



Theorem Proving for All

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**Haskell**

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**Refinement Types**

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 **LiquidHaskell**

# Haskell

`take :: [a] -> Int -> [a]`

```
> take [1,2,3] 2  
> [1,2]
```

# Haskell

`take :: [a] -> Int -> [a]`

```
> take [1,2,3] 500  
> ???
```

# Refinement Types

`take :: xs:[a] -> {i:Int | i < len xs} -> [a]`



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`> take [1,2,3] 500`

`> Refinement Type Error!`



**I. Static Checks:** Fast & Safe Code

**II. Application:** Speed up Parsing

**III. Expressiveness:** Theorem Proving

# **I. Static Checks: Fast & Safe Code**



# The Heartbleed Bug



Buffer overread in OpenSSL. 2015



**in**



```
module Data.Text where
take :: t:Text -> i:Int -> Text
```

```
> take "hat" 500
> *** Exception: Out Of Bounds!
```

# Runtime Checks

```
take :: t:Text -> i:Int -> Text
take t i | i < len t
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take t i
  = error "Out Of Bounds!"
```

**Safe, but slow!**

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**Fast, but unsafe!**

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**Overread**

```
> take "hat" 500
```

```
> "hat\58456\2594\SOH\NUL...
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**Type Error**



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**SMT-  
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             in take x 2
```

Checker reports **OK**

**SMT-  
valid**

$\text{len } x = 3 \Rightarrow v = \text{2} \Rightarrow v < \text{len } x$



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**Static Checks**





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## **II. Application:** Speed up Parsing

DEMO

# **Application: Speed up Parsing**

Provably Correct & Faster Code!

SMT-Automatic Verification

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How expressive can we get?



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### **III. Expressiveness: Theorem Proving**

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**Proof.**

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– applying  $\text{reverse}$  on  $[]$   
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QED

**Proof is in pen-and-paper :(**





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$\text{reverse } [x]$

– obviously!

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**Check it with Liquid Haskell!**

# Theorems as Refinement Types

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## Refinement Type:

$x : a \rightarrow \{ v : () \mid \text{reverse } [x] = [x] \}$

  
*SM7 equality*

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 & = \text{reverse } [] ++ [x] \\
 & - \text{ applying reverse on } [] \\
 & = [] ++ [x] \\
 & - \text{ applying ++ on } [] \text{ and } [x] \\
 & = [x] \\
 & \text{QED}
 \end{aligned}$$

**How to connect theorem with proof?**

**Theorems are types**  
**Proofs are programs**

— Curry & Howard

`singletonP :: x:a → { reverse [x] = [x] }`

`singletonP x`

`= reverse [x]`

`– applying reverse on [x]`

`= reverse [] ++ [x]`

`– applying reverse on []`

`= [] ++ [x]`

`– applying ++ on [] and [x]`

`= [x]`

`QED`

**Proof as a Haskell function**



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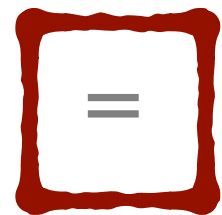
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`= [x]`

`QED`

**How to encode equality?**

# Equational Operator in (Liquid) Haskell

*checks both arguments are equal*

$(==.) :: x:a \rightarrow y:\{ \underline{a \mid x = y} \}$   
 $\rightarrow \{ \underline{v:a \mid v = x \ \&\& \ v = y} \}$

$x ==. y = y$

*returns 2nd argument,  
to continue the proof!*

$\text{singletonP} :: x : a \rightarrow \{ \text{reverse } [x] = [x] \}$

$\text{singletonP } x$

$= \text{reverse } [x]$

– applying reverse on  $[x]$

$= \text{reverse } [] ++ [x]$

– applying reverse on  $[]$

$= [] ++ [x]$

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QED

**How to encode QED?**

Define QED as data constructor...

```
data QED = QED
```

... that casts anything into a proof  
(i.e., a unit value).

```
(*** ) :: a -> QED -> ()  
_     *** QED = ()
```

`singletonP :: x:a → { reverse [x] = [x] }`

`singletonP x`

`= reverse [x]`

`– applying reverse on [x]`

`==. reverse [] ++ [x]`

`– applying reverse on []`

`==. [] ++ [x]`

`– applying ++ on [] and [x]`

`==. [x]`

`*** QED`

## Theorem Proving in Haskell



## Theorems are Types

`singletonP :: x:a → { reverse [x] = [x] }`

## Theorem Application is Function Call

`singletonP 1 :: { reverse [1] = [1] }`

# Theorem Application is Function Call

```
singletonP1 :: { reverse [1] = [1] }
singletonP1
  = reverse [1]
  ? singletonP 1
==. [1]
*** QED
```

```
(?) :: a -> () -> a
x ? _ = x
```

# Theorem Proving for All

Reasoning about Haskell Programs in Haskell!

Equational operators (`==.`, `?`, `QED`, `***`)  
let us encode proofs as Haskell functions  
checked by Liquid Haskell.

# **Theorem Proving for All**

Reasoning about Haskell Programs in Haskell!

How to encode inductive proofs?

**Theorem:** For any list  $x$ ,  $\text{reverse} (\text{reverse } x) = x$ .

## Proof.

### Base Case:

```
reverse (reverse [])  
– applying inner reverse  
= reverse []  
– applying reverse  
= []  
QED
```

### Inductive Case:

```
reverse (reverse (x:xs))  
– applying inner reverse  
= reverse (reverse xs ++ [x])  
– distributivity on (reverse xs) [x]  
= reverse [x] ++ reverse (reverse xs)  
– involution on xs  
= reverse [x] ++ xs  
– singleton on x  
= [x] ++ xs  
– applying ++  
= x:([ ] ++ xs)  
– applying ++  
= (x:xs)  
QED
```



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```

**Step 1:** Define a recursive function!

**Theorem:** For any list  $x$ ,  $\text{reverse} (\text{reverse } x) = x$ .

**Proof.**

```
involutionP []  
=   reverse (reverse [])  
   - applying inner reverse  
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   - applying reverse  
=   []  
   QED
```

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=   (x:xs)  
   QED
```

**Step 1** Define equations for operations!

**Theorem:** For any list  $x$ ,  $\text{reverse} (\text{reverse } x) = x$ .

**Proof.**

```
involutionP []  
==. reverse (reverse [])  
   - applying inner reverse  
==. reverse []  
   - applying reverse  
==. []  
*** QED
```

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==. (x:xs)  
*** QED
```

**Step 2:** ~~is an equation for all lists!~~



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**Step 3:** Lemmata are function calls!

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**Note:** Inductive hypothesis is recursive call!

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**Question:** Is the proof well founded?



Used to encode pen-and-pencil proofs  
and function optimizations.

“Theorem Proving for All”, Haskell’18

<https://bit.ly/2yjuJo3>



Used to encode pen-and-pencil proofs  
or even sophisticated security proofs.

“LWeb: Information Flow Security for  
Multi-Tier Web Applications”, POPL’19

<https://bit.ly/2EcyDAh>



Used to encode pen-and-pencil proofs  
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“Liquidate your assets”, POPL’20

<https://bit.ly/2Ht3uIG>



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But, proof interaction is missing.



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