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Future
Artificial
Intelligence
Research



1983



1990



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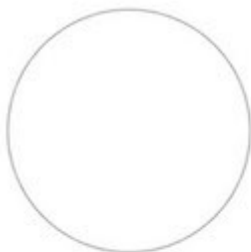
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Imagine a circle that contains all of human knowledge:



By the time you finish elementary school, you know a little:



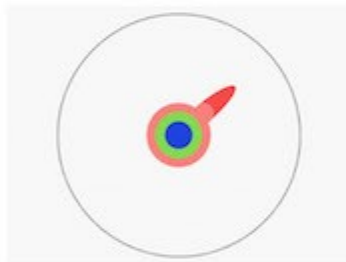
By the time you finish high school, you know a bit more:



With a bachelor's degree, you gain a specialty:



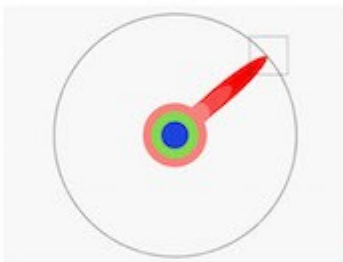
A master's degree deepens that specialty:



Reading research papers takes you to the edge of human knowledge:



Once you're at the boundary, you focus:



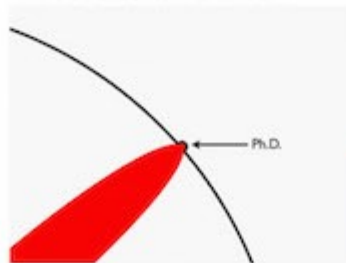
You push at the boundary for a few years:



Until one day, the boundary gives way:



And, that dent you've made is called a Ph.D.:



Of course, the world looks different to you now:



So, don't forget the bigger picture:



Keep pushing.

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APPROVED

I learned **HOW** to code in 2019
(if I ever learned)

In the classroom I **teach secure coding**,
concealing my true identity



In my office I code in my beloved language,
insecure but fearless



I live two parallel realities



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Am I crazy? Or...

LIES



LOADING...

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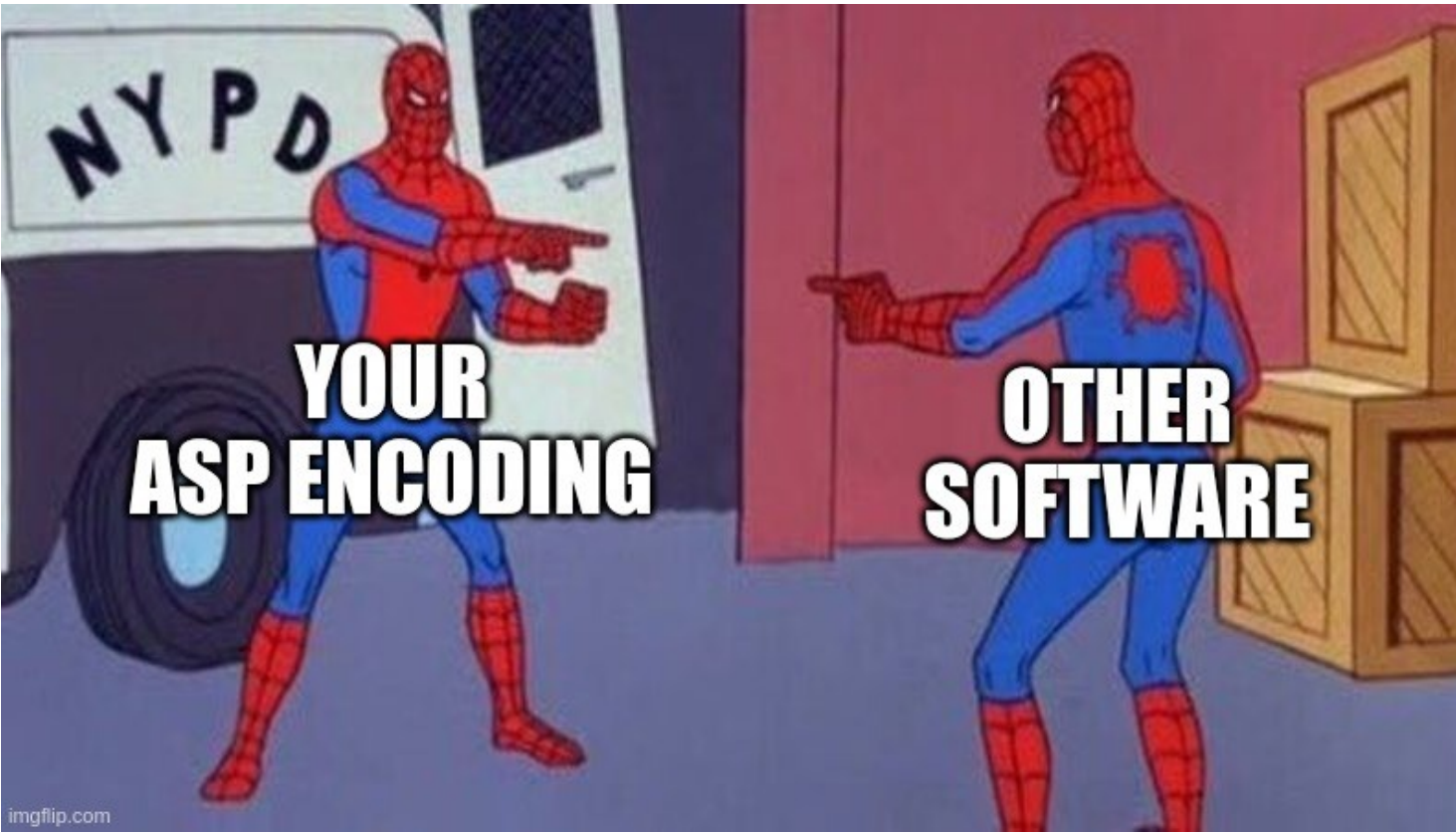
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Is the encoding used somewhere else?

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**Understandable but
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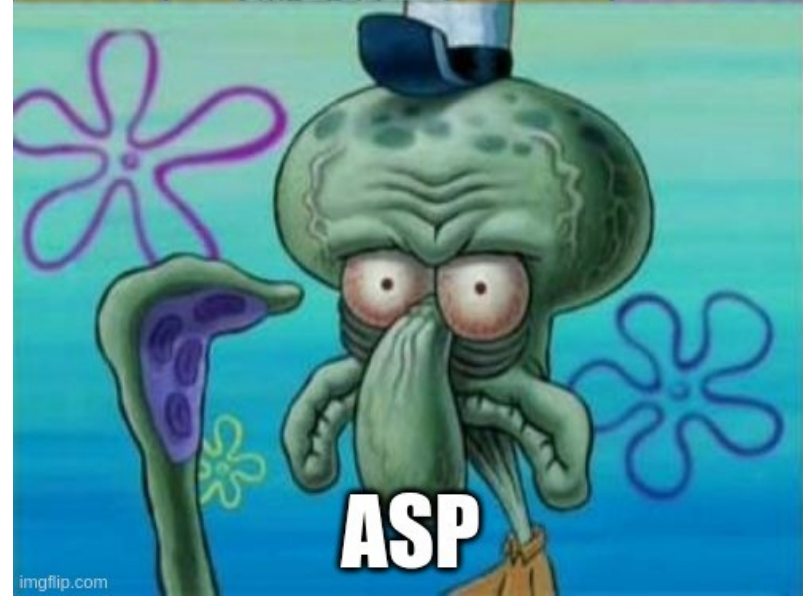
A still from the Marvel movie "Thor: Ragnarok" featuring the character Loki. He is smiling and looking towards the camera.

I've never met this man
in my life.

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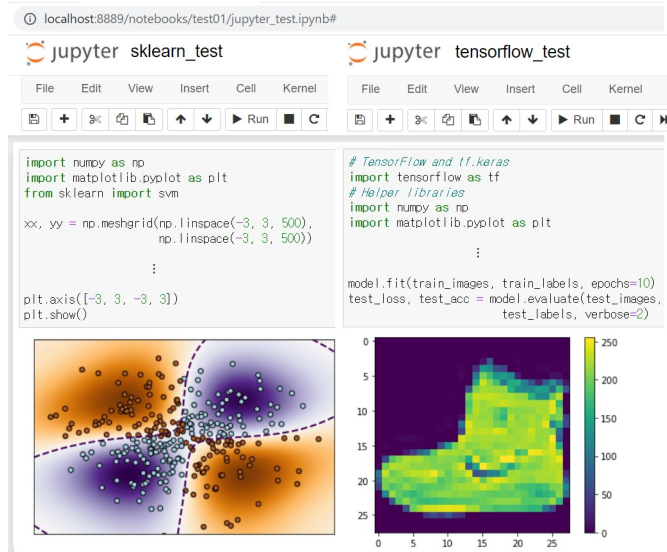
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DATA SCIENCE

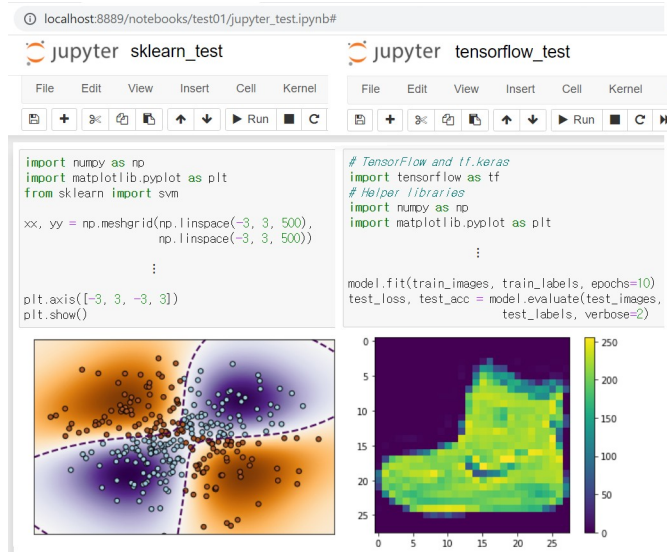


ASP

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This is how
we are seen

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$ clingo sudoku.asp
clingo version 5.4.0
Reading from sudoku.asp
Solving...
Answer: 1
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SATISFIABLE

Models      : 1+
Calls       : 1
Time        : 0.012s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time    : 0.012s
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New project scaffolding

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$ vi sudoku.asp
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and that's it!



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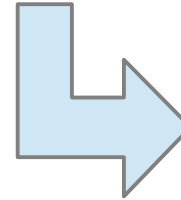
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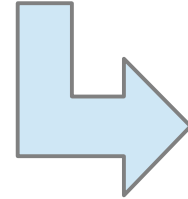
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Why should it be different now?

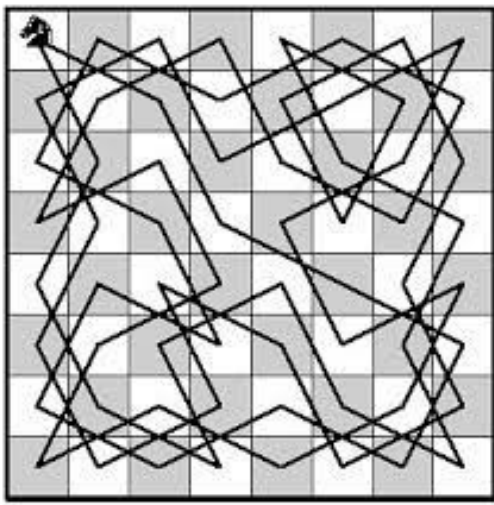


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Let's start with data validation





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https://www.mat.unical.it/asp

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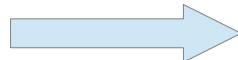
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https://www.mat.unical.it/aspcomp2011/files/KnightTour/knight_tour.enc.asp

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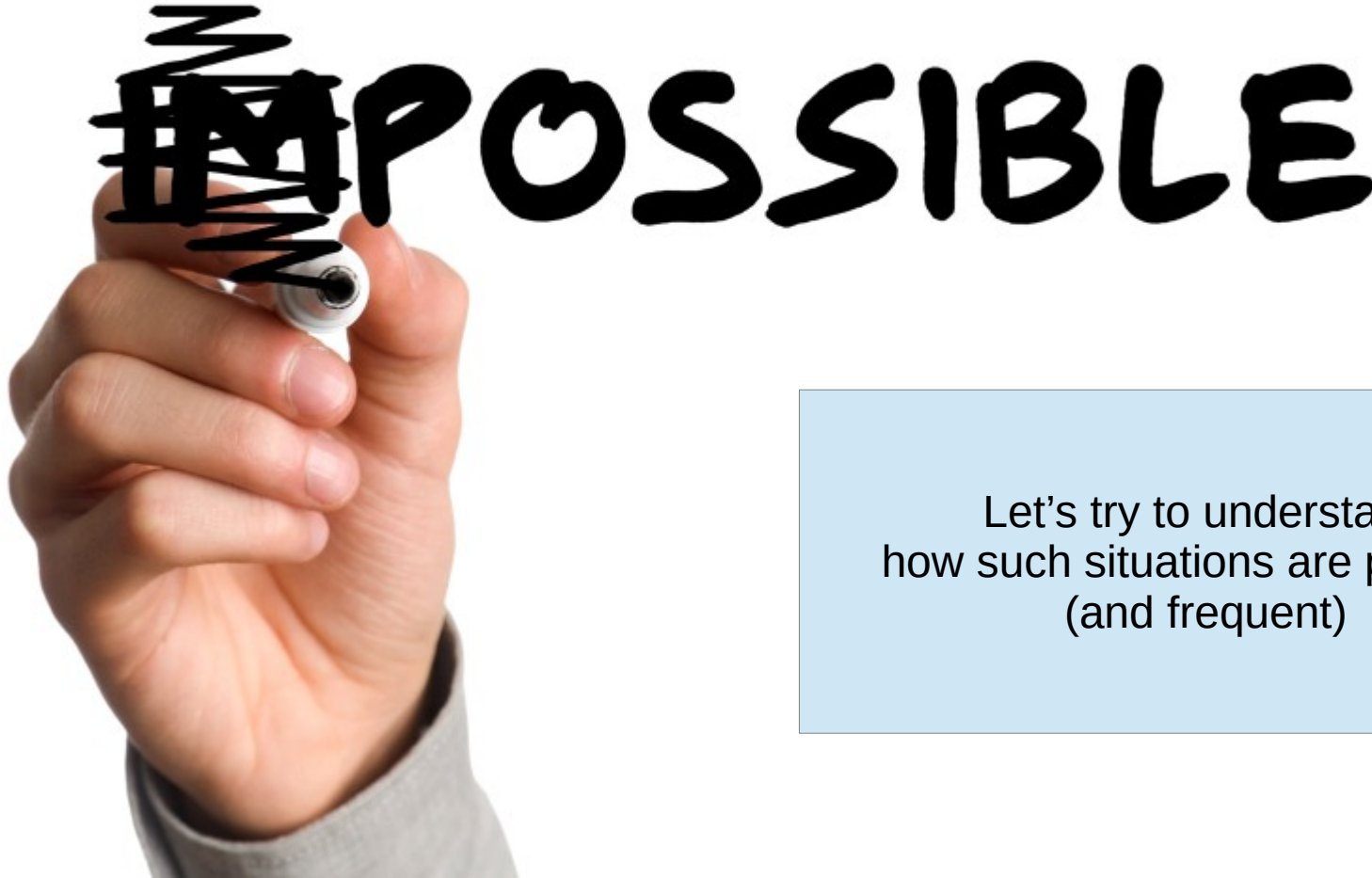
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size/1 and givenmove/4 had to be input predicates

So, making mistakes with declarative programming is



Let's try to understand
how such situations are possible
(and frequent)

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Dev knows that
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17 % Given moves must be done.
18 move(X1,Y1,X2,Y2) :- givenmove(X1,Y1,X2,Y2).
19
20 % Guess the other moves.
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24 % Compute the valid moves from each cell.
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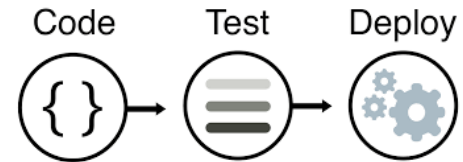
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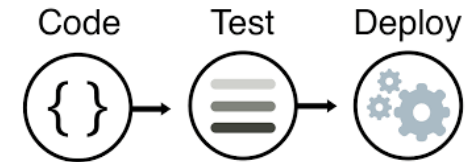
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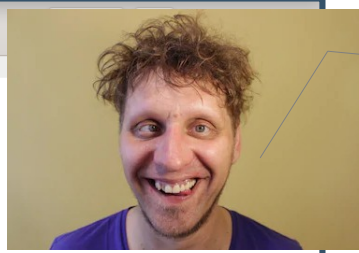


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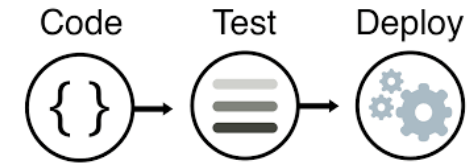
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Input and output “documentation”

```
1 % Knight Tour
2
3 % Input:
4 % - size(N), if the chessboard is NxN
5 % - givenmove(X1,Y1,X2,Y2), if the knight must move from X1,Y1 to X2,Y2.
6
7 % Output:
8 % - move(X1,Y1,X2,Y2), if the knight moves from X1,Y1 to X2,Y2.
9
```

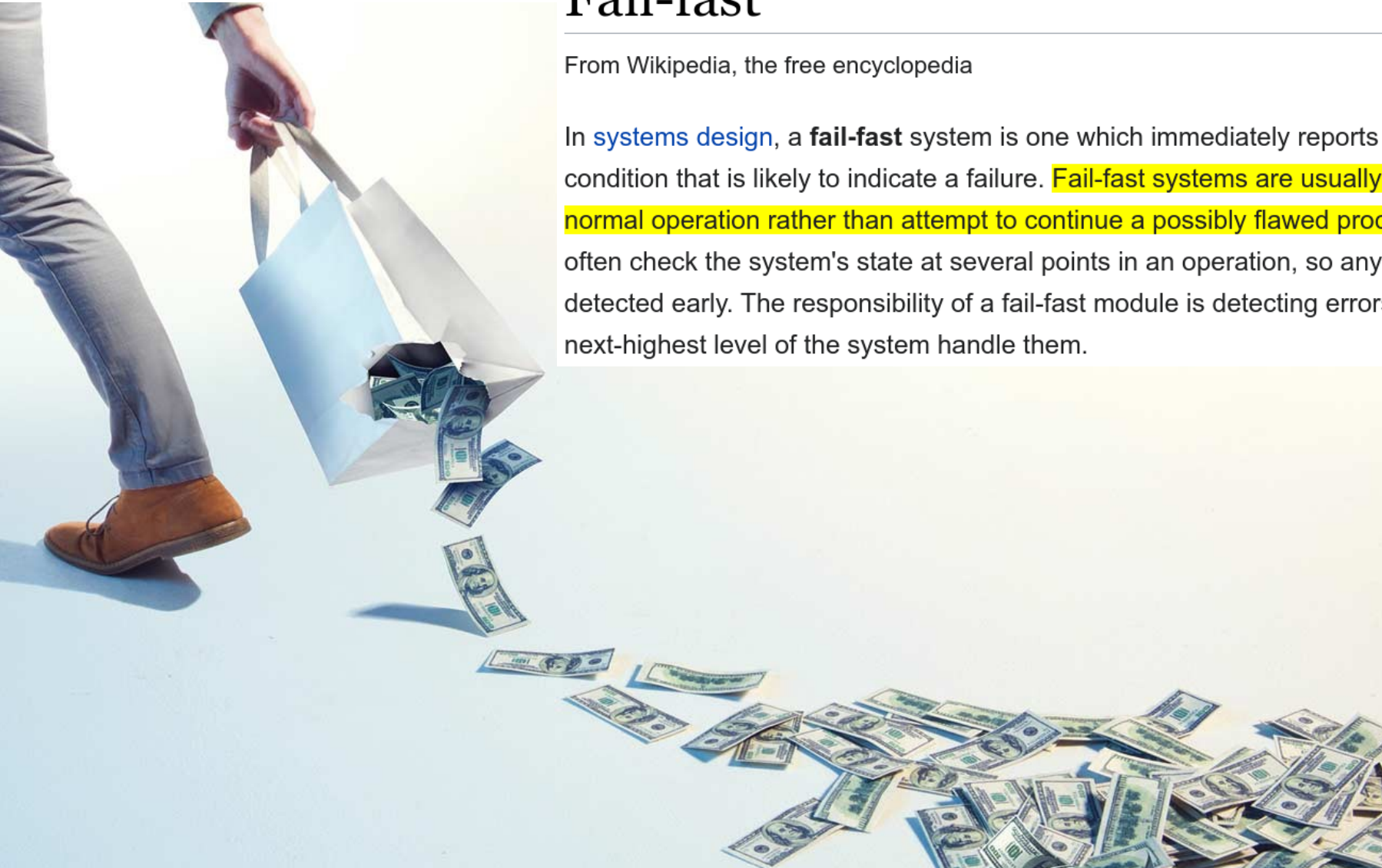
Much more than this that is not stated!

- We expect exactly one instance of size(N), with N positive
- Possibly, we may want to enforce $N \geq 6$ and even as an input requirement
- Upper bound for N? Do we expect the encoding to be used for $N = 1000$?
- In givenmove(X1,Y1,X2,Y2) those (X1,Y1) and (X2,Y2) are cells of a grid
- It's not stated, it's not checked! The encoding may work on wrong input data
- Similar for move/4

Fail-fast

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In [systems design](#), a **fail-fast** system is one which immediately reports at its interface any condition that is likely to indicate a failure. **Fail-fast systems are usually designed to stop normal operation rather than attempt to continue a possibly flawed process.** Such designs often check the system's state at several points in an operation, so any failures can be detected early. The responsibility of a fail-fast module is detecting errors, then letting the next-highest level of the system handle them.




```
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```

```
$ python -m valasp knight_tour.0.yaml knight_tour.enc-revised.asp knight_tour.instance.2.asp
VALIDATION FAILED
=====
Invalid instance of size:
    in constructor of size
    with error: Should be >= 6, but received 5 in atom/term 5
=====
```

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$ cat knight_tour.instance.3.asp
size(eight). givenmove(7,5,8,7). givenmove(1,7,3,6).
```

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    with error: expecting clingo.SymbolType.Number, but received eight in atom/term eight
=====
```

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size(8). givenmove(7,5,8,7). givenmove(1,7,3,6).
size(6).
```

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VALIDATION FAILED
=====
count of value in predicate size may exceed 1
=====
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```
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```

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$ python -m valasp knight_tour.0.yaml knight_tour.enc-revised.asp knight_tour.instance.0.asp
ALL VALID!
=====
Answer: size(8) number(8) number(7) number(6) number(5) number(4) number(3) number(2) number(1)
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How does it work

YAML converted to
valasp Python code

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class Size:
    value: Integer
    def __post_init__(self):
        if self.value < 6: raise ValueError(f"Should be >= 6, but received {self.value}")
        if self.value > 100: raise ValueError(f"Should be <= 100, but received {self.value}")
        self.__class__.count_of_value += 1
        if self.value % 2 != 0:
            raise ValueError('Size must be an even number')
        self.__class__.value = self.value

    @classmethod
    def before_grounding_init_count_value(cls): cls.count_of_value = 0
    @classmethod
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def valasp_validate_pred(value):
    Pred(value)
    return 1
```

Let's discuss reusability



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Ensure that a guessed tree encoded by node/1 and tree/2 is not a forest.

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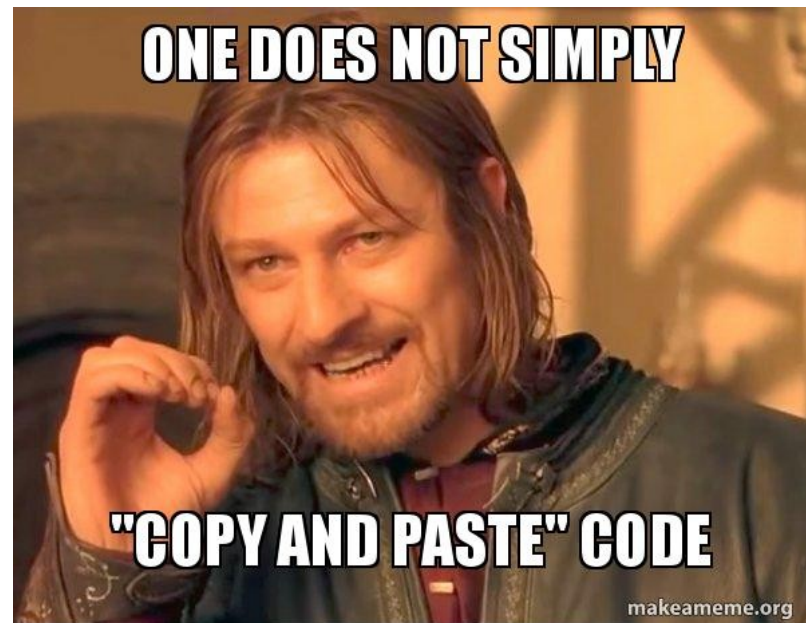
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**WHAT THE H*LL ARE YOU
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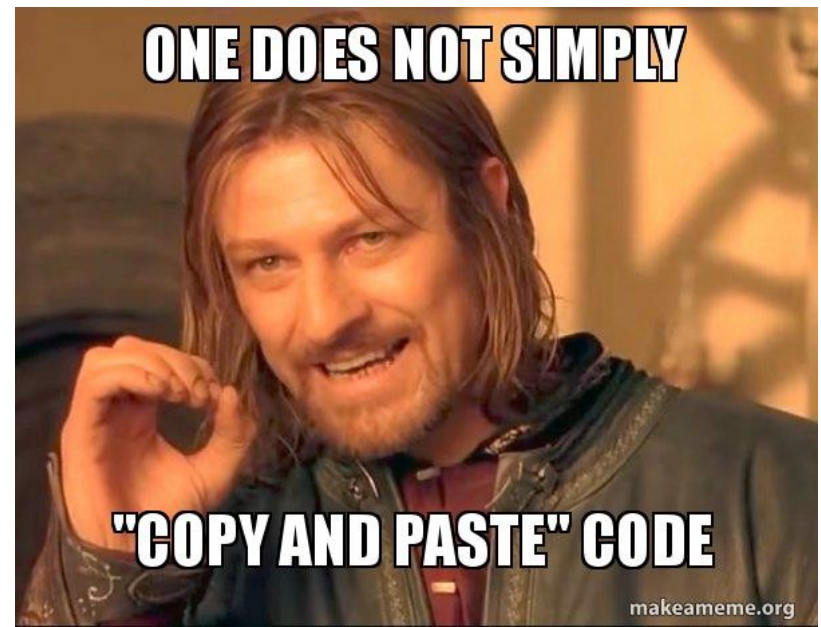
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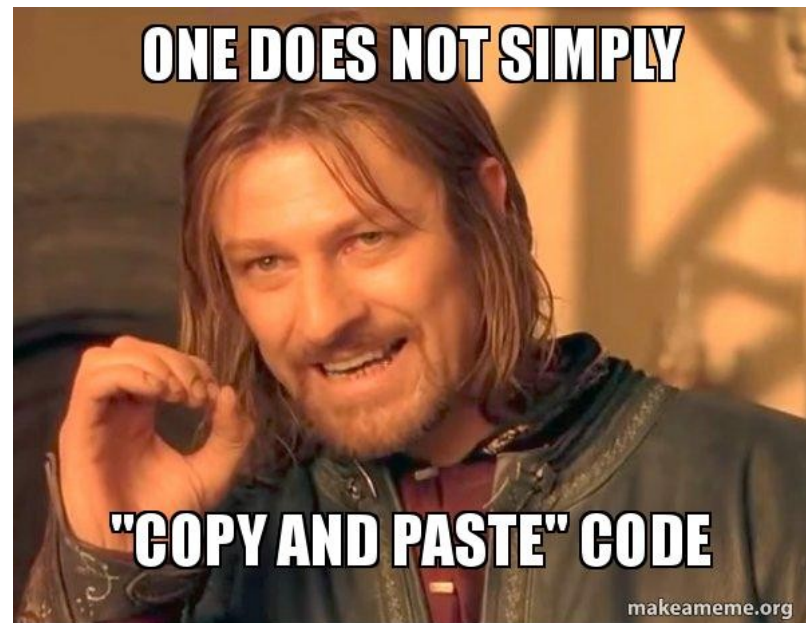


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Can you reuse your own code after some days?



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#include <stdint.h>

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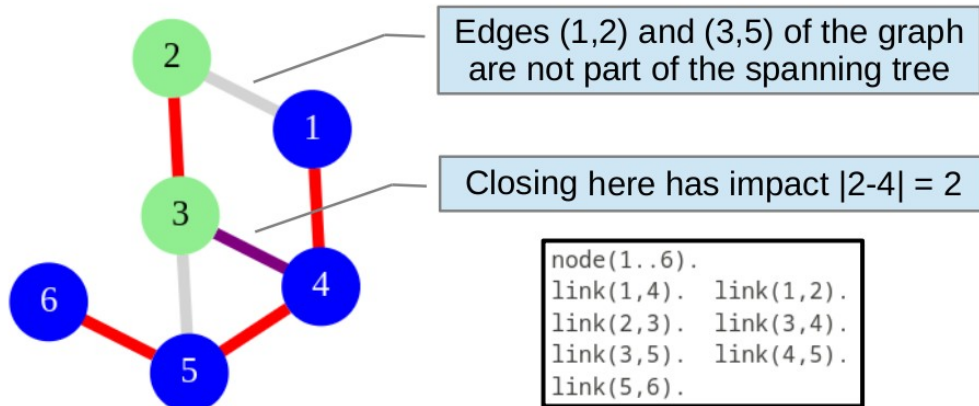
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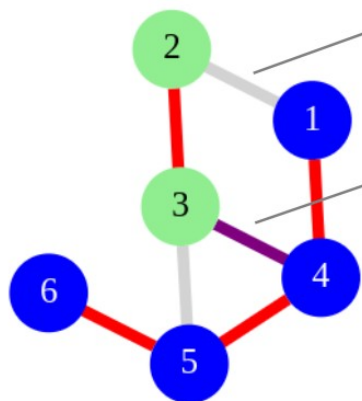
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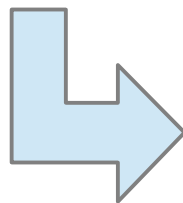
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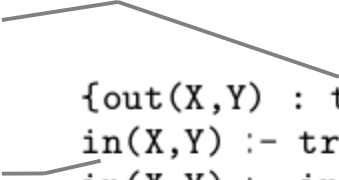
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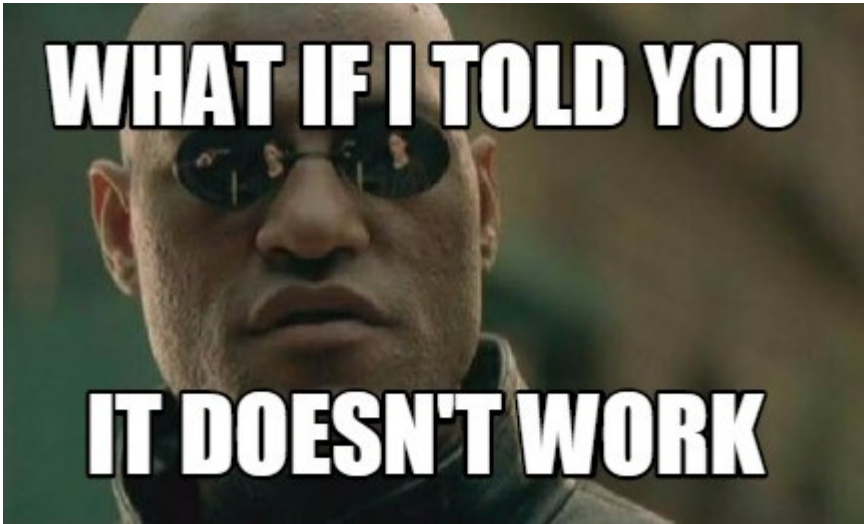
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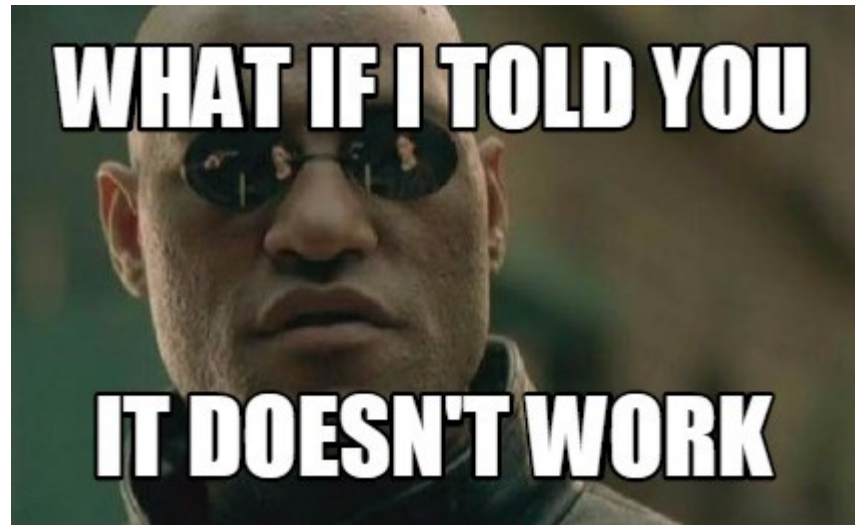
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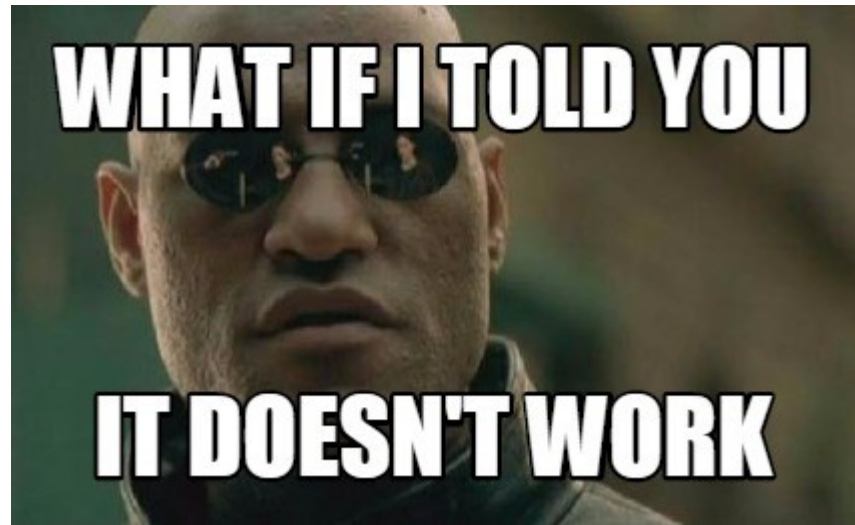
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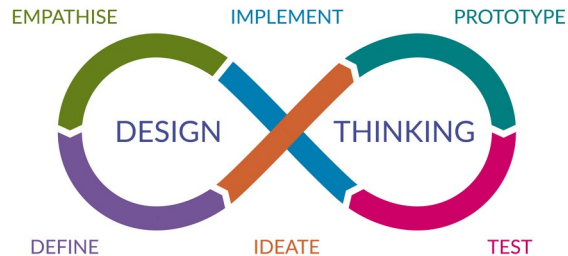
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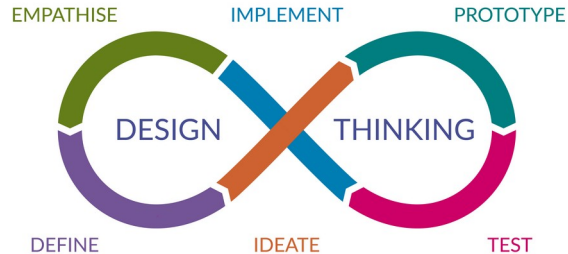


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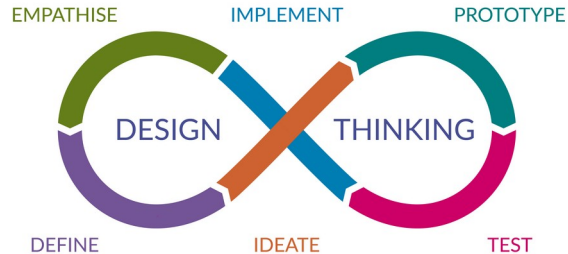
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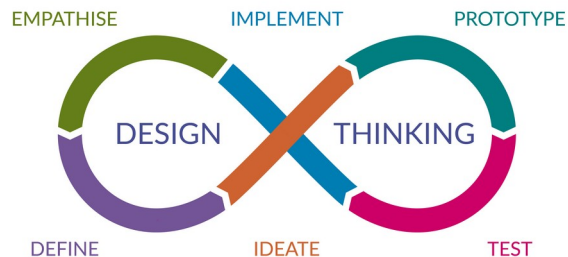
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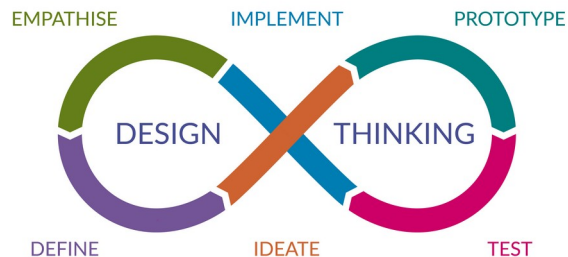
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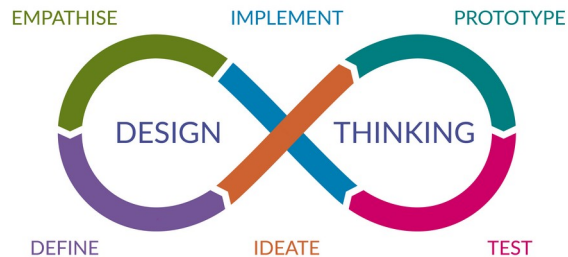


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__reach_b72a4bf4_..._03cf88a4_...(X) :- __start_b72a4bf4_..._03cf88a4_...(X).
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Step 3. Work on templates:
instantiated by predicate renaming;
locality by UUID



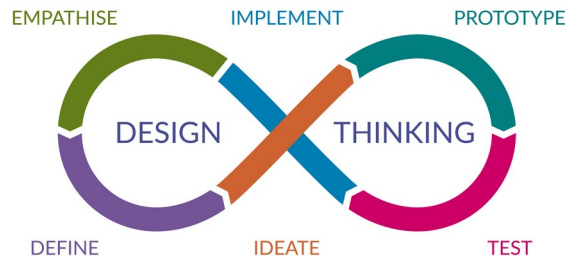
Step 4. Transpile the code,
and send it to Bravo

Fix it (with a TTD*)

*TTD Time Travel Device

No idea what Bravo will use, but they will not use this name! (an invariant)

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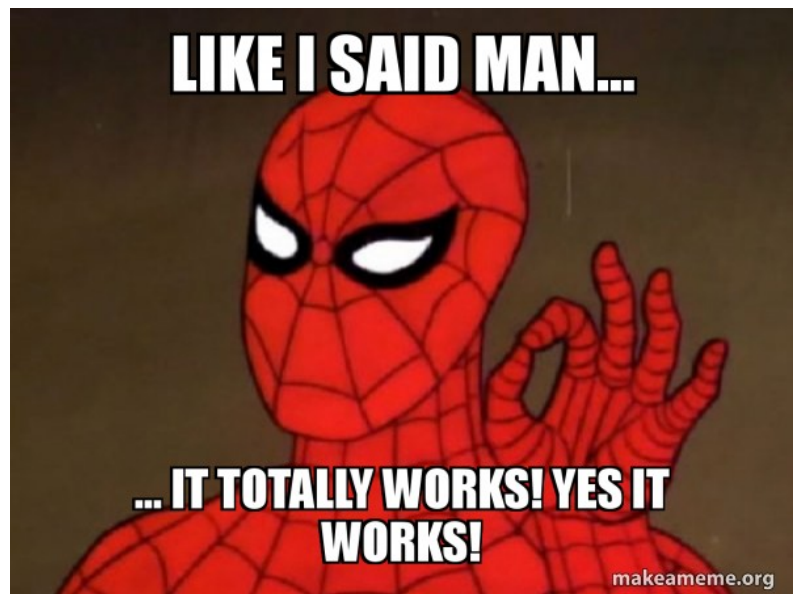
```

```

{out(X,Y) : tree(X,Y)} = 1.
in(X,Y) :- tree(X,Y), not out(X,Y).
in(X,Y) :- in(Y,X).
reach(X) :- X = #min {Y : node(Y)}.
reach(Y) :- reach(X), in(X,Y).
impact(X,Y,|C|) :- out(X,Y), C = #sum{1,Z :
    reach(Z); -1,Z : node(Z), not reach(Z)}.

```

Doesn't
clash!



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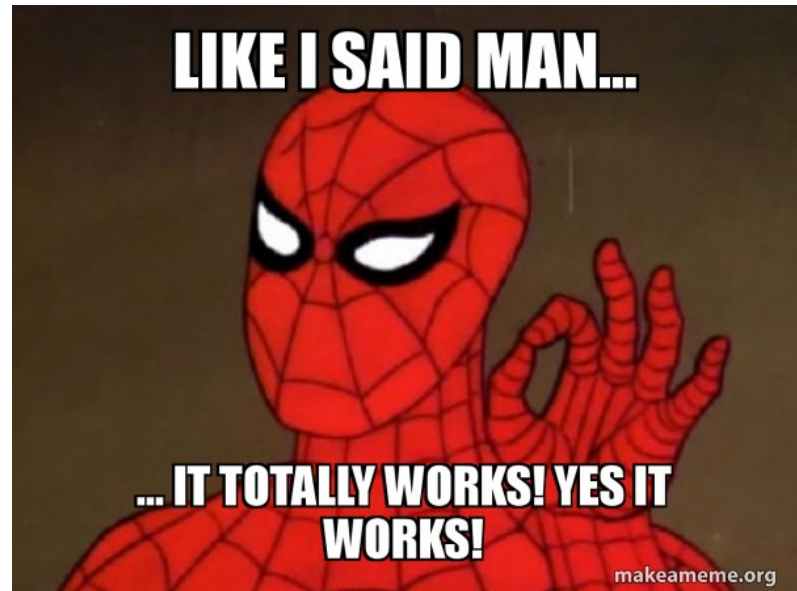
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clash!

**Don't be like Team Bravo,
don't write again and again
the same rules!**



Testing? Test small units

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Templates perhaps?

```
def test_validate_in_all_models_transitive_closure():
    program = Template.expand_program(SymbolicProgram.parse("""
__apply_template__("@dumbo/transitive closure", (relation, link), (closure, link)).

link(a,b).
link(b,c).
"""))

    validate_in_all_models(
        program=program,
        true_atoms=Model.of_atoms("link(a,b) link(b,c) link(a,c)".split()),
    )

    with pytest.raises(ValueError):
        validate_in_all_models(program=program, true_atoms=Model.of_atoms("link(a,a)".split()))

    with pytest.raises(ValueError):
        validate_in_all_models(
            program=program,
            false_atoms=Model.of_atoms("link(a,a)".split()),
        )
```

```
__template__("@dumbo/exact copy (arity 2)").
  output(X0,X1) :- input(X0,X1).
  :- output(X0,X1), not input(X0,X1).
__end__.

__template__("@dumbo/transitive closure").
  closure(X,Y) :- relation(X,Y).
  closure(X,Z) :- closure(X,Y), relation(Y,Z).
__end__.

__template__("@dumbo/transitive closure guaranteed").
  __apply_template__("@dumbo/transitive closure", (closure, __closure)).
  __apply_template__("@dumbo/exact copy (arity 2)", (input, __closure), (output, closure)).
__end__.
```

Not a lot of extra code.
Easily switch from one version
to the other (e.g. to debug).

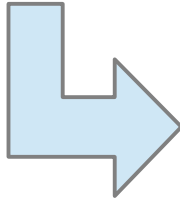
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__end__.

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__end__.

```

Compute on local predicates, then copy on global predicates. This way the template gets an I/O-flow.

Not a lot of extra code.
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Simple scaffold

Share content with ASP Chef

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```
$ poetry new templates-example
```

```
$ poetry add dumbo-asp
```

```
1 import webbrowser
2
3 from dumbo_asp.primitives import SymbolicProgram, Template, Model
4 from dumbo_asp.queries import pack_asp_chef_url
5
6 program = SymbolicProgram.parse("""
7 node(1..6).
8 link(1,2).
9 link(1,4).
10 link(2,3).
11 link(3,4).
12 link(3,5).
13 link(4,5).
14 link(5,6).
15
16 __apply_template__("@dumbo/symmetric closure", (relation, link), (closure, link)).
17 __apply_template__("@dumbo/spanning tree of undirected graph").
18 """)
19 program = Template.expand_program(program)
20 print(program)
21
22 model = Model.of_program(program).filter(when=lambda atom: atom.predicate_name == "tree")
23 print("\n\nModel:", model)
24
25 webbrowser.open(
26     pack_asp_chef_url(
27         "http://localhost:5188/#eJytU8mSmzAU/CWBh0lxyCHjBQsbuQw2Wm4gYiMQSxVm89fnyT0Z2PecVK2
28         [model]
29     )
30 )
```

```
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link(X,Y) :- link(Y,X).
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__tree_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X,Y) :- tree(X,Y).
__tree_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X,Y) :- tree(Y,X).
__start_c574f8d5_af4c_4b39_bdf2_24d3b174b6a1_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X) :- X = #in { Y: node(Y) }.
__reach_c574f8d5_af4c_4b39_bdf2_24d3b174b6a1_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X) :- __start_c574f8d5_af4c_4b39_bdf2_24d3b174b6a1_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X).
__reach_c574f8d5_af4c_4b39_bdf2_24d3b174b6a1_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(Y) :- __reach_c574f8d5_af4c_4b39_bdf2_24d3b174b6a1_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X); __tree_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X,Y).
#false :- node(X); not __reach_c574f8d5_af4c_4b39_bdf2_24d3b174b6a1_90b873c6_b4e8_49b0_a430_fbb25e963621(X).

Model: tree(1,2) tree(1,4) tree(2,3) tree(4,5) tree(5,6)
```

Expand templates

Visualize with ASP Chef!

Result

click to open

NOT UGLY



BUT WONDERFUL

ASP Chef

Operations panel

Recipe panel

I/O panel

ASP CHEF

Operations

CSV

Generate CSV

Parse CSV

Recipe

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Add Generate CSV Operation

The **Generate CSV** operation maps constants to facts.

Each constant value **v** in row **r** and column **c** is mapped to fact `__cell__(r,c,v)`.

The name of the ternary predicate `__cell__` can be specified in the recipe.

Keybinding: ⌘

Input

models: 1

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ENCODE

1

One or more models separated by \$

Ready!

Output

models: 1

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DECODE

1

EMPTY MODEL

readonly

ASP Chef

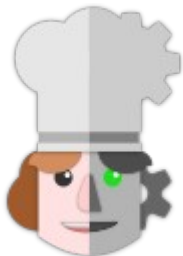
Operations panel

Recipe panel

The screenshot shows the ASP Chef web interface. On the left is the **Operations** panel, which lists available operations: **CSV** (with a red squiggly line under the text), **Generate CSV** (with a red [-1] indicator), and **Parse CSV** (with a red [1] indicator). The **Recipe** panel is the central area, featuring a toolbar with icons for undo, redo, and other editing functions. A modal window titled "Add Generate CSV Operation" is open, displaying the following text: "The **Generate CSV** operation maps constants to facts. Each constant value **v** in row **r** and column **c** is mapped to fact `__cell__(r,c,v)`. The name of the ternary predicate `__cell__` can be specified in the recipe. Keybinding: ⌘". On the right is the **I/O** panel, which includes an **Input** section with a text area containing "1 One or more models separated by \$", an **Output** section showing "1 EMPTY MODEL", and buttons for **ENCODE** and **DECODE**. A green status bar above the output section says "Ready!".

I/O panel

good ideas are copied
we copied from **CyberChef**



<https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/>

ASP Chef

Operations panel

Recipe panel

The screenshot shows the ASP Chef web interface. On the left is the **Operations** panel with a list of operations: **CSV** (expanded), **Generate CSV** [~], and **Parse CSV** [1]. The **Recipe** panel is the central workspace, showing an **Add Generate CSV Operation** card. This card contains inline help text: "The **Generate CSV** operation maps constants to facts. Each constant value **v** in row **r** and column **c** is mapped to fact `__cell__(r,c,v)`. The name of the ternary predicate `__cell__` can be specified in the recipe. Keybinding: ⌘". On the right is the **I/O panel**, which includes an **Input** section with a text area containing "1 One or more models separated by \$" and an **ENCODE** button, and an **Output** section showing "1 EMPTY MODEL" with a **DECODE** button and a **readonly** indicator. A green status bar above the output says "Ready!".

I/O panel

Inline help

Data wrangling operations

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Load external content

ASP CHEF

Operations

git x

GitHub [0]

List GitHub [1]

Add GitHub Operation

The **GitHub** operation takes a URL pointing to a public file on GitHub and fetches its content (possibly via jsDelivr).

Important! The URL must be in the format <https://github.com/user/repo/blob/version/filepath>. Use **Set HTTP Cache Policy** to configure the cache policy. Note that the GitHub API has a rate limit, while jsDelivr may take some time to update.

The content is base64 encoded and wrapped by predicate `__base64__`.

The name of the unary predicate `__base64__` can be specified in the recipe. If the wildcard `*` is used as URL, URLs are actually taken from the `__base64__` atoms.

The encoded content can be consumed by operations such as **Markdown** and **Search Models**.

Keybinding: [cd](#)

Operations

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Markdown [-]

Add Markdown Operation

The **Markdown** operation shows the markdown encoded content in each model in input. Latex math expressions are supported; e.g., `\\(x = 4\\)` or `\\[x = 4\\]`.

Models can be queried with the mustache syntax `{{ program with #show directives }}` (or `{{= (terms) : conjunctive_query }}` as a shortcut for `{{ #show (terms) : conjunctive_query. }}`).

Output can be ordered via the varadics predicate `sort`, specifying the indices of the terms to use (positive for ascending, negative for descending).

The separator of the obtained substitutions can be specified with `separator("\n")`. Similarly, `term_separator/1`, `prefix/1` and `suffix/1` can be used to customize the print of each obtained substitution.

Tables can be specified by the varadics predicates `th` and `tr`. Alignment of columns (by default left) can be specified in `th` by terms `left("column header")`, `center("col")`, `right("col")`. Alternatively, `matrix/3` can be used to produce a table by specifying values for each cell. Row 0 can be used to provide header cells. Columns are indexed by 1.

Ordered and unordered lists can be specified by the varadics predicates `ol` and `ul`.

Predicates `png/1`, `gif/1` and `jpeg/1` can be used to show a Base64-encoded PNG image.

Predicate `base64/1` decodes Base64-encoded content.

Predicate `qrcode/1` (and links `[...](qrcode)`) are shown as QR-codes.

The input is echoed in output.

Keybinding: ⌘

Produce HTML snippets
(querying the model)

Operations

serv



Server



Add Server Operation

The **Server** operation asks a remote or local server to process the input.

Input and output must be arrays of models. Additional options can be sent to the server; it is up to the server to interpret such options. For example, a server may implement the *Search Models* operation and accept options like a predicate to decode, the number of models to compute and so on.

Note that the result is cached (as for many other operations). In order to fetch new data even if the input didn't change, add an *Invalidate Cache* operation.

Keybinding:

Attach clingraph or ASPECT



As yet another example, a single graph can be obtained by [clingraph](#) via the following server:

```
import base64
import os
import tempfile

from clingraph.orm import Factbase
from clingraph.graphviz import compute_graphs, render
from IPython.display import Image
from fastapi import FastAPI, Request
from fastapi.middleware.cors import CORSMiddleware

app = FastAPI()
app.add_middleware(
    CORSMiddleware,
    allow_origins=["http://localhost:5188", "https://asp-chef.alviano.net"],
    allow_credentials=False,
    allow_methods=["POST"],
    allow_headers=["*"],
)

@app.post("/")
async def process(request: Request):
    json = await request.json()
    input_part = json["input_part"]
    decoded_input = json["decoded_input"]
    options = json["options"].strip()
    predicate = options if options else "png"

    fb = Factbase()
    program = '\n'.join([f'({atom}).' for atom in input_part]) + '\n'.join(decoded_input)
    fb.add_fact_string(program)
    graphs = compute_graphs(fb)

    with tempfile.NamedTemporaryFile(mode="w", suffix=".png") as tmp_file:
        directory, filename = os.path.split(tmp_file.name)
        render(graphs, directory=directory, format="png", name_format=os.path.splitext(filename)[0])
        encoded = base64.b64encode(open(tmp_file.name, "rb").read())

    return {"models": [{"predicate": "\n".join(decoded_input)}]}
```

The same approach is suitable to obtain a graph with [ASPECT](#) (here using *graph mode*):

```
import base64
import os
import subprocess
import tempfile

from fastapi import FastAPI, Request
from fastapi.middleware.cors import CORSMiddleware

DIRNAME = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))

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    program = '\n'.join([f'({atom}).' for atom in input_part]) + '\n'.join(decoded_input)

    with tempfile.TemporaryDirectory() as tmp_dir:
        with open(f'{tmp_dir}/program.lp', "w") as program_file:
            program_file.write(program)
        subprocess.run(["java", "-jar", f'{DIRNAME}/ASPECT.jar', "--graph", "program.lp"], cwd=tmp_dir)
        subprocess.run(["pdftocairo", "aspect_out_program1.pdf", "-png"], cwd=tmp_dir)
        encoded = base64.b64encode(open(f'{tmp_dir}/aspect_out_program1.png', "rb").read())

    return {"models": [{"predicate": "\n".join(decoded_input)}]}
```

Baking delay (250ms)

Remote clingo

GitHub API Token (set it only on trusted browsers)

GitHub short links configuration

CLOSE

Shorten URLs and store them
in your GitHub repos

Nice effects
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Schedule



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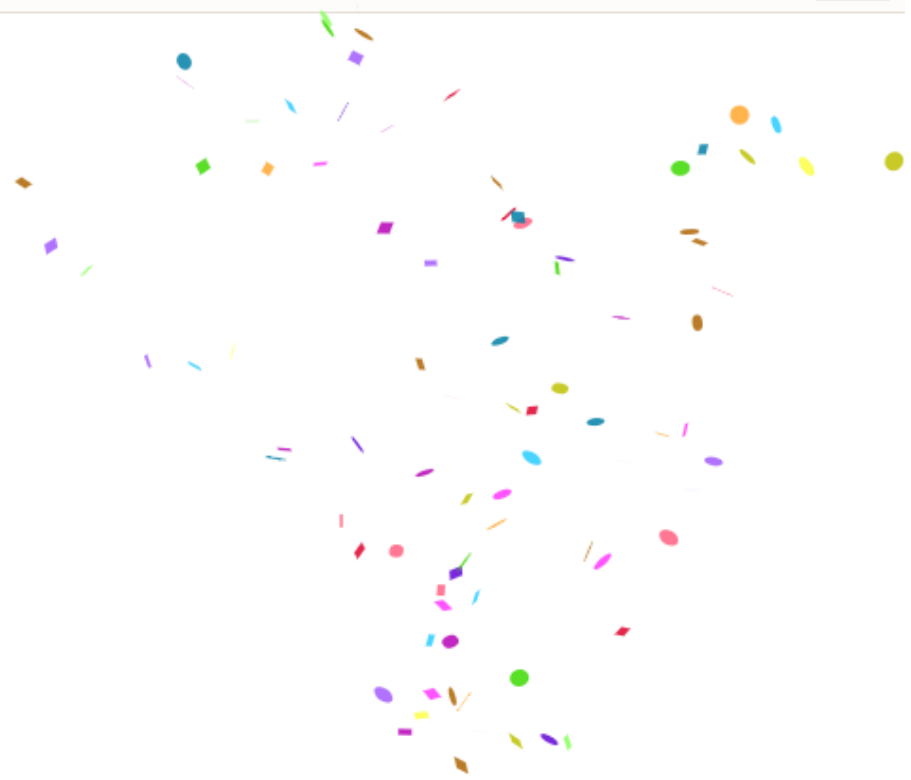


Examples

- [ASP Chef QR Code Generator](#)
- [Marketplace logistics](#)

Tutorials

- [Basic usage](#)
- [Fortress](#)
- [Fighting with the gang of Billy the Kid](#)
- [Aquarium](#)



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An ecosystem that lets us SHINE!

Questions

