

# Applying Type-Level and Generic Programming in Haskell

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In this lecture series: `generics-sop`.

# Applications

- ▶ (De-)serialization
- ▶ Data generation
- ▶ Data traversals
- ▶ Data navigation
- ▶ ...

The generics-sop view on data, informally

# Sample datatypes

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# The plan

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- ▶ Choice between constructors modelled as an  $n$ -ary sum.
- ▶ Sequence of fields modelled as an  $n$ -ary product.

We'll need Haskell type-level programming concepts along the way.

# Extensions, extensions

DataKinds  
GADTs  
TypeOperators  
TypeFamilies  
RankNTypes  
ConstraintKinds  
MultiParamTypeClasses  
UndecidableInstances  
StandaloneDeriving  
ScopedTypeVariables  
PolyKinds  
FlexibleInstances  
FlexibleContexts  
DefaultSignatures



# Plan for the week

## Today:

- ▶ Learn about  $n$ -ary products.
- ▶ Along the way, discuss everything we need in terms of Haskell type-level programming features.

## Wednesday:

- ▶ Introduce  $n$ -ary sums and the generics-sop view.
- ▶ Representing datatypes using generics-sop.
- ▶ Simple applications.

## Friday:

- ▶ More applications.

# Kinds and data kinds

# Types and kinds

- ▶ Values / terms have **types**.
- ▶ Types have **kinds**.

Example:

```
GHCi> :type 'x'  
'x' :: Char  
GHCi> :kind Char  
Char :: *
```

# Stars and functions

```
Int      :: *  
Double  :: *  
Bool     :: *  
Char     :: *  
( )     :: *  
Void     :: *
```

```
data () = ()  -- one value  
data Void    -- no values
```

## Stars and functions – contd.

```
Maybe  :: * -> *  
[]      :: * -> *  
IO      :: * -> *  
(, )    :: * -> * -> *  
Either  :: * -> * -> *
```

## Stars and functions – contd.

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```

```
Maybe Int           :: *  
IO [Bool]            :: *  
Either Char          :: * -> *  
Either Char (Maybe Int) :: *  
IO Maybe             -- kind error
```

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```
Bool    :: □  
'False :: Bool  
'True  :: Bool
```

Both `False` and `True` are uninhabited.



## Data kinds and promotion – contd.

Quotes are generally optional; `False` and `True` also allowed.

```
GHCi> :kind Bool
Bool :: *
GHCi> :type True
True :: Bool
GHCi> :type False
False :: Bool
GHCi> :kind 'True
'True :: Bool
GHCi> :kind 'False
'False :: Bool
GHCi> :kind True
True :: Bool
GHCi> :kind False
False :: Bool
```

# Generalized algebraic data types (GADTs)

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```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]           :: T1
[1, 2, 3]                 :: T2
['x', False, 3]          :: T3
[Just 'x', Nothing, Just 3] :: T4
```

# Vectors – promoting natural numbers

```
data Nat = Zero | Suc Nat
```

As a type:

```
Nat  :: *  
Zero :: Nat  
Suc  :: Nat -> Nat
```

As a kind:

```
Nat    :: □  
'Zero :: Nat  
'Suc   :: Nat -> Nat
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GADT syntax:

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  LNil  :: List a  
  LCons :: a -> List a -> List a
```



# Defining vectors

Lists:

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data List (a :: *) where  
  LNil  :: List a  
  LCons :: a -> List a -> List a
```

Vectors:

```
data Vec (a :: *) (n :: Nat) where  
  VNil  :: Vec a Zero  
  VCons :: a -> Vec a n -> Vec a (Suc n)  
infixr 5 'VCons'  -- for infix use  
deriving instance Show a => Show (Vec a n)
```

# Vector examples

```
GHCi> :type VNil
VNil :: Vec a 'Zero
GHCi> :type 'x' 'VCons' VNil
'x' 'VCons' VNil :: Vec Char ('Suc 'Zero)
GHCi> :type 'y' 'VCons' 'x' 'VCons' VNil
'y' 'VCons' 'x' 'VCons' VNil
      :: Vec Char ('Suc ('Suc 'Zero))
```

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```
GHCi> vtail ('x' 'VCons' VNil)  
VNil
```

```
GHCi> vtail (vtail ('x' 'VCons' VNil))
```

results in a type error!

## Pattern matching on GADTs – contd.

```
vmap :: (a -> b) -> Vec a n -> Vec b n  
vmap f VNil          = VNil  
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Second case:

$n \sim \text{Suc } n'$

An applicative interface for vectors



# The **Applicative** class

```
class Functor f where  
  fmap  :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b  
  
class (Functor f) => Applicative f where  
  pure  :: a -> f a  
  (<*>) :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

We've already seen that we can map over vectors ...

## Generalizing replicate

```
replicate :: Int -> a -> [a]
replicate n x
  | n <= 0      = []
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won't work.

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Example:

```
type Three = Suc (Suc (Suc Zero))
```

```
GHCi> vreplicate 'x' :: Vec Char Three  
VCons 'x' (VCons 'x' (VCons 'x' VNil))
```

# Singleton natural numbers

```
data SNat (n :: Nat) where
  SZero :: SNat Zero
  SSuc  :: SNatI n => SNat (Suc n)

class SNatI (n :: Nat) where
  sNat :: SNat n

instance SNatI Zero where
  sNat = SZero

instance SNatI n => SNatI (Suc n) where
  sNat = SSuc
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With singletons, we need only one class (`SNatI`) for all functions on natural numbers – but there is potentially more work being done at run-time.

# Pointwise application

Where `vreplicate` fills the role of `pure`, we still need something corresponding to `(<*>)`:

```
vapply :: Vec (a -> b) n -> Vec a n -> Vec b n
vapply VNil          VNil          = VNil
vapply (f 'VCons' fs) (x 'VCons' xs) =
  f x 'VCons' vapply fs xs
```

Heterogeneous lists,  $n$ -ary products

# Promoted lists

```
data [a] = [] | a : [a]
```

As a type:

```
[]  :: * -> *  
[]  :: forall(a :: *) . [a]  
(:) :: forall(a :: *) . a -> [a] -> [a]
```

As a kind:

```
[]    :: □ -> □  
'[]  :: forall(a :: □) . [a]  
'(:) :: forall(a :: □) . a -> [a] -> [a]
```

Both `'[]` and `'(:)` are **kind-polymorphic**.

## Promoted lists – examples

```
GHCi> :kind True ': '[]  
True ': '[] :: [Bool]  
GHCi> :kind '[Zero, Three]  
'[Zero, Three] :: [Nat]  
GHCi> :kind '[Char, Bool, Int]  
'[Char, Bool, Int] :: [*]  
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```

Quotes for type-level lists are often not optional:

```
GHCi> :kind '[Bool]  
'[Bool] :: [*]  
GHCi> :kind [Bool]  
[Bool] :: *
```

# Heterogeneous lists

```
data HList (xs :: [*]) where  
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Example:

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GHCi> :type ('x' 'HCons' False 'HCons' HNil)  
'x' 'HCons' False 'HCons' HNil :: HList '[Char, Bool]
```



# Generalizing further

We often need lists of **related** types.

```
data NP (f :: k -> *) (xs :: [k]) where  
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infixr 5 :*
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```
newtype I a    = I a  
newtype K a b = K a
```

```
NP I      xs ≈ HList xs  
NP (K a) xs ≈ Vec a (Length xs)
```

# Collapsing an environment

```
hcollapse :: NP (K a) xs -> [a]
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Next goal: generalize `vmap`, `vreplicate` and `vapply` to environments.

Higher-rank types

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```
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```
hmap :: (forall x . f x -> g x) -> NP f xs -> NP g xs
```

## Using `hmap` – an example

```
group :: NP I '[Char, Bool, Int]
group = I 'x' :* I False :* I 3 :* Nil

unI :: I a -> a
unI (I x) = x

example :: NP Maybe '[Char, Bool, Int]
example = hmap (Just . unI) group
```

```
GHCi> example
Just 'x' :* (Just False :* (Just 3 :* Nil))
```

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hpure      :: SListI xs => (forall x . f x) -> NP  f xs
```

# Singleton lists

```
data SList (xs :: [k]) where
  SNil :: SList '[]
  SCons :: SListI xs => SList (x ': xs)

class SListI (xs :: [k]) where
  sList :: SList xs

instance SListI '[] where
  sList = SNil

instance SListI xs => SListI (x ': xs) where
  sList = SCons
```

We ignore the list elements (for now).

## Completing `hpure`

```
hpure :: forall f xs . SListI xs  
      => (forall x . f x) -> NP f xs  
hpure x = case sList :: SList xs of  
  SNil   -> Nil  
  SCons  -> x :* hpure x
```

Examples:

```
GHCI> hpure Nothing :: NP Maybe '[Char, Bool, Int]  
Nothing :* (Nothing :* (Nothing :* Nil))  
GHCI> hpure (K 0)   :: NP (K Int) '[Char, Bool, Int]  
K 0 :* (K 0 :* (K 0 :* Nil))
```

# Generalizing `vapply`

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```

## Defining hap

```
hap :: NP (f -.-> g) xs -> NP f xs -> NP g xs
hap Nil Nil = Nil
hap (f :* fs) (x :* xs) = apFn f x :* hap fs xs
```

## Using `hap` – an example

```
lists :: NP [] '[String, Int]
lists = ["foo", "bar", "baz"] :* [1..10] :* Nil

numbers :: NP (K Int) '[String, Int]
numbers = K 2 :* K 5 :* Nil

fn_2 :: (f a -> f' a -> f'' a)
      -> (f -.-> f' -.-> f'') a
fn_2 f = Fn (\x -> Fn (\y -> f x y))

take' :: (K Int -.-> [] -.-> []) a
take' = fn_2 (\(K n) xs -> take n xs)
```

```
GHCi> hpure take' 'hap' numbers 'hap' lists
["foo", "bar"] :* ([1, 2, 3, 4, 5] :* Nil)
```

## Another look at `hmap`

```
hmap' :: SListI xs  
      => (forall a . f a -> g a)  
      -> NP f xs -> NP g xs  
hmap' f xs = hpure (Fn f) 'hap' xs
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```
hzipWith :: SListI xs  
         => (forall a . f a -> g a -> h a)  
         -> NP f xs -> NP g xs -> NP h xs  
hzipWith f xs ys = hpure (fn_2 f) 'hap' xs 'hap' ys
```

Abstracting from classes, type functions



# Mapping constrained functions?

```
hmap (K . show . unI) group
```

fails, because

```
K . show . unI :: forall x . Show x => I x -> K String x
```

does not match

```
forall x . f x -> g x
```

## Constraints are types of kind **Constraint**

```
GHCi> :kind Eq
Eq :: * -> Constraint
GHCi> :kind Functor
Functor :: (* -> *) -> Constraint
GHCi> :kind MonadReader
MonadReader :: * -> (* -> *) -> Constraint
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Overloaded tuple syntax:

```
type NoConstraint          = (() :: Constraint)
type SomeConstraints a     = (Eq a, Show a)
type MoreConstraints f a = (Monad f, SomeConstraints a)
```

## The `All` type family

```
type family All (c :: k -> Constraint)
               (xs :: [k])
               :: Constraint where
  All c '[]      = ()
  All c (x ' : xs) = (c x, All c xs)
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Example:

```
GHCi> :kind! All Eq '[Int, Bool]
All Eq '[Int, Bool] :: Constraint
= (Eq Int, (Eq Bool, ()))
```

(Constraints are flattened.)

## Trying to define `hcpure`

We want:

```
hcpure  :: SListI xs          => (forall a .      f a) -> NP f xs
hcpure :: (SListI xs, All c xs) => (forall a . c a => f a) -> NP f xs
```

Then:

```
hcmmap :: (SListI xs, All c xs)
        => (forall a . c a => f a -> g a) -> NP f xs -> NP g xs
hcmmap f xs = hcpure (Fn f) 'hap' xs
```

However, this does not work.

# Limitations in GHC's type inference

Assume:

```
hcpure :: (SListI xs, All c xs) => (forall a . c a => f a) .  
hcpure = undefined
```

Then

```
minBound    :: Bounded a => a  
I minBound :: Bounded a => I a
```

```
GHCi> hcpure (I minBound) :: NP I '[Char, Bool]
```

is a type error.

# Proxies

```
data Proxy (a :: k) = Proxy
```

Examples:

```
pBounded :: Proxy Bounded
```

```
pBounded = Proxy
```

```
pShow :: Proxy Show
```

```
pShow = Proxy
```



## Using proxies to define `hcpure`

```
hcpure :: forall c f xs . (SListI xs, All c xs)
      => Proxy c -> (forall a . c a => f a) -> NP f xs
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Example:

```
GHCI> hcpure pBounded (I minBound) :: NP I '[Char, Bool]
I '\NUL' :* (I False :* Nil)
GHCI> hcpure pShow (Fn (K . show . unI)) 'hap' group
K "'x'" :* (K "False" :* (K "3" :* Nil))
```

```
hmap :: (SListI xs, All c xs)
      => Proxy c
      -> (forall a . c a => f a -> g a)
      -> NP f xs -> NP g xs
hmap p f xs = hcpure p (Fn f) 'hap' xs
```

# Summary

Lots of type system extensions and concepts in action:

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The type `NP` and a number of useful functions:

- ▶ `hpure`, `hap`, `hmap`, `hzipWith`
- ▶ `hcpure`, `hcmmap`, `(hzipWith)`
- ▶ `hcollapse`

With `NP`, we can already express one-constructor datatypes nicely.

We'll add `NS` to express the choice between constructors.

# Exercises

1. Define `heq :: ... => NP I xs -> NP I xs -> Bool` via pattern matching.
2. Define `hzipWith`, i.e., `hzipWith` with a constrained function.
3. Define `heq` using `hzipWith`.
4. Can you generalize  
`heq :: ... => NP f xs -> NP f xs -> Bool` ?
5. Define  
`hsequence :: Applicative f => NP f xs -> f (NP I xs)`.
6. Try to generalize  
`foldr :: (a -> r -> r) -> r -> [a] -> r` from lists to `Vec` and `NP`. Try to redefine e.g. `hmap` using the generalized `foldr`.