

Conceptual Algorithms

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Identify the problem

Propose Solutions

Evaluate benefits
and consequences

Select the best solution

Problem Solving

chronic

god

fixture scenarios

fuzed

grit

Powerset

~~PowerSet~~

Microsoft

GitHub

Scientific Method

Define the question

Gather information
and resources
(observe)

Form hypothesis

Perform experiment
and collect data

Analyze data

Interpret data and draw
conclusions that serve
as starting point for a
new hypothesis

Publish results

Start over with
new hypothesis

e.g. god

How **NOT** to
do science

science and god

~~science and god~~

science and god.rb

* Have a Control Case

memory in kb (second)

8088 (0)

8136 (1)

8188 (2)

...

437788 (9998)

437832 (9999)

437868 (10000)

* Define a Methodology
(and stick to it)

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(observe)

/proc/<pid>/status

VmStk: 228 kB

VmData: 234948 kB

VmPeak: 297144 kB

VmSize: 297132 kB

VmLck: 0 kB

VmHWM: 206344 kB

VmRSS: 206336 kB

VmExe: 772 kB

VmLib: 5000 kB

VmPTE: 584 kB

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146 Array

111 Time

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7604 (3)

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```
def base_name  
    self.class.name.split('::').last  
end
```

```
def base_name
  x = 1
  self.class.name.split('::').last
end
```

```
class Bar
  def self.class_name
    name.split(/::/)
  end
end
```

```
loop { Bar.class_name }
```

Announcing...

gist

I <3 Demos

gist.github.com

gist / tsig

git clone

git://gist.github.com/21.git



```
require 'logger'
log = Logger.new(STDOUT)
threads = []

10.times do
  threads << Thread.new do
    loop do
      log.info("foo")
    end
  end
end

threads.each { |t| t.join }
```



```
diff --git a/lib/god/logger.rb b/lib/god/logger.rb
index 7150fca..6f55d1c 100644
--- a/lib/god/logger.rb
+++ b/lib/god/logger.rb
@@ -1,7 +1,7 @@
 module God
   class Loggy
     DEBUG = 0
-    INFO = 1
+    INFO = 3
     WARN = 2
     ERROR = 3
     FATAL = 4
```

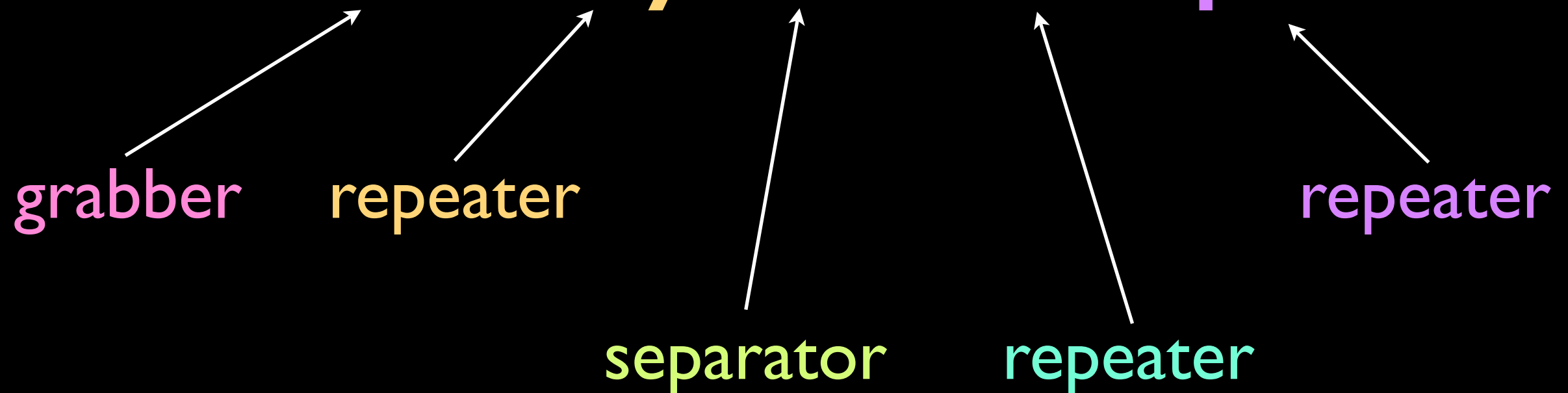
Memory Initialization

e.g. George Dantzig

e.g. chronic

today at 4:20pm

this day at 4:20 pm



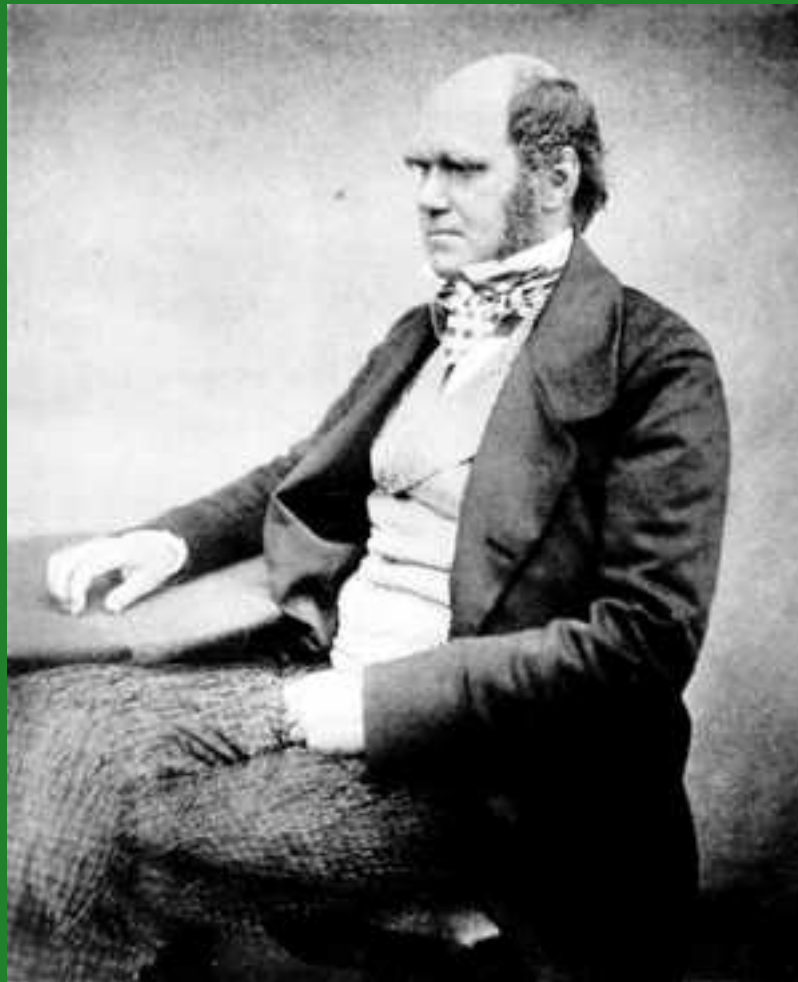
Iteration

e.g. James Dyson

Vaporset Corollary

Hard problems
take a long time

e.g. Charles Darwin



e.g. Powerset

Breadth First Search

There are more than
2500 programming
languages

Sapir-Whorf for Robots

e.g. Fuzed

Imagining the Ideal Solution

e.g. god config

```
%w{8200 8201 8202}.each do |port|
  God.watch do |w|
    w.name = "mongrel-#{port}"
    w.interval = 30.seconds
    w.start = "mongrel_rails start ..."
    w.stop = "mongrel_rails stop ..."
    w.restart = "mongrel_rails restart ..."
    w.pid_file = "/var/run/mongrel.#{port}.pid"

    w.start_if do |start|
      start.condition(:process_running) do |c|
        c.interval = 5.seconds
        c.running = false
      end
    end
  end
end

...
end
end
```


Dedicated Thinking Time

e.g. Gravatar





RUBYRINGE

The Cash Filter

e.g. GitHub

The Deathbed Filter

Thank you