

## Class 07: Characters and Strings

**Held:** Tuesday, 5 September 2006

**Summary:** Today we consider two of Scheme's core data types: Characters and strings.

### Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Characters and Strings.
- Reading: Characters in Scheme and Strings in Scheme.

### Due

- HW3.

### Assignments

- HW4.

### Notes:

- Pairs continue from yesterday.
- More extra credit this week: Tuesday extra (Today 12:45-2:00 p.m. in Science 2424), Convo (11-noon, Thursday, Herrick).

### Overview:

- Additional lessons from yesterday.
- Short introduction to strings.
- Lab.

## Lessons from Yesterday

- Think about the arrangement of windows on the screen.
- Think about how you interact with DrScheme. There are a variety of techniques in use, and you might find that a different one does better for you.
  - Type the expressions in the bottom window and look at results.

```
> (real? 3/4)
#t
> (rational? 3/4)
#t
```

- Type the expressions in the top window, click "Run", and look at results.

```
(real? 3/4)
(rational? 3/4)
RUN
#t
#t
```

- Name the expressions in the top window, click "Run", and query results

```
(define ex1a (real? 3/4))
(define ex1b (rational? 3/4))
RUN
> ex1a
#t
> ex1b
#t
```

- Intersperse symbols that indicate what you're computing

```
'is-three-forths-real?
(real? 3/4)
'is-three-forths-rational?
(rational? 3/4)
RUN
is-three-forths-real?
#t
is-three-forths-rational?
#t
```

- Think about how you explore procedures. If you are exploring a numeric procedure, you should certainly try:
  - Different numbers of arguments.
  - Both positive and negative arguments.
  - Both exact and inexact arguments.
  - Real, rational, and complex arguments.

## Characters and Strings

- Characters: The building blocks of strings
- Strings: Collections of characters
- Together: The basics types for input and output in Scheme

## Lab

- Do as much of the lab as you can.
- Be prepared to reflect.

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