Utrecht Haskell Compiler

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- Most of Haskell98, Haskell2010
- Extensions (higher ranked types, polymorphic kinds)
- Multiple backends
- Slowly matures towards usable tool

Is a compiler & language experimentation platform

- Whole program analysis
- Type system

Is an engineering challenge to deal with complexity

- Tree-oriented programming: Attribute Grammar system (AG)
- DSLs for subproblems: aspectwise organisation, type system specification
- Divide & conquer: into aspects, into isolated problems, into transformations, ...



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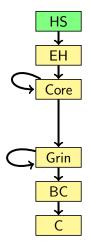
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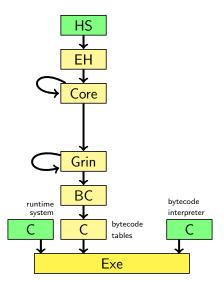
- Pipeline of transformations
- Relation between programming luxury and implementation price

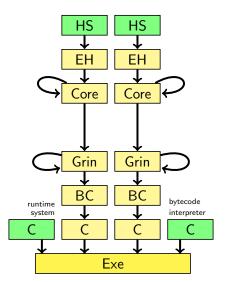
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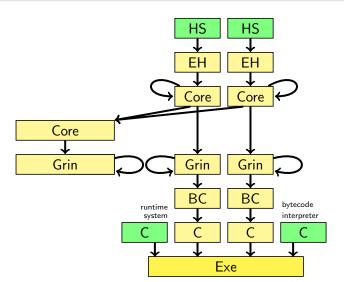
- Folds over abstract syntax tree representation
- Attribute grammar system

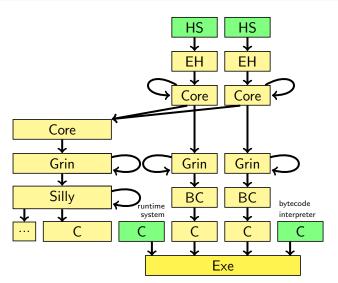
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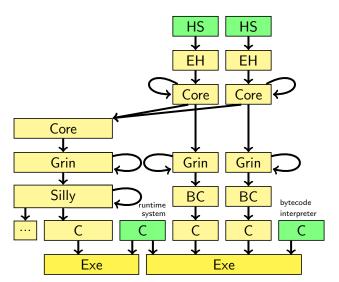


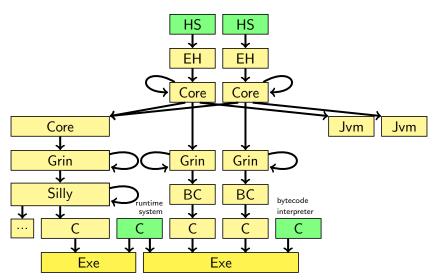




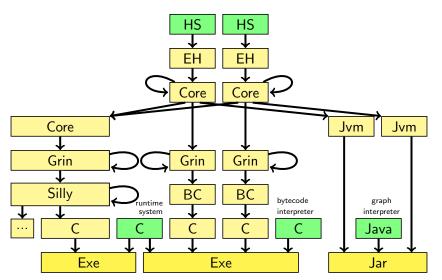












Pipeline running example

module Main where

```
len :: [a] \rightarrow Int

len [] = 0

len (x : xs) = 1 + len xs

main = putStr (show (len (replicate 4 'x')))
```

Pipeline: desugaring to "Essential Haskell"

```
-- FH
let vb1.len :: [a] \rightarrow Int
                                                                      len :: [a] \rightarrow Int
                                                                      len[] = 0
     vb1.len
                                                                      len(x:xs) = 1 + len xs
         =\lambda x_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{case} \ x_1 \ \mathbf{of}
               EHC.Prelude.[]
                   \rightarrow EHC.Prelude.fromInteger 0
               (EHC.Prelude.: x xs)
                   \rightarrow \dots
in
let vb1.main = EHC.Prelude.putStr ...
in
let main :: EHC.Prelude.10 ...
    main = EHC.Prelude.ehcRunMain vb1.main
in
main
```

Pipeline: desugaring

Name resolution

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Name resolution

- To which definition from which module refers an identifier?
- Replace by explicit qualified reference

Binding groups

- Subsequent (type) analysis requires "define before use"
- Replace by ordered strongly connected components (based on dependency graph)

Syntactic sugar

- Alternate syntax for similar semantics: duplicate work later on
- Replace by simpler constructs:

```
do \{s_1; ... s_2\} \rightsquigarrow s_1 \gg ... s_2

e where d \rightsquigarrow let d in e

if c then e_1 else e_2 \rightsquigarrow case c of \{True \rightarrow e_1; False \rightarrow e_2\}

f p_1 = e_1; f p_2 = e_2 \rightsquigarrow \lambda x \rightarrow case x of \{p_1 \rightarrow e_1; p_2 \rightarrow e_2\}
```



Pipeline: type directed translation to untyped Core

```
-- Core
module $vb1 =
let rec
  { vb1\$.len = }
    \lambda$vb1$.x<sub>1</sub>_1 \rightarrow
       let 1
         { $vb1$.4_42_0$!__3_0 =
           vb1.x_1-1 in
       case $vb1$.4_42_0$!__3_0 of
         \{\{0,2,2\}\},...,...\} \rightarrow
         \{1,0,2\}\{\}
             let
                {$13_0_14 =
                   ($EHC$.Prelude$.packedStringToInteger)
                     (#String "0")} in
             let
                { $13_0_12 =
                  ($EHC$.Prelude$.fromInteger)
                    ($EHC$.Prelude$.3_237_0_instance_Num)
                    ($13_0_14)} in
             $13 0 12
in ...
```

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```

Core: untyped lambda calculus (+ ...)



Core: basics

```
-- variable
      ::=x
          int | char | string | integer
                                          -- literal
          CTag
                                           -- constructor tag
          let [b] in e
                                           -- binding
          letrec [b] in e
                                           -- recursive binding
          let ! [b] in e
                                           -- strict binding
          \lambda x \rightarrow e
                                           -- abstraction
                                           -- application
          e<sub>1</sub> e<sub>2</sub>
          case e of [a]
                                           -- inspection
     := x = e
                                           -- plain binding
          ffi ccall "x" x
                                           -- ffi binding
                                           -- case alternative
     := p \rightarrow e
   := CTag[x]
                                           -- constructor pattern
prog ::= module x = e
                                           -- program
```

Pipeline: type analysis

Type inference

Class overloading resolution

Type based code generation



Pipeline: type analysis

Type inference

- Hindley-Milner
- Propagation of type annotations

Class overloading resolution

• Determine instance for class predicate (+) 1 (len xs) \rightsquigarrow ((+) :: Num Int \Rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int) (1 :: Int) (len xs :: [1]

Type based code generation

• Dictionary, deriving, and generics

$$[3] == [4] \qquad \qquad \hookrightarrow (==) (\textit{dEqList dEqInt}) [3] [4]$$
 data $D ... = ...$ deriving $C \hookrightarrow instance \ C \ D \ where ...$ instance $Representable \ D \hookrightarrow instance \ Datatype \ D; ...$

Expressed in Core directly



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Holes in code: "code variables"

```
e ::= ..
```

- ... to be substituted later, before code emission
- Common solution idiom for dealing with "yet unknown"

Same syntax, simpler form

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• Replace "not really" mutually recursive bindings letrec $\{v_1 = ...; v_2 = ...\}$ in .. by let $v_1 = ...$ in let $v_2 = ...$ in ..

Keeps Core generation simpler

Trivial application arguments

- Replace complex function arguments $f(g \ a) \ (h \ b)$ by simple variables + extra bindings let $v_1 = g \ a$ in let $v_2 = h \ b$ in $f \ v_1 \ v_2$
- Closer to actual code
- Administrative normal (A-normal) form

Lambda lifting

Replace implicit globals

$$g = \lambda x \ z \rightarrow \text{let } f = \lambda y \rightarrow x + y \text{ in}$$
 $f \ z$

by explicit arguments

$$f' = \lambda x \ y \to x + y$$

 $g = \lambda x \ z \to \text{let } f = f' \ x \text{ in}$
 $f \ z$

- No need to deal with environments (in analyses, when constructing closures)
- No local lambdas anymore, lifted to outermost level

Pipeline: lambda lifted translation to lazy-less Grin

```
-- GRIN
module $vb1
{ rec
                                                                                            len :: [a] \rightarrow Int
  \{ vb1.len vb1.x_1...1
                                                                                            len[] = 0
     = { eval vb1.x_1.1: \lambda vb1.4.42.0!.3.0 \rightarrow
                                                                                            len(x:xs) = 1 + len xs
             case $vb1.4_42_0!__3_0 of
             \{(\#0/C \{2,2\})
                \rightarrow \{\dots\}
             (\#1/C \{0,2\})
                \rightarrow { store (#0/C {1,1}/$EHC.Prelude.PackedString "0"); \lambda$19_31_0 \rightarrow
                      store (#0/F/$EHC.Prelude.packedStringToInteger $19_31_0); \lambda$13_0_14 \rightarrow
                      store (#0/P/0/$EHC.Prelude.fromInteger$ EHC.Prelude.3-237_0_Num); \lambda$19-33_0 \rightarrow
                      store (#0/A/$_$19_33_0 $13_0_14); \lambda$13_0_12 \rightarrow
                      eval $13_0_12 }
             }}}
```

- Evaluation explicit
- Laziness explicit
- Starting point for both interpreter and whole program analysis

Grin: basics

```
e := \mathbf{unit} \ v -- basic value for direct use
     e; \lambda p \rightarrow e -- sequencing
     eval x -- evaluation
     apply x[v] -- application
     store v -- construct heap cell for node
     fetch x -- retrieve heap cell for node
     update x v -- overwrite heap cell
     case v[a] -- node inspection
        -- variable
v := x
    tag [v] -- node construction
     int | string -- literal
        -- variable (bind)
p ::= x
   tag[x] -- node (bind fields)
a := p \rightarrow e -- case alternative
```

Grin: basics

tag ::=
$$\mathbf{C}$$
 CTag -- plain constructor
| \mathbf{F} x -- saturated function closure
| \mathbf{P} x int -- non-saturated function closure
| \mathbf{A} -- apply closure
prog ::= \mathbf{module} x [c] [b] -- program
| \mathbf{b} ::= x [x] = e -- function binding
| \mathbf{c} ::= x = v -- CAF binding

Global bindings are mutual recursive

Grin: explicit eval (and apply)

Eval knows to evaluate

```
eval x 5
   = { fetch x_5: \lambda x_1013 \rightarrow
        case x_1013 of
          \{(\#0/\mathbb{C} \{2,2\}/\$\$, 2 \$x_1132 \$x_1133)\}
                \rightarrow { unit $x_1013 }
          ; (#0/C {1,1}/$Int $x_1130)
                \rightarrow { unit $x_1013 }
          ; (#0/P/1/$UHC.Base.primSubInt $x_1125)
               \rightarrow { unit $x_1013 }
          ; (#0/P/2/$UHC.Base.primSubInt)
                \rightarrow { unit $x_1013 }
          ; (#0/F/$Main.len $x_1035)
                \rightarrow { call $Main.len $x_1035; \lambda$x_1036 \rightarrow
                     update x_1036 x_5
          ; (#0/F/$UHC.Base.replicate~spec1)
                \rightarrow { call $UHC.Base.replicate~spec1; \lambda$x_1051 \rightarrow
                     update x_1051 x_5
           }}
```

Closed world when doing whole program analysis:

- \$eval knows how to evaluate all nodes occurring in the program
- (and apply knows to apply)



Grin: eval inlining

Eval inlining

Using "Heap Points To" (HPT) analysis

 Inline \$eval alternatives only for node formats known to be pointed to

Grin: the rest

Foreign functions

- Must be explicit in (un)boxing
- Requires annotation of variables

Local mutual recursiveness

• Requires special nodes not yet filled with data

Pipeline: finally, a program!

- Different backends tap at different points from the pipeline
- For example, interpreter based backend taps non-whole program analysed Grin:

```
-- bytecode
static GB_Byte vb1_bytecode [] =
{ /*0 : I1ts08 0x08 */ /* IbIdef [.cod 0] */
                       /* funstart [vb1.len] */
                       /* iduse [vb1.x1_1 4 word LoadSrc_TOS_Rel { | IdsrcOff = 2, | IdsrcNrWords = 1 } ] */
                       /*[LoadSrc\_TOS\_Rel \{ IdsrcOff = 2, IdsrcNrWords = 1 \}] */
  0x20, 0x08
, / *2 : evalt */
  0xe0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00
, /*7 : l1ts08 0x00 */ /* stackoff [1] */
                       /* iduse [vb1.4 _42_0 !__ 3 _0 annotdflt LoadSrc_TOS] */
  0x20, 0x00
, /*9 : Int */
  0xfc
, / *10 : casecall */
  0xf6
```

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But also

- Parser: UU parsing library
- Logistics: Shuffle for generating different compilers for different variants & aspects
- Type system: *Ruler* for describing type system & and generating implementation (current research)

data Expr

=

Con Int Add Expr Expr Mul Expr Expr



data Expr

 $calc :: Expr \rightarrow Int$

=

Con Int
Add Expr Expr

| Mul Expr Expr

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{data } \textit{Expr} & \textit{fold} & \textit{calc} :: \textit{Expr} \rightarrow \textit{Int} \\ & = & :: \\ \textit{Con Int} & (\textit{Int} \rightarrow \textit{b}) \\ | \textit{Add } \textit{Expr } \textit{Expr} & \rightarrow (\textit{b} \rightarrow \textit{b} \rightarrow \textit{b}) \\ | \textit{Mul } \textit{Expr } \textit{Expr} & \rightarrow (\textit{b} \rightarrow \textit{b} \rightarrow \textit{b}) \\ | \rightarrow \textit{Expr} & \rightarrow \textit{b} \end{array}$

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```
\mid calc :: \mathsf{Expr} 	o \mathsf{Int}
data Expr
                type Sem b
  fold :: Sem b \rightarrow
```

```
data Expr
                                                     type Sem b
                                                                                                       calcsem :: Sem Int.
                                                                                                       calcsem =
       Con Int
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Var Name

\begin{vmatrix}
( (Int \rightarrow b) & (\lambda n \rightarrow n) \\
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\end{vmatrix}

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                              , (Name \rightarrow b) \mid , \lambda s \rightarrow lookup s e
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```

 $Expr \rightarrow b$ | $calc = fold \ calcsem$

```
data Expr
                              type Sem b
                                                            calcsem :: Sem (Env \rightarrow Int)
                                                            calcsem =
                                ((Int \rightarrow b) \mid (\lambda n \rightarrow n))
     Con Int
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    Mul Expr Expr | , (b \rightarrow b \rightarrow b) | , \lambda x y \rightarrow x * y
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Fields

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Con con: Int

Add lef: Expr rit: Expr

Mul lef : Expr rit : Expr

Var name : Name

Named fields

```
calcsem :: Sem (Env \rightarrow Int)

Continuous Inherited (attribute) \rightarrow r Synthesized attribute (attribute) \rightarrow r Synthesized (attribute) \rightarrow
```

```
data Expr
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    Con con: Int
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                          attr Expr inh env : Env
   fields
                                       syn val: Int
                          sem Expr | Mul lhs.val = @lef.val * @rit.val
                                               lef env = 0lhs env
                                               rit.env = @lhs.env
```

Attribute Grammar processor

UUAG Attribute Grammar preprocessor lets you

- have named fields and attributes
- define semantics by defining attributes

and automatically

- generates the fold-function
- generates the semantic functions to instantiate it
- inserts trivial rules

AG applied in UHC

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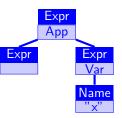
Inline name aliases

- Gather introduced bindings bottom up
- Distribute gathered bindings top down
- Compute transformed tree bottom up, variable occurrences possibly replaced

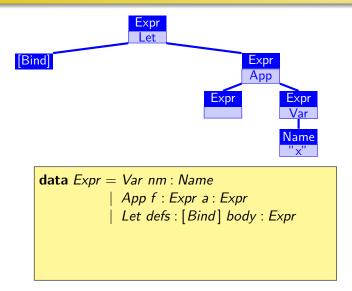
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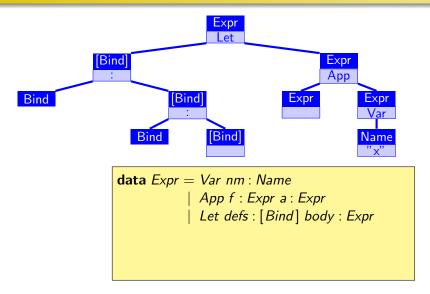


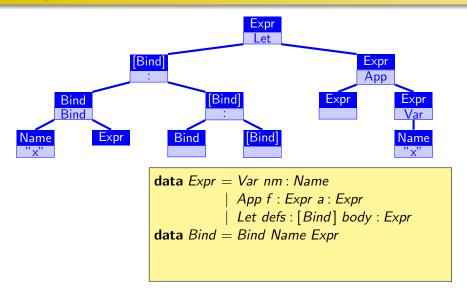
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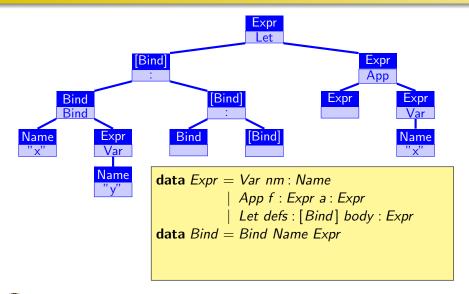


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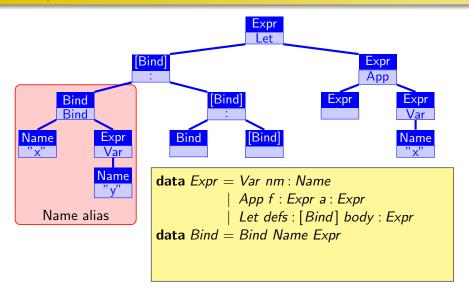


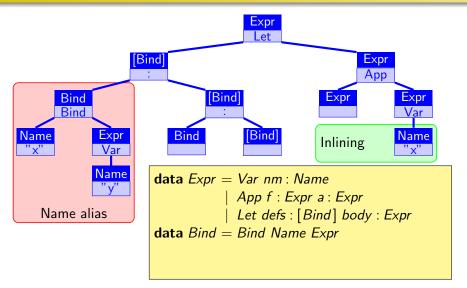


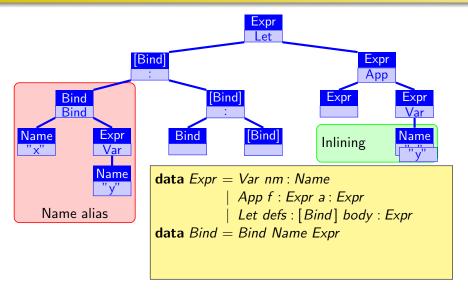


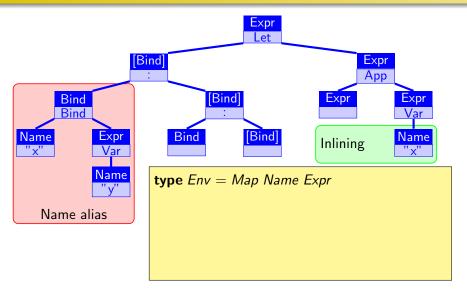


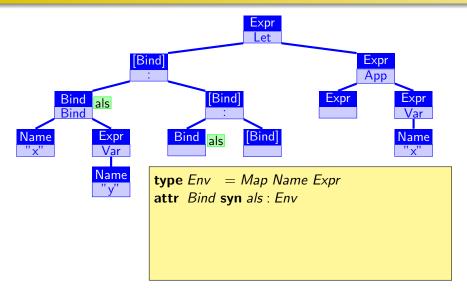
Example Core transformation: Name alias

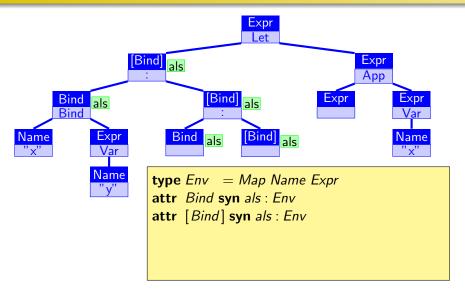


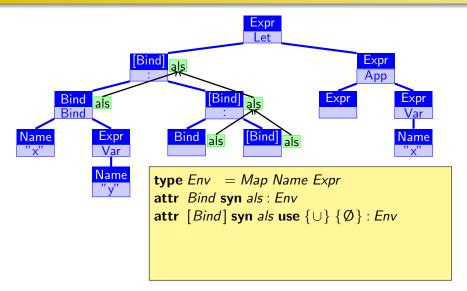


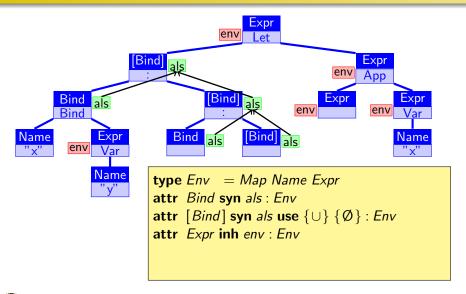


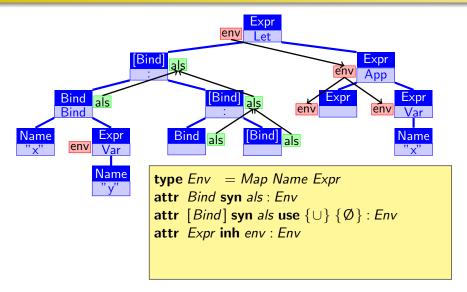


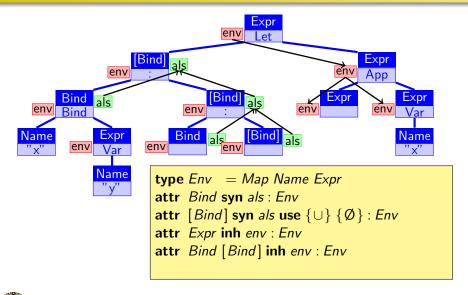


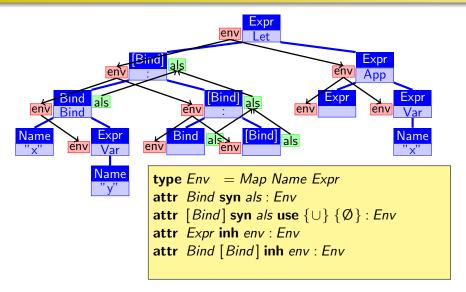


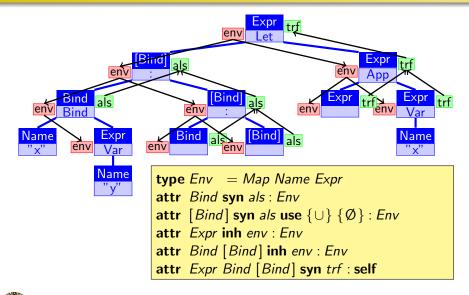


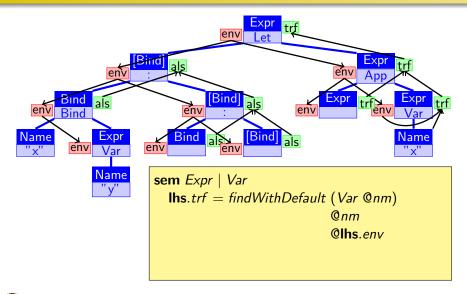


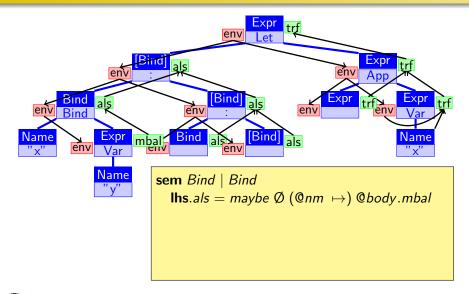


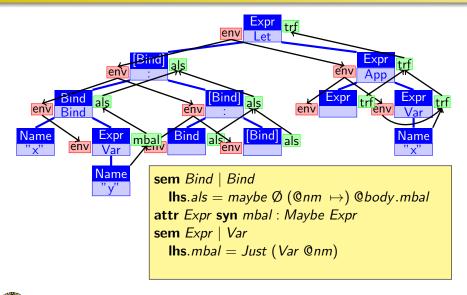


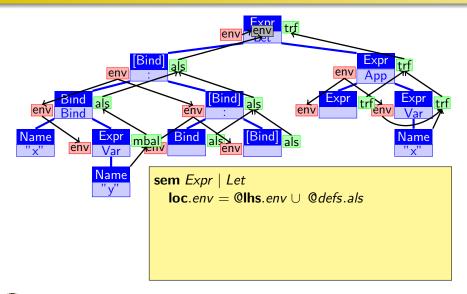


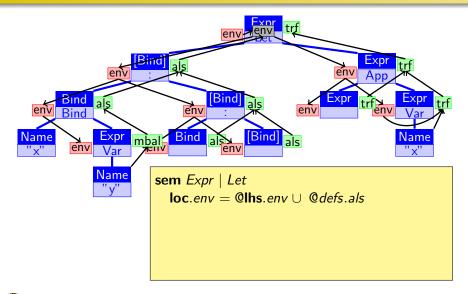






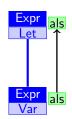




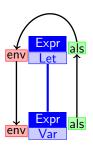




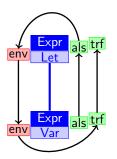
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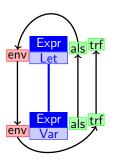
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Name alias inlining is a two-pass traversal:

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Either rely on lazyness
Or let UUAG schedule the passes
(and do cycle check)

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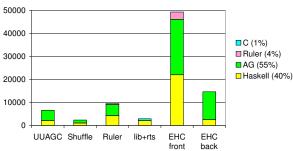
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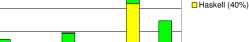
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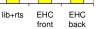
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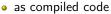
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- Working towards full Haskell with full prelude
- Simple programs compile and run
 - as interpreted bytec∂de



Ruler







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■ Ruler (4%)

Coping with Compiler Complexity



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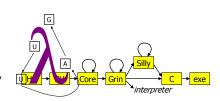
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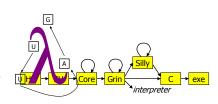
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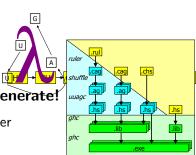
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Summarv

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