# Authors' Guide

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To a job well done

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# **Chapter Sketches**

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# Chapter 1: Function Definitions & Flow Control

- **Topics**: Function definition, pattern matching, recursion, induction, let, where, if-then-else as flow control.
- Time: 1 Class + 1 Tutorial
- Author: RSA
- **Notes**: No polymorphism; fully pen-and-paper before code.



# **%** Chapter 2: Haskell Setup

• Topics: Minimal setup (hopefully using haskellKISS) for different OS.

• Time: 1 Parallel Tutorial

• Authors:

► Windows: R

► Linux: S

► macOS: A

# Chapter 3: Basic Datatypes

- Topics:
  - Bool, Int vs Integer in extremely brief terms, Char (ord, chr)
  - ► Use of . vs "."
- Time: 1 Class + 1 Tutorial
- Author: A
- Notes: No polymorphism yet.
- Assignment: Number Theory & Logic Ops

# Electrical Chapter 4: Types as Sets

- Topics:
  - ► Tuples as  $\times$ , Either as  $\cup$ , ( $\rightarrow$ ) as  $A^B$ , :: as  $\in$
  - Currying (concept only), implicit parentheses
  - Basic set theory concepts
- Time: 1 Class + 1 Tutorial
- Author: R

# Chapter 5: Lists

- Topics:
  - ▶ List definition & comprehension
  - Lists as syntax trees
  - ► Operations: head, tail, !!, elem, drop, take, splitAt
  - ► Merge sort, infinite lists
  - Code Examples:

```
l = 0 : l
l n = n : l (n+1)
l a b = a : l b (a+b)
```

• Time: 2 Classes + 2 Tutorials

• Author: R

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# Chapter 6: Polymorphism & Higher Order Functions

- Topics:
  - ▶ Intro to polymorphism
  - Higher-order functions
  - Operators and functions:

```
($) :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b

a \rightarrow b \rightarrow (a, b)

curry, uncurry
```

• Time: 1 Class + 2 Tutorials

Author: S

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# (1) Chapter 7: Advanced List Operations

- Topics:
  - map, filter, Cartesian product, first through list comprehension, then explicitly defined
  - Quick sort through list comprehension
  - ► zip, zipWith
  - Folds, scans (with syntax tree understanding)
  - ► Miller-Rabin primality test
- Time: 2 Classes + 3 Tutorials
- Author: A

# Chapter 8: Precomp Data Structures

- Topics:
  - ▶ Define recursion in recursive data types
  - Define whatever happened in the basic datatypes section.
  - ► Define Nat, List, Tree
- Time:
- Author: A

# **E** Chapter 9: Computation as Reduction

- Topics:
  - Reduction-based computation (skip Big O)
  - Syntax trees, lazy evaluation
  - Examples:
    - Fibonacci via infinite list
    - Test if the following works:

```
(map recip [-5..]) !! n
```

- Time: 1 Class + 2 Tutorials
- Author: S

# **♦ Chapter 10: Complexity**

- Topics:
  - ► Some Notion of complexity that is pretty theoretical
- Time:
- Author: A

# Chapter 11: Post Comp Data Types

- Topics:
  - Queue
  - ► Segment Trees
  - ► BST
  - Set
  - ► Map
- Time:
- Author: A



# **chapter 12: Typeclasses**

- Topics:
  - ► Recall Polymorphism
  - deriving
  - Under the hood of deriving
  - Custom Classes
- Author: R
- Time:

# Chapter 13: Monads

- Topics:
  - Functors
  - Applicative Functors?
  - Monads:
    - Theory
    - Do notation
    - Simple Writer Cost as (,) Integer
    - Maybe Monad
    - $^{-}$  Simple Reader  $^{-}$  ( $\rightarrow$ ) x
    - Simple State Light Switch
    - Monoid Monad
    - Simple Writer IO
- Author: R
- Time: 5 Classes + 5 Tutorials

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# Directory Structure

In general, do not make new typst files in the chapter area, just edit the previously existent ones. If you use a figure, please save it as a separate .typ or .asy file in figures and import when required.

```
haskell-course/
 Modules
      Book.typ
      - Box.typ
      - Chapter.typ
      Code.typ
      Contents.typ

    Definition.typ

    Exercise.typ

      Prelude.typ
      - Proof.typ
      - Tree.typ
      style.typ
      - theme.tmTheme
      theorems.typ
   chapters-typ
       ch01_functions.typ
      ch02_setup_linux.typ
      ch02_setup_mac.typ
      ch02_setup_win.typ
       ch13_monad.typ
      - example_chapter.typ
  example.pdf
   extra-typ
      - appendix.typ
      preface.typ
   figures
   generate.sh
    guide.md
  - guide.pdf
   guide.typ
  - licenses

    code license.txt

      - text_license.txt
  - main.pdf
   main.typ
   tutorials-typ
```

Tutorials, assignments and solutions refer to tutorial handouts(if needed), class and tutorial assignments and their solution files. Keep them as .typ/.tex files for now, the required .hs/.lhs files will be generated later.

Also, if you need to cite something, cite it at the end of your chapter as a comment starting with cite.

```
// cite:
// citation 1
// citation 2
```

I will at some point make a script to compile citations. OR We can use https://typst.app/docs/reference/model/cite/ and Hayagriva

# Pedagogy

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### **Personality of Narrator**

We always use the "we" grammatical turn as far as possible, and a few steps further still.

### How to know whether a Concept has been Learnt

By testing whether they can parse Haskell in natural language

We can test a student upon their knowledge of a Haskell function by asking the student to narrate in detail in a natural language such as English, the steps the function is taking in the execution of its definition.

For example,

Consider the following problem: We have to make a function that provides feedback on a quiz. We are given the marks obtained by a student in the quiz marked out of 10 total marks. If the marks obtained are less than 3, return 'F', otherwise return the marks as a percentage -

You then ask the student to describe in detail how the function works.

They should ideally answer - "

Let feedback be a function that takes an Integer as input and returns Either a Char or an Integer.

As Char and Integer occurs on the left and right of each other in the expression Either Char Integer, thus Char and Integer will henceforth be referred to as Left and Right respectively.

Let the input to the function feedback be n.

If n<3, then we return 'F'. To denote that 'F' is a Char, we will tag 'F' as Left. (remember that Left refers to Char!)

otherwise, we will multiply n by 10 to get the percentage out of 100 (as the actual quiz is marked out of 10). To denote that the output 10\*n is an Integer, we will tag it with the word Right. (remember that Right refers to Integer!)

"

## What does it Mean to Teach a Haskell Concept?

Teaching is a very abstract notion. We can make that notion more explicit by assuming that what we actually want to do is get the student to a position where they can pass the test described in the above section with flying colours, i.e.,

Teaching  $\approx$  Teaching to pass the test of the previous section

### How to Teach a Haskell Concept

Assuming the suppositions of the previous sections hold any water, the method to teach a Haskell concept appears quite simple -

Show the students how to parse Haskell in natural language over and over again until they get it

# **Using Imported Functions**

### **Appendix**

To use this module, we need to **#import** "../Modules/Appendix.typ": appendixed Apply the #appendixed function on some content to move it to the Appendix chapter.

```
You can find more information about this fancy stuff in the #appendixed[

Fancy Stuff

Some fancy stuff

].

You can find more information about this fancy stuff in the appendix.
```

The word "appendix" on the right is a link to the location where the content has been moved to in the Appendix chapter.

### Code Block

We can write any text that is meant to be code using the usual syntax of using backticks (`).

### **Inline Code Block**

```
We can make a code block in the middle of a line.

Let us take the `hello` function as an example.

Let us take the hello function as an example.
```

### **Floating Code Block**

```
We
      can
             make
                           code
                                   block
                                            that
                                                    floats
                                                             out-of-line
                                                                                 its
                                                                                       own.
                                                            any → String
         hello :: any \rightarrow String
                                                  hello ::
                _ = "world"
         hello
                                                  hello
                                                                    "world"
```

### Literate Haskell

We are using markdown-unlit as our literate haskell pre-processor. It only processes those *floating* code blocks at *zero indentation depth* which have been *marked as haskell* code blocks. So, if you want your code to be visible to lhs, you need to write "haskell" immediately after the 3 backticks, leaving no space in between.

```
hello :: any → String
hello _ = "world"

hello _ = "world"
```

### **Hiding a Code Block**

We can hide a code block by putting it inside the Typst function #metadata().

```
#metadata[
hello :: any → String
hello _ = "world"
]
```

This can be *useful* if paired with the syntax required for *Literate Haskell*, as then we can have code that doesn't appear on the PDF, but still executable by Literate Haskell.

And thus readers would still be able to access it in GHCi without it taking up valuable reading space on the PDF.

### **Code Block Title**

We will often find it a good idea to title a code block, because then it will show up in the table of contents, in the glossary and can be referenced.

If the first line of the code in a *floating* code block begins with — | , then the rest of that line will be taken as the title.

```
-- | helloWorld function
hello :: any → String
hello _ = "world"

hello :: any → String
hello _ = "world"
```

### Referencing a Code Block

A *titled* definition with a *unique title* can referenced by the usual syntax.

```
Recalling @code_of_helloWorld_function, we can proceed.

Recalling \( \bar{\lambda} \) helloWorld function, we can proceed.
```

### Definition

To use this module, we need to **#import** "../Modules/Definition.typ": def

### **Definition Box**

We can call the function #def() upon some content put that content in a *floating* definition box. We can put any text that is meant to be definition in a definition box.

```
#def[
   The empty set is the set that contains
no elements or equivalently, ${}$.
]
The empty set is the set that contains no
elements or equivalently, {}.
```

### **Emphasizing the Subject**

To increase readability, we can emphasize the subject of the dinition by wrapping it in \*\*.

```
#def[
  The *empty set* is the set that contains
no elements or equivalently, ${}$.
]
The empty set is the set that contains
no elements or equivalently, {}.
```

### **Emphasizing the Definition**

To increase readability, we can emphasize *the part of the text that is the actual definition* by wrapping that part in \_\_.

```
#def[
  The empty set is the _set that contains
no elements_ or equivalently, _${}$_.
]
The empty set is the set that contains
no elements or equivalently, {}.
```

### **Definition Box Title**

We will often find it a good idea to title a definition, because then it will show up in the table of contents, in the glossary and can be referenced.

We can set the sub settable argument of the #def() function to a **string** if we want to add a title.

### Referencing a Definition

A *titled* definition with a *unique title* can referenced by the usual syntax.

```
Recalling @definition_of_empty_set, we can proceed.

Recalling @definition_of_empty_set, we can proceed.
```

### **Exercise**

To use this module, we need to **#import** "../Modules/Exercise.typ": exercise

### **Exercise Box**

We can call the function #exercise() upon some content put that content in a *floating* exercise box.

We can put any text that is meant to be an exercise in an exercise box.

```
#exercise[
  If a type `T` has $n$ elements, then
how many elements does `Maybe T` have?
]

X Exercise
If a type T has n elements, then how
many elements does Maybe T have?
```

### **Exercise Box Custom Title**

We will often find it a good idea to title an exercise, because then it will show up in the collection of exercises when we use #exercises, in the glossary and can be referenced.

We can set the sub settable argument of the #exercise() function to a **string** if we want to add a title.

### Referencing an Exercise

A *titled* exercise with a *unique title* can referenced by the usual syntax.

```
Recalling @exercise_of_maybe, we can proceed.

Recalling we maybe, we can proceed.
```

### **Proof**

To use this module, we need to #import "../Modules/Proof.typ": proof

### **Proof Environment**

We can call the function #proof() upon some content to prepend that content with a "Proof" tag. We can treat any text that is meant to be an proof in this manner.

```
#proof[
Here is a proof.

Proof Here is a proof.
```

### **Theorem Environment**

To add line with a "Theroem" tag above the proof, we can set the thm settable argument of the #proof function to that line.

```
#proof( thm: [This is a theorem
statement.] )[
  Here is a proof.
]
Theorem This is a theorem statement.
Proof Here is a proof.
```

### Quote

To use this module, we need to **#import** "../Modules/Quote.typ": quote

### **Quote Box**

We can call the function #quote() upon some content put that content in a *floating* quote box. Quote boxes are meant to have quotes from other source materials like articles or books or people.

```
#quote[
   The name is Bond, James Bond.
]
The name is Bond, James Bond.
```

### **Quote Box Title**

Title will be used to give context to the quote, where they are from and so on, and one can reference a quote using this.

We can set the sub settable argument of the #quote() function to a **string** if we want to add a title.

```
#quote(sub: "Daniel Craig, Casion
Royale" )[
The name is Bond, James Bond.

]

Daniel Craig, Casion Royale
The name is Bond, James Bond.
```

### Referencing a Quote

This I need to figure out, i don't know if commas can be a part of the name.

### Tree

Contents

To use this module, we need to **#import** "../Modules/Tree.typ": tree

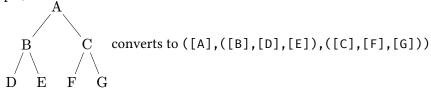
### Conversion

The following function "convert" converts a tree whose nodes are Typst content into data that Typst can interpret as a tree.

 $convert: Tree \ TypstContent \rightarrow TypstTreeData$  convert(node) := node  $parent\_node$   $convert( \\ sub\_tree\_1 \quad sub\_tree\_2 \quad \dots \quad sub\_tree\_n$ 

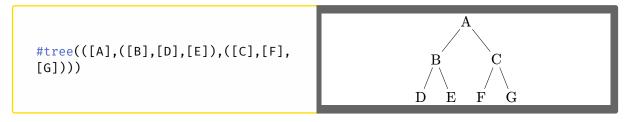
 $:= (parent\_node, convert(sub\_tree\_1), convert(subtree\_2), ..., convert(sub\_tree\_n))$ 

For example,



### Displaying a Tree

Once you've converted your tree, you can display it by applying the typst function #tree() on the data obtained upon conversion, i.e, #tree(): TypstTreeData  $\to$  TypstTreeDisplay.



# **Padding**

We can control how much white space padding surrounds each node by setting the pad coefficient settable argument of the  ${\tt \#tree}($ ) function,

usually to ensure that the edge does not touch the content of the node.

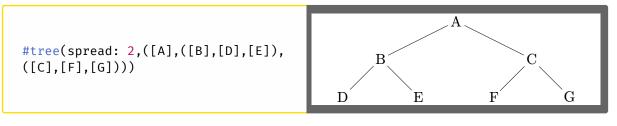
```
#tree(pad: 0.55,([A],([B],[D],[E]),
([C],[F],[G])))

A

B
C
/\
/\
D
E
F
G
```

# Width of a Tree

We can control the width of a tree by the spread coefficient settable argument of the #tree() function.



# Depth of a Tree

We can control the depth of a tree by the grow coefficient settable argument of the #tree() function.

```
#tree(grow: 2,([A],([B],[D],[E]),([C],
[F],[G])))

D E F G
```

# Wiiiide Trees To do this we ne

To do this we need to #import "../Modules/Tree.typ": dots

We can suggest that a tree is very wide by making one the nodes the #dots function from this module.

we can suggest that a tree is very wide by making one the nodes the #00es function from this module

```
#tree(
    ($f $,
        $x_1$,
        $x_2$,
        $x_3$,
        dots,
        $x_(n-1)$,
        $x_n$
}

Deeeeep Trees
```

# To do this we need to **#import** "../Modules/Tree.typ": far\_away

We can suggest that a tree is very wide by applying #far\_away() function from this module on one

of the nodes.

