

# Let the Types Work for You

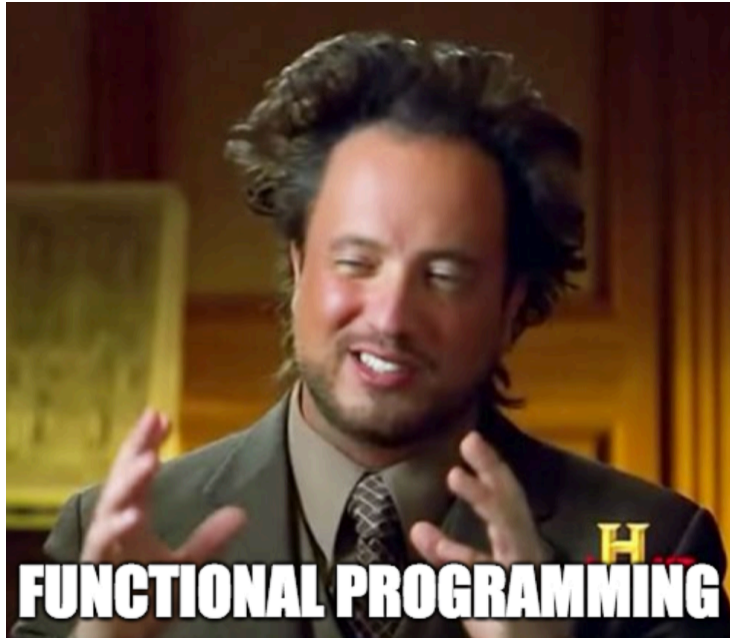
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# Agenda

- Functional Programming
- Type systems
- FP + Types == amazing!



*“Do you know that feeling of having to hold too many things in your head at once?”*

**Functional Programming gets rid of  
that by definition.**

# Referential Transparency

$x = 5$

$y = x + x$

$z = y + x$

//  $\implies$

$z = (5 + 5) + 5$

- Equational reasoning
- Compositionality

Referential Transparency + Types

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Refactor All The Things! (without fear)

**Game over, OO. Right?**



**What about the downsides?**

**“Types get in the way of what I’m  
actually trying to do”**

**“The compiler is all complaints”**

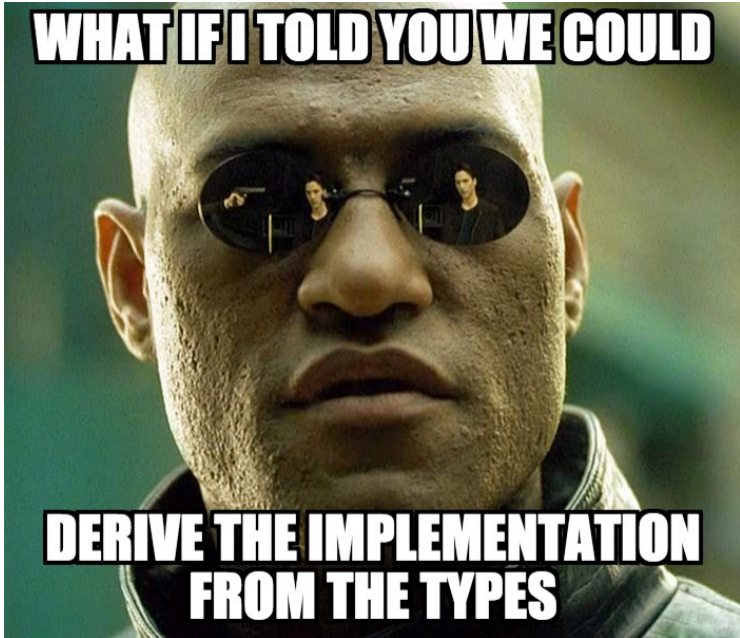
**“I don't gain anything from the  
types”**

**“I’d rather write tests for my entire  
code base”**

# How do we negate that?

- Inference
- Smart type systems
- Better compilers
- and...

**WHAT IF I TOLD YOU WE COULD**



**DERIVE THE IMPLEMENTATION  
FROM THE TYPES**

# Today we're exploring type-level induction and recursion



## What we're actually doing

Writing a compile-time JSON serializer for data types - with no need for ANY runtime reflection.

**Why?**

**DISCLAIMER!**

**Coding time!**

# Felix's Conjecture

*“By being able to do anything, we can assume nothing”*

# Constraints Liberate, and Liberties Constrain

```
def foo(i: Int): Int = ???
```

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def foo[A](a: A): A = ???
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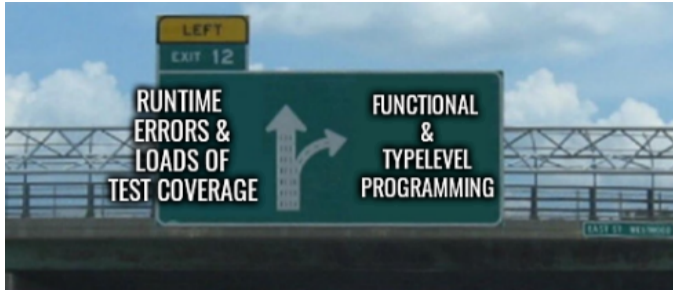


# Constraints Liberate, and Liberties Constrain

```
def id[A](a: A): A = a
```

# In Closing

- Type level recursion for fun and profit!
- Built a type-level, compile-time JSON serializer



**Thank You!**

# References

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- Type Astronaut's Guide to Shapeless - Dave Gurnell