



The Present and The Future of Functional Programming in C++



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```
struct Presentation
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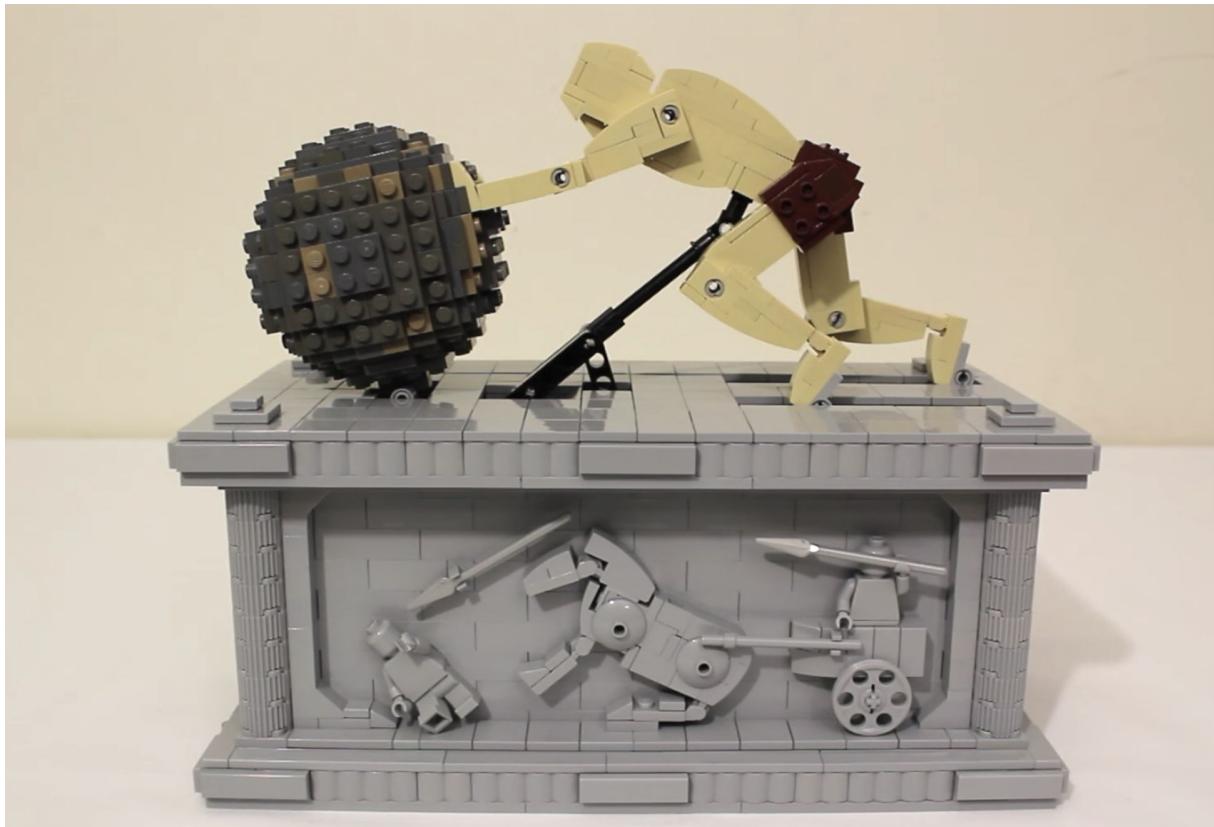
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Philosophy of Functional Programming in C++



What is Programming?



instructions, jumps, loops

-- unstructured programming

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sequence, selection, iteration

-- structured programming

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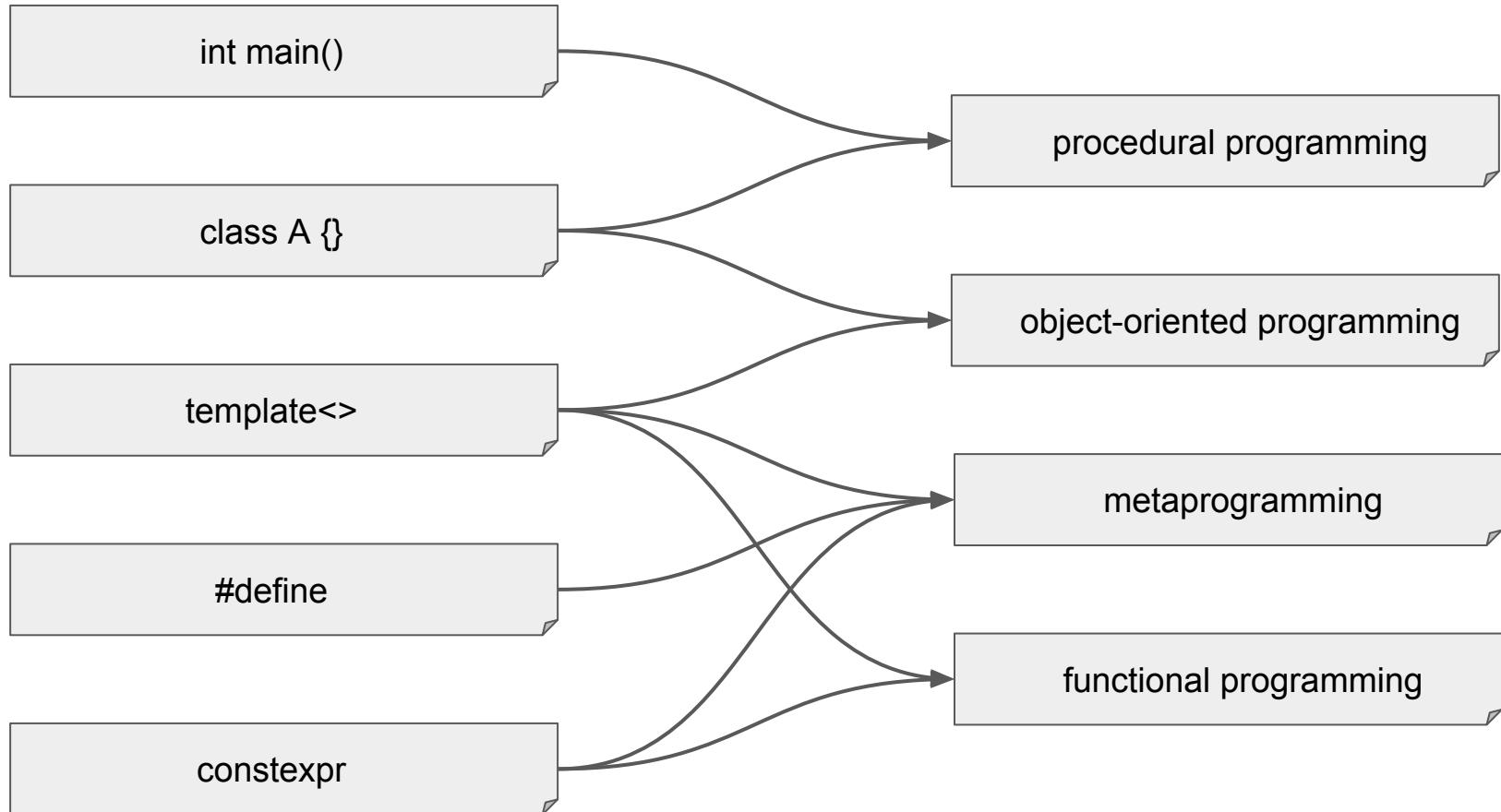
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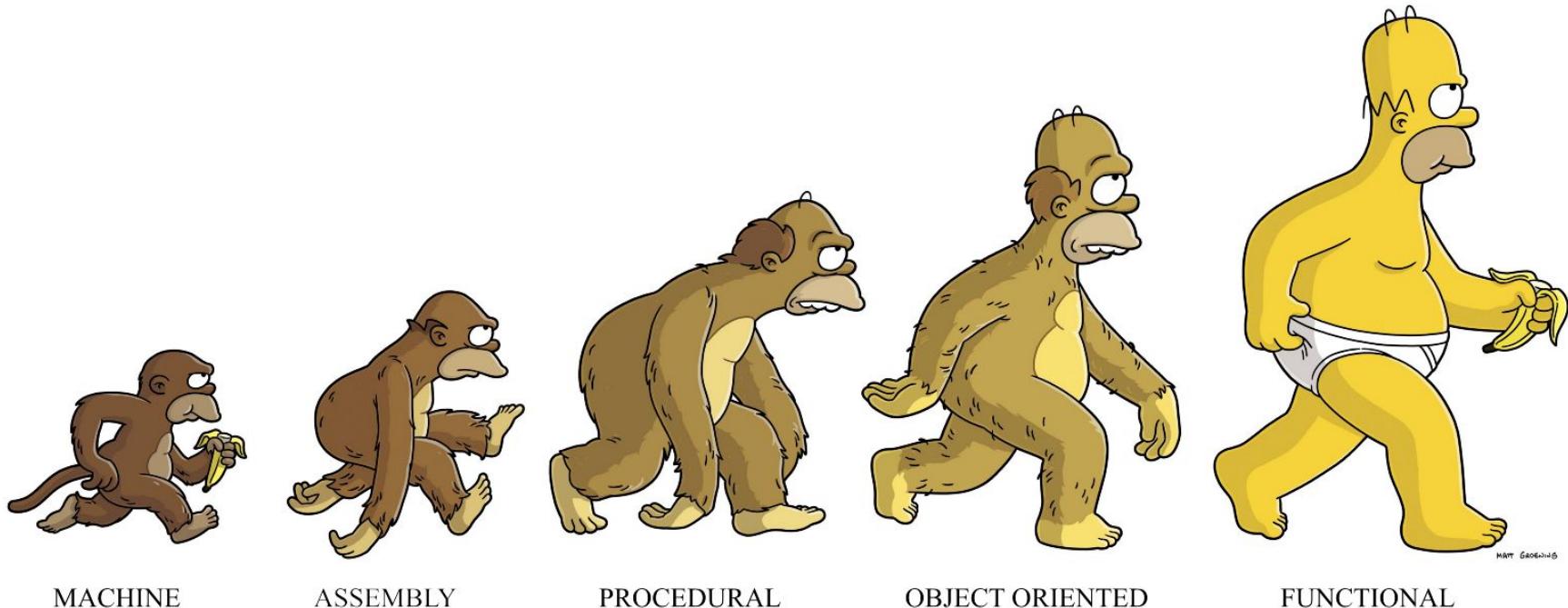
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declaration, application, recursion

-- functional programming



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Old School C++ developer: **C++98** -> *Please, Leave me alone* -> **C++98**

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Verbosity of imperative and OO code \rightarrow FP data types and constructs

*algebraic data types, higher order functions, lambdas, closures
pattern-matching, currying, partial application*

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Usability, bugs and lack of guarantees \rightarrow Reliable FP concepts, guarantees

*purity, immutability, side effects control, type level programming
recursion, range-based iteration, monoids, functors, monads...*

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*domain specific languages, persistent data types
laziness, composition, combinators, first class functions*

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Complexity of multithreaded programs → Functional approaches

*functional reactive programming, software transactional memory,
async / par / future monad, automatic parallelism*

Elements of Functional Programming in C++



λambdas

```
[](auto i) { return i + 1; }
```

```
\i -> i + 1
```

```
i => i + 1
```

```
lambda i: i + 1
```

```
| i | -> i + 1
```

λambdas in C++

```
<>(int x, int y) -> int {return x + y;}  
[|b|](){ return |b| -> set_text("World"); }  
i => i + 1  
  
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λambdas in C++

Idea of the feature

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Standard issuing

Feature adoption

Feature improvements

== You are standing here ==

Feature improvements

λambdas in C++

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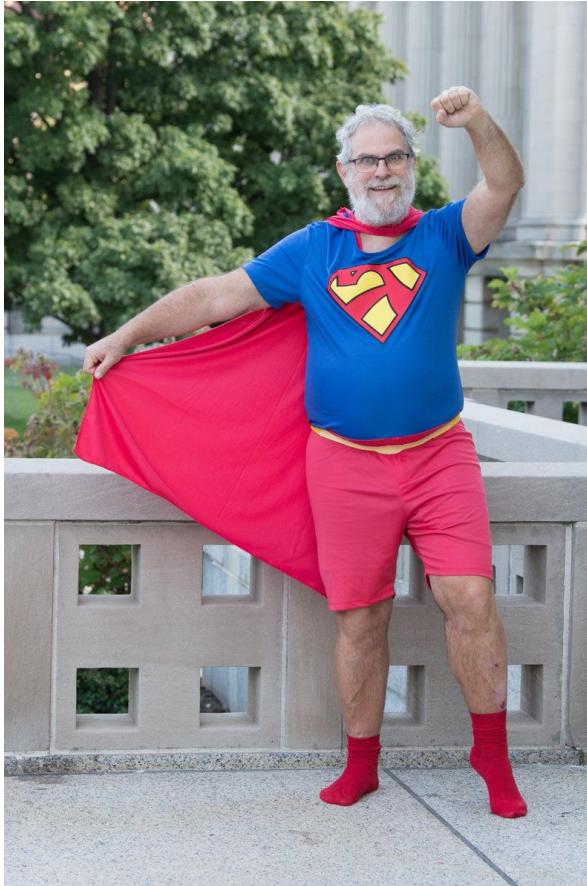
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	2020 ➔ Feature improvements

λambdas in C++

	...2000...	→ Idea of the feature
<>(int x, int y) -> int {return x + y;}		Pondering and thinking
[b](){ return b -> set_text("World"); }		Reference implementation
i => i + 1		Discussions in Committee
	2006 - 2008	→ Drafting in Standard
	2008 - 2011	→ Implementation in compilers
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What is λambda?



And who is
λambdaman?

“Lambda is just an object with operator() overloaded”

```
std::vector<int> v {4, 2, 4};  
  
struct Summator  
{  
    int sum = 0;  
  
    void operator()(int i) {  
        sum += i;  
    }  
};  
  
Summator summator = std::for_each(v.begin(), v.end(), Summator());  
  
std::cout << summator.sum;      // 10
```

“Lambda is an anonymous function”

```
std::vector<int> v {4, 2, 4};  
  
auto sum = 0;  
std::for_each(v.begin(), v.end(), [&sum](int i) { sum += i; });  
  
std::cout << sum; // 10
```

“Lambda is an universal combinator”

```
auto I = [](auto x) {  
    return x;  
};
```

$$Ix = x$$

```
auto K = [](auto x) {  
    return [=](auto y) {  
        return x;  
    };  
};
```

$$Kxy = x$$

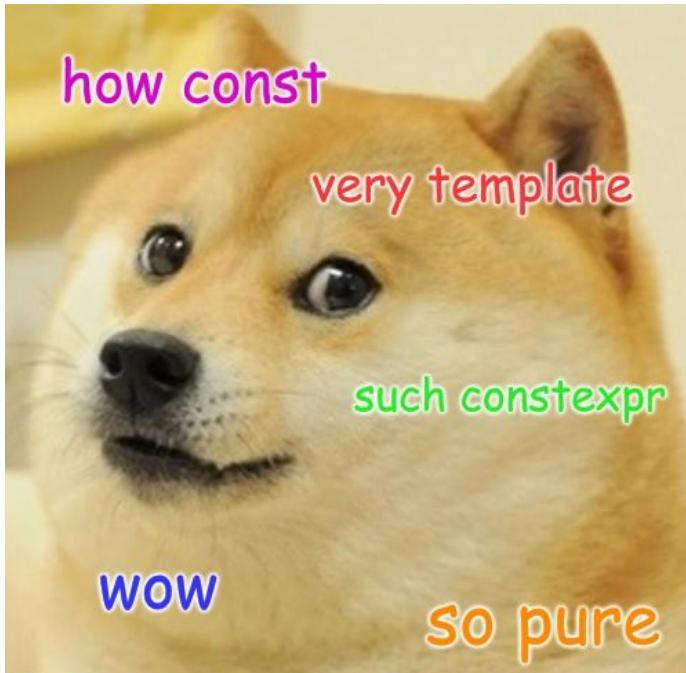
```
auto S = [](auto x) {  
    return [=](auto y) {  
        return [=](auto z) {  
            return (x(z))(y(z));  
        };  
    };  
};
```

$$Sxyz = xz(yz)$$

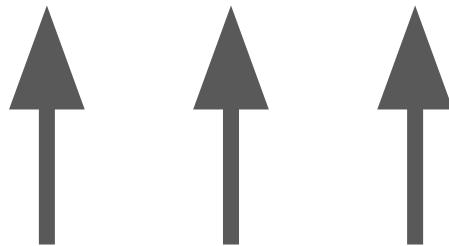
λambdas evolution

C++11	Lambda expressions	<code>auto mul2 = [](int i) { return i * 2; }</code>
C++14	Polymorphic lambdas	<code>auto mul2 = [](auto i) { return i * 2; }</code>
C++17	Constexpr lambdas	<code>constexpr auto mul2 = [](auto i) { return i * 2; }</code>
C++20	“Familiar” syntax	<code>auto mul2 = [<typename T>](T i) { return i * 2; }</code>
C++??	<i>Abbreviated syntax</i>	<code>auto mul2 = i => i * 2;</code>

Purity and Immutability



Pure Functional Programming in C++



Knuth's Up-Arrow Notation

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$$a \underbrace{\uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_n b = a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{\underbrace{n-1}_{b}}(a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1}(a \dots(a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1} a)))$$

Knuth's Up-Arrow Notation

$$4 \uparrow 3 = 4^3 = 64$$

$$4 \uparrow\uparrow 3 = 4 \uparrow (4 \uparrow 4) = 4^{4^4} = 4 \uparrow (4 \uparrow 4) = 4^{256} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{154}$$

$$3 \uparrow\uparrow 2 = 3^3 = 27$$

$$3 \uparrow\uparrow 3 = 3^{3^3} = 3^{27} = 7\ 625\ 597\ 484\ 987$$

$$3 \uparrow\uparrow 4 = 3^{3^{3^3}} = 3^{7625597484987}$$

$$3 \uparrow\uparrow 5 = 3^{3^{3^{3^3}}} = 3^{3^{7625597484987}}$$

constexpr ALL the Things!

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Recursive constexpr pow() function

```
using UInt = uint64_t;  
  
constexpr UInt pow(UInt a, UInt b) {  
    return b == 0  
        ? 1  
        : a * pow(a, b - 1);  
}
```

$$a^b$$

Recursive constexpr tower() function

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using UInt = uint64_t;

constexpr UInt pow(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? 1
        : a * pow(a, b - 1);
}
```

```
constexpr UInt tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? throw std::invalid_argument("b == 0")
        : b == 1
            ? a
            : pow(a, tower(a, b - 1));
}
```

 a^b $\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_b$

Throwing exception at compile time?

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 a^b
$$\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{b}$$

Recurrent formula

$$a \underbrace{\uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n} b = a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1} (a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1} (a \dots (a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1} a)))$$

Double recursion `constexpr arr_impl()` function

$$a \underbrace{\uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n} b = a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1}(a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1}(a \dots(a \underbrace{\uparrow\dots\uparrow}_{n-1} a)))$$

```
constexpr UInt arr_impl(bool brackets_rec, UInt cnt, UInt a, UInt n, UInt b)
{
    return brackets_rec
        ? (cnt == 0 ? ... : ...)
          // recursion by brackets
        : (n == 1
            ? pow(a, b)
            : n == 2
                ? tower(a, b)
                : arr_impl(true, b - 1, a, n - 1, a)); // recursion by arrows
}
```

Evaluation

```
constexpr UInt arr(UInt a, UInt n, UInt b)
{
    return arr_impl(false, 0, a, n, b);
}

constexpr UInt x1 = arr(3, 2, 3);           // Compile-time evaluated

UInt x2 = arr(3, 2, 3);                   // Has to be compile-time evaluated

// 3 ↑↑ 3 = 7625597484987
```

Pure Template Functional Programming in C++



Template Pow “function”

```
template <UInt A, UInt N>
struct Pow
{
    static constexpr UInt value = A * Pow<A, N - 1>::value;
};
```

```
template <UInt A>
struct Pow<A, 0>
{
    static constexpr UInt value = 1;
};
```

Template Pow “function”

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“Recursion”

```
template <UInt A>
struct Pow<A, 0>
{
    static constexpr UInt value = 1;
};
```

“Pattern matching”

Template Tower “function”

```
template <UInt A, UInt B>
struct Tower
{
    static constexpr UInt value = Pow<A, Tower<A, B - 1>::value>::value;
};
```

```
template <UInt A>
struct Tower<A, 1>
{
    static constexpr UInt value = A;
};
```

Template ArrImpl “function”

```
template <bool brackets_rec, UInt C, UInt A, UInt S, UInt B>
struct ArrImpl
{
    static constexpr UInt value = 1;
};

template <UInt C, UInt A, UInt S, UInt B>
struct ArrImpl<true, C, A, S, B>
{
    static constexpr UInt value
        = ArrImpl<false, 0, A,
                  ArrImpl<true, C - 1, A, S, B>::value,
                  S>::value;
};

... // More template code
```

“Evaluation”

```
template <UInt A, UInt S, UInt B>
struct Arr
{
    static constexpr UInt value = ArrImpl<false, 0, A, S, B>::value;
};

auto result = Arr<3, 2, 3>::value;           // 3 ↑↑ 3 = 7625597484987
```

Template \Rightarrow constexpr =

```
template <UInt A, UInt S, UInt B>
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};
```

Constexpr \Rightarrow template =

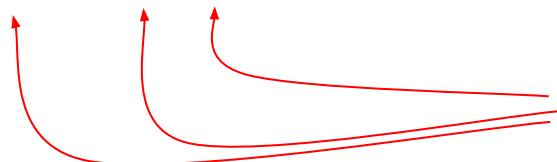
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template <UInt A, UInt S, UInt B>
struct Arr
{
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};

// Won't compile:
constexpr UInt arr(UInt a, UInt s, UInt b)
{
    return ArrImpl<false, 0, a, s, b>::value;
}
```

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Dependent types??

Template constexpr!

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struct Arr
{
    static constexpr UInt value = arr_impl(false, 0, A, S, B);
};

template <UInt A, UInt S, UInt B>
constexpr UInt arr()
{
    return ArrImpl<false, 0, A, S, B>::value;
}
```



Algebraic Data Types

product types

a, b, c

class, struct, pair, tuple

sum types

T | U | V

optional, variant, expected

Meeting C++ 2018
Phil Nash
Option(al) is not
a failure



expected<T, E>: Proposal P0323R2

```
expected<double, error_condition>
safe_divide(double i, double j)
{
    if (j == 0)
    {
        return make_unexpected(arithmetic_error::divide_by_zero);
    }
    else
    {
        return i / j;
    }
}
```

Custom Expected<T, E>

```
template <typename T, typename E>
using Expected = std::variant<T, E>;
```

Sum type using std::variant

```
enum class Errors {
    ZeroTowerError      = 0,
    ZeroDivisionError   = 1
};
```

```
using UInt     = uint64_t;
using SafeInt = Expected<UInt, Errors>;
```

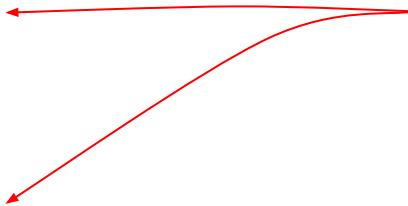
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constexpr SafeInt make_pure (const UInt& v) { return { v }; }
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Supported errors & alias

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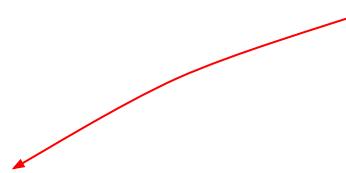
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Constructors



Extracting values of variant<>

```
std::variant<UInt, Errors> val = make_pure(10);
```

```
UInt result = std::holds_alternative<UInt>(val)
    ? std::get<UInt>(val)
    : throw std::runtime_error("Error got.");
```

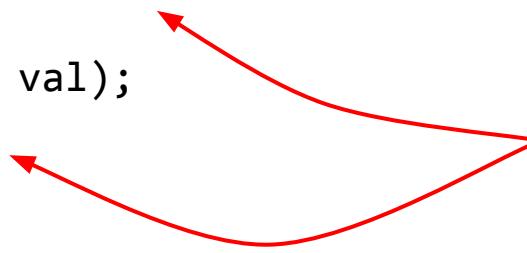
Pattern Matching?

```
struct SafeIntVisitor  
{  
    void operator()(const UInt& i) { cout << "Result: " << i; }  
    void operator()(const Errors& e) { cout << "Error: " << e; }  
};
```

```
std::visit(SafeIntVisitor(), val);
```

```
inspect (val)  
{  
    <UInt> i: cout << "Result: " << i;  
    <Errors> e: cout << "Error: " << e;  
};
```

Visiting std::variant



Pattern Matching!

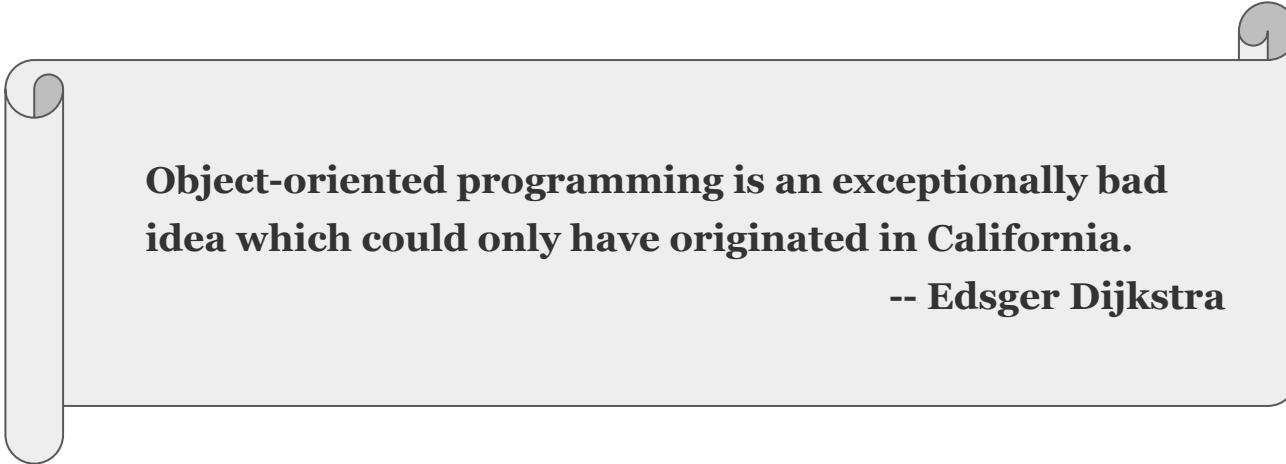
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*Pattern matching
Proposal P1260R0*





**Object-oriented programming is an exceptionally bad
idea which could only have originated in California.**

-- Edsger Dijkstra

Functional Design, Patterns and Approaches in C++

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Monadic error handling with Expected<T, E>

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using Expected = std::variant<T, E>;
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```

Unsafe tower() function

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }

UInt tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? throw std::invalid_argument("b == 0")
        : b == 1
            ? a
            : pow(a, tower(a, b - 1));
}
```

safe_tower() function

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }

SafeInt safe_tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
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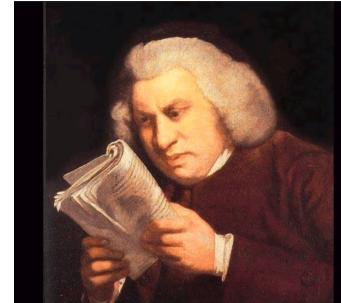
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}
```

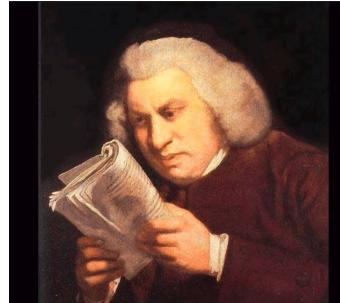
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    : pow(a, tower(a, b - 1));
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    : pow(a, tolower(a, b - 1));
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.../.../.../Pets/CPP/Amber/src/amberTest/tst_amberTest.cpp:126:44:   in 'constexpr' expansion of 'safe_tower'
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    constexpr SafeInt v3 = safe_tower(10, 1);
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```

safe_tower() function

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }

SafeInt safe_tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? make_error(Errors::ZeroTowerError)
        : b == 1
            ? make_pure(a)
            : make_pure(pow(a, tower(a, b - 1)));
}
```

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safe_tower() function

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UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }

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    return b == 0
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        : b == 1
            ? make_pure(a)
            : make_pure(pow(a, safe_tower(a, b - 1)));
}
```

safe_tower() function

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }
```

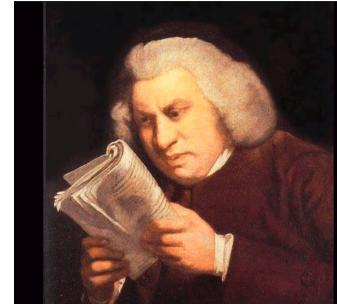
```
SafeInt safe_tower(UINT a, UINT b) {
    return b == 0
        ? make_error(Errors::ZeroTowerError)
        : b == 1
            ? make_pure(a)
            : make_pure(pow(a, safe_tower(a, b - 1)));
}
```

safe_tower() function

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }
```

```
SafeInt safe_tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? make_error(Errors::ZeroTowerError)
        : b == 1
            ? make_pure(a)
            : make_pure(pow(a, safe_tower(a, b - 1)));
}
```

```
./../../..;/Petz/CPPTest/tst_amberTest.cpp: In function 'constexpr SafeInt safe_tower(UInt, UInt)':
./../../..;/Petz/CPPTest/tst_amberTest.cpp:66:57: error: no matching function for call to 'pow'
    : make_pure(pow(a, safe_tower(a, b - 1)));
                                         ^
In file included from /usr/include/features.h:367,
                 from /usr/include/x86_64-linux-gnu/c++/8/bits/os_traits.h:508,
                 from /usr/include/c++/8/type_traits:38,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qglobal.h:45,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qchar.h:43,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qtconfig.h:48,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qtglobal.h:48,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qtglobal.h:55:
/usr/include/x86_64-linux-gnu/bits/mathcalls.h:153:1: note: candidate: 'double pow(double, double)'
__MATHCALL_VEC (pow, (_Mdouble __x, _Mdouble __y));
^~~~~~
/usr/include/x86_64-linux-gnu/bits/mathcalls.h:153:1: note:   no known conversion for argument 2 from 'SafeInt' to 'double'
./../../..;/Petz/CPPTest/tst_amberTest.cpp:55:16: note:   candidate: 'constexpr UInt pow(UInt, UInt n)'
    : constexpr UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) {
                                         ^
./../../..;/Petz/CPPTest/tst_amberTest.cpp:55:16: note:   no known conversion for argument 2 from 'SafeInt' to 'double'
In file included from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qmath.h:55,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtCore/qtcore.h:99,
                 from ././././././QTS/10.1/gcc_64/include/QtTest/QtTestDepends.h,
```



Monadic binding*

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }

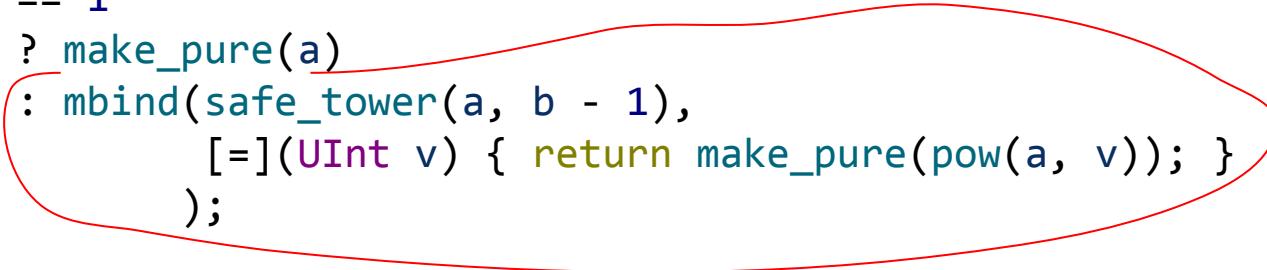
SafeInt safe_tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? make_error(Errors::ZeroTowerError)
        : b == 1
            ? make_pure(a)
            : mbind(safe_tower(a, b - 1),
                    [=](UInt v) { return make_pure(pow(a, v)); });
}
```

* Almost

Monadic binding*

```
UInt pow(UInt a, UInt n) { ... }
```

```
SafeInt safe_tower(UInt a, UInt b) {
    return b == 0
        ? make_error(Errors::ZeroTowerError)
        : b == 1
            ? make_pure(a)
            : mbind(safe_tower(a, b - 1),
                    [=](UInt v) { return make_pure(pow(a, v)); })
    };
}
```



```
SafeInt mbind (SafeInt, Func<SafeInt, UInt>)
```

```
mbind :: SafeInt -> (UInt -> SafeInt) -> SafeInt
```

* Almost

mbind() function

```
template <typename Lambda>
SafeInt mbind(SafeInt safe_val, Lambda lambda)
{
    return std::holds_alternative<E>(safe_val)
        ? safe_val
        : lambda(std::get<T>(safe_val));
}
```

Monadic chaining*, error path

```
auto mul10 = [](UInt i) { return make_pure(i * 10);
```

```
SafeInt v1 = safe_tower(2, 0);
SafeInt v2 = mbind(v1, mul10);
```

```
std::visit(SafeIntVisitor(), v1);      // error : 0
std::visit(SafeIntVisitor(), v2);      // error : 0
```

* Almost

Monadic chaining*, success path

```
auto mul10 = [](UInt i) { return make_pure(i * 10); }

SafeInt v1 = safe_tower(2, 3);
SafeInt v2 = mbind(
    mbind(v1, mul10),
    mul10
);

std::visit(SafeIntVisitor(), v1);      // result: 16
std::visit(SafeIntVisitor(), v2);      // result: 1600
```

* Almost

Monadic chaining*, do-notation dream

```
auto mul10 = [](UInt i) { return make_pure(i * 10);
```

```
SafeInt v1 = safe_tower(2, 3);
SafeInt v2 = mbind(
    mbind(v1, mul10),
    mul10
);
```

```
SafeInt v2 = do {
    UInt i1 <- safe_tower(2, 3);
    UInt i2 <- mul10(i1);
    return mul10(i2);
}
```

mbind is hidden under “<”

* Almost

Do-notation dreams

```
expected<int, Errors> safe_calculate(int a, int b) {  
    do {  
        UInt v <- safe_tower(a, b);  
        int r  <- safe_divide(v, b);  
        return r;  
    }  
}
```

Haskell-like “do”

```
expected<int, Errors> safe_calculate(int a, int b) {  
    UInt v = try safe_tower(a, b);  
    int r  = try safe_divide(v, b);  
    return r;  
}
```

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MONADS

It's what we like memes to be about

Monads everywhere: `expected<>`

```
expected<int, Errors> safe_calculate(int a, int b) {
    do {
        UInt v <- safe_tower(a, b);
        int r  <- safe_divide(v, b);
        return r;
    }
}
```

```
mbind :: expected<A, E> -> (A -> expected<B, E>) -> expected<B, E>
```

Monads everywhere: optional<>

```
optional<int> same_age_persons_count(int personId) {  
    do {  
        Person p <- get(personId);  
        Persons ps <- find( [=](Person x){ return x.age == p.age; } );  
        return ps.size();  
    }  
}
```

```
mbind :: expected<A, E> -> (A -> expected<B, E>) -> expected<B, E>  
mbind :: optional<A>      -> (A -> optional<B>)      -> optional<B>
```

Monads everywhere: future<>

```
future<int> calculate(int a, int b) {  
    do {  
        int x <- heavy_calc(a);  
        int y <- heavy_calc(b);  
        return heavy_calc(x + y);  
    }  
}
```

```
mbind :: expected<A, E> -> (A -> expected<B, E>) -> expected<B, E>  
mbind :: optional<A>      -> (A -> optional<B>)      -> optional<B>  
mbind :: future<A>        -> (A -> future<B>)       -> future<B>
```

Monads everywhere: `async<>` (coroutines?)

```
async<Result> request_person(int personId) {
    do {
        auto person <- request_person(personId);
        auto confs <- request_conferences(personId);
        bool saved1 <- save(person);
        bool saved2 <- save(confs);
        return {saved1 && saved2, person, confs};
    }
}
```

```
mbind :: expected<A, E> -> (A -> expected<B, E>) -> expected<B, E>
mbind :: optional<A>      -> (A -> optional<B>)      -> optional<B>
mbind :: future<A>         -> (A -> future<B>)       -> future<B>
mbind :: async<A>          -> (A -> async<B>)         -> async<B>
```

Monads everywhere: parser<>

```
parser<Person> person() {
    do {
        _           <- many(space);
        first_name <- name();
        _           <- many(space);
        last_name  <- name();
    return {first_name, last_name};
}
}
```

mbind :: expected<A, E>	->	(A -> expected<B, E>)	->	expected<B, E>
mbind :: optional<A>	->	(A -> optional)	->	optional
mbind :: future<A>	->	(A -> future)	->	future
mbind :: async<A>	->	(A -> async)	->	async
mbind :: parser<A>	->	(A -> parser)	->	parser



Postmodern immutable data structures

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```
const auto v0 = vector<int>{};  
const auto v1 = v0.push_back(15);  
const auto v2 = v1.push_back(16);  
const auto v3 = v2.set(0, 42);  
  
assert(v2.size() == v0.size() + 2);  
assert(v3[0] - v1[0] == 27);
```

immutable data structure

one with all methods
marked `const`

persistent data structure

old values are preserved



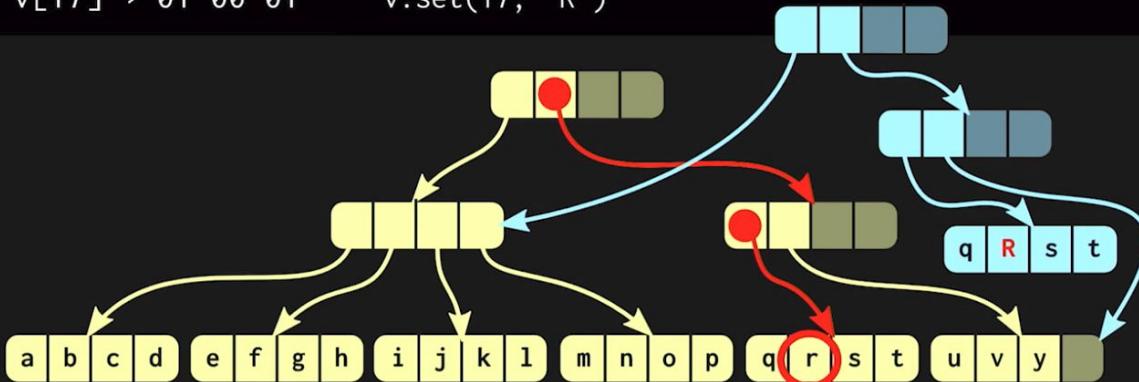
Postmodern immutable
data structures

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v[17] → 01 00 01 v.set(17, 'R')



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ERIC NIEBLER

Ranges for the
Standard Library

Group Dates into Months

```
auto dates_in_year(int year) {
    return view::iota(date{year,greg::Jan,1},
                     date{year+1,greg::Jan,1});
}

int main() {
    auto year = dates_in_year(2015);
    // Group into months:
    auto months = year | view::group_by([](date a, date b) {
        return a.month() == b.month();
    });

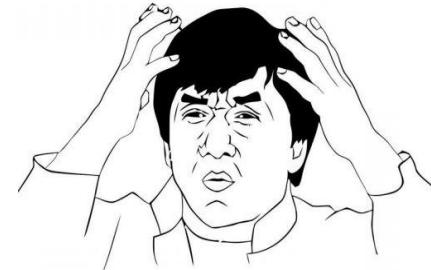
    // Print the first day of each month:
    RANGES_FOR(auto month, months)
        cout << front(month) << '\n';
}
```

Pythagorean Triples in Ranges

```
auto triples =
for_each(iota(1), [](int z) {
    return for_each(iota(1, z+1), [=](int x) {
        return for_each(iota(x, z+1), [=](int y) {
            return yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z,
                            make_tuple(x, y, z));
        });
    });
});
```

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    });
});
```



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                return yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z,
                                make_tuple(x, y, z));
            });
        });
    });
for(auto triple : triples | view::take(10)) {
    cout << '('
        << get<0>(triple) << ','
        << get<1>(triple) << ','
        << get<2>(triple) << ')' << '\n';
}
```

Output:

(3,4,5)
(6,8,10)
(5,12,13)
(9,12,15)
(8,15,17)
(12,16,20)
(7,24,25)
(15,20,25)
(10,24,26)
(20,21,29)

Pythagorean Triples in Ranges, reformatted

```
auto triples =
    for_each(iota(1),
              [] (int z) { return
    for_each(iota(1, z+1),
              [=](int x) { return
    for_each(iota(x, z+1),
              [=](int y) { return
        yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z, make_tuple(x, y, z));
    }); });
});
```

Looks familiar...

```
auto triples =
    for_each(iota(1),
              [] (int z) { return
    for_each(iota(1, z+1),
              [=](int x) { return
    for_each(iota(x, z+1),
              [=](int y) { return
        yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z, make_tuple(x, y, z));
    }); });
}

iota :: list<int>

for_each :: list<int> -> (int -> list<int>) -> list<int>
```

for_each → mbind...

```
auto triples =
    mbind(iota(1), [] (int z) { return
        mbind(iota(1, z+1), [=](int x) { return
            mbind(iota(x, z+1), [=](int y) { return
                yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z, make_tuple(x, y, z));
            });
        });
    });
});
```

```
iota :: list<int>
```

```
for_each :: list<int> -> (int -> list<int>) -> list<int>
```

```
mbind :: list<int> -> (int -> list<int>) -> list<int>
```

Monads, again??

```
auto triples =
    mbind(iota(1), [] (int z) { return
        mbind(iota(1, z+1), [=](int x) { return
            mbind(iota(x, z+1), [=](int y) { return
                yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z, make_tuple(x, y, z));
            });
        });
    });
});
```

```
auto triples =
do {
    int z <- iota(1);
    int x <- iota(1, z+1);
    int y <- iota(x, z+1);

    guard (x*x + y*y == z*z);

    return make_tuple(x, y, z);
}
```

Monadic Pythagorean Triples in Haskell

```
auto triples =
  mbind(iota(1),
        [] (int z) { return
  mbind(iota(1, z+1),
        [=](int x) { return
  mbind(iota(x, z+1),
        [=](int y) { return
    yield_if(x*x + y*y == z*z, make_tuple(x, y, z));
}); });
}); );
```

```
auto triples =
do {
  int z <- iota(1);
  int x <- iota(1, z+1);
  int y <- iota(x, z+1);

  guard (x*x + y*y == z*z);

  return make_tuple(x, y, z);
}

triples = do
  z <- [1..]
  x <- [1..z]
  y <- [x..z]

  guard (x*x + y*y == z*z)

  pure (x, y, z)
```

It's inevitable. This is terrifying.

```
mbind :: expected<A, E> -> (A -> expected<B, E>) -> expected<B, E> // error handling  
  
mbind :: optional<A>      -> (A -> optional<B>)      -> optional<B>      // absent values  
  
mbind :: future<A>        -> (A -> future<B>)        -> future<B>        // parallelism  
  
mbind :: async<A>          -> (A -> async<B>)          -> async<B>          // callback hell  
                                elimination  
  
mbind :: parser<A>         -> (A -> parser<B>)         -> parser<B>         // parsing  
  
mbind :: list<A>           -> (A -> list<B>)           -> list<B>           // combinatorics  
                                (kind of)  
  
mbind :: reader<A>          -> (A -> reader<B>)          -> reader<B>          // environment data  
  
mbind :: writer<A>          -> (A -> writer<B>)          -> writer<B>          // write-only data  
  
mbind :: state<A>           -> (A -> state<B>)           -> state<B>           // monadic state  
  
mbind :: io<A>              -> (A -> io<B>)              -> io<B>              // effects control
```

Functional composition with ranges

```
for(auto triple : triples | view::take(10)) {  
    cout << '('  
        << get<0>(triple) << ','  
        << get<1>(triple) << ','  
        << get<2>(triple) << ')' << '\n';  
}
```

Output:

(3,4,5)
(6,8,10)
(5,12,13)
(9,12,15)
(8,15,17)
(12,16,20)
(7,24,25)
(15,20,25)
(10,24,26)
(20,21,29)

Functional composition with ranges

```
for(auto triple : triples | view::take(10)
    | view::transform(mul10_middle)) {
    cout << '('
        << get<0>(triple) << ','
        << get<1>(triple) << ','
        << get<2>(triple) << ')' << '\n';
}

auto mul10_middle = [](const tuple<int, int, int>& t) {
    const auto& [x, y, z] = t;
    return make_tuple(x, y * 10, z);
};
```

Output:

(3,40,5)
(6,80,10)
(5,120,13)
(9,120,15)
(8,150,17)
(12,160,20)
(7,240,25)
(15,200,25)
(10,240,26)
(20,210,29)

Functional composition with ranges

```
for(auto triple : triples | view::take(10)
    | view::transform(mul10_middle)
    | view::reverse) {
    cout << '('
        << get<0>(triple) << ','
        << get<1>(triple) << ','
        << get<2>(triple) << ')' << '\n';
}

auto mul10_middle = [](const tuple<int, int, int>& t) {
    const auto& [x, y, z] = t;
    return make_tuple(x, y * 10, z);
};
```

Output:

(20,210,29)
(10,240,26)
(15,200,25)
(7,240,25)
(12,160,20)
(8,150,17)
(9,120,15)
(5,120,13)
(6,80,10)
(3,40,5)

Limitations of Functional Programming in C++

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“Problems” of Functional Programming in C++

- Compilation time
- Hard debugging
- Performance

Issues of Functional Programming in C++

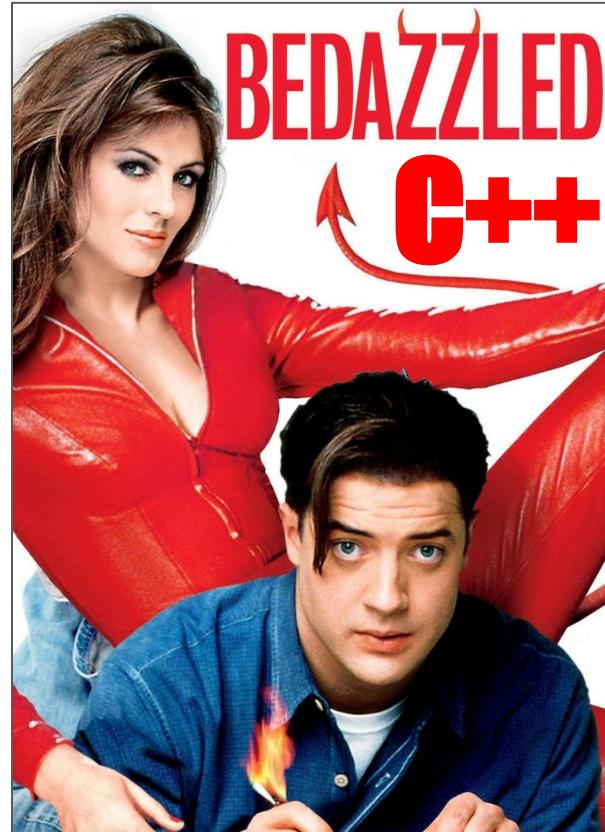
- Absence of currying
- Dangerous closures
- Lambdas are verbose
- Tuple is extremely verbose

Real Problems of Functional Programming in C++

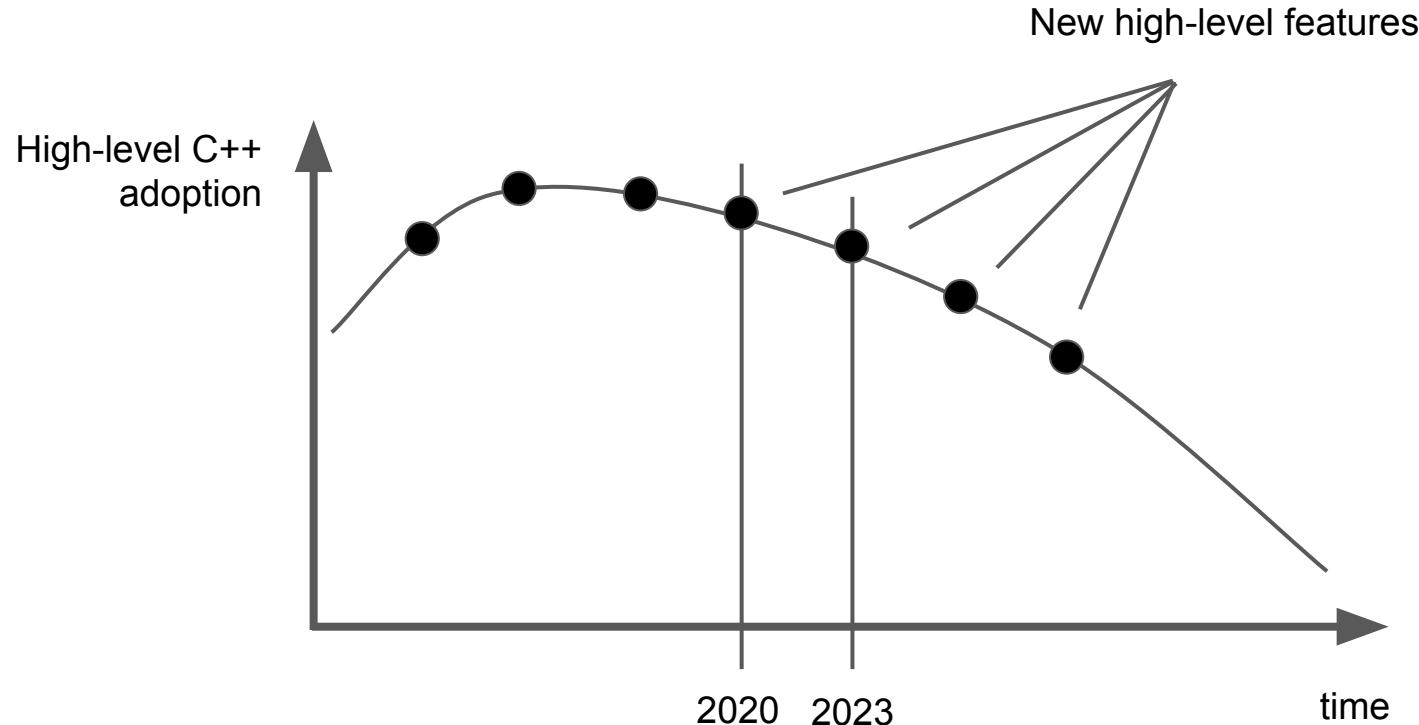
- Poor type system
 - No real Algebraic Data Types
 - No real function type
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https://github.com/graninas/cpp_functional_programming



Thanks for watching!



Let's talk?

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Community Driven

- Community-Driven Software
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 - We all care



*It's your fault, Alexander!
when "monads" is
not the way you want it !
You didn't come to
propose it 5 years ago.*

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Closing Keynote
Nicolai Josuttis
50 shades of C++

