Welcome

Haskell and Cryptocurrencies

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Goals

- Introductions (participants and instructors).
- Explain the course schedule.
- · Clarify expectations and workload.

Introductions

Schedule

This week: kick-off week

- · Lectures on Wednesday and Friday.
- · Small exercises, reviewed immediately.
- Thursday off or used to solve technical problems.

Schedule today

- Introduction to Cryptocurrencies.
- · Overview of Haskell.
- · Lunch break.
- · Lab setup (get everything installed, first steps).
- First set of small assignments.

Other weeks

Schedule is preliminary, and will be refined further:

- · Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning: lectures.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: discussions, examples, questions (optional, but strongly recommended).
- · Per diems are paid on Fridays.

Last two weeks

- · Prof. Philip Wadler
 - · Introduction to Smart Contracts
 - · The Plutus language

Expectations and assignments

Mutual expectations

This is a full-time course.

- Work on assignments and projects is expected and necessary.
- · Ask a lot of questions.
- Feel free to suggest ideas for course content.
- · Course setup is somewhat flexible.
- · Get proper feedback on your performance.

Weekly assignments

- Every Friday, one set of assignments will be distributed.
- To be handed in (electronically) on Friday one week later.
- To be solved individually.
- Reviewed by us.

Project assignments

- In larger intervals, larger project tasks will be distributed.
- To be worked on in teams (probably five teams in total).
- · Teams will be determined at the end of the second week.
- · Milestones will be agreed on.
- Use the afternoons to coordinate the team work.
- Intermediate and final demos/ presentations here in the course.

Extra and bonus work

We may do additional things such as:

- Give everyone (or a few people) a paper to read and then discuss it in the course.
- Pose additional programming challenges and let participants present their solutions.
- · Have guest lectures, or watch a classic talk video together.

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Communication

- Telegram (questions, discussions)
- Github/ Google Drive (distribution of materials)
- · Emergency contact number:
 - · Kalkidan: +251 91 314 6110
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Social Events

We will organize frequent optional social events (dinners, excursions,...).