

```
fun append (xs,ys) =  
  if xs=[]  
  then ys  
  else (hd xs)::append(tl xs,ys)  
  
fun map (f,xs) =  
  case xs of  
    [] => []  
  | x::xs' => (f x)::(map(f,xs'))  
  
val a = map (increment, [4,8,12,16])  
val b = map (hd, [[8,6],[7,5],[3,0,9]])
```

Programming Languages

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Modules for Namespace Management

Modules

For larger programs, one “top-level” sequence of bindings is poor

- Especially because a binding can use *all* earlier (non-shadowed) bindings

So ML has *structures* to define *modules*

```
structure MyModule = struct bindings end
```

Inside a module, can use earlier bindings as usual

- Can have any kind of binding (val, datatype, exception, ...)

Outside a module, refer to earlier modules' bindings via

ModuleName.bindingName

- Just like **List.foldl** and **String.toUpper**; now you can define your own modules

Example

```
structure MyMathLib =  
struct  
  
  fun fact x =  
    if x=0  
    then 1  
    else x * fact(x-1)  
  
  val half_pi = Math.pi / 2  
  
  fun doubler x = x * 2  
  
end
```

Namespace management

- *So far, this is just namespace management*
 - Giving a hierarchy to names to avoid shadowing
 - Allows different modules to reuse names, e.g., **map**
 - Very important, but not very interesting

Optional: Open

- Can use `open ModuleName` to get “direct” access to a module’s bindings
 - Never necessary; just a convenience; often bad style
 - Often better to create local val-bindings for just the bindings you use a lot, e.g., `val map = List.map`
 - But doesn’t work for patterns
 - And `open` can be useful, e.g., for testing code