

Programming languages – Haskell

Introductory instruction 2023/34

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1. Introduction

The Haskell language implements the functional programming paradigm. The language consist of functions and constants. Functions are main language constructions. It can be easily passed as parameters to other functions. What may surprise is the fact that there are no variables, there are only constants. If we specify once that x = 5 then x is a constant and will not change its value anymore. Similarly, the functions are clean which means they have no side effects. Unlike methods in object-oriented languages, whose operation may depend on the state of the object, in Haskell for the same parameter values the function will always return the same result, as in the function in mathematics.

2. Compilation, run and debbuging

The most popular environments for developing Haskell projects include:

From the most popular environments allowing development of Haskell's projects, we can distinguish:

- GHCup https://www.haskell.org/ghcup/ Recommended as the main installer. Installs (by default in the C:\ghcup folder) the following programs:
 - o ghcup The Haskell toolchain installer,
 - o ghc The Glasgow Haskell Compiler,
 - o msys2 A linux-style toolchain environment required for many operations,
 - o cabal The Cabal build tool for managing Haskell software (by default in C:\cabal Windows folder),
 - o stack (optional) A cross-platform program for developing Haskell projects,
 - haskell-language-server (HLS) for development (optional) A language server for developers to integrate with their editor/IDE.

If you wish to use Visual Studio Code editor is recomended to install HLS.

More help (first steps and what next): https://www.haskell.org/ghcup/steps/.

- The Haskell Tool Stack https://docs.haskellstack.org/en/stable/README/.
- Cabal by Chocolatey on Wndows https://hub.zhox.com/posts/introducing-haskell-dev/.

To check installed tools use text-based user interface (TUI): ghcup tui (command description in the bottom bar) or use commands:

- ghc --version or stack ghc -- --version (checking The Glorious GHC System version).
- stack --version (checking Stack version).

Both loops should be available from the command line:

ghci or stack ghci

In the initial phase of learning we can use the interactive REPL loop (read-eval-print loop):

stack ghci or stack repl (The Haskell Tool Stack) or ghci (Haskell Platform). After launching, a new cursor should be visible: ghci>. Inside the loop, we can still execute system commands, such as cleaning the screen in Windows: ghci>:! cls.

REPL loop is also available online: https://repl.it/repls/ExtraneousAdorableLink but the experience may be worse than with a locally installed environment. It can be particularly problematic to enter instructions consisting of several lines of code (e.g., when defining complex functions).

The REPL loop allows to incrementally compile and execute sequentially entered commands. For example, to add a constant named x and assign its value 5, we issue a command¹:

```
> let x = 5 or x = 5
```

To check if a constant exists and what value it has, just enter its name:

```
> x
5
```

It's possible also to check variable type (command :type or shorter :t):

```
> :type x
x :: Num p => p
```

To pass a command consisting of several lines, put it between :{ i }:, for instance:

```
> :{
| let fib 0 = 0
| fib 1 = 1
| fib n = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
| :}
```

```
> :{
| fib 0 = 0
| fib 1 = 1
| fib n = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
| ;}
```

Note that after typing the : instruction the cursor > should change to and stay until you type: }:

```
> fib 6
8
```

Calculations for longer sequences will quickly turn out to be ineffective. In such case memorization can help:

```
> :{
| memoized_fib = (map fib [0 ..] !!)
| where fib 0 = 0
| fib 1 = 1
| fib n = memoized_fib (n-2) + memoized_fib (n-1)
| :}
```

Leaving ghci: > :quit

It will be more convenient to use files with the .hs extension and load them into ghci during run larger programs. Sample Hello world code in Haskell (hello.hs):

```
hello = do putStrLn "Hello, what is your name?"

name <- getLine

putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ "!")
```

Please be careful of indentation, they are very important because they determine the range of expressions. Code which is part of some expression should be indented further in than the beginning of that expression (even if the expression is not the leftmost element of the line). Please do not use tabs in indentations.

Loading and runing hello.hs:

ghci hello.hs

Information: Ok, one module loaded and cursor *Main> should appear. Now we can call main function (the only one defined in the module /program):

*Main> hello

Środowisko dostarcza debbuger który niestety nie należy do najbardziej intuicyjnych. Posłóżmy się jeszcze raz programem obliczającym n-ty ciąg fibonachiego:

```
fib 0 = 0
fib 1 = 1
fib n = fib (n-2) + fib (n-1)
```

After loading it as a module, we can set the breakpoint:

```
ghci> :break 3
```

Breakpoint 0 activated at D:_GIT\JP_PL\lab\introHaskell\main.hs:3:9-29

Then we invoke the function:

```
ghci> fib 3
```

The program stops when it first time encounters the indicated line and displays the contents of the variables:

Stopped in Main.fib, D:_GIT\JP_PL\lab\introHaskell\main.hs:3:9-29

¹ all commands that needs to be called in REPL are preceded by a cursor character: >

```
result :: a =
 :: Integer =
W can see where you currently are:
[D:\ GIT\JP PL\lab\introHaskell\main.hs:3:9-29] ghci> :list
  fib 1 = \overline{1}
  fib n = fib (n-2) + fib (n-1)
To continue, use the command:
[D:\ GIT\JP PL\lab\introHaskell\main.hs:3:9-29] ghci> :continue
Stopped in Main.fib, D:\ GIT\JP PL\lab\introHaskell\main.hs:3:9-29
result :: a =
n :: Integer = 2
[D:\_GIT\JP_PL\lab\introHaskell\main.hs:3:9-29] ghci> :continue
ghci> :continue
If the program is no longer able to wait at the breakpoint, the appropriate message will be displayed:
not stopped at a breakpoint
ghci>\JP_PL\lab\introHaskell\main
```

Haskell also allows to write programs compiled into native files for various operating systems. Compiling and running hello.hs using **ghc** (you need to leave ghci):

```
ghc --make hello.hs
hello.exe (Windows)
./hello (Linux)
```

Creating a simple project using the **Stack** environment: stack new <project_name> simple

cd <proiect name>

Downloading the compiler to an isolated location so it doesn't interfere with any other Haskell installation on the system:

stack setup

Build the executable:

stack build

After building the binary, you need to go to the folder containing it (the information will be displayed in the last line): Installing executable ct_name in drive:<path_to_project_name</pre>\.stack-

 $\underline{work \backslash install \backslash \langle 8_digit_hexagonal_random_number > \backslash bin) \ e.g.:}$

```
cd .stack-work\dist\29cc6475\build\project_name>
```

Let's try loading a program calculating the nth row of Pascal's triangle² and containing several functions:

```
factorial :: Integer -> Integer
factorial n = if (n == 1 || n==0) then 1 else n * factorial(n-1)

newton :: Integer -> Integer -> Integer
newton n k = div (factorial(n)) (factorial(n-k)*(factorial(k)))

pascal :: Integer -> [Integer]
pascal n = [newton n x | x <- [0..n]]</pre>
*Main factorial 6
```

```
*Main> factorial 6
720
*Main> newton 6 3
20
*Main> pascal 6
[1,6,15,20,15,6,1]
```

Unfortunately, when compiling this code, we obtain an error that the main function has not been implemented. It is required because it is started by default at the program startup.

² Description of the Pascal Triangle can be found here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pascal%27s triangle

```
print (pascal (n :: Integer))
```

Please add the main function and then compile and run program.

3. Advanced IDE

Much better conditions for software development are provided by the IDE **Visual Studio Code** available for various platforms (Windows, Linux, Mac): https://code.visualstudio.com/download.

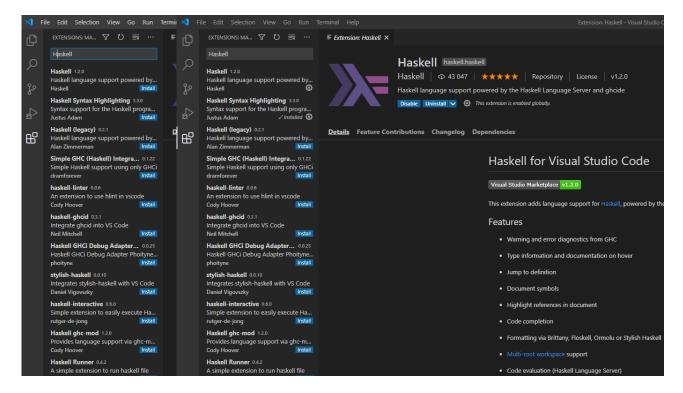
Starting Visual Studio from the project folder:

code .

In order to install the Haskell plugin in Visual Studio Code, use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + Shift + x and type: Haskell. A list of recommended plugins will appear:

Haskell (for Visual Studio Code) – Warning and error diagnostics from GHC, type information and
documentation on hover, jump to definition, document symbols, highlight references in document, code
completion, formatting via Brittany, Floskell, Ormolu or Stylish Haskell, multi-root workspace support, code
evaluation. Requiring a working ghcup installation.

To install the selected plug-in, choose the button Install



4. Types and Typeclasses

Definitions of simple and complex data types start with a capital letter. Haskell has following types:

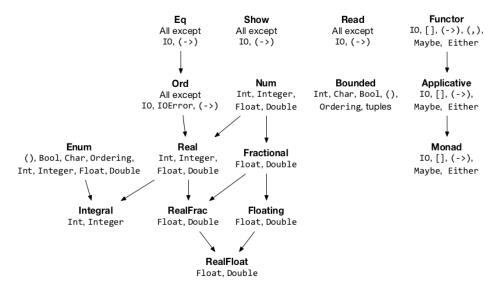
```
> :t True
True :: Bool — logical type
> :t 'a'
'a' :: Char — character type
> :t "abc"::
"abc" :: [Char] — identical with String
```

Int, Float i Double are similar to types we know from C and C++.

Integer type with arbitrary-precision is limited only by computer resources:

a = 815915283247897734345611269596115894272000000000 :: Integer

```
We also have typeclasses:
  :: Num p \Rightarrow p - class of numeric types Num (with addition and multiplication operations defined).
Integral – like Num, buts standard instances are integer (with modulo and whole-number division and remainder
operations defined)
> :t div
div :: Integral a => a -> a -> a
> :t 1.0
1.0 :: Fractional p = p - class of Fractional types like Num, but not only integer(with division operator
defined).
 :t (/)
/) :: Fractional a => a -> a -> a
 :t pi
pi :: Floating a => a - class of floating point types Floating.
Other typeclasses:
Eq – comparable values (with Equivalence relation defined)
 5.0 == 5
True
     :: Eq a => a -> a -> Bool
Ord – ordered values (with a linear order relation defined)
alse
Show – type values that can be displayed.
show :: Show a => a -> String
Relationships between typeclasses and types are shown in the following diagram:
```



source: https://cs.anu.edu.au/courses/comp1100/labs/10/

We can easily define our own simple data types:

```
> data Color = Red | Green | Blue
> :{
| isRed :: Color -> Bool
| isRed Red = True
| isRed _ = False
| :}
isRed Blue
```

```
False
And also complex:
> data Chars = Value Char | Join Chars Chars
> :{
| isChar :: Chars -> Bool
| isChar (Value x) = True
| isChar = False
| toString :: Chars -> String
| toString (Join x y) = (toString x) ++ (toString y)
| toString (Value x) = [x]
| :}
> toString (Value 'a')
"a"
> toString (Join (Value 'a') (Value 'b'))
"ab"
> toString (Join (Join (Value 'a') (Value 'b'))
```

5. Functions

Function is a first-class citizen and it cannot start with a capital letter because this notation is reserved for data types. We got to know the constant function called the definition:

```
> let x = 2 :: Integer or shorter: > x = 2 :: Integer
```

However, this time we explicitly declared the variable type as Integer (operator :: – we read as: "is of type") We can check it out.

```
> :t x
x :: Integer
```

Form of declaration of each function:

```
function_name :: Type_qualifiers = >arg_type - >arg_2_type ->... - >arg_n_type -> Result_type
```

We can explicitly provide a function definition. This is useful if you want to specify the types of arguments and return value:

```
> add :: Int a -> a -> a
```

Definition looks as follows:

function_name $arg_1 arg_2 \dots arg_n = let$ function_definitions in the command returning the result

The definition of a typical function:

```
> let add x y = x + y or shorter: > add x y = x + y
```

Such defined function can be called by passing arguments:

```
> add 2 5 or > add x 5 or > add x y
```

Output: 7

We might as well check the type of function:

```
> :t add
add :: Num a => a -> a -> a
```

This means that it is a function that accepts two identical parameters from Num typeclass and returns an element of the same type. The language contains a rich set of useful functions:

```
begin{align*}
\text{Tazy evaluation - calculations are made ONLY when it is necessary.}

\text{
| divide :: (RealFrac a) => a -> a -> a |
| divide x y = let q = (/) x y in if (abs y) < 0.001 then 0 else q |
| :}
| divide 5 0.00099
| 0.0 |
| divide 5 0.001 |
| 5000.0 |
| Function instantiation. |
| rewerse = divide 1 |
| rewerse 5 |
| 0.2 |
| Function composition. |
| identity = rewerse . rewerse |
| identity 5 |
| rewerse 5 |
| dentity = rewerse . rewerse |
| identity 5 |
| rewerse 5 |
| dentity 5 |
| dentity 5 |
| dentity 5 |
| divide 5 0.001 |
| divide 5 0.0001 |
| divide 5 0.0001
```

Functions can be passed as parameters to other functions. Selecting only elements specified by the function f (called a predicate) on all elements of x list (filter f x).

```
> filter (>3) [-10..10]
[4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
> filter (\x -> x * x == 1) [-10..10]
[-1,1]
```

6. Opertators

In Haskell we have the following operators defined:

```
5 rem 2 - remainder
         (-3) – The remainder result differs from modulo only for negative numbers.
  `rem`
(-7) rem (-3) – The remainder result will have dividend sign (first operator).
```

By specifying the name of the binary function in backward apostrophes, we can put it in place of the binary operator in infix notation. You can see it on the example of div and mod but we can also do it with the add function defined by

```
`add` 2
```

Some operators have alternative versions implemented for other types:

```
> 2.5 ^ 4 or > 2.5 ^^ 4 – power with numeric type exponent
39.0625
> 2 ** 5.3 – power with fractional type exponent 39.396621227037315
```

We can also check the operator type:

```
:: (Integral b, Num a) => a -> b -> a
    Floating a => a -> a -> a
```

Precedence and connectivity of operators in Haskell is presented in the following table³:

Precedence	left associative	non-associative	right associative
9	!!		
8			^,^^,**
7	*, /, 'div', 'mod', 'rem', 'quot'		
6	+, -		
5			:,++
4		==, /=, <, <=, >, >=, 'elem', 'notElem'	
3			&&
2			
1	>>, >>=		
0			\$, \$!, 'seq'

Operators with a higher precedence will be executed earlier:

```
2 ** 5 + 1
False && True || True
```

In order to force a different order of execution, we must use brackets:

```
2 ** (5 + 1)
64.0
> False && (True || True)
False
```

Because of the precedence of functions over operators, calling our add function may have an undesirable effect:

```
> 2 * 2 `add` 2<mark>lub</mark>> add 2 2 * 2<mark>lub</mark>> 2 * add 2 2
```

7. Expressions: if ... then ... else, let...in, where and |

In Haskell, every expression and function must return something, so the else clause in the if statement is mandatory.

```
threshold100 x =
                 if x > 100 then 100 else x
threshold100 87
threshold100 102.8
```

Version of factorial implementation using conditional statement if ... then ... else.

 $^{^{3} \ \}underline{\text{https://www.haskell.org/onlinereport/haskell2010/haskellch4.html} \\ \text{#x10-820004.4.2}$

```
factorial n = if n == 1 then 1 else n * factorial (n - 1)
 factorial 40
815915283247897734345611269596115894272000000000
factorial function type.
:t factorial
factorial :: (Eq p, Num p) => p -> p
Version of factorial implementation with use of an additional variable (accumulator) passing intermediate results
between recursive calls.
 factorial' n' a = if n' == 1 then a else factorial' (n' - 1) (a * n') factorial' 40 1
81591528324789773434561126959611589427200000000
Version of factorial implementation using let ... in to hide the accumulator.
 factorial n = let factorial' n' a = if n' == 1 then a else factorial' (n' - 1) (a * n') in
factorial' n 1
  factorial n = let factorial` n'
                                         otherwise = factorial` (n' - 1) (a * n')
                                         in factorial` n 1
  factorial n = factorial` n 1 where factorial` n' a
                                                              == 1 = a
                                                           otherwise = factorial` (n' - 1) (a * n')
```

8. Lists, tuples, maps and filters

```
Containing module: > import Data.List
Lists are homogeneous structures of variable length.
```

```
[1,2,3,4] > 1:2:3:4:[]
[1,2,3,4]
 1:2:[3, 4]
[1,2,3,4]
> [1, 2 .. 4]
[1,2,3,4]
> [1 .. 4]::[Int]
[1,2,3,4]
 numbers = [3,6,4,8,1]
  numbers
[3,6,4,8,1]
  [3,6,4,8,1] ++ [6,8]
[3,6,4,8,1,6,8]
> "Tomasz " ++ "Goluch"
"Tomasz Goluch"
> 'k':"not"
"knot"
 'a':' ':'k':"not"
 a knot"
  [1..7]!!3 – element at index 3
  let listOfLists = [[1,2,3],[5],[1,2],[]]
  listOfLists
True
 [3,2,1] > [3,2,2]
 alse
> [3,2,1] > [2,3,3]
```

```
True
  [3,2,1] > [3,2]
True
  [3,2,1] == [3,2,1]
True
Typical functions performing on lists.
 head [3,2,1,2]
> tail [3,2,1,2]
[2,1,2]
  last [3,2,1,2]
 init [3,2,1,2]
[3,2,1]
  length [3,2,1,2]
> null [3,2,1,2]
False
  reverse [3,2,1,2]
[2,1,2,3] > take 2 [3,2,1,2]
[3,2]
> drop 2 [3,2,1,2]
[1,2]
 maximum [3,2,1,2]
  sum [3,2,1,2]
   product [3,2,1,2]
12
> elem 5 [3,2,1,2]
False
> [5..15]
[5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]
> ['x'..'z']
 xyz"
[3,5..15]
[3,5,7,9,11,13,15]
  [0.1, 0.3 .. 1]
[0.1,0.3,0.5,0.7,0.899999999999999,1.099999999999999]
  take 10 (cycle [3,2,1])
[3,2,1,3,2,1,3,2,1,3]
  take 5 (repeat 3)
[3,3,3,3,3]
> replicate 5 3
[3,3,3,3,3]

> [2^x | x <- [0..8]]

[1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256]

> [2^x | x <- [0..8], 2^x > 30]
[32,64,128,256]
> [x | x <- [0..20], x `mod` 5 == 0]
[0,5,10,15,20]
> [x | x <- [0..20], x `mod` 5 == 0, x `mod` 3 == 0]
[0,15]
> evenOrOdd xs = [
                             if x \mod 2 == 0 then "even" else "odd" | x <- xs, x < 10]
> even0r0dd [2..20]

> even0r0dd [2..20]

["even", "odd", "even", "odd", "even", "odd"]

> [x*y | x <- [2,5,10], y <- [1..5]]

[2,4,6,8,10,5,10,15,20,25,10,20,30,40,50]
[2,4,6,8,10,5,10,15,20,25,10,20,50,40,50]
> [x*y | x <- [2,5,10], y <- [1..5], x*y <= 30]
[2,4,6,8,10,5,10,15,20,25,10,20,30]
> let names = ["Alvin", "Bruce","John"]
> let surnames = ["Lee","Springsteen"]
> [name ++ " " ++ surname | name <- names, surname <- surnames]
["Alvin Lee", "Alvin Springsteen", "Bruce Lee", "Bruce Springsteen", "John Lee", "John Springsteen"]</pre>
   length' xs = sum [1 | _ <- xs]
```

```
length' [1..100]
100
> onlyLowercase st = [ c | c <- st, c `elem` ['a'..'z']]
  onlyLowercase "UPPERCASE lowercase"
 lowercase"
  let xxs = [[1,3,5,2,3,1,2,4,5],[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9],[1,2,4,2,1,6,3,1,3,2,3,6]]
[[ x | x <- xs, even x ] | xs <- xxs, length xs > 9]
[[2,4,2,6,2,6]]
Implementation of function reversing the order of list items:
  reverse::[a] -> [a]
reverse [] = []
reverse (x:y) = reverse y ++ [x]
Tuples are heterogeneous structures of constant length
> (1, 'a', "number")
(1, 'a', "number")
> fst ("Nicholson", 1937)
"Nicholson"
  snd ("Nicholson", 1937)
1937
> zip [1,2,3,4,5] ['a','b','c']
[(1,'a'),(2,'b'),(3,'c')]
> zip [1..] ['a','b','c']
[(1,'a'),(2,'b'),(3,'c')]
A list of different triples a, b, c, such that a + b + c \le x, and from sides of length a, b, c you can build a right triangle.
  let rightTriangles minSum = [(a,b,c) | c <- [1..minSum], b <- [1..c], a <- [1..b], a ^2 + b^2
 == c^2, a+b+c >= minSum]
 rightTriangles 24
[(6,8,10)]
Infinite Fibonacci sequence:
> fibonacci = 1:1:[(a + b) | (a, b) <- zip fibonacci (tail fibonacci)]</pre>
  print fibonacci causes an infinite loop
> print (take 1000 fibonacci) it works – because of lazy evaluation
Performing the function f on all elements of the list x > map' f x = [f xs | xs <- x] > map' something [1..10]
  map' (+1) [1..10]
  map' (\x -> 3 * x + 2) [1..10]
    9. Tables<sup>4</sup>
Containing module: > import Data.Array
Creating sqr array containing the squares of numbers from 1 to 100.
> sqr = array (1,100) [(i, i*i) | i <- [1..100]]
Take the square of the number 7.
> sqr!7
Checking the dimensions of the array.
> <u>b</u>ounds sqr
(1,100)
Recursively creating an array containing Fibonacci numbers (try find and correct the error).
> fibs n = a where a = array (0,n) ([(0, 1), (1, 1)] ++ [(i, a!(i-2) + a!(i-1)) | i <- [2..n]])
Take 10th sequence element.
> fibs 10 ! 10 => 89
     10.Hash tables<sup>5</sup>
```

Containing module:

⁴ https://www.haskell.org/tutorial/arrays.html

⁵ http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base-4.3.0.0/docs/Data-HashTable.html

> import Data.Map

Creating an H table from an exemplary pair list.

```
> :{
    H :: Map Char Int
    H = fromList [('a', 3), ('b', 5), ('c', 7)]
    :}
Search element x in the table H
output :: Maybe a
output = lookup x H
```

11. Function: group, sort

The group function takes a list and returns a list consisting of lists of grouped identical subsequent items.

```
> :{
| group :: Eq a => [a] -> [[a]]
| group "Mississippi" = ["M","i","ss","i","ss","i","pp","i"]
| :}
```

The sort function implements a stable version of the sorting algorithm.

```
> :{
| sort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
| sort "Mississippi" = "Miiiippssss"
| :}
```

Functions require importing Data.List module.

12.Modules

Haskell contains a lot of modules that extend language capabilities. The first step is to download the current package list:

```
cabal update or cabal v2-update
Installation of numbers module:
cabal install numbers
Displaying list of installed modules:
cabal list --installed
Importing module in ghci loop:
> import Data.Number.BigFloat
Module usage:
Data.Number.BigFloat> pi = 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510 :: BigFloat
Prec50
Data.Number.BigFloat> :t pi
pi :: BigFloat Prec50
Data.Number.BigFloat> pi
```

13. Sample laboratory tasks

3.1415926535897932384626<mark>4338327950288419716939937510e0</mark>

- 1) For a given number n, find the sum of all Fibonacci sequence even elements less than n.
- 2) For a given (as a lists) sets L and M, calculate their difference and symmetrical difference.
- 3) For a given number n and a list L of numbers, find the sum of all numbers from 1 to n divisible by at least one number from L.

Comments:

- a) all functions should have an appropriate header with the type of function,
- b) in programs you cannot use functions from Data.List, Data.Array or similar modules.

Haskel in browser:

• http://tryhaskell.org (limited GHCi, only as an introduction)

- http://ideone.com
- http://rextester.com/l/haskell online compiler
- https://www.jdoodle.com/execute-haskell-online
- https://paiza.io/en/projects/new?language=haskell
- https://www.tutorialspoint.com/compile haskell online.php
- https://repl.it/repls/ExtraneousAdorableLink (GHCi loop)

Tutorials:

- https://wiki.haskell.org/A_brief_introduction_to_Haskell
- https://wiki.haskell.org/Tutorials
- https://learnxinyminutes.com/docs/haskell
- http://learnyouahaskell.com/chapters
- http://exercism.io/languages/haskell/about (registration required)
- https://wiki.haskell.org/Introduction_to_IO (introduction to IO)
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