

Urbit for Developers

Assembly 2021

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“If you find your life tangled up with somebody else’s life for no very logical reasons,” writes Bokonon, “that person may be a member of your *karass*. ”

—Kurt Vonnegut, *Cat’s Cradle*

OKAY!



you are:

- done
- ready to move on
- bored

NOPE!



you are:

- stuck
- in need of help
- lost

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# Python
def fibonacci(n):
    i = 0
    p = 0
    q = 1
    r = []
    while (i < n):
        i = i + 1
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        p = q
        q = po + q
        r.append(q)
    r.reverse()
    return r
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```
gate n=uint {
    let [i=0 p=0 q=1 \
          r=[list uint]]
    do {
        if (i == n) return r
    } loop {
        i ← i+1
        p ← q      q ← (p + q)
        r ← [q] + r
    }
    match-type r
    apply flop
}
```

```
# Actual Hoon
|= n=@ud
%- flop
=+ [i=0 p=0 q=1 \
     r=*list @ud]
|- ^+ r
?: =[i n] r
%=$
    i +(i)
    p q
    q [add p q]
    r [q r]
==
```

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Fakezod Setup

- 1 Navigate to a new directory /home/username/urbit
- 2 Download the pill, or pre-packaged Urbit OS configuration:
`wget https://bootstrap.urbit.org/urbit-v1.6.pill`
- 3 Start a new fakezod in this directory with
`urbit -F zod -B urbit-v1.6.pill`
- 4 Mount the filesystem: | mount %home
- 5 Press Ctrl+D to exit the Urbit session.
- 6 Copy the fakezod to a local backup: `cp -r zod zod-ist-tot`

Fakezod Development

1 Save the file as urbit/gen/fib.hoon

2 Tell the fakezod to update from Unix:

 | commit %home

3 Run the generator in the Dojo:

 +fib 15

:: Original

```
| = n=@ud
%- flop
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%=
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```

:: Expanded runes & children →

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Exercise

If we list all the natural numbers below 10 that are multiples of 3 or 5, we get 3, 5, 6 and 9. The sum of these multiples is 23.

Find the sum of all the multiples of 3 or 5 below 1000.

Exercise

Try the following auras:

`@ud`0x1001.1111

`@p`0b1111.0000.1111.0000

`@ub`0x1001.1111

`@ta`'hello'

`@ux`0x1001.1111

`@ud`'hello'

`@p`0x1001.1111

`@ux`'hello'

`@ud`.1

`@uc`'hello'

`@ux`.1

`@sb`'hello'

`@ub`.1

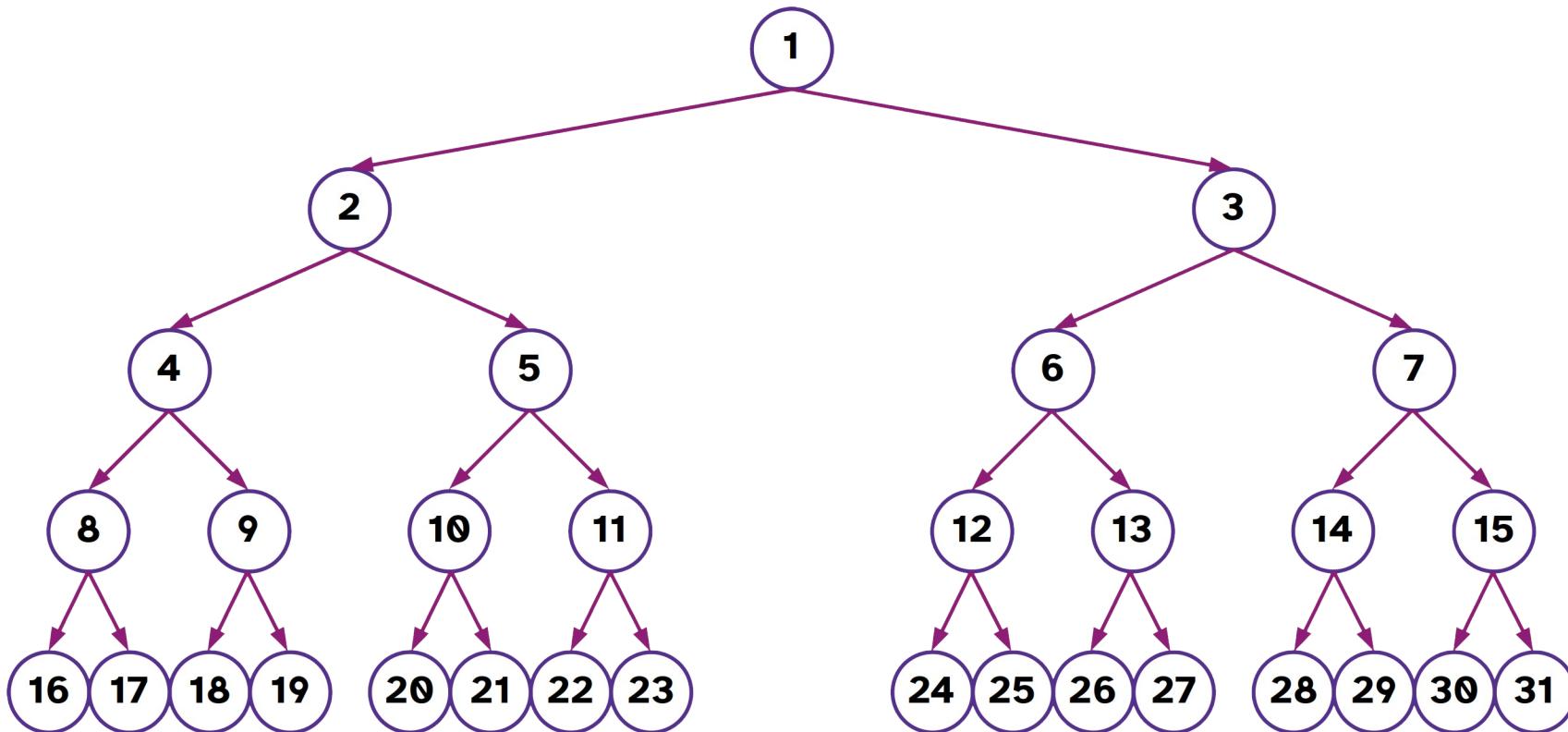
`@rs`'hello'

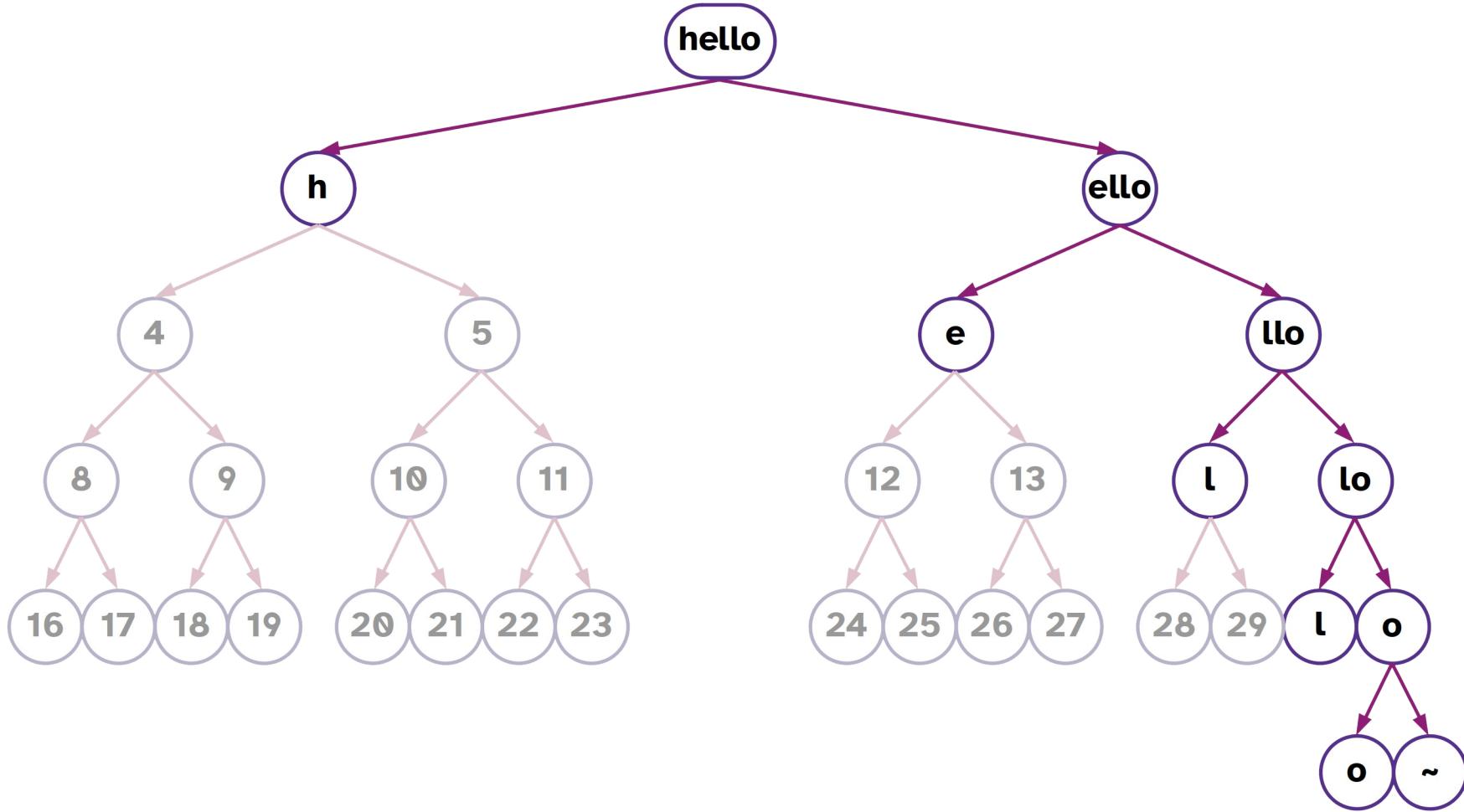
`@sb`.1



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do things.

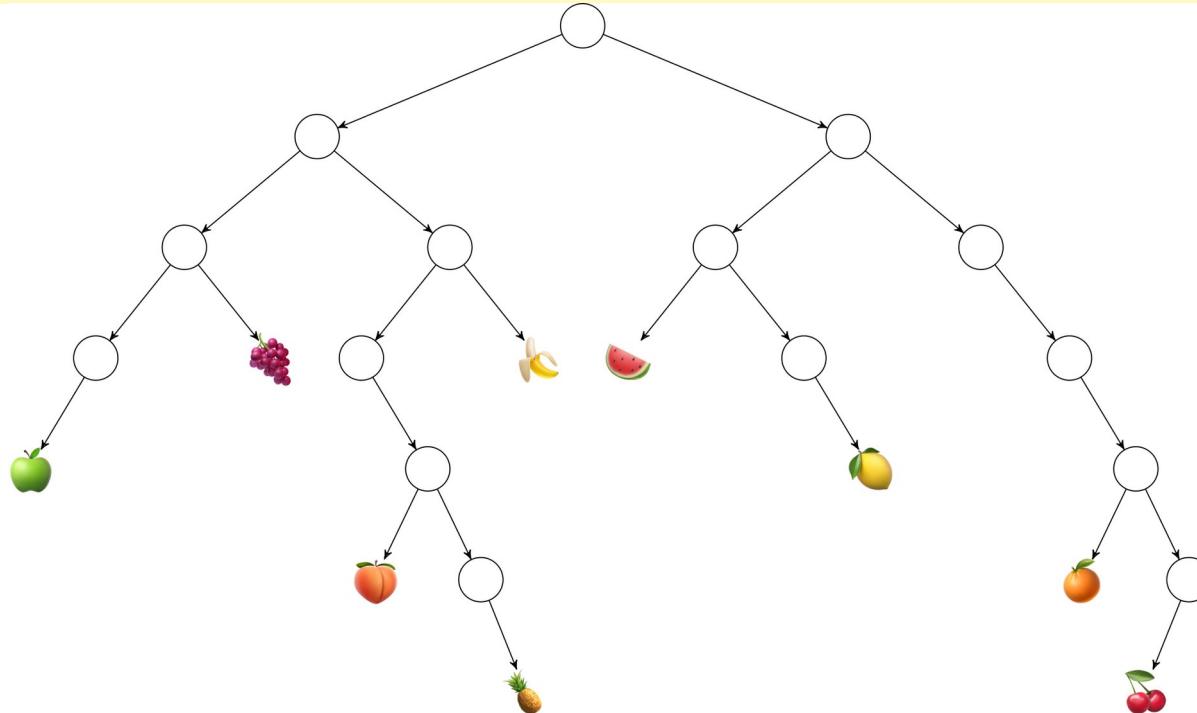
Legs
hold
data.





Exercise

Produce a cell representation of the fruit tree.
Use `~` as a placeholder for an empty node.



Exercise

Implement the Sudan function in Hoon.

$$F_0(x, y) = x + y$$

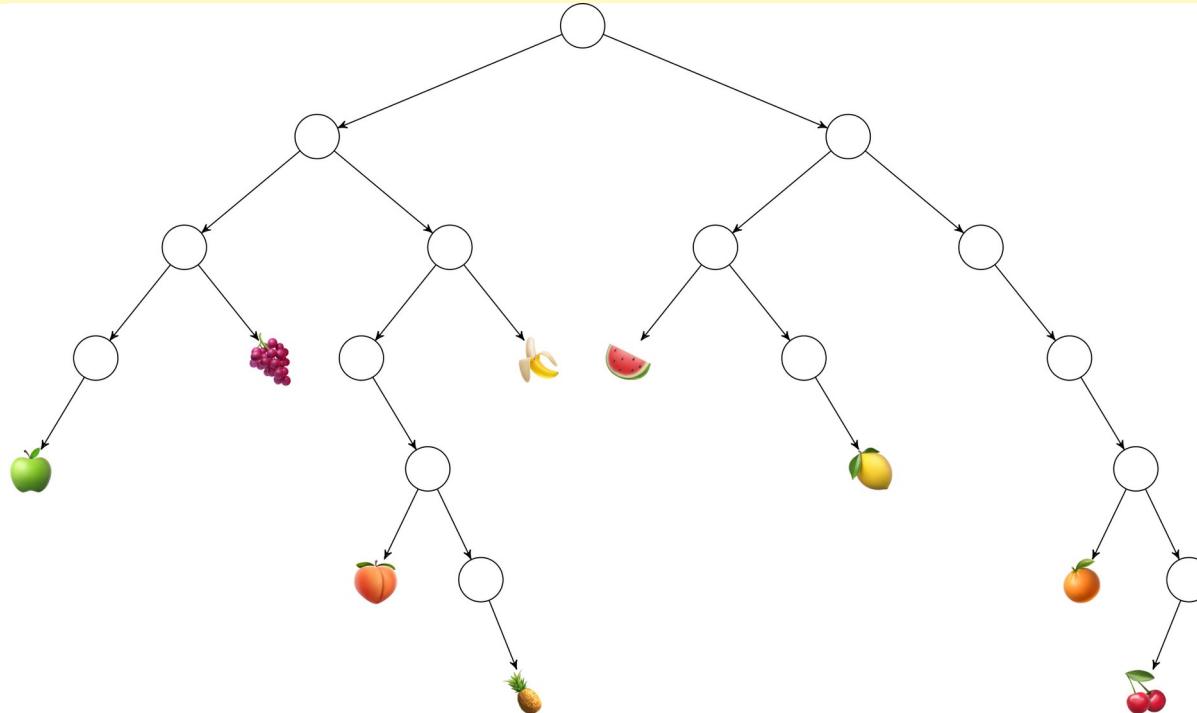
$$F_{n+1}(x, 0) = x \quad \text{if } n \geq 0$$

$$F_{n+1}(x, y + 1) = F_n(F_{n+1}(x, y), F_{n+1}(x, y) + y + 1) \quad \text{if } n \geq 0$$

(Check Wikipedia “Sudan Function” for trial cases.)

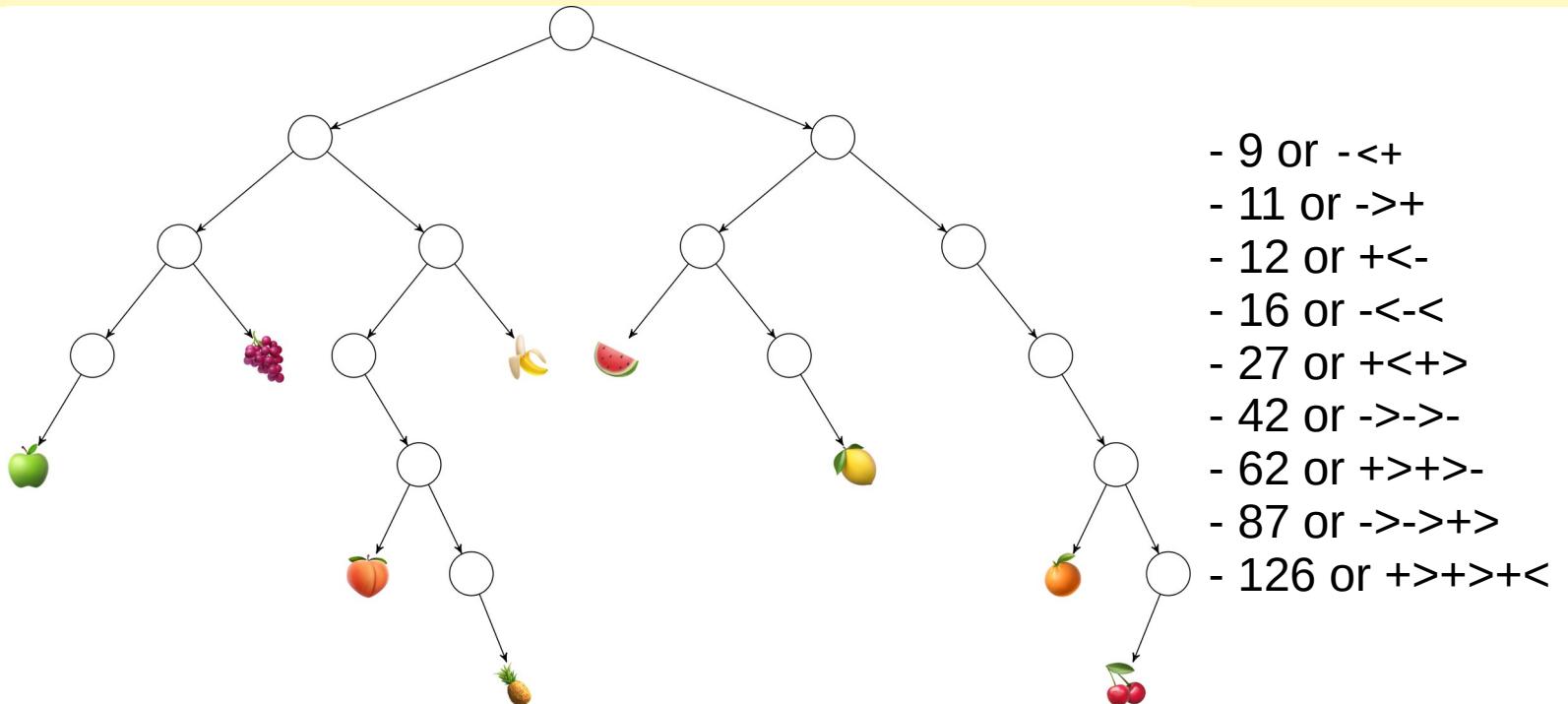
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Solution

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Exercise

Write a `%say` generator which simulates scoring a simple dice throw of n six-sided dice. That is, it should return the sum of n dice. If no number is specified, then only one die roll should be returned.

Exercise

Here is a %say generator that returns a list of n probabilities between 0-100%.

```
: -  %say
|=  [[* eny=@uv *] [n=@ud ~] ~]
: -  %noun
=/  values `list @ud`~
=/  count 0
=/  rng ~{. og eny}
|-  ^- [list @ud]
?:  =[count n] values
=^  r  rng [rads:rng 100]          :: preserve state change
${count +[count], values [weld values ~[(add r 1)]]}
```

Exercise

The Sieve of Eratosthenes is a classic (if relatively inefficient) way to produce a list of prime numbers. Save this as a file `/gen/primes.hoon`, sync it, and run it as `+primes 100`

(Be careful not to use too large a number—use Ctrl+C to interrupt evaluation!)

Exercise

Scan through the generators in /gen and see which libraries are used and how they are imported.

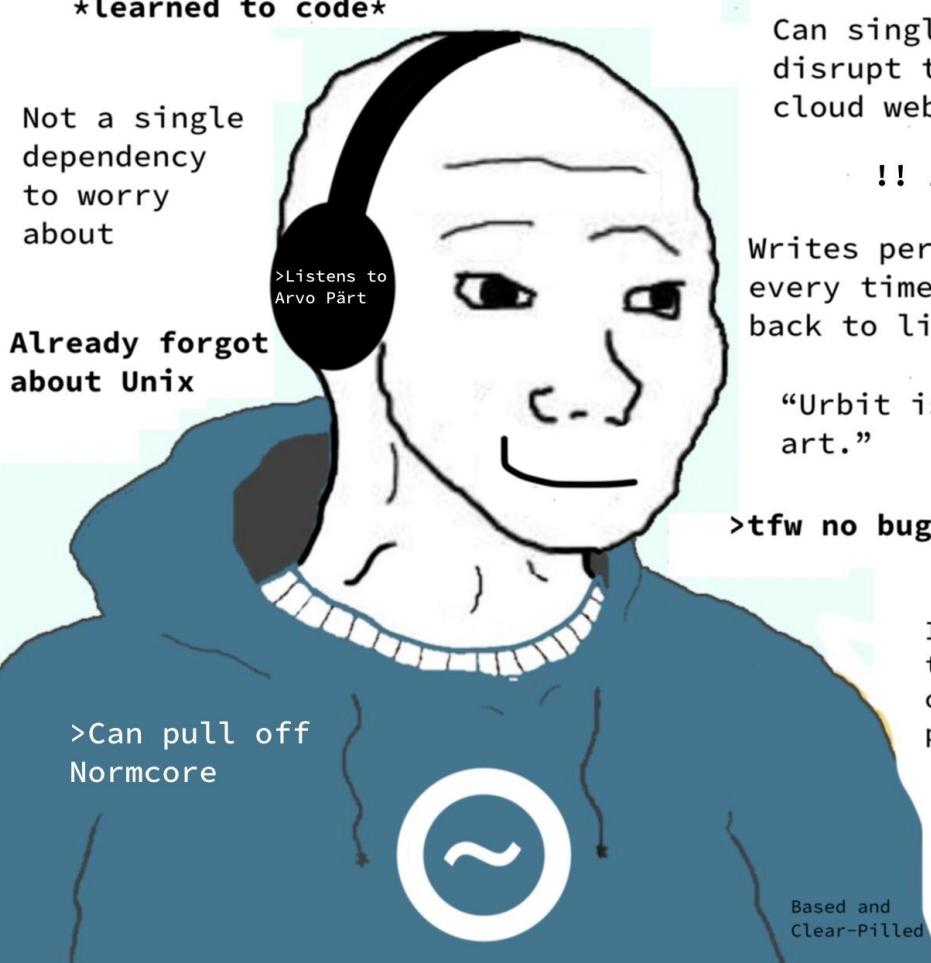
Exercise

Examine several source code files. Enumerate some principles of good Hoon style that you infer from these.

```
{  
  "name": "John",  
  "age": 30,  
  "car": null  
}
```

```
[ ~  
  [%o p={  
    [p=' car'  
     q=~  
   ]  
   [p=' name'  
     q=[%s p=' John' ]  
   ]  
   [p=' age'  
     q=[%n p=~. 30 ]  
   ]  
 }]  
 ]
```

~the.6-week.hooner



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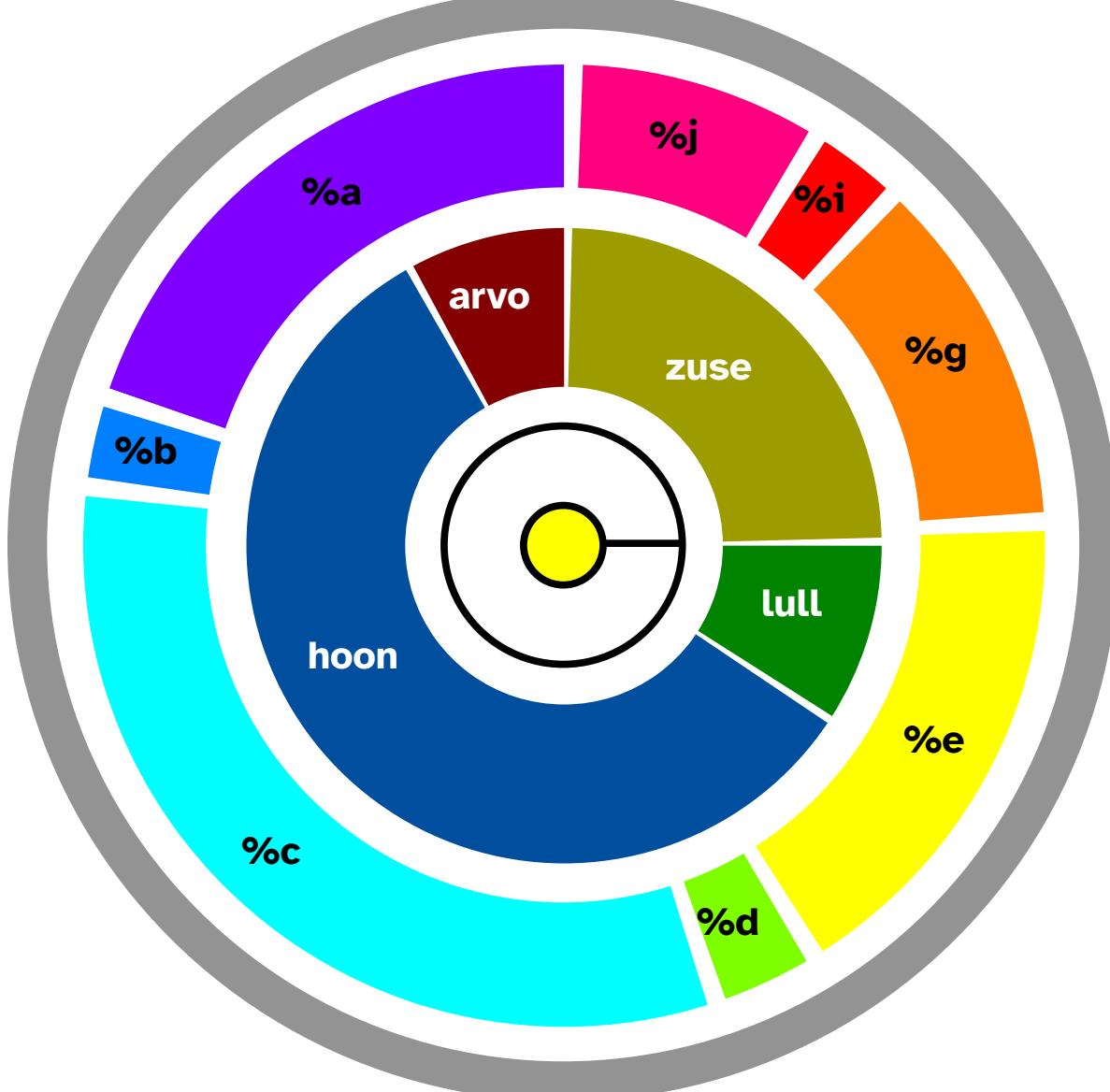
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```
+$ href :: where a tile links
$% [%glob base=term =glob-location] :: location of client-side data
    [%site =path] :: location of server-rendered frontend
== ::

:: ::

+$ url   cord :: URL type
:: ::

+$ glob-location :: how to retrieve glob (client-side)
$% [%http =url] :: HTTP source, if applicable
    [%ames =ship] :: %ames source, if applicable
== ::

:: ::

+$ version :: version of app (not Kelvin version)
[major=@ud minor=@ud patch=@ud]
:: ::

+$ docket ::

$: %1 :: Docket protocol tag
    title=@t :: text on home screen
    info=@t :: long-form description
    color=@ux :: app tile color
    =href :: link to client bundle
    image=[unit url] :: app tile background
    =version :: version of app (not Kelvin version)
    website=url :: URL to open on click
    license=cord :: software release license
== ::
```

- %alpha basic demo of Gall as MWE
- %bravo add local operations
- %charlie add peer-to-peer operations
- %delta write complete basic app

Exercise

- Examine /sur/dns.hoon (basic) or /sur/bitcoin.hoon (advanced).
- Examine /mar/json.hoon
(and discuss with your *karass*)

|_ =bowl: gall
++ on-init
++ on-save
++ on-load
++ on-arvo
++ on-peek
++ on-poke
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++ on-leave
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Permissions Model

- A *store* is a local database.
- A *hook* is a permissions broker for the database.
- A *view* is a data aggregator which parses objects for external clients such as Landscape.

Code courageously.

If you avoid changing a section of code for fear of awakening the demons therein, you are living in fear. If you stay in the comfortable confines of the small section of the code you wrote or know well, you will never write legendary code. All code was written by humans and can be mastered by humans.

It's natural to feel fear of code; however, you must act as though you are able to master and change any part of it. To code courageously is to walk into any abyss, bring light, and make it right.

(Philip Monk, “Urbit Precepts”)



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Jingleheimer Jiffy**

