

U0CLDU8UB : Can you put your code on <<http://ellie-app.com|ellie-app.com>> ?

U2FP79HN3 : sure

U0CLDU8UB : Great

U2FP79HN3 : <<https://ellie-app.com/3CdkPHcHsLYa1/0>>

U0JFXEUCT : ah, flip the args.. `neighbor :: cell.links`

U2FP79HN3 : lol

U2FP79HN3 : -_-

U2FP79HN3 : thanks

U0CLDU8UB : Good catch, I missed that too!

U2FP79HN3 : Guess I can get started now, thanks a lot :wink:

U5VTA57UN : is there a nice way to make this work: ``

```
[y1s, y2s] = List.map toString &lt;|
```

```
  case textLoc of
```

```
    Above -&gt; [-3, 10]
```

```
    Below -&gt; [0, 13]
```

```
...
```

U5VTA57UN : If I use `(y1s, y2s)` then I can't map toString over all the values, and have to type toString more than once.

U48AEBJQ3 : You should use tuples. You might want to define `(a -> b) -> (a, a) -> (b, b)` if you want it to be cleaner.

U5VTA57UN : So make a tupleMap2 utility function?

U48AEBJQ3 : Yep.

U48AEBJQ3 : It is also defined in a bunch of packages already, but not something you are likely already using.

U48AEBJQ3 : <[<https://klaftertief.github.io/elm-search/?q=\(a+-%3E+b\)+-%3E+\(a%2C+a\)+-%3E+\(b%2C+b\)>](https://klaftertief.github.io/elm-search/?q=(a+-%3E+b)+-%3E+(a%2C+a)+-%3E+(b%2C+b))>

U5VTA57UN : Thanks. Toolkit is a useful pointer.

U611WQPL4 : Can I ask a <#C192T0Q1E|beginners> question? There's something I don't follow. In type definitions, what's the difference between `(String -> Int) -> Int` and `String -> Int -> Int`. What is `(String -> Int)` denoting here? I understand that `String -> Int -> Int` is a function that takes a `String` and `Int` parameter and returns an `Int` expressed in a curried format. But what is `(String -> Int)` expressing?

U0LPMPL2U : `(String -> Int)` is saying that one of the arguments is a function `String -> Int`

U0LPMPL2U : Yes, Elm allows you to pass functions as arguments to other functions :smile:

U611WQPL4 : Ah, that's what I thought it was. Awesome. Thanks for the tip. It's ~turtles~ functions all the way down.

U0LPMPL2U : it's common to see more generic versions like: `map : (a -> b) -> List a -> List b`

U0LPMPL2U : the first argument to `List.map` is a function whose input is whatever type of your input list is and it's output is whatever you want the type of your output list to be

U0CLDU8UB : By the way, maybe you had realized this already but `String -> Int -> Int` could also be written as `String -> (Int -> Int)`, which is sort of a "more literal" representation of the currying.

U17PWHU4D : Hi all, can someone point me towards documentation on how to type unknown keys? example as in normalized data, where the keys are unknown strings. but the data contained is known?

U601ELFEG : My page has a bunch of "static-ish" content: help panels, a carefully laid out control button area.... I need to interact with these static areas from elm (decide which help panels should be shown based on the context of the model, act on those control buttons).... but I really don't want to author that static ish content in elm code

U601ELFEG : what's the best way to go about that?

U0LPMPL2U : <@U17PWHU4D> are you asking about `Dict`?

U0LPMPL2U : string keys pointing to values of a known data type?

U3SJEDR96 : <@U17PWHU4D> you could do that with a Dict, where the keys are those strings and the values... If they're all the same type, that would work just like that, if not you'd have to make a union type to represent the different possibilities

U17PWHU4D : thanks <@U0LPMPL2U> and <@U3SJEDR96> , going to look into `Dict`. and yes. example:

```
...
```

```
{
  "1234": {
    id: 1
  },
  "1235": {
    id: 2
  }
}
```

...

U17PWHU4D : assuming that's the way to do it. thanks again!

U0LPMPL2U : Is this JSON you're trying to convert to an Elm structure?

U0CLDU8UB : <@U601ELFEG> What do you mean by "don't want to author [..] in elm"? Do you mean that you don't want to write that in Elm or that you want to keep it in your codebase as plain HTML?

U601ELFEG : meaning I want to keep things like the content of the help panels authored in HTML - probably in a file apart from the elm code -

U17PWHU4D : in the example there <@U0LPMPL2U>, but i also have the same issue for types. so i think Dict should get me on the right path.

U601ELFEG : ditto the control panel (it has some meticulously laid out and styled buttons)

U0LPMPL2U : The structure of your types doesn't have to mirror the structure of your JSON

U0LPMPL2U : for example, you could have:

...

```
type alias Thing =
```

```
  { number : String
```

```
    , id : Int
```

```
  }
```

...

U0LPMPL2U : and convert the JSON into this type