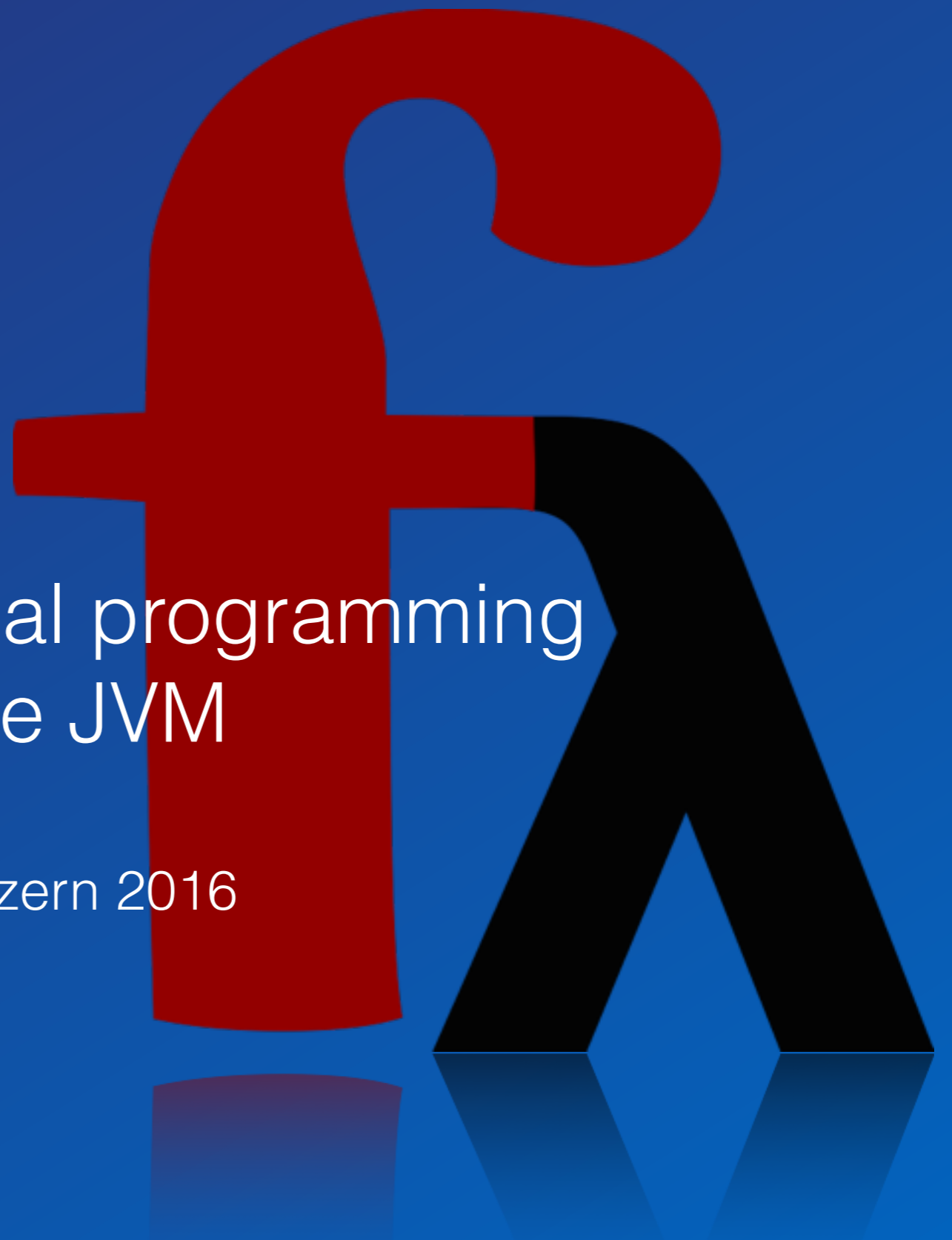


Frege

purely functional programming
on the JVM

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Dreaming of code

Why do we care?

$a = 1$

1

$b = 2$

1

2

$time_1$

$c = b$

1

2

$time_2$

$b = a$

1

2

$time_3$

$a = c$

1

2

$place_1$

$place_2$

$place_3$

Operational Reasoning

$a = 1$

1

$b = 2$

1

2

$time_1$

$c = b$

1

2

2

$time_2$

We need a debugger!

$time_3$

$place_1$

$place_2$

$place_3$

Using functions

a = 1



1

b = 2



1



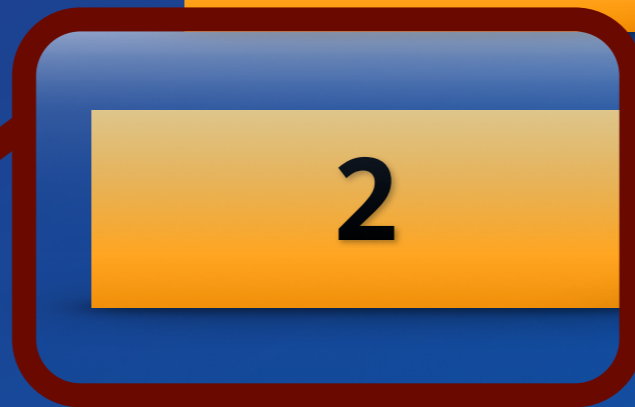
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Using functions

a = 1



b = 2



`swap(a,b) = (b,a)`

Let's just program
without
assignments or
statements!

Developer
Discipline

Pure
Functional
Language



Online REPL
try.frege-lang.org

Define a Function

```
frege> times a b = a * b
```

```
frege> times 2 3
```

6

```
frege> :type times
```

```
Num α => α -> α -> α
```

Define a Function

```
frege> times a b = a * b
```

no types declared

```
frege> (times 2) 3
```

6

*function appl.
left associative*

no comma

```
frege> :type times
```

```
Num α => α -> (α -> α)
```

*typeclass
constraint*

*only 1
parameter!*

*return type is
a function!*

*thumb: „two params
of same numeric type
returning that type“*

Reference a Function

```
frege> twotimes = times 2
```

```
frege> twotimes 3
```

6

```
frege> :t twotimes
```

```
Int -> Int
```

Reference a Function

```
frege> twotimes x = times 2 x
```

No
second
arg!

```
frege> twotimes 3
```

6

```
frege> :t twotimes
```

```
Int -> Int
```

„Currying“, „schönfinkeling“,
or „partial function
application“.

Concept invented by
Gottlob Frege.

inferred types
are more specific

Function Composition

```
frege> six x = twotimes (threetimes x)
```

```
frege> six x = (twotimes . threetimes)x
```

```
frege> six = twotimes . threetimes
```

```
frege> six 2
```

Function Composition

fr $f(g(x))$ = twotimes (threetimes x)

fr $(f \circ g) x$ = (twotimes . threetimes)x

fr $f \circ g$ = twotimes . threetimes

frege> six 2

Pure Functions

Java

`T foo(Pair<T,U> p) {...}`

What could possibly happen?

Frege

`foo :: (α,β) -> α`

What could possibly happen?

Pure Functions

Java

`T foo(Pair<T,U> p) {...}`

Everything!
State changes,
file or db access,
missile launch,...

Frege

`foo :: (α,β) -> α`

a is returned

Pure Functions

can be **cached** (memoized)

can be evaluated **lazily**

can be evaluated **in advance**

can be evaluated **concurrently**

can be **eliminated**

in common subexpressions

can be **optimized**

Is my method pure?

```
org.hibernate.ejb.Ejb3Configuration.addClassesToSessionFactory(Map)
org.hibernate.ejb.Ejb3Configuration.configure(Properties, Map)
org.hibernate.ejb.Ejb3Configuration.configure(PersistenceUnitInfo, Map)
org.hibernate.ejb.HibernatePersistence.createContainerEntityManagerFactory(PersistenceUnitInfo, Map)
org.springframework.orm.jpa.LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean.createEntityManagerFactory()
org.springframework.orm.jpa.AbstractEntityManagerFactoryBean.afterPropertiesSet()
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.invokeInitMethods(String, Object, RootBeanDefinition)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.initializeBean(String, Object, RootBeanDefinition)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.doCreateBean(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory$1.run()
java.security.AccessController.doPrivileged(PrivilegedAction, AccessControlContext)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.createBean(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractBeanFactory$1.getObject()
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.DefaultSingletonBeanRegistry.getSingleton(String, ObjectFactory)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractBeanFactory.doGetBean(String, Class, Object[], boolean)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractBeanFactory.getBean(String, Class, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractBeanFactory.getBean(String)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.BeanDefinitionValueResolver.resolveReference(Object, RuntimeBeanReference)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.BeanDefinitionValueResolver.resolveValueIfNecessary(Object, Object)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.applyPropertyValues(String, BeanDefinition, BeanWrapper, PropertyValues)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.populateBean(String, AbstractBeanDefinition, BeanWrapper)
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java.security.AccessController.doPrivileged(PrivilegedAction, AccessControlContext)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.createBean(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.BeanDefinitionValueResolver.resolveInnerBean(Object, String, BeanDefinition)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.BeanDefinitionValueResolver.resolveValueIfNecessary(Object, Object)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.ConstructorResolver.resolveConstructorArguments(String, RootBeanDefinition, BeanWrapper, ConstructorArgumentValues)
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.ConstructorResolver.instantiateUsingFactoryMethod(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.instantiateUsingFactoryMethod(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.createBeanInstance(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
org.springframework.beans.factory.support.AbstractAutowireCapableBeanFactory.doCreateBean(String, RootBeanDefinition, Object[])
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```

Let the **type system** find out!

Java Interoperability

Do not mix
OO and FP,

combine them!

Java -> Frege

Frege compiles Haskell to Java source and byte code.

Just call that.

You can get help by using the `:java` command in the REPL.

Frege -> Java

```
pure native encode java.net.URLEncoder.encode :: String -> String  
encode "Dierk König"
```

even Java can be pure

```
native millis java.lang.System.currentTimeMillis :: () -> IO Long  
millis ()  
millis ()  
past = millis () - 1000
```

This is a key distinction between Frege and other JVM languages!

Does not compile!

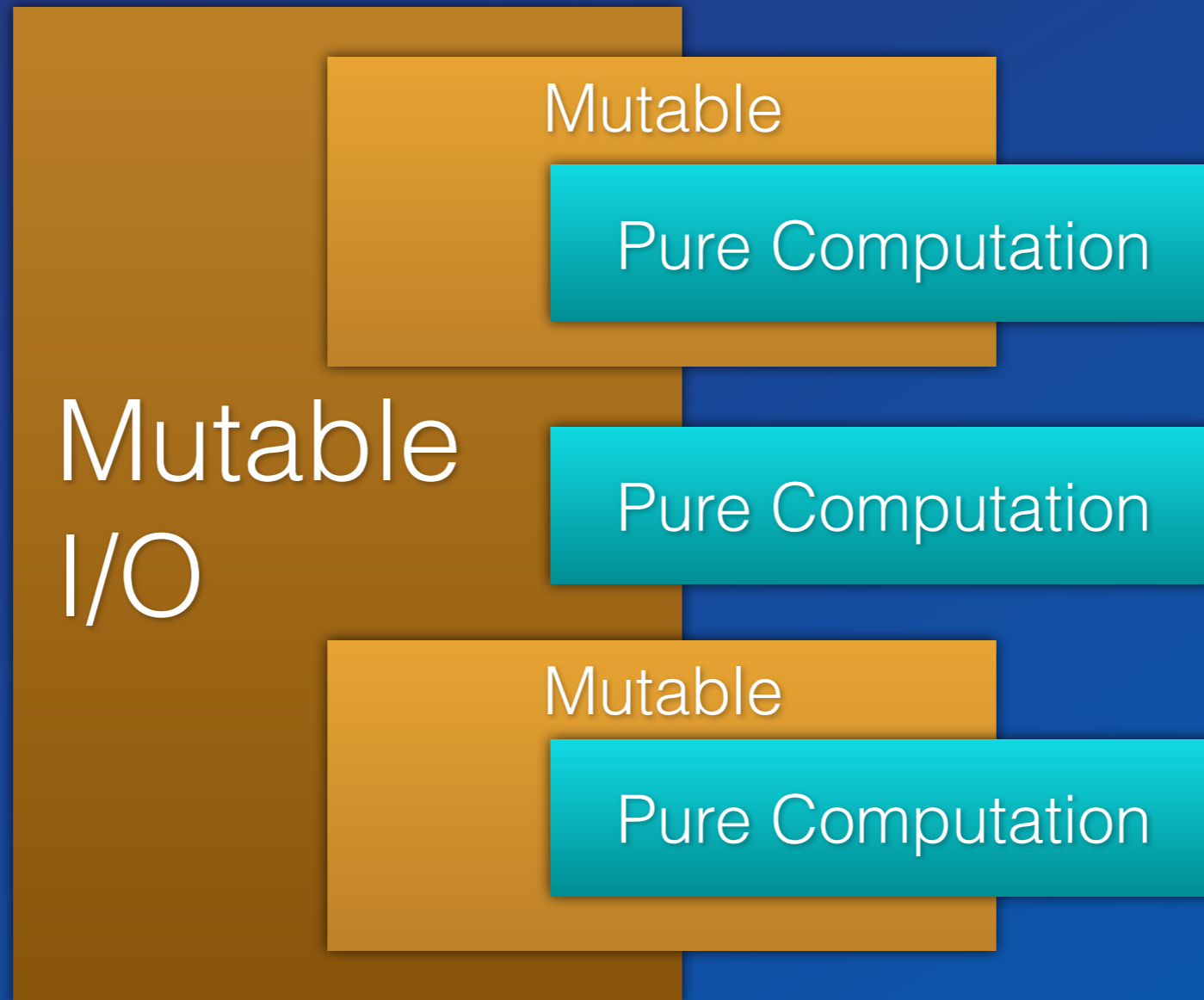
Frege

allows calling Java
but never unprotected!

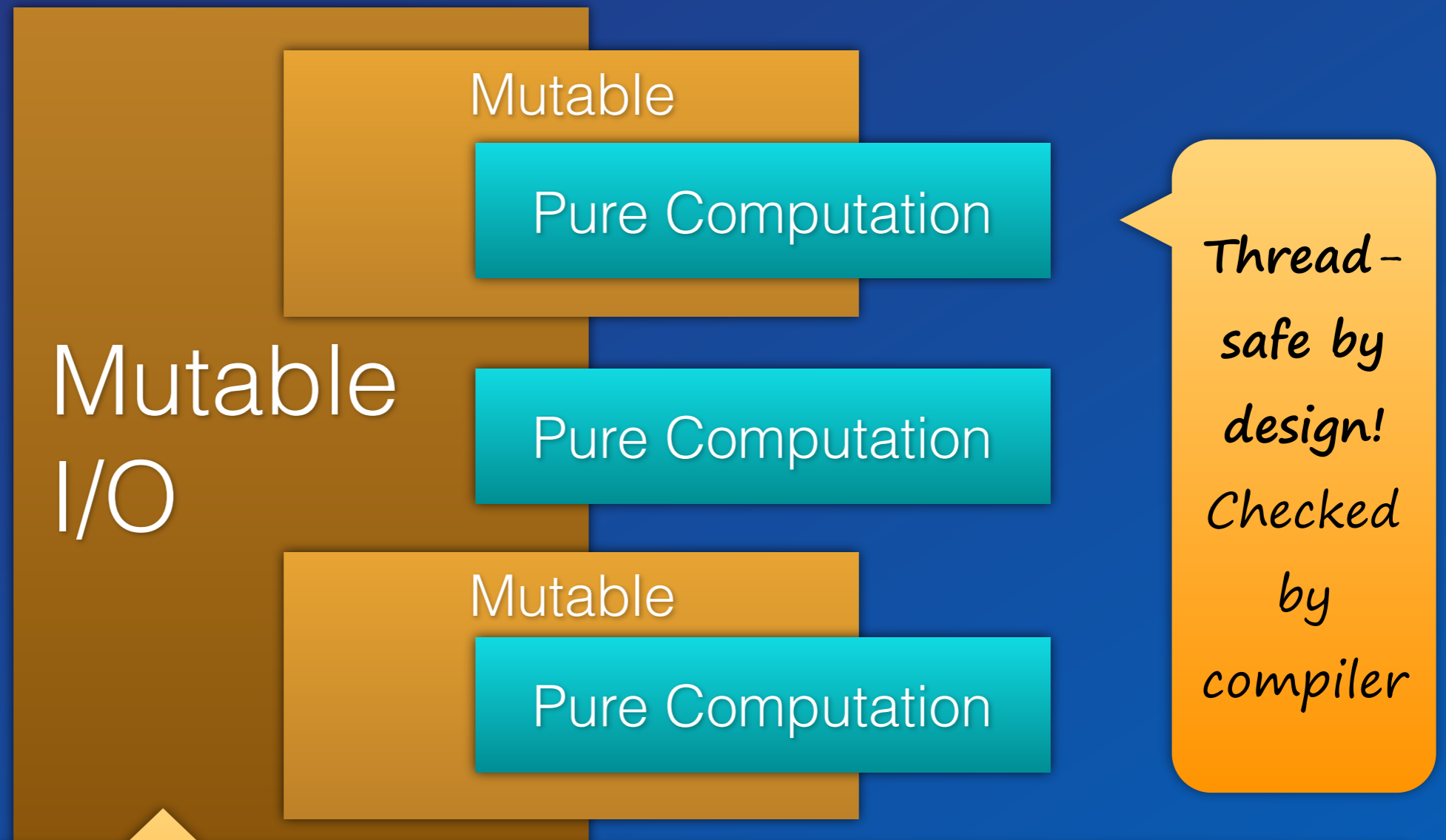
is **explicit** about effects
just like Haskell

*Prerequisite to safe concurrency and
deterministic parallelism!*

Keep the mess out!



Keep the mess out!



Ok, these are Monads. Be brave. Think of them as contexts that the type system propagates and makes un-escapable.

Type System

Global type inference

More **safety** and **less work**
for the programmer

*You don't need to specify any types at all!
But sometimes you do for clarity.*

Pure Transactions

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```
10  
11 reset :: Counter -> STM ()  
12 reset counter = counter.write 0  
13  
14 tick :: Counter -> STM ()  
15 tick counter = do  
16     value <- counter.read  
17     counter.write (value + 1)  
18  
19 maxTick :: Counter -> Int -> STM ()  
20 maxTick counter max = do  
21     tick counter  
22     value <- counter.read  
23     check (value <= max)
```
- Outline (Right):** Shows a hierarchical view of the code, including 'SillyClock', 'STM: STM', 'Concurrent: frege.', 'Type Aliases' (with 'Counter = TVar Int'), and 'Functions and Values' (listing 'newCounter :: STM', 'reset :: Counter ->', 'tick :: Counter -> S', 'maxTick :: Counter', 'onOverflow :: Cour', 'report :: Counter -', and 'main :: [String] -> I').
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```
10  
11 reset :: Counter -> STM ()  
12 reset counter = counter.write 0  
13  
14 tick :: Counter -> STM ()  
15 tick counter = do  
16     value <- counter.read  
17     println "Hey, I am a side effect"  
18     counter.write (value + 1)  
19  
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21 maxTick counter max = do  
22     tick counter  
23     value <- counter.read
```

Lines 16, 17, and 18 are marked with red 'x' icons, indicating type inference errors. The line containing the `println` statement is highlighted in blue.
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Fizzbuzz

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?FizzBuzzTest>

[https://dierk.gitbooks.io/fregegoodness/
chapter 8 „FizzBuzz“](https://dierk.gitbooks.io/fregegoodness/)

Fizzbuzz Imperative

```
public class FizzBuzz{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        for(int i= 1; i <= 100; i++){
            if(i % 15 == 0{
                System.out.println(„FizzBuzz");
            }else if(i % 3 == 0){
                System.out.println("Fizz");
            }else if(i % 5 == 0){
                System.out.println("Buzz");
            }else{
                System.out.println(i);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Fizzbuzz Logical

```
fizzes      = cycle ["", "", "fizz"]
buzzes      = cycle ["", "", "", "", "buzz"]
pattern     = zipWith (++) fizzes buzzes
numbers     = map     show [1..]
fizzbuzz    = zipWith max pattern numbers

main _      = for (take 100 fizzbuzz) println
```


Fizzbuzz Comparison

	Imperative	Logical
Conditionals	4	0
Operators	7	1
Nesting level	3	0
Sequencing	sensitive	transparent
Maintainability	- - -	+
Incremental development	-	+++

Unique in Frege

Global type inference (*requires purity*)

Purity by default

effects are **explicit** in the type system

Type-safe concurrency & parallelism

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Guarantees extend into Java calls

Why Frege

Robustness under parallel execution

Robustness under composition

Robustness under increments

Robustness under refactoring

Enables local and equational reasoning

Best way to learn FP

Why FP matters

Enabling incremental development

www.canoo.com/blog/fp1

Brush up computational fundamentals

*„An investment in knowledge
always pays the best interest.“*

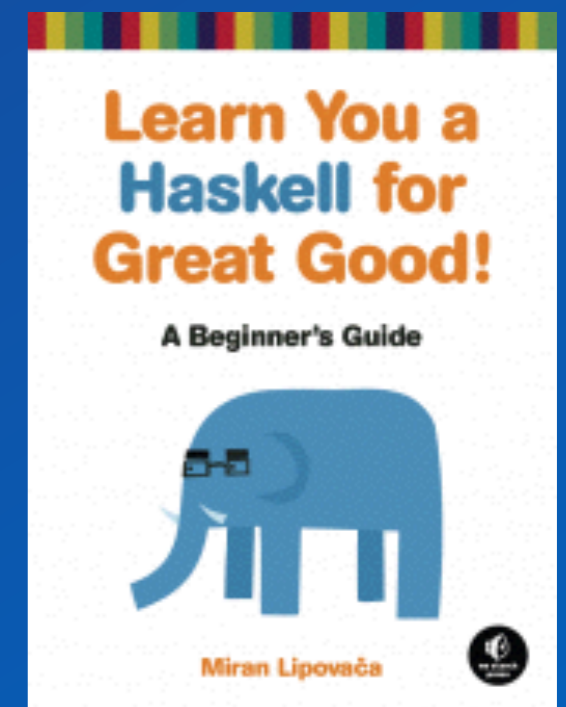
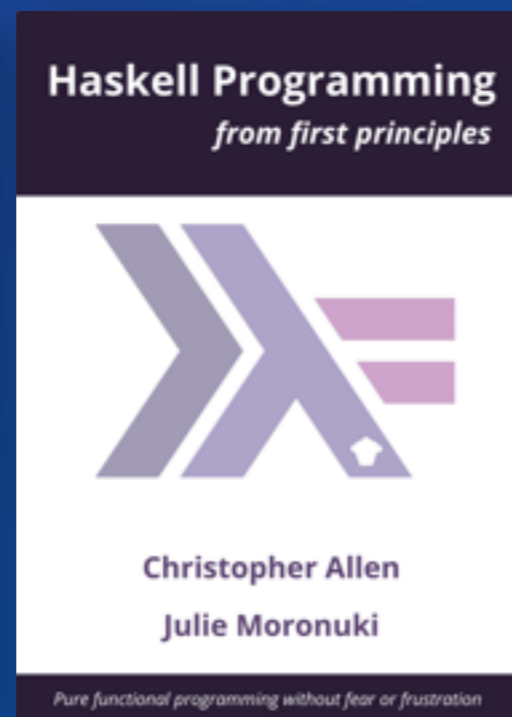
—Benjamin Franklin

Why Frege

it is just a pleasure to work with

How?

<http://www.frege-lang.org>
@fregelang
stackoverflow „frege“ tag
edX FP101 MOOC



Please give feedback!

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FGA

Language level is Haskell Report 2010.

Yes, performance is roughly ~ Java.

Yes, the compiler is reasonably fast.

Yes, we have an Eclipse Plugin.

Yes, Maven/Gradle/etc. integration.

Yes, we have HAMT (aka HashMap).

Yes, we have QuickCheck (+shrinking)

Yes, STM is almost finished.

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