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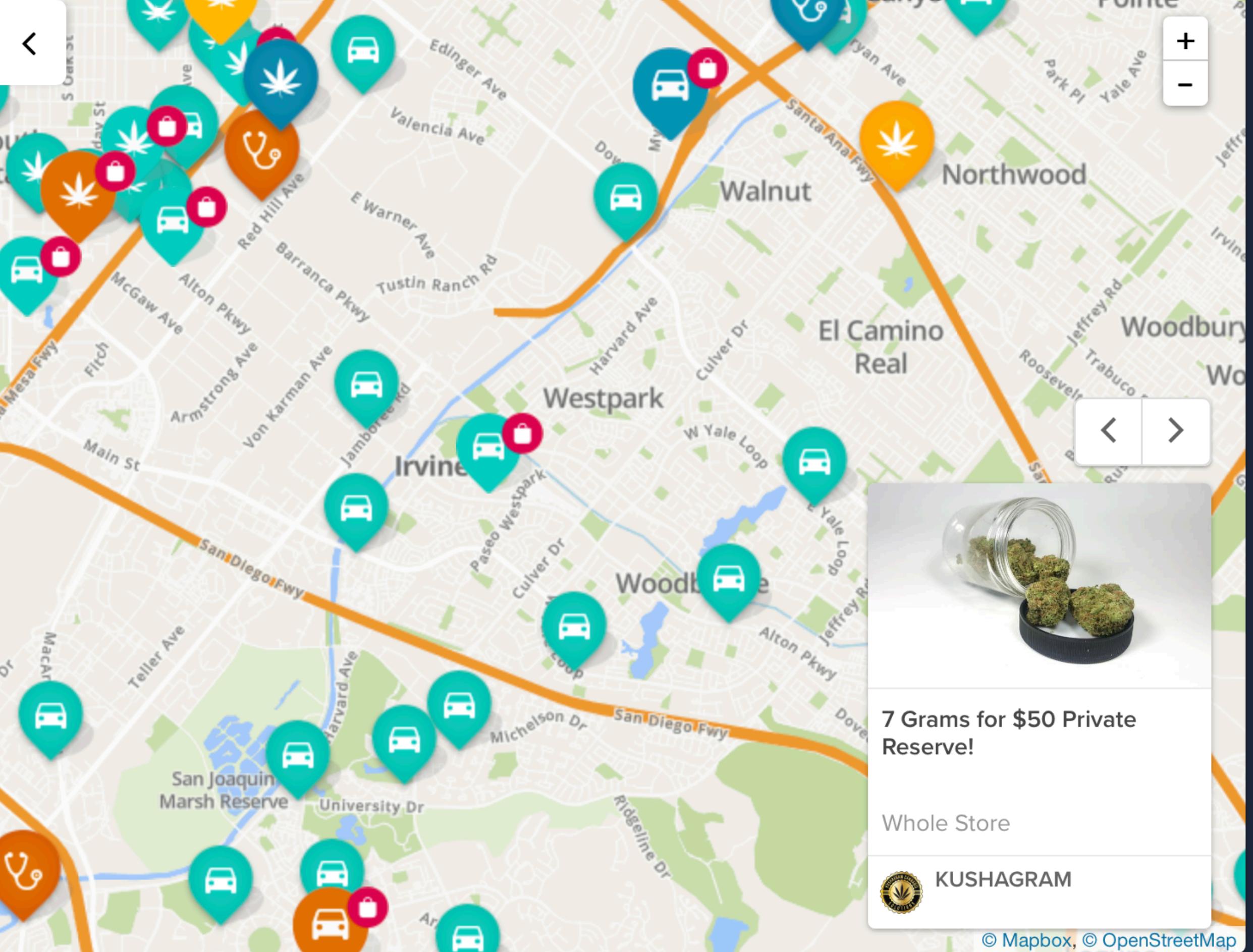
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THE STANDING

# why do we test?

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no tests



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no tests 😕

yes tests 😊

unit tests

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example-based

Input	Output
[]	[]
[1, 2, 3]	[1, 2, 3]
[2, 1, 3]	[1, 2, 3]



table-based

unit tests

# unit tests



# unit tests



, but also





P R I O P E R T I E S

hard to write 😞, but...



# valid inputs

valid **inputs**  
properties of **output**



# Elixir

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[github.com/whatyouhide/\*\*stream\\_data\*\*](https://github.com/whatyouhide/stream_data)

example time:

# sorting lists

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lists of integers



it's a list

it's a list

has the same elements

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has the same elements

it's ordered

```
check all list <- list_of(int()) do
    sorted = sort(list)

    assert is_list(sorted)
    assert same_elements?(list, sorted)
    assert ordered?(sorted)
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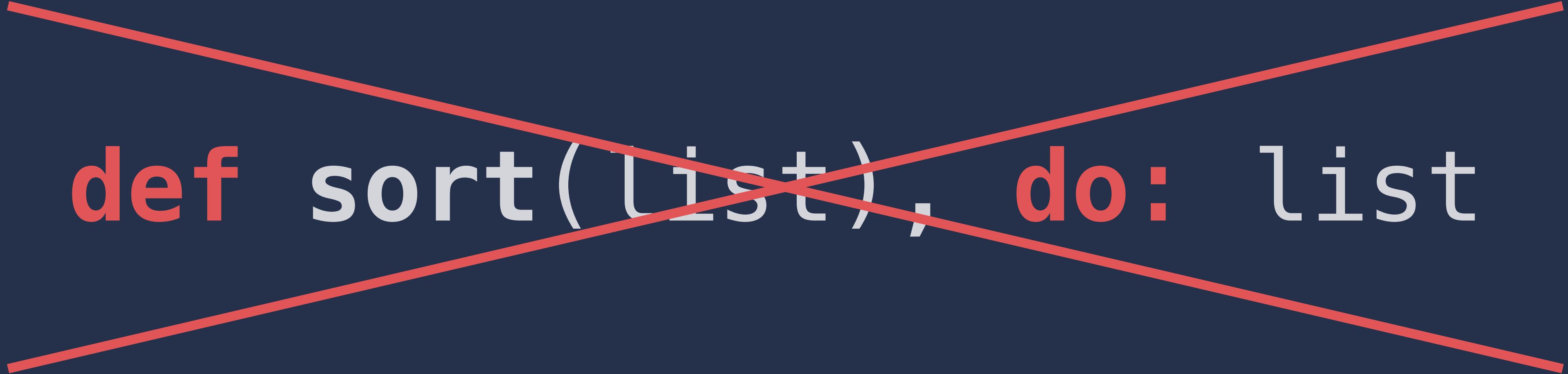
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```
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```



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```

[32, 2, 44, -12]

[32, 2, 44, -12]



[1, 0]



GENERATORS

```
iex> Enum.take(integer(), 4)
[1, 0, -3, 1]
```

# Composability

```
number = one_of([integer(), float()])
```

**StreamData.map(integer(), &abs/1)**

# Example

```
def string(:ascii) do
  integer(?\\s..?~)
    |> list_of()
    |> map(&List.to_string/1)
end
```



P A T T E R N S

circular code

`decode(encode(term)) == term`

# JSON encoding

```
property "unicode escaping" do
  check all string <- string(:printable) do
    encoded = encode(string, escape: :unicode)
    assert decode(encoded) == string
  end
end
```

oracle model

my\_code( ) == oracle\_code( )

older system

less performant implementation

```
property "gives same results as Erlang impl" do
  check all bin <- binary() do
    assert Huffman.encode(bin) ==
           :huffman.encode(bin)
  end
end
```

# smoke tests

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvwfDdgg93E>

# API: 200, 201, 400, 404

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```
property "only expected codes are returned" do
  check all request <- request() do
    response = HTTP.perform(request)
    assert response.status in [200, 201, 400, 404]
  end
end
```

locally



**CI**



```
if ci?() do
  config :stream_data, max_runs: 500
else
  config :stream_data, max_runs: 25
end
```

**unit** + properties

```
property "String.contains?/2" do
  check all left <- string(),
         right <- string() do
    assert String.contains?(left <> right, left)
    assert String.contains?(left <> right, right)
  end
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```
test "String.contains?/2" do
  assert String.contains?("foobar", "foo")
  assert String.contains?("foobar", "bar")
  assert String.contains?("foobar", "ob")
end
```



STATEFUL  
TESTING

model



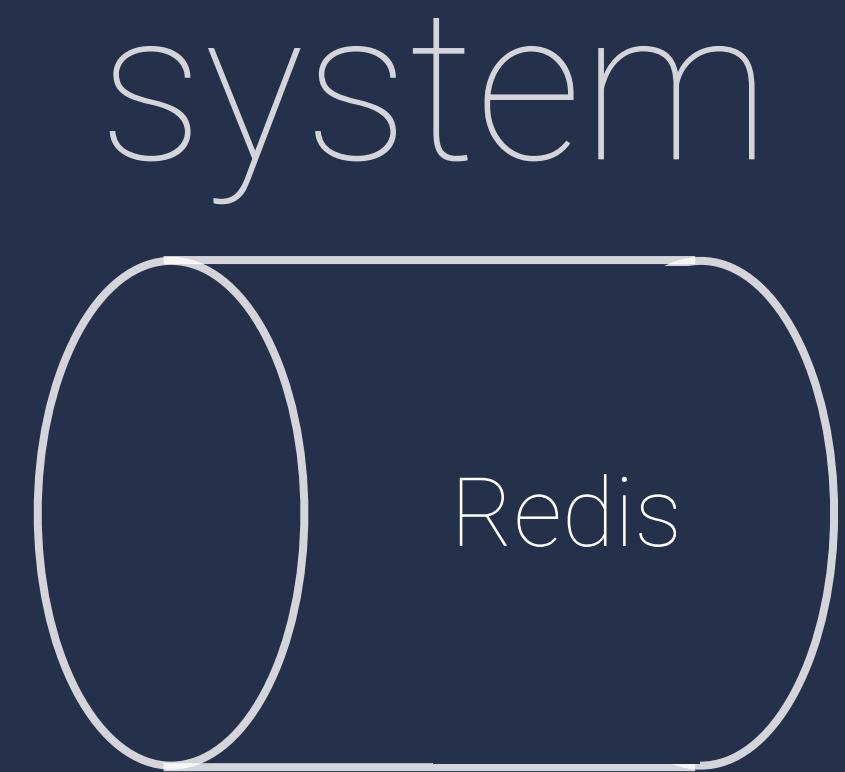
valid commands

**model**: state + state transformations

**commands**: calls + preconditions

# **getting/setting keys**

## in Redis



model

%{}

# commands

- get(key)
- set(key, value)

```
def get(model, key),  
  do: Map.get(model, key)
```

```
def set(model, key, value),  
  do: Map.put(model, key, value)
```

```
keys = Map.keys(model)

one_of([
    command(:get, [one_of(keys)]),
    command(:set, [binary(), binary()]),
    command(:set, [one_of(keys), binary()])
])
```

get

```
{:ok, result} = Redix.command!(conn, ["GET", key])  
assert Map.fetch(model, key) == {:ok, result}
```

set\_existing

```
Redix.command!(conn, ["SET", key, value])  
Map.replace!(model, key, value)
```

# LevelDB

17 (seventeen) calls

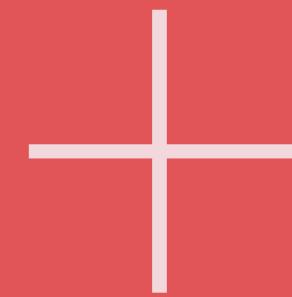
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33 (thirty three) calls



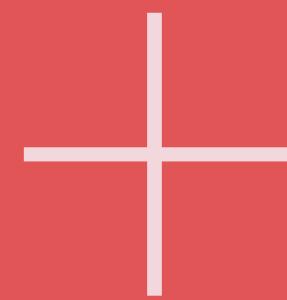
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**stream\_data**

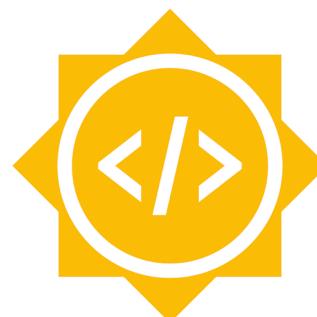


**dialyzer**

# **stream\_data**



# **dialyzer**



Google Summer of Code

# Dialyzer

```
@type my_type() :: integer()
```

```
@spec my_fun(integer()) :: my_type()
```

# Generators from type

```
@type timeout() :: :infinity | non_neg_integer()
```

from\_type(timeout())

```
from_type(timeout())
```

```
one_of([:infinity, map(integer(), &abs/1)])
```

Automatic property  
checking of specs

```
@spec my_fun(timeout()) :: :ok | :error
```

```
@spec my_fun(timeout()) :: :ok | :error
```



```
check all timeout <- from_type(timeout()) do
  assert my_fun(timeout) in [:ok, :error]
end
```



CONCLUSION

find obscure bugs

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reduce to minimal failing input

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find specification errors

find obscure bugs

reduce to minimal failing input

find specification errors

cover vast input space

v1.7



**use** property-based testing

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