

# cond

Using cond in functional pipelines (5 min. read)

Sometimes we have too many conditions, making `switch` statements a great choice.

```
const findAnimal = (animal) => {
  switch (animal) {
    case 'lion':
      return 'Africa and India';

    case 'tiger':
      return 'China, Russia, India, Vietnam, and many more';

    case 'hyena':
      return 'African Savannah'

    case 'grizzly bear':
      return 'North America';

    default:
      return 'Not sure, try Googling it!'
  }
};

console.log(findAnimal('cow'));
```



We *could* mimic this with `pipe` and `when`, but coding for a default case is tough.

```
import { always, equals, ifElse, pipe, when } from 'ramda';

const findAnimal = pipe(
  when(equals('lion'), always('Africa and India')),
  when(equals('tiger'), always('China, Russia, India, Vietnam, and many more')),
  when(equals('hyena'), always('African Savannah')),
  when(equals('grizzly bear'), always('North America')),
);

console.log(findAnimal('cow'));
```



Or we can use `cond`, which is [built into languages like Lisp](#). It takes an array of `if/then` statements, which are arrays themselves.

The first function is the predicate, and the second function is what to run if the predicate returns `true`.

Here's an example

```
import { always, cond, equals } from 'ramda';

const findAnimal = cond([
  [equals('lion'), always('Africa and India')],
  [equals('tiger'), always('China, Russia, India, Vietnam, and many more')],
  [equals('hyena'), always('African Savannah')],
  [equals('grizzly bear'), always('North America')]
]);

console.log(findAnimal('lion'));
```



It runs through each array. If the array's first function returns `true`, the array's second function is called and the logic's cut off.

But how do we support the default case?

```
default:
  return 'Not sure, try Googling it!';
```



Have a function that always returns `true` at the very end. If nothing else runs, it will succeed and be called!

```
import { always, cond, equals } from 'ramda';

const findAnimal = cond([
  [equals('lion'), always('Africa and India')],
  [equals('tiger'), always('China, Russia, India, Vietnam, and many more')],
  [equals('hyena'), always('African Savannah')],
  [equals('grizzly bear'), always('North America')],
  [always(true), always('Not sure, try Googling it!')]
]);

console.log(findAnimal('cow'));
```



