

A Brief Introduction to Parallel Programming in Fortress

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Fortress: Programmable HPC

- Ubiquitous parallelism
- Transactional synchronization
- Key language features defined by libraries
- Flexible, whitespace-aware mathematical syntax
- Strong typing with polymorphism
- Resolution of overloading based on dynamic types

Hello World: Fortress Program #1

```
component hello
```

```
export Executable
```

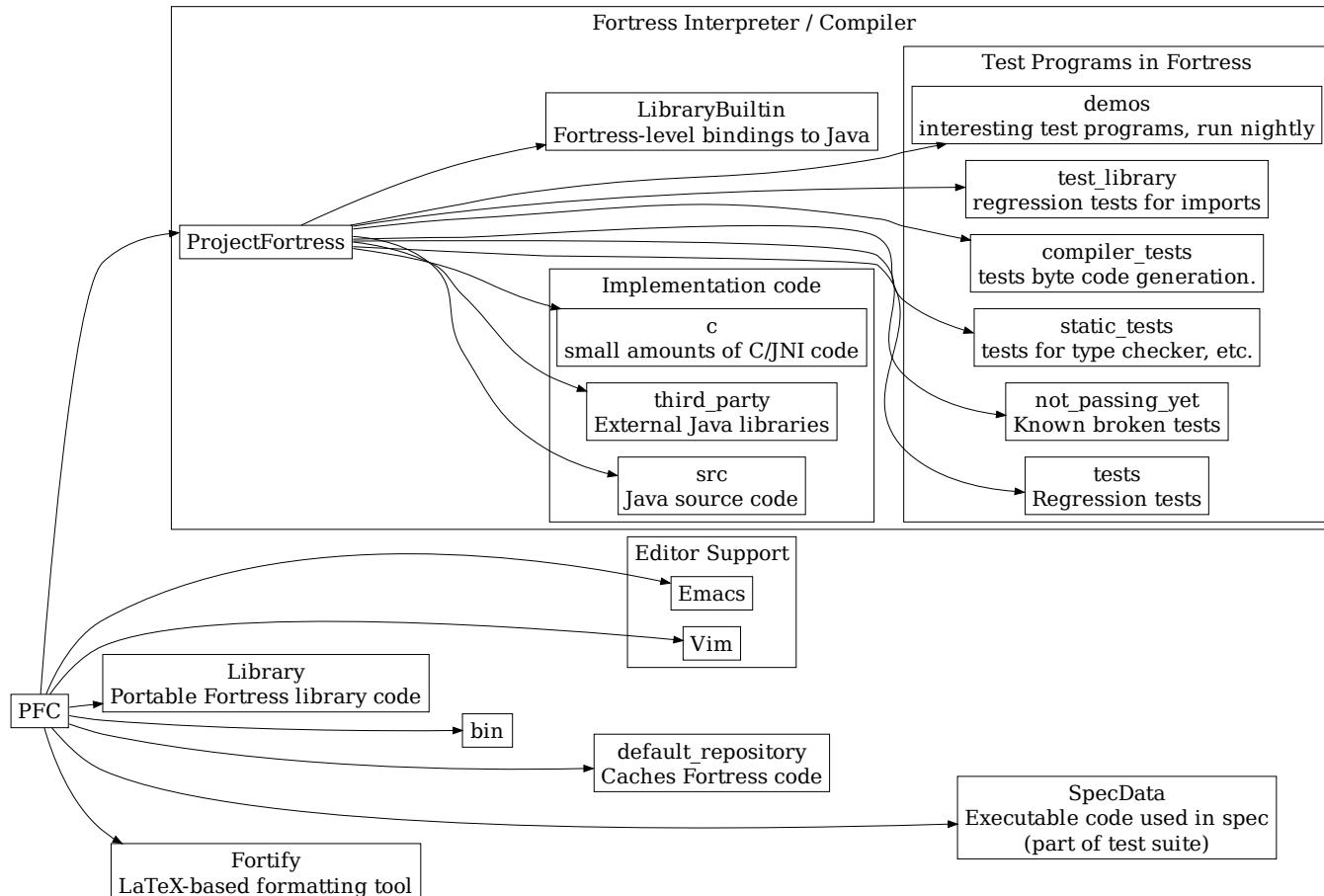
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```

```
end
```

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Fortress Repository Structure



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    run():()
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- Hello, World!

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- bin/fortress ProjectFortress/**hello.fss**

Factorial

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Factorial: Function

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```
component Factorial
    export Executable
    factorial(n: ZZ32) =
        if 0 <= n <= 1 then 1
        elif n > 1 then n(factorial(n-1))
        end
    run() = println(factorial 5)
end
```

Factorial: Function

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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  export Executable
  factorial(n: Z32) =
    if 0 ≤ n ≤ 1 then 1
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    end
  run() = println(factorial 5)
end
```

Factorial: Juxtaposition

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  factorial(n: Z32) =
    if n ≤ 1 then 1
    elif n > 1 then n(factorial(n - 1))
    end
  run() = println(factorial 5)
end

```

Factorial: Operator

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! =
    if 0 ≤ n ≤ 1 then 1
    elif n > 1 then n(n - 1)!
    end
  run() = println 5!
end

```

Factorial: Exception

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! =
    if 0 ≤ n ≤ 1 then 1
    elif n > 1 then n(n - 1)!
    else fail "Non-negative integer is expected."
    end
  run() = println 5!
end

```

Factorial: Assertion

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! =
    if 0 ≤ n ≤ 1 then 1
    elif n > 1 then n(n - 1)!
    else fail “Non-negative integer is expected.”
    end
  run() = assert(5!, 120)
end

```

Factorial: Mutable Local Variable

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! = do
    var result: Z32 = 1
    for i ← 1:n do atomic result := result i end
    result
  end
  run() = assert(5!, 120)
end

```

Factorial: Parallel For Loop

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! = do
    var result: Z32 = 1
    for i ← 1:n do atomic result := result i end
    result
  end
  run() = assert(5!, 120)
end

```

Factorial: Atomic Transaction

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! = do
    var result: Z32 = 1
    for i ← 1:n do atomic result := result i end
    result
  end
  run() = assert(5!, 120)
end

```

Factorial: While Loop

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ n(n-1)! & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

```

component Factorial
  export Executable
  opr (n: Z32)! = do
    var result: Z32 = 1
    var i: Z32 = 1
    while i ≤ n do atomic result := result i; i += 1 end
    result
  end
  run() = assert(5!, 120)
end

```

Basics from Fortress Libraries

- Types: ZZ32, Boolean, String
- `println`

```
println(a:String):()
```

```
println(a:Number):()
```

- `fail`

```
fail[\T\](s:String):T = do
    errorPrintln("FAIL: " s)
    throw FailCalled(s)
end
```

- `assert`

```
(* Assertion *)
```

```
assert(flag:Boolean): ()
```

```
assert(flag: Boolean, failMsg: String): ()
```

```
assert(x:Any, y:Any, failMsg: Any...): ()
```

Basics from Fortress Libraries

- Types: $\mathbb{Z}32$, Boolean, String
- *println*

println($a : \text{String}$) : ()

println($a : \text{Number}$) : ()

- *fail*

fail[[T]]($s : \text{String}$) : $T = \text{do}$

errorPrintln("FAIL: " s)

throw FailCalled(s)

end

- *assert*

(* Assertion *)

assert($flag : \text{Boolean}$) : ()

assert($flag : \text{Boolean}$, *failMsg* : String) : ()

assert($x : \text{Any}$, $y : \text{Any}$, *failMsg* : Any ...) : ()

Exercise: Fibonnaci

```
fib(n: ZZ32): ZZ32 =  
  
    if n < 0  
        then fail("Non-negative integer is expected.")  
    elif n < 2 then n  
    else fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)  
    end
```

```
fib(n: ZZ32): ZZ32 =  
  
    if n < 0  
        then fail("Non-negative integer is expected.")  
    elif n < 2 then n  
    else fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)  
    end
```

Exercise: Histogram

```
hist(primes: Set[\ZZ32\]): ZZ32[10] = do
    result = array1[\ZZ32,10\](0)
    for p <- primes do
        atomic result[p MOD 10] += 1
    end
    result
end
```

```
hist(primes: Set[\mathbb{Z}32\]): \mathbb{Z}32[10] = do
    result = array_1[\mathbb{Z}32, 10\](0)
    for p ← primes do
        atomic result[p MOD 10] += 1
    end
    result
end
```

Libraries and Lists

Goals

- Understand APIs and libraries
- Know where to look for libraries
- Write programs using lists

Components and APIs

In ProjectFortress/hello.fss:

```
component hello
  export Executable
```

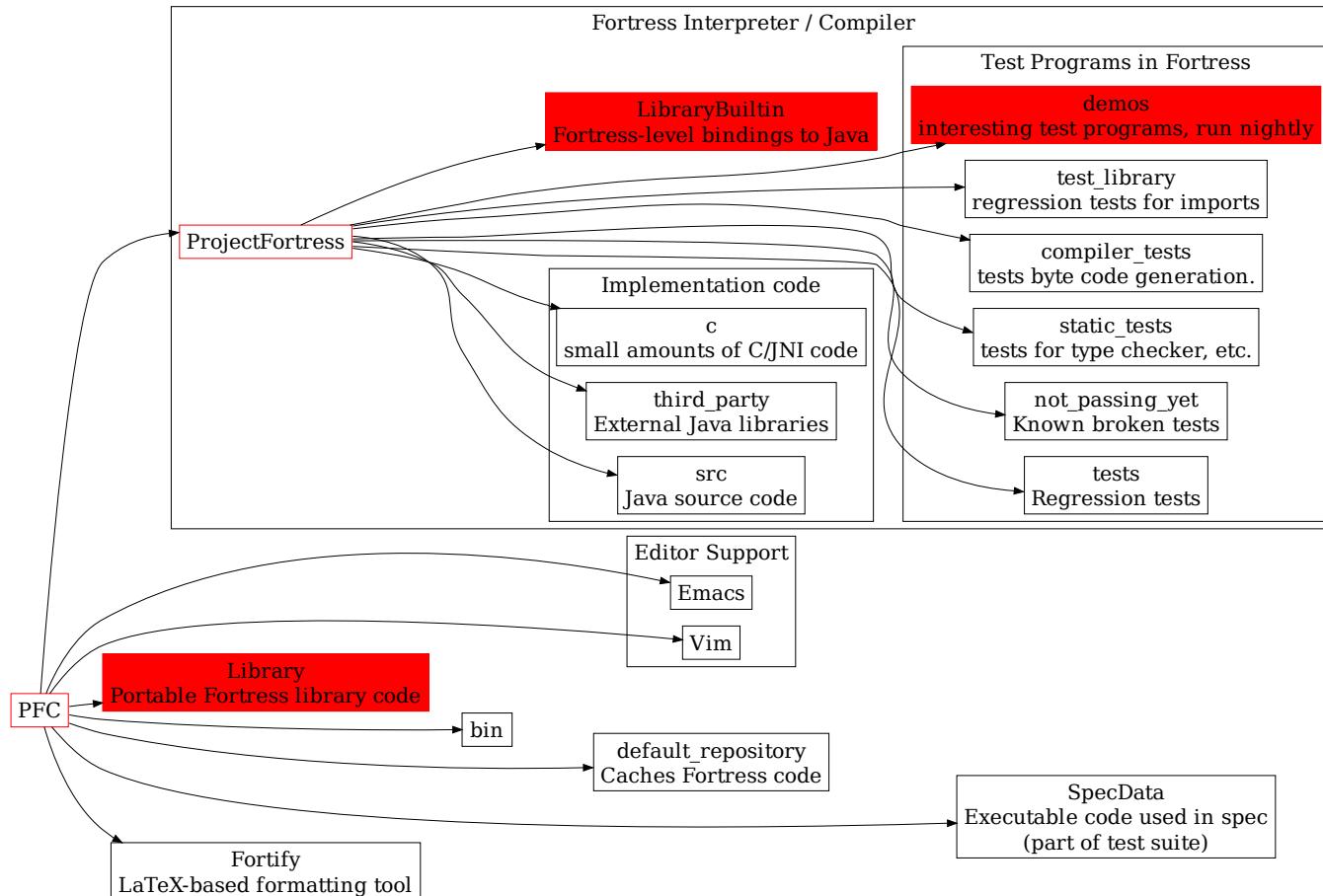
```
  run() = println("Hello, World!")
```

```
end
```

In Library/Executable.fsi:

```
api Executable
  run(): ()
end
```

Fortress Repository Structure



Some Fortress Libraries

ProjectFortress/LibraryBuiltin/FortressBuiltin.fsi

Library/FortressLibrary.fsi

Library/List.fsi

Library/CaseInsensitiveString.fsi

Library/Set.fsi

Library/File.fsi

Library/Map.fsi

Library/Format.fsi

Library/IntMap.fsi

Library/System.fsi

Library/Heap.fsi

Library/Timing.fsi

Library/Sparse.fsi

Library/Constants.fsi

Library/Relation.fsi

Library/Generator2.fsi

Library/QuickSort.fsi

Library/Shuffle.fsi

The List Library

```
trait List[\E\] extends { AnyList, LexicographicOrder[\List[\E\],E\] }
  getter extractLeft(): Maybe[\(E,List[\E\])\]
  getter extractRight(): Maybe[\(List[\E\],E)\]
  opr ||(self, other>List[\E\]): List[\E\]
  addLeft(e:E):List[\E\]
  addRight(e:E):List[\E\]
  split(): (List[\E\], List[\E\])
  zip[\F\](other: List[\F\]): Generator[\(E,F)\]
  filter(p: E -> Boolean): List[\E\]
end

opr <| [\E\] xs: E... |>: List[\E\]
opr BIG <| [\T\] |>:Comprehension[\T,List[\T\],List[\T\],List[\T\]\]
opr BIG <| [\T\] g:Generator[\T\] |>:List[\T\]
```

The List Library

```

trait List[E] extends { AnyList, LexicographicOrder[List[E], E] }
  getter extractLeft(): Maybe[(E, List[E])]
  getter extractRight(): Maybe[(List[E], E)]
  opr || (self, other : List[E]): List[E]
  addLeft(e : E) : List[E]
  addRight(e : E) : List[E]
  split(): (List[E], List[E])
  zip[F](other: List[F]): Generator[(E, F)]
  filter(p: E → Boolean): List[E]
end

opr <[E]xs: E ...>: List[E]
opr BIG<[T]> : Comprehension[T, List[T], List[T], List[T]]
opr BIG<[T]>g : Generator[T] : List[T]

```

Inherited from LexicographicOrder

```
getter asString():String
getter isEmpty(): Boolean
getter nonEmpty(): Boolean
getter indexValuePairs(): Indexed[(I,E),I]
opr |self| : ZZ32 = self.size
opr ==(self,other>List[\"E\"]): Boolean
opr <(self, other>List[\"E\"]): Boolean
opr >(self, other>List[\"E\"]): Boolean
opr >=(self, other>List[\"E\"]): Boolean
opr <=(self, other>List[\"E\"]): Boolean
opr [n:ZZ32]: E
opr [n:Range[\"ZZ32\"]]: List[\"E\"]
generate[\"R\"] (r: Reduction[\"R\"], body: E->R): R
seq(self): SequentialGenerator[\"E\"]
opr IN(elt:T, self): Boolean
```

Inherited from LexicographicOrder

```
getter asString(): String
getter isEmpty(): Boolean
getter nonEmpty(): Boolean
getter indexValuePairs(): Indexed $\llbracket (I, E), I \rrbracket$ 
opr |self| :  $\mathbb{Z}32$ 
opr  $=$ (self, other : List $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ ): Boolean
opr  $<$ (self, other : List $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ ): Boolean
opr  $>$ (self, other : List $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ ): Boolean
opr  $\geq$ (self, other : List $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ ): Boolean
opr  $\leq$ (self, other : List $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ ): Boolean
opr [n :  $\mathbb{Z}32$ ]: E
opr [n : Range $\llbracket \mathbb{Z}32 \rrbracket$ ]: List $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ 
generate $\llbracket R \rrbracket$ (r: Reduction $\llbracket R \rrbracket$ , body: E  $\rightarrow$  R): R
seq(self): SequentialGenerator $\llbracket E \rrbracket$ 
opr  $\in$ (elt : T, self): Boolean
```

Aggregate list constants

```
component listExample
```

```
export Executable
```

```
run(): () = do
    empty = <| |>           opr <| [\E\] xs:E... |>
    println(empty.asString)
end                                getter asString(): String
```

```
end
```

/.../listExample.fss:6:13-16:

Operator <| |> is not defined.

Aggregate list constants

```
component listExample
  export Executable
  import List.{ opr <| |> }

  run(): () = do
    empty = <| |>           opr <| [\E\] xs:E... |>
    println(empty.asString)
  end                                getter asString(): String
```

```
end
```

<| |>

Aggregate list constants

```
component listExample
```

```
export Executable
```

```
import List.{...}
```

```
run(): () = do
    empty = <| |>
    println(empty)
```

```
end
```

```
opr <| [\E\] xs:E...|>
```

```
getter asString(): String
```

```
end
```

<| |>

Aggregate list constants

```
component listExample
```

```
export Executable
```

```
import List.{...}
```

```
run(): () = do
```

String juxtaposition

```
    empty = <| |>
```

concatenates strings.

```
    println("Answer: " empty)
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

Answer: <| |>

Type information for list aggregates

```
empty = <| |>  
strings = <| "Hello", "There" |>  
println(empty || strings)
```

opr ||(self,
other:List[\E\])

List append operator

<|Hello, There|>

Type information for list aggregates

```
empty : List[\String\] = <| |>
strings : List[\String\] = <| "Hello", "There" |>
println(empty || strings)
```

/.../listExample.fss:7:1-22:

RHS expression type ArrayList[\BOTTOM\] is not
assignable to LHS type List[\String\]

Context:

/.../listExample.fss:7:1-22:

/.../listExample.fss:7:1-22:

Type information for list aggregates

```
empty : List[\String\] = <| [\String\] |>
strings : List[\String\] = <| "Hello", "There" |>
println(empty || strings)
```

/.../listExample.fss:8:1-24:

RHS expression type ArrayList[\FlatString\] is not
assignable to LHS type List[\String\]

Context:

/.../listExample.fss:8:1-24:

/.../listExample.fss:8:1-24:

Type information for list aggregates

```
empty : List[\String\] = <| [\String\] |>
strings : List[\String\] = <| [\String\] "Hello",
                           "There" |>
println(empty || strings)
```

<|Hello, There|>

Specify types in list
aggregates in order to avoid
type errors later

Parallel List Filter

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =
  if |xs| = 0 then
    <| [\String\] |>
  elif |xs| = 1 then
    if xs[0] = "Hello" then
      <| [\String\] |>
    else
      xs
    end
  else
    (ys, zs) = xs.split()
    noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)
  end

strings = <| [\String\] "Hello", "there",
           "how", "are", "you", "?" |>
println(noHello(strings))
```

Parallel List Filter

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
    if |xs| = 0 then  
        <| [\String\] |>          opr |self|: ZZ32  
    elif |xs| = 1 then  
        if xs[0] = "Hello" then  
            <| [\String\] |>  
        else  
            xs  
        end  
    else  
        (ys, zs) = xs.split()  
        noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)  
    end
```

Recursive subdivision
using split().

Using case

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
  case |xs| of  
    0 => xs  
    1 => if xs[0] = "Hello" then  
      <| [\String\] |>  
      else xs  
      end  
    else =>  
      (ys,zs) = xs.split()  
      noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)  
  end
```

Only computes
|xs| once.

AND and OR

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
    if |xs| = 0 OR  
        |xs| = 1 AND xs[0] = "Hello" then  
            <| [\String\] |>  
    elif |xs| = 1 then  
        xs  
    else  
        (ys, zs) = xs.split()  
        noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)  
    end
```

Fails when
xs is empty!

Shortcut AND: and OR:

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
    if |xs| = 0 OR:  
        |xs| = 1 AND: xs[0] = "Hello" then  
            <| [\String\] |>  
    elif |xs| = 1 then  
        xs  
    else  
        (ys, zs) = xs.split()  
        noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)  
    end
```

Use trailing :
for short circuit
evaluation

Extracting a Sublist

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
    if |xs| >= 1 AND: xs[0] = "Hello" then  
        noHello(xs[ 1: ])  
    elif |xs| <= 1 then           Index with a range  
        xs                         1:u or 1#size  
    else                          extracts a sublist  
        (ys, zs) = xs.split()  
        noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)  
    end
```

Cdring Down Sequentially

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
    if (hd,tl) <- xs.extractLeft then  
        tl' = noHello(tl)  
        if hd = "Hello" then  
            tl'  
        else  
            tl'.addLeft(hd)          Not recommended!  
        end  
    else  
        xs  
    end  
getter extractLeft(): Maybe[(E,List[E])]
```

Similar, but Parallel

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
  if (hd,tl) <- xs.extractLeft then  
    (ys,zs) = tl.split()  
    tl' = noHello(ys) || noHello(zs)  
    if hd = "Hello" then  
      tl'                                Has useful  
    else                                    parallelism  
      tl'.addLeft(hd)  
    end  
  else  
    xs  
  end
```

Use Built-in Filter Method

```
noHello(xs: List[\String]): List[\String] =  
    xs.filter(fn (x) => x /= "Hello")
```

- One line beats many!
- The parallelism is taken care of

Exercise: Merge Sort

```
sort(a: List[\ZZ32\]): List[\ZZ32\] =  
    if |a| <= 1 then  
        a  
    else  
        (b,c) = a.split()  
        (sb,sc) = (sort(b),sort(c))  
        merge(sb,sc)  
    end
```

Parallel Merge

```
merge(xs>List[\ZZ32\], ys>List[\ZZ32\]):  
    List[\ZZ32\] =  
        if |xs| <= 1 then  
            baseCase(xs,ys)  
        elif |ys| <= 1 then  
            baseCase(ys,xs)  
        else  
            x_m = |xs| DIV 2  
            y_m = indexLarger(xs[x_m], ys)  
            merge(xs[0#x_m], ys[0#y_m]) ||  
                merge(xs[x_m#], ys[y_m#])  
        end
```

Base Case of Merge

```
baseCase(xs>List[\ZZ32\], ys>List[\ZZ32\]):  
    List[\ZZ32\] =  
        if |xs| = 0 then  
            ys  
        else  
            y_m = indexLarger(xs[0], ys)  
            ys[0#y_m] || xs || ys[y_m#]  
        end
```

indexLarger: Binary Search

```
indexLarger(x:ZZ32, xs>List[\\ZZ32\\]): ZZ32 = do
  (start: ZZ32, fin: ZZ32) := (0, |xs|)
  while fin > start do
    mid = (start + fin) DIV 2
    if x < xs[mid] then
      fin := mid
    else
      start := mid+1
    end
  end
  fin
end
```

Comprehensions and Reductions

Goals

- Write list comprehensions
- Write reductions

List filter

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] = do
    r : List[\String\] := <| [\String\] |>
    for x <- xs do
        if x /= "Hello" then
            atomic r ||= <| [\String\] x |>
        end
    end
    r
end
```

Lists generate their elements in parallel

<|are, how, there, you, ?|>

List filter

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] = do
    r : List[\String\] := <| [\String\] |>
    for x <- seq(xs) do
        if x /= "Hello" then
            r ||= <| [\String\] x |>
        end
    end
    r
end
```

Can use seq
on any parallel
generator

<|there, how, are, you, ?|>

List filter

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] = do
    r : List[\String\] := <| [\String\] |>
    for x <- seq(xs), x=/="Hello" do
        r ||= <| [\String\] x |>
    end
    r
end
```

<|there, how, are, you, ?|>

List filter

```
noHello(xs: List[String]): List[String] = do
    r : List[String] := <[String]>
    for x ← seq(xs), x ≠ “Hello” do
        r ||= <[String]>x
    end
    r
end
```

Formatting
improves
readability!

<|there, how, are, you, ?|>

Using a comprehension

```
noHello(xs: List[\String\]): List[\String\] =  
  <| [\String\] x | x <- xs, x=/="Hello" |>
```

```
noHello(xs: List[String]): List[String] =  
  <[String]x | x ← xs, x ≠ “Hello” >
```

<|there, how, are, you, ?|>

Containment

```
hasHello(xs: List[\String\]): Boolean =  
  do  
    r: Boolean := false  
    for x <- xs, x="Hello" do  
      r := true  
    end  
    r  
  end  
  
run(): () = do  
  strings = <| [\String\] "Hello", "there",  
           "how", "are", "you", "?" |>  
  println(hasHello(strings))  
end  
  
true
```

Containment

```
hasHello(xs: List[\String\]): Boolean =  
  do  
    r: Boolean := false  
    for x <- xs, x="Hello" do  
      r := true  
    end  
    r  
  end
```

No need for
atomic here

true

Non-local Control Flow

```
hasHello(xs: List[\String\]): Boolean =  
    label found  
        for x <- xs, x="Hello" do  
            exit found with true  
    end  
    false
```

label and
exit allow
early return

```
end
```

true

Reduction

```
hasHello(xs: List[\String]): Boolean =
```

BIG OR [x <- xs] x="Hello"

Reduction operation
combines values from
individual iterations

hasHello(xs: List[String]): Boolean =

$$\bigvee_{x \leftarrow xs} x = \text{“Hello”}$$

Use Built-In Operator

```
hasHello(xs: List[\String\]): Boolean =
```

```
"Hello" IN xs
```

Defined for
every generator

```
hasHello(xs: List[String]): Boolean =
```

```
“Hello” ∈ xs
```

Overlap

```
over(xs>List[\String\], ys>List[\String\]):Boolean =
```

```
BIG OR[x <- xs] x IN ys
```

over(xs : List[String], ys : List[String]) : Boolean =

$$\bigvee_{x \leftarrow xs} x \in ys$$

Multigenerator Reductions

over(xs>List[\String\], ys>List[\String\]):Boolean =

BIG OR[x <- xs, y <- ys] x=y

over(xs : List[String], ys : List[String]):Boolean =

$$\bigvee_{\substack{x \leftarrow xs \\ y \leftarrow ys}} x = y$$

Fortress Type System

Traits are like Java™ interfaces

- Name may be used as a type
- May be generic (having static parameters)
- Multiple inheritance
- AND may contain method definitions
- AND may constrain subtyping relationships
 - > comprises clause
 - > excludes clause
- DO NOT have fields

Sample Trait

```
trait List[E]
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- DO NOT have fields

Objects are Like JavaTM classes

- Name may be used as a type
- May be generic (having static parameters)
- May contain field declarations
- May contain method definitions
- May be parameterized
 - If so, the parameters define a constructor function
 - If not, it's a “singleton” object
- **CANNOT** be extended

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- Parameterized: FailCalled(s: String)
- Method definition: toString():String = "FAIL: " s
- Singleton object: DivisionByZero
- Field definition: toString: String = "FAIL: Division by 0"

```

Sample Traits and Objects

```

trait Ast comprises { Type, Expr }
    getter asString(): String
end

trait Type extends Ast
    comprises { StringType, IntegerType }
    excludes Expr
end

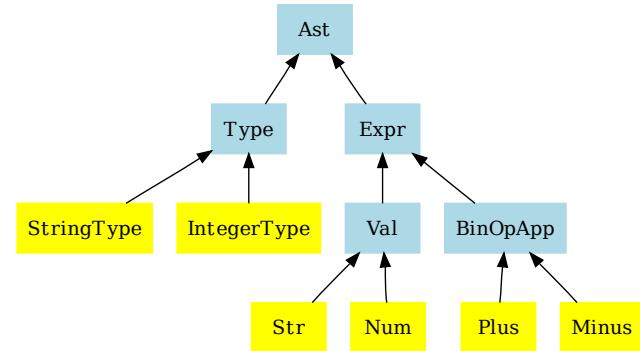
object StringType extends Type end
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trait Expr extends Ast comprises { Val, BinOpApp } excludes Type end
trait Val extends Expr comprises { Str, Num }

    getter asValue(): Object
end

object Str(string: String) extends Val
    getter asString() = string
    getter asValue() = string
end

```



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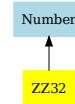
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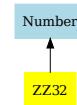
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- Check for ambiguity at compile time (when declared)

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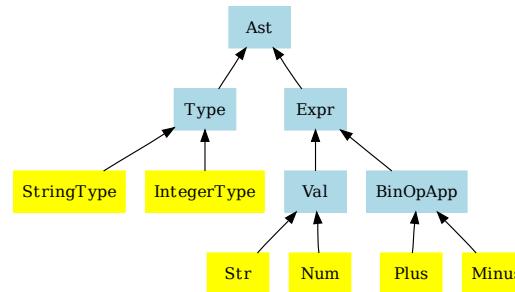
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- Both excludes and comprises clauses are useful here.

eval: Expr → Object

eval(v: Val): Object

eval(b: Plus): Object

eval(b: Minus): Object



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- Join the Fortress community:

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- Check out and compile our svn repository
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