

Hmm...

Haskell 2010

Traditional
RecordSyntax

PatternGuards

FFI

MPTCs

Monomorphism
Restriction

NPlusK

NoMonomorphism
Restriction

Rank2Types

RankNTypes

Haskell Modular Mindset



- Haskell truly is modular – that’s great!
- Being precise about modularity helps inter-op.
- Modularization is cheap!
- Haskell 2010 is NOT monolithic – we just haven’t explored the modules yet.

```
module Foo where
```

```
import C
```

```
foo :: (C a b) => a -> b
```

```
foo = ...
```

```
[1 of 2] Compiling C      ( C.hs, interpreted )  
[2 of 2] Compiling Foo    ( Foo.hs, interpreted )  
Ok, modules loaded: C, Foo.  
*Foo>
```

MPTCs and GHC

- With `MultiParamTypeClasses` on (and only then), GHC allows declaration of
 - Classes with multiple parameters
 - Instances of classes with multiple parameters
- Without `MultiParamTypeClasses`, GHC still allows constraints mentioning classes with multiple parameters
 - No flags needed, but not Haskell 2010!



My solution

1. Define: `MultiParamTypeClasses`, as GHC.
2. Define: `MultiParamConstraints`, enables mentioning MPTCs in class constraints only.
3. Let `MultiParamTypeClasses` imply/subsume `MultiParamConstraints`.
4. Have GHC enable `MultiParamConstraints` by default.

This makes the discrepancy clear, and gives other tools (e.g. `haskell-src-extends`) the ability to simulate GHC's behavior, without ad-hoc ugliness.



I LOVE GHC!

