

# Custom Data Types



```
1 {-# LANGUAGE FlexibleContexts #-}
2 {-# LANGUAGE MultiParamTypeClasses #-}
3 {-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}
4 {-# LANGUAGE QuasiQuotes #-}
5 module Handler.Home where
6
7 import Control.Arrow
8 import Control.Monad
9 import Data.Default
10 import Data.Function
11 import Data.List
12 import Data.Ord
13 import Data.Time
14 import Data.Time.Calendar.WeekDate
15 import Import
16 import Network.HTTP.Types
17 import Yesod.Auth
18
19 getHomeR :: Handler Html
20 getHomeR = undefined
21
22 postHomeR :: Handler Html
23 postHomeR = do
24   ((result, formWidget), formEnctype, formPost)
25   <- case result of
26     FormSuccess userRule -> do
27       maybeUserId <- maybeAuthId
28       case maybeUserId of
29         Nothing -> do
30           setErrorMessage [shamlet|You have to be logged in to do that!|]
31           redirect % AuthR.LoginR
32         Just userId -> do
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- For instance, the `Bool` type is defined in the standard library in this way:

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`data` means we are defining a new data type.

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- The | symbol is interpreted as "or". Therefore, we can say that the Bool type can have a value of either True or False. Both the type name and its value constructors must be capitalized.

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- Now, let us consider how we could represent a shape in Haskell.
- One approach is to use tuples. For example, a circle could be represented as  $(53.1, 30.0, 12.8)$ , where the first two values are the coordinates of the circle's center, and the third is the radius.
- While this works, those values could just as easily represent a 3D vector or something else entirely.

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- A more effective solution would be to define **our own** type to represent a shape. Let us say a shape can be either a circle or a square. Here's how:

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- The Circle value constructor has three fields, all of which are floats. Here, the first two fields represent the coordinates its center, the third one its radius.
- The Square value constructor has only one field (which accepts a float) that represents the side of the square.



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- Internally, value constructors are actually functions that ultimately return a value of a data type.

```
ghci> :t Circle
Circle :: Float -> Float -> Float -> Shape
ghci> :t Square
Square :: Float -> Shape
```

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- Let us now make a function that, given a shape, returns its area.

```
area :: Shape -> Float
area (Circle _ _ r) = pi * r ^ 2
area (Square s) = s * s
```

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- Now, if we try to just print out `Circle 15 10 5` in the prompt, we'll get an error.
- This is because Haskell does not know yet how to display our data type as a string.

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- When we try to print a value out in the prompt, Haskell first runs the `show` function to get the string representation of our value and then it prints that out to the terminal.
- Thus, we make our data type an instance of the `Show` class using `deriving (Show)`.