## Today's Topic

- Pretty Printing

Like parsing a typical demo-application

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## What's it all about?

A pretty printer is...

- a tool (often a library of routines) designed for converting a tree into plain text

Essential goals...

- a minimum number of lines while preserving and reflecting the structure of the tree by indentation


## Pretty Printing

## Pretty Printing

...like lexical and syntactical analysis another typical application for demonstrating the elegance of functional programming.

## "Good" Pretty-Printer

...distinguished by properly balancing

- Simplicity of usage
- Flexibility of the format
- "Prettiness" of output


## Reference

The following presentation is based on...

- Philip Wadler. A Prettier Printer. In Jeremy Gibbons, Oege de Moor (Eds.), The Fun of Programming. Palgrave MacMillan, 2003.


## A Simple Pretty Printer: The Basis

Characteristic: For each document there is only one possible layout (e.g., no attempt is made to compress structure onto a single line).

The basic operators needed are:

| (<>) | : Doc -> Doc -> Doc | - ass. concatenation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| nil | : : Doc | -- The empty document: |
| text | : : String -> Doc | -- Right- and left-unit for (<>) <br> -- Conversion function: Converts <br> -- a string to a document |
| line | : : Doc | -- Line break |
| nest | : : Int -> Doc -> Doc | -- Adding indentation |
| layout | : : Doc -> String | -- Output: Converts a document <br> -- to a string |

Convention:

- Arguments of text are free of newline characters


## A Simple Implementation

Implement...

- doc as strings (i.e. as data type String)
with...
- (<>) ...concatenation of strings
- nil ...empty string
- text ...identity on strings
- line ...new line
- nest i ...indentation: adding $i$ spaces (after each line break by means of line) $\leadsto$ essential difference to Hughes' pretty printer allowing to drop one concatenation operator
- layout ...identity on strings

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## And its desired output

A text, where indentation reflects the tree structure..
aaa[bbbbb [ccc,
dd] ,
eee,
ffff $[g g$,
hhh,
ii]]

## Example

...converting trees into documents (here: Strings) which are output as text (here: Strings).

Consider the following type of trees:

```
data Tree = Node String [Tree]
```

A concrete value B of type Tree..

```
Node "aaa" [Node "bbbbb" [Node "cc" [], Node "dd" []],
Node "eee" [],
    Node "ffff" [Node "gg" [],
                                    Node "hhh" []
                                    Node "ii" []
                                    ]
]
```

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## Implementation

The below implementation achieves this..

```
data Tree = Node String [Tree]
showTree :: Tree -> Doc
showTree (Node s ts) = text s <> nest (length s) (showBracket ts)
showBracket :: [Tree] -> Doc
showBracket [] = nil
showBracket ts = text "[" <> nest 1 (showTrees ts)
<> text "]"
= showTree t
showTrees (t:ts) = showTree t <> text "," <> line
    <> showTrees ts
```


## Another possibly wanted output of $B$

aaa [
bbbbb [
ccc,
dd
] ,
eee,
ffff [
gg,
hhh,
ii

## ]

]

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## A Normal Form of Documents

Normal form...

- text alternating with line breaks nested to a given indentation
<> nest ik line <> text sk

Note:

- Documents can always be reduced to normal form


## Normal Forms: An Example 2(3)

...has the normal form:

```
text "bbbbb[" <>
nest 2 line <> text "ccc," <>
nest 2 line <> text "dd" <>
nest 0 line <> text "]"
```


## Why does it work

...because of the properties (laws) the functions enjoy.
More on this next...

## Normal Forms: An Example 3(3)

...and prints as follows:

## bbbbb [

ccc,
dd
]

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Properties of the Functions - Laws 1(2)
We have:

| ```text (s ++ t) text ""``` | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { text } \mathrm{s}<>\text { text } \mathrm{t} \\ & =\text { nil } \end{aligned}$ | ```(text is homomorphism from string concatenation to document concatenation)``` |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { nest }(i+j) x \\ & \text { nest } 0 \mathrm{x} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { nest i (nest } j x \text { ) } \\ & =x \end{aligned}$ | (nest is homomorphism from addition to composition) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { nest i ( } \mathrm{x}<>\mathrm{y} \text { ) } \\ & \text { nest i nil } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { nest i x <> nest } \\ & =\text { nil } \end{aligned}$ | (nest distributes through document concatenation) |
| nest i (text s) | $=$ text s | g is absorbed by text) |

## Properties of the Functions - Laws 2(2)

## Meaning

- The above laws are sufficient to establish that documents can always be transformed into normal form (first four laws: application left to right; last three laws: application right to left)


## Further Properties - Laws

...on the relationship of documents and their layouts

| ```layout (x <> y) layout nil``` | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { layout x ++ layout } \\ & =\text { "" } \end{aligned}$ | ```(layout is homomorphism from document concatenation to string concatenation)``` |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| layout (text s) | $=\mathrm{s}$ | (layout is the inverse of text) |
| layout (nest i line) | $=$ '\n' : copy i ' | (layout of a nested line is a newline followed by one space for each level of indentation) |

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## The Implementation of Doc

Intuition
...represent documents as a concatenation of items, where each item is a text or a line break indented to a given amount. ...realized as a sum type (the algebra of documents):

```
data Doc
= Nil
| String 'Text' Doc
| Int 'Line' Doc
```

...with the following relationships of the constructors to document operators:

```
Nil = nil
s 'Text' x = text s <> x
i 'Line' x = nest i line <> x
```


## Example

The normal form (considered already previously)..

```
text "bbbbb[" <>
nest 2 line <> text "ccc," <>
nest 2 line <> text "dd" <>
nest 0 line <> text "]"
```

.has the representation:

```
"bbbbb[" 'Text' (
2 'Line' ("ccc," 'Text' (
2 'Line' ("dd," 'Text' (
O 'Line' ("]," 'Text' Nil)))))
```


## Derived Implementations 1(2)

...of the document operators from the above equations:


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## Derived Implementations 2(2)

```
nest i (s 'Text' x) = s 'Text' nest i x
nest i (j 'Line' x) = (i+j) 'Line' nest i x
nest i Nil = Nil
layout (s 'Text' x) = s ++ layout x
layout (i 'Line' x) = '\n' : copy i ', ++ layout x
layout Nil = ""
```


## On the Correctness

...of the derived implementations:

- Derivation of (s 'Text' $x$ ) <> $y=s$ 'Text' ( $x$ <> $y$ )
(s 'Text' x) <> y
$=$ \{ Definition of Text \}
(text s <> x) <> y
$=$ \{ Associativity of <> \} text s <> (x <> y)
$=$ \{ Definition of Text \}
s 'Text' (x <> y)
- Remaining equations: Similar reasoning


## Documents with Multiple Layouts

- Up to now... documents are equivalent to a string (i.e., have a fixed single layout)
- Next... documents are equivalent to a set of strings (i.e., may have multiple layouts)
where each string correponds to a layout.
All what is needed to render this possible: A new function

```
group :: Doc -> Doc
```

Informally:
group returns the set with one new element added, which represents the layout in which everything is compressed on one line, when applied to a document representing a set of layouts.

## Preferred Layouts

Technically, this also requires...

- layout is replaced by pretty
pretty :: Int -> Doc -> String
- pretty's integer-argument specifies the preferred maximum line length of the output (and hence the prettiest layout out of the set of alternatives at hand)


## Implementation of the new Functions

The following supporting functions are required:
-- Forming the union of two sets of layouts
(<|>) :: Doc -> Doc -> Doc
-- Replacement of each line break (including subsequent
-- indentation) by a single space
flatten :: Doc -> Doc

- Observation ...a document always represents a non-empty set of layouts
- Requirements
- ...in ( $\mathrm{x}<\mid>\mathrm{y}$ ) all layouts of x and y enjoy the same flat layout (mandatory invariant of <|>)
- ...each first line in $x$ is at least as long as each first line in y (second invariant)


## Example

Using...

```
showTree (Node sts) = group (text s <> nest (length s) (showBracket ts))
```

.the call of pretty 30 yields the output:
aaa [bbbbb [ccc, dd]
eee,
ffff [gg, hhh, ii]
This ensures

- Output in one line where possible (i.e. length $\leq 30$ )
- Insertion of sufficiently many line breaks in order to avoid exceeding the given maximum line length

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## Properties (Laws) of (<|>)

...operators on simple documents are extended pointwise through union:

```
(x <|> y) <> z = (x <> z) <|> (y <> z)
x <> (y < |> z) = (x <> y) <|> (x <> z)
nest i (x <|> y) = nest i x <|> nest i y
```


## Properties (Laws) of flatten

...the interaction of flatten with other document operators:

```
flatten (x <|> y) = flatten x
flatten (x <> y) = flatten x <> flatten y
flatten nil = nil
flatten (text s) = text s
flatten line = text " " -- the most interesting case
flatten (nest i x) = flatten x
```


## Normal Form

Based on the previous laws each document can be reduced to a normal form of the form

$$
\mathrm{x} 1<\mid>\ldots \text { <|> xn }
$$

where each xi is in the normal form of simple documents (which was introduced previously).

## Implementation of group

...by means of flatten and (<>), the implementation of group can be given:

```
group x = flatten x <|> x
```


## Selecting a "best" Layout out of a Set of Layouts

...by defining an ordering relation on lines in dependence of the given maximum line length

Out of two lines..

- which do not exceed the maximum length, select the longer one
- of which at least one exceeds the maximum length, select the shorter one

Note: Sometimes we have to pick a layout where some line exceeds the limit. However, this is done only, if this is unavoidable.

## The Adapted Implementation of Doc

The new implementation of Doc. Quite similar to the original one...

```
data Doc = -- The first 3 alternatives as before
    Nil
    | String 'Text' Doc
    | Int 'Line' Doc
        -- We add a construct representing the
        -- union of two documents
    | Doc 'Union' Doc
```

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Relationship of Constructors and Document Operators

The following relationships hold..

```
Nil = nil
s 'Text' x = text s <> x
i 'Line' x = nest i line <> x
x 'Union' y = x <l> y
```

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Example 2(8)
...has the following possible layouts:


## Example 3(8)

Task: ...print the above document under the constraint that the maximum line length is 5
$\leadsto$ the right-most layout of the previous slide is requested Initial considerations:

- ...Factoring out "hello" of all the layouts in $x$ and $y$ "hello" 'Text' ((" " 'Text' x) 'Union' (0 'Line' y))
- ...Defining additionally the interplay of (<>) and nest with Union
( $x$ 'Union' $y$ ) <> $z$ ( $x ~<>~ z) ~ ' U n i o n ' ~(~ y ~<>~ z) ~$ nest $k$ ( $x$ 'Union' $y$ ) = nest $k x$ 'Union' nest $k y$

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## Example 4(8)

Implementations of group and flatten can easily be derived...

```
group Nil = Nil
group (i 'Line' x) = (" " 'Text' flatten x) 'Union'
                                    (i 'Line' x)
group (s 'Text' x) = s 'Text' group x
group (x 'Union' y) = group x 'Union' y
flatten Nil = Nil
flatten (i 'Line' x) = " " 'Text' flatten x
flatten (s 'Text' x) = s 'Text' flatten x
flatten (x 'Union' y) = flatten x
```

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## Example 5(8)

Considerations on correctness...
Derivation of group (i 'Line' $x$ ) (see line two) (preserving the invariant required by union)

```
group (i 'Line' x)
```

$=$ \{ Definition of Line \} group (nest i line <> x)
$=$ \{ Definition of group\}
flatten (nest i line <> x) <|> (nest i line s <> x)
$=$ \{ Definition of flatten \} (text " " <> flatten x) <l> (nest i line <> x)
$=$ \{ Definition of Text, Union, Line \} (" " 'Text' flatten $x$ ) 'Union' (i 'Line' x)

## Example 6(8)

Correctness considerations..
Derivation of group (s 'Text' $x$ ) (see line three) group (s 'Text' $x$ )
$=\{$ Definition Text \} group (text s <> x)
$=$ \{ Definition group\}
flatten (text s <> x) <|> (text s <> x)
$=\{$ Definition flatten \} (text s <> flatten $x$ ) <l> (text s <> x)
$=\quad\{<>$ distributes through <|> \} text $s$ <> (flatten $x$ <l> $x$ )
$=$ \{ Definition group \} text s <> group x
$=$ \{ Definition Text \}
s 'Text' group x

## Example 7(8)

Selecting the "best" layout...

```
best w k Nil = Nil
best w k (i 'Line' x) = i 'Line' best w i x
best w k (s 'Text' x) = s 'Text' best w (k + length s) x
best w k (x 'Union' y) = better w k (best w k x) (best w k y)
better w k x y = if fits (w-k) x then x else y
```

Remark:

- best ...converts a "union"-afflicted document into a "union"-free document
- Argument w ...maximum line length
- Argument k ...already consumed letters (including indentation) on current line

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## Example 8(8)

Check, if the first document line stays within the maximum line length...

```
fits w x | w<0 = False
fits w Nil = True
fits w (s 'Text' x) = fits (w - length s) x
fits w (i 'Line' x) = True
```

Last but not least, the output routine (layout remains unchanged): Select the best layout and convert it to a string...

```
pretty w x = layout (best w O x)
```


## Implementing the Document Operators

Defining the operators to build a document: Straightforward...

```
nil = NIL
x <> y = x :<> y
nest i x = NEST i x
text s = TEXT s
line = LINE
```

- In distinction to the previous document type we here use capital letters in order to avoid name clashes with the previous definitions


## Implementing group and flatten

As before, we require the following invariants:

- ...in ( $\mathrm{x}:<1>\mathrm{y}$ ) all layouts in x and y flatten to the same layout
- ...no first line in x is shorter than any first line in y

Definitions of group and flatten are then straightforward

```
group x
= flatten x :<|> x
flatten NIL = NIL
flatten (x :<> y) = flatten x:<> flatten y
flatten (NEST i x) = NEST i (flatten x)
flatten (TEXT s) = TEXT s
flatten LINE = TEXT " "
flatten (x :<|> y) = flatten x
```

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## Representation Function

...generating the document from an indentation-afflicted document

```
rep z = fold (<>) nil [nest i x | (i,x) <- z ]
```


## Selecting the "best" Layout

Generalizing the function "best" by composing the old function with the representation function.

```
be w k z = best w k (rep z) (Hypothesis)
best w k x = be w k [(0,x)]
```

where the definition is derived from the old one...

```
be w k [],= Nil
be w k ((i,NIL):z) = be w k z
be w k ((i,x :<> y) : z) = be w k ((i,x) : (i,y) : z)
be w k ((i,NEST j x) : z) = be w k ((i+j),x) : z)
be w k ((i,TEXT s) : z) = s 'Text' be w (k+length s) z
be w k ((i,LINE) : z) = i 'Line' be w i z
be w k ((i.x :<|> y) : z) = better w k (be w k ((i.x) : z))
    (be w k (i,y) : z))
```


## In Preparation of further Applications 1(3)

.first some useful convenience functions:

```
x <+> y = x <> text " " <> y
x </> y = x <> line <> y
folddoc f [] = nil
folddoc f [x] = x
folddoc f (x:xs) = f x (folddoc f xs)
spread = folddoc (<+>)
stack = folddoc (</>)
```


## In Preparation of further Applications 2(3)

.some additional auxiliary functions:

```
-- An often recurring output pattern
bracket l x r
= group (text 1 <>
                                    nest 2 (line <> x) <>
                                    line <> text r)
-- Abbreviation of the alternative tree layout function
showBracket' ts
= bracket "[" (showTrees' ts) "]"
-- Filling up lines (using words out of the Haskell Standard Lib.)
x<+/> y = x <> (text " " :<|> line) <> y
fillwords = folddoc (<+/>) . map text . words
```

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## In Preparation of further Applications 3(3)

```
fill, a variant of fillwords
    \(\leadsto\)...collapses a list of documents to a single document
```

```
fill [] = nil
```

fill [] = nil
fill [x] = x
fill [x] = x
fill (x:y:zs) = (flatten x <+> fill (flatten y : zs)) :<|>
fill (x:y:zs) = (flatten x <+> fill (flatten y : zs)) :<|>
(x </> fill (y : zs)

```
                                    (x </> fill (y : zs)
```

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## Application 1(2)

Printing XML-documents (simplified syntax)...

| data XML | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { Elt String [Att] [XML] } \\ & \text { \| Txt String } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| data Att | $=$ Att String String |
| showXML x | $=$ folddoc (<>) (showXMLs x) |
| showXMLs (Elt n a []) <br> showXMLs (Elt $n$ a c) | ```= [text "<" <> showTag n a <> text "/>" = [text "<" <> showTag n a <> text ">" <> showFill showXMLs c <> text "</" <> text n <> text ">"]``` |
| showXMLs (Txt s) | $=$ map text (words s) |
| showAtts (Att n v) | $=[$ text n <> text "=" <> text (quoted v)] |

## Application 2(2)

Continuation..

```
quoted s = "\"" ++ s ++ "\""
showTag n a = text n <> showFill showAtts a
showFill f [] = nil
showFill f xs = bracket "" (fill (concat (map f xs))) ""
```


## XML Example 1

...for a given maximum line length of 30 letters:

```
<p
    color="red" font="Times"
    size="10"
>
    Here is some
    <em> emphasized </em> text.
    Here is a
    <a
        href="http://www.eg.com/"
    > link </a>
    elsewhere.
</p>
```

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## XML Example 2

...for a given maximum line length of 60 letters:

```
<p color="red" font="Times" size="10" >
    Here is some <em> emphasized </em> text. Here is a
    <a href="http://www.eg.com/" > link </a> elsewhere.
</p>
```

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## XML Example 3:

...after dropping of flatten in fill:

```
<p color="red" font="Times" size="10" >
    Here is some <em>
        emphasized
    </em> text. Here is a <a
        href="http://www.eg.com/"
    > link </a> elsewhere.
</p>
```

...start and close tags are crammed together with other text $\leadsto$ less beautifully than before.

## Overview of the Code 1(11)

Source: Philip Wadler. A Prettier Printer. In Jeremy Gibbons, Oege de Moor (Eds.), The Fun of Programming. Palgrave MacMillan, 2003.
-- The pretty printer
infixr 5:<|>
infixr 6:<>
infixr 6 <>
data DOC

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\text { NIL } \\
& \text { | DOC :<> DOC } \\
& \text { | NEST Int DOC } \\
& \text { | TEXT String } \\
& \text { | LINE } \\
& \text { | DOC :<|> DOC } \\
& =\text { Nil } \\
& \text { | String 'Text' Doc } \\
& \text { | Int 'Line' Doc }
\end{aligned}
$$

## data Doc

## Overview of the Code 2(11)

| nil | $=$ NIL |
| :---: | :---: |
| x <> y | = x :<> y |
| nest i x | $=$ NEST i x |
| text s | $=$ TEXT s |
| line | $=$ LINE |
| group x | = flatten x : <\| ${ }^{\text {c }} \mathrm{x}$ |
| flatten NIL | = NIL |
| flatten (x : <> y) | = flatten $\mathrm{x}:<>$ flatten y |
| flatten (NEST i x) | = NEST i (flatten x ) |
| flatten (TEXT s) | $=$ TEXT s |
| flatten LINE | = TEXT " " |
| flatten (x : < \| ${ }^{\text {y }}$ ) | = flatten |

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## Overview of the Code 3(11)

```
layout Nil = ""
layout (s 'Text' x) = s ++ layout x
layout (i 'Line' x) = '\n': copy i ' ' ++ layout x
copy i x = [x | _ <- [1..i]]
best w k x = be w k [(0, x )]
be w k [] = Nil
be w k ((i,NIL):z) = be w k z
be w k ((i,x :<> y) : z) = be w k ((i,x) : (i,y) : z)
be w k ((i,NEST j x) : z) = be w k ((i+j),x) : z)
be w k ((i,TEXT s) : z) = s 'Text' be w (k+length s) z
be w k ((i,LINE) : z) = i 'Line' be w i z
be w k ((i.x :<|> y) : z) = better w k (be w k ((i.x) : z))
                                    (be w k (i,y) : z))
better w k x y
    = if fits (w-k) x then x else y
```


## Overview of the Code 5(11)

```
spread
    = folddoc (<+>)
stack
bracket l x r = group (text 1 <>
                                    nest 2 (line <> x) <>
                                    line <> text r)
x <+/> y = x <> (text " " :<|> line) <> y
fillwords = folddoc (<+/>) . map text . words
fill [] = nil
fill [x] = x
fill (x:y:zs) = (flatten x <+> fill (flatten y : zs))
    :<l> (x </> fill (y : zs)
```


## Overview of the Code 6(11)

```
-- Tree example
data Tree = Node String [Tree]
showTree (Node s ts) = group (text s <>
    nest (length s) (showBracket ts))
showBracket [] = nil 
<> text "]"
showTrees [t] = showTree t 
                            <> showTrees ts
```

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## Overview of the Code 7(11)

```
showTree' (Node s ts) = text s <> showBracket' ts
showBracket' [] = nil
showBracket' ts = bracket "[" (showTrees' ts) "]"
showTrees' [t] = showTree t
showTrees' (t:ts) = showTree t <> text "," <> line
```

<> showTrees ts

## Overview of the Code 8(11)

tree
= Node "aaa"[ Node "bbbb"[ Node "ccc"[], Node "dd" []
],
Node "eee" [],
Node "ffff"[ Node "gg"[], Node "hhh" [], Node "ii" []
]
]

| testtree w | $=\operatorname{putStr}(\operatorname{pretty} \mathrm{w}$ (showTree tree)) |
| :--- | :--- |
| testtree, w | $=$ putStr $($ pretty w (showTree' tree)) |

## Overview of the Code 9(11)

-- XML Example

| data XML | $=$ Elt String [Att] [XML] |
| ---: | :--- |
|  | I Txt String |
| data Att | $=$ Att String String |
| showXML $x$ | $=$ folddoc (<>) (ShowXMLs $x$ ) |


| showXMLs (Elt n a []) = | $[$ text "<" <> showTag n a <> text " />" |
| ---: | :--- |
| showXMLs (Elt n a c) $=$ | $[$ text "<" <> showTag n a <> text ">" <> |
|  | showFill showXMLs c <> |
|  | text "</" <> text n <> text ">"] |
| showXMLs (Txt s) = | map text (words s) |

showXMLs (Txt s) $\quad=$ map text (words $s$ )

## Overview of the Code 10 (11)

```
showAtts (Att n v) = [text n <> text "=" <> text (quoted v)]
quoted s = "\"" ++ s ++ "\""
showTag n a = text n <> showFill showAtts a
showFill f [] = nil
showFill f xs = bracket "" (fill (concat (map f xs))) ""
```


## Overview of the Code 11(11)

xml
= Elt "p"[Att "color" "red",
Att "font" "Times",
Att "size" "10"
] [ Txt "Here is some", Elt "em" [] [ Txt "emphasized"], Txt "text.", Txt "Here is a", Elt "a" [ Att "href" "http://www.eg.com/"]
[ Txt "link"],
Txt "elsewhere."
]
testXML $\mathrm{w}=\operatorname{putStr}($ pretty w (showXML xml))

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## Further Readings 2(2)

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Final lecture...

- Thu, June 19, 2008, lecture time: 4.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., lecture room on the ground floor of the building Argentinierstr. 8

Seventh (and final) assignment (as well as previous assignments)...

- Please check out the homepage of the course for details.

