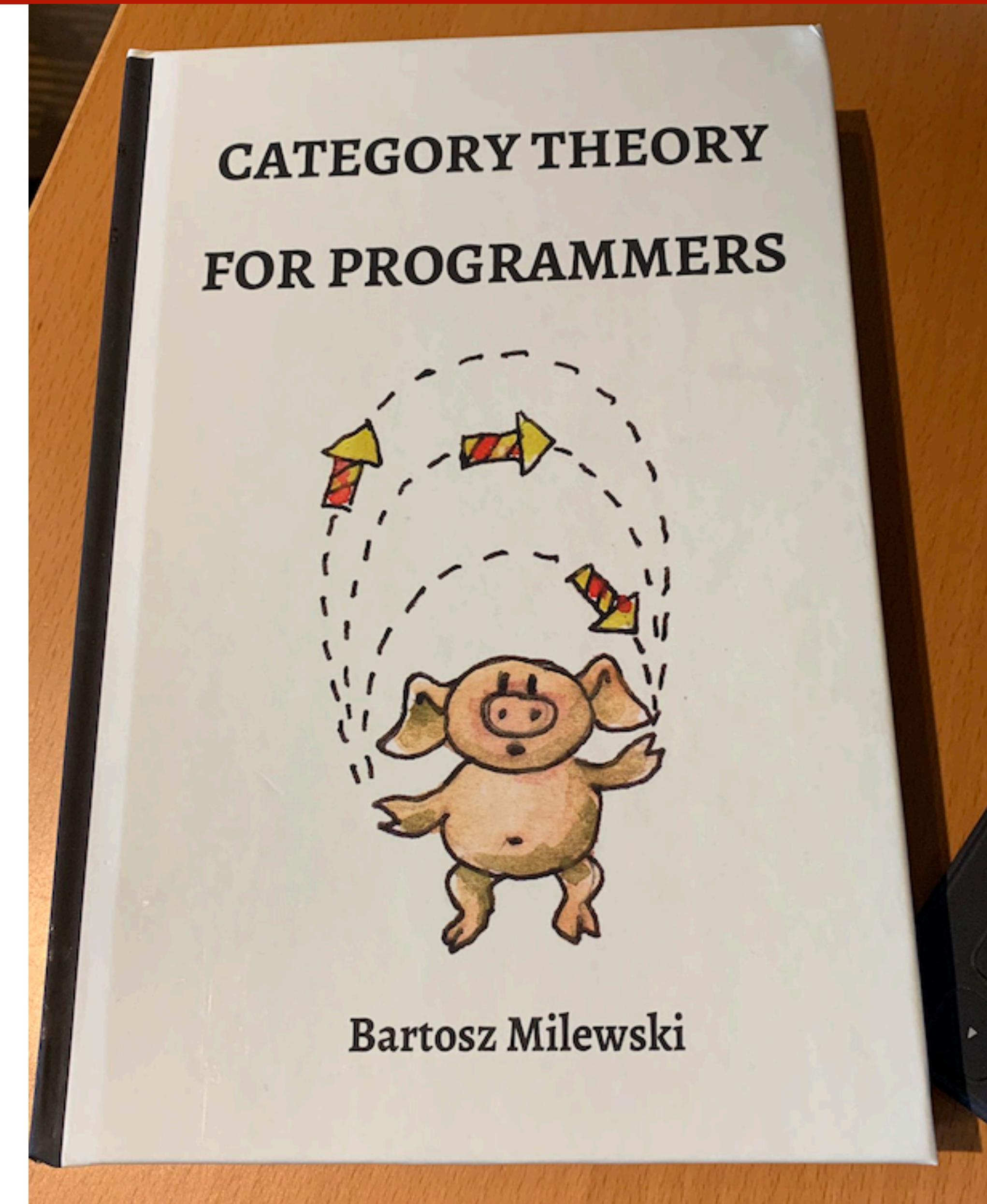
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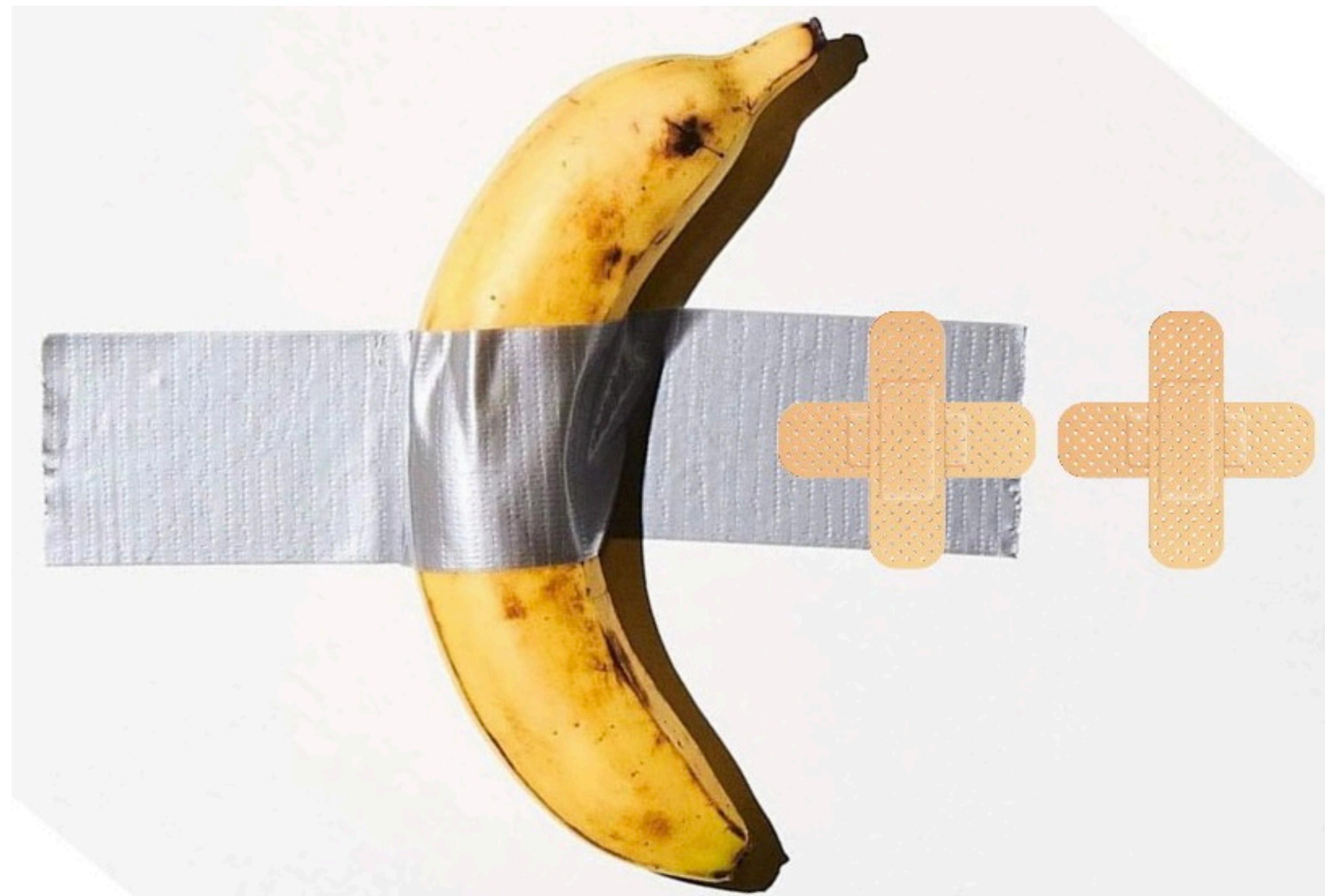
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Functional Programming

but... in C++ 😐

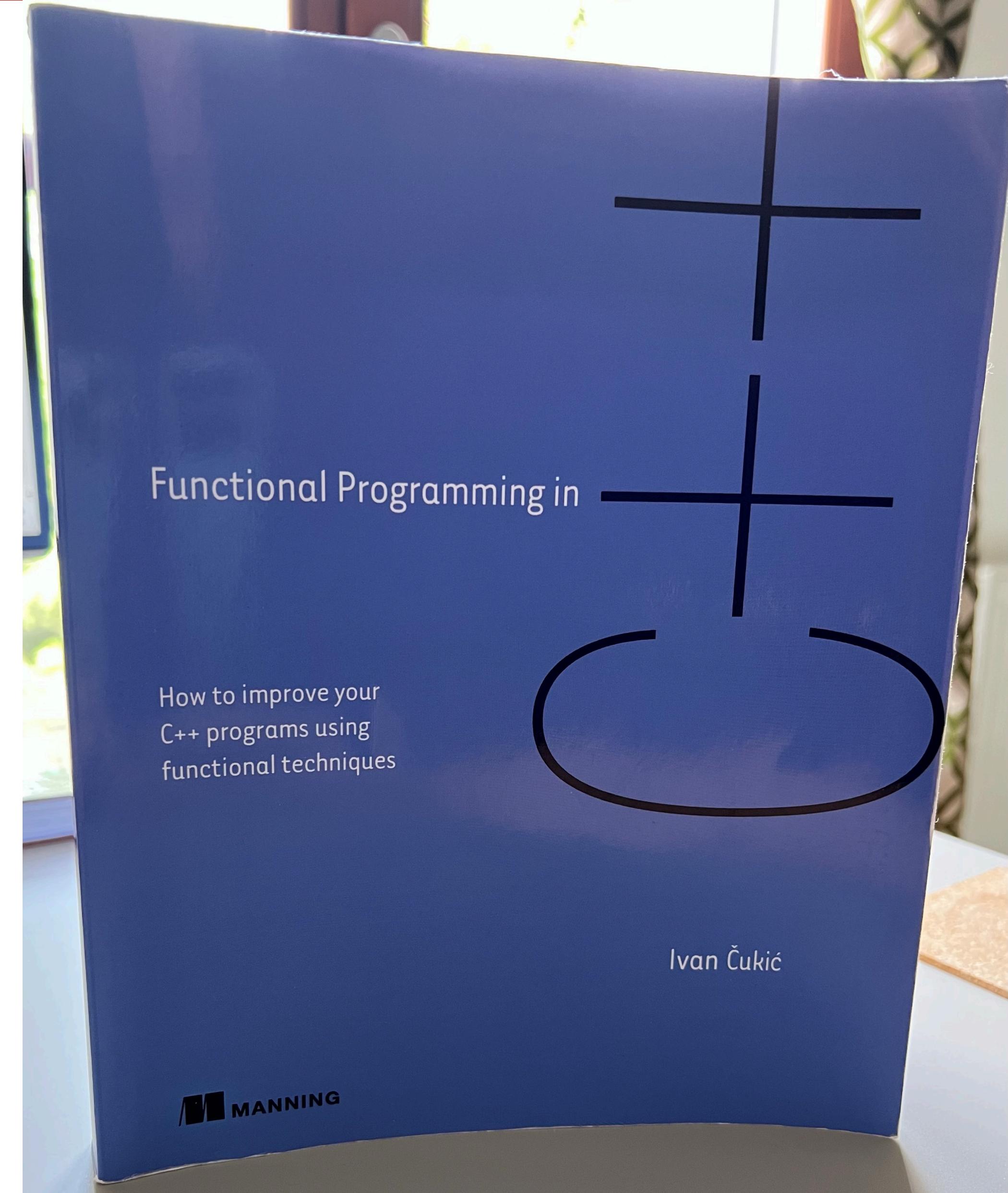


The Book



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Need a lift?

Lift 

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Higher-Order Functions

`boost::hof`

boost.org/doc/libs/develop/libs/hof/doc/html/doc/

Need a lift?

A C++17 library of simple `constexpr` higher order functions of predicates and for making functional composition easier.

These help reduce code duplication and improve clarity, for example in code using STL `<algorithm>`

github.com/rollbear/lift

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Higher order functions

- equal
- not_equal
- less_than
- less_equal
- greater_than
- greater_equal
- negate
- compose
- when_all
- when_any
- when_none
- if_then
- if_then_else
- do_all

Need a lift?

```
struct Employee {  
    std::string name;  
    unsigned    number;  
};  
  
const std::string& select_name(const Employee& e) { return e.name; }  
unsigned select_number(const Employee& e) { return e.number; }  
  
std::vector<Employee> staff;  
  
// sort employees by name  
std::sort(staff.begin(), staff.end(),  
          lift::compose(std::less{}, select_name));  
  
// retire employee number 5  
auto i = std::find_if(staff.begin(), staff.end(),  
                      lift::compose(lift::equal(5), select_number));  
if (i != staff.end()) staff.erase(i);
```

Need a lift?

If you're using C++20 [ranges](#) you can get this (and more).

[Projections](#)... Oh my!

Need a lift?

Lifts **overloaded** functions named 'X' to one callable that can be used with other higher order functions.

```
#define LIFT_THRICE(...)  
    noexcept(noexcept(__VA_ARGS__)) \  
    -> decltype(__VA_ARGS__) \  
{  
    return __VA_ARGS__;  
}  
  
#define LIFT_FWD(x) std::forward<decltype(x)>(x)  
  
#define LIFT(lift_func) [](auto&& ... p)  
    LIFT_THRICE(lift_func(LIFT_FWD(p)...))
```

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```
std::vector<int> vi;  
...   
std::vector<std::string> vs;  
  
std::transform(std::begin(vi), std::end(vi),  
              std::back_inserter(vs),  
              LIFT(std::to_string)); //lift overloaded set of 9 functions
```

Lifting overload sets into objects: <wg21.link/p0834>

Need a lift?

Higher Order Functions for Ordinary C++ Developers

Björn Fahller

```
compose([](auto const& s) { return s = "foo"; },
        std::mem_fn(&foo::name))
```

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Boxes



Type Constructors

There are various ways to hide  a value:

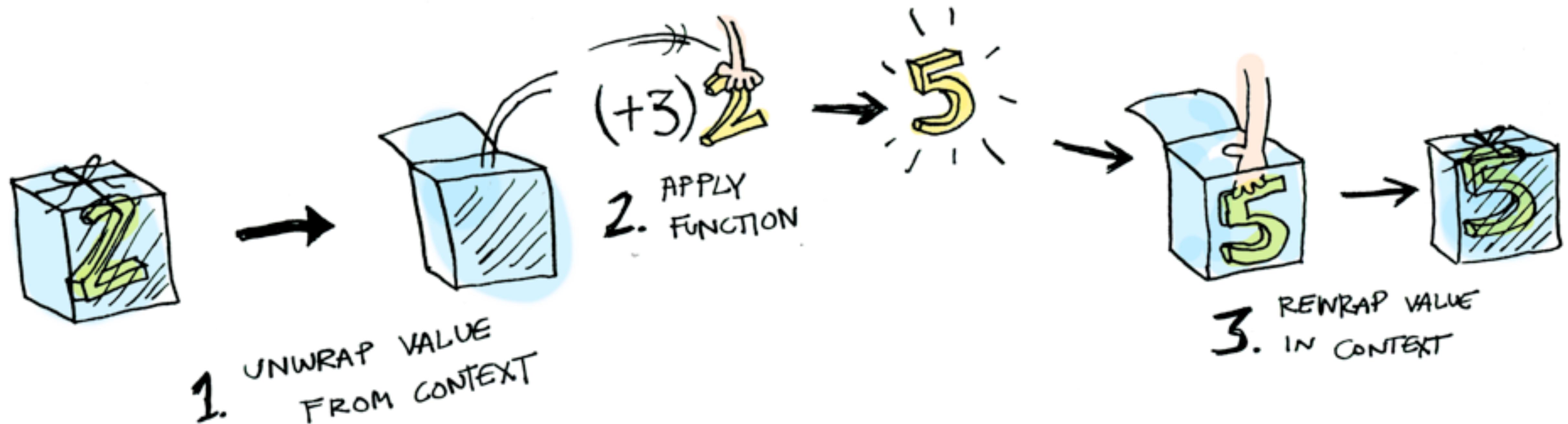
- `unique_ptr<T> p;`
- `shared_ptr<T> p;`
- `vector<T> v;`
- `optional<T> o;`
- `function<T(int)> f;`

Access the value within:

- `*p | p.get()`
- `*p | p.get()`
- `v[0] | *v.begin()`
- `*o | o.value()`
- `f(5)`

Functor | Applicative | Monad

Performing actions on the hidden value, without breaking the 📦 BOX.



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The Box

`std::optional` can simplify code

- don't look inside the **box** (unwrap)
- don't use optional for error handling
- when in doubt, draw inspiration from other languages:

Haskell ([Maybe](#)) or Rust ([Option<T>](#))





The Box



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...

Why can't you give a Rustacian a christmas present?

They unwrap everything right away.

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doc.rust-lang.org/rust-by-example/error/option_unwrap



The Box

optional<T> f()

if / else

optional<T> g(optional<T> in)

if / else

optional<T> h(optional<T> in)

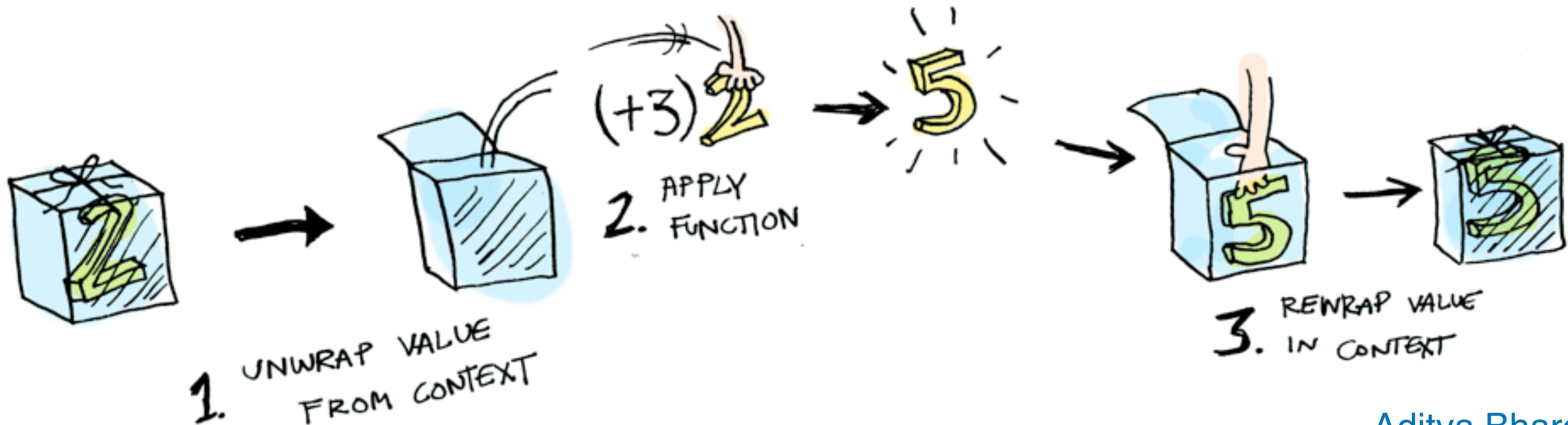


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The Box

fmap (+3)



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Example

Calling the a function on the `std::string` value inside the `std::optional` box.

```
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...
optional<string> str = ...; // from an operation that could fail

string cap;
if (str)
    cap = capitalize(str.value()); // capitalize(*str);
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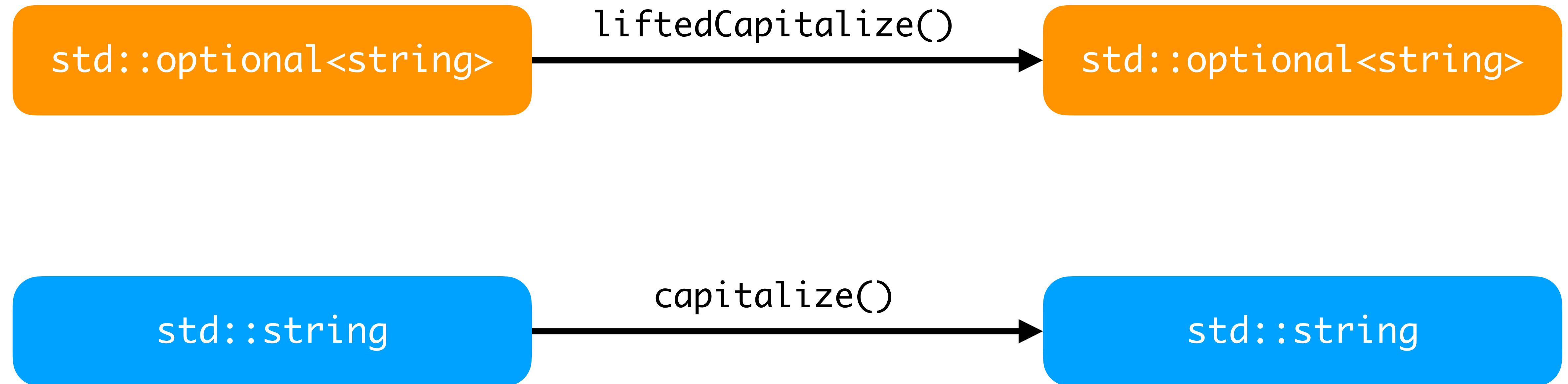
Lifting capitalize()

Lifted `capitalize()` operates on `optional<string>` and produces `optional<string>`

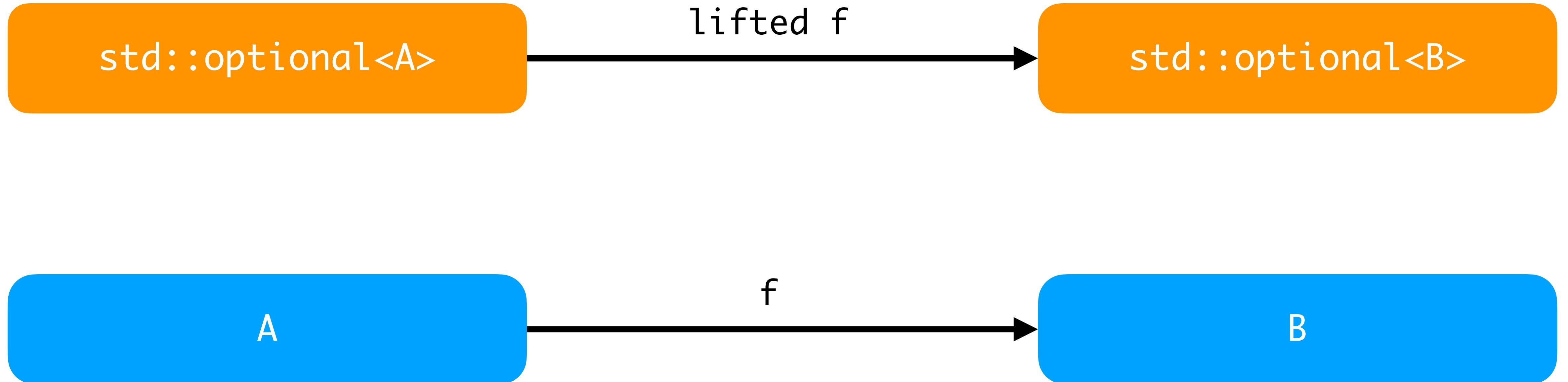
```
optional<string> liftedCapitalize(const optional<string> & s)
{
    optional<string> result;
    if (s)
        result = capitalize(*s);

    return result;
}
```

Lifting capitalize()



Lifting any function



Lifting any function

"Lifted **f**" operates on **optional<A>** and produces **optional**

```
template<class A, class B>
optional<B> fmap(function<B(A)> f, const optional<A> & o)
{
    optional<B> result;
    if (o)
        result = f(*o); // wrap a <B>

    return result;
}
```

Lifting any function (take 2)

```
template<typename T, typename F>
auto fmap(const optional<T> & o, F f) -> decltype( f(o.value()) )
{
    if (o)
        return f(o.value());
    else
        return {}; // std::nullopt
}
```

Lifting a function to a vector

"Lifted **f**" operates on **vector<A>** and produces **vector**

```
template<class A, class B>
vector<B> fmap(function<B(A)> f, vector<A> v)
{
    vector<B> result;
    result.reserve(v.size());
    std::transform(v.begin(), v.end(), back_inserter(result), f);
    return result;
}

vector<string> names{ ... };

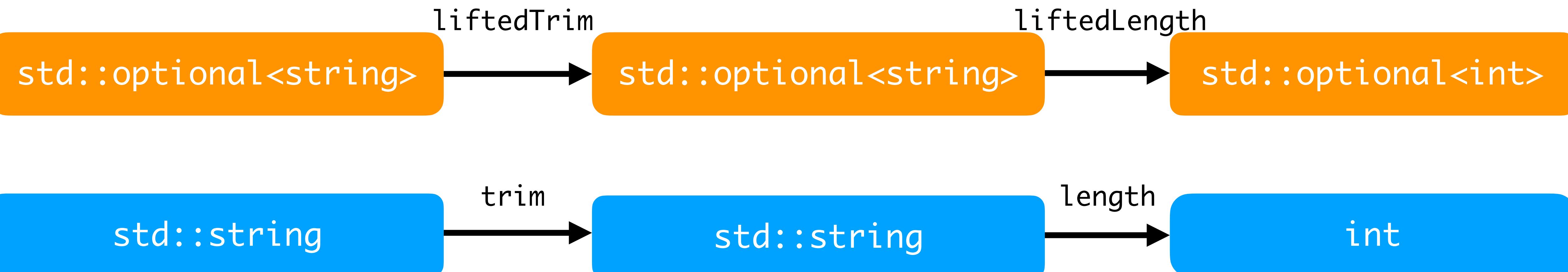
vector<int> lengths = fmap<string, int>(&length, names);
```

Composition of lifted functions

The real power of lifted functions shines when **composing** functions.

```
optional<string> str{" Some text "};
```

```
auto len = fmap<string, int>(&length,  
                           fmap<string, string>(&trim, str));
```



Composition Example

Let's build a symbol table for a debugged program.

```
optional<int64_t> current_pc = ... ; // function address
...
optional<string> debug_location()
{
    if (!current_pc)
        return {};
    const auto function = dsym::load_symbol(current_pc.value());
    if (!function)
        return {};
    return dsym::to_string(function.value()); // function name
}
```

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...  
  
optional<string> debug_location()  
{  
    return fmap(  
        fmap(current_pc, dsym::load_symbol),  
        dsym::to_string  
    );  
}
```

Composition Example (take 3)

We could create an `fmap` transformation that has the pipe `|` syntax, like ranges:

```
optional<int64_t> current_pc = ... ; // function address  
...  
  
optional<string> debug_location()  
{  
    return current_pc  
        | fmap(dsym::load_symbol)  
        | fmap(dsym::to_string);  
}
```

Functor (recap)

Type constructor

- create a **box** type that wraps another type
- encapsulates the values of another type into a *context*

Function lifting

- create a *higher-order* function (eg. **fmap**)
- for any function **A->B** create a function **box<A> -> box**

Why?

- no need to break encapsulation (no peek in )
- better composition (chaining, continuation)



Monadic `std::optional` (C++23 P0798)

```
optional<int> string_view_to_int(string_view sv)
{
    const auto first = sv.data();
    const auto last = first + sv.size();
    int val = -1;
    const auto result = std::from_chars(first, last, val);

    if (result.ec == std::errc{} && result.ptr == last)
        return val;
    else
        return nullopt;
}
```

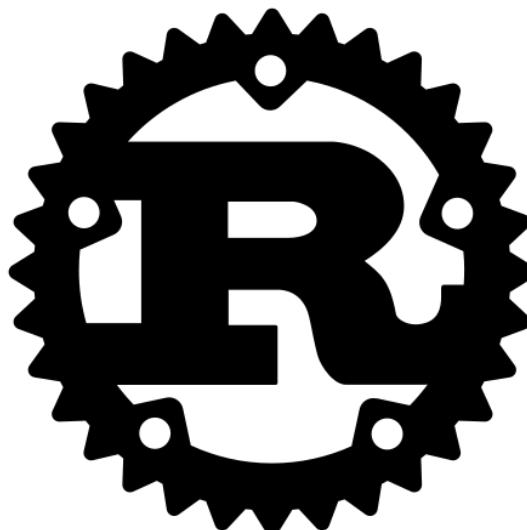


Monadic `std::optional` (C++23 P0798)

```
cout << string_view_to_int(sv)
    .and_then( [=](int val) -> optional<int> {
        const int logs = clamp(val, 0, max_logs);
        if (logs > 0)
            return logs;
        else
            return std::nullopt;
    })
    .transform([](int val) {
        return std::format("Collecting in {} logs.", val);
    })
    .or_else([] {
        return optional<string>{"Log error"};
    })
    .value()
```

Heritage

```
enum Option<T> {  
    None,  
    Some(T),  
}
```



```
let second = ["Haskell", "Rust"].get(1);  
println!("{:?}", second); // prints: Some("Rust")
```

```
let langs = ["C++", "Rust", "Carbon", "Val"];  
let successor_lang : Option<&i32> = langs.get(4);  
println!("{:?}", successor_lang); // prints: None
```

Heritage

```
data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing
```

```
getFirst :: [a] -> Maybe a
getFirst (x : _) = Just x
getFirst [] = Nothing
```

```
print $ getFirst ["Haskell", "Rust", "C+"]
-- prints: Just "Haskell"
```

```
print $ getFirst []
-- prints: Nothing
```



Heritage / Concepts



`transform()`

`and_then()`

functor

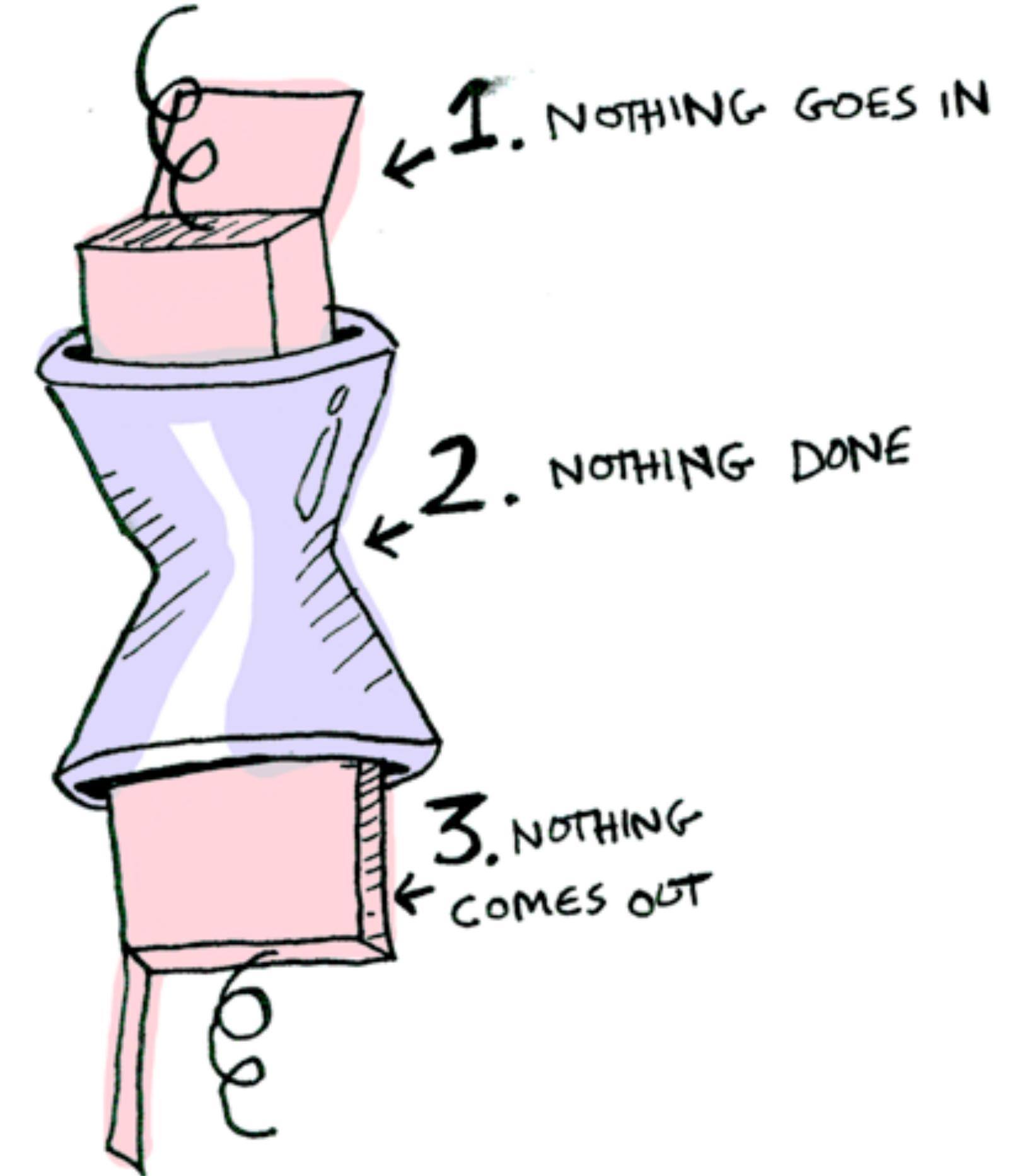
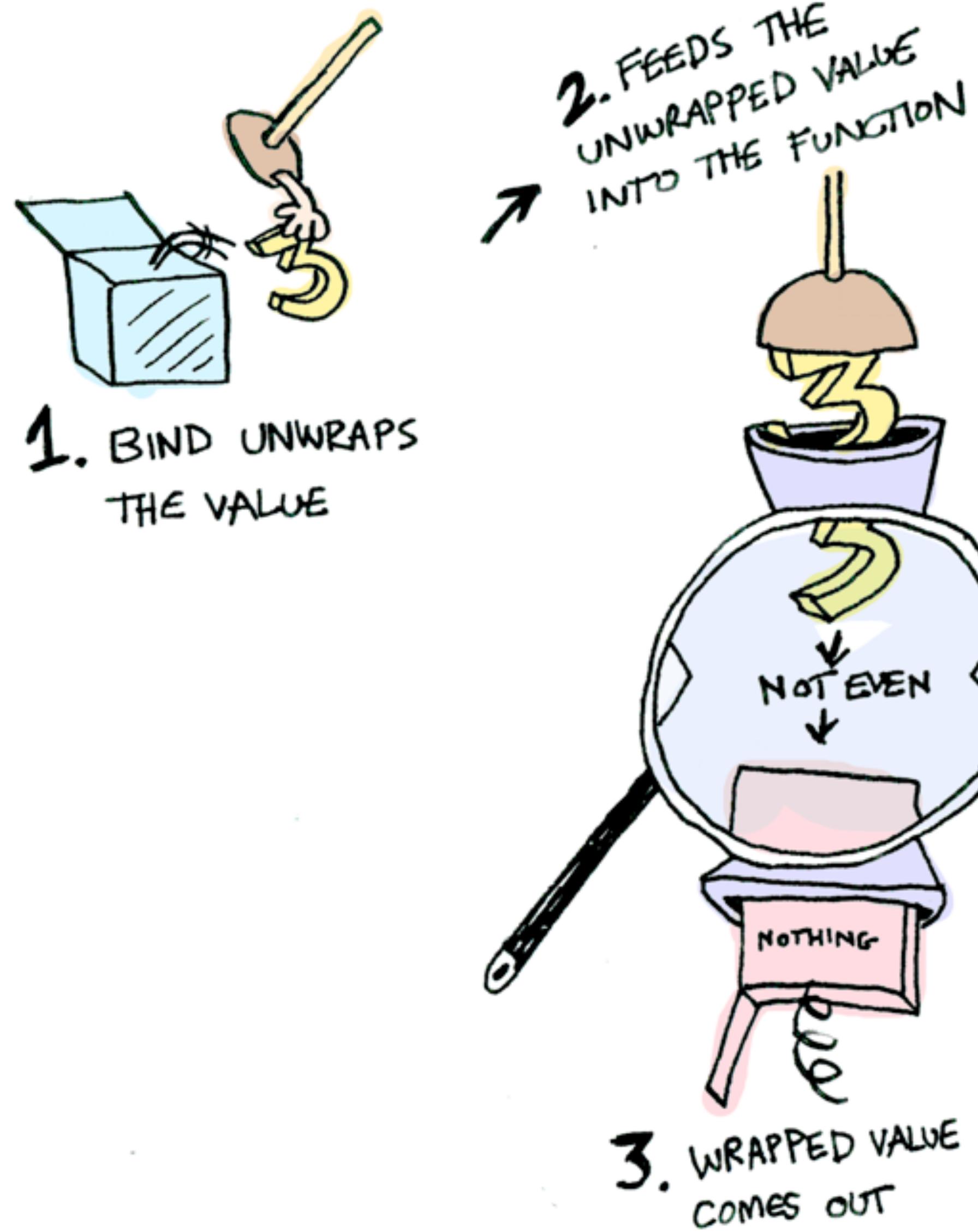
monad



`fmap`

`>>= (bind)`

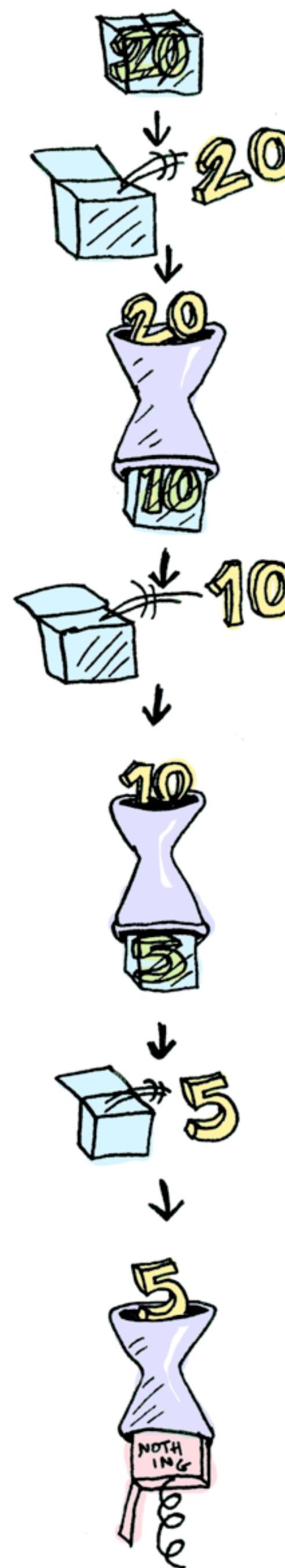
Bind monad



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Bind >>= chains



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Levels...

```
auto p = create_widget(widget_type::plain)
    .or_else([]() -> std::optional<widget> {
        std::cout << "Failed to create widget";
        return std::nullopt; })
    .and_then(add_styles)
    .or_else([]() -> std::optional<widget> {
        std::cout << "Failed to add styles\n";
        return std::nullopt; })
    .and_then(add_frame)
    .or_else([]() -> std::optional<widget> {
        std::cout << "Failed to add frame\n";
        return std::nullopt; })
    .and_then(add_region)
    .or_else([]() -> std::optional<widget> {
        std::cout << "Failed to add region\n";
        return std::nullopt; })
    .transform(get_render);
```

Levels...

```
optional<widget> add_frame(optional<widget>)
{
    if(!w) return std::nullopt;
    ...
}

optional<render_surface> get_render(optional<widget> w)
{
    if(!w) return std::nullopt;
    ...
}

optional<optional<render_surface>> p = create_widget(widget_type::plain)
    .transform(get_render);
```

⚠ If the callable passed to `transform()` returns a `optional<T>`
=> the result will be a `optional<optional<T>>`

Nested optionals

```
optional<optional<optional<T>>> result;
```

```
...
```

```
result.value().value().value()
```



Dude...



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Flattening

We can combine the two different **empty states** of the `std::optional` into just one.

=> we **flatten** the `optional<optional<T>>` into a `optional<T>`

⚠ Flattening a `optional<T>` loses information:

- we're squashing two distinct empty states into one.
- but without additional **contexts** the two **empty states** are the same anyway (for the caller)
- the **empty state** of `std::optional<T>` does not have any inherent meaning
 - only the *origin* gives it meaning, such as "*failed to create*" or "*failed to add frame*"
- probably OK in most cases (when context is not relevant to the caller)
- if **context/reason** for not having a value matters => need to propagate it

No value - Why?

`std::optional` - great for expressing that some operation produced **no value**,
but it gives us **no information** to help us understand **why** the operation failed.

No value - Why?

`std::expected<T, E>`

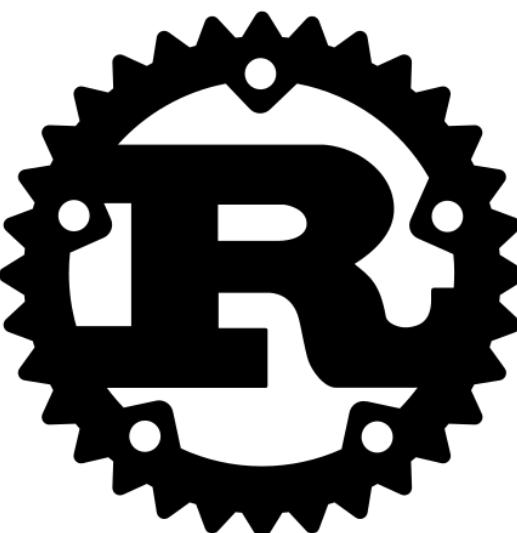
either the expected `T` value

or some `E` telling you what went wrong (why there is no value)

Expected

```
cout << string_view_to_int(sv)
    .and_then([=](int val) -> std::expected<int, ParseErr> {
        const int logs = clamp(val, 0, max_logs);
        if (logs > 0)
            return logs;
        else
            return std::unexpected(ParseErr("out of range"));
    })
    .transform([](int val) {
        return val + 1; // guard against off-by-one errors 😊
    })
    .or_else([] {
        return std::unexpected(ParseErr("not an integer"));
    })
    .value()
```

Heritage



```
enum Result<T, E> {
    Ok(T),
    Err(E),
}

fn safe_div(a: i32, b: i32) -> Result<i32, DivisionByZero> {
    match b {
        0 => Err(DivisionByZero), #[derive(Debug)]
        _ => Ok(a / b),
    }
}

println!("{:?}", safe_div(42, 2)); // prints: Ok(21)
println!("{:?}", safe_div(42, 0)); // prints: Err(DivisionByZero)
```

Result?

Heritage

```
data Either a b = Left a | Right b
```



```
safeDiv :: Int -> Int -> Either DivisionByZero Int
```

```
safeDiv x y = case y of
  0 -> Left DivisionByZero
  _ -> Right $ x `div` y
```

```
print $ safeDiv 42 2
```

```
-- prints: Right 21
```

```
print $ safeDiv 42 0
```

```
-- prints: Left DivisionByZero
```

```
data DivisionByZero = DivisionByZero
  deriving (Show)
```

Availability

std::optional

- libstdc++ GCC 7
- libc++ Clang 4
- Microsoft STL VS2017 15.2

C++ 17

Availability

std::expected

- libstdc++ GCC 12
- libc++ Clang 16
- Microsoft STL VS2022 17.3

C++ 23

.then()

Monadic operations for
std::optional (P0798)

- libstdc++ GCC 12
- libc++ Clang 14
- Microsoft STL VS2022 17.6

C++ 23

Monadic operations for
std::expected (P2505)

- libstdc++ GCC 13
- libc++ Clang 17
- Microsoft STL VS2022 17.6

Availability

Are we there yet?

- tl::optional
 - <https://github.com/TartanLlama/optional>
- tl::expected
 - <https://github.com/TartanLlama/expected>

C++11/14/17 functional interfaces, as single-header libraries

[Read more](#)



Sy Brand

Functional exception-less error handling with C++23's optional and expected

<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/cpp23s-optional-and-expected/>

Expressions yield **values**, Statements do not;

Declarative style

REPLACING CONDITIONALS

Style	Signature Element	Elimination Strategy
Imperative	Statement	multi-computation
Object-Oriented	Object construction	polymorphism
Functional	Function call	higher order function
Generic	Type instantiation	traits class

The Conditional-Replacement Meta-Pattern.

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Must watch

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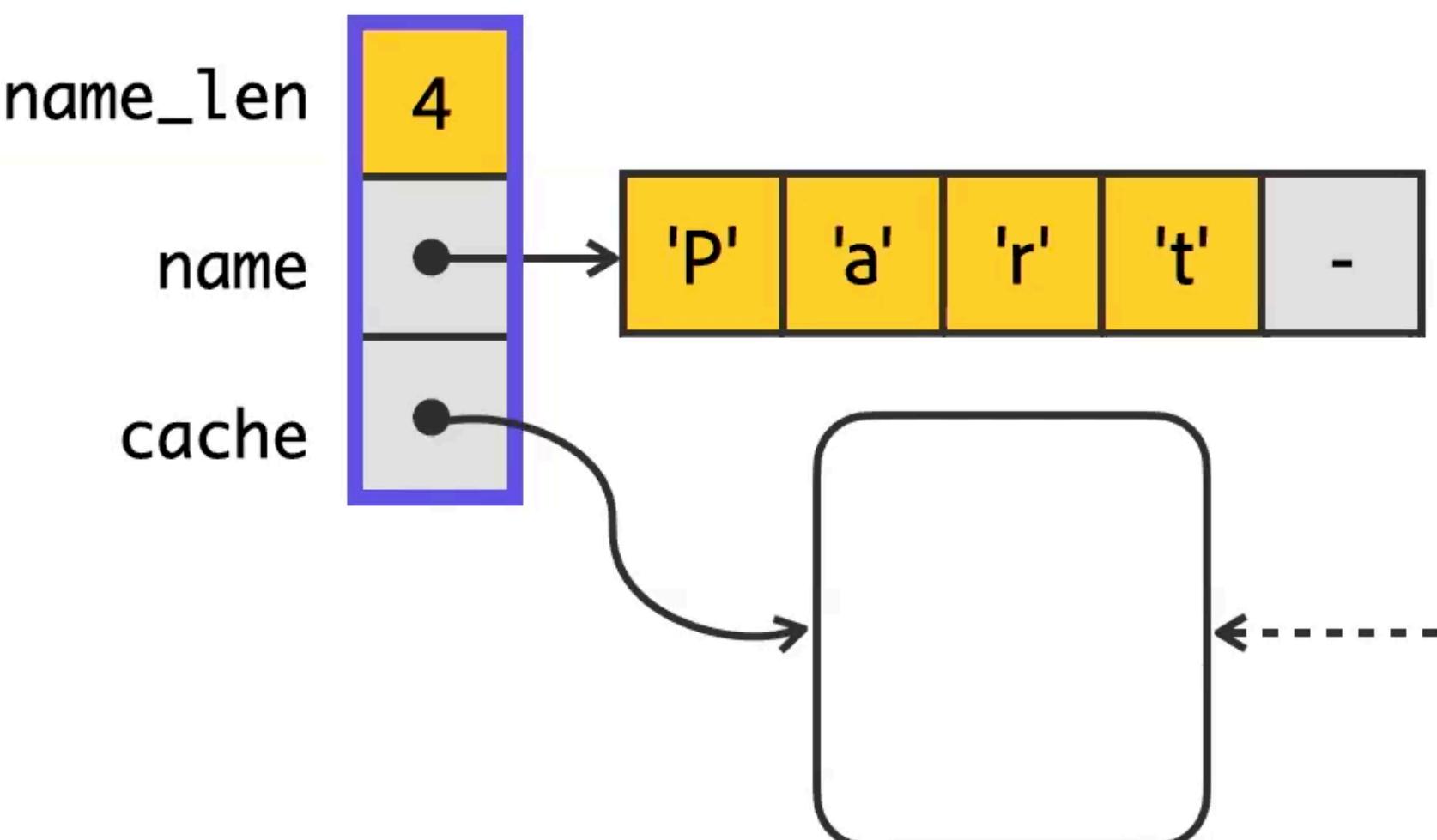
Value Semantics: Safety, Independence, Projection, & Future of Programming - Dave Abrahams CppCon 22

Values: whole-part semantics

Achieving value semantics today | decoupling an object graph

What's a value? You decide 🤦

That choice determines the *meaning* of a type.



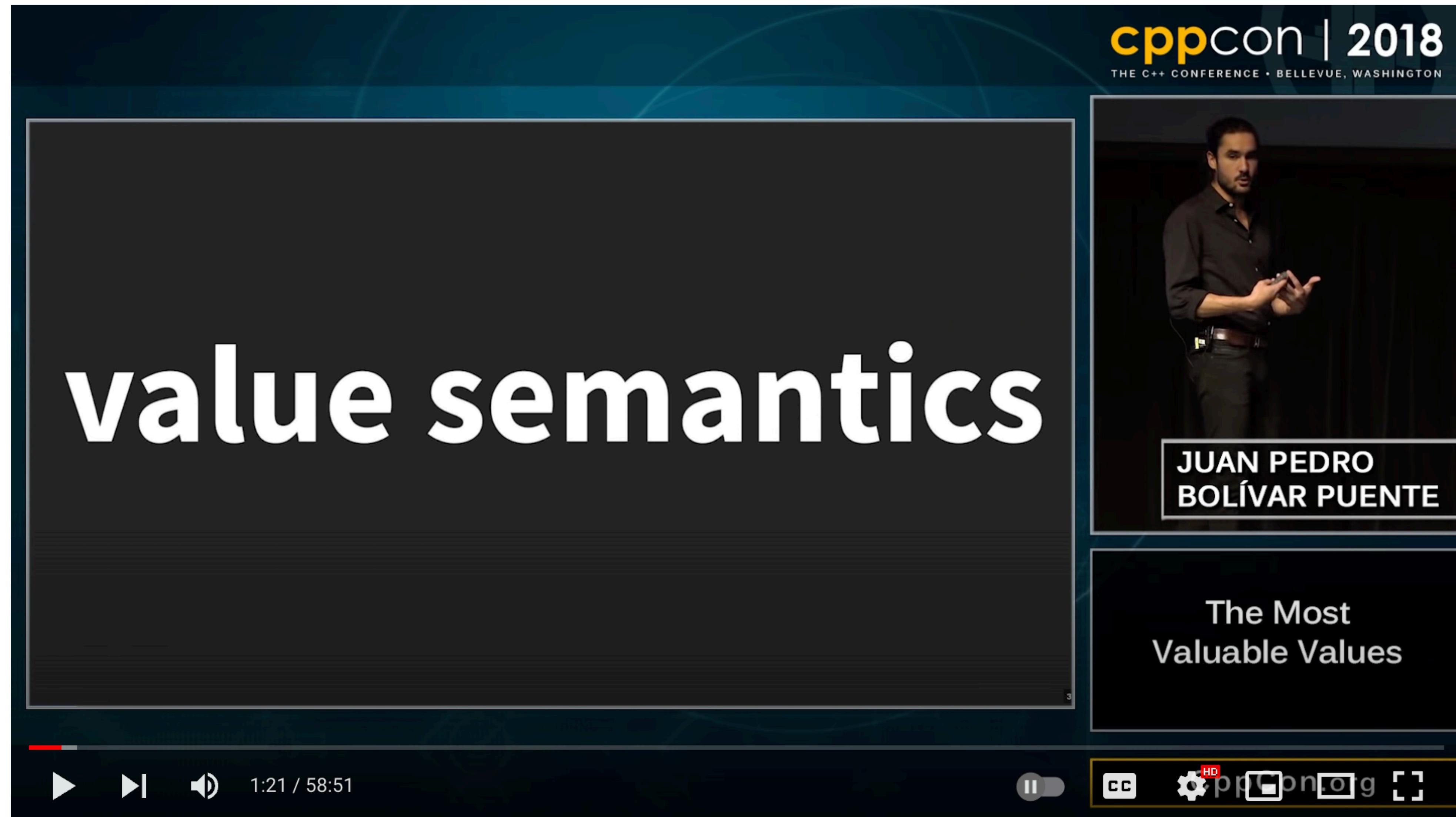
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Widget uses this cache to respond to queries faster or something. But the cache doesn't actually affect what which it does, except to make it faster. So neither the cache nor its pointer are part of the value, and voila! I just determined the value of my type by identifying its whole part relationships.

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Values



CppCon 2018: Juan Pedro Bolívar Puente “The Most Valuable Values”

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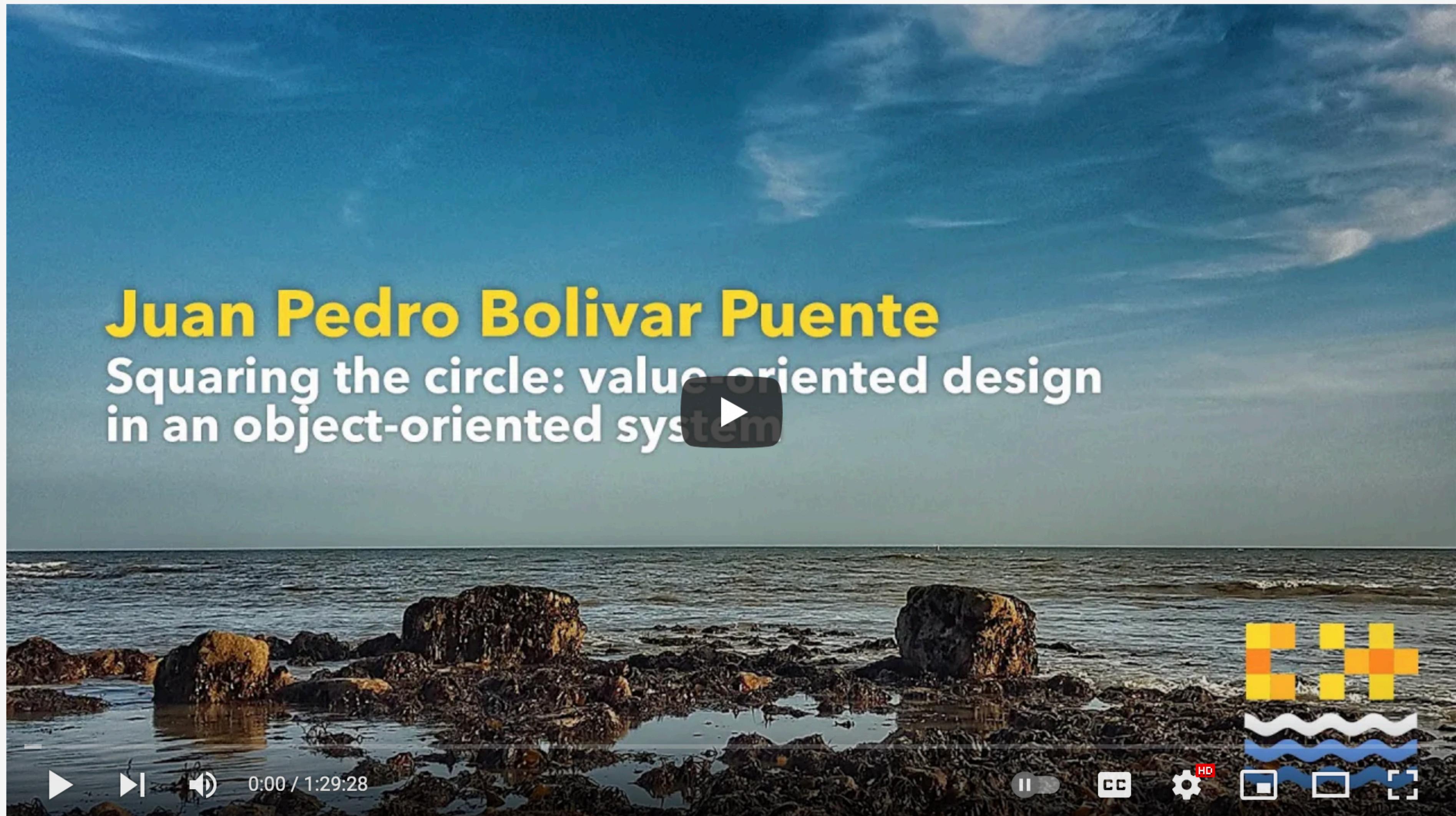
Most valuable Values

Value-oriented design reconciles **functional** and **procedural** programming by focusing on *value semantics*.

Like functional programming, it promotes **local reasoning** and **composition**.

It is however *pragmatic* and can be implemented in idiomatic C++, in existing codebases.

Juan Pedro Bolívar Puente



Value-oriented design in an object-oriented system - Juan Pedro Bolivar Puente [C++ on Sea 2020]

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C++ 20 Ranges

The beginning of the end for [begin, end)

Jeff Garland

Ranges



A taste of ranges

Print only the **even** elements of a range in **reverse** order:

```
std::for_each(  
    crbegin(v), crend(v),  
    [](auto const i)  
{  
        if(is_even(i))  
            cout << i;  
    });
```

```
for (auto const i : v  
      | reverse  
      | filter(is_even))  
{  
    cout << i;  
}
```

A taste of ranges

Skip the first **2** elements of the range and print only the **even** numbers of the **next 3** in the range:

```
auto it = cbegin(v);
std::advance(it, 2);
auto ix = 0;
while (it != cend(v) && ix++ < 3)
{
    if (is_even(*it))
        cout << (*it);
    it++;
}
```

```
for (auto const i : v
      | drop(2)
      | take(3)
      | filter(is_even))
{
    cout << i;
}
```

A taste of ranges

Modify an *unsorted* range so that it retains only the **unique** values but in **reverse** order.

```
vector<int> v{ 21, 1, 3, 8, 13, 1, 5, 2 };
std::sort(begin(v), end(v));

v.erase(
    std::unique(begin(v), end(v)),
end(v));

std::reverse(begin(v), end(v));
```

```
vector<int> v{ 21, 1, 3, 8, 13,
                1, 5, 2 };

v = std::move(v)
   | sort
   | unique
   | reverse;
```

A taste of ranges

Create a range of **strings** containing the **last 3** numbers **divisible to 7** in the range **[101, 200]**, in **reverse** order.

```
vector<string> v;

for (int n = 200, count = 0;
     n >= 101 && count < 3; --n)
{
    if (n % 7 == 0)
    {
        v.push_back(to_string(n));
        count++;
    }
}
```

```
auto v = iota_view(101, 201)
| reverse
| filter([](auto v) { return v%7==0; })
| transform(to_string)
| take(3)
| to<vector>();
```

It's all about | pipelines

Taking inspiration from **Doug McIlroy's** UNIX shell script:



```
tr -cs A-Za-z '\n' |
    tr A-Z a-z |
    sort |
    uniq -c |
    sort -rn |
    sed ${1}q
```

Word frequencies

```
const auto words =  
    input_range<string>(std::cin)  
    | view::transform(string_to_lower)  
    | view::transform(string_only_alpha)  
    | view::remove_if(&string::empty)  
    | ranges::sort  
    | ranges::to<vector>();
```

Word frequencies

```
const auto results = words
| view::group_by(equal_to{})
| view::transform([] (const auto & grp) {
    const auto size = distance(begin(grp), end(grp));
    const string word = *begin(grp);
    return make_pair(size, word);
})
| ranges::sort
| ranges::to<vector>();
```

Contemporary “Doug McIlroy” examples

Conor Hoekstra's Sushi for 2 🍣

```
template <int N>
constexpr auto sushi_for_two(std::array<int, N> sushi) {
    int current_sushi = 0;
    int sushi_in_a_row = 0;
    int prev_sushi_in_a_row = 0;
    int max_of_mins = 0;
    for (auto const s : sushi) {
        if (current_sushi != s) {
            current_sushi = s;
            if (prev_sushi_in_a_row == 0) {
                prev_sushi_in_a_row = sushi_in_a_row;
                sushi_in_a_row = 1;
            } else {
                auto const min = std::min(sushi_in_a_row, prev_sushi_in_a_row);
                max_of_mins = std::max(max_of_mins, min);
                prev_sushi_in_a_row = sushi_in_a_row;
                sushi_in_a_row = 1;
            }
        } else {
            sushi_in_a_row += 1;
        }
    }
    auto const min = std::min(sushi_in_a_row, prev_sushi_in_a_row);
    max_of_mins = std::max(max_of_mins, min);
    return max_of_mins * 2;
}
```



```
auto sushi_for_two(std::vector<int> sushi) {
    return 2 * std::ranges::max(sushi
        | chunk_by(_eq_)
        | transform(std::ranges::distance)
        | adjacent_transform<2>(_min_));
}
```



Tristan Brindle
@tristanbrindle

github.com/tcbrindle/flux

```
auto sushi_for_two(std::vector<int> const& sushi)
{
    return 2 * flux::ref(sushi)
        .chunk_by(std::equal_to{})
        .map(flux::count)
        .pairwise_map(std::ranges::min)
        .max()
        .value();
}
```

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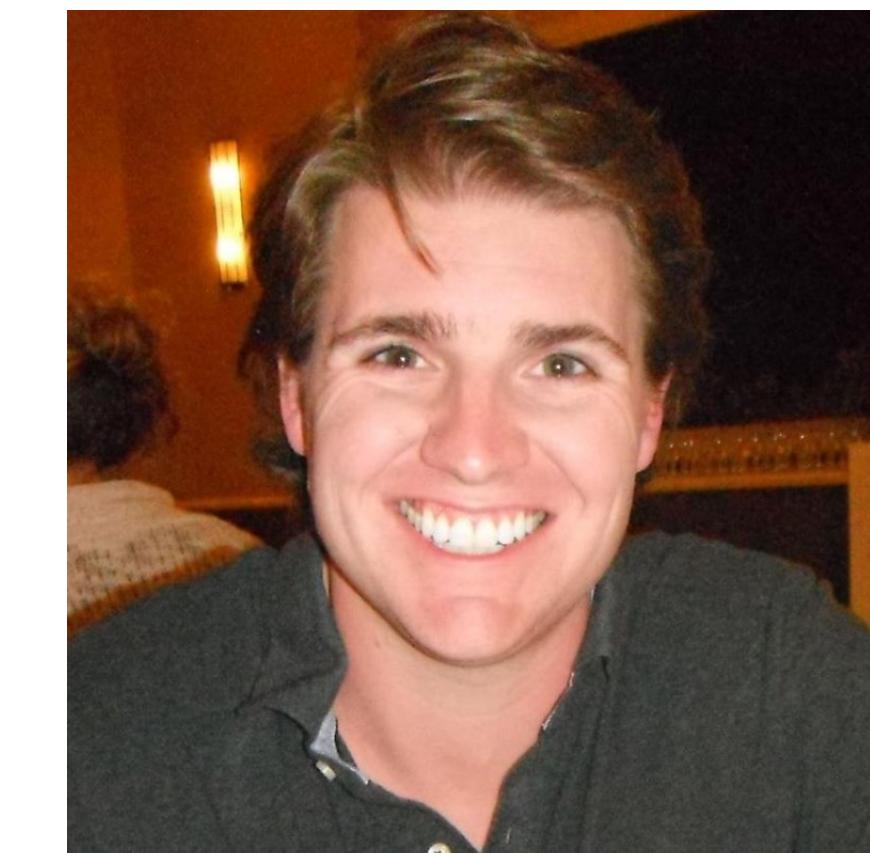
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Iteration Revisited

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New Algorithms in C++23

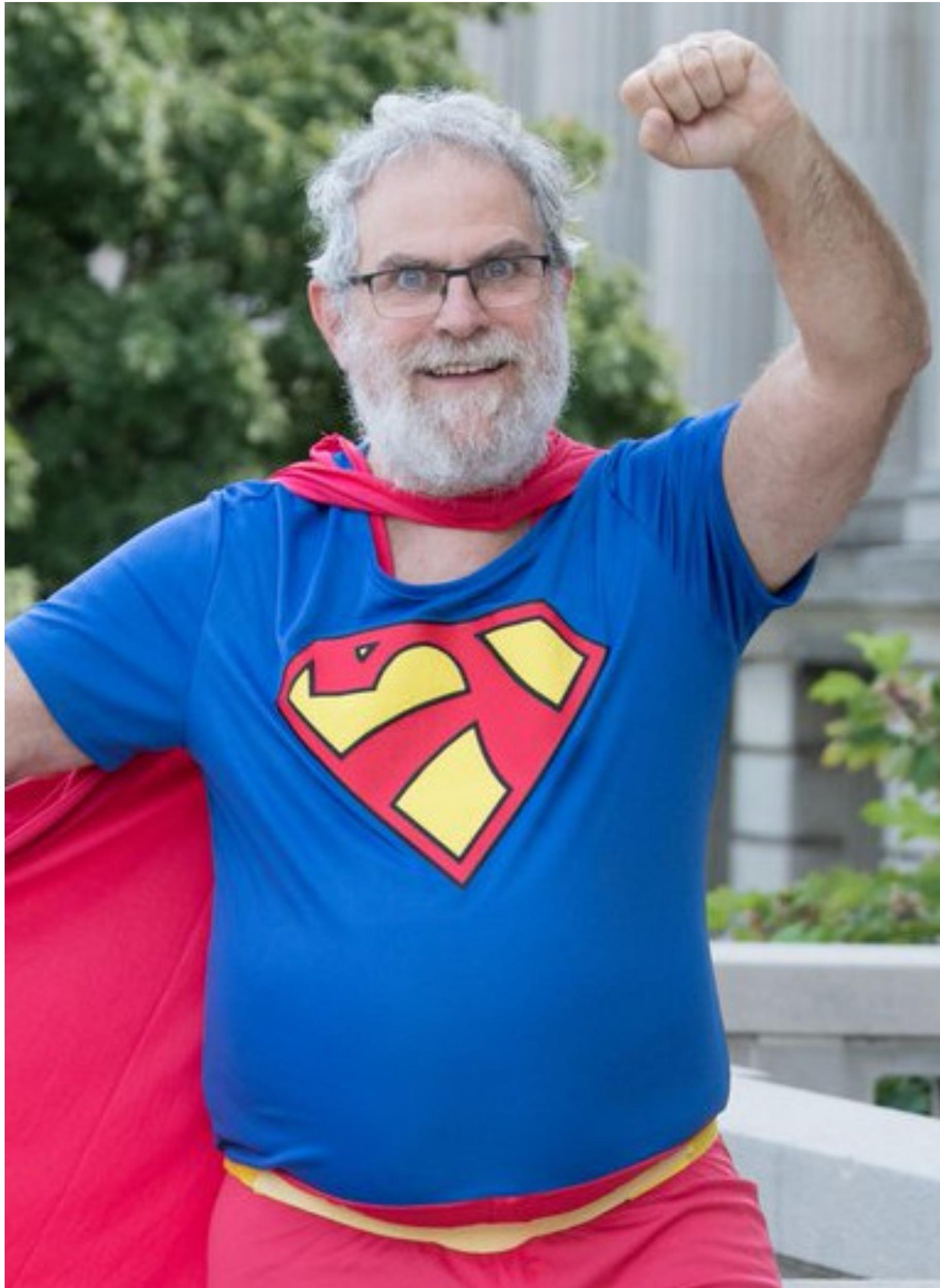
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**Phil Wadler developed type classes and monads,
two of the main innovations of Haskell**



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"Make your code readable.
Pretend the next person who looks
at your code is a psychopath and
they know where you live."

Phil Wadler

And Then() Some(T)



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