

GHC LANGUAGE EXTENSIONS

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LANGUAGE EXTENSIONS 101

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Haskell 2010 is defined in the [Haskell 2010 Language Report](#).

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[Section 12.3](#) covers the LANGUAGE pragma, which is used for extensions.

ENABLING EXTENSIONS IN GHC


```
default-extensions:  OverloadedStrings
                    ,  GADTs
                    ,  ScopedTypeVariables
```



```
$ ghci
```

```
λ :set -XOverloadedStrings
```

A vibrant collage of fresh produce including several bright yellow lemon slices on the left, a single round carrot slice in the center, green beans on the right, and sliced purple onions at the top. The word "SUGAR" is printed in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the carrot and the green beans.

SUGAR

OverloadedStrings

Enable overloaded string literals.

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"Jam" :: Data.String.IsString p => p
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TupleSections

Allow partially applied tuple constructors.

InstanceSigs

Allow type signatures for definitions of instance members.


```
instance (Traversable f, Traversable g) => Traversable (Compose f g)
  traverse :: (a -> h b) -> Compose f g a -> h (Compose f g b)
  traverse = undefined
```


LambdaCase

Adds syntactic sugar for pattern matching on a function's argument.

```
pretty ::  
  -> Expr  
  -> Text  
pretty e = case e of  
  LitI n -> pack $ show n  
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```

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MultiWayIf

Adds syntactic sugar for nested `if - then - else` expressions.

RecordWildCards

Elide fields from record construction and pattern matching.

```
data Person =  
  Person {  
    firstName :: Text  
  , surname   :: Text  
  , height    :: Integer  
  }
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```
defaultPerson ::
```

```
    Person
```

```
defaultPerson =
```

```
    let
```

```
        firstName = "Andrew"
```

```
        surname = "McMiddlin"
```

```
        height = 185
```

```
    in
```

```
        Person {..}
```



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```
data ConferenceAttendee =  
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Remove some of the boilerplate when bringing record fields into scope.

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A black and white photograph showing two men in a meeting. The man in the foreground is leaning forward, looking intently at the camera. He is wearing a light-colored jacket over a collared shirt. The man in the background is also looking forward, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. The word "HEAVYWEIGHT" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

HEAVYWEIGHT

ScopedTypeVariables

Scope type variables to the lexical scope of the expression.

```
f ::  
  [a] -> [a]  
f xs =  
  ys ++ ys  
  where  
    ys :: [a]  
    ys = reverse xs
```



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GeneralisedNewtypeDeriving

Derive instances for newtypes based on the type they wrap.

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Can't make a derived instance of `Pretty Age`:  
  `Pretty` is not a stock derivable class (Eq, Show, etc.)  
  Try GeneralizedNewtypeDeriving for GHC's newtype-deriving extension
```



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As a result of the role system, adding `join` to the `Monad` class would stop `GeneralisedNewtypeDeriving` from being able to derive `Monad`.

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  ...

class Eq a => Ord a where
  compare :: a -> a -> Ordering
  ...
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- *may* contain definitions for the class's members.

MultiParamTypeClasses

Allows type classes with more than one type parameter.

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Relaxes the rules for valid type class instances.

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```
class Twizzle a where
  twizzle :: a -> Int

instance Twizzle (Maybe Integer) where
  twizzle = maybe 42 fromInteger
```

```
$ ghc --version
```

```
The Glorious Glasgow Haskell Compilation System, version 8.4.4
```



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```
$ ghc -Wall -fforce-recomp Main.hs -o whoopsie
```

```
[1 of 4] Compiling FIA          ( FIA.hs, FIA.o )
```

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The Glorious Glasgow Haskell Compilation System, version 8.4.4
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fromList [Whoopsie A1 B C,Whoopsie A2 B C,Whoopsie A1 B C]
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FlexibleContexts

Relax some of the requirements regarding contexts.


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  ( HasThing s  
  , MonadState s m  
  )  
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Functional Dependencies

Express dependent relationships between type variables for type classes with multiple parameters.

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