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# Life After Business Objects

Confessions of an OOP veteran

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This talk isn't about  
a war for the one and only  
best programming paradigm

We will focus on what may  
lead pragmatic developers  
("pragmatists in pain" \*)  
to the paradigm shift

\* Eric Sink "Why your F# evangelism isn't working"  
[https://ericsink.com/entries/fsharp\\_chasm.html](https://ericsink.com/entries/fsharp_chasm.html)

# Our product



Let's begin with basics:  
Modeling a point

Dmitry Ivanov (JetBrains)



## Immutable Collections in .NET

```
class Point {  
  
    int X { get; set; }  
    int Y { get; set; }  
  
    Point(int x, int y) { X = x; Y = y }  
  
    void IncreaseX (int xOffset) { X += xOffset; }  
    void IncreaseY (int yOffset) { Y += yOffset; }  
  
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    int GetHashCode() {...}  
    bool Equals(object other) {...}  
}
```

```
class Point {  
  
    readonly int X;  
    readonly int Y;  
  
    Point(int x, int y) { X = x; Y = y }  
  
    Point IncreaseX (int xOffset) => new Point(x + xOffset, y);  
    Point IncreaseY (int yOffset) => new Point(x, y + yOffset);  
  
    int GetHashCode() {...}  
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# Data structures in F#

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```
let p = { X = 1; Y = 2 }  
let q = { p with X = p.X+1 }
```

Consequences of  
~~design mistake~~  
insufficient experience

Principle difference in  
initial sets of defaults  
between OOP and FP

# Object Oriented Programming

Empowers  
through  
variety of choices

# Functional Programming

Prevents  
unconscious  
mistakes



# Functional Programming

Path  
to  
concurrency

## Amdahl's law in action

If you have 10 processors  
but only 40% of your code can be parallelized,  
you will achieve performance gain of 1.56

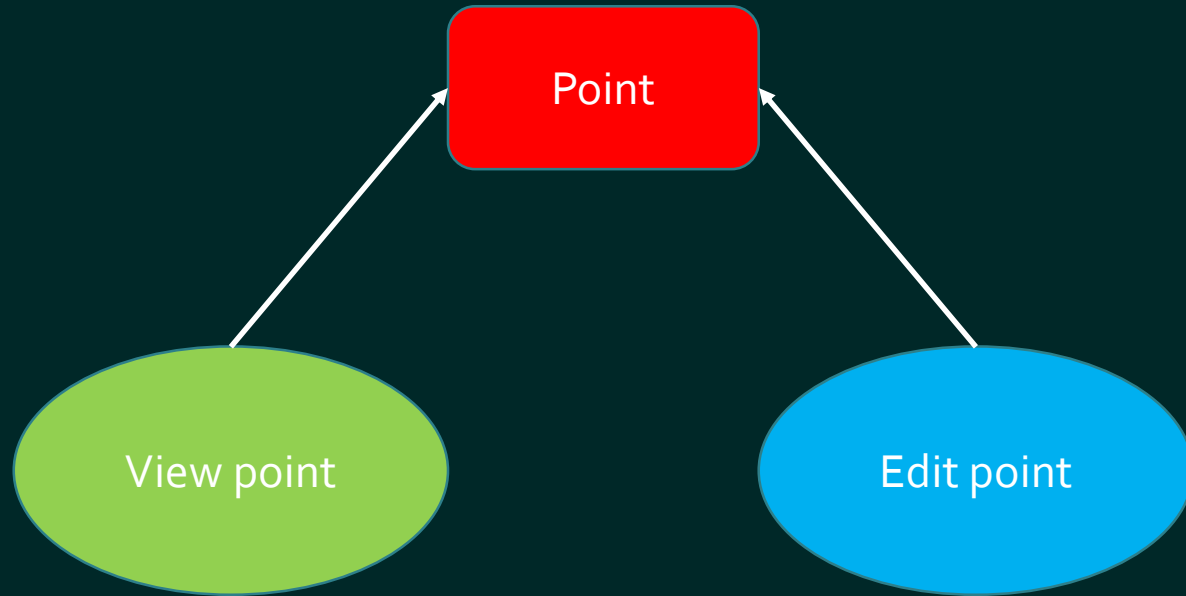
Time to have a closer look at business objects

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class Point {  
  
    public readonly int X;  
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    public Point IncreaseX (int xOffset) => ...;  
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# Why public?

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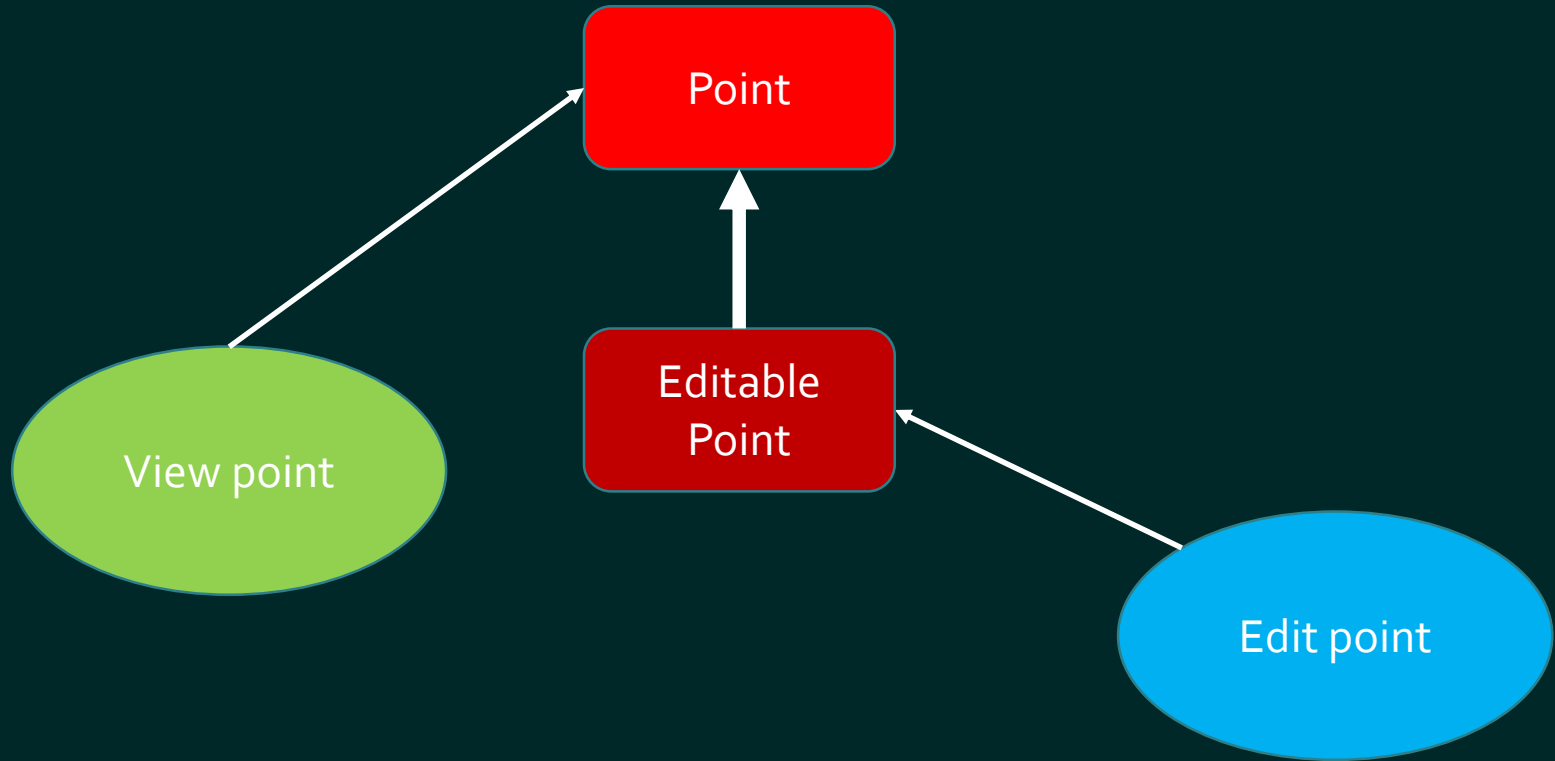


# Inheritance?

```
class Point {  
  public readonly int X;  
  public readonly int Y;  
  ...  
}
```

```
class EditablePoint : Point {  
  public Point IncreaseX (int xOffset) => ...;  
  public Point IncreaseY (int yOffset) => ...;  
}
```





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Move methods that change the state  
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This is essentially abandoning Point as business object

# F# modules as business logic scopes

```
type Point = {  
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    Y : int  
}
```

```
module Point =  
    let increaseX v p = { p with X = p.X+v }  
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```
let v = { X = 5; Y = 6 }  
let z = p |> Point.increaseX 1
```

# Controlling business logic visibility via modules

```
type Point = {...}
```

```
module PointUpdate =
```

```
    let increaseX v p = { p with X = p.X+v }
```

```
    let increaseY v p = { p with Y = p.Y+v }
```

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open PointUpdate
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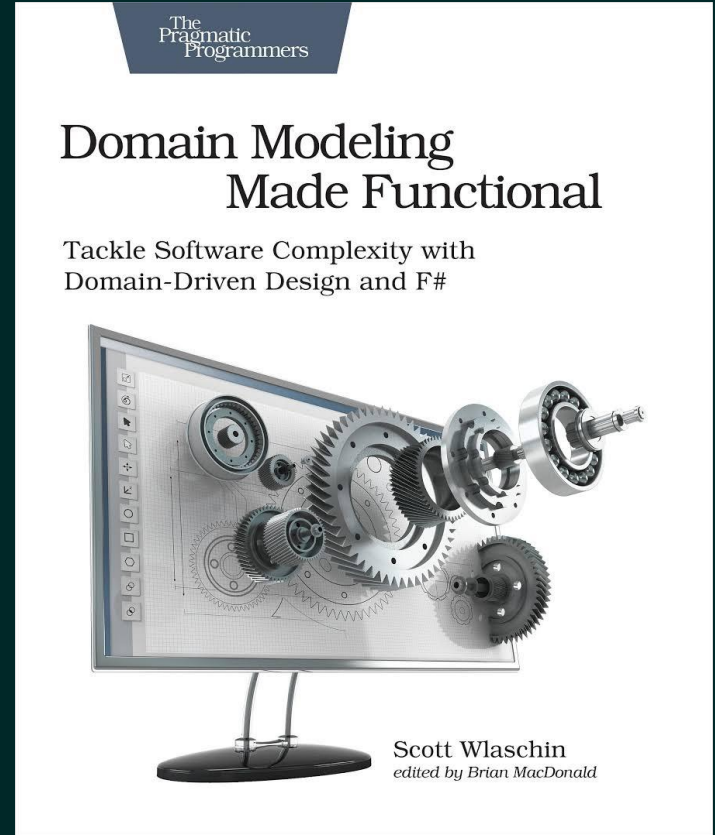
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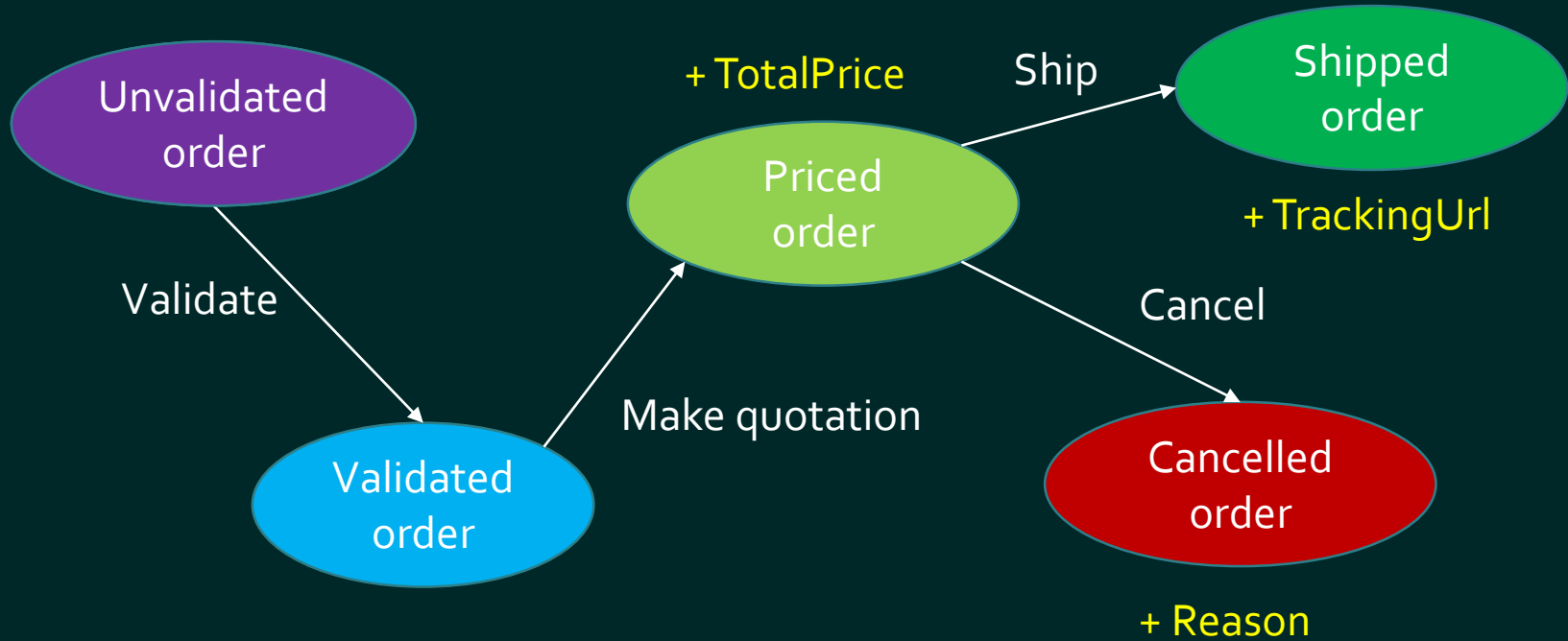




# Scott Wlaschin «Domain Modeling Made Functional»



# Order processing



```
class Order {  
...  
decimal TotalPrice { get; }  
Uri TrackingUrl { get; }  
string CancellationReason { get; }  
  
bool IsValidated { get; }  
bool IsShipped { get; }  
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}  
  
class OrderManager {  
    void Validate(Order order);  
    void Ship(Order order);  
    void Cancel(Order order);  
}
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Pure  
data

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bool IsCancelled { get; }  
}
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void Validate(Order order);  
void Ship(Order order);  
void Cancel(Order order);  
}
```

Pure business  
nothing personal



## Joe Armstrong on OOP

Since functions and data structures are completely different types of animal it is fundamentally incorrect to lock them up in the same cage



```
class UnvalidatedOrder { ... }

class ValidatedOrder { ... }

class PricedOrder {
... decimal TotalPrice { get; }
}

class ShippedOrder {
... Uri TrackingUrl { get; }
}

class CancelledOrder {
... string Reason { get; }
}
```

```
class OrderValidator {
    ValidatedOrder
    ValidateOrder(...)
}

class QuotationMaker {
    PricedOrder
    MakeQuotation(...)
}

class OrderDispatcher {
    ShippedOrder
    ShipOrder(...)
}
```

# Domain modeling in F#

```
type OrderDetails = string list
```

```
type UnvalidatedOrder = {  
    Details : OrderDetails  
}
```

```
type ValidatedOrder = {  
    Details : OrderDetails  
    ValidationTime : DateTimeOffset  
}
```

# Domain modeling in F#

```
type PricedOrder = {  
    Details : OrderDetails  
    TotalPrice : decimal  
}
```

```
type ShippedOrder = {  
    Details : OrderDetails  
    Uri : TrackingUrl  
}
```

```
type CancelledOrder = {  
    Details : OrderDetails  
    Reason : string  
}
```

# Domain modeling in F#

```
module OrderProcessing =
```

```
    let validateOrder (order : UnvalidatedOrder) =  
        { Details = order.Details  
          ValidationTime = DateTimeOffset.Now }
```

```
    let priceOrder totalPrice (order : ValidatedOrder) =  
        { Details = order.Details  
          TotalPrice = totalPrice }
```

```
    let shipOrder trackingUrl (order : PricedOrder) =  
        { Details = order.Details  
          TrackingUrl = trackingUrl }
```

# Domain modeling in F#

```
open OrderProcessing
```

```
let order =  
    { Details = ["book"] }  
    |> validateOrder  
    |> priceOrder 9.90m  
    |> shipOrder (Uri "http://www.orders.com/40395874")
```

# Algebraic data types in F#

```
type ExpiryDate = {  
    Year : int  
    Month : int  
}
```

```
type CardNumber = CardNumber of string
```

```
type PaymentCard = {  
    CardNumber : CardNumber  
    ExpiryDate : ExpiryDate  
}
```

```
type BankAccount = BankAccount of string
```

# Algebraic data types in F#

```
type FundingSource =  
    | PaymentCard of PaymentCard  
    | BankAccount of BankAccount
```

```
let isSourceValid source =  
    let now = DateTime.Now  
    match source with  
    | PaymentCard x ->  
        x.ExpiryDate >= { Month = now.Month  
                           Year = now.Year }  
    | BankAccount _ -> true
```

# Active patterns in F#

```
let (|Even|Odd|) n =  
    if n % 2 = 0 then Even  
    else Odd
```

```
let printNumberKind n =  
    match n with  
    | Even -> "Even"  
    | Odd -> "Odd"
```



Nulls should be avoided  
not just by replacing them with options,  
but avoiding options wherever possible



Yaron Minsky

Make illegal state  
unrepresentable

<https://blog.janestreet.com/effective-ml-revisited/>

Optional values are fine  
at domain boundaries  
but corrupt its business logic

# Why do we need to pass optional values?

- To cover multiple scenarios in a single handler
  - Should the handler be split into several?
- To forward it to a next handler in the business logic chain
  - Should the data that is unused in the current handler be hidden from it?

Maybe Not - Rich Hickey



# Maybe Not

*Rich Hickey*



# Rich Hickey – Maybe Not

- Maybe/Either are not type system's 'or/union' type
  - Rather, evidence of *lack* of first-class union type
- Either is a ~~malarky~~ misnomer
  - Not associative/commutative/composable/symmetric

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YR5WdGrpoug>

# Rich Hickey – Sets vs Slots



Could we make it in C#?

Absolutely!

But...



What main advantage did we gain with F#?

Shortened the cycle  
from specification  
to production

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Thank you!

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