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Welcome!

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- When and how is my memory allocated?
- How do I communicate with other resources?

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Practicalities

The workshop is organized in blocks:

- Some time of me talking and you asking questions.
- Followed by some time of you coding.

Drinks and food will be served here:

• With a longer break for lunch around 13.00.

github.com/47deg/yin-yang-haskell-workshop

Yin: Pure modelling with ADTs

Our domain: Pen-and-paper role-playing game

Pathfinder is a fork of Dungeons & Dragons 3.5.

- Character Sheet: Quite complex.
 - Absolute scores lead to modifiers.
 - These modifiers are used when throwing dice.
 - And may be supplemented by skills or ranks.
- Combat: A lot of possibilities.
 - Move, attack, use spell...
 - They take different amounts of time.

Modelling characters

Within the game we have different kinds of characters:

- Players, which have the most detailed stats.
- Non-playing characters (NPCs):
 - Monsters and other figthers, which just need enough information to execute combat.
 - Other characters with only basic stats.

The game and the story is directed by a **(game)** master.

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-- functions have an implicit top-level case
basicStats (Player s _ ) = s
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Advantages

- Modelling: No fear of forward compatibility.
 - What if somebody overrides this method?
- Compilation: Ability to check for exhaustive coverage.

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In short, sum up your data types!

Modelling nightmare

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Record syntax: Stating a name for each field in a constructor.

• Generates accessor functions for free.

```
str :: BasicStats -> Int
dex :: BasicStats -> Int
```

Gives you extra powers for pattern match.

```
f BasicStats { str = s, dex = d } = ...
```

Mostly used for single-constructor data types.

Absolute values versus modifiers

We have used Int for everything, yet:

- Absolute values in Pathfinder never go below 0.
- In contrast, modifiers usually do.
- You can apply a modifier to an absolute value, but the combination of absolute values does not make sense.

One type per notion in your domain

In Haskell, you use a newtype to wrap an existing type:

```
newtype AbsoluteValue = AbsoluteValue { unAbsoluteValue :: Int }
newtype Modifier = Modifier { unModifier :: Int }
applyModifier :: AbsoluteValue -> Modifier -> AbsoluteValue
applyModifier (AbsoluteValue v) (Modifier m)
  = AbsoluteValue (v + m)
-- now using field accessors
applyModifier v m
  = AbsoluteValue (unAbsoluteValue v) (unModifier m)
```

Wrapping and unwrapping newtypes is memory and time free!

Derived combat statistics

We have given both Players and Fighers combat statistics, but in players, combat stats are derived from their skills.

```
data Character
= Player BasicStats Skills
| Fighter BasicStats CombatStats
| NPC BasicStats
```

How to treat Player and Figher uniformly during combat?

View patterns

1. A new data type to express exactly what you need:

2. A function to turn one into the other:

```
asCombatant :: Character -> Combatant
asCombatant (Player stats skills) = Combatant ...
asCombatant (Figher _ cstats) = Combatant cstats
asCombatant (NPC _) = NonCombatant
```

View patterns

3. View patterns to apply that transformation before matching:

```
punch :: Character -> Character -> ...
punch one (asCombatant -> Combatant cstats) = ...
punch one (asCombatant -> NonCombatant) = ...
```

Write as many views as you need for your types.

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But, unfortunately, we do not have the time to cover them.

• Read lens-tutorial and then use optics.

Equipment is an open notion

Equipment does not lend itself to a closed representation:

Lots of choices:

And they might grow in the future!

OOP says: New derived classes. What about FP?

Categorize and parametrize

```
data Equipment
    = Weapon { hit :: AbsoluteValue, ... }
    | MagicObject { execute :: Character -> Character, ... }
    | ...
```

Functions as data provide a way to model different behavior. But:

- Functions are hard to inspect,
- As a result, functions are hard to serialize.

More on programs-as-data afterwards!

In summary...

Modelling data with Algebraic Data Types:

- Think in terms of sums, not of class hierarchies;
- Use one type per concept in the domain;
- It is helpful to see the same data from different views,
 - View patterns and optics help you with this;
- Open data benefits from functional fields.

Time to code!

Exercise 1: Modelling a Game

- Speak and discuss with your peers,
- I might listen to the conversation and jump in :P

Exercise 0: Game using Gloss

Feel free to ask questions about the pre-workshop exercise.

Yang: Impure execution

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The main difference

- Most languages have a strict order of execution:
 - For each function call, execute the code fully to obtain the arguments, then pass the resulting values to the function body.
 - Predictable, but potentially costly.
- Haskell has a lazy execution model:
 - Code is only executed "when needed."
 - It mostly works well, but when it doesn't...
 - How does it work when you communicate with the outside world?

GHC/Haskell's execution model

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To make things more clear, we rewrite this as:

Consider a takesLong function that takes a lot of time to execute:

```
takesLong = go 1000000000000000
where go 0 = []
    go n = go (n-1)
```

The question is, what happens when we do:

```
f takesLong
```

Strict evaluation (the usual one):

```
f takesLong
= -- execute takesLong
f []
= "empty"
```

Lazy evaluation (Haskell's):

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const 3 takesLong
= -- execute 3 and takesLong
= 3
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const 3 takesLong
= 3 -- takesLong is not needed!
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Lazy evaluation:

Short-circuiting = lazy evaluation

Most C-like languages distinguish between & and &&.

• y is only executed if x is False.

Build your own control structures

```
if_ True t e = t
if_ False t e = e
```

In a strict language, if_ does not work as a real if.

- Both arguments are executed, which defeats the purpose.
- We only want *one* of them to be executed.

In Haskell, if_ is really an if-then-else.

Infinite loops can be avoided

```
infiniteLoop :: a -> b
infiniteLoop x = infiniteLoop x
f (infiniteLoop 3) -- does not terminate
  const 3 (infiniteLoop 3)
= 3
  f [ infiniteLoop 3, 2 ]
= case [ infiniteLoop 3, 2 ] of ...
= "non-empty"
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```
take 2 (map (\x -> x * 3) allNumbers)
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Enough magic!

Show me the trick!

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case statements force thunks:

- The code inside of it is executed,
- Until a constructor appears on the top of the value,
 - At that point, case can take a choice,
- The thunk is updated in case it is needed afterwards.

Sharing thunks

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Advantage: Haskell does the minimal amount of work.

Disadvantage: Potential thunks in memory which we never use.

- As a result, garbage collection must consider thunks.
 - GC looks at your data and your *code*.

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The #1 performance bug in Haskell:

- (Moderably) easy to spot: Your code is slow, and your memory usage skyrockets.
- Hard to debug: You must consider both the definition of your code, and also every place where it is used.

Fold starting from the head

```
foldl _ v [] = v

foldl f v (x:xs) = foldl f (f v x) xs

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Let's do something simple (for a computer):

```
main = print (foldl (+) 0 [1 .. 10000000])
```

Profiling

- 1. Create a Cabal project with an executable.
- 2. Make the previous expression to be the main.
- 3. stack build --profile.
- 4. long/path/to/your/bin +RTS -hy.
- 5. hp2ps <your-bin>.hp
- 6. Open the <your-bin>.ps file.

Profiling results

Making sense of the results

foldl is creating a huge expression:

```
( ... (((0 + 1) + 2) + 3) + ...)
```

- We can only start evaluating at the end.
- Each subexpression is a new thunk:
 - We have one million thunks in memory!

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Let us kindly ask GHC to execute a thunk *now* instead of keeping it for *later* by using seq:

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Bang patterns

You can also add them to fields to ensure that they are always forced at construction time:

```
data Point = Point !Float !Float
```

Force versus deep force

seq only forces as much as a case statement:

- Figure out which is the top-most constructor,
 - Is it Nothing or Just? Is it [] or cons?
- But do not force any of the contents.

You can get *predictability* at the expense of *potentially useless* execution:

- You can force all the way down with deepseq.
- But note that you cannot force through functions.

Strict containers

containers is one of the most used and most useful packages in the Haskell ecosystem.

- It provides all sorts of data structures: Dictionaries, sets, graphs, sequences...
- Hash-based containers live in unordered-containers.

For each of these structures, you usually have a Strict module.

They force the elements before saving them.

Summary for lazy people

- Haskell expressions are executed "when needed":
 - The evaluation is deferred in form of a *thunk*.
 - Inspecting a value (using case) forces a thunk to be evaluated "as much as needed"
- Good things we get:
 - Don't need to worry about doing too much work.
 - Manipulation of infinite structures.
- Terrible things that may happen:
 - Space leak: Thunks taking more time and space than the actual computation.
 - Use seq to manually force evaluation.
 - The profiler can help you find the right spot.

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Most programs need to do other stuff:

- Interact with the user,
 - Hidden from you in the Gloss exercise;
- Communicate over a network,
- Persist information.

All these are side effects, and we call function with those impure.

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The goal is to separate as much as possible the pure from the impure in your program.

- Later, even different kinds of impurity from each other.
- We want to be precise about purity.

Simple console input and output

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- Input/output blocks are marked with do.
- Each line is a statement, with some effects, and optionally a return value.
 - We bind the value to a variable with <-.
- You can use pure functions freely.

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```
take 2 [1,2,3] == take 2 [1,2,3]

let x = take 2 [1,2,3] in x == x
```

```
-- Asks the user *twice*

getLine == getLine

-- Asks the user *once*

let x = getLine in x == x
```

We say getLine is not referentially transparent.

- RT is one of the components of purity.
- Actually, the term pure is up for debate.

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How does Haskell ensure that getLine is not used wrong?

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Pure computations in do

If we want to have a name for a pure expression, we use let without in.

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

Naïve 10

Using 10 in this way brings two problems:

- Some functions may fail and raise an exception.
- Laziness means that order is not guaranteed.

Exceptions

```
readFile :: FilePath -> IO String
```

simply reads the entire contents of a file as a string.

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- catch is mostly used infix.
- We have to declare which exceptions we want to handle.

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```
error :: String -> a
throw :: Exception e => e -> a
```

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By the time we force c, the handle h has already been closed.

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This solution has some problems:

- 1. It leads to deeply nested code,
- 2. Resources are deallocated in inverse order of allocation,
- 3. It only takes care of one resource.

Higher-level resource management

Use managed to manage your independent resources.

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runManaged $ do

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Use resource-pool to manage pools of resources.

For example, database connections.

IO Summary

- Haskell distinguishes pure from side effectful computations.
 - The latter is marked with IO.
 - I0 comes with its own do notation.
- Functions may throw exceptions.
 - Use Control.Exception to handle them.
- Lazy IO can be very problematic.
 - Especially with (de)allocation of resources.
 - Use managed or resource-pool for safe higher-level manipulation.

Time to code!

Exercise 2: A simple TCP server

- Do some real IO stuff!
- Learn about "generics."

Remember: Pair programming helps you break the monotomy and helps you share thoughts!

Deep darkness: Variables in Haskell

A single-value TCP server

We want to develop a very stupid TCP server:

- { command: "write", value: "hello" } updates the current value in our (memory-based) store to "hello" and sends back the previous one.
- { command: "read" } sends the current value over the wire.

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What can go wrong????? Concurrent updates, reading dirty values, maybe laziness... And how do we even get variables in a pure language???

Software Transactional Memory

- (Transactional) variables are represented by TVar a.
- *Transactions* are represented by STM computations.
 - Atomic and isolated ("all-or-nothing").
- Use atomically to run a transaction.

The server, part 1

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
  v <- newTVarIO "hello" --- !!1
  serve (Host "127.0.0.1") "8080" $ \((socket, _) -> do
         content <- recv socket 10000
         case content >>= decodeStrict of
            Just (Command "read" _) -> do
              currentValue <- readTVarTO v -- !!2
              send socket (pack currentValue)
```

- 1. Create a new transactional variable.
 - They always have a value.
- 2. Read a transactional variable.
 - This operation happens in IO.

The server, part 2

```
case content >>= decodeStrict of
...

Just (Command "write" (Just newValue)) -> do
   oldValue <- atomically $ do
   old <- readTVar v -- T
   writeTVar v newValue -- T
   return old -- T
   send socket (pack oldValue)</pre>
```

Everything marked with T is a single transaction.

- STM is a stripped-down version of IO.
- return gives back something from the block.

```
atomically :: STM a -> IO a
```

Other STM structures

- TMVars work like locks or semaphores with a value:
 - They might be empty or full.
 - readTMVar on an empty one is blocking.
 - putTMVar on a full one makes the transaction fail.
- TChan and TQueue provide FIFO queues.

STM transactions may fail

You may want to check some invariants before proceeding.

```
check :: Bool -> STM a
```

This has two effects:

- The current transaction is rolled back.
- The current thread is blocked until any of the TVars change.
 - Then the transaction is performed again.

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Keep working on Exercise 2: A simple TCP server

Now add some concurrent functionality.

Remember: Pair programming helps you break the monotomy and helps you share thoughts!

Lunch time!

Yin: Pure modelling

Polymorphic programs

The Orc strategy

```
orcStrategy :: Character -> World -> IO World
orcStrategy orc w = do
  let p = position orc w
      cs = [c | s <- surroundings p
               , Just (Combatant c) <- combatantInfo s w ]</pre>
  case cs of
    [] -> do d <- randomElement [N .. W]
             w' <- move orc d w
              redraw w'
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    _ -> do c <- randomElement cs</pre>
             w' <- attack orc c w
             redraw w'
             orcStrategy orc w'
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(So many) problems

- Logic is mixed with calls to redraw.
- Random execution is very difficult to test.
 - The calls to randomElement tie us to IO.
 - Which implies that we cannot use this in a pure environment.

First step: Extract dependencies

```
orcStrategy :: ([a] -> IO a) -> (World -> IO ())
            -> Character -> World -> IO World
orcStrategy rand redraw orc w = do
  let ...
  case cs of
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- Dependencies are explicit.
 - We can easily swap them for testing purposes.
- However...
 - They require a lot of manual passing (look at attack).
 - We are still tied to IO.

Reminder: Type classes

Type classes are Haskell version of interfaces, traits, or protocols.

Define some methods to be supported by a type.

```
class Eq a where
  equals :: a -> a -> Bool
```

A type declares its support for a class by providing an instance.

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```
-- In this class there is an implicit 'me',
-- which is the combatant the script talks about.

class Combat m where

myPosition :: m Position

move :: Direction -> m ()

attack :: Combatant -> m AttackResult
```

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instance Gamble TreeOfPossibilities where
  roll = -- save all possibilities, not only one

instance DrawWorld STM where
  redraw = -- do something concurrent
```

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The key point here is in a do statement.

Simple intro to monads

To specify how computation with effects works, you need to tell:

- 1. The primitive effects that one may use.
 - roll, redraw, and so on.
- 2. How to **stitch** those effects together.

```
diceSum = do x <- roll [1 .. 6]
     y <- roll [1 .. 6]
     return (x + y)</pre>
```

- In other words, how to compose statements.
- This is the information Monad gives us.

Monad as computations

class Monad m where

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```
return, pure :: a -> m a
```

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```
(>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b -- "bind"
```

Similar to applying a function to a value:

```
(&) :: a -> (a -> b) -> b
x & f = f x
```

Maybe as a monad

Maybe models optional values (called Option in other languages).

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
instance Monad Maybe where
```

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Nothing >>= _ = Nothing

Just x >>= f = f x
```

Using Maybe as a monad

We used this ability in Exercise 2:

```
content <- recv socket 10000
case content >>= decodeStrict of
...
```

```
content :: Maybe ByteString

decodeStrict :: ByteString -> Maybe Command
------
content >>= decodeStrict :: Maybe Command
```

Fixing our code

Introduce a Monad constraint on each function:

```
orcStrategy :: (Monad m, Gamble m, DrawWorld m) => ...
```

• Make Monad a superclass of all of them:

Monads, applicatives, alternatives

Monads represent sequential execution.

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

• Applicatives represent *parallel* execution.

```
(&&&) :: m a -> m b -> m (a, b)
```

- Sequential can simulate parallel, hence any monad is also an applicative.
- Alternatives represent failure and choice.

```
empty :: m a
(<|>) :: m a -> m a -> m a
```

Two approaches at service abstraction

- 1. Extract dependencies (Wlaschin's approach):
 - Start with a highly-coupled implementation.
 - Turn functions that come from a different bounded countext into arguments.
 - Gather sets of functions into type classes.
- 2. Design an algebra (Ghosh's approach):
 - During the modelling phase, think about the services that your domain provides.
 - Refine the services into a small set of core primitives.
 - Turn this small set into a type class.

A word on terminology

People refer to the idea of having type classes for operations with different names:

- Tagless Final (pioneered by Oleg Kiselyov)
- Polymorphic Programs
- Monad Classes and mtl-style (mostly in Haskell-land)

There is also some terminology about the elements:

- Algebra refers to the type class, which defines the operations
- Each instance is an interpreter or a handler

Restrictive monads

IO is the ultimate monad: Anything may happen there.

• There is a type class for monads that support IO operations.

```
class Monad m => MonadIO m where
liftIO :: IO a -> m a
```

The trend is to create *subsets* of IO as type classes:

- You can still interpret them in IO.
- You gain safety because operations are restricted.

Time to code!

Exercise 3: GambleMonad

- Extract the dependencies of a piece of code into type classes.
- Implement interpreters for those type classes, both impure and pure (a tree of all possibilities).

The Monad instances are provided, but you can also learn a lot from inspecting them.

Exercise 4: Three Monads

Write Functor, Applicative, Alternative, and Monad for lists, optionals, and computations with environments.

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- We pollute other functions with escaping.
- We cannot guarantee that escaping is always performed.

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- 2. Make Stringo use this type as *index*:
 - An *index* is a type argument that specifies some property.

```
-- Stringo is indexed by e(scaping)
newtype Stringo e = Stringo String
```

 As opposed to parameter, which defines the type of some sub-component of the type.

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
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4. Now functions may require the programmer to escape the string by asking for the proper type:

```
buildHtmlTitle :: Stringo Escaped -> HtmlElement
```

Tracking authentication

Imagine that we want to define *connections*, which may be in three different states:

- Closed: No communication is possible.
- Open: Only anonymous communication possible.
- Auth: We have gone through an additional step of authentication.

We cannot use the same trick as Stringo, because different states have **different data**.

Representing data types by their constructors

```
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Normal ADTs do not allow us to use different indices for each constructor. **Generalized ADTs** (GADTs) do.

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class CanSend s where connSocket :: Connection s -> Socket
instance CanSend Open where ...
instance CanSend Auth where ...

send :: CanSend s => Connection s -> ByteString -> IO ()
```

GADTs are great!

Refine your indices with the *state* of your data.

Then functions work as transitions in a state machine.

Yang: Impure concurrent execution

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Two main strategies in the Haskell ecosystem:

- parallel uses *strategies* to define how to parallelize.
 - "Divide this list in chunks of length 5, and do each one in parallel".
- monad-par uses a promise-based interface.

Spawn-based parallelism

Similar to STM, we have a specialized Par monad.

```
-- ask to run computations in parallel
spawn :: NFData a => Par a -> Par (IVar a)
spawnP :: NFData a => a -> Par (IVar a)
-- read the result of a computation
get :: IVar a -> Par a
-- actually execute the computation
runPar :: Par a -> a
```

Data flow parallelism

```
promiseA <- spawn codeA
promiseB <- spawn $ do valA <- read promiseA
                        codeB
promiseC <- spawn $ do valA <- read promiseA
                        valB <- read promiseB
                        codeC
valB <- read promiseB
valC <- read promiseC</pre>
mainComputation valB valC
```

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Again, we have two library choices:

- monad-par provides ParIO in addition to Par.
 - No need to learn another set of functions.

```
runParIO :: ParIO a -> IO a
```

- async also provides a promise-based interface.
 - More control on execution: computations can be cancelled.
 - Exceptions are propagated correctly.

Example of Async

simpleHTTP comes from the HTTP library.

```
withAsync (simpleHTTP (getRequest "http://foo")) $ \req1 ->
withAsync (simpleHTTP (getRequest "http://bar")) $ \req2 ->
do rsp1 <- wait req1
  rsp2 <- wait req2
  case (rsp1, rsp2) of
    (Right res1, Right res2) -> ...
    _ -> putStrLn "error downloading"
```

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There are more combinators in async:

Green threads

By default, Haskell threads are not real OS threads.

- We call them green threads.
- Main difference: Threads are managed by the run-time.
- Result: They are extremely cheap to create.

Most I/O operations use non-blocking primitives under the hood.

- The I/O manager takes care of pausing and resuming threads when the work they required has been done.
- There is a lot of work in a parallel I/O manager.

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- reified information over exceptions,
- fine-grained control over execution.

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Exercise 5: Tossing coins in different ways

- Implement a simple function that produces n random Booleans using different styles of parallel and concurrent programming in Haskell.
- Measure the performance of each of them.

Streaming libraries

Manual input/output can be hard

We have already looked at several problems:

- Laziness means consuming at unexpected moments,
 - This may incur in huge memory consumption,
- Resource (de)allocation is hard,
- All of this, combined with correct exception handling.

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conduit, pipes, and streaming try to solve these problems:

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conduit seems to have the most "adapters" in the ecosystem.

Be aware of pre-1.3 documentation!

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The connect/fuse operator joins two of them:

ConduitT is very general

```
Producers (or sources):
sourceFile :: FilePath -> ConduitT i ByteString m ()
Consumers (or sinks):
-- without interesting result
sinkFile :: FilePath -> ConduitT ByteString o m ()
-- with interesting result
sumC :: Num n => ConduitT n o m n
Transformers (or conduits):
mapC :: (a -> b) -> ConduitT a b m ()
```

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- ResourceT takes care of resource management.
- Identity is the do-nothing monad.
- Void is a data type with no values.
 - That means that, by the end of your pipeline, all data must have been consumed.

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Where to look for conduits?

- conduit and conduit-extra
 - basic list-like operators (map, fold)
 - filesystem, network, binary serialization...
- http-conduit: Simple HTTP requests
- stm-conduit: Wraps STM channels
- ndjson-conduit: Wraps Aeson for JSON serialization
- amqp-conduit: Connects to RabbitMQ
- hw-kafka-conduit: Connects to Kafa
- and many more in Stackage and Hackage!

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Exercise 6: A chat server using streams

- Implement a chat server using streams to communicate between clients and to wrap the connections.
- If time allows, implement private messages.

Common architectural patterns

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The "frontiers" of an application must have some sort of IO type.

Answer 1: Hexagonal / onion architecture

Functions use the *polymorphic programs* technique to declare their *dependencies*.

```
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```

- Each of the type classes works as a port.
- Each instance defines an adapter.
- The compiler injects the dependencies based on the types.

```
instance DrawWorld IO where ...
instance DrawWorld Html where ...
```

Answer 2: Functional core, imperative shell

Functions are completely pure.

```
orcStrategy :: CombatData -> Character -> NextMove
```

- Pure functions are then composed in larger pipelines that consume the data in the system.
- A somehow dumb shell that moves data around the systems.

This is the same architetcure as in Gloss (or Elm, or even React).

Answer 2': Streaming FC/IS

Defining an application using streams is very close to the previous architecture:

- Pure stream transformers form the functional core.
- Around them you plug side-effectful sources and sinks, which make up the imperative shell.

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Unfortunately, there is no answer to which point of view is best.

Summary

The Yin: Pure modelling

- Modelling data:
 - Make sum types part of your designs.
 - Distinguish between different concepts with different types.
 - Provide different views for the same data.
- Modelling services:
 - Polymorphic programs declare their dependencies as type classes (or algebras).
 - Using different instances, we can provide different implementations, including mocks.
 - Monads are the basic structure for sequential computation.

The Yang: Impure execution

- Laziness means the run-time evaluates "only when needed" and "as much as needed."
 - Space leaks: We keep too many thunks in memory.
 - Can be solved by selective forcing.
- Input/output is tricky.
 - Exceptions may arise
 - Laziness conflicts with resource management.
 - Streaming offers a good solution.
- Concurrency is simple.
 - GHC uses (lightweight) green threads by default.
 - monad-par and async provide promise-based interfaces.
 - STM adds transactional behavior to shared variables.

The Duality

Two main architectural patterns:

- 1. Hexagonal / onion archiecture.
 - Use polymorphic program technique in your domain.
- 2. Functional core, reactive shell
 - Keep the domain as pure data-manipulation functions.

Practical Haskell

- Pattern matching and view patterns.
- do notation for monads.
- Generics to derive serialization.
- Profiling and benchmarking.
- Missing: Applicative notation.

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As usual, keep practicing, reading, and learning.

Mailing list, blogs, Discourse, IRC.

One final warning

Haskell is also widely used as a vehicle for research.

- That you cannot read a research paper about type families, and understand the whole formalization, does not mean that you cannot use them.
- Be wise with the resources that you choose.

Enjoy Lambda World!

(I'll be around. Feel free to ask anything during these days)