

## - Functional Programming : Composing software

- FP is a programming paradigm where applications are composed using
  - pure functions
  - avoiding shared mutable state
  - avoiding side-effects
  - Is usually more declarative than imperative : we express what to do rather how to do. So tends to be more concise, more predictable, easier to compose and more amenable to be parallelised.
- Contrast this with :
  - Object Oriented programming : data and behaviours are collocated
  - procedural programming : an imperative style grouping algorithms into procedures which tend to rely on shared mutable state
- Some ideas used in FP
  - Pure functions
    - Given the same inputs, always returns the same output
    - Has no side-effects
  - Function Composition
    - Process of combining two or more functions in order to produce a new function or perform some computation
    - Eg Partial application, Currying, map/reduce/filter pipelines
  - Shared State
    - any variable, object, or memory space that exists in a shared scope, or as the property of an object being passed between scopes
    - A shared scope can include global scope or closure scopes.
    - Functional programming avoids shared state
    - Relies on immutable data structures and pure calculations to derive new data from existing data.
      - race condition
      - order of operations matter
  - Immutability
    - trie data structure: Copy on write
      - Tries use structural sharing to share reference memory locations for all the parts of the object which are unchanged after a “mutation”, which

uses less memory, and enables significant performance improvements for some kinds of operations.

- Immutable.js and Mori
- Side Effects
  - Any application state change that is observable outside the called function other than its return value
    - Modifying any external variable or object property (e.g., a global variable, or a variable in the parent function scope chain)
    - Logging to the console
    - Writing to the screen
    - Writing to a file
    - Writing to the network
    - Triggering any external process
    - Calling any other functions with side-effects
  - Side effects are mostly avoided in functional programming, only controlled side effect allowed, manage state and component rendering in separate, loosely coupled modules.
- Reusability Through Higher Order Functions
  - A higher order function is any function which takes a function as an argument, returns a function, or both
  - Higher order functions are often used to:
    - Abstract or isolate actions, effects, or async flow control using callback functions, promises, monads, etc.
    - Create utilities which can act on a wide variety of data types
    - Partially apply a function to its arguments or create a curried function for the purpose of reuse or function composition.
    - Take a list of functions and return some composition of those input functions
  - JavaScript has first class functions, which allows us to treat functions as data — assign them to variables, pass them to other functions, return them from functions, etc.
- Containers, Functors, Lists, and Streams
  - A functor data structure is a data structure that can be mapped over, that is, provides a map interface. So, Array is a functor
  - So, functor can contain objects of any datatype and all we need is an appropriate mapper function to transform functor
  - Array is just a list of things. A list expressed over time is a stream — so you

can apply the same kinds of utilities to process streams of incoming events

- Declarative vs Imperative
  - Imperative: the flow control: How to do things.
  - Declarative programs abstract the flow control process (the how gets abstracted away), and instead spend lines of code describing the data flow: What to do.
- Expressions over statements