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Practice 8

OCaml Basic Module System and Standard Library

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1. In OCaml, Module is a set of declarations. To learn more about module system, our first step is implementing simplest module which is called 'MyQueue'. We will show you an example module 'MyStack'. Write your own module 'MyQueue'.

```
module MyStack =  
  struct  
    type t = int list  
    exception Empty  
    let empty = []  
    let push x t = x :: t  
    let pop t =  
      match t with  
      [] -> raise Empty  
      | h::t -> (h, t)  
    let first t =  
      match t with  
      [] -> raise Empty  
      | h::t -> h  
  end
```

2. OCaml has an information hiding feature, signature. Signatures are interfaces for structures. You can define 'module type' as an interface to module structure. Write signature 'MYQUEUE' to hide internal implementation of 'MyQueue'. Sample signature for 'MyStack' is provided.

```
module type MYSTACK =  
  sig
```

```

type t
exception Empty
val empty : t
val push : int -> t -> t
val pop : t -> int * t
end

```

And, confirm that restricting the Queue structure by this signature results in another view of the Queue structure where the **first** function is not accessible and the actual representation of queues is hidden. An example for MyStack is given as follow.

```

# module AbstractStack = (MyStack : MYSTACK);;
module AbstractStack : MYSTACK
# AbstractStack.first [1;2;3] ;;
Unbound value AbstractStack.first

```

3. Phone Book.

A phone book contains names of people and phone number set corresponding to each person. You can usually add a pair of name and phone number into your phone book, delete informations, and lookup the specific information which you need. Implement a module PhoneBook of which signature can be defined as follow. Actually, this exercise is for getting used to Ocaml standard library. You'd better make use of some standard library : { Set, Map, String, List }

```

module type PHONEBOOK =
sig
  type t
  type name = string
  type number = string
  exception Empty
  val empty : t
  val add : name * number -> t -> t
  val del : name * number -> t -> t
  val lookup : name -> t -> number list
  val pprint : t -> unit
end

```

An usage example of your PhoneBook can be represented as follow.

```

# let _ =
let book = PhoneBook.add ("kim", "4732938") (PhoneBook.empty) in
let book = PhoneBook.add ("kim", "4128947") book in
let book = PhoneBook.add ("lee", "4524438") book in

```

```
let book = PhoneBook.add ("lee", "4137438") book in
let book = PhoneBook.del ("lee", "4137438") book in
  PhoneBook.pprint book

kim ::
  412-8947
  473-2938
lee ::
  452-4438
```