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C12. Grafical User Interfaces: wxHaskell

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Graphical User Interfaces

Reading and writing to a terminal window and/or files is not so interesting for most applications; instead we want to program **graphical user interfaces**.



The ideal GUI-library

Requirements for an ideal GUI-library:

- ▶ Efficiënt
- ▶ Portable
- ▶ Native look-and-feel
- ▶ A lot of standard functionality
- ▶ Easy to use

In case of Haskell:

- ▶ Possibility to abstrcat
- ▶ Fully typed, guarding against wrong usage of the library



Implementatie

In principle we can build up a GUI-library from the ground.
This is however a tremendous amount of work.

Better idea: make use of existing infra structure.





(Daan Leijen, Utrecht, Haskell Workshop 2004)

- ▶ 'Portable and concise'
- ▶ Constructed on top of wxWidgets
- ▶ Free (open source)
- ▶ Well documented
- ▶ <http://haskell.org/haskellwiki/WxHaskell/>

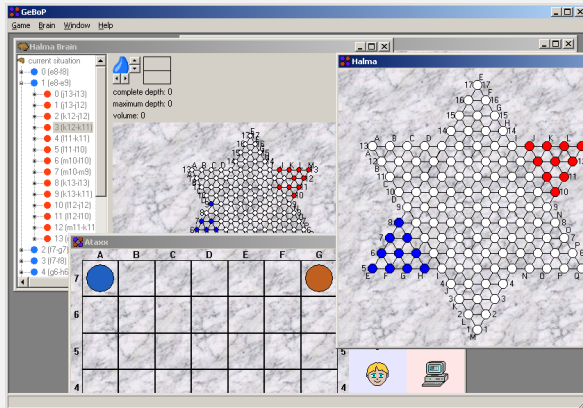




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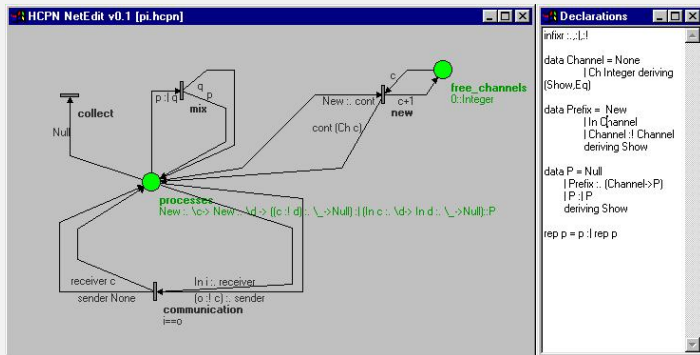
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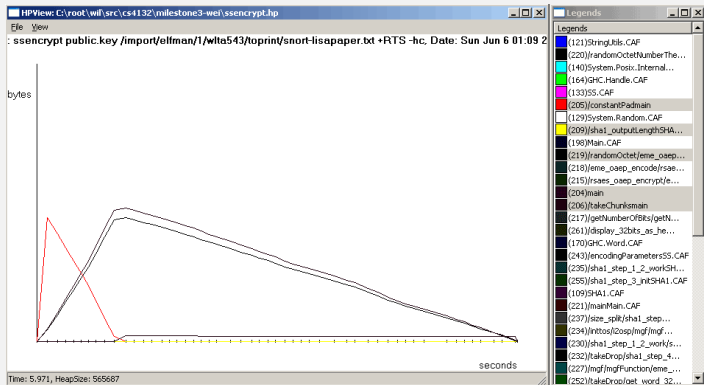
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Track editor



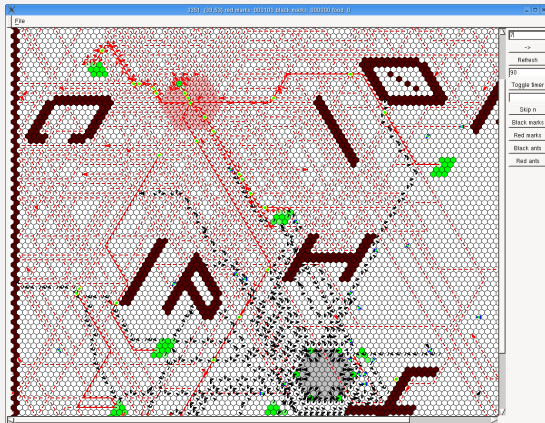
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en Andres Löh)

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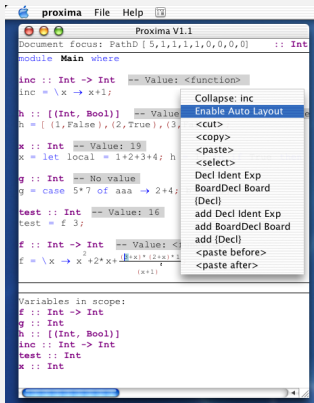
Ant simulator



(Duncan Coutts, Andres Löh, Ian Lynagh
en Ganesh Sittampalam)



Proxima



proxima File Help

Proxima V1.1

Document focus: PathD [5,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0] :: Int

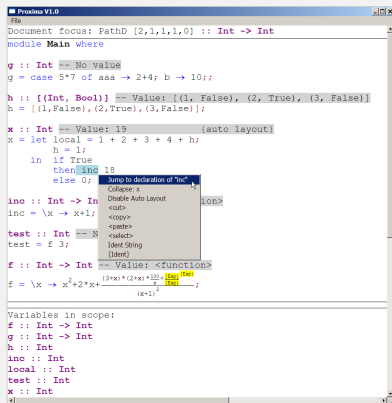
```
module Main where
inc :: Int -> Int -- Value: <function>
inc = \x -> x+1;
h :: [(Int, Bool)] -- Value:
h = [(1,False), (2,True), (3,
x :: Int -- Value: 19
x = let local = 1+2+3+4; h
g :: Int -- No value
g = case 5*7 of aaa -> 2+4;
test :: Int -- Value: 16
test = f 3;
f :: Int -> Int -- Value: <
f = \x -> x2+2*x+
(x+1)
```

Variables in scope:

```
f :: Int -> Int
g :: Int
h :: [(Int, Bool)]
inc :: Int -> Int
test :: Int
x :: Int
```

Context menu:

- Collapse: inc
- Enable Auto Layout
- <cut>
- <copy>
- <paste>
- <select>
- Decl Ident Exp
- BoardDecl Board (Decl)
- add Decl Ident Exp
- add BoardDecl Board
- add (Decl)
- <paste before>
- <paste after>



Proxima V1.0

Document focus: PathD [2,1,1,1,0] :: Int -> Int

```
module Main where
g :: Int -- No value
g = case 5*7 of aaa -> 2+4; b -> 10;;
h :: [(Int, Bool)] -- Value: [(1, False), (2, True), (3, False)]
h = [(1,False), (2,True), (3,False)];
x :: Int -- Value: 19 (auto layout)
x = let local = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + h;
      h = 1;
      in if True
          then inc 18
          else 0;
inc :: Int -> Int
inc = \x -> x+1;
test :: Int -- N
test = f 3;
f :: Int -> Int -- Value: <function>
f = \x -> x2+2*x+
(3*x) * (2*x) * 10;
(x+1)
```

Variables in scope:

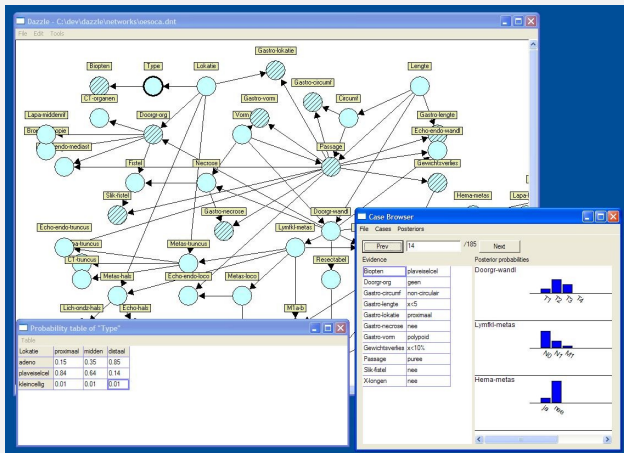
```
f :: Int -> Int
g :: Int -> Int
h :: Int
inc :: Int
local :: Int
test :: Int
x :: Int
```

Context menu:

- Jump to declaration of "inc"
- Collapse: x
- Disable Auto Layout
- <cut>
- <copy>
- <paste>
- <select>
- Ident String (Ident)

(Martijn Schrage)



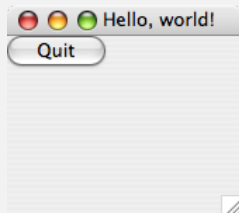


(Martijn Schrage en Arjan van IJzendoorn)



Hello, world!

Our first wxHaskell-program:



- ▶ A friendly greeting the the title bar
- ▶ A button to close the window



Hello, world!

```
import Graphics.UI.WX
main :: IO ()
main = start hello
hello :: IO ()
hello = do f ← frame [text := "Hello, world!"]
           quit ← button f [text := "Quit"]
           set quit [on command := close f]
           set f [layout := widget quit]
```



Hello, world!

From source code to executable (after installing the *wx* package):

```
| ghc Hello.hs
```

```
[1 of 1] Compiling Main (Hello.hs, Hello.o)  
Linking Hello ...
```



Interface construction

Initialisation of a wxHaskell-program:

| $start :: IO () \rightarrow IO ()$

Functions which create an element in the interface get as argument a possible **parent** in the widget tree and a *list of properties*:

| $frame :: [Prop (Frame ())] \rightarrow IO (Frame ())$
| $button :: Window a \rightarrow [Prop (Button ())] \rightarrow IO (Button ())$
| $panel :: Window a \rightarrow [Prop (Panel ())] \rightarrow IO (Panel ())$



Overriving

wxHaskell reflects the OO-framework used by `wxWidgets`.
Inheritance is modelled by so-called **phantom types**:

```
type Object a = ...  
data CWindow a = ...  
data CFrame a = ...  
data CControl a = ...  
data CButton a = ...  
type Window a = Object (CWindow a)  
type Frame a = Window (CFrame a)  
type Control a = Window (CControl a)  
type Button a = Control (CButton a)
```



Inheritance: Hiërarchy

Unfolding the type synonyms shows the type hiërarchy:

```
Button () ≈ Control (CButton ())
           ≈ Window (CControl (CButton ()))
           ≈ Object (CWindow (CControl (CButton ())))
```



Inheritance: Subtyping

```
type Frame a = Window (CFrame a)
```

```
frame :: [Prop (Frame ())] → IO (Frame ())
```

```
button :: Window a → [Prop (Button ())] → IO (Button ())
```

The function *button* may be called with a value of any **subtype** of *Window*, so also can be passed a *Frame*:

```
gui = do f ← frame []
```

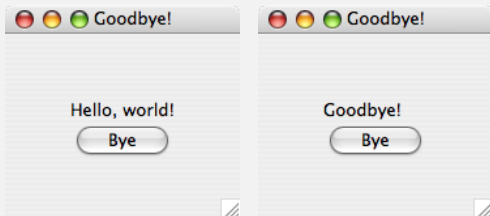
```
         q ← button f []
```

```
         ...
```



Goodbye!

Our second program:



- ▶ If we press the button the welcome message becomes a goodbye message.
- ▶ If we press again the window is closed.



Goodbye!: Initialisatone

```
import Graphics.UI.WX  
main :: IO ()  
main = start goodbye
```



Goodbye!: Interface construction

```
goodbye :: IO ()
goodbye = do f ← frame      [text := "Goodbye!"]
            p ← panel      f []
            t ← staticText p [text := "Hello, world!"]
            q ← button     p [text := "Bye"]
            set q [on command := bye f t q]
            set f [layout      := container p
                  $ margin 50
                  $ column 5
                  $ [centre (widget t)
                    ,centre (widget q)
                    ]]

```



Goodbye!: Event handler

```
bye      :: Frame () → StaticText () → Button () → IO ()
bye f t q = do txt ← get t text
              if txt ≡ "Hello, world!"
              then set t [text := "Goodbye!"]
              else close f
```



Goodbye!: Demo



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Attributen

With every widget type we associate a couple of **attributes**:

```
data Attr w a = ...  
class Textual w where  
  text :: Attr w String  
  ...  
instance Textual (Window a) where ...
```



Properties

A **property** is a combination of an attribute and a concrete value:

```
data Prop w = ...  
(:=)      :: Attr w a → a → Prop w  
set       :: w → [Prop w] → IO ()  
get       :: w → Attr w a → IO a
```

For example:

```
gui = do f ← frame [text := "Hello, world"]  
      txt ← get f text  
      set f [text := txt ++ "!"]  
      ...
```



Events

Events are objects to which we can connect actions (*IO ()* values):

```
data Event w a = ...
```

```
class Commanding w where  
  command :: Event w (IO ())
```

```
instance Commanding (Button a) where ...
```

Using *on* an event is promoted to an **event-handling** attribute:

```
on :: Event w a → Attr w a
```

For example::

```
gui = do f ← frame []  
        q ← button f [on command := close f]
```



Dynamic event handlers

Event handlers can, just like most of the other attributes be replaced **dynamically**..

For example::

```
bye      :: Frame () → StaticText () → Button () → IO ()  
bye f t q = do txt ← get t text  
             if txt ≡ "Hello, world!"  
             then set t [text := "Goodbye!"]  
             else close f
```

Nicer and more robust:

```
bye      :: Frame () → StaticText () → Button () → IO ()  
bye f t q = do set t [text      := "Goodbye!"]  
             set q [on command := close f]
```



Bouncing balls: Demo



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Bouncing Balls: Initialisation

```
import Graphics.UI.WX  
main :: IO ()  
main = start balls
```



Bouncing Balls: Constants

Width and height of the screen; radius of a ball:

width, height, radius :: *Int*

width = 300

height = 300

radius = 10

Maximal y-coördinate of a bal:

maxH :: *Int*

maxH = *height* - *radius*



Stuiterballen

A point consists of an x- and a y-coördinate:

```
data Point = Point Int Int
```

We represent a bal by a list of future positions:

```
type Ball           = [Point]
bouncing            :: Point → Ball
bouncing (Point x y) = let hs = bounce (maxH - y) 0
                    in [Point x (maxH - h) | h ← hs]

bounce             :: Int → Int → [Int]
bounce h v
  | h ≤ 0 ∧ v ≡ 0 = replicate 20 0
  | h ≤ 0 ∧ v < 0 = bounce 0 ((-v) - 2)
  | otherwise     = h : bounce (h + v) (v - 1)
```



Bouncing balls: Drawing the scene

We can draw on a **device context**:

```
type DC a = ...
```

```
circle      :: DC a → Point → Int → [Prop (DC a)] → IO ()
```

```
drawBall   :: DC a → Point → IO ()
```

```
drawBall dc pt = circle dc pt radius []
```



Bouncing Balls: Interface Construction

```
balls :: IO ()
```

```
balls = do
```

```
  vballs ← variable [ value := [] ]
```

```
  f ← frameFixed [ text := "Bouncing balls" ]
```

```
  p ← panel f [ on paint := paintBalls vballs  
                 , bgcolor := white ]
```

```
  t ← timer f [ interval := 20  
                 , on command := next vballs p ]
```

```
  set p [ on click := dropBall vballs ]
```

```
  set f [ layout := minsize (sz width height)  
         $ widget p ]
```



Bouncing Balls: Event handler for (Re)Drawing

Ieder *Window* heeft een *paint-Event*:

```
class Paint w where ...  
instance Paint (Window a) where ...  
paint :: (Paint w) ⇒ Event w (DC () → Rect → IO ())
```

Teken elke bal op zijn eerstvolgende positie:

```
paintBalls :: Var [Ball] → DC a → Rect → IO ()  
paintBalls vballs dc vw = do  
  bs ← get vballs value  
  set dc [brushColor := red, brushKind := BrushSolid]  
  sequence_ [drawBall dc pt | (pt : _) ← bs]
```



Bouncing Balls: Event handler for timer

In setting properties we can access the current value of the properties:

| $(:\sim) :: \text{Attr } w \ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \text{Prop } w$

For each ball we get the next position:

| $\text{next} \quad \quad \quad :: \text{Var } [\text{Ball}] \rightarrow \text{Panel } () \rightarrow \text{IO } ()$

| $\text{next } \text{vballs } p = \mathbf{do}$

| $\text{set } \text{vballs} \ [\text{value} : \sim \text{filter } (\neg \circ \text{null}) \circ \text{map } \text{tail}]$

| $\text{repaint } p$



Bouncing Balls: Event handler for mouse clicks

Elk *Window* heeft een *click-Event*:

```
class Reactive w where ...  
instance Reactive (Window a) where ...  
click :: (Reactive w) ⇒ Event w (Point → IO ())
```

Laat een bal los op de aangegeven positie:

```
dropBall :: Var [Ball] → Point → IO ()  
dropBall vballs pt = set vballs [value :~ (bouncing pt)]
```



properties: use

Properties are used when constructing new widgets:

$\text{button} :: \text{Window } a \rightarrow [\text{Prop } (\text{Button } ())] \rightarrow \text{IO } (\text{Button } ())$

$q \leftarrow \text{button } f \text{ [text := "Quit"]}$

using *get* en *set*:

$\text{get} :: w \rightarrow \text{Attr } w \ a \rightarrow \text{IO } a$
 $\text{set} :: w \rightarrow [\text{Prop } w] \rightarrow \text{IO } ()$

$x \leftarrow \text{get } t \ \text{interval}$
 $\text{set } t \text{ [interval := } x \text{]}$



Property Constructors: Assignment

$(:=)$ is an infix-constructor function:

▮ $(:=) :: \text{Attr } w \ a \rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Prop } w$

Had we assigned the name *Assign* to this constructor we would have written:

▮ $[\text{Assign } \textit{interval} \ 20]$

of

▮ $[\textit{interval} \ \text{Assign} \ 20]$

instead of the more usual notation:

▮ $[\textit{interval} \ := \ 20]$



Property Constructors: Updates

Yet another infix-constructor:

| $(:\sim) :: \text{Attr } w \ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \text{Prop } w$

Compare:

| $x \leftarrow \text{get } t \ \text{interval}$
| $\text{set } t \ [\text{interval} := x + 1]$

with

| $\text{set } t \ [\text{interval} :\sim \text{succ}]$



Mutable variables

When implementing the bouncing balls examples we used **mutable variables**:

```
balls = do
```

```
  vballs ← variable [value := []]
```

```
  ...
```

```
  p     ← panel f [on paint     := paintBalls vballs]
```

```
  t     ← timer f [on command := next vballs]
```

```
  ...
```

```
drawBalls vballs = do
```

```
  bs ← get vballs value
```

```
  ...
```

```
next vballs = set vballs [value := filter ( $\neg \circ$  null)  $\circ$  map tail]
```



Actions on Variables

To preserve referential transparency, operation on mutable variables are of type IO ...:

$\text{variabele} :: [\text{Prop } (\text{Var } a)] \rightarrow IO (\text{Var } a)$

A variabele holding a value of type a has type $\text{Var } a$:

```
class Valued w where
  value :: Attr (w a) a
instance Valued Var where ...
```



Imperative Programming: Fibonacci-function

An elegant, but inefficient Fibonacci-function:

```
fib           :: Int -> Int
fib n | n < 2 = n
      | otherwise = fib (n - 2) + fib (n - 1)
```

An efficient alternative:

```
fib  :: Int -> Int
fib n = fibs !! n
  where
    fibs = 0 : 1 : zipWith (+) fibs (tail fibs)
```



Imperative programming: Imperatieve Fibonacci-function

An *imperatieve* variant (but still proper Haskell):

```
fib      :: Int → IO Int  
fib n    = do x ← variable [value := 0]  
             y ← variable [value := 1]  
             for [1 .. n] $ \_ → do  
               u ← get x value  
               v ← get y value  
               set x [value := v]  
               set y [value := u + v]  
             get x value  
             return x
```

```
for      :: [a] → (a → IO b) → IO [b]  
for xs f = sequence (map f xs)
```



And now Efficient Haskell

$fib\ n = fib'\ n\ 1\ 0$

where $fib'\ 0\ x\ y = y$

$fib'\ 1\ x\ y = x$

$fib'\ n\ x\ y = fib'\ (n - 1)\ (x + y)\ x$



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Who understands what $f\ (x++) + g\ (x--)$ means in C or C++?



Layout-combinators

Widgets like *Frame* () and *Panel* () have an attribute *layout*:

| *layout* :: (*Form w*) ⇒ *Attr w Layout*

For example:

| *main* = start gui
gui = do *f* ← frame []
 q ← button *f* [on command := close *f*]
 set *f* [layout := widget *q*]



Combinatoren

Layoutscan be specified using a special set of combinators:

- ▶ Embedded: just Haskell-functins
- ▶ Defined in *Graphics.UI.WXCore.Layout* and *Graphics.UI.WX.Layout* (zie documentatie)
- ▶ Re-exported by *Graphics.UI.WX*



Building blocks

Primitive layouts:

label :: *String* → *Layout*
space :: *Int* → *Int* → *Layout*
rule :: *Int* → *Int* → *Layout*
widget :: (*Widget w*) ⇒ *w* → *Layout*

Composing layouts:

grid :: *Int* → *Int* → [[*Layout*]] → *Layout*
container :: *Window a* → *Layout* → *Layout*
margin :: *Int* → *Layout* → *Layout*



Abstractions

With a few primitives and combinators we can already define abstractions:

```
empty      :: Layout
empty      = space 0 0

hrule, vrule :: Int → Layout
hrule n    = rule n 1
vrule n    = rule 1 n

row, column :: Int → [Layout] → Layout
row n ls   = grid n 0 [ls]
column n ls = grid 0 n [[l] | l ← ls]
```



Filling empty space

What to do if a layout does not consume all available space?

- ▶ Alignment: wher does a layout show up?
- ▶ Expansion: how large will the layout be?
- ▶ Stretch: in which direction will the layout stretch?



Alingning

Position in the xtra space:

halignLeft :: *Layout* → *Layout* -- default
halignRight :: *Layout* → *Layout*
halignCenter :: *Layout* → *Layout*
valignTop :: *Layout* → *Layout*
valignBottom :: *Layout* → *Layout*
valignCenter :: *Layout* → *Layout*



Extend

Filling the extra space:

rigid :: *Layout* → *Layout* -- default
shaped :: *Layout* → *Layout* -- follow parent
expand :: *Layout* → *Layout* -- fill and extend



Strech

Probably reserving extra space:

static :: *Layout* → *Layout* -- default
hstretch :: *Layout* → *Layout*
vstretch :: *Layout* → *Layout*

Only interesting for grids.

Abstraction:

stretch :: *Layout* → *Layout*
 $stretch = hstretch \circ vstretch$



Standard layouts: Extend and Float

Using these combinators we can program many layout policies:

<i>alignCenter, alignBottomRight</i>	:: <i>Layout</i> → <i>Layout</i>
<i>alignCenter</i>	= <i>halignCenter</i> ◦ <i>valignCenter</i>
<i>alignBottomRight</i>	= <i>halignRight</i> ◦ <i>valignBottom</i>
<i>floatCenter, floatBottomRight</i>	:: <i>Layout</i> → <i>Layout</i>
<i>floatCenter</i>	= <i>stretch</i> ◦ <i>alignCenter</i>
<i>floatBottomRight</i>	= <i>stretch</i> ◦ <i>alignBottomRight</i>



Standaard layouts: Filling and Glueing en lijmen

More layout-patterns:

<i>hfill, vfill, fill</i>	:: <i>Layout</i> \rightarrow <i>Layout</i>
<i>hfill</i>	= <i>hstretch</i> \circ <i>expand</i>
<i>vfill</i>	= <i>vstretch</i> \circ <i>expand</i>
<i>fill</i>	= <i>hfill</i> \circ <i>vfill</i>
<i>hglue, vglue, glue</i>	:: <i>Layout</i> \rightarrow <i>Layout</i>
<i>hglue</i>	= <i>hstretch</i> <i>empty</i>
<i>vglue</i>	= <i>vstretch</i> <i>empty</i>
<i>glue</i>	= <i>stretch</i> <i>empty</i>



Layout Demo



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Layout Demo

```
main :: IO ()  
main = start layoutDemo
```



Layout Demo: Widgets

```
layoutDemo :: IO ()
```

```
layoutDemo = do
```

```
  f^^ ← frame [text := "Layout Demo"]
```

```
  p ← panel f []
```

```
  x ← entry p [text := "100"]
```

```
  y ← entry p [text := "100"]
```

```
  ok ← button p [text := "Ok"]
```

```
  can ← button p [text := "Cancel"]
```

```
  ...
```



Layout Demo: Layout

```
layoutDemo :: IO ()
```

```
layoutDemo = do
```

```
...
```

```
set f [layout := container p $ margin 5 $
```

```
column 10 [hfill $ space 0 20,
```

```
hfill $ hrule 0,
```

```
margin 10 $ grid 5 5
```

```
[[label "x", hfill (widget x)],
```

```
[label "y", hfill (widget y)]],
```

```
hfill $ hrule 0,
```

```
hfill $ space 0 20,
```

```
floatBottomRight $ row 5
```

```
[widget ok, widget can]]]
```

