

# Design of a typechecker

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# Haskell Suite



- ▶ `haskell-src-extends` `:: String → AST SrcLoc`
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- ▶ `typing-haskell-in-haskell` :: `AST`  $\rightarrow$  `[TypeSig]`

# Use-cases

- ▶ Compilers
- ▶ Documentation systems
- ▶ Type-directed source code suggestions
- ▶ Teaching

# GHC

- ▶ Shuffles code
- ▶ Deletes code
- ▶ Adds new code
- ▶ Names every type variable 'p'

length "pie"

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$\forall a.[a] \rightarrow \text{Int}$        $\longrightarrow$        $[\text{Char}] \rightarrow \text{Int}$   
@Char



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$\forall a.a \rightarrow \forall b.b$

$\longrightarrow$

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`haskell-tc`  $:: \text{AST Origin} \rightarrow \text{AST Typed}$   
Type signature for bindings, coercions for each usage site.

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```
const x _ = x  
  where  
    id x = x
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**const**  $:: \forall a.b.a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a$

**const**  $x \_ = x$

**where**

**id**  $:: \forall c.c \rightarrow c$

**id**  $x = x$

# Naming

```
outer x = x
  where
    inner :: a -> a
    inner y = const x y
```

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outer  $:: \forall b. b \rightarrow b$

outer x = x

**where**

inner  $:: \forall a. a \rightarrow a$

inner y = **const** @a @b y x

# Naming

```
id1 x = id2 x
id2 x = id1 x
```

# Naming

$\text{id1} :: \forall ab. a \rightarrow b$

$\text{id1 } x = \text{id2 } x$

$\text{id2} :: \forall ab. a \rightarrow b$

$\text{id2 } x = \text{id1 } x$

## haskell-tc

- ▶ Pure API (with ST under the hood)
- ▶ Annotates, never modifies
- ▶ Human-readable output
- ▶ Aims to support Haskell2010 + RankNTypes