

# Generic Description of Well-Scoped, Well-Typed Syntaxes

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# Motivation

Handling languages in a dependently typed setting:

`data Form : Set`

`data Expr : Ctx0 → Set`

`data Tm : Ctx → Ty → Set`

# Renaming & substitution

**map** :  $\forall \{ \Gamma \ \Delta \}$   
→ (Var  $\Gamma \Rightarrow$  Var  $\Delta$ )  
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+ a whole lot of proofs

# Librarization

Definition of `map`/`bind`, and all proofs about them, depend on constructors of `Tm`

⇒ try adding e.g. `Bools` or `let` to the object language. . .

# Syntax-generic programming

```
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        → (wt : Vec Ty n → Vec Ty k → Ty → Set)
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Storing  
data in  
nodes

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New bound  
variables

Well-typedness  
predicate

Subterm  
structure

# Typing constraints

- ▶ Arbitrary proposition
- ▶ Don't need to be decidable
- ▶ Has *global view*  $\Rightarrow$  untyped representations are possible

# Library provides:

- ▶ `ren` (OPE) and `sub` (list of terms)
- ▶ `ren`, `sub` proofs
- ▶ Unscoped, untyped, typed, PHOAS representations
- ▶ Type erasure, scope checking, ...

# Demo

```
data `STLC : Set where
```

```
  `lam `app : `STLC
```

```
STLC : Desc
```

```
STLC = sg `STLC λ
```

```
{ `lam → sg Ty λ u →
```

```
  node 1 ([ [ bound ] ]) λ { [ u' ] [ t ] t' →  
    u' ≡ u ∧ t' ≡ u ▷ t }
```

```
; `app →
```

```
  node 0 [ [], [] ] λ { [] [ u , t ] t' →  
    u ≡ t ▷ t' }
```

```
}
```

*Church style*



- ▶ STLC normalization proof syntactically, from Software Foundations
- ▶ **let**  $\rightsquigarrow$  **lam** translation

# TODO

Multiple contexts?

- ▶ Orthogonal (e.g. modal logic)
- ▶ Multi-sorted (e.g. System F)
- ▶ Incestuous (TT...) ?

# TODO

Non-equality *wt* constraint use cases?

- ▶ Subtyping?
- ▶ Compositional typing unification?

Bidirectional typing?

Induction schema for a given **Desc**?

# For more info

- ▶ Paper on Arxiv:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.00119>
- ▶ (Submitted to LFMTP 2018)
- ▶ Questions?