

Types

#A collection of values that share common properties - usually a common set of operations

#Tells you what is legal to do with some value in the language.

Type Error

Attempt to use a value in an operation inconsistent with the value's type.

Compile-time (static) type checking:

#it may flag an error as something that would not ever cause a run-time error.

Advantages:

Less runtime overhead

Whole program is checked

Run-time (dynamic) type checking:

#run-time type checking is expensive - must be done each time program is executed

Advantages:

Allows certain programming styles not possible with compile time type checking

More flexible data structures

Lists in python may contain values of any type unlike haskell which only has one type

Type Safety: Strong Typing

Static String Typing = compile error

Dynamic Strong Typing = error at the point of misuse

In type-safe languages, values are managed "from the cradle to the grave"

#Objects are created and initialized in a type-safe way

#An object cannot be corrupted during its life time

#Objects are destroyed, and their memory reclaimed, in a type-safe way.

#Any change of type requires explicit conversion

Python: 5 + "5" #not allowed error

Javascript: 5 + "5" = "55"

C: Does not have type safety

Heap values are created in a type-unsafe way.

Casts and unchecked array accesses can corrupt memory during its lifetime

C deallocation is unsafe, and can lead to dangling pointers (pointer that points to invalid data)