



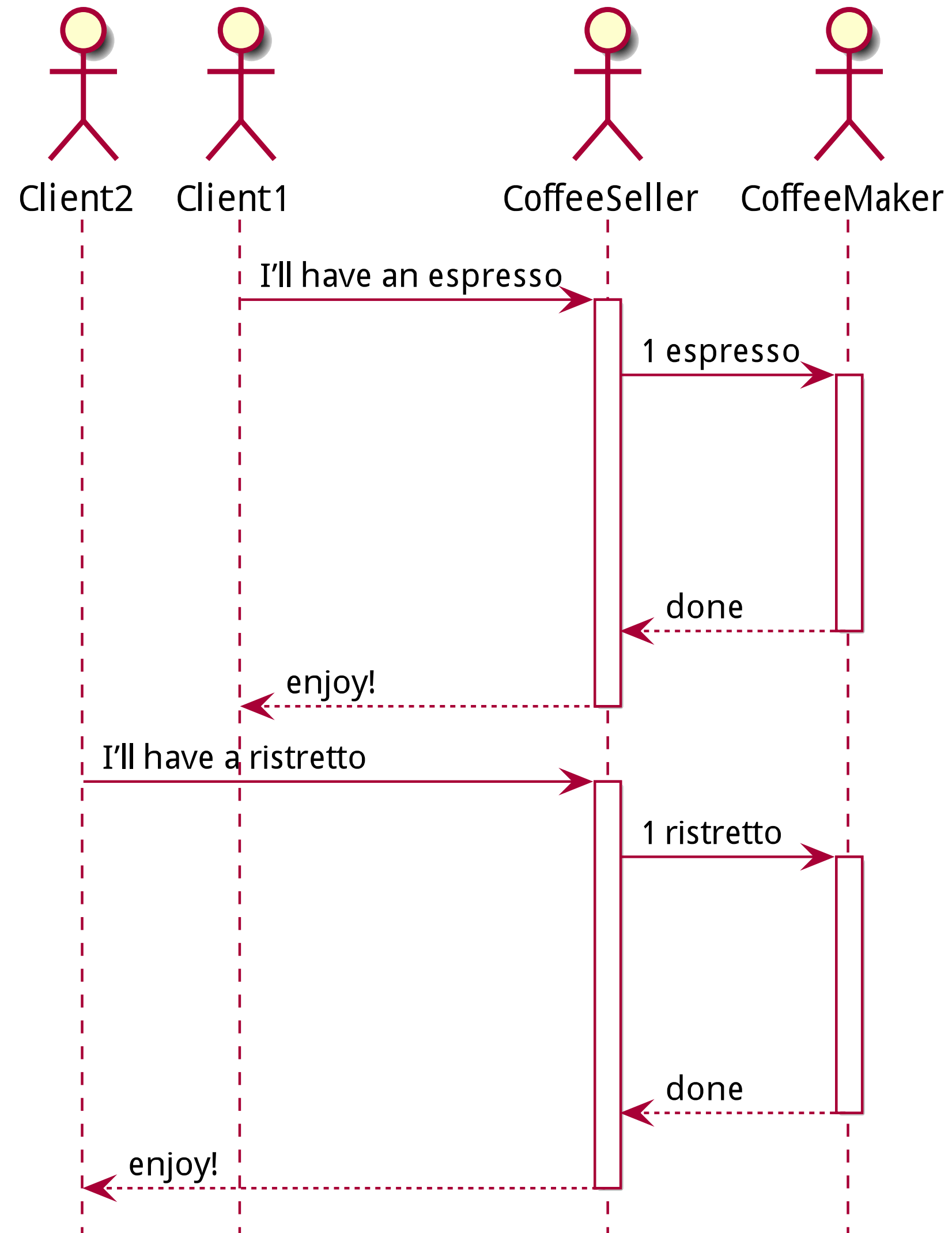
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# Asynchronous Programming

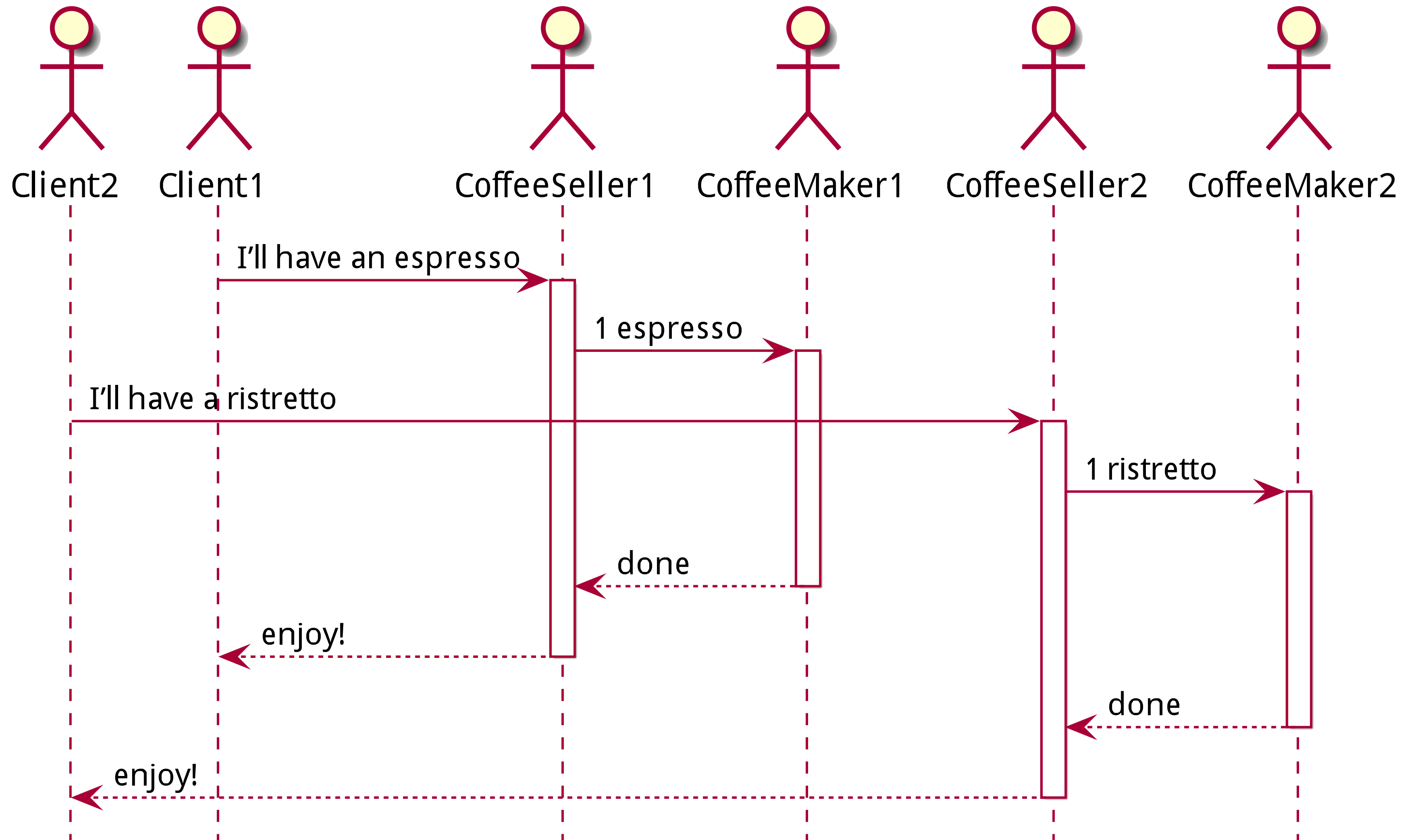
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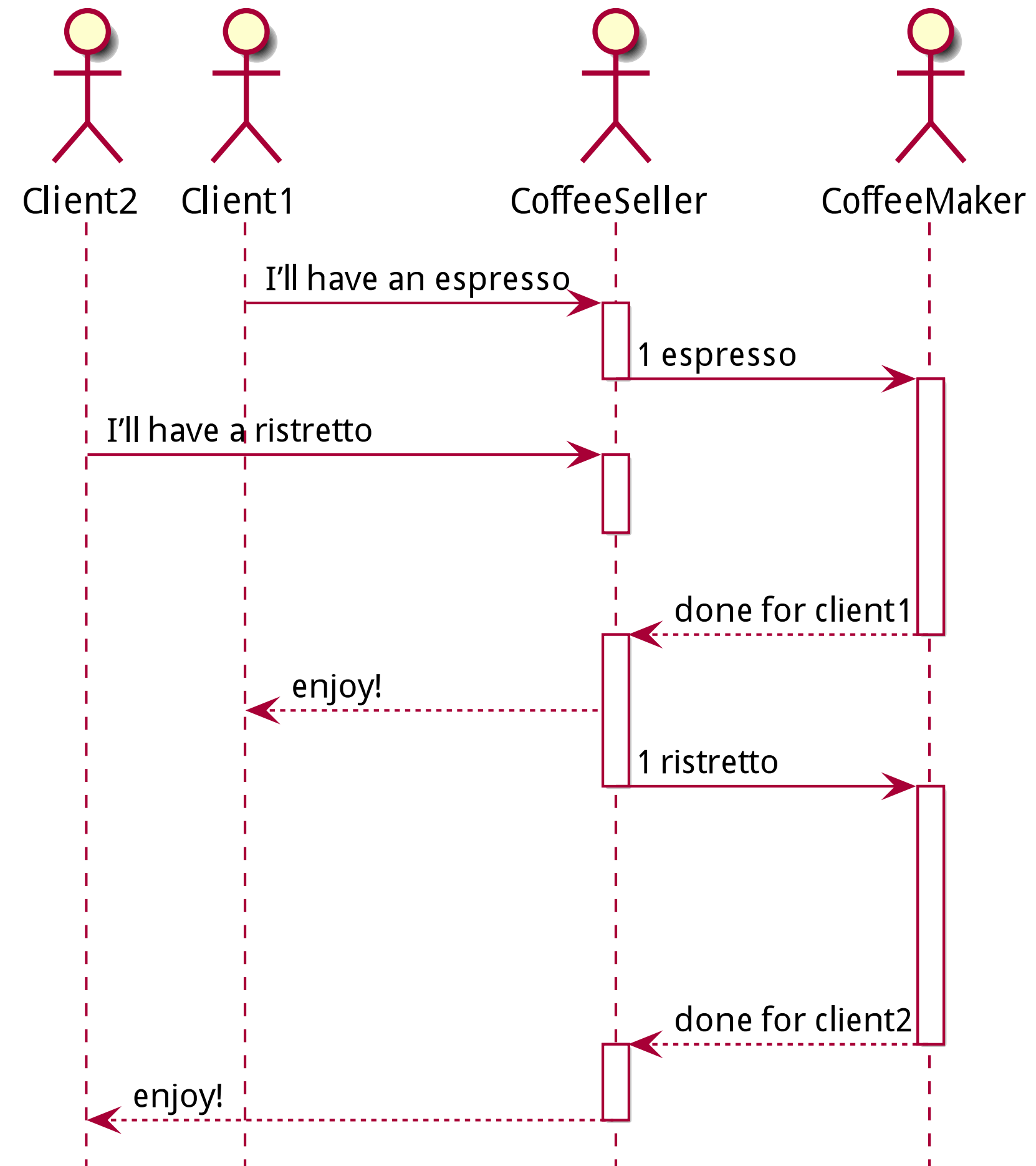
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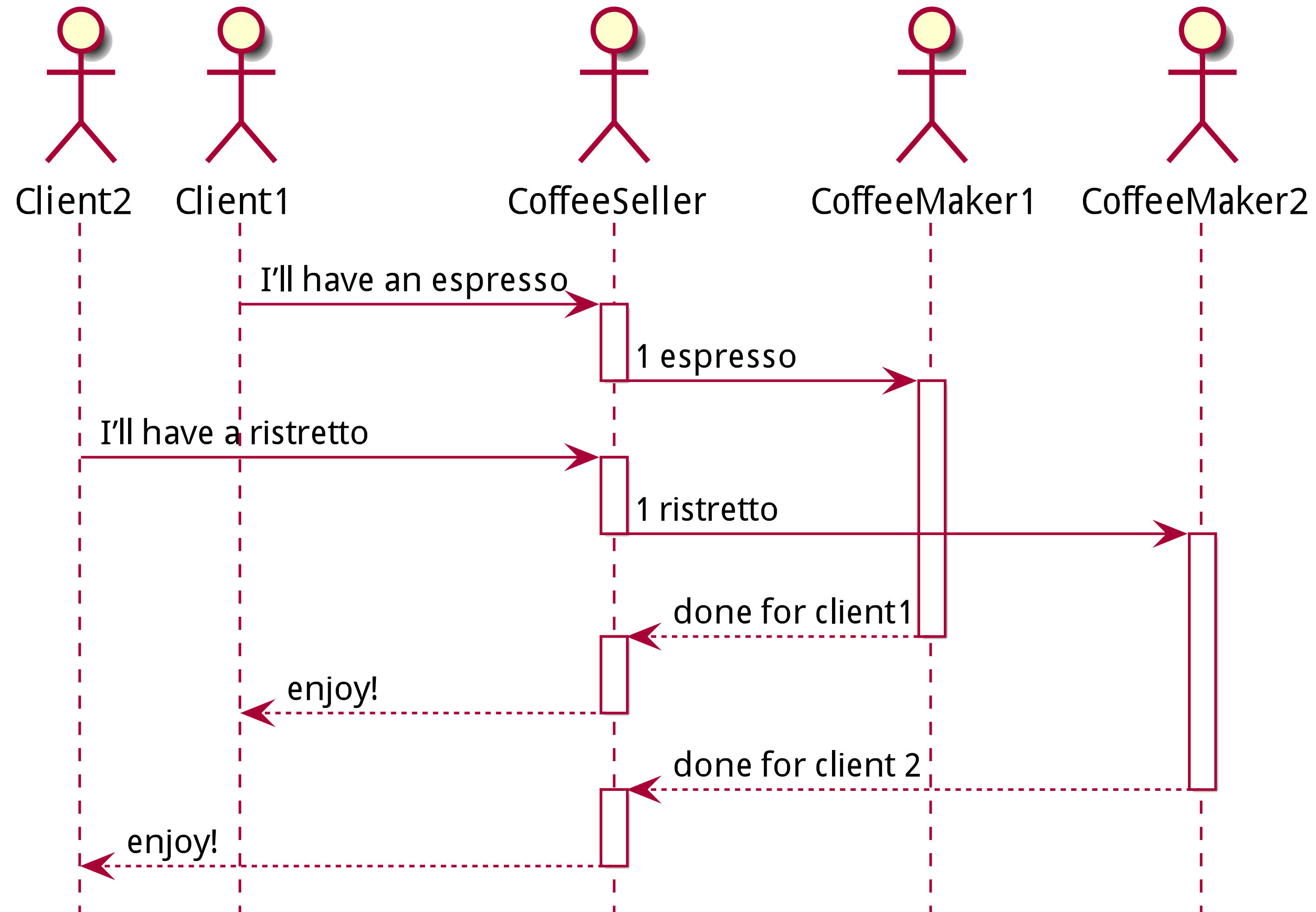
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# ScalaBucks Scaled



# Asynchronous Execution

- ▶ Execution of a computation on *another* computing unit, without *waiting* for its termination ;
- ▶ Better resource efficiency.

# Concurrency Control of Asynchronous Programs

What if a program A *depends on* the result of an asynchronously executed program B?

```
def coffeeBreak(): Unit = {  
    val coffee = makeCoffee()  
    drink(coffee)  
    chatWithColleagues()  
}
```

# Callback

```
def makeCoffee(coffeeDone: Coffee => Unit): Unit = {  
    // work hard ...  
    // ... and eventually  
    val coffee = ...  
    coffeeDone(coffee)  
}
```

```
def coffeeBreak(): Unit = {  
    makeCoffee { coffee =>  
        drink(coffee)  
    }  
    chatWithColleagues()  
}
```

# From Synchronous to Asynchronous Type Signatures

A synchronous type signature can be turned into an asynchronous type signature by:

- ▶ returning `Unit`
- ▶ and taking as parameter a **continuation** defining what to do after the return value has been computed

```
def program(a: A): B
```

```
def program(a: A, k: B => Unit): Unit
```

# Combining Asynchronous Programs (1)

```
def makeCoffee(coffeeDone: Coffee => Unit): Unit = ...
```

```
def makeTwoCoffees(coffeesDone: (Coffee, Coffee) => Unit): Unit = ???
```

## Combining Asynchronous Programs (2)

```
def makeCoffee(coffeeDone: Coffee => Unit): Unit = ...

def makeTwoCoffees(coffeesDone: (Coffee, Coffee) => Unit): Unit = {
  var firstCoffee: Option[Coffee] = None
  val k = { coffee: Coffee =>
    firstCoffee match {
      case None          => firstCoffee = Some(coffee)
      case Some(coffee2) => coffeesDone(coffee, coffee2)
    }
  }
  makeCoffee(k)
  makeCoffee(k)
}
```

# Callbacks All the Way Down (1)

What if another program *depends on* the coffee break to be done?

```
def coffeeBreak(): Unit = ...
```

- ▶ We need to make coffeeBreak take a callback too!

## Callbacks all the Way Down (2)

```
def coffeeBreak(breakDone: Unit => Unit): Unit = ...
```

```
def workRoutine(workDone: Work => Unit): Unit = {  
  work { work1 =>  
    coffeeBreak { _ =>  
      work { work2 =>  
        workDone(work1 + work2)  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

## Callbacks all the Way Down (2)

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    coffeeBreak { _ =>  
      work { work2 =>  
        workDone(work1 + work2)  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

- Order of execution follows the indentation level!

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```
def makeCoffee(coffeeDone: Try[Coffee] => Unit): Unit = ...
```

# Summary

In this video, we have seen:

- ▶ How to *sequence* asynchronous computations using **callbacks**
- ▶ Callbacks introduce complex type signatures
- ▶ The continuation passing style is tedious to use



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# From Synchronous to Asynchronous Type Signatures (using Future)

Remember the transformation we applied to a synchronous type signature to make it asynchronous:

```
def program(a: A): B
```

```
def program(a: A, k: B => Unit): Unit
```

# From Synchronous to Asynchronous Type Signatures (using Future)

Remember the transformation we applied to a synchronous type signature to make it asynchronous:

```
def program(a: A): B
```

```
def program(a: A, k: B => Unit): Unit
```

What if we could model an asynchronous result of type T as a return type Future[T]?

```
def program(a: A): Future[B]
```

# From Continuation Passing Style to Future

```
def program(a: A, k: B => Unit): Unit
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Let's massage this type signature...

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// by currying the continuation parameter
```

```
def program(a: A): (B => Unit) => Unit
```

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```
// by introducing a type alias
```

```
type Future[+T] = (T => Unit) => Unit
```

```
def program(a: A): Future[B]
```

# From Continuation Passing Style to Future

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```

```
def program(a: A): Future[B]
```

```
// bonus: adding failure handling
```

```
type Future[+T] = (Try[T] => Unit) => Unit
```

# Towards a Brighter Future

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# Towards a Brighter Future

```
type Future[+T] = (Try[T] => Unit) => Unit

// by reifying the alias into a proper trait
trait Future[+T] extends ((Try[T] => Unit) => Unit) {
  def apply(k: Try[T] => Unit): Unit
}
```

# Towards a Brighter Future

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```

```
// by reifying the alias into a proper trait
```

```
trait Future[+T] extends ((Try[T] => Unit) => Unit) {  
  def apply(k: Try[T] => Unit): Unit  
}
```

```
// by renaming 'apply' to 'onComplete'
```

```
trait Future[+T] {  
  def onComplete(k: Try[T] => Unit): Unit  
}
```

## coffeeBreak Revisited With Future

```
def makeCoffee(): Future[Coffee] = ...

def coffeeBreak(): Unit = {
  val eventuallyCoffee = makeCoffee()
  eventuallyCoffee.onComplete { tryCoffee =>
    tryCoffee.foreach(drink)
  }
  chatWithColleagues()
}
```

# Handling Failures

```
def makeCoffee(): Future[Coffee] = ...

def coffeeBreak(): Unit = {
  makeCoffee().onComplete {
    case Success(coffee) => drink(coffee)
    case Failure(reason) => ...
  }
  chatWithColleagues()
}
```

# Handling Failures

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def makeCoffee(): Future[Coffee] = ...

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```

- ▶ However, most of the time you want to transform a successful result and delay failure handling to a later point in the program

# Transformation Operations

- ▶ onComplete suffers from the same composability issues as callbacks
- ▶ Future provides convenient high-level transformation operations

(Simplified) API of Future:

```
trait Future[+A] {  
  def onComplete(k: Try[A] => Unit): Unit  
  // transform successful results  
  def map[B](f: A => B): Future[B]  
  def flatMap[B](f: A => Future[B]): Future[B]  
  def zip[B](fb: Future[B]): Future[(A, B)]  
  // transform failures  
  def recover(f: Exception => A): Future[A]  
  def recoverWith(f: Exception => Future[A]): Future[A]  
}
```

# map Operation on Future

```
trait Future[+A] {  
  def map[B](f: A => B): Future[B]  
}
```

- ▶ Transforms a successful Future[A] into a Future[B] by applying a function f: A => B after the Future[A] has completed
- ▶ Automatically propagates the failure of the former Future[A] (if any), to the resulting Future[B]

```
def grindBeans(): Future[GroundCoffee]  
def brew(groundCoffee: GroundCoffee): Coffee
```

```
def makeCoffee(): Future[Coffee] =  
  grindBeans().map(groundCoffee => brew(groundCoffee))
```

# flatMap Operation on Future

```
trait Future[+A] {  
  def flatMap[B](f: A => Future[B]): Future[B]  
}
```

- ▶ Transforms a successful Future[A] into a Future[B] by applying a function f: A => Future[B] after the Future[A] has completed
- ▶ Returns a failed Future[B] if the former Future[A] failed or if the Future[B] resulting from the application of the function f failed.

```
def grindBeans(): Future[GroundCoffee]
```

```
def brew(groundCoffee: GroundCoffee): Future[Coffee]
```

```
def makeCoffee(): Future[Coffee] =  
  grindBeans().flatMap(groundCoffee => brew(groundCoffee))
```

# zip Operation on Future

```
trait Future[+A] {  
  def zip[B](other: Future[B]): Future[(A, B)]  
}
```

- ▶ Joins two successful Future[A] and Future[B] values into a single successful Future[(A, B)] value
- ▶ Returns a failure if any of the two Future values failed
- ▶ Does *not* create any dependency between the two Future values!

```
def makeTwoCoffees(): Future[(Coffee, Coffee)] =  
  makeCoffee() zip makeCoffee()
```

## zip vs flatMap

```
def makeTwoCoffees(): Future[(Coffee, Coffee)] =  
  makeCoffee() zip makeCoffee()
```

```
def makeTwoCoffees(): Future[(Coffee, Coffee)] =  
  makeCoffee().flatMap { coffee1 =>  
    makeCoffee().map(coffee2 => (coffee1, coffee2))  
  }
```

## zip vs flatMap (2)

```
def makeTwoCoffees(): Future[(Coffee, Coffee)] =  
  makeCoffee() zip makeCoffee()
```

```
def makeTwoCoffees(): Future[(Coffee, Coffee)] = {  
  val eventuallyCoffee1 = makeCoffee()  
  val eventuallyCoffee2 = makeCoffee()  
  eventuallyCoffee1.flatMap { coffee1 =>  
    eventuallyCoffee2.map(coffee2 => (coffee1, coffee2))  
  }  
}
```

# Sequencing Futures (1)

```
def work(): Future[Work] = ...
def coffeeBreak(): Future[Unit] = ...

def workRoutine(): Future[Work] = {
  work().flatMap { work1 =>
    coffeeBreak().flatMap { _ =>
      work().map { work2 =>
        work1 + work2
      }
    }
  }
}
```

## Sequencing Futures (2)

```
def work(): Future[Work] = ...  
def coffeeBreak(): Future[Unit] = ...  
  
def workRoutine(): Future[Work] =  
  for {  
    work1 <- work()  
    _ <- coffeeBreak()  
    work2 <- work()  
  } yield work1 + work2
```

- ▶ Back to a familiar layout to sequence computations!

## coffeeBreak, Again

```
def coffeeBreak(): Future[Unit] = {  
  val eventuallyCoffeeDrunk = makeCoffee().flatMap(drink)  
  val eventuallyChatted    = chatWithColleagues()  
  
  eventuallyCoffeeDrunk.zip(eventuallyChatted)  
    .map(_ => ())  
}
```

# recover and recoverWith Operations on Future

Turn a failed Future into a successful one

```
trait Future[+A] {  
  def recover[B >: A](pf: PartialFunction[Throwable, B]): Future[B]  
  def recoverWith[B >: A](pf: PartialFunction[Throwable, Future[B]]): Future[B]  
}
```

```
grindBeans()  
  .recoverWith { case BeansBucketEmpty =>  
    refillBeans().flatMap(_ => grindBeans())  
  }  
  .flatMap(coffeePowder => brew(coffeePowder))
```

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```
trait Future[+A] {  
  def onComplete(k: Try[A] => Unit)(implicit ec: ExecutionContext): Unit  
}
```

```
import scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext.Implicits.global
```

# Lift a Callback-Based API to Future (1)

```
def makeCoffee(  
  coffeeDone: Coffee => Unit,  
  onFailure: Exception => Unit  
): Unit  
  
def makeCoffee2(): Future[Coffee] = ...
```

## Lift a Callback-Based API to Future (2)

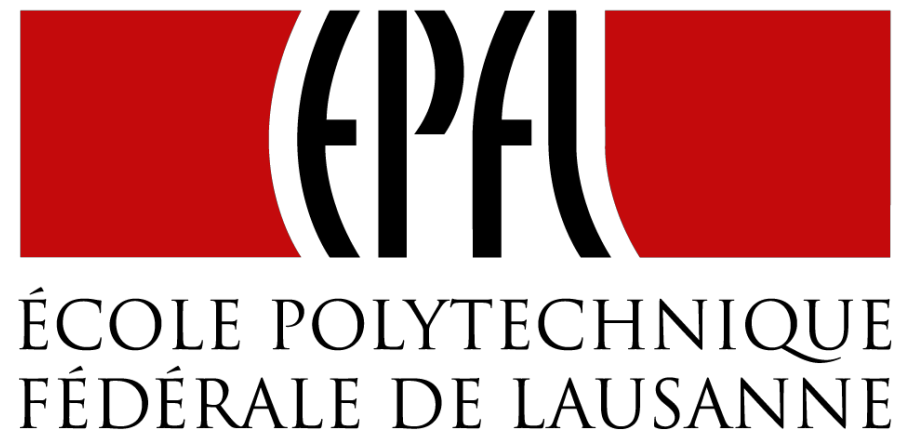
```
def makeCoffee(  
  coffeeDone: Coffee => Unit,  
  onFailure: Exception => Unit  
): Unit  
  
def makeCoffee2(): Future[Coffee] = {  
  val p = Promise[Coffee]()  
  makeCoffee(  
    coffee => p.trySuccess(coffee),  
    reason => p.tryFailure(reason)  
  )  
  p.future  
}
```

# Summary

In this video, we have seen:

- ▶ The Future[T] type is an equivalent alternative to continuation passing
- ▶ Offers convenient *transformation* and *failure recovering* operations
- ▶ map and flatMap operations introduce *sequentiality*

# **Backup Slides**



# Monads and Effects (1/2)

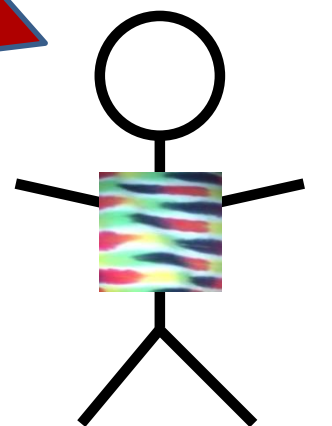
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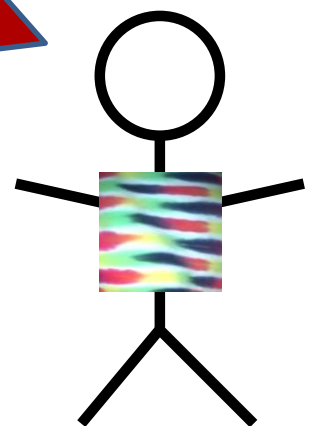
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**When we use RxScala in these lectures, we assume version 0.23. Different versions of RxScala might not be compatible.**

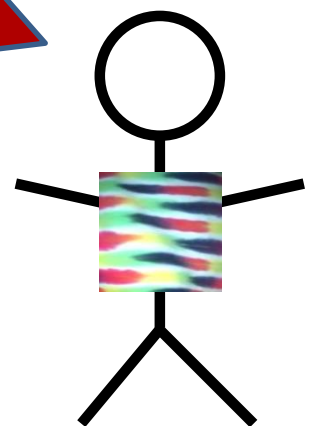
**The RxScala method names do not necessarily correspond 1:1 with the underlying RxJava method names.**



# Warning

When we say “*monad*” in these lectures we mean a generic type with a constructor and a `flatMap` operator.

In particular, we’ll be fast and loose about the monad laws (that is, we completely ignore them).



# The Four Essential Effects In Programming

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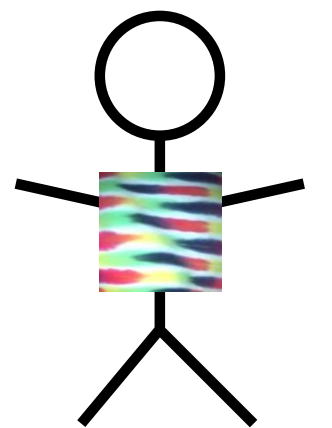
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# A simple adventure game

```
trait Adventure {  
  def collectCoins(): List[Coin]  
  def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]):  
Treasure  
}
```

**Not as rosy  
as it looks!**

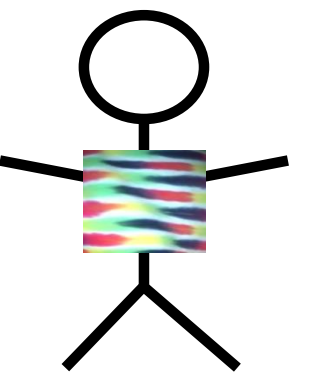
```
val adventure = Adventure()  
val coins = adventure.collectCoins()  
val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)
```



# Actions may fail

```
def collectCoins(): List[Coin] = {  
    if (eatenByMonster(this))  
        throw new GameOverException(  
            "Oops")  
    List(Gold, Gold, Silver)  
}
```

**The return  
type is  
dishonest**



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```

# Actions may fail

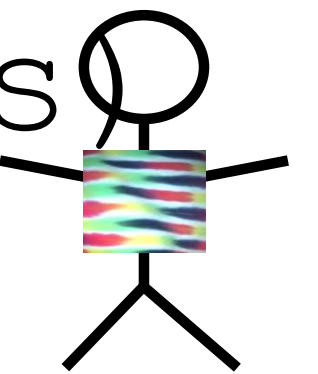
```
def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]):  
    Treasure = {  
        if (coins.sumBy(_.value) < treasureCost)  
            throw new GameOverException("Nice try!")  
        Diamond  
    }  
}
```

```
val adventure = Adventure()  
val coins = adventure.collectCoins()  
val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)
```

# Sequential composition of actions that may fail

```
val adventure = Adventure()  
  
val coins = adventure.collectCoin  
// block until coins are collected  
// only continue if there is no exception  
  
val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)  
// block until treasure is bought  
// only continue if there is no exception
```

**Lets make the  
happy path and  
the unhappy  
path explicit**

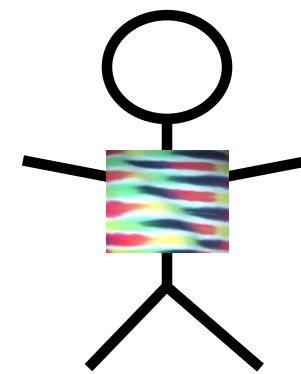


# Expose possibility of failure in the types, honestly

$T \Rightarrow S$

We say one  
thing, but we  
really mean...

$T \Rightarrow \text{Try}[S]$



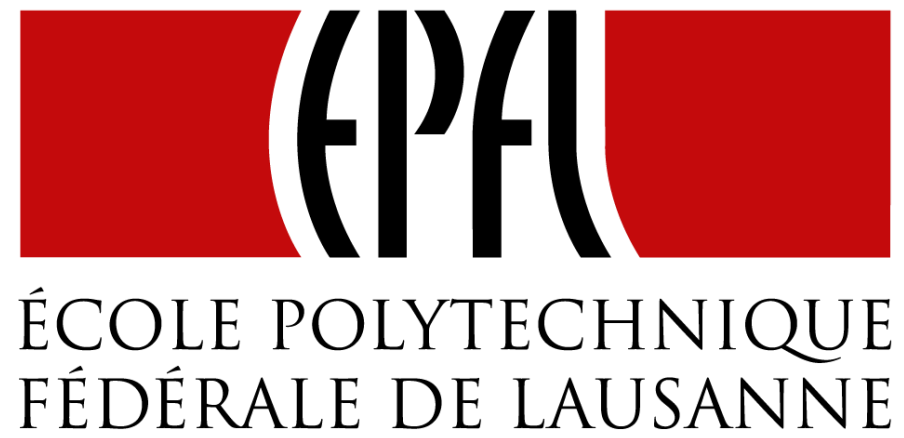


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# End of Monads and Effects (1/2)

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# Monads and Effects (2/2)

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# Making failure evident in types

```
abstract class Try[T]
case class Success[T](elem: T) extends Try[T]
case class Failure(t: Throwable)
                                extends Try[Nothing]

trait Adventure {
  def collectCoins(): Try[List[Coin]]
  def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]):
                                Try[Treasure]
}
```

# Dealing with failure explicitly

```
val adventure = Adventure()

val coins: Try[List[Coin]] =
    adventure.collectCoins()

val treasure: Try[Treasure] = coins match {
    case Success(cs) =>
        adventure.buyTreasure(cs)
    case failure@Failure(e) => failure
}
```

# Higher-order Functions to manipulate Try[T]

```
def flatMap[S] (f: T=>Try[S]) : Try[S]
```

```
def flatten[U <: Try[T]] : Try[U]
```

```
def map[S] (f: T=>S) : Try[T]
```

```
def filter(p: T=>Boolean) : Try[T]
```

```
def recoverWith(f:  
PartialFunction[Throwable, Try[T]]) : Try[T]
```

Monads guide you through the happy path

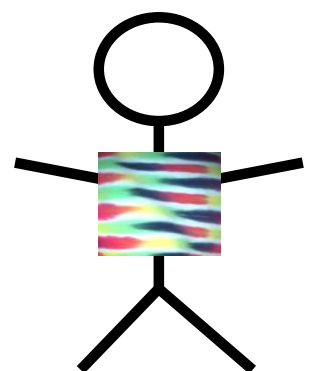
**Try [T]**

A monad that handles **exceptions**.

# Noise reduction

```
val adventure = Adventure()  
  
val treasure: Try[Treasure] =  
  adventure.collectCoins().flatMap(  
    coins => {  
      adventure.buyTreasure(coins)  
    })
```

**FlatMap is the  
plumber for the  
happy path!**



# Using comprehension syntax

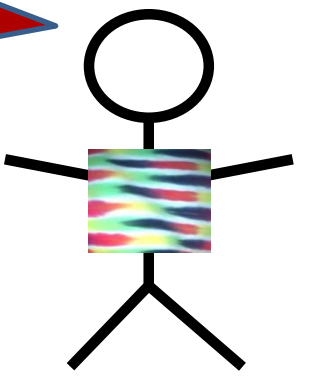
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val treasure: Try[Treasure] = for {  
    coins      <- adventure.collectCoins()  
    treasure <- buyTreasure(coins)  
} yield treasure
```

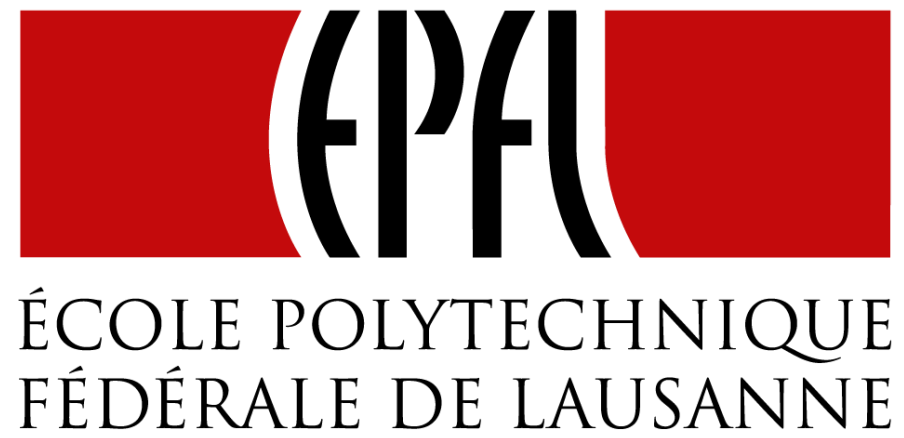
# Higher-order Function to manipulate Try[T]

```
def map[S] (f: T=>S) : Try[S] = this match {  
  case Success(value)      => Try(f(value))  
  case failure@Failure(t)  => failure  
}
```

```
object Try {  
  def apply[T] (r: =>T) : Try[T] = {  
    try { Success(r) }  
    catch { case t => Failure(t) }  
  }  
}
```

**Materialize  
exceptions**

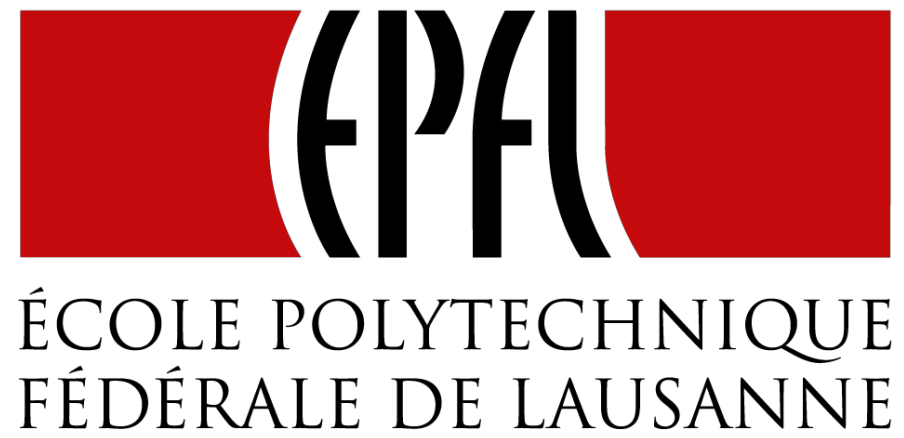




# End of Monads and Effects (2/2)

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# Latency as an Effect (1/2)

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## Recall our simple adventure game ....

```
trait Adventure {  
    def collectCoins(): List[Coin]  
    def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]): Treasure  
}  
  
val adventure = Adventure()  
val coins = adventure.collectCoins()  
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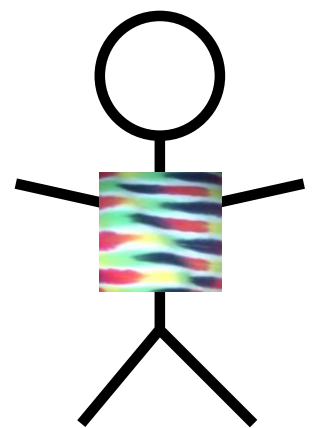
```
trait Adventure {  
  def readFromMemory(): List[Byte]  
  def sendToEurope(packet: List[Byte]) : Treasure  
}    Array[Byte]  
  
val socket = new SocketAdventure()  
val packet = socket.readFromMemory()  
val confirmation = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)  
    socket.sendToEurope(packet)
```

# It is actually very similar to a simple network stack

```
trait Socket {  
  def readFromMemory(): Array[Byte]  
  def sendToEurope(packet: Array[Byte]):  
    Array[Byte]  
}
```

**Not as rosy  
as it looks!**

```
val socket = Socket()  
val packet = socket.readFromMemory()  
val confirmation = socket.sendToEurope(packet)
```



# Timings for various operations on a typical PC

execute typical instruction	$1/1,000,000,000 \text{ sec} = 1 \text{ nanosec}$
fetch from L1 cache memory	0.5 nanosec
branch misprediction	5 nanosec
fetch from L2 cache memory	7 nanosec
Mutex lock/unlock	25 nanosec
fetch from main memory	100 nanosec
send 2K bytes over 1Gbps network	20,000 nanosec
<b>read 1MB sequentially from memory</b>	250,000 nanosec
fetch from new disk location (seek)	8,000,000 nanosec
read 1MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000 nanosec
<b>send packet US to Europe and back</b>	150 milliseconds = 150,000,000 nanosec

<http://norvig.com/21-days.html#answers>

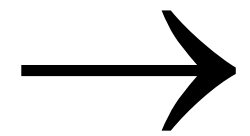
# Sequential composition of actions that take time

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet = socket.readFromMemory()
// block for 50,000 ns
// only continue if there is no exception
val confirmation = socket.sendToEurope(packet)
// block for 150,000,000 ns
// only continue if there is no exception
```

# Sequential composition of actions

Lets translate this into human terms.

1 nanosecond



1 second (then hours/days/months/years)

# Timings for various operations on a typical PC on human scale

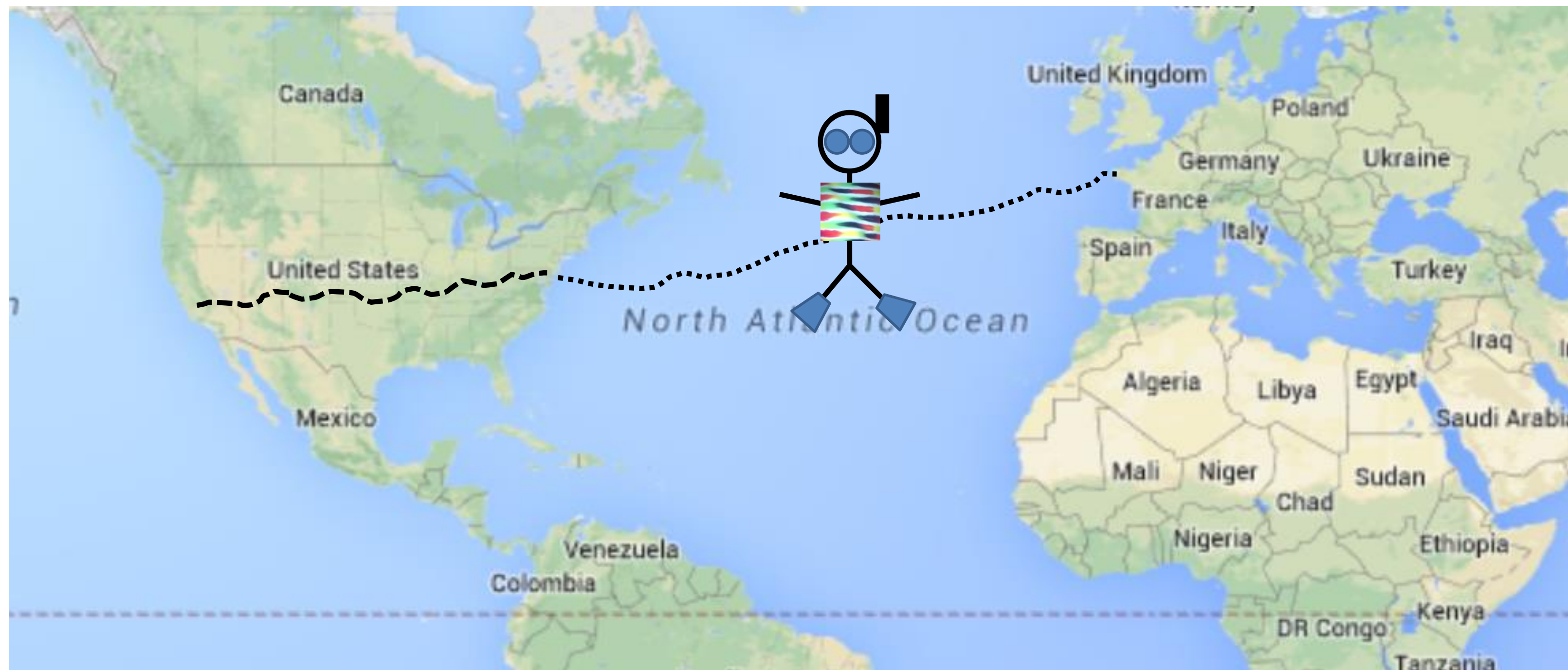
execute typical instruction	1 second
fetch from L1 cache memory	0.5 seconds
branch misprediction	5 seconds
fetch from L2 cache memory	7 seconds
Mutex lock/unlock	½ minute
fetch from main memory	1½ minutes
send 2K bytes over 1Gbps network	5½ hours
<b>read 1MB sequentially from memory</b>	3 days
fetch from new disk location (seek)	13 weeks
read 1MB sequentially from disk	6½ months
<b>send packet US to Europe and back</b>	5 years

# Sequential composition of actions

```
val socket = Socket()  
val packet = socket.readFromMemory()  
// block for 3 days  
// only continue if there is no exception  
val confirmation = socket.sendToEurope(packet)  
// block for 5 years  
// only continue if there is no exception
```

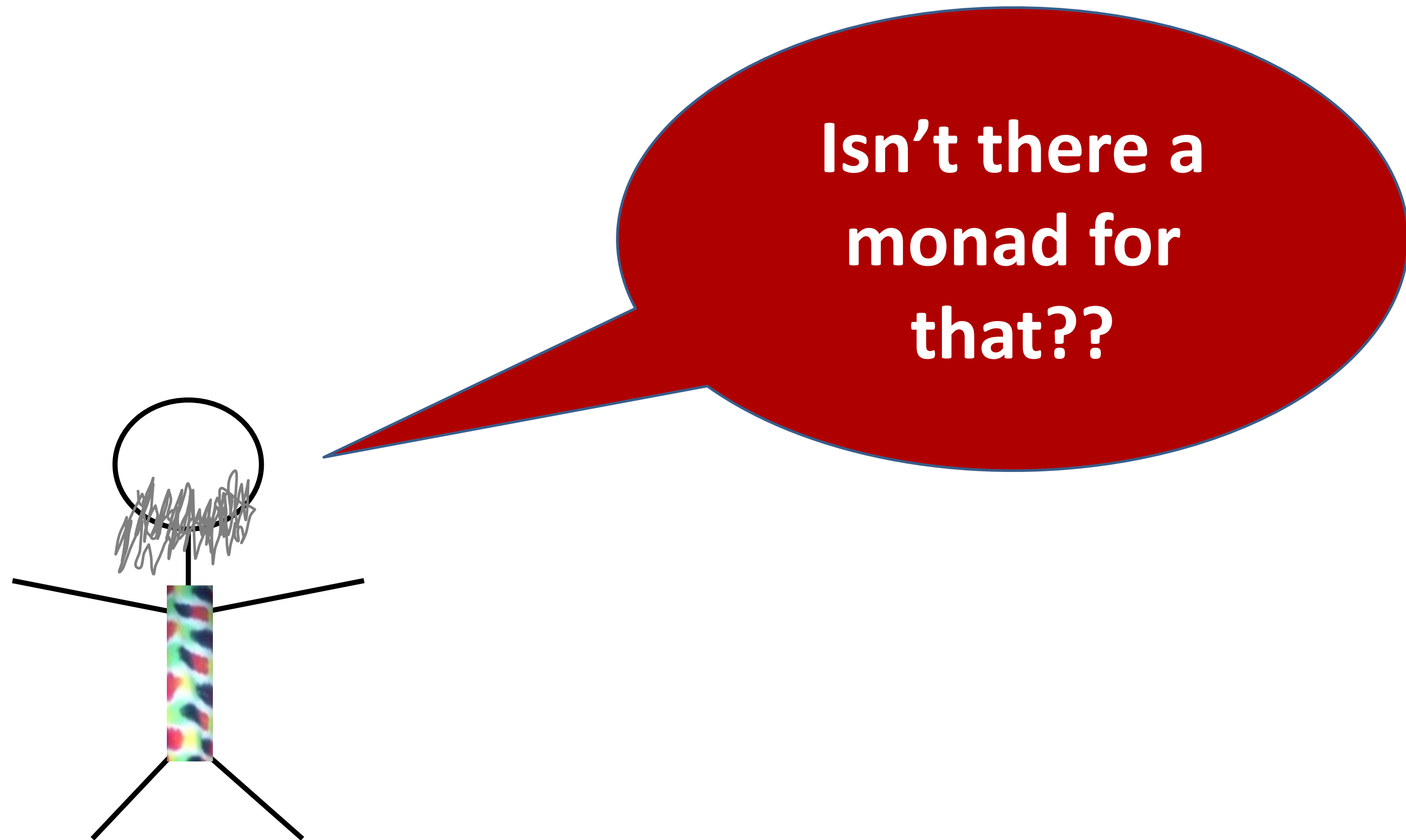
# Sequential composition of actions

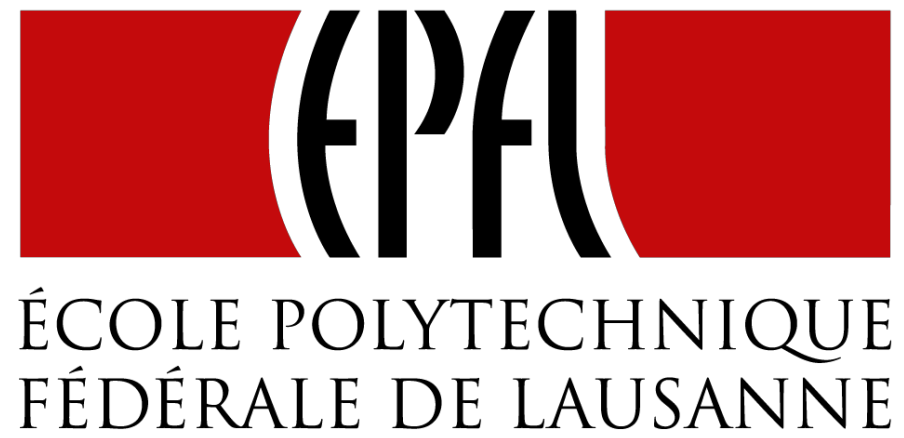
12 months to walk coast-to-coast  
3 months to swim across the Atlantic  
3 months to swim back  
12 months to walk back



**Humans are twice as fast as computers!**

# Sequential composition of actions that take time and fail

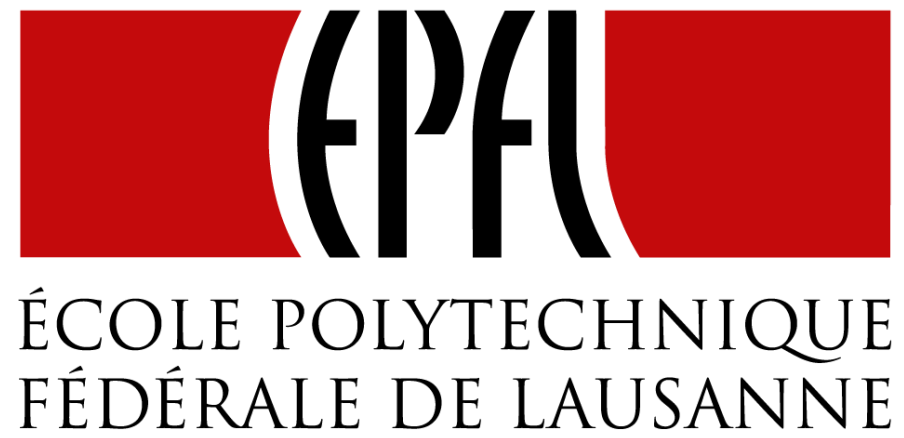




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Monads guide you through the happy path

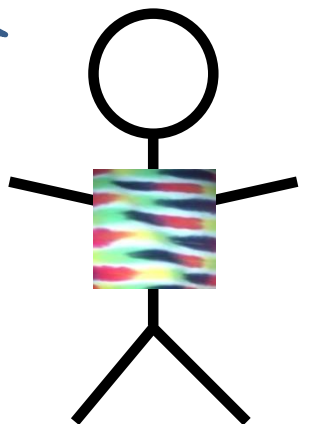
Future [T  
]

A monad that handles  
exceptions and **latency**.

# Futures asynchronously notify consumers

```
import scala.concurrent._  
import  
scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext.Implicits.global  
  
trait Future[T] {  
  def onComplete(callback: Try[T] => Unit)  
    (implicit executor: ExecutionContext): Unit  
}
```

**We will totally ignore execution contexts**

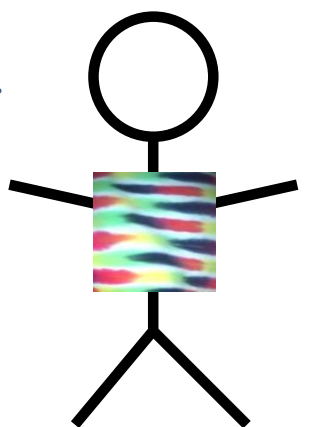


# Futures asynchronously notify consumers

```
trait Future[T] {  
  def onComplete(callback: Try[T] => Unit)  
    (implicit executor: ExecutionContext): Unit  
}
```

**callback needs  
to use pattern matching**

```
ts match {  
  case Success(t) =>  
    onNext(t)  
  case Failure(e) =>  
    onError(e)
```

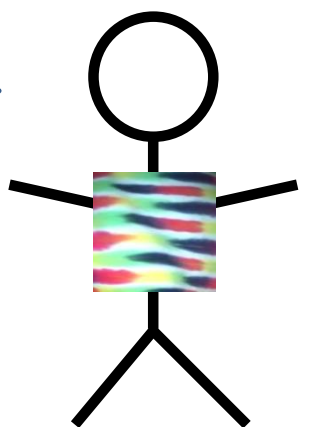


# Futures asynchronously notify consumers

```
trait Future[T] {  
  def onComplete(callback: Try[T] => Unit)  
    (implicit executor: ExecutionContext): Unit  
}
```

**boilerplate code**

```
ts match {  
  case Success(t) =>  
    onNext(t)  
  case Failure(e) =>  
    onError(e)  
}
```



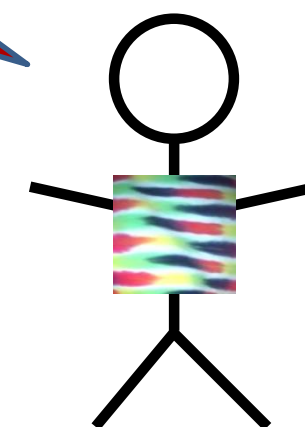
# Futures alternative designs

```
trait Future[T] {  
  def onComplete  
    (success: T => Unit, failed: Throwable =>  
Unit): Unit
```

```
  def onComplete(callback: Observer[T]) • Unit  
}
```

```
trait Observer[T] {  
  def onNext(value: T): Unit  
  def onError(error: Throwable): Unit  
}
```

**An *object* is a closure with multiple methods. A *closure* is an object with a single method.**



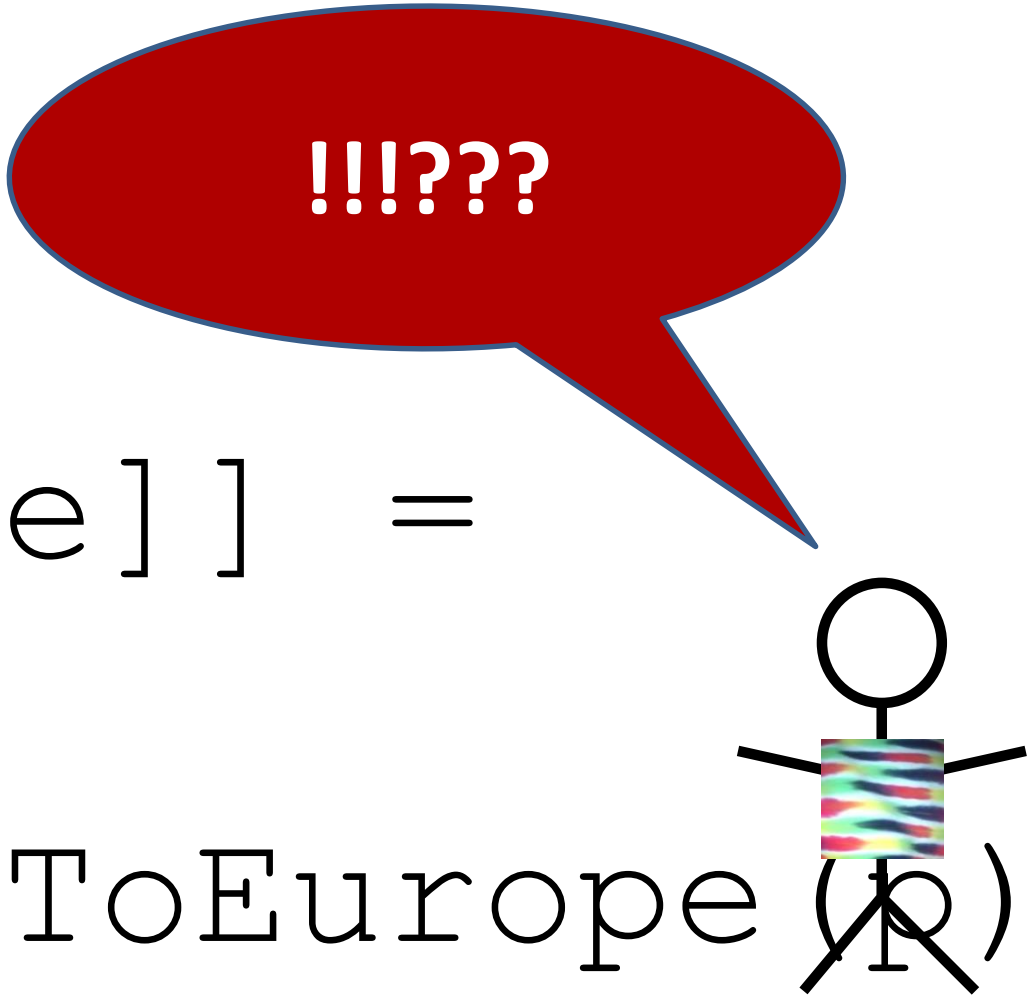
# Futures asynchronously notify consumers

```
trait Future[T] {  
    def onComplete(callback: Try[T] => Unit)  
        (implicit executor: ExecutionContext): Unit  
}  
  
trait Socket {  
    def readFromMemory(): Future[Array[Byte]]  
    def sendToEurope(packet: Array[Byte]):  
Future[Array[Byte]]  
}
```

# Send packets using futures I

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  socket.readFromMemory()

val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  packet.onComplete {
    case Success(p) => socket.sendToEurope(p)
    case Failure(t) => ...
  }
```

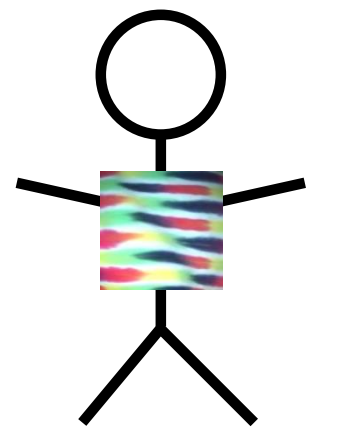
A stick figure with a speech bubble containing the text '!!!???' is pointing towards the code. The figure has a rainbow-colored shirt and a black 'X' over its lower body. The speech bubble is red with a blue outline. The code is in a monospaced font with purple keywords. A red wavy line is under the 'Future[Array[Byte]]' type signature in the third line of code.

# Send packets using futures II

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  socket.readFromMemory()

packet.onComplete {
  case Success(p) => {
    val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
      socket.sendToEurope(p)
  }
  case Failure(t) => ...
}
```

Meeeh..



# Creating Futures

```
// Starts an asynchronous computation  
// and returns a future object to which you  
// can subscribe to be notified when the  
// future completes
```

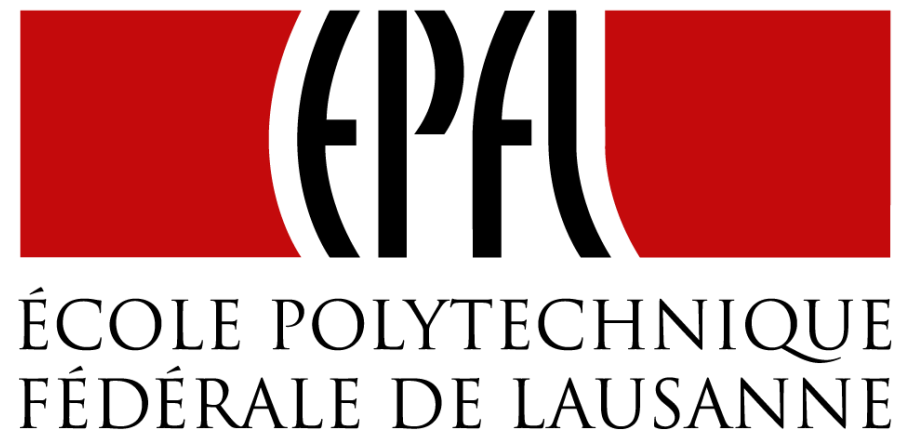
```
object Future {  
  def apply(body: =>T)  
    (implicit context: ExecutionContext):  
      Future[T]  
}
```

# Creating Futures

```
import scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext.Implicits.global
import akka.serializer._

val memory = Queue[EmailMessage] (
  EmailMessage(from = "Erik", to = "Roland"),
  EmailMessage(from = "Martin", to = "Erik"),
  EmailMessage(from = "Roland", to = "Martin"))

def readFromMemory(): Future[Array[Byte]] = Future {
  val email = queue.dequeue()
  val serializer = serialization.findSerializerFor(email)
  serializer.toBinary(email)
}
```



# Combinators on Futures (1/2)

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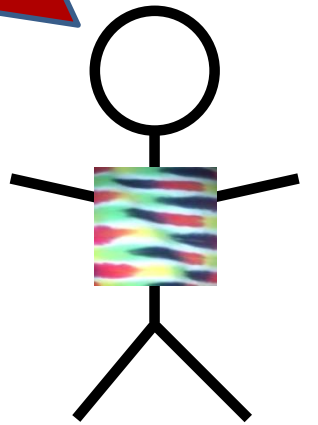
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# Futures recap

```
trait Awaitable[T] extends AnyRef {  
  abstract def ready(atMost: Duration):  
  abstract def result(atMost: Duration)  
}
```

**All these methods  
take an implicit  
execution context**

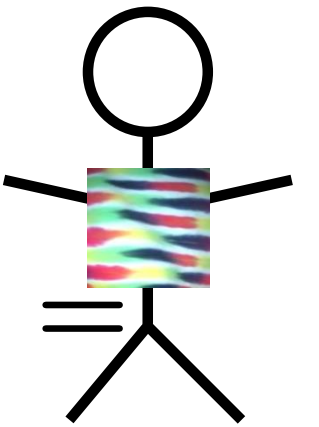
```
trait Future[T] extends Awaitable[T] {  
  def filter(p: T=>Boolean): Future[T]  
  def flatMap[S] (f: T=>Future[S]): Future[U]  
  def map[S] (f: T=>S): Future[S]  
  def recoverWith(f: PartialFunction[Throwable,  
Future[T]]): Future[T]  
}  
object Future {  
  def apply[T] (body : =>T): Future[T]  
}
```



# Sending packets using futures

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  socket.readFromMemory()
packet onComplete {
  case Success(p) => {
    val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
      socket.sendToEurope(p)
  }
  case Failure(t) => ...
}
```

**Remember  
this mess?**



# Flatmap to the rescue

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet: Future[Array[Byte]] =
    socket.readFromMemory()

val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
    packet.flatMap(p => socket.sendToEurope(p))
```

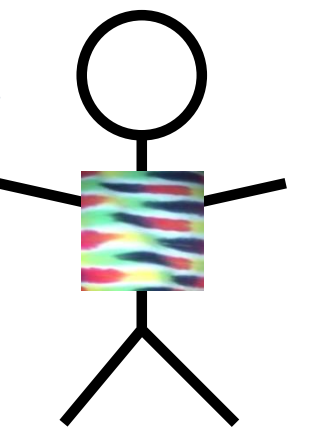
# Sending packets using futures under the covers

```
import scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext.Implicits.global
import scala.imaginary.Http._

object Http {
  def apply(url: URL, req: Request): Future[Response] =
    {... runs the http request asynchronously ...}
}

def sendToEurope(packet: Array[Byte]): Future[Array[Byte]] =
  Http(URL("mail.server.eu"), Request(packet))
    .filter(response => response.isOK)
    .map(response => response.toByteArray)
```

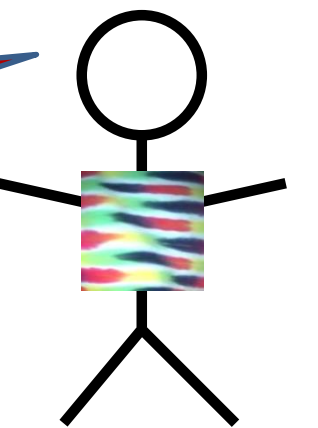
**But, this can  
still fail!**



# Sending packets using futures robustly (?)

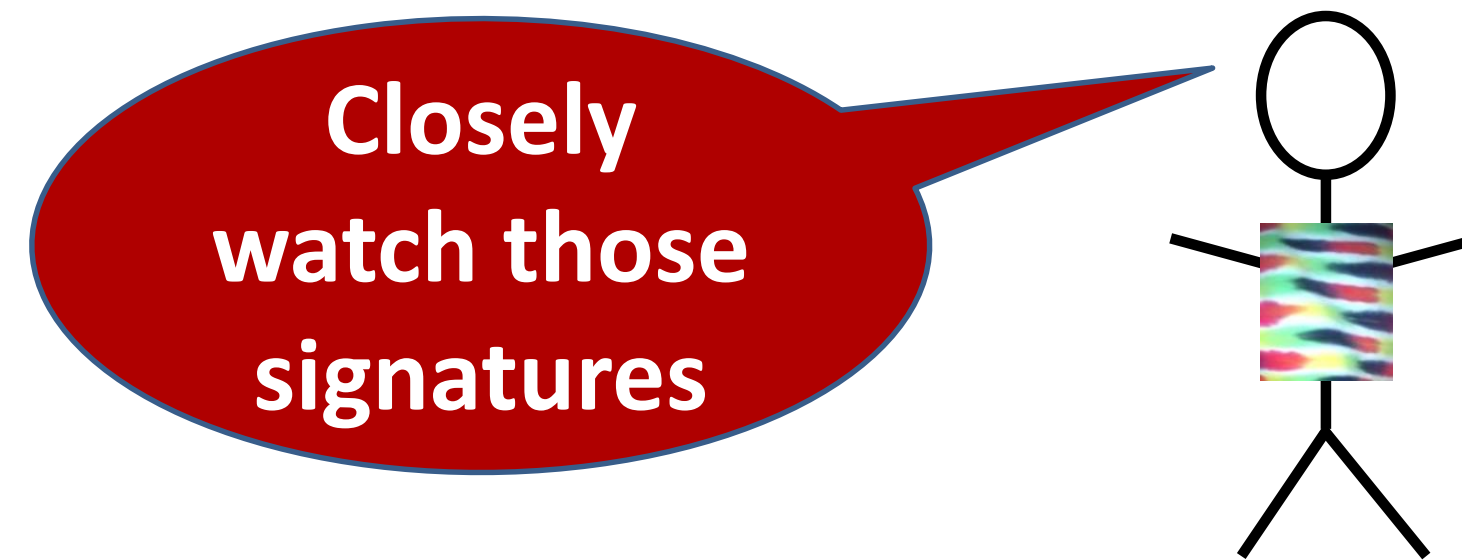
```
def sendTo(url: URL, packet: Array[Byte]): Future[Array[Byte]]  
  Http(url, Request(packet))  
    .filter(response => response.isOK)  
    .map(response => response.toByteArray)  
  
def sendToAndBackup(packet: Array[Byte]):  
  Future[(Array[Byte], Array[Byte])] = {  
  
    val europeConfirm = sendTo(mailServer.europe, packet)  
    val usaConfirm = sendTo(mailServer.usa, packet)  
    europeConfirm.zip(usaConfirm)  
  }
```

Cute, but no  
cigar



# Send packets using futures robustly

```
def recover(f: PartialFunction[Throwable, T]): Future[T]
```



```
def recoverWith(f: PartialFunction[Throwable, Future[T]])  
: Future[T]
```

# Send packets using futures robustly

```
def sendTo(url: URL, packet: Array[Byte]):  
Future[Array[Byte]] =  
  Http(url, Request(packet))  
    .filter(response => response.isOK)  
    .map(response => response.toByteArray)
```

```
def sendToSafe(packet: Array[Byte]):  
Future[Array[Byte]] =  
  sendTo(mailServer.europe, packet) recoverWith {  
    case europeError =>  
      sendTo(mailServer.usa, packet) recover {  
        case usaError => usaError.getMessage.toByteArray  
      }  
  }
```

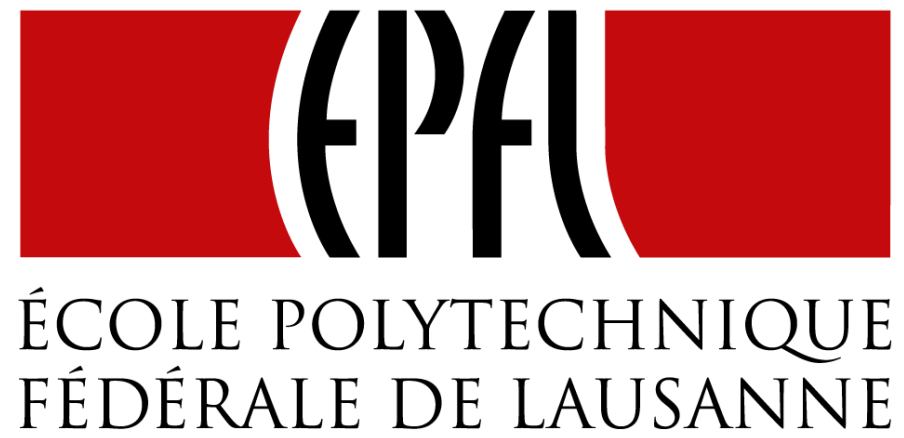


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# Better recovery with less matching

```
def sendToSafe(packet: Array[Byte]): Future[Array[Byte]] =  
  sendTo(mailServer.europe, packet) recoverWith {  
    case europeError =>  
      sendTo(mailServer.usa, packet) recover {  
        case usaError => usaError.getMessage.toByteArray  
      }  
  }
```

```
def fallbackTo(that: =>Future[T]): Future[T] = {  
  ... if this future fails take the successful result  
    of that future ...  
  ... if that future fails too, take the error of  
    this future ...
```

}

# Better recovery with less matching

```
def sendToSafe(packet: Array[Byte]): Future[Array[Byte]] =  
  sendTo(mailServer.europe, packet) fallbackTo {  
    sendTo(mailServer.usa, packet)  
  } recover {  
    case europeError =>  
      europeError.getMessage.toByteArray  
  }  
def fallbackTo(that: => Future[T]): Future[T] = {  
  .. if this future fails take the successful result  
    of that future ...  
  .. if that future fails too, take the error of  
    this future ...  
}
```

# Fallback implementation

```
def fallbackTo(that: =>Future[T]): Future[T] = {  
  this recoverWith {  
    case _ => that recoverWith { case _ => this }  
  }  
}
```

# Asynchronous where possible, blocking where necessary

```
trait Awaitable[T] extends AnyRef {  
  abstract def ready(atMost: Duration): Unit  
  abstract def result(atMost: Duration): T  
}
```

```
trait Future[T] extends Awaitable[T] {  
  def filter(p: T⇒Boolean): Future[T]  
  def flatMap[S](f: T⇒Future[S]): Future[U]  
  def map[S](f: T⇒S): Future[S]  
  def recoverWith(f: PartialFunction[Throwable,  
Future[T]]): Future[T]  
}
```

# Asynchronous where possible, blocking where necessary

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet: Future[Array[Byte]] =
    socket.readFromMemory()
val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
    packet.flatMap(socket.sendToSafe(_))

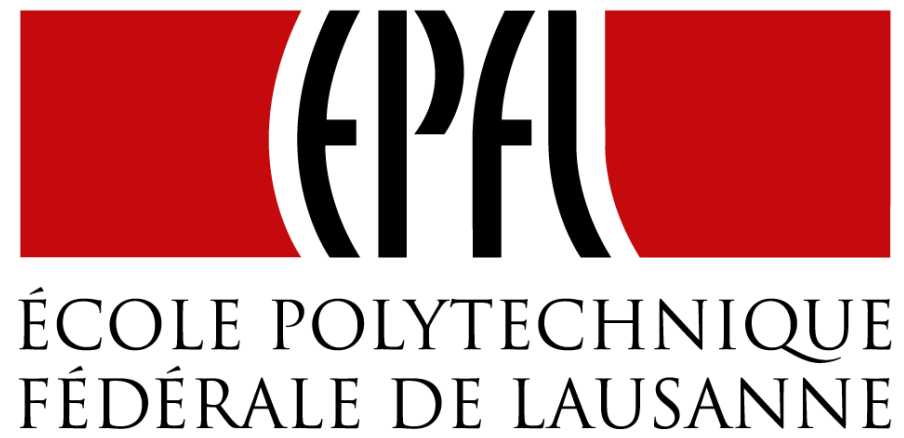
val c = Await.result(confirmation, 2 seconds)
println(c.toText)
```

# Duration

```
import scala.language.postfixOps

object Duration {
  def apply(length: Long, unit: TimeUnit):
    Duration
}

val fiveYears = 1826 minutes
```



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# Composing Futures (1/2)

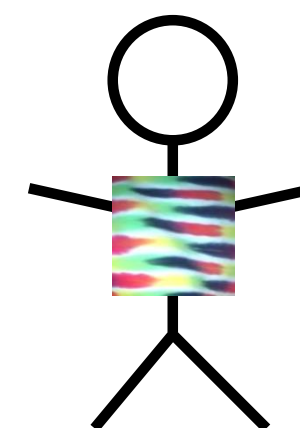
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# Flatmap ...

```
val socket = Socket()
val packet: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  socket.readFromMemory()
val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  packet.flatMap(socket.sendToSafe(_))
```

**Hi! Looks like  
you're trying to  
write for-  
comprehensions.**



## Or comprehensions?

```
val socket = Socket()
val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] = for {
  packet      <- socket.readFromMemory()
  confirmation <- socket.sendToSafe(packet)
} yield confirmation
```

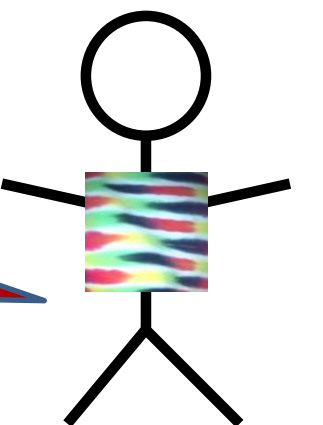
# Retrying to send

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: =>Future[T]) :  
Future[T] = {  
    ... retry successfully completing block  
    at most noTimes  
    ... and give up after that  
}
```

# Retrying to send

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: ⇒Future[T]) :  
Future[T] = {  
  if (noTimes == 0) {  
    Future.failed(new Exception("Sorry"))  
  } else {  
    block fallbackTo {  
      retry(noTimes-1) { block }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

**Recursion is the  
GOTO of Functional  
Programming  
(Erik Meijer)**





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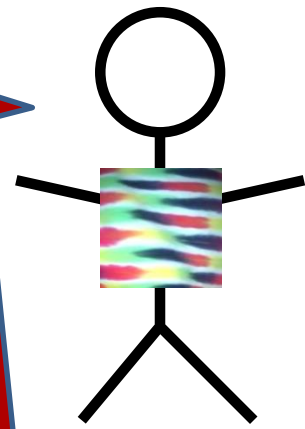
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# Avoid Recursion

**Let's Geek  
out for a  
bit ...**



**And pose  
like FP  
hipsters!**

```
foldRight  
foldLeft
```

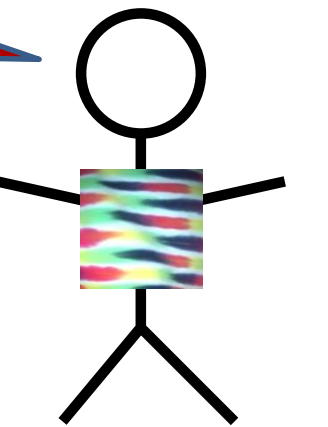
# Folding lists

`List (a, b, c) . foldRight (e) (f)`

`=`

`f (a, f (b, f (c, e)`

**Northern wind  
comes from the  
North  
(Richard Bird)**



`List (a, b, c) . foldLeft (e) (f)`

`=`

`f (f (f (e, a), b), c)`

# Retrying to send using foldLeft

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: =>Future[T]) :  
Future[T] = {  
    val ns = (1 to noTimes).toList  
    val attempts = ns.map(_ => ()=>block)  
    val failed = Future.failed(new Exception("boom"))  
    val result = attempts.foldLeft(failed)  
        ((a,block) => a recoverWith { block() })  
    result  
}  
  
    retry(3) { block }  
= unfolds to  
    ((failed recoverWith {block1()})  
        recoverWith {block2()})  
        recoverWith { block3() }
```

# Retrying to send using foldLeft

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: =>Future[T]) :  
Future[T] = {  
  ...  
  val attempts = ns.map(_=> ()=>block)  
  ...  
}  
  
ns = List(1, 2, ..., noTimes)
```

# Retrying to send using foldLeft

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: =>Future[T]) :  
Future[T] = {  
  ...  
  val attempts = ns.map(_=> ()=>block)  
  ...  
}  
  
ns = List(1, 2, ..., noTimes)  
attempts = List(()=>block, ()=>block, ..., ()=>block)
```

# Retrying to send using foldLeft

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: =>Future[T]) :  
Future[T] = {  
  ...  
  val result = attempts.foldLeft(failed)  
    ((a,block) => a recoverWith { block() })  
  result  
}  
  
ns =      List(1,          2,          ...,  
noTimes)  
attempts = List(()=>block1,  ()=>block2, ...,  
              ()=>blocknoTimes)  
result = (...((failed recoverWith { block1() })
```

# Retrying to send using foldRight

```
def retry(noTimes: Int) (block: =>Future[T]) = {  
  val ns = (1 to noTimes).toList  
  val attempts: = ns.map(_ => () => block)  
  val failed = Future.failed(new Exception)  
  val result = attempts.foldRight(() =>failed)  
    ((block, a) => () => { block() fallbackTo { a()  
    result ()  
  }  
}
```

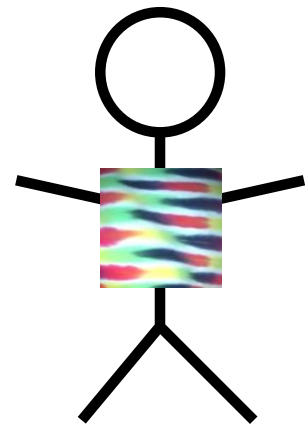
```
retry(3) { block } ()
```

*= unfolds to*

```
block1 fallbackTo { block2 fallbackTo { block3 fallbackTo  
  { failed } }}
```

# Use Recursion

**Often,  
straight  
recursion is  
the way to  
go**



```
foldRight  
foldLeft
```

**And just leave the  
HO functions to  
the FP hipsters!**



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