

Functional programming, Seminar No. 1

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Basic intro



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General words on Haskell and History

Intro

- The language is named after Haskell Curry, an American logician
- The first implementation: 1990
- The language standard: Haskell2010
- Default compiler: Glasgow Haskell compiler
- Haskell is a strongly-typed, polymorphic, and purely functional programming language

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- The first system of typed the lambda calculus is a hybrid from the lambda calculus and type theory developed by Bertrand Russell and Alfred North Whitehead in Principia Mathematica (1910-s).

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- We have no assignment in imperative languages. Variables are nullary constant functions rather than boxes.
- We have no states (in a usual sense)
- We use recursion instead of loops
- Pattern-matching
- ...

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Types in programming languages are about

- A partial specification
- Type preserving
- Type checking allows one to catch simple errors
- Type inference
- Etc

A landscape of typing from a bird's eye view

We may classify possible ways of typing as follows

- Static and dynamic typing
 - C, C++, Java, Haskell, etc
 - JavaScript, Ruby, PHP, etc
- Implicit and explicit typing
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 - C++, Java, etc
- Inferred typing
 - Haskell, Standard ML, Ocaml, Idris, etc

Ecosystem

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- Very roughly, compiling pipeline has the following form:
parsing \Rightarrow compile-time (type-checking mostly) \Rightarrow runtime
(program execution)

- GHCI is a Haskell interpreter based on GHC.
- One may run GHCI with the command `ghci`.
- You may play with GHCI as a calculator, arithmetic operators are usual
- You may also have a look at the GHCI chapter in the GHC User's Guide to get familiar with GHCI closer.

```
cylindricalgebra@daniels-mbp ~ % ghci
GHCI, version 8.10.5: https://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
Loaded package environment from /Users/cylindricalgebra/.ghc/x86_64-dar
win-8.10.5/environments/default
Prelude> 
```

Cabal

- Cabal is a system of library and dependency management
- A .cabal file describes the version of a package and its dependencies
- Cabal is also a packaging tool
- Cabal used to cause dependency hell, and it still does.

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- Stack is about
 - installation of required packages and the latest GHC (and their more concrete versions),
 - building, execution, and testing
 - creating an isolated location.
 - Builds are reproducible

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- A screenshot from Stackage:

News

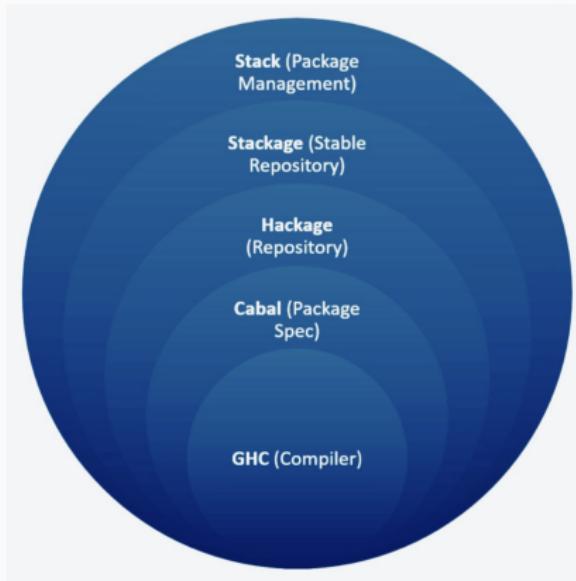
Stackage nightly snapshots to switch to GHC 9.0.1, 3 months ago

Latest releases per GHC version

- Stackage Nightly 2021-08-24 (ghc-9.0.1), today
- LTS 18.7 for ghc-8.10.6, published 4 days ago
- LTS 18.6 for ghc-8.10.4, published 4 days ago
- LTS 17.2 for ghc-8.10.3, published 7 months ago
- LTS 16.31 for ghc-8.8.4, published 7 months ago
- LTS 16.11 for ghc-8.8.3, published a year ago
- LTS 15.3 for ghc-8.8.2, published a year ago
- LTS 14.27 for ghc-8.6.5, published a year ago
- LTS 13.19 for ghc-8.6.4, published 2 years ago
- LTS 13.11 for ghc-8.6.3, published 2 years ago
- LTS 12.26 for ghc-8.4.4, published 3 years ago
- LTS 12.14 for ghc-8.4.3, published 3 years ago
- LTS 11.22 for ghc-8.2.2, published 3 years ago
- LTS 9.21 for ghc-8.0.2, published 4 years ago
- LTS 7.24 for ghc-8.0.1, published 4 years ago
- LTS 6.35 for ghc-7.10.3, published 4 years ago
- LTS 3.22 for ghc-7.10.2, published 6 years ago
- LTS 2.22 for ghc-7.8.4, published 6 years ago
- LTS 0.7 for ghc-7.8.3, published 7 years ago

Ecosystem encapsulation

The Haskell ecosystem encapsulation can be described as the sequence of the following inclusions:



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cylindricalgebra@daniels-mbp my-first-project % tree .
.
├── ChangeLog.md
├── LICENSE
├── README.md
├── Setup.hs
└── app
    └── Main.hs
├── my-first-project.cabal
└── package.yaml
└── src
    └── Lib.hs
└── stack.yaml
└── test
    └── Spec.hs
```

3 directories, 10 files

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```
20  resolver:
21    url: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/commercialhaskell/stackage-snapshots/master/lts/18/7.yaml
22
23  # User packages to be built.
24  # Various formats can be used as shown in the example below.
25  #
26  # packages:
27  # - some-directory
28  # - https://example.com/foo/bar/baz-0.0.2.tar.gz
29  #   subdirs:
30  #     - auto-update
31  #     - wai
32  packages:
33  - .
34  # Dependency packages to be pulled from upstream that are not in the resolver.
35  # These entries can reference officially published versions as well as
36  # forks / in-progress versions pinned to a git hash. For example:
37  #
38  # extra-deps:
39  # - acme-missiles-0.3
40  # - git: https://github.com/commercialhaskell/stack.git
41  #   commit: e7b331f14bcff8367cd58fbfc8b40ec7642100a
42  #
43  # extra-deps: []
44
45  # Override default flag values for local packages and extra-deps
46  # flags: {}
```

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```
1 cabal-version: 1.12
2
3 -- This file has been generated from package.yaml by hpack version 0.34.4.
4 --
5 -- see: https://github.com/sol/hpack
6
7 name: my-first-project
8 version: 0.1.0.0
9 description: Please see the README on GitHub at <https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#readme>
10 homepage: https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#readme
11 bug-reports: https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project/issues
12 author: Author name here
13 maintainer: example@example.com
14 copyright: 2021 Author name here
15 license: BSD3
16 license-file: LICENSE
17 build-type: Simple
18 extra-source-files:
19   README.md
20   ChangeLog.md
21
22 source-repository head
23   type: git
24   location: https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project
25
26 library
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1 name:          my-first-project
2 version:       0.1.0.0
3 github:        "githubuser/my-first-project"
4 license:       BSD3
5 author:        "Author name here"
6 maintainer:    "example@example.com"
7 copyright:     "2021 Author name here"
8
9 extra-source-files:
10 - README.md
11 - ChangeLog.md
12
13 # Metadata used when publishing your package
14 # synopsis:      Short description of your package
15 # category:      Web
16
17 # To avoid duplicated efforts in documentation and dealing with the
18 # complications of embedding Haddock markup inside cabal files, it is
19 # common to point users to the README.md file.
20 description:   Please see the README on GitHub at <https://github.com/githubuser/my-first-project#readme>
21
22 dependencies:
23 - base >= 4.7 && < 5
24
25 library:
26   source-dirs: src
```

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singletons: Basic singleton types and definitions

[bsd3, dependent-types, library] | Propose Tags

singletons contains the basic types and definitions needed to support dependently typed programming techniques in Haskell. This library was originally presented in *Dependently Typed Programming with Singletons*, published at the Haskell Symposium, 2012.

(<https://cs.brynmawr.edu/~rae/papers/2012/singletons/paper.pdf>)

singletons is intended to be a small, foundational library on which other projects can build. As such, singletons has a minimal dependency footprint and supports GHCs dating back to GHC 8.0. For more information, consult the [singletons README](#).

You may also be interested in the following related libraries:

- The `singletons-th` library defines Template Haskell functionality that allows *promotion* of term-level functions to type-level equivalents and *singling* functions to dependently typed equivalents.
- The `singletons-base` library uses `singletons-th` to define promoted and singled functions from the `base` library, including the `Prelude`.

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Modules

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Data

Data.Singletons
Data.Singletons.Decide
Data.Singletons.ShowSing
Data.Singletons.Sigma

Versions [RSS] [TSV]

0.8, 0.8.1, 0.8.2, 0.8.3, 0.8.4, 0.8.5, 0.8.6, 0.9.0, 0.9.1, 0.9.2, 0.9.3, 0.10.0, 1.0, 1.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.2.1, 2.0, 2.0.0.1, 2.0.0.2, 2.0.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.3.1, 2.4, 2.4.1, 2.5, 2.5.1, 2.6, 2.7, 3.0

Changes log

[CHANGES.md](#)

Dependencies

base (>=4.9 & & <4.16) [details]

License

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Category

Dependent Types

Home page

<http://www.github.com/goldfirere/singletons>

Bug tracker

<https://github.com/goldfirere/singletons/issues>

Source repo

this: git clone <https://github.com/goldfirere/singletons.git> (tag v3.0)
(singletons)
head: git clone <https://github.com/goldfirere/singletons.git> -b master(singletons)

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Packages

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- ⊖ is:module
- ⊖ base
- ⊖ Cabal
- ⊖ hedgehog
- ⊖ semigroupoids
- ⊖ comonad
- ⊖ rio
- ⊖ numeric-prelude
- ⊖relude
- ⊖ universum
- ⊖ foundation
- ⊖ basement
- ⊖ clash-prelude
- ⊖ dimensional
- ⊖ ghc
- ⊖ ghc-lib-parser

fmap :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

base Prelude Control.Monad Instances Data.Functor GHC.Base, Cabal Distribution.Compat.Prelude.Internal, hedgehog Hedgehog.Internal.Prelude, semigroupoids Data.Functor.Apply Data.Functor.Bind, comonad Control.Comonad, rio RIO.Prelude, numeric-prelude NumericPrelude NumericPrelude.Base,relude Relude.Functor.Reexport, universum Universum.Functor.Reexport, foundation Foundation, basement Basement Compat.Base Basement.Imports, clash-prelude Clash HaskellPrelude, dimensional Numeric.Units.Dimensional.Prelude, ghc GhcPrelude, ghc-lib-parser GHC.Prelude, rebase Rebase.Prelude, nri-prelude NriPrelude, massiv-test Test.Massiv.Utils, numhash NumHash.Prelude, stack Stack.Prelude, mixed-types-num Numeric.MixedTypes.PreludeHiding, loc Data.Loc.Internal.Prelude, faktory Prelude, hledger-web Hledger.Web.Import, tonalude Tonalude, zio ZIO.Trans

⊕ Using Applicative do: "fmap f xs" can be understood as the do expression

fmap :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

base-compat Control.Monad.Compat Data.Functor.Compat Prelude.Compat, protolude Protolude.Functor, base-prelude BasePrelude, basic-prelude CorePrelude, base-compat-batteries Control.Monad.Compat Data.Functor.Compat, prelude-compat Prelude2010, lvm-hs-pure LLVM.Prelude LLVM.Prelude, xmonad-contrib XMonad.Config.Prime, LambdaHack Game.LambdaHack.Core.Prelude Game.LambdaHack.Core.Prelude, can-i-haz Control.Monad.Except.Cohas Control.Monad.Reader.Has, yesod-paginator Yesod.Paginator.Prelude

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classy-prelude ClassyPrelude, control-monad-free Control.Monad.Free, distribution-openuse OpenSuse.Prelude OpenSuse.Prelude

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invertible Control.Invertible.Functor Data.Invertible.Prelude

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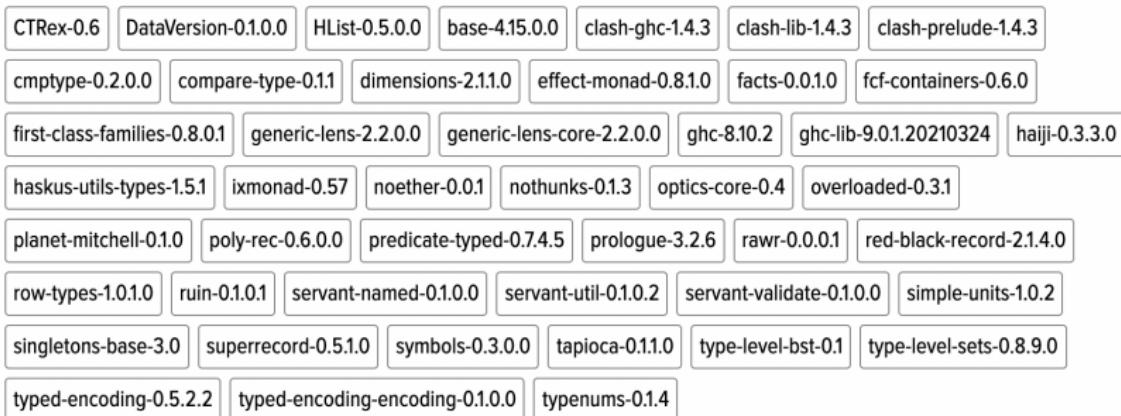
The screenshot shows the Hackage Search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Expand All' and 'Collapse All' buttons, and links to 'Query Examples' and 'Regex Syntax Reference'. Below the navigation is a search bar containing the query 'CmpSymbol'. The main content area displays the results for the package 'AspectAG-0.6.0.0'. A dark header bar shows the package name. Below it, the file 'src/Language/Grammars/AspectAG/RecordInstances.hs' is shown. The code contains several instances of the type 'CmpSymbol'. Lines 45 and 48 are highlighted in red, while others are in black. The code is as follows:

```
43
44 type instance Cmp ('Att a _) ('Att b _) =
45   CmpSymbol a b
46
47 type instance Cmp ('Prd a _) ('Prd b _) =
48   CmpSymbol a b
49
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1. The basic Haskell syntax
2. The underlying aspects of the Haskell type system
3. Functions and lambdas
4. Immutability and laziness