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Hugo of all trades

- Originally from Sweden, called Edinburgh home for almost 10 years
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## ■ Background - Coloured functions

"What color is your function?" by Bob Nystrom

- function `blue()` {}
- async function `red()` {}

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```
async function red() {  
  const blueResult = blue();  
  return await otherRed(blueResult);  
}
```

```
function blue() {  
  // Missing `await`  
  const redResult = red();  
  return otherBlue(redResult);  
}
```

```
async function noLongerBlue() {  
  const redResult = await red();  
  return otherBlue(redResult);  
}
```

We can call blue functions from red functions.

We cannot call red functions from blue functions.

Must convert **blue** to a red function to call **red**. Red functions spread like wildfire.



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"Let futures be futures" by withoutboats

- `fn blue() {}`
- `async fn red() {}`
- `fn green() {}`

Caller 餽 / Callee →	Blue	Red	Green
Green	No	No	Yes
Blue	Yes	No	Yes
Red	No	Yes	Yes

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I lied

- `async fn red() {}`
- `async fn teal() {}`
- `async fn orange() {}`
- `async fn purple() {}`



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- `async fn read(stream: &tokio::net::TcpStream) {}`
- `async fn read(stream: &glommio::net::TcpStream) {}`
- `async fn read(stream: &async_net::TcpStream) {}`
- `async fn read(stream: &tokio_uring::net::TcpStream) {}`



## ■ Sans-I/O - What is it?

- Originally from the Python world.
- Make all functions `green`.
- Leverage inversion of control.
- Not just for I/O.
- `ping(8)`

















```

1 fn main() -> Result<()> {
2     let socket = create_socket()?;
3     let addr: SocketAddrV4 = "8.8.8.8:0".parse()?;
4     let sock_addr = SockAddr::from(addr);
5     // Construct the sans-IO core struct, Ping.
6     let mut ping = Ping::new(*addr.ip(),
7         Duration::from_millis(1000));
8
9     let mut buf: [MaybeUninit<u8>; 1500] =
10         [MaybeUninit::uninit(); 1500];
11     let mut timeout_until = Instant::now();
12     let mut last_recv: Option<Input<'_>>;
13
14     loop {
15         // 1. Read from the socket or timeout
16         let timeout = (timeout_until -
17             Instant::now()).max(Duration::from_millis(1));
18         socket.set_read_timeout(Some(timeout))?;
19         last_recv = read_from_socket(&socket, &mut
20             buf)?;
21
22         // 2. Handle the input
23         timeout_until = handle_input(&mut
24             last_recv, &mut ping, &socket, addr, &sock_addr)?;
25     }
26 }

```

```

1 #[tokio::main]
2 async fn main() -> Result<()> {
3     let addr: SocketAddrV4 = "8.8.8.8:0".parse()?;
4     let mut socket = Socket::new_icmp_v4(addr)?;
5     // Construct the sans-IO core struct, Ping.
6     let mut ping = Ping::new(*addr.ip(),
7         Duration::from_millis(1000));
8
9     let mut buf = [0u8; 1500];
10    let mut timeout_until = Instant::now();
11    let mut last_recv: Option<Input<'_>>;
12
13    loop {
14        // 1. Read from the socket or timeout
15        let timeout = (timeout_until -
16            Instant::now()).max(Duration::from_millis(1));
17        last_recv = Some(read_from_socket(&mut
18            socket, &mut buf, timeout).await?);
19
20        // 2. Handle the input
21        timeout_until = handle_input(&mut
22            last_recv, &mut ping, &mut socket, addr).await?;
23    }
24 }

```













## ■ Cool stuff

### ■ sans-io crates

- quinn- QUIC/HTTP3 implementation <https://github.com/quinn-rs/quinn>
- str0m - WebRTC implementation <https://github.com/algesten/str0m/>
- librice - ICE implementation <https://github.com/ystreet/librice>
- rc-zip - ZIP file handling <https://github.com/bearcove/rc-zip>

### ■ Related interesting stuff

- Coroutines - To build sans-IO state machines.
- Abusing Futures - To build sans-IO state machines with `async/await`.
- Effects - Powerful abstractions for being generic over `sync/async` among other things.
- Keyword generics initiative Upcoming proposal to allow being generic of `sync/async` in Rust.