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## CS 252: Advanced Programming Language Principles



# Introduction to Haskell

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#### Key traits of Haskell

- 1. Purely functional
- 2. Lazy
- 3. Statically typed
- 4. Type inference
- 5. Fully curried functions

#### Interactive Haskell

```
$ ghci
GHCi, version 7.6.3

Prelude> 3 + 4
```

Needed in ghci, but not in a script

Prelude> let f x = x + 1
Prelude> f 3

Prelude>

#### Running Haskell from Unix command line

```
$ cat helloworld.hs
main :: IO ()
main = do
  putStrln "Hello World"
$ runhaskell helloWorld.hs
Hello World
```

#### Haskell Base Types

- Int bounded integers
- Integer unbounded
- Float
- Double
- Bool
- Char

#### Lists

- Comma separated, as in Java.
- Some useful operators:
  - ++ concatenation
  - -: prepend an item
  - !! get an element at the given index
  - head first item
  - tail rest of the list
  - -last last item
  - init the beginning part of the list

#### List examples

```
Prelude> "I hate the homeless" ++
  "ness problem that plagues our city"
"I hate the homelessness problem that
plagues our city"
Prelude> let s = "bra" in
 s!! 2 : s ++ 'c' : last s : "da" ++ s
"abracadabra"
Prelude>
```

#### Ranges

```
Prelude> [1..15]
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]
Prelude> ['a'..'z']
"abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz"
Prelude> [1,3..27]
[1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25,27]
Prelude > let evens = [2, 4..]
Prelude> take 5 evens
[2,4,6,8,10]
```

#### List Comprehensions

• Based on set notation:

$$S = \{ 2 \cdot x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, \ x \le 10 \}$$

• The equivalent in Haskell is:

$$[2*x | x < - [1..10]]$$

What does this give us?

[(a,b,c) | a<-[1..10],  
b<-[1..10],  
c<-[1..10],  
A "tuple" 
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

## A Simple Function

```
> let inc x = x + 1
```

- > inc 5
- 6
- > inc 'c'

```
<interactive>:9:1:
  No instance for (Num Char)
arising from a use of `inc'
  Possible fix: add an instance
declaration for (Num Char)
  In the expression: inc 'c'
  In an equation for `it': it =
inc 'c'
```

> inc 2.5

3.5

Is this the behavior that we want?

#### Adding a type signature.

Now we will get a compilation error on inc 2.5

$$inc x = x + 1$$

> inc (-5)

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Note the parens:
inc -5
would be a syntax
error

Is *this* the behavior that we want?

#### Using pattern matching.

```
inc :: Int \rightarrow Int inc x \mid x < 0 = This is a guard condition error "no negative nums" inc x = x + 1
```

#### Can't reassign variables in Haskell

"If you say that a is 5, you can't say it's something else later because you just said it was 5.

What are you, some kind of liar?"

#### Recursion

- Base case
  - -tells us when to stop
- Recursive step
  - -calls the function with a *smaller version* of the same problem

#### Recursive Example

```
addNums :: [Integer] -> Integer
addNums [] = 0
addNums (x:xs) = x + addNums xs
```

#### Lab: parts 1 & 2 (groups of 2-3)

Starter code is available at <a href="http://www.cs.sjsu.edu/~austin/cs252-fall17/labs/lab1/">http://www.cs.sjsu.edu/~austin/cs252-fall17/labs/lab1/</a>. Implement:

- 1. maxNum
- 2. "fizzbuzz" game

```
> fizzbuzz 15
"1 2 fizz 4 buzz fizz 7 8
fizz buzz 11 fizz 13 14
fizzbuzz"
```

## Types

#### Haskell Types

- : type tells you the types for different values.
- : t is a shortcut.

```
Prelude>:t 'A'
'A' :: Char
```

'A' is a Char

## What is the Type?

```
Prelude>:t "Hello"
```

"Hello" :: [Char]

"Hello" is an array of Chars (i.e. a String)

### What is the Type?

Prelude>:t head

head :: [a] -> a

What is a? Is a a type?

a is a *type variable*; it stands in place of other types.

## What is the Type?

```
Prelude>:t (==)

(==) :: Eq a(=>)a -> a -> Bool
```

This symbol indicates that Eq is a typeclass

Eq a indicates that a may be any type, provided that it satisfies the expected behavior. (Think of Java interfaces)

#### Some Typeclasses

- Eq Support equality testing
- Ord Can be ordered
- Show Representable as strings
- Read Buildable from a string representation
- Enum Sequentially ordered
- Bounded Upper and lower bound

# JSON example (in class)

Lab 1, part 3: JSON pretty printer

Download JSON.hs and jsonDriver.hs

In JSON.hs, implement the JObject case in toString

#### HW1: implement a BigNum module

HW1 explores how you might support big numbers in Haskell if it did *not* support them.

- Use a list of 'blocks' of digits, least significant block first. So 9,073,201 is stored as: [201,73,9]
- Starter code is available on the course website.

  NOTE: YOU MAY NOT CHANGE THE

  TYPE SIGNATURES.

# Read "Learn you a Haskell" chapters 4 & 5