

# Program Verification with $F^*$

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- Interested in doing your **MSc dissertation in this area?**

- Verification of algorithms, protocols, real software, . . .
- Design, meta-theory, and semantics of tools like F\*
- **Get in contact with me and Juhan!**

# Specification and verification

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# F<sup>\*</sup> in action, at scale

- **A real functional programming language with effects**
  - F<sup>\*</sup> is programmed in F<sup>\*</sup>, but not (yet) verified
- **Project Everest**
  - TLS-1.3 record Layer
  - HAACL<sup>\*</sup>, ValeCrypt, and EverCrypt: Cryptographic libraries
  - QUIC record Layer
  - Signal<sup>\*</sup>: A verified secure messaging protocol
  - Vale: A tool for verifying cryptographic primitives in assembly
  - Low<sup>\*</sup> and KaRaMeL: A proof-oriented subset of C embedded in F<sup>\*</sup>
  - EverParse: A parser generator for binary data formats
  - Steel: A concurrent separation logic embedded in F<sup>\*</sup>
  - Pulse: A high-level DSL and typechecker on top of Steel
- For more info, see [fstar-lang.org](https://fstar-lang.org) and [project-everest.github.io](https://project-everest.github.io)

How to use  $F^*$ ?



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- **Interactive: incremental development + typecheck./verif.**
  - Emacs (FStar-mode) or VS Code (FStar-vscode-assistant)

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- Often even more convenient to use **simple lists + refinements**

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factorial (-1) loops! (int type in  $F^*$  is unbounded)

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```

- Some useful code really is **not always terminating**
  - evaluator for lambda terms

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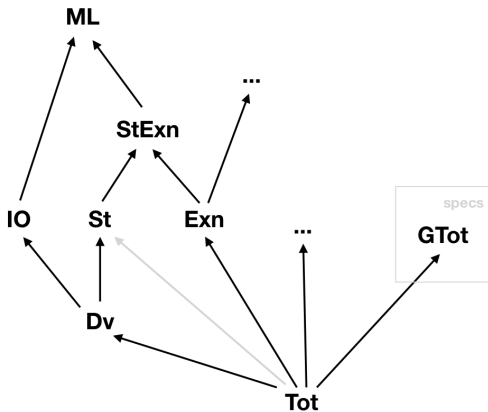
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```

# Tot and Dv are two effs. amongst many



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- this graph is **user-extensible** (layered effects, Dijkstra monads)



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- Helps to guarantee **code's "irrelevance" of/from specs!**

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```

Verifying **purely functional** programs in  $F^*$

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- Convenient **syntactic sugar**: the **Lemma** effect

```
Lemma property = Pure unit (requires True) (ensures (fun _ → property))
```

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# Div programs verified **only intrinsically**

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```
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- Or the **Div** computation type (using **pre- and postconditions**)

```
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                                     (ensures (fun e' → Lam? e' ∧ closed e'))  
  
let rec eval_closed e =  
  match e with  
  | App e1 e2 → (* notice there is no match case for variables *)  
    let Lam e1' = eval_closed e1 in  
    below_subst_beta 0 e1' e2;  
    eval_closed (subst (sub_beta e2) e1')  
  | Lam e1 → Lam e1
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- The **Dv** effect is also just an abbreviation (just like **Tot** was)

```
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# Recap: **Functional core** of $F^*$

- **Variant of dependent type theory**
  - $\lambda$ ,  $\Pi$ , inductives, matches, universe polymorphism, ...
- **General recursion and semantic termination check**
  - potential non-termination is an effect!
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    - $x:t\{\text{phi } x\}$
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    - **Div**  $t$  pre post
  - Refinements comp. and proof irrelevant, discharged by SMT
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- **Standard logical connectives** ( $==$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ , ...)

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```
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```
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```
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```
  val addr_of : #a:Type → ref a → GTot nat
```

```
  val contains : #a:Type → heap → ref a → Type0
```

```
  let modifies (s:FStar.TSet.set nat) (h0 h1 : heap) =
```

```
     $\forall a (r:\text{ref } a) . (h0 \text{ `contains` } r \wedge \sim(\text{addr\_of } r \text{ `mem` } s)) \implies \text{sel } h1 \text{ } r == \text{sel } h0 \text{ } r$ 
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module ST
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```
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    (ensures (fun h0 r h1 → modifies !{ } h0 h1 ∧  
              sel h1 r == init ∧  
              fresh r h0 h1))
```

```
val (!) : #a:Type → r:ref a →  
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- SMT-solver checks **if inferred spec. implies user-provided one**

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# Reference swapping (hand proof sketch)

```
val swap : r1:ref int → r2:ref int →  
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    (ensures (fun h0 _ h3 → modifies !{r1,r2} h0 h3 ∧  
              sel h3 r2 == sel h0 r1 ∧  
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```
let swap r1 r2 =
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```
  let t = !r1 in          (* (P1):  $\exists h1\ t. h0 == h1 \wedge t == \text{sel } h0\ r1 *$  *)
```

```
  r1 := !r2;             (* (P2):  $\exists h2. \text{modifies } !\{r1\}\ h1\ h2 \wedge \text{sel } h2\ r1 == \text{sel } h1\ r2 *$  *)
```

```
  r2 := t                 (* (P3):  $\text{modifies } !\{r2\}\ h2\ h3 \wedge \text{sel } h3\ r2 == t *$  *)
```



# Reference swapping (the in-place version)

```
val swap_add_sub : r1:ref int → r2:ref int →
  ST unit (requires (fun _ → addr_of r1 ≠ addr_of r2 ))
          (ensures (fun h0 _ h1 → modifies !{r1,r2} h0 h1 ∧
                    sel h1 r1 == sel h0 r2 ∧
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let swap_add_sub r1 r2 =
  r1 := !r1 + !r2;
  r2 := !r1 - !r2;
  r1 := !r1 - !r2
```

- Correctness of this variant relies on r1 and r2 **not being aliased**
- ... and on int being **unbounded** (mathematical) integers

# But you won't escape inventing **invariants**

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  =
  let r = alloc 0 in
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- The (recursive) **loop** and its **invariant**

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        (* to ensure !{} in count_st *)
        sel h1 r == sel h0 r + n
        (* sel h1 r == n would be wrong *)))
  =
  if n > 0 then (r := !r + 1; count_st_aux r (n - 1)) else ()
```

# Summary: Verifying Stateful Programs

- ML-style **garbage-collected references**

```
val heap : Type
val ref : Type → Type

val sel : #a:Type → heap → ref a → GTot a
val addr_of : #a:Type → ref a → GTot nat

val modifies : s:set nat → h0:heap → h1:heap → Type0
```

- **St** effect for simple **ML-style programming**

```
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- **ST** effect for **pre- and postcond. based (intrinsic) reasoning**

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         (ensures (fun h0 _ h2 → modifies !{r} h0 h2 ∧ sel h2 r == n))
```

- But **that's not all** there is to F\*'s memory models!
  - **monotonicity**, **regions**, **heaps-and-stacks**, **concur. sep. logics**

## Highlights of other F\* features

# F<sup>\*</sup> has an **extensible effect system**

- In addition to **Tot**, **St**, . . . , **users can define their own effects**
  - IO, exceptions, nondeterminism, concurrency, . . .
  - (layered) combinations of primitive and user-defined effects
  - custom sub-effecting ( $<:$ ) relations between effects
- **Axiomatically** (PLDI 2013)
  - Only abstract signatures of effect operations
  - Implementation of effects given in code extraction
- **Using Dijkstra monads** (POPL 2017, ICFP 2019)
  - Both computations and specifications are modelled as monads
  - F<sup>\*</sup> infers the spec. using a monad morphism  $\theta : T \rightarrow S$
- **Using layered effects** (MSR TR 2021)
  - New effects on top of existing ones (like with monads in Haskell)

# F<sup>\*</sup> has an extensible effect system (ex: ND)

```
let m a = list a
```

```
let dm (a : Type) (wp : w a) : Type =  
  p:(a → Type0) → squash (wp p) → l:(m a){∀ x. memP x l ⇒ p x}
```

```
let irepr (a : Type) (wp : w a) = dm a wp
```

```
let ireturn (a : Type) (x : a) : irepr a (w_return x) = λ _ _ → [x]
```

```
...
```

```
total
```

```
reifiable
```

```
reflectable
```

```
effect {
```

```
  ND (a:Type) (wp:w a)
```

```
  with {repr = irepr;
```

```
        return = ireturn;
```

```
        bind = ibind;
```

```
        subcomp = isubcomp;
```

```
        if_then_else = i_if_then_else}
```

```
}
```

```
let lift_pure_nd (a:Type) (wp:pure_wp a) (f:unit → PURE a wp) :
```

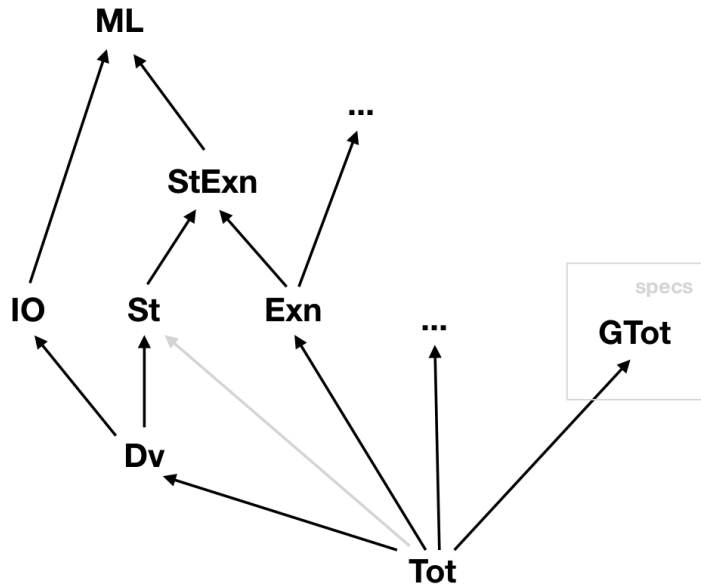
```
  Pure (irepr a wp) (requires τ)
```

```
    (ensures (λ _ → τ))
```

```
  = λ p _ → let r = FStar.Monotonic.Pure.elim_pure f p in [r]
```

```
sub_effect PURE → ND = lift_pure_nd
```

$F^*$  has an **extensible effect system** ( $<:$ )





# Low<sup>\*</sup>: verifying low-level C code

- The **code (Low<sup>\*</sup>) is low-level** but **verification (F<sup>\*</sup>) is not**

```
let f (): Stack UInt64.t (requires (fun h0 → True))
                          (ensures (fun h0 r h1 → r == 43UL))

= push_frame ();

let b = LowStar.Buffer.alloc 1UL 64ul in
assert (b.(42ul) = 1UL);

b.(42ul) ← b.(42ul) + ^ 42UL;
let r = b.(42ul) in

pop_frame ();

r
```

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```
uint64_t f()
{
    uint64_t b[64U];

    for (uint32_t _i = 0U; _i < (uint32_t)64U; ++_i)
        b[_i] = (uint64_t)1U;

    b[42U] = b[42U] + (uint64_t)42U;
    uint64_t r = b[42U];

    return r;
}
```

- In the lab we will look at some Low<sup>\*</sup> code for **ESP32 IoT device**

# Steel: a concurrent separation logic in F\*

- Higher-level abstraction on top of SteelCore
  - soundness from an **intrinsically typed definitional interpreter**
  - **commutative monoids (PCM)** based memory model
  - **atomic** and **ghost computations**
  - **dynamically allocated invariants**

```
(* The type of a lock.
```

```
  This is implemented as a pair of a boolean reference, and an invariant name *)
```

```
val lock (p:vprop) : Type u#0
```

```
(* If we have vprop [p] in the context, we can create a new lock
```

```
  associated to [p]. [p] is then removed from the context, and only accessible  
  through the newly created lock *)
```

```
val new_lock (p:vprop)
```

```
  : SteelT (lock p) p (λ _ → emp)
```

```
(* Acquires the lock, and adds the associated vprop [p] to the context.
```

```
  This function loops until the lock becomes available *)
```

```
val acquire (#p:vprop) (l:lock p)
```

```
  : SteelT unit emp (λ _ → p)
```

```
(* Releases a lock [l], as long as the caller previously restored the associated vprop [p] *)
```

```
val release (#p:vprop) (l:lock p)
```

```
  : SteelT unit p (λ _ → emp)
```

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```
val par (#aL:Type u#a)
  (#aR:Type u#a)
  (#preL:vprop)
  (#postL:aL → vprop)
  ($f:unit → SteelT aL preL postL)
  (#preR:vprop)
  (#postR:aR → vprop)
  ($g:unit → SteelT aR preR postR)
: SteelT (aL & aR)
  (preL `star` preR)
  (λ y → postL (fst y) `star` postR (snd y))
```

# Pulse: a DSL for conc. sep. logic in F\*

- A **syntax extension** (DSL) and a **custom typechecker** for Steel
- Well-typed Pulse progs. are **extracted to OCaml, C, or Rust**

```
``pulse
fn fibonacci (k:pos)
  requires emp
  returns r:Z
  ensures pure (r == fib k)
{
  let mut i = 1;
  let mut j = 1;
  let mut ctr = 1;
  while ((ctr < k))
  invariant b .
    ∃ vi vj vctr.
    pts_to i vi **
    pts_to j vj **
    pts_to ctr vctr **
    pure (1 ≤ vctr ∧
          vctr ≤ k ∧
          vi == fib (vctr - 1) ∧
          vj == fib vctr ∧
          b == (vctr < k))
  {
    let vi = i;
    ctr = ctr + 1;
    i = j;
    j = vi + j;
  };
  j
}
...

```

- **Info:** There will be a **Pulse tutorial** (by Nik and others) at POPL

# Meta-F<sup>\*</sup>: tactics and metaprogramming

- Tactics are **just another F<sup>\*</sup> effect** (proof state + exceptions)
- Can **access the proof state**
- Can **introspect** and **synthesise F<sup>\*</sup> terms**
- **Run** using the normalizer (slow) or **compiled** to OCaml plugins
- **Uses:**
  - discharging VCs
  - massaging VCs
  - synthesizing terms
  - typeclasses
  - ...

# Tactics can discharge verification conditions

```
module Logic

open FStar.Tactics

assume val phi : Type0
assume val psi : Type0
assume val xi : Type0

let tau () : Tac unit
= let hyp_phi_xi = implies_intro () in
  right ();
  dump "proofstate 1";
  and_elim (binder_to_term hyp_phi_xi);
  dump "proofstate 2";
  let hyp_phi = implies_intro () in
  let hyp_xi = implies_intro () in
  dump "proofstate 3";
  apply (←FStar.Squash.return_squash);
  dump "proofstate 4";
  exact (binder_to_term hyp_phi);
  qed ()

let _ =
  assert_by_tactic (phi ∧ xi ==> psi ∨ phi) tau
```

Logic.fst

```
proofstate 1 @ \_2018/code/effects/Logic.fst\(12,4-12,23\) Tue Jul 31
20:30:07 2018
Goal 1/1
hyp_phi_xi: phi ∧ xi

squash phi
(*?u46*) _

proofstate 2 @ \_2018/code/effects/Logic.fst\(14,4-14,23\) Tue Jul 31
20:30:08 2018
Goal 1/1
hyp_phi_xi: phi ∧ xi

squash (phi ==> xi ==> phi)
(*?u72*) _

proofstate 3 @ \_2018/code/effects/Logic.fst\(17,4-17,23\) Tue Jul 31
20:30:08 2018
Goal 1/1
hyp_phi_xi: phi ∧ xi
hyp_phi: phi
hyp_xi: xi

squash phi
(*?u21*) _

proofstate 4 @ \_2018/code/effects/Logic.fst\(19,4-19,23\) Tue Jul 31
20:30:08 2018
Goal 1/1
hyp_phi_xi: phi ∧ xi
hyp_phi: phi
hyp_xi: xi

phi
(*?u130*) _
```

U:--- Logic.fst All (22,0) (F0 FlyC company Eldoc) U:%06- \*fstar: goals\* Bot (399,0) (F0 Goals WordWrap)

# Tactics can massage verification conditions

```
CanonCommSemiring.fst
assume val modulo_addition_lemma (a:int) (n:pos) (b:int) : Lemma ((a + b * n) % n = a % n)
done @ _cs/CanonCommSemiring.fst(324,12-324,23) Tue Jul 31 20:57:25 2018

let lemma_poly_multiply (n p r h r0 r1 h0 h1 h2 s1 d0 d1 d2 hh:int) : Lemma
(Requires
  p > 0 ∧
  r1 >= 0 ∧
  n > 0 ∧
  4 * (n * n) = p + 5 ∧
  r = r1 * n + r0 ∧
  h = h2 * (n * n) + h1 * n + h0 ∧
  s1 = r1 + (r1 / 4) ∧
  r1 % 4 = 0 ∧
  d0 = h0 * r0 + h1 * s1 ∧
  d1 = h0 * r1 + h1 * r0 + h2 * s1 ∧
  d2 = h2 * r0 ∧
  hh = d2 * (n * n) + d1 * n + d0
)
(ensures (h * r) % p = hh % p)
=
let r14 = r1 / 4 in
let h_r_expand = (h2 * (n * n) + h1 * n + h0) * ((r14 * 4) * n + r0) in
let hh_expand = (h2 * r0) * (n * n) + (h0 * (r14 * 4) + h1 * r0 + h2 * (5 * r14)) * n
+ (h0 * r0 + h1 * (5 * r14)) in
//assert (h * r = h_r_expand);
//assert (hh = hh_expand);
let b = ((h2 * n + h1) * r14) in
modulo_addition_lemma hh_expand p b;
assert_by_tactic (h_r_expand = hh_expand + b * (n * n * 4 + (-5)))
(fun _ => canon_semiring_int_ncr);
()

Goal 1/1
n p r h r0 r1 h0 h1 h2 s1 d0 d1 d2 hh: int
p: pure_post unit
uu__: squash (p > 0 ∧ r1 >= 0 ∧ n > 0 ∧ 4 * (n * n) = p + 5 ∧ r = r1 * n
+ r0 ∧
h = h2 * (n * n) + h1 * n + h0 ∧ s1 = r1 + r1 / 4 ∧ r1 % 4 = 0 ∧ d0
= h0 * r0 + h1 * s1 ∧
d1 = h0 * r1 + h1 * r0 + h2 * s1 ∧ d2 = h2 * r0 ∧ hh = d2 * (n * n) +
d1 * n + d0 ∧
(forall (pure_result: unit). h * r % p = hh % p => p pure_result))
any_result: int
uu__: squash (p = any_result)
pure_result: unit
uu__: squash ((h2 * r0) * (n * n) + (h0 * ((r1 / 4) * 4) + h1 * r0 + h2 * (5
* (r1 / 4))) * n +
(h0 * r0 + h1 * (5 * (r1 / 4))) +
((h2 * n + h1) * (r1 / 4)) * p) %
p =
((h2 * r0) * (n * n) + (h0 * ((r1 / 4) * 4) + h1 * r0 + h2 * (5 * (r1 /
4))) * n +
(h0 * r0 + h1 * (5 * (r1 / 4)))) %
squash (4 * (h2 * (n * (n * (n * (r1 / 4))))) + h2 * (n * (n * r0)) +
(4 * (n * (n * (h1 * (r1 / 4))))) + n * (h1 * r0)) +
(4 * (n * (h0 * (r1 / 4))) + h0 * r0) =
h2 * (n * (n * r0)) + (4 * (n * (h0 * (r1 / 4)))) + n * (h1 * r0) + 5 * (h2
* (n * (r1 / 4))) +
(h0 * r0 + 5 * (h1 * (r1 / 4))) +
(4 * (h2 * (n * (n * (n * (r1 / 4))))) + -5 * (h2 * (n * (r1 / 4))) +
(4 * (n * (n * (h1 * (r1 / 4))))) + -5 * (h1 * (r1 / 4))))
(*?1863*) -

SMF goal 1/1
n p r h r0 r1 h0 h1 h2 s1 d0 d1 d2 hh: int
p: pure_post unit
uu__: squash (p > 0 ∧ r1 >= 0 ∧ n > 0 ∧ 4 * (n * n) = p + 5 ∧ r = r1 * n
U: %* - *fstar: goals* 99% (4882,0) (FO Goals WordWrap)
```



# Tactics can synthesize F\* terms

```
Printers.fst
Printers.t1_print
/Users/danel/FStar/examples/tactics/<dummy>(0,0-0,0)

Type
arg: t1 -> Prims.Tot string

Definition
visible let t1_print : arg: Printers.t1 -> Prims.Tot Prims.string = fun v =>
  let rec ff_rec v_inner =
    (match v_inner with
     | Printers.A a a ->
       FStar.String.concat ""
         [
           "(";
           FStar.String.concat " "
             ["Printers.A"; Printers.print_Prims_int a; Printers.print_Prims_string a];
           ")"
         ]
     | Printers.B a a ->
       FStar.String.concat ""
         ["("; FStar.String.concat " " ["Printers.B"; ff_rec a; Printers.print_Prims_int a]; ")"]
     | Printers.C ->
       FStar.String.concat " " ["Printers.C"]
     | Printers.D a ->
       FStar.String.concat ""
         ["("; FStar.String.concat " " ["Printers.D"; Printers.print_Prims_string a]; ")"]
     | Printers.E a ->
       FStar.String.concat "" ["("; FStar.String.concat " " ["Printers.E"; ff_rec a]; ")"]
     | Printers.F _ ->
       FStar.String.concat "" ["("; FStar.String.concat " " ["Printers.F"; "?"; ")"]
    )
  <:
  Prims.string
in
ff_rec v

let mk_printer dom : Tac unit =
  let nm = match inspect dom with
    | Tv_FVar fv -> inspect_fv fv
    | _ -> fail "not an fv?"
  in
  let nm = maplast (fun s -> s ^ "_print") nm in
  let sv : sigelt_view = Sg_Let false (pack_fv nm) []
    (mk_printer_type dom)
    (mk_printer_fun dom) in
  let ses : list sigelt = [pack_sigelt sv] in
  exact (quote ses)

noeq
type t1 =
| A : int -> string -> t1
| B : t1 -> int -> t1
| C : t1
| D : string -> t1
| E : t1 -> t1
| F : (unit -> t1) -> t1

%splice[t1_print] (fun () -> mk_printer `t1)

let _
= assert_norm (
  t1_print (A 5 "hey")
= "(Printers.A 5 \"hey\")"
)

let _
= assert_norm (
  t1_print (B (D "thing") 42)
= "(Printers.B (Printers.D \"thing\") 42)"
)
```

# Tactics can implement typeclasses in F<sup>★</sup>

```

Typeclasses.fst
(* A class for decidable equality *)
noeq
type deq a = {
  eq   : a -> a -> bool;
  eq_ok : (x:a) -> (y:a) -> Lemma (___fname___eq x y <=> x = y)
}

%splice[eq;eq_ok] (mk_class `Xdeq)

(* These methods are generated by the splice *)
(* @[tcnorm] let eq_ok (#a:Type) [!d : deq a] = d.eq_ok *)
(* @[tcnorm] let eq   (#a:Type) [!d : deq a] = d.eq   *)

(* A way to get `deq a` for any `a : eqtype` *)
let eq_instance_of_eqtype (#a:eqtype) : deq a =
  Mkdeq (fun x y -> x = y) (fun x y -> ())

(* Two concrete instances *)
[@instance] let eq_int : deq int = eq_instance_of_eqtype
[@instance] let eq_bool : deq bool = eq_instance_of_eqtype

(* A few tests *)
let _ = assert (eq 1 1)
let _ = assert (not (eq 1 2))

let _ = assert (eq true true)
let _ = assert (not (eq true false))
```

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