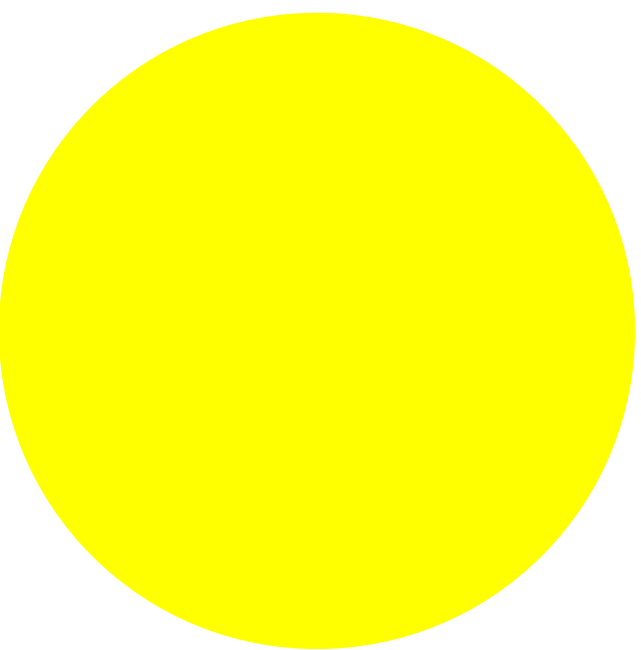
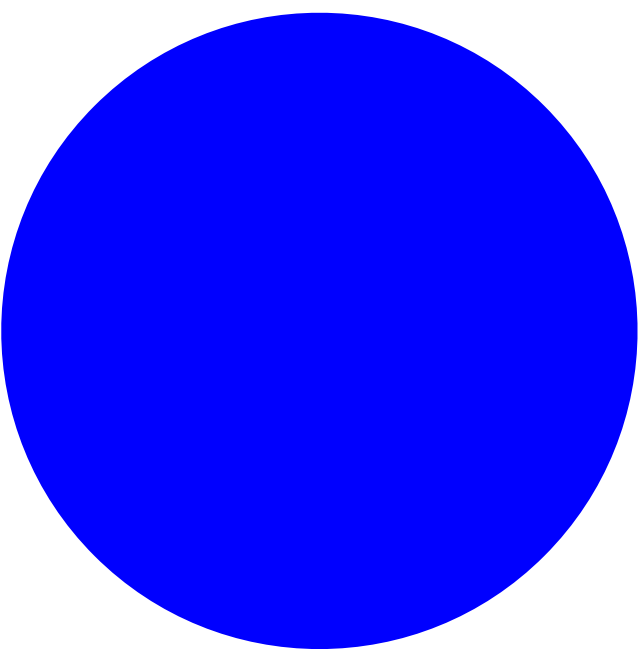


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A Shallow Dip Into Dialyzer

# 80 Familiar Pro

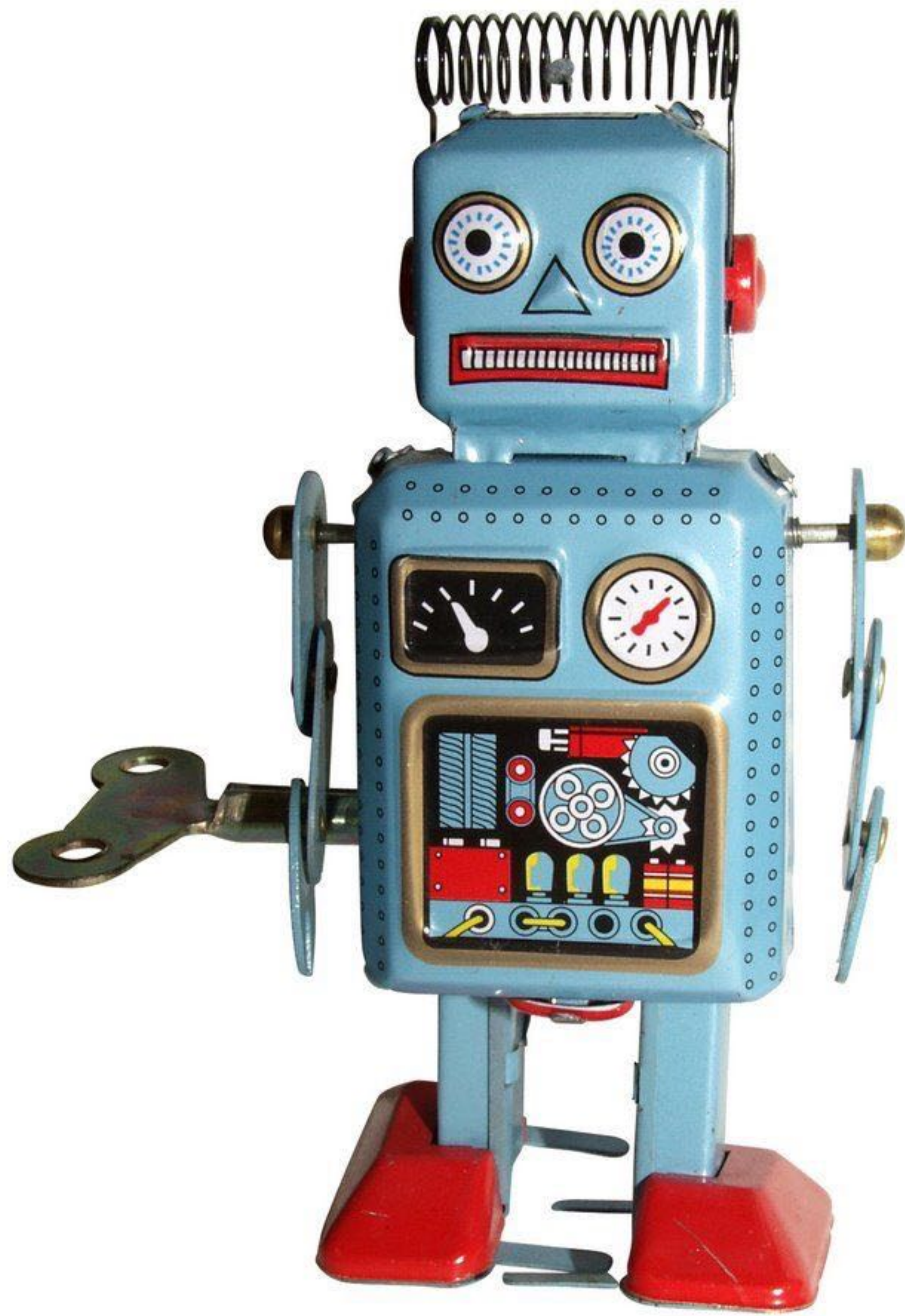
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**An Elixir Safety Harness:**

# Dialyzer



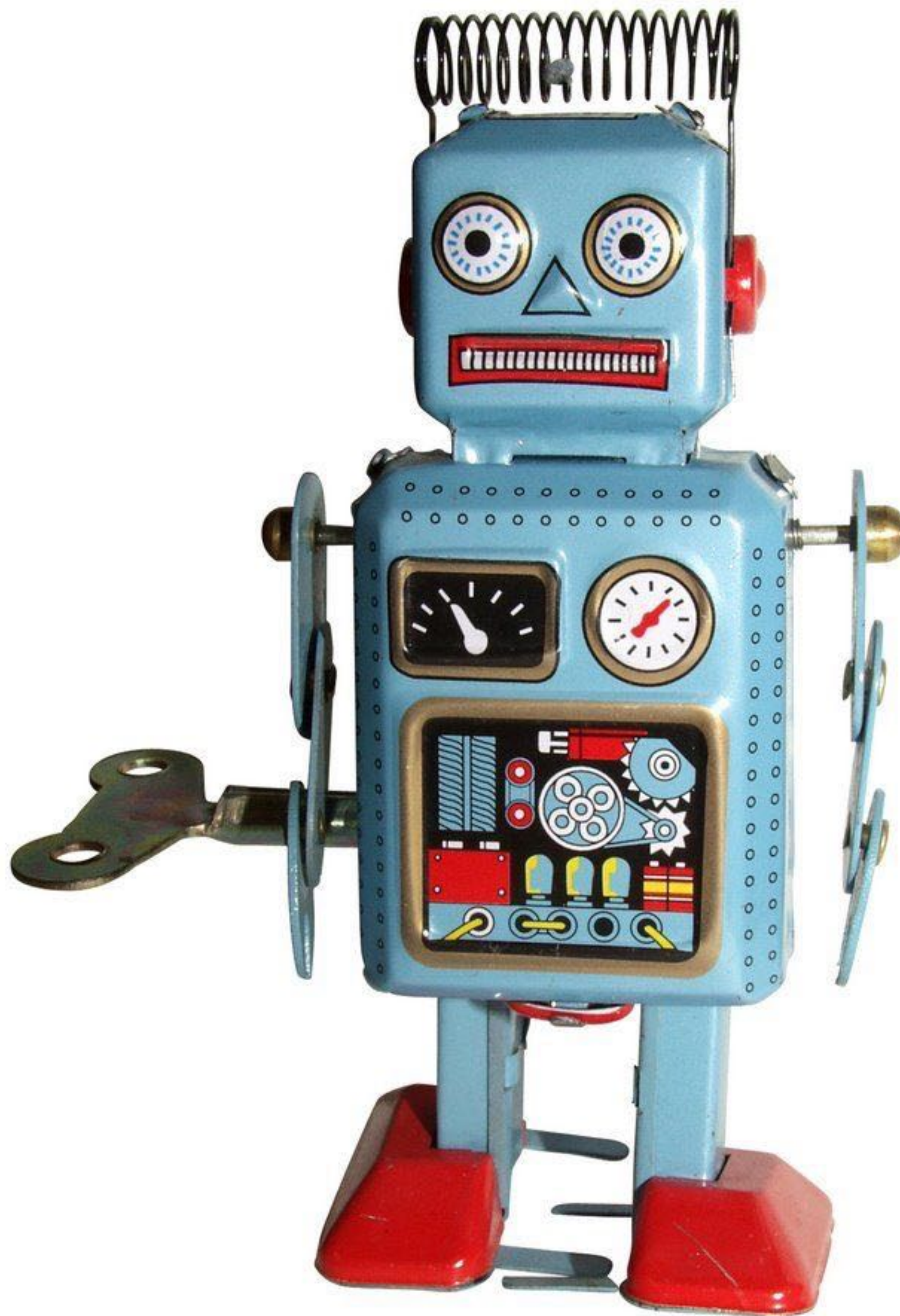


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    """

  @type number_with_remark :: {number, String.t}

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  @spec multiply(number, number) :: number_with_remark
  def multiply(x, y), do: {x * y, "It is like addition c
end
```



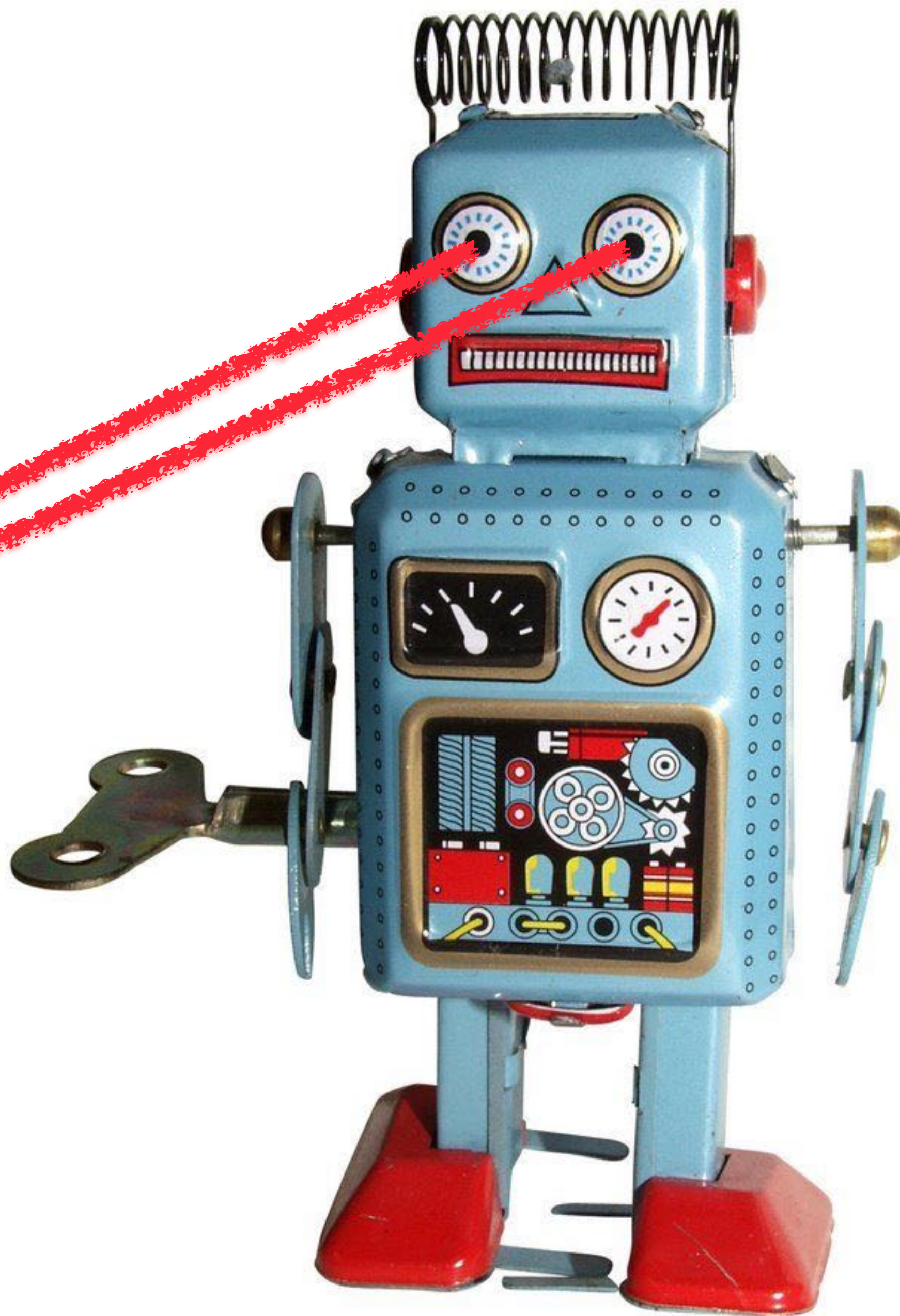


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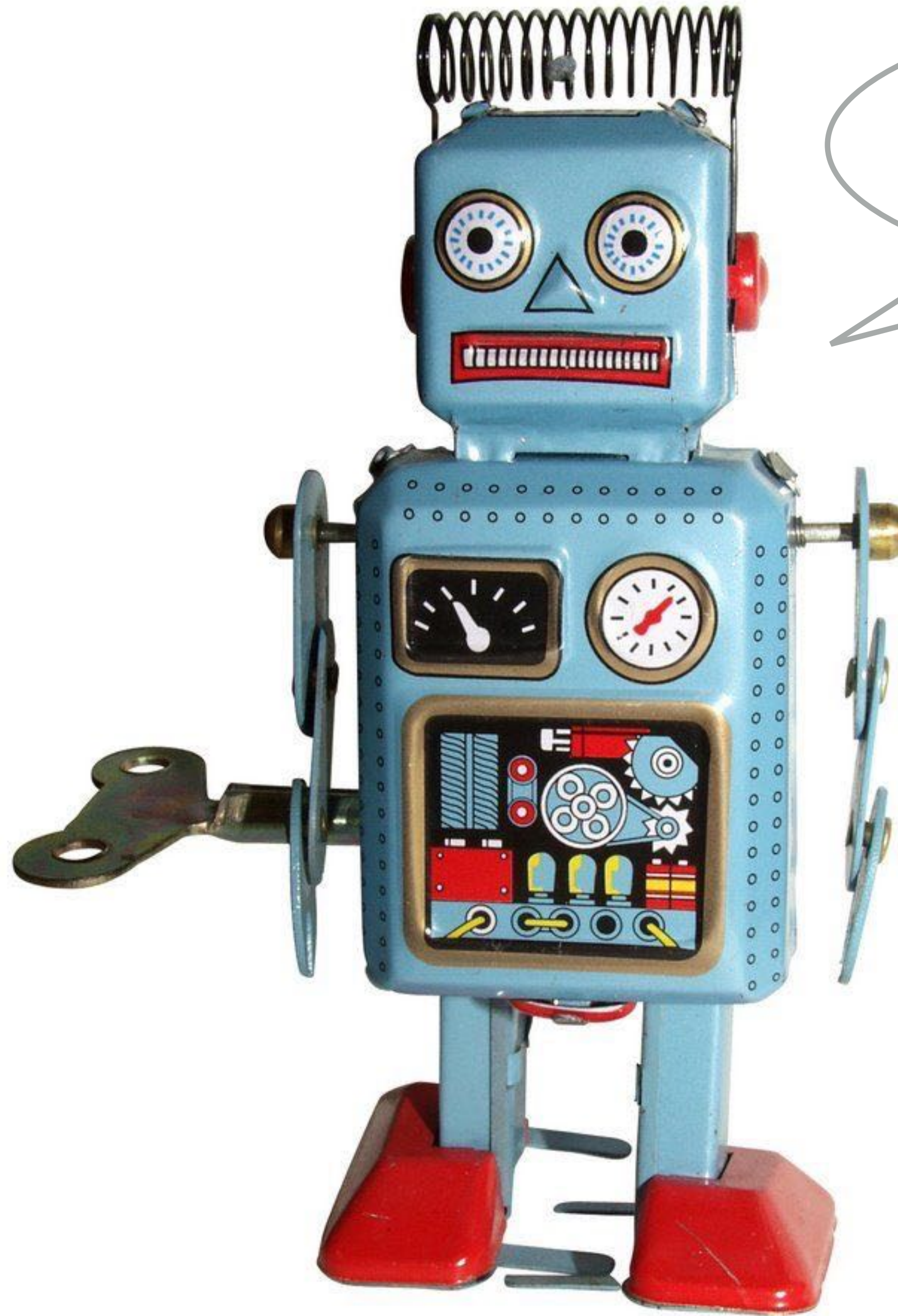


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**You screwed up.**

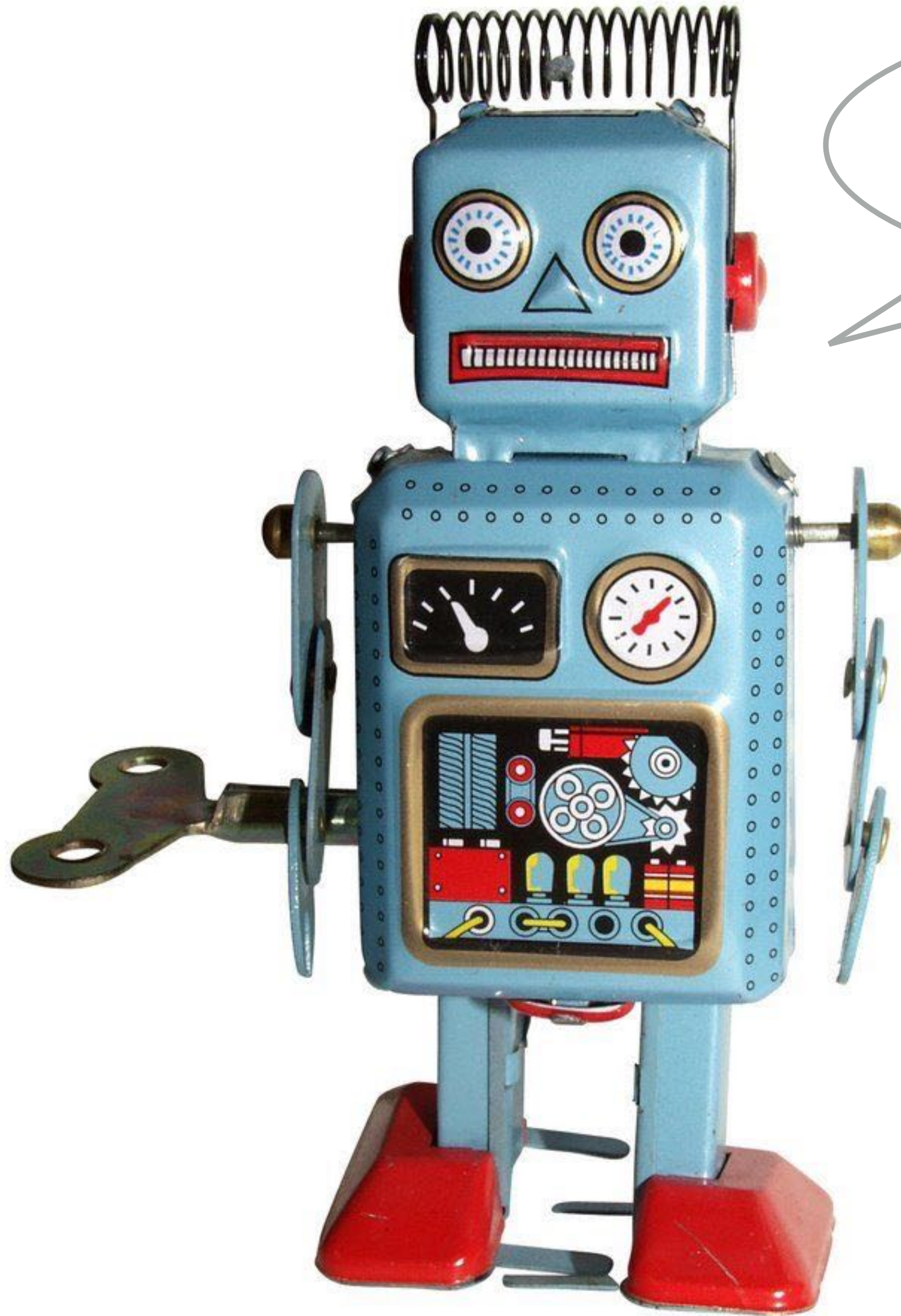


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**Again.**

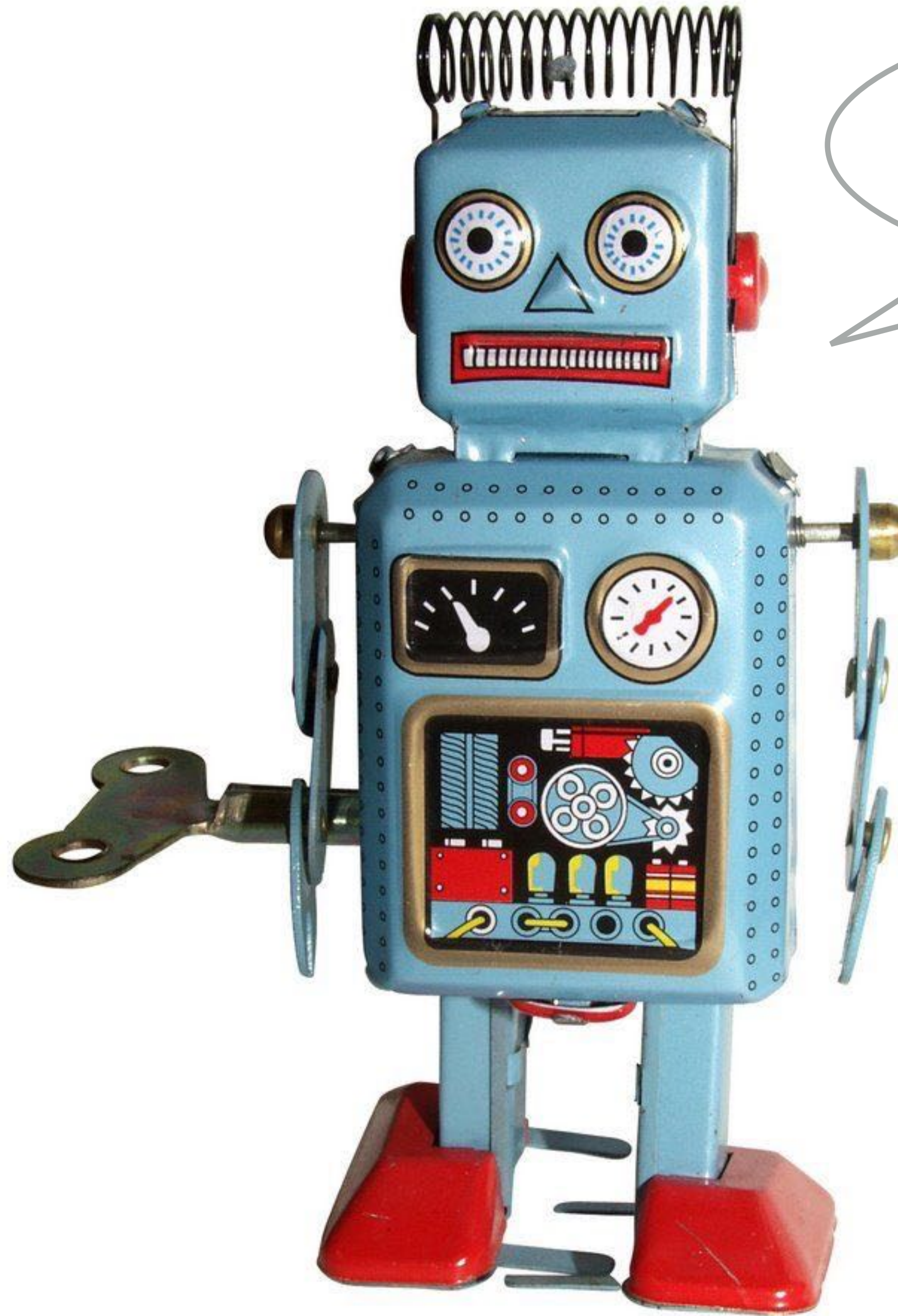


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end
```



**Just like with everything  
else you do.**



# An Elixir Safety Harness:

# Dialyzer



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**Name**



# Name

Foo

Bar

Yurp



# Traffic-Light Colour



# Traffic-Light Colour

Red

Yellow

Green

# Boolean



# Boolean

True

False

# Integer



# Integer

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# String



" "

# String

"hello world"

"This is a  
sentence."

" "

# String

"hello world"

"This is a  
sentence."

"If music be the food of love, play on  
Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting  
The appetite may sicken, and so die.  
That strain again! it had a dying fall  
O, it came o'er my ear like the sweet  
That breathes upon a bank of violets,"  
Stealing and giving odour! Enough; no  
'Tis not so sweet now as it was before  
O spirit of love! how quick and fresh  
That, notwithstanding thy capacity  
Receiveth as the sea, nought enters th  
Of what validity and pitch soe'er,



“ ”

# String

"hello world"

"This is a  
sentence."

"如果音乐是爱的食物，那就玩吧；  
给我多余的，即，  
食欲可能会让人生病，所以死亡。  
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# Elixir / Erlang Types



# Boring Types

# boolean()

true

false

***integer()***

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*atom()* : jessie  
: frank  
: red : x

# Functions

**(integer()) :: integer()**



**(integer()) :: integer()**

`(integer()) :: integer()`

**(integer()) :: integer()**



**(integer()) :: integer()**

```
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

**(integer()) :: integer()**

```
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

`(integer()) :: integer()`

```
def double(number) do  
    number * 2  
end
```

**(integer()) :: integer()**

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end
```



**(integer()) :: integer()**

```
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def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

**Why?**

**(integer()) :: integer()**

```
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end
```

---

```
@spec double(integer()) :: integer()  
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```



```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]  
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->  
  double(num)  
end)
```

---

```
@spec double(integer()) :: integer()  
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]  
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->  
  double(num)  
end)  
# => [2, 6000, 4]
```

---

```
@spec double(integer()) :: integer()  
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

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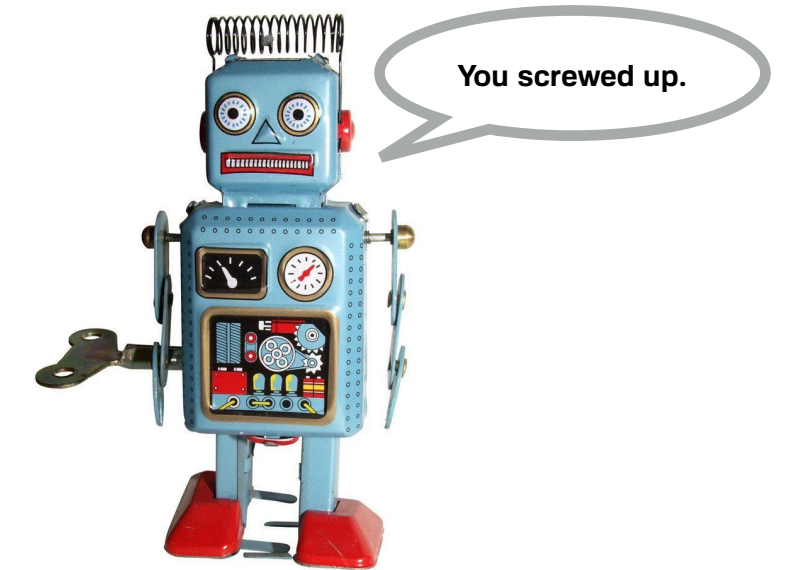
```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2, :kaboom]  
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->  
  double(num)  
end)
```

---

```
@spec double(integer()) :: integer()  
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```



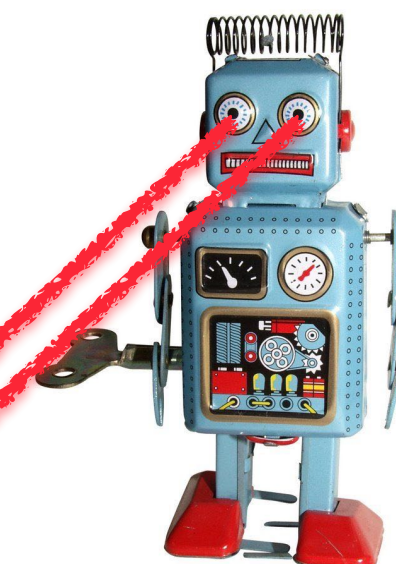
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```



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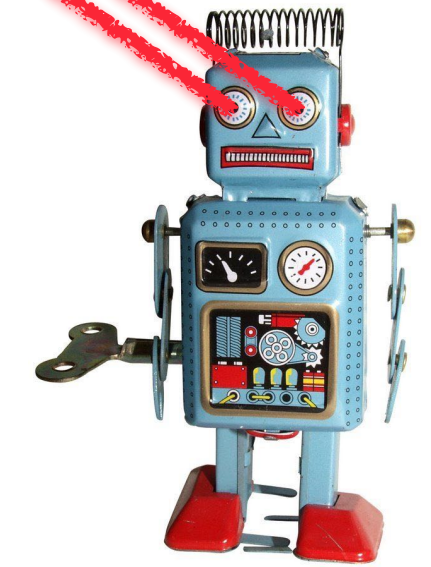
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```



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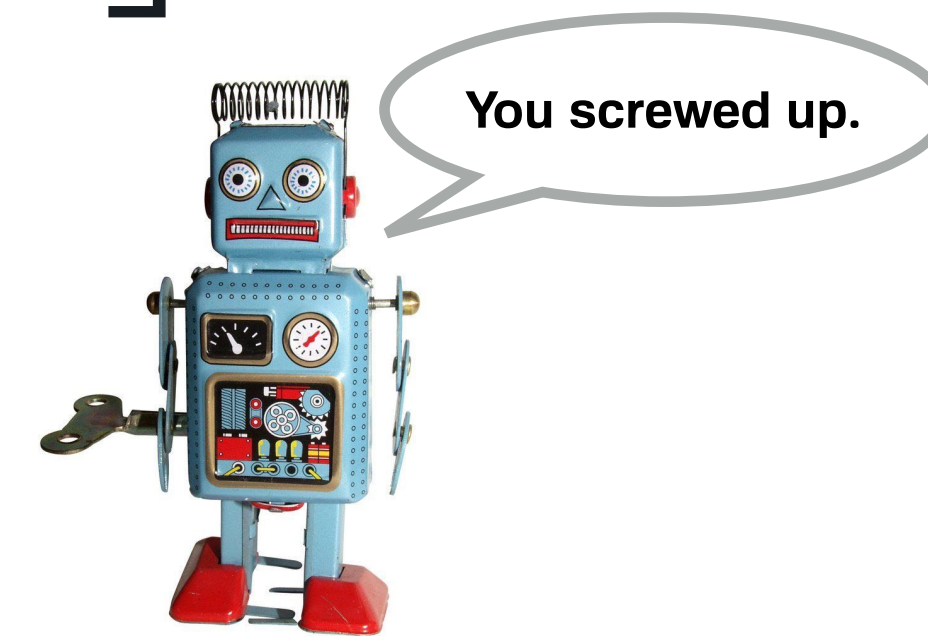
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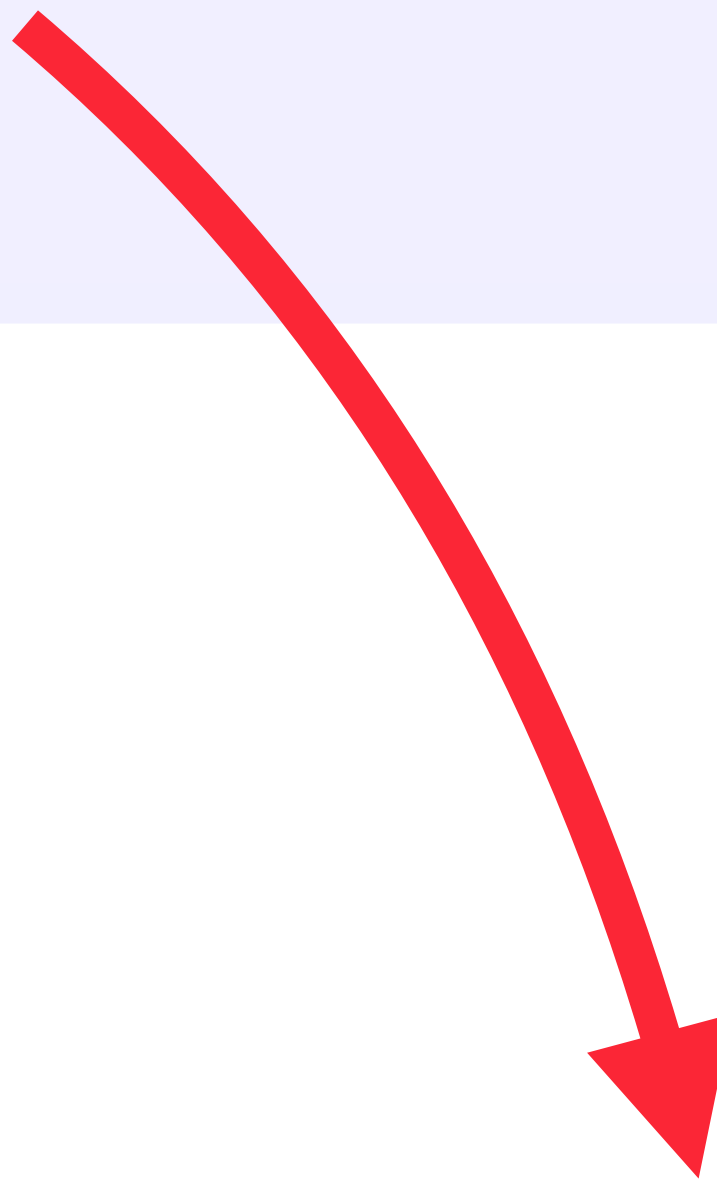
```
@spec double(integer()) :: integer()  
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  ** (ArithmeticError) bad argument  
  in arithmetic expression  
end
```

**i am aware this  
seems silly**

# Keeping Focus

```
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]  
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->  
  double(num)  
end)
```



```
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```



```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]  
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->  
  thingy(num)  
end)
```

```
def thingy(...)   
  ...  
  double(...)   
  ...  
end
```

```
def double(number) do  
  number * 2  
end
```

```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->
  thingy(num)
end)
```

```
def thingy(...)
  ...
  yadda(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def yadda(...)
  ...
  double(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def double(number) do
  number * 2
end
```

The diagram illustrates the execution flow of the provided code. Red arrows indicate the sequence of function calls: 1. An arrow from the `thingy(num)` call inside `Enum.map` to the `thingy` function definition. 2. An arrow from the `yadda(...)` call inside `thingy` to the `yadda` function definition. 3. An arrow from the `double(...)` call inside `yadda` to the `double` function definition. 4. A final arrow from the `double` definition to its full code block at the bottom of the image.

```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->
  thingy(num)
end)
```

```
def thingy(...)
  ...
  yadda(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def yadda(...)
  ...
  double(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def double(number) do
  number * 2
end
```

```
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end)
```

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  ...
  yadda(...)
  ...
end
```

```
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  ...
  double(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def double(number) do
  number * 2
end
```

# MORE

## Elixir / Erlang

## Types

***integer()***

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# Compositions

(Things nested inside other things.)

{ }

(empty tuple)

{ }

{ }

(empty tuple)

{ }

im so alone

***{atom(), integer()}***

***{atom(), integer()}***

***{:blue, 1}***

***{:red, 3}***

***{:green, 3}***

# Unions

(Things made up of other things.)



***integer()* | *boolean()***

***integer()* | *boolean()***

***true***

***53***

***false***

***-350***

***7***

**integer()** | **boolean()**

true

53

false

-350

7

**integer()** | **boolean()**

**true**

53

**false**

-350

7

# Literals

**:red**

**(only :red, that's it)**

**:red**



**:red**

**(only :red, that's it)**

**:red**



**im so alone**

**: red | : yellow | : green**

: red | : yellow | : green

: red : green

: yellow

**Let's Put It Together**

```
    { :ok, integer() }  
  | { :error, atom() }
```

`{:ok, integer()}`  
`| {:error, atom()}`

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>{:ok, 5}</code> | <code>{:error,<br/>:not_found}</code>         |
| <code>{:ok, 0}</code> | <code>{:error,<br/>:permission_denied}</code> |



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| `{:error, atom()}`

|                       |   |
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```
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```

```
    { :ok, integer() }  
  | { :error, (  
        :not_found  
    | :permission_denied  
    ) }  
}
```

```
    { :ok, integer() }  
  | { :error, (  
        :not_found  
    | :permission_denied  
    ) }  
}
```

```
    { :ok, 5 }  
    { :ok, 0 }  
    { :error, :not_found }  
    { :error, :permission_denied }
```

# Odds & Ends



***list(...)***

`list(boolean())`

`[]`

`[false, true]`

`[true, false, false]`

***list(integer())***

**[ ]**

**[1, 2, 3]**

**[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, -7]**

**map()**

# map()

`%{ :foo => 123 }`

`%{ "abc" => true }`

`%{ 1 => :red, 2 => :blue }`

**%{ : age => integer() }**

`%{ : age => integer() }`

`%{ : age => 1 }`      `%{ : age => 30 }`

`%{ : name => "Frank", : age => 82 }`



`%{ : age => integer() }`

`%{ : age => 1 }`      `%{ : age => 30 }`

`%{ : name => "Frank", : age => 82 }`

*any()*

# any()

<literally  
anything at all  
goes here>

*String.t()*

""

String.t()

"hello world"

"This is a  
sentence."

"如果音乐是爱的食物，那就玩吧；  
给我多余的，即，  
食欲可能会让人生病，所以死亡。  
再次感染！ 它有一个垂死的秋天：  
哦，它像我甜美的声音一样出现在我的耳  
那呼吸在紫罗兰银行，“偷窃和给予气味  
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*String.t()*

*integer()*

*atom()*

*boolean()*

*String*.t()

integer()

atom()

boolean()



***String.t***

***integer***

***atom***

***boolean***

*String.t()*

*integer()*

*atom()*

*boolean()*

```

type :: any()           # the top type, the set of all terms
    | none()           # the bottom type, contains no terms
    | atom()
    | map()            # any map
    | pid()            # process identifier
    | port()
    | reference()
    | struct()         # any struct
    | tuple()          # tuple of any size

                        ## Numbers

    | float()
    | integer()
    | neg_integer()    # ..., -3, -2, -1
    | non_neg_integer() # 0, 1, 2, 3, ...
    | pos_integer()    # 1, 2, 3, ...

                        ## Lists

    | list(type)        # proper list ([]-terminated)
    | nonempty_list(type) # non-empty proper list

```

# Dialyzer

```
# mix.exs
defmodule HelloWorld.MixProject do
  use Mix.Project

  # ...

  defp deps do
    [
      {:dialyxir, "~> 0.4", only: [:dev]}
    ]
  end
end
```

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  # ...

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    [
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    ]
  end
end
```





~ — bash — 101x35

```
$ mix do deps.get, deps.compile
```





~ — bash — 101x35

```
$ mix do deps.get, deps.compile
```

```
Resolving Hex dependencies...
```

```
Dependency resolution completed:
```

```
  dialyxir 0.5.1
```

```
All dependencies up to date
```





~ — bash — 101x35

```
$ mix dialyzer
```





```
$ mix dialyzer
```

```
Checking PLT...
```

```
[ :compiler, :crypto, :dialyxir, :dialyzer, :elixir,  
:hipe, :kernel, :logger, :mix, :stdlib, :wx]
```

```
PLT is up to date!
```

```
Starting Dialyzer
```

```
dialyzer args: [  
  check_plt: false,  
  init_plt: ...,  
  files_rec: [...],  
  warnings: [:unknown]  
]
```

```
done in 0m3.02s
```

```
done (passed successfully)
```

```
defmodule Messages do

  @spec greet(String.t) :: String.t
  def greet(to_whom) do
    "Hello, #{to_whom}!"
  end

  @spec hello_world() :: String.t
  def hello_world() do
    greet("world")
  end

end
```

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  end

end
```

```
defmodule Messages do

  @spec greet(String.t) :: String.t
  def greet("Martin"), do: "Thanks for ElixirCamp!"
  def greet("Martin2"), do: "Thanks for GenServers!"
  def greet("Mel"), do: "Thanks for RubyConf AU!"
  def greet("Richard"), do: "not you"
  def greet(to_whom) do
    "Hello, #{to_whom}!"
  end

  # ...

end
```

```
defmodule Messages do
```

```
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```

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  end
```

```
  # ...
```

```
end
```

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  def greet(to_whom) do
    "Hello, #{to_whom}!"
  end

  # ...

end
```

# Reuse

```
defmodule FileUtils do
```

```
  def lines(filename) do
```

```
    # ...
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

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defmodule FileUtils do
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  @spec lines(filename: String.t) :: ...
```

```
  def lines(filename) do
```

```
    # ...
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

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defmodule FileUtils do
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  @spec lines(filename: String.t) :: (  
    { :ok, integer() }
```

```
    # ...
```

```
  )
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  def lines(filename) do
```

```
    # ...
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  end
```

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end
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defmodule FileUtils do

  @spec lines(filename: String.t) :: (
    {:ok, integer()}
    | {:error, (:not_found | :permission_denied)})
  )
  def lines(filename) do
    # ...
  end
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    | {:error, (:not_found | :permission_denied)}
  )

  def lines(filename) do
    # ...
  end
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defmodule FileUtils do
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  @type file_errors :: :not_found | :permission_denied
```

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  @spec lines(filename: String.t) :: (
```

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    {:ok, integer()}
```

```
    | {:error, file_errors}
```

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)
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defmodule FileUtils do

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end
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defmodule FileUtils do
  @type result(good, error) :: (
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  )
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  @spec lines(filename: String.t) :: (
    result(integer(), file_errors)
  )
  def lines(filename) do
    # ...
  end
end
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  @spec lines(filename: String.t) :: (
    result(integer(), file_errors)
  )
  def lines(filename) do
    # ...
  end
end
```

# A Quick Aside



```
defmodule Car do
  @type car :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end
```

```
defmodule Car do
  @type car :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end

defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.car) :: any()
  # ...
end
```

```
defmodule Car do
  @type car :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end

defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.car) :: any()
  # ...
end
```

```
defmodule Car do
  @type car :: {number(), %{:state => map()}, ...}

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end

defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.car) :: any()
  # ...
end
```

```
defmodule Car do
  @type car :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end

defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.car) :: any()
  # ...
end
```

```
defmodule Car do
  @opaque car :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end

defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.car) :: any()
  # ...
end
```

```
defmodule Car do
  @opaque t :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end

defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.t) :: any()
  # ...
end
```

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defmodule Car do
  @opaque t :: ...

  @spec drive(car) :: boolean()
  def drive(car) do
    # ...
  end
end
```

```
end
```

```
defmodule Driver do
  @spec use_car(car :: Car.t) :: any()
  # ...
end
```



```
defmodule String do
  @opaque t :: ...

  @spec length(t) :: integer()
  def length(string) do
    # ...
  end

end
```

```
defmodule Greet do
  @spec message(str :: String.t) :: String.t
  # ...
end
```

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defmodule String do
  @opaque t :: ...

  @spec length(t) :: integer()
  def length(string) do
    # ...
  end

end
```

```
defmodule Greet do
  @spec message(str :: String.t) :: String.t
  # ...
end
```

# MORE



## Why?

# Docs

**contains?(string, contents)**

</>

contains?(t(), pattern()) :: boolean()

Checks if `string` contains any of the given `contents`.

`contents` can be either a single string or a list of strings.

## Examples

```
iex> String.contains? "elixir of life", "of"  
true  
iex> String.contains? "elixir of life", ["life", "death"]  
true  
iex> String.contains? "elixir of life", ["death", "mercury"]  
false
```

An empty string will always match:

```
iex> String.contains? "elixir of life", ""  
true  
iex> String.contains? "elixir of life", ["", "other"]  
true
```

The argument can also be a precompiled pattern:

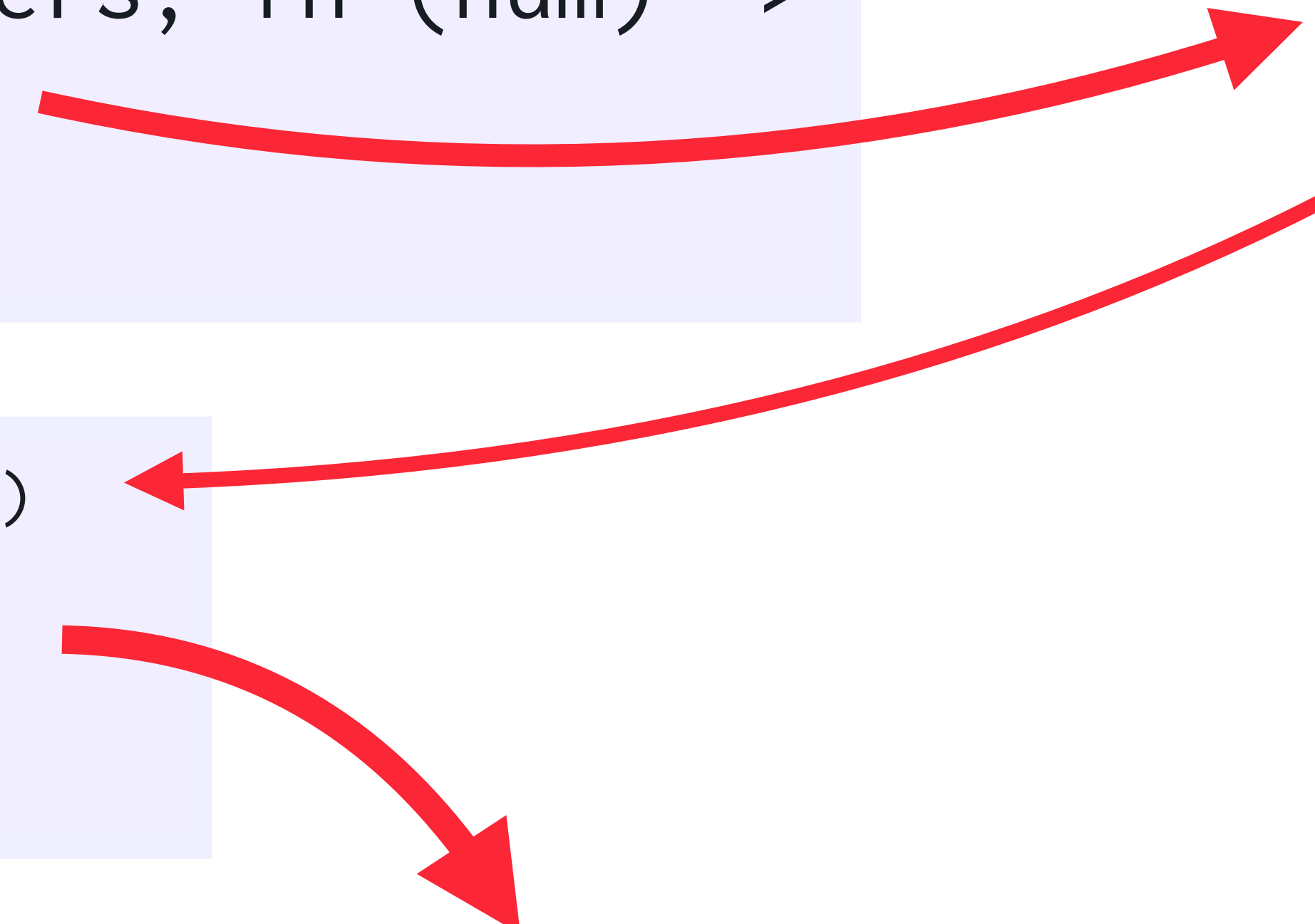
# Refactoring

```
numbers = [1, 3000, 2]
Enum.map(numbers, fn (num) ->
  thingy(num)
end)
```

```
def thingy(...)
  ...
  yadda(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def yadda(...)
  ...
  double(...)
  ...
end
```

```
def double(number) do
  number * 2
end
```



**(Possibly?) Cheaper  
Refactoring**



**(Tests  
vs  
Type Signatures)**

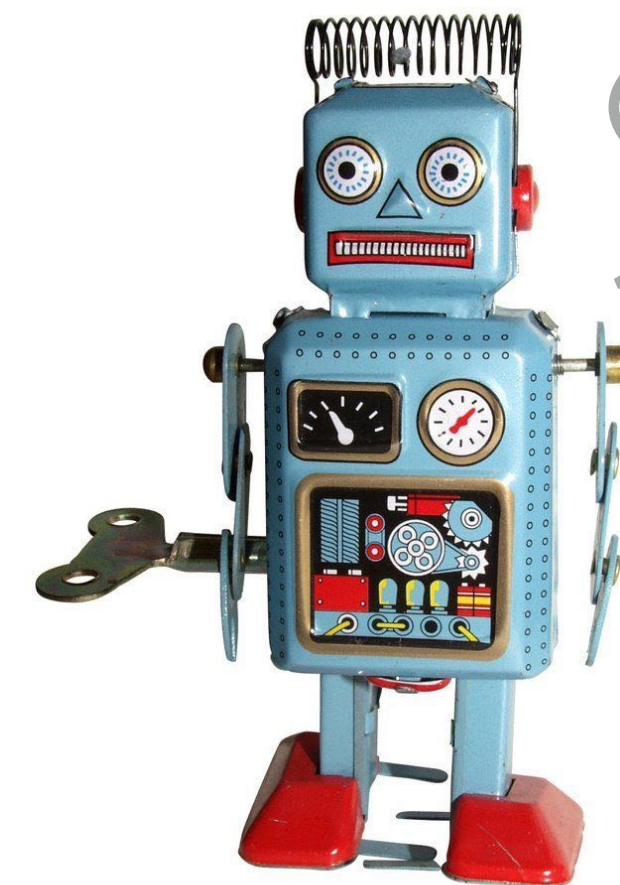
**"We have pattern  
matching"**

**"Let it Crash"**

**it's just going to  
crash again if you  
give it bad data**

**try to get it right  
before you run it**

**try to get it right  
before you run it**



You did okay. 💖

**Why Not?**

**It's Super-  
Optimistic**



```
defmodule FileUtils do
  @type result(good, error) :: (
    {:ok, good}
    | {:error, error}
  )

  @type file_errors :: :not_found | :permission_denied

  @spec lines(filename :: String.t) :: (
    result(integer(), file_errors)
  )

  def lines(filename) do
    if (:rand.uniform(10)) < 5 do
      {:ok, 123}
    else
      {:error, :nope}
    end
  end
end
```

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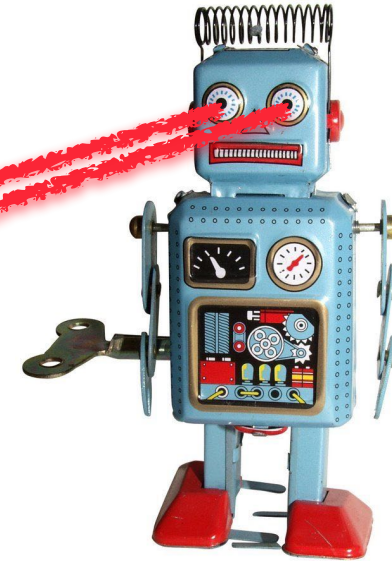
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  # ...
  def lines(filename) do
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    else
      {:error, :nope}
    end
  end
end

def count_foo() do
  case lines("./foo.txt") do
    {:ok, n} ->
      n
    {:error, :not_found} ->
      -1
    {:error, :permission_denied} ->
      -1
  end
end
end
```

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defmodule FileUtils do
  # ...
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end
```



# An Elixir Safety Harness:

# Dialyzer



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## Elixir TypeSpecs Guide:

- <https://hexdocs.pm/elixir/typespecs.html>

## Dialyzer for Elixir:

- <https://github.com/jeremyjh/dialyxir>

## VSCode ElixirLS:

- <https://github.com/JakeBecker/vscode-elixir-ls>