

Effect handler oriented programming

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Effect handler oriented programming languages

Eff <https://www.eff-lang.org/>

Effekt <https://effekt-lang.org/>

Frank <https://github.com/frank-lang/frank>

Helium <https://bitbucket.org/pl-uwr/helium>

Links <https://www.links-lang.org/>

Koka <https://github.com/koka-lang/koka>

OCaml 5 <https://github.com/ocaml-labs/ocaml-multicore/wiki>

Unison <https://www.unison-lang.org/>

Resources



Jeremy Yallop's effects bibliography

<https://github.com/yallop/effects-bibliography>



Matija Pretnar's tutorial

“An introduction to algebraic effects and handlers”, MFPS 2015



Andrej Bauer's tutorial

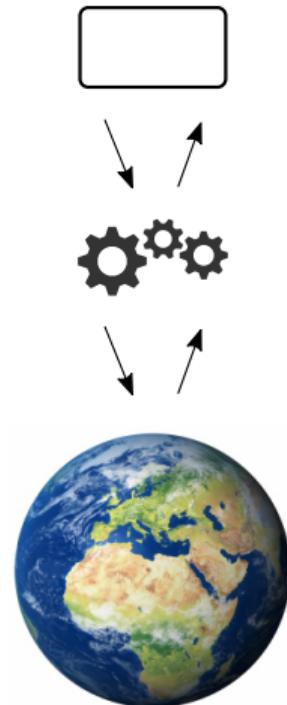
“What is algebraic about algebraic effects and handlers?”, OPLSS 2018



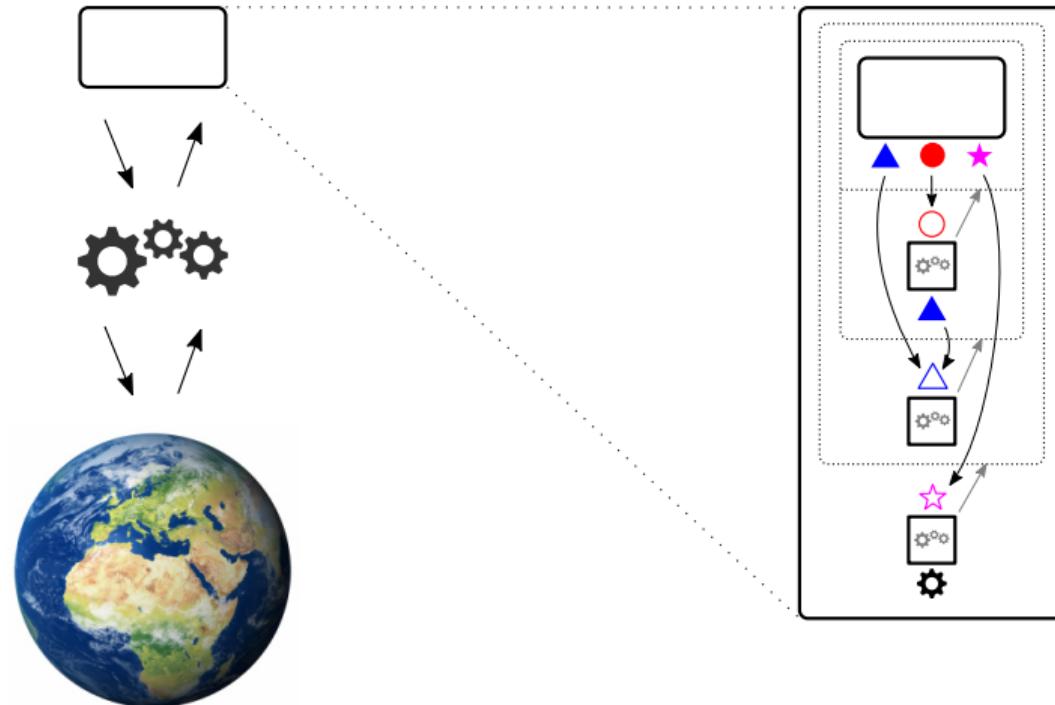
Daniel Hillerström's PhD thesis

“Foundations for programming and implementing effect handlers”, 2022

Effect handlers as composable user-defined operating systems



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Effect handlers for operating systems

EIO — effects-based direct-style concurrent I/O stack for OCaml

<https://github.com/ocaml-multicore/eio>

Composing UNIX with effect handlers

Foundations for programming and implementing effect handlers, Chapter 2

Daniel Hillerström, PhD thesis, The University of Edinburgh, 2022

<https://www.dhil.net/research/papers/thesis.pdf>

Example 1: choice and failure

Drunk coin tossing

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toss : 1 → Toss!(E ⊕ {choose : 1 → Bool})  
toss() = if choose() then Heads else Tails
```

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drunkToss : 1 → Toss!(E ⊕ {choose : 1 → Bool, fail : a.1 → a})  
drunkToss() = if choose() then  
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else  
    fail()
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drunkTosses : Nat → List Toss!(E ⊕ {choose : 1 → Bool, fail : a.1 → a})  
drunkTosses n = if n = 0 then []  
else drunkToss() :: drunkTosses(n - 1)
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handle nats 0 **with** until 8 $\implies [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]$

Operational semantics (parameterised handlers)

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Exercise: express parameterised handlers as deep handlers

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```
tA() = print("A1"); yield(); print("A2")  
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A single cooperative program

`main : 1 → 1!CoU E`

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main () = print "M1 "; if ufork () then print "A1 "; yield (); print "A2 " else  
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Example 6: cooperative concurrency with higher-order fork

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Exercise: implement pipes using parameterised handlers

Built-in effects

Console I/O

$$\text{Console} = \{\text{inch} : 1 \rightarrowtail \text{char}, \\ \text{ouch} : \text{char} \rightarrowtail 1\}$$
$$\text{print } s = \text{map} (\lambda c. \text{ouch } c) s; ()$$

Generative state

$$\text{GenState} = \{\text{new} : a. \quad a \rightarrowtail \text{Ref } a, \\ \text{write} : a. (\text{Ref } a \times a) \rightarrowtail 1, \\ \text{read} : a. \quad \text{Ref } a \rightarrowtail a\}$$

Example 8: actors

Process ids

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Effect signature

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An actor chain

`spawnMany : Pid String → Int → 1!(E ⊕ Actor String)`

`spawnMany p 0 = send ("ping!", p)`

`spawnMany p n = spawnMany (spawn (λ().let s = recv () in print "."; send (s, p))) (n - 1)`

`chain : Int → 1!(E ⊕ Actor String ⊕ Console)`

`chain n = spawnMany (self ()) n; let s = recv () in print s`

Example 8: actors — via cooperative concurrency

$\text{act} : \text{Pid } a \rightarrow 1!(E \uplus \text{Actor } a) \Rightarrow 1!\text{Co } (E \uplus \text{GenState})$

$\text{act } mine =$

return ()	$\mapsto ()$
<self () → r>	$\mapsto r \text{ mine } mine$
<spawn you → r>	$\mapsto \text{let } yours = \text{new } [] \text{ in}$ $\quad \text{fork } (\lambda().\text{act } yours (\text{you } ())); r \text{ mine } yours$
<send (m, yours) → r>	$\mapsto \text{let } ms = \text{read } yours \text{ in}$ $\quad \text{write } (yours, ms \uparrow [m]); r \text{ mine } ()$
<recv () → r>	$\mapsto \text{letrec } recvWhenReady () =$ $\quad \text{case } \text{read } mine \text{ of}$ $\quad \quad [] \mapsto \text{yield } (); recvWhenReady ()$ $\quad \quad (m :: ms) \mapsto \text{write } (mine, ms); r \text{ mine } m$ $\quad \text{in } recvWhenReady ()$

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Exercise: Compare three different implementations of actors:

- ▶ the one we've just seen (factored through a parameterised handler for cooperative concurrency)
- ▶ the same thing, but using shallow handlers
- ▶ a single monolithic handler using parameterised handlers

Deep effect handlers

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A deep handler performs a fold (catamorphism) on a computation tree

Shallow effect handlers

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A shallow handler performs a case-split on a computation tree

Deep vs shallow

Choice $E = E \uplus \{\text{choose} : 1 \rightarrow\!\!\! \rightarrow \text{Bool}\}$

Always choose true

Deep

`trueChoice : (1 → A!Choice E) → A!E`

`trueChoice m = handle m () with`

`return x ↪ x`

`choose () r ↪ r true`

Shallow

`trueChoice† : (1 → A!Choice E) → A!E`

`trueChoice† m = handle† m () with`

`return x ↪ x`

`choose () r ↪ trueChoice† (λ().r true)`

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Choice $E = E \uplus \{\text{choose} : 1 \rightarrow\!\!\! \rightarrow \text{Bool}\}$

Choose true and false

Deep

`allChoices : (1 → A!Choice E) → List A!E`

`allChoices m = handle m () with`

`return x ↣ [x]`

`choose () r ↣`

`r true ++ r false`

Shallow

`allChoices† : (1 → A!Choice E) → List A!E`

`allChoices† m = handle† m () with`

`return x ↣ [x]`

`choose () r ↣`

`allChoices† (λ().r true) ++`

`allChoices† (λ().r false)`

Deep vs shallow

Reader $S E = E \uplus \{\text{get} : 1 \twoheadrightarrow S\}$

Read-only state

Deep

`reader : (1 → A!Reader S E) → S → A!E`

`reader m = handle m () with`

`return x ↪ λs.x`

`get () r ↪ λs.r s s`

Shallow

`reader† : (1 → A!Reader S E) → S → A!E`

`reader† m s = handle† m () with`

`return x ↪ x`

`get () r ↪ reader† (λ().r s) s`

Deep vs shallow

Deep

- ▶ can be more concise
- ▶ simpler to implement efficiently and without memory leaks

Shallow

- ▶ convenient for parameterisation
- ▶ convenient for implementing structural recursion schemes other than catamorphisms (e.g. **pipes**)

Deep as shallow

$$\mathcal{S}[\text{handle } M \text{ with } H] = \text{letrec } h f = \text{handle}^\dagger f () \text{ with } \mathcal{S}[H]h \text{ in } h (\lambda().\mathcal{S}[M])$$

$$\mathcal{S}[H]h = \mathcal{S}[H^{\text{ret}}]h \uplus \mathcal{S}[H^{\text{ops}}]h$$

$$\mathcal{S}[\{\text{return } x \mapsto N\}]h = \{\text{return } x \mapsto \mathcal{S}[N]\}$$

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Exercise: prove an operational correspondence result for $\mathcal{S}[-]$

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(the result is weaker and requires more sophisticated techniques than for $\mathcal{S}\llbracket - \rrbracket$)

Sheep effect handlers — a hybrid of shallow and deep handlers

$$\frac{[\mathbf{op}_i : A_i \rightarrow B_i \in E]_i \quad [\Gamma, p : A_i, r : (A!E \Rightarrow D) \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow D \vdash N_i : D]_i}{\Gamma \vdash \frac{\mathbf{return} \ x \mapsto N}{(\mathbf{op}_i \ p \ r \mapsto N_i)_i} : A!E \Rightarrow D}$$

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Like a shallow handler, the body of the resumption need not reinvoke the same handler

Like a deep handler, the body of the resumption must invoke *some* handler

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Handlers

`reads` : $\text{List Nat} \rightarrow A!(E \uplus \text{Reader}) \Rightarrow A!(E \uplus \text{Failure})$

$\text{reads}([]) = \mathbf{return} x \mapsto x$ $\text{reads}(n :: ns) = \mathbf{return} x \mapsto x$
 $\langle \text{get}() \rightarrow r \rangle \mapsto \text{fail}()$ $\langle \text{get}() \rightarrow r \rangle \mapsto r\ ns\ n$

`maybeFail` : $A!(E \uplus \text{Failure}) \Rightarrow \text{Maybe } A!E$

$\text{maybeFail} = \mathbf{return} x \mapsto \text{Just } x$
 $\langle \text{fail}() \rightarrow r \rangle \mapsto \text{Nothing}$

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Exercise: Design a mechanism to allow the Failure effect to be encapsulated.

(The aim is to define

good : List A → (1 → Nat!(E ⊕ Reader)) → Maybe A!E

by composing reads and maybeFail such that

good [1, 2] (λ().**get** () + **fail** ()) : Maybe Nat!Failure

performs the **fail** operation.)