

Embedded Domains Specific Languages in Idris

Lecture 1: Fundamentals of Idris

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Welcome to Fife







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This course is in three parts:

- *Today*: Fundamentals: A tour of Idris
- *Tomorrow*: Writing Domain Specific Languages in Idris
- *Thursday*: Managing *side-effects* and *resources*

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Dependent Types allow types to be predicated on *values*

- More precise specification of properties
- More help from the compiler
- Types as a *first class* language construct

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