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Section 4.2: Traversing a structure in revers

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ris can be put to use in a "reversed traverse" when the underlying insertis, the rejurning effect happens in reverse order.

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Chapter 10: 10

Section 10.1: Getting the 'a' "out of" 'IO a'

n question is "I have a value of 👥 a, but I want to do something to that a value: how do I get access to h?" me operate on data that comes from the outside world (for example, incrementing a number typed by

The point is that if you use a pure function on data obtained impurely, then the result is still impure it depends on what the user did A value of type 1, extands for a 'lask-effecting computation resulting in a value of type a' which can only be run by do composite it than each and dig compiling and executing your program. For that reason, there is no way which pure Haskel world to 'get the a out'.

instead, we want to build a new computation, a new 10 value, which makes use of the a value of runtime. This is another way of composing ID values and so again we can use do-notation:

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getMessage 1: Det -> String getMessage int = "My comput atton repulted in: " ++ show int

e we're using a pure function (gethessage) to turn an [He] into a [He] into a using a pure function (gethessage) to turn an spipled to the result of an ID computation myComputation when (after) that computation runs. The result of a computation runs. The result of the pure context is called a computation runs. This technique of using pure functions in an impure context is called a computation runs.

Section 10.2: IO defines your program's 'main' action To make a Haskell program executable you must provide a file with a main function of type 10 (1)

main 11 10 {| main = putstrin [Halls world

When Haskell is compiled it examines the E0 data here and turns it into a executable. When we will or in the line world! If you have values of type 10 a other than main they won't do anything

other :: 10 () other = putStrLe 'I won't get printed

nain :: 10 [] nain = putStrin "Halla vorld

Compiling this program and running it will have the same effect as the last example. The code in ot In order to make the code in other have numme effects you have to compose it into moventually composed into mean will have any runtime effect. To compose own 10 values notation:

Chapter 31: Concurrency

Section 31.1: Spawning Threads with 'forkIO'

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We can demonstrate this quice succinctly using phot.

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Section 31.2: Communicating between Threads with 'MVar' It is very easy to pass information between threads using the Marc + type and its acc

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If you call taken and the War is empty, it blocks uses another thread puts something into the result in a <u>Dising Philosophics Problem</u>. The same thing happens with putsivary if his full cit.

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Chapter 1: Getting started with Haskell Language

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Section 1.1: Getting started

Online REPL

The easiest way to get started writing Haskell is probably by going to the <u>Haskell website</u> or <u>Try Haskell</u> and use the online REPL (read-eval-print-loop) on the home page. The online REPL supports most basic functionality and even some IO. There is also a basic tutorial available which can be started by typing the command help. An ideal tool to start learning the basics of Haskell and try out some stuff.

GHC(i)

For programmers that are ready to engage a little bit more, there is *GHCi*, an interactive environment that comes with the *Glorious/Glasgow Haskell Compiler*. The *GHC* can be installed separately, but that is only a compiler. In order to be able to install new libraries, tools like *Cabal* and *Stack* must be installed as well. If you are running a Unix-like operating system, the easiest installation is to install *Stack* using:

curl -sSL https://get.haskellstack.org/ | sh

This installs GHC isolated from the rest of your system, so it is easy to remove. All commands must be preceded by stack though. Another simple approach is to install a <u>Haskell Platform</u>. The platform exists in two flavours:

- 1. The **minimal** distribution contains only *GHC* (to compile) and *Cabal/Stack* (to install and build packages)
- 2. The **full** distribution additionally contains tools for project development, profiling and coverage analysis. Also an additional set of widely-used packages is included.

These platforms can be installed by <u>downloading an installer</u> and following the instructions or by using your distribution's package manager (note that this version is not guaranteed to be up-to-date):

• Ubuntu, Debian, Mint:

sudo apt-get install haskell-platform

• Fedora:

sudo dnf install haskell-platform

• Redhat:

sudo yum install haskell-platform

• Arch Linux:

Gentoo:

sudo layman -a haskell sudo emerge haskell-platform

• OSX with Homebrew:

brew cask install haskell-platform

• OSX with MacPorts:

sudo port install haskell-platform

Once installed, it should be possible to start *GHCi* by invoking the ghci command anywhere in the terminal. If the installation went well, the console should look something like

```
me@notebook:~$ ghci
GHCi, version 6.12.1: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
Prelude>
```

possibly with some more information on what libraries have been loaded before the Prelude>. Now, the console has become a Haskell REPL and you can execute Haskell code as with the online REPL. In order to quit this interactive environment, one can type :qor :quit. For more information on what commands are available in *GHCi*, type :? as indicated in the starting screen.

Because writing the same things again and again on a single line is not always that practically, it might be a good idea to write the Haskell code in files. These files normally have .hs for an extension and can be loaded into the REPL by using :1 or :load.

As mentioned earlier, *GHCi* is a part of the *GHC*, which is actually a compiler. This compiler can be used to transform a .hs file with Haskell code into a running program. Because a .hs file can contain a lot of functions, a main function must be defined in the file. This will be the starting point for the program. The file test.hs can be compiled with the command

ghc test.hs

this will create object files and an executable if there were no errors and the main function was defined correctly.

More advanced tools

- 1. It has already been mentioned earlier as package manager, but <u>stack</u> can be a useful tool for Haskell development in completely different ways. Once installed, it is capable of
 - installing (multiple versions of) GHC
 - project creation and scaffolding
 - dependency management
 - $\circ~$ building and testing projects
 - benchmarking
- 2. IHaskell is a <u>haskell kernel for IPython</u> and allows to combine (runnable) code with markdown and mathematical notation.

Section 1.2: Hello, World!

A basic "Hello, World!" program in Haskell can be expressed concisely in just one or two lines:

```
main :: IO ()
main = putStrLn "Hello, World!"
```

The first line is an optional type annotation, indicating that main is a value of type **10** (), representing an I/O action which "computes" a value of type () (read "unit"; the empty tuple conveying no information) besides performing some side effects on the outside world (here, printing a string at the terminal). This type annotation is usually omitted for main because it is its *only* possible type.

Put this into a helloworld.hs file and compile it using a Haskell compiler, such as GHC:

ghc helloworld.hs

Executing the compiled file will result in the output "Hello, World!" being printed to the screen:

./helloworld
Hello, World!

Alternatively, runhaskell or runghc make it possible to run the program in interpreted mode without having to compile it:

runhaskell helloworld.hs

The interactive REPL can also be used instead of compiling. It comes shipped with most Haskell environments, such as ghci which comes with the GHC compiler:

```
ghci> putStrLn "Hello World!"
Hello, World!
ghci>
```

Alternatively, load scripts into ghci from a file using load (or :1):

ghci> :load helloworld

:reload (or :r) reloads everything in ghci:

```
Prelude> :1 helloworld.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main ( helloworld.hs, interpreted )
```

```
<some time later after some edits>
```

*Main> :r
Ok, modules loaded: Main.

Explanation:

This first line is a type signature, declaring the type of main:

main :: IO ()

Values of type **10** () describe actions which can interact with the outside world.

Because Haskell has a fully-fledged Hindley-Milner type system which allows for automatic type inference, type

signatures are technically optional: if you simply omit the main :: **10** (), the compiler will be able to infer the type on its own by analyzing the *definition* of main. However, it is very much considered bad style not to write type signatures for top-level definitions. The reasons include:

- Type signatures in Haskell are a very helpful piece of documentation because the type system is so expressive that you often can see what sort of thing a function is good for simply by looking at its type. This "documentation" can be conveniently accessed with tools like GHCi. And unlike normal documentation, the compiler's type checker will make sure it actually matches the function definition!
- Type signatures *keep bugs local*. If you make a mistake in a definition without providing its type signature, the compiler may not immediately report an error but instead simply infer a nonsensical type for it, with which it actually typechecks. You may then get a cryptic error message when *using* that value. With a signature, the compiler is very good at spotting bugs right where they happen.

This second line does the actual work:

```
main = putStrLn "Hello, World!"
```

If you come from an imperative language, it may be helpful to note that this definition can also be written as:

```
main = do {
    putStrLn "Hello, World!" ;
    return ()
  }
```

Or equivalently (Haskell has layout-based parsing; but *beware mixing tabs and spaces inconsistently* which will confuse this mechanism):

```
main = do
    putStrLn "Hello, World!"
    return ()
```

Each line in a do block represents some monadic (here, I/O) *computation*, so that the whole do block represents the overall action comprised of these sub-steps by combining them in a manner specific to the given monad (for I/O this means just executing them one after another).

The do syntax is itself a syntactic sugar for monads, like I0 here, and **return** is a no-op action producing its argument without performing any side effects or additional computations which might be part of a particular monad definition.

The above is the same as defining main = putStrLn "Hello, World!", because the value putStrLn "Hello, World!" already has the type IO (). Viewed as a "statement", putStrLn "Hello, World!" can be seen as a complete program, and you simply define main to refer to this program.

You can look up the signature of putStrLn online:

```
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
-- thus,
putStrLn (v :: String) :: IO ()
```

putStrLn is a function that takes a string as its argument and outputs an I/O-action (i.e. a value representing a program that the runtime can execute). The runtime always executes the action named main, so we simply need to define it as equal to **putStrLn** "Hello, World!".

Section 1.3: Factorial

The factorial function is a Haskell "Hello World!" (and for functional programming generally) in the sense that it succinctly demonstrates basic principles of the language.

Variation 1

```
fac :: (Integral a) => a -> a
fac n = product [1..n]
```

Live demo

- Integral is the class of integral number types. Examples include Int and Integer.
- (Integral a) => places a constraint on the type a to be in said class
- fac :: a -> a says that fac is a function that takes an a and returns an a
- product is a function that accumulates all numbers in a list by multiplying them together.
- [1..n] is special notation which desugars to enumFromTo 1 n, and is the range of numbers 1 ? x ? n.

Variation 2

```
fac :: (Integral a) => a -> a
fac 0 = 1
fac n = n * fac (n - 1)
```

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This variation uses pattern matching to split the function definition into separate cases. The first definition is invoked if the argument is 0 (sometimes called the stop condition) and the second definition otherwise (the order of definitions is significant). It also exemplifies recursion as fac refers to itself.

It is worth noting that, due to rewrite rules, both versions of fac will compile to identical machine code when using GHC with optimizations activated. So, in terms of efficiency, the two would be equivalent.

Section 1.4: Fibonacci, Using Lazy Evaluation

Lazy evaluation means Haskell will evaluate only list items whose values are needed.

The basic recursive definition is:

If evaluated directly, it will be very slow. But, imagine we have a list that records all the results,

fibs !! n <- f (n)

Then

This is coded as:

```
fibn n = fibs !! n
    where
    fibs = 0 : 1 : map f [2..]
    f n = fibs !! (n-1) + fibs !! (n-2)
```

Or even as

GHCi> let fibs = 0 : 1 : zipWith (+) fibs (tail fibs)
GHCi> take 10 fibs
[0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]

zipWith makes a list by applying a given binary function to corresponding elements of the two lists given to it, so **zipWith** (+) [x1, x2, ...] [y1, y2, ...] is equal to [x1 + y1, x2 + y2, ...].

Another way of writing fibs is with the scanl function:

GHCi> let fibs = 0 : scanl (+) 1 fibs GHCi> take 10 fibs [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]

scanl builds the list of partial results that **fold1** would produce, working from left to right along the input list. That is, **scanl** f z0 [x1, x2, ...] is equal to [z0, z1, z2, ...] where z1 = f z0 x1; z2 = f z1 x2;

Thanks to lazy evaluation, both functions define infinite lists without computing them out entirely. That is, we can write a fib function, retrieving the nth element of the unbounded Fibonacci sequence:

```
GHCi> let fib n = fibs !! n -- (!!) being the list subscript operator
-- or in point-free style:
GHCi> let fib = (fibs !!)
GHCi> fib 9
34
```

Section 1.5: Primes

A few most salient variants:

Below 100

import Data.List ((\\))

 $ps100 = ((([2..100] \land [4,6..100]) \land [6,9..100]) \land [10,15..100]) \land [14,21..100]$

-- = (((2:[3,5..100]) \\ [9,15..100]) \\ [25,35..100]) \\ [49,63..100]

-- = (2:[3,5..100]) \\ ([9,15..100] ++ [25,35..100] ++ [49,63..100])

Unlimited

Sieve of Eratosthenes, using data-ordlist package:

ps = 2 : _Y ((3:) . minus [5,7..] . unionAll . map (\p -> [p*p, p*p+2*p..]))
_Y g = g (_Y g) -- = g (g (_Y g)) = g (g (g (g (...)))) = g . g . g . g

Traditional

(a sub-optimal trial division sieve)

```
ps = sieve [2..]
where
sieve (x:xs) = [x] ++ sieve [y | y <- xs, rem y x > 0]
-- = map head ( iterate (\(x:xs) -> filter ((> 0).(`rem` x)) xs) [2..] )
Optimal trial division
ps = 2 : [n | n <- [3..], all ((> 0).rem n) $ takeWhile ((<= n).(^2)) ps]</pre>
```

```
-- = 2 : [n | n <- [3..], foldr (\p r-> p*p > n || (rem n p > 0 && r)) True ps]
```

Transitional

From trial division to sieve of Eratosthenes:

[n | n <- [2..], []==[i | i <- [2..n-1], j <- [0,i..n], j==n]]
The Shortest Code
nubBy (((>1).).gcd) [2..] -- i.e., nubBy (\a b -> gcd a b > 1) [2..]

nubBy is also from Data.List, like (\\).

Section 1.6: Declaring Values

We can declare a series of expressions in the REPL like this:

```
Prelude> let x = 5
Prelude> let y = 2 * 5 + x
Prelude> let result = y * 10
Prelude> x
5
Prelude> y
15
Prelude> result
150
```

To declare the same values in a file we write the following:

```
-- demo.hs
module Demo where
-- We declare the name of our module so
-- it can be imported by name in a project.
x = 5
y = 2 * 5 + x
result = y * 10
```

Module names are capitalized, unlike variable names.

Chapter 2: Overloaded Literals

Section 2.1: Strings

The type of the literal

Without any extensions, the type of a string literal – i.e., something between double quotes – is just a string, aka list of characters:

```
Prelude> :t "foo"
"foo" :: [Char]
```

However, when the OverloadedStrings extension is enabled, string literals become polymorphic, similar to number literals:

```
Prelude> :set -XOverloadedStrings
Prelude> :t "foo"
"foo" :: Data.String.IsString t => t
```

This allows us to define values of string-like types without the need for any explicit conversions. In essence, the OverloadedStrings extension just wraps every string literal in the generic <u>fromString</u> conversion function, so if the context demands e.g. the more efficient <u>Text</u> instead of <u>String</u>, you don't need to worry about that yourself.

Using string literals

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
import Data.Text (Text, pack)
import Data.ByteString (ByteString, pack)
withString :: String
withString = "Hello String"
-- The following two examples are only allowed with OverloadedStrings
withText :: Text
withText = "Hello Text" -- instead of: withText = Data.Text.pack "Hello Text"
withBS :: ByteString
withBS = "Hello ByteString" -- instead of: withBS = Data.ByteString.pack "Hello ByteString"
```

Notice how we were able to construct values of Text and ByteString in the same way we construct ordinary String (or [Char]) Values, rather than using each types pack function to encode the string explicitly.

For more information on the OverloadedStrings language extension, see the extension documentation.

Section 2.2: Floating Numeral

The type of the literal

```
Prelude> :t 1.0
1.0 :: Fractional a => a
```

Choosing a concrete type with annotations

You can specify the type with a *type annotation*. The only requirement is that the type must have a **Fractional** instance.

```
Prelude> 1.0 :: Double
1.0
it :: Double
Prelude> 1.0 :: Data.Ratio.Ratio Int
1 % 1
it :: GHC.Real.Ratio Int
```

if not the compiler will complain

```
Prelude> 1.0 :: Int
<interactive>:
    No instance for (Fractional Int) arising from the literal `1.0'
    In the expression: 1.0 :: Int
    In an equation for `it': it = 1.0 :: Int
```

Section 2.3: Integer Numeral

The type of the literal

Prelude> :t 1 1 :: Num a => a

choosing a concrete type with annotations

You can specify the type as long as the target type is Num with an annotation:

```
Prelude> 1 :: Int
1
it :: Int
Prelude> 1 :: Double
1.0
it :: Double
Prelude> 1 :: Word
1
it :: Word
```

if not the compiler will complain

Prelude> 1 :: String

```
<interactive>:
   No instance for (Num String) arising from the literal `1'
   In the expression: 1 :: String
   In an equation for `it': it = 1 :: String
```

Section 2.4: List Literals

GHC's <u>OverloadedLists</u> extension allows you to construct list-like data structures with the list literal syntax.

This allows you to <u>Data.Map</u> like this:

```
> :set -XOverloadedLists
> import qualified Data.Map as M
> M.lookup "foo" [("foo", 1), ("bar", 2)]
Just 1
```

Instead of this (note the use of the extra M.fromList):

```
> import Data.Map as M
> M.lookup "foo" (M.fromList [("foo", 1), ("bar", 2)])
Just 1
```

Chapter 3: Foldable

Foldable is the class of types t :: * -> * which admit a *folding* operation. A fold aggregates the elements of a structure in a well-defined order, using a combining function.

Section 3.1: Definition of Foldable

```
class Foldable t where
  {-# MINIMAL foldMap | foldr #-}
  foldMap :: Monoid m => (a -> m) -> t a -> m
  foldMap f = foldr (mappend . f) mempty
  foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
  foldr f z t = appEndo (foldMap (Endo #. f) t) z
  -- and a number of optional methods
```

Intuitively (though not technically), Foldable structures are containers of elements a which allow access to their elements in a well-defined order. The foldMap operation maps each element of the container to a Monoid and collapses them using the Monoid structure.

Section 3.2: An instance of Foldable for a binary tree

To instantiate Foldable you need to provide a definition for at least foldMap or **foldr**.

This implementation performs an <u>in-order traversal</u> of the tree.

```
ghci> let myTree = Node (Node Leaf 'a' Leaf) 'b' (Node Leaf 'c' Leaf)
-- +--'b'--+
-- | |
-- +- 'a'-+ +- 'c'-+
-- | | | |
-- * * * *
ghci> toList myTree
"abc"
```

The DeriveFoldable extension allows GHC to generate Foldable instances based on the structure of the type. We can vary the order of the machine-written traversal by adjusting the layout of the Node constructor.

```
data Preorder a = PrLeaf
                | PrNode a (Preorder a) (Preorder a)
                deriving Foldable
data Postorder a = PoLeaf
                 | PoNode (Postorder a) (Postorder a) a
                 deriving Foldable
-- injections from the earlier Tree type
inorder :: Tree a -> Inorder a
inorder Leaf = ILeaf
inorder (Node l x r) = INode (inorder l) x (inorder r)
preorder :: Tree a -> Preorder a
preorder Leaf = PrLeaf
preorder (Node 1 x r) = PrNode x (preorder 1) (preorder r)
postorder :: Tree a -> Postorder a
postorder Leaf = PoLeaf
postorder (Node 1 x r) = PoNode (postorder 1) (postorder r) x
ghci> toList (inorder myTree)
"abc"
ghci> toList (preorder myTree)
"bac"
ghci> toList (postorder myTree)
'acb"
```

Section 3.3: Counting the elements of a Foldable structure

length counts the occurences of elements a in a foldable structure t a.

```
ghci> length [7, 2, 9] -- t ~ []
3
ghci> length (Right 'a') -- t ~ Either e
1 -- 'Either e a' may contain zero or one 'a'
ghci> length (Left "foo") -- t ~ Either String
0
ghci> length (3, True) -- t ~ (,) Int
1 -- '(c, a)' always contains exactly one 'a'
```

length is defined as being equivalent to:

```
class Foldable t where
   -- ...
length :: t a -> Int
length = foldl' (\c _ -> c+1) 0
```

Note that this return type **Int** restricts the operations that can be performed on values obtained by calls to the **length** function. **fromIntegral**is a useful function that allows us to deal with this problem.

Section 3.4: Folding a structure in reverse

Any fold can be run in the opposite direction with the help of <u>the Dual monoid</u>, which flips an existing monoid so that aggregation goes backwards.

```
newtype Dual a = Dual { getDual :: a }
```

```
instance Monoid m => Monoid (Dual m) where
mempty = Dual mempty
  (Dual x) `mappend` (Dual y) = Dual (y `mappend` x)
```

When the underlying monoid of a foldMap call is flipped with Dual, the fold runs backwards; the following Reverse type is defined in <u>Data</u>.Functor.Reverse:

```
newtype Reverse t a = Reverse { getReverse :: t a }
instance Foldable t => Foldable (Reverse t) where
foldMap f = getDual . foldMap (Dual . f) . getReverse
```

We can use this machinery to write a terse **reverse** for lists:

```
reverse :: [a] -> [a]
reverse = toList . Reverse
```

Section 3.5: Flattening a Foldable structure into a list

toList flattens a Foldable structure t a into a list of as.

```
ghci> toList [7, 2, 9] -- t ~ []
[7, 2, 9]
ghci> toList (Right 'a') -- t ~ Either e
"a"
ghci> toList (Left "foo") -- t ~ Either String
[]
ghci> toList (3, True) -- t ~ (,) Int
[True]
```

toList is defined as being equivalent to:

```
class Foldable t where
    -- ...
    toList :: t a -> [a]
    toList = foldr (:) []
```

Section 3.6: Performing a side-effect for each element of a Foldable structure

traverse_ executes an Applicative action for every element in a Foldable structure. It ignores the action's result, keeping only the side-effects. (For a version which doesn't discard results, use Traversable.)

```
-- using the Writer applicative functor (and the Sum monoid)
ghci> runWriter $ traverse_ (\x -> tell (Sum x)) [1,2,3]
((),Sum {getSum = 6})
-- using the IO applicative functor
ghci> traverse_ putStrLn (Right "traversing")
traversing
ghci> traverse_ putStrLn (Left False)
-- nothing printed
```

for_ is traverse_ with the arguments flipped. It resembles a foreach loop in an imperative language.

```
ghci> let greetings = ["Hello", "Bonjour", "Hola"]
ghci> :{
```

```
ghci| for_ greetings $ \greeting -> do
ghci| print (greeting ++ " Stack Overflow!")
ghci| :}
"Hello Stack Overflow!"
"Bonjour Stack Overflow!"
"Hola Stack Overflow!"
```

sequenceA_ collapses a Foldable full of Applicative actions into a single action, ignoring the result.

```
ghci> let actions = [putStrLn "one", putStLn "two"]
ghci> sequenceA_ actions
one
two
```

traverse_ is defined as being equivalent to:

```
traverse_ :: (Foldable t, Applicative f) => (a -> f b) -> t a -> f ()
traverse_ f = foldr (\x action -> f x *> action) (pure ())
```

sequenceA_ is defined as:

```
sequenceA_ :: (Foldable t, Applicative f) -> t (f a) -> f ()
sequenceA_ = traverse_ id
```

Moreover, when the Foldable is also a Functor, traverse_ and sequenceA_ have the following relationship:

traverse_ f = sequenceA_ . fmap f

Section 3.7: Flattening a Foldable structure into a Monoid

foldMap maps each element of the Foldable structure to a Monoid, and then combines them into a single value.

foldMap and **foldr** can be defined in terms of one another, which means that instances of Foldable need only give a definition for one of them.

```
class Foldable t where
   foldMap :: Monoid m => (a -> m) -> t a -> m
   foldMap f = foldr (mappend . f) mempty
```

Example usage with the Product monoid:

```
product :: (Num n, Foldable t) => t n -> n
product = getProduct . foldMap Product
```

Section 3.8: Checking if a Foldable structure is empty

null returns True if there are no elements a in a foldable structure t a, and False if there is one or more. Structures for which **null** is True have a **length** of 0.

```
ghci> null []
True
ghci> null [14, 29]
False
ghci> null Nothing
True
ghci> null (Right 'a')
```

```
False
ghci> null ('x', 3)
False
```

null is defined as being equivalent to:

```
class Foldable t where
   -- ...
null :: t a -> Bool
null = foldr (\_ _ -> False) True
```

Chapter 4: Traversable

The Traversable class generalises the function formerly known as **mapM** :: **Monad** m => (a -> m b) -> [a] -> m [b] to work with Applicative effects over structures other than lists.

Section 4.1: Definition of Traversable

```
class (Functor t, Foldable t) => Traversable t where
    {-# MINIMAL traverse | sequenceA #-}
    traverse :: Applicative f => (a -> f b) -> t a -> f (t b)
    traverse f = sequenceA . fmap f
    sequenceA :: Applicative f => t (f a) -> f (t a)
    sequenceA = traverse id
    mapM :: Monad m => (a -> m b) -> t a -> m (t b)
    mapM = traverse
    sequence :: Monad m => t (m a) -> m (t a)
    sequence = sequenceA
```

Traversable structures t are <u>finitary containers</u> of elements a which can be operated on with an effectful "visitor" operation. The visitor function f :: a -> f b performs a side-effect on each element of the structure and traverse composes those side-effects using Applicative. Another way of looking at it is that sequenceA says Traversable structures commute with Applicatives.

Section 4.2: Traversing a structure in reverse

A traversal can be run in the opposite direction with the help of the <u>Backwards applicative functor</u>, which flips an existing applicative so that composed effects take place in reversed order.

```
newtype Backwards f a = Backwards { forwards :: f a }
instance Applicative f => Applicative (Backwards f) where
pure = Backwards . pure
Backwards ff <*> Backwards fx = Backwards ((\x f -> f x) <$> fx <*> ff)
```

Backwards can be put to use in a "reversed traverse". When the underlying applicative of a traverse call is flipped with Backwards, the resulting effect happens in reverse order.

```
newtype Reverse t a = Reverse { getReverse :: t a }
instance Traversable t => Traversable (Reverse t) where
    traverse f = fmap Reverse . forwards . traverse (Backwards . f) . getReverse
ghci> traverse print (Reverse "abc")
'c'
'b'
'a'
```

The Reverse newtype is found under Data.Functor.Reverse.

Section 4.3: An instance of Traversable for a binary tree

Implementations of traverse usually look like an implementation of fmap lifted into an Applicative context.

This implementation performs an <u>in-order traversal</u> of the tree.

```
ghci> let myTree = Node (Node Leaf 'a' Leaf) 'b' (Node Leaf 'c' Leaf)
-- +--'b'--+
-- | | |
-- +-'a'-++-'c'-+
-- | | | | |
-- * ** *
ghci> traverse print myTree
'a'
'b'
'c'
```

The DeriveTraversable extension allows GHC to generate Traversable instances based on the structure of the type. We can vary the order of the machine-written traversal by adjusting the layout of the Node constructor.

```
data Inorder a = ILeaf
               | INode (Inorder a) a (Inorder a) -- as before
               deriving (Functor, Foldable, Traversable) -- also using DeriveFunctor and
DeriveFoldable
data Preorder a = PrLeaf
                | PrNode a (Preorder a) (Preorder a)
                deriving (Functor, Foldable, Traversable)
data Postorder a = PoLeaf
                 | PoNode (Postorder a) (Postorder a) a
                 deriving (Functor, Foldable, Traversable)
-- injections from the earlier Tree type
inorder :: Tree a -> Inorder a
inorder Leaf = ILeaf
inorder (Node l x r) = INode (inorder l) x (inorder r)
preorder :: Tree a -> Preorder a
preorder Leaf = PrLeaf
preorder (Node 1 x r) = PrNode x (preorder 1) (preorder r)
postorder :: Tree a -> Postorder a
postorder Leaf = PoLeaf
postorder (Node 1 x r) = PoNode (postorder 1) (postorder r) x
ghci> traverse print (inorder myTree)
'a'
'b'
'c'
ghci> traverse print (preorder myTree)
```

```
'b'
'a'
'c'
ghci> traverse print (postorder myTree)
'a'
'c'
'b'
```

Section 4.4: Traversable structures as shapes with contents

If a type t is Traversable then values of t a can be split into two pieces: their "shape" and their "contents":

data Traversed t a = Traversed { shape :: t (), contents :: [a] }

where the "contents" are the same as what you'd "visit" using a Foldable instance.

Going one direction, from t a to Traversed t a doesn't require anything but Functor and Foldable

```
break :: (Functor t, Foldable t) => t a -> Traversed t a
break ta = Traversed (fmap (const ()) ta) (toList ta)
```

but going back uses the traverse function crucially

import Control.Monad.State

```
-- invariant: state is non-empty
pop :: State [a] a
pop = state $ \(a:as) -> (a, as)
recombine :: Traversable t => Traversed t a -> t a
recombine (Traversed s c) = evalState (traverse (const pop) s) c
```

The Traversable laws require that **break** . recombine and recombine . **break** are both identity. Notably, this means that there are exactly the right number elements in contents to fill shape completely with no left-overs.

Traversed t is Traversable itself. The implementation of traverse works by visiting the elements using the list's instance of Traversable and then reattaching the inert shape to the result.

```
instance Traversable (Traversed t) where
    traverse f (Traversed s c) = fmap (Traversed s) (traverse f c)
```

Section 4.5: Instantiating Functor and Foldable for a Traversable structure

import Data.Traversable as Traversable
data MyType a = -- ...
instance Traversable MyType where
traverse = -- ...

Every Traversable structure can be made a Foldable **Functor** using the <u>fmapDefault</u> and <u>foldMapDefault</u> functions found in Data.Traversable.

```
instance Functor MyType where
    fmap = Traversable.fmapDefault
```

```
instance Foldable MyType where
    foldMap = Traversable.foldMapDefault
```

fmapDefault is defined by running traverse in the <u>Identity</u> applicative functor.

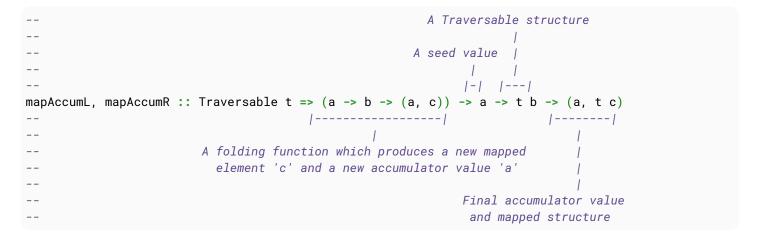
```
newtype Identity a = Identity { runIdentity :: a }
instance Applicative Identity where
   pure = Identity
   Identity f <*> Identity x = Identity (f x)
fmapDefault :: Traversable t => (a -> b) -> t a -> t b
fmapDefault f = runIdentity . traverse (Identity . f)
```

foldMapDefault is defined using the <u>Const</u> applicative functor, which ignores its parameter while accumulating a monoidal value.

```
newtype Const c a = Const { getConst :: c }
instance Monoid m => Applicative (Const m) where
    pure _ = Const mempty
    Const x <*> Const y = Const (x `mappend` y)
foldMapDefault :: (Traversable t, Monoid m) => (a -> m) -> t a -> m
foldMapDefault f = getConst . traverse (Const . f)
```

Section 4.6: Transforming a Traversable structure with the aid of an accumulating parameter

The two mapAccum functions combine the operations of folding and mapping.



These functions generalise **fmap** in that they allow the mapped values to depend on what has happened earlier in the fold. They generalise **foldl/foldr** in that they map the structure in place as well as reducing it to a value.

For example, tails can be implemented using mapAccumR and its sister inits can be implemented using mapAccumL.

```
tails, inits :: [a] -> [[a]]
tails = uncurry (:) . mapAccumR (\xs x -> (x:xs, xs)) []
inits = uncurry snoc . mapAccumL (\xs x -> (x `snoc` xs, xs)) []
where snoc x xs = xs ++ [x]
ghci> tails "abc"
["abc", "bc", "c", ""]
ghci> inits "abc"
```

["", "a", "ab", "abc"]

mapAccumL is implemented by traversing in the State applicative functor.

mapAccumR works by running mapAccumL in reverse.

mapAccumR f z = fmap getReverse . mapAccumL f z . Reverse

Section 4.7: Transposing a list of lists

Noting that **zip** transposes a tuple of lists into a list of tuples,

```
ghci> uncurry zip ([1,2],[3,4])
[(1,3), (2,4)]
```

and the similarity between the types of transpose and sequenceA,

```
-- transpose exchanges the inner list with the outer list
--
        +---+->--+-+
          _ _
transpose :: [[a]] -> [[a]]
--
          +-+-->--+---+
-- sequenceA exchanges the inner Applicative with the outer Traversable
                                       +----+
- -
_ _
                                       1
sequenceA :: (Traversable t, Applicative f) => t (f a) -> f (t a)
                                                1
--
                                         +---+
```

the idea is to use []'s Traversable and Applicative structure to deploy sequenceA as a sort of *n*-ary **zip**, zipping together all the inner lists together pointwise.

[]'s default "prioritised choice" Applicative instance is not appropriate for our use - we need a "zippy" Applicative. For this we use the ZipList newtype, found in Control.Applicative.

```
newtype ZipList a = ZipList { getZipList :: [a] }
instance Applicative ZipList where
pure x = ZipList (repeat x)
ZipList fs <*> ZipList xs = ZipList (zipWith ($) fs xs)
```

Now we get transpose for free, by traversing in the ZipList Applicative.

transpose :: [[a]] -> [[a]]

transpose = getZipList . traverse ZipList

ghci> let myMatrix = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]
ghci> transpose myMatrix
[[1,4,7],[2,5,8],[3,6,9]]

Chapter 5: Lens

<u>Lens</u> is a library for Haskell that provides lenses, isomorphisms, folds, traversals, getters and setters, which exposes a uniform interface for querying and manipulating arbitrary structures, not unlike Java's accessor and mutator concepts.

Section 5.1: Lenses for records

Simple record

```
{-# LANGUAGE TemplateHaskell #-}
import Control.Lens

data Point = Point {
    _x :: Float,
    _y :: Float
}
makeLenses ''Point
```

Lenses x and y are created.

```
let p = Point 5.0 6.0
p ^. x -- returns 5.0
set x 10 p -- returns Point { _x = 10.0, _y = 6.0 }
p & x +~ 1 -- returns Point { _x = 6.0, _y = 6.0 }
```

Managing records with repeating fields names

```
data Person = Person { _personName :: String }
makeFields ''Person
```

Creates a type class HasName, lens name for Person, and makes Person an instance of HasName. Subsequent records will be added to the class as well:

```
data Entity = Entity { _entityName :: String }
makeFields ''Entity
```

The Template Haskell extension is required for makeFields to work. Technically, it's entirely possible to create the lenses made this way via other means, e.g. by hand.

Section 5.2: Manipulating tuples with Lens

Getting

("a", 1) ^. _1 -- returns "a" ("a", 1) ^. _2 -- returns 1

Setting

("a", 1) & _1 .~ "b" -- returns ("b", 1)

Modifying

("a", 1) & _2 %~ (+1) -- returns ("a", 2)

both Traversal

Section 5.3: Lens and Prism

A Lens' s a means that you can *always* find an a within any s. A Prism' s a means that you can *sometimes* find that s actually just *is* a but sometimes it's something else.

To be more clear, we have _1 :: Lens' (a, b) a because any tuple *always* has a first element. We have _Just :: Prism' (Maybe a) a because *sometimes* Maybe a is actually an a value wrapped in Just but *sometimes* it's Nothing.

With this intuition, some standard combinators can be interpreted parallel to one another

- view :: Lens' s a -> (s -> a) "gets" the a out of the s
- set :: Lens' s a -> (a -> s -> s) "sets" the a slot in s
- review :: Prism' s a -> (a -> s) "realizes" that an a could be an s
- preview :: Prism' s a -> (s -> Maybe a) "attempts" to turn an s into an a.

Another way to think about it is that a value of type Lens' s a demonstrates that s has the same structure as (r, a) for some unknown r. On the other hand, Prism' s a demonstrates that s has the same structure as Either r a for some r. We can write those four functions above with this knowledge:

```
-- `Lens' s a` is no longer supplied, instead we just *know* that `s ~ (r, a)`
view :: (r, a) -> a
view (r, a) = a
set :: a -> (r, a) -> (r, a)
set a (r, _) = (r, a)
-- `Prism' s a` is no longer supplied, instead we just *know* that `s ~ Either r a`
review :: a -> Either r a
review a = Right a
preview :: Either r a -> Maybe a
preview (Left _) = Nothing
preview (Right a) = Just a
```

Section 5.4: Stateful Lenses

Lens operators have useful variants that operate in stateful contexts. They are obtained by replacing ~ with = in the operator name.

```
(+~) :: Num a => ASetter s t a a -> a -> s -> t
(+=) :: (MonadState s m, Num a) => ASetter' s a -> a -> m ()
```

Note: The stateful variants aren't expected to change the type, so they have the Lens' or Simple Lens' signatures.

Getting rid of & chains

If lens-ful operations need to be chained, it often looks like this:

change :: A -> A

change a = a & lensA %~ operationA
 & lensB %~ operationB
 & lensC %~ operationC

This works thanks to the associativity of &. The stateful version is clearer, though.

```
change a = flip execState a $ do
    lensA %= operationA
    lensB %= operationB
    lensC %= operationC
```

If lensX is actually id, the whole operation can of course be executed directly by just lifting it with modify.

Imperative code with structured state

Assuming this example state:

```
data Point = Point { _x :: Float, _y :: Float }
data Entity = Entity { _position :: Point, _direction :: Float }
data World = World { _entities :: [Entity] }
makeLenses ''Point
makeLenses ''Entity
makeLenses ''World
```

We can write code that resembles classic imperative languages, while still allowing us to use benefits of Haskell:

```
updateWorld :: MonadState World m => m ()
updateWorld = do
    -- move the first entity
    entities . ix 0 . position . x += 1
    -- do some operation on all of them
    entities . traversed . position %= \p -> p `pointAdd` ...
    -- or only on a subset
    entities . traversed . filtered (\e -> e ^. position.x > 100) %= ...
```

Section 5.5: Lenses compose

If you have a f :: Lens' a b and a g :: Lens' b c then f . g is a Lens' a c gotten by following f first and then g. Notably:

- Lenses compose as functions (really they just are functions)
- If you think of the view functionality of Lens, it seems like data flows "left to right"—this might feel backwards to your normal intuition for function composition. On the other hand, it ought to feel natural if you think of .- notation like how it happens in OO languages.

More than just composing Lens with Lens, (.) can be used to compose nearly any "Lens-like" type together. It's not always easy to see what the result is since the type becomes tougher to follow, but you can use <u>the lens chart</u> to figure it out. The composition x. y has the type of the least-upper-bound of the types of both x and y in that chart.

Section 5.6: Writing a lens without Template Haskell

To demystify Template Haskell, suppose you have

data Example a = Example { _foo :: Int, _bar :: a }

then

makeLenses 'Example

produces (more or less)

foo :: Lens' (Example a) Int
bar :: Lens (Example a) (Example b) a b

There's nothing particularly magical going on, though. You can write these yourself:

```
foo :: Lens' (Example a) Int
-- :: Functor f => (Int -> f Int) -> (Example a -> f (Example a)) ;; expand the alias
foo wrap (Example foo bar) = fmap (\newFoo -> Example newFoo bar) (wrap foo)
bar :: Lens (Example a) (Example b) a b
-- :: Functor f => (a -> f b) -> (Example a -> f (Example b)) ;; expand the alias
bar wrap (Example foo bar) = fmap (\newBar -> Example foo newBar) (wrap bar)
```

Essentially, you want to "visit" your lens' "focus" with the wrap function and then rebuild the "entire" type.

Section 5.7: Fields with makeFields

(This example copied from this StackOverflow answer)

Let's say you have a number of different data types that all ought to have a lens with the same name, in this case capacity. The makeFields slice will create a class that accomplish this without namespace conflicts.

Then in ghci:

```
*Foo
? let f = Foo 3
| b = Bar 7
|
b :: Bar
```

```
f :: Foo
*Foo
? fooCapacity f
3
it :: Int
*Foo
? barCapacity b
7.0
it :: Double
*Foo
? f ^. capacity
3
it :: Int
*Foo
? b ^. capacity
7.0
it :: Double
? :info HasCapacity
class HasCapacity s a | s -> a where
  capacity :: Lens' s a
    -- Defined at Foo.hs:14:3
instance HasCapacity Foo Int -- Defined at Foo.hs:14:3
instance HasCapacity Bar Double -- Defined at Foo.hs:19:3
```

So what it's actually done is declared a class HasCapacity s a, where capacity is a Lens' from s to a (a is fixed once s is known). It figured out the name "capacity" by stripping off the (lowercased) name of the data type from the field; I find it pleasant not to have to use an underscore on either the field name or the lens name, since sometimes record syntax is actually what you want. You can use makeFieldsWith and the various lensRules to have some different options for calculating the lens names.

In case it helps, using ghci -ddump-splices Foo.hs:

```
( Foo.hs, interpreted )
[1 of 1] Compiling Foo
Foo.hs:14:3-18: Splicing declarations
   makeFields ''Foo
  =====>
    class HasCapacity s a | s -> a where
      capacity :: Lens' s a
    instance HasCapacity Foo Int where
     {-# INLINE capacity #-}
      capacity = iso (\ (Foo x_a7fG) -> x_a7fG) Foo
Foo.hs:19:3-18: Splicing declarations
    makeFields ''Bar
  =====>
    instance HasCapacity Bar Double where
      {-# INLINE capacity #-}
      capacity = iso (\ (Bar x_a7ne) -> x_a7ne) Bar
Ok, modules loaded: Foo.
```

So the first splice made the class HasCapcity and added an instance for Foo; the second used the existing class and made an instance for Bar.

This also works if you import the HasCapcity class from another module; makeFields can add more instances to the existing class and spread your types out across multiple modules. But if you use it again in another module

where you haven't imported the class, it'll make a new class (with the same name), and you'll have two separate overloaded capacity lenses that are not compatible.

Section 5.8: Classy Lenses

In addition to the standard makeLenses function for generating Lenses, Control.Lens.TH also offers the makeClassy function. makeClassy has the same type and works in essentially the same way as makeLenses, with one key difference. In addition to generating the standard lenses and traversals, if the type has no arguments, it will also create a class describing all the datatypes which possess the type as a field. For example

```
data Foo = Foo { _fooX, _fooY :: Int }
  makeClassy ''Foo
```

will create

```
class HasFoo t where
  foo :: Simple Lens t Foo
instance HasFoo Foo where foo = id
fooX, fooY :: HasFoo t => Simple Lens t Int
```

Section 5.9: Traversals

A Traversal's a shows that s has 0-to-many as inside of it.

```
toListOf :: Traversal' s a -> (s -> [a])
```

Any type t which is Traversable automatically has that traverse :: Traversal (t a) a.

We can use a Traversal to set or map over all of these a values

```
> set traverse 1 [1..10]
[1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1]
> over traverse (+1) [1..10]
[2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11]
```

A f :: Lens' s a says there's exactly one a inside of s. A g :: Prism' a b says there are either 0 or 1 bs in a. Composing f . g gives us a Traversal' s b because following f and then g shows how there there are 0-to-1 bs in s.

Chapter 6: QuickCheck

Section 6.1: Declaring a property

At its simplest, a *property* is a function which returns a **Bool**.

prop_reverseDoesNotChangeLength xs = length (reverse xs) == length xs

A property declares a high-level invariant of a program. The QuickCheck test runner will evaluate the function with 100 random inputs and check that the result is always True.

By convention, functions that are properties have names which start with prop_.

Section 6.2: Randomly generating data for custom types

The Arbitrary class is for types that can be randomly generated by QuickCheck.

The minimal implementation of Arbitrary is the arbitrary method, which runs in the Gen monad to produce a random value.

Here is an instance of Arbitrary for the following datatype of non-empty lists.

```
import Test.QuickCheck.Arbitrary (Arbitrary(..))
import Test.QuickCheck.Gen (oneof)
import Control.Applicative ((<$>), (<*>))

data NonEmpty a = End a | Cons a (NonEmpty a)

instance Arbitrary a => Arbitrary (NonEmpty a) where
    arbitrary = oneof [ -- randomly select one of the cases from the list
    End <$> arbitrary, -- call a's instance of Arbitrary
    Cons <$>
        arbitrary <-- call a's instance of Arbitrary
        arbitrary -- recursively call NonEmpty's instance of Arbitrary
        ]</pre>
```

Section 6.3: Using implication (==>) to check properties with preconditions

```
prop_evenNumberPlusOneIsOdd :: Integer -> Property
prop_evenNumberPlusOneIsOdd x = even x ==> odd (x + 1)
```

If you want to check that a property holds given that a precondition holds, you can use the

==>

operator. Note that if it's very unlikely for arbitrary inputs to match the precondition, QuickCheck can give up early.

prop_overlySpecific x y = x == 0 ==> x * y == 0

ghci> quickCheck prop_overlySpecific
*** Gave up! Passed only 31 tests.

Section 6.4: Checking a single property

The quickCheck function tests a property on 100 random inputs.

ghci> quickCheck prop_reverseDoesNotChangeLength
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.

If a property fails for some input, quickCheck prints out a counterexample.

```
prop_reverseIsAlwaysEmpty xs = reverse xs == [] -- plainly not true for all xs
ghci> quickCheck prop_reverseIsAlwaysEmpty
*** Failed! Falsifiable (after 2 tests):
[()]
```

Section 6.5: Checking all the properties in a file

quickCheckAll is a Template Haskell helper which finds all the definitions in the current file whose name begins with prop_ and tests them.

```
{-# LANGUAGE TemplateHaskell #-}
import Test.QuickCheck (quickCheckAll)
import Data.List (sort)
idempotent :: Eq a => (a -> a) -> a -> Bool
idempotent f x = f (f x) == f x
prop_sortIdempotent = idempotent sort
-- does not begin with prop_, will not be picked up by the test runner
sortDoesNotChangeLength xs = length (sort xs) == length xs
return []
main = $quickCheckAll
```

Note that the **return** [] line is required. It makes definitions textually above that line visible to Template Haskell.

```
$ runhaskell QuickCheckAllExample.hs
=== prop_sortIdempotent from tree.hs:7 ===
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

Section 6.6: Limiting the size of test data

It can be difficult to test functions with poor asymptotic complexity using quickcheck as the random inputs are not usually size bounded. By adding an upper bound on the size of the input we can still test these expensive functions.

```
import Data.List(permutations)
import Test.QuickCheck
longRunningFunction :: [a] -> Int
longRunningFunction xs = length (permutations xs)
factorial :: Integral a => a -> a
factorial n = product [1..n]
prop_numberOfPermutations xs =
    longRunningFunction xs == factorial (length xs)
ghci> quickCheckWith (stdArgs { maxSize = 10}) prop_numberOfPermutations
```

By using quickCheckWith with a modified version of stdArgs we can limit the size of the inputs to be at most 10. In this case, as we are generating lists, this means we generate lists of up to size 10. Our permutations function doesn't take too long to run for these short lists but we can still be reasonably confident that our definition is correct.

Chapter 7: Common GHC Language Extensions

Section 7.1: RankNTypes

Imagine the following situation:

```
foo :: Show a => (a -> String) -> String -> Int -> IO ()
foo show' string int = do
    putStrLn (show' string)
    putStrLn (show' int)
```

Here, we want to pass in a function that converts a value into a String, apply that function to both a string parameter and and int parameter and print them both. In my mind, there is no reason this should fail! We have a function that works on both types of the parameters we're passing in.

Unfortunately, this won't type check! GHC infers the a type based off of its first occurrence in the function body. That is, as soon as we hit:

```
putStrLn (show' string)
```

GHC will infer that **show**' :: **String** -> **String**, since string is a **String**. It will proceed to blow up while trying to **show**' int.

RankNTypes lets you instead write the type signature as follows, quantifying over all functions that satisfy the **show**' type:

foo :: (forall a. Show a => (a -> String)) -> String -> Int -> IO ()

This is rank 2 polymorphism: We are asserting that the **show**' function must work for all as *within* our function, and the previous implementation now works.

The RankNTypes extension allows arbitrary nesting of **forall** ... blocks in type signatures. In other words, it allows rank N polymorphism.

Section 7.2: OverloadedStrings

Normally, string literals in Haskell have a type of **String** (which is a type alias for [**Char**]). While this isn't a problem for smaller, educational programs, real-world applications often require more efficient storage such as **Text** or ByteString.

OverloadedStrings simply changes the type of literals to

```
"test" :: Data.String.IsString a => a
```

Allowing them to be directly passed to functions expecting such a type. Many libraries implement this interface for their string-like types including Data.Text and <u>Data.ByteString</u> which both provide certain time and space advantages over [Char].

There are also some unique uses of OverloadedStrings like those from the <u>Postgresql-simple</u> library which allows SQL queries to be written in double quotes like a normal string, but provides protections against improper concatenation, a notorious source of SQL injection attacks.

To create a instance of the IsString class you need to impliment the fromString function. Example1:

```
data Foo = A | B | Other String deriving Show
instance IsString Foo where
fromString "A" = A
fromString "B" = B
fromString xs = Other xs
tests :: [ Foo ]
tests = [ "A", "B", "Testing" ]
```

† This example courtesy of Lyndon Maydwell (sordina on GitHub) found here.

Section 7.3: BinaryLiterals

Standard Haskell allows you to write integer literals in decimal (without any prefix), hexadecimal (preceded by 0x or 0X), and octal (preceded by 0o or 00). The BinaryLiterals extension adds the option of binary (preceded by 0b or 0B).

Ob1111 == 15 -- evaluates to: True

Section 7.4: ExistentialQuantification

This is a type system extension that allows types that are existentially quantified, or, in other words, have type variables that only get instantiated at runtime[†].

A value of existential type is similar to an abstract-base-class reference in OO languages: you don't know the exact type in contains, but you can constrain the *class* of types.

```
data S = forall a. Show a => S a
```

or equivalently, with GADT syntax:

```
{-# LANGUAGE GADTs #-}
data S where
S :: Show a => a -> S
```

Existential types open the door to things like almost-heterogenous containers: as said above, there can actually be various types in an S value, but all of them can be **show**n, hence you can also do

```
instance Show S where
show (S a) = show a -- we rely on (Show a) from the above
```

Now we can create a collection of such objects:

ss = [S 5, S "test", S 3.0]

Which also allows us to use the polymorphic behaviour:

```
mapM_ print ss
```

Existentials can be very powerful, but note that they are actually not necessary very often in Haskell. In the example above, all you can actually do with the Show instance is show (duh!) the values, i.e. create a string representation.

The entire S type therefore contains exactly as much information as the string you get when showing it. Therefore, it is usually better to simply store that string right away, especially since Haskell is lazy and therefore the string will at first only be an unevaluated thunk anyway.

On the other hand, existentials cause some unique problems. For instance, the way the type information is "hidden" in an existential. If you pattern-match on an S value, you will have the contained type in scope (more precisely, its **Show** instance), but this information can never escape its scope, which therefore becomes a bit of a "secret society": the compiler doesn't let *anything* escape the scope except values whose type is already known from the outside. This can lead to strange errors like Couldn't match type 'a0' with '()' 'a0' is untouchable.

[†]Contrast this with ordinary parametric polymorphism, which is generally resolved at compile time (allowing full type erasure).

Existential types are different from Rank-N types – these extensions are, roughly speaking, dual to each other: to actually use values of an existential type, you need a (possibly constrained-) polymorphic function, like **show** in the example. A polymorphic function is *universally* quantified, i.e. it works *for any* type in a given class, whereas existential quantification means it works *for some* particular type which is a priori unknown. If you have a polymorphic function, that's sufficient, however to pass polymorphic functions as such as arguments, you need {-# LANGUAGE Rank2Types #-}:

```
genShowSs :: (? x . Show x => x -> String) -> [S] -> [String]
genShowSs f = map (\(S a) -> f a)
```

Section 7.5: LambdaCase

A syntactic extension that lets you write \case in place of \arg -> case arg of.

Consider the following function definition:

```
dayOfTheWeek :: Int -> String
dayOfTheWeek 0 = "Sunday"
dayOfTheWeek 1 = "Monday"
dayOfTheWeek 2 = "Tuesday"
dayOfTheWeek 3 = "Wednesday"
dayOfTheWeek 4 = "Thursday"
dayOfTheWeek 5 = "Friday"
dayOfTheWeek 6 = "Saturday"
```

If you want to avoid repeating the function name, you might write something like:

Using the LambdaCase extension, you can write that as a function expression, without having to name the argument:

```
{-# LANGUAGE LambdaCase #-}
dayOfTheWeek :: Int -> String
```



Section 7.6: FunctionalDependencies

If you have a multi-parameter type-class with arguments a, b, c, and x, this extension lets you express that the type x can be uniquely identified from a, b, and c:

class SomeClass a b c x | a b c -> x where ...

When declaring an instance of such class, it will be checked against all other instances to make sure that the functional dependency holds, that is, no other instance with same a b c but different x exists.

You can specify multiple dependencies in a comma-separated list:

class OtherClass a b c d | a b -> c d, a d -> b where ...

For example in MTL we can see:

```
class MonadReader r m| m -> r where ...
instance MonadReader r ((->) r) where ...
```

Now, if you have a value of type MonadReader a ((->) Foo) => a, the compiler can infer that a \sim Foo, since the second argument completely determines the first, and will simplify the type accordingly.

The SomeClass class can be thought of as a function of the arguments a b c that results in x. Such classes can be used to do computations in the typesystem.

Section 7.7: FlexibleInstances

Regular instances require:

All instance types must be of the form (T a1 ... an)

where a1 ... an are *distinct type variables*,

and each type variable appears at most once in the instance head.

That means that, for example, while you can create an instance for [a] you can't create an instance for specifically [Int].; FlexibleInstances relaxes that:

```
class C a where
-- works out of the box
instance C [a] where
-- requires FlexibleInstances
instance C [Int] where
```

Section 7.8: GADTs

Conventional algebraic datatypes are parametric in their type variables. For example, if we define an ADT like

with the hope that this will statically rule out non-well-typed conditionals, this will not behave as expected since the type of IntLit :: Int -> Expr a is universially quantified: for *any* choice of a, it produces a value of type Expr a. In particular, for a ~ Bool, we have IntLit :: Int -> Expr Bool, allowing us to construct something like If (IntLit 1) e1 e2 which is what the type of the If constructor was trying to rule out.

Generalised Algebraic Data Types allows us to control the resulting type of a data constructor so that they are not merely parametric. We can rewrite our Expr type as a GADT like this:

```
data Expr a where
IntLit :: Int -> Expr Int
BoolLit :: Bool -> Expr Bool
If :: Expr Bool -> Expr a -> Expr a -> Expr a
```

Here, the type of the constructor IntLit is Int -> Expr Int, and so IntLit 1 :: Expr Bool will not typecheck.

Pattern matching on a GADT value causes refinement of the type of the term returned. For example, it is possible to write an evaluator for Expr a like this:

```
crazyEval :: Expr a -> a
crazyEval (IntLit x) =
    -- Here we can use `(+)` because x :: Int
    x + 1
crazyEval (BoolLit b) =
    -- Here we can use `not` because b :: Bool
    not b
crazyEval (If b thn els) =
    -- Because b :: Expr Bool, we can use `crazyEval b :: Bool`.
    -- Also, because thn :: Expr a and els :: Expr a, we can pass either to
    -- the recursive call to `crazyEval` and get an a back
    crazyEval $ if crazyEval b then thn else els
```

Note that we are able to use (+) in the above definitions because when e.g. IntLit x is pattern matched, we also learn that a ~ Int (and likewise for not and if_then_else_ when a ~ Bool).

Section 7.9: TupleSections

A syntactic extension that allows applying the tuple constructor (which is an operator) in a section way:

```
(a,b) == (,) a b
-- With TupleSections
(a,b) == (,) a b == (a,) b == (,b) a
```

N-tuples

It also works for tuples with arity greater than two

(,2,) 1 3 == (1,2,3)

Mapping

This can be useful in other places where sections are used:

map (,"tag") [1,2,3] == [(1,"tag"), (2, "tag"), (3, "tag")]

The above example without this extension would look like this:

```
map (\a -> (a, "tag")) [1,2,3]
```

Section 7.10: OverloadedLists

added in GHC 7.8.

OverloadedLists, similar to OverloadedStrings, allows list literals to be desugared as follows:

```
[] -- fromListN 0 []
[x] -- fromListN 1 (x : [])
[x ..] -- fromList (enumFrom x)
```

This comes handy when dealing with types such as Set, Vector and Maps.

```
['0' .. '9'] :: Set Char
[1 .. 10] :: Vector Int
[("default",0), (k1,v1)] :: Map String Int
['a' .. 'z'] :: Text
```

IsList class in GHC.Exts is intended to be used with this extension.

IsList is equipped with one type function, Item, and three functions, fromList :: [Item 1] -> 1, toList :: 1
-> [Item 1] and fromListN :: Int -> [Item 1] -> 1 where fromListN is optional. Typical implementations are:

```
instance IsList [a] where
  type Item [a] = a
  fromList = id
  toList = id

instance (Ord a) => IsList (Set a) where
  type Item (Set a) = a
  fromList = Set.fromList
  toList = Set.toList
```

Examples taken from <u>OverloadedLists – GHC</u>.

Section 7.11: MultiParamTypeClasses

It's a very common extension that allows type classes with multiple type parameters. You can think of MPTC as a relation between types.

```
{-# LANGUAGE MultiParamTypeClasses #-}
class Convertable a b where
   convert :: a -> b
instance Convertable Int Float where
   convert i = fromIntegral i
```

The order of parameters matters.

MPTCs can sometimes be replaced with type families.

Section 7.12: UnicodeSyntax

An extension that allows you to use Unicode characters in lieu of certain built-in operators and names.

ASCII	Unicode	Use(s)
::	?	has type
->	?	function types, lambdas, case branches, etc.
=>	?	class constraints
forall	?	explicit polymorphism
< -	?	do notation
*	?	the type (or kind) of types (e.g., Int :: ?)
>-	?	proc notation for <u>Arrows</u>
-<	?	proc notation for <u>Arrows</u>
>>-	?	proc notation for <u>Arrows</u>
-<<	?	proc notation for <u>Arrows</u>

For example:

runST :: (forall s. ST s a) -> a

would become

runST ? (? s. ST s a) ? a

Note that the * vs. ? example is slightly different: since * isn't reserved, ? also works the same way as * for multiplication, or any other function named (*), and vice-versa. For example:

```
ghci> 2 ? 3
6
ghci> let (*) = (+) in 2 ? 3
5
ghci> let (?) = (-) in 2 * 3
-1
```

Section 7.13: PatternSynonyms

Pattern synonyms are abstractions of patterns similar to how functions are abstractions of expressions.

For this example, let's look at the interface <u>Data.Sequence</u> exposes, and let's see how it can be improved with pattern synonyms. The <u>Seq</u> type is a data type that, internally, uses a <u>complicated representation</u> to achieve good asymptotic complexity for various operations, most notably both O(1) (un)consing and (un)snocing.

But this representation is unwieldy and some of its invariants cannot be expressed in Haskell's type system. Because of this, the Seq type is exposed to users as an abstract type, along with invariant-preserving accessor and constructor functions, among them:

```
empty :: Seq a
(<|) :: a -> Seq a -> Seq a
data ViewL a = EmptyL | a :< (Seq a)
viewl :: Seq a -> ViewL a
(|>) :: Seq a -> a -> Seq a
```

data ViewR a = EmptyR | (Seq a) :> a
viewr :: Seq a -> ViewR a

But using this interface can be a bit cumbersome:

```
uncons :: Seq a -> Maybe (a, Seq a)
uncons xs = case viewl xs of
    x :< xs' -> Just (x, xs')
    EmptyL -> Nothing
```

We can use view patterns to clean it up somewhat:

```
{-# LANGUAGE ViewPatterns #-}
uncons :: Seq a -> Maybe (a, Seq a)
uncons (viewl -> x :< xs) = Just (x, xs)
uncons _ = Nothing</pre>
```

Using the PatternSynonyms language extension, we can give an even nicer interface by allowing pattern matching to pretend that we have a cons- or a snoc-list:

```
{-# LANGUAGE PatternSynonyms #-}
import Data.Sequence (Seq)
import qualified Data.Sequence as Seq
pattern Empty :: Seq a
pattern Empty <- (Seq.viewl -> Seq.EmptyL)
pattern (:<) :: a -> Seq a -> Seq a
pattern x :< xs <- (Seq.viewl -> x Seq.:< xs)
pattern (:>) :: Seq a -> a -> Seq a
pattern xs :> x <- (Seq.viewr -> xs Seq.:> x)
```

This allows us to write uncons in a very natural style:

```
uncons :: Seq a -> Maybe (a, Seq a)
uncons (x :< xs) = Just (x, xs)
uncons _ = Nothing
```

Section 7.14: ScopedTypeVariables

ScopedTypeVariables let you refer to universally quantified types inside of a declaration. To be more explicit:

```
import Data.Monoid
foo :: forall a b c. (Monoid b, Monoid c) => (a, b, c) -> (b, c) -> (a, b, c)
foo (a, b, c) (b', c') = (a :: a, b'', c'')
    where (b'', c'') = (b <> b', c <> c') :: (b, c)
```

The important thing is that we can use a, b and c to instruct the compiler in subexpressions of the declaration (the tuple in the **where** clause and the first a in the final result). In practice, ScopedTypeVariables assist in writing complex functions as a sum of parts, allowing the programmer to add type signatures to intermediate values that don't have concrete types.

Section 7.15: RecordWildCards

See RecordWildCards

Chapter 8: Free Monads

Section 8.1: Free monads split monadic computations into data structures and interpreters

For instance, a computation involving commands to read and write from the prompt:

First we describe the "commands" of our computation as a Functor data type

```
{-# LANGUAGE DeriveFunctor #-}
data TeletypeF next
    = PrintLine String next
    | ReadLine (String -> next)
    deriving Functor
```

Then we use Free to create the "Free Monad over TeletypeF" and build some basic operations.

```
import Control.Monad.Free (Free, liftF, iterM)
type Teletype = Free TeletypeF
printLine :: String -> Teletype ()
printLine str = liftF (PrintLine str ())
readLine :: Teletype String
readLine = liftF (ReadLine id)
```

Since Free f is a **Monad** whenever f is a **Functor**, we can use the standard **Monad** combinators (including do notation) to build Teletype computations.

```
import Control.Monad -- we can use the standard combinators
echo :: Teletype ()
echo = readLine >>= printLine
mockingbird :: Teletype a
mockingbird = forever echo
```

Finally, we write an "interpreter" turning Teletype a values into something we know how to work with like 10 a

```
interpretTeletype :: Teletype a -> IO a
interpretTeletype = foldFree run where
run :: TeletypeF a -> IO a
run (PrintLine str x) = putStrLn *> return x
run (ReadLine f) = fmap f getLine
```

Which we can use to "run" the Teletype a computation in IO

```
> interpretTeletype mockingbird
hello
hello
goodbye
goodbye
this will go on forever
this will go on forever
```

Section 8.2: The Freer monad

There's an alternative formulation of the free monad called the Freer (or Prompt, or Operational) monad. The Freer monad doesn't require a Functor instance for its underlying instruction set, and it has a more recognisably list-like structure than the standard free monad.

The Freer monad represents programs as a sequence of atomic *instructions* belonging to the instruction set i :: * -> *. Each instruction uses its parameter to declare its return type. For example, the set of base instructions for the State monad are as follows:

```
data StateI s a where
   Get :: StateI s s -- the Get instruction returns a value of type 's'
   Put :: s -> StateI s () -- the Put instruction contains an 's' as an argument and returns ()
```

Sequencing these instructions takes place with the :>>= constructor. :>>= takes a single instruction returning an a and prepends it to the rest of the program, piping its return value into the continuation. In other words, given an instruction returning an a, and a function to turn an a into a program returning a b, :>>= will produce a program returning a b.

```
data Freer i a where
    Return :: a -> Freer i a
    (:>>=) :: i a -> (a -> Freer i b) -> Freer i b
```

Note that a is existentially quantified in the :>>= constructor. The only way for an interpreter to learn what a is is by pattern matching on the GADT i.

Aside: The co-Yoneda lemma tells us that Freer is isomorphic to Free. Recall the definition of the CoYoneda functor:

```
data CoYoneda i b where
CoYoneda :: i a -> (a -> b) -> CoYoneda i b
```

Freer i is equivalent to Free (CoYoneda i). If you take Free's constructors and set f ~ CoYoneda i, you get:

from which we can recover Freer i's constructors by just setting Freer i ~ Free (CoYoneda i).

Because CoYoneda i is a Functor for any i, Freer is a Monad for any i, even if i isn't a Functor.

```
instance Monad (Freer i) where
  return = Return
  Return x >>= f = f x
  (i :>>= g) >>= f = i :>>= fmap (>>= f) g -- using `(->) r`'s instance of Functor, so fmap = (.)
```

Interpreters can be built for Freer by mapping instructions to some handler monad.

```
foldFreer :: Monad m => (forall x. i x -> m x) -> Freer i a -> m a
foldFreer eta (Return x) = return x
foldFreer eta (i :>>= f) = eta i >>= (foldFreer eta . f)
```

For example, we can interpret the Freer (StateI s) monad using the regular State s monad as a handler:

```
runFreerState :: Freer (StateI s) a -> s -> (a, s)
runFreerState = State.runState . foldFreer toState
    where toState :: StateI s a -> State s a
        toState Get = State.get
        toState (Put x) = State.put x
```

Section 8.3: How do foldFree and iterM work?

There are some functions to help tear down Free computations by interpreting them into another monad m: iterM :: (Functor f, Monad m) => (f (m a) -> m a) -> (Free f a -> m a) and foldFree :: Monad m => (forall x. f x -> m x) -> (Free f a -> m a). What are they doing?

First let's see what it would take to tear down an interpret a Teletype a function into IO manually. We can see Free f a as being defined

```
data Free f a
    = Pure a
    | Free (f (Free f a))
```

The Pure case is easy:

```
interpretTeletype :: Teletype a -> 10 a
interpretTeletype (Pure x) = return x
interpretTeletype (Free teletypeF) = _
```

Now, how to interpret a Teletype computation that was built with the Free constructor? We'd like to arrive at a value of type **10** a by examining teletypeF :: TeletypeF (Teletype a). To start with, we'll write a function runIO :: TeletypeF a -> **10** a which maps a single layer of the free monad to an IO action:

```
runI0 :: TeletypeF a -> 10 a
runI0 (PrintLine msg x) = putStrLn msg *> return x
runI0 (ReadLine k) = fmap k getLine
```

Now we can use runI0 to fill in the rest of interpretTeletype. Recall that teletypeF :: TeletypeF (Teletype a) is a layer of the TeletypeF functor which contains the rest of the Free computation. We'll use runI0 to interpret the outermost layer (so we have runI0 teletypeF :: I0 (Teletype a)) and then use the I0 monad's >>= combinator to interpret the returned Teletype a.

```
interpretTeletype :: Teletype a -> IO a
interpretTeletype (Pure x) = return x
interpretTeletype (Free teletypeF) = runIO teletypeF >>= interpretTeletype
```

The definition of foldFree is just that of interpretTeletype, except that the runIO function has been factored out. As a result, foldFree works independently of any particular base functor and of any target monad.

```
foldFree :: Monad m => (forall x. f x -> m x) -> Free f a -> m a
foldFree eta (Pure x) = return x
foldFree eta (Free fa) = eta fa >>= foldFree eta
```

foldFree has a rank-2 type: eta is a natural transformation. We could have given foldFree a type of Monad m => (f (Free f a) -> m (Free f a)) -> Free f a -> m a, but that gives eta the liberty of inspecting the Free computation inside the f layer. Giving foldFree this more restrictive type ensures that eta can only process a single layer at a time.

iterM does give the folding function the ability to examine the subcomputation. The (monadic) result of the previous iteration is available to the next, inside f's parameter. iterM is analogous to a *paramorphism* whereas foldFree is like a *catamorphism*.

```
iterM :: (Monad m, Functor f) => (f (m a) -> m a) -> Free f a -> m a
iterM phi (Pure x) = return x
iterM phi (Free fa) = phi (fmap (iterM phi) fa)
```

Section 8.4: Free Monads are like fixed points

Compare the definition of Free to that of Fix:

In particular, compare the type of the Free constructor with the type of the Fix constructor. Free layers up a functor just like Fix, except that Free has an additional Return a case.

Chapter 9: Type Classes

Typeclasses in Haskell are a means of defining the behaviour associated with a type separately from that type's definition. Whereas, say, in Java, you'd define the behaviour as part of the type's definition -- i.e. in an interface, abstract class or concrete class -- Haskell keeps these two things separate.

There are a number of typeclasses already defined in Haskell's base package. The relationship between these is illustrated in the Remarks section below.

Section 9.1: Eq

All basic datatypes (like Int, String, Eq $a \Rightarrow [a]$) from Prelude except for functions and IO have instances of Eq. If a type instantiates Eq it means that we know how to compare two values for *value* or *structural* equality.

> 3 == 2
False
> 3 == 3
True

Required methods

• (==) :: Eq a => a -> a -> Boolean or (/=) :: Eq a => a -> a -> Boolean (if only one is implemented, the other defaults to the negation of the defined one)

Defines

- (==) :: **Eq** a => a -> a -> Boolean
- (/=) :: **Eq** a => a -> a -> Boolean

Direct superclasses

None

Notable subclasses

• 0rd

Section 9.2: Monoid

Types instantiating Monoid include lists, numbers, and functions with Monoid return values, among others. To instantiate Monoid a type must support an associative binary operation (mappend or (<>)) which combines its values, and have a special "zero" value (mempty) such that combining a value with it does not change that value:

```
mempty <> x == x
x <> mempty == x
x <> (y <> z) == (x <> y) <> z
```

Intuitively, Monoid types are "list-like" in that they support appending values together. Alternatively, Monoid types can be thought of as sequences of values for which we care about the order but not the grouping. For instance, a binary tree is a Monoid, but using the Monoid operations we cannot witness its branching structure, only a traversal of its values (see Foldable and Traversable).

Required methods

• mempty :: Monoid m => m

• mappend :: Monoid m => m -> m

Direct superclasses

None

Section 9.3: Ord

Types instantiating **Ord** include, e.g., **Int**, **String**, and [a] (for types a where there's an **Ord** a instance). If a type instantiates **Ord** it means that we know a "natural" ordering of values of that type. Note, there are often many possible choices of the "natural" ordering of a type and **Ord** forces us to favor one.

Ord provides the standard (<=), (<), (>), (>=) operators but interestingly defines them all using a custom algebraic data type

data Ordering = LT | EQ | GT

compare :: Ord a => a -> a -> Ordering

Required methods

• compare :: Ord a => a -> a -> Ordering Or (<=) :: Ord a => a -> a -> Boolean (the standard's default compare method uses (<=) in its implementation)

Defines

- compare :: Ord a => a -> a -> Ordering
- (<=) :: Ord a => a -> a -> Boolean
- (<) :: **Ord** a => a -> a -> Boolean
- (>=) :: Ord a => a -> a -> Boolean
- (>) :: Ord a => a -> a -> Boolean
- min :: Ord a => a -> a -> a
- max :: Ord a => a -> a -> a

Direct superclasses

• Eq

Section 9.4: Num

The most general class for number types, more precisely for <u>rings</u>, i.e. numbers that can be added and subtracted and multiplied in the usual sense, but not necessarily divided.

This class contains both integral types (Int, Integer, Word32 etc.) and fractional types (Double, Rational, also complex numbers etc.). In case of finite types, the semantics are generally understood as *modular arithmetic*, i.e. with over- and underflow[†].

Note that the rules for the numerical classes are much less strictly obeyed than the monad or monoid laws, or those for equality comparison. In particular, floating-point numbers generally obey laws only in a approximate sense.

The methods

fromInteger :: Num a => Integer -> a. convert an integer to the general number type (wrapping around the range, if necessary). Haskell number literals can be understood as a monomorphic Integer literal with the general conversion around it, so you can use the literal 5 in both an Int context and a Complex Double

setting.

• (+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a. Standard addition, generally understood as associative and commutative, i.e.,

a + (b + c) ? (a + b) + c a + b ? b + a

• (-) :: Num a => a -> a -> a. Subtraction, which is the inverse of addition:

(a - b) + b ? (a + b) - b ? a

• (*) :: Num a => a -> a -> a. Multiplication, an associative operation that's distributive over addition:

a * (b * c) ? (a * b) * c a * (b + c) ? a * b + a * c

for the most common instances, multiplication is also commutative, but this is definitely not a requirement.

negate :: Num a => a -> a. The full name of the unary negation operator. -1 is syntactic sugar for negate
 1.

-a ? negate a ? 0 - a

• **abs** :: Num a => a -> a. The absolute-value function always gives a non-negative result of the same magnitude

abs (-a) ? abs a abs (abs a) ? abs a

abs a ? 0 should only happen if a ? 0.

For <u>real</u> types it's clear what non-negative means: you always have **abs** $a \ge 0$. Complex etc. types don't have a well-defined ordering, however the result of **abs** should always lie in the real subset‡ (i.e. give a number that could also be written as a single number literal without negation).

signum :: Num a => a -> a. The sign function, according to the name, yields only -1 or 1, depending on the sign of the argument. Actually, that's only true for nonzero real numbers; in general signum is better understood as the *normalising* function:

```
abs (signum a) ? 1 -- unless a?0
signum a * abs a ? a -- This is required to be true for all Num instances
```

Note that <u>section 6.4.4 of the Haskell 2010 Report</u> explicitly requires this last equality to hold for any valid **Num** instance.

Some libraries, notably <u>linear</u> and <u>hmatrix</u>, have a much laxer understanding of what the **Num** class is for: they treat it just as *a way to overload the arithmetic operators*. While this is pretty straightforward for + and –, it already becomes troublesome with * and more so with the other methods. For instance, *should * mean matrix multiplication or element-wise multiplication*?

It is arguably a bad idea to define such non-number instances; please consider dedicated classes such as

<u>VectorSpace</u>.

† In particular, the "negatives" of unsigned types are wrapped around to large positive, e.g. (-4 :: Word32) == 4294967292.

[‡] This is widely *not* fulfilled: vector types do not have a real subset. The controversial **Num**-instances for such types generally define **abs** and **signum** element-wise, which mathematically speaking doesn't really make sense.

Section 9.5: Maybe and the Functor Class

In Haskell, data types can have arguments just like functions. Take the Maybe type for example.

Maybe is a very useful type which allows us to represent the idea of failure, or the possiblity thereof. In other words, if there is a possibility that a computation will fail, we use the Maybe type there. Maybe acts kind of like a wrapper for other types, giving them additional functionality.

Its actual declaration is fairly simple.

Maybe a = Just a | Nothing

What this tells is that a Maybe comes in two forms, a Just, which represents success, and a Nothing, which represents failure. Just takes one argument which determines the type of the Maybe, and Nothing takes none. For example, the value Just "foo" will have type Maybe String, which is a string type wrapped with the additional Maybe functionality. The value Nothing has type Maybe a where a can be any type.

This idea of wrapping types to give them additional functionality is a very useful one, and is applicable to more than just Maybe. Other examples include the Either, IO and list types, each providing different functionality. However, there are some actions and abilities which are common to all of these wrapper types. The most notable of these is the ability to modify the encapsulated value.

It is common to think of these kinds of types as boxes which can have values placed in them. Different boxes hold different values and do different things, but none are useful without being able to access the contents within.

To encapsulate this idea, Haskell comes with a standard typeclass, named **Functor**. It is defined as follows.

```
class Functor f where
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

As can be seen, the class has a single function, **fmap**, of two arguments. The first argument is a function from one type, a, to another, b. The second argument is a functor (wrapper type) containing a value of type a. It returns a functor (wrapper type) containing a value of type b.

In simple terms, **fmap** takes a function and applies to the value inside of a functor. It is the only function necessary for a type to be a member of the **Functor** class, but it is extremely useful. Functions operating on functors that have more specific applications can be found in the Applicative and Monad typeclasses.

Section 9.6: Type class inheritance: Ord type class

Haskell supports a notion of class extension. For example, the class **Ord** inherits all of the operations in Eq, but in addition has a **compare** function that returns an **Ordering** between values. **Ord** may also contain the common order comparison operators, as well as a **min** method and a **max** method.

The => notation has the same meaning as it does in a function signature and requires type a to implement Eq, in order to implement **Ord**.

All of the methods following **compare** can be derived from it in a number of ways:

```
x < y = compare x y == LT
x <= y = x < y || x == y -- Note the use of (==) inherited from Eq
x > y = not (x <= y)
x >= y = not (x < y)
min x y = case compare x y of
EQ -> x
LT -> x
GT -> y
max x y = case compare x y of
EQ -> x
LT -> x
GT -> y
```

Type classes that themselves extend **Ord** must implement at least either the **compare** method or the (<=) method themselves, which builds up the directed inheritance lattice.

Chapter 10: IO

Section 10.1: Getting the 'a' "out of" 'IO a'

A common question is "I have a value of **10** a, but I want to do something to that a value: how do I get access to it?" How can one operate on data that comes from the outside world (for example, incrementing a number typed by the user)?

The point is that if you use a pure function on data obtained impurely, then the result is still impure. It depends on what the user did! A value of type **10** a stands for a "side-effecting computation resulting in a value of type a" which can *only* be run by (a) composing it into main and (b) compiling and executing your program. For that reason, there is no way within pure Haskell world to "get the a out".

Instead, we want to build a new computation, a new IO value, which makes use of the a value *at runtime*. This is another way of *composing* IO values and so again we can use do-notation:

Here we're using a pure function (getMessage) to turn an Int into a String, but we're using do notation to make it be applied to the result of an IO computation myComputation *when* (after) that computation runs. The result is a bigger IO computation, newComputation. This technique of using pure functions in an impure context is called *lifting*.

Section 10.2: IO defines your program's `main` action

To make a Haskell program executable you must provide a file with a main function of type 10 ()

```
main :: IO ()
main = putStrLn "Hello world!"
```

When Haskell is compiled it examines the IO data here and turns it into a executable. When we run this program it will print Hello world!.

If you have values of type **10** a other than main they won't do anything.

```
other :: IO ()
other = putStrLn "I won't get printed"
main :: IO ()
main = putStrLn "Hello world!"
```

Compiling this program and running it will have the same effect as the last example. The code in other is ignored.

In order to make the code in other have runtime effects you have to *compose* it into main. No IO values not eventually composed into main will have any runtime effect. To compose two IO values sequentially you can use do-notation:

```
other :: IO ()
other = putStrLn "I will get printed... but only at the point where I'm composed into main"
main :: IO ()
main = do
putStrLn "Hello world!"
other
```

When you compile and run this program it outputs

```
Hello world!
I will get printed... but only at the point where I'm composed into main
```

Note that the order of operations is described by how other was composed into main and not the definition order.

Section 10.3: Checking for end-of-file conditions

A bit counter-intuitive to the way most other languages' standard I/O libraries do it, Haskell's isE0F does not require you to perform a read operation before checking for an EOF condition; the runtime will do it for you.

```
import System.IO( isEOF )
eofTest :: Int -> IO ()
eofTest line = do
    end <- isEOF
    if end then
         putStrLn $ "End-of-file reached at line " ++ show line ++ "."
    else do
         getLine
         eofTest $ line + 1
main :: IO ()
main =
    eofTest 1
Input:
Line #1.
Line #2.
Line #3.
```

Output:

End-of-file reached at line 4.

Section 10.4: Reading all contents of standard input into a string

```
main = do
    input <- getContents
    putStr input</pre>
```

Input:

This is an example sentence. And this one is, too!

Output:

This is an example sentence. And this one is, too!

Note: This program will actually print parts of the output before all of the input has been fully read in. This means that, if, for example, you use **getContents** over a 50MiB file, Haskell's lazy evaluation and garbage collector will ensure that only the parts of the file that are currently needed (read: indispensable for further execution) will be loaded into memory. Thus, the 50MiB file won't be loaded into memory at once.

Section 10.5: Role and Purpose of IO

Haskell is a pure language, meaning that expressions cannot have side effects. A side effect is anything that the expression or function does other than produce a value, for example, modify a global counter or print to standard output.

In Haskell, side-effectful computations (specifically, those which can have an effect on the real world) are modelled using I0. Strictly speaking, I0 is a type constructor, taking a type and producing a type. For example, **I0** Int is the type of an I/O computation producing an **Int** value. The I0 type is *abstract*, and the interface provided for I0 ensures that certain illegal values (that is, functions with non-sensical types) cannot exist, by ensuring that all built-in functions which perform IO have a return type enclosed in I0.

When a Haskell program is run, the computation represented by the Haskell value named main, whose type can be 10 x for any type x, is executed.

Manipulating IO values

There are many functions in the standard library providing typical IO actions that a general purpose programming language should perform, such as reading and writing to file handles. General IO actions are created and combined primarily with two functions:

(>>=) :: **IO** a -> (a -> **IO** b) -> **IO** b

This function (typically called *bind*) takes an IO action and a function which returns an IO action, and produces the IO action which is the result of applying the function to the value produced by the first IO action.

return :: a -> 10 a

This function takes any value (i.e., a pure value) and returns the IO computation which does no IO and produces the given value. In other words, it is a no-op I/O action.

There are additional general functions which are often used, but all can be written in terms of the two above. For example, (>>) :: 10 a -> 10 b -> 10 b is similar to (>>=) but the result of the first action is ignored.

A simple program greeting the user using these functions:

```
main :: IO ()
main =
    putStrLn "What is your name?" >>
    getLine >>= \name ->
    putStrLn ("Hello " ++ name ++ "!")
```

This program also uses putStrLn :: String -> IO () and getLine :: IO String.

Note: the types of certain functions above are actually more general than those types given (namely >>=, >> and return).

IO semantics

The IO type in Haskell has very similar semantics to that of imperative programming languages. For example, when one writes s1 ; s2 in an imperative language to indicate executing statement s1, then statement s2, one can write s1 >> s2 to model the same thing in Haskell.

However, the semantics of IO diverge slightly of what would be expected coming from an imperative background. The **return** function *does not* interrupt control flow - it has no effect on the program if another IO action is run in sequence. For example, **return** () **>> putStrLn** "boom" correctly prints "boom" to standard output.

The formal semantics of IO can given in terms of simple equalities involving the functions in the previous section:

```
return x >>= f ? f x, ? f x
y >>= return ? return y, ? y
(m >>= f) >>= g ? m >>= (\x -> (f x >>= g)), ? m f g
```

These laws are typically referred to as left identity, right identity, and composition, respectively. They can be stated more naturally in terms of the function

(>=>) :: (a -> IO b) -> (b -> IO c) -> a -> IO c (f >=> g) x = (f x) >>= g

as follows:

```
return >=> f ? f, ? f
f >=> return ? f, ? f
(f >=> g) >=> h ? f >=> (g >=> h), ? f g h
```

Lazy IO

Functions performing I/O computations are typically strict, meaning that all preceding actions in a sequence of actions must be completed before the next action is begun. Typically this is useful and expected behaviour **putStrLn** "X" >> **putStrLn** "Y" should print "XY". However, certain library functions perform I/O lazily, meaning that the I/O actions required to produce the value are only performed when the value is actually consumed. Examples of such functions are **getContents** and **readFile**. Lazy I/O can drastically reduce the performance of a Haskell program, so when using library functions, care should be taken to note which functions are lazy.

IO and do notation

Haskell provides a simpler method of combining different IO values into larger IO values. This special syntax is known as do notation* and is simply syntactic sugar for usages of the >>=, >> and **return** functions.

The program in the previous section can be written in two different ways using do notation, the first being layout sensitive and the second being layout insensitive:

```
main = do
putStrLn "What is your name?"
name <- getLine
putStrLn ("Hello " ++ name ++ "!")</pre>
```

```
main = do {
   putStrLn "What is your name?" ;
   name <- getLine ;
   putStrLn ("Hello " ++ name ++ "!")
  }</pre>
```

All three programs are exactly equivalent.

*Note that do notation is also applicable to a broader class of type constructors called *monads*.

Section 10.6: Writing to stdout

Per the <u>Haskell 2010 Language Specification</u> the following are standard IO functions available in Prelude, so no imports are required to use them.

```
putChar :: Char -> IO () - writes a char to stdout
Prelude> putChar 'a'
aPrelude> -- Note, no new line
putStr :: String -> IO () - writes a String to stdout
Prelude> putStr "This is a string!"
This is a string!Prelude> -- Note, no new line
putStrLn :: String -> IO () - writes a String to stdout and adds a new line
Prelude> putStrLn "Hi there, this is another String!"
Hi there, this is another String!
print :: Show a => a -> IO () - writes a an instance of Show to stdout
Prelude> print "hi"
"hi"
Prelude> print 1
1
Prelude> print 'a'
 'a'
Prelude> print (Just 'a') -- Maybe is an instance of the `Show` type class
Just 'a'
Prelude> print Nothing
```

Recall that you can instantiate Show for your own types using deriving:

```
-- In ex.hs
data Person = Person { name :: String } deriving Show
main = print (Person "Alex") -- Person is an instance of `Show`, thanks to `deriving`
```

Loading & running in GHCi:

Nothing

```
Prelude> :load ex.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling ex (ex.hs, interpreted )
Ok, modules loaded: ex.
*Main> main -- from ex.hs
Person {name = "Alex"}
*Main>
```

Section 10.7: Reading words from an entire file

In Haskell, it often makes sense *not to bother with file handles* at all, but simply read or write an entire file straight from disk to memory[†], and do all the partitioning/processing of the text with the pure string data structure. This

avoids mixing IO and program logic, which can greatly help avoiding bugs.

```
-- | The interesting part of the program, which actually processes data
-- but doesn't do any IO!
reverseWords :: String -> [String]
reverseWords = reverse . words
-- | A simple wrapper that only fetches the data from disk, lets
-- 'reverseWords' do its job, and puts the result to stdout.
main :: IO ()
main = do
    content <- readFile "loremipsum.txt"
    mapM_ putStrLn $ reverseWords content
```

If loremipsum.txt contains

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit

then the program will output

elit adipiscing consectetur amet, sit dolor ipsum Lorem

Here, mapM_ went through the list of all words in the file, and printed each of them to a separate line with putStrLn.

†If you think this is wasteful on memory, you have a point. Actually, Haskell's laziness can often avoid that the entire file needs to reside in memory simultaneously... but beware, this kind of lazy IO causes its own set of problems. For performance-critical applications, it often makes sense to enforce the entire file to be read at once, strictly; you can do this with the Data.Text version of readFile.

Section 10.8: Reading a line from standard input

```
main = do
line <- getLine
putStrLn line
Input:
This is an example.
Output:
This is an example.
```

Section 10.9: Reading from `stdin`

As-per the <u>Haskell 2010 Language Specification</u>, the following are standard IO functions available in Prelude, so no imports are required to use them.

```
getChar :: 10 Char - read a Char from stdin
-- MyChar.hs
main = do
myChar <- getChar
print myChar
-- In your shell
runhaskell MyChar.hs
a -- you enter a and press enter
'a' -- the program prints 'a'
getLine :: 10 String - read a String from stdin, sans new line character
Prelude> getLine
Hello there! -- user enters some text and presses enter
"Hello there!"
```

```
read :: Read a => String -> a - convert a String to a value
```

```
Prelude> read "1" :: Int
1
Prelude> read "1" :: Float
1.0
Prelude> read "True" :: Bool
True
```

Other, less common functions are:

- getContents :: 10 String returns all user input as a single string, which is read lazily as it is needed
- **interact** :: (String -> String) -> IO () takes a function of type String->String as its argument. The entire input from the standard input device is passed to this function as its argument

Section 10.10: Parsing and constructing an object from standard input

```
readFloat :: 10 Float
readFloat =
    fmap read getLine

main :: 10 ()
main = do
    putStr "Type the first number: "
    first <- readFloat
    putStr "Type the second number: "
    second <- readFloat
    putStrLn $ show first ++ " + " ++ show second ++ " = " ++ show ( first + second )</pre>
```

Input:

Type the first number: 9.5 Type the second number: -2.02

Output:

9.5 + -2.02 = 7.48

Section 10.11: Reading from file handles

Like in several other parts of the I/O library, functions that implicitly use a standard stream have a counterpart in System. IO that performs the same job, but with an extra parameter at the left, of type Handle, that represents the stream being handled. For instance, getLine :: IO String has a counterpart hGetLine :: Handle -> IO String.

```
import System.IO( Handle, FilePath, IOMode( ReadMode ),
                   openFile, hGetLine, hPutStr, hClose, hIsEOF, stderr )
import Control.Monad( when )
dumpFile :: Handle -> FilePath -> Integer -> IO ()
dumpFile handle filename lineNumber = do
                                             -- show file contents line by line
    end <- hIsEOF handle
    when ( not end ) $ do
        line <- hGetLine handle</pre>
         putStrLn $ filename ++ ":" ++ show lineNumber ++ ": " ++ line
         dumpFile handle filename $ lineNumber + 1
main :: 10 ()
main = do
    hPutStr stderr "Type a filename: "
    filename <- getLine</pre>
    handle <- openFile filename ReadMode
    dumpFile handle filename 1
    hClose handle
Contents of file example.txt:
This is an example.
Hello, world!
This is another example.
Input:
Type a filename: example.txt
Output:
example.txt:1: This is an example.
example.txt:2: Hello, world!
example.txt:3: This is another example
```

Chapter 11: Record Syntax

Section 11.1: Basic Syntax

Records are an extension of sum algebraic data type that allow fields to be named:

```
data StandardType = StandardType String Int Bool --standard way to create a sum type
data RecordType = RecordType { -- the same sum type with record syntax
    aString :: String
    , aNumber :: Int
    , isTrue :: Bool
  }
```

The field names can then be used to get the named field out of the record

```
> let r = RecordType {aString = "Foobar", aNumber= 42, isTrue = True}
> :t r
r :: RecordType
> :t aString
aString :: RecordType -> String
> aString r
"Foobar"
```

Records can be pattern matched against

```
case r of
RecordType{aNumber = x, aString=str} -> ... -- x = 42, str = "Foobar"
```

Notice that not all fields need be named

Records are created by naming their fields, but can also be created as ordinary sum types (often useful when the number of fields is small and not likely to change)

```
r = RecordType {aString = "Foobar", aNumber= 42, isTrue = True}
r' = RecordType "Foobar" 42 True
```

If a record is created without a named field, the compiler will issue a warning, and the resulting value will be **undefined**.

```
> let r = RecordType {aString = "Foobar", aNumber= 42}
<interactive>:1:9: Warning:
    Fields of RecordType not initialized: isTrue
> isTrue r
Error 'undefined'
```

A field of a record can be updated by setting its value. Unmentioned fields do not change.

```
> let r = RecordType {aString = "Foobar", aNumber= 42, isTrue = True}
> let r' = r{aNumber=117}
     -- r'{aString = "Foobar", aNumber= 117, isTrue = True}
```

It is often useful to create lenses for complicated record types.

Section 11.2: Defining a data type with field labels

It is possible to define a data type with field labels.

data Person = Person { age :: Int, name :: String }

This definition differs from a normal record definition as it also defines **record accessors* which can be used to access parts of a data type.

In this example, two record accessors are defined, age and name, which allow us to access the age and name fields respectively.

age :: Person -> Int
name :: Person -> String

Record accessors are just Haskell functions which are automatically generated by the compiler. As such, they are used like ordinary Haskell functions.

By naming fields, we can also use the field labels in a number of other contexts in order to make our code more readable.

Pattern Matching

```
lowerCaseName :: Person -> String
lowerCaseName (Person { name = x }) = map toLower x
```

We can bind the value located at the position of the relevant field label whilst pattern matching to a new value (in this case x) which can be used on the RHS of a definition.

Pattern Matching with NamedFieldPuns

```
lowerCaseName :: Person -> String
lowerCaseName (Person { name }) = map toLower name
```

The NamedFieldPuns extension instead allows us to just specify the field label we want to match upon, this name is then shadowed on the RHS of a definition so referring to name refers to the value rather than the record accessor.

Pattern Matching with RecordWildcards

```
lowerCaseName :: Person -> String
lowerCaseName (Person { .. }) = map toLower name
```

When matching using RecordWildCards, all field labels are brought into scope. (In this specific example, name and age)

This extension is slightly controversial as it is not clear how values are brought into scope if you are not sure of the definition of Person.

Record Updates

```
setName :: String -> Person -> Person
setName newName person = person { name = newName }
```

There is also special syntax for updating data types with field labels.

Section 11.3: RecordWildCards

```
{-# LANGUAGE RecordWildCards #-}
```

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```
data Client = Client { firstName :: String
    , lastName :: String
    , clientID :: String
    } deriving (Show)

printClientName :: Client -> IO ()
printClientName Client{..} = do
    putStrLn firstName
    putStrLn lastName
    putStrLn clientID
```

The pattern Client {..} brings in scope all the fields of the constructor Client, and is equivalent to the pattern

Client{ firstName = firstName, lastName = lastName, clientID = clientID }

It can also be combined with other field matchers like so:

Client { firstName = "Joe", .. }

This is equivalent to

Client{ firstName = "Joe", lastName = lastName, clientID = clientID }

Section 11.4: Copying Records while Changing Field Values

Suppose you have this type:

data Person = Person { name :: String, age:: Int } deriving (Show, Eq)

and two values:

alex = Person { name = "Alex", age = 21 }
jenny = Person { name = "Jenny", age = 36 }

a new value of type Person can be created by copying from alex, specifying which values to change:

```
anotherAlex = alex { age = 31 }
```

The values of alex and anotherAlex will now be:

```
Person {name = "Alex", age = 21}
Person {name = "Alex", age = 31}
```

Section 11.5: Records with newtype

Record syntax can be used with **newtype** with the restriction that there is exactly one constructor with exactly one field. The benefit here is the automatic creation of a function to unwrap the newtype. These fields are often named starting with run for monads, get for monoids, and un for other types.

```
newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (s, a) }
newtype Product a = Product { getProduct :: a }
newtype Fancy = Fancy { unfancy :: String }
```

It is important to note that the record syntax is typically never used to form values and the field name is used strictly for unwrapping

getProduct \$ mconcat [Product 7, Product 9, Product 12]
-- > 756

Chapter 12: Partial Application

Section 12.1: Sections

Sectioning is a concise way to partially apply arguments to infix operators.

For example, if we want to write a function which adds "ing" to the end of a word we can use a section to succinctly define a function.

```
> (++ "ing") "laugh"
"laughing"
```

Notice how we have partially applied the second argument. Normally, we can only partially apply the arguments in the specified order.

We can also use left sectioning to partially apply the first argument.

```
> ("re" ++) "do"
"redo"
```

We could equivalently write this using normal prefix partial application:

```
> ((++) "re") "do"
"redo"
```

A Note on Subtraction

Beginners often incorrectly section negation.

```
> map (-1) [1,2,3]
***error: Could not deduce...
```

This does not work as -1 is parsed as the literal -1 rather than the sectioned operator - applied to 1. The **subtract** function exists to circumvent this issue.

```
> map (subtract 1) [1,2,3]
[0,1,2]
```

Section 12.2: Partially Applied Adding Function

We can use *partial application* to "lock" the first argument. After applying one argument we are left with a function which expects one more argument before returning the result.

```
(+) :: Int -> Int -> Int
addOne :: Int -> Int
addOne = (+) 1
```

We can then use add0ne in order to add one to an Int.

```
> addOne 5
6
> map addOne [1,2,3]
[2,3,4]
```

Section 12.3: Returning a Partially Applied Function

Returning partially applied functions is one technique to write concise code.

add :: Int -> Int -> Int add x = (+x) add 5 2

In this example (+x) is a partially applied function. Notice that the second parameter to the add function does not need to be specified in the function definition.

The result of calling add 5 2 is seven.

Chapter 13: Monoid

Section 13.1: An instance of Monoid for lists

instance Monoid [a] where mempty = [] mappend = (++)

Checking the Monoid laws for this instance:

Section 13.2: Collapsing a list of Monoids into a single value

mconcat :: [a] -> a is another method of the Monoid typeclass:

```
ghci> mconcat [Sum 1, Sum 2, Sum 3]
Sum {getSum = 6}
ghci> mconcat ["concat", "enate"]
"concatenate"
```

Its default definition is mconcat = **foldr** mappend mempty.

Section 13.3: Numeric Monoids

Numbers are monoidal in two ways: *addition* with 0 as the unit, and *multiplication* with 1 as the unit. Both are equally valid and useful in different circumstances. So rather than choose a preferred instance for numbers, there are two newtypes, Sum and Product to tag them for the different functionality.

```
newtype Sum n = Sum { getSum :: n }
instance Num n => Monoid (Sum n) where
  mempty = Sum 0
  Sum x `mappend` Sum y = Sum (x + y)
newtype Product n = Product { getProduct :: n }
instance Num n => Monoid (Product n) where
  mempty = Product 1
  Product x `mappend` Product y = Product (x * y)
```

This effectively allows for the developer to choose which functionality to use by wrapping the value in the appropriate **newtype**.

```
Sum 3 <> Sum 5 == Sum 8
Product 3 <> Product 5 == Product 15
```

Section 13.4: An instance of Monoid for ()

() is a Monoid. Since there is only one value of type (), there's only one thing mempty and mappend could do:

```
instance Monoid () where
  mempty = ()
  () `mappend` () = ()
```

Chapter 14: Category Theory

Section 14.1: Category theory as a system for organizing abstraction

Category theory is a modern mathematical theory and a branch of abstract algebra focused on the nature of connectedness and relation. It is useful for giving solid foundations and common language to many highly reusable programming abstractions. Haskell uses Category theory as inspiration for some of the core typeclasses available in both the standard library and several popular third-party libraries.

An example

The **Functor** typeclass says that if a type F instantiates **Functor** (for which we write **Functor** F) then we have a generic operation

fmap :: (a -> b) -> (F a -> F b)

which lets us "map" over F. The standard (but imperfect) intuition is that F a is a container full of values of type a and **fmap** lets us apply a transformation to each of these contained elements. An example is Maybe

```
instance Functor Maybe where
fmap f Nothing = Nothing -- if there are no values contained, do nothing
fmap f (Just a) = Just (f a) -- else, apply our transformation
```

Given this intuition, a common question is "why not call Functor something obvious like Mappable?".

A hint of Category Theory

The reason is that Functor fits into a set of common structures in Category theory and therefore by calling **Functor** "Functor" we can see how it connects to this deeper body of knowledge.

In particular, Category Theory is highly concerned with the idea of arrows from one place to another. In Haskell, the most important set of arrows are the function arrows a -> b. A common thing to study in Category Theory is how one set of arrows relates to another set. In particular, for any type constructor F, the set of arrows of the shape F a -> F b are also interesting.

So a Functor is any F such that there is a connection between normal Haskell arrows $a \rightarrow b$ and the F-specific arrows F $a \rightarrow F$ b. The connection is defined by **fmap** and we also recognize a few laws which must hold

forall (x :: F a) . fmap id x == x
forall (f :: a -> b) (g :: b -> c) . fmap g . fmap f = fmap (g . f)

All of these laws arise naturally from the Category Theoretic interpretation of **Functor** and would not be as obviously necessary if we only thought of **Functor** as relating to "mapping over elements".

Section 14.2: Haskell types as a category

Definition of the category

The Haskell types along with functions between types form (almost[†]) a category. We have an identity morphism (function) (**id** :: $a \rightarrow a$) for every object (type) a; and composition of morphisms ((.) :: $(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)$ $\rightarrow a \rightarrow c$), which obey category laws: f . id = f = id . f h . (g . f) = (h . g) . f

We usually call this category **Hask**.

Isomorphisms

In category theory, we have an isomorphism when we have a morphism which has an inverse, in other words, there is a morphism which can be composed with it in order to create the identity. In **Hask** this amounts to have a pair of morphisms f,g such that:

f . g == **id** == g . f

If we find a pair of such morphisms between two types, we call them *isomorphic to one another*.

An example of two isomorphic types would be ((), a) and a for some a. We can construct the two morphisms:

f :: ((),a) -> a f ((),x) = x g :: a -> ((),a) g x = ((),x)

And we can check that $f \cdot g == id == g \cdot f$.

Functors

A functor, in category theory, goes from a category to another, mapping objects and morphisms. We are working only on one category, the category **Hask** of Haskell types, so we are going to see only functors from **Hask** to **Hask**, those functors, whose origin and destination category are the same, are called **endofunctors**. Our endofunctors will be the polymorphic types taking a type and returning another:

F :: * -> *

To obey the categorical functor laws (preserve identities and composition) is equivalent to obey the Haskell functor laws:

fmap (f . g) = (fmap f) . (fmap g) fmap id = id

So, we have, for example, that [], Maybe or (-> r) are functors in **Hask**.

Monads

A monad in category theory is a monoid on the **category of endofunctors**. This category has endofunctors as objects F :: * -> * and natural transformations (transformations between them **forall** a . F a -> G a) as morphisms.

A monoid object can be defined on a monoidal category, and is a type having two morphisms:

zero :: () -> M mappend :: (M,M) -> M

We can translate this roughly to the category of Hask endofunctors as:

return :: a -> m a join **::** m (m a) -> m a

And, to obey the monad laws is equivalent to obey the categorical monoid object laws.

†In fact, the class of all types along with the class of functions between types do *not* strictly form a category in Haskell, due to the existance of **undefined**. Typically this is remedied by simply defining the objects of the **Hask** category as types without bottom values, which excludes non-terminating functions and infinite values (codata). For a detailed discussion of this topic, see <u>here</u>.

Section 14.3: Definition of a Category

A category C consists of:

- A collection of objects called Obj(C);
- A collection (called Hom(C)) of morphisms between those objects. If a and b are in Obj(C), then a morphism f in Hom(C) is typically denoted f : a -> b, and the collection of all morphism between a and b is denoted hom(a, b);
- A special morphism called the *identity* morphism for every a : 0bj(C) there exists a morphism id : a -> a;
- A composition operator (.), taking two morphisms f : a -> b, g : b -> c and producing a morphism a -> c

which obey the following laws:

For all f : a -> x, g : x -> b, then id . f = f and g . id = g For all f : a -> b, g : b -> c and h : c -> d, then h . (g . f) = (h . g) . f

In other words, composition with the identity morphism (on either the left or right) does not change the other morphism, and composition is associative.

In Haskell, the Category is defined as a typeclass in Control.Category:

```
-- | A class for categories.
-- id and (.) must form a monoid.
class Category cat where
-- | the identity morphism
id :: cat a a
-- | morphism composition
(.) :: cat b c -> cat a b -> cat a c
```

In this case, cat :: $k \rightarrow k \rightarrow *$ objectifies the morphism relation - there exists a morphism cat a b if and only if cat a b is inhabited (i.e. has a value). a, b and c are all in 0bj(C). 0bj(C) itself is represented by the *kind* k - for example, when k ~ *, as is typically the case, objects are types.

The canonical example of a Category in Haskell is the function category:

```
instance Category (->) where
id = Prelude.id
(.) = Prelude..
```

Another common example is the Category of Kleisli arrows for a Monad:

```
newtype Kleisli m a b = Kleisli (a -> m b)
class Monad m => Category (Kleisli m) where
id = Kleisli return
Kleisli f . Kleisli g = Kleisli (f >=> g)
```

Section 14.4: Coproduct of types in Hask

Intuition

The categorical product of two types **A** and **B** should contain the minimal information necessary to contain inside an instance of type **A** or type **B**. We can see now that the intuitive coproduct of two types should be **Either** a b. Other candidates, such as **Either** a (b, **Bool**), would contain a part of unnecessary information, and they wouldn't be minimal.

The formal definition is derived from the categorical definition of coproduct.

Categorical coproducts

A categorical coproduct is the dual notion of a categorical product. It is obtained directly by reversing all the arrows in the definition of the product. The coproduct of two objects **X**,**Y** is another object **Z** with two inclusions: **i_1: X ? Z** and **i_2: Y ? Z**; such that any other two morphisms from **X** and **Y** to another object decompose uniquely through those inclusions. In other words, if there are two morphisms **f? : X ? W** and **f? : Y ? W**, exists a unique morphism **g : Z ? W** such that **g ? i? = f?** and **g ? i? = f?**

Coproducts in Hask

The translation into the Hask category is similar to the translation of the product:

```
-- if there are two functions
f1 :: A -> W
f2 :: B -> W
-- and we have a coproduct with two inclusions
i1 :: A -> Z
i2 :: B -> Z
-- we can construct a unique function
g :: Z -> W
-- such that the other two functions decompose using g
g . i1 == f1
g . i2 == f2
```

The coproduct type of two types A and B in **Hask** is **Either** a b or any other type isomorphic to it:

```
-- Coproduct
-- The two inclusions are Left and Right
data Either a b = Left a | Right b
-- If we have those functions, we can decompose them through the coproduct
decompose :: (A -> W) -> (B -> W) -> (Either A B -> W)
decompose f1 f2 (Left x) = f1 x
decompose f1 f2 (Right y) = f2 y
```

Section 14.5: Product of types in Hask

Categorical products

In category theory, the product of two objects **X**, **Y** is another object **Z** with two projections: **??** : **Z** ? **X** and **??** : **Z** ? **Y**; such that any other two morphisms from another object decompose uniquely through those projections. In other words, if there exist **f?** : **W** ? **X** and **f?** : **W** ? **Y**, exists a unique morphism **g** : **W** ? **Z** such that **??** ? **g** = **f?** and **??** ? **g** = **f?**.

Products in Hask

This translates into the **Hask** category of Haskell types as follows, Z is product of A, B when:

```
-- if there are two functions
f1 :: W -> A
f2 :: W -> B
-- we can construct a unique function
g :: W -> Z
-- and we have two projections
p1 :: Z -> A
p2 :: Z -> B
-- such that the other two functions decompose using g
p1 . g == f1
p2 . g == f2
```

The **product type of two types** A, B, which follows the law stated above, **is the tuple** of the two types (A, B), and the two projections are **fst** and **snd**. We can check that it follows the above rule, if we have two functions f1 :: W -> A and f2 :: W -> B we can decompose them uniquely as follow:

decompose :: $(W \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (W \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (W \rightarrow (A,B))$ decompose f1 f2 = $(\x \rightarrow (f1 x, f2 x))$

And we can check that the decomposition is correct:

```
fst . (decompose f1 f2) = f1
snd . (decompose f1 f2) = f2
```

Uniqueness up to isomorphism

The choice of (A, B) as the product of A and B is not unique. Another logical and equivalent choice would have been:

data Pair a b = Pair a b

Moreover, we could have also chosen (B, A) as the product, or even (B, A, ()), and we could find a decomposition function like the above also following the rules:

decompose2 :: $(W \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (W \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (W \rightarrow (B,A,()))$ decompose2 f1 f2 = $(\langle x \rightarrow (f2 \ x, f1 \ x, ()))$

This is because the product is not unique but *unique up to isomorphism*. Every two products of A and B do not have to be equal, but they should be isomorphic. As an example, the two different products we have just defined, (A, B) and (B, A, ()), are isomorphic:

```
iso1 :: (A,B) -> (B,A,())
iso1 (x,y) = (y,x,())
iso2 :: (B,A,()) -> (A,B)
```

iso2 (y,x,()) = (x,y)

Uniqueness of the decomposition

It is important to remark that also the decomposition function must be unique. There are types which follow all the rules required to be product, but the decomposition is not unique. As an example, we can try to use (A, (B, Bool)) with projections **fst fst** . **snd** as a product of A and B:

decompose3 :: (W -> A) -> (W -> B) -> (W -> (A,(B,Bool))) decompose3 f1 f2 = (\x -> (f1 x, (f2 x, True)))

We can check that it does work:

fst . (decompose3 f1 f2) = f1 x (fst . snd) . (decompose3 f1 f2) = f2 x

But the problem here is that we could have written another decomposition, namely:

decompose3' :: (W -> A) -> (W -> B) -> (W -> (A, (B, Bool)))
decompose3' f1 f2 = (\x -> (f1 x, (f2 x, False)))

And, as the decomposition is **not unique**, (A, (B, Bool)) is **not** the product of A and B in **Hask**

Section 14.6: Haskell Applicative in terms of Category Theory

A Haskell's **Functor** allows one to map any type a (an object of **Hask**) to a type F a and also map a function a -> b (a morphism of **Hask**) to a function with type F a -> F b. This corresponds to a Category Theory definition in a sense that functor preserves basic category structure.

A **monoidal category** is a category that has some *additional* structure:

- A tensor product (see Product of types in Hask)
- A tensor unit (unit object)

Taking a pair as our product, this definition can be translated to Haskell in the following way:

```
class Functor f => Monoidal f where
    mcat :: f a -> f b -> f (a,b)
    munit :: f ()
```

The Applicative class is equivalent to this Monoidal one and thus can be implemented in terms of it:

```
instance Monoidal f => Applicative f where
    pure x = fmap (const x) munit
    f <*> fa = (\(f, a) -> f a) <$> (mcat f fa)
```

Chapter 15: Lists

Section 15.1: List basics

The type constructor for lists in the Haskell Prelude is []. The type declaration for a list holding values of type Int is written as follows:

xs :: [Int] -- or equivalently, but less conveniently, xs :: [] Int

Lists in Haskell are *homogeneous <u>sequences</u>*, which is to say that all elements must be of the same type. Unlike tuples, list type is not affected by length:

[1,2,3] :: [Int] [1,2,3,4] :: [Int]

Lists are constructed using two constructors:

- [] constructs an empty list.
- (:), pronounced "cons", prepends elements to a list. Consing x (a value of type a) onto xs (a list of values of the same type a) creates a new list, whose *head* (the first element) is x, and *tail* (the rest of the elements) is xs.

We can define simple lists as follows:

```
ys :: [a]
ys = []
xs :: [Int]
xs = 12 : (99 : (37 : []))
-- or = 12 : 99 : 37 : [] -- ((:) is right-associative)
-- or = [12, 99, 37] -- (syntactic sugar for lists)
```

Note that (++), which can be used to build lists is defined recursively in terms of (:) and [].

Section 15.2: Processing lists

To process lists, we can simply pattern match on the constructors of the list type:

```
listSum :: [Int] -> Int
listSum [] = 0
listSum (x:xs) = x + listSum xs
```

We can match more values by specifying a more elaborate pattern:

```
sumTwoPer :: [Int] -> Int
sumTwoPer [] = 0
sumTwoPer (x1:x2:xs) = x1 + x2 + sumTwoPer xs
sumTwoPer (x:xs) = x + sumTwoPer xs
```

Note that in the above example, we had to provide a more exhaustive pattern match to handle cases where an odd length list is given as an argument.

The Haskell Prelude defines many built-ins for handling lists, like **map**, **filter**, etc.. Where possible, you should use these instead of writing your own recursive functions.

Section 15.3: Ranges

Creating a list from 1 to 10 is simple using range notation:

[1..10] -- [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]

To specify a step, add a comma and the next element after the start element:

```
[1,3..10] -- [1,3,5,7,9]
```

Note that Haskell always takes the step as the arithmetic difference between terms, and that you cannot specify more than the first two elements and the upper bound:

```
[1,3,5..10] -- error
[1,3,9..20] -- error
```

To generate a range in descending order, always specify the negative step:

```
[5..1] -- []
[5,4..1] -- [5,4,3,2,1]
```

Because Haskell is non-strict, the elements of the list are evaluated only if they are needed, which allows us to use infinite lists. [1..] is an infinite list starting from 1. This list can be bound to a variable or passed as a function argument:

take 5 [1..] -- returns [1,2,3,4,5] even though [1..] is infinite

Be careful when using ranges with floating-point values, because it accepts spill-overs up to half-delta, to fend off rounding issues:

Ranges work not just with numbers but with any type that implements **Enum** typeclass. Given some enumerable variables a, b, c, the range syntax is equivalent to calling these **Enum** methods:

```
[a..] == enumFrom a
[a..c] == enumFromTo a c
[a,b..] == enumFromThen a b
[a,b..c] == enumFromThenTo a b c
```

For example, with Bool it's

[False ..] -- [False, True]

Notice the space after False, to prevent this to be parsed as a module name qualification (i.e. False.. would be parsed as . from a module False).

Section 15.4: List Literals

emptyList	= []	
singletonList	= [0]	= 0 : []
listOfNums	= [1, 2, 3]	= 1 : 2 : [3]
listOfStrings	= ["A", "B", "C"]	

Section 15.5: List Concatenation

listA = [1, 2, 3] listB = [4, 5, 6] listAThenB = listA ++ listB -- [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] (++) xs [] = xs (++) [] ys = ys (++) (x:xs) ys = x : (xs ++ ys)

Section 15.6: Accessing elements in lists

Access the *n*th element of a list (zero-based):

list = [1 .. 10]
firstElement = list !! 0 -- 1

Note that !! is a partial function, so certain inputs produce errors:

list !! (-1)	**	* Exception:	<pre>Prelude.!!:</pre>	negative index
list !! 1000	**	* Exception:	Prelude.!!:	index too large

There's also Data.List.genericIndex, an overloaded version of !!, which accepts any Integral value as the index.

```
import Data.List (genericIndex)
list `genericIndex` 4 -- 5
```

When implemented as singly-linked lists, these operations take *O(n)* time. If you frequently access elements by index, it's probably better to use Data.Vector (from the <u>vector</u> package) or other data structures.

Section 15.7: Basic Functions on Lists

head [110]	 1
last [120]	 20
tail [15]	 [2, 3, 4, 5]
init [15]	 [1, 2, 3, 4]
length [1 10]	 10

reverse [1 .. 10] -- [10, 9 .. 1]
take 5 [1, 2 ..] -- [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
drop 5 [1 .. 10] -- [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
concat [[1,2], [], [4]] -- [1,2,4]

Section 15.8: Transforming with `map`

Often we wish to convert, or transform the contents of a collection (a list, or something traversable). In Haskell we use **map**:

```
-- Simple add 1
map (+ 1) [1,2,3]
[2,3,4]
map odd [1,2,3]
[True,False,True]
data Gender = Male | Female deriving Show
data Person = Person String Gender Int deriving Show
-- Extract just the age from a list of people
map (\(Person n g a) -> a) [(Person "Alex" Male 31),(Person "Ellie" Female 29)]
[31,29]
```

Section 15.9: Filtering with `filter`

Given a list:

li = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

we can filter a list with a predicate using **filter ::** (a -> **Bool**) -> [a] -> [a]:

```
filter (== 1) li -- [1]
filter (even) li -- [2,4]
filter (odd) li -- [1,3,5]
-- Something slightly more complicated
comfy i = notTooLarge && isEven
   where
       notTooLarge = (i + 1) < 5
       isEven = even i
filter comfy li -- [2]</pre>
```

Of course it's not just about numbers:

```
data Gender = Male | Female deriving Show
data Person = Person String Gender Int deriving Show
onlyLadies :: [Person] -> Person
onlyLadies x = filter isFemale x
where
    isFemale (Person _ Female _) = True
```

```
isFemale _ = False
```

```
onlyLadies [(Person "Alex" Male 31),(Person "Ellie" Female 29)]
-- [Person "Ellie" Female 29]
```

Section 15.10: foldr

This is how the right fold is implemented:

```
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
foldr f z [] = z
foldr f z (x:xs) = f x (foldr f z xs) -- = x `f` foldr f z xs
```

The right fold, **foldr**, associates to the right. That is:

foldr (+) 0 [1, 2, 3] -- is equivalent to 1 + (2 + (3 + 0))

The reason is that **foldr** is evaluated like this (look at the inductive step of **foldr**):

The last line is equivalent to 1 + (2 + (3 + 0)), because ((+) 3 0) is the same as (3 + 0).

Section 15.11: Zipping and Unzipping Lists

zip takes two lists and returns a list of corresponding pairs:

```
zip [] _ = []
zip _ [] = []
zip (a:as) (b:bs) = (a,b) : zip as bs
> zip [1,3,5] [2,4,6]
> [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)]
```

Zipping two lists with a function:

```
zipWith f [] _ = []
zipWith f _ [] = []
zipWith f (a:as) (b:bs) = f a b : zipWith f as bs
> zipWith (+) [1,3,5] [2,4,6]
> [3,7,11]
```

Unzipping a list:

```
unzip = foldr (\(a,b) ~(as,bs) -> (a:as,b:bs)) ([],[])
> unzip [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)]
```

```
> ([1,3,5],[2,4,6])
```

Section 15.12: foldl

This is how the left fold is implemented. Notice how the order of the arguments in the step function is flipped compared to **foldr** (the right fold):

foldl :: (b -> a -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
foldl f acc [] = acc
foldl f acc (x:xs) = foldl f (f acc x) xs -- = foldl f (acc `f` x) xs

The left fold, **fold1**, associates to the left. That is:

fold1 (+) 0 [1, 2, 3] -- is equivalent to ((0 + 1) + 2) + 3

The reason is that **foldl** is evaluated like this (look at **foldl**'s inductive step):

```
foldl (+) 0 [1, 2, 3]
                                                          0 [1, 2,
                                               foldl (+)
                                                                          3 ]
                                           _ _
                                               foldl (+) (0 + 1) [2,
fold1 (+) ((+) 0 1) [2, 3]
                                                                          3 ]
                                           _ _
                                               foldl (+) ((0 + 1) + 2) [3]
foldl (+) ((+) ((+) 0 1) 2) [3]
                                           _ _
                                               foldl (+) (((0 + 1) + 2) + 3) []
foldl (+) ((+) ((+) 0 1) 2) 3) []
                                           _ _
((+) ((+) ((+) 0 1) 2) 3)
                                                        (((0 + 1) + 2) + 3)
```

The last line is equivalent to ((0 + 1) + 2) + 3. This is because (f a b) is the same as $(a \hat{f} b)$ in general, and so ((+) 0 1) is the same as (0 + 1) in particular.

Chapter 16: Sorting Algorithms

Section 16.1: Insertion Sort

Example use:

> isort [5,4,3,2,1]

Result:

[1,2,3,4,5]

Section 16.2: Permutation Sort

Also known as <u>bogosort</u>.

```
import Data.List (permutations)
sorted :: Ord a => [a] -> Bool
sorted (x:y:xs) = x <= y && sorted (y:xs)
sorted _ = True
psort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
psort = head . filter sorted . permutations
```

Extremely inefficient (on today's computers).

Section 16.3: Merge Sort

Ordered merging of two ordered lists

Preserving the duplicates:

Top-down version:

```
msort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
msort [] = []
msort [a] = [a]
msort xs = merge (msort (firstHalf xs)) (msort (secondHalf xs))
```

firstHalf xs = let { n = length xs } in take (div n 2) xs
secondHalf xs = let { n = length xs } in drop (div n 2) xs

It is defined this way for clarity, not for efficiency.

Example use:

> msort [3,1,4,5,2]

Result:

[1,2,3,4,5]

Bottom-up version:

```
msort [] = []
msort xs = go [[x] | x <- xs]
where
go [a] = a
go xs = go (pairs xs)
pairs (a:b:t) = merge a b : pairs t
pairs t = t</pre>
```

Section 16.4: Quicksort

Section 16.5: Bubble sort

Section 16.6: Selection sort

Selection sort selects the minimum element, repeatedly, until the list is empty.

Chapter 17: Type Families

Section 17.1: Datatype Families

Data families can be used to build datatypes that have different implementations based on their type arguments.

Standalone data families

```
{-# LANGUAGE TypeFamilies #-}
data family List a
data instance List Char = Nil | Cons Char (List Char)
data instance List () = UnitList Int
```

In the above declaration, Nil :: List Char, and UnitList :: Int -> List ()

Associated data families

Data families can also be associated with typeclasses. This is often useful for types with "helper objects", which are required for generic typeclass methods but need to contain different information depending on the concrete instance. For instance, indexing locations in a list just requires a single number, whereas in a tree you need a number to indicate the path at each node:

```
class Container f where
  data Location f
  get :: Location f -> f a -> Maybe a
instance Container [] where
  data Location [] = ListLoc Int
  get (ListLoc i) xs
    | i < length xs = Just $ xs!!i
    | otherwise = Nothing
instance Container Tree where
  data Location Tree = ThisNode | NodePath Int (Location Tree)
  get ThisNode (Node x _) = Just x
  get (NodePath i path) (Node _ sfo) = get path =<< get i sfo</pre>
```

Section 17.2: Type Synonym Families

Type synonym families are just type-level functions: they associate parameter types with result types. These come in three different varieties.

Closed type-synonym families

These work much like ordinary value-level Haskell functions: you specify some clauses, mapping certain types to others:

```
{-# LANGUAGE TypeFamilies #-}
type family Vanquisher a where
    Vanquisher Rock = Paper
    Vanquisher Paper = Scissors
    Vanquisher Scissors = Rock
data Rock=Rock; data Paper=Paper; data Scissors=Scissors
```

Open type-synonym families

These work more like typeclass instances: anybody can add more clauses in other modules.

```
type family DoubledSize w
type instance DoubledSize Word16 = Word32
type instance DoubledSize Word32 = Word64
-- Other instances might appear in other modules, but two instances cannot overlap
-- in a way that would produce different results.
```

Class-associated type synonyms

An open type family can also be combined with an actual class. This is usually done when, like with associated data families, some class method needs additional helper objects, and these helper objects *can* be different for different instances but may possibly also shared. A good example is <u>VectorSpace class</u>:

```
class VectorSpace v where
  type Scalar v :: *
  (*^) :: Scalar v -> v -> v
instance VectorSpace Double where
  type Scalar Double = Double
? *^ n = ? * n
instance VectorSpace (Double,Double) where
  type Scalar (Double,Double) = Double
? *^ (n,m) = (?*n, ?*m)
instance VectorSpace (Complex Double) where
  type Scalar (Complex Double) = Complex Double
? *^ n = ?*n
```

Note how in the first two instances, the implementation of Scalar is the same. This would not be possible with an associated data family: data families are <u>injective</u>, type-synonym families aren't.

While non-injectivity opens up some possibilities like the above, it also makes type inference more difficult. For instance, the following will not typecheck:

```
class Foo a where
  type Bar a :: *
  bar :: a -> Bar a
instance Foo Int where
  type Bar Int = String
  bar = show
instance Foo Double where
  type Bar Double = Bool
  bar = (>0)
main = putStrLn (bar 1)
```

In this case, the compiler can't know what instance to use, because the argument to bar is itself just a polymorphic **Num** literal. And the type function Bar can't be resolved in "inverse direction", precisely because it's not injective† and hence not invertible (there could be more than one type with Bar a = String).

[†]With only these two instances, it *is* actually injective, but the compiler can't know somebody won't add more instances later on and thereby break the behaviour.

Section 17.3: Injectivity

Type Families are not necessarily injective. Therefore, we cannot infer the parameter from an application. For example, in servant, given a type Server a we cannot infer the type a. To solve this problem, we can use Proxy. For example, in servant, the serve function has type ... Proxy a -> Server a -> We can infer a from Proxy a because Proxy is defined by data which is injective.

Chapter 18: Monads

A monad is a data type of composable actions. **Monad** is the class of type constructors whose values represent such actions. Perhaps I0 is the most recognizable one: a value of **10** a is a "recipe for retrieving an a value from the real world".

We say a type constructor m (such as [] or Maybe) forms a monad if there is an **instance Monad** m satisfying certain laws about composition of actions. We can then reason about m a as an "action whose result has type a".

Section 18.1: Definition of Monad

class Monad m where return :: a -> m a (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

The most important function for dealing with monads is the **bind operator** >>=:

(>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

- Think of m a as "an action with an a result".
- Think of a -> m b as "an action (depending on an a parameter) with a b result.".

>>= sequences two actions together by piping the result from the first action to the second.

The other function defined by Monad is:

return :: a -> m a

Its name is unfortunate: this **return** has nothing to do with the **return** keyword found in imperative programming languages.

return x is the trivial action yielding x as its result. (It is trivial in the following sense:)

```
return x >>= f ? f x -- "left identity" monad law
x >>= return ? x -- "right identity" monad law
```

Section 18.2: No general way to extract value from a monadic computation

You can wrap values into actions and pipe the result of one computation into another:

return :: Monad m => a -> m a
(>>=) :: Monad m => m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

However, the definition of a Monad doesn't guarantee the existence of a function of type Monad $m \Rightarrow m a \rightarrow a$.

That means there is, in general, **no way to extract a value from a computation** (i.e. "unwrap" it). This is the case for many instances:

```
extract :: Maybe a -> a
extract (Just x) = x -- Sure, this works, but...
extract Nothing = undefined -- We can't extract a value from failure.
```

Specifically, there is no function $10 \text{ a} \rightarrow a$, which often confuses beginners; see this example.

Section 18.3: Monad as a Subclass of Applicative

As of GHC 7.10, Applicative is a superclass of Monad (i.e., every type which is a Monad must also be an Applicative). All the methods of Applicative (pure, <*>) can be implemented in terms of methods of Monad (return, >>=).

It is obvious that pure and **return** serve equivalent purposes, so pure = **return**. The definition for <*> is too relatively clear:

This function is defined as ap in the standard libraries.

Thus if you have already defined an instance of **Monad** for a type, you effectively can get an instance of Applicative for it "for free" by defining

```
instance Applicative < type > where
    pure = return
    (<*>) = ap
```

As with the monad laws, these equivalencies are not enforced, but developers should ensure that they are always upheld.

Section 18.4: The Maybe monad

Maybe is used to represent possibly empty values - similar to **null** in other languages. Usually it is used as the output type of functions that can fail in some way.

Consider the following function:

```
halve :: Int -> Maybe Int
halve x
| even x = Just (x `div` 2)
| odd x = Nothing
```

Think of halve as an action, depending on an Int, that tries to halve the integer, failing if it is odd.

How do we halve an integer three times?

```
-- (after you read the 'do' sub-section:)
takeOneEighth :: Int -> Maybe Int
takeOneEighth x =
  case halve x of
                                                 -- do {
    Nothing -> Nothing
                                                        oneHalf <- halve x
    Just oneHalf ->
      case halve oneHalf of
        Nothing -> Nothing
                                                        oneQuarter <- halve oneHalf
        Just oneQuarter ->
                                                  _ _
          case halve oneQuarter of
                                                        oneEighth <- halve oneQuarter</pre>
            Nothing -> Nothing
            Just oneEighth ->
              Just oneEighth
                                                        return oneEighth }
```

- takeOneEighth is a sequence of three halve steps chained together.
- If a halve step fails, we want the whole composition takeOneEighth to fail.
- If a halve step succeeds, we want to pipe its result forward.

```
instance Monad Maybe where
-- (>>=) :: Maybe a -> (a -> Maybe b) -> Maybe b
Nothing >>= f = Nothing -- infixl 1 >>=
Just x >>= f = Just (f x) -- also, f =<< m = m >>= f
-- return :: a -> Maybe a
return x = Just x
```

and now we can write:

```
takeOneEighth :: Int -> Maybe Int
takeOneEighth x = halve x >>= halve >>= halve  -- or,
    -- return x >>= halve >>= halve  -- which is parsed as
    -- (((return x) >>= halve) >>= halve  -- which is parsed as
    -- (halve =<<) . (halve =<<) $ return x  -- or, equivalently, as
    -- halve <=< halve  $ x</pre>
```

Kleisli composition <=< is defined as $(g \le f) x = g = << f x$, or equivalently as $(f \ge g) x = f x \ge g$. With it the above definition becomes just

There are three monad laws that should be obeyed by every monad, that is every type which is an instance of the **Monad** typeclass:

1. return x >>= f = f x
2. m >>= return = m
3. (m >>= g) >>= h = m >>= (\y -> g y >>= h)

where m is a monad, f has type $a \rightarrow m b$ and g has type $b \rightarrow m c$.

Or equivalently, using the >=> Kleisli composition operator defined above:

```
1. return >=> g = g-- do { y < -return x ; g y  == g x2. f >=> return = f-- do { <math>y < -f x ; return y  == f x3. (f >=> g) >=> h = f >=> (g >=> h)-- do { <math>z < -do { <math>y < -f x ; g y  ; h z -- do { <math>y < -f x ; g y  ; h z
```

Obeying these laws makes it a lot easier to reason about the monad, because it guarantees that using monadic functions and composing them behaves in a reasonable way, similar to other monads.

Let's check if the Maybe monad obeys the three monad laws.

1. The left identity law - return x >>= f = f x

```
return z >>= f
= (Just z) >>= f
= f z
```

- 2. The right identity law m >>= return = m
- Just data constructor

```
Just z >>= return
= return z
= Just z
```

Nothing data constructor

```
Nothing >>= return
= Nothing
```

- 3. The associativity law $(m \rightarrow f) \rightarrow g = m \rightarrow g = (x \rightarrow f x \rightarrow g)$
- Just data constructor

```
-- Left-hand side
((Just z) >>= f) >>= g
= f z >>= g
-- Right-hand side
(Just z) >>= (\x -> f x >>= g)
(\x -> f x >>= g) z
= f z >>= g
```

Nothing data constructor

```
-- Left-hand side
(Nothing >>= f) >>= g
= Nothing >>= g
= Nothing
-- Right-hand side
Nothing >>= (\x -> f x >>= g)
= Nothing
```

Section 18.5: IO monad

There is no way to get a value of type a out of an expression of type **10** a and there shouldn't be. This is actually a large part of why monads are used to model **10**.

An expression of type **10** a can be thought of as representing an action that can interact with the real world and, if executed, would result in something of type a. For example, the function **getLine** :: **10** String from the prelude doesn't mean that underneath **getLine** there is some specific string that I can extract - it means that **getLine** represents the action of getting a line from standard input.

Not surprisingly, main :: **10** () since a Haskell program does represent a computation/action that interacts with the real world.

The things you can do to expressions of type **IO** a because **IO** is a monad:

• Sequence two actions using (>>) to produce a new action that executes the first action, discards whatever value it produced, and then executes the second action.

```
-- print the lines "Hello" then "World" to stdout
putStrLn "Hello" >> putStrLn "World"
```

Sometimes you don't want to discard the value that was produced in the first action - you'd actually like it to be fed into a second action. For that, we have >>=. For I0, it has type (>>=) :: I0 a -> (a -> I0 b) -> I0 b.

```
-- get a line from stdin and print it back out
getLine >>= putStrLn
```

• Take a normal value and convert it into an action which just immediately returns the value you gave it. This function is less obviously useful until you start using do notation.

```
-- make an action that just returns 5 return 5
```

More from the Haskell Wiki on the IO monad here.

Section 18.6: List Monad

The lists form a monad. They have a monad instantiation equivalent to this one:

instance Monad [] where return x = [x] xs >>= f = concat (map f xs)

We can use them to emulate non-determinism in our computations. When we use xs >>= f, the function f :: a -> [b] is mapped over the list xs, obtaining a list of lists of results of each application of f over each element of xs, and all the lists of results are then concatenated into one list of all the results. As an example, we compute a sum of two non-deterministic numbers using **do-notation**, the sum being represented by list of sums of all pairs of integers from two lists, each list representing all possible values of a non-deterministic number:

```
sumnd xs ys = do
    x <- xs
    y <- ys
    return (x + y)</pre>
```

Or equivalently, using liftM2 in Control.Monad:

sumnd = liftM2 (+)

we obtain:

```
> sumnd [1,2,3] [0,10]
[1,11,2,12,3,13]
```

Section 18.7: do-notation

do-notation is syntactic sugar for monads. Here are the rules:

do x <- mx do x <- mx y <- my is equivalent to do y <- my do let a = b let a = b in ... is equivalent to do ... do m m >> (e is equivalent to e) do x <- m m >>= (\x -> e is equivalent to e) do m is equivalent to m

For example, these definitions are equivalent:

```
example :: IO Integer
example =
    putStrLn "What's your name?" >> (
      getLine >>= (\name ->
```

```
putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ ".") >> (
    putStrLn "What should we return?" >> (
    getLine >>= (\line ->
        let n = (read line :: Integer) in
        return (n + n))))))
example :: IO Integer
example = do
putStrLn "What's your name?"
name <- getLine
putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ ".")
putStrLn "What should we return?"
line <- getLine
let n = (read line :: Integer)
return (n + n)</pre>
```

Chapter 19: Stack

Section 19.1: Profiling with Stack

Configure profiling for a project via stack. First build the project with the --profile flag:

stack build --profile

GHC flags are not required in the cabal file for this to work (like -prof). stack will automatically turn on profiling for both the library and executables in the project. The next time an executable runs in the project, the usual +RTS flags can be used:

```
stack exec -- my-bin +RTS -p
```

Section 19.2: Structure

File structure

A simple project has the following files included in it:

? helloworld le	S		
LICENSE	Setup.hs	helloworld.cabal src	stack.yaml

In the folder src there is a file named Main.hs. This is the "starting point" of the helloworld project. By default Main.hs contains a simple "Hello, World!" program.

Main.hs

```
module Main where
main :: 10 ()
main = do
putStrLn "hello world"
```

Running the program

Make sure you are in the directory helloworld and run:

```
stack build # Compile the program
stack exec helloworld # Run the program
# prints "hello world"
```

Section 19.3: Build and Run a Stack Project

In this example our project name is "helloworld" which was created with stack new helloworld simple

First we have to build the project with stack build and then we can run it with

stack exec helloworld-exe

Section 19.4: Viewing dependencies

To find out what packages your project directly depends on, you can simply use this command:

This way you can find out what version of your dependencies where actually pulled down by stack.

Haskell projects frequently find themselves pulling in a lot of libraries indirectly, and sometimes these external dependencies cause problems that you need to track down. If you find yourself with a rogue external dependency that you'd like to identify, you can grep through the entire dependency graph and identify which of your dependencies is ultimately pulling in the undesired package:

stack dot --external | grep template-haskell

stack dot prints out a dependency graph in text form that can be searched. It can also be viewed:

stack dot --external | dot -Tpng -o my-project.png

You can also set the depth of the dependency graph if you want:

stack dot --external --depth 3 | dot -Tpng -o my-project.png

Section 19.5: Stack install

By running the command

stack install

Stack will copy a executable file to the folder

/Users/<yourusername>/.local/bin/

Section 19.6: Installing Stack

Mac OSX

Using Homebrew:

brew install haskell-stack

Section 19.7: Creating a simple project

To create a project called **helloworld** run:

stack new helloworld simple

This will create a directory called helloworld with the files necessary for a Stack project.

Section 19.8: Stackage Packages and changing the LTS (resolver) version

Stackage is a repository for Haskell packages. We can add these packages to a stack project.

Adding lens to a project.

In a stack project, there is a file called stack.yaml. In stack.yaml there is a segment that looks like:

resolver: lts-6.8

Stackage keeps a list of packages for every revision of 1ts. In our case we want the list of packages for 1ts-6.8 To find these packages visit:

```
https://www.stackage.org/lts-6.8 # if a different version is used, change 6.8 to the correct resolver number.
```

Looking through the packages, there is a <u>Lens-4.13</u>.

We can now add the language package by modifying the section of helloworld.cabal:

```
build-depends: base >= 4.7 && < 5</pre>
```

to:

Obviously, if we want to change a newer LTS (after it's released), we just change the resolver number, eg.:

```
resolver: lts-6.9
```

With the next stack build Stack will use the LTS 6.9 version and hence download some new dependencies.

Chapter 20: Generalized Algebraic Data Types

Section 20.1: Basic Usage

When the GADTs extension is enabled, besides regular data declarations, you can also declare generalized algebraic datatypes as follows:

```
data DataType a where
   Constr1 :: Int -> a -> Foo a -> DataType a
   Constr2 :: Show a => a -> DataType a
   Constr3 :: DataType Int
```

A GADT declaration lists the types of all constructors a datatype has, explicitly. Unlike regular datatype declarations, the type of a constructor can be any N-ary (including nullary) function that ultimately results in the datatype applied to some arguments.

In this case we've declared that the type DataType has three constructors: Constr1, Constr2 and Constr3.

The Constr1 constructor is no different from one declared using a regular data declaration: data DataType a = Constr1 Int a (Foo a) | ...

Constr2 however requires that a has an instance of Show, and so when using the constructor the instance would need to exist. On the other hand, when pattern-matching on it, the fact that a is an instance of Show comes into scope, so you can write:

```
foo :: DataType a -> String
foo val = case val of
    Constr2 x -> show x
    ...
```

Note that the **Show** a constraint doesn't appear in the type of the function, and is only visible in the code to the right of ->.

Constr3 has type DataType Int, which means that whenever a value of type DataType a is a Constr3, it is known that a ~ Int. This information, too, can be recovered with a pattern match.

Chapter 21: Recursion Schemes

Section 21.1: Fixed points

Fix takes a "template" type and ties the recursive knot, layering the template like a lasagne.

newtype Fix f = Fix { unFix :: f (Fix f) }

Inside a Fix f we find a layer of the template f. To fill in f's parameter, Fix f plugs in *itself*. So when you look inside the template f you find a recursive occurrence of Fix f.

Here is how a typical recursive datatype can be translated into our framework of templates and fixed points. We remove recursive occurrences of the type and mark their positions using the r parameter.

```
{-# LANGUAGE DeriveFunctor #-}
-- natural numbers
-- data Nat = Zero | Suc Nat
data NatF r = Zero_ | Suc_ r deriving Functor
type Nat = Fix NatF
zero :: Nat
zero = Fix Zero_
suc :: Nat -> Nat
suc n = Fix (Suc_ n)
-- lists: note the additional type parameter a
-- data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
data ListF a r = Nil_ | Cons_ a r deriving Functor
type List a = Fix (ListF a)
nil :: List a
nil = Fix Nil_
cons :: a -> List a -> List a
cons x xs = Fix (Cons_ x xs)
-- binary trees: note two recursive occurrences
-- data Tree a = Leaf | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)
data TreeF a r = Leaf_ | Node_ r a r deriving Functor
type Tree a = Fix (TreeF a)
leaf :: Tree a
leaf = Fix Leaf_
node :: Tree a -> a -> Tree a -> Tree a
node l x r = Fix (Node_ l x r)
```

Section 21.2: Primitive recursion

Paramorphisms model primitive recursion. At each iteration of the fold, the folding function receives the subtree for further processing.

```
para :: Functor f => (f (Fix f, a) -> a) -> Fix f -> a
para f = f . fmap (x \rightarrow (x, para f x)) . unFix
```

The Prelude's tails can be modelled as a paramorphism.

```
tails :: List a -> List (List a)
tails = para alg
where alg Nil_ = cons nil nil -- [[]]
alg (Cons_ x (xs, xss)) = cons (cons x xs) xss -- (x:xs):xss
```

Section 21.3: Primitive corecursion

Apomorphisms model primitive corecursion. At each iteration of the unfold, the unfolding function may return either a new seed or a whole subtree.

```
apo :: Functor f => (a -> f (Either (Fix f) a)) -> a -> Fix f
apo f = Fix . fmap (either id (apo f)) . f
```

Note that apo and para are *dual*. The arrows in the type are flipped; the tuple in para is dual to the **Either** in apo, and the implementations are mirror images of each other.

Section 21.4: Folding up a structure one layer at a time

Catamorphisms, or *folds*, model primitive recursion. cata tears down a fixpoint layer by layer, using an *algebra* function (or *folding function*) to process each layer. cata requires a **Functor** instance for the template type f.

```
cata :: Functor f => (f a -> a) -> Fix f -> a
cata f = f . fmap (cata f) . unFix
-- list example
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> List a -> b
foldr f z = cata alg
   where alg Nil_ = z
        alg (Cons_ x acc) = f x acc
```

Section 21.5: Unfolding a structure one layer at a time

Anamorphisms, or *unfolds*, model primitive corecursion. and builds up a fixpoint layer by layer, using a *coalgebra* function (or *unfolding function*) to produce each new layer. and requires a **Functor** instance for the template type f.

```
ana :: Functor f => (a -> f a) -> a -> Fix f
ana f = Fix . fmap (ana f) . f
-- list example
unfoldr :: (b -> Maybe (a, b)) -> b -> List a
unfoldr f = ana coalg
   where coalg x = case f x of
        Nothing -> Nil_
        Just (x, y) -> Cons_ x y
```

Note that ana and cata are dual. The types and implementations are mirror images of one another.

Section 21.6: Unfolding and then folding, fused

It's common to structure a program as building up a data structure and then collapsing it to a single value. This is called a *hylomorphism* or *refold*. It's possible to elide the intermediate structure altogether for improved efficiency.

```
hylo :: Functor f \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow f a) \rightarrow (f b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b
hylo f g = g . fmap (hylo f g) . f -- no mention of Fix!
```

Derivation:

```
hylo f g = cata g . ana f
= g . fmap (cata g) . unFix . Fix . fmap (ana f) . f -- definition of cata and ana
= g . fmap (cata g) . fmap (ana f) . f -- unfix . Fix = id
= g . fmap (cata g . ana f) . f -- Functor law
= g . fmap (hylo f g) . f -- definition of hylo
```

Chapter 22: Data.Text

Section 22.1: Text Literals

The OverloadedStrings language extension allows the use of normal string literals to stand for Text values.

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
import qualified Data.Text as T
myText :: T.Text
myText = "overloaded"
```

Section 22.2: Checking if a Text is a substring of another Text

```
ghci> :set -XOverloadedStrings
ghci> import Data.Text as T
```

isInfixOf :: Text -> Text -> Bool checks whether a Text is contained anywhere within another Text.

```
ghci> "rum" `T.isInfixOf` "crumble"
True
```

<u>isPrefixOf</u> :: Text -> Text -> Bool checks whether a Text appears at the beginning of another Text.

```
ghci> "crumb" `T.isPrefixOf` "crumble"
True
```

<u>isSuffixOf :: Text -> Text -> Bool</u> checks whether a Text appears at the end of another Text.

```
ghci> "rumble" `T.isSuffixOf` "crumble"
True
```

Section 22.3: Stripping whitespace

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
import qualified Data.Text as T
myText :: T.Text
myText = " leading and trailing whitespace ""
```

strip removes whitespace from the start and end of a Text value.

ghci> T.strip myText
"leading and trailing whitespace"

stripStart removes whitespace only from the start.

ghci> T.stripStart myText
"leading and trailing whitespace ""

stripEnd removes whitespace only from the end.

ghci> T.stripEnd myText
" leading and trailing whitespace"

filter can be used to remove whitespace, or other characters, from the middle.

```
ghci> T.filter /=' ' "spaces in the middle of a text string"
"spacesinthemiddleofatextstring"
```

Section 22.4: Indexing Text

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
import qualified Data.Text as T
myText :: T.Text
myText = "mississippi"
```

Characters at specific indices can be returned by the index function.

```
ghci> T.index myText 2
's'
```

The findIndex function takes a function of type (Char -> Bool) and Text and returns the index of the first occurrence of a given string or Nothing if it doesn't occur.

```
ghci> T.findIndex ('s'==) myText
Just 2
ghci> T.findIndex ('c'==) myText
Nothing
```

The count function returns the number of times a query Text occurs within another Text.

```
ghci> count ("miss"::T.Text) myText
1
```

Section 22.5: Splitting Text Values

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
```

import qualified Data.Text as T

```
myText :: T.Text
myText = "mississippi"
```

splitOn breaks a Text up into a list of Texts on occurrences of a substring.

```
ghci> T.splitOn "ss" myText
["mi","i","ippi"]
```

split0n is the inverse of intercalate.

```
ghci> intercalate "ss" (splitOn "ss" "mississippi")
"mississippi"
```

split breaks a Text value into chunks on characters that satisfy a Boolean predicate.

```
ghci> T.split (== 'i') myText
["m","ss","ss","pp",""]
```

Section 22.6: Encoding and Decoding Text

Encoding and decoding functions for a variety of Unicode encodings can be found in the Data.Text.Encoding module.

```
ghci> import Data.Text.Encoding
ghci> decodeUtf8 (encodeUtf8 "my text")
"my text"
```

Note that decodeUtf8 will throw an exception on invalid input. If you want to handle invalid UTF-8 yourself, use decodeUtf8With.

```
ghci> decodeUtf8With (\errorDescription input -> Nothing) messyOutsideData
```

Chapter 23: Using GHCi

Section 23.1: Breakpoints with GHCi

GHCi supports imperative-style breakpoints out of the box with interpreted code (code that's been :loaded).

With the following program:

```
-- mySum.hs
doSum n = do
putStrLn ("Counting to " ++ (show n))
let v = sum [1..n]
putStrLn ("sum to " ++ (show n) ++ " = " ++ (show v))
```

loaded into GHCi:

```
Prelude> :load mySum.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main ( mySum.hs, interpreted )
Ok, modules loaded: Main.
*Main>
```

We can now set breakpoints using line numbers:

```
*Main> :break 2
Breakpoint 0 activated at mySum.hs:2:3-39
```

and GHCi will stop at the relevant line when we run the function:

```
*Main> doSum 12
Stopped at mySum.hs:2:3-39
_result :: I0 () = _
n :: Integer = 12
[mySum.hs:2:3-39] *Main>
```

It might be confusing where we are in the program, so we can use :list to clarify:

```
[mySum.hs:2:3-39] *Main> :list
1 doSum n = do
2 putStrLn ("Counting to " ++ (show n)) -- GHCi will emphasise this line, as that's where we've
stopped
3 let v = sum [1..n]
```

We can print variables, and continue execution too:

```
[mySum.hs:2:3-39] *Main> n
12
:continue
Counting to 12
sum to 12 = 78
*Main>
```

Section 23.2: Quitting GHCi

You can quit GHCi simply with :q or :quit

ghci> :q Leaving GHCi.

ghci> :quit
Leaving GHCi.

Alternatively, the shortcut CTRL + D (Cmd + D for OSX) has the same effect as :q.

Section 23.3: Reloading a already loaded file

If you have loaded a file into GHCi (e.g. using :1 filename.hs) and you have changed the file in an editor outside of GHCi you must reload the file with :r or :reload in order to make use of the changes, hence you don't need to type again the filename.

ghci> :r OK, modules loaded: Main. ghci> :reload

OK, modules loaded: Main.

Section 23.4: Starting GHCi

Type ghci at a shell prompt to start GHCI.

```
$ ghci
GHCi, version 8.0.1: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
Prelude>
```

Section 23.5: Changing the GHCi default prompt

By default, GHCI's prompt shows all the modules you have loaded into your interactive session. If you have many modules loaded this can get long:

Prelude Data.List Control.Monad> -- etc

The :set prompt command changes the prompt for this interactive session.

```
Prelude Data.List Control.Monad> :set prompt "foo> "
foo>
```

To change the prompt permanently, add :set prompt "foo> " to the GHCi config file.

Section 23.6: The GHCi configuration file

GHCi uses a configuration file in ~/.ghci. A configuration file consists of a sequence of commands which GHCi will execute on startup.

```
$ echo ":set prompt foo> " > ~/.ghci
$ ghci
GHCi, version 8.0.1: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
Loaded GHCi configuration from ~/.ghci
foo>
```

Section 23.7: Loading a file

The :1 or :1oad command type-checks and loads a file.

```
$ echo "f = putStrLn example" > example.hs
$ ghci
GHCi, version 8.0.1: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
ghci> :l example.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main ( example.hs, interpreted )
Ok, modules loaded: Main.
ghci> f
example
```

Section 23.8: Multi-line statements

The : { instruction begins *multi-line mode* and : } ends it. In multi-line mode GHCi will interpret newlines as semicolons, not as the end of an instruction.

```
ghci> :{
  ghci| myFoldr f z [] = z
  ghci| myFoldr f z (y:ys) = f y (myFoldr f z ys)
  ghci| :}
  ghci> :t myFoldr
  myFoldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
```

Chapter 24: Strictness

Section 24.1: Bang Patterns

Patterns annotated with a bang (!) are evaluated strictly instead of lazily.

foo (!x, y) !z = [x, y, z]

In this example, x and z will both be evaluated to weak head normal form before returning the list. It's equivalent to:

foo $(x, y) z = x \operatorname{`seq`} z \operatorname{`seq`} [x, y, z]$

Bang patterns are enabled using the Haskell 2010 BangPatterns language extension.

Section 24.2: Lazy patterns

Lazy, or *irrefutable*, patterns (denoted with the syntax ~pat) are patterns that always match, without even looking at the matched value. This means lazy patterns will match even bottom values. However, subsequent uses of variables bound in sub-patterns of an irrefutable pattern will force the pattern matching to occur, evaluating to bottom unless the match succeeds.

The following function is lazy in its argument:

```
f1 :: Either e Int -> Int
f1 ~(Right 1) = 42
```

and so we get

```
?» f1 (Right 1)
42
?» f1 (Right 2)
42
?» f1 (Left "foo")
42
?» f1 (error "oops!")
42
?» f1 "oops!"
*** type mismatch ***
```

The following function is written with a lazy pattern but is in fact using the pattern's variable which forces the match, so will fail for Left arguments:

```
f2 :: Either e Int -> Int
f2 ~(Right x) = x + 1

?» f2 (Right 1)
2
?» f2 (Right 2)
3
?» f2 (Right (error "oops!"))
**** Exception: oops!
?» f2 (Left "foo")
**** Exception: lazypat.hs:5:1-21: Irrefutable pattern failed for pattern (Right x)
?» f2 (error "oops!")
```

let bindings are lazy, behave as irrefutable patterns:

```
act1 :: I0 ()
act1 = do
    ss <- readLn
    let [s1, s2] = ss :: [String]
    putStrLn "Done"
act2 :: I0 ()
act2 = do
    ss <- readLn
    let [s1, s2] = ss
    putStrLn s1</pre>
```

Here act1 works on inputs that parse to any list of strings, whereas in act2 the **putStrLn** s1 needs the value of s1 which forces the pattern matching for [s1, s2], so it works only for lists of exactly two strings:

?» act1
> ["foo"]
Done
?» act2
> ["foo"]
*** readIO: no parse ***

Section 24.3: Normal forms

This example provides a brief overview - for a more in-depth explanation of *normal forms* and examples, see <u>this</u> <u>question</u>.

Reduced normal form

The reduced normal form (or just normal form, when the context is clear) of an expression is the result of evaluating all reducible subexpressions in the given expression. Due to the non-strict semantics of Haskell (typically called *laziness*), a subexpression is not reducible if it is under a binder (i.e. a lambda abstraction - $x \rightarrow ...$). The normal form of an expression has the property that if it exists, it is unique.

In other words, it does not matter (in terms of denotational semantics) in which order you reduce subexpressions. However, the key to writing performant Haskell programs is often ensuring that the right expression is evaluated at the right time, i.e, the understanding the operational semantics.

An expression whose normal form is itself is said to be *in normal form*.

Some expressions, e.g. let x = 1:x in x, have no normal form, but are still productive. The example expression still has a *value*, if one admits infinite values, which here is the list [1, 1, ...]. Other expressions, such as let y = 1+y in y, have no value, or their value is **undefined**.

Weak head normal form

The RNF corresponds to fully evaluating an expression - likewise, the weak head normal form (WHNF) corresponds to evaluating to the *head* of the expression. The head of an expression e is fully evaluated if e is an application Con e1 e2 ... en and Con is a constructor; or an abstraction $x \rightarrow e1$; or a partial application f e1 e2 ... en, where partial application means f takes more than n arguments (or equivalently, the type of e is a function type). In any case, the subexpressions e1...en can be evaluated or unevaluated for the expression to be in WHNF - they can even be **undefined**.

The evaluation semantics of Haskell can be described in terms of the WHNF - to evaluate an expression e, first evaluate it to WHNF, then recursively evaluate all of its subexpressions from left to right.

The primitive **seq** function is used to evaluate an expression to WHNF. **seq** x y is denotationally equal to y (the value of **seq** x y is precisely y); furthermore x is evaluated to WHNF when y is evaluated to WHNF. An expression can also be evaluated to WHNF with a bang pattern (enabled by the -XBangPatterns extension), whose syntax is as follows:

f !x y = ...

In which x will be evaluated to WHNF when f is evaluated, while y is not (necessarily) evaluated. A bang pattern can also appear in a constructor, e.g.

data X = Con A !B C .. N

in which case the constructor Con is said to be strict in the B field, which means the B field is evaluated to WHNF when the constructor is applied to sufficient (here, two) arguments.

Section 24.4: Strict fields

In a **data** declaration, prefixing a type with a bang (!) makes the field a *strict field*. When the data constructor is applied, those fields will be evaluated to weak head normal form, so the data in the fields is guaranteed to always be in weak head normal form.

Strict fields can be used in both record and non-record types:

```
data User = User
   { identifier :: !Int
   , firstName :: !Text
   , lastName :: !Text
   }
data T = MkT !Int !Int
```

Chapter 25: Syntax in Functions

Section 25.1: Pattern Matching

Haskell supports pattern matching expressions in both function definition and through case statements.

A case statement is much like a switch in other languages, except it supports all of Haskell's types.

Let's start simple:

Or, we could define our function like an equation which would be pattern matching, just without using a case statement:

```
longName "Alex" = "Alexander"
longName "Jenny" = "Jennifer"
longName _ = "Unknown"
```

A more common example is with the Maybe type:

```
data Person = Person { name :: String, petName :: (Maybe String) }
hasPet :: Person -> Bool
hasPet (Person _ Nothing) = False
hasPet _ = True -- Maybe can only take `Just a` or `Nothing`, so this wildcard suffices
```

Pattern matching can also be used on lists:

```
isEmptyList :: [a] -> Bool
isEmptyList [] = True
isEmptyList _ = False
addFirstTwoItems :: [Int] -> [Int]
addFirstTwoItems [] = []
addFirstTwoItems (x:[]) = [x]
addFirstTwoItems (x:y:ys) = (x + y) : ys
```

Actually, Pattern Matching can be used on any constructor for any type class. E.g. the constructor for lists is : and for tuples ,

Section 25.2: Using where and guards

Given this function:

```
annualSalaryCalc :: (RealFloat a) => a -> a -> String
annualSalaryCalc hourlyRate weekHoursOfWork
  | hourlyRate * (weekHoursOfWork * 52) <= 40000 = "Poor child, try to get another job"
  | hourlyRate * (weekHoursOfWork * 52) <= 120000 = "Money, Money, Money!"
  | hourlyRate * (weekHoursOfWork * 52) <= 200000 = "Richie Rich"
  | otherwise = "Hello Elon Musk!"
```

We can use **where** to avoid the repetition and make our code more readable. See the alternative function below, using **where**:

```
annualSalaryCalc' :: (RealFloat a) => a -> a -> String
annualSalaryCalc' hourlyRate weekHoursOfWork
| annualSalary <= smallSalary = "Poor child, try to get another job"
| annualSalary <= mediumSalary = "Money, Money, Money!"
| annualSalary <= highSalary = "Richie Rich"
| otherwise = "Hello Elon Musk!"
where
    annualSalary = hourlyRate * (weekHoursOfWork * 52)
    (smallSalary, mediumSalary, highSalary) = (40000, 120000, 200000)
```

As observed, we used the **where** in the end of the function body eliminating the repetition of the calculation (hourlyRate * (weekHoursOfWork * 52)) and we also used **where** to organize the salary range.

The naming of common sub-expressions can also be achieved with **let** expressions, but only the **where** syntax makes it possible for *guards* to refer to those named sub-expressions.

Section 25.3: Guards

A function can be defined using guards, which can be thought of classifying behaviour according to input.

Take the following function definition:

```
absolute :: Int -> Int -- definition restricted to Ints for simplicity
absolute n = if (n < 0) then (-n) else n</pre>
```

We can rearrange it using guards:

```
absolute :: Int -> Int
absolute n
| n < 0 = -n
| otherwise = n</pre>
```

In this context **otherwise** is a meaningful alias for True, so it should always be the last guard.

Chapter 26: Functor

Functor is the class of types f :: * -> * which can be covariantly *mapped* over. Mapping a function over a data structure applies the function to all the elements of the structure without changing the structure itself.

Section 26.1: Class Definition of Functor and Laws

```
class Functor f where
   fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

One way of looking at it is that fmap lifts a function of values into a function of values in a context f.

A correct instance of Functor should satisfy the *functor laws*, though these are not enforced by the compiler:

```
fmap id = id -- identity
fmap f . fmap g = fmap (f . g) -- composition
```

There's a commonly-used infix alias for fmap called <\$>.

```
infix1 4 <$>
(<$>) :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
(<$>) = fmap
```

Section 26.2: Replacing all elements of a Functor with a single value

The Data.**Functor** module contains two combinators, <\$ and \$>, which ignore all of the values contained in a functor, replacing them all with a single constant value.

```
infix1 4 <$, $>
<$ :: Functor f => a -> f b -> f a
(<$) = fmap . const
$> :: Functor f => f a -> b -> f b
($>) = flip (<$)</pre>
```

void ignores the return value of a computation.

void :: Functor f => f a -> f ()
void = (() <\$)</pre>

Section 26.3: Common instances of Functor

Maybe

Maybe is a Functor containing a possibly-absent value:

```
instance Functor Maybe where
fmap f Nothing = Nothing
fmap f (Just x) = Just (f x)
```

Maybe's instance of Functor applies a function to a value wrapped in a Just. If the computation has previously failed (so the Maybe value is a Nothing), then there's no value to apply the function to, so fmap is a no-op.

```
> fmap (+ 3) (Just 3)
Just 6
> fmap length (Just "mousetrap")
Just 9
> fmap sqrt Nothing
Nothing
```

We can check the functor laws for this instance using equational reasoning. For the identity law,

```
fmap id Nothing
Nothing -- definition of fmap
id Nothing -- definition of id
fmap id (Just x)
Just (id x) -- definition of fmap
Just x -- definition of id
id (Just x) -- definition of id
```

For the composition law,

```
(fmap f . fmap g) Nothing
fmap f (fmap g Nothing) -- definition of (.)
fmap f Nothing -- definition of fmap
Nothing -- definition of fmap
fmap (f . g) Nothing -- because Nothing = fmap f Nothing, for all f
(fmap f . fmap g) (Just x)
fmap f (fmap g (Just x)) -- definition of (.)
fmap f (Just (g x)) -- definition of fmap
Just (f (g x)) -- definition of fmap
Just ((f . g) x) -- definition of (.)
fmap (f . g) (Just x) -- definition of fmap
Lists
```

Lists' instance of **Functor** applies the function to every value in the list in place.

```
instance Functor [] where
  fmap f [] = []
  fmap f (x:xs) = f x : fmap f xs
```

This could alternatively be written as a list comprehension: **fmap** f xs = [f x | x < -xs].

This example shows that **fmap** generalises **map**. **map** only operates on lists, whereas **fmap** works on an arbitrary **Functor**.

The identity law can be shown to hold by induction:

```
-- base case
fmap id []
[] -- definition of fmap
id [] -- definition of id
-- inductive step
fmap id (x:xs)
id x : fmap id xs -- definition of fmap
x : fmap id xs -- definition of id
x : id xs -- by the inductive hypothesis
x : xs -- definition of id
```

id (x : xs) -- definition of id

and similarly, the composition law:

```
-- base case
(fmap f . fmap g) []
fmap f (fmap g []) -- definition of (.)
fmap f [] -- definition of fmap
[] -- definition of fmap
fmap (f . g) [] -- because [] = fmap f [], for all f
-- inductive step
(fmap f . fmap g) (x:xs)
fmap f (fmap g (x:xs)) -- definition of (.)
fmap f (g x : fmap g xs) -- definition of fmap
f (g x) : fmap f (fmap g xs) -- definition of fmap
(f . g) x : fmap f (fmap g xs) -- definition of (.)
(f . g) x : fmap (f . g) xs -- by the inductive hypothesis
fmap (f . g) xs -- definition of fmap
```

Functions

Not every **Functor** looks like a container. Functions' instance of **Functor** applies a function to the return value of another function.

instance Functor ((->) r) where fmap f g = \x -> f (g x)

Note that this definition is equivalent to fmap = (.). So fmap generalises function composition.

Once more checking the identity law:

```
fmap id g
\x -> id (g x) -- definition of fmap
\x -> g x -- definition of id
g -- eta-reduction
id g -- definition of id
```

and the composition law:

```
(fmap f . fmap g) h
fmap f (fmap g h) -- definition of (.)
fmap f (\lambda -> g (h x)) -- definition of fmap
\lambda -> f ((\lambda -> g (h x)) y) -- definition of fmap
\lambda -> f (g (h y)) -- beta-reduction
\lambda -> f (g (h y)) -- definition of (.)
fmap (f . g) h -- definition of fmap
```

Section 26.4: Deriving Functor

The DeriveFunctor language extension allows GHC to generate instances of Functor automatically.

```
{-# LANGUAGE DeriveFunctor #-}
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a) deriving Functor
-- instance Functor List where -- automatically defined
-- fmap f Nil = Nil
-- fmap f (Cons x xs) = Cons (f x) (fmap f xs)
```

map :: (a -> b) -> List a -> List b
map = fmap

Section 26.5: Polynomial functors

There's a useful set of type combinators for building big **Functor**s out of smaller ones. These are instructive as example instances of **Functor**, and they're also useful as a technique for generic programming, because they can be used to represent a large class of common functors.

The identity functor

The identity functor simply wraps up its argument. It's a type-level implementation of the I combinator from SKI calculus.

```
newtype I a = I a
instance Functor I where
fmap f (I x) = I (f x)
```

I can be found, under the name of Identity, in the Data.Functor.Identity module.

The constant functor

The constant functor ignores its second argument, containing only a constant value. It's a type-level analogue of **const**, the K combinator from SKI calculus.

newtype K c a = K c

Note that K c a doesn't contain any a-values; K () is isomorphic to Proxy. This means that K's implementation of **fmap** doesn't do any mapping at all!

```
instance Functor (K c) where
  fmap _ (K c) = K c
```

K is otherwise known as Const, from <u>Data</u>.Functor.Const.

The remaining functors in this example combine smaller functors into bigger ones.

Functor products

The functor product takes a pair of functors and packs them up. It's analogous to a tuple, except that while (,) :: * -> * -> * operates on types *, (:*:) :: (* -> *) -> (* -> *) -> (* -> *) operates on functors * -> *.

```
infix1 7 :*:
data (f :*: g) a = f a :*: g a
instance (Functor f, Functor g) => Functor (f :*: g) where
  fmap f (fx :*: gy) = fmap f fx :*: fmap f gy
```

This type can be found, under the name Product, in the Data. Functor. Product module.

Functor coproducts

Just like :*: is analogous to (,), :+: is the functor-level analogue of Either.

infixl 6 :+:

data (f :+: g) a = InL (f a) | InR (g a)

```
instance (Functor f, Functor g) => Functor (f :+: g) where
fmap f (InL fx) = InL (fmap f fx)
fmap f (InR gy) = InR (fmap f gy)
```

:+: can be found under the name Sum, in the Data. Functor. Sum module.

Functor composition

Finally, :.: works like a type-level (.), taking the output of one functor and plumbing it into the input of another.

```
infixr 9 :.:
newtype (f :.: g) a = Cmp (f (g a))
instance (Functor f, Functor g) => Functor (f :.: g) where
  fmap f (Cmp fgx) = Cmp (fmap (fmap f) fgx)
```

The Compose type can be found in <u>Data</u>.Functor.Compose

Polynomial functors for generic programming

I, K, :*:, :+: and :.: can be thought of as a kit of building blocks for a certain class of simple datatypes. The kit becomes especially powerful when you combine it with fixed points because datatypes built with these combinators are automatically instances of **Functor**. You use the kit to build a template type, marking recursive points using I, and then plug it into Fix to get a type that can be used with the standard zoo of recursion schemes.

Name	As a datatype	Using the functor kit
Pairs of values	<mark>data</mark> Pair a = Pair a a	<pre>type Pair = I :*: I</pre>
Two-by-two grids	s type Grid a = Pair (Pair a)	<pre>type Grid = Pair :.: Pair</pre>
Natural numbers	; <mark>data</mark> Nat = Zero Succ Nat	<pre>type Nat = Fix (K () :+: I)</pre>
Lists	data List a = Nil Cons a (List a)	<pre>type List a = Fix (K () :+: K a :*: I)</pre>
Binary trees	data Tree a = Leaf Node (Tree a) a (Tree	e type Tree a = Fix (K () :+: I :*: K a :*:
	a)	I)
Rose trees	<pre>data Rose a = Rose a (List (Rose a))</pre>	<pre>type Rose a = Fix (K a :*: List :.: I)</pre>

This "kit" approach to designing datatypes is the idea behind *generic programming* libraries such as <u>generics-sop</u>. The idea is to write generic operations using a kit like the one presented above, and then use a type class to convert arbitrary datatypes to and from their generic representation:

```
class Generic a where
   type Rep a -- a generic representation built using a kit
   to :: a -> Rep a
   from :: Rep a -> a
```

Section 26.6: Functors in Category Theory

A Functor is defined in category theory as a structure-preserving map (a 'homomorphism') between categories. Specifically, (all) objects are mapped to objects, and (all) arrows are mapped to arrows, such that the category laws are preserved.

The category in which objects are Haskell types and morphisms are Haskell functions is called **Hask**. So a functor from **Hask** to **Hask** would consist of a mapping of types to types and a mapping from functions to functions.

The relationship that this category theoretic concept bears to the Haskell programming construct **Functor** is rather direct. The mapping from types to types takes the form of a type f :: * -> *, and the mapping from functions to

functions takes the form of a function **fmap** :: (a -> b) -> (f a -> f b). Putting those together in a class,

```
class Functor (f :: * -> *) where
    fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

fmap is an operation that takes a function (a type of morphism), :: a -> b, and maps it to another function, :: f a -> f b. It is assumed (but left to the programmer to ensure) that instances of **Functor** are indeed mathematical functors, preserving **Hask**'s categorical structure:

fmap (id {- :: a -> a -}) == id {- :: f a -> f a -}
fmap (h . g) == fmap h . fmap g

fmap lifts a function :: a -> b into a subcategory of **Hask** in a way that preserves both the existence of any identity arrows, and the associativity of composition.

The **Functor** class only encodes *endo*functors on **Hask**. But in mathematics, functors can map between arbitrary categories. A more faithful encoding of this concept would look like this:

```
class Category c where
    id :: c i i
        (.) :: c j k -> c i j -> c i k
class (Category c1, Category c2) => CFunctor c1 c2 f where
        cfmap :: c1 a b -> c2 (f a) (f b)
```

The standard Functor class is a special case of this class in which the source and target categories are both **Hask**. For example,

```
instance Category (->) where -- Hask
id = \x -> x
f . g = \x -> f (g x)
instance CFunctor (->) (->) [] where
cfmap = fmap
```

Chapter 27: Testing with Tasty

Section 27.1: SmallCheck, QuickCheck and HUnit

```
import Test.Tasty
import Test.Tasty.SmallCheck as SC
import Test.Tasty.QuickCheck as QC
import Test.Tasty.HUnit
main :: IO ()
main = defaultMain tests
tests :: TestTree
tests = testGroup "Tests" [smallCheckTests, quickCheckTests, unitTests]
smallCheckTests :: TestTree
smallCheckTests = testGroup "SmallCheck Tests"
  [ SC.testProperty "String length <= 3" $</pre>
      \s -> length (take 3 (s :: String)) <= 3</pre>
  , SC.testProperty "String length <= 2" $ -- should fail
      \s -> length (take 3 (s :: String)) <= 2</pre>
  1
quickCheckTests :: TestTree
quickCheckTests = testGroup "QuickCheck Tests"
  [ QC.testProperty "String length <= 5" $</pre>
      \s -> length (take 5 (s :: String)) <= 5</pre>
  , QC.testProperty "String length <= 4" $ -- should fail
      \s -> length (take 5 (s :: String)) <= 4</pre>
  ]
unitTests :: TestTree
unitTests = testGroup "Unit Tests"
  [ testCase "String comparison 1" $
      assertEqual "description" "OK" "OK"
  , testCase "String comparison 2" $ -- should fail
      assertEqual "description" "fail" "fail!"
  ]
```

Install packages:

cabal install tasty-smallcheck tasty-quickcheck tasty-hunit

Run with cabal:

cabal exec runhaskell test.hs

Chapter 28: Creating Custom Data Types

Section 28.1: Creating a data type with value constructor parameters

Value constructors are functions that return a value of a data type. Because of this, just like any other function, they can take one or more parameters:

data Foo = Bar String Int | Biz String

Let's check the type of the Bar value constructor.

:t Bar

prints

Bar :: String -> Int -> Foo

which proves that Bar is indeed a function.

Creating variables of our custom type

let x = Bar "Hello" 10
let y = Biz "Goodbye"

Section 28.2: Creating a data type with type parameters

Type constructors can take one or more type parameters:

data Foo a b = Bar a b | Biz a b

Type parameters in Haskell must begin with a lowercase letter. Our custom data type is not a real type yet. In order to create values of our type, we must substitute all type parameters with actual types. Because a and b can be of any type, our value constructors are polymorphic functions.

Creating variables of our custom type

```
let x = Bar "Hello" 10 -- x :: Foo [Char] Integer
let y = Biz "Goodbye" 6.0 -- y :: Fractional b => Foo [Char] b
let z = Biz True False -- z :: Foo Bool Bool
```

Section 28.3: Creating a simple data type

The easiest way to create a custom data type in Haskell is to use the data keyword:

data Foo = Bar | Biz

The name of the type is specified between data and =, and is called a **type constructor**. After = we specify all **value constructors** of our data type, delimited by the | sign. There is a rule in Haskell that all type and value constructors must begin with a capital letter. The above declaration can be read as follows:

Define a type called Foo, which has two possible values: Bar and Biz.

let x = Bar

The above statement creates a variable named x of type Foo. Let's verify this by checking its type.

:t x

prints

x :: Foo

Section 28.4: Custom data type with record parameters

Assume we want to create a data type Person, which has a first and last name, an age, a phone number, a street, a zip code and a town.

We could write

data Person = Person String String Int Int String String

If we want now to get the phone number, we need to make a function

```
getPhone :: Person -> Int
getPhone (Person _ _ _ phone _ _ _) = phone
```

Well, this is no fun. We can do better using parameters:

<pre>data Person' = Person'</pre>	{	firstName	::	String
	,	lastName	::	String
	,	age	::	Int
	,	phone	::	Int
	,	street	::	String
	,	code	::	String
	,	town	::	<pre>String }</pre>

Now we get the function phone where

```
:t phone
phone :: Person' -> Int
```

We can now do whatever we want, eg:

```
printPhone :: Person' -> IO ()
printPhone = putStrLn . show . phone
```

We can also bind the phone number by Pattern Matching:

getPhone' :: Person' -> Int
getPhone' (Person {phone = p}) = p

For easy use of the parameters see RecordWildCards

Chapter 29: Reactive-banana

Section 29.1: Injecting external events into the library

This example is not tied to any concrete GUI toolkit, like reactive-banana-wx does, for instance. Instead it shows how to inject arbitary I0 actions into FRP machinery.

The Control.Event.Handler module provides an addHandler function which creates a pair of AddHandler a and a -> 10 () values. The former is used by reactive-banana itself to obtain an Event a value, while the latter is a plain function that is used to trigger the corresponding event.

import Data.Char (toUpper) import Control.Event.Handler import Reactive.Banana main = do (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler

In our case the a parameter of the handler is of type **String**, but the code that lets compiler infer that will be written later.

Now we define the EventNetwork that describes our FRP-driven system. This is done using compile function:

main = do (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler compile \$ do inputEvent <- fromAddHandler inputHandler

The fromAddHandler function transforms AddHandler a value into a Event a, which is covered in the next example.

Finally, we launch our "event loop", that would fire events on user input:

main = do (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler compile \$ do ... forever \$ do input <- getLine inputFire input

Section 29.2: Event type

In reactive-banana the Event type represents a stream of some events in time. An Event is similar to an analog impulse signal in the sense that it is not continuous in time. As a result, Event is an instance of the **Functor** typeclass only. You can't combine two Events together because they may fire at different times. You can do something with an Event's [current] value and react to it with some IO action.

Transformations on Events value are done using fmap:

main = do (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler compile \$ do inputEvent <- fromAddHandler inputHandler -- turn all characters in the signal to upper case let inputEvent' = fmap (map toUpper) inputEvent

Reacting to an Event is done the same way. First you **fmap** it with an action of type a -> **IO** () and then pass it to reactimate function:

main = do (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler compile \$ do inputEvent <- fromAddHandler inputHandler -turn all characters in the signal to upper case let inputEvent' = fmap (map toUpper) inputEvent let inputEventReaction = fmap putStrLn inputEvent' -- this has type `Event (IO ()) reactimate inputEventReaction

Now whenever inputFire "something" is called, "SOMETHING" would be printed.

Section 29.3: Actuating EventNetworks

EventNetworks returned by compile must be actuated before reactimated events have an effect.

```
main = do
    (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler</pre>
```

```
eventNetwork <- compile $ do
    inputEvent <- fromAddHandler inputHandler
    let inputEventReaction = fmap putStrLn inputEvent
    reactimate inputEventReaction
inputFire "This will NOT be printed to the console!"
    actuate eventNetwork
    inputFire "This WILL be printed to the console!"
```

Section 29.4: Behavior type

To represent continious signals, reactive-banana features Behavior a type. Unlike Event, a Behavior is an Applicative, which lets you combine n Behaviors using an n-ary pure function (using <\$> and <*>).

To obtain a Behavior a from the Event a there is accumE function:

```
main = do
  (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler
  compile $ do
    ...
    inputBehavior <- accumE "" $ fmap (\oldValue newValue -> newValue) inputEvent
```

accumE takes Behavior's initial value and an Event, containing a function that would set it to the new value.

As with Events, you can use fmap to work with current Behaviors value, but you can also combine them with (<*>).

```
main = do
  (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler
  compile $ do
    ...
    inputBehavior <- accumE "" $ fmap (\oldValue newValue -> newValue) inputEvent
    inputBehavior' <- accumE "" $ fmap (\oldValue newValue -> newValue) inputEvent
    let constantTrueBehavior = (==) <$> inputBehavior <*> inputBehavior'
```

To react on Behavior changes there is a changes function:

```
main = do
  (inputHandler, inputFire) <- newAddHandler
  compile $ do
    ...
    inputBehavior <- accumE "" $ fmap (\oldValue newValue -> newValue) inputEvent
    inputBehavior' <- accumE "" $ fmap (\oldValue newValue -> newValue) inputEvent
    let constantTrueBehavior = (==) <$> inputBehavior <*> inputBehavior'
    inputChanged <- changes inputBehavior</pre>
```

The only thing that should be noted is that changes return Event (Future a) instead of Event a. Because of this, reactimate' should be used instead of reactimate. The rationale behind this can be obtained from the documentation.

Chapter 30: Optimization

Section 30.1: Compiling your Program for Profiling

The GHC compiler has mature support for compiling with profiling annotations.

Using the -prof and -fprof-auto flags when compiling will add support to your binary for profiling flags for use at runtime.

Suppose we have this program:

main = print (fib 30) fib n = if n < 2 then 1 else fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)

Compiled it like so:

ghc -prof -fprof-auto -rtsopts Main.hs

Then ran it with runtime system options for profiling:

```
./Main +RTS -p
```

We will see a main.prof file created post execution (once the program has exited), and this will give us all sorts of profiling information such as cost centers which gives us a breakdown of the cost associated with running the various parts of the code:

```
Wed Oct 12 16:14 2011 Time and Allocation Profiling Report (Final)
           Main +RTS -p -RTS
        total time =
                             0.68 secs
                                         (34 ticks @ 20 ms)
        total alloc = 204,677,844 bytes (excludes profiling overheads)
COST CENTRE MODULE %time %alloc
fib
            Main
                    100.0 100.0
                                                      individual
                                                                      inherited
COST CENTRE MODULE
                                            entries %time %alloc
                                                                     %time %alloc
                                    no.
MAIN
            MAIN
                                                  0
                                                       0.0
                                                                     100.0 100.0
                                    102
                                                               0.0
            GHC.IO.Handle.FD
CAF
                                    128
                                                  0
                                                       0.0
                                                               0.0
                                                                       0.0
            GHC.10.Encoding.Iconv
                                                       0.0
                                                              0.0
                                                                      0.0
CAF
                                    120
                                                  0
```

CAF	GHC.Conc.Signal	110	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAF	Main	108	0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
main	Main	204	1	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
fib	Main	205	2692537	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Section 30.2: Cost Centers

Cost centers are annotations on a Haskell program which can be added automatically by the GHC compiler -- using -fprot-auto -- or by a programmer using {-# SCC "name" #-} <expression>, where "name" is any name you wish and <expression> is any valid Haskell expression:

0.0

0.0

```
-- Main.hs
main :: IO ()
main = do let l = [1..9999999]
print $ {-# SCC "print_list" #-} (length l)
```

Compiling with -fprof and running with +RTS -p e.g. ghc -prof -rtsopts Main.hs & ./Main.hs +RTS -p would produce Main.prof once the program's exited.

Chapter 31: Concurrency

Section 31.1: Spawning Threads with `forkIO`

Haskell supports many forms of concurrency and the most obvious being forking a thread using forkIO.

The function forkIO :: IO () -> IO ThreadId takes an IO action and returns its ThreadId, meanwhile the action will be run in the background.

We can demonstrate this quite succinctly using ghci:

```
Prelude Control.Concurrent> forkI0 $ (print . sum) [1..100000000]
ThreadId 290
Prelude Control.Concurrent> forkI0 $ print "hi!"
"hi!"
-- some time later....
Prelude Control.Concurrent> 50000005000000
```

Both actions will run in the background, and the second is almost guaranteed to finish before the last!

Section 31.2: Communicating between Threads with `MVar`

It is very easy to pass information between threads using the MVar a type and its accompanying functions in Control.Concurrent:

- newEmptyMVar :: IO (MVar a) -- creates a new MVar a
- newMVar :: a -> IO (MVar a) -- creates a new MVar with the given value
- takeMVar :: MVar a -> IO a -- retrieves the value from the given MVar, or **blocks** until one is available
- putMVar :: MVar a -> a -> IO () -- puts the given value in the MVar, or **blocks** until it's empty

Let's sum the numbers from 1 to 100 million in a thread and wait on the result:

```
import Control.Concurrent
main = do
m <- newEmptyMVar
forkI0 $ putMVar m $ sum [1..10000000]
print =<< takeMVar m -- takeMVar will block 'til m is non-empty!</pre>
```

A more complex demonstration might be to take user input and sum in the background while waiting for more input:

```
main2 = loop
where
loop = do
m <- newEmptyMVar
n <- getLine
putStrLn "Calculating. Please wait"
-- In another thread, parse the user input and sum
forkIO $ putMVar m $ sum [1..(read n :: Int)]
-- In another thread, wait 'til the sum's complete then print it
forkIO $ print =<< takeMVar m
loop</pre>
```

As stated earlier, if you call takeMVar and the MVar is empty, it blocks until another thread puts something into the MVar, which could result in a <u>Dining Philosophers Problem</u>. The same thing happens with putMVar: if it's full, it'll

block 'til it's empty!

Take the following function:

```
concurrent ma mb = do
a <- takeMVar ma
b <- takeMVar mb
putMVar ma a
putMVar mb b
```

We run the the two functions with some MVars

```
concurrent ma mb -- new thread 1
concurrent mb ma -- new thread 2
```

What could happen is that:

- 1. Thread 1 reads ma and blocks ma
- 2. Thread 2 reads mb and thus blocks mb

Now Thread 1 cannot read mb as Thread 2 has blocked it, and Thread 2 cannot read ma as Thread 1 has blocked it. A classic deadlock!

Section 31.3: Atomic Blocks with Software Transactional Memory

Another powerful & mature concurrency tool in Haskell is Software Transactional Memory, which allows for multiple threads to write to a single variable of type TVar a in an atomic manner.

TVar a is the main type associated with the <u>STM</u> monad and stands for transactional variable. They're used much like MVar but within the STM monad through the following functions:

atomically :: STM a -> 10 a

Perform a series of STM actions atomically.

readTVar :: TVar a -> STM a

Read the TVar's value, e.g.:

```
value <- readTVar t
writeTVar :: TVar a -> a -> STM ()
```

Write a value to the given TVar.

```
t <- newTVar Nothing
writeTVar t (Just "Hello")</pre>
```

This example is taken from the Haskell Wiki:

```
import Control.Monad
import Control.Concurrent
import Control.Concurrent.STM
main = do
  -- Initialise a new TVar
shared <- atomically $ newTVar 0</pre>
```

```
-- Read the value
before <- atomRead shared
putStrLn $ "Before: " ++ show before
forkIO $ 25 `timesDo` (dispVar shared >> milliSleep 20)
forkIO $ 10 `timesDo` (appV ((+) 2) shared >> milliSleep 50)
forkIO $ 20 `timesDo` (appV pred shared >> milliSleep 25)
milliSleep 800
after <- atomRead shared
putStrLn $ "After: " ++ show after
where timesDo = replicateM_
    milliSleep = threadDelay . (*) 1000
atomRead = atomically . readTVar
dispVar x = atomRead x >>= print
appV fn x = atomically $ readTVar x >>= writeTVar x . fn
```

Chapter 32: Function composition

Section 32.1: Right-to-left composition

(.) lets us compose two functions, feeding output of one as an input to the other:

(f . g) x = f (g x)

For example, if we want to square the successor of an input number, we can write

((^2) . succ) 1 -- 4

There is also (<<<) which is an alias to (.). So,

(+ 1) <<< sqrt \$ 25 -- 6

Section 32.2: Composition with binary function

The regular composition works for unary functions. In the case of binary, we can define

Thus, (f : g) = ((f) : g) by eta-contraction, and furthermore,

```
(.:) f g = ((f .) . g) 
= (.) (f .) g 
= (.) ((.) f) g 
= ((.) . (.)) f g
```

so (.:) = ((.) . (.)), a semi-famous definition.

Examples:

```
(map (+1) .: filter) even [1..5] -- [3,5]
(length .: filter) even [1..5] -- 2
```

Section 32.3: Left-to-right composition

Control.Category defines (>>>), which, when specialized to functions, is

```
-- (>>>) :: Category cat => cat a b -> cat b c -> cat a c

-- (>>>) :: (->) a b -> (->) b c -> (->) a c

-- (>>>) :: (a -> b) -> (b -> c) -> (a -> c)

( f >>> g ) x = g (f x)
```

Example:

sqrt >>> (+ 1) \$ 25 -- 6.0

Chapter 33: Databases

Section 33.1: Postgres

Postgresql-simple is a mid-level Haskell library for communicating with a PostgreSQL backend database. It is very simple to use and provides a type-safe API for reading/writing to a DB.

Running a simple query is as easy as:

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
```

import Database.PostgreSQL.Simple

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
    -- Connect using libpq strings
    conn <- connectPostgreSQL "host='my.dbhost' port=5432 user=bob pass=bob"
    [Only i] <- query_ conn "select 2 + 2" -- execute with no parameter substitution
    print i</pre>
```

Parameter substitution

PostreSQL-Simple supports parameter substitution for safe parameterised queries using query:

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
    -- Connect using libpq strings
    conn <- connectPostgreSQL "host='my.dbhost' port=5432 user=bob pass=bob"
    [Only i] <- query conn "select ? + ?" [1, 1]
    print i</pre>
```

Executing inserts or updates

You can run inserts/update SQL queries using execute:

```
main :: 10 ()
main = do
    -- Connect using libpq strings
    conn <- connectPostgreSQL "host='my.dbhost' port=5432 user=bob pass=bob"
    execute conn "insert into people (name, age) values (?, ?)" ["Alex", 31]</pre>
```

Chapter 34: Data.Aeson - JSON in Haskell

Section 34.1: Smart Encoding and Decoding using Generics

The easiest and quickest way to encode a Haskell data type to JSON with Aeson is using generics.

```
{-# LANGUAGE DeriveGeneric #-}
import GHC.Generics
import Data.Text
import Data.Aeson
import Data.ByteString.Lazy
```

First let us create a data type Person:

```
data Person = Person { firstName :: Text
   , lastName :: Text
   , age :: Int
   } deriving (Show, Generic)
```

In order to use the encode and decode function from the Data. Aeson package we need to make Person an instance of ToJSON and FromJSON. Since we derive Generic for Person, we can create empty instances for these classes. The default definitions of the methods are defined in terms of the methods provided by the Generic type class.

instance ToJSON Person
instance FromJSON Person

Done! In order to improve the encoding speed we can slightly change the ToJSON instance:

```
instance ToJSON Person where
    toEncoding = genericToEncoding defaultOptions
```

Now we can use the encode function to convert Person to a (lazy) Bytestring:

encodeNewPerson :: Text -> Text -> Int -> ByteString
encodeNewPerson first last age = encode \$ Person first last age

And to decode we can just use decode:



Section 34.2: A quick way to generate a Data.Aeson.Value

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
module Main where
import Data.Aeson
```

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
```

```
let example = Data.Aeson.object [ "key" .= (5 :: Integer), "somethingElse" .= (2 :: Integer) ] ::
Value
print . encode $ example
```

Section 34.3: Optional Fields

Sometimes, we want some fields in the JSON string to be optional. For example,

```
data Person = Person { firstName :: Text
  , lastName :: Text
  , age :: Maybe Int
  }
```

This can be achieved by

import Data.Aeson.TH

\$(deriveJSON defaultOptions{omitNothingFields = True} ''Person)

Chapter 35: Higher-order functions

Section 35.1: Basics of Higher Order Functions

Review Partial Application before proceeding.

In Haskell, a function that can take other functions as arguments or return functions is called a *higher-order function*.

The following are all *higher-order functions*:

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
takeWhile :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
dropWhile :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
iterate :: (a -> a) -> a -> [a]
zipWith :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c]
scanr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> [b]
scanl :: (b -> a -> b) -> b -> [a] -> [b]
```

These are particularly useful in that they allow us to create new functions on top of the ones we already have, by passing functions as arguments to other functions. Hence the name, *higher-order functions*.

Consider:

```
Prelude> :t (map (+3))
(map (+3)) :: Num b => [b] -> [b]
Prelude> :t (map (=='c'))
(map (=='c')) :: [Char] -> [Bool]
Prelude> :t (map zipWith)
(map zipWith) :: [a -> b -> c] -> [[a] -> [b] -> [c]]
```

This ability to easily create functions (like e.g. by partial application as used here) is one of the features that makes functional programming particularly powerful and allows us to derive short, elegant solutions that would otherwise take dozens of lines in other languages. For example, the following function gives us the number of aligned elements in two lists.

```
aligned :: [a] -> [a] -> Int
aligned xs ys = length (filter id (zipWith (==) xs ys))
```

Section 35.2: Lambda Expressions

Lambda expressions are similar to anonymous functions in other languages.

Lambda expressions are <u>open formulas</u> which also specify variables which are to be bound. Evaluation (finding the value of a function call) is then achieved by <u>substituting</u> the <u>bound variables</u> in the lambda expression's body, with the user supplied arguments. Put simply, lambda expressions allow us to express functions by way of variable binding and <u>substitution</u>.

Lambda expressions look like

 $x \rightarrow let \{y = \dots x \dots\} in y$

Within a lambda expression, the variables on the left-hand side of the arrow are considered bound in the right-

hand side, i.e. the function's body.

Consider the mathematical function

 $f(x) = x^2$

As a Haskell definition it is

 $f \quad x = x^{2}$ $f = x^{-} x^{2}$

which means that the function f is equivalent to the lambda expression $x \rightarrow x^2$.

Consider the parameter of the higher-order function **map**, that is a function of type a -> b. In case it is used only once in a call to **map** and nowhere else in the program, it is convenient to specify it as a lambda expression instead of naming such a throwaway function. Written as a lambda expression,

 $x \rightarrow let \{y = \dots x \dots\} in y$

x holds a value of type a, $\ldots x \ldots$ is a Haskell expression that refers to the variable x, and y holds a value of type b. So, for example, we could write the following

```
map (\x -> x + 3)
map (\(x,y) -> x * y)
map (\xs -> 'c':xs) ["apples", "oranges", "mangos"]
map (\f -> zipWith f [1..5] [1..5]) [(+), (*), (-)]
```

Section 35.3: Currying

In Haskell, all functions are considered curried: that is, all functions in Haskell take just one argument.

Let's take the function **div**:

div :: Int -> Int -> Int

If we call this function with 6 and 2 we unsurprisingly get 3:

Prelude> div 6 2 3

However, this doesn't quite behave in the way we might think. First **div** 6 is evaluated and **returns a function** of type **Int** -> **Int**. This resulting function is then applied to the value 2 which yields 3.

When we look at the type signature of a function, we can shift our thinking from "takes two arguments of type Int" to "takes one Int and returns a function that takes an Int". This is reaffirmed if we consider that arrows in the type notation associate *to the right*, so **div** can in fact be read thus:

div :: Int -> (Int -> Int)

In general, most programmers can ignore this behaviour at least while they're learning the language. From a <u>theoretical point of view</u>, "formal proofs are easier when all functions are treated uniformly (one argument in, one result out)."

Chapter 36: Containers - Data.Map

Section 36.1: Importing the Module

The Data.Map module in the <u>containers package</u> provides a Map structure that has both strict and lazy implementations.

When using Data.Map, one usually imports it qualified to avoid clashes with functions already defined in Prelude:

import qualified Data.Map as Map

So we'd then prepend Map function calls with Map., e.g.

Map.empty -- give me an empty Map

Section 36.2: Monoid instance

Map k v provides a Monoid instance with the following semantics:

- mempty is the empty Map, i.e. the same as Map.empty
- m1 <> m2 is the left-biased union of m1 and m2, i.e. if any key is present both in m1 and m2, then the value from m1 is picked for m1 <> m2. This operation is also available outside the Monoid instance as Map.union.

Section 36.3: Constructing

We can create a Map from a list of tuples like this:

Map.fromList [("Alex", 31), ("Bob", 22)]

A Map can also be constructed with a single value:

> Map.singleton "Alex" 31 fromList [("Alex",31)]

There is also the empty function.

empty :: Map k a

Data.Map also supports typical set operations such as <u>union</u>, <u>difference</u> and <u>intersection</u>.

Section 36.4: Checking If Empty

We use the **null** function to check if a given Map is empty:

> Map.null \$ Map.fromList [("Alex", 31), ("Bob", 22)] False > Map.null \$ Map.empty True

Section 36.5: Finding Values

There are <u>many</u> querying operations on maps.

member :: Ord k => k -> Map k a -> Bool yields True if the key of type k is in Map k a:

> Map.member "Alex" \$ Map.singleton "Alex" 31 True > Map.member "Jenny" \$ Map.empty False

notMember is similar:

> Map.notMember "Alex" \$ Map.singleton "Alex" 31 False > Map.notMember "Jenny" \$ Map.empty True

You can also use <u>findWithDefault</u> :: Ord $k \Rightarrow a \rightarrow k \rightarrow Map + a \rightarrow a$ to yield a default value if the key isn't present:

Map.findWithDefault 'x' 1 (fromList [(5,'a'), (3,'b')]) == 'x' Map.findWithDefault 'x' 5 (fromList [(5,'a'), (3,'b')]) == 'a'

Section 36.6: Inserting Elements

Inserting elements is simple:

> let m = Map.singleton "Alex" 31 fromList [("Alex",31)] > Map.insert "Bob" 99 m fromList [("Alex",31),("Bob",99)]

Section 36.7: Deleting Elements

> let m = Map.fromList [("Alex", 31), ("Bob", 99)] fromList [("Alex",31),("Bob",99)] > Map.delete "Bob" m fromList [("Alex",31)]

Chapter 37: Fixity declarations

Declaration component

Meaning

inf	fixr	the operator is right-associative
inf	fixl	the operator is left-associative
inf	fix	the operator is non-associative
opt	tional digit	binding precedence of the operator (range 09, default 9)
op1	l, , opn	operators

Section 37.1: Associativity

infixl vs infixr vs infix describe on which sides the parens will be grouped. For example, consider the following fixity declarations (in base)

infix1 6 infixr 5 :
infix 4 ==

The infixl tells us that - has left associativity, which means that 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 gets parsed as

```
((1 - 2) - 3) - 4
```

The infixr tells us that : has right associativity, which means that 1 : 2 : 3 : [] gets parsed as

1 : (2 : (3 : []))

The **infix** tells us that == cannot be used without us including parenthesis, which means that True == False == True is a syntax error. On the other hand, True == (False == True) or (True == False) == True are fine.

Operators without an explicit fixity declaration are **infix1** 9.

Section 37.2: Binding precedence

The number that follows the associativity information describes in what order the operators are applied. It must always be between 0 and 9 inclusive. This is commonly referred to as how tightly the operator binds. For example, consider the following fixity declarations (in base)

infixl 6 +
infixl 7 *

Since * has a higher binding precedence than + we read 1 + 2 + 3 as

(1 * 2) + 3

In short, the higher the number, the closer the operator will "pull" the parens on either side of it.

Remarks

- Function application *always* binds higher than operators, so f x `op` g y must be interpreted as (f x)op(g y) no matter what the operator `op` and its fixity declaration are.
- If the binding precedence is omitted in a fixity declaration (for example we have **infix1** *!?) the default is 9.

Section 37.3: Example declarations

- infixr 5 ++
- infixl 4 <*>, <*, *>, <**>
- infixl 8 `shift`, `rotate`, `shiftL`, `shiftR`, `rotateL`, `rotateR`
- infix 4 ==, /=, <, <=, >=, >
- infix ??

Chapter 38: Web Development

Section 38.1: Servant

<u>Servant</u> is a library for declaring APIs at the type-level and then:

- write servers (this part of servant can be considered a web framework),
- obtain client functions (in haskell),
- generate client functions for other programming languages,
- generate documentation for your web applications
- and more...

Servant has a concise yet powerful API. A simple API can be written in very few lines of code:

```
{-# LANGUAGE DataKinds #-}
{-# LANGUAGE TypeOperators #-}
import Data.Text
import Data.Aeson.Types
import GHC.Generics
import Servant.API
data SortBy = Age | Name
data User = User {
    name :: String,
    age :: Int
} deriving (Eq, Show, Generic)
instance ToJSON User -- automatically convert User to JSON
```

Now we can declare our API:

type UserAPI = "users" :> QueryParam "sortby" SortBy :> Get '[JSON] [User]

which states that we wish to expose /users to GET requests with a query param sortby of type SortBy and return JSON of type User in the response.

Now we can define our handler:

```
-- This is where we'd return our user data, or e.g. do a database lookup
server :: Server UserAPI
server = return [User "Alex" 31]
userAPI :: Proxy UserAPI
userAPI = Proxy
app1 :: Application
app1 = serve userAPI server
```

And the main method which listens on port 8081 and serves our user API:

main :: IO ()
main = run 8081 app1

Note, Stack has a template for generating basic APIs in Servant, which is useful for getting up and running very quick.

Section 38.2: Yesod

Yesod project can be created with stack new using following templates:

- yesod-minimal. Simplest Yesod scaffold possible.
- yesod-mongo. Uses MongoDB as DB engine.
- yesod-mysql. Uses MySQL as DB engine.
- yesod-postgres. Uses PostgreSQL as DB engine.
- yesod-postgres-fay. Uses PostgreSQL as DB engine. Uses Fay language for front-end.
- yesod-simple. Recommended template to use, if you don't need database.
- yesod-sqlite. Uses SQlite as DB engine.

yesod-bin package provides yesod executable, which can be used to run development server. Note that you also can run your application directly, so yesod tool is optional.

Application.hs contains code that dispatches requests between handlers. It also sets up database and logging settings, if you used them.

Foundation.hs defines App type, that can be seen as an environment for all handlers. Being in HandlerT monad, you can get this value using getYesod function.

Import.hs is a module that just re-exports commonly used stuff.

Model.hs contains Template Haskell that generates code and data types used for DB interaction. Present only if you are using DB.

config/models is where you define your DB schema. Used by Model.hs.

config/routes defines URI's of the Web application. For each HTTP method of the route, you'd need to create a handler named {method}{RouteR}.

static/ directory contains site's static resources. These get compiled into binary by Settings/StaticFiles.hs
module.

templates/ directory contains <u>Shakespeare</u> templates that are used when serving requests.

Finally, Handler/ directory contains modules that define handlers for routes.

Each handler is a HandlerT monad action based on IO. You can inspect request parameters, its body and other information, make queries to the DB with runDB, perform arbitrary IO and return various types of content to the user. To serve HTML, defaultLayout function is used that allows neat composition of shakespearian templates.

Chapter 39: Vectors

Section 39.1: The Data.Vector Module

The <u>Data.Vector</u> module provided by the <u>vector</u> is a high performance library for working with arrays.

Once you've imported Data. Vector, it's easy to start using a Vector:

```
Prelude> import Data.Vector
Prelude Data.Vector> let a = fromList [2,3,4]
Prelude Data.Vector> a
fromList [2,3,4] :: Data.Vector.Vector
Prelude Data.Vector> :t a
a :: Vector Integer
```

You can even have a multi-dimensional array:

```
Prelude Data.Vector> let x = fromList [ fromList [1 .. x] | x <- [1..10] ]</pre>
```

Prelude Data.Vector> :t x
x :: Vector (Vector Integer)

Section 39.2: Filtering a Vector

Filter odd elements:

```
Prelude Data.Vector> Data.Vector.filter odd y
fromList [1,3,5,7,9,11] :: Data.Vector.Vector
```

Section 39.3: Mapping (`map`) and Reducing (`fold`) a Vector

Vectors can be **map**'d and fold'd, filter'd **and**zip`'d:

```
Prelude Data.Vector> Data.Vector.map (^2) y
fromList [0,1,4,9,16,25,36,49,64,81,100,121] :: Data.Vector.Vector
```

Reduce to a single value:

```
Prelude Data.Vector> Data.Vector.foldl (+) 0 y
66
```

Section 39.4: Working on Multiple Vectors

Zip two arrays into an array of pairs:

```
Prelude Data.Vector> Data.Vector.zip y y
fromList [(0,0),(1,1),(2,2),(3,3),(4,4),(5,5),(6,6),(7,7),(8,8),(9,9),(10,10),(11,11)] ::
Data.Vector.Vector
```

Chapter 40: Cabal

Section 40.1: Working with sandboxes

A Haskell project can either use the system wide packages or use a sandbox. A sandbox is an isolated package database and can prevent dependency conflicts, e. g. if multiple Haskell projects use different versions of a package.

To initialize a sandbox for a Haskell package go to its directory and run:

cabal sandbox init	
Now packages can be installed by simply running cabal install.	
Listing packages in a sandbox:	
cabal sandbox hc-pkg list	
Deleting a sandbox:	
cabal sandbox delete	
Add local dependency:	
<pre>cabal sandbox add-source /path/to/dependency</pre>	

Section 40.2: Install packages

To install a new package, e.g. aeson:

cabal install aeson

Chapter 41: Type algebra

Section 41.1: Addition and multiplication

The addition and multiplication have equivalents in this type algebra. They correspond to the **tagged unions** and **product types**.

data Sum a b = A a | B b
data Prod a b = Prod a b

We can see how the number of inhabitants of every type corresponds to the operations of the algebra.

Equivalently, we can use **Either** and (,) as type constructors for the addition and the multiplication. They are isomorphic to our previously defined types:

type Sum' a b = Either a b
type Prod' a b = (a,b)

The expected results of addition and multiplication are followed by the type algebra up to isomorphism. For example, we can see an isomorphism between 1 + 2, 2 + 1 and 3; as 1 + 2 = 3 = 2 + 1.

```
data Color = Red | Green | Blue
f :: Sum () Bool -> Color
f (Left ())
              = Red
f (Right True) = Green
f (Right False) = Blue
g :: Color -> Sum () Bool
g Red = Left ()
g Green = Right True
g Blue = Right False
f' :: Sum Bool () -> Color
f' (Right ()) = Red
f' (Left True) = Green
f' (Left False) = Blue
g' :: Color -> Sum Bool ()
g'Red = Right ()
g' Green = Left True
g' Blue = Left False
```

Rules of addition and multiplication

The common rules of commutativity, associativity and distributivity are valid because there are trivial isomorphisms between the following types:

```
-- Commutativity
Sum a b <=> Sum b a
Prod a b <=> Prod b a
-- Associativity
Sum (Sum a b) c <=> Sum a (Sum b c)
Prod (Prod a b) c <=> Prod a (Prod b c)
-- Distributivity
Prod a (Sum b c) <=> Sum (Prod a b) (Prod a c)
```

Section 41.2: Functions

Functions can be seen as exponentials in our algebra. As we can see, if we take a type a with n instances and a type b with m instances, the type a -> b will have m to the power of n instances.

As an example, **Bool** -> **Bool** is isomorphic to (**Bool**, **Bool**), as 2*2 = 2².

```
iso1 :: (Bool -> Bool) -> (Bool, Bool)
iso1 f = (f True, f False)
iso2 :: (Bool, Bool) -> (Bool -> Bool)
iso2 (x,y) = (\p -> if p then x else y)
```

Section 41.3: Natural numbers in type algebra

We can draw a connection between the Haskell types and the natural numbers. This connection can be made assigning to every type the number of inhabitants it has.

Finite union types

For finite types, it suffices to see that we can assign a natural type to every number, based in the number of constructors. For example:

type Color = Red | Yellow | Green

would be **3**. And the **Bool** type would be **2**.

type Bool = True | False

Uniqueness up to isomorphism

We have seen that multiple types would correspond to a single number, but in this case, they would be isomorphic. This is to say that there would be a pair of morphisms f and g, whose composition would be the identity, connecting the two types.

```
f :: a -> b
g :: b -> a
f . g == id == g . f
```

In this case, we would say that the types are **isomorphic**. We will consider two types equal in our algebra as long as they are isomorphic.

For example, two different representations of the number two are trivally isomorphic:

```
type Bit = I | 0
type Bool = True | False
bitValue :: Bit -> Bool
bitValue I = True
bitValue 0 = False
booleanBit :: Bool -> Bit
booleanBit True = I
booleanBit False = 0
```

```
Because we can see bitValue . booleanBit == id == booleanBit . bitValue
```

One and Zero

The representation of the number **1** is obviously a type with only one constructor. In Haskell, this type is canonically the type (), called Unit. Every other type with only one constructor is isomorphic to ().

And our representation of **0** will be a type without constructors. This is the **Void** type in Haskell, as defined in Data.Void. This would be equivalent to a unhabited type, wihtout data constructors:

data Void

Section 41.4: Recursive types

Lists

Lists can be defined as:

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

If we translate this into our type algebra, we get

List(a) = 1 + a * List(a)

But we can now substitute List(a) again in this expression multiple times, in order to get:

This makes sense if we see a list as a type that can contain only one value, as in []; or every value of type a, as in [x]; or two values of type a, as in [x, y]; and so on. The theoretical definition of List that we should get from there would be:

```
-- Not working Haskell code!

data List a = Nil

| One a

| Two a a

| Three a a a
```

Trees

We can do the same thing with binary trees, for example. If we define them as:

data Tree a = Empty | Node a (Tree a) (Tree a)

We get the expression:

Tree(a) = 1 + a * Tree(a) * Tree(a)

And if we make the same substitutions again and again, we would obtain the following sequence:

Tree(a) = 1 + a + 2 (a*a) + 5 (a*a*a) + 14 (a*a*a*a) + ...

The coefficients we get here correspond to the Catalan numbers sequence, and the n-th catalan number is precisely the number of possible binary trees with n nodes.

Section 41.5: Derivatives

The derivative of a type is the type of its type of one-hole contexts. This is the type that we would get if we make a type variable disappear in every possible point and sum the results.

As an example, we can take the triple type (a, a, a), and derive it, obtaining

```
data OneHoleContextsOfTriple = (a,a,()) | (a,(),a) | ((),a,a)
```

This is coherent with our usual definition of derivation, as:

d/da (a*a*a) = 3*a*a

More on this topic can be read on this article.

Chapter 42: Arrows

Section 42.1: Function compositions with multiple channels

<u>Arrow</u> is, vaguely speaking, the class of morphisms that compose like functions, with both serial composition and "parallel composition". While it is most interesting as a *generalisation* of functions, the Arrow (->) instance itself is already quite useful. For instance, the following function:

```
spaceAround :: Double -> [Double] -> Double
spaceAround x ys = minimum greater - maximum smaller
where (greater, smaller) = partition (>x) ys
```

can also be written with arrow combinators:

spaceAround x = partition (>x) >>> minimum *** maximum >>> uncurry (-)

This kind of composition can best be visualised with a diagram:

	??1	?? minimum '	????	
	?	*		?
???? partition	(>x) >>>	*	>>>	uncurry (-) ???
	?	*		?
	??1	?? maximum '	????	

Here,

- The <u>>>> operator</u> is just a flipped version of the ordinary . composition operator (there's also a <<< version that composes right-to-left). It pipes the data from one processing step to the next.
- the out-going ? ? indicate the data flow is split up in two "channels". In terms of Haskell types, this is realised with tuples:

partition (>x) :: [Double] -> ([Double], [Double])

splits up the flow in two [Double] channels, whereas

```
uncurry (-) :: (Double, Double) -> Double
```

merges two **Double** channels.

• ******* is the parallel[†] composition operator. It lets **maximum** and **minimum** operate independently on different channels of the data. For functions, the signature of this operator is

(***) :: (b->c) -> (?->?) -> (b,?)->(c,?)

†At least in the **Hask** category (i.e. in the Arrow (->) instance), f***g does not actually compute f and g in parallel as in, on different threads. This would theoretically be possible, though.

Chapter 43: Typed holes

Section 43.1: Syntax of typed holes

A typed hole is a single underscore (_) or a valid Haskell identifier which is not in scope, in an expression context. Before the existance of typed holes, both of these things would trigger an error, so the new syntax does not interfere with any old syntax.

Controlling behaviour of typed holes

The default behaviour of typed holes is to produce a compile-time error when encountering a typed hole. However, there are several flags to fine-tune their behaviour. These flags are summarized as follows (<u>GHC trac</u>):

By default GHC has typed holes enabled and produces a compile error when it encounters a typed hole.

When -fdefer-type-errors **or** -fdefer-typed-holes is enabled, hole errors are converted to warnings and result in runtime errors when evaluated.

The warning flag -fwarn-typed-holes is on by default. Without -fdefer-type-errors or -fdefer-typedholes this flag is a no-op, since typed holes are an error under these conditions. If either of the defer flags are enabled (converting typed hole errors into warnings) the -fno-warn-typed-holes flag disables the warnings. This means compilation silently succeeds and evaluating a hole will produce a runtime error.

Section 43.2: Semantics of typed holes

The value of a type hole can simply said to be **undefined**, although a typed hole triggers a compile-time error, so it is not strictly necessary to assign it a value. However, a typed hole (when they are enabled) produces a compile time error (or warning with deferred type errors) which states the name of the typed hole, its inferred *most general* type, and the types of any local bindings. For example:

```
Prelude> \x -> _var + length (drop 1 x)
<interactive>:19:7: Warning:
   Found hole `_var' with type: Int
   Relevant bindings include
    x :: [a] (bound at <interactive>:19:2)
    it :: [a] -> Int (bound at <interactive>:19:1)
   In the first argument of `(+)', namely `_var'
   In the expression: _var + length (drop 1 x)
   In the expression: \ x -> _var + length (drop 1 x)
```

Note that in the case of typed holes in expressions entered into the GHCi repl (as above), the type of the expression entered also reported, as it (here of type [a] -> Int).

Section 43.3: Using typed holes to define a class instance

Typed holes can make it easier to define functions, through an interactive process.

Say you want to define a class instance Foo Bar (for your custom Bar type, in order to use it with some polymorphic library function that requires a Foo instance). You would now traditionally look up the documentation of Foo, figure out which methods you need to define, scrutinise their types etc. – but with typed holes, you can actually skip that!

First just define a dummy instance:

instance Foo Bar where

The compiler will now complain

Ok, so we need to define foom for Bar. But what *is* that even supposed to be? Again we're too lazy to look in the documentation, and just ask the compiler:

```
instance Foo Bar where
foom = _
```

Here we've used a typed hole as a simple "documentation query". The compiler outputs

```
Bar.hs:14:10:
Found hole '_' with type: Bar -> Gronk Bar
Relevant bindings include
foom :: Bar -> Gronk Bar (bound at Foo.hs:4:28)
In the expression: _
In an equation for 'foom': foom = _
In the instance declaration for 'Foo Bar'
```

Note how the compiler has already filled the class type variable with the concrete type Bar that we want to instantiate it for. This can make the signature a lot easier to understand than the polymorphic one found in the class documentation, especially if you're dealing with a more complicated method of e.g. a multi-parameter type class.

But what the hell is Gronk? At this point, it is probably a good idea to ask <u>Hayoo</u>. However we may still get away without that: as a blind guess, we assume that this is not only a type constructor but also the single value constructor, i.e. it can be used as a function that will somehow produce a Gronk a value. So we try

```
instance Foo Bar where
foom bar = _ Gronk
```

If we're lucky, Gronk is actually a value, and the compiler will now say

```
Found hole '_'
with type: (Int -> [(Int, b0)] -> Gronk b0) -> Gronk Bar
Where: 'b0' is an ambiguous type variable
```

Ok, that's ugly – at first just note that Gronk has two arguments, so we can refine our attempt:

```
instance Foo Bar where
foom bar = Gronk _ _
```

And this now is pretty clear:

```
Found hole '_' with type: [(Int, Bar)]
Relevant bindings include
  bar :: Bar (bound at Bar.hs:14:29)
  foom :: Bar -> Gronk Bar (bound at Foo.hs:15:24)
```

In the second argument of 'Gronk', namely '_'
In the expression: Gronk _ _
In an equation for 'foom': foom bar = Gronk _ _

You can now further progress by e.g. deconstructing the bar value (the components will then show up, with types, in the Relevant bindings section). Often, it is at some point completely obvious what the correct definition will be, because you you see all available arguments and the types fit together like a jigsaw puzzle. Or alternatively, you may see that the definition is *impossible* and why.

All of this works best in an editor with interactive compilation, e.g. Emacs with haskell-mode. You can then use typed holes much like mouse-over value queries in an IDE for an interpreted dynamic imperative language, but without all the limitations.

Chapter 44: Rewrite rules (GHC)

Section 44.1: Using rewrite rules on overloaded functions

<u>In this question</u>, @Viclib asked about using rewrite rules to exploit typeclass laws to eliminate some overloaded function calls:

Mind the following class:

```
class ListIsomorphic l where
   toList :: l a -> [a]
   fromList :: [a] -> l a
```

l also demand that toList . fromList == id. How do I write rewrite rules to tell GHC to make that substitution?

This is a somewhat tricky use case for GHC's rewrite rules mechanism, because <u>overloaded functions are rewritten</u> <u>into their specific instance methods</u> by rules that are implicitly created behind the scenes by GHC (so something like fromList :: Seq a -> [a] would be rewritten into Seq\$fromList etc.).

However, by first rewriting toList and fromList into non-inlined non-typeclass methods, we can protect them from premature rewriting, and preserve them until the rule for the composition can fire:

```
{-# RULES
   "protect toList" toList = toList';
   "protect fromList" fromList = fromList';
   "fromList/toList" forall x . fromList' (toList' x) = x; #-}
   {-# NOINLINE [0] fromList' #-}
   fromList' :: (ListIsomorphic l) => [a] -> l a
   fromList' = fromList
   {-# NOINLINE [0] toList' #-}
   toList' :: (ListIsomorphic l) => l a -> [a]
   toList' = toList
```

Chapter 45: Date and Time

Section 45.1: Finding Today's Date

Current date and time can be found with getCurrentTime:

```
import Data.Time
print =<< getCurrentTime
-- 2016-08-02 12:05:08.937169 UTC</pre>
```

Alternatively, just the date is returned by fromGregorian:

```
fromGregorian 1984 11 17 -- yields a Day
```

Section 45.2: Adding, Subtracting and Comparing Days

Given a Day, we can perform simple arithmetic and comparisons, such as adding:

```
import Data.Time
addDays 1 (fromGregorian 2000 1 1)
-- 2000-01-02
addDays 1 (fromGregorian 2000 12 31)
-- 2001-01-01
```

Subtract:

```
addDays (-1) (fromGregorian 2000 1 1)
-- 1999-12-31
addDays (-1) (fromGregorian 0 1 1)
-- -0001-12-31
-- wat
```

and even find the difference:

```
diffDays (fromGregorian 2000 12 31) (fromGregorian 2000 1 1) 365
```

note that the order matters:

```
diffDays (fromGregorian 2000 1 1) (fromGregorian 2000 12 31)
-365
```

Chapter 46: List Comprehensions

Section 46.1: Basic List Comprehensions

Haskell has <u>list comprehensions</u>, which are a lot like set comprehensions in math and similar implementations in imperative languages such as Python and JavaScript. At their most basic, list comprehensions take the following form.

[x | x <- someList]</pre>

For example

[x | x < [1..4]] - [1,2,3,4]

Functions can be directly applied to x as well:

[f x | x <- someList]</pre>

This is equivalent to:

map f someList

Example:

[x+1 | x < [1..4]] - [2,3,4,5]

Section 46.2: Do Notation

Any list comprehension can be correspondingly coded with list monad's do notation.

[f x x <- xs]	f <\$> xs	<pre>do { x <- xs ; return (f x) }</pre>
[f x f <- fs, x <- xs]	fs <*> xs	<pre>do { f <- fs ; x <- xs ; return (f x) }</pre>
[y x <- xs, y <- f x]	f =<< xs	<pre>do { x <- xs ; y <- f x ; return y }</pre>

The guards can be handled using Control.Monad.guard:

```
[x | x <-xs, even x] \qquad do \{ x <-xs ; guard (even x) ; return x \}
```

Section 46.3: Patterns in Generator Expressions

However, x in the generator expression is not just variable, but can be any pattern. In cases of pattern mismatch the generated element is skipped over, and processing of the list continues with the next element, thus acting like a filter:

[x | Just x <- [Just 1, Nothing, Just 3]] -- [1, 3]</pre>

A generator with a variable x in its pattern creates new scope containing all the expressions on its right, where x is defined to be the generated element.

This means that guards can be coded as

[x | x <- [1..4], even x] ==
[x | x <- [1..4], () <- [() | even x]] ==
[x | x <- [1..4], () <- if even x then [()] else []]</pre>

Section 46.4: Guards

Another feature of list comprehensions is guards, which also act as filters. Guards are Boolean expressions and appear on the right side of the bar in a list comprehension.

Their most basic use is

[x | p x] === if p x then [x] else []

Any variable used in a guard must appear on its left in the comprehension, or otherwise be in scope. So,

[f x | x < -list, pred1 x y, pred2 x] -- y must be defined in outer scope

which is equivalent to

```
map f (filter pred2 (filter (\x -> pred1 x y) list)) -- or,
-- ($ list) (filter (`pred1` y) >>> filter pred2 >>> map f)
-- list >>= (\x-> [x | pred1 x y]) >>= (\x-> [x | pred2 x]) >>= (\x -> [f x])
```

(the >>= operator is **infixl 1**, i.e. it associates (is parenthesized) to the left). Examples:

[x x < [14], even x]	[2,4]
$[x^{2} + 1 x < - [1100], even x]$	map (\x -> x^2 + 1) (filter even [1100])

Section 46.5: Parallel Comprehensions

With Parallel List Comprehensions language extension,

[(x,y) | x < -xs | y < -ys]

is equivalent to

zip xs ys

Example:

 $[(x,y) | x \leftarrow [1,2,3] | y \leftarrow [10,20]]$

-- [(1,10),(2,20)]

Section 46.6: Local Bindings

List comprehensions can introduce local bindings for variables to hold some interim values:

 $[(x,y) | x \leftarrow [1..4], let y=x*x+1, even y] -- [(1,2), (3,10)]$

Same effect can be achieved with a trick,

 $[(x,y) | x \leftarrow [1..4], y \leftarrow [x + 1], even y] -- [(1,2), (3,10)]$

The let in list comprehensions is recursive, as usual. But generator bindings are not, which enables shadowing:

 $[x | x \leftarrow [1..4], x \leftarrow [x + 1], even x] -- [2, 10]$

Section 46.7: Nested Generators

List comprehensions can also draw elements from multiple lists, in which case the result will be the list of every possible combination of the two elements, as if the two lists were processed in the *nested* fashion. For example,

[(a,b) | a <- [1,2,3], b <- ['a','b']] -- [(1,'a'), (1,'b'), (2,'a'), (2,'b'), (3,'a'), (3,'b')]

Chapter 47: Streaming IO

Section 47.1: Streaming IO

<u>io-streams</u> is Stream-based library that focuses on the Stream abstraction but for IO. It exposes two types:

- InputStream: a read-only smart handle
- OutputStream: a write-only smart handle

We can create a stream with <u>makeInputStream :: IO (Maybe a) -> IO (InputStream a)</u>. Reading from a stream is performed using <u>read :: InputStream a -> IO (Maybe a)</u>, where Nothing denotes an EOF:

```
import Control.Monad (forever)
import qualified System.IO.Streams as S
import System.Random (randomRIO)

main :: IO ()
main = do
    is <- S.makeInputStream $ randomInt -- create an InputStream
    forever $ printStream =<< S.read is -- forever read from that stream
    return ()

randomInt :: IO (Maybe Int)
randomInt = do
    r <- randomRIO (1, 100)
    return $ Just r

printStream :: Maybe Int -> IO ()
printStream Nothing = print "Nada!"
printStream (Just a) = putStrLn $ show a
```

Chapter 48: Google Protocol Buffers

Section 48.1: Creating, building and using a simple .proto file

Let us first create a simple .proto file person.proto

```
package Protocol;
message Person {
    required string firstName = 1;
    required string lastName = 2;
    optional int32 age = 3;
}
```

After saving we can now create the Haskell files which we can use in our project by running

\$HOME/.local/bin/hprotoc --proto_path=. --haskell_out=. person.proto

We should get an output similar to this:

```
Loading filepath: "/<path-to-project>/person.proto"
All proto files loaded
Haskell name mangling done
Recursive modules resolved
./Protocol/Person.hs
./Protocol.hs
Processing complete, have a nice day.
```

hprotoc will create a new folder Protocol in the current directory with Person.hs which we can simply import into our haskell project:

import Protocol (Person)

As a next step, if using Stack add

```
protocol-buffers
protocol-buffers-descriptor
```

to build-depends: and

Protocol

to exposed-modules in your .cabal file.

If we get now a incoming message from a stream, the message will have the type ByteString.

In order to transform the ByteString (which obviously should contain encoded "Person" data) into our Haskell data type, we need to call the function messageGet which we import by

import Text.ProtocolBuffers (messageGet)

which enables to create a value of type Person using:

```
transformRawPerson :: ByteString -> Maybe Person
transformRawPerson raw = case messageGet raw of
```

Chapter 49: Template Haskell & QuasiQuotes

Section 49.1: Syntax of Template Haskell and Quasiquotes

Template Haskell is enabled by the -XTemplateHaskell GHC extension. This extension enables all the syntactic features further detailed in this section. The full details on Template Haskell are given by the <u>user guide</u>.

Splices

- A splice is a new syntactic entity enabled by Template Haskell, written as (...), where (...) is some expression.
- There must not be a space between \$ and the first character of the expression; and Template Haskell overrides the parsing of the \$ operator e.g. f\$g is normally parsed as (\$) f g whereas with Template Haskell enabled, it is parsed as a splice.
- When a splice appears at the top level, the \$ may be omitted. In this case, the spliced expression is the entire line.
- A splice represents code which is run at compile time to produce a Haskell AST, and that AST is compiled as Haskell code and inserted into the program
- Splices can appear in place of: expressions, patterns, types, and top-level declarations. The type of the spliced expression, in each case respectively, is Q Exp, Q Pat, Q Type, Q [Dec1]. Note that declaration splices may *only* appear at the top level, whereas the others may be inside other expressions, patterns, or types, respectively.

Expression quotations (note: not a QuasiQuotation)

- An expression quotation is a new syntactic entity written as one of:
 - \circ [e|..|] or [|..|] .. is an expression and the quotation has type Q Exp;
 - \circ [p|...] ... is a pattern and the quotation has type Q Pat;
 - $\circ~[\texttt{t}|..|]$. . is a type and the quotation has type <code>Q</code> Type;
 - \circ [d|..|] .. is a list of declarations and the quotation has type Q [Dec].
- An expression quotation takes a compile time program and produces the AST represented by that program.
- The use of a value in a quotation (e.g. \x -> [| x |]) without a splice corresponds to syntactic sugar for \x -> [| \$(lift x) |], where lift :: Lift t => t -> Q Exp comes from the class

class Lift t where lift :: t -> Q Exp default lift :: Data t => t -> Q Exp Typed splices and quotations

- Typed splices are similair to previously mentioned (untyped) splices, and are written as \$\$(..) where (..) is an expression.
- If e has type Q (TExp a) then \$\$e has type a.
- Typed quotations take the form [||..||] where .. is an expression of type a; the resulting quotation has type Q (TExp a).
- Typed expression can be converted to untyped ones: unType :: TExp a -> Exp.

QuasiQuotes

- QuasiQuotes generalize expression quotations previously, the parser used by the expression quotation is one of a fixed set (e, p, t, d), but QuasiQuotes allow a custom parser to be defined and used to produce code at compile time. Quasi-quotations can appear in all the same contexts as regular quotations.
- A quasi-quotation is written as [iden|...|], where iden is an identifier of type Language.Haskell.TH.Quote.QuasiQuoter.
- A QuasiQuoter is simply composed of four parsers, one for each of the different contexts in which quotations can appear:

data QuasiQuoter = QuasiQuoter { quoteExp :: String -> Q Exp, quotePat :: String -> Q Pat, quoteType :: String -> Q Type, quoteDec :: String -> Q [Dec] } **Names**

- Haskell identifiers are represented by the type Language.Haskell.TH.Syntax.Name. Names form the leaves of abstract syntax trees representing Haskell programs in Template Haskell.
- An identifier which is currently in scope may be turned into a name with either: 'e or 'T. In the first case, e is interpreted in the expression scope, while in the second case T is in the type scope (recalling that types and value constructors may share the name without amiguity in Haskell).

Section 49.2: The Q type

The Q :: * -> * type constructor defined in Language.Haskell.TH.Syntax is an abstract type representing computations which have access to the compile-time environment of the module in which the computation is run. The Q type also handles variable substituion, called *name capture* by TH (and discussed <u>here</u>.) All splices have type Q X for some X.

The compile-time environment includes:

- in-scope identifiers and information about said identifiers,
 - types of functions
 - types and source data types of constructors
 - full specification of type declarations (classes, type families)
- the location in the source code (line, column, module, package) where the splice occurs
- fixities of functions (GHC 7.10)
- enabled GHC extensions (GHC 8.0)

The Q type also has the ability to generate fresh names, with the function newName :: String -> Q Name. Note that the name is not bound anywhere implicitly, so the user must bind it themselves, and so making sure the resulting use of the name is well-scoped is the responsibility of the user.

Q has instances for **Functor**, **Monad**, Applicative and this is the main interface for manipulating Q values, along with the combinators provided in Language.Haskell.TH.Lib, which define a helper function for every constructor of the TH ast of the form:

```
LitE :: Lit -> Exp
litE :: Lit -> ExpQ
AppE :: Exp -> Exp -> Exp
appE :: ExpQ -> ExpQ -> ExpQ
```

Note that ExpQ, TypeQ, DecsQ and PatQ are synonyms for the AST types which are typically stored inside the Q type.

The TH library provides a function runQ :: Quasi m => Q a -> m a, and there is an instance Quasi 10, so it would

seem that the Q type is just a fancy IO. However, the use of runQ :: Q a -> IO a produces an IO action which does *not* have access to any compile-time environment - this is only available in the actual Q type. Such IO actions will fail at runtime if trying to access said environment.

Section 49.3: An n-arity curry

The familiar

curry :: $((a,b) \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$ **curry =** $\langle f a b \rightarrow f (a,b) \rangle$

function can be generalized to tuples of arbitrary arity, for example:

curry3 :: ((a, b, c) -> d) -> a -> b -> c -> d curry4 :: ((a, b, c, d) -> e) -> a -> b -> c -> d -> e

However, writing such functions for tuples of arity 2 to (e.g.) 20 by hand would be tedious (and ignoring the fact that the presence of 20 tuples in your program almost certainly signal design issues which should be fixed with records).

We can use Template Haskell to produce such curryN functions for arbitrary n:

```
{-# LANGUAGE TemplateHaskell #-}
import Control.Monad (replicateM)
import Language.Haskell.TH (ExpQ, newName, Exp(..), Pat(..))
import Numeric.Natural (Natural)
curryN :: Natural -> Q Exp
```

The curryN function takes a natural number, and produces the curry function of that arity, as a Haskell AST.

```
curryN n = do
f <- newName "f"
xs <- replicateM (fromIntegral n) (newName "x")</pre>
```

First we produces *fresh* type variables for each of the arguments of the function - one for the input function, and one for each of the arguments to said function.

```
let args = map VarP (f:xs)
```

The expression args represents the pattern $f x1 x2 \dots xn$. Note that a pattern is seperate syntactic entity - we could take this same pattern and place it in a lambda, or a function binding, or even the LHS of a let binding (which would be an error).

ntup = TupE (map VarE xs)

The function must build the argument tuple from the sequence of arguments, which is what we've done here. Note the distinction between pattern variables (VarP) and expression variables (VarE).

```
return $ LamE args (AppE (VarE f) ntup)
```

Finally, the value which we produce is the AST $f x1 x2 \dots xn \rightarrow f (x1, x2, \dots, xn)$.

We could have also written this function using quotations and 'lifted' constructors:

••

```
import Language.Haskell.TH.Lib
curryN' :: Natural -> ExpQ
curryN' n = do
```

```
f <- newName "f"
xs <- replicateM (fromIntegral n) (newName "x")
lamE (map varP (f:xs))
      [| $(varE f) $(tupE (map varE xs)) |]</pre>
```

Note that quotations must be syntactically valid, so $[| \ (map varP (f:xs)) -> .. |]$ is invalid, because there is no way in regular Haskell to declare a 'list' of patterns - the above is interpreted as var -> .. and the spliced expression is expected to have type PatQ, i.e. a single pattern, not a list of patterns.

Finally, we can load this TH function in GHCi:

```
>:set -XTemplateHaskell
>:t $(curryN 5)
$(curryN 5)
:: ((t1, t2, t3, t4, t5) -> t) -> t1 -> t2 -> t3 -> t4 -> t5 -> t
>$(curryN 5) (\(a,b,c,d,e) -> a+b+c+d+e) 1 2 3 4 5
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```

This example is adapted primarily from <u>here</u>.

Chapter 50: Phantom types

Section 50.1: Use Case for Phantom Types: Currencies

Phantom types are useful for dealing with data, that has identical representations but isn't logically of the same type.

A good example is dealing with currencies. If you work with currencies you absolutely never want to e.g. add two amounts of different currencies. What would the result currency of 5.32€ + 2.94\$ be? It's not defined and there is no good reason to do this.

A solution to this could look something like this:

The GeneralisedNewtypeDeriving extension allows us to derive Num for the Amount type. GHC reuses Double's Num instance.

Now if you represent Euro amounts with e.g. (5.0 :: Amount EUR) you have solved the problem of keeping double amounts separate at the type level without introducing overhead. Stuff like (1.13 :: Amount EUR) + (5.30 :: Amount USD) will result in a type error and require you to deal with currency conversion appropriately.

More comprehensive documentation can be found in the haskell wiki article

Chapter 51: Modules

Section 51.1: Defining Your Own Module

If we have a file called Business.hs, we can define a Business module that can be import-ed, like so:

```
module Business (
    Person (..), -- ^ Export the Person type and all its constructors and field names
    employees -- ^ Export the employees function
) where
-- begin types, function definitions, etc
```

A deeper hierarchy is of course possible; see the Hierarchical module names example.

Section 51.2: Exporting Constructors

To export the type and all its constructors, one must use the following syntax:

module X (Person (...)) where

So, for the following top-level definitions in a file called People.hs:

```
data Person = Friend String | Foe deriving (Show, Eq, Ord)
```

isFoe Foe = True
isFoe _ = False

This module declaration at the top:

module People (Person (...)) where

would only export Person and its constructors Friend and Foe.

If the export list following the module keyword is omitted, all of the names bound at the top level of the module would be exported:

```
module People where
```

would export Person, its constructors, and the isFoe function.

Section 51.3: Importing Specific Members of a Module

Haskell supports importing a subset of items from a module.

import qualified Data.Stream (map) as D

would only import map from Data.Stream, and calls to this function would require D.:

D.map odd [1..]

otherwise the compiler will try to use **Prelude**'s **map** function.

Section 51.4: Hiding Imports

Prelude often defines functions whose names are used elsewhere. Not hiding such imports (or using qualified imports where clashes occur) will cause compilation errors.

<u>Data.Stream</u> defines functions named **map**, **head** and **tail** which normally clashes with those defined in Prelude. We can hide those imports from Prelude using **hiding**:

```
import Data.Stream -- everything from Data.Stream
import Prelude hiding (map, head, tail, scan, foldl, foldr, filter, dropWhile, take) -- etc
```

In reality, it would require too much code to hide Prelude clashes like this, so you would in fact use a **qualified** import of Data.Stream instead.

Section 51.5: Qualifying Imports

When multiple modules define the same functions by name, the compiler will complain. In such cases (or to improve readability), we can use a **qualified** import:

```
import qualified Data.Stream as D
```

Now we can prevent ambiguity compiler errors when we use map, which is defined in Prelude and Data.Stream:

```
map (== 1) [1,2,3] -- will use Prelude.map
D.map (odd) (fromList [1..]) -- will use Data.Stream.map
```

It is also possible to import a module with only the clashing names being qualified via **import** Data.Text as T, which allows one to have Text instead of T.Text etc.

Section 51.6: Hierarchical module names

The names of modules follow the filesystem's hierarchical structure. With the following file layout:

Foo/ ??? Baz/ ? ??? Quux.hs ??? Bar.hs Foo.hs Bar.hs

the module headers would look like this:

```
-- file Foo.hs
module Foo where
```

-- file Bar.hs
module Bar where

-- file Foo/Bar.hs module Foo.Bar where

-- file Foo/Baz/Quux.hs module Foo.Baz.Quux where

Note that:

- the module name is based on the path of the file declaring the module
- Folders may share a name with a module, which gives a naturally hierarchical naming structure to modules

Chapter 52: Tuples (Pairs, Triples, ...)

Section 52.1: Extract tuple components

Use the fst and snd functions (from Prelude or Data. Tuple) to extract the first and second component of pairs.

```
fst (1, 2) -- evaluates to 1
snd (1, 2) -- evaluates to 2
```

Or use pattern matching.

case (1, 2) of (result, _) => result -- evaluates to 1
case (1, 2) of (_, result) => result -- evaluates to 2

Pattern matching also works for tuples with more than two components.

```
case (1, 2, 3) of (result, _, _) => result -- evaluates to 1
case (1, 2, 3) of (_, result, _) => result -- evaluates to 2
case (1, 2, 3) of (_, _, result) => result -- evaluates to 3
```

Haskell does not provide standard functions like **fst** or **snd** for tuples with more than two components. The <u>tuple</u> library on Hackage provides such functions in the <u>Data.Tuple.Select</u> module.

Section 52.2: Strictness of matching a tuple

The pattern (p1, p2) is strict in the outermost tuple constructor, which can lead to <u>unexpected strictness</u> <u>behaviour</u>. For example, the following expression diverges (using Data.Function.fix):

fix \$ \(x, y) -> (1, 2)

since the match on (x, y) is strict in the tuple constructor. However, the following expression, using an irrefutable pattern, evaluates to (1, 2) as expected:

fix $(x, y) \rightarrow (1, 2)$

Section 52.3: Construct tuple values

Use parentheses and commas to create tuples. Use one comma to create a pair.

(1, 2)

Use more commas to create tuples with more components.

(1, 2, 3)

(1, 2, 3, 4)

Note that it is also possible to declare tuples using in their unsugared form.

(,) 1 2 -- equivalent to (1,2) (,,) 1 2 3 -- equivalent to (1,2,3)

Tuples can contain values of different types.

("answer", 42, '?')

Tuples can contain complex values such as lists or more tuples.

([1, 2, 3], "hello", ('A', 65)) (1, (2, (3, 4), 5), 6)

Section 52.4: Write tuple types

Use parentheses and commas to write tuple types. Use one comma to write a pair type.

(Int, Int)

Use more commas to write tuple types with more components.

(Int, Int, Int)

(Int, Int, Int, Int)

Tuples can contain values of different types.

(String, Int, Char)

Tuples can contain complex values such as lists or more tuples.

([Int], String, (Char, Int))

(Int, (Int, (Int, Int), Int), Int)

Section 52.5: Pattern Match on Tuples

Pattern matching on tuples uses the tuple constructors. To match a pair for example, we'd use the (,) constructor:

```
myFunction1 (a, b) = ...
```

We use more commas to match tuples with more components:

```
myFunction2 (a, b, c) = \dots
```

myFunction3 (a, b, c, d) = ...

Tuple patterns can contain complex patterns such as list patterns or more tuple patterns.

myFunction4 ([a, b, c], d, e) = ...

myFunction5 (a, (b, (c, d), e), f) = ...

Section 52.6: Apply a binary function to a tuple (uncurrying)

Use the **uncurry** function (from **Prelude** or Data. Tuple) to convert a binary function to a function on tuples.

uncurry (+) (1, 2) -- computes 3
uncurry map (negate, [1, 2, 3]) -- computes [-1, -2, -3]
uncurry uncurry ((+), (1, 2)) -- computes 3
map (uncurry (+)) [(1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6)] -- computes [3, 7, 11]
uncurry (curry f) -- computes the same as f

Section 52.7: Apply a tuple function to two arguments (currying)

Use the **curry** function (from **Prelude** or Data.Tuple) to convert a function that takes tuples to a function that takes two arguments.

```
curry fst 1 2 -- computes 1
curry snd 1 2 -- computes 2
curry (uncurry f) -- computes the same as f
import Data.Tuple (swap)
curry swap 1 2 -- computes (2, 1)
```

Section 52.8: Swap pair components

Use swap (from Data. Tuple) to swap the components of a pair.

```
import Data.Tuple (swap)
swap (1, 2) -- evaluates to (2, 1)
```

Or use pattern matching.

case (1, 2) of $(x, y) \Rightarrow (y, x) -- evaluates to (2, 1)$

Chapter 53: Graphics with Gloss

Section 53.1: Installing Gloss

Gloss is easily installed using the Cabal tool. Having installed Cabal, one can run cabal install gloss to install Gloss.

Alternatively the package can be built from source, by downloading the source from <u>Hackage</u> or <u>GitHub</u>, and doing the following:

- 1. Enter the gloss/gloss-rendering/ directory and do cabal install
- 2. Enter the gloss/gloss/ directory and once more do cabal install

Section 53.2: Getting something on the screen

In Gloss, one can use the display function to create very simple static graphics.

To use this one needs to first import Graphics.Gloss. Then in the code there should the following:

main :: 10 ()
main = display window background drawing

window is of type Display which can be constructed in two ways:

```
-- Defines window as an actual window with a given name and size
window = InWindow name (width, height) (0,0)
-- Defines window as a fullscreen window
window = FullScreen
```

Here the last argument (0, 0) in InWindow marks the location of the top left corner.

For versions older than 1.11: In older versions of Gloss FullScreen takes another argument which is meant to be the size of the frame that gets drawn on which in turn gets stretched to fullscreen-size, for example: FullScreen (1024, 768)

background is of type Color. It defines the background color, so it's as simple as:

background = white

Then we get to the drawing itself. Drawings can be very complex. How to specify these will be covered elsewhere ([one can refer to this for the moment][1]), but it can be as simple as the following circle with a radius of 80:

```
drawing = Circle 80
```

Summarizing example

As more or less stated in the documentation on Hackage, getting something on the screen is as easy as:

```
import Graphics.Gloss
main :: IO ()
main = display window background drawing
    where
        window = InWindow "Nice Window" (200, 200) (0, 0)
```

background = white
drawing = Circle 80

Chapter 54: State Monad

State monads are a kind of monad that carry a state that might change during each computation run in the monad. Implementations are usually of the form State s a which represents a computation that carries and potentially modifies a state of type s and produces a result of type a, but the term "state monad" may generally refer to any monad which carries a state. The mtl and transformers package provide general implementations of state monads.

Section 54.1: Numbering the nodes of a tree with a counter

We have a tree data type like this:

data Tree a = Tree a [Tree a] deriving Show

And we wish to write a function that assigns a number to each node of the tree, from an incrementing counter:

tag :: Tree a -> Tree (a, Int)

The long way

First we'll do it the long way around, since it illustrates the State monad's low-level mechanics quite nicely.

```
import Control.Monad.State
```

```
-- Function that numbers the nodes of a `Tree`.
tag :: Tree a -> Tree (a, Int)
tag tree =
    -- tagStep is where the action happens. This just gets the ball
    -- rolling, with `0` as the initial counter value.
    evalState (tagStep tree) 0
-- This is one monadic "step" of the calculation. It assumes that
-- it has access to the current counter value implicitly.
tagStep :: Tree a -> State Int (Tree (a, Int))
tagStep (Tree a subtrees) = do
    -- The `get :: State s s` action accesses the implicit state
    -- parameter of the State monad. Here we bind that value to
    -- the variable `counter`.
    counter <- get</pre>
    -- The `put :: s -> State s ()` sets the implicit state parameter
    -- of the `State` monad. The next `get` that we execute will see
    -- the value of `counter + 1` (assuming no other puts in between).
    put (counter + 1)
    -- Recurse into the subtrees. `mapM` is a utility function
    -- for executing a monadic actions (like `tagStep`) on a list of
    -- elements, and producing the list of results. Each execution of
    -- `tagStep` will be executed with the counter value that resulted
    -- from the previous list element's execution.
    subtrees' <- mapM tagStep subtrees</pre>
    return $ Tree (a, counter) subtrees'
```

Refactoring

Split out the counter into a postIncrement action

The bit where we are getting the current counter and then putting counter + 1 can be split off into a postIncrement

action, similar to what many C-style languages provide:

```
postIncrement :: Enum s => State s s
postIncrement = do
    result <- get
    modify succ
    return result</pre>
```

Split out the tree walk into a higher-order function

The tree walk logic can be split out into its own function, like this:

```
mapTreeM :: Monad m => (a -> m b) -> Tree a -> m (Tree b)
mapTreeM action (Tree a subtrees) = do
    a' <- action a
    subtrees' <- mapM (mapTreeM action) subtrees
    return $ Tree a' subtrees'</pre>
```

With this and the postIncrement function we can rewrite tagStep:

```
tagStep :: Tree a -> State Int (Tree (a, Int))
tagStep = mapTreeM step
where step :: a -> State Int (a, Int)
    step a = do
        counter <- postIncrement
        return (a, counter)</pre>
```

Use the Traversable class

The mapTreeM solution above can be easily rewritten into an instance of the Traversable class:

```
instance Traversable Tree where
    traverse action (Tree a subtrees) =
        Tree <$> action a <*> traverse action subtrees
```

Note that this required us to use Applicative (the <*> operator) instead of Monad.

With that, now we can write tag like a pro:

```
tag :: Traversable t => t a -> t (a, Int)
tag init t = evalState (traverse step t) 0
where step a = do tag <- postIncrement
return (a, tag)</pre>
```

Note that this works for any Traversable type, not just our Tree type!

Getting rid of the Traversable boilerplate

GHC has a DeriveTraversable extension that eliminates the need for writing the instance above:

Chapter 55: Pipes

Section 55.1: Producers

A Producer is some monadic action that can yield values for downstream consumption:

```
type Producer b = Proxy X () () b
yield :: Monad m => a -> Producer a m ()
```

For example:

```
naturals :: Monad m => Producer Int m ()
naturals = each [1..] -- each is a utility function exported by Pipes
```

We can of course have Producers that are functions of other values too:

```
naturalsUntil :: Monad m => Int -> Producer Int m ()
naturalsUntil n = each [1..n]
```

Section 55.2: Connecting Pipes

Use <u>>-></u> to connect Producers, Consumers and Pipes to compose larger Pipe functions.

```
printNaturals :: MonadIO m => Effect m ()
printNaturals = naturalsUntil 10 >-> intToStr >-> fancyPrint
```

Producer, Consumer, Pipe, and Effect types are all defined in terms of the general Proxy type. Therefore <u>>-></u> can be used for a variety of purposes. Types defined by the left argument must match the type consumed by the right argument:

```
(>->) :: Monad m => Producer b m r -> Consumer b m r -> Effect m r
(>->) :: Monad m => Producer b m r -> Pipe b c m r -> Producer c m r
(>->) :: Monad m => Pipe a b m r -> Consumer b m r -> Consumer a m r
(>->) :: Monad m => Pipe a b m r -> Pipe b c m r -> Pipe a c m r
```

Section 55.3: Pipes

Pipes can both await and yield.

type Pipe a b = Proxy () a () b

This Pipe awaits an Int and converts it to a String:

```
intToStr :: Monad m => Pipe Int String m ()
intToStr = forever $ await >>= (yield . show)
```

Section 55.4: Running Pipes with runEffect

We use <u>runEffect</u> to run our Pipe:

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
runEffect $ naturalsUntil 10 >-> intToStr >-> fancyPrint
```

Note that runEffect requires an Effect, which is a self-contained Proxy with no inputs or outputs:

```
runEffect :: Monad m => Effect m r -> m r
type Effect = Proxy X () () X
```

(where X is the empty type, also known as Void).

Section 55.5: Consumers

A Consumer can only await values from upstream.

```
type Consumer a = Proxy () a () X
await :: Monad m => Consumer a m a
```

For example:

```
fancyPrint :: MonadIO m => Consumer String m ()
fancyPrint = forever $ do
    numStr <- await
    liftIO $ putStrLn ("I received: " ++ numStr)</pre>
```

Section 55.6: The Proxy monad transformer

pipes's core data type is the Proxy monad transformer. Pipe, Producer, Consumer and so on are defined in terms of Proxy.

Since Proxy is a monad transformer, definitions of Pipes take the form of monadic scripts which await and yield values, additionally performing effects from the base monad m.

Section 55.7: Combining Pipes and Network communication

Pipes supports simple binary communication between a client and a server

In this example:

- 1. a client connects and sends a FirstMessage
- 2. the server receives and answers DoSomething 0
- 3. the client receives and answers DoNothing
- 4. step 2 and 3 are repeated indefinitely

The command data type exchanged over the network:

```
-- Command.hs
{-# LANGUAGE DeriveGeneric #-}
module Command where
import Data.Binary
import GHC.Generics (Generic)
data Command = FirstMessage
| DoNothing
| DoSomething Int
deriving (Show,Generic)
instance Binary Command
```

Here, the server waits for a client to connect:

```
module Server where
import Pipes
import qualified Pipes.Binary as PipesBinary
import qualified Pipes.Network.TCP as PNT
import qualified Command as C
import gualified Pipes.Parse as PP
import qualified Pipes.Prelude as PipesPrelude
pageSize :: Int
pageSize = 4096
-- pure handler, to be used with PipesPrelude.map
pureHandler :: C.Command -> C.Command
pureHandler c = c -- answers the same command that we have receveid
-- impure handler, to be used with PipesPremude.mapM
sideffectHandler :: MonadIO m => C.Command -> m C.Command
sideffectHandler c = do
 liftI0 $ putStrLn $ "received message = " ++ (show c)
  return $ C.DoSomething 0
  -- whatever incoming command `c` from the client, answer DoSomething 0
main :: IO ()
main = PNT.serve (PNT.Host "127.0.0.1") "23456" $
  \(connectionSocket, remoteAddress) -> do
                 putStrLn $ "Remote connection from ip = " ++ (show remoteAddress)
                 _ <- runEffect $ do</pre>
                   let bytesReceiver = PNT.fromSocket connectionSocket pageSize
                   let commandDecoder = PP.parsed PipesBinary.decode bytesReceiver
                   commandDecoder >-> PipesPrelude.mapM sideffectHandler >-> for cat
PipesBinary.encode >-> PNT.toSocket connectionSocket
                   -- if we want to use the pureHandler
                   --commandDecoder >-> PipesPrelude.map pureHandler >-> for cat PipesBinary.Encode
>-> PNT.toSocket connectionSocket
                 return ()
```

The client connects thus:

```
module Client where
import Pipes
import qualified Pipes.Binary as PipesBinary
import qualified Pipes.Network.TCP as PNT
import qualified Pipes.Prelude as PipesPrelude
import gualified Pipes.Parse as PP
import qualified Command as C
pageSize :: Int
pageSize = 4096
-- pure handler, to be used with PipesPrelude.amp
pureHandler :: C.Command -> C.Command
pureHandler c = c -- answer the same command received from the server
-- inpure handler, to be used with PipesPremude.mapM
sideffectHandler :: MonadIO m => C.Command -> m C.Command
sideffectHandler c = do
  liftI0 $ putStrLn $ "Received: " ++ (show c)
  return C.DoNothing -- whatever is received from server, answer DoNothing
```

```
main :: IO ()
main = PNT.connect ("127.0.0.1") "23456" $
  \(connectionSocket, remoteAddress) -> do
    putStrLn $ "Connected to distant server ip = " ++ (show remoteAddress)
    sendFirstMessage connectionSocket
    _ <- runEffect $ do</pre>
      let bytesReceiver = PNT.fromSocket connectionSocket pageSize
      let commandDecoder = PP.parsed PipesBinary.decode bytesReceiver
      commandDecoder >-> PipesPrelude.mapM sideffectHandler >-> for cat PipesBinary.encode >->
PNT.toSocket connectionSocket
    return ()
sendFirstMessage :: PNT.Socket -> IO ()
sendFirstMessage s = do
  _ <- runEffect $ do</pre>
    let encodedProducer = PipesBinary.encode C.FirstMessage
    encodedProducer >-> PNT.toSocket s
  return ()
```

Chapter 56: Infix operators

Section 56.1: Prelude

Logical

&& is logical AND, \coprod is logical OR.

== is equality, /= non-equality, < / <= lesser and > / >= greater operators.

Arithmetic operators

The numerical operators \pm , \pm and $\underline{7}$ behave largely as you'd expect. (Division works only on fractional numbers to avoid rounding issues – integer division must be done with **quot** or **div**). More unusual are Haskell's three exponentiation operators:

• <u>A</u> takes a base of any number type to a non-negative, integral power. This works simply by (<u>fast</u>) iterated multiplication. E.g.

4⁵ (4*4)*(4*4)*4

• And does the same in the positive case, but also works for negative exponents. E.g.

3^^(-2) ? 1 / (2*2)

Unlike ^, this requires a fractional base type (i.e. 4^^5 :: Int will not work, only 4^5 :: Int or 4^^5 :: Rational).

• <u>**</u> implements real-number exponentiation. This works for very general arguments, but is more computionally expensive than ^ or ^^, and generally incurs small floating-point errors.

2pi** ? exp (pi * log 2)

Lists

There are two concatenation operators:

- : (pronounced <u>cons</u>) prepends a single argument before a list. This operator is actually a constructor and can thus also be used to *pattern match* ("inverse construct") a list.
- ++ concatenates entire lists.

[1,2] ++ [3,4] ? 1 : 2 : [3,4] ? 1 : [2,3,4] ? [1,2,3,4]

<u>!!</u> is an indexing operator.

[0, 10, 20, 30, 40] **!!** 3 **?** 30

Note that indexing lists is inefficient (complexity *O*(*n*) instead of *O*(1) for <u>arrays</u> or *O*(log *n*) for <u>maps</u>); it's generally preferred in Haskell to deconstruct lists by folding ot pattern matching instead of indexing.

Control flow

• <u>§</u> is a function application operator.

```
f $ x ? f x
    ? f(x) -- disapproved style
```

This operator is mostly used to avoid parentheses. It also has a strict version <u>\$!</u>, which forces the argument to be evaluated before applying the function.

• <u>.</u> composes functions.

(f.g) x ? f(g x) ? f\$g x

- >> sequences monadic actions. E.g. writeFile "foo.txt" "bla" >> putStrLn "Done." will first write to a file, then print a message to the screen.
- >>= does the same, while also accepting an argument to be passed from the first action to the following.
 readLn >>= \x -> print (x^2) will wait for the user to input a number, then output the square of that number to the screen.

Section 56.2: Finding information about infix operators

Because infixes are so common in Haskell, you will regularly need to look up their signature etc.. Fortunately, this is just as easy as for any other function:

- The Haskell search engines <u>Hayoo</u> and <u>Hoogle</u> can be used for infix operators, like for anything else that's defined in some library.
- In GHCi or IHaskell, you can use the :i and :t (info and type) directives to learn the basic properties of an operator. For example,

This tells me that <u>A</u> binds more tightly than <u>+</u>, both take numerical types as their elements, but <u>A</u> requires the exponent to be integral and the base to be fractional.

The less verbose :t requires the operator in parentheses, like

Prelude> :t (==) (==) :: **Eq** a => a -> a -> Bool

Section 56.3: Custom operators

In Haskell, you can define any infix operator you like. For example, I could define the list-enveloping operator as

```
(>+<) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
env >+< l = env ++ l ++ env
GHCi> "**">+<"emphasis"</pre>
```

"**emphasis**"

You should always give such operators a fixity declaration, like

infixr 5 >+<</pre>

(which would mean >+< binds as tightly as ++ and : do).

Chapter 57: Parallelism

Type/Function

data Eval aEval is a Monad that makes it easier to define parallel strategiestype Strategy a = a -> Eval aa function that embodies a parallel evaluation strategy. The function traverses
(parts of) its argument, evaluating subexpressions in parallel or in sequencerpar :: Strategy asparks its argument (for evaluation in parallel)
evaluates its argument to weak head normal formforce :: NFData a => a -> aevaluates the entire structure of its argument, reducing it to normal form, before
returning the argument itself. It is provided by the Control.DeepSeq module

Section 57.1: The Eval Monad

Parallelism in Haskell can be expressed using the Eval Monad from <u>Control.Parallel.Strategies</u>, using the rpar and rseq functions (among others).

```
f1 :: [Int]
f1 = [1..100000000]
f2 :: [Int]
f2 = [1..200000000]
main = runEval $ do
    a <- rpar (f1) -- this'll take a while...
    b <- rpar (f2) -- this'll take a while and then some...
return (a,b)</pre>
```

Running main above will execute and "return" immediately, while the two values, a and b are computed in the background through rpar.

Note: ensure you compile with -threaded for parallel execution to occur.

Section 57.2: rpar

rpar :: Strategy a executes the given strategy (recall: type Strategy a = a -> Eval a) in parallel:

```
import Control.Concurrent
import Control.DeepSeq
import Control.Parallel.Strategies
import Data.List.Ordered
main = loop
  where
    loop = do
      putStrLn "Enter a number"
      n <- getLine
      let lim = read n :: Int
          hf = quot lim 2
          result = runEval $ do
            -- we split the computation in half, so we can concurrently calculate primes
            as <- rpar (force (primesBtwn 2 hf))</pre>
            bs <- rpar (force (primesBtwn (hf + 1) lim))</pre>
            return (as ++ bs)
      forkIO $ putStrLn ("Primes are: " ++ (show result) ++ " for " ++ n ++ "
      loop
```

```
-- Compute primes between two integers
-- Deliberately inefficient for demonstration purposes
primesBtwn n m = eratos [n..m]
where
eratos [] = []
eratos (p:xs) = p : eratos (xs `minus` [p, p+p..])
```

Running this will demonstrate the concurrent behaviour:

Enter a number 12 Enter a number Primes are: [2,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,12] for 12 100 Enter a number Primes are: [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69, 70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100] for 100 200000000

Enter a number -- waiting for 20000000 200 Enter a number

Primes are:

```
[2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79,83,89,97,101,102,103,104,105,106,107,108,109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,130,131,13
2,133,134,135,136,137,138,139,140,141,142,143,144,145,146,147,148,149,150,151,152,153,154,155,156,1
57,158,159,160,161,162,163,164,165,166,167,168,169,170,171,172,173,174,175,176,177,178,179,180,181,
182,183,184,185,186,187,188,189,190,191,192,193,194,195,196,197,198,199,200] for 200
```

-- still waiting for 20000000

Section 57.3: rseq

We can use rseq :: Strategy a to force an argument to Weak Head Normal Form:

```
f1 :: [Int]
f1 = [1..100000000]
f2 :: [Int]
f2 = [1..200000000]
main = runEval $ do
    a <- rpar (f1) -- this'll take a while...
    b <- rpar (f2) -- this'll take a while and then some...
    rseq a
    return (a,b)</pre>
```

This subtly changes the semantics of the rpar example; whereas the latter would return immediately whilst computing the values in the background, this example will wait until a can be evaluated to WHNF.

Chapter 58: Parsing HTML with taggy-lens and lens

Section 58.1: Filtering elements from the tree

Find div with **id=**"article" and strip out all the inner script tags.

```
#!/usr/bin/env stack
-- stack --resolver lts-7.1 --install-ghc runghc --package text --package lens --package taggy-lens -
-package string-class --package classy-prelude
{-# LANGUAGE NoImplicitPrelude #-}
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
import ClassyPrelude
import Control.Lens hiding (children, element)
import Data.String.Class (toText, fromText, toString)
import Data.Text (Text)
import Text.Taggy.Lens
import qualified Text.Taggy.Lens as Taggy
import qualified Text.Taggy.Renderer as Renderer
somehtmlSmall :: Text
somehtmlSmall =
     "<!doctype html><html><body>
     div id= article ><div>first</div>second</div><script>this should be
removed</script><div>third</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></ti>
     /body></html>"
renderWithoutScriptTag :: Text
renderWithoutScriptTag =
     let mArticle :: Maybe Taggy.Element
           mArticle =
                 (fromText somehtmlSmall) ^? html .
                 allAttributed (ix "id" . only "article")
           mArticleFiltered =
                 fmap
                       (transform
                              (children %~
                                filter (\n -> n ^? element . name /= Just "script")))
                       mArticle
     in maybe "" (toText . Renderer.render) mArticleFiltered
main :: IO ()
main = print renderWithoutScriptTag
-- outputs:
-- "<div id=\"article\"><div>first</div>second</div><div>third</div></div>"
```

Contribution based upon @duplode's SO answer

Section 58.2: Extract the text contents from a div with a particular id

Taggy-lens allows us to use lenses to parse and inspect HTML documents.

```
#!/usr/bin/env stack
-- stack --resolver lts-7.0 --install-ghc runghc --package text --package lens --package taggy-lens
```

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
import qualified Data.Text.Lazy as TL
import qualified Data.Text.IO as T
import Text.Taggy.Lens
import Control.Lens
someHtml :: TL.Text
someHtml =
    ""
    !doctype html><html><body>
    div>first div</div>
    div>first div</div>
    div id= thediv >second div</div>
    div id= mot-thediv >third div</div>"
main :: I0 ()
main = do
    T.putStrLn
        (someHtml ^. html . allAttributed (ix "id" . only "thediv") . contents)
```

Chapter 59: Foreign Function Interface

Section 59.1: Calling C from Haskell

For performance reasons, or due to the existence of mature C libraries, you may want to call C code from a Haskell program. Here is a simple example of how you can pass data to a C library and get an answer back.

foo.c:

```
#include <inttypes.h>
int32_t foo(int32_t a) {
  return a+1;
}
```

Foo.hs:

```
import Data.Int
main :: IO ()
main = print =<< hFoo 41
foreign import ccall unsafe "foo" hFoo :: Int32 -> IO Int32
```

The unsafe keyword generates a more efficient call than 'safe', but requires that the C code never makes a callback to the Haskell system. Since foo is completely in C and will never call Haskell, we can use unsafe.

We also need to instruct cabal to compile and link in C source.

foo.cabal:

```
name:
                     foo
                     0.0.0.1
version:
build-type:
                    Simple
extra-source-files: *.c
cabal-version:
                    >= 1.10
executable foo
 default-language: Haskell2010
 main-is:
             Foo.hs
 C-sources:
                foo.c
 build-depends: base
```

Then you can run:

> cabal configure > cabal build foo > ./dist/build/foo/foo 42

Section 59.2: Passing Haskell functions as callbacks to C code

It is very common for C functions to accept pointers to other functions as arguments. Most popular example is setting an action to be executed when a button is clicked in some GUI toolkit library. It is possible to pass Haskell functions as C callbacks.

To call this C function:

void event_callback_add (Object *obj, Object_Event_Cb func, const void *data)

we first import it to Haskell code:

```
foreign import ccall "header.h event_callback_add"
      callbackAdd :: Ptr () -> FunPtr Callback -> Ptr () -> IO ()
```

Now looking at how Object_Event_Cb is defined in C header, define what Callback is in Haskell:

type Callback = Ptr () -> Ptr () -> IO ()

Finally, create a special function that would wrap Haskell function of type Callback into a pointer FunPtr Callback:

```
foreign import ccall "wrapper"
    mkCallback :: Callback -> IO (FunPtr Callback)
```

Now we can register callback with C code:

It is important to free allocated FunPtr once you unregister the callback:

freeHaskellFunPtr cbPtr

Chapter 60: Gtk3

Section 60.1: Hello World in Gtk

This example show how one may create a simple "Hello World" in Gtk3, setting up a window and button widgets. The sample code will also demonstrate how to set different attributes and actions on the widgets.

```
module Main (Main.main) where
import Graphics.UI.Gtk
main :: IO ()
main = do
 initGUI
 window <- windowNew
 on window objectDestroy mainQuit
 set window [ containerBorderWidth := 10, windowTitle := "Hello World" ]
 button <- buttonNew</pre>
 set button [ buttonLabel := "Hello World" ]
 on button buttonActivated $ do
    putStrLn "A clicked -handler to say destroy "
    widgetDestroy window
 set window [ containerChild := button ]
 widgetShowAll window
 mainGUI -- main loop
```

Chapter 61: Monad Transformers

Section 61.1: A monadic counter

An example on how to compose the reader, writer, and state monad using monad transformers. The source code can be found in this repository

We want to implement a counter, that increments its value by a given constant.

We start by defining some types, and functions:

```
newtype Counter = MkCounter {cValue :: Int}
  deriving (Show)
-- / 'inc c n' increments the counter by 'n' units.
inc :: Counter -> Int -> Counter
inc (MkCounter c) n = MkCounter (c + n)
```

Assume we want to carry out the following computation using the counter:

- set the counter to 0
- set the increment constant to 3
- increment the counter 3 times
- set the increment constant to 5
- increment the counter 2 times

The <u>state monad</u> provides abstractions for passing state around. We can make use of the state monad, and define our increment function as a state transformer.

```
-- / CounterS is a monad.
type CounterS = State Counter
-- / Increment the counter by 'n' units.
incS :: Int-> CounterS ()
incS n = modify (\c -> inc c n)
```

This already enables us to express a computation in a more clear and succinct way:

```
-- | The computation we want to run, with the state monad.
mComputationS :: CounterS ()
mComputationS = do
incS 3
incS 3
incS 3
incS 5
incS 5
```

But we still have to pass the increment constant at each invocation. We would like to avoid this.

Adding an environment

The <u>reader monad</u> provides a convenient way to pass an environment around. This monad is used in functional programming to perform what in the OO world is known as *dependency injection*.

In its simplest version, the reader monad requires two types:

- the type of the value being read (i.e. our environment, r below),
- the value returned by the reader monad (a below).

```
Reader r a
```

However, we need to make use of the state monad as well. Thus, we need to use the ReaderT transformer:

newtype ReaderT r m a :: * -> (* -> *) -> * -> *

Using ReaderT, we can define our counter with environment and state as follows:

```
type CounterRS = ReaderT Int CounterS
```

We define an incR function that takes the increment constant from the environment (using ask), and to define our increment function in terms of our CounterS monad we make use of the lift function (which belongs to the <u>monad transformer</u> class).

```
-- | Increment the counter by the amount of units specified by the environment.
incR :: CounterRS ()
incR = ask >>= lift . incS
```

Using the reader monad we can define our computation as follows:

```
-- | The computation we want to run, using reader and state monads.
mComputationRS :: CounterRS ()
mComputationRS = do
    local (const 3) $ do
    incR
    incR
    local (const 5) $ do
    incR
    incR
    incR
    incR
```

The requirements changed: we need logging!

Now assume that we want to add logging to our computation, so that we can see the evolution of our counter in time.

We also have a monad to perform this task, the <u>writer monad</u>. As with the reader monad, since we are composing them, we need to make use of the reader monad transformer:

newtype WriterT w m a :: * -> (* -> *) -> * -> *

Here w represents the type of the output to accumulate (which has to be a monoid, which allow us to accumulate this value), m is the inner monad, and a the type of the computation.

We can then define our counter with logging, environment, and state as follows:

```
type CounterWRS = WriterT [Int] CounterRS
```

And making use of lift we can define the version of the increment function which logs the value of the counter after each increment:

incW :: CounterWRS ()
incW = lift incR >> get >>= tell . (:[]) . cValue

Now the computation that contains logging can be written as follows:

```
mComputationWRS :: CounterWRS ()
mComputationWRS = do
local (const 3) $ do
incW
incW
incW
local (const 5) $ do
incW
incW
incW
```

Doing everything in one go

This example intended to show monad transformers at work. However, we can achieve the same effect by composing all the aspects (environment, state, and logging) in a single increment operation.

To do this we make use of type-constraints:

```
inc' :: (MonadReader Int m, MonadState Counter m, MonadWriter [Int] m) => m ()
inc' = ask >>= modify . (flip inc) >> get >>= tell . (:[]) . cValue
```

Here we arrive at a solution that will work for any monad that satisfies the constraints above. The computation function is defined thus with type:

```
mComputation' :: (MonadReader Int m, MonadState Counter m, MonadWriter [Int] m) => m ()
```

since in its body we make use of inc'.

We could run this computation, in the ghci REPL for instance, as follows:

runState (runReaderT (runWriterT mComputation') 15) (MkCounter 0)

Chapter 62: Bifunctor

Section 62.1: Definition of Bifunctor

Bifunctor is the class of types with two type parameters (f :: $* \rightarrow * \rightarrow *$), both of which can be covariantly mapped over simultaneously.

class Bifunctor f where bimap :: (a -> c) -> (b -> d) -> f a b -> f c d

bimap can be thought of as applying a pair of **fmap** operations to a datatype.

A correct instance of Bifunctor for a type f must satisfy the *bifunctor laws*, which are analogous to the *functor laws*:

bimap id id = id -- identity
bimap (f . g) (h . i) = bimap f h . bimap g i -- composition

The Bifunctor class is found in the Data.Bifunctor module. For GHC versions >7.10, this module is bundled with the compiler; for earlier versions you need to install the bifunctors package.

Section 62.2: Common instances of Bifunctor

Two-element tuples

(,) is an example of a type that has a Bifunctor instance.

```
instance Bifunctor (,) where
bimap f g (x, y) = (f x, g y)
```

bimap takes a pair of functions and applies them to the tuple's respective components.

```
bimap (+ 2) (++ "nie") (3, "john") --> (5, "johnnie")
bimap ceiling length (3.5 :: Double, "john" :: String) --> (4,4)
Either
```

Either's instance of Bifunctor selects one of the two functions to apply depending on whether the value is Left or Right.

```
instance Bifunctor Either where
bimap f g (Left x) = Left (f x)
bimap f g (Right y) = Right (g y)
```

Section 62.3: first and second

If mapping covariantly over only the first argument, or only the second argument, is desired, then first or second ought to be used (in lieu of bimap).

```
first :: Bifunctor f \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow f a b \rightarrow f c b
first f = bimap f id
second :: Bifunctor f => (b -> d) -> f a b -> f a d
second g = bimap id g
```

For example,

ghci> second (+ 2) (Right 40)
Right 42
ghci> second (+ 2) (Left "uh oh")
Left "uh oh"

Chapter 63: Proxies

Section 63.1: Using Proxy

The Proxy :: k -> * type, found in <u>Data.Proxy</u>, is used when you need to give the compiler some type information - eg, to pick a type class instance - which is nonetheless irrelevant at runtime.

```
{-# LANGUAGE PolyKinds #-}
data Proxy a = Proxy
```

Functions which use a Proxy typically use ScopedTypeVariables to pick a type class instance based on the a type.

For example, the classic example of an ambiguous function,

```
showread :: String -> String
showread = show . read
```

which results in a type error because the elaborator doesn't know which instance of **Show** or **Read** to use, can be resolved using Proxy:

```
{-# LANGUAGE ScopedTypeVariables #-}
import Data.Proxy
showread :: forall a. (Show a, Read a) => Proxy a -> String -> String
showread _ = (show :: a -> String) . read
```

When calling a function with Proxy, you need to use a type annotation to declare which a you meant.

```
ghci> showread (Proxy :: Proxy Int) "3"
"3"
ghci> showread (Proxy :: Proxy Bool) "'m'" -- attempt to parse a char literal as a Bool
"*** Exception: Prelude.read: no parse
```

Section 63.2: The "polymorphic proxy" idiom

Since Proxy contains no runtime information, there is never a need to pattern-match on the Proxy constructor. So a common idiom is to abstract over the Proxy datatype using a type variable.

```
showread :: forall proxy a. (Show a, Read a) => proxy a -> String -> String
showread _ = (show :: a -> String) . read
```

Now, if you happen to have an f a in scope for some f, you don't need to write out Proxy :: Proxy a when calling f.

```
ghci> let chars = "foo" -- chars :: [Char]
ghci> showread chars "'a'"
"'a'"
```

Section 63.3: Proxy is like ()

Since Proxy contains no runtime information, you can always write a natural transformation f a -> Proxy a for any f.

```
proxy :: f a -> Proxy a
proxy _ = Proxy
```

This is just like how any given value can always be erased to ():

unit :: a -> () unit _ = ()

Technically, Proxy is the terminal object in the category of functors, just like () is the terminal object in the category of values.

Chapter 64: Applicative Functor

Applicative is the class of types f :: * -> * which allows lifted function application over a structure where the function is also embedded in that structure.

Section 64.1: Alternative definition

Since every Applicative Functor is a Functor, **fmap** can always be used on it; thus the essence of Applicative is the pairing of carried contents, as well as the ability to create it:

```
class Functor f => PairingFunctor f where
funit :: f () -- create a context, carrying nothing of import
fpair :: (f a,f b) -> f (a,b) -- collapse a pair of contexts into a pair-carrying context
```

This class is isomorphic to Applicative.

```
pure a = const a <$> funit = a <$ funit
fa <*> fb = (\(a,b) -> a b) <$> fpair (fa, fb) = uncurry ($) <$> fpair (fa, fb)
```

Conversely,

```
funit = pure ()
```

fpair (fa, fb) = (,) <\$> fa <*> fb

Section 64.2: Common instances of Applicative

Maybe

Maybe is an applicative functor containing a possibly-absent value.

```
instance Applicative Maybe where
pure = Just
Just f <*> Just x = Just $ f x
_ <*> _ = Nothing
```

pure lifts the given value into Maybe by applying Just to it. The (<*>) function applies a function wrapped in a Maybe to a value in a Maybe. If both the function and the value are present (constructed with Just), the function is applied to the value and the wrapped result is returned. If either is missing, the computation can't proceed and Nothing is returned instead.

Lists

One way for lists to fit the type signature $\langle * \rangle$:: $[a \rightarrow b] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [b]$ is to take the two lists' Cartesian product, pairing up each element of the first list with each element of the second one:

This is usually interpreted as emulating nondeterminism, with a list of values standing for a nondeterministic value

whose possible values range over that list; so a combination of two nondeterministic values ranges over all possible combinations of the values in the two lists:

```
ghci> [(+1),(+2)] <*> [3,30,300]
[4,31,301,5,32,302]
```

Infinite streams and zip-lists

There's a class of Applicatives which "zip" their two inputs together. One simple example is that of infinite streams:

data Stream a = Stream { headS :: a, tailS :: Stream a }

Stream's Applicative instance applies a stream of functions to a stream of arguments point-wise, pairing up the values in the two streams by position. pure returns a constant stream – an infinite list of a single fixed value:

```
instance Applicative Stream where
   pure x = let s = Stream x s in s
   Stream f fs <*> Stream x xs = Stream (f x) (fs <*> xs)
```

Lists too admit a "zippy" Applicative instance, for which there exists the ZipList newtype:

```
newtype ZipList a = ZipList { getZipList :: [a] }
instance Applicative ZipList where
ZipList xs <*> ZipList ys = ZipList $ zipWith ($) xs ys
```

Since **zip** trims its result according to the shortest input, the only implementation of pure that satisfies the Applicative laws is one which returns an infinite list:

```
pure a = ZipList (repeat a) -- ZipList (fix (a:)) = ZipList [a,a,a,a,...
```

For example:

```
ghci> getZipList $ ZipList [(+1),(+2)] <*> ZipList [3,30,300]
[4,32]
```

The two possibilities remind us of the outer and the inner product, similar to multiplying a 1-column ($n \times 1$) matrix with a 1-row ($1 \times m$) one in the first case, getting the $n \times m$ matrix as a result (but flattened); or multiplying a 1-row and a 1-column matrices (but without the summing up) in the second case.

Functions

When specialised to functions (->) r, the type signatures of pure and <*> match those of the K and S combinators, respectively:

pure :: a -> (r -> a) <*> :: (r -> (a -> b)) -> (r -> a) -> (r -> b)

pure must be **const**, and <*> takes a pair of functions and applies them each to a fixed argument, applying the two results:

```
instance Applicative ((->) r) where
    pure = const
    f <*> g = \x -> f x (g x)
```

Functions are the prototypical "zippy" applicative. For example, since infinite streams are isomorphic to (->) Nat, ...

```
-- / Index into a stream
to :: Stream a -> (Nat -> a)
to (Stream x xs) Zero = x
to (Stream x xs) (Suc n) = to xs n
-- / List all the return values of the function in order
from :: (Nat -> a) -> Stream a
from f = from' Zero
    where from' n = Stream (f n) (from' (Suc n))
```

... representing streams in a higher-order way produces the zippy Applicative instance automatically.

Chapter 65: Common monads as free monads

Section 65.1: Free Empty ~~ Identity

Given

data Empty a

we have

which is isomorphic to

Section 65.2: Free Identity ~~ (Nat,) ~~ Writer Nat

Given

data Identity a = Identity a

we have

```
data Free Identity a
    = Pure a
    | Free (Identity (Free Identity a))
```

which is isomorphic to

```
data Deferred a
    = Now a
    | Later (Deferred a)
```

or equivalently (if you promise to evaluate the fst element first) (Nat, a), aka Writer Nat a, with

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat
data Writer Nat a = Writer Nat a
```

Section 65.3: Free Maybe ~~ MaybeT (Writer Nat)

Given

we have

data Free Maybe a

```
= Pure a
| Free (Just (Free <mark>Maybe</mark> a))
| Free Nothing
```

which is equivalent to

```
data Hopes a
    = Confirmed a
    | Possible (Hopes a)
    | Failed
```

or equivalently (if you promise to evaluate the fst element first) (Nat, Maybe a), aka MaybeT (Writer Nat) a with

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat
data Writer Nat a = Writer Nat a
data MaybeT (Writer Nat) a = MaybeT (Nat, Maybe a)
```

Section 65.4: Free (Writer w) ~~ Writer [w]

Given

data Writer w a = Writer w a

we have

```
data Free (Writer w) a
    = Pure a
    | Free (Writer w (Free (Writer w) a))
```

which is isomorphic to

```
data ProgLog w a
= Done a
| After w (ProgLog w a)
```

or, equivalently, (if you promise to evaluate the log first), Writer [w] a.

Section 65.5: Free (Const c) ~~ Either c

Given

data Const c a = Const c

we have

```
data Free (Const c) a
    = Pure a
    | Free (Const c)
```

which is isomorphic to

data Either c a = Right a | Left c

Section 65.6: Free (Reader x) ~~ Reader (Stream x)

Given

```
data Reader x a = Reader (x \rightarrow a)
```

we have

```
data Free (Reader x) a
    = Pure a
    | Free (x -> Free (Reader x) a)
```

which is isomorphic to

```
data Demand x a
    = Satisfied a
    | Hungry (x -> Demand x a)
```

or equivalently Stream x -> a with

```
data Stream x = Stream x (Stream x)
```

Chapter 66: Common functors as the base of cofree comonads

Section 66.1: Cofree Empty ~~ Empty

Given

data Empty a

we have

data Cofree Empty a
 -- = a :< ... not possible!</pre>

Section 66.2: Cofree (Const c) ~~ Writer c

Given

data Const c a = Const c

we have

which is isomorphic to

data Writer c a = Writer c a

Section 66.3: Cofree Identity ~~ Stream

Given

data Identity a = Identity a

we have

which is isomorphic to

data Stream a = Stream a (Stream a)

Section 66.4: Cofree Maybe ~~ NonEmpty

Given

we have

```
data Cofree Maybe a
    = a :< Just (Cofree Maybe a)
    | a :< Nothing</pre>
```

which is isomorphic to

```
data NonEmpty a
    = NECons a (NonEmpty a)
    | NESingle a
```

Section 66.5: Cofree (Writer w) ~~ WriterT w Stream

Given

data Writer w a = Writer w a

we have

which is equivalent to

```
data Stream (w,a)
     = Stream (w,a) (Stream (w,a))
```

which can properly be written as WriterT w Stream with

data WriterT w m a = WriterT (m (w,a))

Section 66.6: Cofree (Either e) ~~ NonEmptyT (Writer e)

Given

we have

```
data Cofree (Either e) a
    = a :< Left e
    | a :< Right (Cofree (Either e) a)</pre>
```

which is isomorphic to

```
data Hospitable e a
    = Sorry_AllIHaveIsThis_Here'sWhy a e
    | EatThis a (Hospitable e a)
```

or, if you promise to only evaluate the log after the complete result, NonEmptyT (Writer e) a with

```
data NonEmptyT (Writer e) a = NonEmptyT (e,a,[a])
```

Section 66.7: Cofree (Reader x) ~~ Moore x

Given

data Reader x a = Reader $(x \rightarrow a)$

we have

which is isomorphic to

data Plant x a
 = Plant a (x -> Plant x a)

aka Moore machine.

Chapter 67: Arithmetic

In Haskell, all expressions (which includes numerical constants and functions operating on those) have a decidable type. At compile time, the type-checker infers the type of an expression from the types of the elementary functions that compose it. Since data is immutable by default, there are no "type casting" operations, but there are functions that copy data and generalize or specialize the types within reason.

Section 67.1: Basic examples

```
?> :t 1
1 :: Num t => t
?> :t pi
pi :: Floating a => a
```

In the examples above, the type-checker infers a type-*class* rather than a concrete type for the two constants. In Haskell, the Num class is the most general numerical one (since it encompasses integers and reals), but pi must belong to a more specialized class, since it has a nonzero fractional part.

```
list0 :: [Integer]
list0 = [1, 2, 3]
list1 :: [Double]
list1 = [1, 2, pi]
```

The concrete types above were inferred by GHC. More general types like list0 :: Num a => [a] would have worked, but would have also been harder to preserve (e.g. if one consed a Double onto a list of Nums), due to the caveats shown above.

Section 67.2: `Could not deduce (Fractional Int) ...`

The error message in the title is a common beginner mistake. Let's see how it arises and how to fix it.

Suppose we need to compute the average value of a list of numbers; the following declaration would seem to do it, but it wouldn't compile:

averageOfList ll = sum ll / length ll

The problem is with the division (/) function: its signature is (/) :: **Fractional** a => a -> a -> a, but in the case above the denominator (given by **length** :: Foldable t => t a -> **Int**) is of type **Int** (and **Int** does not belong to the **Fractional** class) hence the error message.

We can fix the error message with **fromIntegral** :: (Num b, **Integral** a) => a -> b. One can see that this function accepts values of any **Integral** type and returns corresponding ones in the Num class:

```
averageOfList' :: (Foldable t, Fractional a) => t a -> a
averageOfList' ll = sum ll / fromIntegral (length ll)
```

Section 67.3: Function examples

```
What's the type of (+) ?
```

?> :t (+)

(+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a

What's the type of sqrt?

?> :t sqrt
sqrt :: Floating a => a -> a

What's the type of **sqrt** . **fromIntegral**?

sqrt . fromIntegral :: (Integral a, Floating c) => a -> c

Chapter 68: Role

The TypeFamilies language extension allows the programmer to define type-level functions. What distinguishes type functions from non-GADT type constructors is that parameters of type functions can be non-parametric whereas parameters of type constructors are always parametric. This distinction is important to the correctness of the GeneralizedNewTypeDeriving extension. To explicate this distinction, roles are introduced in Haskell.

Section 68.1: Nominal Role

Haskell Wiki has an example of a non-parametric parameter of a type function:

```
type family Inspect x
type instance Inspect Age = Int
type instance Inspect Int = Bool
```

Here x is non-parametric because to determine the outcome of applying Inspect to a type argument, the type function must inspect x.

In this case, the role of x is nominal. We can declare the role explicitly with the RoleAnnotations extension:

type role Inspect nominal

Section 68.2: Representational Role

An example of a parametric parameter of a type function:

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
type family DoNotInspect x
type instance DoNotInspect x = List x
```

Here x is parametric because to determine the outcome of applying DoNotInspect to a type argument, the type function do not need to inspect x.

In this case, the role of x is representational. We can declare the role explicitly with the RoleAnnotations extension:

type role DoNotInspect representational

Section 68.3: Phantom Role

A phantom type parameter has a phantom role. Phantom roles cannot be declared explicitly.

Chapter 69: Arbitrary-rank polymorphism with RankNTypes

GHC's type system supports arbitrary-rank explicit universal quantification in types through the use of the Rank2Types and RankNTypes language extensions.

Section 69.1: RankNTypes

StackOverflow forces me to have one example. If this topic is approved, we should move this example here.

Chapter 70: GHCJS

GHCJS is a Haskell to JavaScript compiler that uses the GHC API.

Section 70.1: Running "Hello World!" with Node.js

ghcjs can be invoked with the same command line arguments as ghc. The generated programs can be run directly from the shell with <u>Node.js</u> and <u>SpiderMonkey jsshell</u>. for example:

\$ ghcjs -o helloWorld helloWorld.hs
\$ node helloWorld.jsexe/all.js
Hello world!

Chapter 71: XML

Encoding and decoding of XML documents.

Section 71.1: Encoding a record using the `xml` library

```
{-# LANGUAGE RecordWildCards #-}
import Text.XML.Light
data Package = Package
 { pOrderNo :: String
 , pOrderPos :: String
 , pBarcode :: String
  , pNumber :: String
  }
-- | Create XML from a Package
instance Node Package where
 node qn Package {..} =
    node qn
     [ unode "package_number" pNumber
     , unode "package_barcode" pBarcode
      , unode "order_number" pOrderNo
      , unode "order_position" pOrderPos
      1
```

Chapter 72: Reader / ReaderT

Reader provides functionality to pass a value along to each function. A helpful guide with some diagrams can be found here: <u>http://adit.io/posts/2013-06-10-three-useful-monads.html</u>

Section 72.1: Simple demonstration

A key part of the Reader monad is the ask

(<u>https://hackage.haskell.org/package/mtl-2.2.1/docs/Control-Monad-Reader.html#v:ask</u>) function, which is defined for illustrative purposes:

```
import Control.Monad.Trans.Reader hiding (ask)
import Control.Monad.Trans
ask :: Monad m => ReaderT r m r
ask = reader id
main :: IO ()
main = do
 let f = (runReaderT $ readerExample) :: Integer -> IO String
 x <- f 100
 print x
 let fIO = (runReaderT $ readerExampleIO) :: Integer -> IO String
 y <- fIO 200
 print y
readerExample :: ReaderT Integer IO String
readerExample = do
 x <- ask
  return $ "The value is: " ++ show x
liftAnnotated :: IO a -> ReaderT Integer IO a
liftAnnotated = lift
readerExampleIO :: ReaderT Integer IO String
readerExampleIO = do
 x <- reader id
 lift $ print "Hello from within"
 liftAnnotated $ print "Hello from within..."
  return $ "The value is: " ++ show x
```

The above will print out:

"The value is: 100" "Hello from within" "Hello from within..." "The value is: 200"

Chapter 73: Function call syntax

Haskell's function call syntax, explained with comparisons to C-style languages where applicable. This is aimed at people who are coming to Haskell from a background in C-style languages.

Section 73.1: Partial application - Part 1

In Haskell, functions can be partially applied; we can think of all functions as taking a single argument, and returning a modified function for which that argument is constant. To illustrate this, we can bracket functions as follows:

(((plus) 1) 2)

Here, the function (plus) is applied to 1 yielding the function ((plus) 1), which is applied to 2, yielding the function (((plus) 1) 2). Because plus 1 2 is a function which takes no arguments, you can consider it a plain value; however in Haskell, there is little distinction between functions and values.

To go into more detail, the function plus is a function that adds its arguments. The function plus 1 is a function that adds 1 to its argument. The function plus 1 2 is a function that adds 1 to 2, which is always the value 3.

Section 73.2: Partial application - Part 2

As another example, we have the function **map**, which takes a function and a list of values, and applies the function to each value of the list:

map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]

Let's say we want to increment each value in a list. You may decide to define your own function, which adds one to its argument, and **map** that function over your list

```
addOne x = plus 1 x
map addOne [1,2,3]
```

but if you have another look at add0ne's definition, with parentheses added for emphasis:

(addOne) x = ((plus) 1) x

The function addOne, when applied to any value x, is the same as the partially applied function plus 1 applied to x. This means the functions addOne and plus 1 are identical, and we can avoid defining a new function by just replacing addOne with plus 1, remembering to use parentheses to isolate plus 1 as a subexpression:

```
map (plus 1) [1,2,3]
```

Section 73.3: Parentheses in a basic function call

For a C-style function call, e.g.

 $plus(a,\ b)\,;$ // Parentheses surrounding only the arguments, comma separated

Then the equivalent Haskell code will be

In Haskell, parentheses are not explicitly required for function application, and are only used to disambiguate expressions, like in mathematics; so in cases where the brackets surround all the text in the expression, the parentheses are actually not needed, and the following is also equivalent:

```
plus a b -- no parentheses are needed here!
```

It is important to remember that while in C-style languages, the function

Section 73.4: Parentheses in embedded function calls

In the previous example, we didn't end up needing the parentheses, because they did not affect the meaning of the statement. However, they are often necessary in more complex expression, like the one below. In C:

plus(a, take(b, c));

In Haskell this becomes:

```
(plus a (take b c))
-- or equivalently, omitting the outermost parentheses
plus a (take b c)
```

Note, that this is not equivalent to:

plus a take b c -- Not what we want!

One might think that because the compiler knows that **take** is a function, it would be able to know that you want to apply it to the arguments b and c, and pass its result to plus.

However, in Haskell, functions often take other functions as arguments, and little actual distinction is made between functions and other values; and so the compiler cannot assume your intention simply because **take** is a function.

And so, the last example is analogous to the following C function call:

plus(a, take, b, c); // Not what we want!

Chapter 74: Logging

Logging in Haskell is achieved usually through functions in the IO monad, and so is limited to non-pure functions or "IO actions".

There are several ways to log information in a Haskell program: from **putStrLn** (or **print**), to libraries such as <u>hslogger</u> or through Debug.Trace.

Section 74.1: Logging with hslogger

The hslogger module provides a similar API to Python's logging framework, and supports hierarchically named loggers, levels and redirection to handles outside of stdout and stderr.

By default, all messages of level WARNING and above are sent to stderr and all other log levels are ignored.

We can set the level of a logger by its name using updateGlobalLogger:

```
updateGlobalLogger "MyProgram.main" (setLevel DEBUG)
debugM "MyProgram.main" "This will now be seen"
```

Each Logger has a name, and they are arranged hierarchically, so MyProgram is a parent of MyParent.Module.

Chapter 75: Attoparsec

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Parser i a The core type for representing a parser. i is the string type, e.g. ByteString. <u>IResult i r</u> The result of a parse, with Fail i [String] String, Partial (i -> IResult i r) and Done i r as constructors.

Attoparsec is a parsing combinator library that is "aimed particularly at dealing efficiently with network protocols and complicated text/binary file formats".

Attoparsec offers not only speed and efficiency, but backtracking and incremental input.

Its API closely mirrors that of another parser combinator library, Parsec.

There are submodules for compatibility with ByteString, Text and Char8. Use of the OverloadedStrings language extension is recommended.

Section 75.1: Combinators

Parsing input is best achieved through larger parser functions that are composed of smaller, single purpose ones.

Let's say we wished to parse the following text which represents working hours:

Monday: 0800 1600.

We could split these into two "tokens": the day name -- "Monday" -- and a time portion "0800" to "1600".

To parse a day name, we could write the following:

```
data Day = Day String day :: Parser Day day = do name <- takeWhile1 (/= ':') skipMany1 (char ':') skipSpace return $
Day name
```

To parse the time portion we could write:

```
data TimePortion = TimePortion String String time = do start <- takeWhile1 isDigit skipSpace end <- takeWhile1 isDigit return $ TimePortion start end
```

Now we have two parsers for our individual parts of the text, we can combine these in a "larger" parser to read an entire day's working hours:

data WorkPeriod = WorkPeriod Day TimePortion work = do d <- day t <- time return \$ WorkPeriod d t

and then run the parser:

parseOnly work "Monday: 0800 1600"

Section 75.2: Bitmap - Parsing Binary Data

Attoparsec makes parsing binary data trivial. Assuming these definitions:

```
importData.Attoparsec.ByteString (Parser, eitherResult, parse, take)importData.Binary.Get(getWord32le, runGet)importData.ByteString(ByteString, readFile)importData.ByteString.Char8(unpack)
```

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```
import Data.ByteString.Lazy (fromStrict)
import Prelude hiding (readFile, take)
-- The DIB section from a bitmap header
data DIB = BM | BA | CI | CP | IC | PT
        deriving (Show, Read)

type Reserved = ByteString
-- The entire bitmap header
data Header = Header DIB Int Reserved Reserved Int
        deriving (Show)
```

We can parse the header from a bitmap file easily. Here, we have 4 parser functions that represent the header section from a bitmap file:

Firstly, the DIB section can be read by taking the first 2 bytes

dibP :: Parser DIB
dibP = read . unpack <\$> take 2

Similarly, the size of the bitmap, the reserved sections and the pixel offset can be read easily too:

```
sizeP :: Parser Int
sizeP = fromIntegral . runGet getWord32le . fromStrict <$> take 4
reservedP :: Parser Reserved
reservedP = take 2
addressP :: Parser Int
addressP = fromIntegral . runGet getWord32le . fromStrict <$> take 4
```

which can then be combined into a larger parser function for the entire header:

```
bitmapHeader :: Parser Header
bitmapHeader = do
    dib <- dibP
    sz <- sizeP
    reservedP
    reservedP
    offset <- addressP
    return $ Header dib sz "" "" offset
```

Chapter 76: zipWithM

zipWithM is to zipWith as mapM is to map: it lets you combine two lists using a monadic function.

From the module Control.Monad

Section 76.1: Calculatings sales prices

Suppose you want to see if a certain set of sales prices makes sense for a store.

The items originally cost \$5, so you don't want to accept the sale if the sales price is less for any of them, but you do want to know what the new price is otherwise.

Calculating one price is easy: you calculate the sales price, and return Nothing if you don't get a profit:

To calculate it for the entire sale, zipWithM makes it really simple:

```
calculateAllPrices :: [Double] -> [Double] -> Maybe [Double]
calculateAllPrices prices percents = zipWithM calculateOne prices percents
```

This will return Nothing if any of the sales prices are below \$5.

Chapter 77: Profunctor

Profunctor is a typeclass provided by the profunctors package in <u>Data.Profunctor</u>.

See the "Remarks" section for a full explanation.

Section 77.1: (->) Profunctor

(->) is a simple example of a profunctor: the left argument is the input to a function, and the right argument is the same as the reader functor instance.

```
instance Profunctor (->) where
    lmap f g = g . f
    rmap f g = g . g
```

Chapter 78: Type Application

TypeApplications are an alternative to type *annotations* when the compiler struggles to infer types for a given expression.

This series of examples will explain the purpose of the TypeApplications extension and how to use it

Don't forget to enable the extension by placing {-# LANGUAGE TypeApplications #-} at the top of your source file.

Section 78.1: Avoiding type annotations

We use type annotations to avoid ambiguity. Type applications can be used for the same purpose. For example

```
x :: Num a => a
x = 5
main :: IO ()
main = print x
```

This code has an ambiguity error. We know that a has a **Num** instance, and in order to print it we know it needs a **Show** instance. This could work if a was, for example, an **Int**, so to fix the error we can add a type annotation

main = print (x :: Int)

Another solution using type applications would look like this

```
main = print @Int x
```

To understand what this means we need to look at the type signature of print.

```
print :: Show a => a -> IO ()
```

The function takes one parameter of type a, but another way to look at it is that it actually takes two parameters. The first one is a *type* parameter, the second one is a value whose type is the first parameter.

The main difference between value parameters and the type parameters is that the latter ones are implicitly provided to functions when we call them. Who provides them? The type inference algorithm! What TypeApplications let us do is give those type parameters explicitly. This is especially useful when the type inference can't determine the correct type.

So to break down the above example

```
print :: Show a => a -> IO ()
print @Int :: Int -> IO ()
print @Int x :: IO ()
```

Section 78.2: Type applications in other languages

If you're familiar with languages like Java, C# or C++ and the concept of generics/templates then this comparison might be useful for you.

Say we have a generic function in C#

```
public static T DoNothing<T>(T in) { return in; }
```

To call this function with a float we can do DoNothing(5.0f) or if we want to be explicit we can say DoNothing<float>(5.0f). That part inside of the angle brackets is the type application.

In Haskell it's the same, except that the type parameters are not only implicit at call sites but also at definition sites.

```
doNothing :: a -> a
doNothing x = x
```

This can also be made explicit using either ScopedTypeVariables, Rank2Types or RankNTypes extensions like this.

```
doNothing :: forall a. a -> a
doNothing x = x
```

Then at the call site we can again either write doNothing 5.0 or doNothing @Float 5.0

Section 78.3: Order of parameters

The problem with type arguments being implicit becomes obvious once we have more than one. Which order do they come in?

const :: a -> b -> a

Does writing **const @Int** mean a is equal to **Int**, or is it b? In case we explicitly state the type parameters using a **forall** like **const :: forall** a b. a -> b -> a then the order is as written: a, then b.

If we don't, then the order of variables is from left to right. The first variable to be mentioned is the first type parameter, the second is the second type parameter and so on.

What if we want to specify the second type variable, but not the first? We can use a wildcard for the first variable like this

const @_ @Int

The type of this expression is

const @_ @Int :: a -> Int -> a

Section 78.4: Interaction with ambiguous types

Say you're introducing a class of types that have a size in bytes.

```
class SizeOf a where
    sizeOf :: a -> Int
```

The problem is that the size should be constant for every value of that type. We don't actually want the sizeOf function to depend on a, but only on it's type.

Without type applications, the best solution we had was the Proxy type defined like this

data Proxy a = Proxy

The purpose of this type is to carry type information, but no value information. Then our class could look like this

class SizeOf a where
 sizeOf :: Proxy a -> Int

Now you might be wondering, why not drop the first argument altogether? The type of our function would then just be sizeOf :: Int or, to be more precise because it is a method of a class, sizeOf :: SizeOf a => Int or to be even more explicit sizeOf :: forall a. SizeOf a => Int.

The problem is type inference. If I write sizeOf somewhere, the inference algorithm only knows that I expect an **Int**. It has no idea what type I want to substitute for a. Because of this, the definition gets rejected by the compiler *unless* you have the {-# LANGUAGE AllowAmbiguousTypes #-} extension enabled. In that case the definition compiles, it just can't be used anywhere without an ambiguity error.

Luckily, the introduction of type applications saves the day! Now we can write sizeOf **@Int**, explicitly saying that a is **Int**. Type applications allow us to provide a type parameter, even if it doesn't appear in the *actual parameters of the function*!

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