

# Building a Blogging System

with Haskell and Yesod

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- Modular
  - Many general purpose packages have spun off of Yesod and can be used independently

# Language Extensions

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## With OverloadedStrings

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}  
"Literal String" :: IsString a => a
```

# Type Families

```
{-# LANGUAGE TypeFamilies #-}
import Data.Word (Word8)
import qualified Data.ByteString as S

class SafeHead a where
    type Content a
    safeHead :: a -> Maybe (Content a)

instance SafeHead [a] where
    type Content [a] = a
    safeHead [] = Nothing
    safeHead (x:_) = Just x

instance SafeHead S.ByteString where
    type Content S.ByteString = Word8
    safeHead bs
        | S.null bs = Nothing
        | otherwise = Just $ S.head bs
```

# Template Haskell

```
{-# LANGUAGE TemplateHaskell #-}

-- | Template Haskell (TH) is Haskell's approach to code
-- generation. Yesod uses TH to reduce boilerplate. Code from
-- before a TH splice cannot refer to code within the TH, or what
-- follows.

$(templateHaskellFunction arg1 arg2)

-- | Or at the top level
templateHaskellFunction arg1 arg2
```

# QuasiQuotes

```
{-# LANGUAGE QuasiQuotes #-}  
  
-- | QuasiQuotes (QQ) allows arbitrary content to be taken inline  
-- in Haskell code and processed, generating Haskell code as TH does.  
  
-- | The name of the quasi-quoter is given between the opening  
-- bracket and the first pipe. The quasi-quoted region is closed  
-- with |]  
  
[hamlet|<p>This is quasi-quoted Hamlet.|]
```

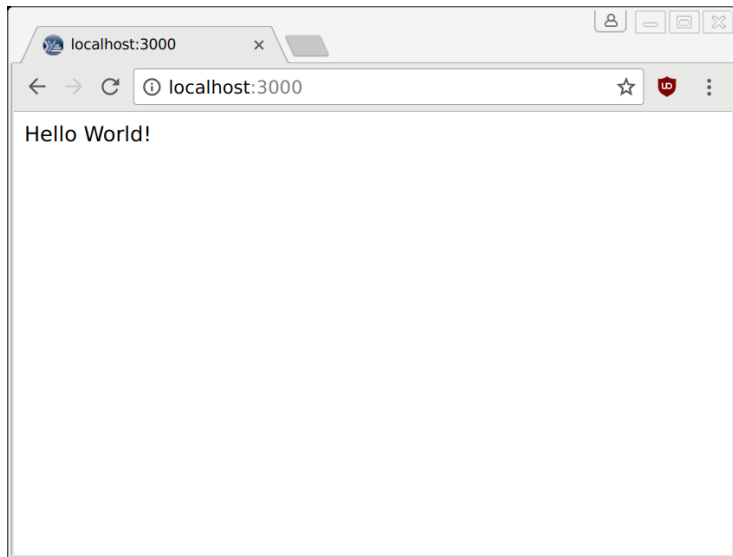


Hello World

# Hello World

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}  
{-# LANGUAGE QuasiQuotes      #-}  
{-# LANGUAGE TemplateHaskell  #-}  
{-# LANGUAGE TypeFamilies     #-}  
import Yesod  
  
data HelloWorld = HelloWorld  
  
mkYesod "HelloWorld" [parseRoutes|  
  / HomeR GET  
  |]  
  
instance Yesod HelloWorld  
  
getHomeR :: Handler Html  
getHomeR = defaultLayout [whamlet|Hello World!|]  
  
main :: IO ()  
main = warp 3000 HelloWorld
```

# Hello World: Result



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# Codio

# Setting up Codio

Sign in to Codio

Join the class

Enter the first unit

Should see readme

## First Exercise

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```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings, QuasiQuotes #-}  
{-# LANGUAGE TemplateHaskell, TypeFamilies #-}  
import Yesod
```

```
data Links = Links
```

```
mkYesod "Links" [parseRoutes|  
/      HomeR  GET  
/page1 Page1R GET  
/page2 Page2R GET  
|]
```

```
instance Yesod Links
```

```
getHomeR  = defaultLayout [whamlet|<a href=@{Page1R}>Go to page 1!|]  
getPage1R = defaultLayout [whamlet|<a href=@{Page2R}>Go to page 2!|]  
getPage2R = defaultLayout [whamlet|<a href=@{HomeR}>Go home!|]
```

```
main = warp 3000 Links
```



What did we do?

# Congratulations!

Congratulations, you've just added a new page to a Yesod application!

So far you've already used:

- Monads (hopefully you weren't scared of those)
- Shakespearean Templating
- Routing DSL
- Typesafe URLs
- Handlers
- Quasi-Quoters
- And more!

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# Shakespearean Templating

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## General purpose templating languages

Hamlet (HTML)

Lucius (CSS)

Cassius (CSS)

Julius (JavaScript)

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# Hamlet

```
$doctype 5
<html>
  <head>
    <title> <a href=@{HomeR}> #{pageTitle} - My Site </a>
    <link rel=stylesheet href=@{Stylesheet}>
  <body #body>
    <h1 .page-title>#{pageTitle}
    <p>Here is a list of your friends:
    $if null friends
      <p>Sorry, I lied, you don't have any friends.
    $else
      <ul>
        $forall Friend name age <- friends
          <li>#{name} (#{age} years old)
```

# Template interpolation

```
wrapper :: HtmlUrl a -> HtmlUrl a
wrapper content =
  [hamlet|
    <html>
      <head>
        <title> My Site
      <body>
        ^{content}
  |]

content :: HtmlUrl a
content =
  [hamlet|
    <h1> Welcome
    <p> This is the content hamlet!
  |]
```



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```
$maybe Person firstName lastName <- maybePerson  
  <p>Your name is #{firstName} #{lastName}
```

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Pattern matching:

```
$case foo
  $of Left bar
    <p>It was left: #{bar}
  $of Right baz
    <p>It was right: #{baz}
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With:

```
$with foo <- (long ugly) expression that $ should only $ happen once
  <p>But I'm going to use #{foo} multiple times. #{foo}
```

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# Lucius

```
@textcolor: #494949;                                /* Variable definition */
body {
    color: #{textcolor};                             /* Variable interpolation */
    font-size: 16px;
}
.footer {
    background: url(@{BackgroundImageR}); /* URL interpolation */
    height: 150px;
    text-align: center;
    > .container {                                    /* Nested block */
        padding: 45px 0 0 0;
    }
    p {
        margin-top: 45px;
        margin-bottom: 0px;
    }
}
```

Just Lucius, but whitespace instead of brackets and semicolons.  
You don't see this used too much.

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```
$(function(){  
    $("section.#{sectionClass}").hide();  
    $("#mybutton").click(function(){  
        document.location = "@{SomeRouteR}";  
    });  
    ^{addBling}  
});
```

# QuasiQuoters

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Wait a minute, what was that whamlet Quasi-Quoter?



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  toWidget [hamlet| <h1 .#{headerClass}>My Title|]
  toWidget [lucius| .#{headerClass} { color: green } |]

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      ^{content}  
  |]
```

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      p {  
        text-decoration: underline;  
      }  
    |]  
  toWidget  
    [hamlet|  
      <p> This is the content!  
    |]
```

# Whamlet

```
wrapper =  
  [hamlet|  
    <h1> My Site  
    <div>  
      ^{content} <!-- Type Error -->  
  ]
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      }  
    |]  
  toWidget  
    [hamlet|  
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    |]
```

## Exercise Two

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```
getHomeR = defaultLayout $ do
  setTitle "Welcome Home"
  addScriptRemote "https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.js"
  toWidget
    [julius|
      $("h1").click(function(){
        alert("Header Clicked");
      }); |]

  toWidget [lucius| h1 { color: green } |]
  toWidgetHead
    [hamlet|<meta name=description content=#{contentDescription}>|]

  [whamlet|
    <h1>Welcome Back!
    ^{footer copyright}
  |]

  where contentDescription = "The homepage" :: String
        copyright = "Someone" :: String
```

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## Getting data from the route

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```
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```
instance RenderRoute App where
  data Route App = HomeR deriving (Show, Eq, Read)
  renderRoute HomeR = (["home"], [])

instance ParseRoute App where
  parseRoute (["home"], _) = Just HomeR
  parseRoute _             = Nothing

instance YesodDispatch App where
  yesodDispatch env req = yesodRunner handler env mroute req
    where
      mroute = parseRoute (pathInfo req, textQueryString req)
      handler =
        case mroute of
          Nothing -> notFound
          Just HomeR ->
            case requestMethod req of
              "GET" -> getHomeR
              _      -> badMethod
```

# Dynamic Routes

```
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```
getPersonR :: Text -> Handler Html  
getPersonR name = undefined  
  
getDateR :: Text -> Int -> Handler Html  
getDateR month day = undefined
```

# Handler Monad

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```
getHomeR :: Handler Html
```

```
type Handler a = HandlerT site IO a
```

```
getHomeR :: HandlerT Task IO Html
```



# Handler Monad

```
getPersonR :: Text -> Handler Html
getPersonR name = do
    let reversedName = Data.Text.reverse name
    defaultLayout $
        [whamlet|
            <p> Name is: #{name}
            <p> Name reversed is: #{reversedName}
```

# Some functions in the Handler Monad

```
-- | Returns the application's foundation value
getYesod :: Handler App
-- | returns a new identifier
newIdent :: Handler Text
-- | Redirect status 303
redirect :: Route App -> Handler a
-- | 404 Error
notFound :: Handler a
-- | 405 method not supported error
badMethod :: Handler a
-- | 401 not authenticated
notAuthenticated :: Handler a
-- | 403 Permission Denied
permissionDenied :: Handler a
```

# IO Actions in Handlers

Because Handler is a monad transformer over IO, IO actions can be run with liftIO.

```
getHomeR :: Handler Html
getHomeR = do
  currentTime <- liftIO $ getCurrentTime
  defaultLayout $
    [whamlet|
      <p>It is currently: #{show currentTime}
    |]
```

## Keeping global values

# Foundation Datatype

```
data Task = Task

mkYesod "Task" [parseRoutes|
/ HomeR GET
|]

instance Yesod Task

getHomeR :: Handler Html
getHomeR = do
    defaultLayout [whamlet|<p>This site is for: Lambdaconf|]

main :: IO ()
main = warp 3000 Task
```

# Foundation Datatype

```
data App = App { appFor :: String }

mkYesod "App" [parseRoutes|
/ HomeR GET
|]

instance Yesod App

getHomeR :: Handler Html
getHomeR = do
  who <- fmap appFor getYesod
  defaultLayout [whamlet|<p>This site is for: #{who}|]

main :: IO ()
main = warp 3000 (App { appFor = "PureScript Conf" })
```

# Visitor Counter

```
data App = App { visitors :: IORef Int }

mkYesod "App" [parseRoutes|
/ HomeR GET |]

instance Yesod App

getHomeR :: Handler Html
getHomeR = do
  visitorsRef <- fmap visitors getYesod
  visitors <-
    liftIO $ atomicModifyIORef visitorsRef $ \i ->
      (i + 1, i + 1)
  defaultLayout
    [whamlet| <p>Welcome, you are visitor number #{visitors}. |]

main :: IO ()
main = do
  visitorsRef <- newIORef 0
  warp 3000 (App { visitors = visitorsRef })
```

## Exercise Three



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In this exercise you'll be creating an app that contains a page which either adds or subtracts two numbers depending on configuration in the foundation datatype. You'll use dynamic routes to receive the Ints, and then the foundation datatype contains the binary operation to be performed on the numbers from the route.

```
data Task = Task { taskBinOp :: Int -> Int -> Int }
```

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## Breaking up the code

# Logically splitting up the Application

One issue with how we've been doing things so far, is that that if we keep putting everything in the same file, with lots of Quasi-Quotes all around, things become really ugly and unmaintainable.

```
getHomeR :: Handler Html
getHomeR = defaultLayout $ do
    setTitle "Welcome Home"
    [whamlet|<h1>Welcome Back!|]
```

Handlers need our Route definitions.

```
mkYesod "Task" [parseRoutes|
/      HomeR  GET
|]
```

Yet mkYesod needs our Handlers to define dispatch over routes.

# Splitting mkYesod

```
mkYesodData "Task" [parseRoutes |  
  /      HomeR GET  
  |]
```

This generates the route data type and the rendering functions, but doesn't define dispatch.

```
mkYesodDispatch "Task" resourcesTask
```

This generates the actual dispatch code.

# Getting rid of Quasi-Quoters

```
mkYesodData "Task" [parseRoutes |  
  /      HomeR GET  
  |]
```

Instead of using Quasi-Quoters we want to put them into external files.

```
mkYesodData "Task" $(parseRoutesFile "routes")
```

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getHomeR = defaultLayout $ toWidget $(hamletFile "home.hamlet")
```

## Scaffolding Structure



# Site Scaffolding

```
Project/
├── app/ ..... General execution wrappers
├── config/ ..... Configuration loaded by the application
│   ├── favicon.ico
│   ├── robots.txt
│   ├── routes
│   └── settings.yml
├── Handler/ ..... Files containing handlers
│   ├── Common.hs
│   └── Home.hs
├── Import/
├── templates/
├── Application.hs
├── Foundation.hs
├── Import.hs
└── Settings.hs
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├── templates/
│   ├── default-layout-wrapper.hamlet
│   ├── default-layout.hamlet
│   ├── default-message-widget.hamlet
│   └── homepage.hamlet
├── Application.hs
├── Foundation.hs
├── Import.hs
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```

# Scaffolding's Foundation

```
data App = App
  { appSettings  :: AppSettings
  , appLogger    :: Logger
  }
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```
host:           "_env:HOST:*4" # any IPv4 host
port:           "_env:PORT:3000"
ip-from-header: "_env:IP_FROM_HEADER:false"
copyright:      Insert copyright statement here
```

This is parsed using a parser in Settings.hs.

# Scaffolding's Foundation

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data App = App
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  , appLogger      :: Logger
  }
```

`appLogger` is the application's logger, which in general doesn't have to be interacted with directly. This is initialized in `Application.hs`, where the foundation value is constructed.

```
makeFoundation :: AppSettings -> IO App
makeFoundation appSettings = do
  -- Initialize logger
  appLogger <- newStdoutLoggerSet defaultBufSize >= makeYesodLogger

  return $ App {..}
```

This is parsed using a parser in `Settings.hs`.

## Changing Default Behavior

# defaultLayout?

What was that defaultLayout thing?



# Yesod Typeclass

The Yesod typeclass gives a central place for defining settings for the application. Every method has intelligent defaults, so no implementation is required, however extensive modification is possible.

```
class RenderRoute site => Yesod site where
  approot :: Approot site
  errorHandler :: ErrorResponse -> Handler TypedContent
  defaultLayout :: Widget -> Handler Html
  isAuthorized :: Route site -> Bool -> Handler AuthResult
  authRoute :: site -> Maybe (Route site)
  makeSessionBackend :: site -> IO (Maybe SessionBackend)
  yesodMiddleware :: ToTypedContent res => Handler res -> Handler res
  defaultMessageWidget :: Html -> HtmlUrl (Route site) -> Widget
```

# defaultLayout

```
defaultLayout widget = do
  master <- getYesod
  mmsg <- getMessage

  -- We break up the default layout into two components:
  -- default-layout is the contents of the body tag, and
  -- default-layout-wrapper is the entire page.
  pc <- widgetToPageContent $(widgetFile "default-layout")
  withUrlRenderer
    $(hamletFile "templates/default-layout-wrapper.hamlet")
```

# default-layout-wrapper.hamlet

```
$doctype 5
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <title>#{pageTitle pc}
    <meta name="description" content="">
    <meta name="author" content="">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1">

    ^{pageHead pc}

  <body>
    ^{pageBody pc}
```

# widgetFile?

This is a nice scaffolding feature that allows you to load a collection of files together as a widget.

For example:

```
$(widgetFile "homepage")
```

will attempt to read homepage.hamlet, homepage.lucius, and homepage.julius, and construct a widget out of them.

```
<div>
  <!-- Page Contents -->
  $maybe msg <- mmsg
    <div>#{msg}

  <div>
    ^{widget}

<!-- Footer -->
<footer>
  <div>
    <a href=@{HomeR}>Home
    <p> #{appCopyright $ appSettings master}
```

# Sessions

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A session is a way to keep state about an interaction with a client. This is generally something that is desired to be minimized, but is fairly often unavoidable, such as a shopping cart implementation.

Sessions stored on the server are available, but not the default due to the additional overhead of doing additional database lookups to service requests.

Instead the approach usually used by Yesod is to store the session in a cookie on the client. This cookie is encrypted to prevent inspection and signed to prevent tampering.

# Sessions

The client session is actually enabled in the default sessionBackend implementation, but the scaffolding we are using overrides it to change the location of the file that stores the encryption key for the cookies.

```
-- Store session data on the client in encrypted cookies,  
-- default session idle timeout is 120 minutes  
makeSessionBackend _ = Just <$> defaultClientSessionBackend  
    120      -- timeout in minutes  
    "config/client_session_key.aes"
```



# Sessions

Sessions in Yesod are modeled as a basic key value store.

```
type SessionMap = Map Text ByteString
lookupSession :: MonadHandler m => Text -> m (Maybe Text)
lookupSessionBS :: MonadHandler m => Text -> m (Maybe ByteString)
getSession :: MonadHandler m => m SessionMap
setSession :: MonadHandler m => Text -> Text -> m ()
setSessionBS :: MonadHandler m => Text -> ByteString -> m ()
deleteSession :: MonadHandler m => Text -> m ()
clearSession :: MonadHandler m => m ()
```

# Messages

One major use of sessions is messages. These solve a common case: the user performs a POST request, the web app takes the required action, and then wants to simultaneously redirect the user to a new page and display a message indicating the result of the action. (This is known as Post/Redirect/Get).

Yesod provides a pair of functions to make handling this workflow easy: `setMessage` stores a message in the session, and `getMessage` both reads this message and deletes it from the store to prevent it from being displayed again.

The common approach is to check for messages in `defaultLayout` so that the message can be shown to the user immediately, without having to add `getMessage` calls in every handler.

# Messages

This is included in our scaffolding's defaultLayout.

```
defaultLayout widget = do
  master <- getYesod
  mmsg <- getMessage

  pc <- widgetToPageContent $(widgetFile "default-layout")
  withUrlRenderer
    $(hamletFile "templates/default-layout-wrapper.hamlet")
```

```
<div #wrapper>
  <div .container>
    $maybe msg <- mmsg
    <div #message>#{msg}

  <div .container>
    ^{widget}
```

## Exercise Four

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In this exercise you'll start using the scaffolding. The task will be to add a new page that simply sets the a message in the session and redirect to the homepage. Then I'd like you to edit the default-layout.hamlet file (or if you'd rather add a default-layout.lucius file) and add some form of change or styling to how pages are displayed. Also add some message to the copyright field of the config/setting.yml.

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isAuthorized

# isAuthorized

```
isAuthorized :: Route site -> Bool -> Handler AuthResult
isAuthorized HomeR _ = return Authorized
isAuthorized (PostR _) False = return Authorized
isAuthorized (PostR _) True = isAuthenticated
isAuthorized (AdminR _) _ = isAdmin
```

```
isAuthenticated :: Handler AuthResult
isAuthenticated = do
    muid <- maybeAuthId
    return $ case muid of
        Nothing -> AuthenticationRequired
        Just _ -> Authorized
```

```
isAdmin :: Handler AuthResult
isAdmin = do
    muid <- maybeAuthId
    case muid of
        Nothing -> AuthenticationRequired
        Just "gavvhela@gmail.com" -> Authorized
        Just _ -> Unauthorized "Admin only page"
```



# Authentication and Authorization

But what's providing maybeAuthId?

What happens when authentication is required?

## yesod-auth

# Yesod Auth Plugins

The yesod-auth package provides a unified interface for a number of available authentication plugins. The main requirement of a backend is that it identifies a user based on some unique string, such as a token, email, or username. Each plugin provides some mechanism for logging in. When a login is successful, the plugin sets a value in the user's session that identifies them.

# What yesod-auth provides

```
maybeAuthId :: Handler (Maybe (AuthId site))
maybeAuthPair :: Handler (Maybe (AuthId site, AuthEntity site))
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In order to use any of these, your foundation must be an instance of the `YesodAuth` typeclass

# YesodAuth Typeclass

Minimal complete definition: loginDest, logoutDest,  
(authenticate|getAuthId), authPlugins, authHttpManager

```
class (Yesod master) => YesodAuth master where
  type AuthId master
  authLayout :: Widget -> Handler Html
  loginDest  :: master -> Route master
  logoutDest :: master -> Route master
  authenticate :: Creds master -> Handler (AuthenticationResult master)
  getAuthId   :: Creds master -> Handler (Maybe (AuthId master))
  authPlugins :: master -> [AuthPlugin master]
  loginHandler :: HandlerT Auth Handler Html
  redirectToReferer :: master -> Bool
  authHttpManager :: master -> Manager
  maybeAuthId :: Handler (Maybe (AuthId master))
```

# YesodAuth Typeclass instance

```
instance YesodAuth App where
  type AuthId app = Text
  loginDest _ = HomeR
  logoutDest _ = HomeR
  redirectToReferer _ = True
  authenticate creds = return $ Authenticated $ credsIdent creds
  authPlugins _ = [authDummy]
  authHttpManager = error "No manager needed"
```

How do requests get routed to the Auth subsystem?



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Then we want to tell our Yesod instance where to direct users to login.

```
authRoute _ = Just $ AuthR LoginR
```

## Exercise Five

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In this exercise you'll be starting off with a scaffolded site which has a `YesodAuth` instance, with the `Dummy` auth plugin. The task is to add a page that requires being authenticated, and a page that requires being authenticated as a specific user. At least one of these should display the user's `AuthId` on the page. For here on we're also using a scaffolding with some default styling, and a new menu bar defined with haskell types in `Foundation.hs`

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In order to use them, this is a required instance implementation:

```
instance RenderMessage App FormMessage where
  renderMessage _ _ = defaultMessage
```



# Fields

# Fields

Each field defines a way of parsing input from the user into a Haskell value, and how to create a widget to display the field.

```
textField :: Field Handler Text
passwordField :: Field Handler Text
textareaField :: Field Handler Textarea
hiddenField :: PathPiece p => Field Handler p
intField :: Integral i => Field Handler i
dayField :: Field Handler Day
htmlField :: Field Handler Html
emailField :: Field Handler Text
```

# Field Validation

yesod-form provides convenience field transformers to add validation conditions to a field.

```
check :: (a -> Either Text a) -> Field Handler a -> Field Handler a
checkBool :: (a -> Bool) -> Text -> Field Handler a -> Field Handler a
checkM :: (a -> Handler (Either Text a)) ->
    Field Handler a -> Field Handler a
```

# Field Validation

```
nameField :: Field Handler Text
nameField = check validateName textField
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nameField :: Field Handler Text
nameField = checkBool ((> 3) . length) errorMessage textField
errorMessage = "Name is too short"
```

# Applicative Forms

# Field to Applicative Form

A field can be converted into an applicative form using either `areq` or `aopt`. Both of these functions also take a `FieldSettings`, to customize the field, as well as a `Maybe` value, which if `isJust`, contains an initial value for the field.

# Field to Applicative Form

```
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mtextForm :: AForm Handler (Maybe Text)
mtextForm = aopt textField "mtext" Nothing
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```
defaultTextForm :: Text -> AForm Handler Text
defaultTextForm defText = areq textField "text" (Just defText)

defaultMtextForm :: (Maybe Text) -> AForm Handler (Maybe Text)
defaultMtextForm defMtext = aopt textField "mtext" (Just defMtext)
```

# FieldSettings

```
data FieldSettings = FieldSettings
    { fsLabel :: Text
    , fsTooltip :: Maybe Text
    , fsId :: Maybe Text
    , fsName :: Maybe Text
    , fsAttrs :: [(Text, Text)]
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```
instance IsString (FieldSettings a) where
    fromString s =
        FieldSettings (fromString s) Nothing Nothing Nothing []
```

# FieldSettings

```
nameForm :: AForm Handler Text
nameForm = areq textField nameFieldSettings Nothing
  where nameFieldSettings =
    FieldSettings
      { fsLabel = "Name"
      , fsTooltip = Just "Enter your name here"
      , fsId = Nothing
      , fsName = Nothing
      , fsAttrs = [("class", "namefield")]
      }
```

# Modifying Form's Returned Value

```
sillyForm :: AForm Handler Int  
sillyForm = ((+) 100) <$> areq intField "Num" Nothing
```

This just demonstrates that you can fmap a function over the value input into the field. This is a little troublesome however, because if you save the value for a default next time, you'll have to make sure to subtract the 100 again so it's not 100 more than what was originally entered.

## Building up



# Composing Applicative Forms

```
data Person = Person
  { personName    :: Text
  , personEmail   :: Text
  , personWebsite :: Maybe Text }

personForm :: AForm Handler Person
personForm = Person
  <$> areq textField "Name" Nothing
  <*> areq emailField "Email Address" Nothing
  <*> aopt textField "Website" Nothing
```

# Non-Input Values

```
data Post = Post
  { postTitle      :: Text
  , postContents  :: Textarea
  , postAuthor    :: UserId
  , postVal       :: Text
  , postCreated   :: UTCTime }

postForm :: UserId -> AForm Handler Post
postForm userId = Post
  <$> areq textField "Title" Nothing
  <*> areq textareaField "Contents" Nothing
  <*> pure userId
  <*> lift (fmap appGetFormVal getYesod)
  <*> lift (liftIO getCurrentTime)
```

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```
type Form a = Html -> MForm Handler (FormResult a, Enctype)
type FormRender m a = AForm m a -> Form a

renderDivs :: FormRender m a
renderDivsNoLabels :: FormRender m a
renderTable :: FormRender m a
```

# How forms usually look

```
data Post = Post
  { postTitle      :: Text
  , postContents  :: Textarea
  , postAuthor    :: UserId
  , postVal       :: Text
  , postCreated   :: UTCTime }

postForm :: UserId -> Form Post
postForm userId = renderDivs $ Post
  <$> areq textField "Title" Nothing
  <*> areq textareaField "Contents" Nothing
  <*> pure userId
  <*> lift (fmap appGetFormVal getYesod)
  <*> lift (liftIO getCurrentTime)
```

## Running Forms

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```
data FormResult a = FormMissing
                  | FormFailure [Text]
                  | FormSuccess a

runFormPost :: Form a -> Handler ((FormResult a, xml), Enctype)
runFormGet  :: Form a -> Handler ((FormResult a, xml), Enctype)
runFormPostNoToken :: Form a -> Handler ((FormResult a, xml), Enctype)
generateFormPost :: Form a -> Handler (xml, Enctype)
generateFormGet'  :: Form a -> Handler (xml, Enctype)
```

# Example

```
postNewPostR :: Handler Html
postNewPostR = do
  user <- requireAuthId
  ((res, formWidget), enctype) <- runFormPost $ postForm user
  case res of
    FormSuccess entry -> do
      runDB $ insert_ entry
      setMessage "Successfully created post"
      redirect $ PostsR user
    _ -> defaultLayout $ do
      setTitle "New Post"
      $(widgetFile "new-post")

getNewPostR :: Handler Html
getNewPostR = do
  user <- requireAuthId
  (formWidget, enctype) <- generateFormPost $ postForm user
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```

```
<form method=post action=@{NewPostR} enctype=#{enctype}>
  ^{formWidget}
<button>Submit
```

## Final Notes

# Multiple Forms

Sometimes you'd like to have a single handler be able to run multiple forms, while identifying which form was submitted. The form transformer "identifyForm" is used to add a hidden form onto an existing form in order to identify it.

```
((fooRes, fooWidget), fooEnctype) <- runFormPost fooForm  
((barRes, barWidget), barEnctype) <- runFormPost barForm
```

Becomes:

```
((fooRes, fooWidget), fooEnctype) <-  
  runFormPost $ identifyForm "foo" fooForm  
((barRes, barWidget), barEnctype) <-  
  runFormPost $ identifyForm "bar" barForm
```

# Other Types of Forms

There are two other types of forms available, monadic forms and input forms. Monadic forms have you create the final monadic form yourself, instead of having a `FormRender` function create it from an applicative form. Input forms basically are the same as applicative forms, but throw away the builtin widgets, and receive input from a form constructed elsewhere (in javascript, or in manual Html that was pre-existing).

## Exercise Six

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For this exercise, you'll create a page with a form that creates a Post value containing title, author, and content fields. The author will be filled in from the auth value (we'll still be using dummy auth), so the page with the form will need to require auth. On a successful post of the form, a page without the form should be displayed, containing the content from the form.

# What next?

We'd sure like somewhere to put the data from these forms...



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```
CREATE TABLE person(id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
                     name VARCHAR NOT NULL,
                     age INTEGER);
```



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Person

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age Int

deriving Show

# Generated Code

```
data Person = Person
  { personName :: !String
  , personAge  :: !Int
  }
deriving Show

type PersonId = Key Person

instance PersistEntity Person where
  newtype Key Person = PersonKey (BackendKey SqlBackend)
    deriving (PersistField, Show, Eq, Read, Ord)
  -- A GADT allows fields to be matched with their datatypes.
  data EntityField Person typ where
    PersonId    :: EntityField Person PersonId
    PersonName  :: EntityField Person String
    PersonAge   :: EntityField Person Int

  data Unique Person
  type PersistEntityBackend Person = SqlBackend
  -- ...
```

## Actions

# Extended Entities for Examples

Person

```
name String
age Int Maybe
deriving Show
```

BlogPost

```
title String
authorId PersonId
deriving Show
```

# Actions

```
johnId <- insert $ Person "John Doe" $ Just 35  
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delete janeId
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```

# More About Selects

## Person

firstName String

lastName String

age Int

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```
firstName String
lastName  String
age       Int
```

```
people <- selectList [ PersonAge >. 25, PersonAge <=. 30 ] []
people <- selectList (    [ PersonAge >=. 25, PersonAge <=. 30 ]
                        ||. [ PersonAge >. 35, PersonAge <. 40 ] ) []
people <- selectList [ PersonFirstName ==. "Gavin" ] []
people <- selectList [ PersonFirstName <-. ["Gavin", "Alex"]] []
people <- selectList [ PersonFirstName /<-. ["James", "Albert"]] []

personEntity <- selectFirst [ PersonFirstName ==. "Gavin" ]
case personEntity of
  Nothing -> undefined
  Just (Entity personId person) -> undefined
```

# Sorting, Limits, and Offsets

```
resultsForPage pageNumber = do
  let resultsPerPage = 10
  selectList
    [ PersonAge >=. 18 ]
    [ Desc PersonAge
    , Asc PersonLastName
    , Asc PersonFirstName
    , LimitTo resultsPerPage
    , OffsetBy $ (pageNumber - 1) * resultsPerPage ]
```

# Updating Records

```
personId <- insert $ Person "Gavin" "Whelan" 21
update personId [ PersonAge =. 22 ]
update personId [ PersonAge +=. 1 ]
updateWhere [PersonFirstName ==. Gavin] [ PersonAge -=. 1 ]
replace personId $ Person "John" "Doe" 27
```

# Deleting Records

```
personId <- insert $ Person "Gavin" "Whelan" 21
delete personId
deleteWhere [ PersonFirstName ==. "Gavin" ]
deleteWhere ([] :: [Filter Person])
```



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```

```
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```
insert_ $ Person "Gavin" "Whelan" 1
gavin <- getBy $ PersonName "Gavin" "Whelan"
liftIO $ print gavin
deleteBy $ PersonName "Gavin" "Whelan"
```

# Relationships

Person

name String

Store

name String

PersonStore

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```
bruce <- insert $ Person "Bruce Wayne"
```

```
michael <- insert $ Person "Michael"
```

```
target <- insert $ Store "Target"
```

```
gucci <- insert $ Store "Gucci"
```

```
sevenEleven <- insert $ Store "7-11"
```

```
insert $ PersonStore bruce gucci
```

```
insert $ PersonStore bruce sevenEleven
```

```
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```

```
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```

## Connecting to Yesod

# How Entity Definitions Are Loaded

config/models:

```
Person
  firstName String
  lastName String
  age Int
  PersonName firstName lastName
  deriving Show
```

Model.hs:

```
share [mkPersist sqlSettings, mkMigrate "migrateAll"]
      $(persistFileWith lowerCaseSettings "config/models")
```

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instance YesodPersistRunner App where
  getDBRunner = defaultGetDBRunner appConnPool
```

# Database Connection

config/settings.yml:

```
database:
  user:      "_env:PGUSER:lambdaconf"
  password:  "_env:PGPASS:'2017'"
  host:      "_env:PGHOST:localhost"
  port:      "_env:PGPORT:5432"
  database:  "_env:PGDATABASE:lambdaconf"
  poolsize:  "_env:PGPOOLSIZE:10"
```

makeFoundation, Application.hs:

```
-- Create the database connection pool
pool <- flip runLoggingT logFunc $ createPostgresqlPool
  (pgConnStr $ appDatabaseConf appSettings)
  (pgPoolSize $ appDatabaseConf appSettings)

-- Perform database migration using our application's logging settings.
runLoggingT (runSqlPool (runMigration migrateAll) pool) logFunc
```

# Using Persistent in Handlers

```
/ HomeR GET  
/person/#PersonId PersonR GET
```

```
getPersonR :: PersonId -> Handler Html  
getPersonR personId = do  
  person <- runDB $ get404 personId  
  defaultLayout $  
    [whamlet|  
      <p>#{personFirstName person}  
        #{personLastName person}  
        is #{personAge person}  
    |]
```

# Generating Listings

```
-- List all people in the database
getHomeR :: Handler Html
getHomeR = do
  people <- runDB $ selectList [] [Asc PersonAge]
  defaultLayout $
    [whamlet|
      <ul>
        $forall Entity personid person <- people
          <li>
            <a href=@{PersonR personid}>#{personFirstName person}
      |]
```

## Exercise Seven

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For this exercise, we'll be finally doing something that is starting to look like a blog. You'll be starting with the form from the last exercise, but you'll create a post entity with title, author, and content fields instead of a haskell datatype. Then, instead of just displaying the posted data, you'll insert it in the database. You'll also need a handler to display an individual post, and the home page will give a listing with each entry providing a link to the individual post.

# Starting a Yesod Project IRL

Available templates:

- yesod-minimal
- yesod-mongo
- yesod-mysql
- yesod-postgres
- yesod-postgres-fay
- yesod-simple
- yesod-sqlite

```
stack new my-project <template> && cd my-project
stack build yesod-bin cabal-install --install-ghc
stack build
stack exec -- yesod devel
```

<https://www.yesodweb.com/page/quickstart>

# Thanks!