



Functions

functions everywhere!

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    return a + b  
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const sum = (a, b) => a + b
```

implicit return!

```
const sum = (a, b) => a + b
```

`const sum = (a, b) => a + b`

parameters

`sum(5, 6)`

arguments



Parameters and Arguments

...for functions 

Arity

Arity: refers to the number of arguments that a function takes

```
const sum (a, b) => a + b  
sum.length // arity of 2
```

```
const createAddress = (num, street, type) => {  
  return `${num} ${street} ${type}`  
}  
createAddress.length // arity of 3
```

Variadic

Variadic: a “variadic” function can receive ANY number of arguments

```
function sumAll () {  
  return Array.prototype.slice.call(arguments)  
    .reduce((sum, next) => sum + next, 0)  
}
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Unary

Unary: a “unary” function only takes only argument.

A “binary” function takes two arguments. A “ternary” function takes 3 arguments. And after 3...we usually say *n-ary* (ex. 4-ary, 5-ary)



Higher Order Functions

don't be afraid of heights

**Higher order function: a function
that takes a function as an
argument and/or returns a function**

```
const some = (arr, callback) => {  
  for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {  
    if (callback(arr[i])) return true  
  }  
  return false  
}
```

a higher order func!

```
const createAdder = (x) => {  
  return (y) => {  
    return x + y  
  }  
}
```

also a higher order func!

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}
```

```
some([1, 2, 3], (n) => n < 2) // true
```

```
some([1, 2, 3], (n) => n > 4) // false
```

```
const createAdder = (x) => {  
  return (y) => {  
    return x + y  
  }  
}
```

```
const add3 = createAdder(3)  
add3(5) // 8
```

```
const add6 = createAdder(6)  
add6(5) // 11
```



Documenting Types

like a functional programmer


```
const addOne = (num) => num + 1
```

`has type of` `returns`

```
// addOne :: Int -> Int
```

```
const addOne = (num) => num + 1
```

```
const yell = (num) => num + '!'
```

```
// yell :: Int -> String  
const yell = (num) => num + '!'
```

```
const hasName = (obj) => !!obj.name
```

```
// hasName :: Object -> Bool  
const hasName = (obj) => !!obj.name
```

```
const names = (arrOfPersons) =>  
  arr.map(person => person.name)
```

```
// names :: [Object] -> [String]
const names = (arrOfPersons) =>
  arr.map(person => person.name)
```



```
const getProperty = (obj) => {  
  return (key) => {  
    return obj[key]  
  }  
}
```

```
// names :: Object -> String -> *
const getProperty = (obj) => {
  return (key) => {
    return obj[key]
  }
}
```

```
// names :: Object -> String -> *  
const getProperty = (obj) => (key) => obj[key]
```



Composition

building functions from functions



Composition

- Glue small functions together to make big functions
- Two ways: A) manually, B) using a helper function

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const yell = s => s + '!'
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```
// manually  
const yellIncA = x => yell(inc(x))
```



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```

```
// with a helper
const yellIncB = compose(yell, inc)
```



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func that does `inc` then `yell` `// manually`
`const yellIncA = x => yell(inc(x))`

func that does `inc` then `yell` `// with a helper`
`const yellIncB = compose(yell, inc)`


```
yellIncA(7) // '8!'
yellIncB(7) // '8!'
```




Composition

$(x \Rightarrow yell(inc(x)))$ ⁷
₍₇₎

$compose(yell, inc)$ ₍₇₎
⁷






Composition

$(x \Rightarrow yell(\overset{8}{inc}(x))) \quad (7)$

$compose(yell, \underset{8}{inc}) \quad (7)$






Composition

`'8!'`
`(x => yell(inc(x))) (7)`

`compose(yell, inc) (7)`
`'8!'`





Composition flows *right to left*

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`compose(yell, inc) (7)`

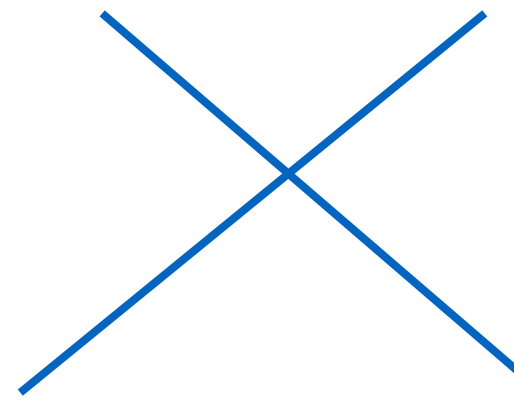
`yell ◦ inc`





Pipe flows *left to right*

`(x => yell(inc(x)))` ⁷ (7)

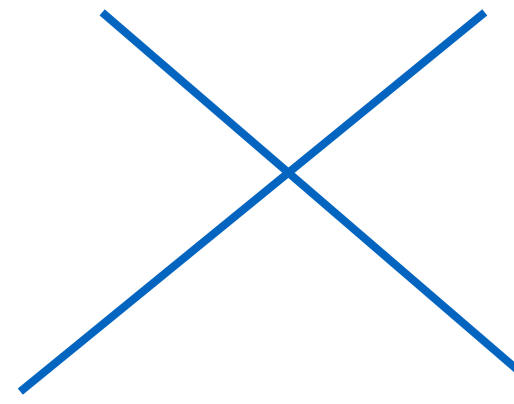


`pipe(inc, yell)` (7) ₇



Pipe flows *left to right*

$(x \Rightarrow yell(inc^8(x))) \quad (7)$



$pipe(inc^8, yell) \quad (7)$



Pipe flows *left to right*

`(x => '8!' yell(inc(x))) (7)`

`pipe(inc, yell) (7)`
`'8!'`



Pipe flows *left to right*

`(x => yell(inc(x))) (7)`




`pipe(inc, yell) (7)`

inc >>> yell





Composition/Piping is Associative...


`compose(compose(yell, inc), double)(7) // '15!'`

`compose(yell, compose(inc, double))(7) // '15!'`



$(yell \circ inc) \circ double$

$= yell \circ (inc \circ double)$

definition of associativity

...but a good JS `compose` is also variadic.

"can take a variable number of arguments"

  
compose(yell, inc, double)(7) // '15!'

🔙 Variadic Compose vs. 🔜 Variadic Pipe

a function!

```
const composedA = arr => yell(double(length(arr)))
```



the same function!

```
const composedB = compose(yell, double, length)
```



also the same!

```
const pipeline = pipe(length, double, yell)
```



Why?

Build Complex Fn from Simpler Fns

```
const listInstructorsWhoCanJoinRoadtrip = pipe(  
  sortDescendingByDate,  
  removeDuplicatesById,  
  takeFreeInstructors  
)  
  
listInstructorsWhoCanJoinRoadtrip(rawData)  
// 'Karen', 'Ben', 'Gabriel'
```

Testing

- Small, pure functions are easy to test
- If you can trust the small functions, you can trust their composition



Think in Terms of Types

String → Number

>>>

Number → *[Number]*

>>>

[Number] → Object

=

String → *[Number]*

>>>

[Number] → Object

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String → Object

OK, where can I get `compose`/`pipe`?

Write it yourself!

```
...or const { pipe } = require('ramda')
```



Currying

and partial application

Calling Func with Same Args

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```

Calling Func with Same Args

// gFetch takes domain, method, route, body **what a drag!**
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const gFetchCool = gFetch('http://coolsite.com')
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whoah, only one argument?

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```
const gFetchCool = gFetch('http://coolsite.com')
const result4 = await gFetchCool('GET', '/', null)
const result5 = await gFetchCool('GET', '/puppies', null)
```

...so we have to provide three more



Calling Func with Same Args

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```

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// wouldn't this be nice?
const gFetchCool = gFetch('http://coolsite.com')
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```

```
const createPuppy = gFetchCool('POST', '/puppies')
```




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```
const createPuppy = gFetchCool('POST', '/puppies')
const result6 = await createPuppy(puppy1)
const result7 = await createPuppy(puppy2) ...leaving just one argument to go
```



Currying Facts

- **A staple of FP**
 - In purely functional languages, all functions are usually curried by default
 - In JS, functions are **not** curried by default
 - “Jack of all trades, master of none”
 - However, libraries can help us out here!
- **Lets you *partially apply* functions (only pass in some args)**
 - You get back a function "waiting" for more arguments
 - When you finally supply *all* arguments, you get a result



The Simple Way

```
// before
const greet = (salutation, excited, name) =>
  `${salutation}, ${name}${excited ? '!' : '.'}`

greet('Hello', true, 'Kate') // 'Hello, Kate!'
greet('Hello', true, 'Dan')  // 'Hello, Dan!'
```

function that returns a function that returns a function

```
// after
const greet = salutation => excited => name =>
  `${salutation}, ${name}${excited ? '!' : '.'}`

greet('Hello')(true)('Kate') // 'Hello, Kate!'
greet('Hello')(true)('Dan')  // 'Hello, Dan!'
```

have to invoke each returned function separately

Why?

Derive Specific Fns from General Fn

```
const exclaimHi = greet('Hi')(true)
exclaimHi('Karen') // 'Hi, Karen!'
exclaimHi('Matt')  // 'Hi, Matt!'
```

```
const sayBye = greet('Bye')(false)
sayBye('Gabriel') // 'Bye, Gabriel.'
sayBye('imperative code') // 'Bye, imperative code.'
```

good for reuse!

good for higher-order functions!

Currying: ❤️ n -ary func \rightarrow 💜 n unary funcs

started with a ternary (3-ary) function

```
// greet :: (String, Bool, String) -> String
const greet = (salutation, excited, name) => `...`
```

converted it to 3 nested functions

```
// greet :: String -> Bool -> String -> String
const greet = salutation => excited => name => `...`
```

(function definition is right-associative)

But... this looks weird!

pretty verbose, lots of parens

```
// current solution  
const result = greet('Hi')(true)('Ashi')
```

```
// desired solution can still do this:  
const result = greet('Hi', true, 'Ashi')
```

ah, that's idiomatic JS

Solution: *FANCY* Currying

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curriedGreet('Hi')(true, 'Ashi')
```

Solution: *FANCY* Currying

higher-order helper function

```
const curriedGreet = curry(greet)
curriedGreet('Hi', true, 'Ashi')
curriedGreet('Hi', true)('Ashi')
curriedGreet('Hi')(true, 'Ashi')
curriedGreet('Hi')(true)('Ashi')
```

resulting function can accept
any number of args at a time!

OK, where can I get `curry`?

Write it yourself!

```
...or const { curry } = require('ramda')
```





Putting It All Together

Higher-Order Fns, Composition, & Partial Application

Opportunity for Composition

```
const yellUpper = string => yell(upper(string))  
                param  =>    f(    g(param ))  
                compose(    f,    g)  
  
const yellUpper = compose(yell, upper)
```


Opportunity for Partial Application

assuming `map` is curried...

```
const capitalizeAll = strings => map(upper, strings)
```

```
    param    =>    f(arg1, param )
```

```
                f(arg1)
```

```
const capitalizeAll =                map(upper)
```



From Point-ful to Point-free

("point"s are parameters)

```
const getShortNames = people => map(person => shorten(toName(person)), people)
```

use composition

```
param => f( g(param) )  
compose( f, g )
```

```
const getShortNames = people => map(compose(shorten, toName), people)
```

use partial application

```
param => f(arg1, param)  
f(arg1)
```

```
const getShortNames = map(compose(shorten, toName))
```

Why?

Less Noise

```
const getShortNames = people => map(person => shorten(toName(person)), people)
```

vs

```
const getShortNames = map(pipe(toName, shorten))
```

Amar Shah's Rules*

1. **Use** point-free style **when** it communicates better.
2. **Avoid** point-free style **when** it doesn't.

*YouTube: Point Free or Die

WORKSHOP

