

Functional Programming Practice

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Software must developed cheaply and quickly



Recall: Safety-critical Applications

For safety-critical applications, failure is not an option:

- planes, self-driving cars
- rockets, Mars probe
- drones, nuclear missiles
- banks, hedge funds, cryptocurrency exchanges
- radiation therapy machines, artificial cardiac pacemakers

Safety-critical Applications



A bug in the code controlling the Therac-25 radiation therapy machine was directly responsible for at least five patient deaths in the 1980s when it administered excessive quantities of beta radiation.

COMP3141: Functional Programming

Maths COMP3141 Software

Functional Programming: How does it Help?

- Close to Maths: more abstract, less error-prone
- 2 Types: act as doc., the compiler eliminates many errors
- 3 Property-Based Testing: QuickCheck (in Week 3)
- Verification: equational reasoning eases proofs (in Week 4)

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Functional Programming: Influence In Industry

- Facebook's motto was:
 - "Move fast and break things."
 - as they expanded, they understood the importance of bug-free software
 - now Facebook uses functional programming!
- JaneStreet, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Intel, Apple (... and the list goes on)
- Facebook building React and Reason, Apple pivoting to Swift, Google developing MapReduce.

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 - Functional programs describe what the program does.

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algorithm quicksort(A, lo, hi) is
    if lo < hi then
        p := partition(A, lo, hi)
        quicksort(A, lo, p - 1)
        quicksort(A, p + 1, hi)
algorithm partition(A, lo, hi) is
    pivot := A[hi]
    i := lo
    for j := lo to hi - 1 do
        if A[j] < pivot then
            swap A[i] with A[j]
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• In Haskell and GHCi using :t.

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- **①** Convert single-digit numbers into words $(0 \le n < 10)$.
- **2** Convert double-digit numbers into words $(0 \le n < 100)$.
- **3** Convert triple-digit numbers into words $(0 \le n < 1000)$.
- **4** Convert hexa-digit numbers into words $(0 \le n < 1000000)$.

Single Digit Numbers into Words

$$0 \le n < 10$$

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Double Digit Numbers into Words

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```
teens :: [String]
teens =
    ["ten", "eleven", "twelve", "thirteen", "fourteen",
        "fifteen", "sixteen", "seventeen", "eighteen",
        "nineteen"]

tens :: [String]
tens =
    ["twenty", "thirty", "fourty", "fifty", "sixty",
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    | t. == 1
                         = teens !! u
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convert2 = combine2 . digits2
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Note: this is not the same as single quote used for Char ('a').

Simpler Guards but Order Matters

You could also simplify the guards as follows:

but now the order in which we write the equations is crucial. otherwise is a synonym for True.

Where instead of Function Composition

Instead of implementing convert2 as digit2.combine2, we can implement it directly using the where keyword:

Triple Digit Numbers into Words $(0 \le n < 1000)$

convert3 :: Int -> String

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Triple Digit Numbers into Words (0 < n < 1000)

Hexa Digit Numbers into Words $(0 \le n < 1000000)$

convert6 :: Int -> String

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```
convert6 :: Int -> String
convert6 n
    m == 0 = convert3 n
    h == 0 = convert3 m ++ "thousand"
       otherwise = convert3 m ++ link h ++ convert3 h
    where (m, h) = (n \text{ `div` } 1000, n \text{ `mod` } 1000)
link :: Int -> String
link h = if (h<100) then " and " else " "
convert :: Int -> String
convert = convert6
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