Take-home Exam in Advanced Programming

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Preamble

This is the exam set for the individual, written take-home exam on the course Advanced Programming, B1-2015. This document consists of 16 pages; make sure you have them all. Please read the entire preamble carefully.

The exam set consists of 4 questions. Your solution will be graded as a whole, on the 7-point grading scale, with an external examiner

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To pass this exam you must hand in both a report and your source code:

- *The report* should be around 5–10 pages, not counting appendices, presenting (at least) your solutions, reflections, and assumptions, if any. The report should contain all your source code in appendices. The report must be a PDF document.
- *The source code* should be in a .ZIP file, archiving one directory called src (which may contain further subdirectories).

Make sure that you follow the format specifications (PDF and .ZIP). If you don't, the hand in **will not be assessed** and treated as a blank hand in. The hand in is done via the course web page on Absalon.

Learning Objectives

To get a passing grade you must demonstrate that you are both able to program a solution using the techniques taught in the course *and* write up your reflections and assessments of your own work.

- For each question your report should give an overview of your solution, **including an assessment** of how good you think your solution is and on which grounds you base your assessment. Likewise, it is important to document all *relevant* design decisions you have made.
- In your programming solutions emphasis should be on correctness, on demonstrating that your have understood the principles taught in the course, and on clear separation of concerns.
- It is important that you implement the required API, as your programs might be subjected to automated testing as part of the grading. Failure to implement the correct API may influence your grade.
- To get a passing grade, you *must* have some working code in both Haskell and Erlang.

Exam Fraud

The exam is an individual exam, thus you are **not** allowed to discuss any part of the exam with anyone on, or outside the course.

You are only allowed to ask, not answer, how a question is to be interpreted on the course discussion arrange plazar fryought affective to the private message feature of Piazza.

Specifically, but not exclusively, you are **not** allowed to discuss any part of the exam with any other students represent the copy parts of other students programs. Submitting answers you have not written yourself, or sharing your answers with others, is considered exam fraud.

This is an open-book exail. Indeed you are welcome to make use of any reading material from the course, or elsewhere. Make sure to use proper academic chatton for the material you draw considerable inspiration from (including what you may find on the Internet, for example, snippets of code). Also note, that these rules mean that it is not allowed to copy any part of the exam set (or supplementary skeleton files) and publish it on forums other than the course discussion forum (e.g., StackOverflow, IRC, exam banks, chatrooms, or suchlike).

During the exam period, students are not allowed to answer questions, *only teachers and teaching assistants are allowed to answer questions* on the discussion forum.

Breaches of the above policy will be handled in accordance with the Faculty of Science's disciplinary procedures.

Emergency Webpage

There is an emergency web page at

http://www.diku.dk/~kflarsen/ap-e2015/

in case Absalon becomes unstable. The page will describe what to do if Absalon becomes unreachable during the exam, especially what to do at the hand-in deadline.

SUBSCRIPT

JavaScript is perhaps the most widely available programming language in the world: nearly every personal computer and handheld device, connected to the Internet, has some sort of JavaScript engine installed, as part of the web browser engine, or otherwise.

Perhaps to make JavaScript more comprehensible, a recurring proposal is to add array comprehensions to JavaScript. One implementation is the one found in Firefox version 30, or greater¹.

The following two questions is about implementing a conservative subset of Mozilla's JavaScript implementation called SubScript.

Hint: Use the Firefox Web Console Developer Tool² to get to a Mozilla JavaScript prompt. This is a simple way to play around with JavaScript array comprehensions until you have SUBSCRIPT at your disposal.

For instance, consider an array of numbers:

```
var xs = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9];
```

You can get the array of the squares of the numbers as follows:

Assignment Project Exam Help [for (x of xs) x * x]:

You can also filter the atray according to a predicate due get a perhaps, smaller array. For instance, to get all the even numbers in an array of numbers:

```
[ for (x of xs) if (x dd WeChat powcoder
```

You can also perform nested iterations, and generate larger arrays. For instance, to repeat an element (in this case) 100 times:

```
[ for (x of xs) for (y of xs) 'a' ];
```

Or, to generate (in this case) 100 consecutive integers, starting at 1:

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```
[ for (i of [0]) for (x of xs) for (y of xs) i = i + 1];
```

¹For more details on the Firefox implementation of JavaScript array comprehensions, see https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Array_ comprehensions.

²https://developer.mozilla.org/en/docs/Tools/Web_Console

Question 1: SUBSCRIPT, Parser

::= Stms

To ease development, we will omit many núances of JavaScript from SubScript. In the grammar below you will notice that many constructions valid in JavaScript are not valid in SUBSCRIPT.

Grammar

```
Program
      Stms
            ::= \epsilon
             | Stm';' Stms
            ::= 'var' Ident AssignOpt
             | Expr
  AssignOpt AssignOpt
            := \epsilon
                 '=' Expr1
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      Expr
            ::= Expr',' Expr
                 Expr1
      Expr1 ::= Number
                 String
                 gnment Project Exam Help
                 'false'
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                 Expr1 '*' Expr1
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                 Expr1 '===' Expr1
                                                                           Ver. 1.1
                 Ident AfterIdent
                 '[' Exprs ']'
                 '[' 'for' '(' Ident 'of' Expr1 ')' ArrayCompr Expr1 ']'
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                 '(' Expr ')'
  AfterIdent
             ::=
                 '=' Expr1
                                                                           Ver. 1.1
                FunCall
    FunCall
            ::= '.' Ident FunCall
                 '(' Exprs ')'
             Exprs
            := \epsilon
                 Expr1 CommaExprs
             CommaExprs
            ::= \epsilon
             ',' Expr1 CommaExprs
ArrayCompr
             ::= \epsilon
                 'if' '(' Expr1 ')' ArrayCompr
                                                                           Ver. 1.3
                 'for' '(' Ident 'of' Expr1 ')' ArrayCompr
                                                                           Ver. 1.3
```

JavaScript identifiers have a very liberal syntax. For simplicity, we stay a bit more conser-

vative: a Subscript *Ident* begins with either an alphabetic ASCII character or _, and is followed by zero or more *alphanumeric* ASCII characters or _. For instance, both x0, _x0, x_0, and even _ and ___, are all legal identifiers in Subscript; while such legal JavaScript identifiers as \$\$\$ and \u17708 are illegal.

Last, but not least, an identifier cannot be one of the keywords otherwise used in Subscript, i.e. not var, true, false, undefined, for, of, or if. Using other JavaScript keywords is allowed in Subscript, but this might hamper the testability of your scripts.

All numbers in JavaScript are IEEE-754 double-precision floating point numbers (doubles). Dealing in doubles is beyond the scope of SubScript: A *Number* is a non-empty sequence of at most 8 digits, optionally preceded by a minus sign, indicating a negative number³.

A Subscript *String* is a sequence of non-single-quote characters surrounded by single quotes. In real JavaScript, strings can both be surrounded by double quotes, and have escape sequences. This is great fun to parse at your leisure, but keeps array comprehensions at bay, so we took it out of Subscript.

The operator '%' is the (usual) integer modulo operator, and in particular, *not* the IEEE-754 double-precision floating point modulo operator. (This is in lieu with JavaScript.)

Table 1 presents the precedences and associativity of the operators in SubScript. Note, due to the restrictive syntax of SubScript, the precedence of '.' is irrelevant.

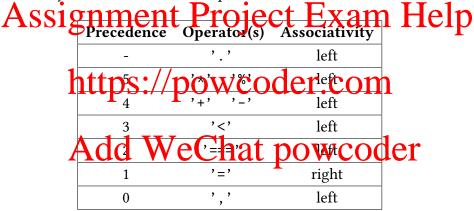


Table 1: Operator precedence and associativity in SubScript.

All tokens, except '.' and 'var' are separated by arbitrary whitespace. '.' must be surrounded by non-whitespace characters. 'var' must be immediately followed by a whitespace character.

What to implement

You should implement a module SubsParser with the following interface.

A function parseString for parsing a SubScript program given as a string:

parseString :: String -> Either ParseError Program

 $^{^3}$ Every integer in the range $[-\underbrace{99999999}_{8 \text{ digits}}; \underbrace{99999999}_{8 \text{ digits}}]$ is both exactly representable as an IEEE-754 double-precision floating point number, and fits in a Haskell Int.

Where you decide and specify what the type ParseError should be, the only requirement is that it must be an instance of Show and Eq. The type ParseError must also be exported from the module. The handed-out skeleton code already has the exports set up correctly.

Likewise, you should implement a function parseFile for parsing a SubScript program given in a file located at a given path:

```
parseFile :: FilePath -> IO (Either ParseError Program)
```

Where ParseError is the same type as for parseString.

The type Program is defined in the handed out SubsAst.hs. We list this module below for quick reference. You should not change the types for the abstract syntax tree unless there is an update on Absalon telling you explicitly that you can do so.

```
module SubsAst where
data Program = Prog [Stm]
                                                                                                    deriving (Show, Eq)
data Stm - VarDecl Ident (Maybe Expr) | VarDe
                                                                      deriving (Show, Eq)
data Expr = Number the string 
                                                                                | Array [Expr]
                                                                                Undefined
                                                                               True Control WeChat powcoder
                                                                                | FalseConst
                                                                                I Var Ident
                                                                                | Compr ArrayFor Expr
                                                                                | Call FunName [Expr]
                                                                                | Assign Ident Expr
                                                                                | Comma Expr Expr
                                                                               deriving (Show, Eq)
 type ArrayFor = (Ident, Expr, Maybe ArrayCompr)
data ArrayCompr = ArrayForCompr ArrayFor
                                                                                                                             | ArrayIf Expr (Maybe ArrayCompr)
                                                                                                                            deriving (Eq, Show)
 type Ident = String
 type FunName = String
```

As you can see, there are no elements of the abstract syntax tree for representing the arithmetical operators '+', '-', '*', or '%', nor is there any dedicated way of

representing the relational operators '<' or '===' . These should be translated into calls to functions built into your interpreter. For instance, should the expression 38 + 4 be translated to Call "+" [Number 38, Number 4].

You must use one of the three monadic parser libraries, SimpleParse.hs, ReadP or Parsec to implement your parser. You will find Haskell skeletons for the parser and abstract syntax tree on Absalon.

If you use Parsec, then only plain Parsec is allowed, namely the following submodules of Text.Parsec: Prim, Char, Error, String, and Combinator (or the compatibility modules in Text.ParserCombinators), in particular you are *disallowed* to use Text.Parsec.Token, Text.Parsec.Language, and Text.Parsec.Expr.

Together with your parser you must also hand in a test-suite to show that your parser works (or where it does not work). That is, that it correctly parses valid programs and rejects invalid programs.

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Question 2: SUBSCRIPT, Interpreter

This question is about writing an interpreter for the SUBSCRIPT subset of JavaScript. The intention is that the semantics of a syntactically correct SUBSCRIPT program is mostly the same as if it would be as interpreted by a standard JavaScript interpreter up to a few simplifications with respect to type coercions, which is detailed in the following.

We recommend that you read through the whole question before you start implementing anything, and read the examples in the introduction and in Appendix A, which also contains abstract syntax trees if your parser is not completely working.

Semantics of Subscript

The semantics of most of Subscript should be straightforward, below some of the more murky points are elaborated.

• Variables can only be <u>referred</u> to after they have been declared (thus there are no recursive declarations).

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- · Variables can be redeclared and Plashadow earlief eclarations. Help
- The value of an assignment expression, x = e, is the value of the right-hand side, e.
- The comma operator, e1, e2, evaluates each of its operands (from left to right) and returns the value of the last operand v2COCET.COM
- In contrast to JavaScript there are only limited type coercions in SubScript. Thus, it is illegal to, say multiply in integer and an boolean (which is legal in JavaScript).

 Both arguments to arithmetic operators must be integers. The only exception to this rule is for addition, where it is possible to add two strings or a string and a number, in the later case the number should be converted to a string, addition of strings means string concatenation.

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Likewise, both arguments to the === operator should have the same type, and the two arguments to the < operator should either both be integers or both be strings, strings are compared using the usual lexicographic order on strings.

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As Subscript computations are dynamically typed there are several ways type errors can occur. From the description of the syntax it is possible to infer what these type error conditions are, generally the only type coercion allowed is the one described for addition everything else is an error. If you are in doubt document your interpretation succinctly in your report.

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- The build-in function Array.new(n) is used for generating an array with n elements all with the special value undefined. The argument n should be strictly larger than zero, otherwise it is considered an error.
- An array comprehension

[for $(n \text{ of } e_1) \text{ iter } e_2$]

consists of at least one for clause and zero or more for or if clauses and finally a single expression. The result of an array comprehension is an array where the elements of the array are produced by evaluating e_2 in different environments with n bound to each element in e_1 (hence, e_1 must be either an array or a string) plus the bindings stemming from iter. In the case that e_1 is a string, the binding for the variable n is bound to a one character string for each character in e_1 .

Similar to the Haskell expression

$$[e_2 \mid n < -e_1, iter_H]$$

where each if clause in *iter* is a boolean expression in $iter_H$ and each for clause in iter is a binding in $iter_H$.

Note that, the bindings from for clauses are only in scope in the array comprehension nested left to right. For example, the binding of n is available in iter (and in e_2), but the binding from *iter* is not available in e_1 (but they are in e_2), and bindings from nested for clauses can shadow outer bindings.

• The result of evaluation a Subscript expression is a value which is either an integer, a boolean, the special value undefined, a string, or an array of values. We represent values by the following Haskell data type:

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| UndefinedVal
| TrueVal | FalseVal
| Net ips al/sip wcoder.com
| ArrayVal [Value]
| deriving (Eq. Show)
| which should be declared in Substante Palete P. No.

If your interpreter encounters an error, it should terminate with an well-defined error type. That is, **not** by calling the built-in Haskell function error.

Your Task

The main objective of this question is that you should demonstrate that you know how to write an interpreter using monads for structuring your code. Thus you should structure your solution along the following lines, where you most likely also need a few extra helper functions:

- (a) Define a module SubsInterpreter that exports a function runProg, the type Value and a type Error.
 - See the handed-out SubsInterpreter.hs for a *strongly recommended* skeleton for your solution. The handed-out skeleton code already has the exports set up correctly.
- (b) During the interpretation of a SubScript program we need to keep track of a context for the statements and expressions to be executed in. The context consists of two

parts: (1) a variable environment mapping variable names to values; and (2) a read-only primitives environment mapping names of build-in functions and operators (primitives) to Haskell functions implementing their semantics. That is, we use the following types:

```
type Env = Map Ident Value
type Primitive = [Value] -> SubsM Value
type PEnv = Map FunName Primitive
type Context = (Env, PEnv)
```

where Map is from the Data. Map library and the SubsM type is described in the following. These types are already declared in SubsInterpreter.hs.

(c) We use the type SubsM for structuring our interpreter:

```
newtype SubsM a = SubsM {runSubsM :: Context -> Either Error (a, Env)}
```

Make the SubsM type a Monad instance (and a Functor and Applicative instances as well).

You decide what the Error type should be, just make sure that it is an instance of Show and Eq.

(d) In the initial context, initial Context, we have an empty variable environment, and a primitive of the first leven by the context of the

Where the primitive arrayNew, for example, is implemented by the following function:

```
arrayNew :: Primitive
arrayNew [IntVal n] | n > 0 = return $ ArrayVal(take n $ repeat UndefinedVal)
arrayNew _ = fail ("Array.new called with wrong number of arguments")
```

(e) Implement the following utility functions for working with the context:

```
modify :: (Env -> Env) -> SubsM ()
updateEnv :: Ident -> Value -> SubsM ()
getVar :: Ident -> SubsM Value
getFunction :: FunName -> SubsM Primitive
```

(f) Implement a functions for evaluating expressions and statements:

```
evalExpr :: Expr -> SubsM Value
stm :: Stm -> SubsM ()
```

(g) Define a function runProg

```
runProg :: Program -> Either Error Env
```

runProg p runs program p in the initial context, yielding either a runtime error, or the result of the program. The result of evaluating a JavaScript program is the environment mapping variable names to values.

Putting it all together

Once you have implemented the parser and interpreter, the file Subs.hs can be used to run SubScript programs, as follows.

\$ runhaskell Subs.hs program.js

You should *not* need to modify Subs.hs.

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Getting array comprehension right is the most difficult part of this question. Thus, they alone weight with 2000 places question. Mexce, 4000 have difficulties making your interpreter work for the full Subscript language, then start by making it work for the subset of the language with array comprehensions left out.

Then proceed by, for its class, a now began yout for the prehensions, or disallowing if clauses in array comprehensions, and so on.

If you make such restrictions make sure to clearly documenting them in your assessment, and explain why the disallowed language constructs cause you problems.

Also, make sure that you have tested your solution and that your testing is automated, so that we can run your tests and verify your results.

Question 3: Generic Replicated Server Library

This question is about making a library, gen_replicated, that handles the generic parts of implementing replicated servers that can handle multiple concurrent readers and a single writer. Similar to how gen_server is used to write generic servers following the OTP guidelines.

A generic replicated server consists of a *coordinator* and a number of *replica*. The coordinator takes care of starting and stopping replica, routes read operations to replica, coordinates that there is only one concurrent write operation, and that all replica are brought up to date after a write operation. The actual implementation of the read and write operations are handled by a so-called behaviour or callback module, similar to gen_server.

The gen_replicated module should export the following API:

- start(NumReplica, Mod) for starting a replicated server, with NumReplica of replica processes, and callback module Mod. Returns {ok, ServerRef} on success or {error, Reason} if some error occurred.
- stop(ServerRef) for stopping the coordinator and all the replica. Clients waiting for a read or write request should get the value { 'ABORTED', server_stopped} return of the replication of the replicat

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- read(ServerRef, Request) for sending a read request to a replicated server. The coordinator will forward the request to one of the replica. The return value is {ok, Result} whet Result is the reduction at the Mod: handle_read function. If the Mod: handle_read call raises a throw exception with value Val, then this function should return { 'ABORTED', exception, Val}.
- write(ServerRef, Request) for sending a write request to a replicated server. The coordinator will wait until there are no ongoing read nor write requests, and then forward the request to one of the replica. The return value is {ok, Result} where Result is reply from the Mod:handle_write function. If the write request resulted in a new state then all replica should be updated to the updated state. If the Mod:handle_write call raises a throw exception with value Val, then this function should return {'ABORTED', exception, Val}.

The callback module should define the following callbacks:

- init() for computing the initial state, should return {ok, State :: term()}.
- handle_read(Request :: term(), State :: term()) for handling the read request Request in the state State. Should return {reply, Reply :: term()} or return stop if the server should be stopped, returning stop should have the same effect as if stop/1 had been called while the read request was running.

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 handle_write(Request :: term(), State :: term()) for handling the write request Request in the state State. Should return one of the following three kinds of values:

- {noupdate, Reply :: term()} if the operation does not result in a updated state,
- {updated, Reply :: term(), NewState :: term()} if the operation results
 in the updated state NewState,
- stop if the server should be stopped, <u>returning stop should have the same</u> effect as if stop/1 had been called while the write request was running.

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Document which properties your module provides (and under which assumptions). For instance, is it possible, or not, for readers to starve out a writer, or the other way around? Remember to detail in your report how you have tested these properties. In general, as always, remember to test your solution and include your test in the hand-in.

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Question 4: AlzheimerDB

This question is about making a simple in-memory database called AlzheimerDB. Because AlzheimerDB is in-memory only, it will forget everything if it is turned off, hence the name⁴.

You can implement this database using the gen_replicated module from Question 3, but you do not have to. Document and explain your implementation strategy.

Implement a module alzheimer with the following API (if you haven't implemented gen_replicated then you may use gen_server instead, to demonstrate that you know how to implement a behaviour). In the following Aid is a process ID for an AlzheimerDB server:

- start() for starting a new AlzheimerDB server. Returns {ok, Aid}.
- query(Aid, P) for applying the function P to each row in the database. <u>Calls P({Id, Data})</u> for each row in the database, where Data is the row data for Id. Returns {ok, Rows} where Rows is a list of all the rows for which P returned true; or returns {error, Row} if P raised an exception for Row.

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- As query operations are read-only is possible to efficiently run several concurrently. Explain what you have cone to take advantage of this, and how you have tested it. In particular, you should discuss advantages and limitations of your approach.
- upsert(Aid, Id; FF) for inserting or updating the row with identifier Id. If there is no row with identifier Id in the database, then F is called with the argument {new, Id}; otherwise F is called with the argument {existing, {Id, Data}}, where Data is the row data for Id. If F returns {modify, NewData}, then the row for Id is set to NewData otherwise F returns ig the two the database is not updated. Returns the return value of the F call, and if F raises a normal (throw) exception, then this function should raise the same exception.

Demonstrate that your solution works by implementing a sample program that uses your alzheimer module.

⁴Apologies to the Mnesia developers for reusing their pun.

Appendix A: Example SubScript programs

Appendix A.1: Source code for intro.js

The examples from the introduction for Subscript.

Appendix A.2: Abstract syntax tree for intro. js

```
Prog [
 VarDecl "xs" (
   Just Assignment Project Exam Help
     Number 3, Number 4, Number 5,
     Number 6, Number 7, Number 8, Number 9])),
 VarDecl "squareqttps://powcoder.com
   Just (Compr ("x", Var "xs", Nothing)
     (Call "*" [Var "x", Var "x"]))),
 VarDecl "evens" Add We Chat powcoder
     Just (ArrayIf (
       Call "===" Γ
         Call "%" [Var "x", Number 2], Number 0]) Nothing))
       (Var "x"))),
 VarDecl "many_a" (
   Just (Compr ("x", Var "xs",
     Just (ArrayForCompr ("y", Var "xs", Nothing)))
       (String "a"))),
 VarDecl "hundred" (
   Just (Compr ("i", Array [Number ∅],
     Just (ArrayForCompr ("x", Var "xs"
       Just (ArrayForCompr ("y", Var "xs", Nothing)))))
         (Assign "i" (Call "+" [Var "i", Number 1]))))
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```

Appendix A.3: Source code for scope. js

Simple program that demonstrates that variables bound in array comprehensions can shadow those declared before, in this example the variable x, and that those binding are restored afterwords. Thus, in this example we end up with both variables x and z bound to the value 42, and the variable y bound to an array with three elements, each a one-character string.

```
var x = 42;
var y = [for (x of 'abc') x];
var z = x;
```

Appendix A.4: Abstract syntax tree for scope. js

```
Prog [
    VarDecl "x" (Just (Number 42)),
    VarDecl "y" (Just (Compr ("x", String "abc", Nothing) (Var "x"))),
    VarDecl "z" (Just (Var "x"))
]
```

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