

# Liquid Haskell

## Haskell as a Theorem Prover

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# Software bugs are everywhere



On a more serious note, software bugs can lead to deaths, which is what happened in May 2015, when Airbus crashed in Spain due to a bug in the software control engine.

4 deaths, Spain, software control

Airbus A400M crashed due to a software bug.

— May 2015

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The Heartbleed Bug.  
Buffer overflow in OpenSSL. 2015

Heartbleed is another bug that got publicity last year, partially because of its pretty logo.

that due to buffer overflow attackers could get access to encrypted information.

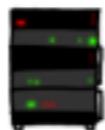
Information protected by the SSL protocol is stored next to unprotected information. Due to buffer overflow attackers can steal encrypted information, like user passwords.

## HOW THE HEARTBLEED BUG WORKS:

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



User Meg wants these 6 letters: POTATO. User da wants pages about "irl games". Unlocking secure records with master key 5130985733435  
(hearts) needs this message: "H



POTATO



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



User Olivia from London wants pages about bees in car why". Note: Files for IP 375.381.83.17 are in /tmp/files-3843. User Meg wants these 4 letters: BIRD. There are currently 34 connections open. User Brendan uploaded the file olivia (contents: 634ba962a3eb0ff59b43bf62)



HMM...



BIRD



SERVER, ARE YOU STILL THERE?

Connection. Jake required pictures of dead User Meg wants these 500 letters: HMT. Turned

SERVER, ARE YOU STILL THERE?  
IF SO, REPLY "HAT" (500 LETTERS).



User Meg wants these 500 letters: HAT. Lucas requests the "missed connections" page. Eve (administrator) wants to set server's master key to "14835038534". Isabel wants pages about snakes but not too long". User Karen wants to change account password to "ColiBaG". User



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# Make bugs difficult to express

Using Modern Programming Languages

F#, Ocaml, Scala, Haskell

Because of

Strong Types +  $\lambda$ -Calculus

The goal of research in programming languages is not only to track these bugs, but rather make such kind of software bugs difficult to express.

So, these days we use fancy FPL like that make heavy use

Towards this goal, PL researchers have built fancy functional programming languages such as ... that make heavy use of the well studied theories of strong typing and lambda calculus

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Using Modern Languages

F#, Ocaml

*Well Typed Programs  
cannot go wrong!*



and proudly make statements like "Well Typed programs cannot go wrong"

To test the validity of this statement, lets see whether Haskell, a strongly typed language based on I-calculus



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```
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λ> let pack = "hat"

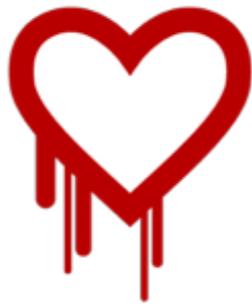
λ> :t takeWord16
takeWord16 :: Text -> Int -> Text
```

I am importing data text, a library for  
unicode mania  
I am creating a text niki  
and will use a take function to index  
pack .

Note that take comes from a library  
marked as unsafe, so safety relies only  
on type system and not on runtime  
checks.



VS.



If I ask for the True first characters  
lambda man is smart enough to tell me  
that True is an invalid argument for take

```
λ> :m +Data.Text Data.Text.Unsafe  
λ> let pack = "hat"  
  
λ> takeWord16 pack True  
Type Error: Cannot match Bool vs Int
```



VS.



```
λ> :m +Data.Text Data.Text.U  
λ> let pack = "hat"  
  
λ> takeWord16 pack 500  
"hat\58456\2594\SOH\NUL..."
```

But, If I ask for the 8 first carachets I encoded HD take will return the 4 first carachets and 4 more characters that are stored in the memory next to Niki

My goal is to use types and statically catch this error



VS.



# Valid Values for takeWord16?

the type of takes states that all ints are valid indexes

`takeWord16 :: t:Text -> i:Int -> Text`

**All Ints**

`..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...`

# Valid Values for takeWord16?

what i want is to split ints and specify  
tats the valid arguments for take are  
only ints that are less than the size of t

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**Valid Ints**

`0, 1 ... , len t`

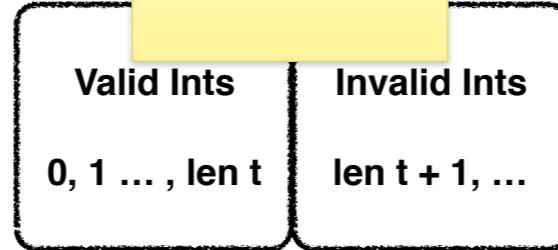
**Invalid Ints**

`len t + 1, ...`

# Refinement Types

take ::  $t:\text{Text} \rightarrow \{v:\text{Int} \mid v \leq \text{len } t\} \rightarrow \text{Text}$

we can express this via ref types  
I give take a ref type that states that take  
takes a  $t$   
and an integer  $v$  that is  $\leq \text{len } t$



# Refinement Types

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```
λ> take pack 500  
Refinement Type Error
```

going back to the code, with the refined type for take, asking 8 elemns of Niki will return a refinement type error,

My goal is to allow this reasoning by embedding refinements into haskell's type system

**Goal: Refinement Types for Haskell**

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specifically during my PhD I developed  
a sound and expressive refinement type  
system for Haskell programs  
and what is important is that I achieved  
both of these under the requirement of  
decidable and predictable verification

## **1. Soundness**

Under Lazy Evaluation

## **2. Expressiveness**

Modular Higher-Order Specifications  
Refinement Reflection

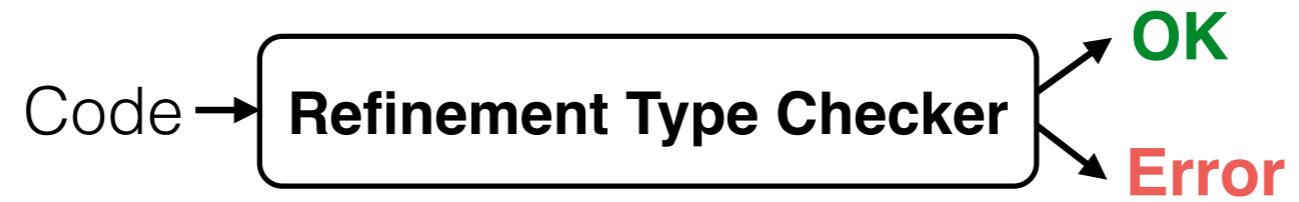
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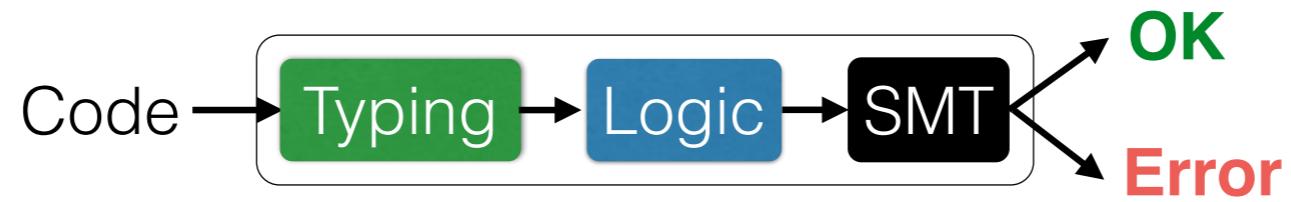
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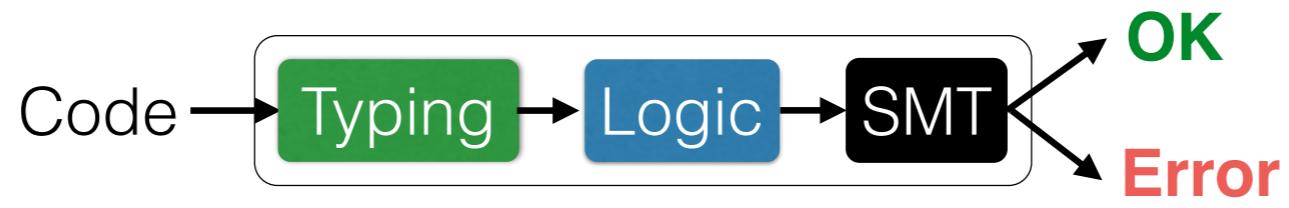
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1. Source Code to **Type constraints**
2. **Type Constraints** to **Verification Condition (VC)**
3. Check **VC validity** with **SMT Solver**



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Typing → Logic

## Encode Subtyping as Logical VC

If VC valid then Subtyping holds

Clearly state that on the left I have my environment

Typing → Logic

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$$x : \{v \mid \text{len } v = 3\} \dashv \vdash \{v \mid v = 500\} \lessdot \{v \mid v \leq \text{len } x\}$$

$x : \{v \mid p\}$

$\{v \mid p\} \lessdot \{v \mid q\}$

Typing → Logic

to encode an environment binding we  
use flanagan;s meaning that says

$x : \{v \mid p\}$

**Means\***: If  $x$  reduces to a value then  $p[x/v]$

**Encoded as**: “ $x$  has a value” =>  $p[x/v]$

\* Flanagan “Hybrid Type Checking” (POPL ’06)

Typing → Logic

$\{v \mid p\} <: \{v \mid q\}$

**Means:** if  $y : \{v \mid p\}$  then  $y : \{v \mid q\}$

**Encoded as:**  $p \Rightarrow q$

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Logic → SMT

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**How to encode “`x` has a value” ?**

(In a decidable manner)

Logic → SMT

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## **Assumption: Binders Are Values!**

i.e. `X` is guaranteed to be a value



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len x = 3  
=> (v = 500) => (v <= len x)
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Checker soundly reports **Error**

## **Assumption: Binders must be values**

Not true under Haskell's lazy semantics

# **Ignoring “has a value” is unsound!**

Under Haskell’s lazy semantics

# **Ignoring “has a value” is unsound!**

```
spin :: Int -> Int  
spin x = spin x
```

## Ignoring “has a value” is unsound!

```
spin :: Int -> {v:Int|false}  
spin x = spin x
```

**OK**

As `spin` does not return any value

# Ignoring “has a value” is unsound!

```
take :: t:Text -> {v | v <= len t} -> Text
spin :: Int -> {v:Int | false}

heartbleed = let x = "hat"
             y = spin 0
           in take x 500
```

OK? or Error?

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**OK** under **CBV** evaluation

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Error under Lazy evaluation

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Reports **Erroneous** code as **OK**

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**If**     x reduces to a value,  
**Then** encode “x has a value” by **true**

# Solution: Stratified Types

$x : \{v : \text{Int} \mid p\}$

**Must** reduce to a Value

$x : \{v : \text{Int}^\uparrow \mid p\}$

**May-not** reduce to a Value

# Stratified Types to Logic

$x : \{v : \text{Int} \mid p\}$  encoded as  $p[x/v]$

$x : \{v : \text{Int}^\uparrow \mid p\}$  encoded as  $\text{true}$

Code → Typing

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



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



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heartbleed = let x = pack "hat"
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**How to enforce stratification?**

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$x : \{v : \text{Int} \mid p\}$

**Must** have a Value

Terminating expressions must have a value

## Solution

Check termination with Refinement Types!

We saw how regain soundness under  
lazy evaluation using type stratification

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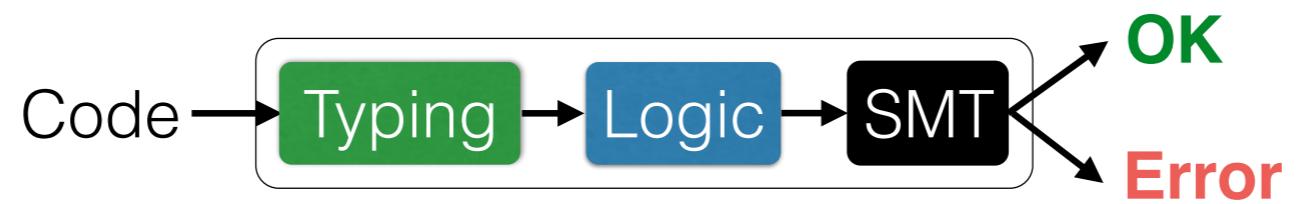
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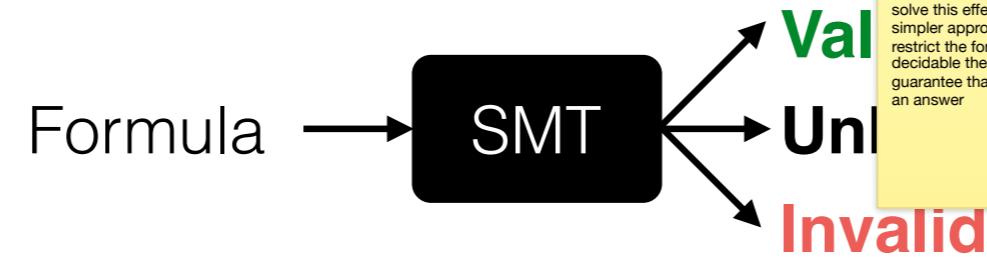
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## With automatic & predictable verification.

Recall the structure of the type checker that extracts the VC from types and checks the verification of VC using an SMT solver



## With automatic & predictable verification.



An SMT solver is a back box that given a formula it can

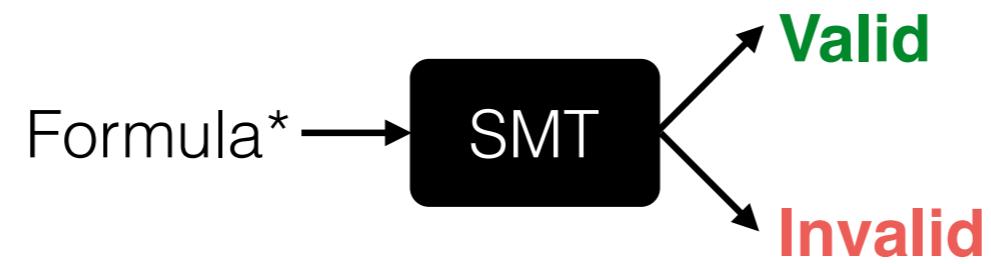
1. return valid if the formula is always true, or
2. return unsat if the formula is always false, or
3. timeout with unknown

Timeouts lead to unpredictable behaviours. what Rustan calls the butterfly event: minor modification at one part of your programs can change the verification of another part

Rustan carefully selects triggers to solve this effect, while we chose a simpler approach that says that if we restrict the formula to efficient and decidable theories, then we have the guarantee that the SMT will return with an answer

## **With automatic & predictable verification.**

How does it work?



\*From Decidable Logic



The VC comes via conjunctions and implications from the refinements of types, thus

## Encode Subtyping ...

$x_1 : \{v | p_1\}, \dots, x_n : \{v | p_n\} \vdash \{v | q_1\} <: \{v | q_2\}$

... as Logical Verification Condition

$p_1 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q_1 \Rightarrow q_{12}$

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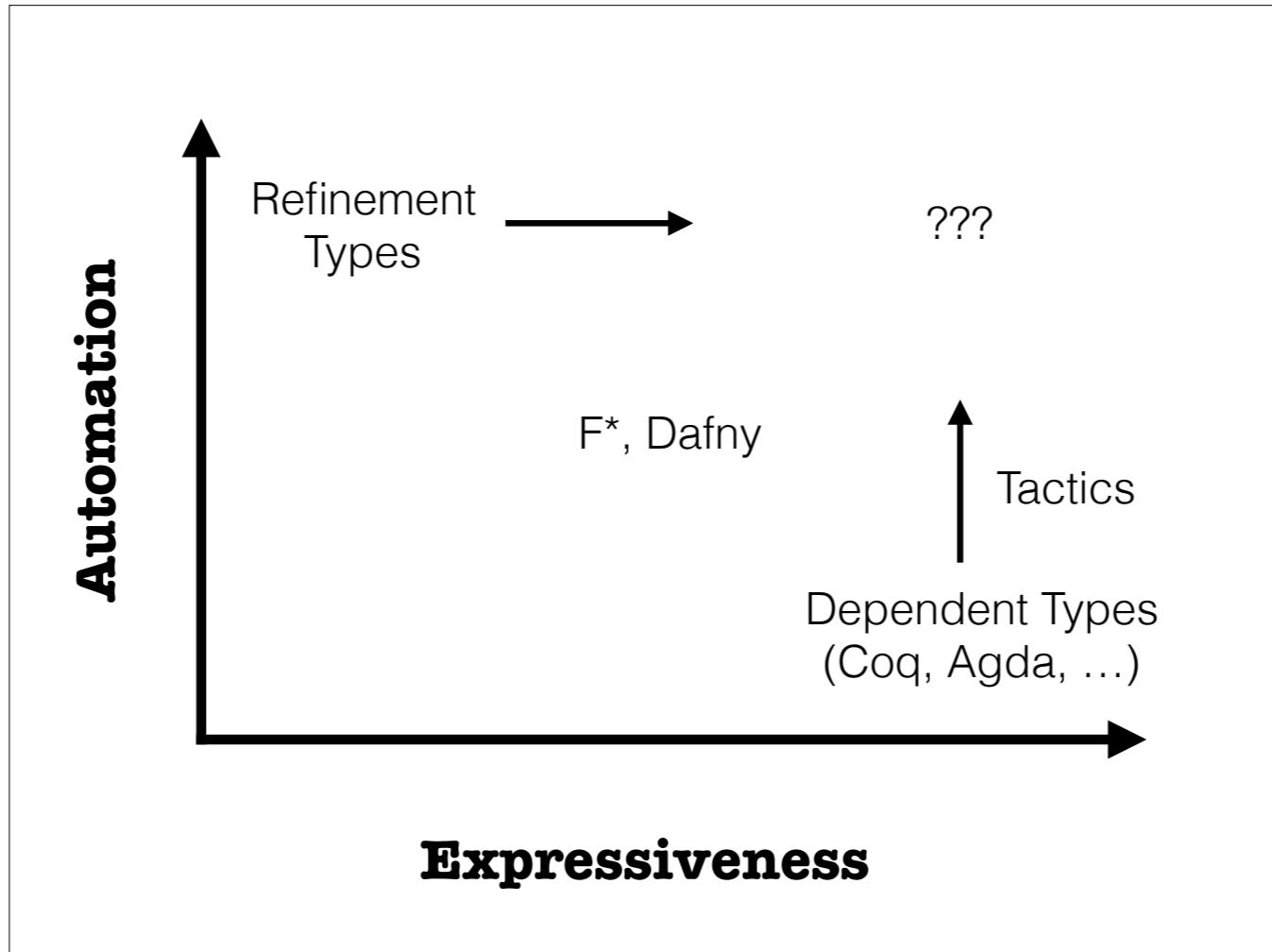
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**What about expressiveness?**



# **Goal: Refinement Types for Haskell**

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Under Lazy Evaluation

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Modular Higher-Order Specifications

Refinement Reflection

**With automatic & predictable verification.**

## Goal: Modular & Decidable Specification

As a first example, consider a function maximum that takes as input a list of ints and returns the maximum element of the list

```
maximum      :: [Int] -> Int
maximum [x]   = x
maximum (x:xs) = let y = maximum xs in
                  if x < y then y else x
```

## Client Verification

```
p = maximum [1, 2, 3]
assert (p > 0)
n = maximum [-1, -2, -3]
assert (n < 0)
```

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First-Order Specification

maximum :  $\{v:\text{Int} | 0 < v\} \rightarrow \{v:\text{Int} | 0 < v\}$

Not Modular

## Goal: Modular & Decidable Specifications

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if  $x < y$  then  $y$  else  $x$

Not Decidable

Higher-Order Specification

ensures  $\exists x \in xs. r = x$

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**then** the result is positive

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maximum :: [{v:Int | v<0}] -> {v:Int | v<0}
```

**if** all input elements are negative  
**then** the result is negative

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maximum :: [{v:Int | p v }] -> {v:Int | p v }
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**if** all input elements satisfy  $p$   
**then** the result satisfies  $p$

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In SMT **p** is “Uninterpreted Function”

$$\forall \bar{x}, \bar{y}. \bar{x} = \bar{y} \Rightarrow (p \bar{x}) = (p \bar{y})$$

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Are SMT Valid ? Yes!

$$\begin{aligned} p x \wedge p y &\Rightarrow p y \\ p x \wedge p y &\Rightarrow p x \end{aligned}$$

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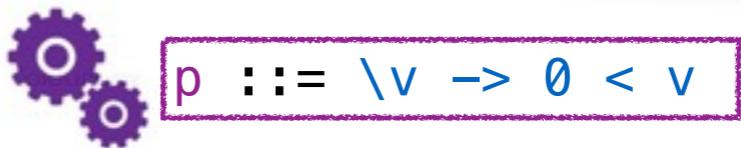
Verification is **Decidable** ...

... but is Specification **Modular**?

add the "negative example"

## Client Verification

`maximum::  $\forall p. [\{v:\text{Int} \mid p v\}] \rightarrow \{v:\text{Int} \mid p v\}$`



`p ::=  $\lambda v \rightarrow 0 < v$`

`maxPos::  $[\{v:\text{Int} \mid 0 < v\}] \rightarrow \{v:\text{Int} \mid 0 < v\}$`

`maxPos xs = maximum xs`

OK

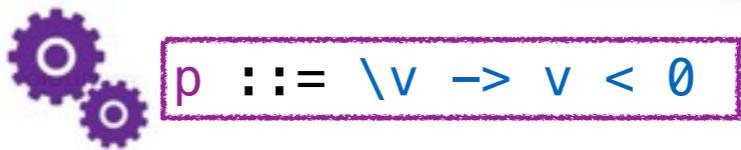
## Automatic Instantiation via Liquid Types\*

\* Rondon, Kawaguchi, Jhala. “Liquid Types” (PLDI ’08)

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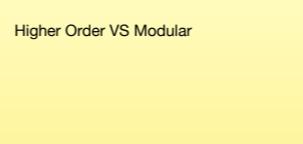
**maxNeg**::  $[\{v:\text{Int} \mid v < 0\}] \rightarrow \{v:\text{Int} \mid v < 0\}$

**maxNeg** xs = maximum xs

OK

# Modular & Decidable Specifications

**Step 1:** Abstract Components @Lib



**Step 2:** Instantiate Components @Clt

# **Applications**

## **Higher-Order Functions**

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## **Examples**

compose, foldr, filter, ...

# Higher-Order Functions

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```
foldr f b []      = b
foldr f b (x:xs) = f x (foldr f b xs)
```

# Specification

```
foldr f b []      = b
foldr f b (x:xs) = f xs x (foldr f b xs)
```

**inv** *xs* *b* := list *xs* satisfies **inv** at value *b*

## Goal:

Specify, by induction, that the result satisfies **inv**

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**Inductive Hypothesis:**

```
f: (xs: [a]  -> x:a  -> {b:b | inv xs b})  
      -> {r:b | inv (x:xs) r})
```

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**Conclusion:**

```
{v:b | inv xs v}
```

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```

```
foldr :: forall inv.
          -> f:(xs:[a] -> x:a -> {b:b|inv xs b})
              -> {r:b|inv (x:xs) r)
          -> b:{b|inv [] b}
          -> xs:[a]
          ->{v:b|inv xs v}
```

**Hack:** `xs` as extra argument on `f`

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```

**Problem:** type mismatch

**Solution:** helper abstract refinement

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   -> {r:b|inv (x:xs) r})
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Simplifies to

```
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```

where

```
forall x xs b r.
  inv xs b => stp x b r
  => inv (x:xs) r
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```

where

```
bound Ind inv stp = \x xs b r ->
    inv xs b => stp x b r
                => inv (x:xs) r
```

# Specification

```
foldr :: (Ind inv stp)
        => f:(x:a -> b:b -> {r:b|stp x b r})
        -> {b:b|inv [] b}
        -> xs:[a]
        -> {v:b|inv xs v}
```

```
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                                => inv (x:xs) r
```

# Higher-Order Functions

## Examples

compose, **foldr**, filter, ...

# **Applications**

**Higher-Order Functions**

**Recursive Invariants**

**Floyd-Hoare Logic (in ST)**

**Capability-Safe IO Monad**

## **2. Expressiveness**

### Modular Higher-Order Specifications

## **2. Expressiveness**

Refinement Reflection

# Specifications of functions

```
fib :: {i:Int|0<=i} -> {v:Int|0<=v}
fib i
| i <= 1    = i
| otherwise = fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)
```

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How to express **theorems** about functions?

```
\forall i. 0 <= i => fib i <= fib (i+1)
```

How to express **theorems** about functions?

### **Step 1:** Definition

In SMT **fib** is “Uninterpreted Function”

```
\forall i j. i = j => fib i = fib j
```

## How to express **theorems** about functions?

```
fibCon :: i:Nat -> j:Nat  
        -> {v:() | i = j => fib i = fib j}  
fibCon _ _ = ()                                OK
```

```
\forall i j. i = j => fib i = fib j
```

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```
fibCon :: i:Nat -> j:Nat  
      -> {i = j => fib i = fib j}  
fibCon _ _ = ()
```

OK

```
\forall i j. i = j => fib i = fib j
```

How to express **theorems** about functions?

```
fibOne :: {fib 1 = 1}  
fibOne = ()
```

Error

How to connect logic **fib** with target **fib**?

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```
fib :: i:Nat -> Nat  
fib i  
| i <= 1 = 1  
| otherwise = fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)
```

\forall i.  
SMT Axiom  
if  $i \leq 1$  then `fib i = i`  
`else fib i = fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)`

Not Decidable

How to connect logic **fib** with target **fib?**

```
fib :: i:Nat -> Nat
fib i
| i <= 1    = i
| otherwise = fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)
```

## Refinement Reflection

```
fib :: i:Nat -> {v:Nat| v = fib i &&
                     if i <= 1 then fib i = i
                     else fib i = fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)
                   }
```

# Refinement Reflection

**Step 1:** Definition

**Step 2:** Reflection

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# Refinement Reflection

**Step 1:** Definition

**Step 2:** Reflection

```
fib :: i:Nat -> {v:Nat | v = fib i &&
  if i <= 1 then fib i = i
  else fib i = fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)
}
```

**Step 3:** Application

```
fib 1 :: {v:Nat | v = fib 1 && fib 1 = 1}
```

## Refinement Reflection

```
fibOne :: {fib 1 = 1}  
fibOne = let _ = fib 1  
        in ()
```

OK

```
fib 1 :: {v:Nat | v = fib 1 && fib 1 = 1}
```

## Refinement Reflection

```
fibTwo :: {fib 2 = 2}
fibTwo = let _ = fib 2
         _ = fib 1
         _ = fib 0
in ()
```

OK

**Problem:** Proof is Unreadable!

**Solution:** Proof Combinators!

## Refinement Reflection

```
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fibTwo
= fib 2
==. fib 1 + fib 0
*** QED
```

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## Refinement Reflection

```
fibTwo :: {fib 2 = 2}
fibTwo
= fib 2
==. fib 1 + fib 0
==. 1 + 1
==. 2
*** QED
```

OK

Can we reuse existing proofs?

## Refinement Reflection

```
fibThree :: {fib 3 = 3}
fibThree
= fib 3
==. fib 2 + fib 1
==. 2 + 1          ? fibTwo      OK
==. 3
*** QED
```

Combining Proofs

## Refinement Reflection

Prove **theorems** about functions.

**Step 1:** Definition

**Step 2:** Reflection

**Step 3:** Application

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Turns Haskell into a theorem prover.

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Turns Haskell into a theorem prover.

Express **theorems** via refinement types.

Express **proofs** via functions.

**Check** that functions prove theorems.

## Refinement Reflection

```
fibUp :: i:Nat -> {fib i ≤ fib (i+1)}
fibUp i
| i == 0
= fib 0 <. fib 1
*** QED
| i == 1
= fib 1 <=. fib 1 + fib 0 <=. fib 2
*** QED
| otherwise
= fib i
==. fib (i-1) + fib (i-2)
<=. fib i      + fib (i-2) ? fibUp (i-1)
<=. fib i      + fib (i-1) ? fibUp (i-2)
<=. fib (i+1)
*** QED
```

# Refinement Reflection

## Higher Order Theorems

```
fMono :: f:(Nat -> Int)
-> fUp:(z:Nat -> {f z <= f (z+1)})
-> x:Nat
-> y:{Nat| x < y}
-> {f x <= f y}
```

```
fibMono :: x:Nat -> y:{Nat| x < y}
-> {fib x <= fib y}
fibMono = fMono fib fibUp
```

# **Applications**

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```
mapReduce i f op xs
= foldr op (f [ ]) (map f (chunk i xs))
```

## Example: Parallel Sums

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum [] = 0
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

```
psum :: Int -> xs:[Int] -> Int
psum i xs = mapReduce i sum (+) xs
```

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```
sumEq :: i:Int->xs:[Int]->{sum xs = psum i xs}
sumEq i xs
= psum i xs
==. sum xs
? mapReduceEq i sum (+) rightId distr xs
*** QED
```

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```
rightId :: xs:[Int] -> ys:[Int]
-> {sum xs + sum [] = sum xs}
```

```
distr   :: xs:[Int] -> ys:[Int]
-> {sum (xs++ys) = sum xs + sum ys}
```

# Parallelization Equivalence

```
mapReduceEq
:: i:Int
-> f:([a] -> b)
-> op:(b -> b -> b)
-> rId:(xs:[a] -> {f xs `op` f [] = f xs})
-> dis:(xs:[a] -> ys:[a]
      -> {f (xs++ys) = f xs `op` f ys})
-> xs:[a]
-> { f x = mapReduce i f op xs }
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Generalization:

Let  $b$  be a monoid with an assoc operator

# Parallelization Equivalence

```
mapReduceEq :: (Monoid b)
=> n:Int
-> f:([a] -> b)
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-> dis:(xs:[a] -> ys:[a]
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```

Generalization:

Let b be a **verified** monoid with right identity

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```
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      > [f (xs+ys) = f xs `op` f ys]
-> xs:[a]
-> { f x = mapReduce n f xs }
```

Generalization:

Let  $f$  be a morphism among  $a$  and  $[b]$

## Parallelization Equivalence

```
mapReduceEq :: (VerifiedMonoid b)
=> n:Int
-> f:Morphism [a] b
-> xs:[a]
-> { f x = mapReduce n f xs }
```

# **Applications**

## **Arithmetic Properties**

(fib, ackermann)

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## **Parallelization of String Matching**

## **2. Expressiveness**

### Refinement Reflection

# **Goal: Refinement Types for Haskell**

## **1. Soundness**

Under Lazy Evaluation

## **2. Expressiveness**

Modular Higher-Order Specifications

Refinement Reflection

**With decidable & predictable verification.**

# **Implementation**

LiquidHaskell

# LiquidHaskell

**Liquid Types \***

Decidable Type Inference

\* Rondon, Kawaguchi, Jhala. “Liquid Types” (PLDI ’08)

# LiquidHaskell

**Liquid Types**

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**Termination Checker [ICFP 14]**

Soundness under Laziness

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**Refinement Reflection [Submitted 16]**

Liquid Haskell is a theorem prover

# LiquidHaskell

## **Termination, Totality, Functional Correctness**

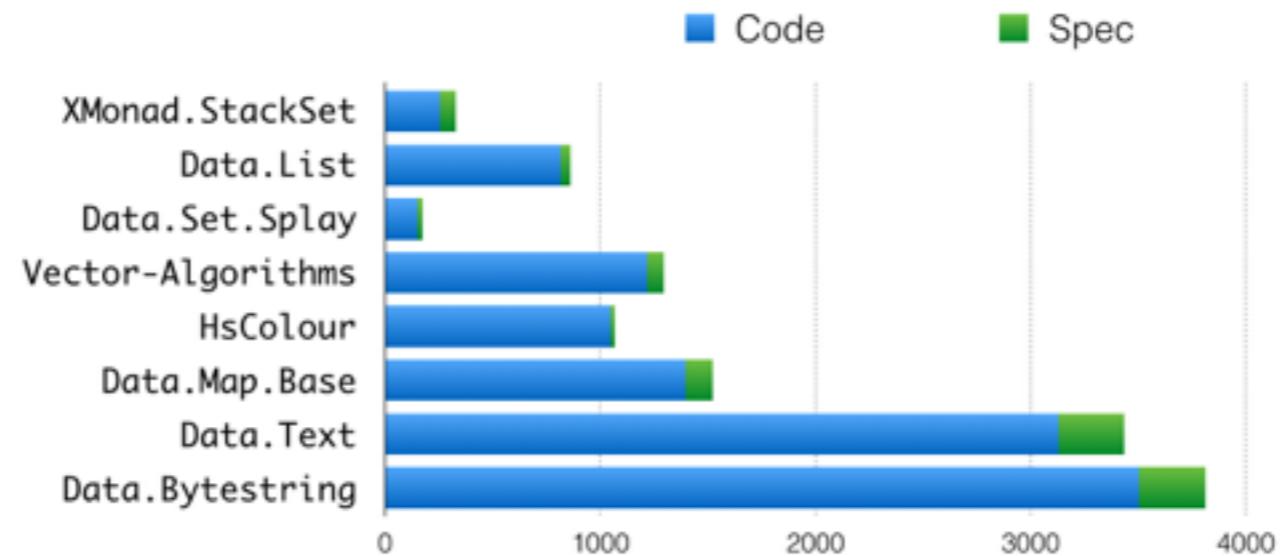
`Data.List`: list sortedness, safe indexing

`Data.Map`: binary-search tree preservation

`Text`, `ByteString`: low-level memory safety

`XMonad`: uniqueness of windows

# LiquidHaskell



specs: 1/10 LOC

time: 0.5s/10 LOC

**Modest Annotations**

# LiquidHaskell

as a theorem prover

**Modest Annotations BUT Verbose Proofs**

# LiquidHaskell

as a theorem prover

Case study: String matcher parallelization

**200LoC** “runtime” code

**100LoC** specs on “runtime” code

**1300LoC** proof terms

**200LoC** theorem specs

proofs = 8 x code

**Verbose Proofs**

# Refinement Types for Haskell

## 1. Soundness

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Thanks!

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**END**

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## **Envision:**

### Integrate Verification into Code Development

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## **Envision:**

### Integrate Verification into Code Development

# Goal: Verification into Code Development

What I envision is that in this process the programmer also provides some code specifications that are automatically included within code ensuring that the final application satisfies the specifications



# Goal: Verification into Code Development

To achieve this, we need to persuade the programmer to write specifications

User should **naturally** write Specifications ...



# Goal: Verification into Code Development

and the verifier should provide useful feedback

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... and get **useful** feedback.

# User should **naturally** write Specifications ...

## Natural Integration

## Expressiveness

I believe that refinement types are in the right direction of naturally integrating specs into the language, as they simply refine the existing type system with logical predicates.

So the user does not need to learn a new language to express code of specification.

A second requirement for natural specification, is that spec language should be arbitrary expressive and this is a requirement that LH fails to satisfy

# Expressiveness

LiquidHaskell:  
Functions cannot appear in spec:

```
fib_increasing :: x:Nat -> y:Nat  
                 -> { x < y => fib x < fib y }  
fib_increasing x y = AutoProof
```

Right now LH does not allow arbitrary functions to appear inside the specifications which crucially restricts expressiveness.

As an example if I want to prove that fib is increasing I need to refer to the fib function inside the spec and say...

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Once I achieve that we could express interesting higher order properties like that the monadic list implementation satisfies the left identity list monad, just by providing a functions that satisfies the specification that forall m:a[ if I bind m to return I get m]

LiquidHaskell:  
Functions cannot appear in specifications.

```
left_id    :: m:[a] -> { m >>= return == m }
left_id m = AutoProof
```

# Goal: Verification into Code Development

Then I am going to describe what I see as useful feedback by an example

Natural Integration

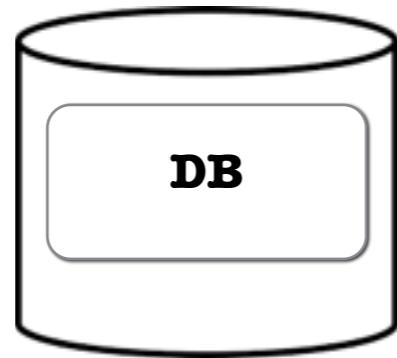
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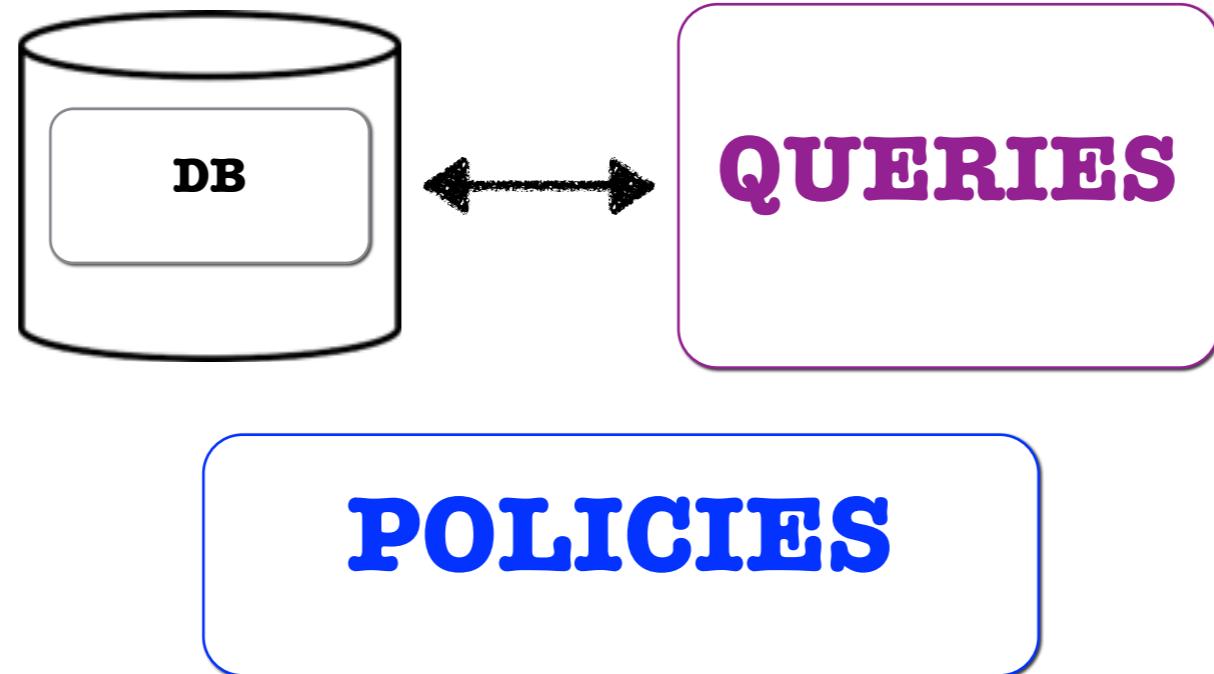
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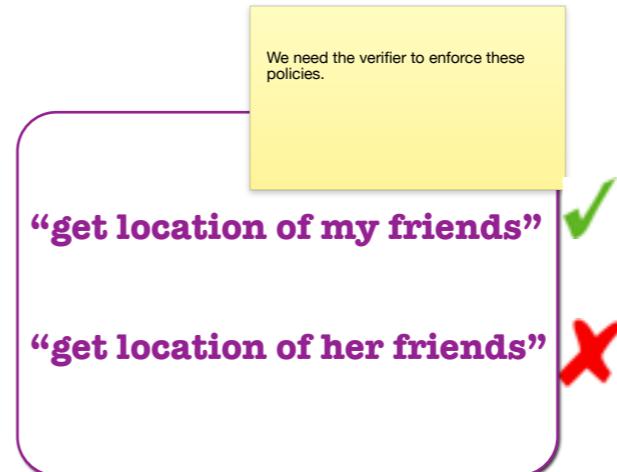
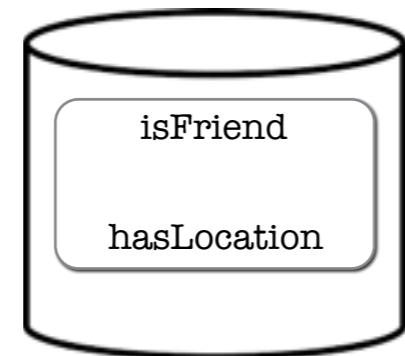
Consider a db and an API that makes queries. it is not important what the query language is, but to be concrete I am going to use HAXI



... and get **useful** feedback.



# ... and get **useful** feedback.



**P1:** "Anyone can look at my friend list."  
**P2:** "Only my friends can get my location."

# ... and get **useful** feedback.

```
main :: IO ()  
main = do  
    - me and her are two random users  
    let (myid, herid) = (42, 24)  
    - initialize the environment with my credentials  
    env <- initEnv $ UserState { me = myid }  
    - fetch the locations of MY friends  
    locs <- runHaxl env (getFriendsLocations myid)
```

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Haxl\*: A Haskell library that accesses remote data

\*Simon Marlow et al. There is no Fork. (ICFP '14)

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            -- fetch the locations of MY friends  
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```

If my query is SAFE,  
Verification should succeed  
automatically



Automation

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```

If my query is UNSAFE,  
Verification should fail immediately

Speed  
Automation

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Error Diagnosis

Error: Violation of P2

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Speed

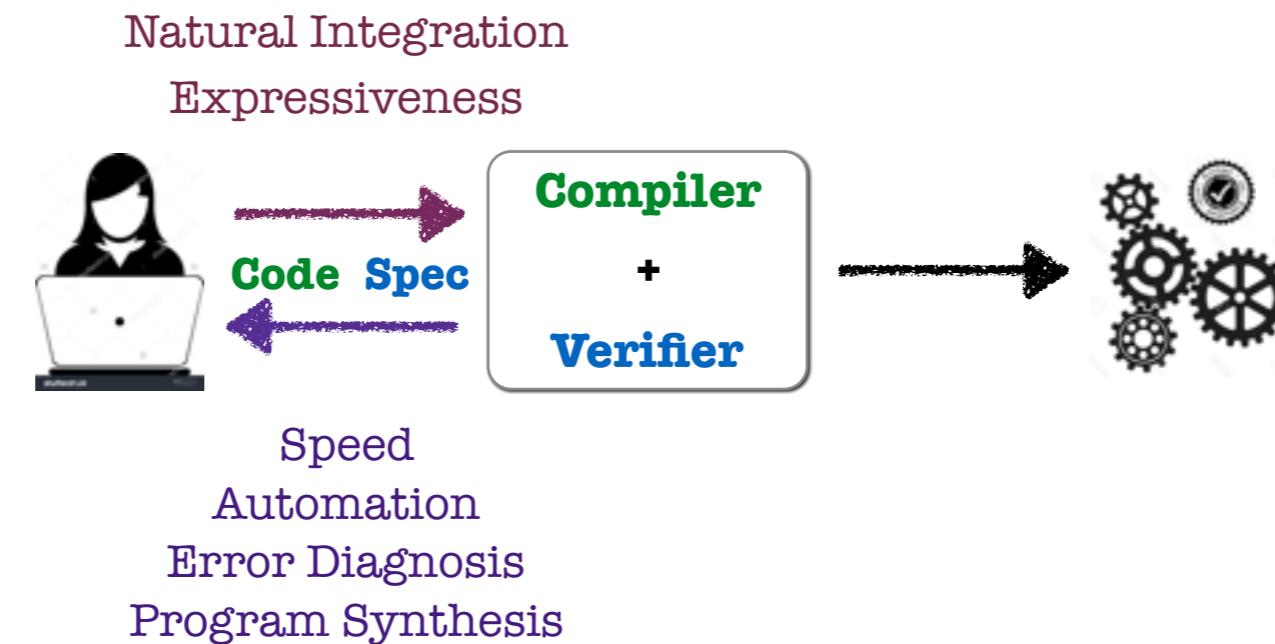
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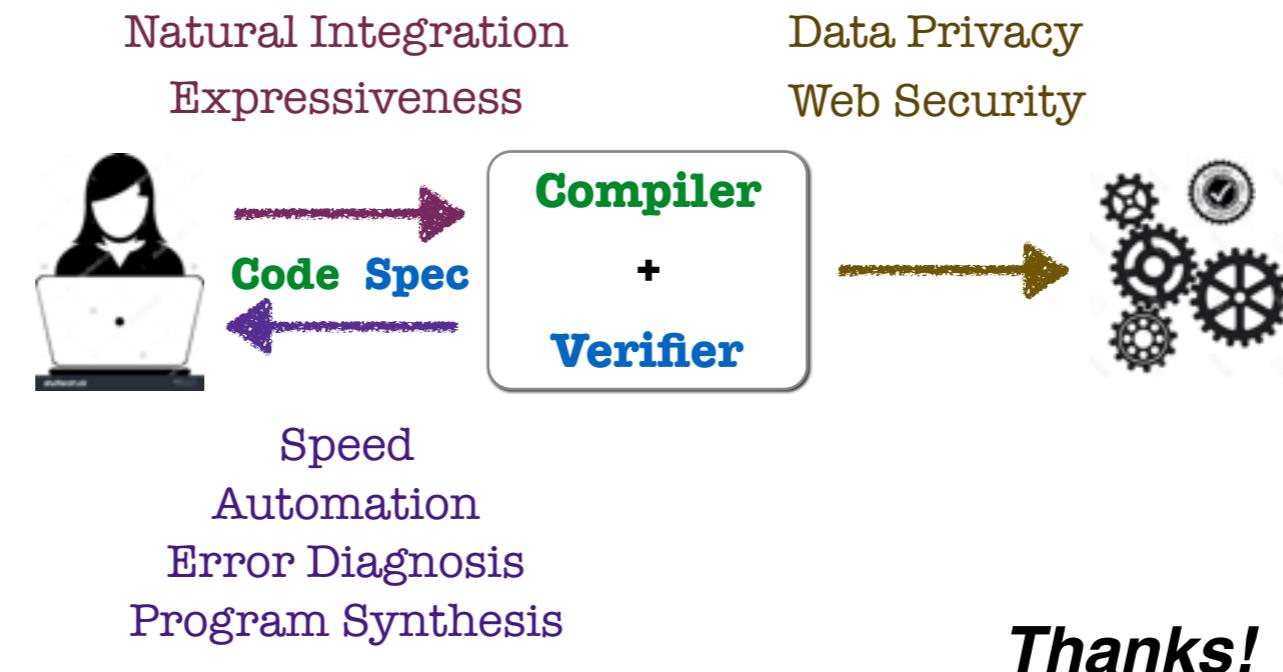
Program Synthesis

myid p1, p2  
herid p1, p2

# Goal: Verification into Code Development



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**END**

# The Haxl Monad

For this specific example, Haxl provides a run function that says that if you give me an env that stores my credential sand a computation that decries a quesy, I will give you back the res of the query.

```
runHaxl :: env:Env      - the environment  
          -> haxl:Haxl a - the computation  
          -> IO a         - fetched data
```

# Refine the Haxl Monad

```
runHaxl :: (Valid Env (Haxl a))
          => env:Env
          -> {haxl:Haxl a | valid env haxl}
          -> IO a
```

# The Haxl Monad

Haxl is concurrency monad that performs requests of data `a`

```
newtype Haxl a = Haxl
{ unHaxl :: Env           – environment reader
  -> IORef (RequestStore) – cached fetches reader
  -> IO (Result a) }     – data fetched
```

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# Usable Program Verification

## Expressiveness

Abstract Refinement Types

**N. Vazou**, P. M. Rondon, and R. Jhala. ESOP ‘13

Bounded Refinement Types

**N. Vazou**, A. Bakst, and R. Jhala. ICFP ‘15

## Error Reporting & Diagnosis

Type Targeted Testing

E. Seidel, **N. Vazou**, and R. Jhala. ESOP ‘15

## Prototype: LiquidHaskell

Refinement Types for Haskell

**N. Vazou**, E. Seidel, R. Jhala, D. Vytiniotis, and S. Peyton-Jones. ICFP ‘15

Experience with Refinement Types in the Real World

**N. Vazou**, E. Seidel, R. Jhala. Haskell ‘15