

# Another Variant of Operations: Idempotent

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Sometimes, we want **idempotent** operations

- idem- = identical, -potent = power
- meaning that an **operation has the same effect no matter how many times one performs the operation.**

In a social network, for example:

Mark X as my friend

If I switch machines (phone/tablet/computer), see an old version, and apply the same operation, everything works out.

