

HASKELL DOES IT WITH CLASS

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A programming challenge

Implement a typed version of *printf* in Haskell (the format string has been replaced by a more algebraic description).

```
Main> :t printf (lit "hello_␣world")
String
Main> :t printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)
Int → String → String
Main> let n3 = succ (succ (succ zero))
Main> :t printf (lit "three_␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int))
Int → Int → Int → String
```

An implementation for Standard ML (without *rep*) has been given by Olivier Danvy [JFP 8(6), *Functional unparsing*]. We will come back to this later.

Simulating dependent types in Haskell

Using singleton types, multiple parameter type classes, and functional dependencies we can simulate *dependent types* in Haskell—well, to a certain extent.

✕ Example 1: Variable-argument functions.

✕ Example 2: Functional unparsing.

This part of the talk is heavily inspired by recent work of Conor McBride [*Faking It—Simulating Dependent Types in Haskell*].

Example 1: Variable-argument functions

Say, we would like to implement the following family of functions that sum up their integer arguments.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum}_n &:: \text{Int}_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{Int}_n \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{sum}_n &= \lambda i_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \lambda i_n \rightarrow i_1 + \cdots + i_n \end{aligned}$$

Example 1: Mathematically

To define sum_n we use a helper function sum'_n with an accumulating parameter.

$$\begin{aligned} Sum_0 &= Int \\ Sum_{n+1} &= Int \rightarrow Sum_n \\ sum_n &:: Sum_n \\ sum_n &= sum'_n 0 \\ sum'_n &:: Int \rightarrow Sum_n \\ sum'_0 acc &= acc \\ sum'_{n+1} acc &= \lambda i \rightarrow sum'_n (acc + i) \end{aligned}$$

Example 1: Cayenne

In a language with dependent types, such as Cayenne, we can directly encode Sum_n and sum_n .

data Nat	$=$	$Zero \mid Succ\ Nat$
Sum	$::$	$Nat \rightarrow \#$
$Sum\ (Zero)$	$=$	Int
$Sum\ (Succ\ n)$	$=$	$Int \rightarrow Sum\ n$
sum	$::$	$(n :: Nat) \rightarrow Sum\ n$
$sum\ n$	$=$	$sum'\ n\ 0$
sum'	$::$	$(n :: Nat) \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Sum\ n$
$sum'\ (Zero)\ acc$	$=$	acc
$sum'\ (Succ\ n)\ acc$	$=$	$\lambda i \rightarrow sum'\ n\ (acc + i)$

Example 1: Haskell

First Idea: Haskell offers type classes that allow us to write functions that depend on types. This suggests lifting *Nat* to the type level using *singleton types*.

```
data Zero      = Zero  
data Succ nat  = Succ nat
```

Now, every natural number has a distinct type.

```
Zero          :: Zero  
Succ Zero     :: Succ Zero  
Succ (Succ Zero) :: Succ (Succ Zero)  
...
```

Second Idea: to specify the type of sum' we use *multiple parameter* type classes with *functional dependencies*.

```
sum                :: (Sum nat x)  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\rightarrow$  x
sum n              = sum' n 0

class Sum nat x | nat  $\rightarrow$  x where
    sum'           :: nat  $\rightarrow$  Int  $\rightarrow$  x

instance Sum Zero Int where
    sum' (Zero) acc = acc

instance Sum n x  $\Rightarrow$  Sum (Succ n) (Int  $\rightarrow$  x) where
    sum' (Succ n) acc =  $\lambda i \rightarrow$  sum' n (acc + i)
```

The function Sum has been replaced by a (functional) relation. However, the code is identical!

Example 1: An example session

Main > : t sum Zero

Int

Main > : t sum (Succ Zero)

Int → *Int*

Main > : t sum (Succ (Succ Zero))

Int → *Int* → *Int*

Main > : t sum (Succ (Succ (Succ Zero)))

Int → *Int* → *Int* → *Int*

Main > sum (Succ (Succ (Succ Zero))) 1 2 3

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Example 2: Cayenne

We introduce a tailor-made algebraic data type—essentially a list—instead of a format string.

```
data Format  =  End  
                |  L String Format  
                |  S Format  
                |  I Format
```

Again, we have to use a helper function.

<i>Printf</i>	$::$	<i>Format</i> \rightarrow $\#$
<i>Printf</i> (<i>End</i>)	$=$	<i>String</i>
<i>Printf</i> (<i>L</i> <i>fmt</i>)	$=$	<i>Printf</i> <i>fmt</i>
<i>Printf</i> (<i>S</i> <i>fmt</i>)	$=$	<i>String</i> \rightarrow <i>Printf</i> <i>fmt</i>
<i>Printf</i> (<i>I</i> <i>fmt</i>)	$=$	<i>Int</i> \rightarrow <i>Printf</i> <i>fmt</i>
<i>printf'</i>	$::$	(<i>fmt</i> $::$ <i>Format</i>) \rightarrow <i>String</i> \rightarrow <i>Printf</i> <i>fmt</i>
<i>printf'</i> (<i>End</i>) <i>out</i>	$=$	<i>out</i>
<i>printf'</i> (<i>L</i> <i>s</i> <i>fmt</i>) <i>out</i>	$=$	<i>printf'</i> <i>fmt</i> (<i>out</i> $\mathrel{++}$ <i>s</i>)
<i>printf'</i> (<i>S</i> <i>fmt</i>) <i>out</i>	$=$	$\lambda s \rightarrow$ <i>printf'</i> <i>fmt</i> (<i>out</i> $\mathrel{++}$ <i>s</i>)
<i>printf'</i> (<i>I</i> <i>fmt</i>) <i>out</i>	$=$	$\lambda i \rightarrow$ <i>printf'</i> <i>fmt</i> (<i>out</i> $\mathrel{++}$ <i>show</i> <i>i</i>)

Example 2: Cayenne—cosmetics

We want to write $\text{printf} \ (int \cdot \text{lit} \ _\text{is}_ \cdot \text{str})$.

FormatT	$::$	$\#$
FormatT	$=$	$\text{Format} \rightarrow \text{Format}$
(\cdot)	$::$	$(a, b, c :: \#) \mapsto (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)$
$f \cdot g$	$=$	$\lambda a \rightarrow f \ (g \ a)$
lit	$=$	L
str	$=$	S
int	$=$	I
printf	$::$	$(f :: \text{FormatT}) \rightarrow \text{Printf} \ (f \ \text{End})$
$\text{printf} \ f$	$=$	$\text{printf}' \ (f \ \text{End}) \ \text{Nil}$

Example 2: Haskell

Again, we use singleton types to lift *Format* to the type level.

```
data End      = End
data L format = L String format
data S format = S format
data I format = I format
```

Actually, *L format* is not a singleton type. This is fine, however, since the type of *printf'* is independent of *L*'s first argument.

```

class Printf format x | format  $\rightarrow$  x where
    printf' :: format  $\rightarrow$  String  $\rightarrow$  x
instance Printf End String where
    printf' (End) out = out
instance (Printf fmt x)  $\Rightarrow$  Printf (L fmt) x where
    printf' (L s fmt) out = printf' fmt (out ++ s)
instance (Printf fmt x)  $\Rightarrow$  Printf (S fmt) (String  $\rightarrow$  x) where
    printf' (S fmt) out =  $\lambda s \rightarrow$  printf' fmt (out ++ s)
instance (Printf fmt x)  $\Rightarrow$  Printf (I fmt) (Int  $\rightarrow$  x) where
    printf' (I fmt) out =  $\lambda i \rightarrow$  printf' fmt (out ++ show i)

```

Again, the code is identical!

Example 2: Haskell—cosmetics

We want to write $\text{printf } (\text{int} \cdot \text{lit } \text{"_is_"} \cdot \text{str})$.

(\cdot)	$::$	$(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)$
$f \cdot g$	$=$	$\lambda a \rightarrow f (g a)$
lit	$=$	L
str	$=$	S
int	$=$	I
printf	$::$	$(\text{Printf format } x) \Rightarrow (\text{End} \rightarrow \text{format}) \rightarrow x$
$\text{printf } f$	$=$	$\text{printf}' (f \text{ End}) \text{" "}$

NB. Actually, the real type of printf is $(\text{Printf } (f \text{ End}) x) \Rightarrow (\forall a . a \rightarrow f a) \rightarrow x$, but this type does not go well with Haskell's kinded first-order unification. **We will come back to this later.**

Example 2: An example session

Main > : t (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)

∀ a . a → *I* (*L* (*S* *a*))

Main > : t printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)

Int → *String* → *String*

Main > printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str) 5 "five"

"5␣is␣five"

Example 2: The Haskell solution is extensible

Since we have lifted the elements of *Format* to the type level, and since Haskell has *open* type classes, we can easily extend *printf*.

```
data E format      = E (Maybe Int) format
                   | F (Maybe Int) format
instance (Printf fmt x)  $\Rightarrow$  Printf (E fmt) (Double  $\rightarrow$  x) where
  printf' (E p fmt) out =  $\lambda d \rightarrow$  printf' fmt
                           (out ++ showEFloat p d "")
  printf' (F p fmt) out =  $\lambda d \rightarrow$  printf' fmt
                           (out ++ showFFloat p d "")
```

In Cayenne, we have to modify the source and add new cases to the *Format* data type and to the definition of *printf'*.

The drawback of open classes is, of course, that the report of ‘type errors’ may be delayed. For instance,

$$\textit{double } n = \textit{sum } n \ n \quad \text{-- } \textit{sum}'\text{s first argument is missing}$$

has type

$$\textit{double} :: (\textit{Sum } \textit{nat } (\textit{nat} \rightarrow a)) \Rightarrow \textit{nat} \rightarrow a.$$

An error is only reported when *double* is called.

Example 2: The Cayenne solution is extensible

Elements of type *Format* are first-class values; we can easily define functions that construct formats.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{append} & :: \text{Format} \rightarrow \text{Format} \rightarrow \text{Format} \\ \text{append} (\text{End}) y & = y \\ \text{append} (L\ s\ x) y & = L\ s\ (\text{append}\ x\ y) \\ \text{append} (S\ x) y & = S\ (\text{append}\ x\ y) \\ \text{append} (I\ x) y & = I\ (\text{append}\ x\ y) \\ \text{rep}' & :: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Format} \rightarrow \text{Format} \\ \text{rep}' (\text{Zero}) x & = \text{End} \\ \text{rep}' (\text{Succ}\ n) x & = \text{append}\ x\ (\text{rep}'\ n\ x) \end{array}$$

Using *append* and *rep'* we can implement the *rep* function, that repeats a given format a number of times.

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{rep} &:: \textit{Nat} \rightarrow \textit{FormatT} \rightarrow \textit{FormatT} \\ \textit{rep} \, n \, f \, x &= \textit{append} \, (\textit{rep}' \, n \, (f \, \textit{End})) \, x \end{aligned}$$

NB. *rep* can be defined more elegantly and more efficiently if we abstract away from *Format*. **We will come back to this later.**

Example 2: The Haskell solution is also extensible

Never fear, using our secret weapons we can easily implement *append* and *rep'*.

```
class Append  $x\ y\ z \mid x\ y \rightarrow z$  where  
     $append :: x \rightarrow y \rightarrow z$   
  
instance Append End  $y\ y$  where  
     $append\ (End)\ y = y$   
  
instance (Append  $x\ y\ z$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Append (L  $x$ )  $y\ (L\ z)$  where  
     $append\ (L\ s\ x)\ y = L\ s\ (append\ x\ y)$   
  
instance (Append  $x\ y\ z$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Append (S  $x$ )  $y\ (S\ z)$  where  
     $append\ (S\ x)\ y = S\ (append\ x\ y)$   
  
instance (Append  $x\ y\ z$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Append (I  $x$ )  $y\ (I\ z)$  where  
     $append\ (I\ x)\ y = I\ (append\ x\ y)$ 
```

class *Rep nat x y* | *nat x* \rightarrow *y* **where**

rep' $::$ *nat* \rightarrow *x* \rightarrow *y*

instance *Rep Zero x End* **where**

rep' (*Zero*) *x* = *End*

instance (*Append x y z, Rep n x y*) \Rightarrow *Rep (Succ n) x z* **where**

rep' (*Succ n*) *x* = *append x (rep' n x)*

rep $::$ (*Append x y z, Rep nat w x*) \Rightarrow

nat \rightarrow (*End* \rightarrow *w*) \rightarrow *y* \rightarrow *z*

rep n f x = *append (rep' n (f End)) x*

Example 2: Prolog strikes back

The class and instance definitions are actually horn clause programs with the functional dependencies specifying the input/output modes.

```
app (end, Y, Y) .  
app (l (X), Y, l (Z)) ← app (X, Y, Z) .  
app (s (X), Y, s (Z)) ← app (X, Y, Z) .  
app (i (X), Y, i (Z)) ← app (X, Y, Z) .  
rep (zero, X, end) .  
rep (succ (N), X, Z) ← app (X, Y, Z), rep (N, X, Y) .
```

Stocktaking

We can go a long way. Cayenne versus Haskell:

X Computational model:

Cayenne: FP on the value and on the type level.

Haskell: LP on the type and FP on the value level.

X Extensibility: Haskell wins?

X Expressiveness: Cayenne wins!

Example 2_r: More **elegance**, more type safety

In Cayenne, *rep* can be defined far more elegantly and efficiently if we make it polymorphic.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rep} &:: (a :: \#) \mapsto \text{Nat} \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a) \\ \text{rep } (\text{Zero}) \ f &= \text{id} \\ \text{rep } (\text{Succ } n) \ f &= f \cdot \text{rep } n \ f \end{aligned}$$

Example 2_r: More elegance, more **type safety**

Never fear, we can roughly achieve the same in Haskell. We haven't yet used our secret weapons of *type constructors* and *constructor classes*.

In Cayenne, *printf* operates on functions of type $Format \rightarrow Format$. This suggests to operate on types of kind $\# \rightarrow \#$ in Haskell.

```
newtype T f  =  T (∀a . a → f a)
printf       ::  (Printf (f End) x) ⇒ T f → x
printf (T f)  =  printf' (f End) ""
```

NB. T has kind $(\# \rightarrow \#) \rightarrow \#$.

Example 2^r: Basic functors

$$\textit{lit} \quad :: \quad \textit{String} \rightarrow T \ L$$
$$\textit{lit} \ s \quad = \quad T \ (\lambda a \rightarrow L \ s \ a)$$
$$\textit{str} \quad :: \quad T \ S$$
$$\textit{str} \quad = \quad T \ (\lambda a \rightarrow S \ a)$$
$$\textit{int} \quad :: \quad T \ I$$
$$\textit{int} \quad = \quad T \ (\lambda a \rightarrow I \ a)$$

Example 2_r: The identity functor

```
newtype Id a           = Id a  
id                      :: T Id  
id                      = T ( $\lambda a \rightarrow Id\ a$ )  
instance (Printf a x)  $\Rightarrow$  Printf (Id a) x where  
    printf' (Id fmt) out = printf' fmt out
```

NB. If we ignore *T* and *Id*, then *id* is just the identity.

Example 2^r: Composition of functors

```
newtype (f · g) a      = C (f (g a))
(·)                    :: T f → T g → T (f · g)
T f · T g              = T (λa → C (f (g a)))
instance (Printf (f (g a)) x) ⇒ Printf ((f · g) a) x where
    printf' (C fmt) out = printf' fmt out
```

NB. If we ignore T and C , then (\cdot) is just functional composition.

NB. Since the instance head is not simple, we have to set the GHC option `-fallow-undecidable-instances`.

Example 2_r: Repetition

```
class Rep nat f g | nat f  $\rightarrow$  g where  
    rep :: nat  $\rightarrow$  T f  $\rightarrow$  T g  
instance Rep Zero f Id where  
    rep (Zero) f = id  
instance (Rep n f g)  $\Rightarrow$  Rep (Succ n) f (f  $\cdot$  g) where  
    rep (Succ n) f = f  $\cdot$  rep n f
```

The class *Rep* is a multi parameter constructor class with functional dependencies. Wow!

Example 2_r: An example session

```
Main> : t (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)
```

```
T (I · L · S)
```

```
Main> : t printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)
```

```
Int → String → String
```

```
Main> printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str) 5 "five"
```

```
"5␣is␣five"
```

```
Main> : t (lit "three␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int))
```

```
T (L · L · I · L · I · L · I · Id)
```

```
Main> : t printf (lit "three␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int))
```

```
Int → Int → Int → String
```

```
Main> printf (lit "three␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int)) 1 2 3
```

```
"three␣ints:␣1␣2␣3"
```

Example 2^{r2}: Hey, this is generic programming

Recall that we have lifted *Format* to the type level. This turns *printf'* into a type-indexed function and *Printf* into a type-indexed type!

$Printf_{fmt} :: \#$	$:: \#$
$Printf_{End}$	$= String$
$Printf_L\ fmt$	$= Printf_{fmt}$
$Printf_S\ fmt$	$= String \rightarrow Printf_{fmt}$
$Printf_I\ fmt$	$= Int \rightarrow Printf_{fmt}$
$printf'_{fmt} :: \#$	$:: fmt \rightarrow String \rightarrow Printf_{fmt}$
$printf'_{End}\ (End)\ out$	$= out$
$printf'_{L\ fmt}\ (L\ s\ fmt)\ out$	$= printf'_{fmt}\ fmt\ (out \ ++\ s)$
$printf'_{S\ fmt}\ (S\ fmt)\ out$	$= \lambda s \rightarrow printf'_{fmt}\ fmt\ (out \ ++\ s)$
$printf'_{I\ fmt}\ (I\ fmt)\ out$	$= \lambda i \rightarrow printf'_{fmt}\ fmt\ (out \ ++\ show\ i)$

Let us specialize *Printf* and *printf'* to the four format types.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textit{Printf}_{\textit{End}} & = \textit{String} \\ \textit{Printf}_L & = \textit{Id} \\ \textit{Printf}_S & = (\textit{String} \rightarrow) \\ \textit{Printf}_I & = (\textit{Int} \rightarrow) \\ \textit{printf}'_{\textit{End}} (\textit{End}) \textit{out} & = \textit{out} \\ \textit{printf}'_L \textit{pr} (L \textit{s} \textit{fmt}) \textit{out} & = \textit{pr} \textit{fmt} (\textit{out} \text{++} \textit{s}) \\ \textit{printf}'_S \textit{pr} (S \textit{fmt}) \textit{out} & = \lambda s \rightarrow \textit{pr} \textit{fmt} (\textit{out} \text{++} \textit{s}) \\ \textit{printf}'_I \textit{pr} (I \textit{fmt}) \textit{out} & = \lambda i \rightarrow \textit{pr} \textit{fmt} (\textit{out} \text{++} \textit{show} \textit{i}) \end{array}$$

Note that the type of printf'_F , where F has kind $\# \rightarrow \#$, is

$$\forall a \ x . (a \rightarrow \text{String} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (F \ a \rightarrow \text{String} \rightarrow \text{Printf}_F \ x).$$

Now, all format types are singletons (except L), so we can throw away the value arguments. If we rename printf'_F appropriately, we obtain essentially Olivier Danvy's solution (see next slide).

```
newtype T f  =  T (∀x . (String → x) → (String → f x))  
printf       ::  T f → f String  
printf (T f) =  f (λout → out) ""      -- first version
```

Example 2^r: Basic functors

$lit \quad :: \quad String \rightarrow T \ Id$

$lit \ s \quad = \quad T \ (\lambda pr \ out \rightarrow Id \ (pr \ (out \ ++ \ s)))$

$int \quad :: \quad T \ (Int \rightarrow)$

$int \quad = \quad T \ (\lambda pr \ out \rightarrow \lambda i \rightarrow pr \ (out \ ++ \ show \ i))$

$str \quad :: \quad T \ (String \rightarrow)$

$str \quad = \quad T \ (\lambda pr \ out \rightarrow \lambda s \rightarrow pr \ (out \ ++ \ s))$

Example 2_r²: Identity functor

newtype $Id\ a = Id\ a$

$id :: T\ Id$

$id = T\ (\lambda pr\ out \rightarrow Id\ (pr\ out))$

NB. Again, if we ignore T and Id , then id is just the identity.

Example 2_r²: Composition of functors

```
newtype (f · g) a  =  C (f (g a))  
(·)                ::  T f → T g → T (f · g)  
T f · T g          =  T (λpr out → C (f (g pr) out))
```

NB. Again, if we ignore T and C , then (\cdot) is just functional composition.

Example 2_r²: Repetition

We apply the same technique to *rep*—and obtain the Church numerals.

<i>zero</i>	$::$	$T\ f \rightarrow T\ Id$
<i>zero</i> <i>f</i>	$=$	<i>id</i>
<i>succ</i>	$::$	$(T\ f \rightarrow T\ g) \rightarrow (T\ f \rightarrow T\ (f \cdot g))$
<i>succ</i> <i>n</i> <i>f</i>	$=$	$f \cdot n\ f$
<i>rep</i>	$::$	$(T\ f \rightarrow T\ g) \rightarrow (T\ f \rightarrow T\ g)$
<i>rep</i> <i>n</i> <i>f</i>	$=$	$n\ f$

Unfortunately, now we have to get rid of the data constructors *Id* and *C* introduced by the **newtype** declarations.

Example 2^{r2}: Casting

class *Cast* *a b* | *a* \rightarrow *b* **where**

cast :: *a* \rightarrow *b*

instance *Cast* *String String* **where**

cast *s* = *s*

instance (*Cast* *a x*) \Rightarrow *Cast* (*Id* *a*) *x* **where**

cast (*Id* *a*) = *cast* *a*

instance (*Cast* (*f* (*g* *a*)) *x*) \Rightarrow *Cast* ((*f* \cdot *g*) *a*) *x* **where**

cast (*C* *a*) = *cast* *a*

instance (*Cast* *x y*) \Rightarrow *Cast* (*a* \rightarrow *x*) (*a* \rightarrow *y*) **where**

cast *f* = $\lambda a \rightarrow \text{cast } (f \ a)$

printf :: (*Cast* (*f* *String*) *b*) \Rightarrow *T* *f* \rightarrow *b*

printf (*T* *f*) = *cast* (*f* ($\lambda out \rightarrow out$) "") -- final version

Example 2^{r2}: An example session

```
Main> : t (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)
```

```
T ((Int →) · Id · (String →))
```

```
Main> : t printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str)
```

```
Int → String → String
```

```
Main> printf (int · lit "␣is␣" · str) 5 "five"
```

```
"5␣is␣five"
```

```
Main> : t (lit "three␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int))
```

```
T (Id · Id · (Int →) · Id · (Int →) · Id · (Int →) · Id)
```

```
Main> : t printf (lit "three␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int))
```

```
Int → Int → Int → String
```

```
Main> printf (lit "three␣ints:" · rep n3 (lit "␣" · int)) 1 2 3
```

```
"three␣ints:␣1␣2␣3"
```


Example 2^{r2}: Olivier Danvy's solution

We simply use Hindley-Milner types (alas, *rep* does not work anymore).

<i>lit</i>	::	$String \rightarrow (String \rightarrow ans) \rightarrow String \rightarrow ans$
<i>lit s k out</i>	=	$k (out \mathrel{++} s)$
<i>int</i>	::	$(String \rightarrow ans) \rightarrow String \rightarrow Int \rightarrow ans$
<i>int k out</i>	=	$\lambda i \rightarrow k (out \mathrel{++} show\ i)$
<i>str</i>	::	$(String \rightarrow ans) \rightarrow String \rightarrow String \rightarrow ans$
<i>str k out</i>	=	$\lambda s \rightarrow k (out \mathrel{++} s)$
<i>printf</i>	::	$((String \rightarrow String) \rightarrow String \rightarrow ans) \rightarrow ans$
<i>printf fmt</i>	=	$fmt (\lambda out \rightarrow out) ""$

Olivier thinks the *k*'s are *continuations* whereas I like to think of them as *dictionaries*.

Stocktaking

- ✗ **Cayenne:** functions with dependent types (types that depend on values).
- ✗ **Generic programming:** via lifting we obtain type-indexed functions that have type-indexed types.
- ✗ **Haskell:** we can simulate (to a certain extent) dependent types using multiple parameter type classes and functional dependencies. This also means, that we can implement type-indexed types using these features—except that we have to write the instances by hand.

I can see more clearly now.

— Mac McDougal / Aron Kozac - Trolltech