The Typed Racket Reference

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1 Type Reference

Any

Any Racket value. All other types are subtypes of Any.

Nothing

The empty type. No values inhabit this type, and any expression of this type will not evaluate to a value.

1.1 Base Types

1.1.1 Numeric Types

These types represent the hierarchy of numbers of Racket.

Number Complex

Number and Complex are synonyms. This is the most general numeric type, including all Racket numbers, both exact and inexact, including complex numbers.

Integer

Includes Racket's exact integers and corresponds to the exact-integer? predicate. This is the most general type that is still valid for indexing and other operations that require integral values.

Float Flonum

Includes Racket's double-precision (default) floating-point numbers and corresponds to the flonum? predicate. This type excludes single-precision floating-point numbers.

Single-Flonum

Includes Racket's single-precision floating-point numbers and corresponds to the single-flonum? predicate. This type excludes double-precision floating-point numbers.

Inexact-Real

Includes all of Racket's floating-point numbers, both single- and double-precision.

Exact-Rational

Includes Racket's exact rationals, which include fractions and exact integers.

Real

Includes all of Racket's real numbers, which include both exact rationals and all floatingpoint numbers. This is the most general type for which comparisons (e.g. <) are defined.

```
Exact-Number
Float-Complex
Single-Flonum-Complex
Inexact-Complex
```

These types correspond to Racket's complex numbers.

The above types can be subdivided into more precise types if you want to enforce tighter constraints. Typed Racket provides types for the positive, negative, non-negative and non-positive subsets of the above types (where applicable).

```
Positive-Integer
Exact-Positive-Integer
Nonnegative-Integer
Exact-Nonnegative-Integer
Natural
Negative-Integer
Nonpositive-Integer
Zero
Positive-Float
Positive-Flonum
Nonnegative-Float
Nonnegative-Flonum
Negative-Float
Negative-Flonum
Nonpositive-Float
Nonpositive-Flonum
Float-Negative-Zero
Flonum-Negative-Zero
Float-Positive-Zero
Flonum-Positive-Zero
Float-Zero
Flonum-Zero
Float-Nan
```

Flonum-Nan Positive-Single-Flonum Nonnegative-Single-Flonum Negative-Single-Flonum Nonpositive-Single-Flonum Single-Flonum-Negative-Zero Single-Flonum-Positive-Zero Single-Flonum-Zero Single-Flonum-Nan Positive-Inexact-Real Nonnegative-Inexact-Real Negative-Inexact-Real Nonpositive-Inexact-Real Inexact-Real-Negative-Zero Inexact-Real-Positive-Zero Inexact-Real-Zero Inexact-Real-Nan Positive-Exact-Rational Nonnegative-Exact-Rational Negative-Exact-Rational Nonpositive-Exact-Rational Positive-Real Nonnegative-Real Negative-Real Nonpositive-Real Real-Zero

Natural and Exact-Nonnegative-Integer are synonyms. So are the integer and exactinteger types, and the float and flonum types. Zero includes only the integer 0. Real-Zero includes exact 0 and all the floating-point zeroes.

These types are useful when enforcing that values have a specific sign. However, programs using them may require additional dynamic checks when the type-checker cannot guarantee that the sign constraints will be respected.

In addition to being divided by sign, integers are further subdivided into range-bounded types.

```
One
Byte
Positive-Byte
Index
Positive-Index
Fixnum
Positive-Fixnum
```

```
Nonnegative-Fixnum
Negative-Fixnum
Nonpositive-Fixnum
```

One includes only the integer 1. Byte includes numbers from 0 to 255. Index is bounded by 0 and by the length of the longest possible Racket vector. Fixnum includes all numbers represented by Racket as machine integers. For the latter two families, the sets of values included in the types are architecture-dependent, but typechecking is architecture-independent.

These types are useful to enforce bounds on numeric values, but given the limited amount of closure properties these types offer, dynamic checks may be needed to check the desired bounds at runtime.

Examples:

```
> 7
- : Integer [more precisely: Positive-Byte]
7
> 8.3
- : Flonum [more precisely: Positive-Flonum]
8.3
> (/ 8 3)
- : Exact-Rational [more precisely: Positive-Exact-Rational]
8/3
> 0
- : Integer [more precisely: Zero]
0
> -12
- : Integer [more precisely: Negative-Fixnum]
-12
> 3+4i
- : Exact-Number
3+4i
```

1.1.2 Other Base Types

Boolean True False String Keyword Symbol Char Void

Input-Port Output-Port Port Path Path-For-Some-System Regexp PRegexp Byte-Regexp Byte-PRegexp Bytes Namespace Namespace-Anchor Variable-Reference Null EOF Continuation-Mark-Set Undefined Module-Path Module-Path-Index Resolved-Module-Path Compiled-Module-Expression Compiled-Expression Internal-Definition-Context Pretty-Print-Style-Table Special-Comment Struct-Type-Property Impersonator-Property Read-Table Bytes-Converter Parameterization Custodian Inspector Security-Guard UDP-Socket TCP-Listener Logger Log-Receiver Log-Level Thread Thread-Group Subprocess Place Place-Channel Semaphore Will-Executor

Pseudo-Random-Generator

These types represent primitive Racket data.

Examples:

```
> #t
 - : Boolean [more precisely: True]
 #t
 > #f
 - : False
 #f
 > "hello"
 - : String
 "hello"
 > (current-input-port)
 - : Input-Port
 #<input-port:string>
 > (current-output-port)
 - : Output-Port
 #<output-port:string>
 > (string->path "/")
 - : Path
 #<path:/>
 > #rx"a*b*"
 - : Regexp
 #rx"a*b*"
 > #px"a*b*"
 - : PRegexp
 #px"a*b*"
 > '#"bytes"
 - : Bytes
 #"bytes"
 > (current-namespace)
 - : Namespace
 #<namespace:0>
 > #\b
 - : Char
 #\b
 > (thread (lambda () (add1 7)))
 - : Thread
 #<thread>
Path-String
```

The union of the Path and String types. Note that this does not match exactly what the predicate path-string? recognizes. For example, strings that contain the character #\nul

have the type Path-String but path-string? returns #f for those strings. For a complete specification of which strings path-string? accepts, see its documentation.

1.2 Singleton Types

Some kinds of data are given singleton types by default. In particular, booleans, symbols, and keywords have types which consist only of the particular boolean, symbol, or keyword. These types are subtypes of Boolean, Symbol and Keyword, respectively.

Examples:

```
> #t
- : Boolean [more precisely: True]
#t
> '#:foo
- : #:foo
'#:foo
> 'bar
- : Symbol [more precisely: 'bar]
'bar
```

1.3 Containers

The following base types are parameteric in their type arguments.

```
(Pairof s t)
```

is the pair containing s as the car and t as the cdr

Examples:

```
> (cons 1 2)
- : (Pairof One Positive-Byte)
'(1 . 2)
> (cons 1 "one")
- : (Pairof One String)
'(1 . "one")
(Listof t)
```

Homogenous lists of t

(List t ...)

is the type of the list with one element, in order, for each type provided to the List type constructor.

```
(List t ... trest ... bound)
```

is the type of a list with one element for each of the ts, plus a sequence of elements corresponding to *trest*, where *bound* must be an identifier denoting a type variable bound with

```
(List* t t1 ... s)
```

is equivalent to (Pairof t (List* $t1 \ldots s$)).

Examples:

```
> (list 'a 'b 'c)
- : (Listof (U 'a 'b 'c)) [more precisely: (List 'a 'b 'c)]
'(a b c)
> (plambda: (a ...) ([sym : Symbol] boxes : (Boxof a) ... a)
        (ann (cons sym boxes) (List Symbol (Boxof a) ... a)))
- : (All (a ...) (Symbol (Boxof a) ... a -> (Pairof Symbol (List
(Boxof a) ... a))))
#<procedure>
> (map symbol->string (list 'a 'b 'c))
- : (Listof String) [more precisely: (Pairof String (Listof
String))]
'("a" "b" "c")
(MListof t)
```

Homogenous mutable lists of t.

(MPairof t u)

Mutable pairs of t and u.

MPairTop

is the type of a mutable pair with unknown element types and is the supertype of all mutable pair types. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and mpair?.

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (mpair? x) x (error "not an mpair!")))
- : (Any -> MPairTop)
#<procedure>
(Boxof t)
A box of t
Example:
> (box "hello world")
- : (Boxof String)
'#&"hello world"
BoxTop
```

is the type of a box with an unknown element type and is the supertype of all box types. Only read-only box operations (e.g. unbox) are allowed on values of this type. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and box?

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (box? x) x (error "not a box!")))
- : (Any -> BoxTop)
#<procedure>
(Vectorof t)
```

Homogenous vectors of t

(Vector t ...)

is the type of the list with one element, in order, for each type provided to the Vector type constructor.

FlVector

An flvector.

Examples:

```
> (vector 1 2 3)
- : (Vector Integer Integer Integer)
'#(1 2 3)
> #(a b c)
- : (Vector Symbol Symbol Symbol)
'#(a b c)
```

VectorTop

is the type of a vector with unknown length and element types and is the supertype of all vector types. Only read-only vector operations (e.g. vector-ref) are allowed on values of this type. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and vector?.

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (vector? x) x (error "not a vector!")))
- : (Any -> VectorTop)
#<procedure>
(HashTable k v)
```

is the type of a hash table with key type k and value type v.

Example:

```
> #hash((a . 1) (b . 2))
- : (HashTable Symbol Integer)
'#hash((b . 2) (a . 1))
```

HashTableTop

is the type of a hash table with unknown key and value types and is the supertype of all hash table types. Only read-only hash table operations (e.g. hash-ref) are allowed on values of this type. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and hash?

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (hash? x) x (error "not a hash
table!")))
- : (Any -> HashTableTop)
#<procedure>
(Setof t)
```

is the type of a set of t.

Example:

> (set 0 1 2 3)
- : (Setof Byte)
(set 0 1 2 3)

(Channelof t)

A channel on which only ts can be sent.

Example:

```
> (ann (make-channel) (Channelof Symbol))
- : (Channelof Symbol)
#<channel>
```

ChannelTop

is the type of a channel with unknown message type and is the supertype of all channel types. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and channel?.

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (channel? x) x (error "not a
channel!")))
- : (Any -> ChannelTop)
#<procedure>
(Parameterof t)
(Parameterof s t)
```

A parameter of t. If two type arguments are supplied, the first is the type the parameter accepts, and the second is the type returned.

Examples:

```
> current-input-port
- : (Parameterof Input-Port)
#<procedure:current-input-port>
> current-directory
- : (Parameterof Path-String Path)
#<procedure:current-directory>
```

```
(Promise t)
```

A promise of t.

Example:

```
> (delay 3)
- : (Promise Positive-Byte)
#<promise:eval:41:0>
```

(Futureof t)

A future which produce a value of type t when touched.

(Sequenceof t)

A sequence that produces values of type t on each iteration.

(Custodian-Boxof t)

A custodian box of t.

(Thread-Cellof t)

A thread cell of t.

Thread-CellTop

is the type of a thread cell with unknown element type and is the supertype of all thread cell types. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and thread-cell?.

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (thread-cell? x) x (error "not a thread
cell!")))
- : (Any -> Thread-CellTop)
#yrocedure>
(Ephemeronof t)
```

An ephemeron whose value is of type t.

(Evtof t)

A synchronizable event whose synchronization result is of type t.

Examples:

```
> always-evt
- : (Rec x (Evtof x))
#<always-evt>
> (system-idle-evt)
- : (Evtof Void)
#<evt>
> (ann (thread (λ () (displayln "hello world"))) (Evtof Thread))
- : (Evtof Thread)
#<thread>
```

1.4 Syntax Objects

The following types represent syntax objects and their content.

(Syntaxof t)

A syntax object with content of type t. Applying syntax-e to a value of type (Syntaxof t) produces a value of type t.

Identifier

A syntax object containing a symbol. Equivalent to (Syntaxof Symbol).

Syntax

A syntax object containing only symbols, keywords, strings, characters, booleans, numbers, boxes containing Syntax, vectors of Syntax, or (possibly improper) lists of Syntax. Equivalent to (Syntaxof Syntax-E).

Syntax-E

The content of syntax objects of type Syntax. Applying syntax-e to a value of type Syntax produces a value of type Syntax-E.

(Sexpof t)

The recursive union of t with symbols, keywords, strings, characters, booleans, numbers, boxes, vectors, and (possibly improper) lists.

Sexp

Applying syntax->datum to a value of type Syntax produces a value of type Sexp. Equivalent to (Sexpof Nothing).

Datum

Applying datum->syntax to a value of type Datum produces a value of type Syntax. Equivalent to (Sexpof Syntax).

1.5 Control

The following types represent prompt tags and keys for continuation marks for use with delimited continuation functions and continuation mark functions.

```
(Prompt-Tagof s t)
```

A prompt tag to be used in a continuation prompt whose body produces the type s and whose handler has the type t. The type t must be a function type.

The domain of t determines the type of the values that can be aborted, using abortcurrent-continuation, to a prompt with this prompt tag.

Example:

```
> (make-continuation-prompt-tag 'prompt-tag)
- : (Prompt-Tagof Any Any)
#<continuation-prompt-tag:prompt-tag>
```

Prompt-TagTop

is the type of a prompt tag with unknown body and handler types and is the supertype of all prompt tag types. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and continuation-prompt-tag?.

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (continuation-prompt-
tag? x) x (error "not a prompt tag!")))
- : (Any -> Prompt-TagTop)
#<procedure>
(Continuation-Mark-Keyof t)
```

A continuation mark key that is used for continuation mark operations such as withcontinuation-mark and continuation-mark-set->list. The type t represents the type of the data that is stored in the continuation mark with this key.

Example:

```
> (make-continuation-mark-key 'mark-key)
hello world
- : (Continuation-Mark-Keyof Any)
#<continuation-mark-key>
```

```
Continuation-Mark-KeyTop
```

is the type of a continuation mark key with unknown element type and is the supertype of all continuation mark key types. This type typically appears in programs via the combination of occurrence typing and continuation-mark-key?.

Example:

```
> (lambda: ([x : Any]) (if (continuation-mark-
key? x) x (error "not a mark key!")))
- : (Any -> Continuation-Mark-KeyTop)
#procedure>
```

1.6 Other Type Constructors

The type of functions from the (possibly-empty) sequence dom ... to the *rng* type. The second form specifies a uniform rest argument of type *rest*, and the third form specifies a non-uniform rest argument of type *rest* with bound *bound*. In the third form, the ... introduced by *ooo* is literal, and *bound* must be an identifier denoting a type variable. In the fourth form, there must be only one *dom* and *pred* is the type checked by the predicate. *dom* can include both mandatory and optional keyword arguments.

Examples:

```
> (\lambda: ([x : Number]) x)
- : (Number -> Number)
#<procedure>
> (\lambda: ([x : Number] y : String *) (length y))
- : (Number String * -> Index)
#<procedure>
> ormap
- : (All (a c b ...) ((a b ... b -> c) (Listof a) (Listof b) ... b
-> (U False c)))
#<procedure:ormap>
> string?
- : (Any -> Boolean : String)
#<procedure:string?>
> (:print-type file->string)
(Path-String [#:mode (U 'binary 'text)] -> String)
```

```
> (: is-zero? : Number #:equality (Number Number -> Any) [#:zero Number] -> Any)
> (define (is-zero? n #:equality equality #:zero [zero 0])
    (equality n zero))
> (is-zero? 2 #:equality =)
- : Any
#f
> (is-zero? 2 #:equality eq? #:zero 2.0)
- : Any
#f
Procedure
```

is the supertype of all function types. The Procedure type corresponds to values that satisfy the procedure? predicate. Because this type encodes *only* the fact that the value is a procedure, and *not* its argument types or even arity, the type-checker cannot allow values of this type to be applied.

For the types of functions with known arity and argument types, see the -> type constructor.

Examples:

```
> (: my-list Procedure)
> (define my-list list)
> (my-list "zwiebelkuchen" "socca")
eval:61:0: Type Checker: Cannot apply expression of type
Procedure, since it is not a function type
in: "socca"
(U t ...)
```

is the union of the types $t \ldots$

Example:

```
> (\lambda: ([x : Real])(if (> 0 x) "yes" 'no))
- : (Real -> (U String 'no))
#<procedure>
```

(case-> fun-ty ...)

is a function that behaves like all of the fun-tys, considered in order from first to last. The fun-tys must all be function types constructed with ->.

Example:

For the definition of add-map look into case-lambda:.

(t t1 t2 ...)

is the instantiation of the parametric type t at types t1 t2 ...

```
(All (a ...) t)
(All (a ... a ooo) t)
```

is a parameterization of type t, with type variables $v \dots$ If t is a function type constructed with ->, the outer pair of parentheses around the function type may be omitted.

Examples:

```
> (: list-length : (All (A) (Listof A) -> Natural))
> (define (list-length lst)
        (if (null? lst)
            0
            (add1 (list-length (cdr lst)))))
> (list-length (list 1 2 3))
- : Integer [more precisely: Nonnegative-Integer]
3
(Values t ...)
```

is the type of a sequence of multiple values, with types t This can only appear as the return type of a function.

Example:

```
> (values 1 2 3)
- : (Values Integer Integer Integer) [more precisely: (Values One
Positive-Byte Positive-Byte)]
1
2
3
```

```
v
```

where v is a number, boolean or string, is the singleton type containing only that value

```
(quote val)
```

where val is a Racket value, is the singleton type containing only that value

i

where *i* is an identifier can be a reference to a type name or a type variable

```
(Rec n t)
```

is a recursive type where n is bound to the recursive type in the body t

Examples:

```
> (define-type IntList (Rec List (Pair Integer (U List Null))))
> (define-type (List A) (Rec List (Pair A (U List Null))))
```

```
(Struct st)
```

is a type which is a supertype of all instances of the potentially-polymorphic structure type *st*. Note that structure accessors for *st* will *not* accept (Struct *st*) as an argument.

 \rightarrow

An alias for ->.

 $\texttt{case} \rightarrow$

An alias for case->.

A

An alias for All.

1.7 Other Types

(Option t)

Either t or #f

(Opaque t)

A type constructed using the **#:opaque** clause of require/typed.

2 Special Form Reference

Typed Racket provides a variety of special forms above and beyond those in Racket. They are used for annotating variables with types, creating new types, and annotating expressions.

2.1 Binding Forms

loop, f, a, and v are names, t is a type. e is an expression and body is a block.

```
(let: ([v : t e] ...) . body)
(let: loop : t0 ([v : t e] ...) . body)
```

[else

Local bindings, like let, each with associated types. In the second form, t0 is the type of the result of *loop* (and thus the result of the entire expression as well as the final expression in *body*). Type annotations are optional.

Examples:

```
> (: filter-even : (Listof Natural) (Listof Natural) -> (Listof Natural))
 > (define (filter-even lst accum)
      (if (null? lst)
         accum
          (let: ([first : Natural (car lst)]
                 [rest : (Listof Natural) (cdr lst)])
                (if (even? first)
                    (filter-even rest (cons first accum))
                    (filter-even rest accum)))))
 > (filter-even (list 1 2 3 4 5 6) null)
 - : (Listof Nonnegative-Integer)
 '(6 4 2)
Examples:
 > (: filter-even-loop : (Listof Natural) -> (Listof Natural))
 > (define (filter-even-loop lst)
      (let: loop : (Listof Natural)
            ([accum : (Listof Natural) null]
                   : (Listof Natural) lst])
             [lst
            (cond
                                 accum
              [(null? lst)
              [(even? (car lst)) (loop (cons (car lst) accum) (cdr lst))]
```

(loop accum (cdr lst))])))

```
> (filter-even-loop (list 1 2 3 4))
- : (Listof Nonnegative-Integer)
'(4 2)
```

```
(plet: (a ...) ([v : t e] ...) . body)
```

A polymorphic version of let:, abstracted over the type variables a. The type variables a are bound in both the types of the formal, and in any type expressions in the *body*. Does not support the looping form of let.

```
(letrec: ([v : t e] ...) . body)
(let*: ([v : t e] ...) . body)
(let-values: ([([v : t] ...) e] ...) . body)
(letrec-values: ([([v : t] ...) e] ...) . body)
(let*-values: ([([v : t] ...) e] ...) . body)
```

Type-annotated versions of letrec, let*, let-values, letrec-values, and let*-values. As with let:, type annotations are optional.

```
(let/cc: v : t . body)
(let/ec: v : t . body)
```

Type-annotated versions of let/cc and let/ec.

2.2 Anonymous Functions

A function of the formal arguments v, where each formal argument has the associated type. If a rest argument is present, then it has type (Listof t).

(λ : formals . body)

An alias for the same form using lambda:.

```
(plambda: (a ...) formals . body)
(plambda: (a ... b ooo) formals . body)
```

A polymorphic function, abstracted over the type variables a. The type variables a are bound in both the types of the formal, and in any type expressions in the *body*.

```
(case-lambda: [formals body] ...)
```

A function of multiple arities. Note that each *formals* must have a different arity.

Example:

```
> (define add-map
  (case-lambda:
   [([lst : (Listof Integer)])
   (map add1 lst)]
   [([lst1 : (Listof Integer)]
      [lst2 : (Listof Integer)])
   (map + lst1 lst2)]))
```

For the type declaration of add-map look at case-lambda.

```
(pcase-lambda: (a ...) [formals body] ...)
(pcase-lambda: (a ... b ooo) [formals body] ...)
```

A polymorphic function of multiple arities.

A function with optional arguments.

```
(popt-lambda: (a ...) formals . body)
(popt-lambda: (a ... a ooo) formals . body)
```

A polymorphic function with optional arguments.

2.3 Loops

Like for, but each *id* having the associated type t. Since the return type is always Void, annotating the return type of a for form is optional. Unlike for, multi-valued *seq-exprs* are not supported. Type annotations in clauses are optional for all for: variants.

```
(for/list: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/hash: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/hasheq: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/hasheqv: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/vector: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/flvector: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/and: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
         type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/or:
(for/first: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/last: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/sum: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for/product: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/list: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/hash: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/hasheq: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/hasheqv: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/vector: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/flvector: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/and: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
           type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/or:
(for*/first: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/last: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/sum: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
(for*/product: type-ann-maybe (for:-clause ...) expr ...+)
```

These behave like their non-annotated counterparts, with the exception that **#:when** clauses can only appear as the last *for:-clause*. The return value of the entire form must be of type u. For example, a for/list: form would be annotated with a Listof type. All annotations are optional.

```
(for/lists: type-ann-maybe ([id : t] ...)
 (for:-clause ...)
 expr ...+)
(for/fold: type-ann-maybe ([id : t init-expr] ...)
 (for:-clause ...)
 expr ...+)
```

These behave like their non-annotated counterparts. Unlike the above, **#:when** clauses can be used freely with these.

```
(for*: void-ann-maybe (for-clause ...)
expr ...+)
(for*/lists: type-ann-maybe ([id : t] ...)
  (for:-clause ...)
expr ...+)
(for*/fold: type-ann-maybe ([id : t init-expr] ...)
  (for:-clause ...)
expr ...+)
```

These behave like their non-annotated counterparts.

for for*

These are identical to for and for*, but provide additional annotations to help the type-checker.

Like do, but each id having the associated type t, and the final body expr having the type u. Type annotations are optional.

2.4 Definitions

```
(define: v : t e)
(define: (a ...) v : t e)
(define: (a ... a ooo) v : t e)
(define: (f . formals) : t . body)
(define: (a ...) (f . formals) : t . body)
(define: (a ... a ooo) (f . formals) : t . body)
```

These forms define variables, with annotated types. The first form defines v with type t and value e. The second form does the same, but allows the specification of type variables. The third allows for polydotted variables. The fourth, fifth, and sixth forms define a function f with appropriate types. In most cases, use of : is preferred to use of define:.

Examples:

```
> (define: foo : Integer 10)
> (define: (A) mt-seq : (Sequenceof A) empty-sequence)
> (define: (add [first : Integer]
            [rest : Integer]) : Integer
            (+ first rest))
> (define: (A) (poly-app [func : (A A -> A)]
            [first : A]
            [rest : A]) : A
        (func first rest))
```

2.5 Structure Definitions

Defines a structure with the name name, where the fields f have types t, similar to the behavior of struct. When parent is present, the structure is a substructure of parent. When maybe-type-vars is present, the structure is polymorphic in the type variables v. If parent is also a polymorphic struct, then there must be at least as many type variables as in the parent type, and the parent type is instantiated with a prefix of the type variables matching the amount it needs.

Options provided have the same meaning as for the struct form.

(define-struct: maybe-type-vars name-spec ([f : t] ...) options ...)

Legacy version of struct:, corresponding to define-struct.

Like define-struct:, but defines a procedural structure. The procdure e is used as the value for prop:procedure, and must have type proc-t.

2.6 Names for Types

The first form defines name as type, with the same meaning as t. The second form is equivalent to (define-type name (All $(v \ldots) t$)). Type names may refer to other types defined in the same module, but cycles among them are prohibited.

Examples:

```
> (define-type IntStr (U Integer String))
> (define-type (ListofPairs A) (Listof (Pair A A)))
```

If #:omit-define-syntaxes is specified, no definition of name is created. In this case, some other definition of name is necessary.

2.7 Generating Predicates Automatically

(make-predicate t)

Evaluates to a predicate for the type t, with the type (Any -> Boolean : t). t may not contain function types, or types that may refer to mutable data such as (Vectorof Integer).

```
(define-predicate name t)
```

Equivalent to (define name (make-predicate t)).

2.8 Type Annotation and Instantiation

(: v t)

This declares that v has type t. The definition of v must appear after this declaration. This can be used anywhere a definition form may be used.

Examples:

```
> (: var1 Integer)
> (: var2 String)
(provide: [v t] ...)
```

This declares that the vs have the types t, and also provides all of the vs.

#{v : t}

This declares that the variable v has type t. This is legal only for binding occurrences of v.

(ann e t)

Ensure that e has type t, or some subtype. The entire expression has type t. This is legal only in expression contexts.

```
#{e :: t}
```

A reader abbreviation for (ann e t).

(cast e t)

The entire expression has the type t, while e may have any type. The value of the entire expression is the value returned by e, protected by a contract ensuring that it has type t. This is legal only in expression contexts.

Examples:

```
> (cast 3 Integer)
- : Integer
3
> (cast 3 String)
3: broke its contract
  promised: String
  produced: 3
  in: String
  contract from: cast
  blaming: cast
  at: eval:18.0
> (cast (lambda: ([x : Any]) x) (String -> String))
- : (String -> String)
#<procedure:val>
(inst e t \dots)
(inst e t ... t ooo bound)
```

Instantiate the type of e with types t ... or with the poly-dotted types t ... t ooo bound. e must have a polymorphic type that can be applied to the supplied number of type variables. This is legal only in expression contexts.

Examples:

```
> (foldl (inst cons Integer Integer) null (list 1 2 3 4))
- : (Listof Integer)
'(4 3 2 1)
> (: fold-list : (All (A) (Listof A) -> (Listof A)))
> (define (fold-list lst)
      (foldl (inst cons A A) null lst))
> (fold-list (list "1" "2" "3" "4"))
- : (Listof String)
'("4" "3" "2" "1")
> (: my-values : (All (A B ...) (A B ... -> (values A B ... B)))))
> (define (my-values arg . args)
      (apply (inst values A B ... B) arg args))
#{e @ t ...}
```

A reader abbreviation for (inst $e t \dots$).

#{e @ t ... t ooo bound}

A reader abbreviation for (inst e t ... t ooo bound).

2.9 Require

Here, *m* is a module spec, *pred* is an identifier naming a predicate, and *maybe-renamed* is an optionally-renamed identifier.

This form requires identifiers from the module m, giving them the specified types.

The first case requires maybe-renamed, giving it type t.

The second and third cases require the struct with name name with fields f ..., where each field has type t. The third case allows a parent structure type to be specified. The parent type must already be a structure type known to Typed Racket, either built-in or via require/typed. The structure predicate has the appropriate Typed Racket filter type so that it may be used as a predicate in if expressions in Typed Racket.

Examples:

```
> (module UNTYPED racket/base
  (define n 100)
  (struct IntTree
    (elem left right))
  (provide n (struct-out IntTree)))
```

The fourth case defines a new type t. pred, imported from module m, is a predicate for this type. The type is defined as precisely those values to which pred produces #t. pred must have type (Any -> Boolean). Opaque types must be required lexically before they are used.

Examples:

In all cases, the identifiers are protected with contracts which enforce the specified types. If this contract fails, the module m is blamed.

Some types, notably the types of predicates such as number?, cannot be converted to contracts and raise a static error when used in a require/typed form. Here is an example of using case-> in require/typed.

file-or-directory-modify-seconds has some arguments which are optional, so we need to use case->.

(require/typed/provide m rt-clause ...)

Similar to require/typed, but also provides the imported identifiers. Uses outside of a module top-level raise an error.

Examples:

2.10 Other Forms

```
with-handlers lambda \lambda define
```

Identical to with-handlers, lambda, λ , and define, respectively, but provide additional annotations to assist the typechecker. The define:, lambda:, and λ : forms are useful replacements which support type annotation.

Note that unlike define, define does not bind functions with keyword arguments to static information about those functions.

```
 \begin{array}{l} (\texttt{default-continuation-prompt-tag}) \\ \rightarrow (-> (\texttt{Prompt-Tagof Any (Any -> Any))}) \end{array}
```

Identical to default-continuation-prompt-tag, but additionally protects the resulting prompt tag with a contract that wraps higher-order values, such as functions, that are communicated with that prompt tag. If the wrapped value is used in untyped code, a contract error will be raised.

Examples:

```
> (module typed typed/racket
    (provide do-abort)
    (: do-abort (-> Void))
    (define (do-abort)
      (abort-current-continuation
        ; typed, and thus contracted, prompt tag
        (default-continuation-prompt-tag)
        (\lambda: ([x : Integer]) (+ 1 x))))
> (module untyped racket
    (require 'typed)
    (call-with-continuation-prompt
      (\lambda () (do-abort))
      (default-continuation-prompt-tag)
      ; the function cannot be passed an argument
      (\lambda (f) (f 3)))
> (require 'untyped)
default-continuation-prompt-tag: broke its contract
  Attempted to use a higher-order value passed as 'Any' in
untyped code: #<procedure>
  in: ...
      the range of
      (-> (prompt-tag/c Any #:call/cc Any))
  contract from: untyped
  blaming: untyped
```

```
(#%module-begin form ...)
```

Legal only in a module begin context. The #%module-begin form of typed/racket checks all the forms in the module, using the Typed Racket type checking rules. All provide forms are rewritten to insert contracts where appropriate. Otherwise, the #%module-begin form of typed/racket behaves like #%module-begin from racket.

```
(#%top-interaction . form)
```

Performs type checking of forms entered at the read-eval-print loop. The #%top-interaction form also prints the type of *form* after type checking.

3 Libraries Provided With Typed Racket

The typed/racket language corresponds to the racket language—that is, any identifier provided by racket, such as modulo is available by default in typed/racket.

```
#lang typed/racket
(modulo 12 2)
```

The typed/racket/base language corresponds to the racket/base language.

Some libraries have counterparts in the typed collection, which provide the same exports as the untyped versions. Such libraries include srfi/14, net/url, and many others.

Other libraries can be used with Typed Racket via require/typed.

The following libraries are included with Typed Racket in the typed collection:

(require	typed/file) pa	ckage: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/base64)	package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/cgi)	package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/cookie)	package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/dns)	package: typed-racket-more
(require	<pre>typed/net/ftp)</pre>	package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/gifwrite	e) package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/head)	package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/imap)	package: typed-racket-more
(require	typed/net/mime)	package: typed-racket-more

```
(require typed/net/nntp)
                               package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/net/pop3)
                               package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/net/qp)
                             package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/net/sendmail)
                                   package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/net/sendurl)
                                  package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/net/smtp)
                               package: typed-racket-more
 (require typed/net/uri-codec)
        package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/net/url)
                             package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/rackunit)
                               package: typed-racket-more
(require typed/srfi/14)
                             package: typed-racket-more
```

Other libraries included in the main distribution that are either written in Typed Racket or have adapter modules that are typed:

(require math) package: math-lib (require plot/typed) package: plot-gui-lib

3.1 Porting Untyped Modules to Typed Racket

To adapt a Racket library not included with Typed Racket, the following steps are required:

- Determine the data manipulated by the library, and how it will be represented in Typed Racket.
- Specify that data in Typed Racket, using require/typed and #:opaque and/or #:struct.
- Use the data types to import the various functions and constants of the library.
- Provide all the relevant identifiers from the new adapter module.

For example, the following module adapts the untyped racket/bool library:

```
[false Boolean]
[symbol=? (Symbol Symbol -> Boolean)]
[boolean=? (Boolean Boolean -> Boolean)]
[false? (Any -> Boolean)])
(provide true false symbol=? boolean=? false?)
```

More substantial examples are available in the typed collection.

4 Utilities

Typed Racket provides some additional utility functions to facilitate typed programming.

 $(assert v) \rightarrow A$ v : (U #f A) (assert v p?) $\rightarrow B$ v : A p? : (A -> Any : B)

Verifies that the argument satisfies the constraint. If no predicate is provided, simply checks that the value is not #f.

See also the cast form.

Examples:

```
> (define: x : (U #f String) (number->string 7))
> x
- : (U False String)
"7"
> (assert x)
"7"
> (define: y : (U String Symbol) "hello")
> y
- : (U Symbol String)
"hello"
> (assert y string?)
"hello"
> (assert y boolean?)
Assertion #<procedure:boolean?> failed on "hello"
(with-asserts ([id maybe-pred] ...) body ...+)
maybe-pred =
           predicate
```

Guard the body with assertions. If any of the assertions fail, the program errors. These assertions behave like assert.

 $\begin{array}{rl} (\texttt{defined? } v) \rightarrow \texttt{boolean?} \\ v : \texttt{any/c} \end{array}$

A predicate for determining if v is not #<undefined>.

 $(index? v) \rightarrow boolean?$ v : any/c

A predicate for the Index type.

Explicitly produce a type error, with the source location or *orig-stx*. If *msg-string* is present, it must be a literal string, it is used as the error message, otherwise the error message "Incomplete case coverage" is used. If *id* is present and has type T, then the message "missing coverage of T" is added to the error message.

Examples:

```
> (define-syntax (cond* stx)
    (syntax-case stx ()
      [(_ x clause ...)
       #'(cond clause ... [else (typecheck-fail #,stx "incomplete
coverage"
                                                      #:covered-
id x)])))
> (define: (f [x : (U String Integer)]) : Boolean
    (cond* x
            [(string? x) #t]
            [(exact-nonnegative-integer? x) #f]))
Type Checker: Expected Boolean, but got (Syntaxof (List)
'typecheck-fail-internal (List 'cond* 'x (List (List
'string? 'x) True) (List (List 'exact-nonnegative-integer?
'x) False)) String 'x))
  in: #%top-interaction
```

5 Exploring Types

In addition to printing a summary of the types of REPL results, Typed Racket provides interactive utilities to explore and query types. The following bindings are only available at the Typed Racket REPL.

Prints the type t. If t is a type alias (e.g., Number), then it will be expanded to its representation when printing. Any further type aliases in the type named by t will remain unexpanded.

If **#**:verbose is provided, all type aliases are expanded in the printed type.

Examples:

```
> (:type Number)
(U Inexact-Complex Exact-Number Real Float-Imaginary Single-
Flonum-Imaginary)
[can expand further: Inexact-Complex Exact-Number Real]
> (:type Real)
(U Nonpositive-Real Nonnegative-Real)
[can expand further: Nonpositive-Real Nonnegative-Real]
> (:type #:verbose Number)
(U 0 1 Byte-Larger-Than-One Positive-Index-Not-Byte Positive-
Fixnum-Not-Index Negative-Fixnum Positive-Integer-Not-Fixnum
Negative-Integer-Not-Fixnum Positive-Rational-Not-Integer
Negative-Rational-Not-Integer Float-Nan Float-Positive-Zero Float-
Negative-Zero Positive-Float-No-NaN Negative-Float-No-NaN Single-
Flonum-Nan Single-Flonum-Positive-Zero Single-Flonum-Negative-Zero
Positive-Single-Flonum-No-Nan Negative-Single-Flonum-No-Nan Exact-
Imaginary Exact-Complex Float-Imaginary Single-Flonum-Imaginary
Float-Complex Single-Flonum-Complex)
```

(:print-type e)

Prints the type of e. This prints the whole type, which can sometimes be quite large.

(:query-type/args f t ...)

Given a function f and argument types t, shows the result type of f.

(:query-type/result f t)

Given a function f and a desired return type t, shows the arguments types f should be given to return a value of type t.

6 Typed Racket Syntax Without Type Checking

#lang typed/racket/no-check package: typed-racket-lib
#lang typed/racket/base/no-check

On occasions where the Typed Racket syntax is useful, but actual typechecking is not desired, the typed/racket/no-check and typed/racket/base/no-check languages are useful. They provide the same bindings and syntax as typed/racket and typed/racket/base, but do no type checking.

Examples:

#lang typed/racket/no-check
(: x Number)
(define x "not-a-number")

7 Typed Regions

The with-type form allows for localized Typed Racket regions in otherwise untyped code.

The first form, an expression, checks that body ...+ has the type type. If the last expression in body ...+ returns multiple values, type must be a type of the form (values t ...). Uses of the result values are appropriately checked by contracts generated from type.

The second form, which can be used as a definition, checks that each of the *export-ids* has the specified type. These types are also enforced in the surrounding code with contracts.

The *i*ds are assumed to have the types ascribed to them; these types are converted to contracts and checked dynamically.

Examples:

```
> (with-type #:result Number 3)
3
> ((with-type #:result (Number -> Number)
     (lambda: ([x : Number]) (add1 x)))
   #f)
contract violation:
  expected: Number
  given: #f
  in: the 1st argument of
      (-> Number Number)
  contract from: (region typed-region)
  blaming: top-level
> (let ([x "hello"])
    (with-type #:result String
      #:freevars ([x String])
      (string-append x ", world")))
"hello, world"
> (let ([x 'hello])
    (with-type #:result String
      #:freevars ([x String])
```

```
(string-append x ", world")))
x: broke its contract
promised: String
produced: 'hello
in: String
contract from: top-level
blaming: top-level
at: eval:5.0
> (with-type ([fun (Number -> Number)]
                          [val Number])
                          (define (fun x) x)
                              (define val 17))
> (fun val)
17
```

8 Optimization in Typed Racket

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Typed Racket provides a type-driven optimizer that rewrites well-typed programs to potentially make them faster. It should in no way make your programs slower or unsafe.

Typed Racket's optimizer is turned on by default. If you want to deactivate it (for debugging, for instance), you must add the #:no-optimize keyword when specifying the language of your program:

#lang typed/racket #:no-optimize

¹See §7 "Optimization in Typed Racket" in the guide for tips to get the most out of the optimizer.

9 Legacy Forms

The following forms are provided by Typed Racket for backwards compatibility.

define-type-alias

Equivalent to define-type.

define-typed-struct

Equivalent to define-struct:

require/opaque-type

Similar to using the opaque keyword with require/typed.

require-typed-struct

Similar to using the struct keyword with require/typed.

require-typed-struct/provide

Similar to require-typed-struct, but also provides the imported identifiers.

pdefine:

Defines a polymorphic function.

(pred t)

Equivalent to (Any -> Boolean : t).

Un

An alias for U.

mu

An alias for Rec.

Tuple

An alias for List.

Parameter

An alias for Parameterof.

Pair

An alias for Pairof.

values

An alias for Values.

10 Compatibility Languages

```
#lang typed/scheme package: typed-racket-lib
#lang typed/scheme/base
#lang typed-scheme
```

Typed versions of the

#lang scheme

and

#lang scheme/base

languages. The

#lang typed-scheme

language is equivalent to the

#lang typed/scheme/base

language.

Similar to require/typed, but as if #:extra-constructor-name make-name was supplied.

require-typed-struct

Similar to using the struct keyword with require/typed.

11 Experimental Features

These features are currently experimental and subject to change.

```
(Class args ...)
```

A type constructor for typing classes created using racket/class.

(Instance c)

A type constructor for typing objects created using racket/class.

```
(declare-refinement id)
```

Declares *id* to be usable in refinement types.

(Refinement id)

Includes values that have been tested with the predicate *id*, which must have been specified with declare-refinement.

```
(define-typed-struct/exec forms ...)
```

Defines an executable structure.