

# QuB

## A Resource Aware Functional Programming Language

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Hard problems in programming

Naming variables

Hard problems in programming

**Resource management**

in evolving production code

Resources: Files, database connections, entity with a shared state

- Modified File Handling API in Haskell

```
openFile :: FilePath → IO FileHandle
```

```
closeFile :: FileHandle → IO ()
```

```
readLine :: FileHandle → IO (String, FileHandle)
```

```
writeFile :: String → FileHandle  
           → IO ((), FileHandle)
```

```
upper :: String → String
```

- File Handling in Haskell

```
do f <- openFile "sample.txt"  
    (s, f) <- readLine f  
    let c = upper s  
    ((), f) <- writeLine f c  
    .  
    .  
    .  
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- File is closed twice: Run time crash



- File Handling in Haskell Gone Wrong (Part II)

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  .
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- File Handling in Haskell Gone Wrong (Part II)

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  ((), f) <- writeLine f c
  .
  .
  .
  return c {- File not closed!! -}
```

- File not closed: Memory leak

- `MonadError`[4] in Haskell

```
class Monad m => MonadError e m | m -> e where  
    throwError :: e -> m a  
    catchError :: m a -> (e -> m a) -> m a
```

- `throwError` starts exception processing
- `catchError` exception handler

- Using MonadError in Haskell

```
do f ← openFile "sample.txt"
  ((s, f) ← readLine f
   let c = upper s
   () ← closeFile f
   return $ Right c)
  `catchError` (\_ →
    return $ Left "Error in reading file")
```

- Exception may cause memory leak

*Well typed programs do not go wrong.*

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~~Lights~~ *Types* will guide you home

— Coldplay

- Design and implement QuB type system
  - Resources as first class citizens
  - Program objects are restricted or unrestricted
  - Functions that share resources with their arguments or are separate.
- Formalizing and proving important properties of QuB
- QuB is logic of **BI** on steroids
  - Typing Environments as graphs
- Working examples

# Background Work: Simply Typed Lambda Calculus (STLC)

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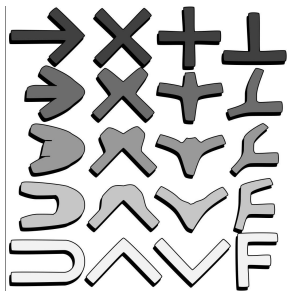
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Hindley-Milner (**HM**) type system ensures sane programs

# Background Work: Curry-Howard Correspondence

- Types are Propositions
- Programs are Proofs

**HM** type system  $\equiv$  Second Order Intuitionistic Propositional Logic



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*The Curry-Howard homomorphism*

Source: <http://lucacardelli.name/Artifacts/Drawings/CurryHoward/CurryHoward.pdf>

# Background Work: Second Order Intuitionistic Propositional Logic

## Language

Propositions & connectives  $A, B, C ::= x \mid A \supset B \mid \forall x.B \mid \dots$

Context  $\Gamma, \Delta ::= \epsilon \mid \Gamma, A$

## Logic Rules

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} [\text{Ax}]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B \quad x \notin \Gamma}{\forall x.B} [\forall\text{I}]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x.B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{B[x/A]} [\forall\text{E}]$$

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## Propositions are truth values not resources

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} \text{ [WKN]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} \text{ [CTR]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash B}{\Delta, \Gamma \vdash B} \text{ [EXCH]}$$

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- Control the use of [WKN] and [CTR]

Propositions now behave like resources

# Background Work: Substructural Logic

System	Who	Restrictions
Linear Logic[1]	Girard	[WKN] [CTRN]
Lambek Logic[3]	Lambek	[EXCH]
Logic of Bunched Implications[6]	O'Hearn and Pym	[WKN] [CTRN]
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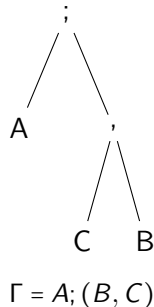
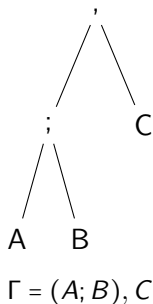


# Background Work: Logic of Bunched Implications (*BI*)

- Contexts are lists or sets

$\Gamma, A, B$

- In logic of *BI*, contexts are trees and called are bunches
- Two connective used to combine bunches:  $A; B$  or  $A, B$



Controlling structural rules based on context

- Contraction

$$\begin{array}{ll} A; B \vdash A & A; B \vdash B \\ A, B \nvdash A & A, B \nvdash B \end{array}$$

- Weakening

$$\begin{array}{ll} A; B \vdash A; B; B & A; B \vdash A; A; B \\ A, B \nvdash A, B, B & A, B \nvdash A, A, B \end{array}$$

Interpretation:

- Propositions connected with , are separate
- Propositions connected with ; are in sharing

(Absence of) Structural rules and logical connectives:

- Meaning of conjunction

$$A, B \vdash A \otimes B$$

$$A; B \vdash A \& B$$

- Meaning of implication

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B} [\multimap I]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B} [\multimap I]$$

# Background work: Logic of *BI*

Coffee Shop

1 cup coffee costs \$2



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$\otimes$



$\vdash$



$\&$



$\nVdash$



# Background work: Logic of *BI*

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# Background Work: Qualified Types

$$\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma$$

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and  $\Gamma$  specifies the free variables in  $M$ ”

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$$(P \mid \sigma)$$

Instances of  $\sigma$  that satisfy  $P$



Quill[5]: Qualified types + linear logic

Predicates:

- $\text{Un } \tau$  If  $\tau$  does not have resources or can be copied or dropped easily.
- $\text{Fun } \tau$  If  $\tau$  is a function type
- $\tau \geq \tau'$  If  $\tau$  less restricting than  $\tau'$

Quill[5]: Qualified types + linear logic

Qualifying Types:

- Unrestricted Types: `Un Int`, `Un Bool`
- Restricted or Linear Types: `FileHandle`
- Function Types: `Fun (Int → Int)`, `Fun (String → String)`

- Quill: Qualified types + linear logic
- QuB: Qualified types + logic of bunched implications

Types  $\tau, v, \phi ::= t \mid \iota \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau$

where  $\rightarrow \in \{ \multimap, \multimap^*, \multimap^!, \multimap^! \}$

Predicates  $\pi, \omega ::= \text{Un } \tau \mid \text{ShFun } \phi \mid \text{SeFun } \phi \mid \tau \geq \tau'$

- $\text{SeFun } \phi$ :  $\phi$  is a function that is separate from its argument
- $\text{ShFun } \phi$ :  $\phi$  is a function that is in sharing with its argument
- $\text{Un } \tau$ :  $\tau$  does not have resources or they can be copied/dropped easily

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- $\rightarrow*$ : Function type that is separate with its argument
- $\rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow$ : Function type that is in sharing with its argument
- $\overset{!}{\rightarrow}, \overset{!}{\rightarrow}\!\!\rightarrow$ : unrestricted versions of  $\rightarrow*$  and  $\rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow$

Term Variables  $x, y, z \in \text{Var}$

Expressions  $M, N ::= x$

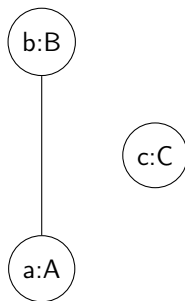
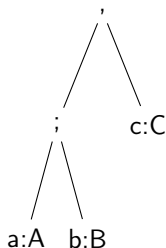
$| \lambda^* x.M | \lambda^{\rightarrow} x.M$

$| MN | \text{let } x = M \text{ in } N$

- $\lambda^* x.M$ : Argument  $x$  separate from  $M$
- $\lambda^{\rightarrow} x.M$ : Argument  $x$  sharing with  $M$

# QuB: Typing Environment

- Logic of **BI**: Contexts are trees
- QuB: Contexts generalized to graphs



- Nodes are program objects
- (No) Edges represent (no) sharing

## Sharing relation $\Psi$

reflexive

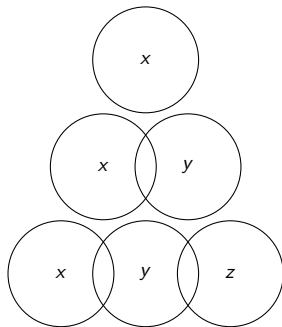
$$\forall x. x \Psi x$$

symmetric

$$\forall x, y. x \Psi y \Rightarrow y \Psi x$$

non-transitive

$$\forall x, y, z. x \Psi y \wedge y \Psi z \not\Rightarrow x \Psi z$$





Flatten graphs into adjacency lists

“ $x$  of type  $\sigma$  is in sharing with  $\vec{y}$ ”

$$(x, \sigma, \vec{y}) \in \Gamma$$

Typing Context  $\Gamma, \Delta ::= \epsilon \mid \Gamma, x^{\vec{y}} : \sigma$

# Examples: Basic Data Structures

- Multiplicative Product

$$\begin{aligned}\tau \otimes \tau' &= \tau \multimap \tau' \multimap (\tau \multimap \tau' \multimap v) \multimap v \\ (,) &= \lambda^* x. \lambda^* y. \lambda^* f. fxy\end{aligned}$$

- Additive Product

$$\begin{aligned}\tau \& \tau' &= \tau \multimap \tau' \multimap (\tau \multimap \tau' \multimap v) \multimap v \\ (;) &= \lambda^* x. \lambda^{\multimap} y. \lambda^{\multimap} f. fxy\end{aligned}$$

- Sums

$$\begin{aligned}\tau \oplus \tau' &= (\tau \rightarrow v) \rightarrow (\tau' \rightarrow v) \rightarrow v \\ \text{case } c \text{ of } \{f; g\} &= \lambda^* c. \lambda^{\multimap} f. \lambda^{\multimap} g. cfg\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{inl} : \tau \multimap (\tau \oplus \tau')$$

$$\text{inr} : \tau' \multimap (\tau \oplus \tau')$$

$$\text{inl} = \lambda^* x. \lambda^{\multimap} f. \lambda^{\multimap} g. fx$$

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- User defined types and type classes

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- Kind System with type constructors

$t, u \in \text{Type Variables}$

Kinds  $\kappa ::= \star \mid \kappa' \rightarrow \kappa$

Types  $\tau^\kappa, \phi^\kappa ::= t^\kappa \mid T^\kappa \mid \tau^{\kappa' \rightarrow \kappa} \tau^{\kappa'}$

Type Constructors  $T^\kappa \in \mathcal{T}^\kappa$

where  $\{\otimes, \&, \oplus, \frac{!}{\star}, \star, \multimap, \rightarrow\} \subseteq \mathcal{T}^{\star \rightarrow \star \rightarrow \star}$

Predicates  $\pi, \omega ::= \text{Un } \tau \mid \text{SeFun } \phi \mid \text{ShFun } \phi \mid \tau \geq \tau'$

- Sharing Pair

```
data ShPair a b = ShP a b
```

```
fst :: ShPair a b → a
```

```
fst (ShP a b) = a
```

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- Separating Pair

```
data SePair a b = SeP a b
```

```
fst :: SePair a b → a
```

```
fst (SeP a b) = a
```

```
{- Fails typecheck -}
```

```
swap :: SePair a b → SePair b a
```

```
swap (SeP a b) = SeP b a
```

```
{- Succeeds typecheck -}
```

What about filehandles, exceptions and memory leaks and runtime crashes?

## File Handling API in QuB

```
openFile :: FilePath → IO FileHandle
```

```
closeFile :: FileHandle → IO ()
```

```
readLine :: FileHandle → IO (String, FileHandle)
```

```
writeFile :: String → FileHandle  
           → IO ((), FileHandle)
```

```
(>>=) :: IO a → (a → IO b) → IO b
```



# Filehandles Revisited

```
do f ← openFile "sample.txt"  
    (s, f) ← readLine f  
    () ← closeFile f  
    () ← closeFile f
```

```
(>>=) (openFile "sample.txt") (\ f →
```

```
(>>=) (readLine f) (\ (s, f) →
```

```
(>>=) (closeFile f) (\ _ → closeFile f)
```

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## Fails Typecheck!

```
do f ← openFile "sample.txt"
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  () ← closeFile f
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```

# Exceptions Revisited

```
openFile :: FilePath → IO FileHandle
closeFile :: FileHandle → IO ()
readFile :: FileHandle → IOF (String, FileHandle)
writeFile :: String → FileHandle → IOF ((), FileHandle)

throw :: Exception → IOF a
catch :: IOF a → (Exception → IO a) → IO a
```

- `IO a` may not fail
- `IOF a` may fail

# Exceptions Revisited

```
readFromFile :: FilePath -> IO (Either String String)
readFromFile fpath =
  do fh <- openFile fpath
     ((s, fh) <- readLine fh
      let l = caps s
      () <- closeFile fh
      return $ Right l) `catch`
      (\e -> do closeFile fh
               return $ Left "Could not read file")
```

- Filehandle `fh` is shared between the `catch` arguments
- Avoids memory leak

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- Working examples

- Type inference algorithm  $\mathcal{M}$  is incomplete. Terms can have two types.
  - $\{\text{Un } A\} \mid \emptyset \vdash \lambda^* f. \lambda^* x. fxx : (A \multimap A \multimap B) \multimap A \multimap B$
  - $\emptyset \mid \emptyset \vdash \lambda^* f. \lambda^* x. fxx : (A \multimap A \twoheadrightarrow B) \multimap A \twoheadrightarrow B$
- No formal semantic model yet

Thank You!



Q & A

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