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CS 252: Advanced Programming Language Principles



Algebraic Data
Types, Kinds,
& Typeclasses

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What happens when we run this code?

```
public class Maybe {
  public static String reverse(String s) {
    return new StringBuilder(s).reverse();
  }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String rev = reverse("Racecar");
    System.out.println(rev);
  }
}
```

Compiler error

We needed a String but tried to return a StringBuilder.

What happens with *this* code?

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public class Maybe {
  public static String reverse (String s) {
    return
         + new StringBuilder(s).reverse();
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String rev = reverse("Racecar");
    System.out.println(rev);
```

Success!

```
$ javac Maybe.java
$ java Maybe
racecaR
```

The types match, so:

- 1. the code compiles
- 2. run-time errors are avoided

Except...

```
public class Maybe {
  public static String reverse(String s) {
    return
        + new StringBuilder(s).reverse();
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String rev = reverse(null);
    System.out.println(rev);
```

Run-time error

```
$ javac Maybe.java
$ java Maybe
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException
at java.lang.StringBuilder.<init>(StringBuilder.java:112)
at Maybe.reverse(Maybe.java:3)
at Maybe.main(Maybe.java:8)
```

Types are supposed to prevent run-time errors. Why did they fail here?

Null Pointer Exceptions

- Why does Java allow null?
- Can we get the same flexibility in Haskell?
- Can we keep type safety?

The Maybe Type

- The option type
- Used when
 - -a function might not return a value
 - -a caller might not pass in an argument
- data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a

```
divide :: Int -> Int -> Maybe Int
divide x 0 = Nothing
divide x y = Just $ x `div` y
test :: Int -> Int
test d = case 1 `divide` d of
  Just n -> n
  Nothing -> error "Can't divide by zero"
main = do
  putStrLn $ show $ test 9
  putStrLn $ show $ test 0
```

```
import qualified Data.Map as Map
m = Map.empty
m' = Map.insert "a" 42 m
case (Map.lookup "a" m') of
  Just i -> putStrLn $ show i
  Nothing -> error "Key not found"
```

Maybe is an algebraic data type (ADT)

An ADT is a *composite* data type; a type made up of other types.

Can we create our own ADTs?

data keyword lets us define a new type.

A type for trees...

data Tree =

Empty

Node Tree Tree String deriving (Show)

> This works for trees of Strings, but what if we wanted a tree of Ints?

A tree type using type parameters

```
data Tree k =
    Empty
    | Node (Tree k) (Tree k) k
    deriving (Show)
```

k is a type parameter

Types of trees

What is the type of Tree? And of Tree Int? *Trick question: types don't have types.*

So what is the type of Node?

```
*Main> :t Node
```

Node :: Tree k -> Tree k

-> k -> Tree k

Higher-order functions review

```
*Main>:t (++)
(++):: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
```

++ takes a list of a's and returns...

funct. that takes a list of a's and returns...

a list of a's.

Type of a value constructor

```
*Main>:t Node

Node:: Tree k -> Tree k

-> k -> Tree k
```

We can partially apply Node

A leaf function

> leaf = Node Empty Empty

Now we can define a tree as:

> Node (leaf 3) (leaf 7) 5

instead of:

- > Node (Node Empty Empty 3)
- > (Node Empty Empty 7) 5

Kinds

What is the type of Tree again? Trick question.

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So what is the *kind* of Tree?

*Main> :kind Tree

Tree :: * -> *



A kind is the "type of a type".

Kinds continued

• Primitive types have a kind of "*"

```
*Main> :k String
String :: *

*Main> :k (Int->String)
[Int] :: *
```

• Types with type parameters have more elaborate kinds:

```
*Main> :k Maybe

Maybe :: * -> *

*Main> :k Map

Map :: * -> * -> *

*Main> :k (Map String)

(Map String) :: * -> *
```

Typeclasses

- Similar to interfaces in Java
 - -Like a contract
 - -Implementation details can be included
- No relation to classes in objectoriented languages.

Eq typeclass

```
class Eq a where
    (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
    (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool
    x == y = not (x /= y)
    x /= y = not (x == y)
```

Adding Eq functionality to Maybe

```
instance Eq (Maybe m) where

Just x == Just y = x == y

Nothing == Nothing = True

_ == _ = False
```

This does not quite work... We don't know that x and y can be compared with Eq.

Adding Eq functionality to Maybe

(Eq m) => specifies a class constraint. In other words, m must support Eq functionality.

Type and kind with constraints

```
Prelude> :t 3
```

3 :: Num a => a

Prelude> :k Num

Num :: * -> Constraint