

FizzBuzz In Haskell

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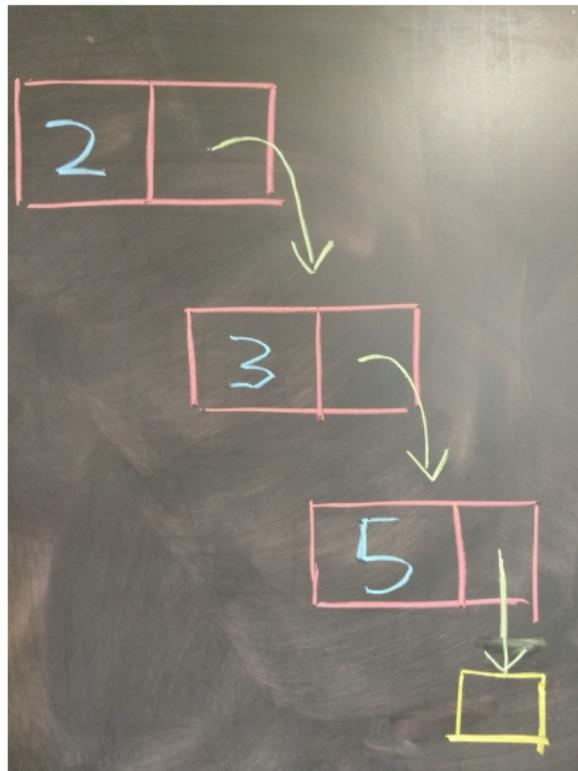
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- ▶ How would you solve FizzBuzz?

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Lists in Python

```
class ConsCell:  
    def __init__(head, tail)  
        self.head = head  
        self.tail = tail  
  
class EmptyList:  
    def __init__():  
        return  
  
oneTwo = ConsCell(1, ConsCell(2, EmptyList))
```

Lists in Haskell

```
data [a] = [] | a : [a]
-- data List a = Empty | Cons a (List a)
-- (:) x xs == x : xs
-- ([] a = [a]

firstFourPrimes :: [Int]
firstFourPrimes = 2:(3:(5:(7:[])))

type String = [Char]
-- "abc" = 'a':('b':('c':[]))

everyFlavoredBeanFlavors :: [String]
everyFlavoredBeanFlavors =
  ["earwax", "marmalade", "spinach"]
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fizzbuzz1 n
| rem n 15 == 0 = "FizzBuzz"
| rem n 5 == 0 = "Buzz"
| rem n 3 == 0 = "Fizz"
| otherwise      = show n

sol1 :: [String]
sol1 = map fizzbuzz1 [1..100]
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| rem n 35 == 0 = "BuzzBazz"
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data NumberDescription = Description String | NoComment
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```
describe n (k, s)
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| rem n k == 0 = Description s
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<something> (map (\c -> describe n c) conds)
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compose [] = NoComment
compose (NoComment:rest) = rest
compose ((Description s):rest) = case compose rest of
    NoComment -> NumberDescription s
    NumberDescription s' -> NumberDescription (s ++ s')
```

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
[] ++ ys = ys
(x:xs) ++ ys = x:(xs ++ ys)
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withDefault :: Int -> NumberDescription -> String
withDefault n NoComment = show n
withDefault n (Description s) = s

fizzbuzz2 cond n = withDefault n
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Maybe types

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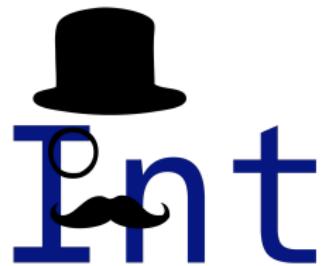
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We need to compose x and y! When they are strings, this is fine, but what if they are something else?

TypeClasses: Types with Class



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class Composable a where
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instance (Composable a) => Composable (Maybe a) where
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    mempty :: a
    (mappend) :: a -> a -> a

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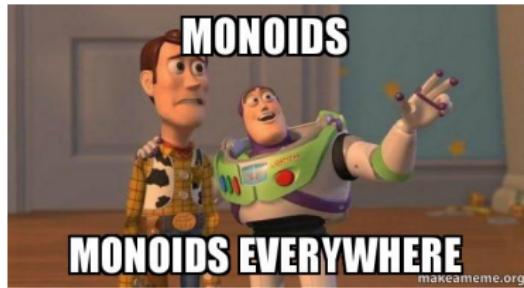
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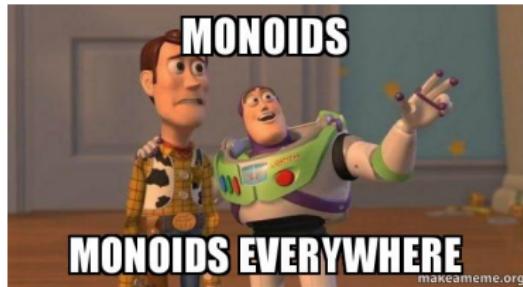
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    ( $\langle\!\rangle$ ) = (++)

instance (Monoid a) => Monoid (Maybe a) where
    mempty = Nothing
    Nothing  $\langle\!\rangle$  Nothing = Nothing
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fizzbuzz2 cnds n
= fromMaybe (show n) (mconcat (map (describe n) cnds))

sol2 :: [String]
sol2 = map (fizzbuzz2 cnds) [1..100]
where cnds = [(3, "Fizz"), (5, "Buzz")]
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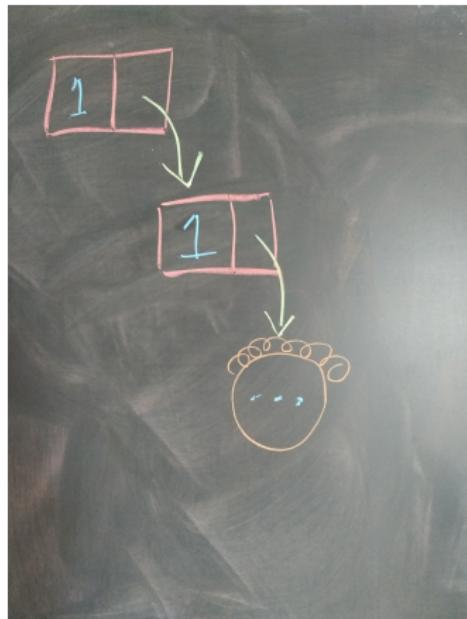
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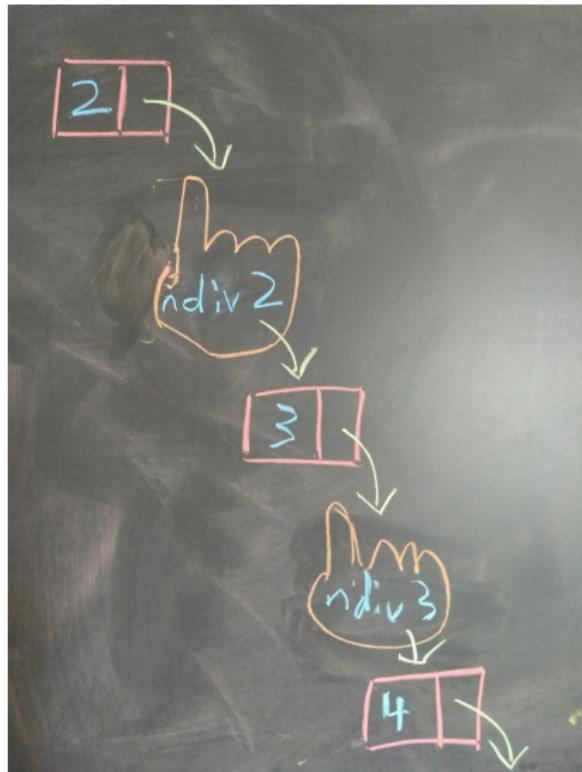
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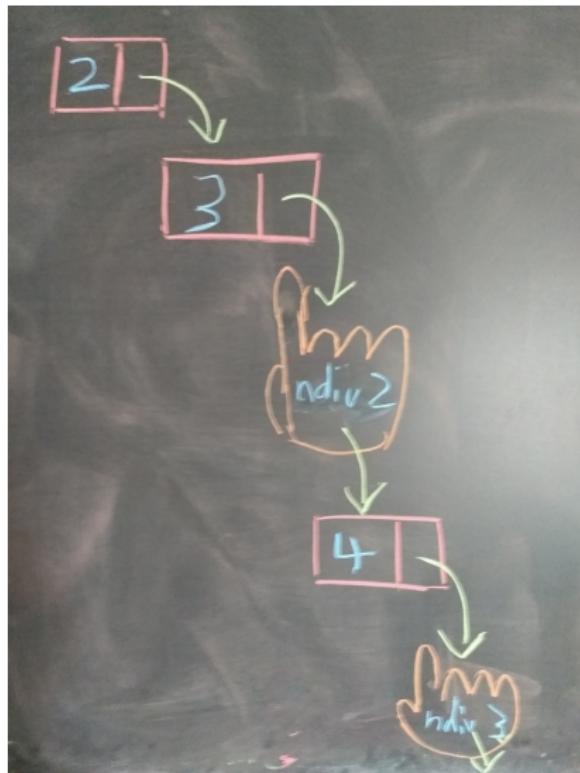
Generating prime numbers

```
primes :: [Int]
primes = from 2
where
    from k = k:(filter (ndiv k) (from (k+1)))
    ndiv k n = rem n k /= 0
-- take 4 primes == [2,3,5,7]
```

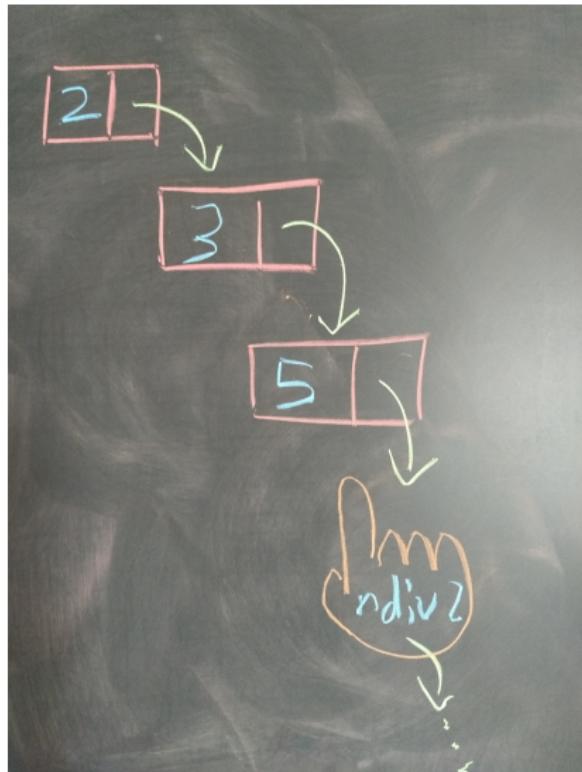
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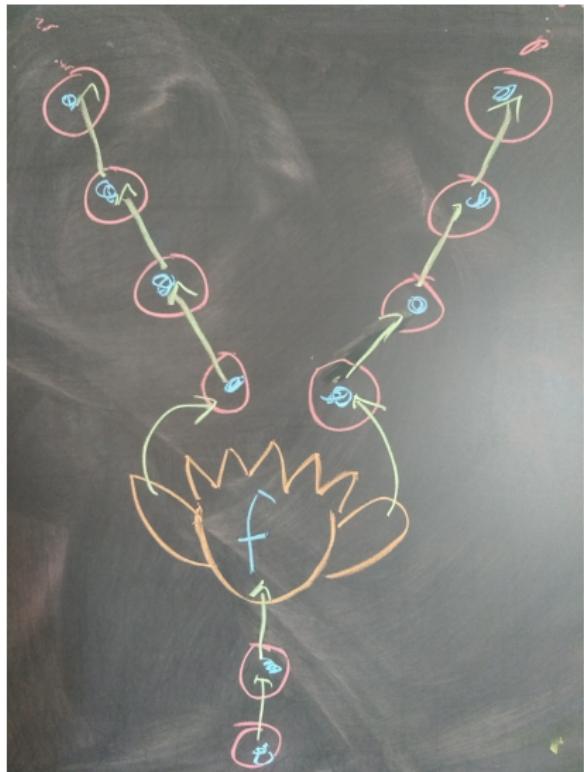
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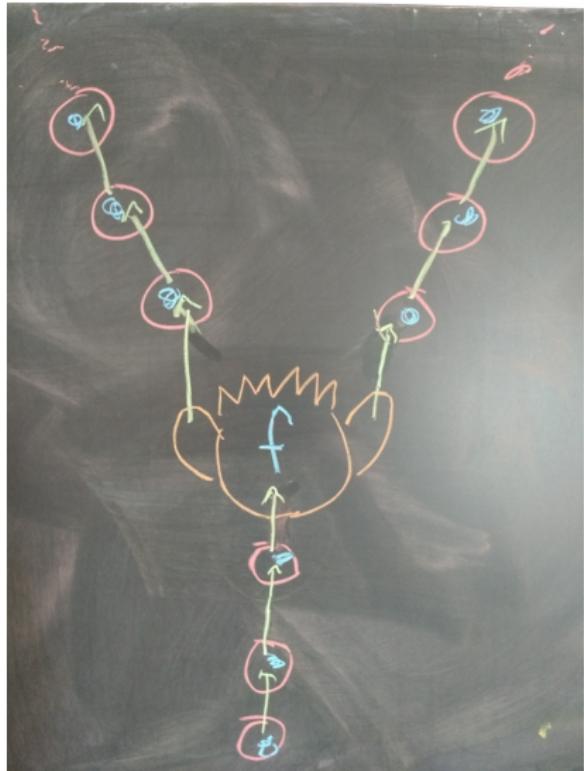
Zipping Lists

```
zipWith :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c]
zipWith _ [] _ = []
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zipWith f (x:xs) (y:ys) =
  (f x y) : (zipWith f xs ys)
```

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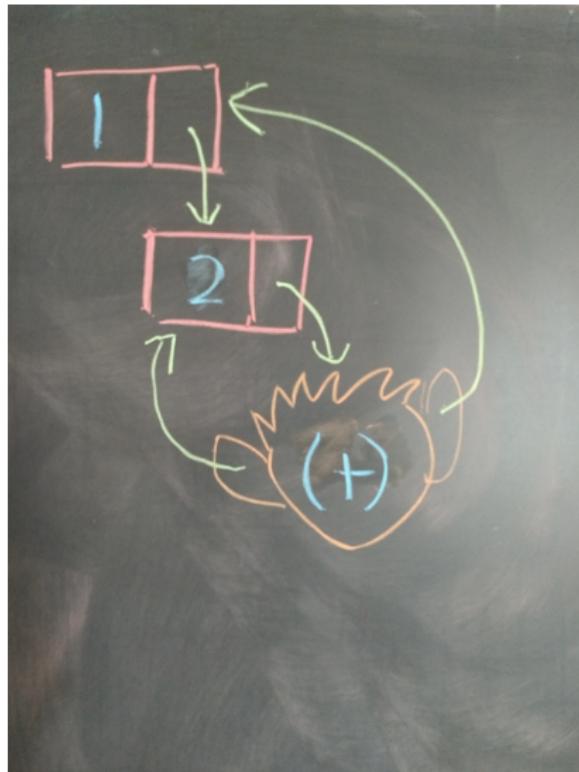
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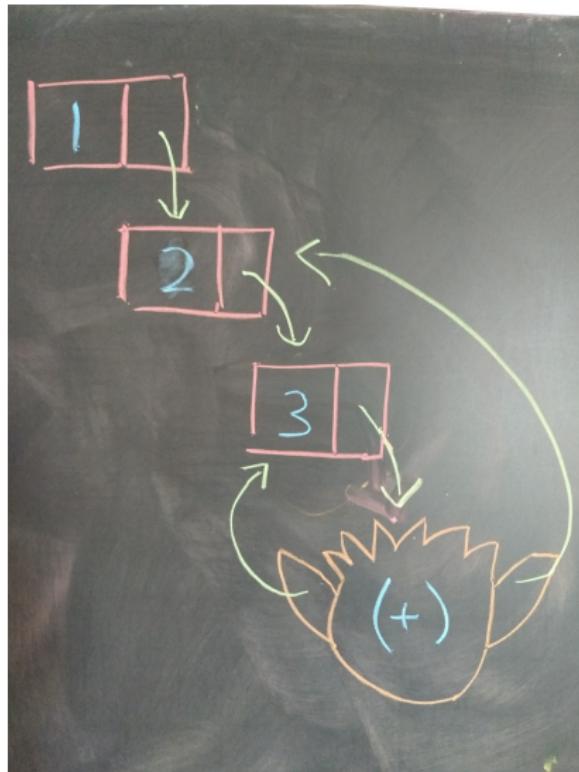
Fibonacci numbers

```
fibs :: [Int]
fibs = 1:2:(zipWith (+) fibs (tail fibs))
-- This one's a brainwister!
```

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Lists as Monoids Revisited

```
newtype Stream a = S [a]
```

```
unS :: Stream a -> [a]  
unS (S xs) = xs
```

```
instance Monoid a => Monoid (Stream a) where  
    mempty = S []  
    (S []) <> (S ys) = S ys  
    (S xs) <> (S []) = S xs  
    (S (x:xs)) <> (S (y:ys)) = S ((x <> y):rest)  
        where (S rest) = (S xs) <> (S ys)
```

Conceptually, when the list ends, we treat the rest as an infinite stream of `mempty`s (this might make more sense in the context of the next slide)

Thoughts on Streams

`Stream Double` is a vector space, where `Double` is the type of real numbers (OK, floating point numbers) in Haskell.

```
scalarMult :: Double -> Stream Double -> Stream Double
scalarMult r (S xs) = S (map (r*) xs)
```

```
addV :: Stream Double -> Stream Double -> Stream Double
addV = (<>)
-- The monoid instance for Double uses addition
```

```
negV :: Stream Double -> Stream Double
negV = scalarMult (-1)
```

This is the same thing as the vector space of polynomials of one variable over \mathbb{R} .

$$[1, 0, \pi] \approx 1 + \pi x^2$$

FizzBuzz: The Final Showdown (Part 1)

```
spacer :: [Int] -> a -> [Maybe a]
spacer (n:ns) x = loop (n-1) (n:ns)
  where
    loop 0 (k1:k2:ns) =
      (Just x):(loop (k2-k1-1) (k2:ns))
    loop k ns = Nothing:(loop (k-1) ns)

-- spacer [1,3,4,7,...] 'x' ==
--   [Just 'x', Nothing, Just 'x', Just 'x', Nothing
--    Nothing, Just 'x', ...]
```

FizzBuzz: The Final Showdown (Part 2)

```
(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> (a -> c)
(f . g) x = f (g x)
-- We need the Monoid instance for a because we need
-- a monoid instance for Stream (Maybe a), which we
-- need because of mconcat
combine :: (Monoid a) => [[Int], a] -> [Maybe a]
combine = unS . mconcat . map ($ . uncurry spacer)
-- uncurry spacer :: ([Int], a) -> [Maybe a]

sol3 :: [String]
sol3 = zipWith fromMaybe (map show [1..100]) descs
  where descs = combine [(primes, "Fizz"), (fib, "Buzz")]
```

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