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~~Building Parsers Using Monads~~ Building Parsers Using Monads

A parser takes a string and changes it into a machine-readable form (some kind of tree).

Takes code and returns abstract syntax.

Multiple Parse Trees

If we're writing a parser in Haskell, the type will be a tree.

A parser might not always produce a tree, so we generalize to a value of any type:

$\text{data Parser } a = P (\text{String} \rightarrow [a, \text{String}])$

We discussed basic parsers on Friday, they start at slide 23 in the notes on Harrison's website, and are in the Lecture 29 notes as well.

Sequencing

A sequence of parsers can be combined as a single composite parser using the keyword do.

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