Usable Language-Based Verification

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Software Bugs are Everywhere

Airbus A400M crashed due to a software bug.
— May 2015

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Verification Prevents Bugs!

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Project Everest.
Builds a Verified HTTPS Stack.

Inria

Microsoft Research

Carnegie Mellon University

Verification Prevents Bugs!

Prove end-to-end Correctness of Whole Systems

Princeton

Penn

Yale

MIT

But Requires Experts

Princeton Penn Yale MIT

My Goal:

Make Verification Accessible

My Approach:

Turn a Language into a Verifier

Haskell

General Purpose Programming Language

1 Python

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25 Haskell

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Popularity of Programming Languages
by spectrum.ieee

Haskell

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Refinement Types

=

Haskell

```
take :: [a] -> Int -> [a]
```

```
> take [1,2,3] 2
> [1,2]
```

Haskell

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take :: [a] -> Int -> [a]
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```
> take [1,2,3] 500
> ???
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> take [1,2,3] 500
> Refinement Type Error!
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LiquidHaskell

Use Haskell's syntax, runtime, and **users**!

Used in **Industry**: to speed up code

AWAKE Well-Typed

Used in **Education**: in Haskell courses!

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I. Static Checks: Fast & Safe Code

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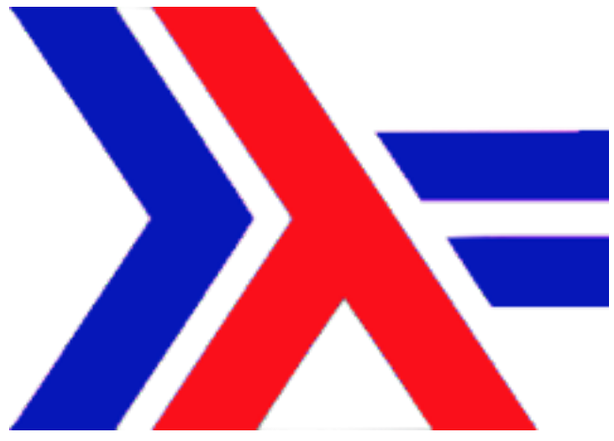
In theory Haskell is already SAFE!

Haskell

Functional Programing Language

Safe because of

Strong Typing + λ-calculus



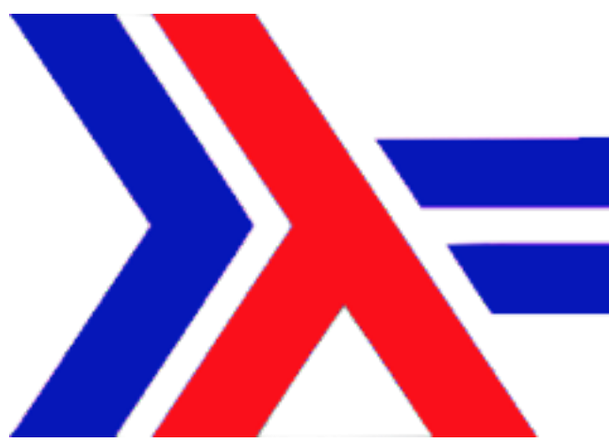
Haskell

Practical Programing Language

Fast Memory Manipulation

with C wrappers

Allowing overread bugs



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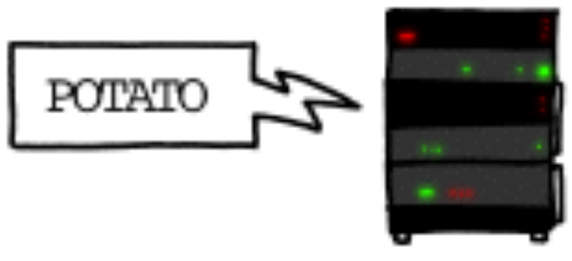
HOW THE HEARTBLEED BUG WORKS:

SERVER, ARE YOU STILL THERE? IF SO, REPLY "POTATO" (6 LETTERS).



SERVER, ARE YOU STILL THERE? IF SO, REPLY "BIRD" (4 LETTERS).

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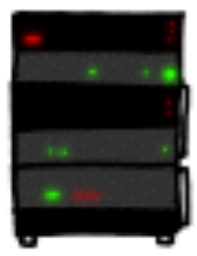

SERVER, ARE YOU STILL THERE?

User Meg wants these 500 letters: HAT. Lucas

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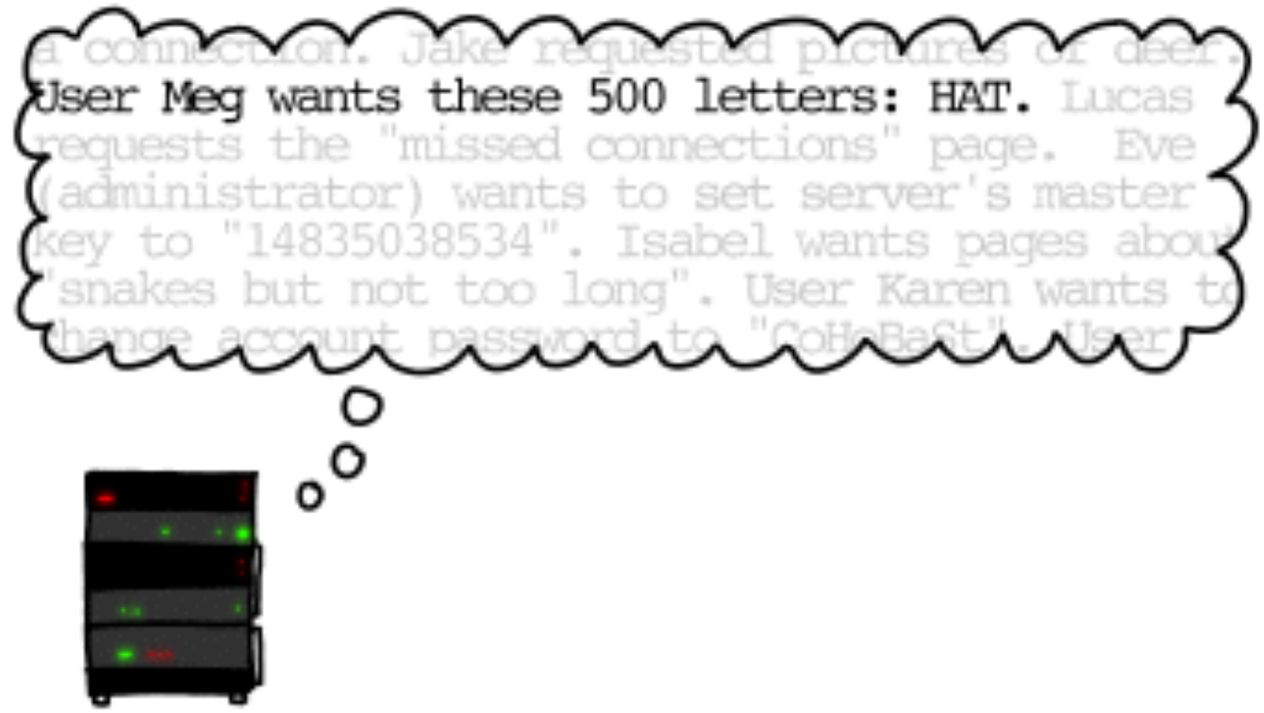

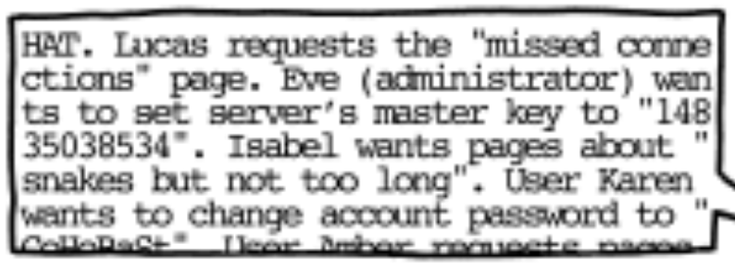

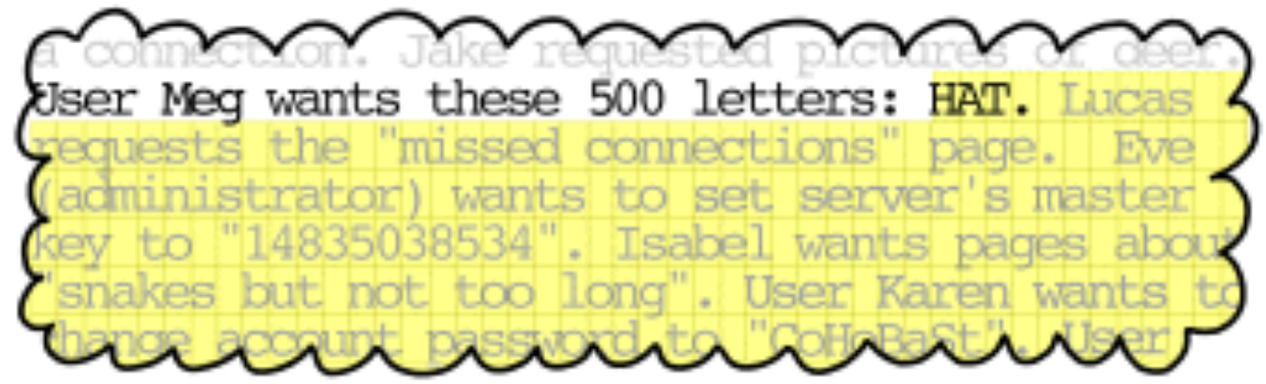

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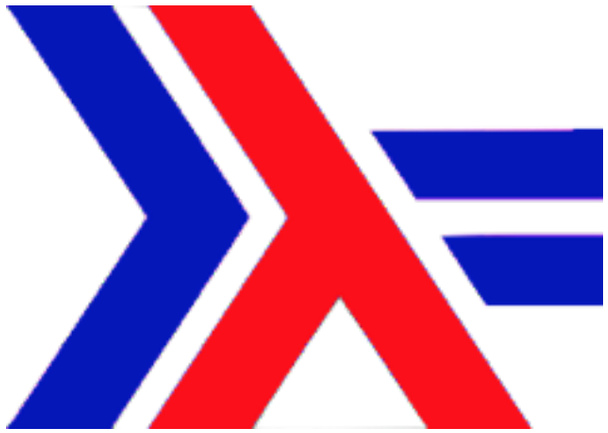

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module Data.Text where
take :: t:Text -> i:Int -> Text
```

```
> take "hat" 500
> *** Exception: Out Of Bounds!
```

Runtime Checks

```
take :: t:Text -> i:Int -> Text
take t i | i < len t
  = Unsafe.take t i
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Safe, but slow!

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Overread

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Type Error

Refinement Types

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SMT-query

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SMT-invalid

`len x = 3 => v = 500 => v < len x`

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heartbleed = let x = "hat"
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```

Checker reports **OK**

SMT-valid

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len x = 3 => v = 2 => v < len x
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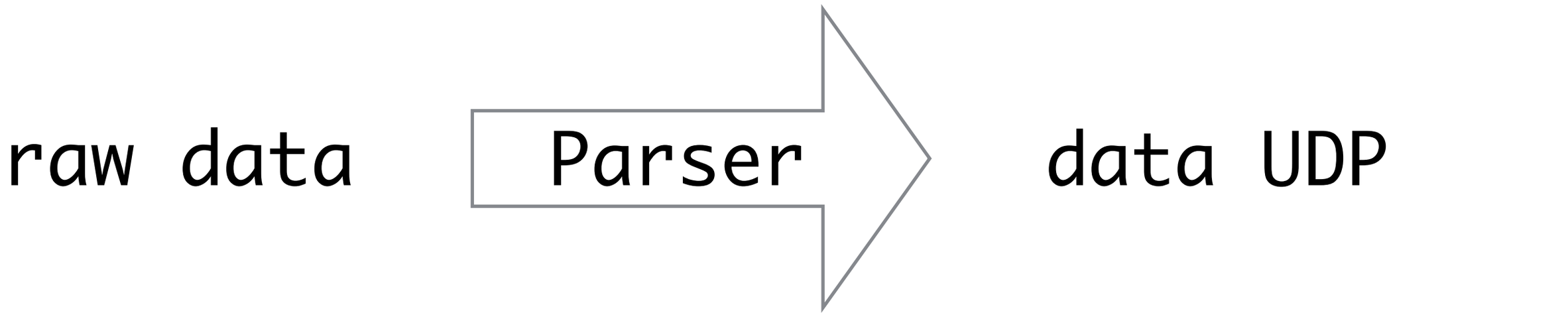
Application: Speed up Parsing

UDP: User Datagram Protocol



Application: Speed up Parsing

```
data UDP = UDP
    { udpSrcePort :: Text   -- 2 chars
    , udpDestPort :: Text   -- 2 chars
    , udpLength   :: Text   -- 2 chars
    , udpChecksum :: Text   -- 2 chars
    }
```

Application: Speed up Parsing

```
udpP :: Text -> UDP
udpP bs =
  let (udp1, bs1) = splitAt 2 bs
  let (udp2, bs2) = splitAt 2 bs1
  let (udp3, bs3) = splitAt 2 bs2
  let (udp4, bs4) = splitAt 2 bs3
  in UDP (udp1 upd2 udp3 upd4)
```

Safe but Slow (4 runtime checks)

Solution: Merge checks

Application: Speed up Parsing

```haskell
udpP :: Text -> Maybe UDP
udpP bs =
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Safe and Fast (1 runtime check!)

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splitAt :: i:Int -> t:{i < len t} ->
 (tl:{i = len tl}, tr:{len tr = len t - i})
```

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Application: Speed up Par

GHC OK, but Liquid Error

Error

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Haskell Code: SMT-Automatic Verification

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How expressive can we get?

SMT-Verification

Critical Properties, GOAL

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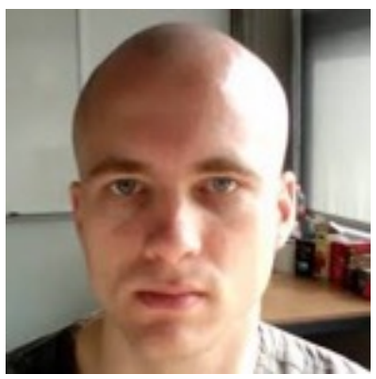

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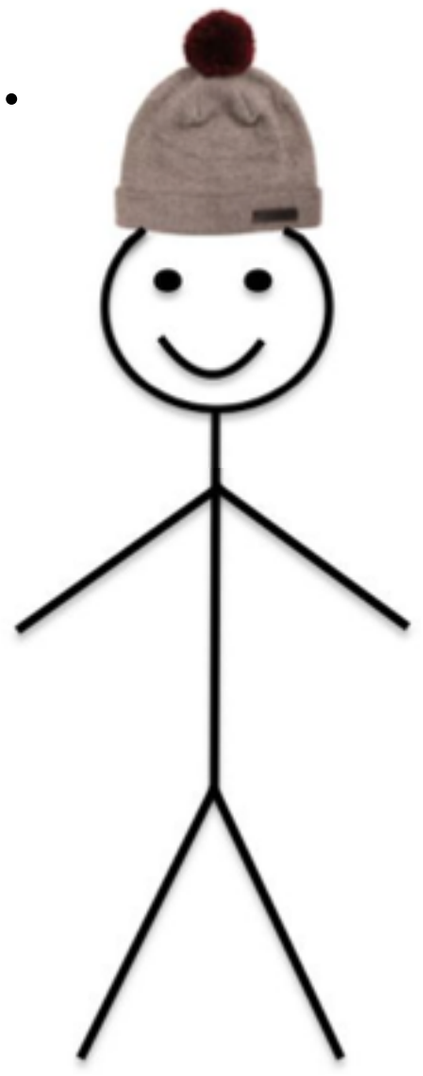
Liquid Haskell in Education

This is Will Kunkel.

Will took my undergrad course on Haskell.

Will learnt Liquid Haskell in 2 weeks.

Will was **3rd** in POPL'18 **Student Research Competition** with his project "Comparing Liquid Haskell and Coq"



Will is smart.

Be like Will.

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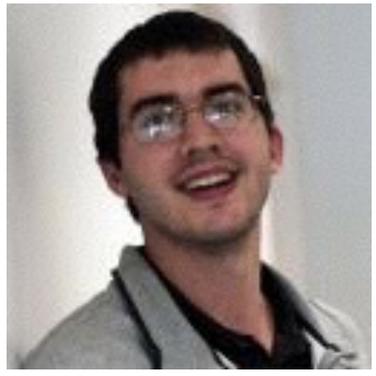

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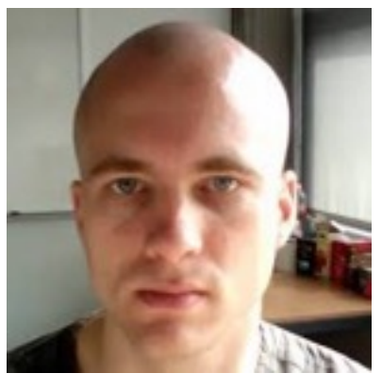

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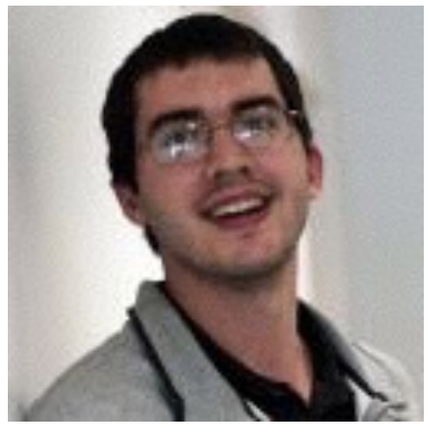

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Static checks during parsing.

Provably Correct & Faster (x6) Code!

Huge speedup for internet traffic parsing.

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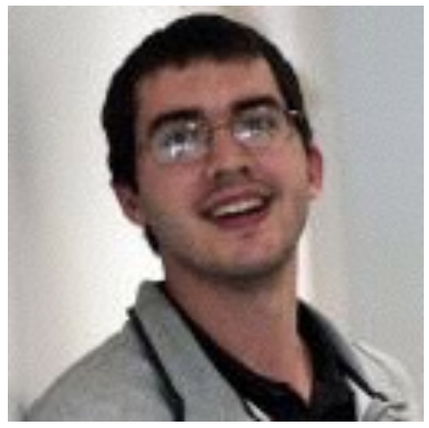

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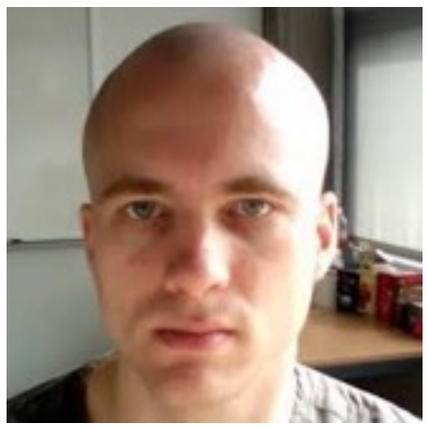

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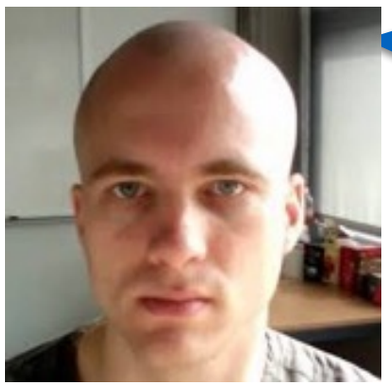

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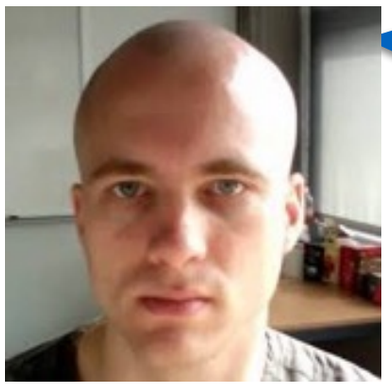

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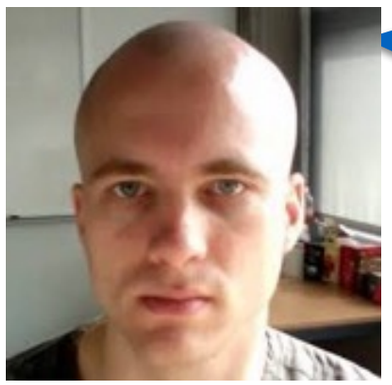

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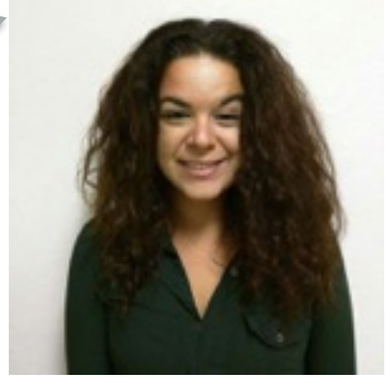

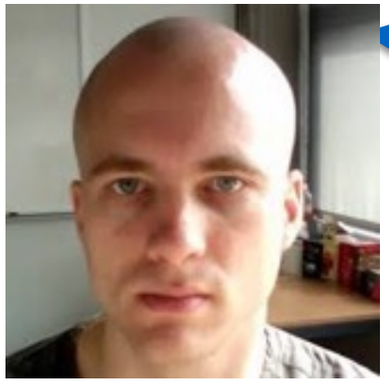

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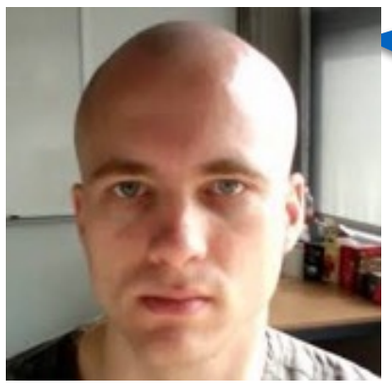

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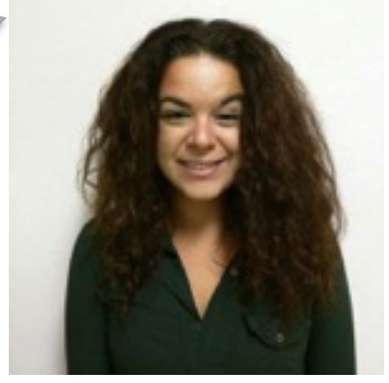

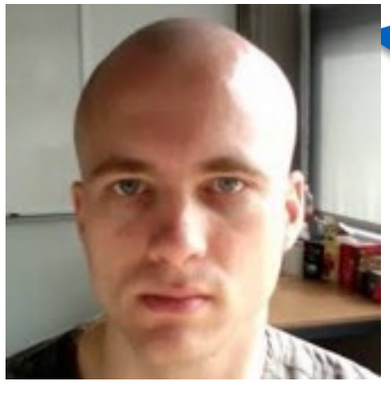

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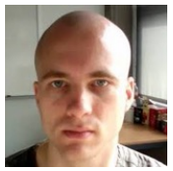

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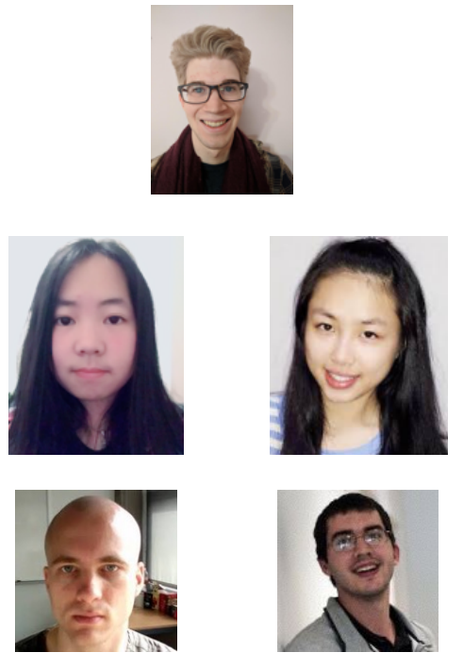

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To formalize & implement research ideas

e.g.,

compiler optimizations,
proof assistance,
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Specs are just comments **inside** the languages, ...
thus, learning effort is small.

Semi-**automatically** machine checked, via SMTs.

For runtime **optimizations**, by the user or the compiler.

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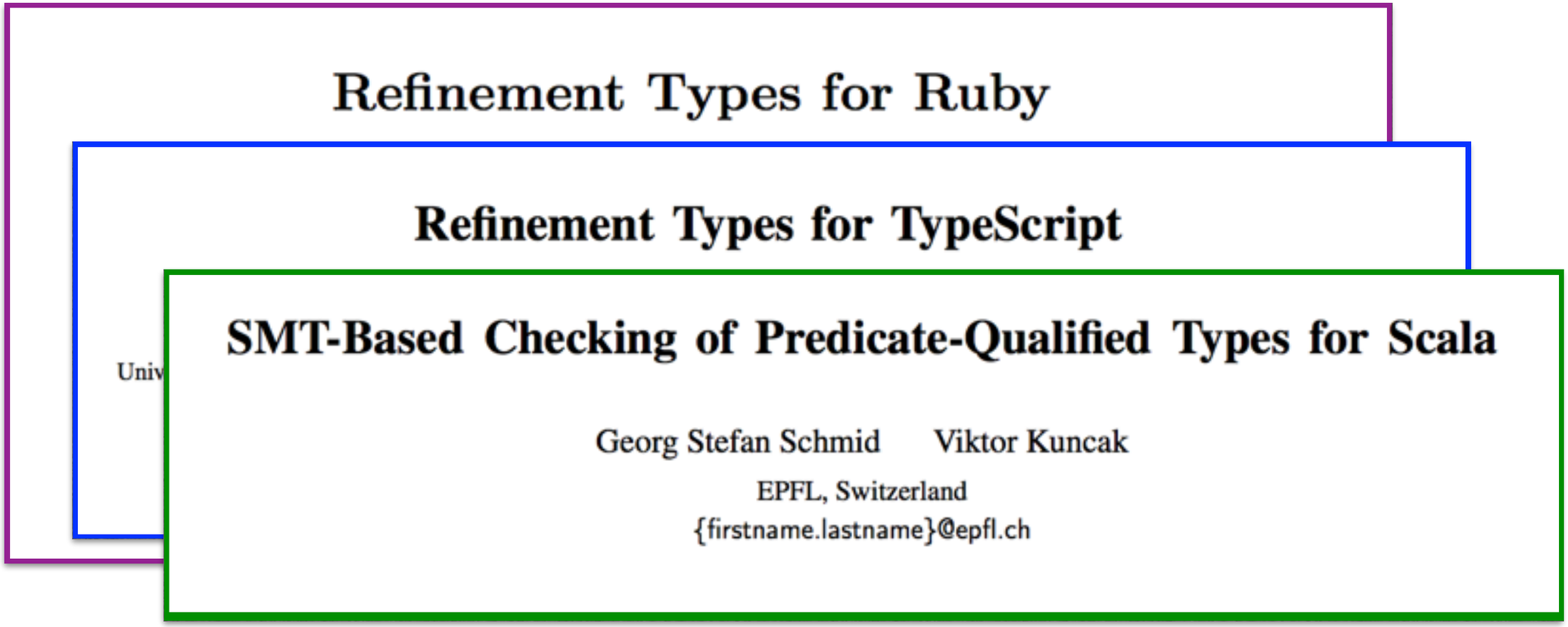
mainstream

Ruby, **JavaScript**, **Scala**, ...



Embed Verification in Haskell Programming

I. Static Checks: Fast & Safe Code

II. Application: Speed up Parsing

III. Status: Industry & Education

Thanks!