

# Haskell or functional purity and laziness

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# Preliminaries

```
{-# LANGUAGE BangPatterns #-}  
module Intro where  
import Test.QuickCheck  
import Test.HUnit  
import Text.Show.Functions  
import Control.DeepSeq
```

Purity

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Pure computations always result in the same value given the same inputs, meaning they can not perform side effects such as mutation of assignables or I/O.

# Purity

```
var impure = function(x, y) {  
  console.log("foobar");  
  return x + y;  
}  
  
var pure = function(x, y) {  
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```

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- ▶ Juxtaposition is function application and has highest fixity. Use \$ for least fixity.

```
Prelude> (*) 5 $ 3 + 2  
25
```

```
Prelude> (*) 5 3 + 2  
17
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- ▶ Guards enable more flexible checking in pattern matching

```
abs' x
| x >= 0 = x
| x < 0 = -x
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- ▶ `Prelude> :load haskell.lhs`

```
[1 of 1] Compiling Intro           ( haskell.lhs, interpreted )
```

```
Ok, modules loaded: Intro.
```

```
*Intro> quickCheck mymap_check
```

```
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

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    fibonacci' s c p = if s <= 1  
                        then c  
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## Recursion and Higher Order Functions

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# Higher order functions

Here's how you implement map

```
► myMap :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
myMap f (x:xs) = f x : myMap f xs
myMap f [] = []

myMap_check :: [Integer] -> Bool
myMap_check x = myMap (+1) x == map (+1) x
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- ▶ Don't try to reduce me to normal form..

```
take' n x = x `deepseq` take n x
```

```
loooop :: [Integer]
```

```
loooop = take' 10 [1..]
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- ▶ Defining a strict(ish) fold using !

```
foldl'' f start xs = run start xs where  
  run !acc (x:xs) = run (f acc x) xs  
  run !acc [] = acc
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## Typeclasses and (Inductive) Data Types

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  eq :: a -> a -> Bool
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```
isEqual :: (Equality a) => a -> a -> Bool
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isEqual x y = x `eq` y
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data Boolean = BTrue | BFalse deriving (Show)
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- ▶ Using them

```
mapConsList :: (a -> b) -> ConsList a -> ConsList b
mapConsList f (Cons x xs) = Cons (f x) (mapConsList f xs)
mapConsList f CNil = CNil

mapConsList_test = mapConsList (* 2)
                    (Cons 1 $ Cons 2 $ CNil) ~=?
                    (Cons 2 $ Cons 4 $ CNil)
```

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instance Equality Boolean where
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- ▶ Most obnoxious thing in all of Haskell: record names must be unique within a given module

Functors, Idioms, Monads .. also Monoids

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- Monoids to the rescue

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class Monoid a where  
  mempty :: a  
  mappend :: a -> a -> a  
  mconcat :: [a] -> a  
  mconcat = foldr mappend mempty
```

# Monoids

► Instantiating..

```
instance Monoid a => Monoid (Option a) where
  mempty = None
  mappend (Some x) (Some y) = Some (x `mappend` y)
  mappend None x = x
  mappend x None = x

-- strings are lists of characters
instance Monoid [a] where
  mempty = []
  mappend = (++)
```

# Monoids

```
► combineThings :: Monoid a => [a] -> a
combineThings xs = mconcat xs
```

```
combining_tests = [
  combineThings ["foo", "bar", "baz"] ~=?
  "foobarbaz",
  combineThings [Some "foo", None, Some "bar"] ~=?
  Some "foobar"]
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- ▶ Or even just:

```
doSomethingMaybe x = case x of  
  Just a -> Just $ a ++ "bar"  
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```

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```
doSomethingMaybe' x = fmap (++ "bar") x
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  (<*>) :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
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  pure = Some
  None <*> _ = None
  Some f <*> v = fmap f v
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getInputAndPrint = do
  putStrLn "Give me some input"
  input <- getLine
  putStrLn input
```

making sure that the actions are performed in the specified sequence

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- ▶ List is also a monad

```
do
  x <- [1,2,3]
  fs <- [(+1), (+2)]
  return $ fs x
[2,3,3,4,4,5]
```

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- ▶ That was easy, so let's move on to State..

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newtype State' s a = State' { runState :: s -> (a, s) }  
instance Monad (State' a) where  
  return x = State' $ \s -> (x, s)  
  oldState >>= f = State' $ \s ->  
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- Utilities

```
put :: a -> State' a ()  
put s = State' $ \_ -> ((), s)  
  
get = State' $ \s -> (s, s)
```



Codata

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- ▶ The blurred distinction between data and codata

```
Prelude> head $ 1 : undefined  
1
```

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```
data Color' = Color' { red :: Integer, green :: Integer,  
                      blue :: Integer, alpha :: Maybe Integer }  
    deriving (Show, Eq)  
  
class Colorizable a where  
    colorize :: a -> Maybe Color'  
  
-- I have omitted the instance declarations, insert here  
  
data Colorlike = forall a. Colorizable a => Colorish  
  
colorlist :: [Colorlike]  
colorlist = [Colorish "255/50/0/20", Colorish [255, 50, 0, 20]]
```

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- ▶ To play around with it in ghci use  
`Prelude>:load haskell.lhs`

## Epilogue

```
tests = test $ [map_test, map_test', vision_test,
                palindrome_test, mehFibonacci_test,
                mapConsList_test] ++
            ctest ++ instance_tests ++ instance_tests' ++
            combining_tests

main = do
    runTestTT tests
    quickCheck myMap_check
    quickCheck abs_check
```