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CHAPTER

ONE

FX - A FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING APPROACH

1.1 Introduction

TL;DR - YAGNI.

Inspired by Haskell's rich set of operators, this is an approach to functional programming with operators in Python.

"It's fun... It's insane... It's insanely fun."

—John Doe

1.1.1 Features

- Currying functions with <<, &
- Piping output of functions with |
- Composing functions with **
- Flipping order of arguments of function with ~
- · and more

1.1.2 Examples

```
>>> from fx import f
>>> double_all = f(map) << 2 .__mul__ | list
>>> double_all([1, 2, 3])
[2, 4, 6]
>>> double_all |= f(map) << str | ' '.join
>>> double_all([1, 2, 3])
'2 4 6'
>>> sum_upto = 1 .__add__ | f(range) << 1 | sum
>>> sum_upto(100)
5050
>>> parse_hex_str = ~f(int) << 16
>>> parse_hex_str('ff')
```

```
>>> parse_hex_str('cOffee')
12648430
>>> # project euler problem 1
>>> euler_p1 = f(range) << 1 | f(filter) << (lambda n: n % 3 == 0 or n % 5 == 0) | sum
>>> euler_p1(10)
23
>>> euler_p1(1000)
233168
>>> # project euler problem 20
>>> fact = f(lambda n: 1 if n == 1 else n * fact(n - 1))
>>> euler_p20 = str ** fact | sum ** f(map) << int
>>> euler_p20(10)
27
>>> euler_p20(100)
```

1.2 Requirements

• CPython >= 2.6

1.3 Installation

```
Install from PyPI:
```

```
pip install fx
```

Install from source, download source package, decompress, then cd into source directory, run:

make install

1.4 License

BSD New, see LICENSE for details.

1.5 Links

Documentation: http://fx.readthedocs.org/

Issue Tracker: https://bitbucket.org/pyx/fx/issues/

Source Package @ PyPI: http://pypi.python.org/pypi/fx/

Mercurial Repository @ bitbucket: https://bitbucket.org/pyx/fx/

Git Repository @ Github: https://github.com/pyx/fx/

CHAPTER

TWO

TUTORIAL

"Divide et impera."

2.1 Function Creation

Function is a function/callable wrapper.

```
>>> from fx import Function
>>> length = Function(len)
>>> length([1, 2, 3])
3
```

Alias f can be used instead, for convenience and succinctness.

```
>>> from fx import f
>>> length = f(len)
>>> length(range(5))
5
```

When used on a non-callable object, the newly created Function instance will return the same object when called as a function.

```
>>> the_answer = f(42)
>>> the_answer()
```

2.2 Function Invocation

Calling method invoke () on a Function instance will invoke the wrapped function with supplied arguments.

```
>>> minus = f(lambda a, b: a - b)
>>> minus.invoke(5, 2)
3

call() is an alias to invoke().
>>> minus.call(5, 2)
3

Function overloads __call__(), which means, instance of Function can be invoked like a normal function.
>>> minus(3, 2)
1
```

Keyword arguments are supported as well.

```
>>> minus.invoke(b=2, a=3)
>>> minus.call(b=2, a=3)
>>> minus(b=2, a=3)
Function overloads __pos__ (), which implements unary operator +, when used, calls invoke () with no argu-
ments.
>>> lst = f(list)
>>> lst()
[]
>>> +1st
[]
>>> lst() == +lst
value is a read-only property, when accessed, calls invoke () with no arguments.
>>> lst(range(3))
[0, 1, 2]
>>> lst.value
[]
```

2.3 Function Application

Partial function application can be done with method apply ().

```
>>> five_minus = minus.apply(5)
>>> five_minus(2)
3
>>> five_minus_four = five_minus.apply(4)
>>> five_minus_four.value
1
apply() accepts arbitrary arguments that wrapped function accepts.
>>> five_minus_four = minus.apply(5, 4)
>>> five_minus_four.value
1
>>> five_minus_four = minus.apply(b=4, a=5)
>>> five_minus_four.value
1
```

Operator << is overloaded as function application operator, so the above code can be rewritten with << like this.

```
>>> five_minus = minus << 5
>>> five_minus(2)
3
>>> five_minus_four = five_minus << 4
>>> five_minus_four.value
1
>>> five_minus_four = minus << 5 << 4
>>> five_minus_four.value
```

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<<= works as well.

```
>>> m = minus
>>> m <<= 5
>>> m <<= 4
>>> m()
1
>>> m.value
```

Operator & is overloaded as function application operator, too.

```
>>> five_minus = minus & 5
>>> five_minus(2)
3
>>> five_minus_four = five_minus & 4
>>> five_minus_four.value
1
>>> five_minus_four = minus & 5 & 4
>>> five_minus_four.value
1
>>> m = minus
>>> m &= 5
>>> m &= 4
>>> m()
1
>>> m.value
1
```

Why do we need two different operators doing seemingly the same thing? It is because they have different precedence, and that helps.

Consider this scenario, we want to do something to each element in a sequence, one way to do it is using map maps a function over this sequence.

```
>>> seq = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
>>> list(map(str, seq))
['1', '3', '5', '7', '9']
```

With partial function application, even functions require more than one arguments can be used to map over a single sequence, for example, we can double every element in this way.

```
>>> mul = f(lambda a, b: a * b)
>>> double = mul << 2
>>> list(map(double, seq))
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

Instead of hard-coding seq here, we can use partial function application technique again, creating a function that can be re-used over again.

```
>>> double_all = f(map) << double
>>> list(double_all(seq))
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
>>> list(double_all(range(5)))
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
>>> list(double_all('Hello'))
['HH', 'ee', 'll', 'll', 'oo']
```

If we don't need all these intermediate functions, double_all can be coded in one line.

```
>>> double_all = f(map) << (f(lambda a, b: a * b) << 2)
>>> list(double_all(seq))
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

This is where operator & comes in handy, by using both function application operators, we can eliminate some parentheses.

```
>>> double_all = f(map) & f(lambda a, b: a * b) << 2
>>> list(double_all(seq))
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

2.4 Function Composition

In the above example, we have to wrap the result of map with a list constructor list just to make sure the result will be the same in Python 2.x and Python 3.x, because this is one place where Python 2.x and Python 3.x differ.

```
>>> double_all = f(map) & f(lambda a, b: a * b) << 2
>>> list(double_all(seq))
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

But typing all these list (and) is no fun, there is a way to avoid this, we can compose double_all with list.

```
>>> new_double_all = f(list).compose(double_all)
>>> new_double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

** is the function composition operator, keep in mind that this operator is **right-associative**, just like the function composition operator (.) in Haskell.

```
>>> new_double_all = f(list) ** double_all
>>> new_double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

Because both $_pow_$ () and $_rpow_$ () are implemented, of the two operants of operator **, one instance of Function will suffice to make it work.

Since double_all is already an instance of Function, there is no need to wrap list in a Function.

```
>>> new_double_all = list ** double_all
>>> new_double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

With function composition operator **, it is possible to refine double_all into a one-liner.

```
>>> double_all = list ** f(map) & f(lambda a, b: a * b) << 2
>>> double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
```

Here is a more complicated example.

```
>>> from itertools import count, takewhile as tw
>>> takewhile = f(tw)
>>> select = f(filter)
>>> odd = lambda n: n % 2
>>> lt_20 = lambda n: n < 20
>>> reverse = lambda s: s[::-1]
>>> + reverse ** list ** (select << odd) ** (takewhile << lt_20) ** count
[19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1]</pre>
```

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It's easier to read function composition expressions from right to left:

From all whole numbers (count), we keep taking numbers as long as it is less than 20 (takewhile << lt_20), pick all odd numbers from the resulting sequence (select << odd), make it into a list (list), reverse it (reverse), and get the result (+).

Warning: Coding in this style is fun, but tend to get hairy soon. Don't Try This at Home.

2.5 Function Pipeline

When called with a callable, method pipe () will return an instance of Function, which when invoked, will pipe the output of current function into that callable. It works very similarly to pipelines in Unix-like systems, thus the name.

To put it simply, piping the output of functions does the same thing as function composition, just in reversed direction, that is, it is evaluated from left to right.

Remember the examples from last section?

```
>>> double_all = f(map) & f(lambda a, b: a * b) << 2
>>> list(double_all(seq))
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]
>>> new_double_all = f(list).compose(double_all)
>>> new_double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]

Rewriting new_double_all with pipe().
>>> new_double_all = double_all.pipe(list)
>>> new_double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]

Like in a Unix shell, we can use | as pipe operator.
>>> new_double_all = double_all | list
```

Both __or__() and __ror__() are implemented, so only one of the two operants needs to be an instance of Function to make it work.

Let's take a look at the last example of last section, again.

```
>>> from itertools import count, takewhile as tw
>>> takewhile = f(tw)
>>> select = f(filter)
>>> odd = lambda n: n % 2
>>> lt_20 = lambda n: n < 20
>>> reverse = lambda s: s[::-1]
>>> + reverse ** list ** (select << odd) ** (takewhile << lt_20) ** count
[19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1]</pre>
```

The following proves that function pipeline is equivalent to function composition in reversed direction.

```
>>> s = count | (takewhile << lt_20) | (select << odd) | list | reverse
>>> +s
[19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1]
```

>>> new_double_all(seq)
[2, 6, 10, 14, 18]

Since operator << has higher precedence than |, parentheses can often be omitted.

```
>>> s = count | takewhile << lt_20 | select << odd | list | reverse
>>> +s
[19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1]
```

2.6 Reversed Function Application

It is sometimes convenient to reverse the expected order of arguments, method reverse_apply() helps in this situation.

It returns an instance of Function, which takes arguments like the original one, but in reversed order.

```
>>> minus = f(lambda a, b: a - b)
>>> minus(2, 1)
1
>>> subtract = minus.reverse_apply()
>>> subtract(2, 1)
-1
```

You can get the 'flipped' function via read-only property flip, too. It's named after Haskell's flip function.

```
>>> subtract = minus.flip
>>> subtract(2, 1)
-1
>>> minus.flip(2, 1)
-1
```

Flipping a 'flipped' function again will cancel each other out.

```
>>> minus(2, 1)
1
>>> minus.flip(2, 1)
-1
>>> minus.flip.flip(2, 1)
1
>>> minus.flip.flip.flip(2, 1)
-1
>>> minus.flip.flip.flip.flip(2, 1)
```

The flip operator ~ does the same thing.

```
>>> minus(2, 1)
1
>>> (~minus)(2, 1)
-1
>>> (~~minus)(2, 1)
1
>>> (~~minus)(2, 1)
-1
>>> (~~~minus)(2, 1)
1
```

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2.7 Implicit Function Invocation

Operators != and == are overloaded, so that when using these two operators to compare anything to an instance of Function, it is equivalent to compare against that instance's value.

For example:

```
>>> s = f(range) | list
>>> (s << 3).value
[0, 1, 2]
>>> s << 3 == [0, 1, 2]
True
>>> f(range) << 3 | list == [0, 1, 2]
True
>>> [0, 1, 2] != f(range) << 3 | list
False
>>> f(range) << 3 | list == f(range) << 3 | list
True
>>> f(range) << 3 | list == f(range) << 3 | list
True
>>> f(range) << 3 | list == f(range) << 3 | list
True
>>> f(range) << 3 | list != s << 3
False</pre>
```

We can test if a value is in a Function's output, in the form of value in function.

For Function that its value supports membership test operator in, (either by supporting the iterator protocol or implementing it's __contains__ method), membership testing will be delegated to its value.

```
>>> one_to_ten = list ** f(range) << 1 << 11
>>> 1 in one_to_ten
True
>>> 10 in one_to_ten
True
>>> 11 in one_to_ten
False
>>> one_to_ten.value
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

For Function that its value does not support membership test operator in, equality is checked instead.

```
>>> the_answer = len ** f(range) << 42
>>> 42 in the_answer
True
>>> 41 in the_answer
False
>>> the_answer()
42
```

Instances of Function support iterator protocol.

For Function which its value is an iterable object, iteration is delegated to that object.

```
>>> one_to_three = f(range) << 1 << 4
>>> for i in one_to_three:
...     print(i)
1
2
3
>>> [i * 2 for i in one_to_three]
[2, 4, 6]
```

For Function which its value is not an iterable, a 1-tuple with value as the only element will be used to iterated over.

```
>>> the_answer = f(42)
>>> the_answer()
42
>>> [i for i in the_answer]
[42]
```

Warning: If you don't know how these features work, as described in this section, they might lead to surprising results and possibly cause more problems than they solve. *You've been warned*.

2.8 Overloaded Operators

In summary, Function overloads the following operators.

Operator	Description	
value in f	Check if value in f's output	
!=,==	Evaluates then compare	
	Pipe operator	
&	Low cohesive application operator	
<<	High cohesive application operator	
+f	Low cohesive invoke operator	
~X	Flip operator	
**	Function composition operator	
f(arguments)	High cohesive invoke operator	

2.9 Item Getter

There is a factory object x, that creates item getters.

Note: This is different from standard library's operator.itemgetter.

Creating an index getter:

```
>>> from fx import x
>>> first = x[0]
>>> first([1, 2, 3])
```

Keys can be slice as well:

```
>>> rest = x[1:]
>>> rest([1, 2, 3])
[2, 3]
```

Item getters can be chained:

```
>>> second = rest[0]
>>> second([1, 2, 3])
2
>>> third = x[1:][1:][0]
```

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```
>>> third([1, 2, 3])
Keys are not limited to numbers:
>>> get_name = x['name']
>>> get_name({'name': 'Joe', 'age': 42})
'Joe'
_ is an alias to x:
>>> from fx import _
>>> age = _['age']
>>> age({'name': 'Joe', 'age': 42})
Item getters work on generators as well:
>>> def monty():
        yield 'spam'
        yield 'ham'
        yield 'eggs'
>>> first(monty())
'spam'
>>> second(monty())
'ham'
>>> third(monty())
'eggs'
\rightarrow \rightarrow odd_indices = x[::2]
>>> list(odd_indices(monty()))
['spam', 'eggs']
Iterm getters is non-strict, e.g, work on infinite sequence:
>>> from itertools import count
>>> first(count(1))
1
>>> second(count(1))
>>> third(count(1))
Using itemgetter in pipeline:
>>> def fibonacci():
... """Fibonacci sequence starts with 1, 1"""
       a, b = 0, 1
       while True:
. . .
           a, b = b, a + b
            yield a
>>> fib = fibonacci()
>>> f(fib) | _[:8] | list == [1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21]
True
```

2.10 Utility Functions

Package fx also provides a couple utility functions, compose() and flip().

They work like Function's methods with the same name, except that two functions instead of one are required because there is no self.

```
>>> from fx import compose
>>> g = compose(lambda n: -n, abs)
>>> g(-1)
-1
>>> from fx import flip
>>> greater_then = lambda a, b: a > b
>>> greater_then(1, 2)
False
>>> less_then = flip(greater_then)
>>> less_then(1, 2)
True
```

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API REFERENCE

3.1 Function Wrapper

class fx.Function (function)

A function wrapper class.

Implements operators for function composition, arguments flipping, partial application, and more.

```
>>> fmap = Function(map)
>>> double_all = fmap << 2 .__mul__ | list
>>> double_all([1, 2, 3])
[2, 4, 6]
>>> mul = Function(lambda a, b: a * b)
>>> double_all_str = fmap << str ** (mul << 2) | ' '.join
>>> double_all_str([1, 2, 3])
'2 4 6'
```

classmethod clone (function)

Creates a Function object of the same type as cls.

Note: All methods and operators that return an instance of Function, return a copy created by clone (). That is, Function object will not be changed in place by it's methods and operators.

___init___(function)

Creates a function wrapper object.

```
\rightarrow \rightarrow f = Function(42)
>>> f() == 42
True
>>> f.value == 42
True
>>> f == 42
>>> g = Function(lambda a: a + 1)
>>> g(1)
>>> g(f())
43
>>> succ = Function(g)
>>> succ(0), succ(1), succ(2)
(1, 2, 3)
>>> times_2 = Function(2 .__mul__)
>>> [times_2(n) for n in range(10)]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18]
```

```
invoke (*args, **kwargs)
     Invokes the wrapped function with args and kwargs.
    Function invocation:
     >>> f = Function(int)
    >>> f.invoke('2')
     call is an alias:
    >>> f.call('2')
     value is a read-only property, when accessed, calls invoke:
    >>> f.value
    \rightarrow \rightarrow two = f.apply('2')
    >>> two.value
    High cohesive invoke operator () (a.k.a call operator):
    >>> f = Function(int)
    >>> f('2')
    >>> f = Function(max)
    >>> f(1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8)
    Low cohesive invoke operator + (positive, unary plus):
    >>> f = Function(int)
    >>> two = f.apply('2')
    >>> +two
    >>> +f.apply('2')
call (*args, **kwargs)
    an alias to invoke().
value
    read-only property, with invoke () as getter.
__call__(*args, **kwargs)
    an alias to invoke (), implements high cohesive invoke operator ().
    an alias to invoke (), implements low cohesive invoke operator (unary) +.
compose (function)
    Creates a Function as composition of function with self.
    Function composition:
    >>> f = Function(lambda a: -a).compose(abs)
    >>> f(-1)
     -1
```

```
Function composition operator **:
    >>> f = Function(lambda a: -a) ** abs
    >>> f(-1)
    -1
    ** works on either side, no need to wrap both sides:
    >>> f = Function(list) ** map << 1 .__add__
    >>> f(range(10))
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
    >>> f = list ** Function(map) << 1 .__add__
    >>> f(range(10))
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
___pow___ (function)
    an alias to compose (), implements function composition operator **.
ror (function)
    an alias to compose (), implements pipe operator | (reflected operands version).
pipe (function)
    Creates a Function that pipes output into function if invoked.
    Piping output:
    >>> f = Function(range).pipe(sum).pipe(int.__neg__)
    >>> f(1, 101)
    -5050
    Pipe operator |:
    >>> f = Function(range) | sum | int.__neg__
    >>> f(1, 101)
    -5050
    >>> f = Function(map) << 1 .__add__ | list
    >>> f(range(10))
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
    >>> sum_upto = 1 .__add__ | Function(range) << 1 | sum
    >>> sum_upto(100)
    5050
__or__ (function)
    an alias to pipe (), implements pipe operator |.
__rpow__(function)
    an alias to pipe (), implements function composition operator ** (reflected operands version).
apply (*args, **kwargs)
    Creates a Function with partial function application.
    Currying:
    >>> add = Function(lambda a, b: a + b)
    >>> succ = add.apply(1)
    >>> succ(0)
    1
```

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High cohesive application operator <<:

```
>>> add_1 = add << 1
    >>> add_1(2)
    Low cohesive application operator &:
    >>> times = Function(lambda a, b: a * b)
    >>> f = Function(map) & times << 2 & range(8) | list
    >>> f.value
    [0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14]
    Partial application:
    >>> f = Function(max) << 1 << 3 << 5 << 7 << 9 << 2 << 4 << 6 << 8
    >>> f.value
    >>> f(20)
    20
    >>> f(-1)
    Partial application with keyword argument:
    >>> int_from_hex = Function(int).apply(base=16)
    >>> int_from_hex('0xff')
    255
__lshift__(argument)
    an alias to apply (), implements high cohesive application operator <<.
    an alias to apply (), implements low cohesive application operator &.
reverse_apply()
    Creates a Function that reversely apply positional arguments.
    Reversed positional arguments application:
    >>> minus = Function(lambda a, b: a - b)
    >>> minus(8, 5)
    >>> subtract = minus.reverse_apply()
    >>> subtract(8, 5)
    flip is a read-only property for easier referencing:
    >>> minus.flip(8, 5)
    -3
    >>> minus.flip.flip(8, 5)
    Flip operator ~
    >>> (~minus)(8, 5)
    -3
    >>> subtract = ~minus
    >>> subtract(8, 5)
    -3
flip
```

read-only property, evaluates to the 'flipped' version of current function.

```
__invert__()
    an alias to reverse_apply(), implements flip operator ~.
__eq__(other)
    self == other
    Compares self. value with other for equality.
    >>> f = Function(sum) << [5, 4, 3, 2]
    >>> f == 14
    True
    implements operator ==, which means evaluate then check for equality.
___ne___(other)
    self != other
    Compares self.value with other for inequality.
    >>> f = Function(sum) << [5, 4, 3, 2]
    >>> f != 14
    False
    implements operator !=, which means evaluate then check for inequality.
 _contains__(value)
    value in self
    Returns True if value is in self.value. If self.value is not iterable, equality is checked instead.
    >>> f = Function(range) << 100
    >>> 1 in f
    True
    >>> -1 in f
    False
    \rightarrow \rightarrow f = Function (42)
    >>> 42 in f
    True
    >>> 43 in f
    False
___iter__()
    Returns an iterator object.
    If self.value is iterable, returns iter (self.value), otherwise a 1-tuple with function's output
    will be created, and iterator of this tuple will be returned, so that calling iter () on a Function object will
    not fail.
    >>> f = Function(range) << 10
    >>> [n for n in f]
    [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
    >>> f = Function(42)
    >>> [n for n in f]
    [42]
```

3.2 Item Getter

fx.x

A factory object to create item getters.

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```
>>> from fx import x
>>> head = x[0]
>>> head([1, 2, 3])
1
>>> tail = x[1:]
>>> tail([1, 2, 3])
[2, 3]
>>> second = tail[0]
>>> second([1, 2, 3])
2
>>> get_name = x['name']
>>> get_name({'name': 'Joe', 'age': 42})
'Joe'
```

3.3 Utility Functions

```
fx.compose(f, g)
    Function composition.
    compose(f, g) \rightarrow f \cdot g
    >>> add_2 = lambda a: a + 2
    >>> mul_5 = lambda a: a * 5
    >>> mul_5_add_2 = compose(add_2, mul_5)
    >>> mul_5_add_2(1)
    >>> add_2_mul_5 = compose(mul_5, add_2)
    >>> add_2_mul_5(1)
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fx.flip(f)
    Creates a function that takes arguments in reverse order.
    flip(f) \rightarrow g
    >>> minus = lambda a, b: a - b
    >>> minus(5, 3)
    >>> subtract = flip(minus)
    >>> subtract(5, 3)
    -2
    >>> list(zip(range(5), range(5, 10), range(10, 15)))
    [(0, 5, 10), (1, 6, 11), (2, 7, 12), (3, 8, 13), (4, 9, 14)]
    >>> fzip = flip(zip)
    >>> list(fzip(range(5), range(5, 10), range(10, 15)))
    [(10, 5, 0), (11, 6, 1), (12, 7, 2), (13, 8, 3), (14, 9, 4)]
3.4 Alias
fx.
    an alias to x
```

class fx.f

an alias to Function for less typing.

Instead of using Function () every time, you can:

```
>>> from fx import f
>>> all_odd = all ** f(map) << (lambda n: n % 2)
>>> all_odd([2, 3, 4])
False
>>> all_odd([7, 5, 9])
True
```

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