CLEAN – UNIQUENESS TYPING

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Clean Language

Clean is a practical applicable general-purpose lazy pure functional programming language suited for the development of reald world applications.[1]

Haskell	Clean	Remarks
(a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]	(a -> b) [a] -> [b]	higher-order function
f . g	f o g	function composition
-5	~5	unary minus
[x | x <- [1..10] , isOdd x]	[x \\ x <- [1..10] | isOdd x]	list comprehension
x:xs	[x:xs]	cons operator

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clean_(programming_language)

1. Rinus Plasmeijer, Marko van Eekelen, John van Groningen [2011]. Language report Version 2.2.

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- Generalize
- Induction
- Injective
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- MoveQuantors
- Reduce
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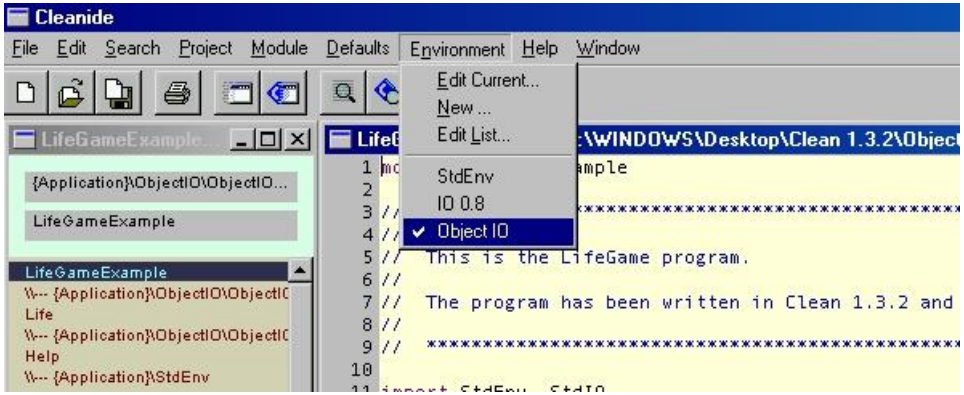
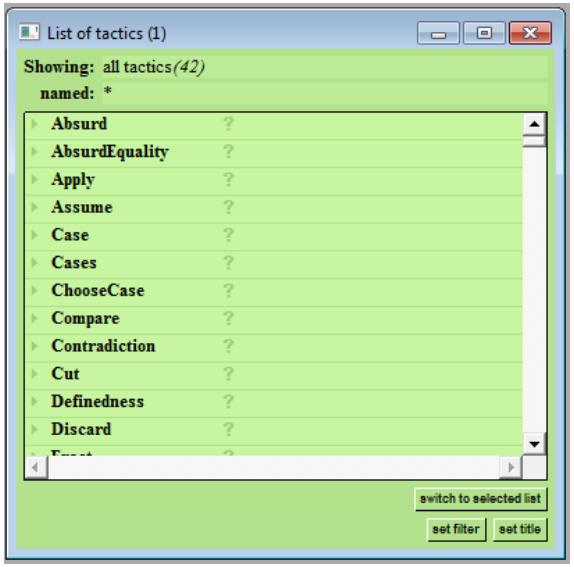
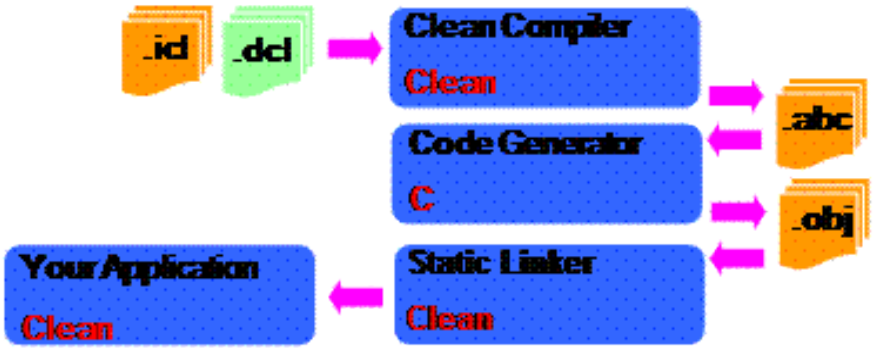
- Rewrite
- Split
- Symmetric
- Transitive
- Undo
- …

Clean Platform







Uniqueness Typing: Intuition

"The type of a value is given a 'unique' attribute if that value is used at most once. On such 'unique' values update operations may be safely implemented in-place since their uniqueness guarantees that their value is no longer required by the program." [2]

2. Dana G. Harrington [2001]. A type system for destructive updates in declarative programming languages.

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  (l,m)
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```
// C example
int foo( FILE *file ) {
  int a = fgetc(file );  // Read a character from ’file’
  int b = fgetc(file );
  return a + b;
}
```

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// Clean example
fgetc :: *File → (Char, *File)


foo :: *File → (Char, *File)
foo file0 = let (a, file1) = fgetc file0
                (b, file2) = fgetc file1
            in  (a + b, file2)
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