



Love the Lambda

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The tools we use have a profound (and devious!) influence on our thinking habits, and, therefore, on our thinking abilities.

-- Edsger Dijkstra

```
int one = 1;  
int two = 2;  
Func<int, int, int> adder =  
    (num1, num2) =>  
    {  
        return num1 + num2;  
    };  
int three = adder(one, two);
```

C#

```
var one = 1;  
var two = 2;  
Func<int, int, int> adder =  
    (num1, num2) => num1 + num2;  
var three = adder(one, two);
```

F#

```
let one = 1
```

```
let two = 2
```

```
let adder num1 num2 =  
    num1 + num2
```

```
let three = adder one two
```

Functions as Variables

We can pass them.

We can return them.

We can assign them.

We can replace them.

C#

```
var one = 1;
```

```
Func<int, int> addOne =  
    (num) => num + one;
```

```
var two = 2;
```

```
var three = addOne(two);
```

F#

```
let one = 1
```

```
let addOne num =  
    num + one
```

```
let two = 2
```

```
let three = addOne two
```

Examples of Closures

What else can we do?

Maybe make language features?

Controlling complexity is the essence of computer programming.

-- Brian Kernigan

Higher Order Functions

Filter – Find a subset of a collection

Map – 1:1 mapping from old to new

Reduce – Many to one of the same type

Fold – Many to one of any type

Taking it further in F#

- Partial Application
- Pipelining
- Composition
- Inlining

New England F# User's Group

Next Meeting: July 5th

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msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/fsharp/

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