

# Functional Programming & Kotlin

## Pick the Best - Skip the Rest



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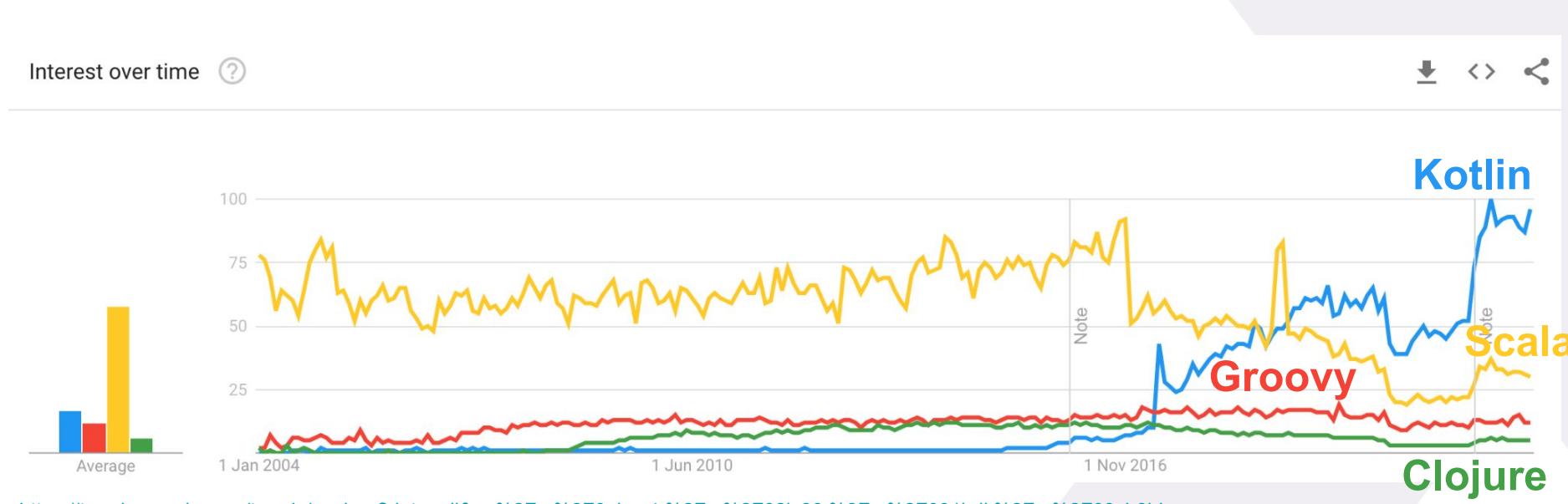
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# Why this talk?

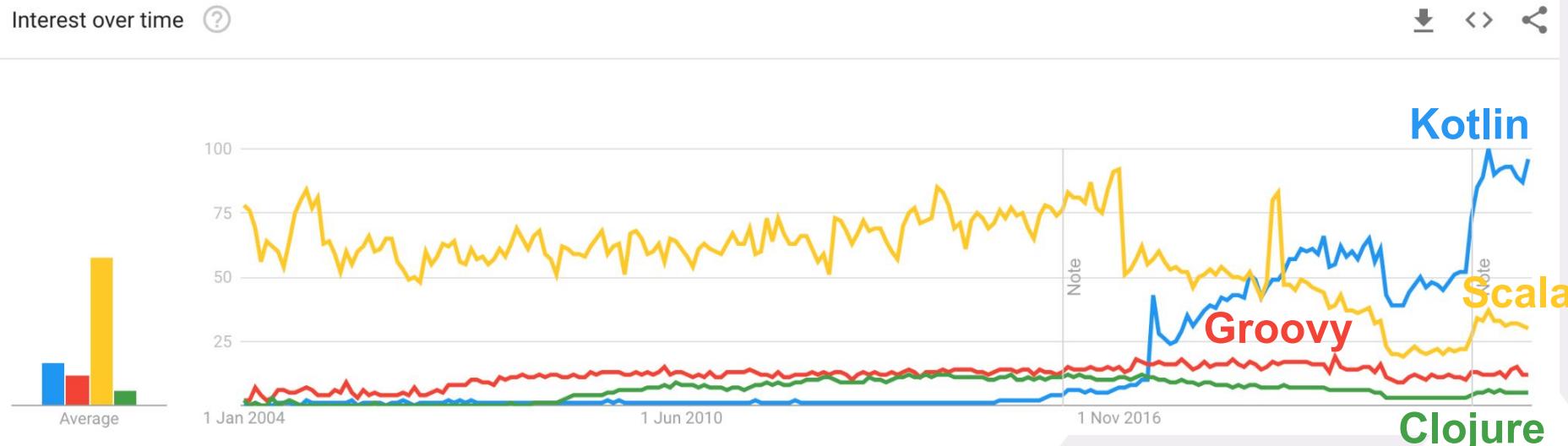


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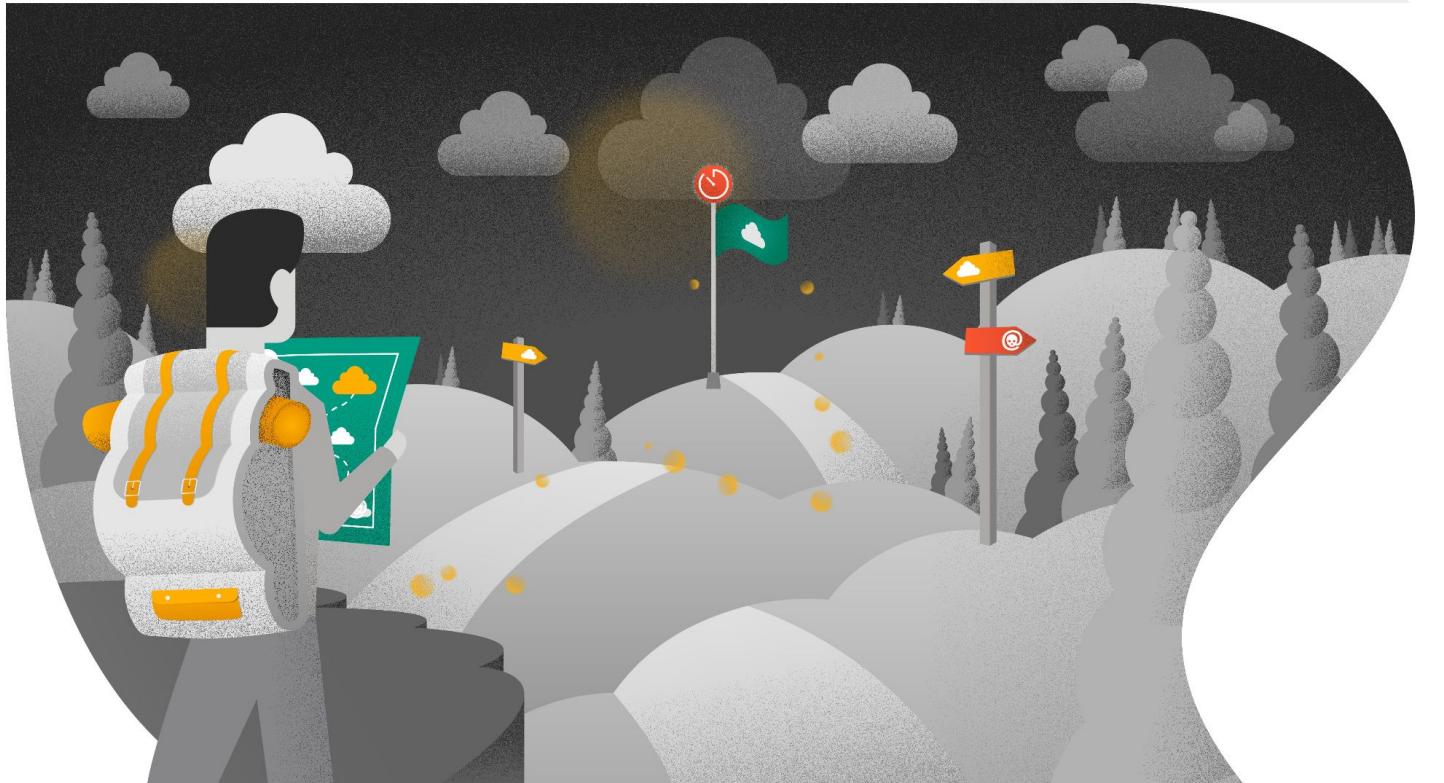
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Introduced ***disproportionate complexity*** for the problems at hand mainly due to: **Functional Programming**



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# Let's get ready for our functional journey!



# Declaring and Calling Functions

In Kotlin Functions are *first class citizens*. Unlike Java, there is syntax support for *declaring* functions



```
public String doWithText(  
    File file,  
    Function<String, String> f  
) throws IOException {  
    return  
        f.apply(readFileToString(file));  
}
```

- *I* BiConsumer
- *I* BiFunction
- *I* BinaryOperator
- *I* BiPredicate
- *I* BooleanSupplier
- *I* Consumer
- *I* DoubleBinaryOperator
- *I* DoubleConsumer
- *I* DoubleFunction
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- *I* DoubleSupplier
- *I* DoubleToIntFunction
- *I* DoubleToLongFunction
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- *I* ToLongFunction
- *I* UnaryOperator



```
fun doWithText(  
    file: File,  
    f: (String) -> String  
) : String =  
    f(readFileToString(file))
```

```
fun needsProcessing(  
    file: File,  
    predicate: (Long) -> Boolean  
) : Boolean =  
    predicate(file.length())
```

...which makes function declarations easier to *write* and *read* (also because Kotlin has no primitives).

# Declaring and Calling Functions



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    File file,  
    Function<String, String> fun  
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    return  
        fun.apply(readFileToString(file));  
}
```

```
doWithText(new File("/text.txt"), txt ->  
    txt.toUpperCase()  
);  
  
doWithText(new File("/text.txt"),  
    String::toUpperCase);
```



```
fun doWithText(  
    file: File,  
    f: (String) -> String  
): String =  
    f(readFileToString(file))
```

```
doWithText(File("/text.txt")){txt ->  
    txt.uppercase()  
}  
  
doWithText(File("/text.txt"),  
    String::uppercase)  
  
doWithText(File("/text.txt")){  
    it.uppercase()  
}
```

# Declaring and Calling Functions



```
public void writeToFile(  
    File file,  
    Supplier<String> block  
) throws IOException {  
    if(file.isFile)  
        writeStringToFile(file, block.get());  
}
```



```
fun writeToFile(  
    file:File,  
    block: () -> String  
) {  
    if(file.isFile)  
        writeStringToFile(file, block())  
}
```

```
writeToFile(new File("/out.txt"), () ->  
    String.join("",  
        Collections.nCopies(  
            1000,  
            "Hello world! "  
        )  
    );
```

```
writeToFile(File("/out.txt")){  
    "Hello world! ".repeat(1000)  
}
```

# Declaring and Calling Functions



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    File file,  
    Function<String, String> fun  
) throws IOException {  
    return  
        fun.apply(readFileToString(file));  
}
```

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);
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```
fun doWithText(  
    file: File,  
    f: String.() -> String  
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```

With a slightly  
different function  
declaration syntax...

```
doWithText(File("/text.txt")){  
    this.uppercase()  
}
```

...the lambda parameter of type String is *implicitly available* in the function body via this. This is a very powerful feature used to create advanced builder.

# Functional Literal with Receiver in Action

Here an example of Spring's Routing DSL solely built on Extensions and Function Literals with Receivers:

```
router {
    accept(TEXT_HTML).nest {
        GET("/") { ok().render("index") }
        GET("/users", userHandler::findAllView)
    }
    "/api".nest {
        accept(APPLICATION_JSON).nest {
            GET("/users", userHandler::findAll)
        }
        accept(TEXT_EVENT_STREAM).nest {
            GET("/users", userHandler::stream)
        }
    }
}
```



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    }
}
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# Functional Literal with Receiver in Action

Since Java lacks this feature, such as DSL would look as follows:

```
router( r -> {
    r.add(accept(TEXT_HTML)).nest(m -> {
        m.add(GET("/", g -> g.ok().render("index")));
        m.add(GET("/users", userHandler::findAllView));
        return m;
    });
    r.add(path("/api").nest(m -> {
        m.add(accept(APPLICATION_JSON)).nest(a ->
            a.add(GET("/users", userHandler::findAll)));
        );
        m.add(accept(TEXT_EVENT_STREAM)).nest(a ->
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        );
        return m;
    });
    return r;
});
```



# Let's start a 'transforming' journey

Starting point:  
**The swamps of  
Imperative Programming**



# Programming Styles

## Imperative programming

Imperative programming relies on *declaring variables* that are *mutated* along the way.

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fun findBestDev(lang: String): Developer? {  
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        if(dev.languages.contains(language))  
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    }  
    if(result.isEmpty()) {  
        return null  
    }  
    result.sortBy { it.experience }  
    return result[0]  
}
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var's

loops

mutable objects

mutable collections

multiple return

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immutable features like  
data classes and val's

immutable collections

expression constructs

higher-order functions

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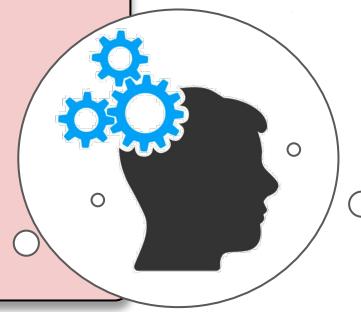
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    }  
}
```



Results in conciser, expressive, deterministic, better testable and clearly scoped code that is easier to reason about compared to the imperative style.

# PICK

*Expression Oriented  
Programming*

# SKIP

*Imperative  
Programming*

*Transforming data*

over

*Mutating data*

*Input / Output*

over

*Side-effects*

- val's,
- immutable objects and collections
- data classes
- expression constructs
- (higher-order) functions
- functional collections

over

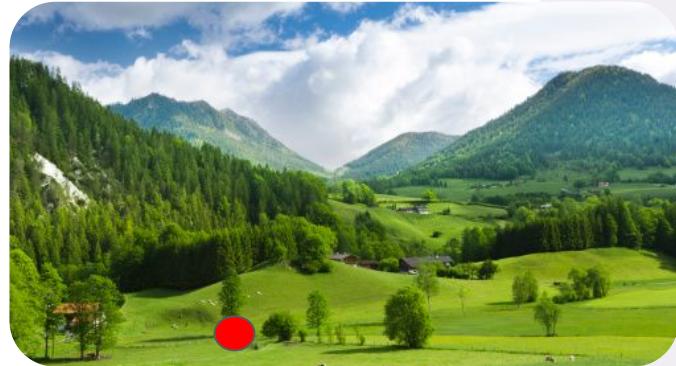
- var's
- loops
- mutable objects
- mutable collections
- multiple return's

# Welcome to:

The swamps of  
imperative programming



The fruitful valley of  
**Expression Oriented  
Programming**



# Comparing OO between Java >= 14 & Kotlin

```
public record Person(String name, int age) {  
    public Person(String name) {  
        this(name, 0);  
    }  
    public String sayHi() {  
        return "Hi";  
    }  
    public void plus(int y) {  
        //no re-assignment to final age possible  
    }  
}
```

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data class Person(val name: String,  
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    }  
}
```

```
final var jack = new Person("Jack", 42);  
jack: Person[name=Jack, age=5]  
  
jack.equals(new Person("Jack", 42));  
res1: true
```

```
val jack = Person("Jack", 42)  
jack: Person(name=Jack, age=42)  
  
jack == Person("Jack", 42)  
res1: true
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res1: true  
  
final var fred = new Person("Fred", jack.name);  
//copy(...) does not exist :-()
```

```
val jack = Person("Jack", 42)  
jack: Person(name=Jack, age=42)  
  
jack == Person("Jack", 42)  
res1: true  
  
val fred = jack.copy(name = "Fred")  
fred: Person(name=Fred, age=42)
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res1: true  
  
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//copy(...) does not exist :-()  
  
//destructuring either
```



```
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jack: Person(name=Jack, age=42)  
  
jack == Person("Jack", 42)  
res1: true  
  
val fred = jack.copy(name = "Fred")  
fred: Person(name=Fred, age=42)  
  
val (name, age) = fred  
name: "Fred"  
age: 42
```



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

...or how to put the compiler at work

Take1

```
data class Meetup(  
    val title: String,  
    val description: String,  
    val date: Instant = Instant.now()  
)
```

```
Meetup(  
    "With GraalVM, the JVM now also ...",  
    "JVM goes Native"  
)
```



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

Can *named arguments* help?

Take1b

```
data class Meetup(  
    val title: String,  
    val description: String,  
    val date: Instant = Instant.now()  
)
```

```
Meetup(  
    description = "With GraalVM, the JVM...",  
    title = "JVM goes Native"  
)
```



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

Value classes to the rescue:

Take2

```
@JvmInline  
value class Title(val value: String)
```

```
@JvmInline  
value class Description(val value: String)
```

```
data class Meetup(  
    val title: Title,  
    val description: Description,  
    val date: Instant = Instant.now()  
)
```

```
Meetup(  
    Title("JVM goes Native"),  
    Description("With GraalVM, the JVM...")  
)
```

Value classes are wrappers that only exist in the source code, at runtime they are gone (no overhead!)

That looks *descriptive, safe and efficient* to me



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

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*Ok, now we have two kinds of meetups: on-premise and online, with different attributes. How can I model that?*



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

## Take3

```
data class Meetup(  
    val title: Title,  
    val description: Description,  
    val date: Instant = Instant.now(),  
  
    val address: Address? = null,  
    val rsvpRequired: Boolean? = null,  
  
    val streamingUrl: URL? = null,  
)
```

nullable  
on-premise  
attributes

nullable  
online  
attributes

```
fun handleMeetup(m: Meetup) = when {  
    m.address != null && m.rsvpRequired != null ->  
        println("On premise: ${m.address},  
                rsvp:${m.rsvpRequired}")  
  
    m.streamingUrl != null ->  
        println("Online: ${m.streamingUrl}")  
  
    else -> throw IllegalStateException("...")  
}
```

*Wait a minute, this code is  
very error-prone!*



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

sealed classes create great domain models and put the compiler at work!

Take4

```
sealed interface Meetup {  
    val title: Title  
    val description: Description  
    val date: Instant  
}  
  
data class OnPremiseMeetup(  
    override val title: Title,  
    override val description: Description,  
    override val date: Instant,  
    val address: Address,  
    val rsvpRequired: Boolean  
) : Meetup  
  
data class OnlineMeetup(  
    override val title: Title,  
    override val description: Description,  
    override val date: Instant,  
    val streamingUrl: URL  
) : Meetup
```

mandatory  
on-premise  
attributes

```
fun handleMeetup(m: Meetup) = when(m) {  
    is OnPremiseMeetup ->  
        println("On premise: ${m.address},  
                rsvp:${m.rsvpRequired}")  
    is OnlineMeetup ->  
        println("Online: ${m.streamingUrl}")  
}
```

No more `else` case required,  
because the list is exhaustive.

Hey, now I can discard all  
those unit-tests that checked  
all the *null combinations*!

mandatory online  
attributes



# Functional Programming & DDD go hand-in-hand

sealed classes create great domain models and put the compiler at work!

Take5 🙌

```
sealed interface Meetup {  
    val title: Title  
    val description: Description  
    val date: Instant  
  
    data class OnPremiseMeetup(  
        override val title: Title,  
        override val description: Description,  
        override val date: Instant,  
        val address: Address,  
        val rsvpRequired: Boolean  
    ) : Meetup  
  
    data class OnlineMeetup(  
        override val title: Title,  
        override val description: Description,  
        override val date: Instant,  
        val streamingUrl: URL  
    ) : Meetup  
  
    data class HackatonMeetup(  
        override val title: Title,  
        override val description: Description,  
        override val date: Instant,  
        val sourcesUrl: URL  
    ) : Meetup  
}
```

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                rsvp:${m.rsvpRequired}")  
  
    is OnlineMeetup ->  
        println("Online: ${m.streamingUrl}")  
}
```

*...adding a new type,  
results in a  
compilation error*

*...which is exactly  
what I want!*



# But how to deal with mutable API's?

*Looks a bit  
messy to me, but I  
can't help it because  
RestClient and File  
are mutable by  
nature...*

```
fun devsToFile(fileName:String):Stats {  
    val client = RestClient()  
    client.username = "xyz"  
    client.secret = System.getenv("pwd")  
    client.url = "https://..."  
    client.initAccessToken()  
}
```

Something with  
a RestClient

```
try{  
    val file = File(fileName)  
    file.createNewFile()  
    file.setWritable(true)  
}
```

Something with  
a File

```
    val devs = client.getAll<Developer>()  
    require(devs.isNotEmpty()){  
        val msg = "No devs found"  
        LOG.error(msg)  
        msg  
    }  
}
```

Something with  
Developers

```
    devs.forEach { file.appendText(it.toCSV()) }  
    return Stats(devs.size, file.length())  
}
```

Again something  
with File and  
Developers

```
}  
finally {  
    client.close()  
}  
}
```

Again something  
with RestClient



# With clearly scoped code!

```
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    try{
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        file.setWritable(true)
        val devs = client.getAll<Developer>()
        require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {
            val msg = "No devs found"
            LOG.error(msg)
            msg
        }
        devs.forEach{file.appendText(it.toCSV())}
        return Result(devs.size,file.length())
    }
    finally {
        client.close()
    }
}
```

```
Client Block
fun devsToFile(fileName: String): Result =
    RestClient().apply {
        username = "reader"
        secret = System.getenv("pwd")
        url = "https://..."
        initAccessToken()
    }.use { client ->
        client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->
            require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {
                "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }
            }
            File(fileName).run {
                createNewFile()
                setWritable(true)
                devs.forEach{appendText(it.toCSV())}
                Result(devs.size, length())
            }
        }
    }
Developer Block
File Block
```

# PICK

## *Scope Methods*

*Group related operations  
on an object together*

*Restrict variable access  
as much as possible*

*Isolate mutable code  
'Tag' side-effects  
(mainly apply, also)*

# SKIP

## *Frequent Variables & Assignments*

*Free floating  
variables*

*Scattered  
side-effects*

over

over

# Welcome to:

The swamps of  
imperative programming



The fruitful valley of  
**Expression Oriented**  
**Programming** with rich,  
safe and expressive  
domain models



# How to re-use Control Structures?

```
fun devsToCsvFile(fileName: String): File =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        File(fileName).apply {  
            createNewFile()  
            setWritable(true)  
            devs.forEach{appendText(it.toCSV())}  
        }  
    }
```

```
fun devsToTsvFile(fileName: String): File =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        File(fileName).apply {  
            createNewFile()  
            setWritable(true)  
            devs.forEach{appendText(it.toTSV())}  
        }  
    }
```



So much duplication  
only because I want a  
different format?

# How to re-use Control Structures?

```
fun devsToCsvFile(fileName: String): File =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        File(fileName).apply {  
            createNewFile()  
            setWritable(true)  
            devs.forEach{appendText(it.toCSV())}  
        }  
    }
```

```
fun devsToTsvFile(fileName: String): File =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        File(fileName).apply {  
            createNewFile()  
            setWritable(true)  
            devs.forEach{appendText(it.toCSV())}  
        }  
    }
```

generic  
control  
structure

varying  
part

# ...with Higher-Order Functions

```
fun devsToFile(fileName: String, toLine:(Developer) -> String): File =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        File(fileName).apply {  
            createNewFile()  
            setWritable(true)  
            devs.forEach{appendText(toLine(it))}  
        }  
    }
```

Turn the **varying part** into a function

Let the **generic control structure** use it at the designated point

```
devsToFile("devs.csv"){it.toCSV()}
```

```
devsToFile("devs.tsv"){it.toTSV()}
```

```
devsToFile("devs.???" ){it.to???()}
```

# ...with Higher-Order Functions

```
fun devsToFile(fileName: String, toLine:(Developer) -> String): Stats =  
    RestClient().apply {  
        username = "reader"  
        secret = System.getenv("pwd")  
        url = "https://..."  
        initAccessToken()  
    }.use { client ->  
        client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
            require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {  
                "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }  
            }  
            File(fileName).run {  
                createNewFile()  
                setWritable(true)  
                devs.forEach{appendText(toLine(it))}  
                Stats(devs.size, length())  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

*Cool, but what if I need to save the Developers not only to File but also to other storage types like s3, db etc.???*

devsToFile("devs.csv"){it.toCSV()}

devsToFile("devs.tsv"){it.toTSV()}

devsToFile("devs.???"){it.to???()}



# Generic Control Structure vs Varying Part: you define the split

```
fun <T> devsTo(process:(List<Developer>) -> T): T =  
    RestClient().apply {  
        username = "reader"  
        secret = System.getenv("pwd")  
        url = "https://..."  
        initAccessToken()  
    }.use { client ->  
        client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
            require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {  
                "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }  
            }  
            process(devs)  
        }  
    }
```

```
devsTo{ devs ->  
    File("devs.csv").run {  
        createNewFile()  
        setWritable(true)  
        devs.forEach{  
            appendText(it.toCSV())  
        }  
        Stats(devs.size, length())  
    }  
}
```

```
devsTo{ devs ->  
    devsRepository.saveAll(devs)  
}
```

# Higher-Order Functions also shine in tests

```
@Test
fun `should fetch all developers`() {
    val saved = saveAll(1..10).map { DevSample.create(it) }
    try {
        val fetchedDevs = client.getAll<Developer>()
        fetchedDevs.size shouldBe devs.size
    } finally {
        deleteAll(saved)
    }
}

@Test
fun `should fetch developers by id`() {
    val saved = saveAll(1..1).map { DevSample.create(it) }
    try {
        val fetchedDev = client.get<Developer>(id = 1)
        devs shouldContain fetchedDev
    } finally {
        deleteAll(saved)
    }
}
```

# Higher-Order Functions also shine in tests

```
@Test
fun `should fetch all developers`() {
    val saved = saveAll((1..10).map { DevSample.create(it) })
    try {
        val fetchedDevs = client.getAll<Developer>()
        fetchedDevs.size shouldBe devs.size
    } finally {
        deleteAll(saved)
    }
}

@Test
fun `should fetch developers by id`() {
    val saved = saveAll((1..1).map { DevSample.create(it) })
    try {
        val fetchedDev = client.get<Developer>(id = 1)
        devs shouldContain fetchedDev
    } finally {
        deleteAll(saved)
    }
}
```

# Higher-Order Functions also shine in tests

```
fun <T> Repository<Developer>.doWith(count: Int, doTest: (List<Developer>) -> Unit) {  
    val saved = saveAll((1..count).map { DevSample.create(it) })  
    try {  
        doTest(saved)  
    } finally {  
        deleteAll(saved)  
    }  
}
```

```
@Test  
fun `should fetch all developers`() = devRepository.doWith(10) { devs ->  
    val fetchedDevs = client.getAll<Developer>()  
    fetchedDevs.size shouldBe devs.size  
    ...  
}
```

```
@Test  
fun `should fetch one developer`() = devRepository.doWith(1) { devs ->  
    val fetchedDev = client.get<Developer>(id = 1)  
    devs shouldContain fetchedDev  
    ...  
}
```

# Higher-Order Functions also shine in tests

```
@Test
fun `should fetch all developers`() {
    val saved = saveAll((1..10).map { DevSample.create(it) })
    try {
        val fetchedDevs = client.getAll<Developer>()
        fetchedDevs.size shouldBe devs.size
    } finally {
        deleteAll(saved)
    }
}

@Test
fun `should fetch developers by id`() {
    val saved = saveAll((1..1).map { DevSample.create(it) })
    try {
        val fetchedDev = client.get<Developer>(id = 1)
        devs shouldContain fetchedDev
    } finally {
        deleteAll(saved)
    }
}
```

# PICK

*Higher-Order  
Functions*

*Leverage your code by  
dividing a control  
structure in a generic part  
that executes the specific  
via a function*

*Higher-Order  
functions for  
collections*

# SKIP

*Code-Duplication*

*Copy-Paste*

*for loops*

over

over

# Welcome to:

The abundant heights of  
**Higher-Order Functions**



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programming



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Programming



# Composable Constructs

The Higher-Order Functions we created previously lack an abstraction so they can be *combined* with other *similar building blocks* to create *new valuable results*.

In other words: they *are not composable*

```
fun findBestDev(lang: String): Developer? =  
    getAll<Developer>()  
        .filter{ it.languages.contains(lang) }  
        .maxBy{ it.experience }  
}
```

Apparently, the Collection *abstraction* allows us to manipulate / transform its data in very flexible and powerful ways

So, the ‘characteristics’ of the Collection *Container* in combination with *Higher-Order-Functions* apparently makes this possible.

-> **What are the fundamental aspects of these characteristics?**

-> **Can we leverage them beyond Collections?**

# Welcome to Category Theory

Welcome to the **danger zone**

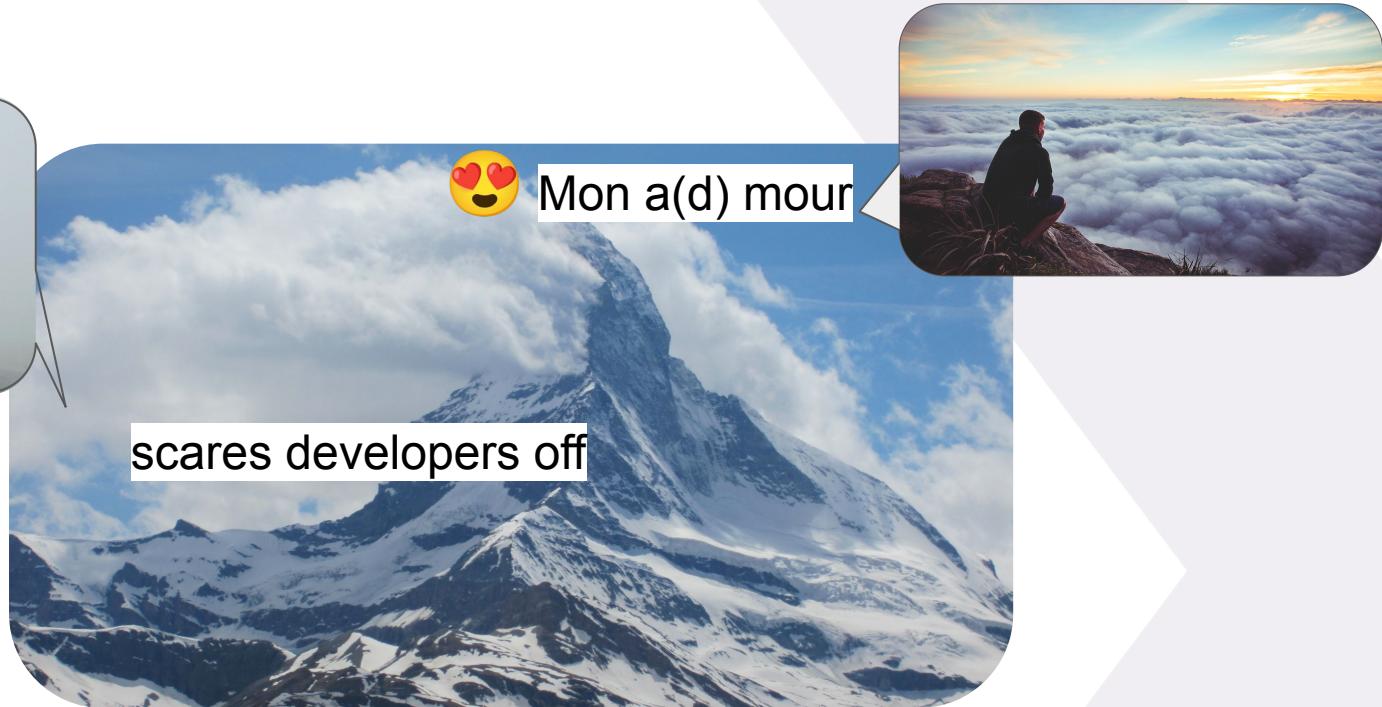
*Monad*

Semigroups  
Functor  
Endofunctors  
Applicatives  
Monoids



# A Monad is just a monoid in the category of endofunctors

The academic world managed to describe a powerful programming paradigm in such a difficult and inaccessible way that it either - most of the time:



In both cases we fail to unlock promising opportunities.

So, highest time for a demystification so that we all can profit from this powerful paradigm - ***where best applicable***.

# We all know Monads - and use them daily!

Monads are all about **Containers**:



Let's look at the 'Container' we all know: **Collections!**

From a *Container Perspective*: what kind of operations makes a Collection useful?

# We all know Monads - and use them daily!

1. We can *combine* two Collections, resulting in a new Collection:

```
listOf(1, 2) + listOf(3) == listOf(1, 2, 3)
```



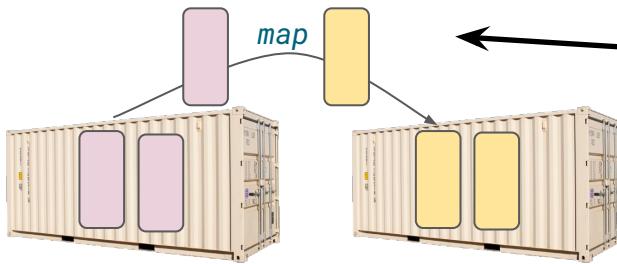
When we can combine instances of a *type* that results in a new instance of the *same type* containing the elements of the initial ones, we are talking about a: **Monoid**

```
interface Monoid<T> {  
    fun empty():T  
    fun combine(a:T, b:T):T  
}
```

# We all know Monads - and use them daily!

## 2. We can *transform* the elements of the Collection

```
listOf(1, 2).map{it.toString()} == listOf("1", "2")
```



```
interface Functor<A> {  
    fun <B> map(transform:(A) -> B):Functor<B>  
}
```

# We all know Monads - and use them daily!

3. If our elements are Collections too, we can *transform them without additional nesting*

```
data class Developer(val name: String, val languages: List<String>)
```

```
//map results in nesting
listOf(dev1, dev2).map{it.languages} == listOf(listOf("Kotlin", "Scala"), listOf("Python"))
```

```
//flatMap maps AND flattens
listOf(dev1, dev2).flatMap{it.languages} == listOf("Kotlin", "Scala", "Python")
```



If - besides combining (*Monoid*), mapping (*Functor*) - I can convert the elements of a *Container* that are *Containers too and have no additional nesting*, it's a **Monad**

```
class Monad<T>(val value:T) {
    fun empty(): Monad<T> = ...
    operator fun plus(other: Monad<T>): Monad<T> = ...
    fun <O> map(transform: (T) -> O): Monad<O> = ...
    fun <O> flatMap(transform:(T) -> Monad<O>):Monad<O> = ...
}
```

**Monad**  
(Composable)

**Monoid** (Combinable)

**Functor** (Mappable)

# Not only Collections are Monads - there are many more you know

```
class Monad<T>(val value:T) {  
  
    fun empty(): Monad<T> = ...  
  
    fun <O> map(m:(T)->O): Monad<O> = ...  
  
    fun <O> flatMap(fm:(O)->Monad<T>):Monad<O> = ...  
}
```

```
class List<T>(...)  
  
emptyList()  
  
listOf(dev1,dev2).map{it.name}  
== listOf("Jack", "Joe")  
  
listOf(dev1,dev2).flatMap{it.languages}  
== listOf("Kotlin", "Scala", "Python")
```



# Not only Collections are Monads - there are many more you know

```
class Monad<T>(val value:T) {  
  
    fun empty(): Monad<T> = ...  
  
    fun <O> map(m:(T)->O): Monad<O> = ...  
  
    fun <O> flatMap(fm:(O)->Monad<T>):Monad<O> = ...  
  
}
```

```
class Optional<T>(...)  
  
Optional.empty()  
  
Optional.of(dev1).map{it.name}  
== Optional("Jack")  
  
Optional.of(dev1).flatMap{  
    it.languages.firstOrNull()?.let{  
        Optional.of(it)} ?: Optional.empty()  
} == Optional.of("Kotlin")
```



# Not only Collections are Monads - there are many more you know

Swap Mono out for every other reactive abstraction like: CompletableFuture (standard library), Observable (RxJava), Uni (Quarkus)

```
class Monad<T>(val value:T) {  
  
    fun empty(): Monad<T> = ...  
  
    fun <O> map(m:(T)->O): Monad<O> = ...  
  
    fun <O> flatMap(fm:(O)->Monad<T>):Monad<O> = ...  
  
}
```

```
class Mono<T>(...)  
  
Mono.empty()  
  
getDeveloperByName(dev1.name).map{it.name}  
    == Mono.just("Jack")  
  
getDeveloperByName(dev1.name).flatMap{  
    selectBest(it.languages)  
} == Mono.just("Kotlin")
```



```
fun getDeveloperByName(name:String):Mono<String> =  
    //some remote API/DB call  
  
fun selectBest(languages>List<String>):Mono<String> =  
    //some remote API call
```

# So, what are these Monads/Containers good for?

What do all these abstractions and confusing terminology bring us?

- The confusing terminology not much - unless you are a scientist ;-)
- The abstraction, however, does have value. What we get is a special ‘ability’:



# How Composability does NOT look like

```
class RestClient {  
    fun <T> getAll():List<T> = ...  
}
```

```
fun <T> devsTo(fn:(List<Developer>) -> T): T =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {  
            "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }  
        }  
        fn(devs)  
    }
```

# How Composability does NOT look like

```
class RestClient {  
    fun <T> getAll():List<T> = ...  
    fun <T> getAllAsync(success:(List<T>) -> Unit, failure:(Throwable) -> Unit):Unit = ...  
}
```

Let's use a non-blocking, thus more resource efficient way to fetch data via our RestClient by means of *Callbacks*

```
fun <T> devsTo(fn:(List<Developer>) -> T): T =  
    client.getAll<Developer>().let { devs ->  
        require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {  
            "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }  
        }  
        fn(devs)  
    }
```

```
fun <T> devsTo(fn:(List<Developer>) -> Unit): Unit =  
    client.getAllAsync<Developer>(  
        success = { devs ->  
            require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {  
                "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }  
            }  
            fn(devs)  
        },  
        failure = {ex ->  
            LOG.error("Error fetching devs", ex)  
        }  
    )
```

*Phu, how am I going  
to test this???*



# How Composability *DOES* look like

```
class RestClient {  
    fun <T> getAll():List<T> = ...  
    fun <T> getAllAsync(success:(List<T>) -> Unit, failure:(Throwable) -> Unit):Unit = ...  
    fun <T> getAllReactive():Mono<List<T>> = ...  
}
```

Instead of Callbacks, let's use the  
'Reactive Monad': Mono<T> as return type

```
fun <T> devsTo(fn:(List<Developer>) -> Unit):Unit =  
    client.getAllAsync<Developer>(  
        success = { devs ->  
            require(devs.isNotEmpty()) {  
                "No devs found".also { LOG.error(it) }  
            }  
            fn(devs)  
        },  
        failure = {ex ->  
            LOG.error("Error fetching devs",ex)  
        }  
    )
```

```
fun <T> devsTo(fn:(List<Developer>) -> T):Mono<T> =  
    client.getAllReactive<Developer>().flatMap{devs ->  
        if(devs.isEmpty()) Mono.error(  
            IllegalArgumentException("No devs found").also {  
                LOG.error(it)  
            })  
        } else Mono.just(fn(it))  
    }
```

```
devsTo{devs -> println(devs)}
```

```
devsTo{devs -> devs}  
.map{...}  
.onErrorMap{...}  
.onErrorContinue{...}
```



I get it: *when I let methods return Monads they become composable*

# So, now let's go composing 😊😊😊

How about composable error handling?

```
fun mostPopularLanguageOf(name:String):Language {  
    val dev = try {  
        client.getDevByName(name)  
    } catch (ex: IOException) {  
        throw ApplicationException("Oeps", ex)  
    }  
    return try {  
        client.getMostPopular(dev.languages)  
    } catch (ex: Exception) {  
        Language("Kotlin")  
    }  
}
```

*Mmh, how could I  
make this try - catch  
more 'composable'?*



# Welcome to functional Error Handling

You want composability? You need a Monad!



Which is already part of the standard library:

```
class Result<T>(...){  
    fun getOrNull(): T?  
    fun exceptionOrNull(): Throwable?  
    fun map(convert:(value: T)->R):Result<R>  
    fun flatMap(convert:(value:T)->Result<R>):Result<R>  
}
```

```
fun mostPopularLanguageOf(name:String):Language{  
    val dev = try {  
        client.getDevByName(name)  
    } catch (ex: IOException) {  
        throw ApplicationException("Oeps", ex)  
    }  
  
    return try {  
        client.getMostPopular(dev.languages)  
    } catch (ex: Exception) {  
        Language("Kotlin")  
    }  
}
```

```
fun mostPopularLanguageOf(name:String):Language {  
    runCatching { client.getDevByName(name) }  
        .onFailure { throw ApplicationException("Oeps", it) }  
        .map { client.selectBest(it.languages) }  
        .getOrDefault { Language("Kotlin") }  
}
```

*Looks good, BUT: how do I know that I have to catch an Exception in the first place? It's not in the method signature...*



# Give me my **Unchecked Exceptions** back!

Convert every return type `T` into a `Result<T>` to make it very *explicit* that this method can also return an Exception

```
fun getDevByName(name:String):Developer  
fun selectBest(langs>List<String>):Language
```

```
fun getDevByName(name:String):Result<Developer>  
fun selectBest(langs>List<Language>):Result<Language>
```

```
fun bestLanguageOf(name:String):Result<Language> =  
    client.getDevByName(name)  
    .recoverCatching{throw ApplicationException("Oeps", it)}  
    .flatMap{dev-> client.selectBest(dev.languages)  
            .mapCatching { Language("Kotlin") }  
    }
```



# A larger example

```
fun getDevByName(name:String):Developer  
fun selectBest(langs>List<Language>):Language  
fun getStatsFor(lang:Language):LanguageStats
```

```
fun getDevByName(name:String):Result<Developer>  
fun selectBest(langs>List<Language>):Result<Language>  
fun getStatsFor(lang:Language):Result<LanguageStats>
```

```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Result<LanguageStats> =  
    client.getDevByName(name).flatMap { dev ->  
        client.selectBest(dev.languages).flatMap { language ->  
            client.getStatsFor(language)  
        }  
    }
```



*Though these Monads compose nicely, I don't know if I - or my colleagues - like all this flatMap-ing.*

*Is there no better way?*



# Welcome to Arrow

A large, stylized blue arrow pointing diagonally upwards and to the right, with a smaller orange triangle at its base.

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## Arrow brings idiomatic functional programming to Kotlin

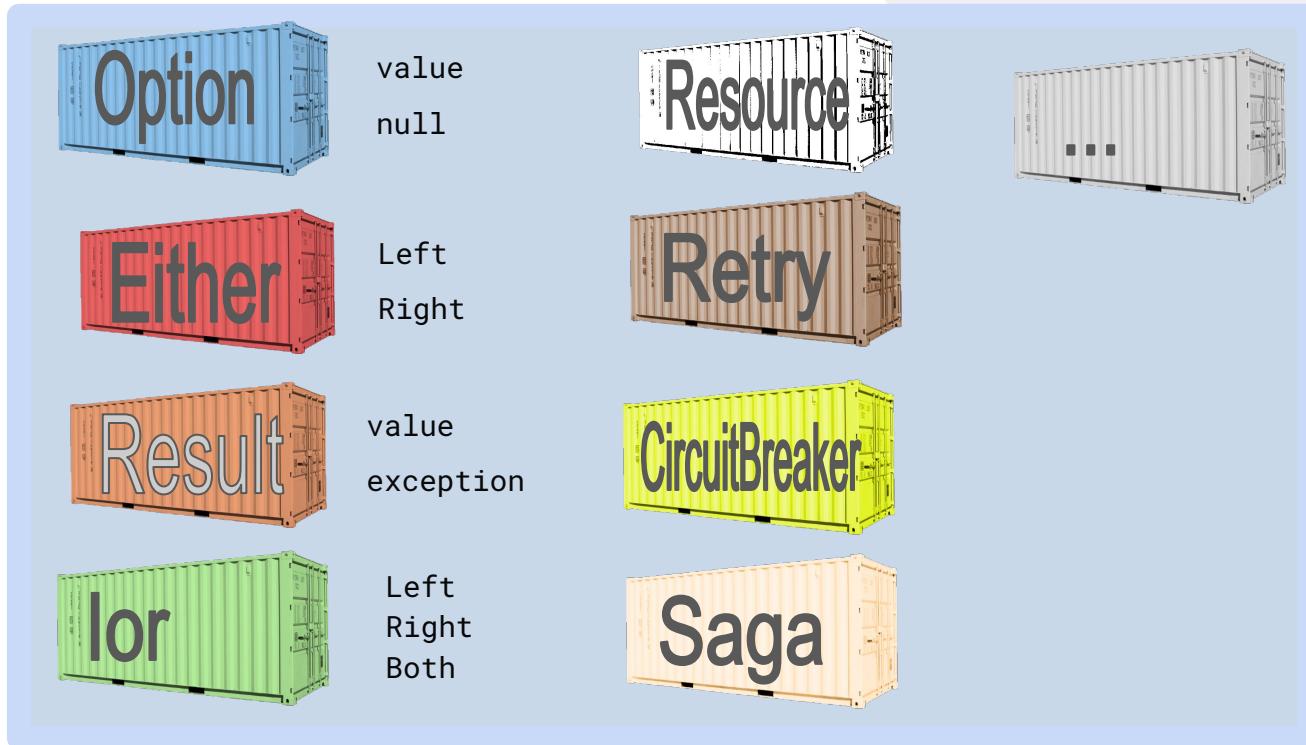
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 ARROW

# Some Fancy Arrow Monads



# Arrow has a nice solution to avoid flatMap

Which are: **Monad Comprehensions**

*conceptually ported from functional languages like Scala and Haskell*

```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Result<LanguageStats>=
    client.getDevByName(dev1.name).flatMap { dev ->
        client.selectBest(dev.languages).flatMap { language ->
            client.getStatsFor(language)
        }
    }
```

```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Result<LanguageStats>=
    result { this:ResultRaise
        val dev = client.getDevByName(name).bind()
        val language = client.selectBest(dev.languages).bind()
        val stats = client.getStatsFor(language).bind()
        stats
    }
```

With the Monad Comprehension `result { ... }`,  
`bind()` becomes available on a `Result<T>` (via  
`ResultRaise`) which returns its value *only if it is  
not an Exception*

Even though I find this  
`bind()` a bit weird, I like  
it much better than  
these nested `flatMap`'s



# Arrow has a nice solution to avoid flatMap

Which are: **Monad Comprehensions**

*conceptually ported from functional languages like Scala and Haskell*

```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Result<LanguageStats>=
    client.getDevByName(dev1.name).flatMap { dev ->
        client.selectBest(dev.languages).flatMap { language ->
            client.getStatsFor(language)
        }
    }
```

```
context(ResultRaise)
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):LanguageStats {
    val dev = client.getDevByName(name).bind()
    val language = client.selectBest(dev.languages).bind()
    val stats = client.getStatsFor(language).bind()
    return stats
}
```



# Let's Compose the Composables!

So far we only had to deal with a *single* Monad/Container.  
But: the real world demands more:

```
fun getDevByName(name:String) :Result<Developer>
fun selectBest(langs>List<Language>) :Result<Language>
fun getStatsFor(lang:Language) :Result<LanguageStats>
```

```
fun getDevByName(name:String) :Mono<Result<Option<Developer>>>
fun selectBest(langs>List<Language>) :Mono<Result<Option<Language>>>
fun getStatsFor(lang:Language) :Mono<Result<Option<LanguageStats>>>
```

I want to be  
reactive...

...have explicit  
signatures...

...and optional  
values



# Let's Compose the Composables???

```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Mono<Result<Option<LanguageStats>>> =  
    client.getDevByName(name).flatMap { devResOpt ->  
        devResOpt.map { dev ->  
            it.map { dev ->  
                client.getMostPopular(dev.languages).flatMap { langResOpt ->  
                    langResOpt.map { language ->  
                        client.getStatsForLanguage(language)  
                            .getorElse { Mono.just(Result.success(None)) }  
                            .getorElse { Mono.just(langResOpt.map{None}) }  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        }.getorElse { Mono.just(Result.success(None)) }  
    }.getorElse { Mono.just(devResOpt.map { None }) }  
}
```

**OMG** - and we  
haven't implemented  
any serious business  
logic yet...



# Congratulations

You just managed to convert your code-base into a: **Container terminal**



Here you are, merely *shifting around Containers* (Monads), whereas your boss wants you to write business logic

# Let's Compose the Composables???

```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Mono<Result<Option<LanguageStats>>> =  
    client.getDevByName(name).flatMap { devResOpt ->  
        devResOpt.map {  
            it.map { dev ->  
                client.selectBest(dev.languages).flatMap { langResOpt ->  
                    langResOpt.map {  
                        it.map { language ->  
                            client.getStatsForLanguage(language)  
                        }.getorElse { Mono.just(Result.success(None)) }  
                    }.getorElse { Mono.just(langResOpt.map{None}) }  
                }  
            }.getorElse { Mono.just(Result.success(None)) }  
        }.getorElse { Mono.just(devResOpt.map { None }) }  
    }  
}
```

But wait, don't we have these  
*Monad Comprehensions* to  
make this code more  
readable?



# Nope, sorry...

*Monad Comprehensions* - in Kotlin - only work for a *single* Monad



# Nope, sorry...

*Monad Comprehensions - in Kotlin - only work for a single Monad*

*Monad Transformers to the rescue?*



- *They only work for two levels of Monads*
- *They cannot be used in Monad Comprehensions since Kotlin misses languages features for them to work (Higher Kinded Types)*

```
fun <A, B> Mono<Result<A>>.mapT(f:(A) -> B):Mono<Result<B>> = ...
fun <A, B> Mono<Result<A>>.flatMapT(f:(A) -> Mono<Result<A>>):Mono<Result<B>> = ...
fun <A, B> Mono<Result<A>>.flatMapTOuter(f:(A) -> Mono<A>):Mono<Result<B>> = ...
fun <A, B> Mono<Result<A>>.flatMapTInner(f:(A) -> Result<A>):Mono<Result<B>> = ...
```



*This is indeed  
no fun*



# So, are these Monads no good at all?

As long as you can keep your signature to a *single* Monad you're fine:

```
fun getDevByName(name:String):Mono<Result<Option<Developer>>>
```

```
suspend fun getDevByName(name:String):Result<Option<Developer>>
```

```
suspend fun getDevByName(name:String):Result<Developer?>
```

But I *need three*, so  
how can I reduce it to  
a *single* one?



# Nullability

```
class Booking(val destination:Destination? = null)  
class Destination(val hotel:Hotel? = null)  
class Hotel(val name:String, val stars:Int? = null)
```



Since nullability is part of the *type system* no wrapper is needed: The required type or `null` can be used.

```
val booking:Booking? = Booking(Destination(Hotel("Sunset Paradise", 5)))  
val stars = "*".repeat(booking?.destination?.hotel?.stars ?: 0) //-> *****  
  
if(booking != null) {  
    println(booking.destination)  
}  
  
booking?.let{  
    println(it.destination)  
}
```

To safely access *nullable types* the `?` can be used with `?:` for the alternative case.

After checking for *not null* a type is ‘smart casted’ to its non-null type: here from `Booking?` to `Booking`

Alternatively, the `? .let{...}` syntax can be used.

# Nullability vs Optional

```
val booking:Booking? = Booking(Destination(Hotel("Sunset Paradise", 5)))  
  
val stars = "*".repeat(booking?.destination?.hotel?.stars ?: 0) //-> "*****"  
  
if(booking != null) {  
    println(booking.destination)  
}
```



```
final Optional<Booking> booking = Optional.of(new Booking(  
    Optional.of(new Destination(Optional.of(  
        new Hotel("Sunset Paradise", 5))))));  
  
var stars = "*".repeat(booking.flatMap(Booking::getDestination)  
    .flatMap(Destination::getHotel)  
    .map(Hotel::getStars).orElse(0)); //-> "*****"  
  
if(booking.isPresent()) {  
    println(booking.get().getDestination());  
}
```



# Nullability vs Optional

```
val booking:Booking = null //Compilation error 😊
```

```
val booking:Booking? = null
```

```
booking.destination //Compilation error 😊
```

```
booking?.destination
```

Nullability is enforced by  
the compiler in Kotlin



```
Booking booking = null; //Fine...
```

```
Optional<Booking> booking = null; //Fine...
```

```
booking.map(Destination::destination); //Runtime error 😱
```

```
booking.destination; //Runtime error 😱
```



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```
fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Mono<Result<Option<LanguageStats>>> =  
    client.getDevByName(name).flatMap { devResOpt ->  
        devResOpt.map {  
            it.map { dev ->  
                client.selectBest(dev.languages).flatMap { langResOpt ->  
                    langResOpt.map {  
                        it.map { language ->  
                            client.getStatsFor(language)  
                        }.getOrDefault { Mono.just(Result.success(None)) }  
                        .getOrDefault { Mono.just(langResOpt.map{None}) }  
                    }  
                    .getOrDefault { Mono.just(Result.success(None)) }  
                }.getOrDefault { Mono.just(devResOpt.map { None }) }  
            }  
        }  
    }
```

Except for the bind() that's just 'normal' Kotlin code

```
suspend fun statsOfBestLanguageOf(name:String):Result<LanguageStats?> = result {  
    client.getDevByName(name).bind()?.let { dev ->  
        client.selectBest(dev.languages).bind()?.let { lang ->  
            client.getStatsFor(lang).bind() }  
    }  
}
```



# PICK

*A single Monad*

*Coroutines (suspend)*

*Nullable Types (?)*

*Arrow's Monad  
Comprehension  
effect { ... }*

# SKIP

*Nested Monads*

*Reactive Monads:  
Mono/Uni/Observable/etc.*

over

over

over

Option

flatMap

# Welcome to:

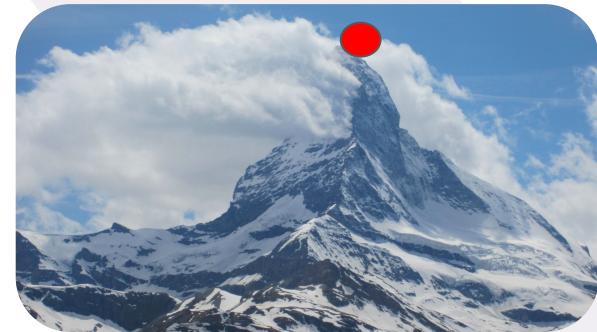
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# **Which amount of Monads is ok? ...and which too much?**

...which brings us to a wider question:

**what is ‘good’ code?**

# Generally spoken ‘good’ code:

...reflects the domain of the ‘bounded context’ / the business



**Code of a Petstore**

**Code of an Investment Bank**



...has a minimum of non-domain abstractions.

These abstractions should serve a specific, useful purpose.

...should be understandable by a domain expert.

# In other words: If your boss understands your code...

...everything is fine



# Code that looks like a container terminal does not meet this definition



Unless your company *IS* the container terminal 😊

# Why use Monads through your call chain...

Exception Handler

```
class GlobalExceptionHandler {  
    suspend fun handleUncaught(ex:Throwable) = ...  
}
```

Finally produces  
ErrorResponse

API

```
class DevController(val devService: DevService) {  
    @GetMapping("/api/devs")  
    @ResponseBody  
    suspend fun getBestLanguageOf(@RequestParam("name") name: String): Language =  
        devService.getBestLanguageOf(name)  
            .mapError { throw ApplicationException(ErrorType.Server, it) }  
            .getOrThrow()  
}
```

Service

```
class DevService(val devDao: DevDao, val langApi: LangApi) {  
    suspend fun getBestLanguageOf(name: String): Result<Language> = result {  
        devDao.getDevByName(name).bind()?.let {  
            langApi.selectBest(it.languages).bind()  
        } ?: Language("Kotlin")  
    }  
}
```

*Mmh, actually I don't do anything with Result<T>, so why is it there?*

DAO

```
class DevDao {  
    suspend fun getDevByName(name: String): Result<Developer?> = ...  
}  
class LangApi {  
    suspend fun selectBest(lang: List<Language>): Result<Language?> = ...  
}
```



# ... if in 95% of all cases you don't use them anyway

Exception Handler

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}
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        devService.getBestLanguageOf(name)  
}
```

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    suspend fun getBestLanguageOf(name: String): Language =  
        devDao.getDevByName(name)?.let {  
            langApi.selectBest(it.languages)  
        } ?: Language("Kotlin")  
}
```

Only domain logic, no  
'additional' abstractions.  
Looks good to me!

DAO

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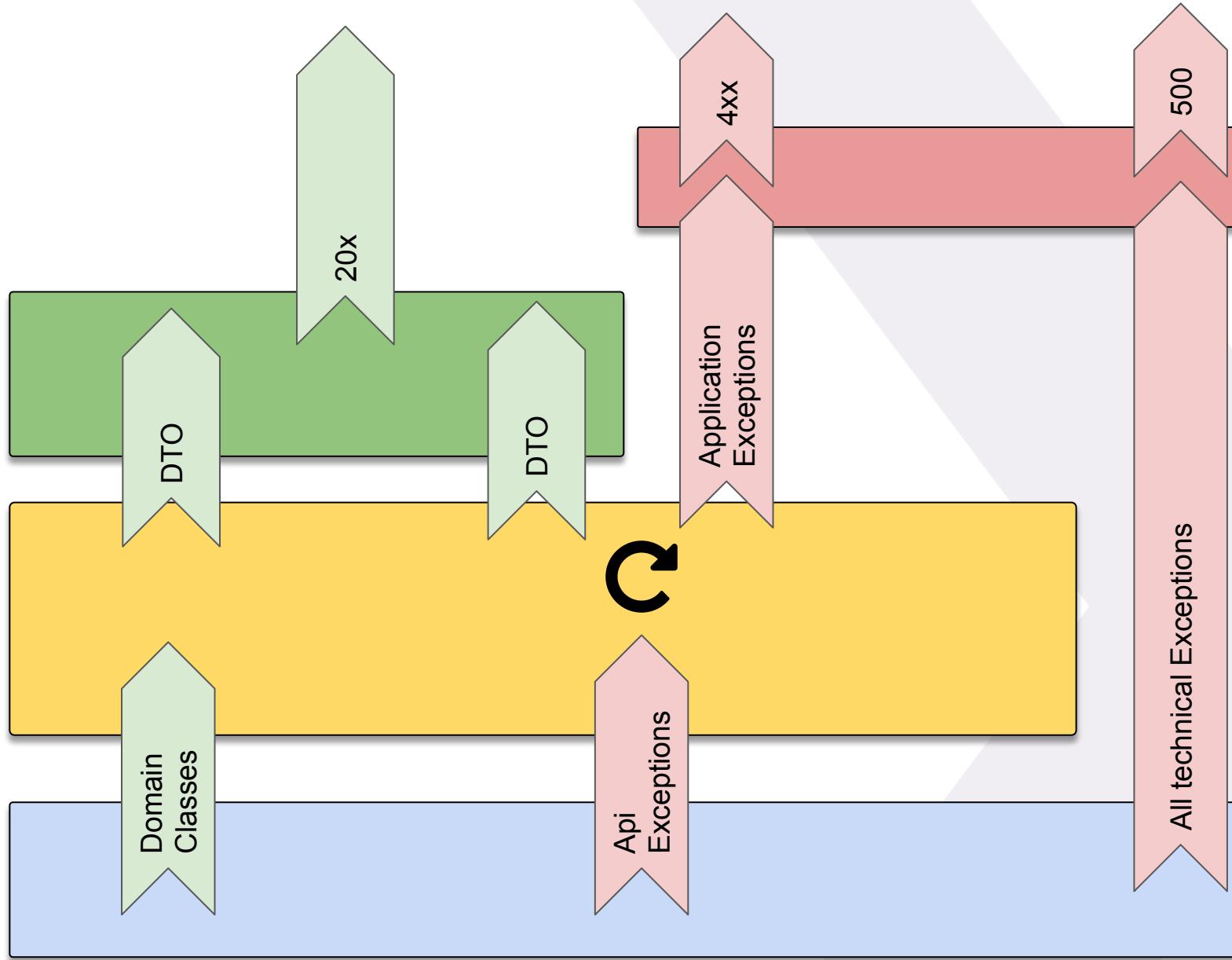
# But how about the other 5%?

Exception Handler

API

Service

DAO



# Use Monads *selectively* where needed and useful

Exception Handler

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}
```

API

```
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        devService.getBestLanguageOf(name)  
}
```

Service

```
class DevService(val devDao: DevDao, val langApi: LangApi) {  
    suspend fun getBestLanguageOf(name: String): Language =  
        devDao.getDevByName(name).let { dev ->  
            langApi.selectBest(dev?.languages.orEmpty()).recover {  
                when(it.code) {  
                    ERROR_LANG_NOT_FOUND -> Language("Kotlin")  
                    ERROR_TOKEN_EXPIRED -> ...  
                    else -> raise(it)  
                }  
            }.map { it ?: Language("Kotlin") }  
        }.getOrElse { throw ApplicationException(it.code.toString()) }  
}
```

Which is win win:  
1. explicit contract  
2. easy access to error reply

To trigger error replies,  
I still can rely on my  
ExceptionHandler

DAO

```
class DevDao {  
    suspend fun getDevByName(name: String): Developer? = ...  
}  
  
class LangApi {  
    suspend fun selectBest(lang: List<Language>): Either<ApiError, Language?> = ...  
}
```

For DB stuff, I only  
need entities

For external API's  
Either<A, B> makes  
the contract explicit

# With this approach in mind: Cherry Pick the best!

## #1 handle multiple null values

```
fun createKotlinDeveloper(name:String?, age:String?, languages: List<Language>): KotlinDeveloper? {  
    val kotlin = languages.firstOrNull{it.name == "Kotlin"}  
    return if(name != null && age.toIntOrNull() != null && kotlin != null) {  
        KotlinDeveloper(  
            name = name,  
            age = age.toInt(),  
            otherLanguages = languages - kotlin  
        )  
    } else null  
}
```

How can I prevent  
these tedious null  
checks?

```
fun createKotlinDeveloper(name:String?, age:String?, languages: List<Language>): KotlinDeveloper? =  
    nullable {  
        val kotlin = languages.firstOrNull{it.name == "Kotlin"}.bind()  
        KotlinDeveloper(  
            name = name.bind(),  
            age = age.toIntOrNull().bind(),  
            otherLanguages = languages - kotlin  
        )  
    }
```

...with Arrow's nullable{}  
comprehension!

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## #2 composable validation with accumulated errors

```
fun createKotlinDeveloper(name:String?, age:String?, languages: List<Language>): KotlinDeveloper {  
    val errors = mutableListOf<ValidationError>()  
    if(name.isNullOrEmpty()) errors.add(NameInvalid)  
    if(age?.toIntOrNull()?.let{it > 0} != false) errors.add(AgeInvalid)  
    if(languages.isNotEmpty()) errors.add(NoLanguage)  
    return if(errors.isEmpty())  
        KotlinDeveloper(name!!, age!!, languages)  
    else  
        throw ValidationsException(errors)  
}
```

Value conversion done twice - possible maintenance issue

Throw Exception - instead of having an explicit return type for validation errors

Explicit signature for validation errors

```
context(Raise<List<ValidationError>>)  
fun createKotlinDeveloper(name:String?, age:String?, languages: List<Language>):KotlinDeveloper =  
    zipOrAccumulate(  
        { ensureNotNull(name){ NameInvalid }},  
        { ensureNotNull(age?.toIntOrNull()){ AgeInvalid }},  
        { ensure(languages.isNotEmpty()){ NoLanguage }}  
    ) { validName, validAge, validLangs -> KotlinDeveloper(validName, validAge, validLangs) }
```

Better: Use `zipOrAccumulate{ }` to validate and accumulate errors

Combined conversion and verification.

Converted and validated values are passed to conversion function

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## #3 optics

```
val dev = Developer(  
    name = "John",  
    age = 32,  
    primaryLanguage = Language("Kotlin", LanguageStats(popularity = 9))  
)
```

```
val devChanged = dev.copy(  
    primaryLanguage = dev.primaryLanguage.copy()  
    stats = dev.primaryLanguage.stats.copy(popularity = 10)  
)
```

Changing data in immutable nested data-structures is quite tedious with copy(...)

```
val devChanged = Developer.Companion.primaryLanguage.stats.modify(dev) { it.copy(popularity = 10) }
```

But not with Arrow's optics{ }!

**Note:** this requires Arrow annotations and a KSP compiler plugin to be configured in your build.

```
@optics  
data class Developer(val name:String, val age:Int, val primaryLanguage:Language){companion object {}}  
  
@optics  
data class Language(val name:String, val stats: LanguageStats){companion object {}}  
  
@optics  
data class LanguageStats(val popularity:Int){companion object {}}
```

# PICK

***Monads were useful***

*Code primarily  
reflecting your domain*

over

*Either where the error  
part of a return is relevant*

over

*Other useful Monads like Validation, Resource, Ior, -> Arrow*

# SKIP

***Monads everywhere***

*Code looking like a  
Monad/Container  
terminal*

*Using Exceptions for  
fine-grained business  
logic*

*Writing these  
abstractions  
yourself*

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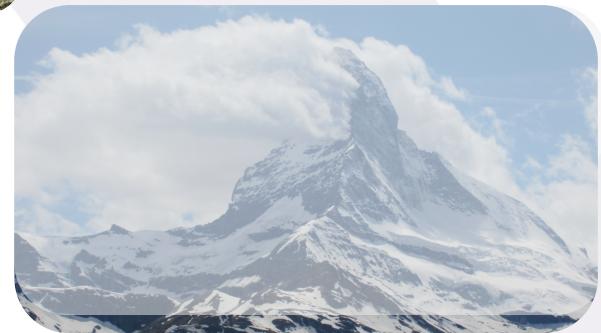


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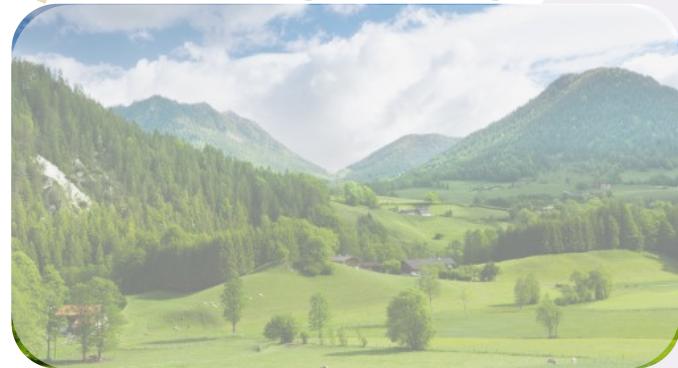


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# Making things simple is hard

## *Keeping things simple is even harder*

*Use Functional Programming*

*to make things simpler*

...and check out our Kotlin  
courses ;-)



**Thank you**



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