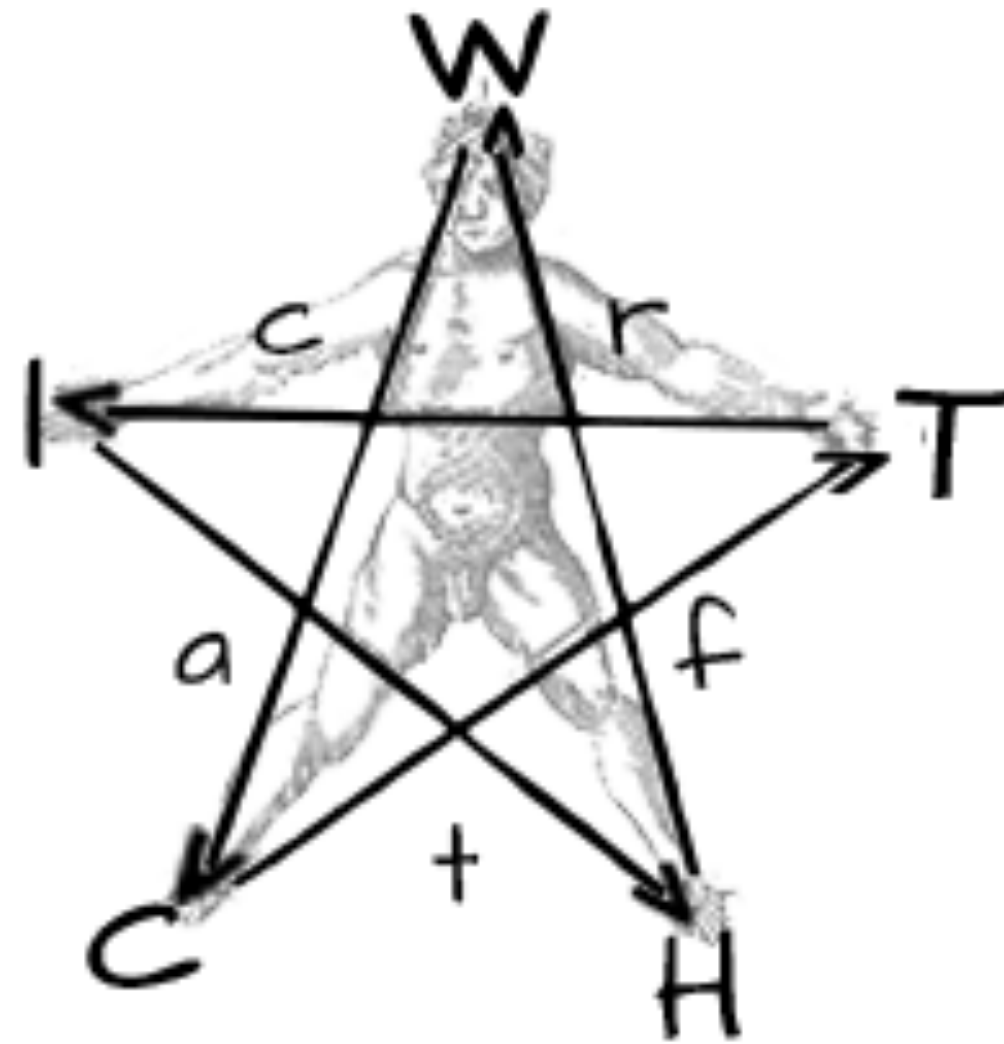


Witchcraft



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EXPERIMENTS WRITING HIGHER-ORDER ABSTRACTIONS IN ELIXIR
OR: PUTTING THE “FUN” BACK IN “FUNCTOR”

FP is a set of principles and practice, rather than one monolithic thing.
We should embrace different ways of achieving these aims.

Different results of FP principles

- ✱ Elixir

- ✱ Can feel (somewhat) imperative
 - ✱ Lots of operational logic
- ✱ Thinks primarily in directional data “flow” (horizontal)

- ✱ Haskell

- ✱ Largely declarative
- ✱ Often think in abstractions (vertical)

Different results of FP principles

- * Crossover
 - * Haskell has **pipes**
 - * Elixir has **Enum**
- * I still want to try getting more “Haskell in Elixir” _(ツ)_/

Adding a Vertical Dimension to Elixir



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Witchcraft

1. **Witchcraft** (also called witchery or spellcraft) broadly means the practice of, and belief in, **magical skills and abilities** that are able to be exercised individually, by designated social groups, or by **persons with the necessary esoteric secret knowledge**
2. A category-inspired **library for Elixir**

Witchcraft

- * **Monoid, Functor(s), Monad, Arrow, and Category** for Elixir
- * Follows the Haskell **Prelude** and **Control** modules pretty closely
- * A lot of these rely on combinators and currying

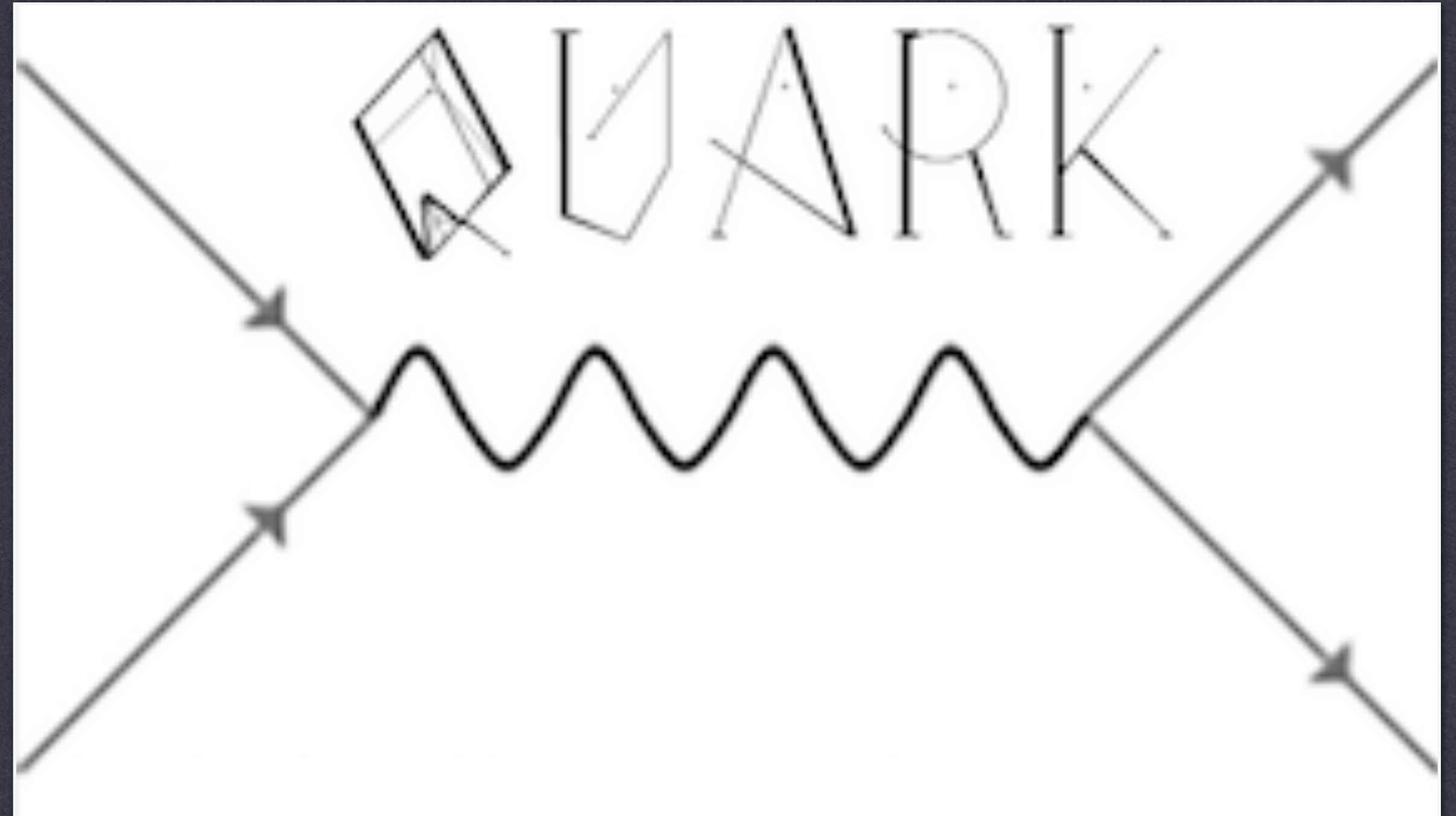


Want partial application in Elixir

- * Elixir is an arity-based language
 - * (Automatic) partial application isn't a thing 😱
 - * Curryng isn't a thing
 - * **foo(a)** is a different function from **foo(a, b)**
- * Bootstrap time!
 - * *Massive detour...*



MASSIVE DETOUR



Quark

- * Combinators for Elixir (**id**, **flip**, **const**, **fix**, **SKI**, &c)
- * How does Elixir now have these in the standard lib?!
- * Currying and (completely faked) partial application

Runtime Currying in Elixir

```
@spec curry((... -> any)) :: (any -> any)
def curry(fun) do
  {_, arity} = :erlang.fun_info(fun, :arity)
  curry(fun, arity, [])
end

@spec curry((... -> any), integer, [any]) :: (any -> any)
defp curry(fun, 0, arguments), do: apply(fun, Enum.reverse(arguments))
defp curry(fun, arity, arguments) do
  import Quark.Sequence, only: [pred: 1]
  fn arg -> curry(fun, pred(arity), [arg | arguments]) end
end
```


Runtime Currying in Elixir

```
# Regular
div(10, 2)
# => 5

# Curried
div.(10).(5)
# => 2

# Partially applied
div_ten = div.(10)
div_ten.(2)
# => 5
```


Compile-Time Currying in Elixir

```
defmacro defcurryp(head, do: body) do
  {fun_name, ctx, args} = head

  quote do
    defp unquote({fun_name, ctx, []}), do: unquote(wrap(args, body))
  end
end

defp wrap([arg|args], body) do
  quote do
    fn unquote(arg) ->
      unquote(wrap(args, body))
    end
  end
end

defp wrap(_, body), do: body
```


defpartial

- * Destroys the Elixir arity system 😅
- * Still really nice to use *internally*
- * Will get folded back in to **defcurry** eventually
 - * Need to be able to specify **only** and **except**

BACK TO



WITCHCRAFT

Back to Witchcraft

- * Functors, monads, arrows, categories for Elixir
- * Follows the Haskell **Prelude** and **Control** modules pretty closely
- * A lot of these rely on combinators and currying

Just Protocols & Functions

```
defimpl Witchcraft.Functor, for: List do
  @doc ~S"""

  ```elixir

 iex> lift([1,2,3], &(&1 + 1))
 [2,3,4]

 ...

 """

 def lift(data, func), do: Enum.map(data, func)
end
```



# Operators

```
@doc ~S"""
Alias for `lift` and `<~`, but with data flowing to the right.

```elixir

iex> [1,2,3] ~> &(&1 * 10)
[10, 20, 30]

...

"""

@spec any ~> (any -> any) :: any
def args ~> func, do: func <~ args
```


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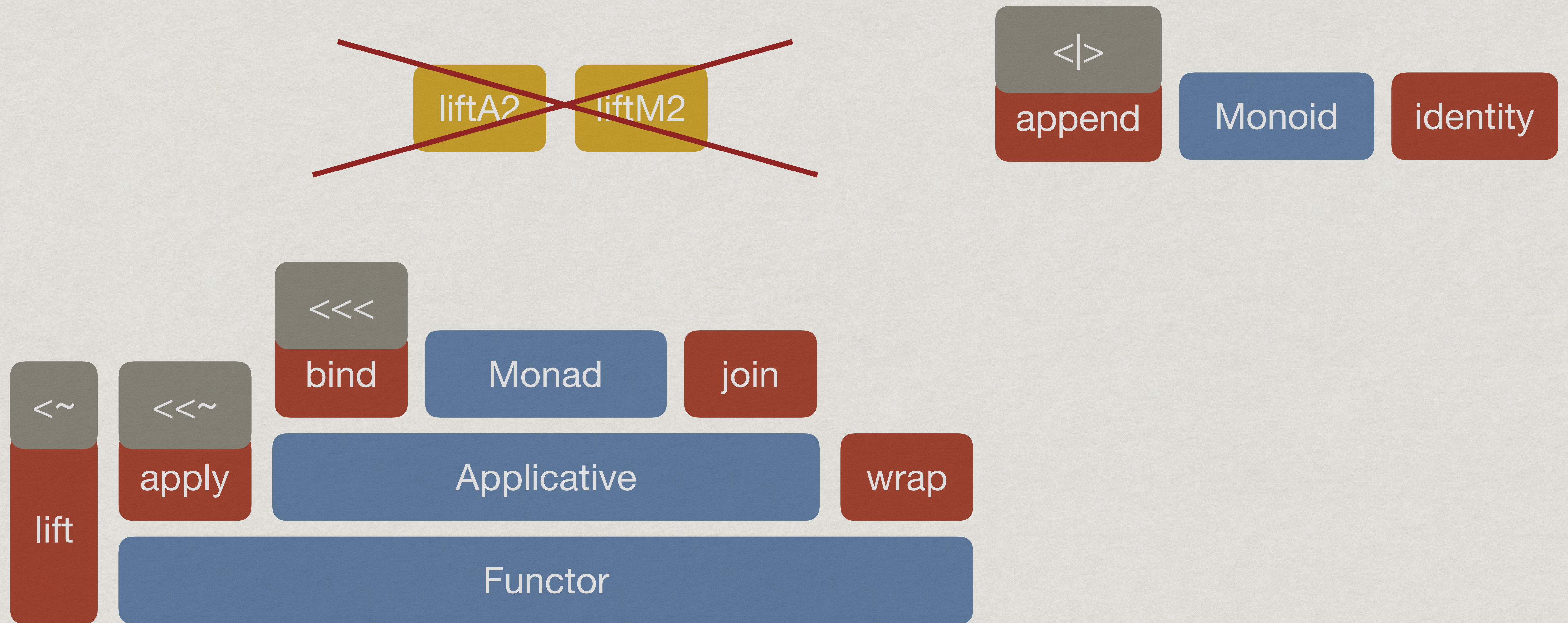


# The Operators are Backwards?!

- \* Philosophical difference in Elixir
  - \* Thinking horizontally (in “flow”) == data is the primary “subject”



# Witchcraft so far





# ADTs

- \* Want ADTs to get the most out of Witchcraft
- \* Elixir doesn't have ADTs...



**BUT ELIXIR HAS STRUCTS**



# Algae

Bootstrapped  
algebraic data types  
for Elixir





```
defimpl Witchcraft.Applicative, for: Witchcraft.Id do
 import Quark.Curry, only: [curry: 1]
 alias Witchcraft.Id, as: Id
```

```
@doc ~S"""
```

```
```elixir
```

```
iex> %Witchcraft.Id{} |> wrap(9)
%Witchcraft.Id{id: 9}
```

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"""
```

```
def wrap(_, bare), do: %Witchcraft.Id{id: bare}
```

```
@doc ~S"""
```

```
```elixir
```

```
iex> import Kernel, except: [apply: 2]
iex> apply(%Witchcraft.Id{id: 42}, %Witchcraft.Id{id: &(&1 + 1)})
%Witchcraft.Id{id: 43}
```

```
iex> import Kernel, except: [apply: 2]
iex> import Witchcraft.Functor, only: [lift: 2]
iex> alias Witchcraft.Id, as: Id
iex> apply(%Id{id: 9}, lift(%Id{id: 2}, &(fn x -> x + &1 end)))
%Witchcraft.Id{id: 11}
```

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"""
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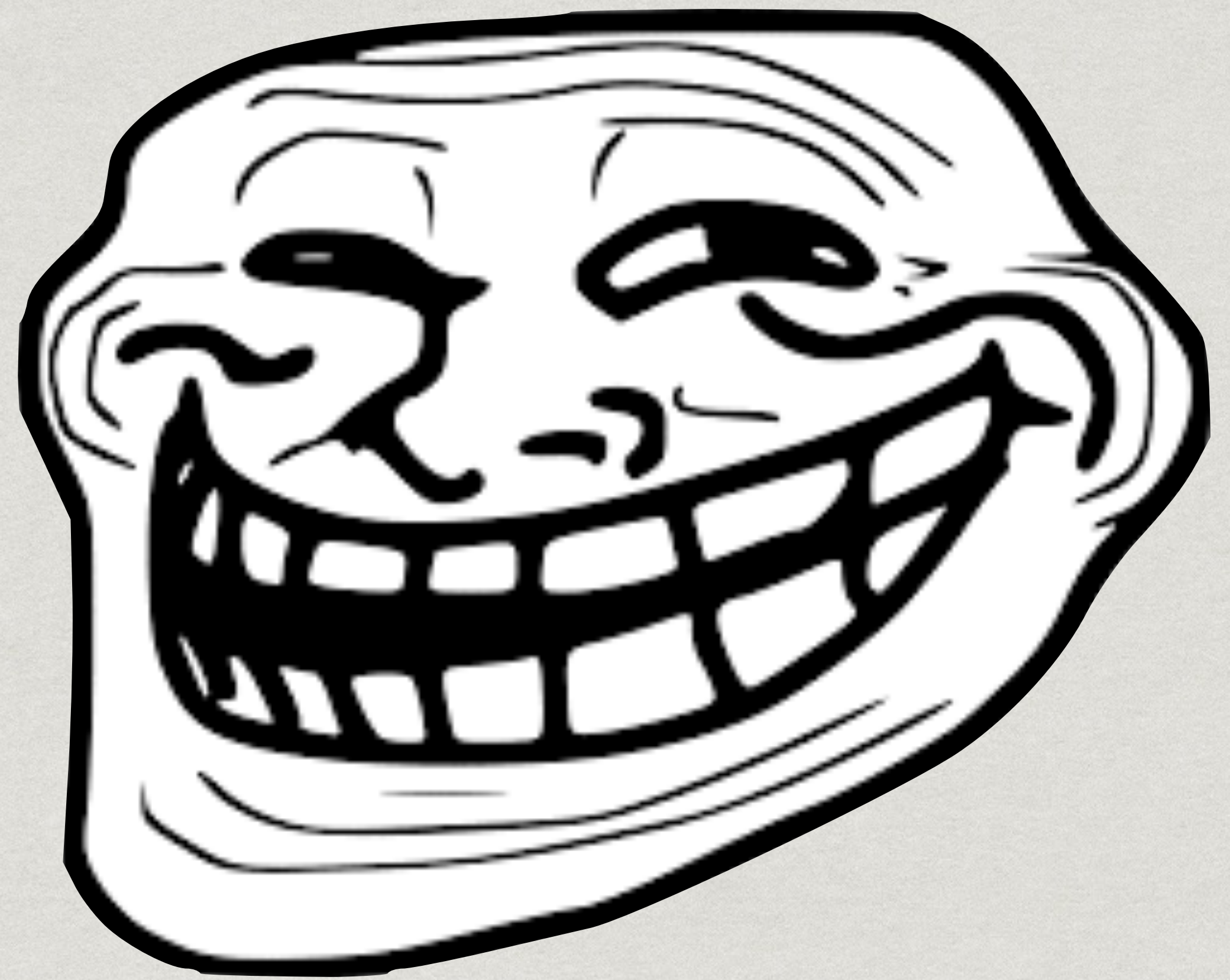
```
def apply(%Id{id: value}, %Id{id: fun}), do: %Id{id: curry(fun).(value)}
```

end



# Algae

- \* Internals are the topic of another talk





**Q&A**



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