

Using optparse-applicative

# What are we doing here?

We're going to make a command-line todo list application. This meetup focuses on understanding and using the library `optparse-applicative` and writing the command-line argument parsing portion of that application.

# Why optparse-applicative?

- ▶ well maintained and documented
- ▶ lots of blog posts to use to get familiar
- ▶ seems fairly “batteries included”
- ▶ covers many use cases

## Remember Applicative and Alternative

- ▶ the Applicative pattern proves useful for parsing command line arguments!

```
DataConstructor <$> argument <*> argument
```

- ▶ and using Alternative lets us parse in parallel! This will only fail if *both* parses fail.

```
twoTries :: String -> Maybe Char  
twoTries xs = upper xs <|> numbr xs
```

This turns out to be a great combination for reading command line arguments.

