

PROGRAMMING IN HASKELL



Chapter 7.1 – Before we look at Stack

A few things before we start

- `map`
- IO in Haskell
- `Data.Text`

We will revisit these in more detail in the coming weeks

The map Function

The higher-order library function called map applies a function to every element of a list.

```
map :: (a → b) → [a] → [b]
```

For example:

```
> map (+1) [1,3,5,7]  
[2,4,6,8]
```

The map Function

We will examine more higher-order functions later

```
map :: (a → b) → [a] → [b]
```

For example:

```
> map toUpper "cat"  
> "CAT"
```

IO Briefly

- Purity in Haskell means that functions should not have any side-effects.
- This means that functions should not effect state or change the outside world in any way
- This includes the use of IO (e.g., reading from keyboard, writing to console)
- We need to use such IO but the Haskell compromise is that anything with such side-effects is clearly marked as such.. How..

IO Briefly

- We type the function to clearly show that IO is involved

IO a

Has effects
and returns
a type a

IO ()

Has effects
and returns
nothing

IO Briefly – the main function

- The Haskell compiler looks for a special value

```
main :: IO ()
```

- This will actually get handed to the runtime system and executed.

Data.Text

- This is strongly preferred over String for real-world text
- As it clashes with Prelude for a number of functions, best to use with qualified, i.e.

```
import qualified Data.Text as T
```

Note when using you need to add the following at the top of the file :

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
```


Data.Text

We will use Data.Text when working on some kinds of data:

- See more at

<https://hackage.haskell.org/package/text-1.2.4.1/docs/Data-Text.html>

See lab exercise on Data.Text for an example on using Data.Text and some of its functions:

toLower,
filter,
pack, unpack

