Modularity and Backpack

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MirageOS

 ${\sf TODO\ picture\ of\ unikernel}$

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TODO picture of HTTP app with dependencies

Exhibit 1
MirageOS

The compiler heavily emphasises static type checking, and the resulting binaries are fast native code with no runtime type information and the module system is among the most powerful in a general-purpose programming language in terms of permitting flexible and safe code reuse and refactoring.

Technical Background of MirageOS

Structures

```
structure IntInteger =
  struct
  type integer = int
  val zero = 0
  fun succ n = n + 1
  fun add a b = a + b
  fun mul a b = a * b
end
```

Signatures

```
signature INTEGER =
sig
   type integer
   val zero: integer
   val succ: integer -> integer
   val add: integer -> integer -> integer
   val mul: integer -> integer -> integer
end
```

Functors

```
functor RationalFun(I: INTEGER) =
  struct
  type rational = I.integer * I.integer
  fun nom (n, _) = n
  fun denom (_, d) = d
  fun add (n1, d1) (n2, d2) =
    (I.add (I.mul n1 d2) (I.mul n2 d1),
    I.mul d1 d2)
end
```

structure IntRational = RationalFun(IntInteger)

TODO: Mirage app diagram

Sidebar Scala

trait ~ signature

```
trait IntegerSig {
  type Integer
}
```

object ~ structure

```
object IntInteger extends IntegerSig {
  type Integer = Int
}
```

class ~ functor

```
class RationalFun[I <: IntegerSig](i: I) {
  type Rational = (I#Integer, I#Integer)
}</pre>
```

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Exhibit 2

Exhibit 3 tagsoup

```
class (Typeable a, Eq a) => StringLike a where empty :: a cons :: Char -> a -> a uncons :: a -> Maybe (Char, a) toString :: a -> String fromString :: String -> a -- [...]
```

Backpack Signatures

```
module IntegerSig where

data Integer

zero :: Integer
succ :: Integer
add :: Integer -> Integer
mul :: Integer -> Integer
```

Backpack Modules

```
module Rational where
import qualified IntegerSig as I
data Rational = R I.Integer I.Integer
nom (R n _) = n
denom (R _ d) = d
add (R n1 d1) (R n2 d2) =
  R (I.add (I.mul n1 d2) (I.mul n2 d1))
    (I.mul d1 d2)
```

Backpack Cabal packages

Integer signature package

name: integer-sig version: 1.0

indefinite: True

exposed-signatures: IntegerSig

Backpack Cabal packages

Integer implementation package

name: integer-int

exposed-modules: IntegerInt

Backpack Cabal packages

Rational "functor" package

name: rational

indefinite: True

build-depends: integer-sig-1.0

exposed-modules: Rational

Backpack Mixing in

Rationals based on Integers