Type Theory
in 15min

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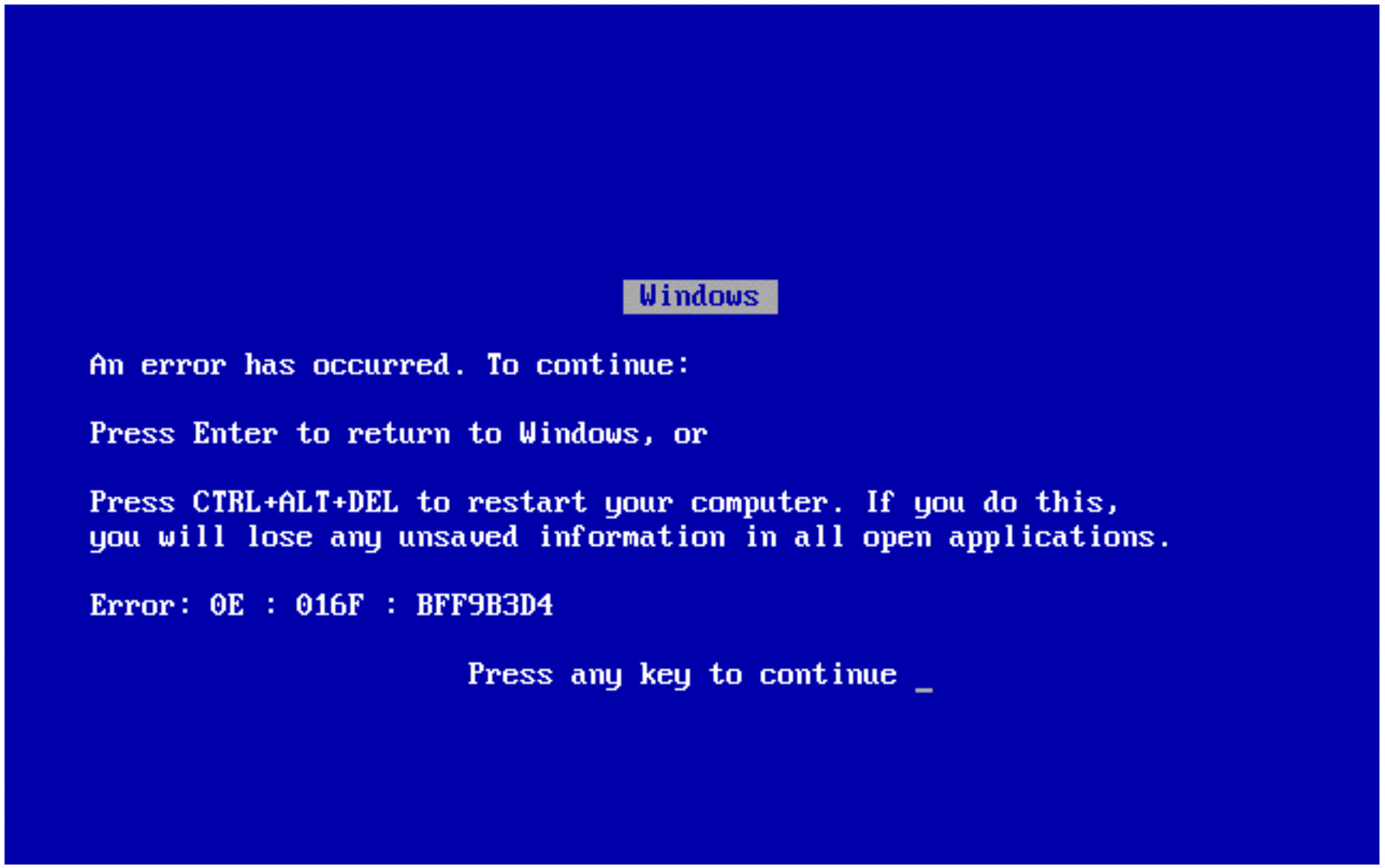

Types to detect code errors!

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What will the above print?

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> ey!
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Code Errors vs. Correct Code

```
printf("%d",(1+1)+2);
```

What will the above print?

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```
> 4
```

B.

```
> No other alternative!
```

Types

Detect Errors Early (compile time)!

Types: Classify Data

e.g., “`1` has type `Int`”

`1 : Int`

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```
1:Int
2:Int
...
"Hey":String
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$$\frac{1 : \texttt{Int} \qquad \texttt{"Hey!"} : \texttt{String}}{1 + \texttt{"Hey!"} : ??}$$

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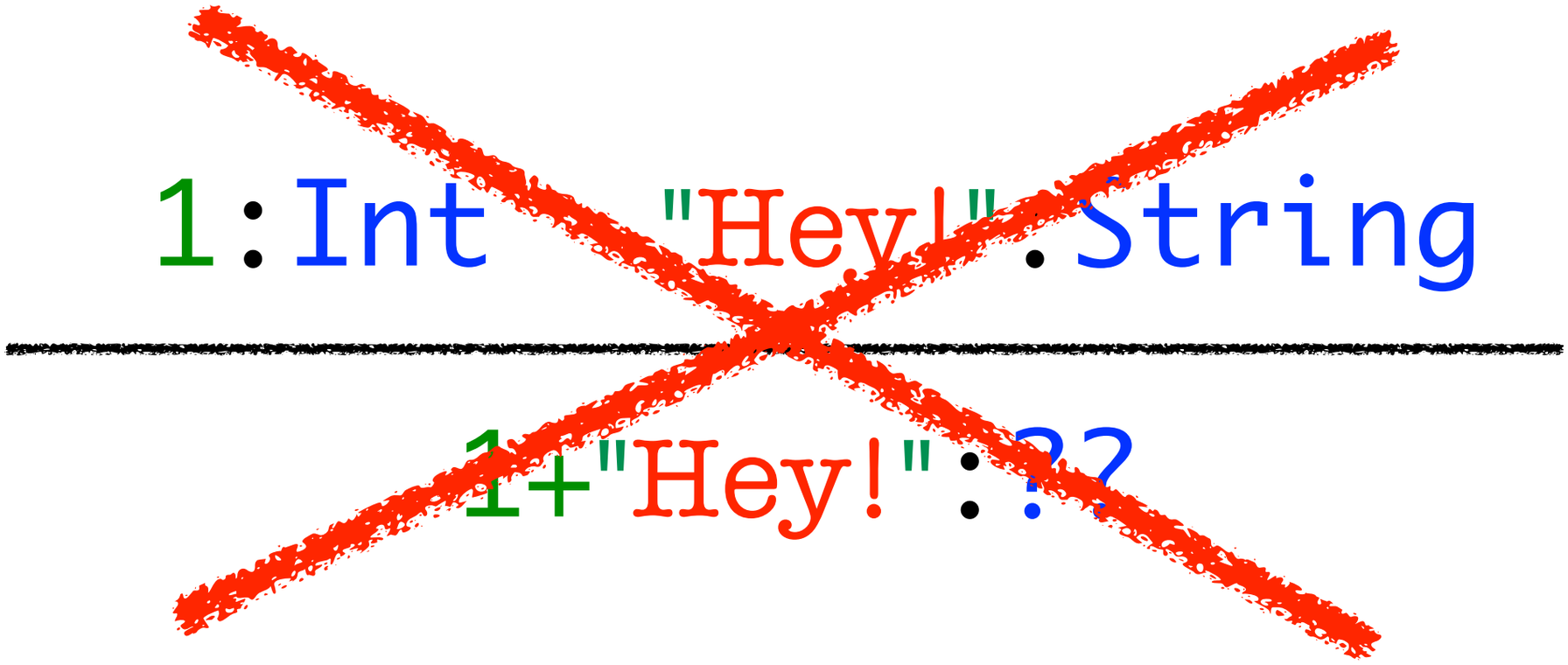

What rules are wrong?

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$$e : t \hookrightarrow e_1 : t \hookrightarrow \ldots \hookrightarrow e_i : t$$

If e_i is a value, we are done!

Since e_i has a type, $e_i \neq \texttt{crash}$!

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Thanks!