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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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Standard-Library Documentation

# *One last thing*

This topic is not particularly related to the rest of the section, but we made it a small part of Homework 3

ML, like many languages, has a standard library

- For things you could not implement on your own
  - Examples: Opening a file, setting a timer
- For things so common, a standard definition is appropriate
  - Examples: **List.map**, string concatenation

You should get comfortable seeking out documentation and gaining intuition on where to look

- Rather than always being told exactly what functions do

# *Where to look*

`http://www.standardml.org/Basis/manpages.html`

Organized into structures, which have signatures

- Define our own structures and signatures next section

Homework 3: Find-and-use or read-about-and-use a few functions under **STRING**, **Char**, **List**, and **ListPair**

To use a binding: **StructureName.functionName**

- Examples: **List.map**, **String.isSubstring**

## *REPL trick*

- I often forget the order of function arguments
- While no substitute for full documentation, you can use the REPL for a quick reminder
  - Just type in the function name for its type
  - Can also guess function names or print whole structure
  - No special support: this is just what the REPL does
- Some REPLs (for other languages) have special support for printing documentation