



CS 3110

User-defined Data Types

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Today's music: *Pokémon Theme* by Jason Paige

Question

How much progress have you made on A1?

- A. I'm still figuring out how Enigma works.
- B. My code can cipher single letters.
- C. My code can cipher multiple letters, but stepping is still iffy.
- D. I'm done with **cipher** and **simulate**.
- E. I've finished the scavenger hunt, too.

Submission of A1

- Please **have fun** and enjoy building the Engima
- Do **use the automatic extension** from the soft deadline to the hard deadline, if it will help you
- Do **submit earlier than the deadline** (11:59 pm)
- Do be aware that there is **no CMS grace period**
- Please don't try to submit by email

Review

Previously in 3110:

- **Functions:**
 - writing them, binding variables in them,
 - recursive, anonymous, higher-order
 - map and fold

Today:

- Turn attention to **data**
- Ways to define your own data types: records, tuples, variants

RECORDS

Record definition

- A **record** contains several named **fields**
- Before you can use a record, must **define** a record type:

```
type time = {hour: int; min: int; ampm: string}
```

- To *build* a record:
 - Write a record expression:
`{hour=10; min=10; ampm="am" }`
 - Order of fields doesn't matter:
`{min=10; hour=10; ampm="am" }` is equivalent
- To *access* record's field: `r.hour`

Record expressions

- **Syntax:** $\{f1 = e1; \dots; fn = en\}$
- **Evaluation:**
 - If $e1$ evaluates to $v1$, and ... en evaluates to vn
 - Then $\{f1 = e1; \dots; fn = en\}$ evaluates to $\{f1 = v1, \dots, fn = vn\}$
 - Result is a *record value*
- **Type-checking:**
 - If $e1 : t1$ and $e2 : t2$ and ... $en : tn$,
 - and if t is a defined type of the form $\{f1 : t1, \dots, fn : tn\}$
 - then $\{f1 = e1; \dots; fn = en\} : t$

Record field access

- **Syntax:** $e.f$
- **Evaluation:**
 - If e evaluates to $\{f = v, \dots\}$
 - Then $e.f$ evaluates to v
- **Type-checking:**
 - If $e : t_1$
 - and if t_1 is a defined type of the form $\{f : t_2, \dots\}$
 - then $e.f : t_2$

Evaluation notation

We keep writing statements like:

If e evaluates to $\{f = v, \dots\}$ then $e.f$ evaluates to v

Let's introduce a shorthand notation:

- Instead of " e evaluates to v "
- write " $e \Rightarrow v$ "

So we can now write:

If $e \Rightarrow \{f = v, \dots\}$ then $e.f \Rightarrow v$

By name vs. by position

- Fields of record are identified **by name**
 - order we write fields in expression is irrelevant
- Opposite choice: identify **by position**
 - e.g., “Would the student named NN. step forward?”
vs. “Would the student in seat n step forward?”
- You’re accustomed to both:
 - Java object fields accessed by name
 - Java method arguments passed by position
(but accessed in method body by name)
- OCaml has something you might not have seen:
 - A kind of heterogeneous data accessed by position

PAIRS AND TUPLES

Pairs

A **pair** of data: two pieces of data glued together
e.g.,

- (1, 2)
- (true, "Hello")
- ([1;2;3], 0.5)

We need language constructs to *build* pairs and to *access* the pieces...

Pairs: building

- Syntax: $(e1, e2)$
- Evaluation:
 - If $e1 \implies v1$ and $e2 \implies v2$
 - Then $(e1, e2) \implies (v1, v2)$
 - A pair of values is itself a value
- Type-checking:
 - If $e1 : t1$ and $e2 : t2$,
 - then $(e1, e2) : t1 * t2$
 - A new kind of type, the **product type**

Pairs: accessing

- **Syntax:** `fst e` and `snd e`
Projection functions
- **Evaluation:**
 - If `e ==> (v1, v2)`
 - then `fst e ==> v1`
 - and `snd e ==> v2`
- **Type-checking:**
 - If `e: ta*tb`,
 - then `fst e` has type `ta`
 - and `snd e` has type `tb`

Tuples

Actually, you can have *tuples* with more than two parts

- A new feature: a generalization of pairs
- Syntax, semantics are straightforward, except for projection...

- (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)
- $t_1 * t_2 * \dots * t_n$
- `fst e, snd e, ???`

Instead of generalizing projection functions,
use **pattern matching**...

New kind of pattern, the **tuple pattern**: (p_1, \dots, p_n)

Pattern matching tuples

```
match (1,2,3) with  
| (x,y,z) -> x+y+z
```

```
(* ==> 6 *)
```

```
let thrd t =  
  match t with  
  | (x,y,z) -> z
```

```
(* thrd : 'a*'b*'c -> 'c *)
```

Note: we never needed more than one branch in the match expression...

Pattern matching without match

```
(* OK *)  
let thrd t =  
  match t with  
  | (x,y,z) -> z
```

```
(* good *)  
let thrd t =  
  let (x,y,z) = t in z
```

```
(* better *)  
let thrd t =  
  let (_,_,z) = t in z
```

```
(* best *)  
let thrd (_,_,z) = z
```

Extended syntax for let

- Previously we had this syntax:
 - **let** $x = e1$ **in** $e2$
 - **let** [**rec**] $f\ x1 \dots xn = e1$ **in** $e2$
- Everywhere we had a variable identifier x , we can really use a pattern!
 - **let** $p = e1$ **in** $e2$
 - **let** [**rec**] $f\ p1 \dots pn = e1$ **in** $e2$
- Old syntax is just a **special case** of new syntax, since a variable identifier is a pattern

Pattern matching arguments

```
(* OK *)  
let sum_triple t =  
  let (x,y,z) = t  
  in x+y+z
```

```
(* better *)  
let sum_triple (x,y,z) = x+y+z
```

Note how that last version looks syntactically like a function in C/Java!

Question

What is the type of this expression?

```
let (x,y) = snd("zar", ("doz", 42))  
in (42,y)
```

- A. {x:string; y:int}
- B. int*int
- C. string*int
- D. int*string
- E. string*(string*int)

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Unit

- Can actually have a tuple `()` with no components whatsoever
 - Think of it as a degenerate tuple
 - Or, like a Boolean that can only have one value
- “Unit” is
 - a value written `()`
 - and a type written `unit`
- We've seen this already with printing functions

Pattern matching records

```
(* OK *)  
let get_hour t =  
  match t with  
  | {hour=h; min=m; ampm=s} -> h
```

```
(* better *)  
let get_hour t =  
  match t with  
  | {hour=h; min=_; ampm=_} -> h
```

```
(* better *)  
let get_hour t =  
  match t with  
  | {hour; min; ampm} -> hour
```

```
(* better *)  
let get_hour t =  
  match t with  
  | {hour} -> hour
```

```
(* better *)  
let get_hour t =  
  let {hour} = t in hour
```

```
(* better *)  
let get_hour {hour} = hour
```

```
(* best *)  
let get_hour t = t.hour
```

New kind of pattern, the **record pattern**:

```
{f1[=p1]; ...; fn[=pn]}
```

By name vs. by position, again

How to choose between coding `(4, 7, 9)` and `{ f=4 ; g=7 ; h=9 }`?

- Tuples are syntactically **shorter**
- Records are **self-documenting**
- For many (3? 4? 5?) fields, a record is usually a better choice

VARIANTS

Variant

```
type day = Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed  
          | Thu | Fri | Sat
```

```
let day_to_int d =  
    match d with  
    | Sun -> 1  
    | Mon -> 2  
    | Tue -> 3  
    | Wed -> 4  
    | Thu -> 5  
    | Fri -> 6  
    | Sat -> 7
```

Building and accessing variants

Syntax: $\text{type } t = C_1 \mid \dots \mid C_n$

the C_i are called *constructors*

Evaluation: a constructor is already a value

Type checking: $C_i : t$

Accessing: use pattern matching; constructor name is a pattern

Pokémon variant



DEFENSE → ATTACK ↓	NOR	FIR	WAT	E
NORMAL				
FIRE		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
WATER		2	$\frac{1}{2}$	

Pokémon variant



```
type ptype = TNormal | TFire | TWater
```

```
type peff = ENormal | ENotVery | ESuper
```

```
let eff_to_float = function
```

```
| ENormal   -> 1.0  
| ENotVery  -> 0.5  
| ESuper    -> 2.0
```

```
let eff_att_vs_def : ptype*ptype -> peff = function
```

```
| (TFire,TFire)   -> ENotVery  
| (TWater,TWater) -> ENotVery  
| (TFire,TWater) -> ENotVery  
| (TWater,TFire) -> ESuper  
| _               -> ENormal
```

Argument order: records

If you are worried about clients of function forgetting which order to pass arguments in tuple, use a record:

```
type att_def = {att:ptype; def:ptype}
```

```
let eff_att_vs_def : att_def -> peff = function  
  | {att=TFire;def=TFire}    -> ENotVery  
  | {att=TWater;def=TWater} -> ENotVery  
  | {att=TFire;def=TWater}  -> ENotVery  
  | {att=TWater;def=TFire}  -> ESuper  
  | _ -> ENormal
```

Upcoming events

- [today] A1 soft deadline
- [Saturday] A1 hard deadline
- [Tuesday?] A2 out

This is user defined.

THIS IS 3110