# **User-Defined Types**

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# Algebraic Data Types

data Bool = False | True

Bool: Type Constructor False and True: Data Constructors

```
Prelude> data MyBool = MyFalse | MyTrue
Prelude> :t MyFalse
MyFalse :: MyBool -- A literal
Prelude> :t MvTrue
MyTrue :: MyBool
Prelude> :t MyBool
<interactive>:1:1: error: Data constructor not in scope: MyBool
Prelude> :k MyBool
           —— A concrete type (no parameters)
MvBool :: *
```

# **Algebraic Types and Pattern Matching**

data Bool = False | True

Type constructors may appear in type signatures; data constructors in expressions and patterns

```
Prelude> :{
  Prelude| myAnd :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
  Prelude| myAnd False _ = False
  Prelude| myAnd True x = x
  Prelude| :}
  Prelude> [ (a,b,myAnd a b) | a <- [False, True], b <- [False, True] ]
  [(False,False,False),(False,True,False),
  (True,False,False),(True,True,True)]</pre>
```

# An Algebraic Type: A Sum of Products

Sum = one of A or B or C...

Product = each of D and E and F...

A.k.a. tagged unions, sum-product types

Mathematically,

```
Shape = Circle \cup Rectangle
```

```
Circle = Float × Float × Float
```

```
Rectangle = Float × Float × Float × Float
```

# An Algebraic Type: A Sum of Products

```
data Shape = Circle Float Float Float
           | Rectangle Float Float Float Float
                             :: Shape -> Float
area
                          = pi * r ^ 2
area (Circle _ _ r)
area (Rectangle x1 y1 x2 y2) = (abs $ x2 - x1) * (abs $ y2 - y1)
*Main> :t Circle
Circle :: Float -> Float -> Float -> Shape
*Main> :t Rectangle
Rectangle :: Float -> Float -> Float -> Float -> Shape
*Main> :k Shape
Shape :: *
*Main> area  Circle 10 20 10
314,15927
*Main> area $ Rectangle 10 10 20 30
200.0
```

# Printing User-Defined Types: Deriving Show

```
*Main> Circle 10 20 30
```

#### <interactive>:9:1: error:

\* No instance for (Show Shape) arising from a use of 'print'
\* In a stmt of an interactive GHCi command: print it

Add deriving (Show) to make the compiler generate a default show:

\*Main> Circle 10 20 30
Circle 10.0 20.0 30.0
\*Main> show \$ Circle 10 20 30
"Circle 10.0 20.0 30.0"

```
Every Possible Automatic Derivation
   data Bool = False | True -- Standard Prelude definition
               deriving (Eq. Ord, Enum, Read, Show, Bounded)
   Prelude> True == True
   True
                                     -- Ea
   Prelude> False < False
   False
                                     -- Ord
   Prelude> succ False
                                     -- Fnum
   True
   Prelude> succ True
    *** Exception: Prelude.Enum.Bool.succ: bad argument
   Prelude> read "True" :: Bool
                                    -- Read
   True
   Prelude> show False
    "False"
                                    -- Show
   Prelude> minBound :: Bool
   False
                                    -- Bounded
```

# Types as Documentation

When in doubt, add another type

```
*Main> area $ Rectangle (Point 10 20) (Point 30 40)
400.0
*Main> area $ Circle (Point 0 0) 100
31415.928
```

```
moveTo :: Point -> Shape -> Shape
moveTo p (Circle _ r) = Circle p r
moveTo p@(Point x0 y0) (Rectangle (Point x1 y1) (Point x2 y2)) =
    Rectangle p p = 0 + x^2 - x^1 (y0 + y2 - y1)
origin :: Point
origin = Point 0 0
originCircle :: Float -> Shape
originCircle = Circle origin -- function in "point-free style" originRect ::
Float -> Float -> Shape
originRect x y = Rectangle origin (Point x y)
Prelude> :1 Shapes
                                    ( Shapes.hs, interpreted )
[1 of 1] Compiling Shapes
Ok. one module loaded.
*Shapes> moveTo (Point 10 20) $ originCircle 5
Circle (Point 10.0 20.0) 5.0
*Shapes> moveTo (Point 10 20) $ Rectangle (Point 5 15) (Point 25 35)
Rectangle (Point 10.0 20.0) (Point 30.0 40.0)
```

# Shapes.hs

```
module Shapes
( Point(..) -- Export the Point constructor
, Shape(..) -- Export Circle and Rectangle constructors
, area
. moveTo
, origin
, originCircle
, originRect
) where
data Point = Point Float Float deriving Show
-- etc.
```

# **Records: Naming Product Type Fields**

```
data Person = Person { firstName :: String
                     . lastName :: String
                      , age :: Int
                      , height :: Float
                      , phoneNumber :: String
                     . flavor :: String
                     } deriving Show
hbc = Person { lastName = "Curry". firstName = "Haskell".
               age = 42, height = 6.0, phoneNumber = "555-1212",
               flavor = "Curry" }
```

\*Main> :t lastName
lastName :: Person -> String
\*Main> lastName hbc
"Curry"

# Updating and Pattern-Matching Records

fullName	:: Person	-> String								
fullName	(Person {	<pre>firstName = f</pre>	, lastName =	= 1	})	= f	++ "	" +	-+ 1	

*Main>	map	fullName	[hbc,	sae]
["Haske	ell (	Curry","St	tephen	Edwards"]

# **Record Named Field Puns In Patterns**

:set -XNamedFieldPuns in GHCi or put a pragma at the beginning of the file

{-# LANGUAGE NamedFieldPuns #-}

```
favorite :: Person -> String
favorite (Person { firstName, flavor } ) =
    firstName ++ " loves " ++ flavor
```

\*Main> favorite hbc
"Haskell loves Curry"

Omitting a field when constructing a record is a compile-time error unless you :set -Wno-missing-fields, which allows uninitialized fields. Evaluating an unititialized field throws an exception.

# Parameterized Types: Maybe

A safe replacement for null pointers

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

The *Maybe* type constructor is a function with a type parameter (*a*) that returns a type (*Maybe a*).

```
Prelude> :k Maybe
Mavbe :: * -> *
Prelude> Just "your luck"
Just "your luck"
Prelude> :t Just "your luck"
Just "your luck" :: Maybe [Char]
Prelude> :t Nothing
Nothing :: Mavbe a
Prelude> :t Just (10 :: Int)
Just (10 :: Int) :: Maybe Int
```

# Maybe In Action

Useful when a function may "fail" and you don't want to throw an exception

```
Prelude> :m + Data.List
Prelude Data.List> :t uncons
uncons :: [a] -> Maybe (a, [a])
Prelude Data.List> uncons [1,2,3]
Just (1,[2,3])
Prelude Data.List> uncons []
Nothing
```

```
Prelude Data.List> :t lookup
lookup :: Eq a => a -> [(a, b)] -> Maybe b
Prelude Data.List> lookup 5 [(1,2),(5,10)]
Just 10
Prelude Data.List> lookup 6 [(1,2),(5,10)]
Nothing
```

### Data.Map: Multiple Type Parameters

```
Prelude Data.Map> :k Map
Map :: * -> * -> *
Prelude Data.Map> :t empty
empty :: Map k a
Prelude Data.Map> :t singleton (1::Int) "one"
singleton (1::Int) "one" :: Map Int [Char]
```

Note: while you can add type class constraints to type constructors, e.g.,

data Ord k => Map k v =  $\dots$ 

it's bad form to do so. By convention, to reduce verbosity, only functions that actually rely on the type classes are given such constraints.

```
The type Keyword: Introduce an Alias
    Prelude> type AssocList k v = [(k, v)]
    Prelude> :k AssocList
    Assoclist :: * -> * -> *
    Prelude> :{
    Prelude | lookup :: Eq k => k -> AssocList k v -> Maybe v
    Prelude| lookup _ [] = Nothing
    Prelude | lookup k ((x,v):xs) | x == k = Just v
    Prelude
                                   otherwise = lookup k xs
    Prelude| :}
    Prelude> :t lookup
    lookup :: Eq k \Rightarrow k \Rightarrow AssocList k v \Rightarrow Maybe v
    Prelude> lookup 2 [(1,"one"),(2,"two")]
    Just "two"
    Prelude> lookup 0 [(1,"one"),(2,"two")]
    Nothing
    Prelude> :t [(1."one").(2."two")]
    [(1."one").(2."two")] :: Num a => [(a. [Char])]
```

# Either: Funky Type Constructor Fun

```
Prelude> :k Either
Either :: * \rightarrow * \rightarrow *
Prelude> Right 20
Right 20
Prelude> Left "Stephen"
Left "Stephen"
Prelude> :t Right "Stephen"
Right "Stephen" :: Either a [Char] -- Only second type inferred
Preludes :t Left True
Left True :: Either Bool b
Prelude> :k Either Bool
Either Bool :: * \rightarrow *
```

# Either: Often a more verbose Maybe

```
By convention, Left = "failure," Right = "success"
```

```
Prelude> type AssocList k v = [(k,v)]
Prelude> :{
Prelude | lookup :: String -> AssocList String a -> Either String a
Prelude| lookup k [] = Left $ "Could not find " ++ k
Prelude | lookup k ((x,v):xs) | x == k = Right v
Prelude
                             otherwise = lookup k xs
Prelude| :}
Prelude> lookup "Stephen" [("Douglas",42),("Don",0)]
Left "Could not find Stephen"
Prelude> lookup "Douglas" [("Douglas",42),("Don",0)]
Right 42
```

```
data List a = Cons a (List a) -- A recursive type
            | Nil
            deriving (Eq, Ord, Show, Read)
*Main> :t Nil
Nil :: List a
                              -- Nil is polymorphic
*Main> :t Cons
Cons :: a -> List a -> List a -- Cons is polymorphic
*Main> :k List
List :: * -> *
                              -- Type constructor takes an argument
*Main> Nil
Nil
*Main> 5 `Cons` Nil
Cons 5 Nil
*Main> 4 `Cons` (5 `Cons` Nil)
Cons 4 (Cons 5 Nil)
*Main> :t 'a' `Cons` Nil
'a' `Cons` Nil :: List Char -- Proper type inferred
```

#### Lists of Our Own with User-Defined Operators

Haskell symbols are ! # % & \* + . / < = > ? @ \ ^ | - ~

A (user-defined) operator is a symbol followed by zero or more symbols or : A (user-defined) constructor is a : followed by one or more symbols or :

```
*Main> (1 :. 2 :. 3 :. Nil) :: List Int
1 :. (2 :. (3 :. Nil))
*Main> :t (:.)
(:.) :: a -> List a -> List a
```

# **Fixity of Standard Prelude Operators**

infixr	9	., !!	–– Highest precedence
infixr	8	^, ^^, **	–– Right-associative
infixl	7	*, /, `quot`, `rem`, `div`,	`mod`
infixl	6	+, -	–– Left-associative
infixr	5	:, ++	: is the only builtin
infix	4	==, /=, <, <=, >=, >, ` <b>elem</b> `	–– Non-associative
infixr	3	&&	
infixr	2	11	
infixl	1	>>, >>=	
infixr	1	=<<	
infixr	0	\$, \$!, ` <b>seq</b> `	–– Lowest precedence

```
*Main> (1::Int) == 2 == 3
<interactive>:9:1: error:
   Precedence parsing error
    cannot mix '==' [infix 4] and '==' [infix 4] in the
   same infix expression
```

# The List Concatenation Operator

<b>infixr</b> 5 ++.	— Define operator precedence & associativity
(++.)	:: List a -> List a -> List a
Nil ++. ys	= ys
(x :. xs) ++. ys	= x :. (xs ++. ys)
*Main> (1 · 2 ·	$3 \cdot \text{Nil} + 4 \cdot 5 \cdot \text{Nil} \cdot \text{Iist Int}$

```
1 :. (2 :. (3 :. (4 :. (5 :. Nil)))
```

The only thing special about lists in Haskell is the [,] syntax

```
*Main> :k List
List :: * -> *
*Main> :k []
[] :: * -> *
```

Our List type constructor has the same kind as the built-in list constructor []

```
data Tree a = Node a (Tree a) (Tree a) -- Unbalanced binary tree
            | Nil
            deriving (Eq, Show, Read)
singleton :: a \rightarrow Tree a
singleton x = Node x Nil Nil
insert :: Ord a => a -> Tree a -> Tree a
insert x Nil = singleton x
insert x n@(Node a left right) = case compare x a of
 LT -> Node a (insert x left) right
  GT -> Node a left (insert x right)
 EO -> n
fromList :: Ord a => [a] -> Tree a
fromList = foldr insert Nil
toList :: Tree a -> [a]
toList Nil = []
toList (Node a l r) = toList l ++ [a] ++ toList r
```

```
member :: Ord a => a -> Tree a -> Bool
member _ Nil = False
member x (Node a left right) = case compare x a of
LT -> member x left
GT -> member x right
EQ -> True
```

```
*Main> t = fromList ([8,6,4,1,7,3,5] :: [Int])
*Main> t
Node 5 (Node 3 (Node 1 Nil Nil) (Node 4 Nil Nil))
       (Node 7 (Node 6 Nil Nil) (Node 8 Nil Nil))
*Main> toList t
[1,3,4,5,6,7,8]
*Main> 1 `member` t
True
*Main> 42 `member` t
False
```

# Specifying and Implementing Type Classes

```
class Eq a where -- Standard Prelude definition of Eq
(==), (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool -- The class: names & signatures
x /= y = not (x == y) -- Default implementations
x == y = not (x /= y)
```

data TrafficLight = Red | Yellow | Green

```
instance Eq TrafficLight where
 Red == Red = True -- Suffices to only supply
 Green == Green = True -- an implementation of ==
 Yellow == Yellow = True
        == _ = False -- "deriving Eg" would have been easier
*Main > Red == Red
True
                      -- Uses TrafficLight definition of ==
*Main> Red /= Yellow
                      -- Relies on default implementation
True
```

# Implementing Show

# instance Show TrafficLight where show Red = "Red Light" show Green = "Green Light" show Yellow = "Yellow Light"

```
*Main> show Yellow
"Yellow Light"
*Main> [Red, Yellow, Green]
[Red Light, Yellow Light, Green Light] -- GHCi uses show
*Main> :k Maybe
Mavbe :: * -> *
                           -- A polymorphic type constructor
*Main> :k Eq
Eq :: * -> Constraint -- Like a polymorphic type constructor
*Main> :k Eq TrafficLight
Eq TrafficLight :: Constraint -- Give it a type to make it happy
```

# The MINIMAL Pragma: Controlling Compiler Warnings

infix 4 ==., /=.

class MyEq a where
 {-# MINIMAL (==.) | (/=.) #-}
 (==.), (/=.) :: a -> a -> Bool
 x /=. y = not (x ==. y)
 x ==. y = not (x /=. y)

instance MyEq Int where

instance MyEq Integer where x ==. y = (x `compare` y) == EQ

The MINIMAL pragma tells the compiler what to check for. Operators are , (and) and | (or). Parentheses are allowed.

```
Prelude> :load myeq
[1 of 1] Compiling Main
```

```
myeq.hs:9:10: warning:
  [-Wmissing-methods]
* No explicit implementation for
  either '==.' or '/=.'
* In the instance declaration
  for 'MyEq Int'
9 | instance MyEq Int where
```

# Eq (Maybe t)

```
data Maybe t = Just t | Nothing
instance Eq t => Eq (Maybe t) where
Just x == Just y = x == y -- This comparison requires Eq t
Nothing == Nothing = True
_ == _ = False
```

The Standard Prelude includes this by just deriving Eq

```
*Main> :info Eq
class Eq a where
  (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
  (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool
  {-# MINIMAL (==) | (/=) #-}
instance [safe] Eq TrafficLight
instance (Eq a, Eq b) \Rightarrow Eq (Either a b)
instance Eq a \Rightarrow Eq (Maybe a)
instance Eq a \Rightarrow Eq [a]
instance Eq Ordering
instance Eq Int
instance Eq Float
instance Eq Double
instance Eq Char
instance Eq Bool
instance (Eq a, Eq b) \Rightarrow Eq (a, b)
instance (Eq a, Eq b, Eq c) \Rightarrow Eq (a, b, c)
instance (Eq a, Eq b, Eq c, Eq d) \Rightarrow Eq (a, b, c, d)
```

```
ToBool: Treat Other Things as Booleans
   class ToBool a where
     toBool :: a -> Bool
    instance ToBool Bool where
                                -- Identity function
     t_0 B_{00} = id
    instance ToBool Int where
     toBool 0 = False -- C-like semantics
     toBool = True
    instance ToBool [a] where
     toBool [] = False -- JavaScript, python semantics
     toBool _ = True
    instance ToBool (Maybe a) where
     toBool (Just _) = True
     toBool Nothing = False
```

#### Now We Can toBool Bools, Ints, Lists, and Maybes

```
*Main> :t toBool
toBool :: ToBool a => a -> Bool
*Main> toBool True
True
*Main> toBool (1 :: Int)
True
*Main> toBool "dumb"
True
*Main> toBool []
False
*Main> toBool [False]
True
*Main> toBool $ Just False
True
*Main> toBool Nothing
False
```

# The Functor Type Class: Should be "Mappable"†

class Functor f where
fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
(<\$) :: b -> f a -> f b
m <\$ b = fmap (\\_ -> b)

lff :: a -> b,

bs = fmap f as

applies f to every a in as to give bs; bs = as <\$ x replaces every a in as with x.

Here, f is a type constructor that takes an argument, like Maybe or List

Prelude> :k Functor
Functor :: (\* -> \*) -> Constraint

† "Functor" is from Category Theory

class Functor (f ::  $* \rightarrow *$ ) where fmap ::  $(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow f a \rightarrow f b$ (<\$) :: a -> f b -> f a {-# MINIMAL fmap #-} **instance Functor** (**Either** a) instance Functor [] instance Functor Maybe instance Functor TO **instance Functor** ((->) r) **instance Functor** ((.) a) -- Many others; these are -- just the Prelude's

#### Functor Instances for \* -> \* Kinds

<b>data</b> [] a = []   a : [a]	–– The List type: not legal syntax				
<pre>instance Functor [] where fmap = map</pre>	<ul><li>– Prelude definition</li><li>– The canonical example</li></ul>				
data Maybe t = Nothing   Just t	Prelude definition				
instance Functor Maybe where					
fmap _ Nothing = Nothing	–– No object a here				
fmap f (Just a) = Just (f a)	–– Apply f to the object in Just a				
<b>data</b> Tree a = Node a (Tree a) (Tree a)   Nil Our binary tree					
instance Functor Tree where					

```
fmap f Nil = Nil
fmap f (Node a lt rt) = Node (f a) (fmap f lt) (fmap f rt)
```

#### Functor Either a

data Either a b = Left a | Right b

instance Either does not type check because Either :: \* -> \* -> \*

The Prelude definition of fmap only modifies Right

```
instance Functor (Either a) where
fmap _ (Left x) = Left x
fmap f (Right y) = Right (f y)
```

This works because Either a :: \* -> \* has the right kind

# Kinds: The Types of Types

Prelude> :k Int Int :: \* -- A concrete type Prelude> :k [Int] [Int] :: \* -- A specific type of list: also concrete Prelude> :k [] [] :: \* -> \* -- The list type constructor takes a parameter Prelude> :k Mavbe Maybe ::  $* \rightarrow *$  — Maybe also takes a type as a parameter Prelude> :k Maybe Int Maybe Int :: \* -- Specifying the parameter makes it concrete Prelude> :k Either Either ::  $* \rightarrow * \rightarrow * - -$  Either takes two type parameters Prelude> :k Either String Either String :: \* -> \* -- Partially applying Either is OK Prelude> :k (,) (,) ::  $* \rightarrow * \rightarrow *$  — The pair (tuple) constructor takes two

# **Crazy Kinds**

Prelude> class Tofu t where tofu :: j a -> t a j

Type class Tofu expects a single type argument t

j must take an argument a and produce a concrete type, so j :: \* -> \*

t must take arguments a and j, so t ::  $* \rightarrow (* \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *$ 

Prelude> :k Tofu Tofu :: (\* -> (\* -> \*) -> \*) -> Constraint

Let's invent a type constructor of kind  $* \rightarrow (* \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *$ . It has to take two type arguments; the second needs to be a function of one argument

data What a b = What (b a) deriving Show

Prelude> :k What What :: \* -> (\* -> \*) -> \* -- Success

#### What?

data What a b = What (b a) deriving Show

```
Prelude> :t What "Hello"
What "Hello" :: What Char []
Prelude> :t What (Just "Ever")
What (Just "Ever") :: What [Char] Maybe
```

What holds any type that is a "parameterized container," what Tofu wants:

```
Prelude> :k What
What :: * -> (* -> *) -> *
Prelude> :k Tofu
Tofu :: (* -> (* -> *) -> *) -> Constraint
Prelude> instance Tofu What where tofu x = What x
Prelude> tofu (Just 'a') :: What Char Maybe
What (Just 'a')
Prelude> tofu "Hello" :: What Char []
What "Hello"
```

```
Prelude> data Barry t k a = Barry a (t k)
Prelude> :k Barry
Barry :: (* -> *) -> * -> * -> * -- Bizarre kind, by design
Prelude> :t Barry (5::Int) "Hello"
Barry (5::Int) "Hello" :: Barry [] Char Int
```

```
A Barry is two objects: any type and one built from a type constructor
Prelude> :k Functor
Functor :: (* \rightarrow *) \rightarrow Constraint -- Takes a one-arg constructor
instance Functor (Barry t k) where -- Partially applying Barry
  fmap f (Barry x y) = Barry (f x) y -- Applying f to first object
Prelude> fmap (+1) (Barry 5 "Hello")
Barrv 6 "Hello"
                                        -- It works!
Prelude> fmap show (Barry 42 "Hello")
Barry "42" "Hello"
Prelude> :t fmap show (Barry 42 "Hello")
fmap show (Barry 42 "Hello") :: Barry [] Char String
```