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Embedding languages in Haskell

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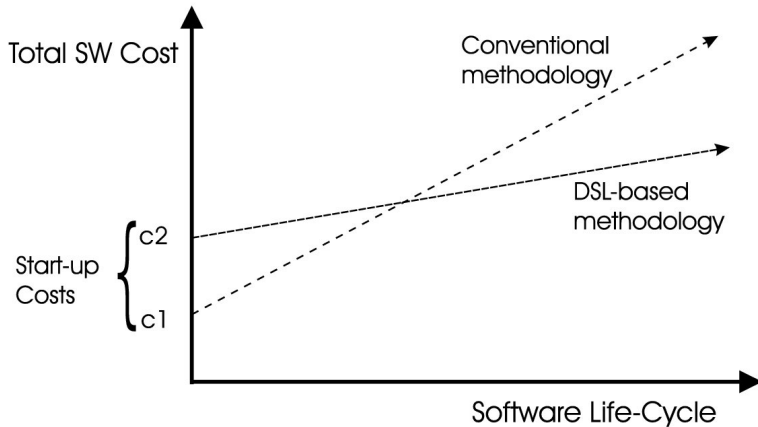
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Programs written in a DSL are:

- ▶ Easier to write
- ▶ Easier to reason about
- ▶ Easier to learn for a domain expert
- ▶ Easier to modify

The payoff of DSL technology



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Embed a DSL in Haskell

- ▶ Currying
- ▶ Higher-order functions
- ▶ Polymorphism
- ▶ Type classes (overloading)

Embedding concrete syntax in Haskell

Concrete syntax for natural number

```
test = quote  
    tick  
    tick  
    tick  
end  
+  
quote  
    tick  
end
```

How can we implement this?

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((quote tick) tick) tick end

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$((\text{quote tick}) \text{ tick}) \text{ tick}) \text{ end}$

If Haskell had postfix function application...

```
quote ::      Int
quote      = 0
tick :: Int → Int
tick i     = i + 1
end :: Int → Int
end i      = i
```

Postfix function application

Introduce an postfix operator

$$(\triangleleft) :: \alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$$

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Pushing the operator into the terminals

$$\text{quote} :: (\text{Int} \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$$

$$\text{quote} = (\triangleleft) \ 0$$

$$\text{tick} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$$

$$\text{tick} \ i = (\triangleleft) \ (i + 1)$$

$$\text{end} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

$$\text{end} \ i = i$$

Finishing touch

The CPS monad

type $CPS\ \alpha = \forall\ r. (\alpha \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$

$lift :: \alpha \rightarrow CPS\ \alpha$

$lift\ a = \lambda f \rightarrow f\ a$

$quote :: CPS\ Int$

$quote = lift\ 0$

$tick :: Int \rightarrow CPS\ Int$

$tick\ i = lift\ (i + 1)$

$end :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$end\ i = i$

$test = quote\ tick\ tick\ tick\ end$

Evaluation steps

The quotation is evaluated like this

```
quote = lift 0
tick i = lift (i + 1)
end i = i

quote          tick tick tick end
lift 0        tick tick tick end
tick 0        tick tick end
lift (0 + 1) tick tick end
tick 1        tick end
lift (1 + 1) tick end
tick 2        end
lift (2 + 1) end
end 3
3
```

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- ▶ Embed prefix notation

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- ▶ $*\ +\ 3\ 5\ 2$
- ▶ Also known as Polish notation
- ▶ Haskell data constructors

Example

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              | One
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           one zero or give
           end
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Should evaluate to: *Give (Or One Zero)*

Systematic translation

Redefine quotation

quote :: CPS ()

quote = *lift* ()

end :: $((\text{()}, \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$

end $((\text{()}, a) = a$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{quote} &:: \text{CPS } () \\ \text{quote} &= \text{lift } () \\ \text{end} &:: ((), \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \\ \text{end} & \quad ((), a) = a \end{aligned}$$

Translation of constructors

Introduce for each constructor $C :: \tau_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau_n \rightarrow \tau$, a postfix function (terminal) c :

$$\begin{aligned} c &:: (((st, \tau_1), \dots), \tau_n) \rightarrow \text{CPS } (st, \tau) \\ c \quad (((st, t_1), \dots), t_n) &= \text{lift } (st, C \ t_1 \dots t_n) \end{aligned}$$

Example translation

Example constructors

Zero, One :: *Contract*

Give :: *Contract* → *Contract*

Or :: *Contract* → *Contract* → *Contract*

Translated postfix functions (terminals)

zero :: *st* → *CPS* (*st*, *Contract*)

zero st = *lift* (*st*, *Zero*)

give :: (*st*, *Contract*) → *CPS* (*st*, *Contract*)

give (st, c) = *lift* (*st*, *Give c*)

or :: ((*st*, *Contract*), *Contract*) → *CPS* (*st*, *Contract*)

or ((st, c1), c2) = *lift* (*st*, *Or c1 c2*)

Concrete example, types

The types correspond to the stack layout

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>quote</i> | $::$ | $CPS ()$ |
| <i>zero, one</i> | $:: st$ | $\rightarrow CPS (st, Contract)$ |
| <i>give</i> | $:: (st, Contract)$ | $\rightarrow CPS (st, Contract)$ |
| <i>or</i> | $:: ((st, Contract), Contract)$ | $\rightarrow CPS (st, Contract)$ |
| <i>end</i> | $:: ((), \alpha)$ | $\rightarrow \alpha$ |
| <i>quote</i> | $::$ | $CPS ()$ |
| <i>quote one</i> | $::$ | $CPS ((), Contract)$ |
| <i>quote one zero</i> | $::$ | $CPS ((((), Contract), Contract)$ |
| <i>quote one zero or</i> | $::$ | $CPS ((), Contract)$ |
| <i>quote one zero or give</i> | $::$ | $CPS ((), Contract)$ |
| <i>quote one zero or give end</i> | $::$ | $Contract$ |

Concrete example, evaluation

Evaluation steps

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| <i>quote</i> | $= \text{lift } ()$ |
| <i>zero st</i> | $= \text{lift } (st, \text{Zero})$ |
| <i>one st</i> | $= \text{lift } (st, \text{One})$ |
| <i>give (st, c)</i> | $= \text{lift } (st, \text{Give } c)$ |
| <i>or ((st, c1), c2)</i> | $= \text{lift } (st, \text{Or } c1 \ c2)$ |
| <i>end (), a</i> | $= a$ |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>quote</i> | <i>one zero or give end</i> |
| <i>one ()</i> | <i>zero or give end</i> |
| <i>zero (), One</i> | <i>or give end</i> |
| <i>or (((), One), Zero)</i> | <i>give end</i> |
| <i>give (), Or One Zero)</i> | <i>end</i> |
| <i>end (), Give (Or One Zero))</i> | |
| <i>Give (Or One Zero)</i> | |

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zero :: (*Contract* → *a*) → *CPS a*

zero ctx = *lift* (*ctx Zero*)

give :: (*Contract* → *a*) → *CPS (Contract → a)*

give ctx = *lift* ($\lambda c \rightarrow \text{ctx } (\text{Give } c)$)

or :: (*Contract* → *a*) → *CPS (Contract → Contract → a)*

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| <i>or</i> | $:: (Contract \rightarrow a) \rightarrow$ | $CPS (Contract \rightarrow Contract \rightarrow a)$ |
| <i>end</i> | $::$ | $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ |
| <i>quote</i> | $::$ | $CPS (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$ |
| <i>quote give</i> | $::$ | $CPS (Contract \rightarrow Contract)$ |
| <i>quote give or</i> | $::$ | $CPS (Contract \rightarrow Contract \rightarrow Contract)$ |
| <i>quote give or zero</i> | $::$ | $CPS (Contract \rightarrow Contract)$ |
| <i>quote give or zero one</i> | $::$ | $CPS (Contract)$ |
| <i>quote give or zero one end</i> | $::$ | $Contract$ |

Concrete example, evaluation

Evaluation steps

```
quote    = lift id
zero ctx = lift (ctx Zero)
one  ctx = lift (ctx One)
give ctx = lift ( $\lambda c \rightarrow \text{ctx } (\text{Give } c)$ )
or   ctx = lift ( $\lambda c1\ c2 \rightarrow \text{ctx } (\text{Or } c1\ c2)$ )
end a   = a
```

```
quote                                give or zero one end
give ( $\lambda c \rightarrow c$ )                  or zero one end
or ( $\lambda c \rightarrow \text{Give } c$ )            zero one end
zero ( $\lambda c1\ c2 \rightarrow \text{Give } (\text{Or } c1\ c2)$ ) one end
one ( $\lambda c2 \rightarrow \text{Give } (\text{Or } \text{Zero } c2)$ ) end
end (Give (Or Zero One))
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```

Ready for the real work

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A grammars is in GNF if:

- ▶ All production are of the form $N \rightarrow aB_1 \dots B_n$
- ▶ It cannot generate the empty word (ϵ).

Example syntax

New syntax for Financial Combinators

```
quote give one dollar or give one euro  
                                or give zero  
end
```

Abstract syntax

```
type Contracts = [Contract]  
data Contract  = Give Contract  
                | One Currency  
                | Zero  
data Currency  = Euro | Dollar
```

Corresponding grammar

Grammar and equivalent grammar in GNF

| | | |
|----|---|--------------|
| S | → | quote CS end |
| CS | → | C or CS |
| | | C |
| C | → | give C |
| | | one CU |
| | | zero |
| CU | → | euro |
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Datatypes for the example grammar

newtype $S \ a = S \ (Contracts \rightarrow a)$

newtype $CS \ a = CS \ (Contracts \rightarrow a)$

newtype $C \ a = C \ (Contract \rightarrow a)$

newtype $CU \ a = CU \ (Currency \rightarrow a)$

Systematic translation, step 2

For each production: $N \rightarrow aB_1 \dots B_n$

We introduce the following function:

$$\begin{aligned} a :: (N \ \alpha) &\rightarrow CPS \ (B_1 \ (\dots \ (B_n \ \alpha) \dots)) \\ a \ (N \ ctx) &= lift \ (B_1 \ (\lambda v1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_n \ (\lambda vn \rightarrow ctx \ (f \ v1 \ \dots \ vn)))) \end{aligned}$$

Where f is the semantic function.

Example translation

Productions of the example grammar

$S \rightarrow \text{quote } C \text{ } CS$
 $CS \rightarrow \text{or } C \text{ } CS$
 $| \text{end}$
 $C \rightarrow \text{give } C$
 $| \text{zero}$

Translated parsing functions (terminals)

$\text{quote} = \text{lift } (C (\lambda c \rightarrow CS (\lambda cs \rightarrow c : cs)))$
 $\text{or } (CS \text{ ctx}) = \text{lift } (C (\lambda c \rightarrow CS (\lambda cs \rightarrow \text{ctx } (c : cs))))$
 $\text{end } (CS \text{ ctx}) = \text{ctx } []$
 $\text{give } (C \text{ ctx}) = \text{lift } (C (\lambda c \rightarrow \text{ctx } (\text{Give } c)))$
 $\text{zero } (C \text{ ctx}) = \text{lift } (\text{ctx } \text{Zero})$

LL(1) grammars

Syntax we want to embed

```
contract = quote give (one dollar and one euro)  
           or give zero  
           end
```

Abstract syntax

```
data Contract = Or Contract Contract  
                | And Contract Contract  
                | Give Contract  
                | One Currency  
                | Zero  
data Currency = Euro | Dollar
```

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| | | |
|----|---|----------|
| S | → | AC or S |
| | | AC |
| AC | → | C and AC |
| | | C |
| C | → | (S) |
| | | give C |
| | | one CU |
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| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------|---------------|------|---------------|------------------------|
| S | \rightarrow | AC or S | | S | \rightarrow | AC S' |
| | | AC | | S' | \rightarrow | or AC S' ϵ |
| AC | \rightarrow | C and AC | | AC | \rightarrow | C AC' |
| | | C | \Rightarrow | AC' | \rightarrow | and C AC' ϵ |
| C | \rightarrow | (S) | | C | \rightarrow | (S) |
| | | give C | | | | give C |
| | | one CU | | | \rightarrow | one CU |
| | | zero | | | | zero |
| CU | \rightarrow | euro | | CU | \rightarrow | euro |
| | | dollar | | | | dollar |

Architecture of an LL parser

The parsing table

| | S | AC | C | CU |
|------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| give | $S \rightarrow AC S'$ | $AC \rightarrow C AC'$ | $C \rightarrow \text{give } C$ | |
| one | $S \rightarrow AC S'$ | $AC \rightarrow C AC'$ | $C \rightarrow \text{one } CU$ | |
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The parse process

| Step | Stack | Input buffer |
|------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | S, end | give one euro |
| 2 | AC, S', end | give one euro |
| 3 | C, AC', S', end | give one euro |
| 4 | give, C, AC', S', end | give one euro |
| 5 | C, AC', S', end | one euro |
| n | end | end |

Translation to Haskell

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Some of the data types

For the terminal *give*: **newtype** $G\ a = G\ a$

For the non-terminals S , AC , and C

newtype $S\ a = S\ (Contract \rightarrow a)$

newtype $AC\ a = AC\ (Contract \rightarrow a)$

newtype $C\ a = C\ (Contract \rightarrow a)$

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Recognition of *give*

Introduce a class for *give*

```
class Give old new | old → new where  
  give :: old → CPS new
```

And an instance, parsing *give*

```
instance Give (G a) a where  
  give (G ctx) = lift ctx
```

Encoding of the expansion rules

Entries in the parsing table

| | S | AC | C |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| give | $S \rightarrow AC \ S'$ | $AC \rightarrow C \ AC'$ | $C \rightarrow \text{give } C$ |

Translated instance declarations

instance Give (S a) (C (AC' (S' a))) **where**
give (S ctx) = give (AC ($\lambda t \rightarrow S' (\lambda e' \rightarrow \text{ctx } (e' \ t))$)))

instance Give (AC a) (C (AC' a)) **where**
give (AC ctx) = give (C ($\lambda f \rightarrow AC' (\lambda t' \rightarrow \text{ctx } (t' \ f))$)))

instance Give (C a) (C a) **where**
give (C ctx) = give (G (C ($\lambda c \rightarrow \text{ctx } (\text{Give } c)$)))

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Practical concerns

- ▶ Type-error messages are unreadable
- ▶ Haskell compilers are not designed for this
- ▶ Lexical syntax of functions limits the concrete syntax