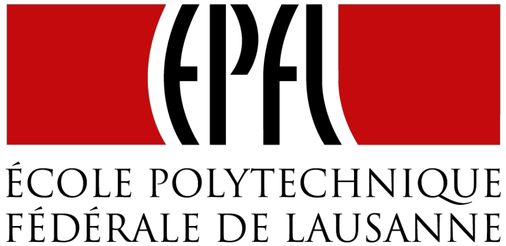

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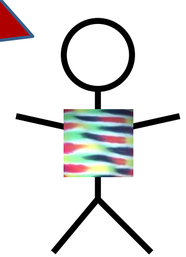

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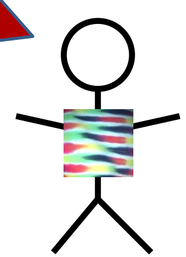

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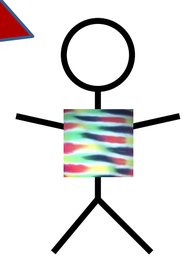

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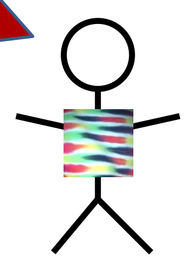
In particular, we'll be fast and loose about the monad laws (that is, we completely ignore them).



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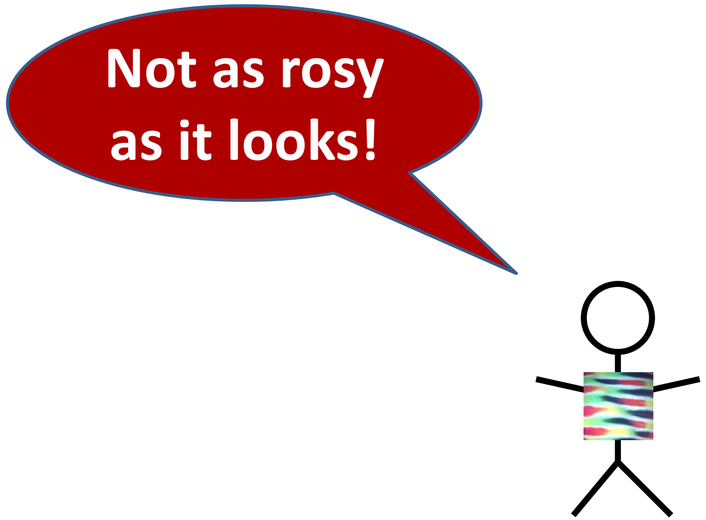
A simple adventure game

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




```
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(
"Ooops")
  List(Gold, Gold, Silver)
}

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

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)
```

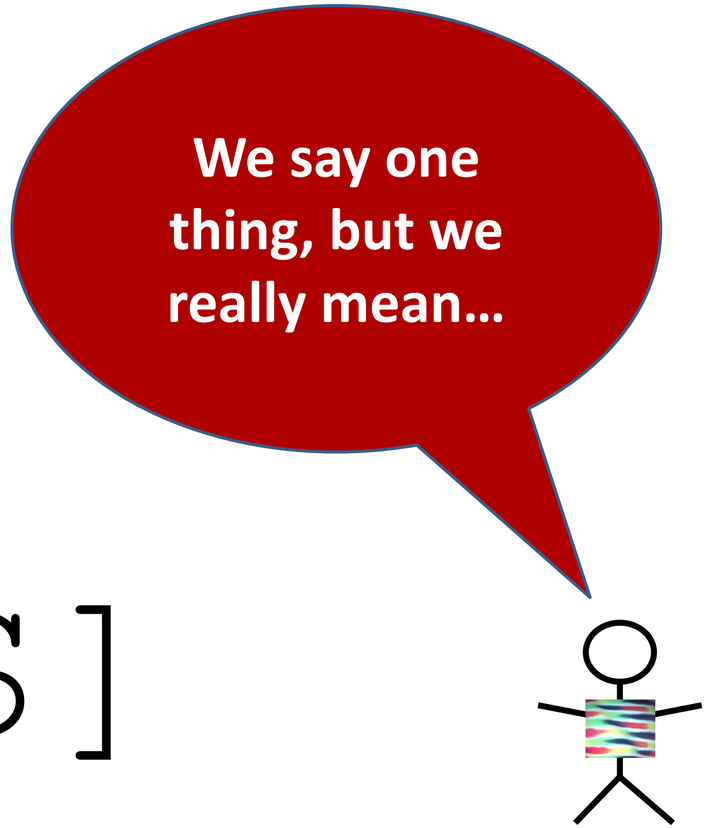
Sequential composition of actions that may fail

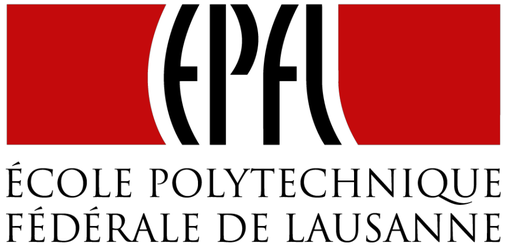
```
val adventure = Adventure()

val coins = adventure.collectCoi
// 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
```

Expose possibility of failure in the types, honestly

```
T => S
```

```
T => Try[S]
```





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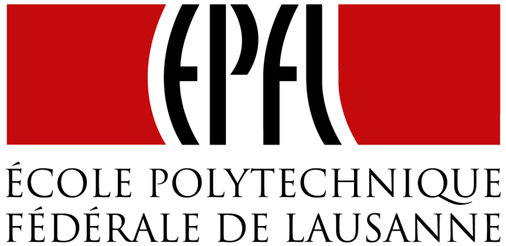

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Making failure evident in types

```
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

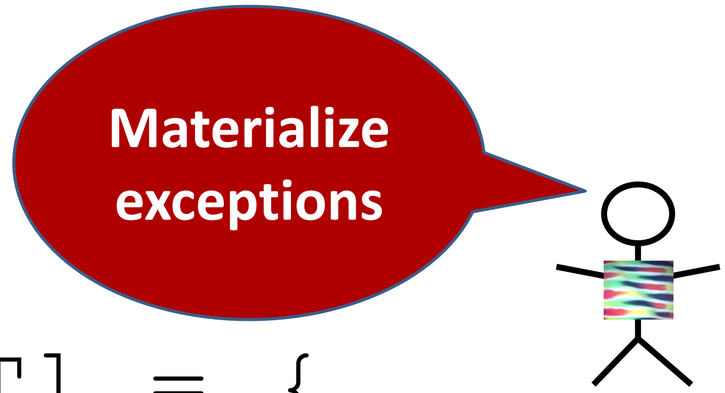
```
val adventure = Adventure()

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

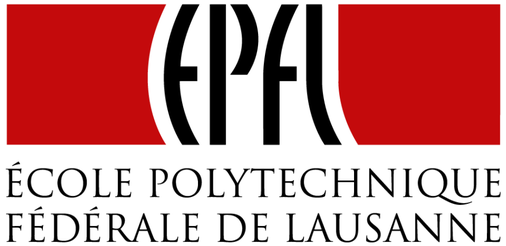
Using comprehension syntax

```
val adventure = Adventure()

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) }
}
```





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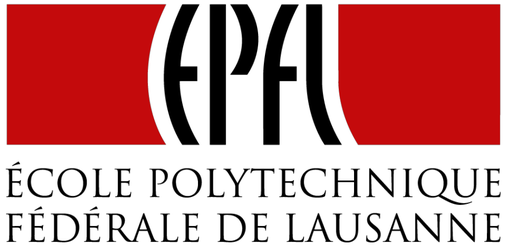

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Recall our simple adventure game ….

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

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

Recall our simple adventure game ….

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


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

It is actually very similar to a simple network stack

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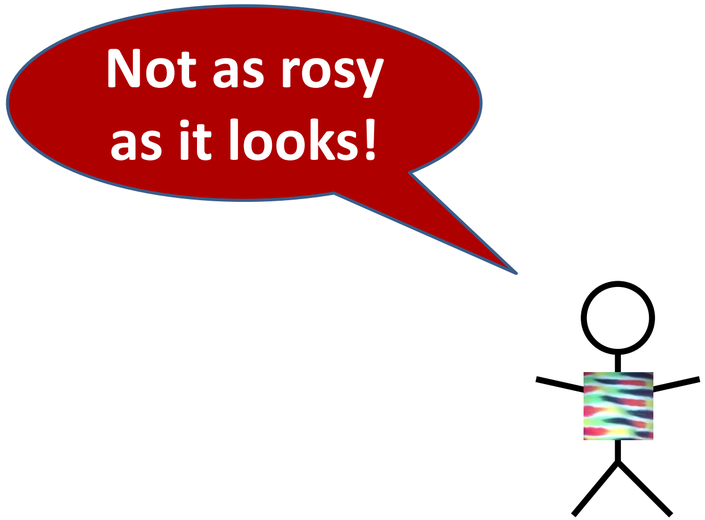



```
val socket = Socket()
val packet = socket.readFromMemory()
val confirmation = socket.sendToEurope(packet)
```

Timings for various operations on a typical PC

execute typical instruction	1/1,000,000,000 sec = 1 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
read 1MB sequentially from memory	250,000 nanosec
fetch from new disk location (seek)	8,000,000 nanosec
read 1MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000 nanosec
send packet US to Europe and back	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

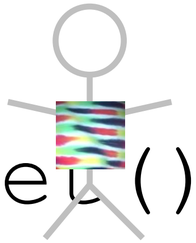
$\rightarrow$

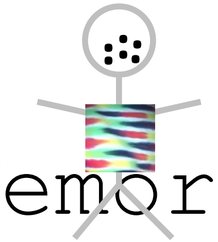
1 second (then hours/days/months/years)

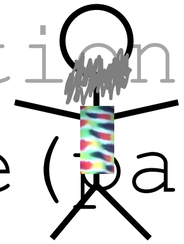
Timings for various operations on a typical PC on human scale

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
read 1MB sequentially from memory	3 days
fetch from new disk location (seek)	13 weeks
read 1MB sequentially from disk	6½ months
send packet US to Europe and back	5 years

Sequential composition of actions







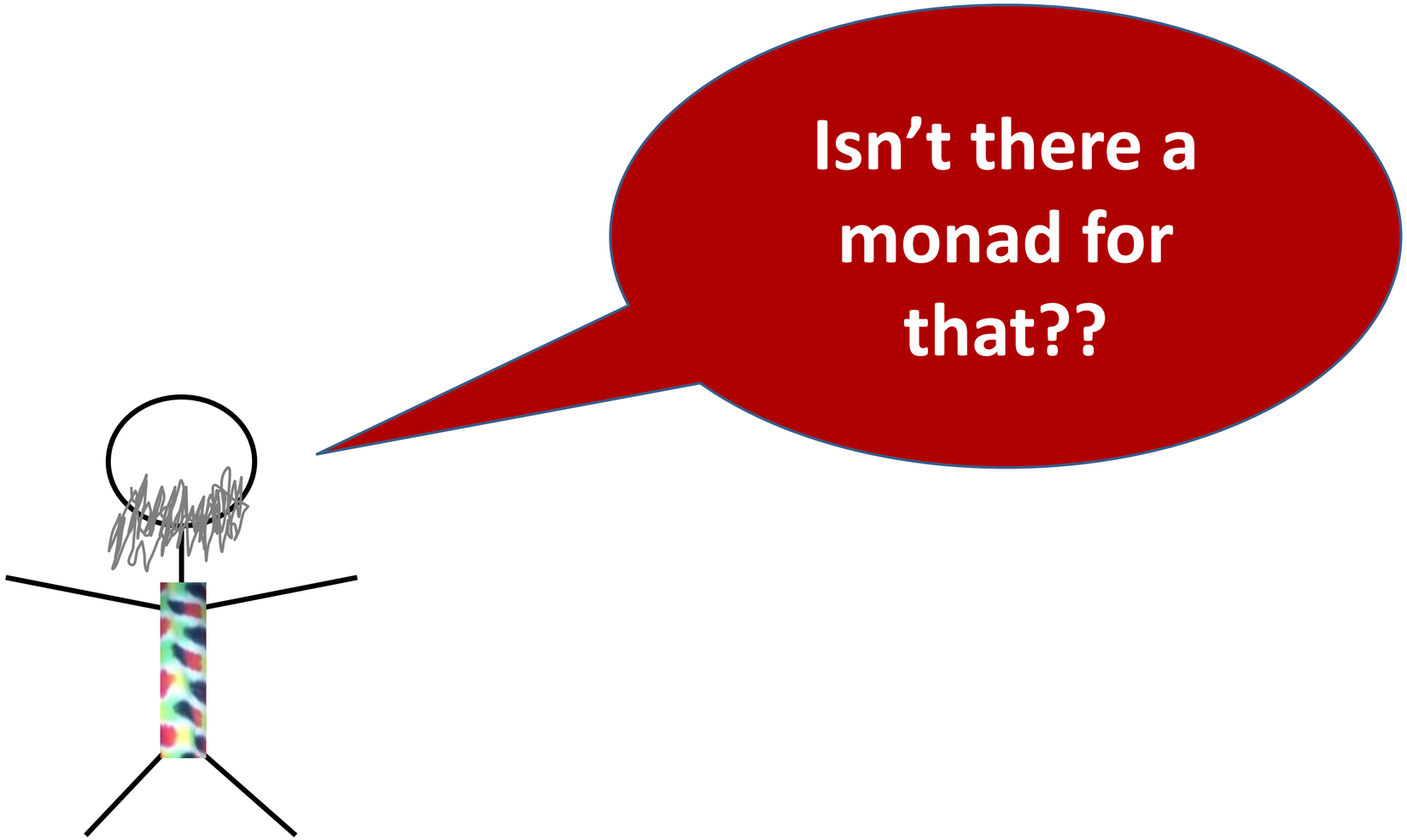
```
val socket = Socket()
val packet = socket.readFromMemory()
// block for 3 days
// only continue if there is no exception
val confirmation = socket.sendToEurope(packet)
// block for 5 years
// only continue if there is no exception
```

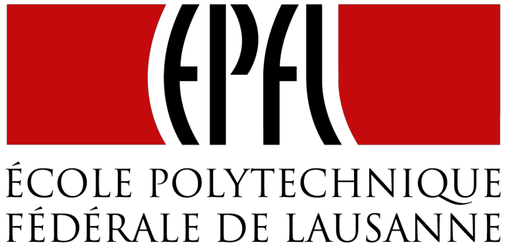
Sequential composition of actions

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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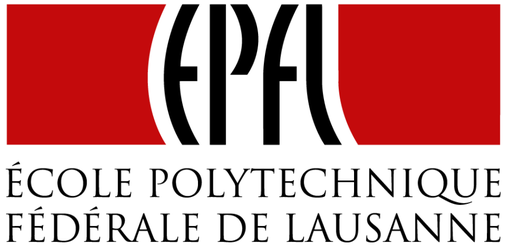

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Monads guide you through the happy path

```
Future[T]
```

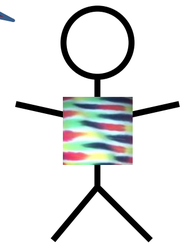
A monad that handles exceptions and **latency**.

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

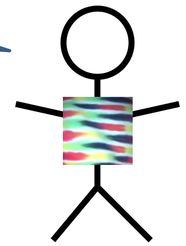


Futures asynchronously notify consumers

```
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)
```



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

boilerplate code

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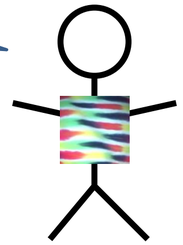
  case Failure(e) =>
onError(e)
}
```



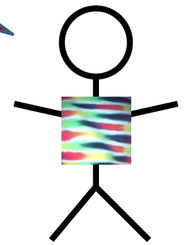
Futures alternative designs

```
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

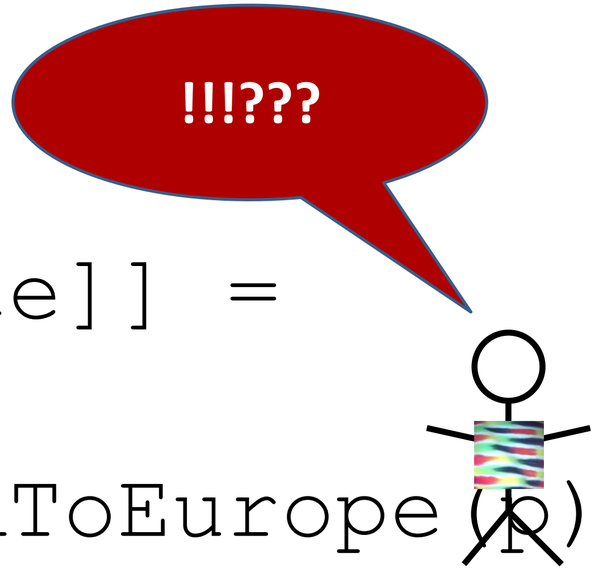
```
trait Future[T] {
  def onComplete(callback: Try[T] => Unit)
    (implicit executor: ExecutionContext): Unit
}

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) => …
  }
```

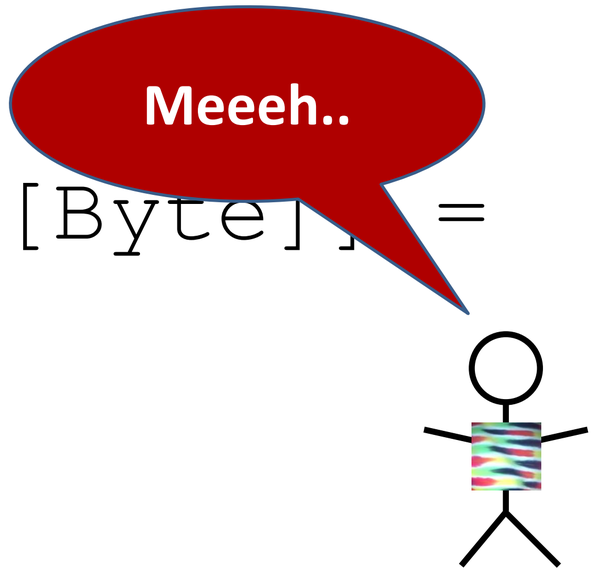


Send packets using futures II

```
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) => …
}
```



Creating Futures

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

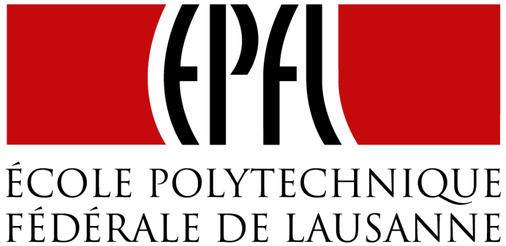
object Future {
  def apply(body: =>T)
    (implicit context: ExecutionContext):
                                    Future[T]
}
```

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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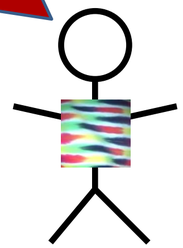
Futures recap

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

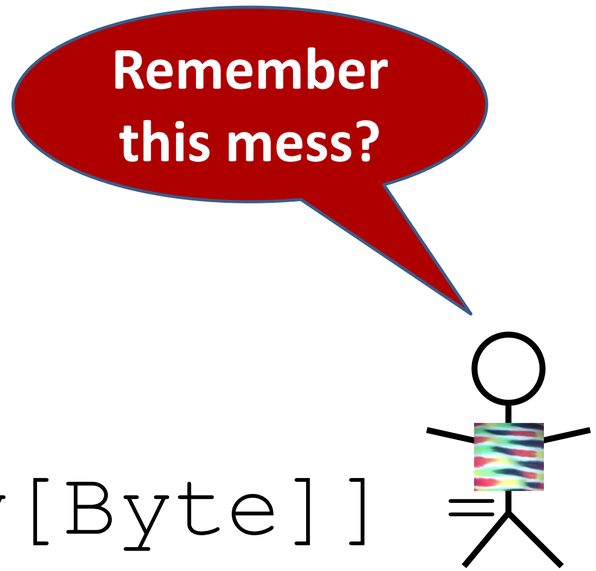
trait Future[T] extends Awaitable[T] {
   def filter(p: T=>Boolean): Future[T]
   def flatMap[S](f: T=>Future[S]): Future[U]
   def map[S](f: T=>S): Future[S]
   def recoverWith(f: PartialFunction[Throwable,
Future[T]]): Future[T]
}
object Future {
  def apply[T](body : =>T): Future[T]
}
```

All these methods take an implicit execution context



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) ⇒ …
}
```



Flatmap to the rescue

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

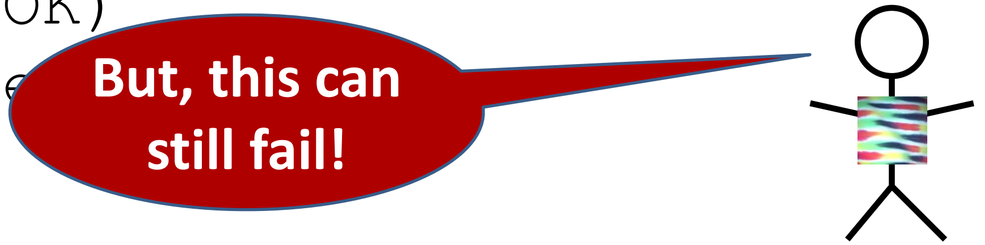
val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] =
  packet.flatMap(p => socket.sendToEurope(p))
```

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.toByte
```



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)
}
```

Send packets using futures robustly

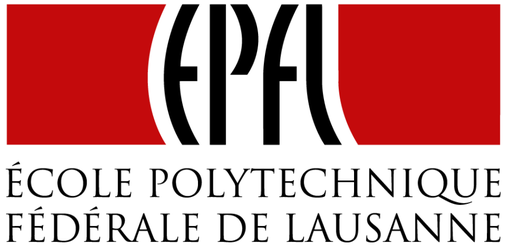
```
def recover(f: PartialFunction[Throwable,T]): Future[T]
```


```
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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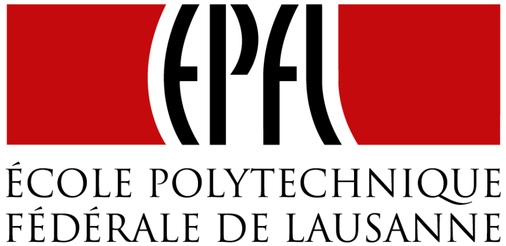

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Better recovery with less matching

```
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

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  } recover {
    case europeError =>
          europeError.getMessage.toByteArray
  }
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  … 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
}
```

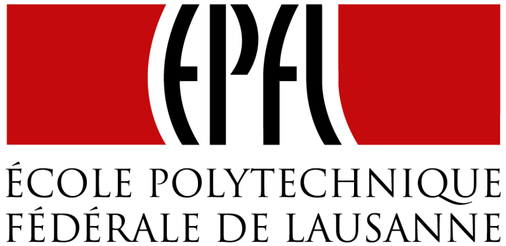
```
trait Future[T] extends Awaitable[T] {
   def filter(p: T⇒Boolean): Future[T]
   def flatMap[S](f: T⇒ Future[S]): Future[U]
   def map[S](f: T⇒S): Future[S]
   def recoverWith(f: PartialFunction[Throwable,
Future[T]]): Future[T]
}
```

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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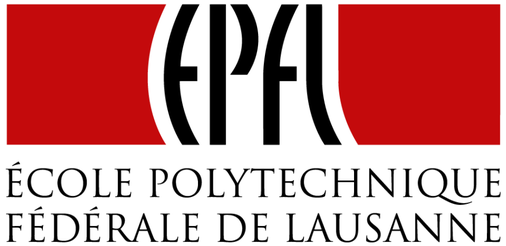

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Flatmap …

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

Or comprehensions?

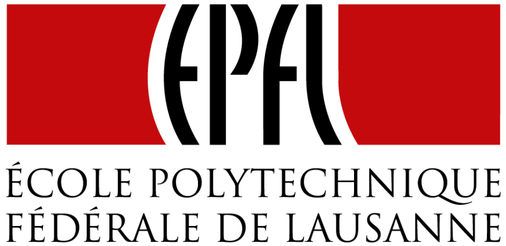
```
val socket = Socket()
val confirmation: Future[Array[Byte]] = for{
  packet       <- socket.readFromMemory()
  confirmation <- socket.sendToSafe(packet)
} yield confirmation
```

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 }
        }
   }
}
```



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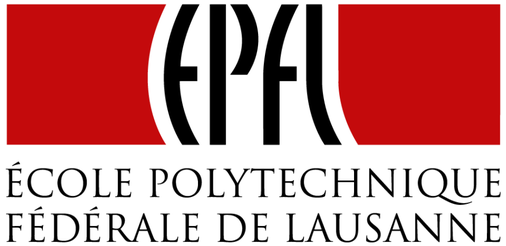

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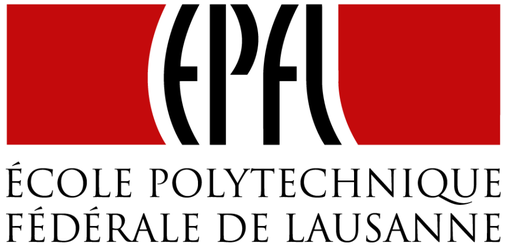

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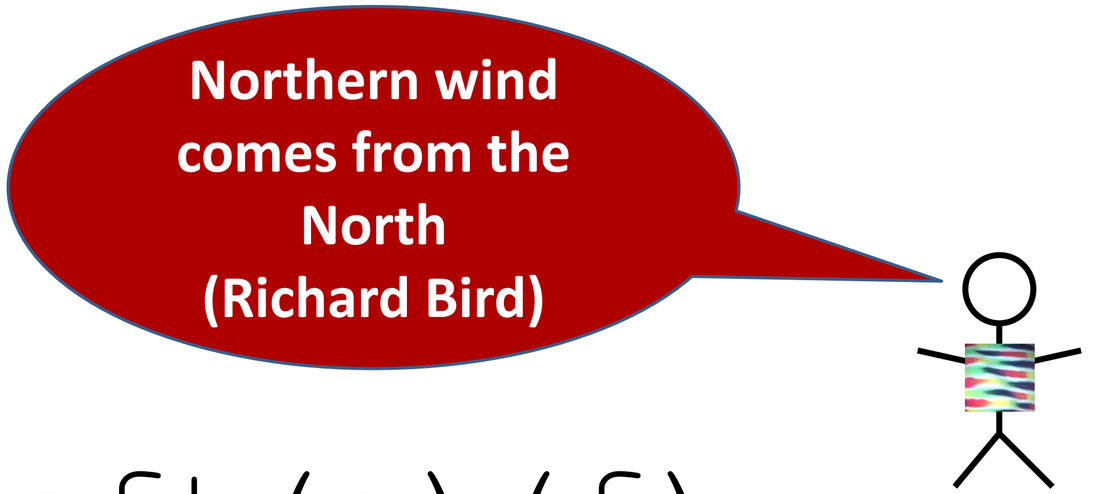
Avoid Recursion


```
foldRight
foldLeft
```

Folding lists

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




```
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)
attemps = 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)

attemps = List(()=>$block_1$, ()=>$block_2$, …, ()=>$block_{noTimes}$)

result = (…((failed recoverWith { $block_1$() }) …) recoverWith { $block_{noTimes}$() })

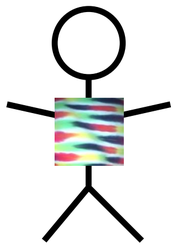
Retrying to send using foldRight

```
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 }}}
```

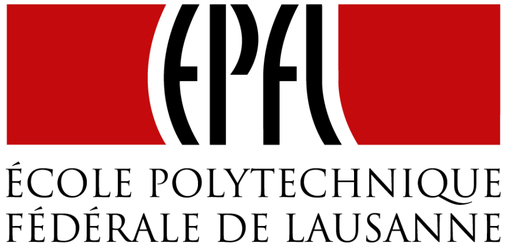
Use Recursion

Often, straight recursion is the way to go



And just leave the HO functions to the FP hipsters!

```
foldRight
foldLeft
```



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