

The design recipe

DATA

① Data definition

Give the data definition a name, and state the set of values that are part of it.

② Interpretation

State how values should be interpreted, covering each field/clause if there are multiple of them.

③ Examples

Provide a set of representative examples, building up complex examples iteratively.

④ Template

Provide a template for functions that accept this data definition as input.

FUNCTIONS

① Signature

Give the name of the function, the argument types that it expects as input, and what type it returns.

② Purpose statement

Describe in one sentence what the function does. This should be roughly the length of a tweet.

③ Tests

Provide a set of representative tests, covering different kinds of input and different behaviors.

④ Code

Starting with the template for the input data definition, write the code for the function.

CARD 1

Creating templates

When creating templates for data definitions, there is a recipe to follow:

① How many cases of data are there?

If there is more than one case of data, you will need to use a `cond` to handle each case separately. If there is only one case, go to step ③.

② How do I tell them apart?

Determine what distinguishes each case, and use the appropriate predicates for the `cond` cases.

③ What data can I pull out?

If the data is complex (e.g., a structure or list), use the appropriate accessors to pull out the information inside. If the data is atomic (e.g., a Number, a String, an Image, or a Boolean), you cannot pull out any more data.

④ Are any of the pieces another data definition?

If the data items you pulled out represent another data definition, you should call that data definition's template. Note that self-referential data definitions will have self-referential templates.

CARD 1

define-struct functions

`define-struct` creates a structure for you; it can contain any number of named fields:

```
(define-struct mystruct [field1 field2 field3 ...])
```

However, it does not create a data definition; you need to do that separately:

```
;; A MyStruct is a (make-mystruct Type1 Type2 Type3 ...)
;; Interpretation: ...
;; - The first field is ...
;; - The second field is ...
;; - The third field is ...
;; Examples:
(define MYSTRUCT-1 (make-mystruct ...))
;; Template:
;; (define (mystruct-temp ms)
;;   ... (mystruct-field1 ms) ... (mystruct-field2 ms)
;;   ... (mystruct-field3 ms) ...)
```

CARD 2

define-struct functions

`define-struct` automatically creates a number of functions for you to use:

CONSTRUCTOR

```
; make-mystruct: Type1 Type2 Type3 -> MyStruct
Creates a mystruct structure with the given fields
```

PREDICATE

```
; mystruct?: Any -> Boolean
Returns whether or not the given input a make-mystruct
```

SELECTORS

```
; mystruct-field1: MyStruct -> Type1
; mystruct-field2: MyStruct -> Type2
; mystruct-field3: MyStruct -> Type3
Pulls out the first, second, and third fields of the structure, respectively.
```

CARD 2

big-bang handlers

`big-bang` handlers are the functions you write that `big-bang` calls in response to events. The functions, their signatures, and notes about when to use them are below.

```
(require 2htdp/universe)

(big-bang initial-world
  [to-draw draw-world] ; required
  [on-tick tick-world] ; optional
  [on-key handle-key] ; optional
  [on-mouse handle-mouse] ; optional
  [on-receive handle-network] ; optional
  [stop-when should-I-stop?] ; optional
)

; draw-world : World -> Image
Returns the visualized world as an image (i.e., draws the world). This function should not change the world

; tick-world : World -> World
Produce the next state of the world after the clock ticks.
This function should not draw any images
```

CARD 3

big-bang handlers

```
; handle-key : World KeyEvent -> World
Produce the next state of the world after the user presses the given key. A KeyEvent is a String that represents one of the keys. This function should not draw any images.

; handle-mouse : World MouseEvent -> World
Produce the next state of the world after the user presses a mouse button. A MouseEvent is one of "button-down", "button-up", "drag", "move", or "enter". This function should not draw any images

; on-receive : World Message -> World
Produce the next state of the world after a message is received from the server. This function should not draw any images.

; should-I-stop?: World -> Boolean
Determines whether the program should exit, given the current state of the world. If this returns #true, the program exits immediately; if not, it keeps running. This function should not draw any images.
```

CARD 3