

All right, everyone, welcome back to the CIS, 120 Deep Dive videos.

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In this video, we're going to cover a couple of things related to defining data types and working with pattern matching in camel.

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And as we'll be seeing in the videos that go along with this deep dive, a lot of what we're doing is working with three structured data.

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So I thought we'd pick an example that should be fairly familiar from you, with you.

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So basically what we're going to see along the way is features for naming, naming existing data types,

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defining new tree shaped data types and then working with some functions to let us do useful things with that.

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And this will also give us an opportunity to do more practice programming with lists and recursion.

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And I'll also show you a little bit about how to use Euterpe, which is Okemos interactive interface.

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OK. So let's set up the problem.

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So I thought I would motivate the the problem by a problem you've encountered probably daily, which is a file system, data structure.

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So if you're using the finder and on Mac or browsing through the files on Windows or Linux,

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you're used to having nested folders that you can put files into.

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And I thought I would use that as an example to work with some tree structured data, since it should be pretty familiar with you.

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So let's think about, you know, as usual, following our design process.

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What's the first step is sort of understanding the problem? Well, there are lots of different things we could do with file systems.

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But for the purposes of this example,

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I thought it would be useful to write a utility that searches a file system and gives you all of the paths that lead to a particular file.

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And so that raises a lot of questions, including how are we going to represent files and the file system and so on.

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And as we'll see, a natural way to do that is with camels, data types and writings and programs that work with trees.

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So let's just begin. So first of all, let's just think about what what is a reasonable way of modeling a file system?

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Well, as we saw in camel, user defined data types have a couple of different pieces.

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We typically have a different variance.

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So if we just think naively about at a simple level, the kinds of things that you find in a file system are files and folders.

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And of course, there are lots of different types of files and there's lots of different metadata and things associated with the folders.

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But for the sake of simple example, we can start off by saying, well, we have a file or we all set up.

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We have a folder that has itself a collection of data inside that.

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And in Carmel, we define data types like so.

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So this would be a a data type that comes in two flavors.

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So either a file by itself is considered to be a file system or a folder consisting of a list of file systems is itself a file system.

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Now, we haven't yet added any interesting data to this, so maybe files should have some useful information,

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like a file name and maybe some data that's associated with it.

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And maybe a folder itself should also have a file name, the name of the folder and the error that Campbell is giving us.

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Here is what we haven't said. What is a file name?

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And for the purposes of this this demo, we can just say that, well, we're just going to use a string to represent a file name.

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And similarly, I haven't said what is the data that we're going to store here.

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And so we could also use it again for simplicity.

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We could use strings. Now, a couple of remarks.

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So here was we're seeing that the usual way we define the user defined data types specifies different variance.

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So here file is a variant and folder.

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It's a variant each variant has with comes with a tag or sometimes I'll call these the constructors of that variant.

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In this case, capital file. Or capital folder are two ways of constructing a file system value.

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And each of those can can can sort of carry along some data with it.

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And we use typically two to represent components of the data.

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So in this case, the file constructor, we expect to be accompanied by a file name and some data paired with the tuple constructor.

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This pair and a folder will have a name and a list of file systems.

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And recall that these types can refer to themselves.

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So intuitively, this gives us a kind of tree structured system.

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So let's just write down some examples.

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So as always, with Cam all the way to think about the values associated with a data type is we build them up using the constructors.

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So let's make a simple example of a file system, which is just a file.

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And I'm getting an error here because we need to have two arguments, the file name and the data that go on with that.

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So let's just make this an example, dot text and some uninteresting text.

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So that's a perfectly good file system, but it's not a particularly big file system.

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In general, we want to have you know, typically the top level of your file system is a folder called The Root Folder that has lots of other things.

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So we could say, you know, let an empty root beer.

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That would be the file system, which is equal to the folder.

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And again, we have to give it a file name. And here where we're asked to provide a list of file systems so we could provide it the empty list.

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And that would be just fine. And we did have another example of another another file system called this one example, too.

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It's another file system that has a folder.

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They will also call this one route. But maybe this one has the example, one file as part of its one of its components.

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OK. And we can go on to use these constructors to represent the shape of a file system.

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And just to give you a few few other examples and to save myself from having to do a lot of typing,

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I've already created a bigger example here called my drive, and it looks like this.

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So my drive is a file system as as with the examples above, it has a kind of root folder and inside of the root folder inside of this list.

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And we have actually three sub folders, each of which themselves have several things in it.

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So maybe one of your folders is called the desktop. And you have three files to do, notes, dot text and insurance on AML.

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And in many, many of these cases, I've just left the data as these strings of dot dot dots because we don't really care so much about that.

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The data there could be another folder called Documents that maybe has your CV, PDAF,

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and maybe you have a folder called Classes that has some folders for Sisse 120 insists 160 and made maybe inside of this is 120 folder.

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You have homework, one folder and one homework to folder and and you get the idea.

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So the point is that with this simple kind of data structure like this,

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we can quite easily begin building up rather complicated data of values like this file system that captures the structure.

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And, you know, these sort of things show up everywhere. In fact, there's probably if you look over encoding of this little widget on the side here

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that provides a kind of nested file view of the files available on my machine,

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probably internally uses some kind of data structure like this to to say how to render this this part of the interface.

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So let's think about how to do a bit of programing with that. So first of all.

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So the task that I have in mind is. A little utility that will search through a file system and look for files of a particular name and

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then give you back the paths starting from the root to all of the occurrences of files with that name.

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So think of this as a really simplified finder or or something like that.

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OK. And so, as usual, with our design process, we want to think about what is the the shape of the interface that we're building.

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So we want to define a function, let's call it. Find that takes a file of a file name and it takes a file system.

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And what I'd like to do is have it return basically all of the paths through this through the file system that that lead to this file name.

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And for simplicity, we're only going to look for files of that file name.

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A good exercise after you finish this video would be to try to adjust the code so that we can also search for folders.

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But let's just for simplicity, assume that. And let's documented.

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F is the name of a file search for.

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S is a file system in which to search and the result here.

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We would like it to be a list of paths.

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We haven't really said what a path is yet. In fact, this is a kind of good exercise in the design.

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So what is a path? If you think about it, you know, you're used to seeing it.

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For example, up here in my browser,

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this kind of slash separated thing is a path through the tree that starts with Codie dot com goes to Steeves and it's like much like straight emblems,

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etc. So if you think about it, a path through one of these file system is is just the name of the folders that you pass through,

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typically separated by a slash. And then maybe to get to say this intro dot airmail file, we would go to route slash desktop,

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slash each word on N.L. and that would be one path and maybe there's another path to the same file.

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So we have route slash classes, slash six 120, slash homework, one intro e-mail.

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So it turned out Armelle appears twice in this file system. OK,

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so that means that we can just save it at a path is really a list of file names

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and a path to a particular file will be a path that ends with that file name.

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So. So that gives us a way of kind of defining this type like this.

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We're defining the type path to be just a file name list.

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And notice that already we're getting a lot of useful information just from the type.

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So a path itself is a list, but we've named that structure and we actually want to get a list of paths.

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Why? Because this file name might show up in several different places like intro dot M.L.

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showed up in two places in this file system and we want to get back all of them.

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OK. So that's that's sort of the first step is identifying this, identifying this.

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And at this point, we would want to say fail with unimplemented.

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And we could also go on to write some test cases already.

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So, for example, we said that in in the file system, the empty file system there.

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There aren't any files. So if we try to do something like look up the look up the file name,

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insert AML in the if we try to find this intricate ide AML in the empty root file system,

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then we're going to expect to get the empty set or the empty list of paths.

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All right. Right.

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And I have to remember to import the assert library, so let me go up here and add that to the top.

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And as usual, with with this,

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I have to actually build the project and then refresh my browser to get Cody to recognize that the insert actually has been built.

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But at this point, the test cases should work and we should be fine,

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although we haven't yet implemented find and we could imagine that if we test and test the case where we look for intrude AML in my drive,

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well, we're gonna expect to get back to pads and we'll have to say, you know, what are those paths?

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Well, we said it was route, desktop, intradermal.

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So that's that path. Is route desktop insured on AML would be one of the paths.

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And the other path would be it's going to do a little bit of formatting.

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Another path would be grouped as classes.

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So, yes, 120 one work, one insured now and hopefully that test will eventually pass.

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So let me summarize what we're trying to do.

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We're trying to implement this fine function that takes the name of a file name and returns the list of all the paths, not just the first one.

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So this is, as you can see, by a non-trivial problem.

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And we're programing basically with this list data structure.

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So the way I like to think about how to structure these problems is to, well, let the type information guide me.

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So we're gonna be searching for this file name inside the file system.

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And the way in general that we examine the structure of data types is by pattern matching.

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So kind of at the top level, we know that we want to match the file system.

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And again, remember, the defining characteristic of OK, well, data types is we knew that file systems come in only two flavors.

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It's either a file or it's a folder. And so those are the only two cases we really have to worry about.

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So if it's a file with some name and some data that we're going to want to do one thing.

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And if it's a folder with a name and some other file system, let's call that the contents of the folder,

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then we're gonna want to do something else and work on each of these parts separately.

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Pattern. OK, so we can get a start by just failing in each of these two cases.

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But at least we've made a bit of progress. So in the case that the file is the one that we're looking for, we want to actually keep that that path.

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So if the name of the file in the file system is equal to the file that we're searching for,

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then, well, we have to think of what is the list of paths to this to this file?

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Well, the entire file system from this point of view is just this file.

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So there's only one path, namely the path that has the the file name itself and it's equal to the path and otherwise.

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Well, if the file and the name are different, then were we haven't.

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And the entire file system is just this file. Then there aren't any paths.

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And so we would want the empty, empty list of paths. OK.

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So I claim that this is actually the correct implementation for this sort of base case where we have the entire file system.

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It consists of just a file. Now, I want to go over one common pitfall with pattern matching.

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So here I'm checking to see whether the name that we're saying here is the same as the file name there.

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And it's pretty tempting to say, oh, I really want to match this pattern where the file name here is the same as the file name there.

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But in fact, this is not correct. And the reason is because this F out here and this F in here are both identifiers.

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And the pattern doesn't recognize that this file name should be the same as that one.

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In fact, the systems to this this use of F is shadowing that use of F upshot is basically

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you should think of the patterns as just ways of naming subcomponents of,

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in this case, a file system. And you're not allowed to use the computation from an outer scope when defining the pattern for an Interscope.

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OK. So if that just means that we actually have to write the code,

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there's a non-trivial comparison that has to go on between these two files, between F and the name.

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And you might think that. Okay, well, we'll be smart enough to think to imagine that you mean equality, like some kind of equality test.

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If you write that pattern. But in general, there could be lots of complicated relationships between them.

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And Campbell sticks with a simple you can just name this component.

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Okay. So that's that's not such a hard case.

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And we could go on in and see if we could make a test for that.

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But I'd like to press on and think about how do we handle folders?

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Well, let's think about what it would mean to search for a file.

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And again, here, remember, we're only going to be looking for files, not folders.

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But we want to look through all of the contents to see whether the file we're searching for appears somewhere in one of those.

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So as a as a first step, I would say let's let the pads for the basically we want to find you might be tempted to

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write something like find F in the contents and use that to somehow build up the answer.

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And that's on the right track. But we'll get an error here.

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Well, a couple of different errors. So, first of all, we need to make sure that our function is recursive.

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So that would allow us to try to try to do something like this to call find recursively.

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But the type of find expects a file system here and contents, remember, is a list of file systems.

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And so this type error here is actually guiding us towards the correct solution.

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And with a bit more experience, we could sort of see this just from the data type itself.

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So the file system here isn't just recursively defined in terms of a file system like the binary trees we'll see elsewhere in class.

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But it's defined in terms of a list of file systems.

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And what that means is that when we hit this case to do recursion, we need to also take into account that there's a list at this point.

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And so what would it mean? Well, we we sort of want to use find at each point in this list.

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And that's the usual example of why you would.

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Want to help or function, and we could define a helper function outside of the scope here, outside of find.

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But in this case, the fact that file system is defined, file system is defined in terms of a list of file systems.

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That's a strong clue that we might want to have sort of a helper function that is local to find.

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So let's let's call this find in list.

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And what is the structure of this? Well, we're still going to be searching for the same file name, but instead we're gonna have a L,

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which is a or we can even call it contents, which is a file system list.

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And what are we going to get out of this? Well, we we're gonna get back a list of paths which might be in all



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So. So here where we're defining a helper function,

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that's going to help us use the find operation in all of these sub lists and all of the file systems that are contained in this list.

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And now, instead of just saying paths here, we could just say find the list of this contents.

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And in fact, since we will use the same F from up here, we don't even need to give it F as the argument.

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And now we're making some progress and we have we have paths here.

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We could we paths will not turn out to be the correct answer.

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We'll think about why in a second. But basically,

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what this code is doing is it's kind of the skeleton for using the structure of the data type to calculate information about the data type as a whole.

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Right. So we have this pattern match for the outer file system structure.

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And because the folder case has a list inside of it, we want sort of a helper function that we can define here that will help us process that list.

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And it might itself need to use find because of the recursion, the structure involved.

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OK. So let's think about what happens in this case.

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So let's imagine that paths here.

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If this finding list works correctly, it's going to give us the list of all the paths that have the file name that appear in contents.

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And to get to those paths, we need to go into this folder.

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So each of each of the paths in contents are those belong to this folder.

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So what we need to do actually is to prepend the name to all of those paths.

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Right. So we want to add this name to the start of each of the paths in there.

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So maybe an example would be useful. So if we go back up to our concrete example at the root, we have all of these sub folders.

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So our paths here will be the list of all the pads and those content.

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So maybe if we're looking for intradermal, one of those paths will be desktop interest on Emmmental.

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And one of those paths will be classes, SIST 120 homework one intrude on N.L.

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But we're searching for all this under the route. So we need to add a route to the beginning so that, you know, the final answer will be route slash,

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desktop slash Internet email and route slash classes, et cetera.

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OK. So that's what this prepend operation will do. And that's just a simple exercise.

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Homework, one style. We'll see other ways of doing this.

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But if I want to prepend a file name, which is a F, which is a file name to P, which is a list of paths and get back a new list of paths.

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No, this is just the usual kind of structural recursion.

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So if the list of paths is nil. Well, we don't have to pretend to anything.

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And if it has some P path, P with some remainder list.

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Well, we want to add the file name to P and then prepend the file name two P's.

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Right. So that's just a little helper function.

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We could write test cases for it. But basically intuitively it sticks this file name.

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As the first thing on all of these paths to produce a new list of paths.

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And so we could now we could experiment with that and I'll show you a little bit more about how to experiment that using you top in just a second.

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OK. So that takes care of this.

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And again, I want to emphasize that the common way of thinking about recursion is assume that this gives you this correct solution.

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So this is going to be the list of all the paths through the contents.

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And now we just have to add this folder name to the front of each of them.

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And that's what Prepend is doing. So now it just remains to find all the contents in the list.

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But that's actually just another one of these simple kind of list recursion.

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So now we have a list of file systems and we're certainly want to find in each one of those.

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Well, again, if the if the file system is if the list of file systems is empty,

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well, then there aren't going to be any paths that have this file name. So we're done.

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And otherwise, if it's some efforts, Constanta, the rest of the file system.

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Well, in that case, what do we want to do?

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Well, basically, we want to take the list of paths we want to find in this file system, all of the paths that lead to this file name.

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And then we want to collect that up together with all of the paths in the rest of the file systems that are in this list.

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And here I'm gonna use the built in append operation.

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You actually implemented that in homework one, so I'm not going to worry about that here.

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We're using append for appending two lists of paths.

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And what do we want to spend it to? Well, find in the list the rest.

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And again, this is telling me that we need to use the rec keyword because as usual, this is a recursive type.

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OK. So at that point, we could now run our program and hope that that passes the test cases.

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High test error interred on AML reported stack overflow.

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This is the kind of error that you might get if you make a mistake in your code.

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And if you get a stack overflow.

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But we might want to look up for where this program could be going into an infinite loop.

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And I happened to see the problem right away, which is actually I made a mistake in this prepend operation here.

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You can see that I the the parse list here.

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PE's is what I called prepend on here.

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So I didn't actually use the structural recursion rest.

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And so what happens in that case is this Prepend keeps trying to build a list from the same list over and over again,

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and it will just grow infinitely and actually exhausts the computers, the region of the memory called the stack, which is why we get a stack overflow.

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OK. So. So that's good. Let's see what happens if we try to run the project now.

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And in fact, we can now pass both tests. And that's that's useful.

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Maybe a little bit unsatisfactory. So in the sense that, well.

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OK, we could write some tests. But now if I wanted to run this on another example, we would have to write some more code.

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So I thought I would segway to showing you how to use you top to also experiment.

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So experiment with running programs. So you top is available from the menu up here.

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If I click on you top, it will bring me over here. And when you start it, it'll basically bring you into the oh, camel top level interpreter.

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And by default it will have loaded the cert package.

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But if we want to use a MLV file like our files.

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This is called File System Amell. So where did you go?

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I have to use this command.

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So hash you use. And then the name of an e-mail file is as though you've typed it into the top level.

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And you can see that what happens is it tells us that we've defined the file name type.

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And then the data type. And we've defined this file system.

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And it'll even print out. No, the my drive. Big example.

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We have all of the code that we have here. It ran the test cases for us.

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We can see that they're passing here as well. And now we could try to call our find function.

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We have to give it the name of the. So we want to call intro's, find intro on email.

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And I want to run that on the file system that I named my drive.

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And when we run that, you see that we actually get these two paths. Like, so.

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And so that's that's kind of nice. But we can do a little bit better.

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This is not the nicest user interface. So I thought I would show you a little bit more at the bottom of this file I've already printed out.

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I've created some code for printing out a file system.

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The actually turning it into a list.

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And I thought we'd do one piece of it. That's kind of missing as another example. But.

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This code, which I'm calling string of file system, takes in a file system and and produces a string.

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And it also takes a kind of indentation level to help with kind of making the format a bit nicer.

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And the thing I want to point out here is that the structure of this code,

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which processes a file system and produces it into something nicely formatted string,

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has exactly the same shape as the find operation that we did up here.

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So you can see that the main body just checks to see whether the file system is a file or a folder and does, you know, some kind of indentation.

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And Pretty Prince, the file names, introduces some new lines and things, and it rehearses on using this string of list,

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which is the helper function that processes a list of file systems and builds up strings from those.

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So the effect of doing this, if I go over to the boobs, go over to the top.

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Well, now we have a string of file system and we can.

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We can say what? S.T. the string of the file system.

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My drive. And and made a typo and.

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Oh, right. We need to give it an indentation level. Luckily it's telling me that.

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And if I print that string, we'll get a somewhat nicer formatting.

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It's a little bit like the kind of thing you see over here where it says, here's the root file.

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There's a desktop folder that has to do notes and intro documents, etc.

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OK. So that's one one thing we can do. The other thing that might be handy is to make these pads print a little bit nicer.

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So at the top level, we saw that a path is a just a list of file names.

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But the way we print them conventionally is by using something called string.

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By using slashes to separate. So if we have a path, we want to turn it into a string.

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This is just, again, a very simple standard kind of list processing program.

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So we match VSP. If it's the empty list, then we want the empty path.

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And if it's some file name with the rest, well, we just want the file name concatenated with a slash,

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concatenated with the rest of the file in that path.

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And and we actually have to call string of path on the rest.

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So that this hyper was telling me that I need to remember to do that.

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And so now if we go back over to you top, you can use the up error to produce the file system.

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And now we could say something like blit p PS equals find intro data Amelle in my drive that will name this list of paths.

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And now I'm going to use a function called List Dot Map that will get two very soon in class.

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But basically what it does is it applies some function to every element of the list.

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And in this case, I want to do a string of path to peace.

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And but what it what it does is it turns each of those paths in the list.

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Using this string of path. And so we'll get this nicer, nice, more nicely formatted example.

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And if I were to do the same sort of thing, I could just say, let's stop map string of path.

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Let's find the, let's say DNA.

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And now in my drive and you'll it will be able to find that path for me.

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So that's gonna be coming up. And more to add in homework in subsequent homework.

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We'll see how this dot map works. OK.

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So that's all I wanted to show you.

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This is a been a I hope, a good deep dove into your programing with data types and pattern matching and reminding you of list recursion.

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