Idris

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type `List A` depends on a type `A` (polimorphism)
type `ftree n` depends on a value `n` (dependent type)
type `vector A n` depends on a type `A` and value `n` (dependent type)

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- but writing a function that satisfies its specification may need proofs
- type-driven development treats programming as "solving a puzzle": the program is the solution to the puzzle, the type is the goal of the puzzle
- because of dependent types, evaluation is needed at type-checking
- functions used in evaluation must be total and terminating
- compiler gets rid of the arguments to functions and constructors bound with quantity/multiplicity 0; erased arguments are still relevant at compile time.

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Idris and dependent types - examples

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- FCTypes.idr
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- TCVects.idr
- WordLength_vec.idr
- ApplyVec.idr
- Adder.idr
- RemoveElem.idr
- Parity.idr
- Binary.idr
- AppendVecRew.idr

Interfaces

- similar to type classes in Haskell
- there can be many implementations for one type

(see Eq.idr Tree.idr)

Equality in Idris

- == is not adequate
- equality defined at the level of types

(see EqNat.idr, ExactLength.idr)

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