

The Elements of a Functional Mindset



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human?







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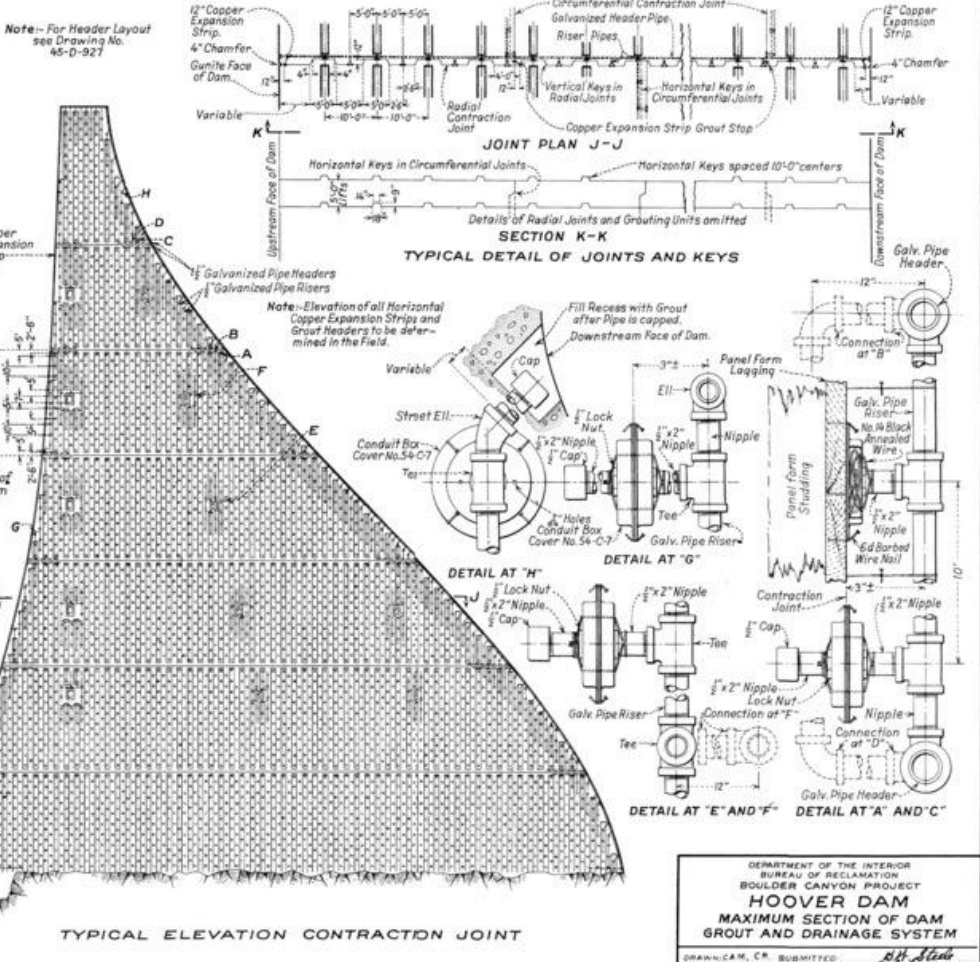
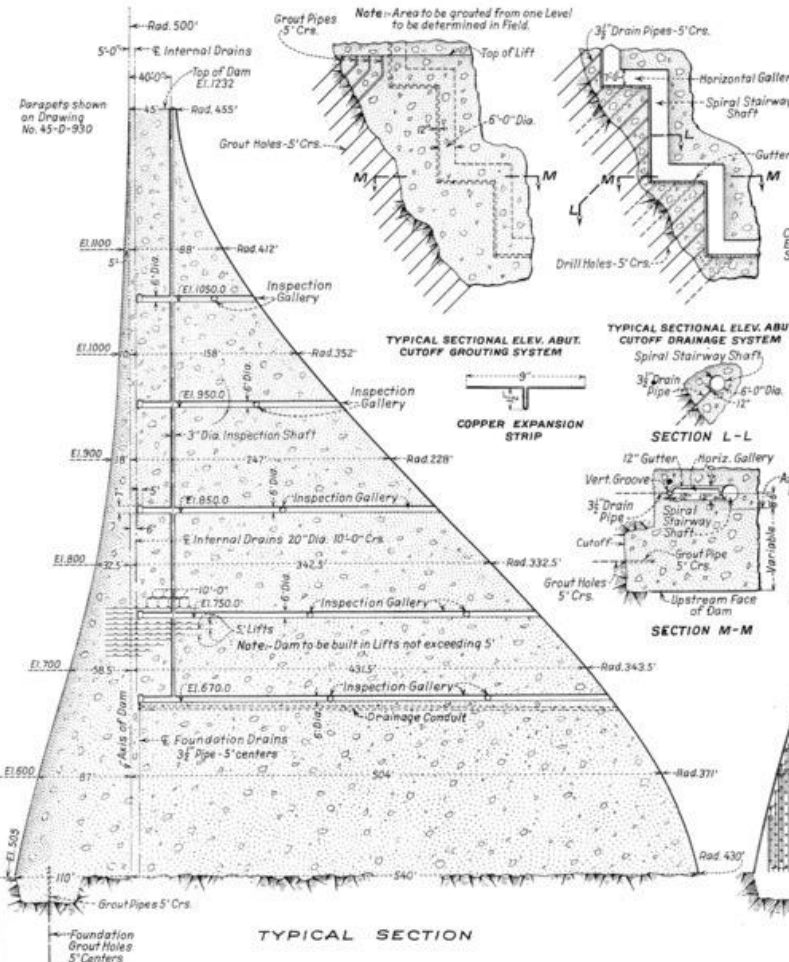
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Edsger Dijkstra

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Current average: $754/100 = 7.54$; $801/101 = 7.93$

Read average: $801/100 = 8.01$

Problem:
"In-between" state.

Solution:
Make mutation atomic.

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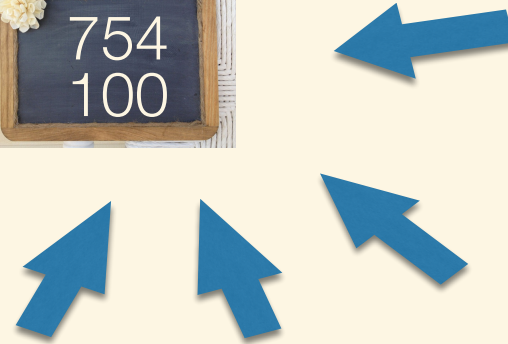


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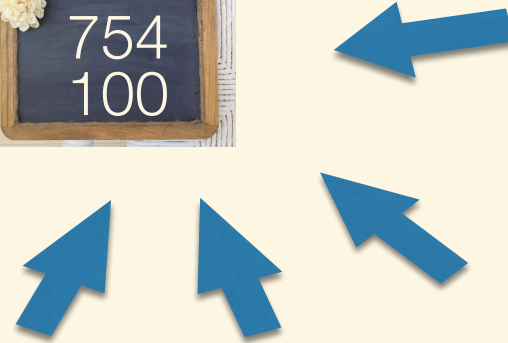
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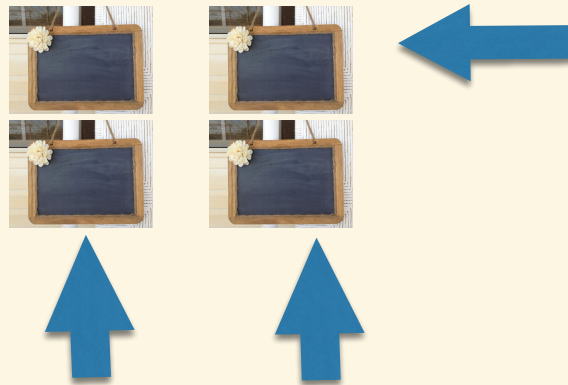
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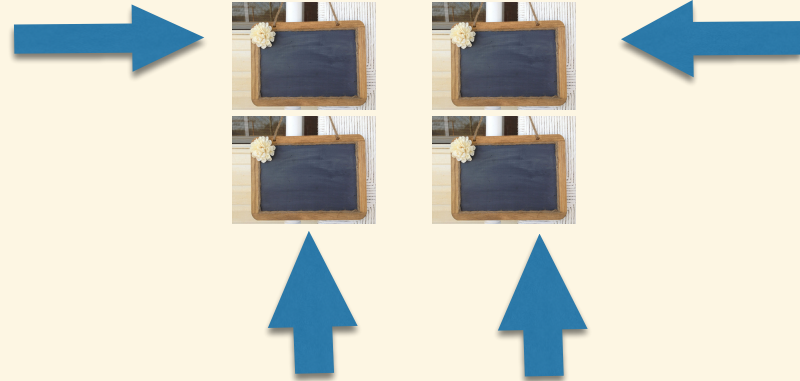


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state:

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global -> local



more meaningful
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Problem:

Our function depends on
internal structure of data.

Solution:

Abstract the structure using a
fn argument.

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  (let [average (atom {:sum 0
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    [(fn [val]
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      (fn [] (swap! average assoc :finished true))
      (fn []
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(defn average [f vals]
  (let [[accum finish current] (average-accumulator f)]
    (future (accumulate accum finish vals))
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```
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(average :score (fetch-records 10))
(average :age (fetch-records 10))

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  (let [average (atom {:sum 0
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(defn average [f vals]
  (let [[accum finish current] (average-accumulator)]
    (future (accumulate (comp accum f) finish vals))
    current))
```

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    (accum val))
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```
(average :score (fetch-records 10))
```

```
(average :age (fetch-records 10))
```

```
(defn sum-accumulator []
  (let [average (atom {:sum 0
                       :finished false})]
    [(fn [val]
       (swap! average
              (fn [{:keys [sum]}]
                {:sum (+ sum val)
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      (fn [] (swap! average assoc :finished true))
      (fn []
         (let [{:keys [sum finished]}
               @average]
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```

```
(sum :score (fetch-records 12))
```

```
(defn sum [f vals]
  (let [[accum finish current] (sum-accumulator)]
    (future (accumulate (comp accum f) finish vals))
    current))
```


dependencies:

concrete structure -> abstraction

disparate structure -> consolidated



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