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• The reference rule applies when a list contains **non-primitive data**, i.e. data defined by the user

Function composition

Function composition rule: if you're doing at least 2 independent task on a list of items, you must use **function composition**

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arrange-people
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layout-people sort
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draw-person ?
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- Because the composite functions already test the base cases, we do NOT need the base case in the parent function
 - In today's example, layout-people and sort already test the base cases, so arrange-people does not need to test them
- Because the composite functions are consuming a list, ListOfPerson, which contains non-primitive data, we can't forget about the **reference rule!** We have to write helper functions.

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