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- Lather, rinse, **repeat**. This is a great strategy for making terrible APIs tolerable.

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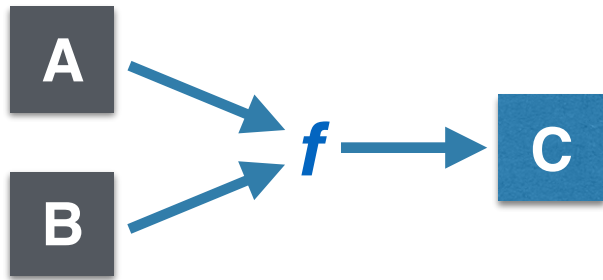
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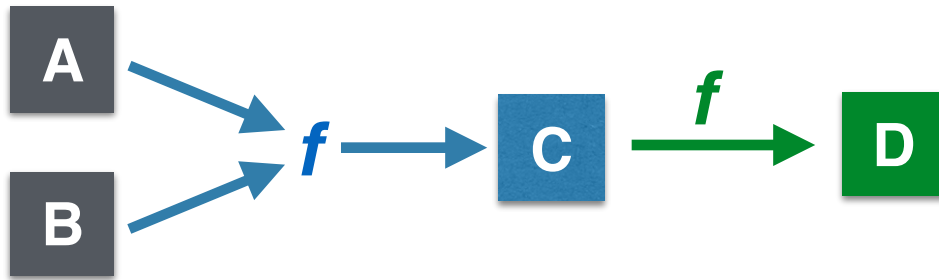
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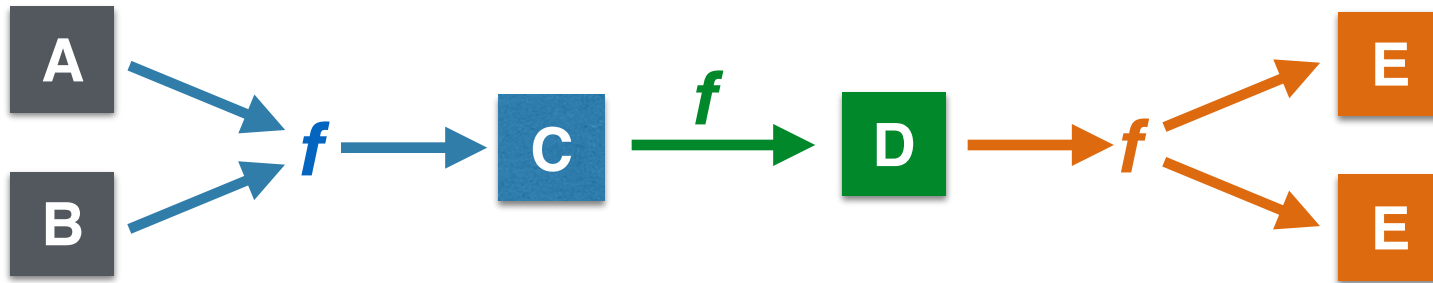
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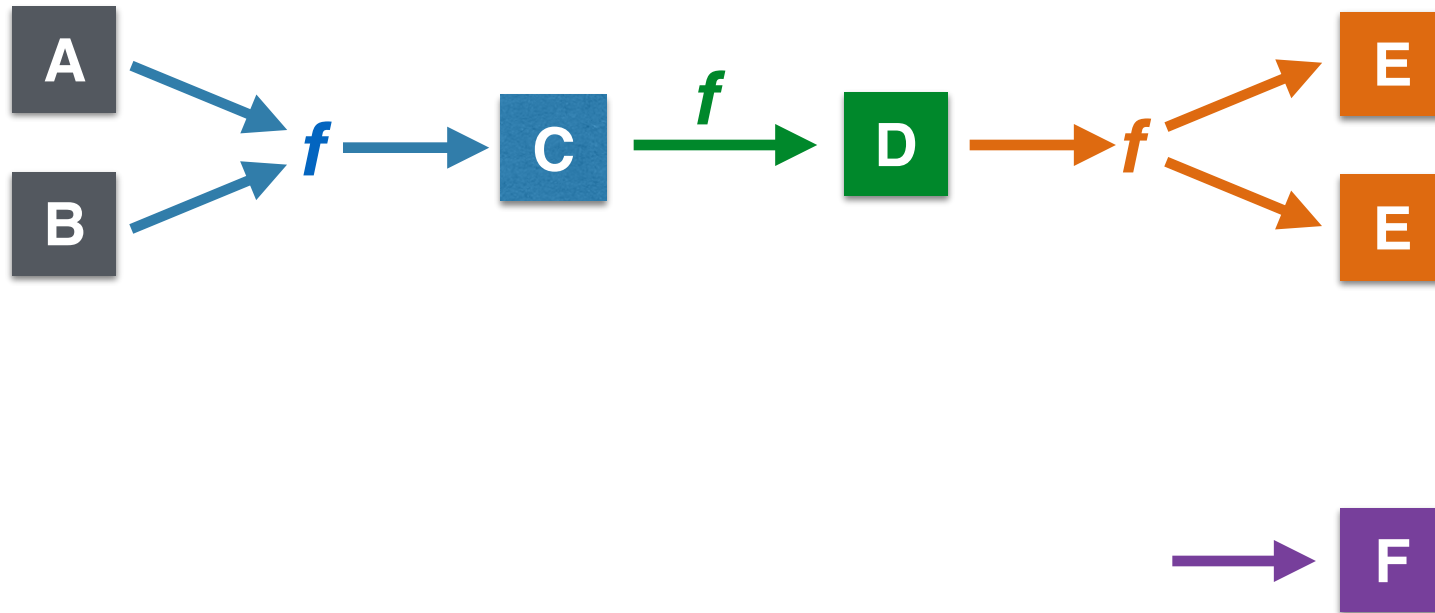
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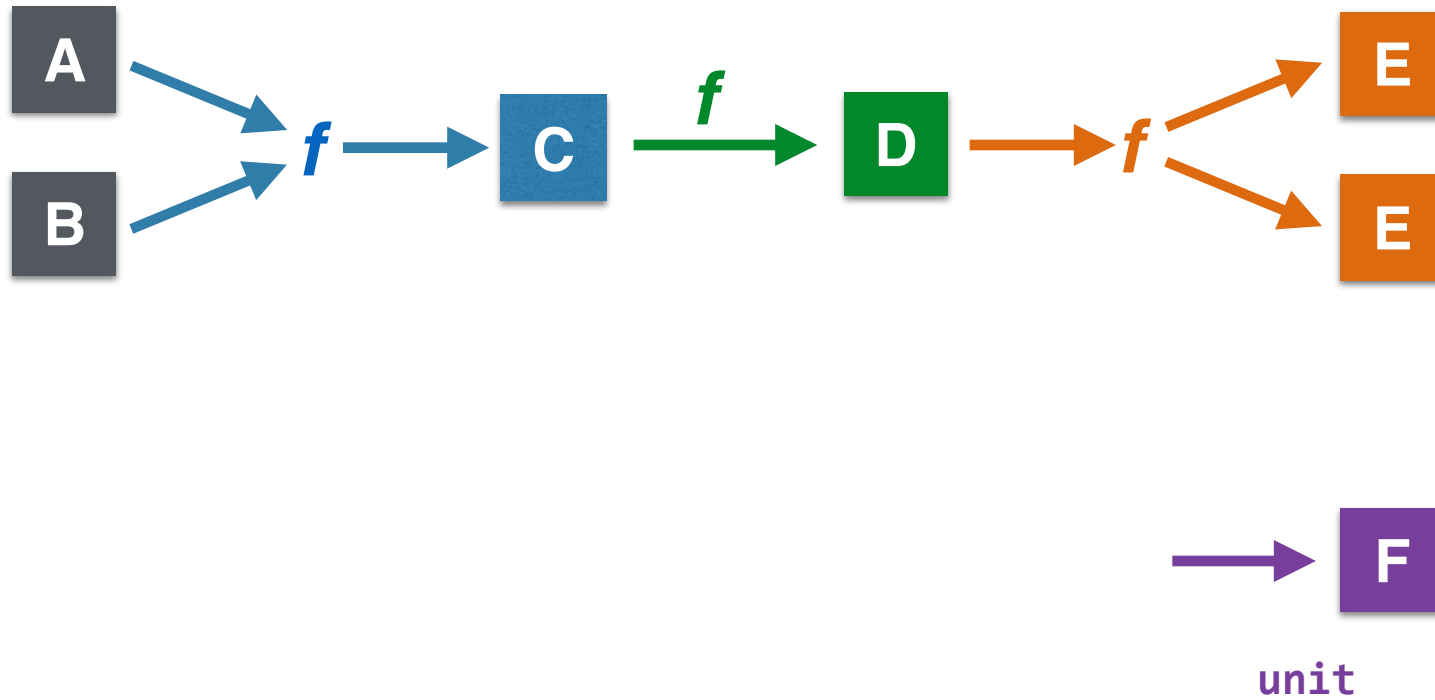
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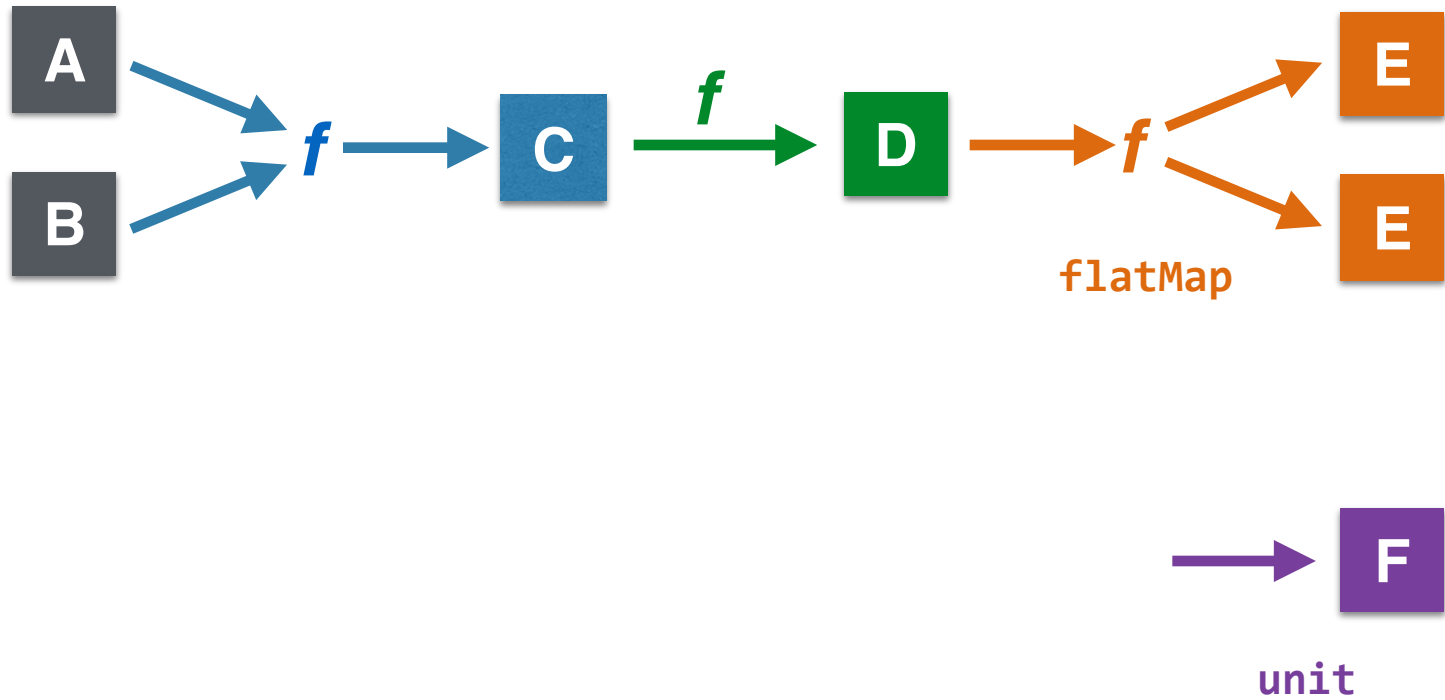
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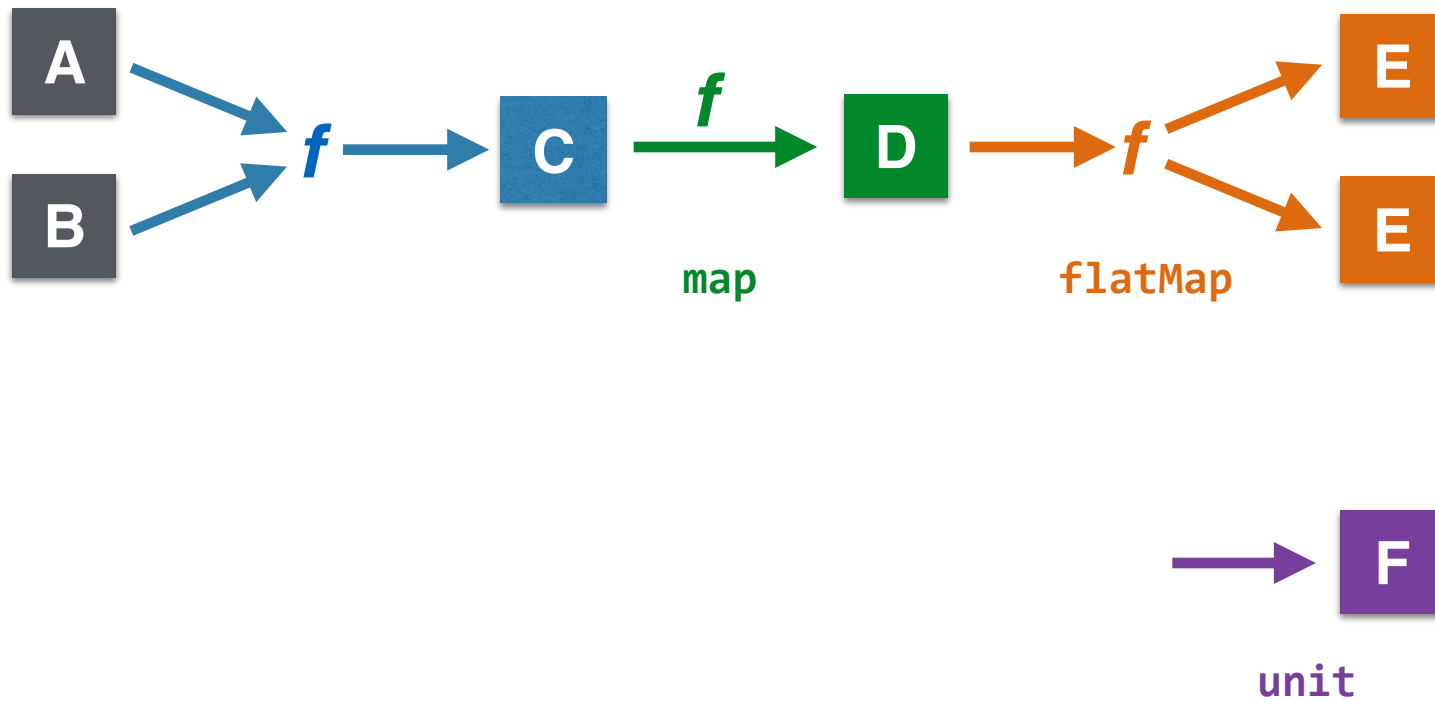
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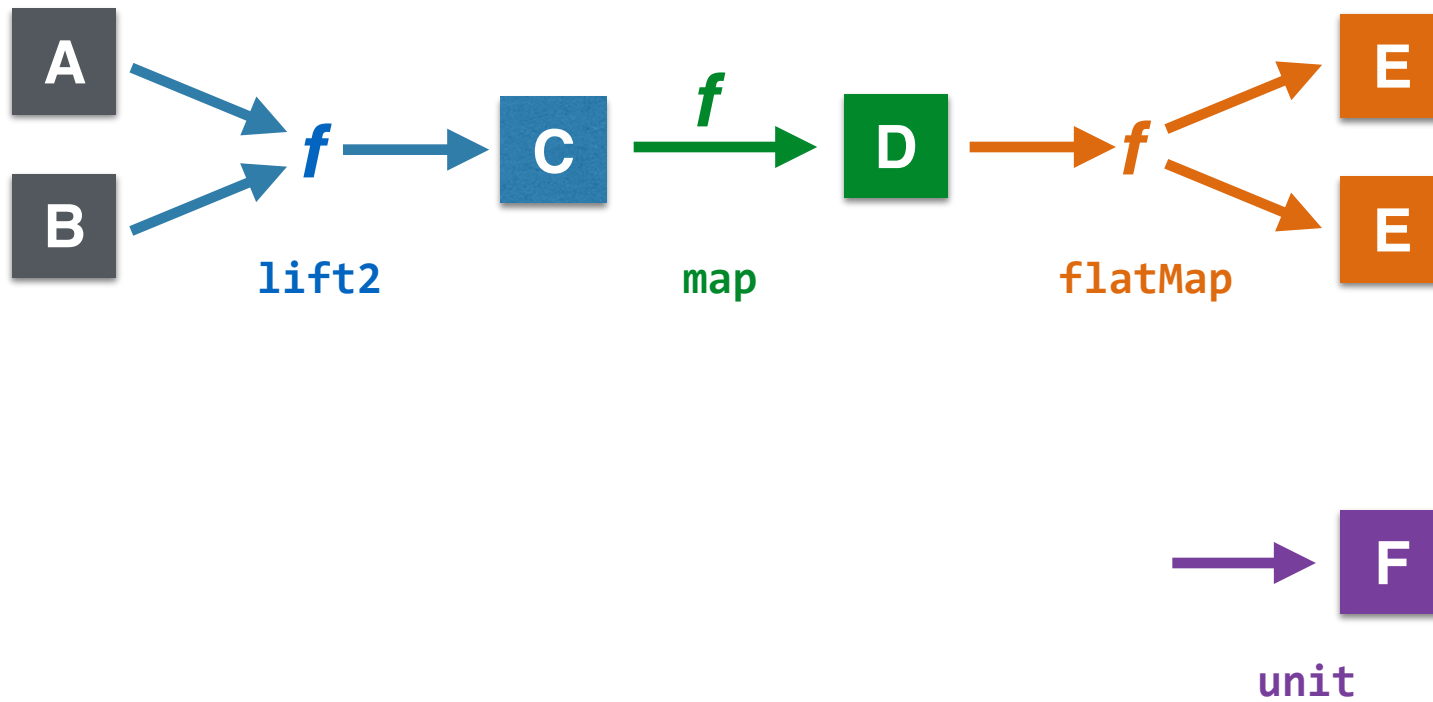
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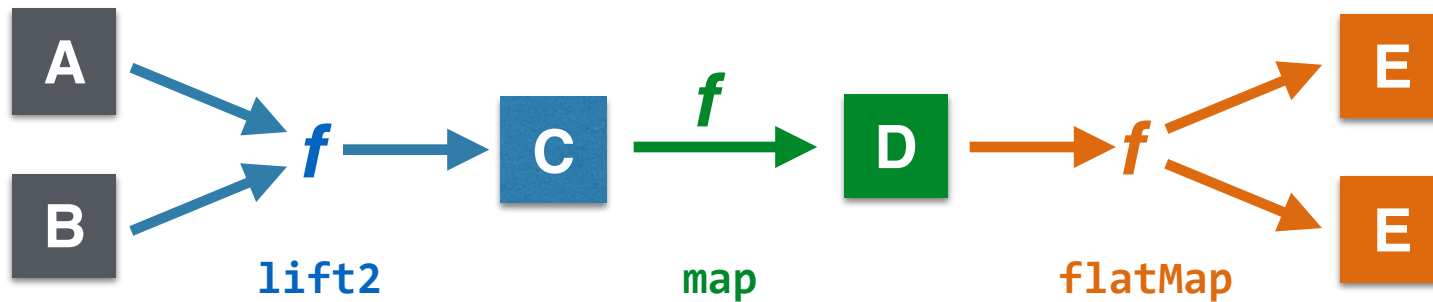
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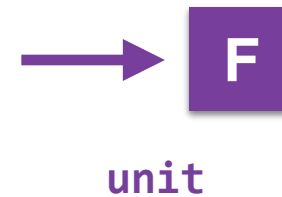
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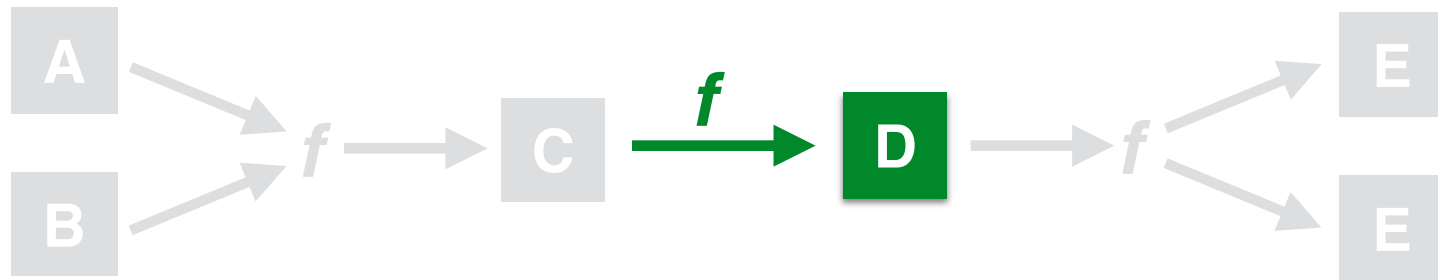
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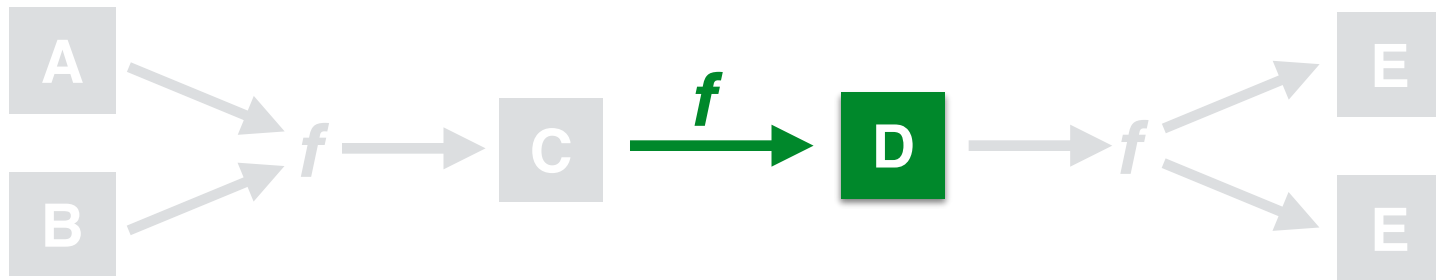
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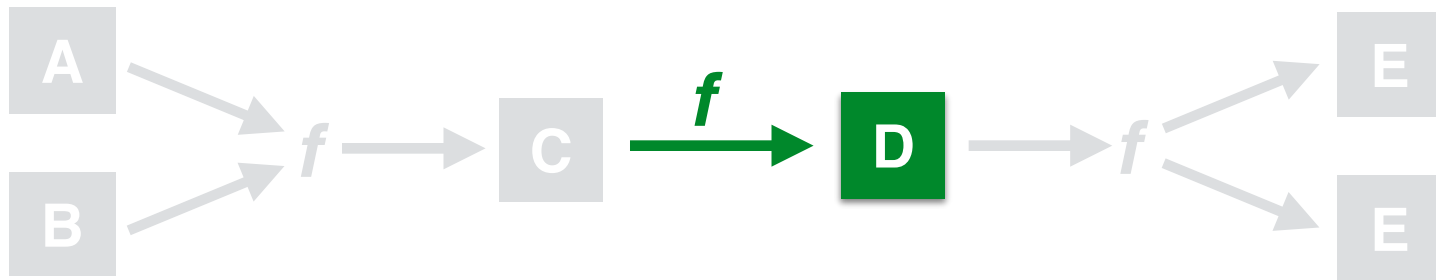


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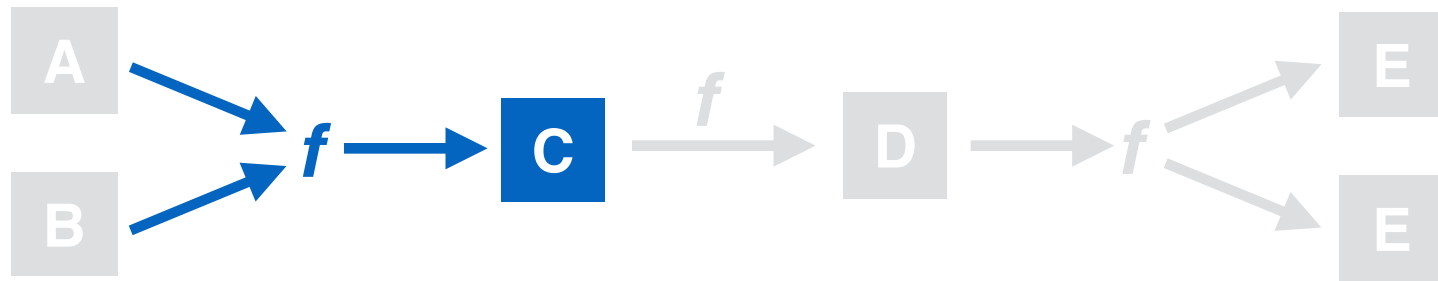

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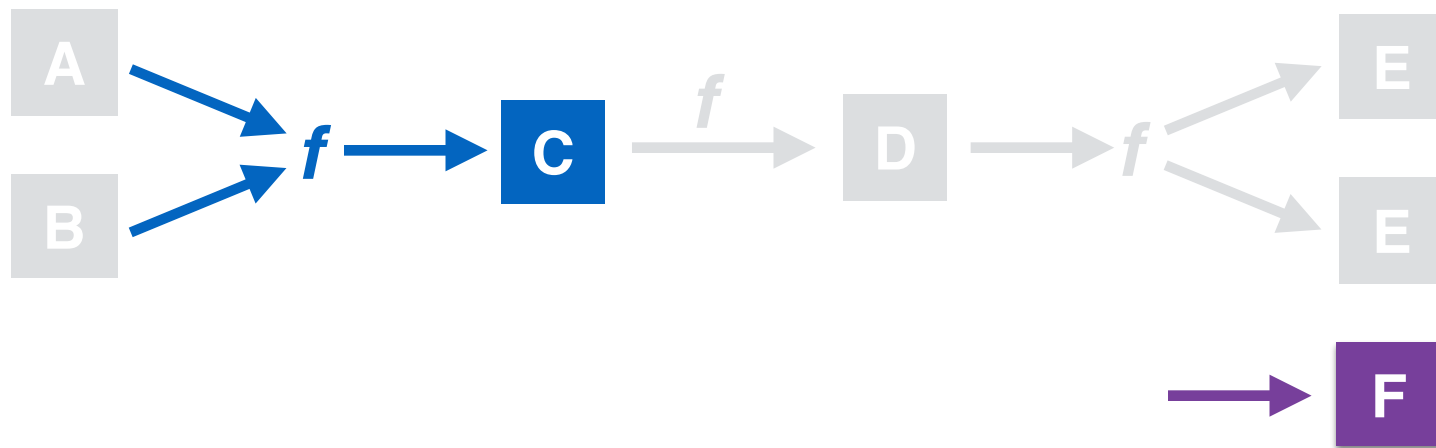
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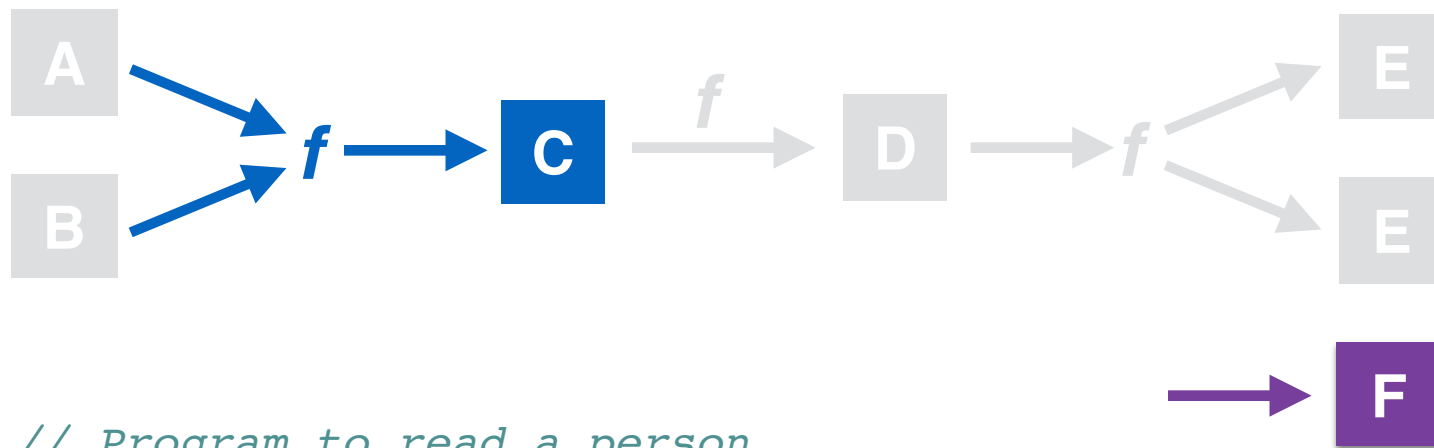
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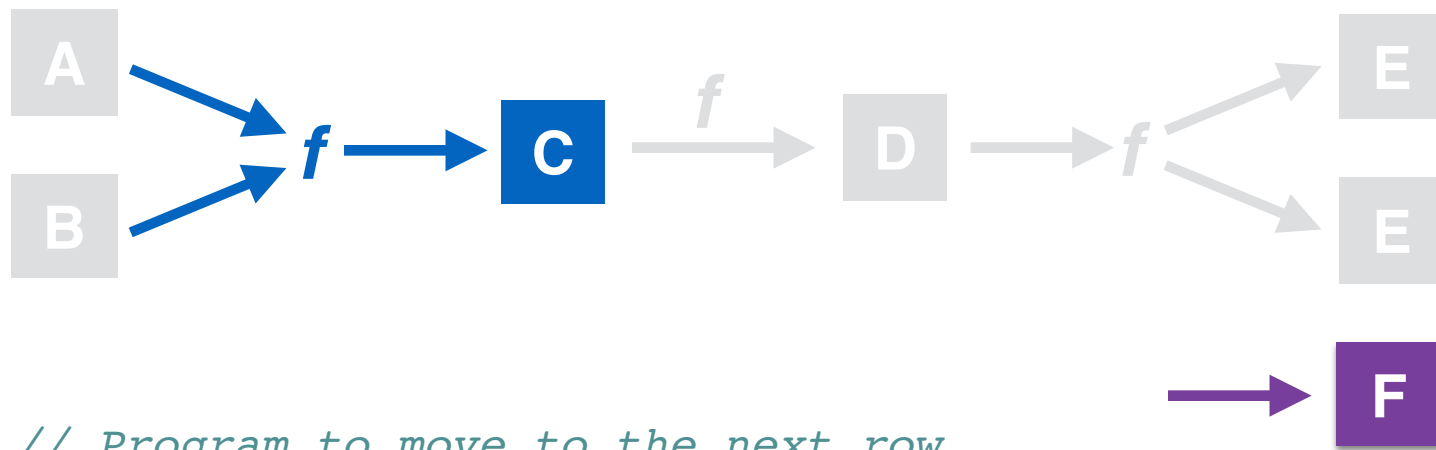


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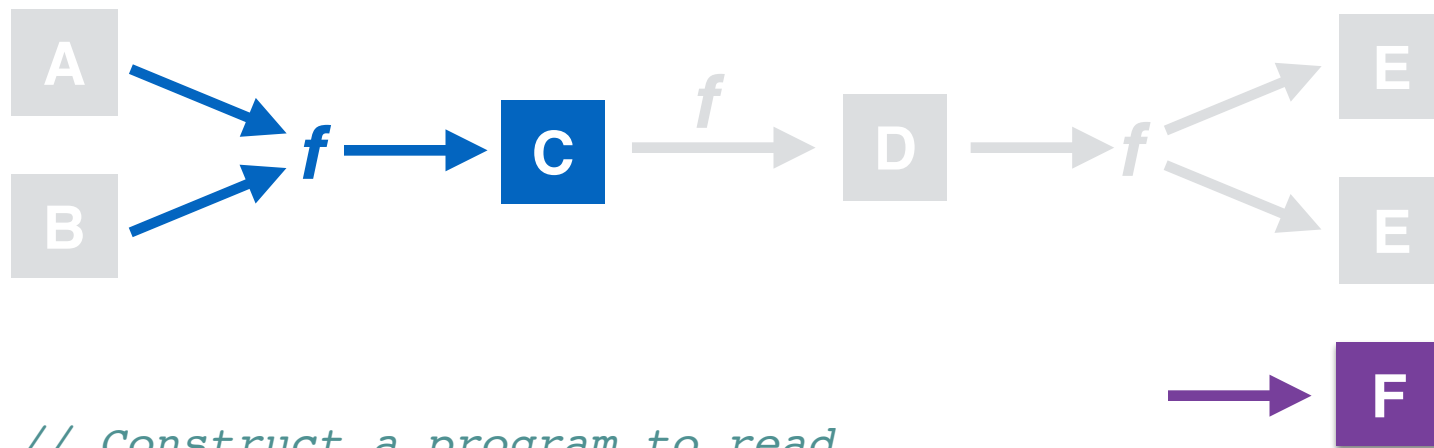
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// Program to move to the next row  
// and then read a person
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val getNextPerson: ResultSetIO[Person] =  
  next *> getPerson
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// Construct a program to read  
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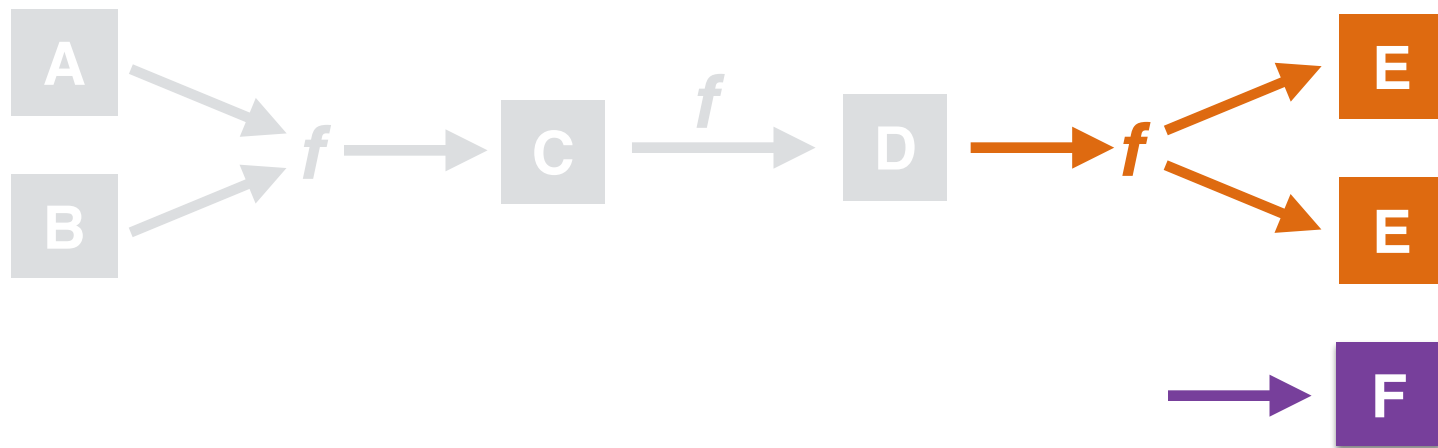
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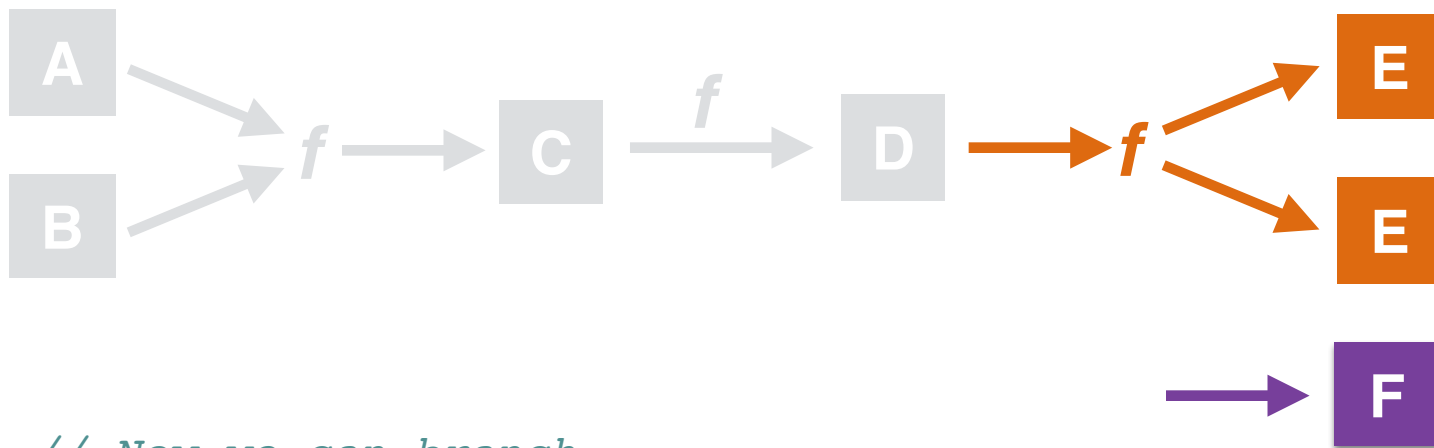
Traverse[List]

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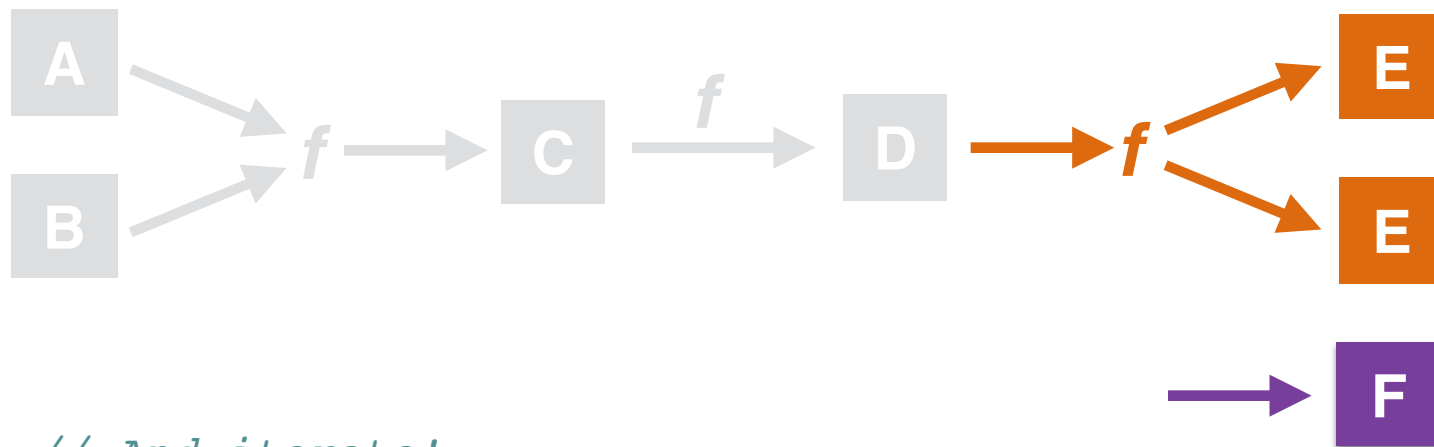
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// Now we can branch

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  next.flatMap {  
    case true  => getPerson.map(_.some)  
    case false => none.point[ResultSetIO]  
  }
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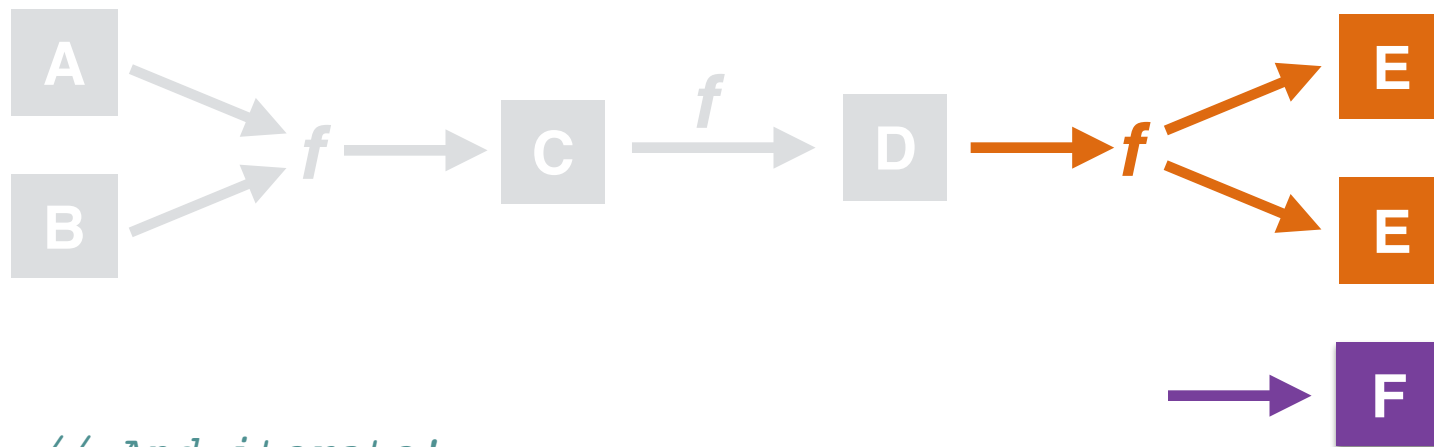
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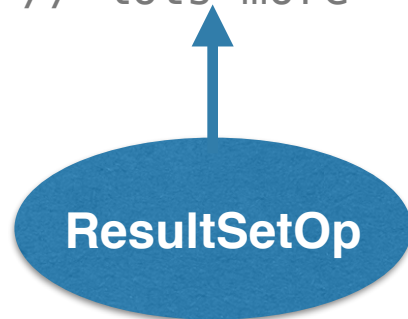
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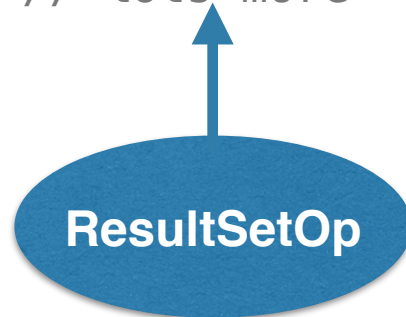
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Exception Handling

```
val ma = ConnectionIO[A]
```

```
ma.attempt // ConnectionIO[Throwable \/ A]  
fail(wtf) // ConnectionIO[A]
```

```
// General // SQLException  
ma.attemptSome(handler) ma.attemptSql  
ma.except(handler) ma.attemptSqlState  
ma.exceptSome(handler) ma.attemptSomeSqlState(handler)  
ma.onException(action) ma.exceptSql(handler)  
ma.ensuring(sequel) ma.exceptSqlState(handler)  
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```

```
// PostgreSQL (hundreds more)  
ma.onWarning(handler)  
ma.onDynamicResultSetsReturned(handler)  
ma.onImplicitZeroBitPadding(handler)  
ma.onNullValueEliminatedInSetFunction(handler)  
ma.onPrivilegeNotGranted(handler)  
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This is how you would really write it in doobie.

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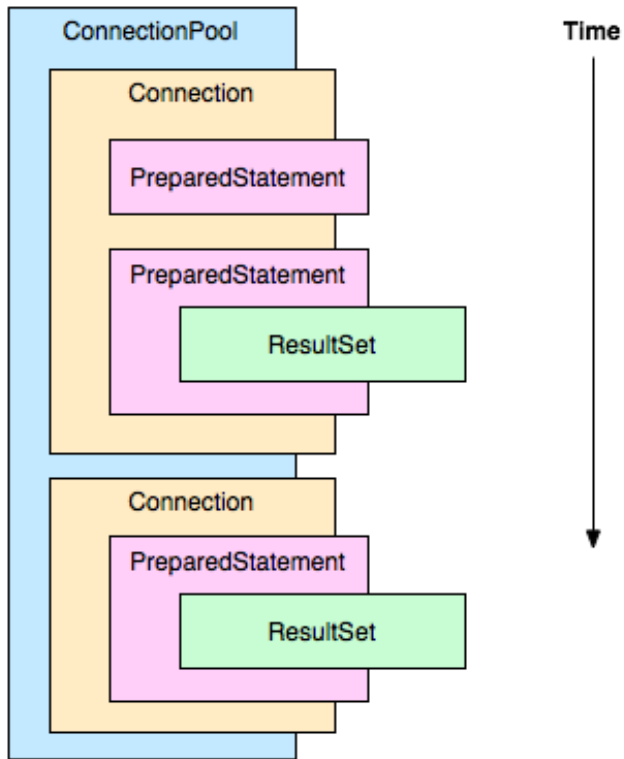
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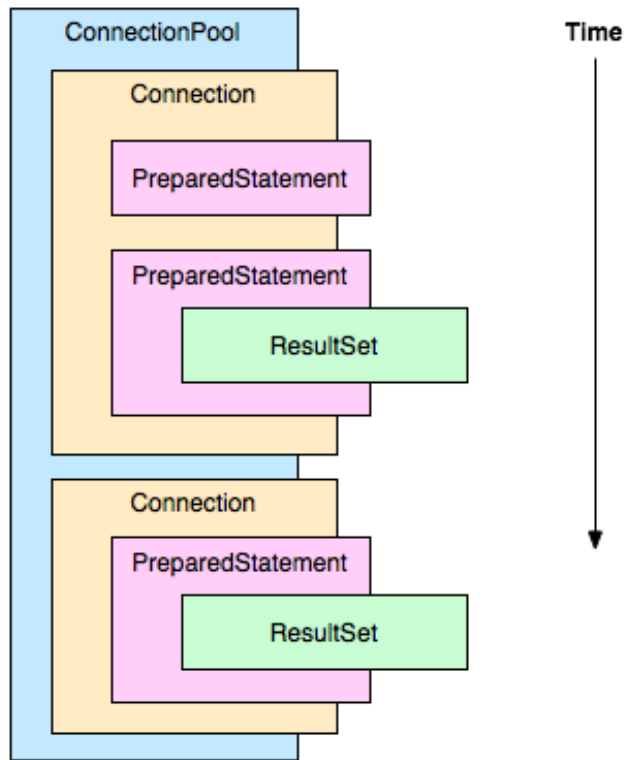
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  .filter(_.name.length > 5)
  .take(20)
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  .list           // ResultSetIO[List[Person]]
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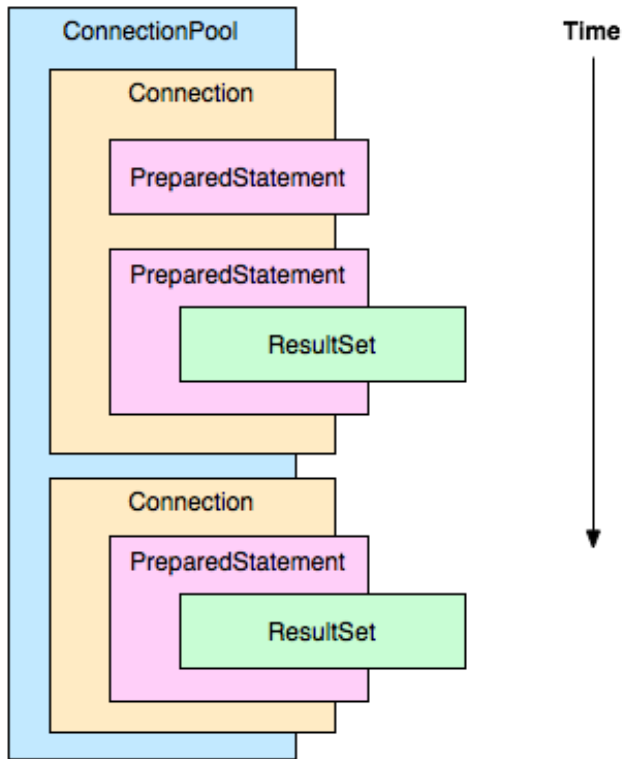


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**Ambient Transactor
Just for Experimenting
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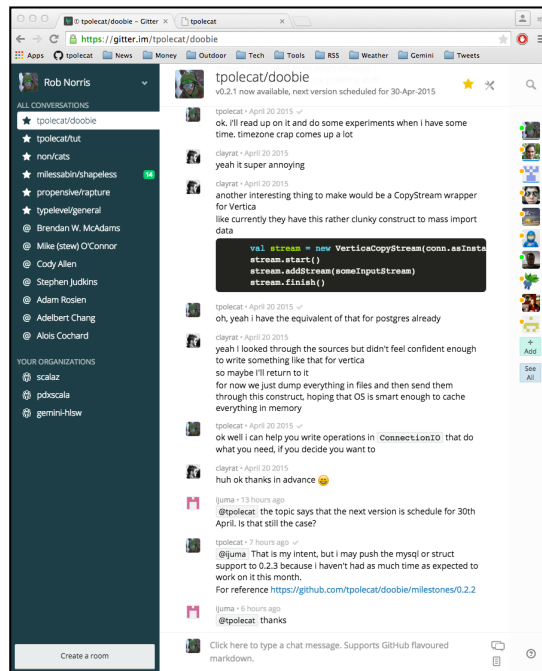
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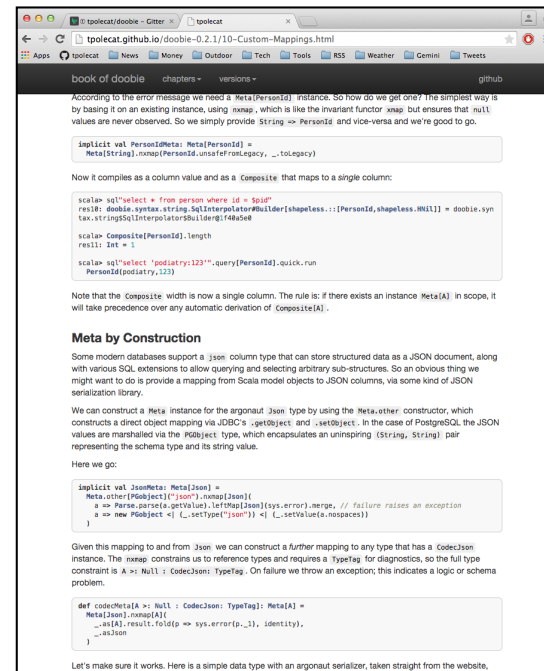
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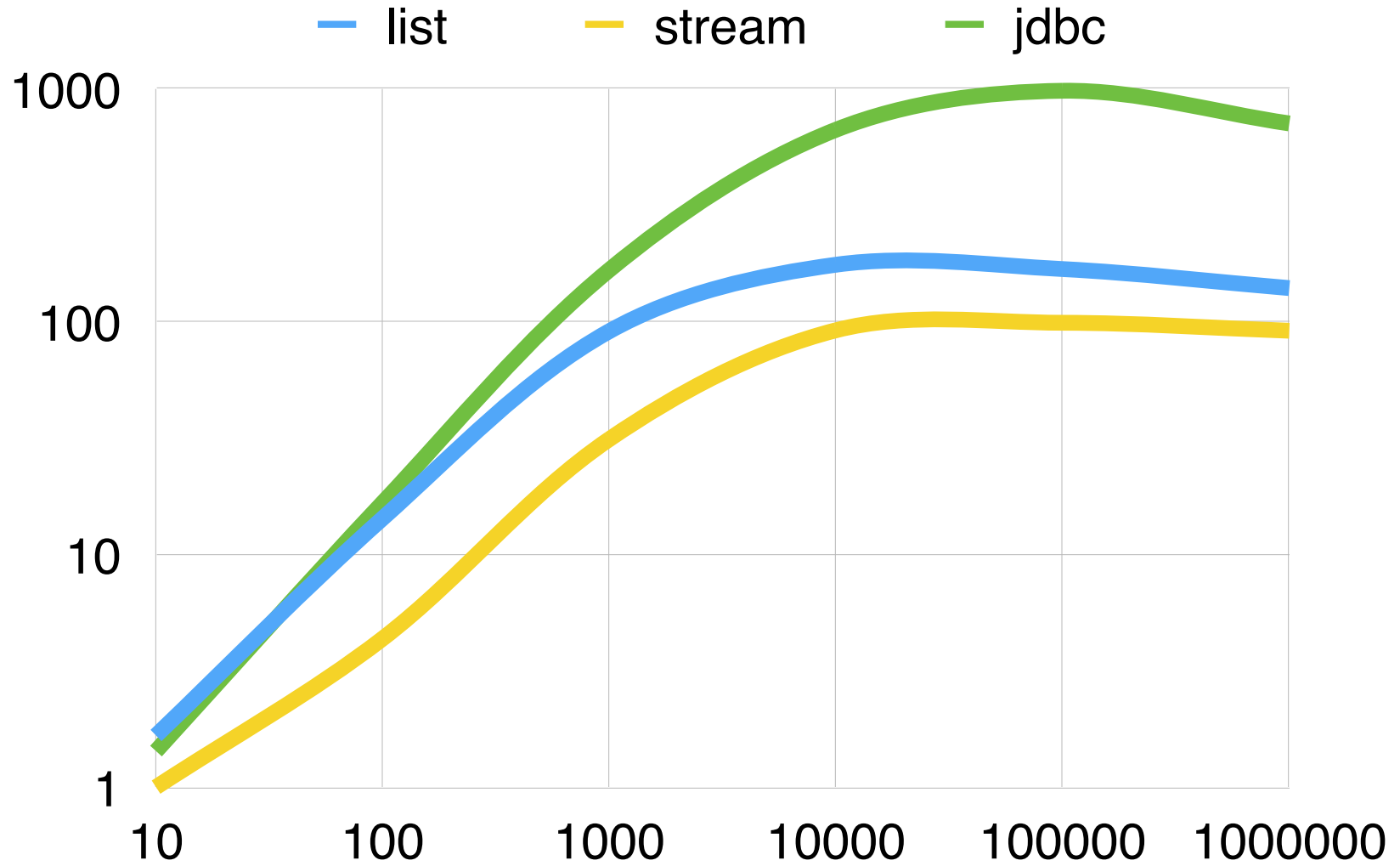
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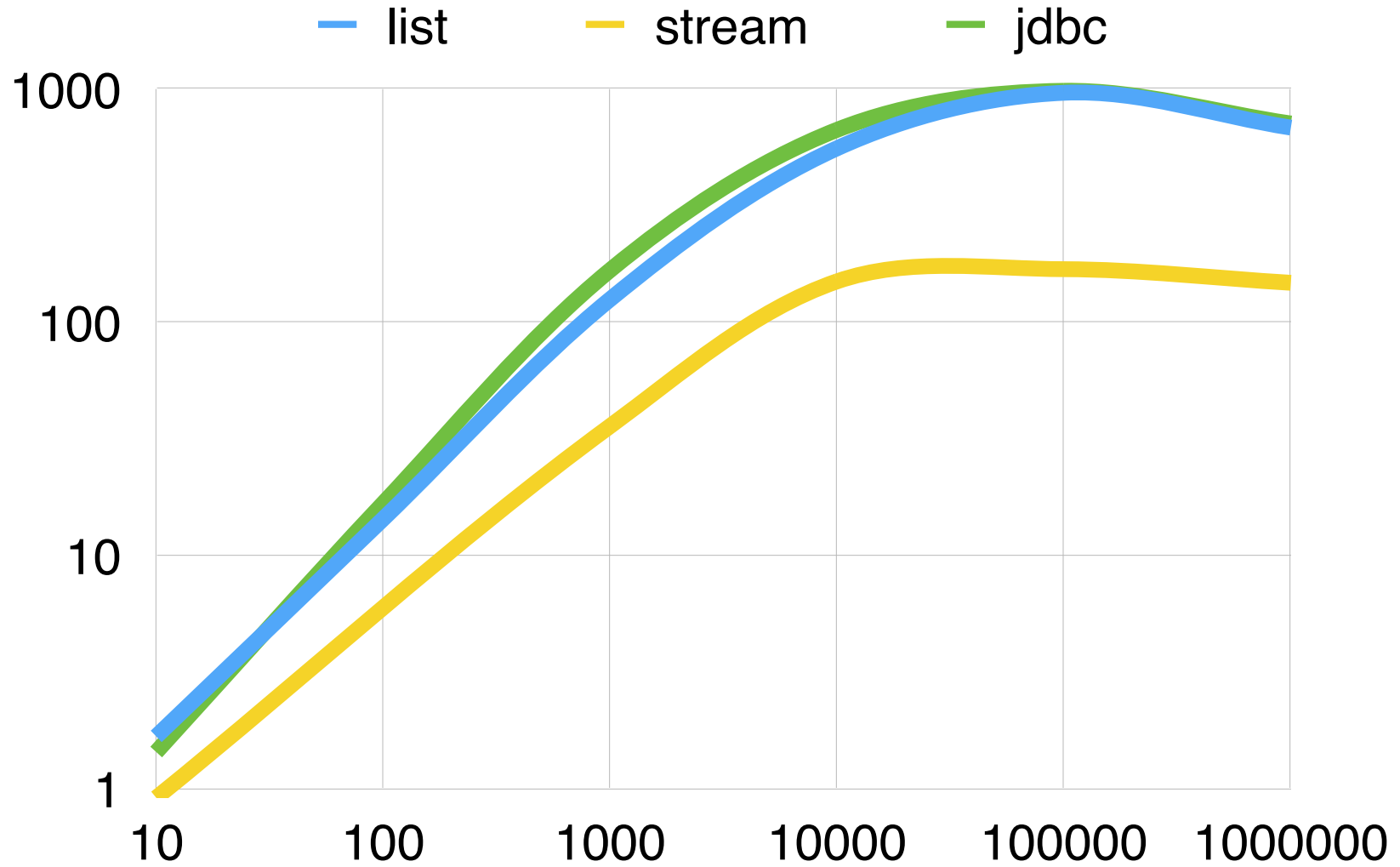
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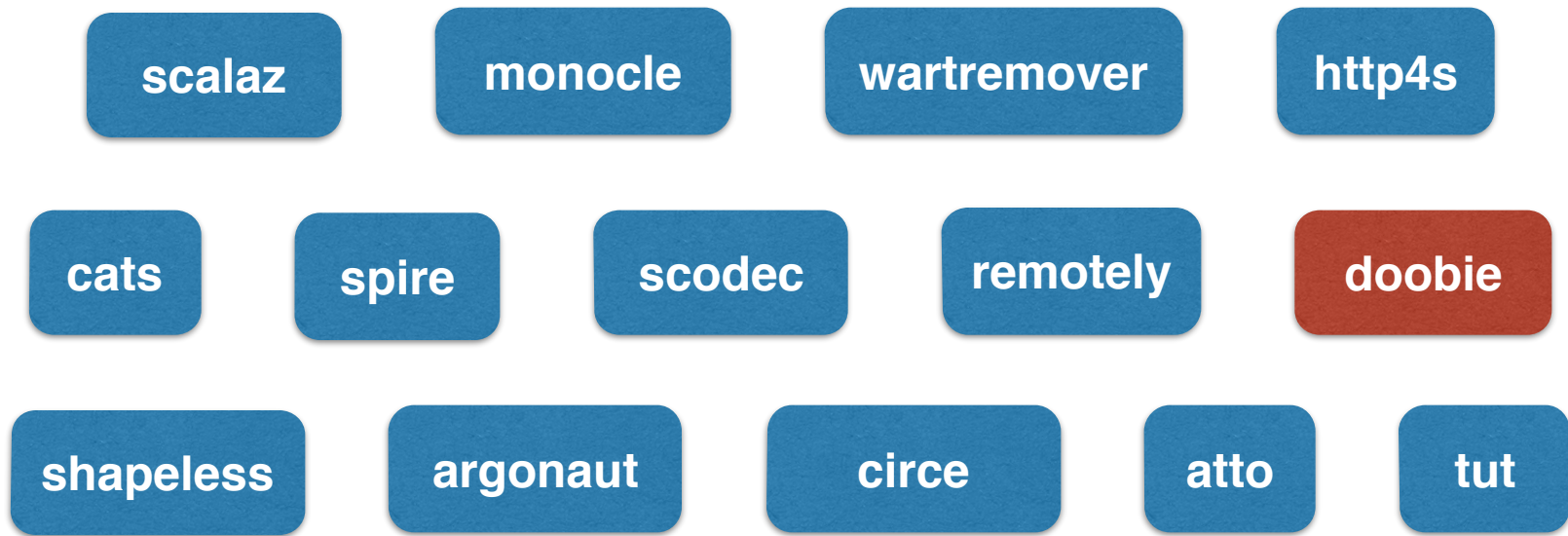
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