Haskell Intro

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Haskell - Let's get our hands dirty

- ▶ Introduction on basic features
- Practice
- Some mind-bending exercises to get up-to-speed

Install the env

Install haskell platform, including everything you need! https://www.haskell.org/platform/
Then create a file named code.hs with content:

module Main where

main = putStrLn "Hello World!"

Run stack runhaskell code.hs. You're good to go!

RFPI

Use stack ghci to run the REPL in the directory where your code is:

```
Prelude >: load code -- Loads your module
[1 of 1] Compiling Session1 (code.hs, interpreted)
Ok, modules loaded: Session1.
*Main> main -- Calls function `main` from loaded module
Hello World
*Main> :type [1, 2] -- Displays type of an expression
[1, 2] :: Num t => [t]
*Main> :info [1, 2]
data [] a = [] | a : [a] -- Defined in 'GHC. Types'
instance Eq a => Eq [a] -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
. . .
```

Use :type and :info on main!

Types

Type annotations are of the form :: Type. Examples of types:

```
42 :: Int
42.0 :: Float
[1, 2] :: [Int]
"Hello" :: [Char] -- :'(
length :: [a] -> Int

Use :type in ghci to query the type of more complex expressions.
Like: (^), main, map, (:)
```

Functions

Functions are declared with an (optional) type signature:

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a, b)]
```

And one or more body with pattern matching:

```
zip [] = []
zip [] = []
zip (x1:xs1) (x2:xs2) = (x1, x2) : zip xs1 xs2
      arg 1 arg2 tuple cons recursive call
Or just:
```

```
zip list1 list2 = ...
-- Deal with different patterns in the body
-- of the function directly (we will see how later)
```

Types

Lists

List is the most ubiquitous data structure in Haskell. It's implemented as a *linked list* of elements with *same type* :: [a].

List is either empty or one element with the rest of the list.

```
*Main> []

*Main> [1]

*Main> [1, 2]

*Main> 1 : [2]

*Main> 1 : 2 : []

*Main> [1..2] -- Syntactic sugar for range
```

Pattern matching

In Haskell you can pattern-match on data types

Let's play!

Add the following lines in your file to create a module and hide the standard functions:

```
module Session1 where
import Prelude hiding (
    length,
    map,
    sum,
    product,
    filter,
    reverse
)
```

Functions on list

You have to deal with at least two cases:

- ▶ The list is empty
- The list has at least one element

```
listFunction :: [a] -> ?
listFunction [] = -- Empty case
listFunction (x:xs) = -- Other cases
```

You can also match "one element" or "two elements":

```
listFunction [a] = -- One element
listFunction [a, b] = -- two elements
listFunction [a, 42] = -- second element must be `42`
```

Length

Implement the length function:

```
length :: [a] -> Int
```

```
-- Example:
```

Map

Implement the function map with following type:

- -- Example:
- -- map (1+) [1, 2, 3, 4] == [2, 3, 4, 5]

Sum/Product/Fold

Implement a sum function which takes a list of numbers and return the sum of all of them:

Implement the product function which does the multiplication of all the elements of a list:

Can you identify a pattern here? This is fold. Implement the fold function:

fold ::
$$(b \rightarrow a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow b$$

Is there another possible implementation?

Filter

Implement the filter function with following signature:

```
filter' :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
-- Example:
-- filters' even [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] == [2, 4, 6]
```

Reverse

 $Implement \ the \ {\tt reverse} \ function \ with \ the \ following \ signature:$

```
reverse :: [a] -> [a]
-- Example:
-- reverse [1, 2, 3] == [3, 2, 1]
```

Concat

Implement the concat function with the following signature:

```
concat :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
-- Examples:
-- concat [1, 2, 3] [4, 5] == [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
-- concat [] [4, 5] == [4, 5]
-- concat [1, 2, 3] [] == [1, 2, 3,]
```