Haskell Functional Programming

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Lisp

Lisp (historically, LISP) is a family of computer programming languages with a long history and a distinctive, fully parenthesized prefix notation. Originally specified in 1958, Lisp is the second-oldest high-level programming language in widespread use today. (Only Fortran is older, by one year.)







Erlang

Erlang (https://www.erlang.org/) is a general-purpose, concurrent, functional programming language, as well as a garbage-collected runtime system.







Elixir

Elixir (https://elixir-lang.org/) is a functional, concurrent, general-purpose programming language that runs on the Erlang virtual machine (BEAM).







F#

F# (http://fsharp.org/ is a strongly typed, multi-paradigm programming language that encompasses functional, imperative, and object-oriented programming methods. It is being developed at Microsoft Developer Division and is being distributed as a fully supported language in the .NET framework.







Ocaml

Ocaml (http://ocaml.org/ originally named Objective Caml, is the main implementation of the programming language Caml. OCaml's toolset includes an interactive top-level interpreter, a bytecode compiler, a reversible debugger, a package manager (OPAM), and an optimizing native code compiler.







Clojure

Clojure (https://clojure.org/) is a dialect of the Lisp programming language. Clojure is a general-purpose programming language with an emphasis on functional programming. It runs on the Java virtual machine and the Common Language Runtime.







Racket

Racket (http://racket-lang.org/), formerly PLT Scheme, is a general purpose, multi-paradigm programming language in the Lisp-Scheme family. One of its design goals is to serve as a platform for language creation, design, and implementation







Elm

Elm (http://elm-lang.org/) is a domain-specific programming language for declaratively creating web browser-based graphical user interfaces. Elm is purely functional, and is developed with emphasis on usability, performance, and robustness.







Scala

Scala (https://www.scala-lang.org/) is a general-purpose programming language providing support for functional programming and a strong static type system. Designed to be concise, many of Scala's design decisions aimed to address criticisms of Java.







Haskell

Haskell (https://www.haskell.org/) is a standardized, general-purpose purely functional programming language, with non-strict semantics and strong static typing. The latest standard of Haskell is Haskell 2010. As of May 2016, a group is working on the next version, Haskell 2020.





- Programming with **pure** functions.
- The output of a function is **solely** determined by the input (much like mathematical functions).
- No side-effects.
- No assigments.
- Functions compose.
- Expression-oriented programming.





Why FP matters?

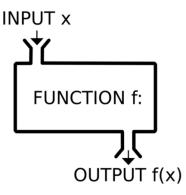
- 1. FP offers concurrency/parallelism with tears.
- 2. FP has succint, concise and understandable syntax.
- 3. FP offers a different programming perspective.
- 4. FP is becoming more accessible.

FP is fun!





Functions everywhere







Design patterns

OO patterns	FP patterns
Single responsability	Functions
Open / Closed	Functions
Interface segregation	Functions
Factory	Functions
Strategy	Functions
Decoration	Functions again
Visitor	Resistance is futile !

Seriously, FP patterns are different.





The abstract nature of FP leads to considerably simpler programs. It also supports a number of powerful new ways to structure and reason about programs.

x = x+1; We understand this syntax because we often resort to telling the computer what to do, but this equation really makes no sense at all!

Ask, don't tell.





FP offers a different programming perspective

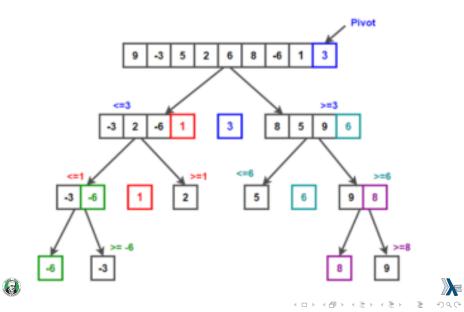
For me, the most important thing about FP isn't that functional languages have some particular useful language features, but that it allows to think differently and simply about problems that you encouter when designing and writing applications. This is much more important than understanding any new technology or a programming language.

Tomas Petricek http://tomasp.net/blog/









Erlang

```
-module(quicksort).
```

```
-export([qsort/1]).
```

```
qsort([]) -> [];
qsort([X|Xs]) ->
qsort([Y || Y <- Xs, Y < X]) ++ [X] ++ qsort([Y || Y <- Xs, Y >= X]).
```





Elixir

```
defmodule Sort do
  def qsort([]), do: []
  def qsort([h | t]) do
    {lesser, greater} = Enum.split_with(t, &(&1 < h))
    qsort(lesser) ++ [h] ++ qsort(greater)
  end
end</pre>
```





Ocaml

```
let rec qsort = function
hd :: tl ->
   let less, greater = List.partition ((>=) hd) tl
   List.concat [qsort less; [hd]; qsort greater]
   | _ -> []
```





Lisp

```
(defun qsort (list &aux (pivot (car list)) )
(if (cdr list)
    (nconc (qsort (remove-if-not #'(lambda (x) (< x pivot)) list))
            (remove-if-not #'(lambda (x) (= x pivot)) list)
            (qsort (remove-if-not #'(lambda (x) (> x pivot)) list)))
            list))
```





Clojure





Racket

```
#lang racket
(define (qsort < 1)
(match 1
    ['() '()]
  [(cons x xs)
    (let-values ([(xs-gte xs-lt) (partition (curry < x) xs)])
        (append (qsort < xs-lt)
                          (list x)
                          (qsort < xs-gte)))]))</pre>
```





Scala

```
def qsort(xs: List[Int]): List[Int] = xs match {
  case Nil => Nil
  case head :: tail =>
    val (less, notLess) = tail.partition(_ < head)
    qsort(less) ++ (head :: qsort(notLess)) // Sort each half
}</pre>
```





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Haskell

```
import Data.List (partition)
```

```
qsort' :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
qsort' [] = []
qsort' (x:xs) = qsort' ys ++ x : qsort' zs
where
    (ys, zs) = partition (< x) xs</pre>
```





FP is becoming more accessible

More language options.

Tooling, IDEs.

Supports.

Books.

Blogs, podcasts and screencasts.

Conferences and user groups.





Haskell is becoming more accessible IntelliJ IDEA

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Key Haskell concepts

High order functions, map, filter reduce (*i.e.*, fold). Recursion.

Pattern matching.

Currying.

Lazy/eager evaluation.

Strict/non-strict semantics.

Type inference.

Monads.

Continuations.

Closures.





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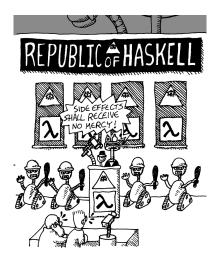
It is named after logician Haskell Curry.







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Purity

- No side-effects.
- $\bullet\,$ Keep the code involving state and I/O to the minimum.
- The most important feature of Haskell.





Higher-order functions

- Functions that take other functions as their arguments.
- Useful for refactoring code.
- Reduce the amount of repetition.

```
quicksort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
quicksort [] = []
quicksort (x:xs) = smallerSorted ++ [x] ++ biggerSorted
where
  smallerSorted = quicksort (filter (<=x) xs)
  biggerSorted = quicksort (filter (>x) xs)
```





Immutable data

- Expressions in Haskell are immutable. They cannot change after they are evaluated.
- Immutability makes refactoring super easy and code much easier to reason about.
- To **change** an object, most data structures provide methods taking the old object and creating a new copy.

```
>> let a = [1,2,3]
>> reverse a
[3,2,1]
>> a
[1,2,3]
```





Referential transparency

- Pure computations yield the same value each time they are invoked.
- Side effects like (uncontrolled) imperative update break this desirable property.
- Make it easier to reason about the behavior of programs.

If y = f x and g = h y y then g = h (f x) (f x).



```
Referential transparency
```

```
random :: Int
random = 4 -- chosen by fair dice rool, guaranted to be random.
today :: String
today = "Mon 21 Sep 2020" -- guaranted at the time of writing.
getInputChar:: Char
```

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```
getInputChar = 'a' -- The user did type 'a', so what!?
```



Lazy evaluation

- Defer the computation of values until they are needed (since pure computations are referentially transparent they can be performed at any time and still yield the same result).
- Lazy evaluation avoids unnecessary computations.
- Allow, for example, infinite data structures to be defined and used.

Consider the function f x y = x+1.

In a strict language, evaluating f 5 (29^35792) will first completely evaluate 5 (already done) and 29^35792 (which is a lot of work) before passing the results to f.



Lazy evaluation

```
>>> 1 `div` 0
*** Exception: divide by zero
>>> (1 == 2-1) || (1 `div` 0 == 1)
True
>>> (1 /= 2-1) && (1 `div` 0 == 1)
False
>>> head [1, 2 `div` 0, 3]
1
>>> last (tail [1, 2 `div` 0, 3])
3
```





Elegance

- Haskell code is elegant, concise and intuitive.
- Shorter programs are easier to maintain than longer ones and have less bugs.
- But elegance is not an excuse for bad performance.

```
import qualified data.List as L
fibs :: [Integer]
fibs = 1 : 1 : L.zipWith (+) fibs (L.tail fibs)
```





Haskell and bugs

Pure. There are no side effects.

Strongly typed. There can be no dubious use of types. And No Core Dumps!

Concise. Programs are shorter which make it easier to look at a function and "take it all in" at once, convincing yourself that it's correct.

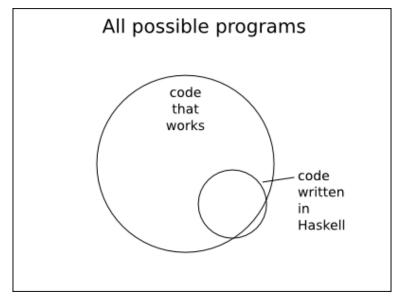
High level. Haskell programs most often reads out almost exactly like the algorithm description. Which makes it easier to verify that the function does what the algorithm states.

Memory managed. There's no worrying about dangling pointers, the Garbage Collector takes care of all that.

Modular. Haskell offers stronger and more "glue" to compose your program from already developed modules.



So what !?





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Reference book



A Beginner's Guide









Hello, World!

```
module Main where
```

```
main :: IO ()
main = putStrLn "Hello, World!"
```





Hello, World !: Compile to native code

```
barbalala: ghc -o Hello Hello.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main ( Hello.hs, Hello.o )
Linking Hello ...
barbalala: ./Hello
Hello, World!
barbalala:
```





Hello, World !: Interpreter

```
barbalala: ghci
GHCi, version 7.8.3: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/
:? for help
Loading package ghc-prim ... linking ... done.
Loading package integer-gmp ... linking ... done.
Loading package base ... linking ... done.
Prelude> :load "Hello"
[1 of 1] Compiling Main (Hello.hs, interpreted)
Ok, modules loaded: Main.
*Main> main
Hello, World!
*Main>
```





Quicksort in Haskell

```
quicksort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
quicksort [] = []
quicksort (p:xs) = quicksort lesser ++
        [p] ++
        quicksort greater
where
        lesser = filter (< p) xs</pre>
```

greater = filter (>= p) xs





The Fibonacci sequence

```
fib :: (Eq a, Num a, Num b) \Rightarrow a \rightarrow b
fib 0 = 0
fib 1 = 1
fib n = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
or
fib :: (Integral b, Integral a) => a -> b
fib n = round $ phi ** fromIntegral n / sq5
  where
    sq5 = sqrt 5 :: Double
    phi = (1 + sq5) / 2
or
fibs :: Num a => [a]
fibs = 0 : 1 : zipWith (+) fibs (tail fibs)
or . . .
```



Implementations

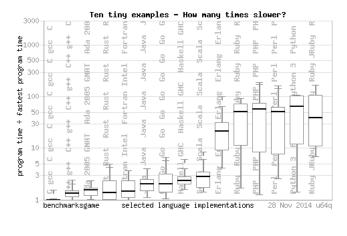
The Glasgow Haskell Compiler (GHC) compiles to native code on a number of different architectures. GHC has become the de facto standard Haskell dialect. There are libraries (e.g. bindings to OpenGL) that will work only with GHC. GHC is also distributed along with the Haskell platform.





The speed of Haskell

For most applications the difference in speed between C++ and Haskell is so small that it's utterly irrelevant





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The speed of Haskell

There's an old rule in computer programming called the "80/20 rule". It states that 80% of the time is spent in 20% of the code. The consequence of this is that any given function in your system will likely be of minimal importance when it comes to optimizations for speed. There may be only a handful of functions important enough to optimize.

Remember that algorithmic optimization can give much better results than code optimization.

Last but not least, Haskell offers substantially increased programmer productivity (Ericsson measured an improvement factor of between 9 and 25 using Erlang, a functional programming language similar to Haskell, in one set of experiments on telephony software.)

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Haskell in Industry







Why is Haskell not used in the software industry?

even though it is a popular functional programming language!

- Integration with the companies' existing codebase.
- There are not enough people with Haskell experience.
- Colleges and universities do little to popularize Haskell.
- Clojure and Scala are not purely functional but have done a lot to popularize functional programming.

Using these languages, the management and programmers can claim to be trained in functional programming and yet know of nothing more than map, reduce and fold.



Why Isn't Functional Programming the Norm?



Why aren't FP **languages** the norm?

- 1. No sufficiently large "killer apps"
- 2. No exclusivity on large platforms
- 3. Can't be a quick upgrade if substantially different

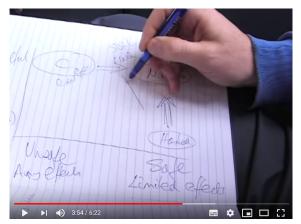
- 4. No epic marketing budgets
- 5. Slow & steady growth takes decades



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Haskell is useless

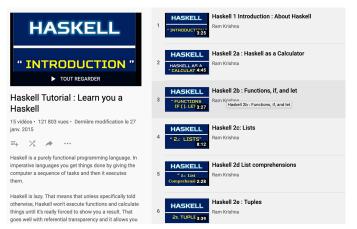


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Tutorials



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Why Is Haskell So Hard To Learn? How To Deal With It?



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Functional programming languages





