

U41NK9BM4 : Have you looked at Date.Extra?

U3SJEDR96 : <<http://klaftertief.github.io/elm-search/?q=Date+-+%3E+Date+-+%3E+List+Date>> :disappointed:

U0LPMPL2U : same when searching for `List Date`

U3SJEDR96 : there is, however, `dayList : Int -> Date -> List Date`

U41NK9BM4 : Also <<http://package.elm-lang.org/packages/justinmimbs/elm-date-extra/2.0.3/Date-Extra#range>>

U3SJEDR96 : (also, five packages have a function name `orange`. Only 3 `apple`s, though.)

U41NK9BM4 : Hahahaha.

U3SJEDR96 : Waiting for someone to tell me one is obviously a colour and the other isn't, which means I'd be comparing apples to oranges.

U5M297AG7 : I am trying to do something, and with the approach I'm taking it seems I am fighting the language/type system. Whenever I run in to this, I generally take a step back and reevaluate my approach; I am wondering if there is a better approach to what I am trying to do

I have a page which should allow a user to edit a resource I fetch from a server. I have the json serialization/deserialization of this data structure, let's call it `Customer` codified as a type alias, and in the UI logic I simply aliased my Model to that same data structure, `Customer`

Now I want to be able to add a `message` field to my UI model, in order to display the result of some interaction with the server.

My first approach was to have the data structure, `Customer`, as a sub field in the model, like so:

```
{ customer: Customer, message: String }
```

This approach turned out to be painful syntactically, as updating sub-records seemed to require a lot of overhead in code. On further reading, I learned of extensible records, and tried to define my model in a way that is the union of the `Customer` type and a type that has a message field:

```
`type alias WithMessage a = { a | message : String };`  
`type alias Model = WithMessage Customer`
```

My first question would be, is this a good use case of extensible records, or is there a simpler way to achieve the same?

U4872964V : Well, aren't you updating the entire Customer at once, since you are getting it from the server? I'd have it as a separate data field just because of that

U236M9FH9 : <@U5M297AG7> Usually when I have lots of messages that update a nested record, I nest those messages so I can do something like:``

```
type Msg = CustomerChangeMsg CustomerMsg | OtherMsg | ...
```

```
type CustomerMsg = ChangeName String | ...
```

```
update msg model =
```

```
  case msg of
```

```
    CustomerChangeMsg subMsg ->
```

```
      { model | customer = updateCustomer subMsg model.customer }
```

```
updateCustomer msg customer =
```

```
  case msg of
```

```
    ChangeName newName =
```

```
      { customer | name = newName }
```

```
...
```

U4872964V : But your usage of extensible records is not wrong as a general principle for grouping fields

U236M9FH9 : That way I don't need ``

```
let customer = model.customer
```

```
  updatedCustomer = { customer | name = newName }
```

```
in { model | customer = updatedCustomer }
```

```
...
```

in every case branch

U236M9FH9 : I usually just use extensible records to limit the fields my functions expect/operate on, instead of using them to define actual data

U5M297AG7 : Yes, I am updating `Customer` all at once. The extra field, message, that will exist in the UI's model was an initial concern, as I do not wish to communicate that as part of the `Customer` resource; the code serializing the `Customer` resource only serializes the fields that make up a customer, however I am thinking that was your concern with this approach, <@U4872964V>?

U4872964V : Well, I'm not really concerned :) getting the model right is important but refactoring is easy
U5M297AG7 : Ah <@U236M9FH9>, I had not considered that! I believe that would ameliorate the pain of updating nested records

U5WD40ZA9 : Seems to work, not the easiest thing I've ever set up though.

U5M297AG7 : Thank you <@U236M9FH9>, that approach worked out nicely

U236M9FH9 : Yup :slightly_smiling_face:

U37HUSJ4R : Hi everyone

U37HUSJ4R : If my model looks like:``type alias Application =

```
{ id : Int
  , term : Int
  , amount : Int
}
```

```
type alias Model =
{ application : Application
...
}
```

and I am trying to update the `term` value, I have `onInput UpdateTerm` on an input inside my update case statement how do I update this value?