

Type Driven Development with Idris

Lecture 1: Introducing Idris

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Idris

IDRIS is a *Pac-man Complete* functional programming language with *dependent types*

- `cabal update; cabal install idris`
- <http://idris-lang.org/download>

In these talks:

- A *tutorial* on programming with dependent types in Idris (Lectures 1–3)
- Progress towards *implementing* a dependently typed language in Idris (Lecture 4)
- Slides and code: <https://tinyurl.com/idrismgs18>

- 1 Introduction
 - Introduction to *Type-driven Development*
 - Interactive editing in Atom
 - Programs and *proofs*
- 2 Total Functional Programming
 - Termination and Productivity Checking
 - Streams and Interactive Programs
 - Example: Concurrency
- 3 Working with State
 - State-aware Domain Specific Languages
 - Generic state-handling: `Control.ST`
- 4 Implementing a Dependently Typed Language
 - The Core Language, *TT*
 - *Elaboration*
 - A better implementation: Idris in Idris ... ?

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Type Driven Development puts *types* first. Three steps:

- *Type*: Write a type for a function
- *Define*: Create a (possibly incomplete) implementation
- *Refine*: Improve/complete the implementation

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Demonstration: Introductory Examples