# Progress report in Pen programming language

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# Agenda

- Progress report
  - String concatenation
  - Debug function
- Next plans

# Progress report

# String concatenation

- Pen now has a string concatenation operator ( + .)

- Multiple string concatenations are batched into one.

```
concatenateStrings = \(ss [string]) string {
  if [s, ...ss] = ss {
    s() + concatenateStrings(ss)
  } else {
    ""
  }
}
```

# Debug function

- `debug` built-in function pretty-prints values of any types.
  - `\(any) none`
- Work is still in progress.
  - Primitive, record, and union types are done.

```
foo = \() none {
  xs = [number 1, 2, 3]

  debug(xs)
}
```

Output:

```
[number 1, 2, 3]
```

# Type information

- Pen compiles AST -> HIR -> MIR -> F-- -> LLVM IR -> assembly.
- Pen previously had no HIR-level type information.
  - But only at the MIR level.
- We need to inject custom type information for reflection from HIR to MIR.
  - e.g. `debug` function

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## Internal representation

Variants:

| offset (words) | data |
| --- | --- |
| 0 | pointer to type information |
| 1 | payload |

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Type information:

| offset (words) | data | type |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Clone function | (payload) -> payload |
| 1 | Drop function | (payload) -> () |
| 2 | Synchronize function | (payload) -> () |
| 3 | Custom function | () -> something |

# Next plan

- Bug fixes on macOS

- Refactoring...

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