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CS51 Lab 5

(\* Objective:

In this lab you'll get practice with built-in algebraic data types, including product types (like tuples and records) and sum types (like variants), and the expressive power that arises from combining both. A theme will be the requirement of and checking for consistency with invariants.

NOTE: Since we ask that you define types in this lab, you must complete certain exercises before this will compile with the testing framework on the course grading server. Exercises 1, 2, 6, and 9 are required for full compilation. If you want to "peek" at the right type definitions, you can check out <a href="http://url.cs51.io/lab5-1">http://url.cs51.io/lab5-1</a>. \*)

In this lab you'll use algebraic data types to create several data structures.

Ultimately, you'll define several types and structures that allow you to create a family tree. To do this, you need to create a type to store a set of biographical information about a person, like name, birthdate, and favorite color. This set of data is different from the enrollment data from the prior lab, so you'll need to create a new type.

You might be tempted to do something simple like

type person = { name : string; favorite : string; birthday : string } ;;

Let's consider why this may not be appropriate by evaluating the type for each record field individually.

It seems reasonable for a name to be a string (though personal name structures can be quite complex; see <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal\_name">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal\_name</a>), so let's declare that complete and move on.

The "favorite" field is more problematic. Although we named it such for simplicity, it doesn't convey very well that we intended for this field to represent a person's favorite \*color\*. This could be resolved with some documentation, but is not enforced at any level other than hope. Further, it's very likely that many people would select one of a subset of simple colors. Let's fix this issue first.

type color\_label = NotImplemented ;;

(\* This is a good start, but doesn't allow for definition of \*all\* of the colors that, say, a computer display might be able to present. Let's make it more expressive.

One of the most commonly used methods of representing color in digital devices is as an "RGB" value: a triplet of values to represent red,

green, and blue components that, through additive mixing, produce the wide array of colors our devices render.

Commonly, each of the red, green, and blue values are made up of a single 8-bit (1-byte) integer. Since one byte represents  $2\ **\ 8=256$  discrete values, there are over  $16.7\ \text{million}$  ( $256\ *\ 256\ *\ 256$ ) possible colors that can be represented with this method.

The three components that make up an RGB color are referred to as "channels". In this 8-bit-per-channel model, a value of 0 represents no color and a value of 255 represents the full intensity of that color. Some examples:

R	G	В	Color
255	0	0	Red
164	16	52	Crimson
255	165	0	Orange
255	255	0	Yellow
0	64	0	Dark green
0	255	0	Green
0	255	255	Cyan
0	0	255	Blue
75	0	130	Indigo
240	130	240	Violet

Exercise 2: Define an algebraic color type that supports either 'Simple' colors (from the 'color\_label' type you defined previously) or 'RGB' colors, which would incorporate a tuple of values for the three color channels. You'll want to use 'Simple' and 'RGB' as the value constructors in this new variant type.

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type color = NotImplemented ;;

(\* There is an important assumption about the RGB values that determine whether a color is valid or not. The RGB type presupposes an \*invariant\*, that is, a condition that we assume to be true in order for the type to be valid:

INVARIANT: The red, green, and blue channels must each be a non-negative 8-bit int. Therefore, each channel must be in the range [0, 255].

Since OCaml, unlike some other languages, does not have native support for unsigned 8-bit integers, you should ensure the invariant remains true in your code. (You might think to use the OCaml 'char' type -- which is an 8-bit character -- but this would be an abuse of the type. In any case, thinking about invariants will be useful practice for upcoming problem sets.)

We'll want a function to validate the invariant for RGB color values. (Simple colors are assumed always valid.) There are several approaches to building such functions, which differ in their types, and for which we'll use different naming conventions:

\* valid\_rgb : color -> bool

Returns true if the color argument is valid, false otherwise.

\* validated\_rgb : color -> color

Returns its argument unchanged if it is a valid color, and raises an appropriate exception otherwise.

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* validate_rgb : color -> unit
 Returns unit; raises an appropriate exception if its argument is not
 a valid color.
The name prefixes "valid_", "validated_", and "validate_" are intended
to be indicative of the different approaches to validation.
In this lab, we'll use the "validated_" approach and naming
convention, though you may want to think about the alternatives. (In
the next lab, we use the "valid_" alternative approach.)
Exercise 3: Write a function 'validated_rgb' that accepts a 'color' and
returns that color unchanged if it's valid. However, if its argument is
not a valid color (that is, the invariant is violated), it raises an
'Invalid_color' exception (defined below) with a useful message.
For instance:
   # validated_rgb (RGB (10, 20, 30)) ;;
   - : color = RGB (10, 20, 30)
   # validated_rgb (RGB (10, 20, 300)) ;;
   Exception: Invalid_color "bad blue channel".
.....*)
exception Invalid_color of string ;;
let validated_rgb =
 fun _ -> failwith "validated_rgb not implemented" ;;
(*.....
Exercise 4: Write a function 'make_color' that accepts three integers
for the channel values and returns a value of the color type. Be sure
to verify the invariant.
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let make_color =
 fun _ -> failwith "make_color not implemented" ;;
(*....
Exercise 5: Write a function 'rgb_of_color' that accepts a 'color' and
returns a 3-tuple of integers representing that color. This is trivial
for 'RGB' colors, but not quite so easy for the hard-coded 'Simple'
colors. Fortunately, we've already provided RGB values for simple
colors in the table above.
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let rgb_of_color =
 fun _ -> failwith "rgb_of_color not implemented" ;;
Part 2: Dates as a record type
Now let's move on to the last data type that will be used in the
biographical data type: the date field.
Above, we naively proposed a string for the date field. Does this make
sense for this field? Arguably not, since it will make comparison and
calculation extremely difficult.
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Dates are frequently needed in programming, and OCaml (like many languages) supports them through a library module; the 'Unix' module provides a 'tm' data type for dates and times. Normally, we would

reduce duplication of code by relying on that module (the edict of irredundancy), but for the sake of practice you'll develop your own simple version.

Exercise 6: Create a type 'date' that supports values for years, months, and days. First, consider what types of data each value should be. Then, consider the implications of representing the overall data

type date = NotImplemented ;;

type as a tuple or a record.

(\* After you've thought it through, go to <a href="http://url.cs51.io/lab5-1">http://url.cs51.io/lab5-1</a> to see how we implemented the 'date' type. If you picked differently, why did you choose that way? Why might our approach be preferable?

Exercise 7: Change your 'date' data type, above, to implement it in a manner identical to our method. If no changes are required...well, that was easy.

Like the color type, above, date values obey invariants. In fact, the invariants for this type are more complex: we must ensure that days fall within an allowable range depending on the month, and even on the year.

The invariants are as follows:

- For our purposes, we'll only support non-negative years.
- January, March, May, July, August, October, and December have 31 days.
- April, June, September, and November have 30 days.
- February has 28 days in common years, 29 days in leap years.
- Leap years are years that can be divided by 4, but not by 100, unless by 400.

You may find Wikipedia's leap year algorithm pseudocode useful: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leap\_year#Algorithm">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leap\_year#Algorithm</a>

Exercise 8: Create a 'validated\_date' function that raises 'Invalid\_date' if the invariant is violated, and returns the date

unchanged if valid. .....\*)

exception Invalid\_date of string ;;

let validated\_date =

fun \_ -> failwith "validated\_date not implemented" ;;

Exercise 9: Define a function `string\_of\_date` that returns a string representing its date argument. For example,

# string\_of\_date {year = 1706; month = 1; day = 17} ;;
- : string = "January 17, 1706"

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favorite = Simple Blue;

birthdate = {year = 1706; month = 1; day = 17}} ;;

ignore (read\_key ()) ;;

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let () = display\_person {name = "Ben Franklin";