

Traversing Error Mountain



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A Helpful Little Function
and Some Building Blocks







An Elixir Pattern



{:ok, ...}

{:error, ...}

{:ok, ...}



{:error, ...}

{:ok, ...}



{:error, ...}



{:ok, 123}

{:error, ...}

{:ok, 123}

{:error, "kaboom"}


```
File.read("hello.txt")
```

```
#=> {:ok, "World"}
```

```
File.read("invalid.txt")
```

```
#=> {:error, :enoent}
```

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```

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```

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#=> {:error, :enoent}
```



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File.read("hello.txt")
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```

```
File.read("invalid.txt")
```

```
#=> {:error, :enoent}
```

```
MyApp.Repo.insert(changes)
```

```
#=> {:ok, #Ecto.Changeset<>}
```

```
MyApp.Repo.insert(wtf)
```

```
#=> {:error, #Ecto.Changeset<>}
```


The Example

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a mountain range against a vibrant, warm gradient. The gradient transitions from a deep, dark red at the bottom to a bright, glowing orange at the top, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The mountains are rendered in a dark, almost black silhouette, with the central peak being the most prominent. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on color and light.

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Enum.map(fn (file) ->  
  File.read(file)  
end)
```

```
# => [  
  {:ok, "..."},  
  {:error, :enoent},  
  {:ok, "..."}  
]
```

The Function



traverse/2

traverse/2

[...]

traverse/2

[...]

```
fn (...) ->
  { :ok, ... }
end
```

traverse/2

[...]

fn (...) ->

{:error, ...}

end

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```

```
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```

```
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  File.read(file)  
end)
```

```
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```

```
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  {:ok, "..."}  
]
```



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contents = files
```

```
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  File.read(file)  
end)
```

```
# =>
```

```
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  { :error, :enoent },  
  { :ok, "..."}  
]
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
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```
contents = files
```

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|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->  
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end)
```

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```

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contents = files
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  File.read(file)  
end)
```

```
# => {:ok, [{"{}", "[123]", {"'hi':123}"]}
```

Building Blocks



Construction

{:ok, 123}



{:error, "💣"}



{:ok, 123}

{:error, "💣"}

ok(123)

error("💣")

`ok(123)` → `{:ok, 123}`

`error("💣")` → `{:error, "💣"}`

[]

[1 2 3]

[1 2 3 , 4 5 6]

[]

[1 2 3 | []]

[1 2 3 | [4 5 6 | []]]

[123]

```
List.wrap(123)
```

`List.wrap(123) → [123]`

Deconstruction

```
case value do
  {:ok, x} ->
    x + 1

  {:error, e} ->
    "Problem: #{e}"
end
```

```
?????(value,  
  fn(x) ->  
    x + 1  
end,  
fn(e) ->  
  "Problem: #{e}"  
end  
)
```

```
case [1, 2, 3] do
  [] ->
    0
  [head] ->
    head + 1
  [head | tail] ->
    ???
end
```

```
foldr([1,2,3],
```

```
  0,
```

```
  fn (x, acc) ->
```

```
    x + acc
```

```
end
```

```
)
```

```
?????(value,  
  fn (x) ->  
    x + 1  
  end,  
  fn (e) ->  
    "Problem: #{e}"  
  end  
)
```



```
Result.fold(value,  
  fn (x) ->  
    x + 1  
end,  
  fn (e) ->  
    "Problem: #{e}"  
end  
)
```

```
Result.match(value,  
  fn (x) ->  
    x + 1  
  end,  
  fn (e) ->  
    "Problem: #{e}"  
  end  
)
```


BACK to

The Example

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contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(fn (x) -> String.trim(x) end)
```

```
end)
```

```
# => {:error, :enoent}
```


map()???

map()

```
Enum.map([1, 2, 3],  
  fn (x) =>  
    x * 2  
  end  
)
```

```
# => [2, 4, 6]
```

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"Structure Preserving"

```
Result.map({:ok, 111}  
  fn (x) ->  
    x * 2  
  end  
)
```

```
# => {:ok, 222}
```

```
Result.map({:ok, 111}  
  fn (x) ->  
    x * 2  
  end  
)
```

```
# => {:ok, 222}
```



```
Result.map({:error, "nope"}  
  fn (x) ->  
    x * 2  
  end  
)
```

```
# => {:error, "nope"}
```

```
def map(x, func) do
  Result.match(x,
    fn (val) ->
      func.(val) |> Result.ok()
    end,
    fn (err) ->
      e |> Result.error()
    end
  )
end
```

```
def map(x, func) do
  case x do
    {:ok, val} ->
      func.(val) |> Result.ok()

    {:error, err} ->
      e |> Result.error()

  end
end
```



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  |> File.read()
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```
end)
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end)
```

```
# => {:ok, [{"{}", "[123]", {"'hi':123}"]}] }
```



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```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(fn (x) -> String.trim(x) end)  
end)
```

```
# => {:error, :enoent}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->  
  file  
  |> File.read()  
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)  
end)
```

```
# => {:error, :enoent}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)
```

```
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) ->
```

```
    {file, e}
```

```
  end)
```

```
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)
```

```
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) ->
```

```
    {file, e}
```

```
  end)
```

```
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

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files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)
```

```
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) ->
```

```
    {file, e}
```

```
  end)
```

```
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)
```

```
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) ->
```

```
    {file, e}
```

```
  end)
```

```
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->  
  file  
  |> File.read()  
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)  
  |> Result.annotate(fn (e) ->  
    {file, e}  
  end)  
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```



```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)
```

```
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) ->
```

```
    {file, e}
```

```
  end)
```

```
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]

contents = files
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.map(&String.trim/1)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]
```

```
contents = files
```

```
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
```

```
  file
```

```
  |> File.read()
```

```
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)  
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]

contents = files
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
  end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)

# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]

contents = files
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
    end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)

# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

and_then()

```
Result.and_then(  
  { :ok, "[1,2,3]" },  
  fn (x) ->  
    Poison.decode(x)  
  end  
)
```

```
# => { :ok, [1,2,3] }
```

```
Result.and_then(  
  { :error, :yeah_nah },  
  fn (x) ->  
    Poison.decode(x)  
  end  
)  
  
# => { :error, :yeah_nah }
```



```
Result.and_then(  
  { :ok, "[1,2,3]" },  
  fn (x) ->  
    Poison.decode(x)  
  end  
)
```

```
# => { :ok, [1,2,3] }
```

```
Result.and_then(  
  { :ok, "haha bad json" },  
  fn (x) ->  
    Poison.decode(x)  
  end  
)  
  
# => { :error, { :invalid, ... } }
```

```
{:ok, "foo.json"}  
|> Result.and_then(  
  &File.read/1  
)  
|> Result.and_then(  
  &Poison.decode/1  
)  
|> ...
```

```
def and_then(x, func) do
  match(x,
    func,
    &Result.error/1
  )
end
```

```
def and_then(x, func) do
  case x do
    {:ok, val} -> func.(val)
    {:error, e} -> Result.error(e)
  end
end
```



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contents = files
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  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
    end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)

# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]

contents = files
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
    end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)

# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```



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  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
  end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"def.json", :enoent}}
```

```
files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]

contents = files
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
  end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)
```

```
# => {:error, {"ghi.json", {:invalid, "{", 23}}}
```

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files = ["abc.json", "def.json", "ghi.json"]

contents = files
|> Result.traverse(fn (file) ->
  file
  |> File.read()
  |> Result.and_then(fn (contents) ->
    Poison.decode(contents)
  end)
  |> Result.map_error(fn (e) -> {file, e} end)
end)

# => {:ok, [%{"hello" => "world"}, [1,2,3], %{} ]}
```

traverse()

```
def traverse(results, func) do
  Enum.reduce_while(results, {:ok, []},
    fn(element, {:ok, okays}) ->
      Result.match(func.(element),
        fn (v) ->
          {:cont, {:ok, [v | okays]}} end
        fn (e) ->
          {:halt, {:error, e}} end
      )
    end
  )
  |> Result.map(&Enum.reverse/1)
end
```

```
def traverse(results, func) do
  Enum.reduce_while(results, {:ok, []},
    fn(element, {:ok, okays}) ->
      case func.(element) do
        {:ok, v} ->
          {:cont, {:ok, [v | okays]}}
        {:error, e} ->
          {:halt, {:error, e}}
      end
    end
  end
)
|> Result.map(&Enum.reverse/1)
end
```

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def traverse(results, func) do
  Enum.reduce_while(results, {:ok, []},
    fn(element, {:ok, okays}) ->
      case func.(element) do
        {:ok, v} ->
          {:cont, {:ok, okays ++ [v]}}
        {:error, e} ->
          {:halt, {:error, e}}
      end
    end
  )
end
```

```
def traverse(results, func) do
  Enum.reduce_while(results, {:ok, []},
    fn(element, {:ok, okays}) ->
      case func.(element) do
        {:ok, v} ->
          {:cont, {:ok, [v | okays]}}
        {:error, e} ->
          {:halt, {:error, e}}
      end
    end
  end
)
|> Result.map(&Enum.reverse/1)
end
```




So What?

Composition 💖

Combinators

Helper Functions

Composition 💖

Cheat Codes



match() → **Fold**

map() → **Functor**

and_then() → **Monad**

match() → Fold
map() → Functor
and_then() → Monad

**[https://gist.github.com/damncabbage/
b3de0cd72a345fab7ba63c2898e00b63](https://gist.github.com/damncabbage/b3de0cd72a345fab7ba63c2898e00b63)**

<https://github.com/CrowdHailer/OK>

<https://github.com/expede/witchcraft>

"Railway-Oriented Programming"

<https://fsharpforfunandprofit.com/rop/>

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