

# The Power of Pi

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Cryptol

# Cryptol: example

```
x : [32]; -- a 32-bit word
```

```
x = 1337;
```

The **type** of a word records its **size**.

# Cryptol: example

swab : [32] -> [32]

swab [a b c d] = [b a c d]

You can eliminate a word of size  $n*k$  by pattern matching on it as  $n$  words of size  $k$ .

# Agda 101

```
data Nat : Set where
```

```
  Zero : Nat
```

```
  Succ : Nat -> Nat
```

```
data List (A : Set) : Set where
```

```
  Nil : List A
```

```
  Cons : A -> List A -> List
```

# Words

```
data Vec (A : Set) : Nat -> Set where  
  Nil : Vec A Zero  
  _::__ : A -> Vec A n -> Vec A (Succ n)
```

```
Word : Nat -> Set
```

```
Word n = Vec Bit n
```



# Views

- Introducing Cryptol-style pattern matching on words entails:
  - Defining a data type `WordView` indexed by a `Word (n * k)`;
  - Defining a function `view` that produces a suitable `WordView xs`, for every `xs : Word (n * k)`.

# WordView

```
data WordView : Vec A (n*k) -> Set where  
  Split : (xss : Vec (Vec A k) n)  
          -> WordView (concat xss)
```

# View

```
chop : (k : Nat) -> Vec A (n * k)
      -> Vec (Vec A k) n
```

```
view : (n : Nat) -> (k : Nat)
      -> (xs : Vec A (n * k)) -> WordView xs
view n k xs = ... Split (chop k xs) ...
```

# Example

```
swab : Word 32 -> Word 32
```

```
swab xs with view 4 8 xs
```

```
swab xs | Split (a :: b :: c :: d :: Nil)
```

```
    = concat (b :: a :: c :: d :: Nil)
```

# Why index?

- Any view with type  $(x : A) \rightarrow \text{View } x$  has a left-inverse.
- Pattern matching maintains relation between original data and view.

# Haskell

```
data Zero
```

```
data Succ n = Succ n
```

```
data Vec a n where
```

```
  Nil :: Vec a Zero
```

```
  Cons :: a -> Vec a n -> Vec a (Succ n)
```

# Bitmaps

The PBM monochrome bitmap format is one way to generate black-and-white images:

```
P1 50 100\n 01100010010...
```

# Real world Haskell

```
data PBM = PBM
  { width :: Integer
  , height :: Integer
  , data :: [[Bit]]
  }
```



# Dependent types to the rescue!

- In dependently typed languages:
  - you precisely define your file format;
  - and get parsers and printers for free.

# A small universe

```
data U : Set where  
  CHAR : U  
  VEC  : Nat -> U -> U  
  BIT  : U  
  ...  
e1 : U -> Set  
e1 CHAR = Char  
...
```

# Formats

```
data Format : Set where  
  
  EOF : Format  
  
  Bad : Format  
  
  Read : (u : U)  
         -> (el u -> Format)  
         -> Format  
  
  _>>=_ = Read
```

# PBM Format

PBM : Format

PBM = char 'P' >>

char '1' >>

Read NAT >>= \n ->

Read NAT >>= \m ->

Read (VEC n (VEC m) BIT)

char c f = Read CHAR ('\c' -> ...)

# Format Universe

```
type : Format -> Set
```

```
type EOF          = Unit
```

```
type Bad          = Empty
```

```
type (Read u f) = Sigma (el u) (type . f)
```

# Read and Show

```
read : (f : Format) -> List Bit  
      -> Maybe (type f )
```

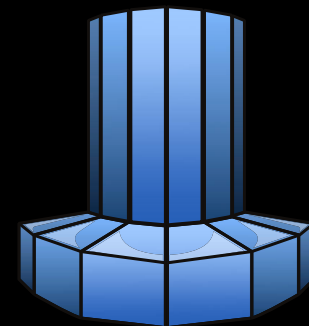
```
show : (f : Format) -> (type f)  
      -> List Bit
```

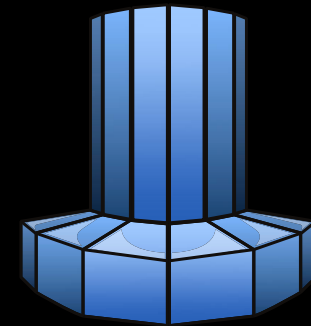
# Haskell & Databases

- Haskell interfaces need to:
  - use extensible records;
  - rely on type class tomfoolery;
  - represent everything by a String.
- ...accompanied by a preprocessor.

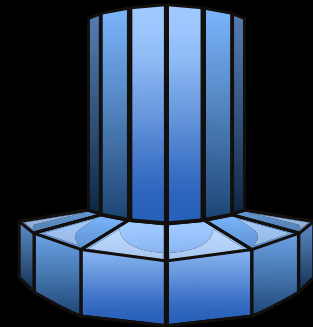




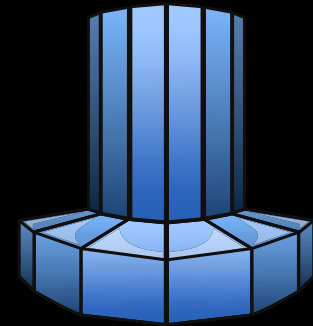




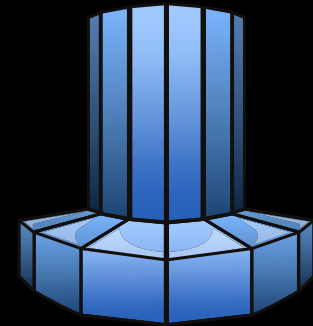
```
main = do
  db <- getLine
  connectServer db
  ...
```



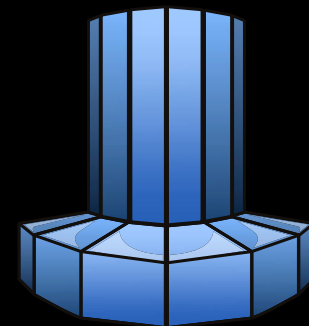
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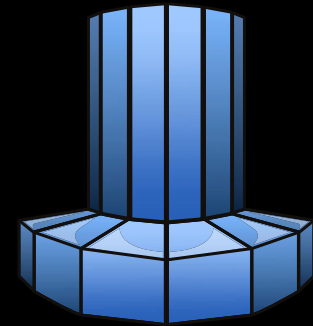
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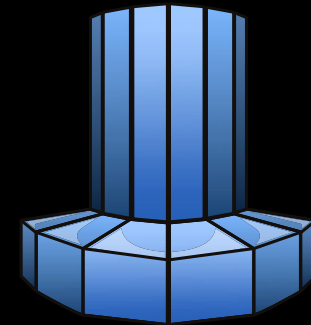
"31337 False..."



"DESCRIBE . . ."



"DESCRIBE ..."



"NAME

TYPE

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UserID

INT32

IsOverdrawn

BOOL

...."





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Conclusion