# Functional programming, Seminar No. 1

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# General words on Haskell and History

#### Intro

- The language is named after Haskell Curry, an American logician
- The first implementation: 1990
- The language standard: Haskell2010
- Default compiler: Glasgow Haskell compiler
- Haskell is a strongly-typed, polymorphic, and purely functional programming language

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- We have no assignment in imperative languages. Variables are nullary constant functions rather than boxes.
- We have no states (in a usual sense)
- · We use recursion instead of loops
- Pattern-matching

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#### Types in programming languages are about

- · A partial specification
- · Type preserving
- Type checking allows one to catch simple errors
- Type inference
- Etc

### A landscape of typing from a bird's eye view

#### We may classify possible ways of typing as follows

- · Static and dynamic typing
  - · C, C++, Java, Haskell, etc
  - · JavaScript, Ruby, PHP, etc
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  - · C++, Java, etc
- Inferred typing
  - · Haskell, Standard ML, Ocaml, Idris, etc

# Ecosystem

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#### **GHCi**

- GHCi is a Haskell interpreter based on GHC.
- One may run GHCi with the command ghci.
- You may play with GHCi as a calculator, arithmetic operators are usual
- You may also have a look at the GHCi chapter in the GHC User's Guide to get familiar with GHCi closer.

```
cylindricalgebra@daniels-mbp ~ % ghci
GHCi, version 8.10.5: https://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
Loaded package environment from /Users/cylindricalgebra/.ghc/x86_64-dar
win-8.10.5/environments/default
Prelude>
```

#### Cabal

- · Cabal is a system of library and dependency management
- A .cabal file describes the version of a package and its dependencies
- Cabal is also a packaging tool
- Cabal used to cause dependency hell, and it still does.

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  - installation of required packages and the latest GHC (and their more concrete versions),
  - · building, execution, and testing
  - · creating an isolated location.
  - · Builds are reproducible

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- A screenshot from Stackage:

#### News

Stackage nightly snapshots to switch to GHC 9.0.1, 3 months ago

#### Latest releases per GHC version

- Stackage Nightly 2021-08-24 (ghc-9.0.1), today
- LTS 18.7 for ghc-8.10.6, published 4 days ago
- LTS 18.6 for ghc-8.10.4, published 4 days ago
- LTS 17.2 for ghc-8.10.3, published 7 months ago
- LTS 16.31 for ghc-8.8.4, published 7 months ago
- LTS 16.11 for ghc-8.8.3, published a year ago
- LTS 15.3 for ghc-8.8.2, published a year ago
- LTS 14.27 for ghc-8.6.5, published a year ago
- LTS 13.19 for ghc-8.6.4, published 2 years ago
- LTS 12.26 for ghc-8.4.4, published 3 years ago
- LTS 12.14 for ghc-8.4.3, published 3 years ago
  LTS 11.22 for ghc-8.2.2, published 3 years ago
- LIS 11.22 for ghc-8.2.2, published 3 years ago
- LTS 9.21 for ghc-8.0.2, published 4 years ago
- LTS 7.24 for ghc-8.0.1, published 4 years ago
- LTS 6.35 for ghc-7.10.3, published 4 years ago
- LTS 3.22 for ghc-7.10.2, published 6 years ago
- LTS 2.22 for ghc-7.8.4, published 6 years ago
   LTS 0.7 for ghc-7.8.3, published 7 years ago

### **Ecosystem encapsulation**

The Haskell ecosystem encapsulation can be described as the sequence of the following inclusions:



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cylindricalgebra@daniels-mbp my-first-project % tree .
   ChangeLog.md
   LICENSE
   README.md
  Setup.hs
   app
   └─ Main.hs
 — my-first-project.cabal
   package.yaml
   src
    Lib.hs
   stack.yaml
   test
     Spec.hs
```

#### stack.yaml

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```
resolver:
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      url: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/commercialhaskell/stackage-snapshots/master/lts/18/7.yaml
   # User packages to be built.
24 # Various formats can be used as shown in the example below.
25 #
26 # packages:
27 # - some-directory
28 # - https://example.com/foo/bar/baz-0.0.2.tar.gz
29 # subdirs:
30 # - auto-update
31 # - wai
32 packages:
33 - .
34 # Dependency packages to be pulled from upstream that are not in the resolver.
   # These entries can reference officially published versions as well as
35
    # forks / in-progress versions pinned to a git hash. For example:
37 #
   # extra-deps:
38
39 # - acme-missiles-0.3
    # - git: https://github.com/commercialhaskell/stack.git
41
        commit: e7b331f14bcffb8367cd58fbfc8b40ec7642100a
42
    # extra-deps: []
44
    # Override default flag values for local packages and extra-deps
   # flags: {}
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```
cabal-version: 1,12
    -- This file has been generated from package.vaml by hpack version 0.34.4.
    -- see: https://github.com/sol/hpack
                      mv-first-project
    name:
                      0.1.0.0
    version:
    description:
                      Please see the README on GitHub at <a href="https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#readme">https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#readme</a>
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    homepage:
    bug-reports:
                      https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project/issues
    author:
                      Author name here
    maintainer:
                      example@example.com
    copyright:
                      2021 Author name here
    license:
                      BSD3
    license-file:
                      LICENSE
    build-type:
                      Simple
    extra-source-files:
19
         README, md
20
         ChangeLog.md
    source-repository head
       type: git
24
      location: https://github.com/githubuser/mv-first-project
                                                                                                                     16/23
    library
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                           my-first-project
                           0.1.0.0
    version:
    aithub:
                           "githubuser/my-first-project"
 4 license:
                           RSD3
 5 author:
                           "Author name here"
6 maintainer:
                         "example@example.com"
                           "2021 Author name here"
    copyright:
    extra-source-files:
10
    - README.md
    - ChangeLog.md
    # Metadata used when publishing your package
14
    # synopsis:
                          Short description of your package
15
    # category:
                             Web
16
    # To avoid duplicated efforts in documentation and dealing with the
    # complications of embedding Haddock markup inside cabal files, it is
    # common to point users to the README.md file.
19
20
    description:
                           Please see the README on GitHub at <a href="https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#read">https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#read</a>
    dependencies:
    - base >= 4.7 && < 5
24
25
    library:
26
      source-dirs: src
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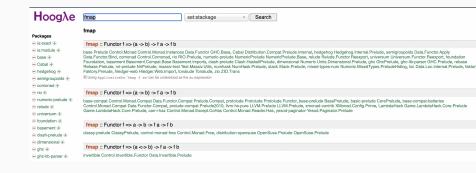


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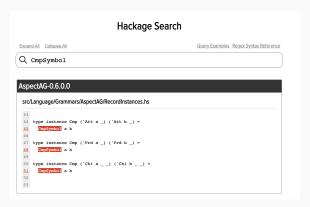
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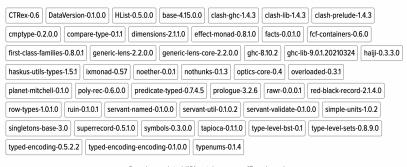
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- 1. The basic Haskell syntax
- 2. The underlying aspects of the Haskell type system
- 3. Functions and lambdas
- 4. Immutability and laziness