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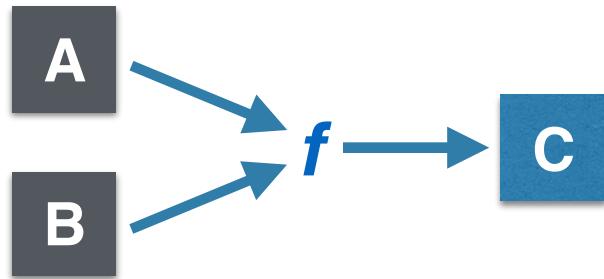
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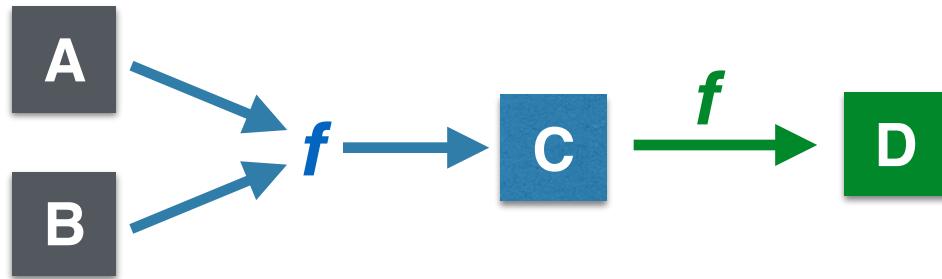
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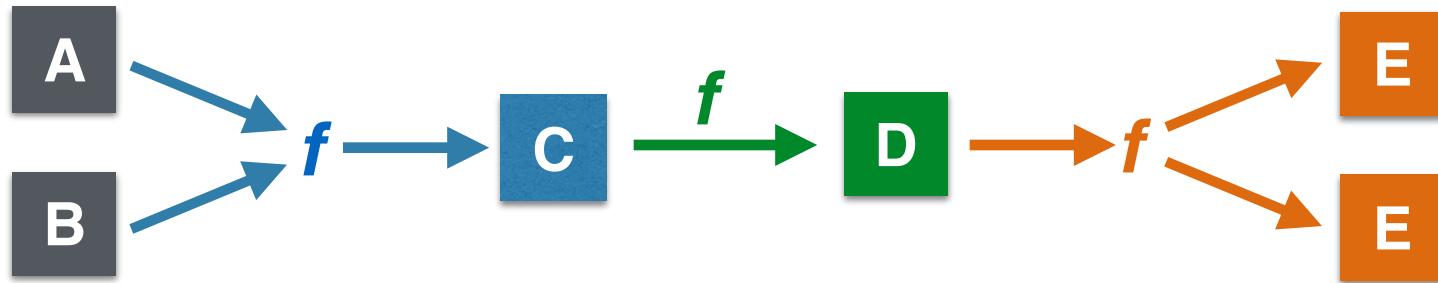
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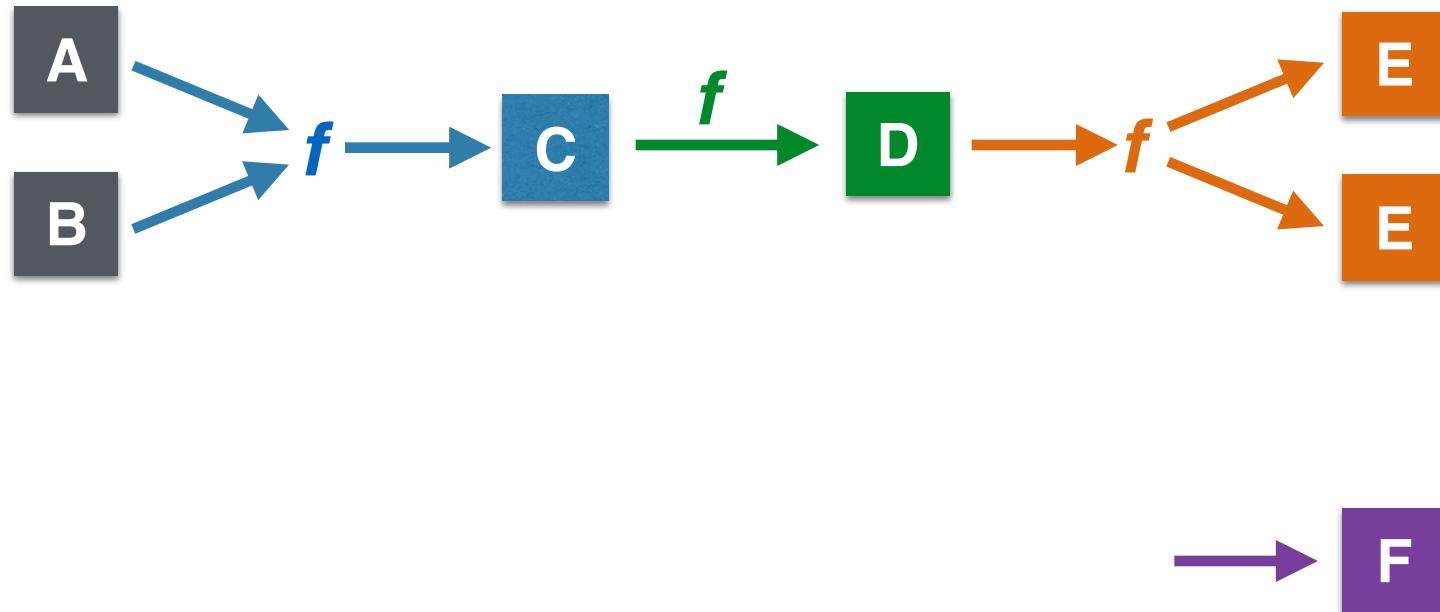
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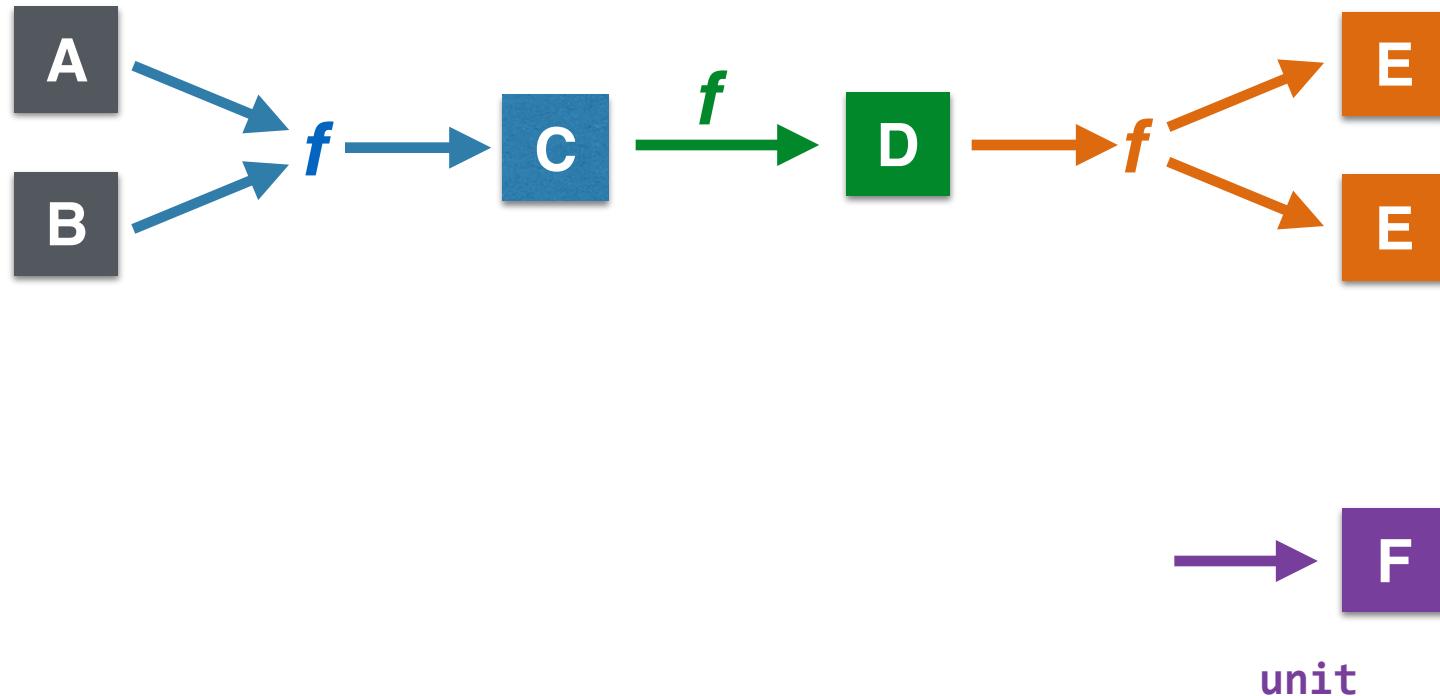
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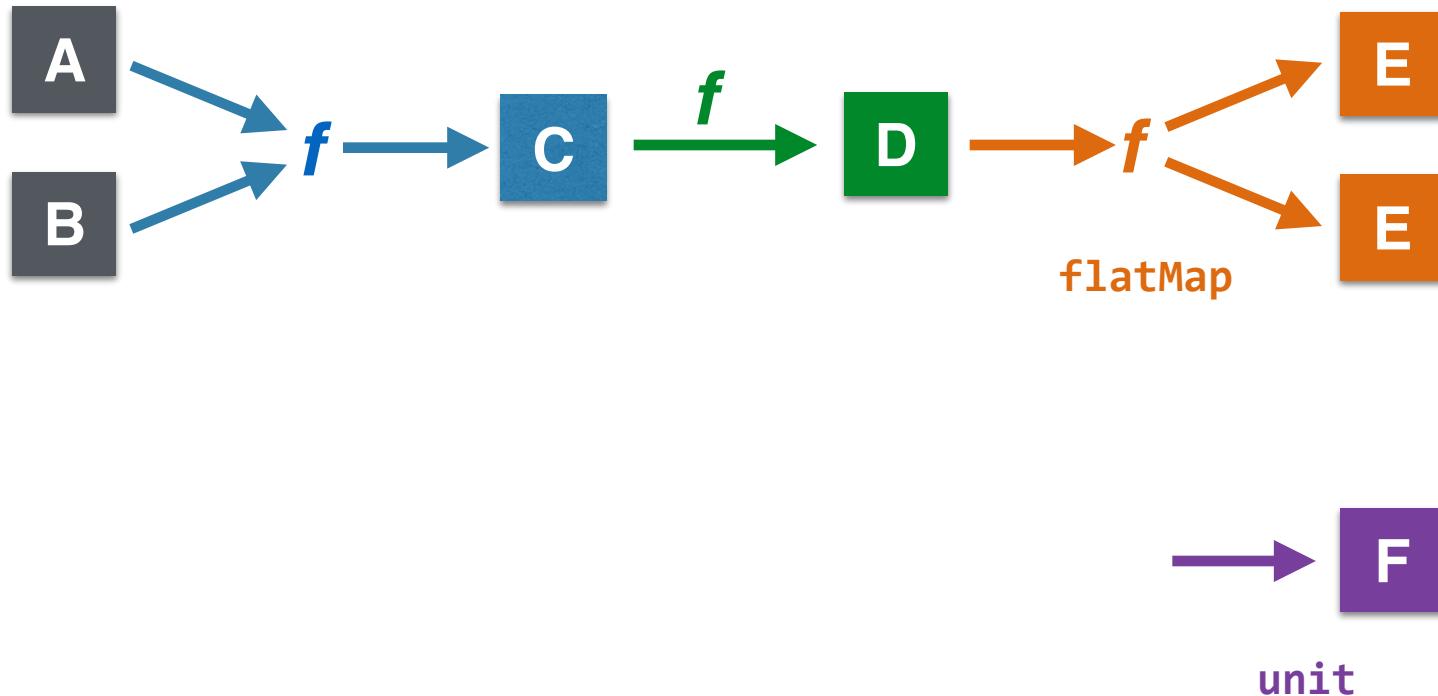
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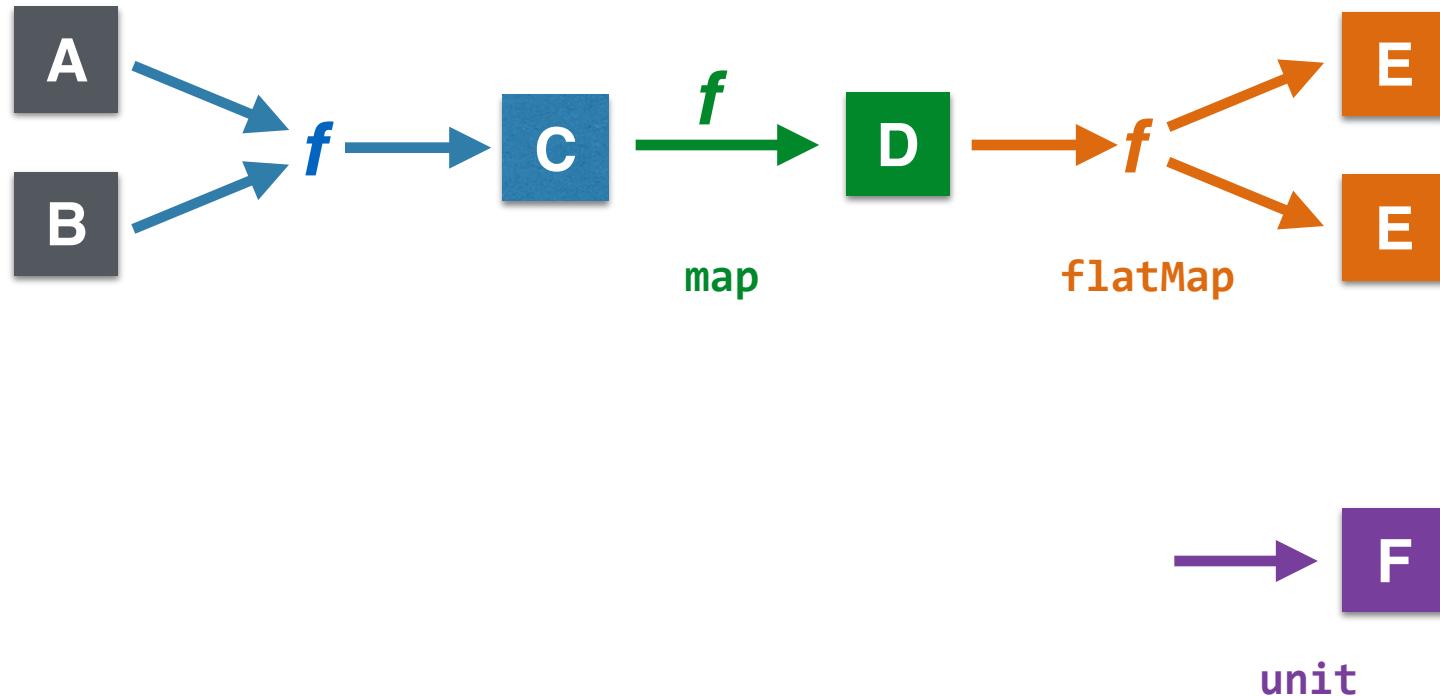
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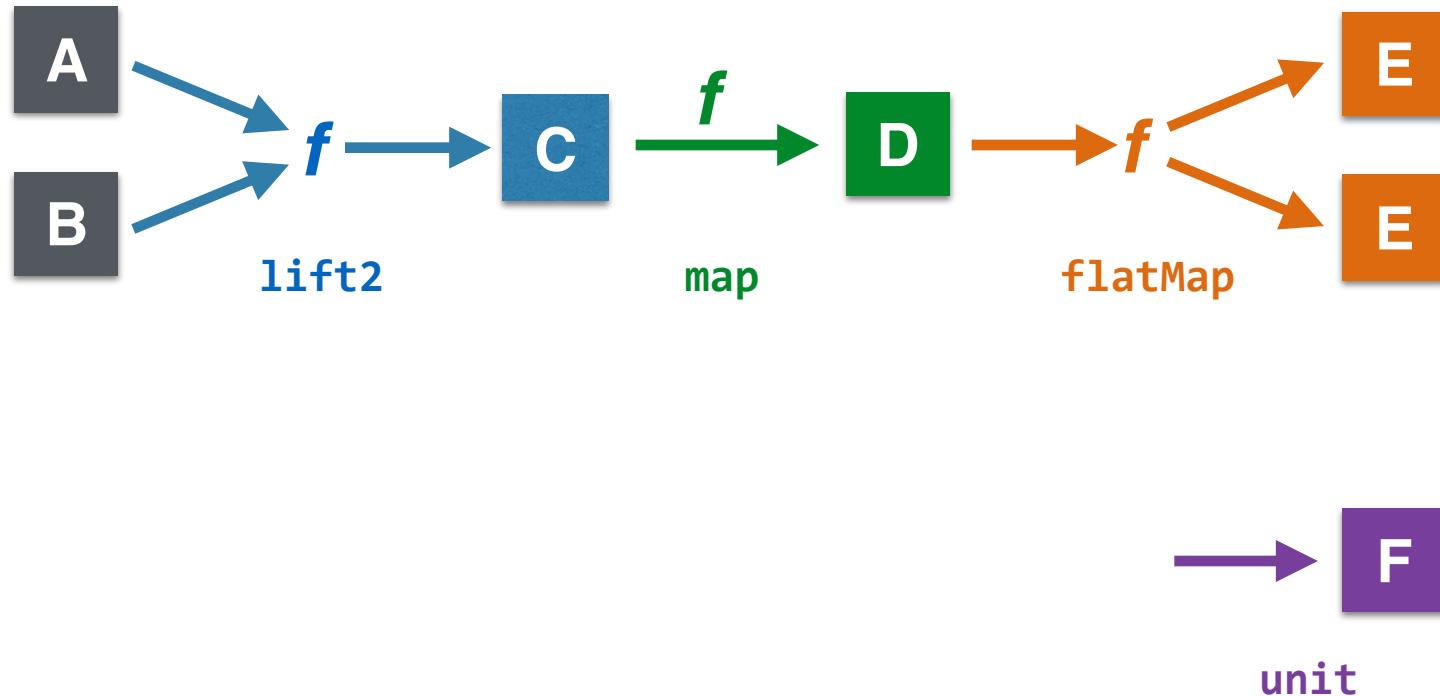
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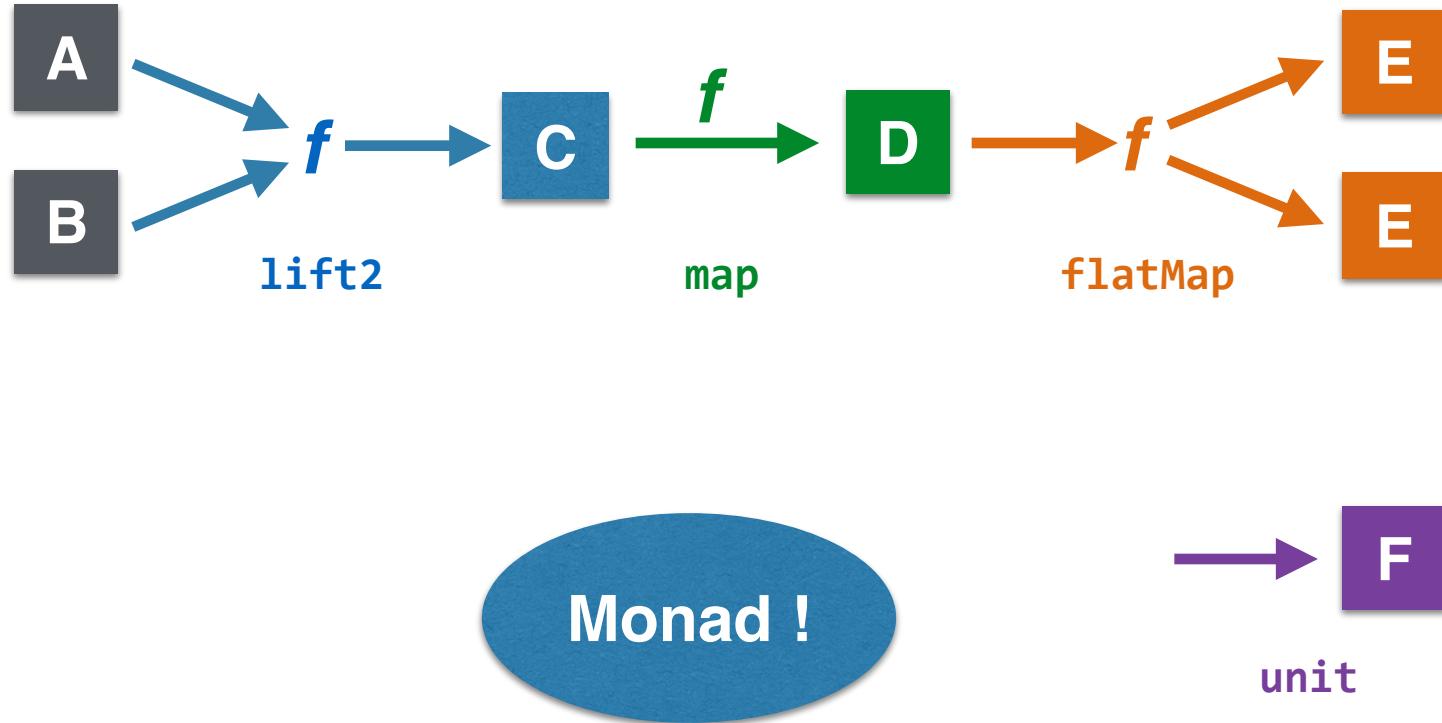
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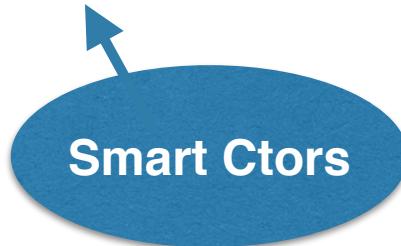
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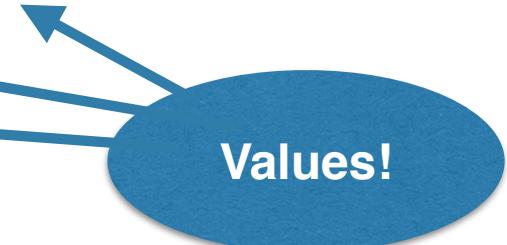
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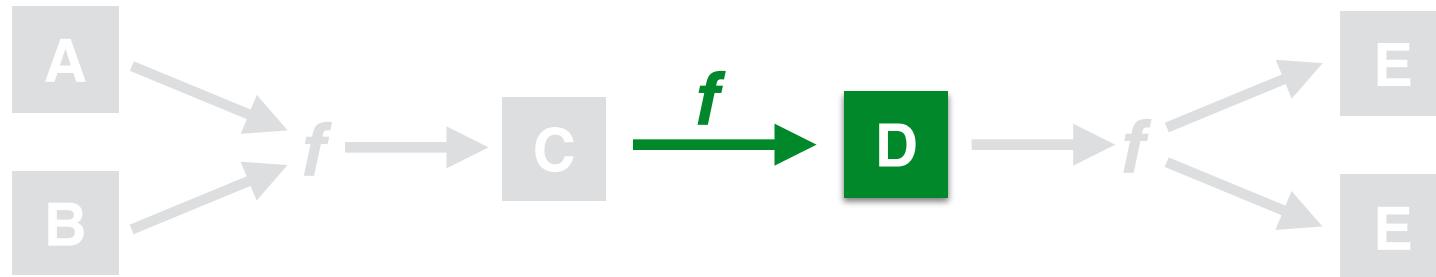
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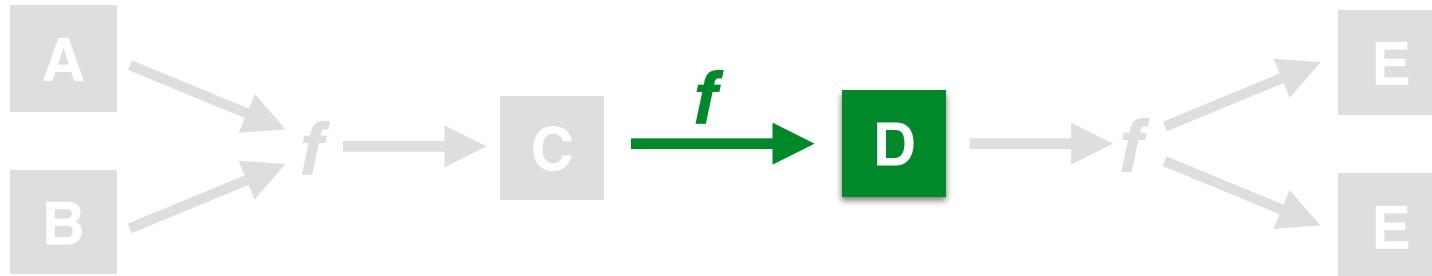
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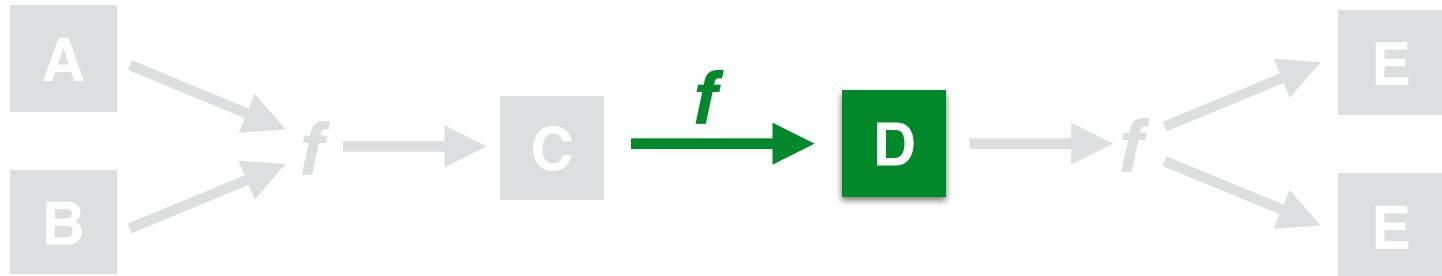


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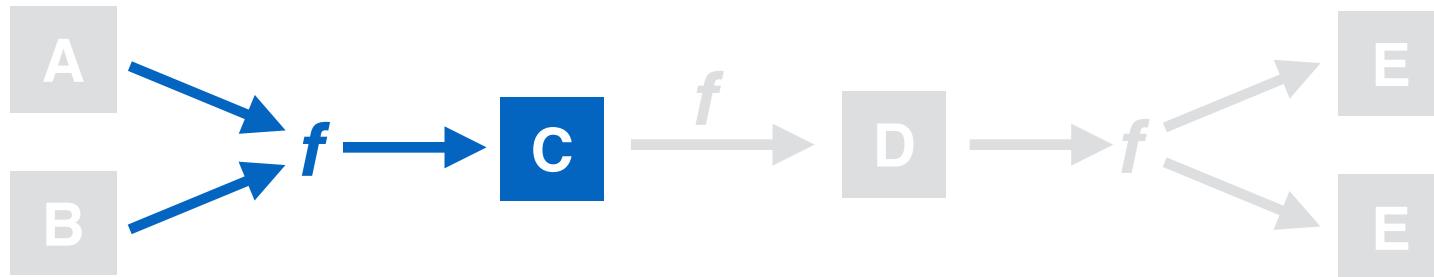
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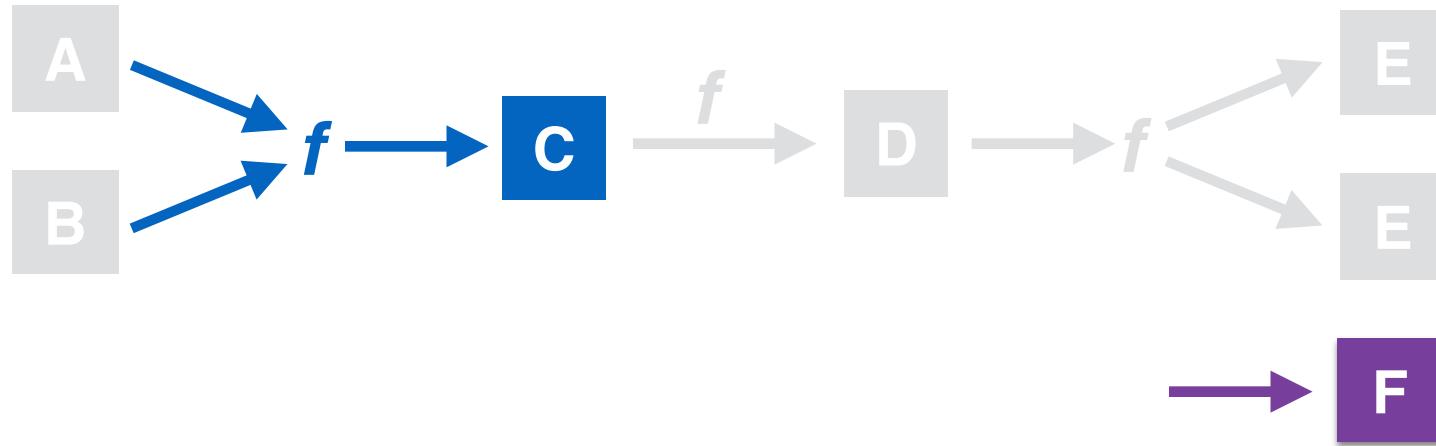
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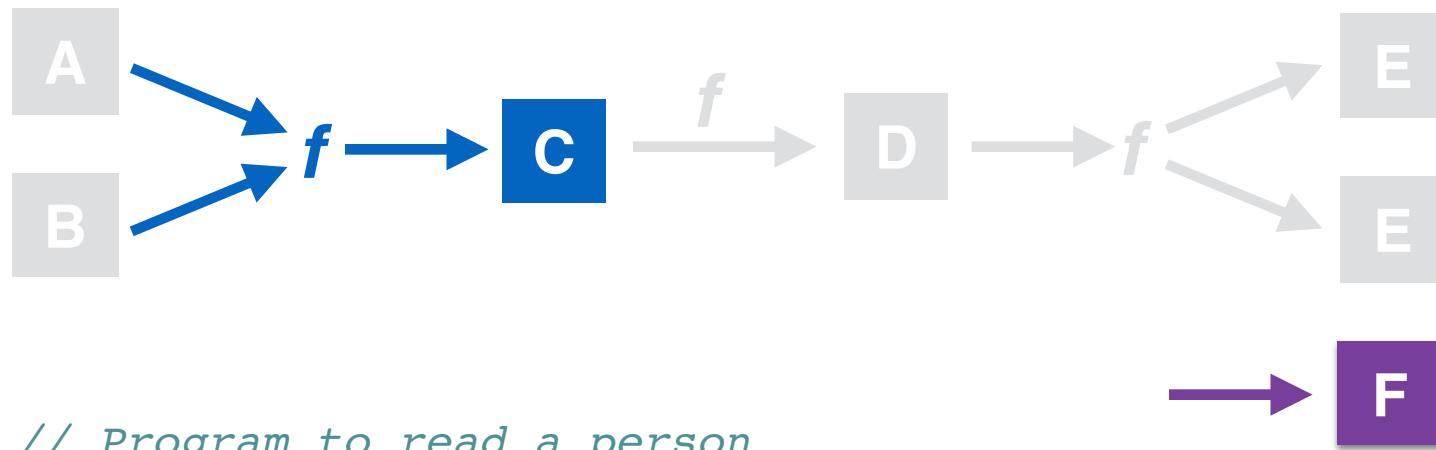
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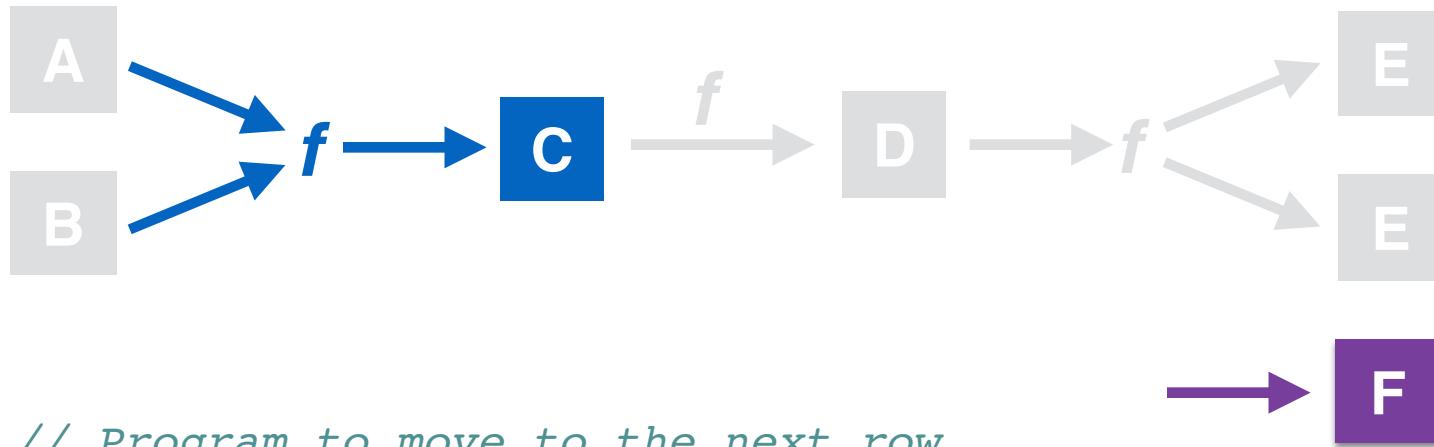


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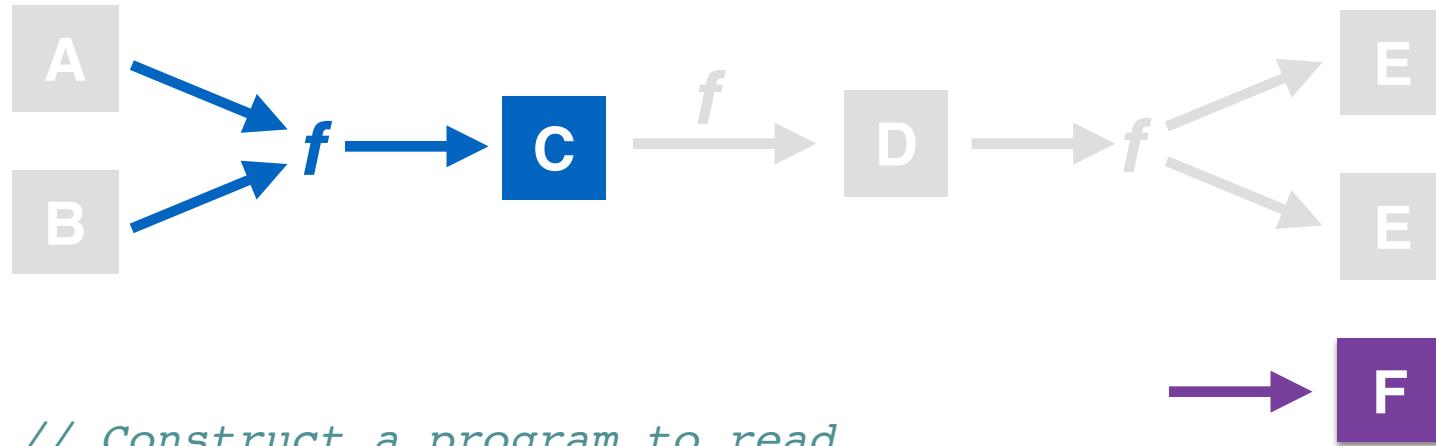
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val getPerson: ResultSetIO[Person] =
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// Program to move to the next row  
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val getNextPerson: ResultSetIO[Person] =  
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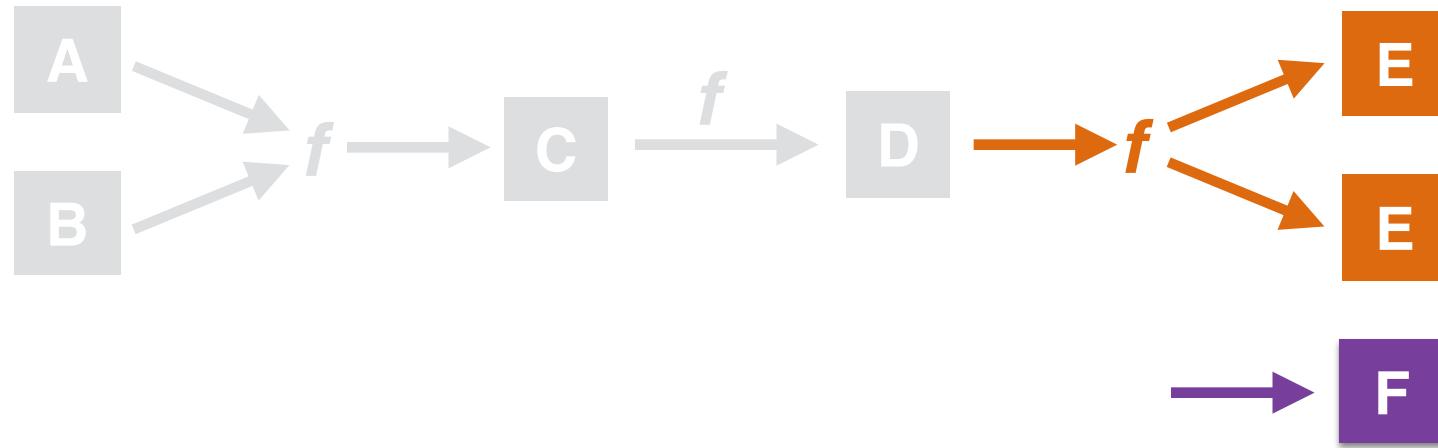


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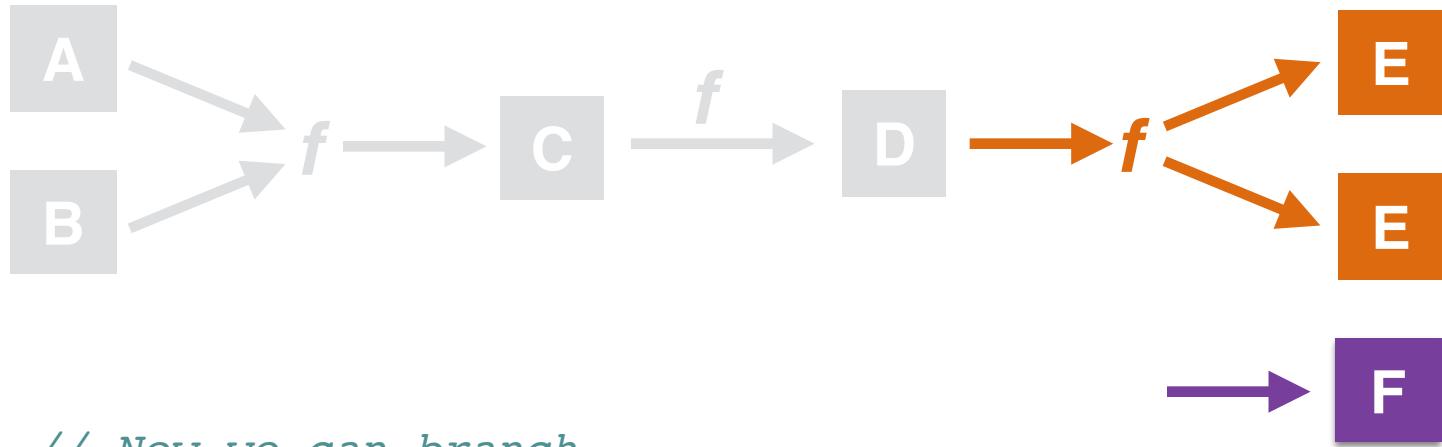


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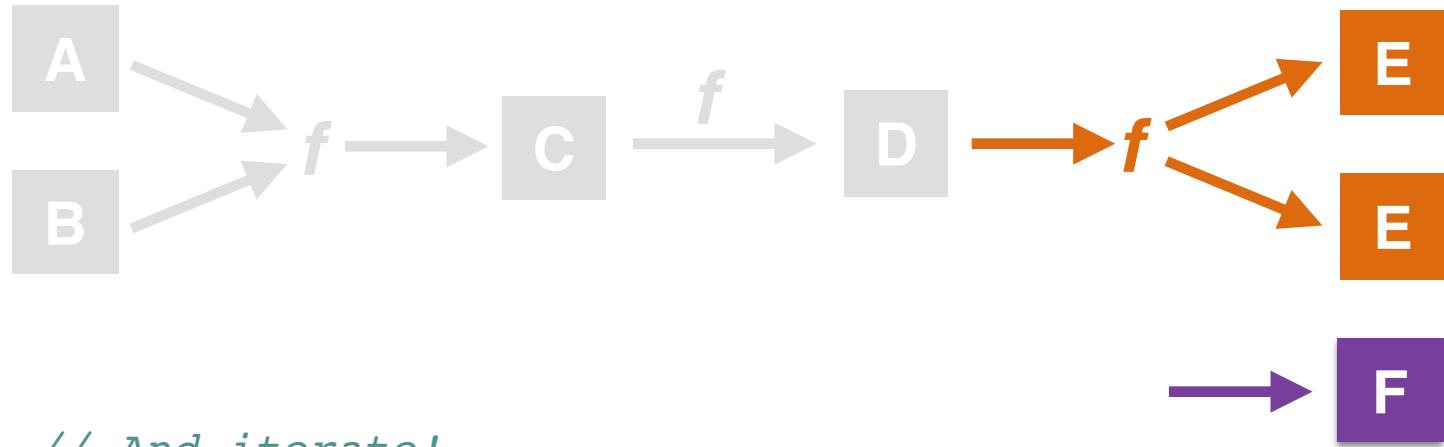
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// Now we can branch

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    case false => none.point[ResultSetIO]  
  }
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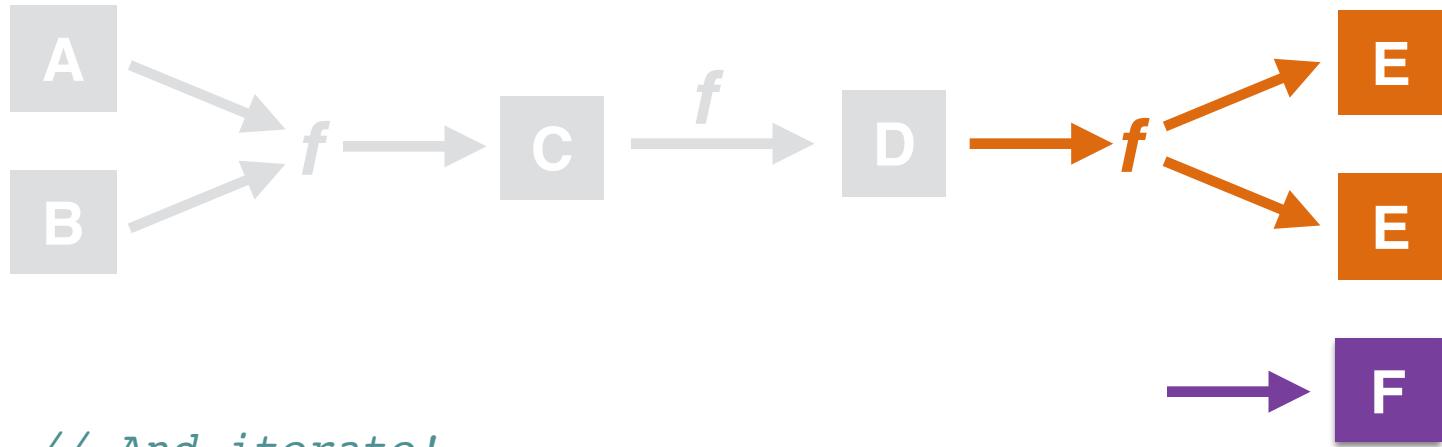
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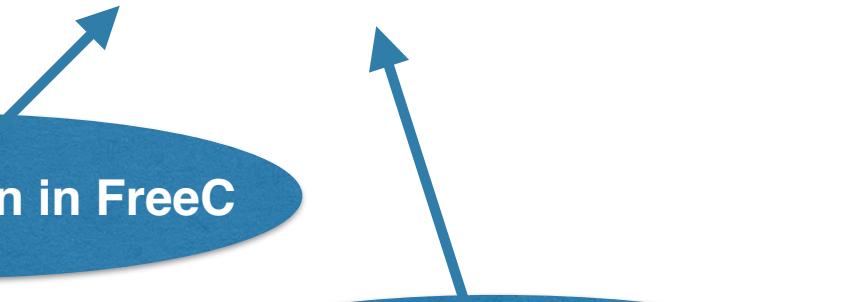
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# Exception Handling

```
val ma = ConnectionIO[A]

ma.attempt // ConnectionIO[Throwable ∕ A]
fail(wtf) // ConnectionIO[A]

// General                      // SQLException
ma.attemptSome(handler)        ma.attemptSql
ma.except(handler)             ma.attemptSqlState
ma.exceptSome(handler)         ma.attemptSomeSqlState(handler)
ma.onException(action)          ma.exceptSql(handler)
ma.ensure(sequel)               ma.exceptSqlState(handler)
                               ma.exceptSomeSqlState(handler)

// PostgreSQL (hundreds more)
ma.onWarning(handler)
ma.onDynamicResultSetsReturned(handler)
ma.onImplicitZeroBitPadding(handler)
ma.onNullValueEliminatedInSetFunction(handler)
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...
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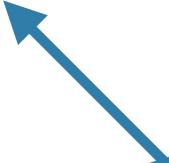
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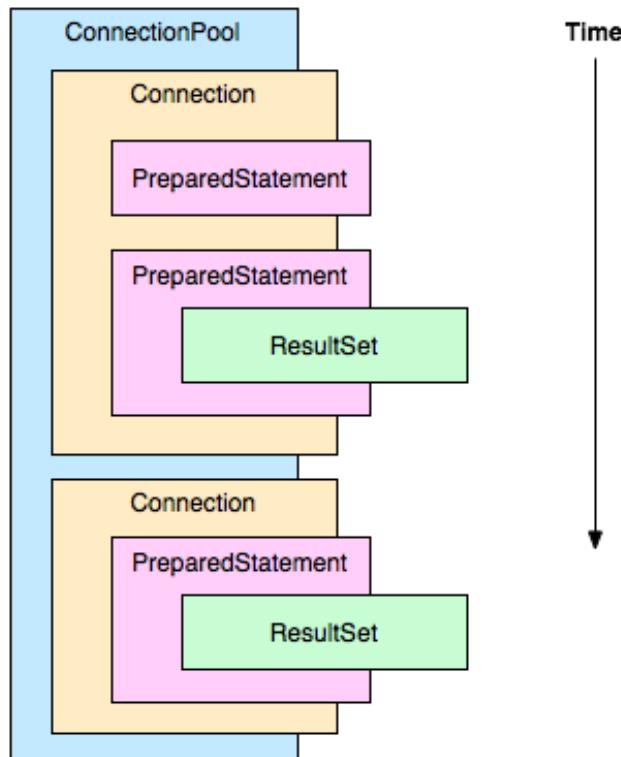
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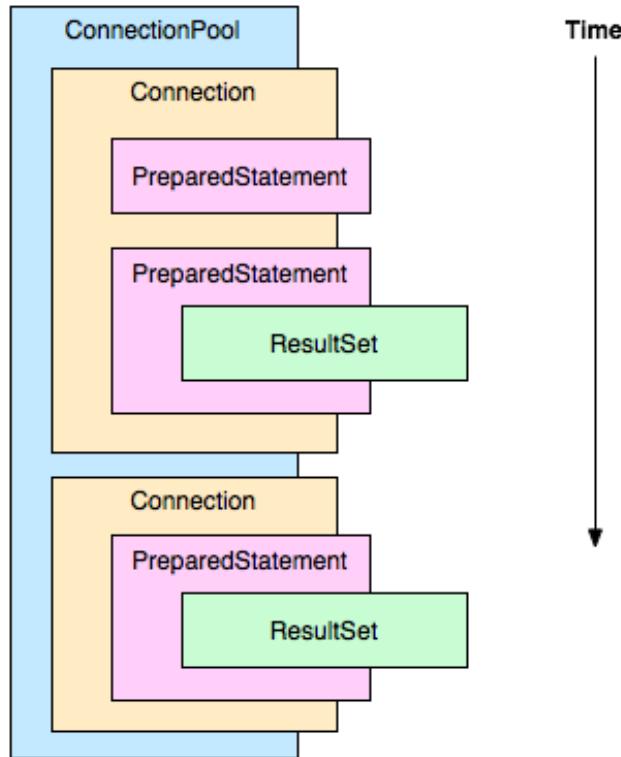
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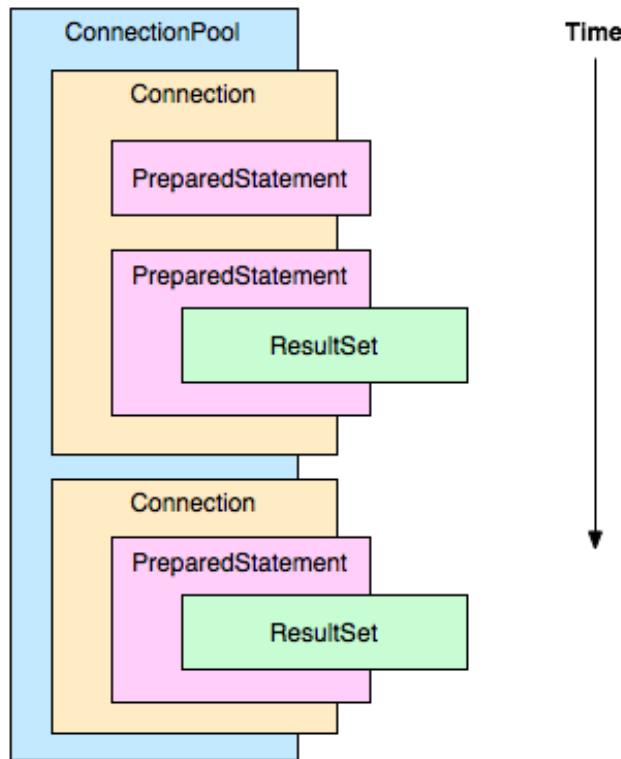


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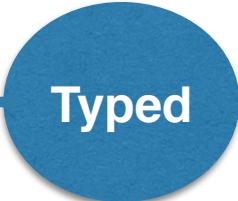
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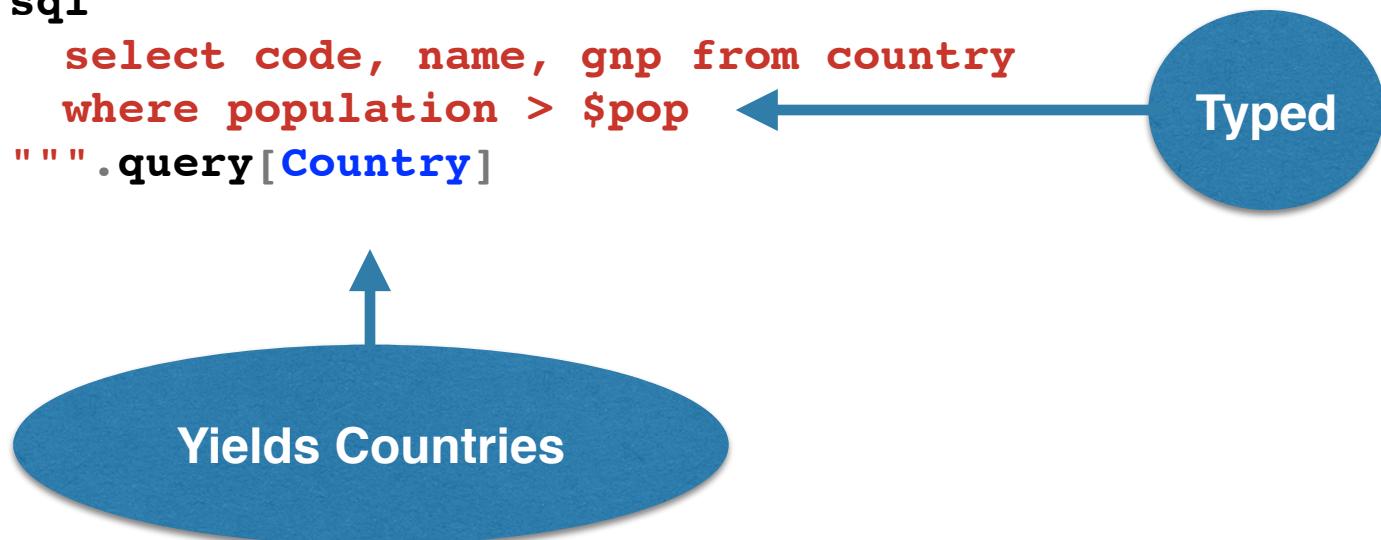


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Ambient Transactor  
Just for Experimenting  
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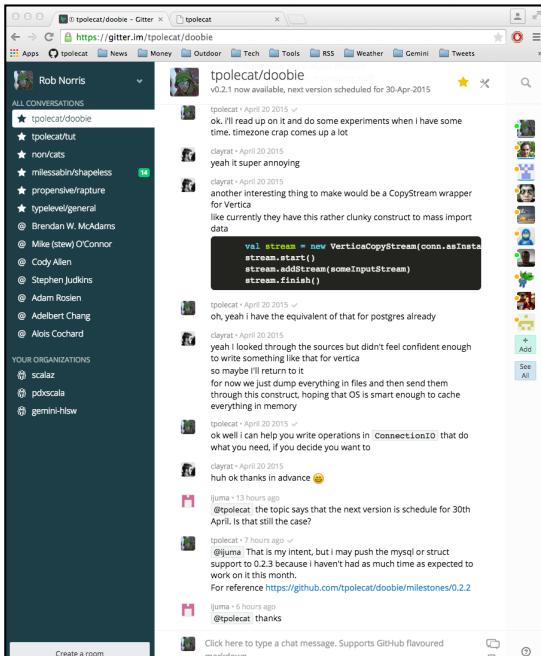
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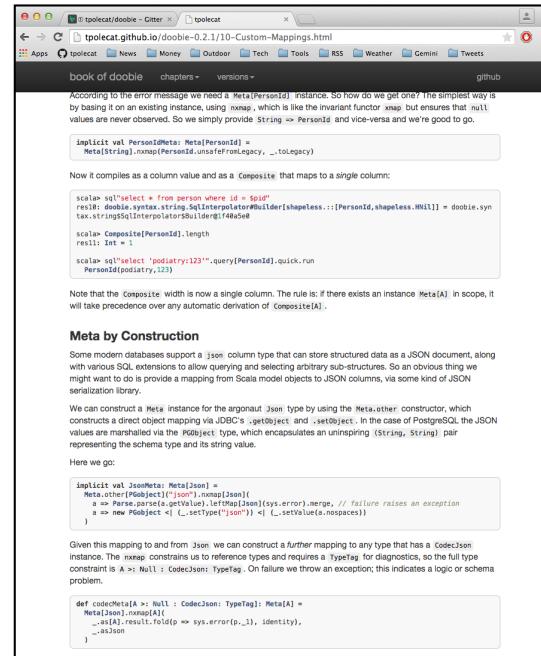
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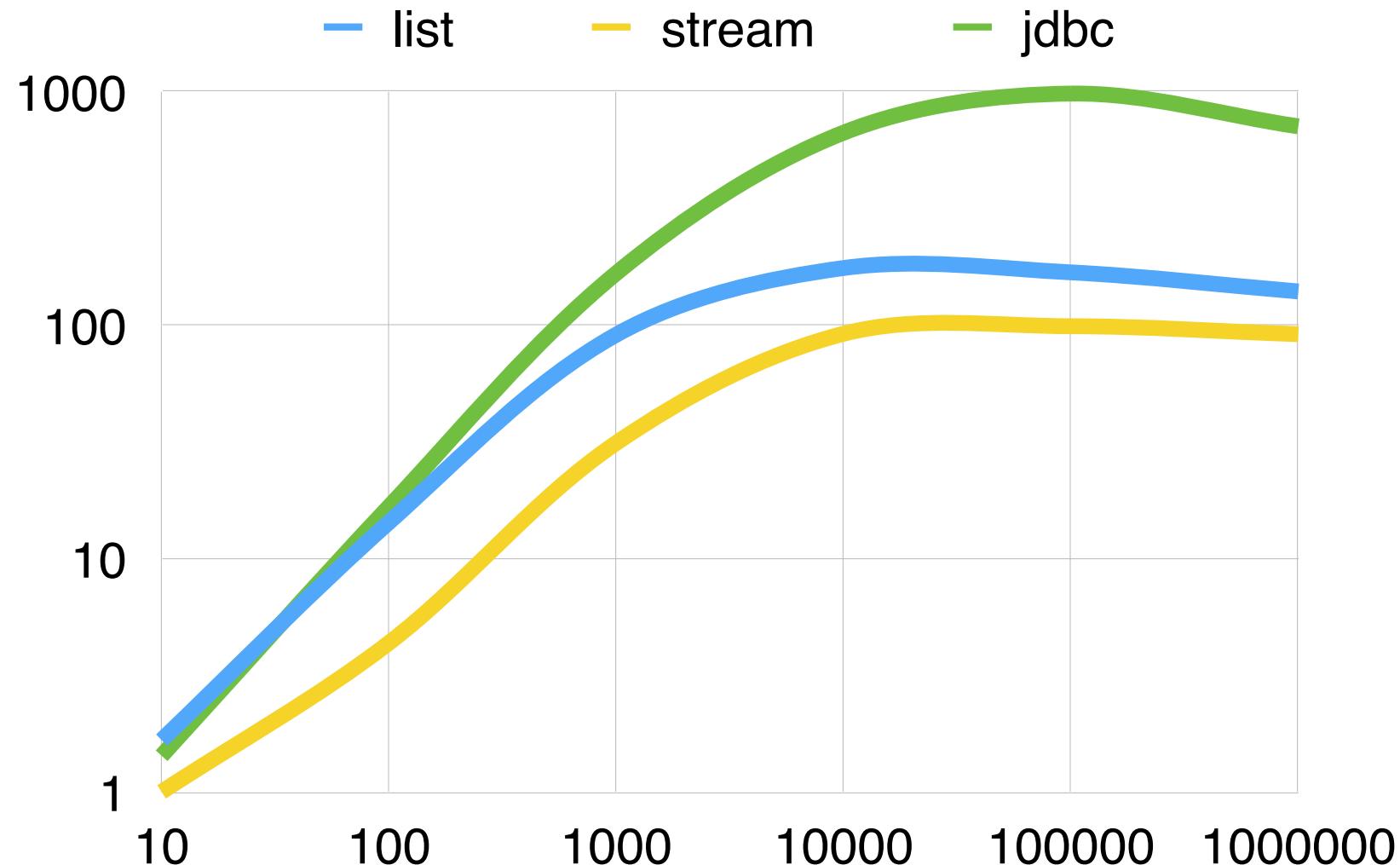
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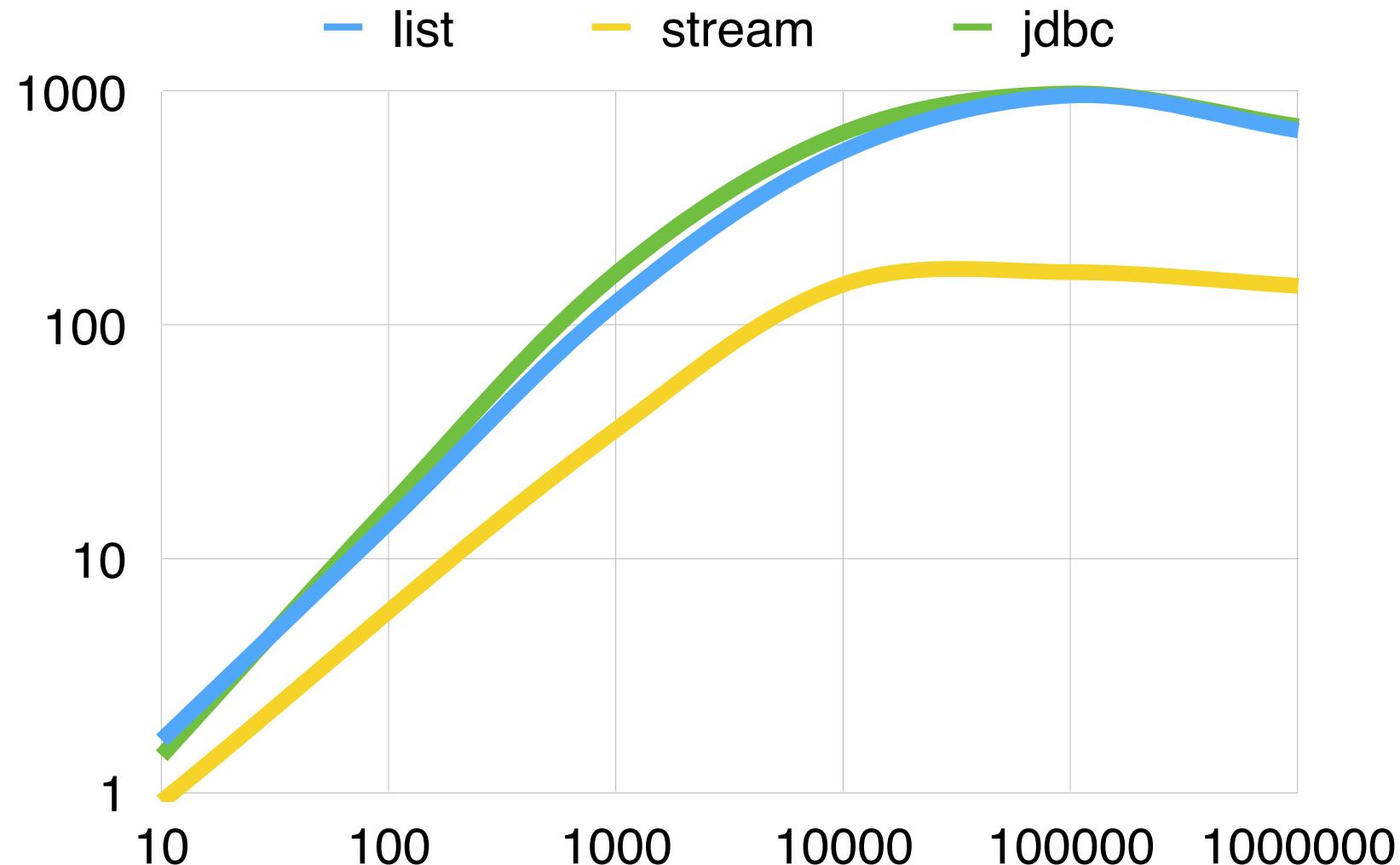
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