

Parallelism 2

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Last Time

Parallel complexity can be described in terms of work and span

Parallel programming interfaces:

- Futures
 - future and force
- Parallel collection interfaces (eg: sequences)
 - tabulate
 - map
 - filter
 - reduce

Implementations: Google map-reduce; Hadoop

Key idea: Parallel functional libraries have sequential semantics

PARALLEL SCAN AND PREFIX SUM

The prefix-sum problem

Sum of Sequence:

input

6	4	16	10	16	14	2	8
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output

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The prefix-sum problem

```
val prefix_sum : int seq -> int seq
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The simple sequential algorithm: accumulate the sum from left to right

- Sequential algorithm: Work: $O(n)$, Span: $O(n)$
- Goal: a parallel algorithm with Work: $O(n)$, Span: $O(\log n)$

Parallel prefix-sum

The trick: *Use two passes*

- Each pass has $O(n)$ work and $O(\log n)$ span
- So in total there is $O(n)$ work and $O(\log n)$ span

First pass *builds a tree of sums bottom-up*

- the “up” pass

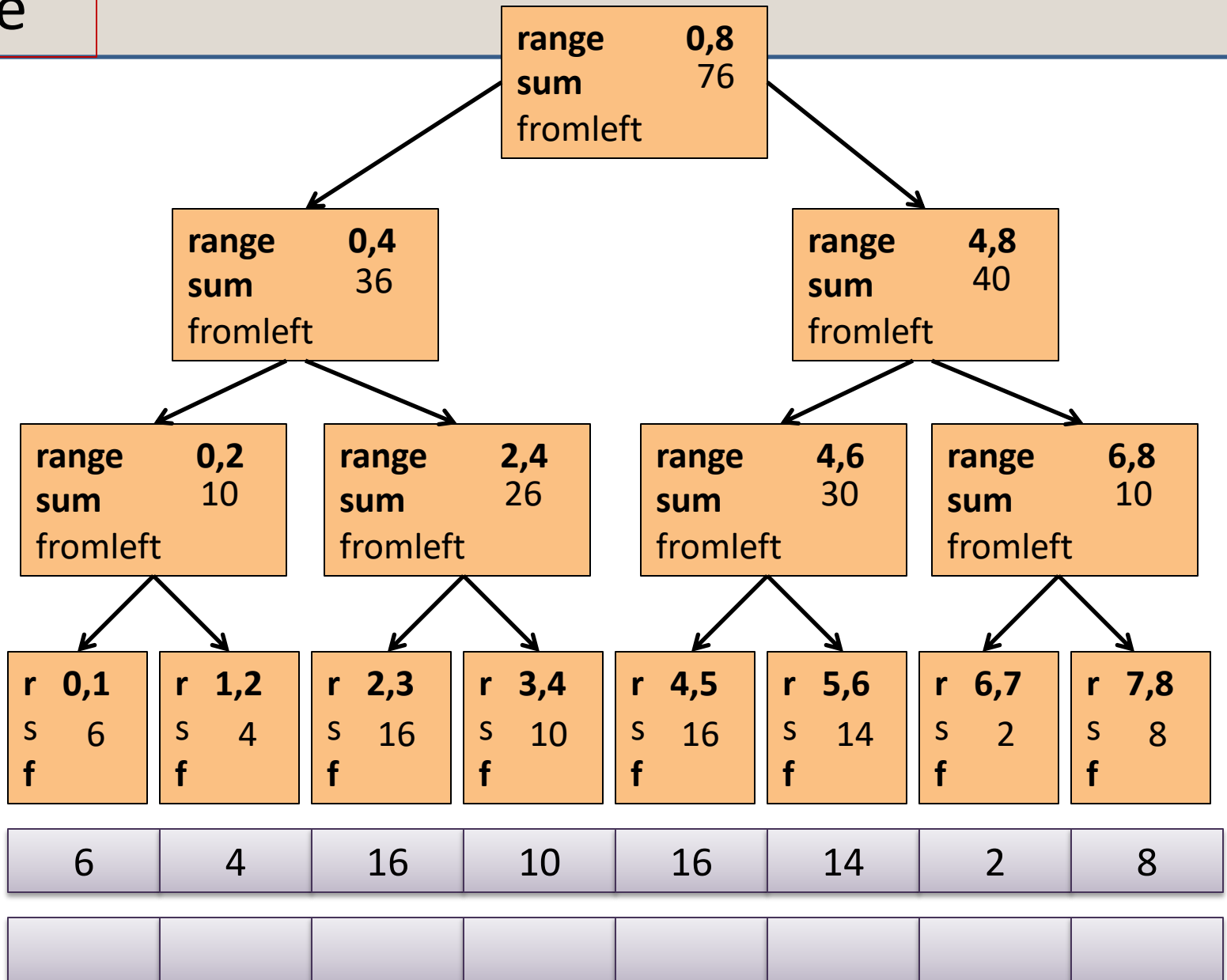
Second pass *traverses the tree top-down to compute prefixes*

- the “down” pass computes the "from-left-of-me" sum

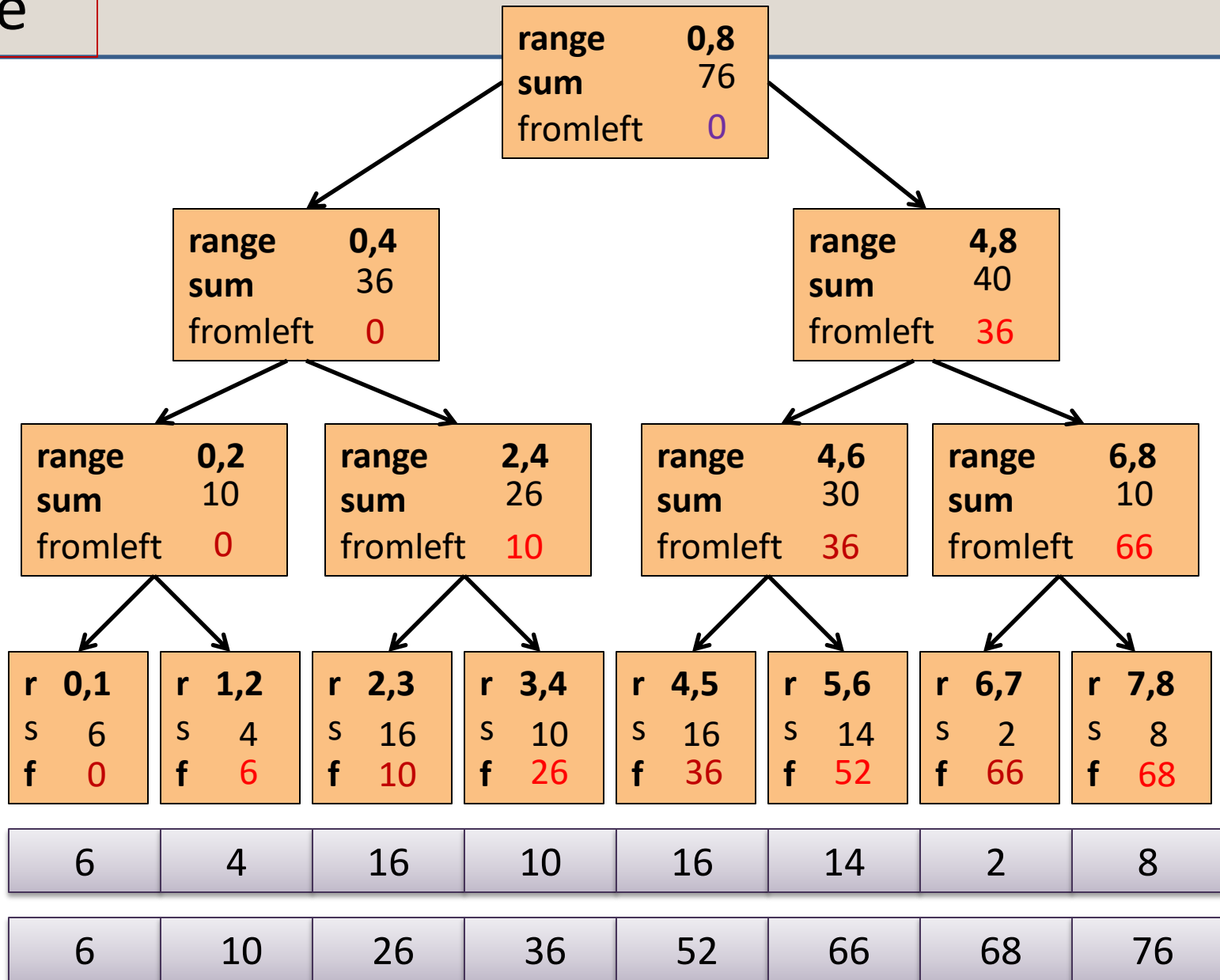
Historical note:

- Original algorithm due to R. Ladner and M. Fischer, 1977

Example



Example



The algorithm, pass 1

1. Up: Build a binary tree where
 - Root has sum of the range $[x, y)$
 - If a node has sum of $[lo, hi)$ and $hi > lo$,
 - Left child has sum of $[lo, middle)$
 - Right child has sum of $[middle, hi)$
 - A leaf has sum of $[i, i+1)$, i.e., **nth input i**

This is an easy parallel divide-and-conquer algorithm: “combine” results by actually building a binary tree with all the range-sums

- Tree built bottom-up in parallel

Analysis: $O(n)$ work, $O(\log n)$ span

The algorithm, pass 2

2. Down: Pass down a value **fromLeft**
 - Root given a **fromLeft** of 0
 - Node takes its **fromLeft** value and
 - Passes its left child the same **fromLeft**
 - Passes its right child its **fromLeft** plus its left child's **sum**
 - as stored in part 1
 - At the leaf for sequence position **i**,
 - **nth output i == fromLeft + nth input i**

This is an easy parallel divide-and-conquer algorithm:

traverse the tree built in step 1 and produce no result

- Leaves create **output**
- Invariant: **fromLeft** is sum of elements left of the node's range

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Sequential cut-off

For performance, we need a sequential cut-off:

- Up:
 - just a sum, have leaf node hold the sum of a range
- Down:
 - do a sequential scan

Parallel prefix, generalized

Just as map and reduce are the simplest examples of a common pattern, prefix-sum illustrates a pattern that arises in many, many problems

- Minimum, maximum of all elements *to the left of i*
- Is there an element *to the left of i* satisfying some property?
- Count of elements *to the left of i* satisfying some property
 - This last one is perfect for an efficient parallel filter ...
 - Perfect for building on top of the “parallel prefix trick”

Parallel Scan

scan (o) <x1, ..., xn>

==

<x1, x1 o x2, ..., x1 o ... o xn>

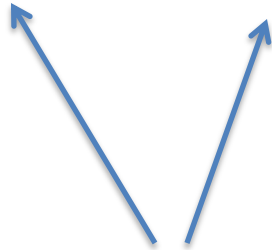


like a fold, except return
the folded prefix at each step

pre_scan (o) base <x1, ..., xn>

==

<base, base o x1, ..., base o x1 o ... o xn-1>



sequence with o applied to all items
to the left of index in input

Parallel Filter

Given a sequence **input**, produce a sequence **output** containing only elements v such that $(f\ v)$ is **true**

Example: let $f\ x = x > 10$

```
filter f <17, 4, 6, 8, 11, 5, 13, 19, 0, 24>  
== <17, 11, 13, 19, 24>
```

Parallelizable?

- Finding elements for the output is easy
- *But getting them in the right place seems hard*

Parallel prefix to the rescue

Use parallel map to compute a **bit-vector** for true elements:

```
input  <17, 4, 6, 8, 11, 5, 13, 19, 0, 24>  
bits   <1,  0, 0, 0,  1, 0,  1,  1, 0,  1>
```

Use parallel-prefix sum on the bit-vector:

```
bitsum <1,  1, 1, 1,  2, 2,  3,  4, 4,  5>
```

For each i , if $\text{bits}[i] == 1$ then write $\text{input}[i]$ to $\text{output}[\text{bitsum}[i]]$ to produce the final result:

```
output <17, 11, 13, 19, 24>
```

QUICKSORT

Quicksort review

Recall quicksort was sequential, in-place, expected time $O(n \log n)$

	Best / expected case work
1. Pick a pivot element	$O(1)$
2. Partition all the data into:	$O(n)$
A. The elements less than the pivot	
B. The pivot	
C. The elements greater than the pivot	
3. Recursively sort A and C	$2T(n/2)$

How should we parallelize this?

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Easy: Do the two recursive calls in parallel

- Work: unchanged. Total: $O(n \log n)$
- Span: now $T(n) = O(n) + 1T(n/2) = O(n)$

Doing better

As with mergesort, we get a $O(\log n)$ speed-up with an *infinite* number of processors. That is a bit underwhelming

- Sort 10^9 elements 30 times faster

(Some) Google searches suggest quicksort cannot do better because the partition cannot be parallelized

- The Internet has been known to be wrong 😊
- But we need auxiliary storage (no longer in place)
- In practice, constant factors may make it not worth it

Already have everything we need to parallelize the partition...

Parallel partition (not in place)

Partition all the data into:

- A. The elements less than the pivot
- B. The pivot
- C. The elements greater than the pivot

This is just two filters!

- We know a parallel filter is $O(n)$ work, $O(\log n)$ span
- Parallel filter elements less than pivot into left side of **aux** array
- Parallel filter elements greater than pivot into right side of **aux** array
- Put pivot between them and recursively sort

With $O(\log n)$ span for partition, the total best-case and expected-case span for quicksort is

$$T(n) = O(\log n) + 1T(n/2) = O(\log^2 n)$$

Example

Step 1: pick pivot as median of three

8	1	4	9	0	3	5	2	7	6
----------	---	---	---	----------	---	---	---	---	----------

Steps 2a and 2c (combinable): filter less than, then filter greater than into a second array

1	4	0	3	5	2				
1	4	0	3	5	2	6	8	9	7

The diagram illustrates the partitioning process. The first row shows the original array with the pivot (0) in its original position. The second row shows the array after partitioning: elements less than the pivot (1, 4, 0, 3, 5, 2) are in their original relative order, followed by elements greater than the pivot (6, 8, 9, 7). The pivot (7) is placed at the end of the array.

Step 3: Two recursive sorts in parallel

- Can copy back into original array (like in mergesort)

More Algorithms

- To add multiprecision numbers.
- To evaluate polynomials
- To solve recurrences.
- To implement radix sort
- To delete marked elements from an array
- To dynamically allocate processors
- To perform lexical analysis. For example, to parse a program into tokens.
- To search for regular expressions. For example, to implement the UNIX grep program.
- To implement some tree operations. For example, to find the depth of every vertex in a tree
- To label components in two dimensional images.

See Guy Blelloch "Prefix Sums and Their Applications"

Summary

- Parallel prefix sums and scans have many applications
 - A good algorithm to have in your toolkit!
- Key idea: An algorithm in 2 passes:
 - Pass 1: build a "reduce tree" from the bottom up
 - Pass 2: compute the prefix top-down, looking at the left-subchild to help you compute the prefix for the right subchild

F#

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Slide credits: Material drawn from:

<https://fsharpforfunandprofit.com/posts/computation-expressions-intro/>

<https://fsharpforfunandprofit.com/posts/concurrency-async-and-parallel/>

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/F_Sharp_Programming/Async_Workflows

OCaml --> F#



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F# Design Goals

Implement a great functional language

- They chose core OCaml

That interoperates with all of the Microsoft software

- ie: allow seamless use of any C# .Net libraries
- this involved integrating .Net objects into OCaml
- this involved some compromises

To avoid too much complexity, throw away some things

- Simple module system

And steal a few good ideas from other functional languages

- eg: monads from Haskell

PS: Scala is similar

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And then throw in more stuff! <https://www.scala-lang.org/>

Some References

A great blog on F# programming idioms:

- <https://fsharpforfunandprofit.com/>
- lots of lessons apply to any functional programming language

A wikibook

- https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/F_Sharp_Programming
- lots of details and examples
- can help with minor variations in syntax from OCaml

F# INSTALL

F# Install

Mac OS

- Follow Option 1 or Option 2:
 - <https://fsharp.org/use/mac/>
 - Prof Walker used Option 2: Installed Visual Studio for Mac:
 - <https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/vs/mac/>

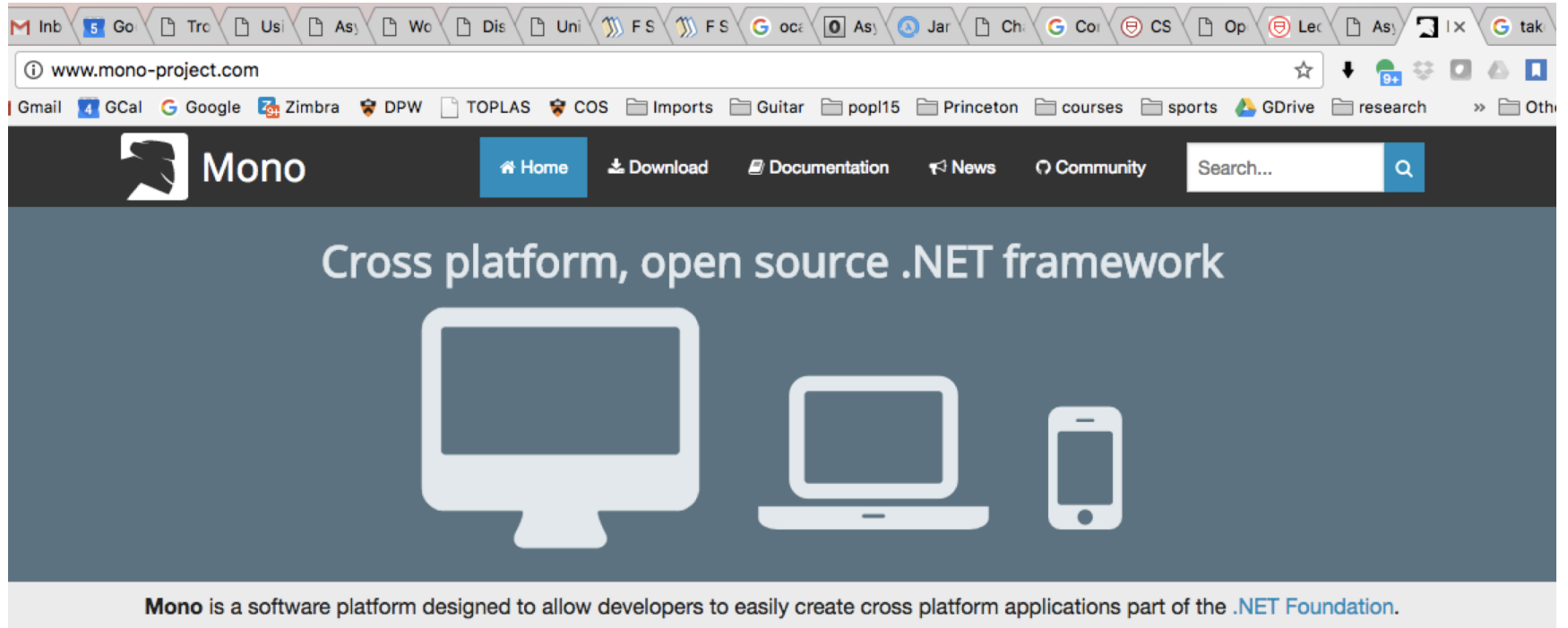
Linux

- Follow the instructions for your distribution:
 - <https://fsharp.org/use/linux/>

Windows

- Follow Option 1 or Option 2:
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Step 1 (Mac/Linux): Get Mono



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Mono project website. The browser's address bar displays "www.mono-project.com". The website features a dark navigation bar with the Mono logo, a "Home" button, and links for "Download", "Documentation", "News", and "Community". A search bar is also present. The main content area has a dark blue background with the text "Cross platform, open source .NET framework" and icons for a desktop monitor, a laptop, and a smartphone. Below this, a light gray banner states: "Mono is a software platform designed to allow developers to easily create cross platform applications part of the .NET Foundation."

Sponsored by [Microsoft](#), Mono is an open source implementation of Microsoft's .NET Framework based on the [ECMA](#) standards for [C#](#) and the [Common Language Runtime](#). A growing family of solutions and an active and enthusiastic contributing community is helping position Mono to become the leading choice for development of cross platform applications.

Get Mono

The latest Mono release is waiting for you!

 [Download](#)

Read the docs

We cover everything you need to know, from configuring Mono to how the internals are implemented. *Our documentation is open source too, so you can help us improve it.*

Community

As an open source project, we love getting contributions from the community. *File a bug report, add new code or chat with the developers.*

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Step 2 (Mac/Linux): Download Visual Studio

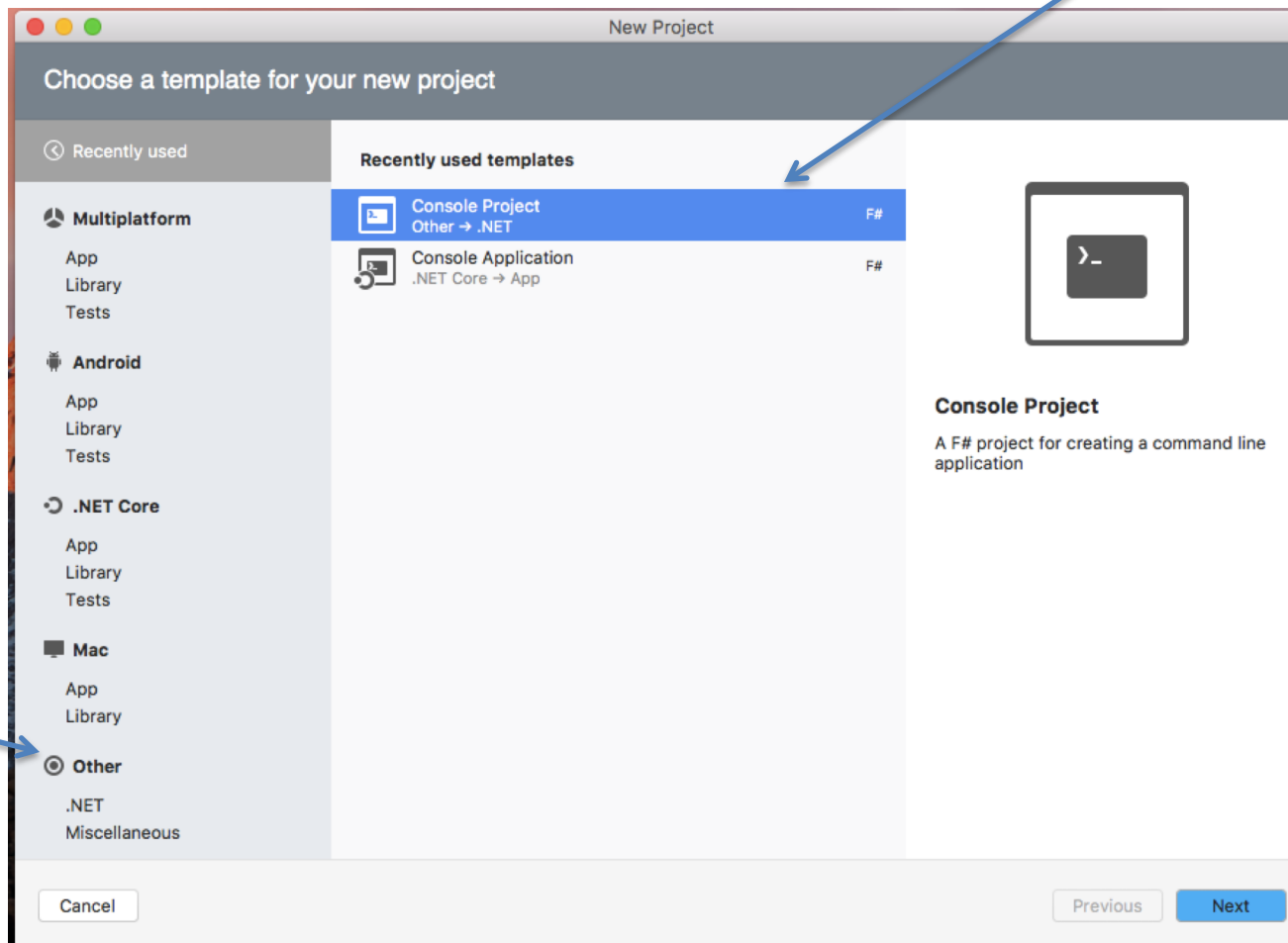
The image shows a browser window displaying the Visual Studio for Mac download page. The browser tabs include "some async links - princetonpw...", "asynchronous - How does F#...", "Visual Studio for Mac | Visual S...", and "how to take a screenshot on a...". The address bar shows the URL "https://www.visualstudio.com/vs/visual-studio-mac/". The page header includes the Microsoft logo and navigation links for "Technologies", "Documentation", and "Resources". The main navigation bar features "Visual Studio", "Visual Studio IDE", "Features", "Offerings", "Downloads", "Support", "Subscriber Access", and a "Free Visual Studio" button. The main content area has the heading "What's New in Visual Studio for Mac" and the sub-heading "The IDE loved by millions, now on the Mac." Below this is a blue button labeled "Download Visual Studio for Mac" with a download icon. An illustration of a computer setup with a monitor, keyboard, mouse, and a mug of coffee is shown. Below the illustration, the text "Designed natively for the Mac" is visible. At the bottom, a screenshot of the Visual Studio IDE interface is shown, displaying a code editor with a C# file named "NewAppointmentViewModel.cs" containing the code snippet `get { return _patientEvents; }`. The IDE interface includes a menu bar, a toolbar, and a Solution Explorer on the left.

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F# HELLO WORLD

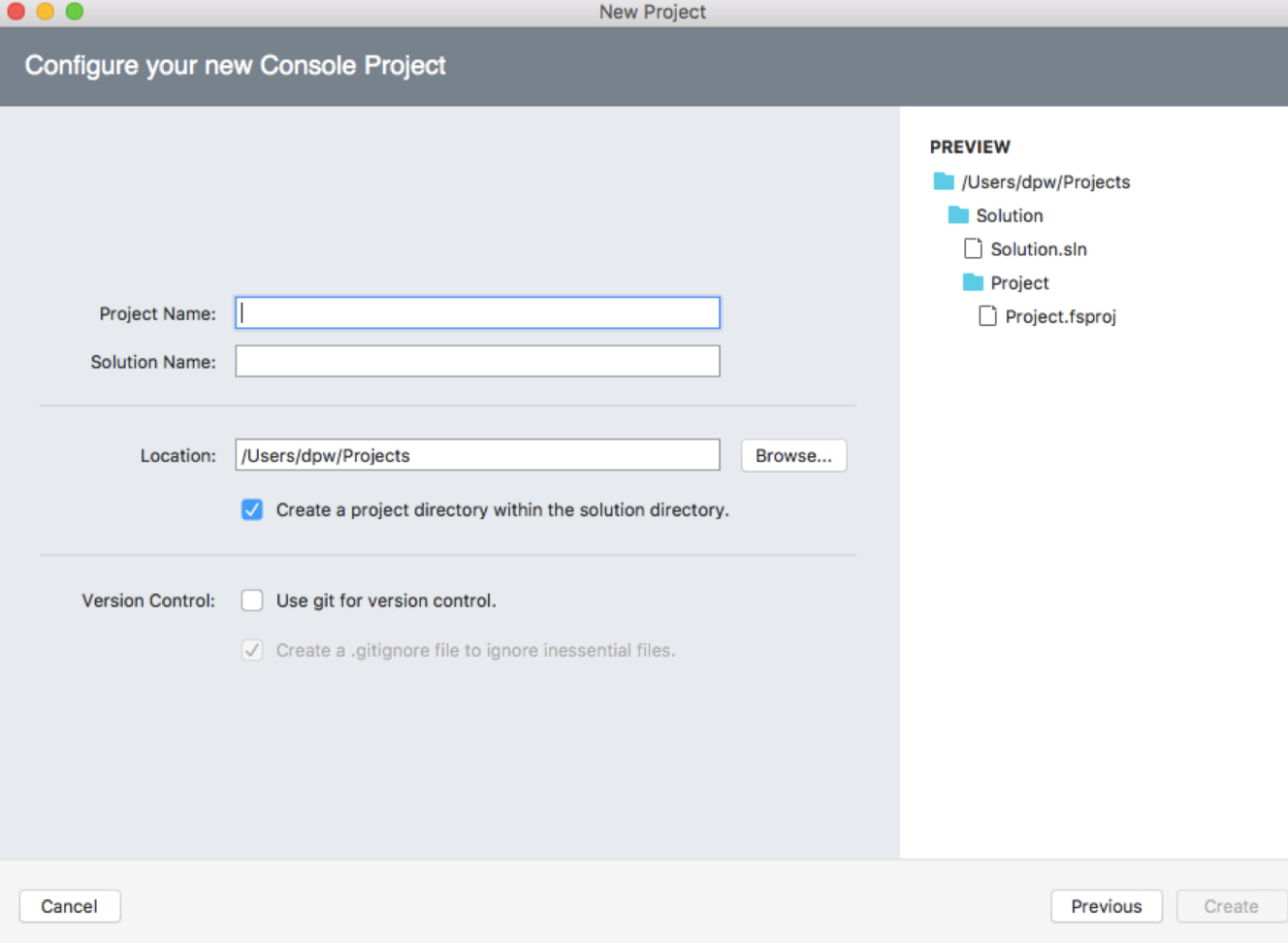
Creating a New Solution in VS

1. File Menu: "New Solution"
2. Choose a template for your new project:



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3. Choose a name:



The screenshot shows the 'New Project' dialog box in Visual Studio. The title bar reads 'New Project'. The main heading is 'Configure your new Console Project'. The dialog is divided into two main sections: configuration on the left and a preview on the right.

Configuration Section:

- Project Name:** An empty text input field.
- Solution Name:** An empty text input field.
- Location:** A text input field containing '/Users/dpw/Projects' and a 'Browse...' button to its right.
- Options:**
 - Create a project directory within the solution directory.
 - Version Control:**
 - Use git for version control.
 - Create a .gitignore file to ignore inessential files.

PREVIEW Section:

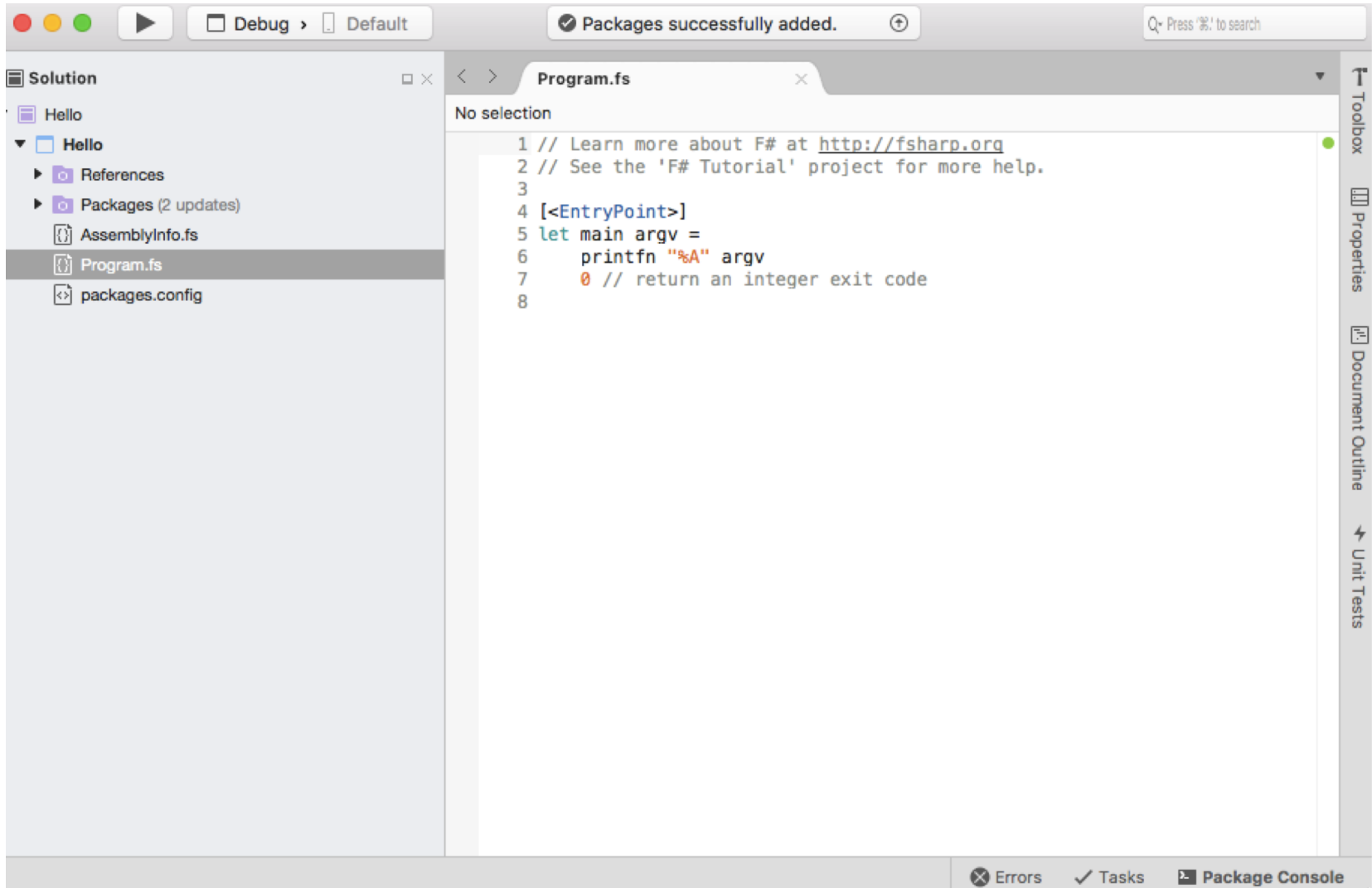
- Shows a tree view of the project structure:
 - Folder: /Users/dpw/Projects
 - Folder: Solution
 - File: Solution.sln
 - Folder: Project
 - File: Project.fsproj

Buttons:

- Cancel (bottom left)
- Previous (bottom right)
- Create (bottom right)

Creating a New Solution in VS

4. Your first file and boiler plate is generated:



DEMO

PARALLEL & CONCURRENT PROGRAMMING IN F#

Recall Futures

```
module type FUTURE =  
sig  
  type `a future  
  val future : (`a->`b) -> `a -> `b future  
  val force : `a future -> `a  
end
```

```
let future f x =  
  let r = ref None  
  let t = Thread.create (fun _ -> r := Some(f ())) in  
  let y = g() in  
    Thread.join t ;  
  match !r with  
  | Some v ->  
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Naive:

- creates a new thread every time, rather than use a thread pool
- does not handle exceptions
- does not allow for cancellation of futures
- no support for event-driven programming
- and besides, no real parallel execution

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F# has a library for asynchronous computations that will handle many of these issues and more ...

Plus an elegant syntax to boot!

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the code in here has a special syntax. It is called a *computation expression*

let's the compiler know we are beginning the construction of a suspended (async) computation with type `Async<T>`

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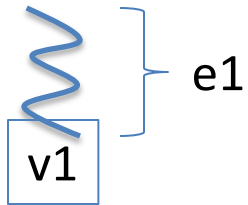
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the simplest
kind of async
is one that
does nothing
but return
a value

"return" is not the same as the "return" keyword in C/Java
think of it as a function with type `T -> Async<T>`

Visualizing Asyncns

visualization



creation

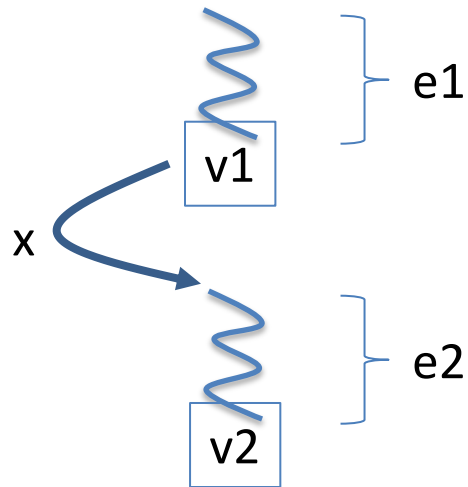
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async { return e1 }
```

type

```
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Visualizing Async

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composition

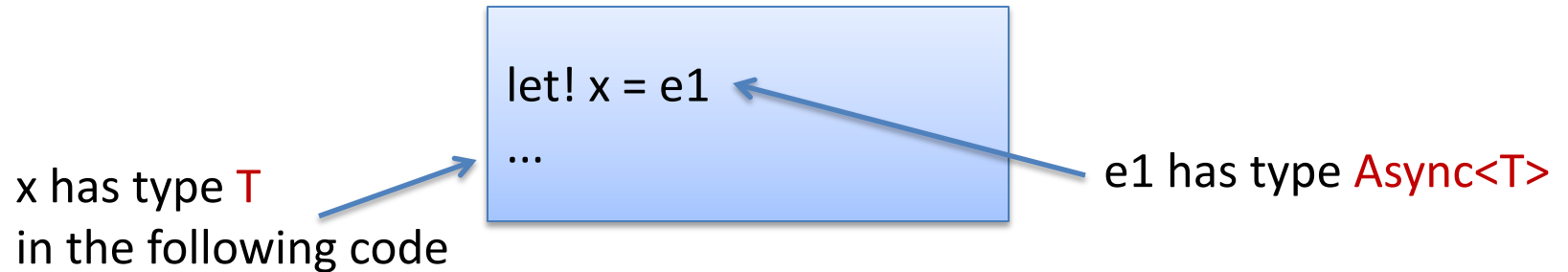
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async {  
  let! x = return e1  
  return e2  
}
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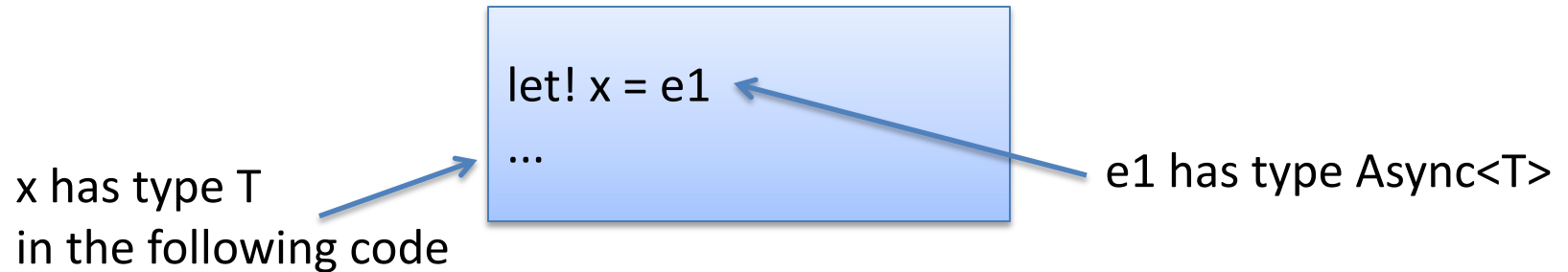
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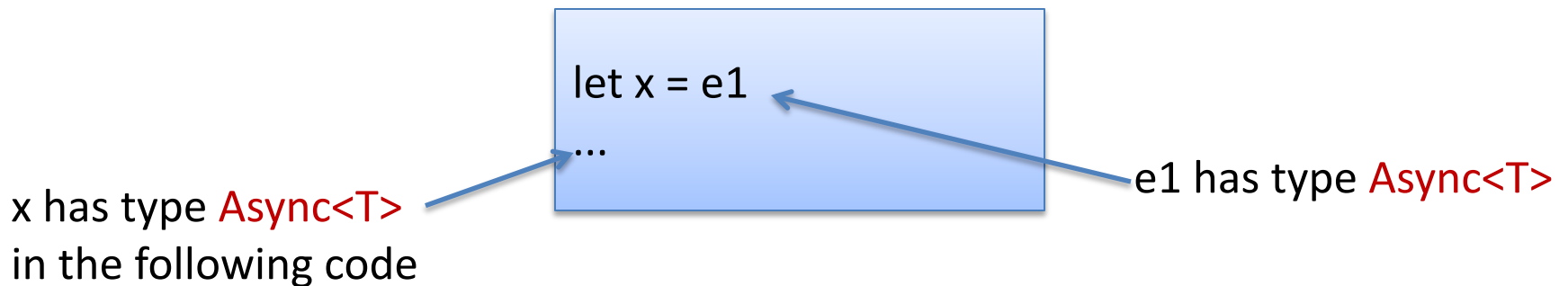


Async Typing

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Compare with typing let:



F# Async

Chaining asynchronous computations:

```
let asyncAdd (x:int) (y:int) : Async<int> =  
    async {  
        return x + y  
    }
```

```
let compositeAsync () =  
    async {  
        let! z = asyncAdd 1 2  
        let! w = asyncAdd z 1  
        printfn "answer: %i" (z + w)  
        return ()  
    }
```

```
let main () =  
    compositeAsync()  
    |> Async.RunSynchronously
```

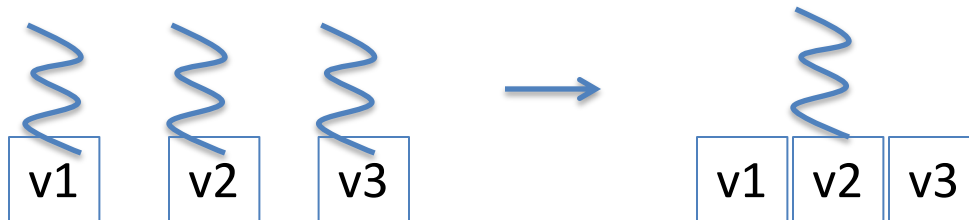
let! waits for the
result of asyncAdd
before continuing;
bind an integer
to z

allows other
threads to
continue in the
meantime; doesn't
take up resources

Parallelism

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Async.Parallel : seq<Async<T>> -> Async<T []>
```

converts a sequence of Async computations
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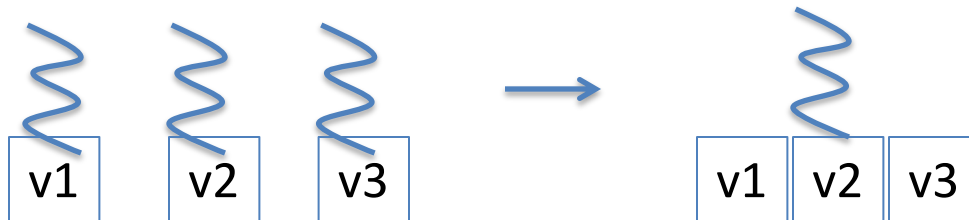


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in F#, many concrete types can be viewed as a sequence: lists, arrays, ...
F# uses *objects* more pervasively than OCaml

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A More Interesting Example

```
// Fetch the contents of a web page asynchronously
let fetchUrlAsync url =
    async {
        let req = WebRequest.Create(Uri(url))
        let! resp = req.AsyncGetResponse()
        let stream = resp.GetResponseStream()
        let reader = new IO.StreamReader(stream)
        let html = reader.ReadToEnd()
        printfn "finished downloading %s" url
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Without the special **let!** syntax, we would have to program with continuations, which would be ugly.
We will come back to this.

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// Fetch the contents of a web page asynchronously
let fetchUrlAsync (url:string) : Async<string> = ...

let sites = [
    "http://www.bing.com";
    "http://www.google.com";
    "http://www.microsoft.com";
    "http://www.amazon.com";
    "http://www.yahoo.com";
]

let runParallel () =
    sites
    |> List.map fetchUrlAsync // make a list of async tasks
    |> Async.Parallel // set up the tasks to run in parallel
    |> Async.RunSynchronously // start them off
    |> ignore
```

Background Work

Sequential operation:

finished downloading <http://www.microsoft.com>
finished downloading <http://www.google.com>
finished downloading <http://www.bing.com>
finished downloading <http://www.yahoo.com>
finished downloading <http://www.amazon.com>
1365.457700

Parallel operation:

finished downloading <http://www.bing.com>
finished downloading <http://www.google.com>
finished downloading <http://www.microsoft.com>
finished downloading <http://www.amazon.com>
finished downloading <http://www.yahoo.com>
528.371000

COMPUTATION EXPRESSIONS

What is this?

```
async {  
  ...  
}
```

```
let! x = v  
e
```



A special syntax for a commonly appearing paradigm

- In F#: A *computation expression*
- In Haskell: A *monad*

The concurrency monad is but one kind of monad.

There are many others.

Monads

A monad are just abstract data types with a particular interface:

monad interface

```
type M<T>
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```
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"start using
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translated to

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the neat bit about a monad is that **bind** does some interesting "behind the scenes" work for you. It's a "programmable semi-colon"

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e
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(note: F# has quite a few more bits of syntax: do!, use!, ... that may be present in computation expressions, making them a little more than just pure monads, and even nicer sometimes)

A Logger

```
let log p = printfn "expression is %A" p
```

```
let loggedWorkflow =
```

```
  let x = 42
```

```
    log x
```

```
  let y = 43
```

```
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```
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output

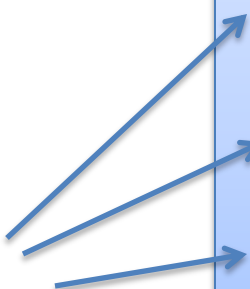
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expression is 42
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lots of
repeated
code



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```
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    log x  
    f x  
  
  member this.Return(x) =  
    x
```

f# object

Bind method

Return method

A Logger

```
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  let log p = printfn "expression is %A" p  
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  member this.Return(x) = x  
  
let logger = new LoggingBuilder()  
  
let loggedWorkflow =  
  logger {  
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    let! z = x + y  
    z  
  }
```

output

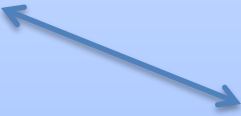
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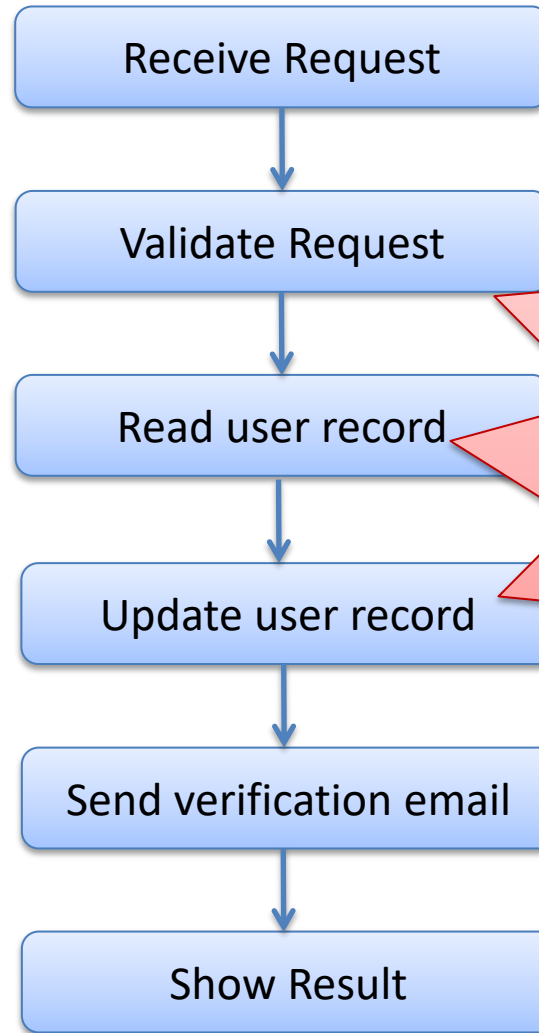
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Another Example

Imagine you are designing a front end for a database that takes update requests.

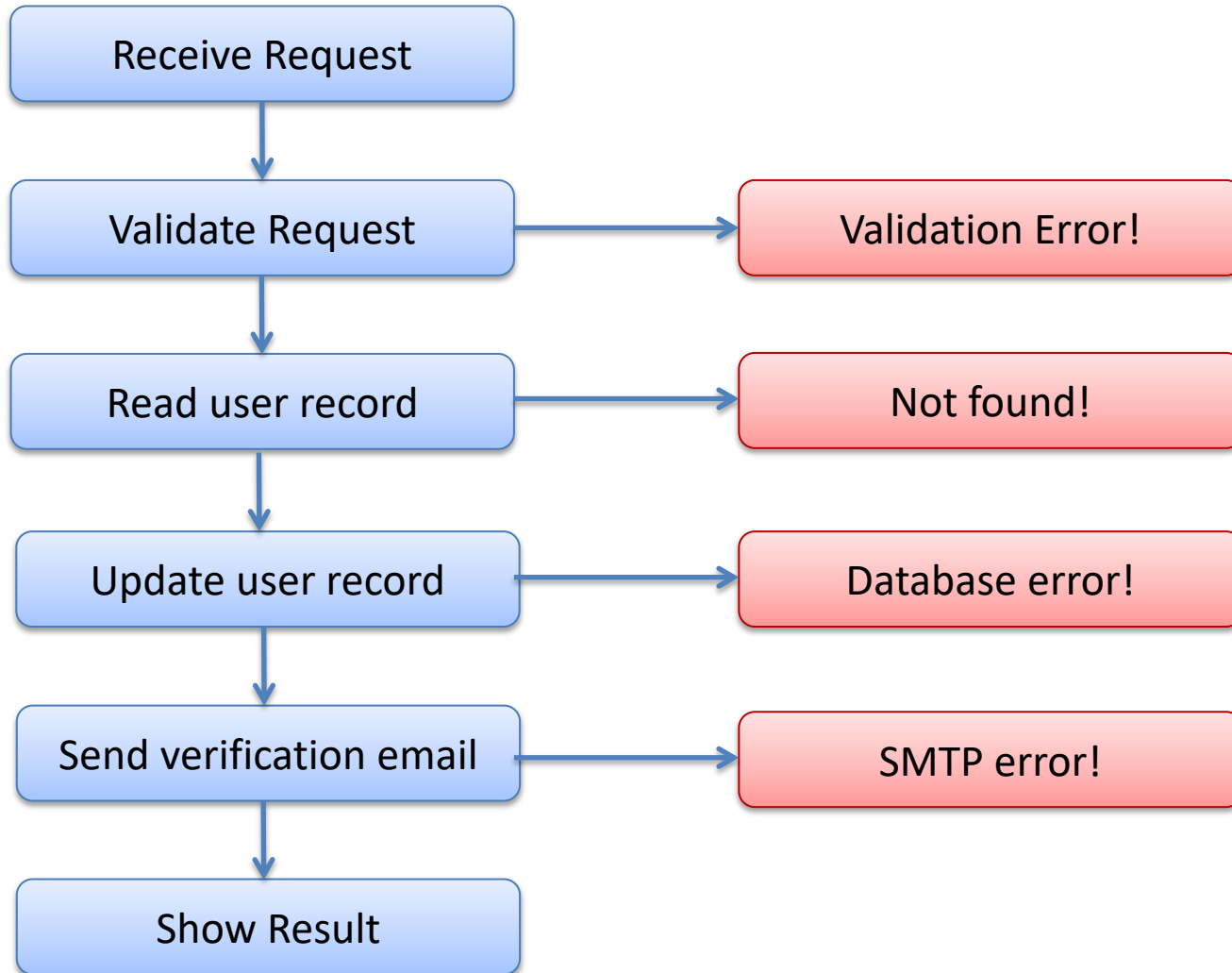
- A user submits some data (userid, name, email)
- Check for validity of name, email
- Update user record in database
- If email has changed, send verification email
- Display end result to user

In Pictures

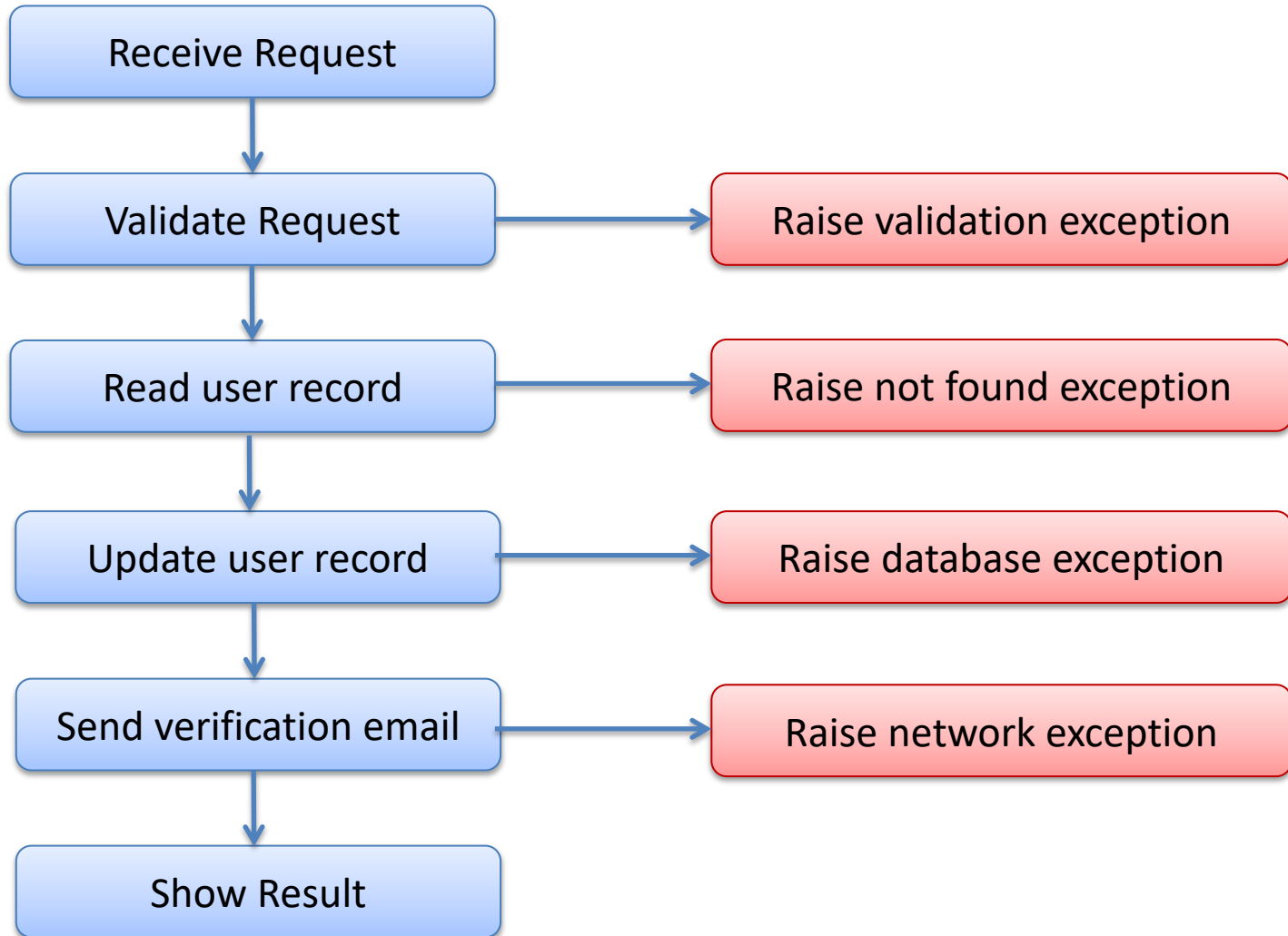


But this is the "happy path" only. What about failures?

In Pictures



One solution



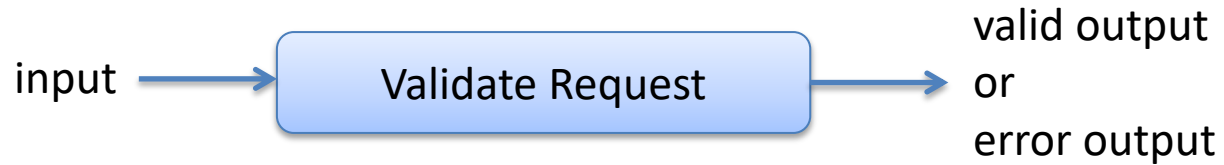
The trouble with exceptions

People forget to catch them!

- applications fail
- *sadness* ensues
- See *A type-based analysis of uncaught exceptions*
 - by Pessaux and Leroy.
 - Uncaught exceptions: a big problem in OCaml (and Java!)
 - (not a big problem in C. Why not? 😞)

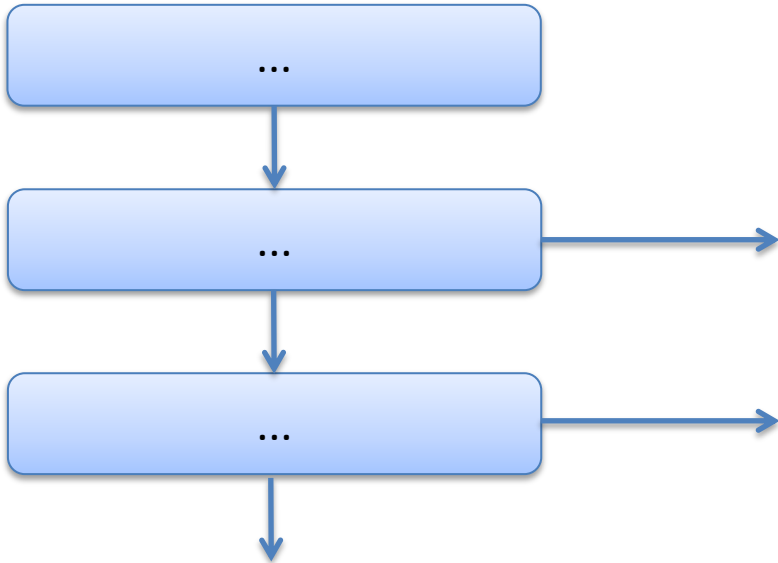
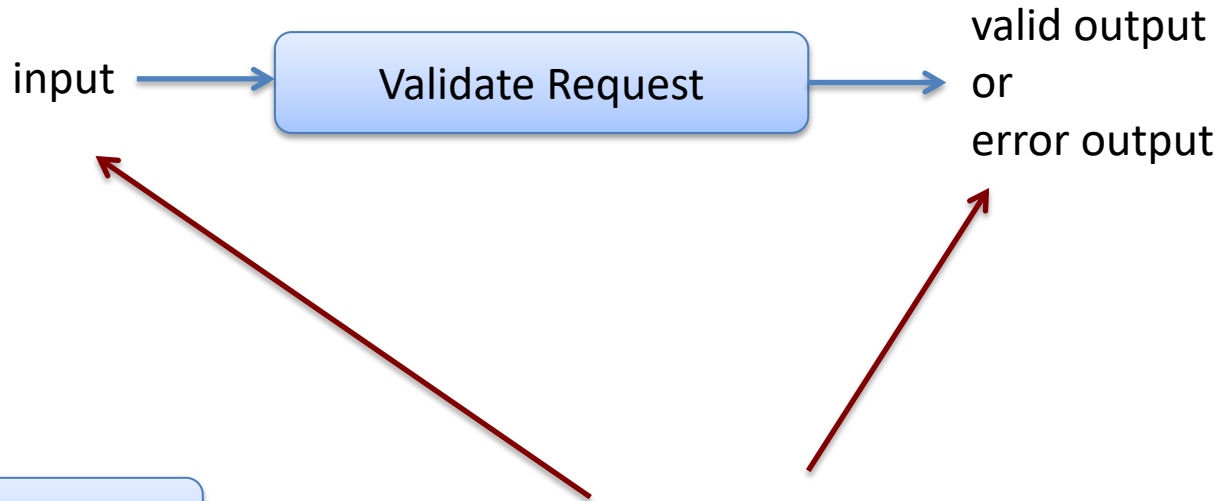
In a more functional approach, the full behavior of a program is determined exclusively *by the value it returns*, not by its “effect”

Functional Error Processing



Explicitly return “good” result or error. If we use OCaml data types to represent the two possibilities we will force the client code to process the error (or get a warning from the OCaml type checker).

Functional Error Processing

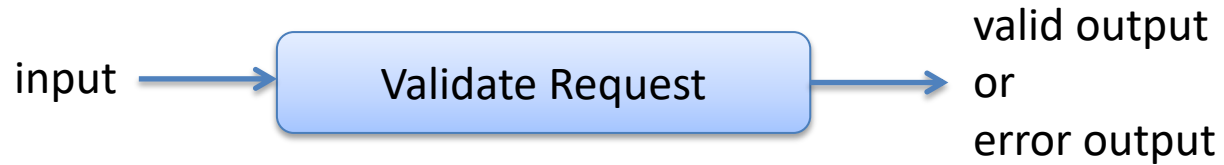


Notice input and output aren't the same type. On the surface, this makes it look awkward to compose a series of such steps, but:

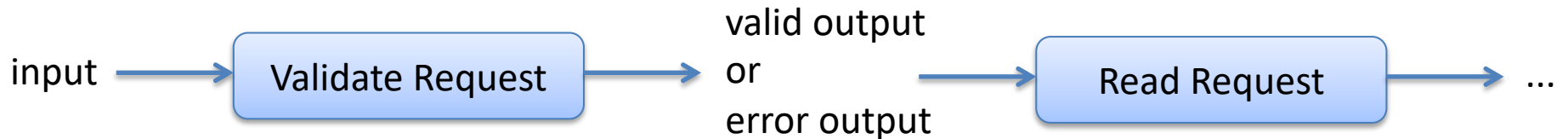
Good abstractions are compositional ones.

Let's design a generic library for error processing that is *highly reusable* and *compositional*.

Functional Error Processing



The Challenge: Composition

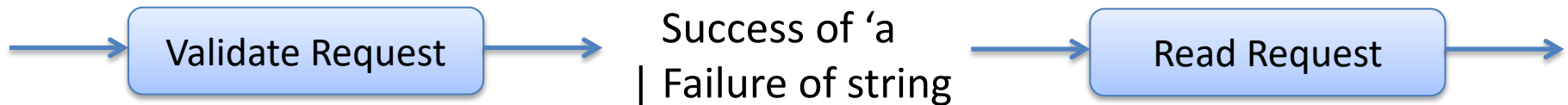


Generic Error Processing

A generic result type:

```
type 'a result =  
  Success of 'a  
  | Failure of string
```

A processing pipeline:



Validation Functions

```
type Result<'a> = Success of 'a | Failure of string  
type Request = {name:string; email:string}
```

```
let validate1 (input:Request) : input Result =  
  if input.name = "" then Failure "Name must not be blank"  
  else Success input
```

```
let validate2 (input:Request) : input Result =  
  if input.name.Length > 50 then Failure "Name must not be > 50 char"  
  else Success input
```

```
let validate3 (input:Request) : input Result =  
  if input.email = "" then Failure "Email must not be blank"  
  else Success input
```

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```
val validate1 : Request -> Request Result
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val validate3 : Request -> Request Result
```

```
let validationWorkflow input =
  match validate input with
  | Failure s -> Failure s
  | Success i2 ->
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horrible boilerplate
code

so much repetition

easy to make
mistakes

ugly to read.

You can't pay people
enough money
to read this code
carefully!

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```
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```

```
  member this.Bind(x, f) =
    match x with
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    | Success a -> f a
```

```
  member this.Return(x) =
    Success x
```

```
let failure = new FailureBuilder()
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```
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  let! i3 = validate2 input
  let! i4 = validate3 input
  return i4
```


Finally, Async Calls Again

```
open System.Net
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let req2 = HttpWebRequest.Create("http://google.com")
let req3 = HttpWebRequest.Create("http://bing.com")

req1.BeginGetResponse((fun r1 ->
    let resp1 = req1.EndGetResponse(r1)
    printfn "Downloaded %O" resp1.ResponseUri

    req2.BeginGetResponse((fun r2 ->
        let resp2 = req2.EndGetResponse(r2)
        printfn "Downloaded %O" resp2.ResponseUri

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async {
    let! resp1 = req1.AsyncGetResponse()
    printfn "Downloaded %O" resp1.ResponseUri

    let! resp2 = req2.AsyncGetResponse()
    printfn "Downloaded %O" resp2.ResponseUri

    let! resp3 = req3.AsyncGetResponse()
    printfn "Downloaded %O" resp3.ResponseUri

} |> Async.RunSynchronously
```

Monads, Technically

A *monad* is a (set of values, bind, return) that satisfies these equational laws:

$$\text{bind}(\text{return } a, f) == f a$$

$$\text{bind}(m, \text{return}) == m$$

$$\text{bind}(m, (\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{bind}(k x, h))) == \text{bind}(\text{bind}(m, k), h)$$

In Haskell, the compiler could actually use such laws to optimize a program (in theory ... not sure if it does this in practice).

But programmers expect these kinds of laws to be true and may rearrange their programs with them in mind

Monads, Technically

Monads are particularly important in Haskell because:

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- * There is a function called `PerformUnsafeIO` ... you can guess what it does :-)
But people avoid using it most of the time.

More Computation Expressions(!)

Construct

let pat = expr in cexpr

let! pat = expr in cexpr

return expr

return! expr

yield expr

yield! expr

use pat = expr in cexpr

use! pat = expr in cexpr

do! expr in cexpr

for pat in expr do cexpr

while expr do cexpr

if expr then cexpr1 else cexpr2

if expr then cexpr

try cexpr with patn -> cexprn

try cexpr finally expr

cexpr1

cexpr2

De-sugared Form

let pat = expr in cexpr

b.Bind(expr, (fun pat -> cexpr))

b.Return(expr)

b.ReturnFrom(expr)

b.Yield(expr)

b.YieldFrom(expr)

b.Using(expr, (fun pat -> cexpr))

b.Bind(expr, (fun x -> b.Using(x, fun pat -> cexpr))

b.Bind(expr, (fun () -> cexpr))

b.For(expr, (fun pat -> cexpr))

b.While((fun () -> expr), b.Delay(fun () -> cexpr))

if expr then cexpr1 else cexpr2

if expr then cexpr else b.Zero()

b.TryWith(expr, fun v -> match v with (patn:ext) -> cexprn | _ raise exn)

b.TryFinally(cexpr, (fun () -> expr))

b.Combine(cexpr1, b.Delay(fun () -> cexpr2))

One More Example

```
let map1 = [ ("1","One"); ("2","Two") ]           |> Map.ofList
let map2 = [ ("A","Alice"); ("B","Bob") ]       |> Map.ofList
let map3 = [ ("CA","California"); ("NY","New York") ] |> Map.ofList
```

```
let multiLookup key =
```

```
  match map1.TryFind key with
```

```
  | Some result1 -> Some result1 // success
```

```
  | None -> // failure
```

```
    match map2.TryFind key with
```

```
    | Some result2 -> Some result2 // success
```

```
    | None -> // failure
```

```
      match map3.TryFind key with
```

```
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```

```
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```


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```
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```

```
    | Some result2 -> Some result2
```

```
    | None ->
```

```
      match map3.TryFind key with
```

```
      | Some result3 -> Some result3
```

```
      | None -> None
```

```
let multiLookup key =
  orElse {
    return! map1.TryFind key
    return! map2.TryFind key
    return! map3.TryFind key
  }
```

```
type OrElseBuilder() =
```

```
  member this.ReturnFrom(x) = x
```

```
  member this.Combine (a,b) =
```

```
    match a with
```

```
    | Some _ -> a // a succeeds -- use it
```

```
    | None -> b // a fails -- use b instead
```

```
  member this.Delay(f) = f()
```

```
let orElse = new OrElseBuilder()
```

More Monads & Computation Expressions

Monads for:

- parsing elegantly
- transactional software memory (a concurrency paradigm)
- error handling
- imperative state (mutable data)
- database programming
- ...

More computation expressions

- <https://fsharpforfunandprofit.com/posts/computation-expressions-intro/>

Assignment #7

- Parallel algorithms in F#
 - Async.Parallel
- GO TO PRECEPT THIS WEEK! I THINK IT WILL HELP!
 - if you get stuck installing F# over holiday break and did not go to precept, we will have little pity for you.
- I RARELY USE ALLCAPS ON MY SLIDES
- CONSIDER THIS A HINT
- Before precept, install F# on your laptop