

Easy Dependently Typed Programming

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What are Dependent Types?

1 Expressive

- We can use dependent types as glorified assertion.
- Types are artificial constructs!
- Values are things that we can be consumed by functions, or created by functions.
- There is no distinction between types and values same as above applies for types.

2 Powerful

You can define precise constraints and encode invariants that ensure consistency.

3 Practical

They allow you to catch bugs at compile-time, effort is made when articulating consistency rather than finding inconsistencies at debug time...

Idris: A warm-up

```
x0 : Int -- x0 has type of Int AND
```

```
x0 = 1 -- x0 has value of 1
```

```
t0 : Type -- t0 has type of Type AND
```

```
t0 = Int -- t0 has value of Int
```

Question from StackOverflow

How to specify constraints when defining data types in Haskell

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I understand the principle of "making illegal states unrepresentable" in functional languages, but I often have troubles putting it in practice.

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As an example, I am trying to define a trading book model. I've defined these data types:



```
data Side = Buy | Sell
  deriving (Show, Eq)

data Order =
  Order
  {
    orderSide      :: Side
  , orderQuantity  :: Int
  , orderPrice     :: Float
  }
  deriving (Eq)

data Book =
  Book
  { buy  :: [Order]
  , sell :: [Order]
  }
  deriving (Show)
```

Basically, meaning that a `Book` is a type with two lists of orders, one per side.

However, this is perfectly valid:

```
ghci> o = Order Sell 10 92.22
ghci> Book [o] []
Book {buy = [Order {orderSide = Sell, orderQuantity = 10, orderPrice = 92.22}], sel
```

And it is also perfectly wrong.

How can I express the constraint that only `Buy` orders should go to the buy side, and `Sell` orders on the other?

Idris: No dependent types

```
data Side : Type where
```

```
  Buy : Side
```

```
  Sell : Side
```

```
t1 : Type
```

```
t1 = Side
```

```
record Order where
```

```
  constructor MkOrder
```

```
  side : Side
```

```
  quantity : Int
```

```
  price : Double
```

```
t2 : Type
```

```
t2 = Order
```

```
record Book0 where
```

```
  constructor MkBook0
```

```
  buy0 : List Order
```

```
  sell0 : List Order
```

```
aBuyOrder : Order
```

```
aBuyOrder = MkOrder
```

```
  { side = Buy
```

```
  , quantity = 10
```

```
  , price = 42.0
```

```
  }
```

```
aSellOrder : Order
```

```
aSellOrder = MkOrder
```

```
  { side = Sell
```

```
  , quantity = 10
```

```
  , price = 42.0
```

```
  }
```

```
buy : Order -> Bool
```

```
buy (MkOrder Buy _ _) = True
```

```
buy _ = False
```

```
sell : Order -> Bool
```

```
sell (MkOrder Sell _ _) = True
```

```
sell _ = False
```

Idris: A bit of dependent types 1

```
data BuyOrder : Order -> Type where
  YesBuyOrder : BuyOrder (MkOrder Buy quantity price)
```

```
t3 : Type
t3 = BuyOrder Example.aBuyOrder
```

```
-- x3 : Example.t3
x3 : BuyOrder Example.aBuyOrder
x3 = YesBuyOrder
```

```
data SellOrder : Order -> Type where
  YesSellOrder : SellOrder (MkOrder Sell quantity price)
```

```
t4 : Type
t4 = SellOrder Example.aSellOrder
```

```
x4 : Example.t4
x4 = YesSellOrder
```

```
data OkOrders
  : (0 {-no runtime cost-} predicate : Order -> Type)
  -> List Order
  -> Type
```

```
where
```

```
Nil : OkOrders predicate []
```

```
Cons
```

```
  : (0 ok : predicate order)
```

```
  -> (0 okay : OkOrders predicate orders)
```

```
  -> OkOrders predicate (order :: orders)
```

```
t5 : Type
t5 = OkOrders BuyOrder [aBuyOrder, aBuyOrder]
```

```
x5 : Example.t5
x5 = Cons YesBuyOrder $ Cons YesBuyOrder $ Nil
```

Idris: A bit of dependent types 2

```
record Book where
  constructor MkBook
  buy   : List Order
  sell  : List Order
  0 sellOk : OkOrders SellOrder sell
  0 buyOk  : OkOrders BuyOrder  buy
```

```
t6 : Type
t6 = Book
```

```
assertBuyOrder : (o : Order) -> Maybe (BuyOrder o)
assertBuyOrder (MkOrder Buy _ _) = Just YesBuyOrder
assertBuyOrder _                 = Nothing
```

```
assertBuyOrders : (os : List Order) -> Maybe (OkOrders BuyOrder os)
assertBuyOrders [] = Just Nil
assertBuyOrders (o :: os) = case (assertBuyOrder o) of
  Nothing => Nothing
  Just b  => case (assertBuyOrders os) of
    Nothing => Nothing
    Just bs => Just (Cons b bs)
```

```
assertSellOrder : (o : Order) -> Maybe $ SellOrder o
assertSellOrder (MkOrder Sell _ _) = Just YesSellOrder
assertSellOrder _                 = Nothing
```

```
assertSellOrders : (os : List Order) -> Maybe $ OkOrders SellOrder os
assertSellOrders [] = Just Nil
assertSellOrders (o :: os) = case (assertSellOrder o) of
  Nothing => Nothing
  Just s  => case (assertSellOrders os) of
    Nothing => Nothing
    Just zs => Just (Cons s zs)
```

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```
readSellOrders : IO (List Order)
readSellOrders = ?todo1

readBuyOrders : IO (List Order)
readBuyOrders = ?todo2

createBook3 : IO (Maybe Book)
createBook3 = do
  sell <- readSellOrders
  buy <- readBuyOrders
  pure $ do
    sellOk <- assertSellOrders sell
    buyOk <- assertBuyOrders buy
    Just $ MkBook
      { buy = buy
      , sell = sell
      , sellOk = sellOk
      , buyOk = buyOk
      }
```


Adding Dependent Types to Your Code



No impossible cases

With dependent type programming, we can restrict data.



Visible assertions

Client codes see all assertions.



Keep calm, be consistent

Lack of consistency proofs results in compile errors.

Example from SQL: Safe Database Access

The Problem 🙄

SQL databases allow access to tables and views that are only known at runtime.

The Solution 💡

Using dependent types, we can ensure that SQL queries are correct at compile time, improving the quality and security of the system

Example 🔍

The type system can ensure that queries always reference existing tables and don't result in non-matching or inconsistent column values.

Dependent types in SQL queries

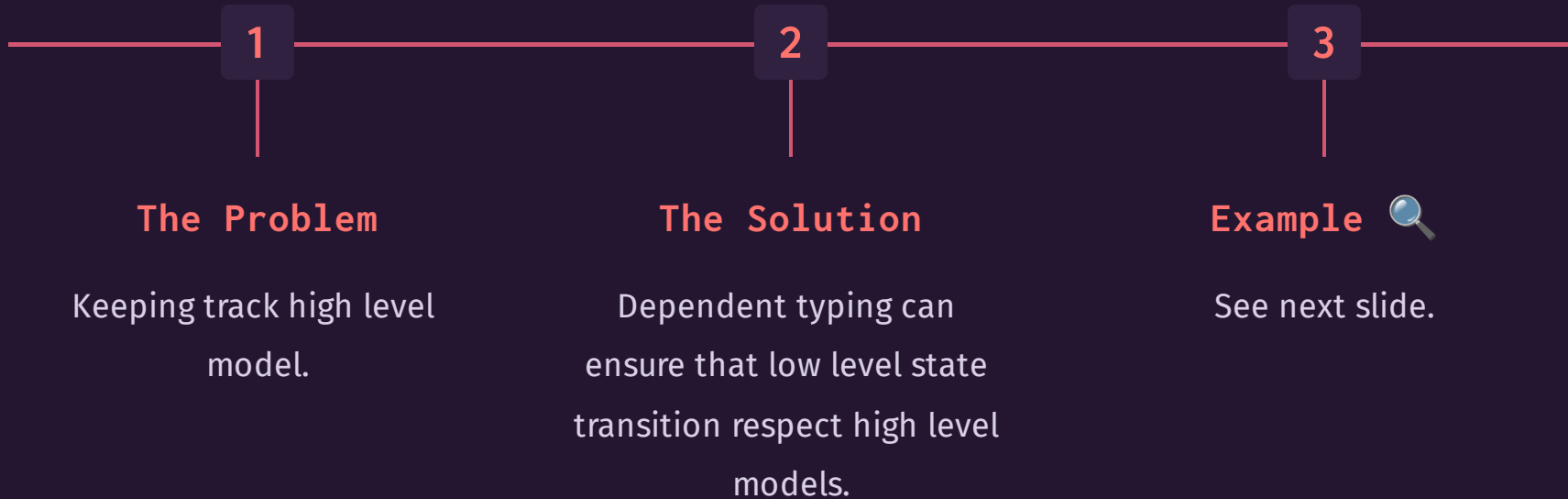
```
record Table where
  constructor MkTable
  name      : TableName
  fields    : List Field
  constraints : List Constraint
  0 validTable : ValidTable fields constraints

data ValidTable : List Field -> List Constraint -> Type where
  YesOfCourseValid : ValidTable fields constraints
  -- TODO: Implement this check

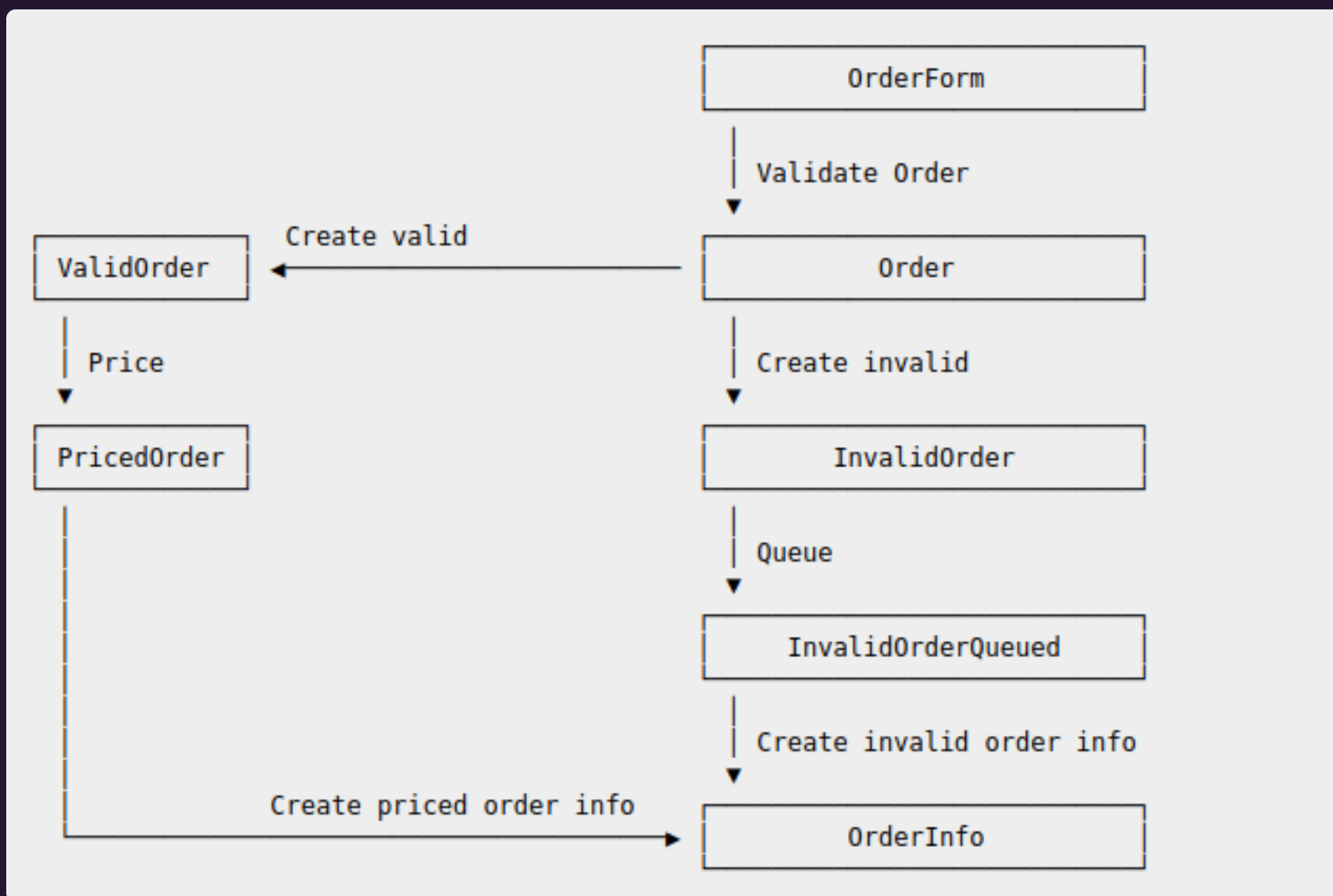
data Query : Type where
  Select
  : ( fields  : List FieldName)
  -> ( table   : Table)
  -> (1 okFields : SelectedFieldsDefinedInTable fields table.fields)
  => ( filters  : List (FieldName, String, String))
  -> (0 okFilters : FilteredFieldsDefinedInTable filters table.fields)
  => Query

renderQuery : Query -> String
renderQuery (Select fields table filters)
= "SELECT \{withCommas fields\} FROM \{table.name\}" ++
  (case filters of
  [] => ""
  fs =>
    " WHERE " ++
    (withCommas
      $ map (\(field, op, cond) => "\{field\} \{op\} \{cond\}") fs) ++
    ".")
  ;
```

Example from Domain Driven Design



Dependent types in DDD



```

data State
= OrderForm
| Order
| ValidOrder
| PricedOrder
| InvalidOrder
| InvalidOrderQueued
| OrderInfo
  
```

```

data Step : State -> State -> Type where
ValidateOrder : Step OrderForm    Order
AddInvalidOrder : Step InvalidOrder  InvalidOrderQueued
PriceOrder : Step ValidOrder    PricedOrder
SendAckToCustomer : Step PricedOrder  OrderInfo
SendInvalidOrder : Step InvalidOrderQueued  OrderInfo
  
```

```

StateType : Overview.State -> Type
StateType OrderForm    = Domain.OrderForm
StateType Order        = Either Domain.InvalidOrder Domain.Order
StateType ValidOrder   = Domain.Order
StateType PricedOrder  = Domain.PricedOrder
StateType InvalidOrder = Domain.InvalidOrder
StateType InvalidOrderQueued = List Domain.PlacedOrderEvent
StateType OrderInfo    = List Domain.PlacedOrderEvent
  
```

```

--          s -> IO e
step : Overview.Step s e -> (StateType s) -> IO (StateType e)
step ValidateOrder  st = validateOrder st
step AddInvalidOrder st = pure [InvalidOrderRegistered st]
step PriceOrder    st = priceOrder st
step SendAckToCustomer st = do
  ack <- acknowledgeOrder st
  placePricedOrder st
  pure $ createEvents st ack
step SendInvalidOrder st = pure st
  
```

Example from STG

Semantics of STG

Internal representation of GHC runtime.

Compile Idris to STG

Haskell libraries can be used from Idris programs.

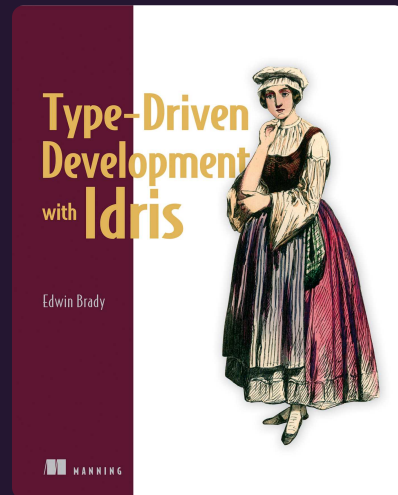
Dependent types in compilers

```
data STGExpr : Type where
  StgApp  : BinderId -> (List Arg) -> STGExpr
  StgLit  : Lit      -> STGExpr
  StgConApp : DataConId -> (List Arg) -> STGExpr
  StgOpApp : PrimOp -> (List Arg) -> STGExpr
  StgLet   : Binding -> STGExpr -> STGExpr
  StgCase
  : AltType
  -> STGExpr
  -> Binder
  -> (List Alt) -> STGExpr
```

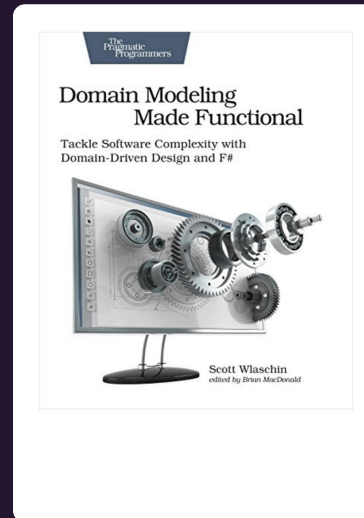
```
data STGExpr
  : RepType {- Representation of return value -}
  -> Type where
  StgApp
  : (qr : BinderId q) -> (Arguments qr) -> (r : RepType)
  -> STGExpr r
  StgLit
  : (l : Lit)
  -> STGExpr (litRepType l)
  StgConApp
  : (dr : DataConId r) -> (StgConAppArgType dr r)
  -> STGExpr (SingleValue LiftedRep)
  StgOpApp
  : (p : PrimOp name args ret)
  -> (StgOpArgType p args)
  -> STGExpr (SingleValue ret)
  StgLet
  : (v : Binding) -> (b : STGExpr r)
  -> STGExpr (letBinderRep v b)
  StgCase
  : (a : AltType)
  -> STGExpr (altRepType a)
  -> Binder (altRepType a)
  -> (List (Alt (altRepType a) r))
  -> STGExpr r
```

Conclusion and Further Resources

1 TDD with Idris 🔍



2 DDD Made functional



3 Going deep PLFA

