

A Tase Of ATS

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Outline

- An ML with ADTs, pattern matching, tail calls
- Can be exactly as good the C equivalent
 - Control over memory
 - Performance
- And type safe.

- Compiles to *predictable C*
 - Allows C idioms
 - malloc/free, pointers, stack control
- No compiler optimizations except TCO
 - Recursion is well supported
 - Almost no ...

- Linear/refinement types, proof level language
- Not just for memory!
- File handles, network handles
- Any resource!

- Extremely difficult
 - Syntax
 - Errors
 - Not mature!
- Mine it for the ideas!
 - Language designers, steal!
 - Users, demand!

- Previously spoke about ATS at a high level
- But I want to get into the more interesting features
- Not going to hold back!
 - Wall of code
 - Explain what it's doing
 - But not every bit of syntax

- What are linear types?
- Use once!
- Pass it to a function, consumed.

- Reading from a file
- Linear types to track file descriptors
- C FFI

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    var f = lam@(s:string):void => println! s  
  in (  
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    fclose(a);  
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- Tracked by the linear type system

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  in (  
  
    fclose(b)  
  )  
end
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fun fopen(path:string,mode:string): FileHandle =  
  let  
    extern castfn toFileHandle(p:ptr0):<> FileHandle  
  in  
    toFileHandle($extfcall(ptr0,"fopen",path,mode))  
  end
```

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```
fun fwithline(  
  fh: !FileHandle,  
  f: &(string) -> void  
) : void =  
  let
```

```
  in
```

```
end
```

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):void =
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```

    val _ = $extfcall(int,"getline",
in
    ,
    ,
    )

end

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                    )
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fun fclose(f:FileHandle):void =  
  let  
    extern castfn fromFH(f:FileHandle):<> ptr0  
  in  
    $extfcall(void,"fclose",fromFH(f))  
  end
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fun fwithline(  
    fh: !FileHandle,  
  
    ):void =  
  
fun fclose(f: FileHandle):void =
```

- Not just for memory (any resource can be linearly tracked!)
- C FFI is very easy & encouraged
- Strong roots in C

- Building an linearly tracked array from scratch
- Datatypes + linear views
- Proofs!
 - Interleaved with term level code

```
datatype arr(a:vtflt,addr,int) =  
  | {l:addr}  
    arr_nil(a,l,0) of ()  
  | {l:addr}{n:nat}  
    arr_cons(a,l,n+1) of (a,arr(a,l+sizeof(a),n))
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```
val a = arr_cons(string0_copy_vt("a"),  
    arr_cons(string0_copy_vt("b"),  
        arr_cons(string0_copy_vt("c"),  
            arr_cons(string0_copy_vt("d"),  
                arr_nil())))))
```

```
["a","b","c","d"]
```


- Split the array!
- **Prove** it!
- Statically split the array

```
val a = arr_cons(string0_copy_vt("a"),
                 arr_cons(string0_copy_vt("b"),
                           ...
prval (a1,a2) = array_split(a,1)
|_____ type level proof!
|_____ proof value

["a"], ["b","c","d"]
```

- Proofs erased at runtime, zero cost!

```
prfn arr_split
  {a:vtflt}
  {l:addr}
  {n:int}{i:nat | i <= n}
  (pfarr: arr(a,l,n), i:size(n)):
    @(arr(a,l,i), arr(a,l+i*sizeof(a),n-i)) =
split (pfarr) where {
  prfun split
    ...
}
```

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prfun split
...
sif i > 0 then
  let
    prval (pfx,pfxs) = uncons(pfarr)
    prval (pfleft,pfright) = split{..}{n.-1,i-1}(pfxs)
  in
    (arr_cons (pfx, pfleft), pfright)
  end
else
  let
    prval EQINT () = eqint_make{i,0}()
  in
    (arr_nil{a}{1}(), pfarr)
  end
```

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      -----|
      |
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    end
  else
    l+sizeof(a)
  end
end

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prfun split
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```

```
dataprop EQINT(int,int) = {x:int} EQINT(x,x) |
extern prfun eqint_make{x,y:int | x == y}(): EQINT(x, y)
```

else

let

```
prval EQINT () = eqint_make{i,0}()
```

in

$$(\text{arr_nil}\{a\}\{l\}(), \text{pfarr})$$

end