COMP3141

Software System Design and Implementation

Functional Programming Practice

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Recap: What is this course?

Software must be high quality:
correct, safe and secure

Software must developed
cheaply and quickly

Recall: Safety-critical Applications

For safety-critical applications, failure is not an option:

- planes, self-driving cars
- rockets, Mars probe
- drones, nuclear missiles
- banks, hedge funds, cryptocurrency exchanges
- radiation therapy machines, artificial cardiac pacemakers

Safety-critical Applications

A bug in the code controlling the Therac-25 radiation therapy machine was directly responsible for at least five patient deaths in the 1980s when it administered excessive quantities of beta radiation.

COMP3141: Functional Programming

Functional Programming: How does it Help?

1. Close to Maths: more abstract, less error-prone
2. Types: act as doc., the compiler eliminates many errors
3. Property-Based Testing: QuickCheck (in Week 3)
4. Verification: equational reasoning eases proofs (in Week 4)

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Functional Programming: History in Academia

1930s Alonzo Church developed lambda calculus (equiv. to Turing Machines)

1950s John McCarthy developed Lisp (LISt Processor, first FP language)

1960s Peter Landin developed ISWIM (If you See What I Mean, first pure FP language)

1970s John Backus developed FP (Functional Programming, higher-order functions, reasoning)

1970s Robin Milner and others developed ML (Meta-Language, first modern FP language, polymorphic types, type inference)

1980s David Turner developed Miranda (lazy, predecessor of Haskell)

1987- An international PL committee developed Haskell (named after the logician Curry Haskell)

... received Turing Awards (similar to Nobel prize in CS).

Functional programming is now taught at most CS departments.

Functional Programming: Influence In Industry

- Facebook's motto was:
  - "Move fast and break things."
  - as they expanded, they understood the importance of bug-free software
  - now Facebook uses functional programming!
- JaneStreet, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Intel, Apple
  (... and the list goes on)
- Facebook building React and Reason, Apple pivoting to Swift, Google developing MapReduce.

Closer to Maths: Quicksort Example

Let's solve a problem to get some practice:

Example (Quicksort, recall from Algorithms)

Quicksort is a divide and conquer algorithm.

1. Picks a pivot from the array or list
2. Divides the array or list into two smaller sub-components: the smaller elements and the larger elements.
3. Recursively sorts the sub-components.

- What is the average complexity of Quicksort?
- What is the worst case complexity of Quicksort?
- Imperative programs describe **how** the program works.
- Functional programs describe **what** the program does.

Quicksort Example (Imperative)

```
algorithm quicksort(A, lo, hi) is
    if lo < hi then
        p := partition(A, lo, hi)
        quicksort(A, lo, p - 1)
        quicksort(A, p + 1, hi)

algorithm partition(A, lo, hi) is
    pivot := A[hi]
    i := lo
    for j := lo to hi - 1 do
        if A[j] < pivot then
            swap A[i] with A[j]
            i := i + 1
    swap A[i] with A[hi]
    return i
```

Quick Sort Example (Functional)


```
qsort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
qsort [] = []
qsort (x:xs) = qsort smaller ++ [x] ++ qsort larger
               where
                smaller = filter (\ a-> a <= x) xs
                larger  = filter (\ b-> b > x) xs
```

Is that it? Does this work?

Practice Types

In the previous lecture, you learned about the importance of types in functional programming. Let's practice figuring out the types of terms.

1. `True :: Bool`
2. `'a' :: Char`
3. `['a', 'b', 'c'] :: [Char]`
4. `"abc" :: [Char]`
5. `["abc"] :: [[Char]]`
6. `[('f',True),('e',False)] :: [(Char,Bool)]`

- In Haskell and GHCi using `:t`.
- Using Haskell documentation and GHCi, answer the questions in this week's quiz (assessed!).

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Recall: Higher Order List Functions

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Numbers into Words

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Example (Demo Task)

Given a number n, such that $0 \leq n < 1000000$, generate words (in `String` form) that describes the number n.

We must:

1. Convert single-digit numbers into words ($0 \leq n < 10$).
2. Convert double-digit numbers into words ($0 \leq n < 100$).
3. Convert triple-digit numbers into words ($0 \leq n < 1000$).
4. Convert hexa-digit numbers into words ($0 \leq n < 1000000$).

Single Digit Numbers into Words

$0 \leq n < 10$


```
units :: [String]
units =
    ["zero", "one", "two", "three", "four", "five",
     "six", "seven", "eight", "nine", "ten"]

convert1 :: Int -> String
convert1 n = units !! n
```

Double Digit Numbers into Words

$0 \leq n < 100$


```
teens :: [String]
teens =
    ["ten", "eleven", "twelve", "thirteen", "fourteen",
     "fifteen", "sixteen", "seventeen", "eighteen",
     "nineteen"]

tens :: [String]
tens =
    ["twenty", "thirty", "fourty", "fifty", "sixty",
     "seventy", "eighty", "ninety"]
```

Double Digit Numbers into Words Continued

$(0 \leq n < 100)$


```
digits2 :: Int -> (Int, Int)
digits2 n = (div n 10, mod n 10)

combine2 :: (Int, Int) -> String
combine2 (t,u)
    | t == 0                = convert1 u
    | t == 1                = teens !! u
    | t > 1 && u == 0       = tens !! (t-2)
    | t > 1 && u /= 0       = tens !! (t-2)
                              ++ "-" ++ convert1 u

convert2 :: Int -> String
convert2 = combine2 . digits2
```

Infix Notation

Instead of

```
digits2 n = (div n 10, mod n 10)
```


for **infix** notation, write:

```
digits2 n = (n `div` 10, n `mod` 10)
```


Note: this is not the same as single quote used for `Char` (`'a'`).

Simpler Guards but Order Matters

You could also simplify the guards as follows:


```
combine2 :: (Int, Int) -> String
combine2 (t,u)
  | t == 0      = convert1 u
  | t == 1      = teens !! u
  | u == 0      = tens !! (t-2)
  | otherwise   = tens !! (t-2) ++ "-" ++ convert1 u
```


but now the order in which we write the equations is crucial. `otherwise` is a synonym for `True`.

Where instead of Function Composition

Instead of implementing `convert2` as `digit2 combine2`, we can implement it directly using the `where` keyword:


```
convert2 :: Int -> String
convert2 n
  | t == 0      = convert1 u
  | t == 1      = teens !! u
  | u == 0      = tens !! (t-2)
  | otherwise   = tens !! (t-2) ++ " " ++ convert1 u
  where (t, u) = (n `div` 10, n `mod` 10)
```

Triple Digit Numbers into Words

$(0 \leq n < 1000)$


```
convert3 :: Int -> String
convert3 n
    | h == 0      = convert2 n
    | t == 0      = convert1 h ++ "hundred"
    | otherwise   = convert1 h ++ " hundred and "
                    ++ convert2 t
    where (h, t) = (n `div` 100, n `mod` 100)
```

Hexa Digit Numbers into Words

$(0 \leq n < 1000000)$


```
convert6 :: Int -> String

convert6 n
    | m == 0    = convert3 n
    | h == 0    = convert3 m ++ "thousand"
    | otherwise = convert3 m ++ link h ++ convert3 h
    where (m, h) = (n `div` 1000, n `mod` 1000)

link :: Int -> String
link h = if (h<100) then " and " else " "

convert :: Int -> String
convert = convert6
```

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Homework

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