### Haskell: Batteries Included

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## Libraries, Libraries

- Languages succeed on the strength of libraries
- Great languages let us make more and better libraries
  - Quality: safer, flexible, composable libraries
  - Quantity: productivity, more reuse, sooner
- Haskell, the language, is done! (Well...)
- Now, libraries ... and world domination!

## 1990-2003: The dark ages

- Every Haskell app had its own build system
  - Endless twisty Makefiles
  - Nothing worked on Windows
- 3 Haskell libraries in the world
- Everything in base
- Applications bundled their own dependencies
- "Cathedral" model

## 2004-2008: The enlightenment

- Cabal: declarative package specifications
  - Includes a build system for simple packages
  - Many packages now build on Windows
- Hundreds of packages published on Hackage
  - http://hackage.haskell.org
  - "If it's not on Hackage, it doesn't exist"
- cabal-install: automated dependency chasing
- We begin to move from "Cathedral" to "Bazaar"

### Submit to ICFP AND Submit to Hackage

- On Hackage
  - QuickCheck
  - SmallCheck
  - Yi
  - CLASE
  - S&E session types

- Lost to the world
  - Lightweight monadic regions
  - Lightweight information flow security
  - P&T session types
  - Utrecht "gread" parsers

# Community: our greatest asset

- We don't have the corporate backing of Java
- But we do have a large, passionate, active community
- Hundreds of developers across the world writing libraries for the community
- Focus this effort into a world-beating technology – in parallel
- We must use an open source "bazaar" organisation model to drive Haskell forward

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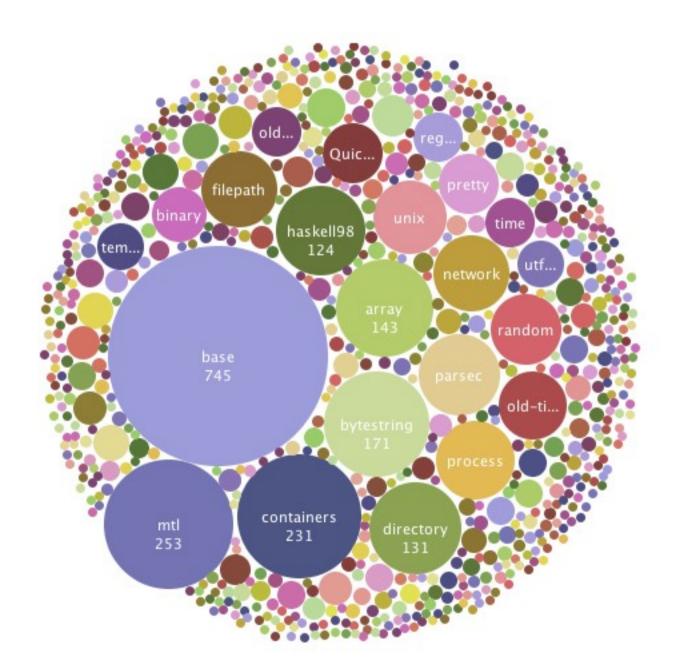
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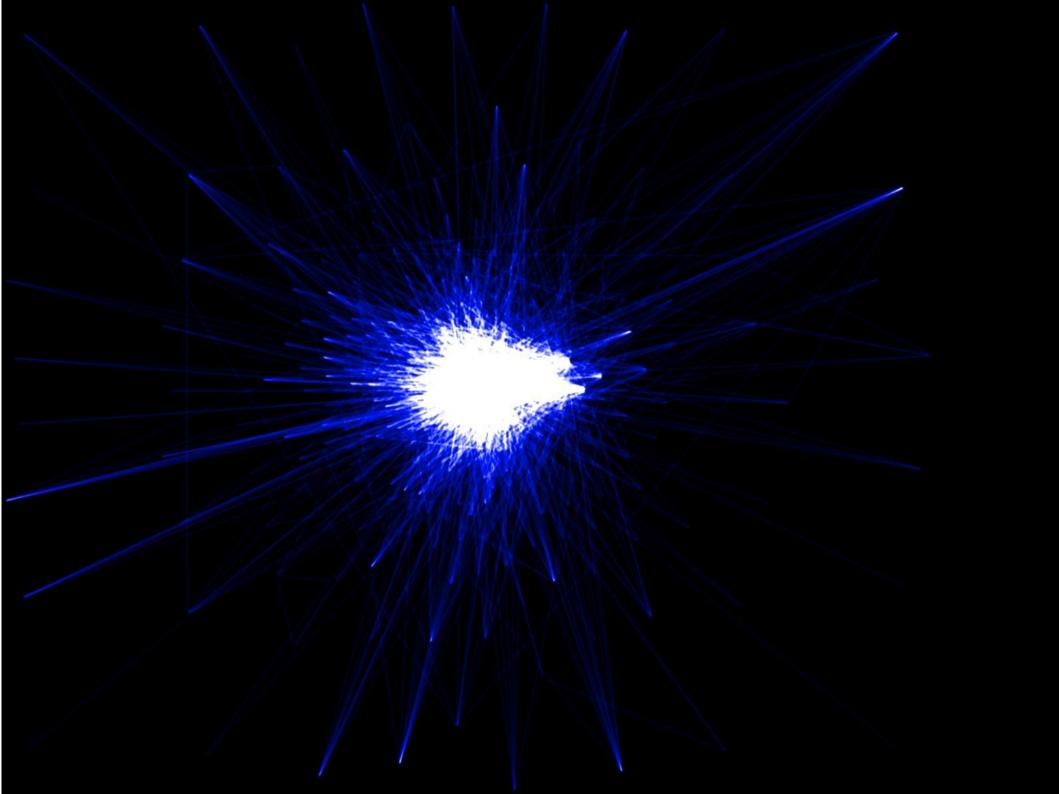
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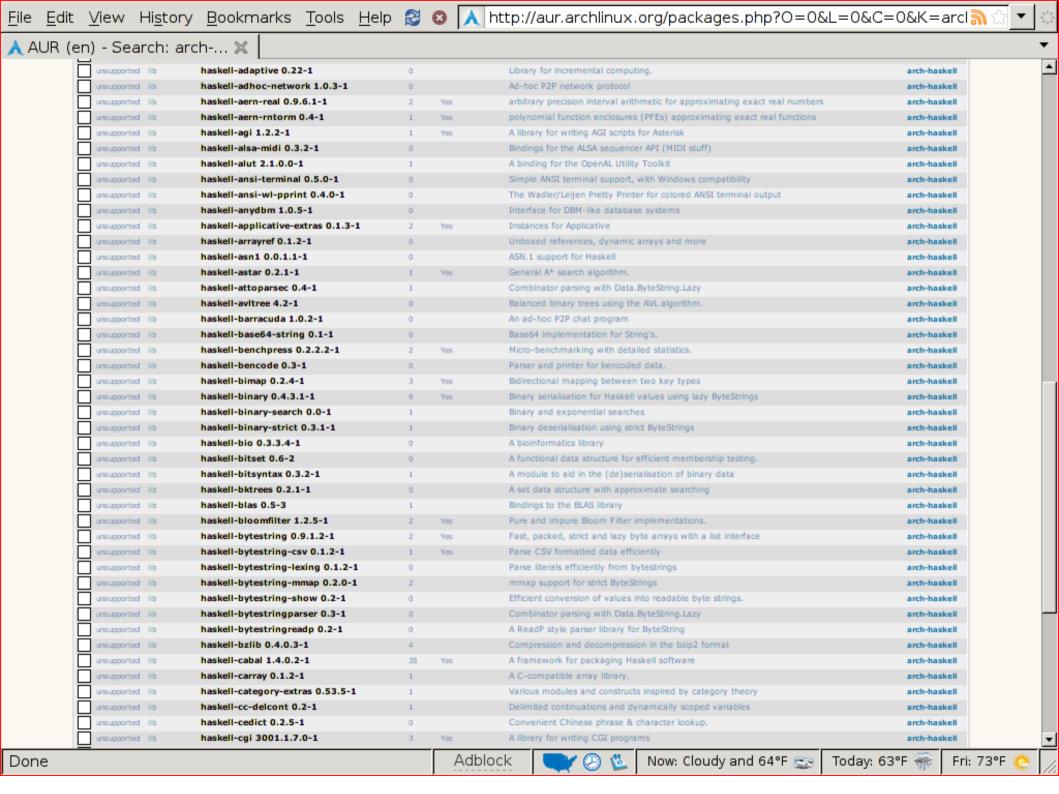
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#### Now: The Haskell Platform

- Selection of packages from Hackage
- Consistent set of package versions
  - Tested together on all popular platforms
- Regular releases, every 6 months
  - You can download it
- Easy to install on all popular platforms
  - Binary installers
  - Supported by the distros
- Community process for new packages

### This structure works

Haskell Platform GNU/Linux distro

GHC Linux kernel

Hackage SourceForge

Cabal .rpm/.deb

cabal-install yum / apt-get

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## What's in the platform for me?

- New Haskell users and systems administrators
  - "How do I get Haskell?"
- Application authors
  - One true Haskell release to build upon
- Library authors
  - Standard set of versioned dependencies
  - Wide distribution and publication for their work
- Compiler authors
  - Get back to writing compilers

### **Future**

- More and better infrastructure
  - Build reporting
  - Testing and code coverage
  - Useful quality information for package users
  - Available to all packages in Hackage
- More and better libraries
- Larger and better Haskell Platform
- World domination

