

U5GSY0G9J : thanks <@U3SJEDR96> <@U17B2R554> ill look into those issues

U3SJEDR96 : There aren't really any valid use-cases for doing it, though, better to split off the logic into separate functions and calling those when you need them :slightly\_smiling\_face:

U17B2R554 : That is true

U3SJEDR96 : (unless you're replaying history that you got from a remote source in order to restore a user session, but that's an edge-case)

U3LUC6SNS : In `Main` I have the code``

```
TogglePublic -&gt;
```

```
    togglePublic model
```

```
...
```

where `togglePublic : Model -&gt; ( Model, Cmd Msg )` with `Cmd.none` in the cmd slot of the preceding tuple. After `togglePublic model` runs, I would like to run

```
...
```

```
updateCurrentDocument : Model -&gt; Document -&gt; ( Model, Cmd Msg )
```

```
...
```

How do I do that?

U0FP80EKB : You could do something like``

```
let
```

```
    (updatedModel, _ ) = togglePublic model
```

```
in
```

```
    updateCurrentDocument updatedModel document
```

```
...
```

U0FP80EKB : Personally, I stick with the guidance of having the data structure being updated as the last parameter, so I'd change `updateCurrentDocument` to```updatedCurrentDocument : Document -&gt; Model -&gt; (Model, Cmd Msg)```

U0FP80EKB : If you want to pipeline, you could then do``

```
togglePublic model
```

```
|&gt; Tuple.first
```

```
|&gt; updateCurrentDocument newDocument
```

```
...
```

U0FP80EKB : Although I tend to go for the first version with the `let` clause to be explicit that it is ignoring the returned command

U3LUC6SNS : <@U0FP80EKB> Thanks so much! -- and also for the guidance on the position of `model`

U0FP80EKB : One thing is that you are also duplicating the knowledge that `togglePublic` returns `Cmd.none`, so I probably would do this``

```
let
```

```
    (updatedModel, togglePublicCmd) = togglePublic model
```

```
    (updatedWithDocument, documentUpdateCmd) = updatedModel newDocument updatedModel
```

```
in
```

```
    (updatedWithDocument, Cmd.batch [ togglePublicCmd, documentUpdateCmd ] )
```

```
...
```

U0FP80EKB : (fixing the names a bit)

U3LUC6SNS : What is the reason for having the data structure being updated as the last param?

U0FP80EKB : Duplicating the knowledge about the `Cmd.none` can be a pain later down the line. I'm pretty aggressive at eliminating duplication.

U0FP80EKB : It makes it better for pipelining, since `|&gt;` passes as the last parameter

U3LUC6SNS : Got it! thanks!

U0FP80EKB : So, in general, the data structure being changed can be strung through

U3HQVHERX : is `type alias Thing = {...}` creating an "opaque type"?

U0RPQMZ9S : ^ no, but you're on the way to one

U0LPMPL2U : an opaque type is like:``

```
module Dollar exposing (Dollar)
```

```
type Dollar = Dollar Int
```

```
...
```

U0LPMPL2U : Elsewhere in your code, you can import the ``Dollar` _type_`, but you don't have access to the ``Dollar` _constructor_`

U0LPMPL2U : that means you can't pattern match or otherwise reach into the internals

U3HQVHERX : so ``type Dollar = Dollar Int`` not equivalent to ``type alias Dollar = Int``?

U0LPMPL2U : correct

U0LPMPL2U : with the ``type alias``, ``Dollar`` and ``Int`` are equivalent

U3HQVHERX : ``Int`` is the constructor for `Dollar`

U3HQVHERX : in ``type Dollar = Dollar Int``

U0LPMPL2U : ``5`` is both a ``Dollar` _and_ an `Int`` because they are aliases for each other (with the type alias)

U3HQVHERX : How would I use the ``Dollar`` type in the ``Dollar`` module? And why are opaque types useful?