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Functional programming in the JS ecosystem

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Principles of the functional paradigm

01.

functional programming:

**“ Declarative paradigm of
programmation in which
functions are first-class
citizens. ”**

OCaml docs

- **Functions are pure**
- **They are of fixed arity**
- **They do not have any context**
- **They do not produce side effects**

Advantages

of functional programming

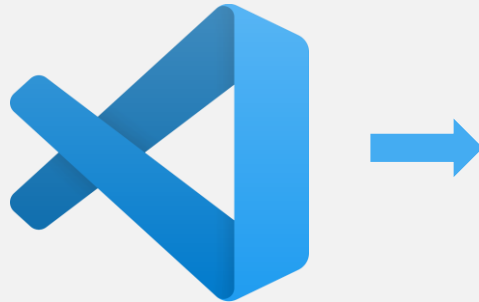
- **No mutations of external context, thus less race conditions**
- **Code describes WHAT the program does, not HOW, thus is easier to refactor and to read**
- **Functions do few tasks (ideally 1), thus are easier to test, and to reuse across the project, or even across different codebases**

Application of FP principles in JS

02.

Currying

i.e. make n unary functions out of one function accepting n arguments.



Partial application

i.e. fixing arguments of a function to produce a new one of smaller arity.

```
const getFormattedLog = (msg, logLevel, time = new Date()) =>
  `${time} - ${logLevel} - ${msg}`;

const getFormattedError = partial(getFormattedLog, _, "ERROR", _);

getFormattedError("An error has occurred");
getFormattedError("An error has occurred", new Date("26/05/1993"));
```

Function composition

i.e. combining multiple functions to create more complicated ones, by flowing the result of each function call to the subsequent.

```
const classAverageMark = testResults =>  
  average(getMarks(JSON.parse(testResults)));
```

Recursive functions

isPrime - loop version

```
const isPrime = (n) => {  
  if (n <= 3) return n > 1;  
  else if (n % 2 === 0 || n % 3 === 0) return false;  
  
  let i = 5;  
  
  while (i * i <= n) {  
    if (n % i === 0 || n % (i + 2) === 0) return false;  
    i = i + 6;  
  }  
  
  return true;  
};
```

Recursive functions

isPrime - recursive version

```
const isPrime = (n, i) => {  
  if (n <= 2) return n === 2;  
  else if (n % i === 0) return false;  
  else if (i * i > n) return true;  
  
  return isPrime(n, i + 1);  
};
```

Isolation of side effects

03.

Example: OpenWeather2DOM

01. **fetch Bordeaux's temp,**
02. **convert it to Celsius,**
03. **multiply by a random number, (￣\(\ツ\)ﾉ)**
04. **insert result into the DOM.**

Example: OpenWeather2DOM

```
const openWeather2DOM = async () => {  
  const fahrenheitTemp = await somehowFetchBordeauxTemp();  
  const celsiusTemp = (fahrenheitTemp - 32) / 1.8;  
  const multipliedByRand = celsiusTemp * Math.random();  
  document.querySelector("#temp").innerText = multipliedByRand;  
}
```

✗ One single impure function: hard to test, hard to reuse...

Example: OpenWeather2DOM

```
const fetchBordeauxTemp = async () => fetch('api.openweathermap.com/bordeaux');  
  
const convertFahrenheitToCelcius = farTemp => (farTemp - 32) / 1.8;  
  
const multiplyByRandom = n => n * Math.random();  
  
const insertIntoDOM = n => (document.querySelector("#temp").innerText = n);
```

- ✓ Isolation of side effects / impure functions from pure functions: easier to test, reuse, and mock.

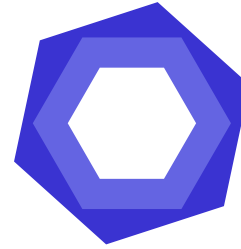
Some helpful tools

04.



TypeScript

Introduces **static typing** as every common functional language have.



ESLint + eslint-plugin-fp

Helps following functional principles by applying a dozen of rules.



RamdaJS or Lodash/FP

Provides many functional programming utility functions like ***curry***, ***partial*** or ***compose***.



ImmerJS or ImmutableJS

Helps maintaining **immutability** by providing natively immutable data structures (for ImmutableJS), or data production helpers (for ImmerJS).



**Thanks for
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Questions ?**

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