

What are the components of the Glasgow Haskell Compiler system?

- `ghc`, an optimized compiler for generating native code.
- `ghci`, an interactive interpreter and debugger.
- `runghc`, a program for running Haskell programs as scripts without compilation.

How can you view the available `ghci` commands?

: ?

What is `ghci`'s default prompt?

How can you change it?

ghci starts with `Prelude>`, being the standard pre-loaded library, and grows longer with each new loaded module or file.

The prompt can be changed with `:set prompt  
NEWPROMPT`.

How do you add/remove modules in `ghci`?

**Add:** `:module + NewModule`

**Remove:** `module - NewModule`

The abbreviation `:m` also works.



How can arithmetic operators be used in prefix form?

Use parens to get desired association:

```
ghci> (+) 3 5
```

```
8
```

```
ghci> (^) 3 5
```

```
243
```

What's Haskell's quirk with negative numbers?

You nearly always need to surround the negative number with parens to get the desired association.

Describe Booleans in Haskell.

- The Boolean literals are `True` and `False`. Their type is `Bool`.
- Numbers and other types are not coerced into Boolean interpretations.

Describe negation in Haskell.

- Haskell uses `/=` for "not equal", instead of `!=`.
- Haskell uses `not` for "not", instead of `!`.



How can you get information about a  
command in `ghci`?

```
:info funcname
```

How can you create a temporary variable in  
`ghci`?

**Use** `let`.

```
let meaningOfLife = 42
```

How do you raise a power?

`^` for integer exponents.

`**` for floating point exponents.

Describe lists in Haskell.

They are homogeneous and use the common bracket notation. Final commas are not allowed.



What is enumeration notation?

```
ghci> [1..5]
```

```
[1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
ghci> ['a'..'j']
```

```
"abcdefghij"
```

How do you print to `stdout`?

putStr **and** putStrLn.

What is a string, really?

A list of characters. `[Char]` and `String` are synonyms.

```
ghci> let lst = ['h', 'i']
```

```
ghci> lst
```

```
"hi"
```

```
ghci> "" == []
```

```
True
```

```
ghci>
```

How do you concatenate and build strings?

Using list operations.

```
ghci> 'a':"bc"
```

```
"abc"
```

```
ghci> "foo" ++ "bar"
```

```
"foobar"
```



How can you get `ghci` to print the types of the expressions it evaluates?

How do you tell it to stop?

:set +t

:unset +t

What is `it`?

A special variable where `ghci` stores the last expression it returned.

How are Haskell integers different from those  
in C-like languages?

The size of an `Integer` is bounded only by the computer's memory.

How can you construct rational numbers?

Use the `%` operator.

```
ghci> 11 % 29
```

```
11%29
```

```
it :: Ratio Integer
```



How can you find the type of an expression?

:type expr

What is Haskell's comment syntax?

Lines beginning with `--` are comments.