

Common LISP

- A combination of many of the features of the popular dialects of LISP around in the early 1980s
- A large and complex language--the opposite of Scheme
- Includes:
 - records
 - arrays
 - complex numbers
 - character strings
 - powerful i/o capabilities
 - packages with access control
 - imperative features like those of Scheme
 - iterative control statements

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Standard ML

- Statically scoped, with syntax closer to Pascal than LISP
- Uses type declarations, but also does **type inferencing** to determine the types of undeclared variables (See Ch. 4)
- Strongly typed (whereas Scheme has latent typing), no type coercions
- Includes exception handling and a module facility for implementing ADTs
- Includes lists and list operations
- The **val** statement binds a name to a value (similar to DEFINE in Scheme)

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SML Function Declarations

```
fun function_name (formal_parameters) =  
  function_body_expression;
```

```
fun cube (x : int) = x * x * x;
```

- List-based operations can be polymorphic, using type inferencing
- Functions that use arithmetic or relational operators cannot be polymorphic

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Haskell

- Similar to ML
 - syntax, statically scoped, strongly typed, type inferencing
- Different from ML (and most other functional languages) in that it is **purely functional**
 - no variables, no assignment statements, and no side effects of any kind
- Most Important Features
 - Lazy evaluation (evaluate no subexpression until the value is needed)
 - "List comprehensions" allow it to deal with infinite lists

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