

Pragmatic Functional Programming in Java

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Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.

— Tolstoy: Anna Karenina

What's Object-Oriented Programming?

OOP Pillars:

- Encapsulation
 - Inheritance
- Polymorphism
 - Abstraction

What's Functional Programming?

FP Pillars:

- Immutability
- Purity (Referential Transparency)
 - Type-Driven Development
 - Declarative Programming
 - Function Composition
 - Equational Reasoning

Immutability

It's impossible to change object's state after its creation

- Simplified Reasoning
 - Thread Safety
- Reduced Number of Moving Parts and Invalid States

Purity

Functions/Methods are pure when they have no dependencies on internal/external state, and don't do any side-effects

- Simplified Reasoning
 - Simplified Testing
- Memoizable (cacheable)

Type-Driven Development

A strong type system can not only prevent errors, but also guide you and provide feedback in your design process.

- Reduced Number of Moving Parts and Invalid States
 - Self-discoverable APIs
 - Fewer bugs

Function Composition

- Low-scale modularity

Equational Reasoning

- The power of substitution

OOP/FP

Do these really go against each other?

What's wrong with Java?

- Omnipresent mutability
 - Omnipresent side-effects
 - Spurious control flows (exceptions)
- Magic frameworks abusing reflection, proxies, classpath scanning, implicit configurations

Judging by its name and signature, what do you think that method does?

```
List<String> transform(List<String> list);
```

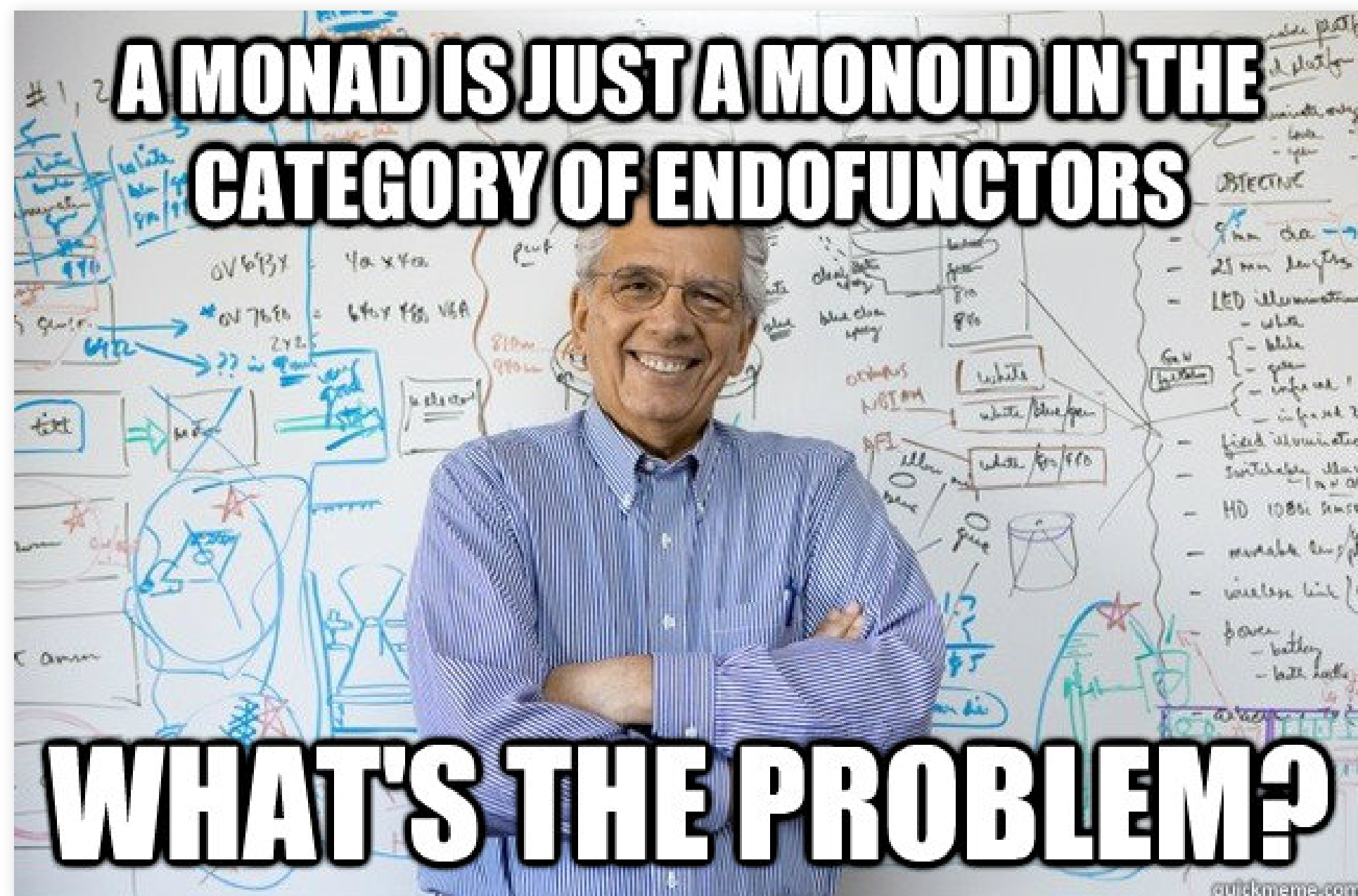
```
List<String> transform(List<String> list) {  
    list.add(this.state.get(0));  
    list.add(SOME_CONSTANT);  
  
    this.orderPizza();  
  
    if (MOON.getLunarPhase() == FULL) list.remove(7);  
    this.moreState.addAll(list);  
    OtherClass.mutableStaticField = list;  
    return list;  
}
```

A dirty and imperative program

```
println("hello!")  
callSomeExternalService()  
  
program.unsafeRunSync()
```


A "purely functional" declarative program

```
val program: IO[Unit] = for {  
  _ <- IO { println("hello!") }  
  _ <- IO { callSomeExternalService }  
} yield ()  
  
program.unsafeRunSync()
```



```
//TODO: insert some livecoding here
```

