Think more effectively with Haskell

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- Internet Relay Chat
 - Freenode
 - #Haskell
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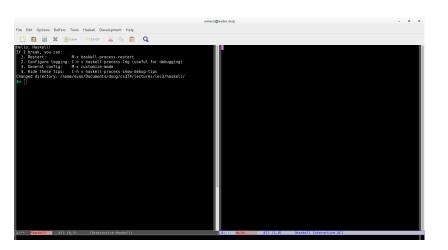
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 - Immutability, functional and lazy gives you code you can run in parallel by default

What do you need?

 You need an editor and the Haskell compiler. We will install Haskell stack, Emacs and code completion.

let's open Emacs



ready, set, go

```
2 + 15
49 * 100
1892 - 1472
5 / 2
1=1
17
4900
420
```

2.5

Compound arithmetic computations

```
(50 * 100) - 4999

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50 * (100 - 4999)

1==1

1

1

-244950
```

Watch out for negative numbers

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usual rules with Boolean variables

- && == Boolean and
- || == Boolean *or*
- not == negation

testing for equality

```
True && False
 True && True
 False || True
not False
not (True && True)
1=1
False
True
True
True
False
```

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GHCl can tell that the types don't match

- '+' expects left and right to be number
- '==' expects two things that are of the same type

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- '+' is *infix* because it goes between its arguments
- 'succ' is a *prefix* function because it goes before its argument

prefix demo

```
succ 8
min 9 10
min 3.4 3.2
max 100 101
1=1
9
9
3.2
101
```

Haskell relies on precedence

- Many Lisp/Scheme/Clojure programmers put in more parenthesis than is idiomatic in Haskell
- These two statements are the same

```
succ 9 + max 5 4 + 1
(succ 9) + (max 5 4) + 1
1==1
16
16
```

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- load the file into ghci

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```
let doubleSmallNumber x = if (x > 100) then x else 2*x
doubleSmallNumber 54
doubleSmallNumber 103
1==1
```

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doubleSmallNumber' x = (if x > 100 then x else 2*x) + 1

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```
conanO'Brien = "It's a-me, Conan O'Brien!"
```

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[1,2,3,4] ++ [9,10,11,12]
"hello" ++ " " ++ "world"
['w','o'] ++ ['o','t']
1=1

[1,2,3,4,9,10,11,12]
hello world
```

woot

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```
"Steve Buscemi" !! 6
[9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25] !! 1
```

1==1

,B,

33.2

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tail "Steve Buscemi"
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last "Steve Buscemi"
last [9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25]
init "Steve Buscemi"
init [9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25]
1==1
'S'
```

Matrices can be represented as nested lists

- We use nested lists
- We can also apply the list functions multiple times to access parts of the list

```
let firstMat = [[9,8,7],[6,5,4],[3,2,1]]
firstMat !! 1
(firstMat !! 1) !! 2
1==1

Prelude|
<interactive>:298:1: parse error on input 'firstMat'
<interactive>:298:2: Not in scope: 'firstMat'
```

Length examples

• 'length' returns the length of a list

```
length [3,9,3]
length [1,2]
length [6,6,6]
  1==1
```

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Null examples

• 'null' let's us know if a list is empty

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

False

True

Functions to reduce a list

• 'drop' returns the list without the first n elements

```
drop 1 [3,9,3]
drop 5 [1,2]
drop 0 [6,6,6]
   1==1
[9,3]
[]
[6,6,6]
```

Take examples

• 'take' returns the first n elements of a list

```
take 1 [3,9,3]
take 5 [1,2]
take 0 [6,6,6]
1==1
[3]
[1,2]
```

There is a built in function to reverse a list

- 'reverse' doesn't reduce
 - returns a list in the reverse order
 - can't be bound to the same variable

```
reverse [5,4,3,2,1]
1==1
[1,2,3,4,5]
```

There are a built in function to return extremes of a list

- 'minimum' returns the minimum of a list
- 'maximum' returns the maximum of a list

```
minimum [5,4,3,2,1]
maximum [5,4,3,2,1]
1==1
```

There are a built in functions to sum and multiply elements

- 'sum' returns the sum of the elements of a list
- 'product' returns the product of the elements of a list

```
sum [5,4,3,2,1]
product [5,4,3,2,1]
1==1
15
120
```

There is a built in function to check membership

- 'elem' returns the sum of the elements of a list
- the backtick key ''' allows you to use a prefix function as infix

```
4 'elem' [3,4,5,6]
10 'elem' [3,4,5,6]
1==1
```

True

False

Enumeration and range

- If we can enumerate all the elements of a set we can use ranges:
 - numbers
 - letters

[1..20]

capital letters

```
['a'..'z']
['X'..'Z']
1==1

[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20]
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
XYZ
```

ranges can have steps

- We can get even the even numbers
- We can get the multiples of three

```
[3,6..20]
1==1
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20]
[3,6,9,12,15,18]
```

[2,4..20]

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- 'cycle' takes a finite list and makes it infinite

```
take 10 (cycle [1,2,3])
take 12 (cycle "LOL ")
1==1

[13,26,39,52,65,78,91,104,117,130,143,156,169,182,195,208,221,2
[1,2,3,1,2,3,1,2,3,1]
LOL LOL LOL
```

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take 10 (repeat 5)
replicate 3 10
1==1
[5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5]
[10,10,10]
```

Just like Python, Haskell has its own twist on list comprehensions

Definition (In set notation)

- $S = \{2 \cdot x | x \in \mathbb{N}, x \le 10\}$
 - $2 \cdot x$ the output function
 - 'x' is the variable
 - N is the input set
 - \bullet x \leq 10 is the predicate

```
[12,14,16,18,20]
[52,59,66,73,80,87,94]
```



We can combine functions and list comprehensions

We can even get product lists

```
let boomBangs xs = [ if x < 10 then "BOOM!" else "BANG!" | x <-
boomBangs [7..13]
[x \mid x \leftarrow [10..20], x \neq 13, x \neq 15, x \neq 19]
[x*y | x < [2,5,10], y < [8,10,11]]
[x*y \mid x \leftarrow [2,5,10], y \leftarrow [8,10,11], x*y > 50]
1==1
Preludel
<interactive>:359:1: parse error on input 'boomBangs'
[10,11,12,14,16,17,18,20]
[16,20,22,40,50,55,80,100,110]
[55.80.100.110]
```

We can string functions and list comprehensions

• We can even get combine lists of adjectives and nouns for some laughs

```
let nouns = ["hobo","frog","pope"]
let adjectives = ["lazy","grouchy","scheming"]
[adjective ++ " " ++ noun | adjective <- adjectives, noun <- not</pre>
```

We can even use projections

- If we keep track of how many elements we throw away we can redefine the 'length' function
- '_' means we don't care what the element is

```
let length' xs = sum [1 | _ <- xs]
i==i</pre>
```

We can even use membership to keep only a certain items

- Here we keep only capital letters
- Let's write a function that keeps only lower case

```
let removeNonUppercase st = [ c | c <- st, c 'elem' ['A'..'Z']]</pre>
removeNonUppercase "Hahaha! Ahahaha!"
removeNonUppercase "IdontLIKEFROGS"
let removeNonLowercase st = [ c | c <- st, c 'elem' ['a'..'z']]</pre>
removeNonLowercase "i love AND HATE haskell"
i==i
Preludel
<interactive>:373:1: parse error on input 'removeNonUppercase'
<interactive>:373:1: Not in scope: 'removeNonUppercase'
Preludel
<interactive>:376:1: parse error on input 'removeNonLowercase'
```

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Nested lists can be used to remove odd numbers in a list of lists

We could do this across several lines

Ordered pairs in Haskell

Tuples in Haskell have stronger type checking

```
[[1,2],[8,11,5],[4,5]] --doesn't throw an error
[(1, 2), (8, 11, 5), (4, 5)]
i == i
[[1.2],[8.11.5],[4.5]]
<interactive>:383:10:
    Couldn't match expected type '(t0, t1)'
                with actual type '(t2, t3, t4)'
    In the expression: (8, 11, 5)
    In the expression: [(1, 2), (8, 11, 5), (4, 5)]
    In an equation for 'it': it = [(1, 2), (8, 11, 5), (4, 5)]
```

A 2-tuple is also called an ordered pair

• There are two special functions which return the components

```
fst ("One", 1)
snd ("Two", 2)
i==i
One
```

Like Python, Haskell has a zip operation

- We can zip two lists into a list of tuples
- The two lists do not need to be the same type
- One list can be shorter than the other
- We can zip finite lists with infinite ones (lazy)

```
zip [1,2,3,4,5] [5,5,5,5,5]
zip [1 .. 5] ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five"]
zip [5,3,2,6,2,7,2,5,4,6,6] ["im","a","turtle"]
zip [1..] ["apple", "orange", "cherry", "mango"]
i==i

[(1,5),(2,5),(3,5),(4,5),(5,5)]
[(1,"one"),(2,"two"),(3,"three"),(4,"four"),(5,"five")]
[(5,"im"),(3,"a"),(2,"turtle")]
[(1,"apple"),(2,"orange"),(3,"cherry"),(4,"mango")]
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- generate all tuples of sides less than 10

```
length ([(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],y<-[1..10],z<-[1..10]])
i==i</pre>
```

1000

• make b < c

- make b < c
- make only right triangles
- Here is the first

450

• make
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

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- the perimeter equal 24
- a + b + c = 24

4

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```
:set +m
length([(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],y<-[1..10],z<-[1..10],
y<z,
x+y+z==24,
(x^2 + y^2 == z^2)])
[(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],y<-[1..10],z<-[1..10],y<z,
    x+y+z==24,
    (x^2 + y^2 == z^2)]
i==i</pre>
```

Prelude | Prelude | Prelude | 2 Prelude | Prelude | [(6,8,10),(8,6,10)]