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Overview and study Vending Machine code

Haskell overview

- Purely functional
- Strongly typed with type inference, polymorphism
- Pattern Matching
- •Lazy (non-strict), by default



Haskell overview cont'd



- Stable Haskell 98 standard, GHC (de facto standard), new standard coming
- •Concise, Powerful, Open
- Research lab for new ideas



Purely Functional

- Like a Mathematical function, result based only on arguments, with no side effects
- Referential Transparency replacing pure function call with its result value has no effect on program semantics; no difference between reference to thing and thing itself
- Well suited for Memoization (Dynamic Programming / caching)
- Code easier to reason about
- Intelligent compiler can optimize

Comment block. {- Can also {- nest -} comments. -}

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Algebraic datatype often parameterized, but not here

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Type

constructor

Data constructors.

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Automatically generate functions for equality and show. This is a type signature. Read "::" as "... has type ..."

-- return am ont of currency, in cents
amount :: Currency -> Int
amount Nickel = 5
amount Dime = 10
amount Quarter = 25
amount Dollar = 100

amount "has type" function taking 1 Currency argument, returning an Int

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Function comprised of 4 equations covering the possibilities. Simple pattern matching on data constructors here.

-- return display/input name of currency name :: Currency -> String Name x = map toUpper \$ show x

Type signature of simple function taking 1 Currency argument and returning a String.



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...then apply map toUpper to the String. String is a List of Char, and map applies toUpper to each Char, producing an uppercased String. Type signature for function taking 1 Int argument and returning a String, converting 0-based Int to a slot name (ala Excel column names.)

slotname delegates to helper function slotnamR, passing it a 1based slot number.

```
--- return slotname for slot: 0.. - ...
slotname :: Int -> String
slotname slot = slotnamR (slot+1)
slotnamR slot
| slot <= 26 = alpha slot
| rem == 0 = slotnamR (quo-1) ++ "Z"
| otherwise = slotnamR quo ++ alpha slot
where (quo, rem) = slot `quotRem` 26
alpha n = [chr (64+n)]</pre>
```

recursive helper slotnamR uses guards and a where clause that applies across all the guards.

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Return both quotient and remainder of divide by 26

XS

Delegates to helper sltnR which takes 3 arguments: character index, result accumulator, and remaining characters to process. Excel {- return s column names: A..Z == 0..2 AA..AZ == 26..51, BA..BZ = ..77, etc.) -} slotnumber :: String -> Int slotnumber s = sltnR 0 0 ssltnR t [] = † sltnR 0 0 (x:xs) = sltnR 1 (ord(x)-65) xssltnR l t (x:xs) = sltnR (l+1) (26*(t+1)+ord(x)-65) xs

First equation handles end-ofstring [] in which case we return accumulator t. Pattern matching becomes more obvious here. {- return slot number, column names: A..Z == 0 52..77, etc.) -} AA..AZ == 26..51, BA.slotnumber :: String -> slotnumber s = sltnR 0S sltnR t [] = † sltnR 0 0 (x:xs) = sltnR 1 (ord(x)-65) xssltnR l t (x:xs) = sltnR (l+1) (26*(t+1)+ord(x)-65) xs

(:) list constructor used as a deconstructing pattern here, will not match empty list.

ord is inverse of chr, returning Unicode code for specified character

General recurrence case: multiply accumulated result by 26, add in current character's offset from 'A', tail recurse.

{- find change of specified total from l, if possible, using greedy, relatively efficient algorithm. Use either flip or negation to reverse sort order. -} getChange l total = findTotal (sortBy (flip \$ comparing amount) l) [] total total = Nothing findTo find acc total ropWhile (==x) xs) ta No explicit type signature here, tot but I is list of Currency, total is x:ac desired total. Haskell type XS inferrence figures out type getChange delegates to al signature. getChange :: helper findTotal, this time [Currency] -> Int -> Maybe a top-level function [Currency] rather than defined in where clause. TIMTOWDI

What's going on here? Inside the parens we call sortBy (which takes a comparison function) on I, our list of Currency.

findTotal [] _ total = Nothin
findTotal (x:xs) acc total

comparing is a function (or "combinator") from library that takes another function (amount) and returns a function. The returned function here would compare 2 Currency values (via amount) and return an Ordering for sortBy (dropWhile (==x) xs)

c) (x:acc) amount x) of pWhile (==x) xs)







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                           acc total
    amount x == total = Just (x:acc)
    otherwise = case findTotal xs (****acc)
                           (total
         Nothing -> findTotal
                                    If amount of x exactly
                       acc tota matches remaining total,
         Just a -> Just a we're done - return result
                                   using Maybe's Just data
                                       constructor.
```

Try recursing with x added to accumulator. If {- find cl Nothing returned, then no solution possible with x, е, using so recurse after dropping all of that Currency. either getChange l tota αι συπογ πτη γ paring amount) l) [] total findTotal [] t **Mothing** findTotal (x:xs) total amount x > = findTotal (dropWhile (==x) xs) acc total amount x == / total = Just (x:acc)otherwise = case findTotal xs (x:acc) (total - amount x) of Nothing -> findTotal (dropWhile (==x) xs) acc total Just a -> Just a If solution found, return it.

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Use of a "section", a special case of partial application, using a binary operator. Here we create function that takes 1 Char argument and returns True if it is space or comma.

> let creates local definitions, similar to where clause. let can be used anywhere you write an expression

Drop characters off head of list while predicate isSpace returns True (drop leading commas and spaces). of commands delimited by -- break string up into -- space and/or comma cmds :: String -> [String] cmds s = let isSpace = (`elem` [' ', ',']) in case dropWhile isSpace s of "" -> [] s' -> c : cmds s'' where (c, s'') = break isSpace s'

Apply case expression to remaining list. If empty, return empty list.

break takes predicate function and splits list at point when predicate returns True. So c is all characters up to space or comma, s" is remainder of string.

... so result is c prepended to result of recursively calling cmds on remainder of string Algebraic data type representing state of vending machine. deposits is Currency deposits not yet spent on purchases. coinbox contains all other Currency in the machine.

{- tuple representing machine's current state: inventory of coins and bills, user's unspent total, count of vending items remaining in each slot -} data MachineState = MachineState{coinbox :: [Currency],

deposits :: [Currency], itemCounts :: [(Int, Int)]}

Originally just quantity, now itemCounts contains (quantity, price) for each slot. I should have renamed field and used type synonyms to make this more clear.

{- process machine transitions, taking initial state, list of commands, output list, and returning tuple of new state and output -} machine :: MachineState -> [String] -> [String] -> (MachineState, [String]) machine t [] os = (t, os) machine t@(MachineState coinbox deposits itemCounts) (c:cs) os =case stripPrefix Just a -> in First equation handles end of bunts then command list, returning tuple of new state and accumulated output. CODE"1) Nothing -> case c or "NICKEL" -> machine t {deposits = Nickel : deposits} cs os "DIME" -> machine t {deposits = Dime : deposits} cs os

{- process machine Deconstructing machine state using its list of commands, data constructor. Also using t@ "as of new state and pattern" to efficiently refer to tuple machine :: MachineSt without having to reconstruct it. (MachineState, [String] machine t [] os = (\pm, σ_s) machine t@(MachineState coinbox deposits itemCounts) (C:CS) OS =case stripPrefix "GET-" c of Just a -> tot slotnum = slotnumber a in if set vm < length itemCounts then vend CS OSelse stripPrefix attempts to drop prefix Nothing -> cas ("GET-") from string, returning Just "NICKEL" -> ma remainder of string, or Nothing if string doesn't start with "GET-" "DIME" -> mac





COIN-RETURN uses field update syntax to empty deposits, Nothing -> case c of and put deposits back in to "NICKEL" -> machine output stream via map name Nick "DIME" -> machine t {depo Dime : de CS OS "QUARTER" -> machine t {d /its = Quarter : posits} cs os "DOLLAR" -> machine t {de sits = Dollar : deposits} cs os "COIN-RETURN" -> machine t {deposits = []} cs (os ++ map name deposits) "SERVICE" -> service t cs os -> machine t cs (os ++ ["REPORT DON'T UNDERSTAND " ++ c])

Service commands delegate to service. Report error for any other input.



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                        and sum to compute unspent
-- vend item
                                amount.
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CS OS =
  let unspent = sum $ map amount deposits
      newinv = if count = 0 then Left ("REPORT " ++
                          (slotname slot) ++ " EMPTY")
               else Right ((take slot itemCounts) ++
                            [(count - 1, price)] ++
                            (drop (slot+1) itemCounts))
      (count, price) = itemCounts !! slot
  in case newinv of
    Left a -> machine t cs (os ++ [a])
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                          deconstructing tuple pattern to retrieve
                            count and price for selected slot.
```

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Compute new inventory as
                            Either String [(Int, Int)] to
                          return an error if slot is empty
-- vend item
vend :: Int -> Machine or else return new inventory.
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                             (drop (slot+1) itemCounts))
      (count, price) = itemCounts !! slot
  in case newinv of
    Left a -> machine t cs (os ++ [a])
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Right a -> if unspent < price then
               machine t cs (os ++
                  ["REPORT INSUFFICIENT DEPOSIT"])
            else if unspent == price then
                hachine t {coinbox = coinbox ++
                 deposits, deposits=[],
                 itemCounts=a} cs (os ++
                  [slotname slot])
If unspent deposits less
                    change = getChange
than price, report error.
                               (coinbox++deposits)
                               (unspent-price)
               IN case change of
                 Nothing -> machine t cs (os++
                    ["REPORT USE EXACT CHANGE"])
                 Just c -> machine t {coinbox =
                    ((coinbox++deposits) \\ c),
                    deposits=[], itemCounts=a} cs
                    (os++(slotname slot):
                         (map name c))
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  If unspent deposits exactly equal
                                of
  price, move deposits to coinbox,
                               achine t cs (os++
   adopt new inventory, and add
                               SE EXACT CHANGE"])
      item to output stream.
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                               +deposits) \ c),
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    sending it to machine, displaying output,
    and then tail recursing -}
vendmachine :: MachineState -> IO ()
vendmachine i =
    do input <- getLine
    let (newstate, st
    mapM (\x -> putSt
    vendmachine newst
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within the IO monad.

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IO action composed
                of sequence of
                other IO actions
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vendmachine :: MachineState -> IO ()
vendmachine i =
  do input <- getLine
     let (newstate, strs) = machine i (cmds input) []
     mapM (x \rightarrow putStrLn ("-> "++ x)) strs
     vendmachine newstate
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Next, call pure functional
                                   code to parse cmds from
                                    input and process them,
                                  returning new machine state
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Next, use mapM to apply
anonymous function returning IO
action over a list into an IO
action performing all the output.
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Finally, invoke the same computation again using the new current machine state. Run vending machine, starting with initial inventory and pricing, and empty coinbox, no deposits.

> What's left? service. If you understand the rest, you should be able to figure out service.

```
-- factorial of n (2 different implementations)
fact 0 = 1
fact n = n * fact (n - 1)
fact' n = foldr (*) 1 [1...n]
-- Fibonacci sequence: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, ...
fib = 0 : 1 : zipWith (+) fib (tail fib)
-- powers of 2
pow2 = map (2^{)} [0..]
-- prime numbers
primes = 2:[x | x <- [3,5..],
            all (/= 0) $ map (x `mod`) [2..x-1]]
-- Simple stable sort
sort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
sort [] = []
sort (x:xs) = sort [l | l <- xs, l < x] ++ [x] ++</pre>
              sort [r | r <- xs, r >= x]
```

Goodies, Success Stories

- quickcheck unit tests from assertions
- hackage huge DB of contributed code
- cabal nifty build system (or use ghc –make for simple projs)
- haddock produce HTML docs ala Javadoc
- darcs distributed source control
- FFI interface with C, etc. code
- STM Software Transactional Memory
- Parsec easy parser generator
- Parallel, Concurrent, Template Haskell
- Scrap Your Boilerplate (SYB)
- HappS(tack) applications server
- xmonad tiny tiling X window manager
- pugs First Perl 6 implementation
- Monadius, Frag videogames
- Galois, Inc.
- Credit Suisse
- Functional Reactive Programming

Gotchas

- Silent Int overflow
- Error messages seem scary, at first
- Scary Category Theory, Abstract Algebra underpinnings
- Easy to write hard-to-decipher code
- Can get burned with "space leaks" -- sometimes laziness bites you and you have to force strict evaluation
- Learning curve may be daunting, especially if you dive head-first into category theory and reading whitepapers about folding, functors, morphisms, arrows, monads, etc.



Additional Resources – we only scratched the surface

- Real World Haskell, physical book or free online
- GHC library HTML docs
- http://www.haskell.org
- Haskell 98 Report (the standard)
- Typeclassopedia (in The Monad Reader, issue 13)
- Many other books, online tutorials, wikis, Haskell IRC
- Project Euler gain fluency and strain your brain

