The Haskell WebSockets library

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WebSocket is a web technology providing bi-directional, full-duplex communication channels, usually between a browser and an HTTP server.

Starts as an HTTP request, usually over port 80

```
GET /chat HTTP/1.1
Host: server.example.com
Upgrade: websocket
Connection: Upgrade
```

Server upgrades the connection

```
HTTP/1.1 101 Switching Protocols Upgrade: websocket Connection: Upgrade
```

. . .

Possible uses:

Chat services
Multiplayer games
Real-time notifications

. . .

```
var ws = new WebSocket(uri);
ws.onmessage = function(event) {
  alert (event.data);
};
ws.onmessage = function() {
  ws.send('Hello, server.');
```

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Supported browsers:



IE10 will also support the protocol

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Two main versions in use: hybi-00 and hybi-10

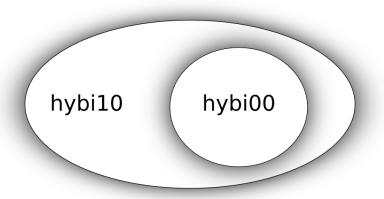
(other versions are similar)

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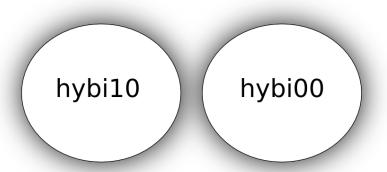
Important detail:

Protocol allows for version negotiation between client and server

Protocol versions: typeclass fun Features:



Protocol versions: typeclass fun Implementation:



Code on the following slides is simplified for conciceness and clarity...

```
— Compatible with hybi-00
— and hybi-10
app :: TextProtocol p
    ⇒ WebSockets p ()
main :: IO ()
main = serve
 — Use hybi-00 or above
  (app :: WebSockets Hybi00 ())
```

```
class Protocol p =>
  TextProtocol p
class Protocol p =>
  BinaryProtocol p
```

instance TextProtocol Hybi00
instance TextProtocol Hybi10

instance BinaryProtocol Hybi10

```
class Protocol p where
  version :: p -> String
  handshake :: Iteratee ...
  ...
implementations :: [p]
```

```
{−# LANGUAGE
  Existential Quantification #-- }
— hybi-00 or above...
data Hybi00 = forall p.
  Protocol p \implies Hybi00 p
```

```
instance Protocol Hybi00 where
  version (Hybi00 p) =
    version p
  handshake (Hybi00 p) =
    handshake p
  implementations =
    [ Hybi00 Hybi00_
    , Hybi00 Hybi10_
```

```
data Hybi00_ = Hybi00_
instance Protocol Hybi00_ where
     — Actual implementation ...
implementations = undefined
```

```
data Hybi10_ = Hybi10_
instance Protocol Hybi10_ where
```

— Actual implementation ...
implementations = undefined

```
instance Protocol Hybi10 where
  version (Hybi10 p) =
    version p
  handshake (Hybi10 p) =
    handshake p
  implementations =
    [ Hybi10 Hybi10_
```

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Implementing a simple webchat

Live demo:

jaspervdj.be/websockets-example

Thanks for listening!

Questions?