Monads

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Motivating Example: Chasing References in a Dictionary

In Data.Map,

lookup :: Ord k => k -> Map k a -> Maybe a

Say we want a function that uses a key to look up a value, then treat that value as another key to look up a third key, which we look up and return, e.g.,

```
lookup3 :: Ord k => k -> Map.Map k k -> Maybe k
```

```
Prelude> import qualified Data.Map.Strict as Map
Prelude Map> myMap = Map.fromList [("One", "Two"), ("Two", "Three"),
Prelude Map| ("Three", "Winner")]
Prelude Map> Map.lookup "One" myMap
Just "Two"
Prelude Map> Map.lookup "Two" myMap
Just "Three"
Prelude Map> Map.lookup "Three" myMap
Just "Winner"
```

A First Attempt

Too much repeated code, but it works.

```
*Main Map> lookup3 "Three" myMap
Nothing
*Main Map> lookup3 "Two" myMap
Nothing
*Main Map> lookup3 "One" myMap
Just "Winner"
```

What's the Repeated Pattern Here?

Nothing -> Nothing Just k2 -> case Map.lookup k2 m of ...

"Pattern match on a *Maybe*. *Nothing* returns *Nothing*, otherwise, strip out the payload from the *Just* and use it as an argument to a lookup *lookup*."

lookup3 :: Ord k => k -> Map.Map k k -> Maybe k -- Second try
lookup3 k1 m = (helper . helper . helper) (Just k1)
where helper Nothing = Nothing
helper (Just k) = Map.lookup k m

This looks a job for a Functor or Applicative Functor...

class Functor f where fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b -- Apply function to data in context class Functor f => Applicative f where (<*>) :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b -- Apply a function in a context

..but these don't fit because our steps take a key and return a key in context.

Even Better: An "ifJust" Function

It's cleaner to write *ifJust* as an infix operator:

The Monad Type Class: It's All About That Bind



Bind, >>=, is the operator missing from the Functor and Applicative Functor type classes. It allows chaining context-producing functions

pure	:: b -> f b Put value in context
fmap	:: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b Apply function in context
(<*>)	:: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b Function itself is in context
">>="	:: $(a \rightarrow f b) \rightarrow f a \rightarrow f b Apply a context-producing func.$

Actually, Monad is a little bigger

```
infixl 1 >> >>=
class Monad m where
  -- The bind operator: apply the result in a Monad to a Monad producer
  (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
  -- Encapsulate a value in the Monad
  return :: a -> m a
  -- Like >>= but discard the result; often m () -> m b -> m b
  (>>) :: m a -> m b -> m b
 x \rightarrow y = x \rightarrow y - - The default, which usually suffices
  -- Internal: added by the compiler to handle failed pattern matches
  fail :: String -> m a
  fail msg = error msg
```

Maybe is a Monad

```
class Monad m where
 return :: a -> m a
  (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
 fail :: String -> m a
instance Monad Maybe where -- Standard Prelude definiton
 return x = Just x -- Wrap in a Just
 Just x \rightarrow f = f x - Our "ifjust" function
 Nothing >>= _ = Nothing -- "computation failed"
                           -- fail guietly
  fail _ = Nothing
```

The Maybe Monad in Action

```
Prelude> 't return "what?"
return "what?" :: Monad m => m [Char]
Prelude> return "what?" :: Maybe String
Just "what?"
Prelude> Just 9 >>= x \rightarrow return (x*10)
Just 90
Prelude> Just 9 >>= x \rightarrow return (x+10) >>= y \rightarrow return (y+5)
Just 95
Prelude> Just 9 >>= x \rightarrow Nothing >>= y \rightarrow return (x+5)
Nothing
Prelude> Just 9 >> return 8 >>= y \rightarrow return (y*10)
Just 80
Prelude> Just 9 >>= \ -> fail "darn" >>= \ x \rightarrow return (x*10)
Nothing
```

lookup3 using Monads

Or, equivalently,

Monads and the do Keyword: Not Just For I/O

Monads are so useful, Haskell provides do notation to code them succintly:

```
lookup3 :: Ord k =>
    k -> Map.Map k k -> Maybe k
lookup3 k1 m = do
    k2 <- Map.lookup k1 m
    k3 <- Map.lookup k2 m
    Map.lookup k3 m</pre>
```

```
lookup3 :: Ord k =>
    k -> Map.Map k k -> Maybe k
lookup3 k1 m =
    Map.lookup k1 m >>= \k2 ->
    Map.lookup k2 m >>= \k3 ->
    Map.lookup k3 m
```

These are semantically identical. do inserts the >>='s and lambdas.

Note: each lambda's argument moves to the left of the expression

k2 <- Map**.lookup** k1 m

Map.lookup k1 m >>= \k2 ->

Like an Applicative Functor

Prelude> (+) <\$> Just 5 <*> Just 3
Just 8
Prelude> do
Prelude x <- Just (5 :: Int)
Prelude y <- return 3
Prelude return (x + y)
Just 8
Prelude> :t it
it :: Maybe Int

The Monad's type may change; "Nothing" halts and forces Maybe

Prelude> do

Prelude| x <- return 5 Prelude| y <- return "ha!" Prelude| Nothing

Prelude | Nothing

Prelude | return x

Nothing

fail is called when a pattern match fails

Prelude> do
Prelude| (x:xs) <- Just "Hello"
Prelude| return x
Just 'H'
Prelude> :t it
it :: Maybe Char

Prelude> do Prelude| (x:xs) <- Just [] Prelude| return x Nothing

Like Maybe, Either is a Monad

data Either a b = Left a | Right b -- Data.Either

instance	Monad	(Either	e)	where
return	x	= Righ	t	x

Right x >>= f = f x -- Right: keep the computation going Left err >>= _ = Left err -- Left: something went wrong

Prelude> do Prelude| x <- Right "Hello" Prelude| y <- return " World" Prelude| return \$ x ++ y Right "Hello World"

Prelude> do
Prelude Right "Hello"
Prelude x <- Left "failed"
Prelude y <- Right \$ x ++ "darn"
Prelude return y
Left "failed"

Monad Laws

Left identity: applying a wrapped argument with >>= just applies the function

return x >>= f = f x

Right identity: using >>= to unwrap then return to wrap does nothing

m >>= return = m

Associative: applying g after applying f is like applying f composed with g

 $(m \gg f) \gg g = m \gg (\langle x - f x \rangle g)$

The List Monad: "Nondeterministic Computation"

Intuition: lists represent all possible results

instance	Monad [] where	
return	$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}]$	–– Exactly one result
xs >>=	f = concat (map f xs)	Collect all possible results from f
fail _	= []	–– Error: "no possible result"

"If we start with 10, 20, or 30, then either subtract 3, do nothing, or add 3, we will get 7 or 10 or 13 or 17 or ..., or 33"

 $[10,20,30] >>= \x \rightarrow [x-3, x, x+3]$

- = concat (map (\x -> [x-3, x, x+3]) [10,20,30])
- = **concat** [[7,10,13],[17,20,23],[27,30,33]]
- = [7, 10, 13, 17, 20, 23, 27, 30, 33]

The List Monad

Everything needs to produce a list, but the lists may be of different types:

Prelude> [1,2] >>= \x -> ['a','b'] >>= \c -> [(x,c)] [(1,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'a'),(2,'b')]

This works because -> is at a lower level of precedence than >>=

$$[1,2] >>= \langle x -> ['a', 'b'] >>= \langle c -> [(x,c)] \\ = [1,2] >>= (\langle x -> (['a', 'b'] >>= (\langle c -> [(x,c)]))) \\ = [1,2] >>= (\langle x -> (concat (map (\langle c -> [(x,c)]) ['a', 'b']))) \\ = [1,2] >>= (\langle x -> [(x, 'a'), (x, 'b')]) \\ = concat (map (\langle x -> [(x, 'a'), (x, 'b')])) \\ = concat [[(1, 'a'), (1, 'b')], [(2, 'a'), (2, 'b')]] \\ = [(1, 'a'), (1, 'b'), (2, 'a'), (2, 'b')]$$

The List Monad, do Notation, and List Comprehensions

$$[1,2] >>= \x -> ['a', 'b'] >>= \c -> return (x,c)$$

do	x <- [1,2]	–– Send 1 and 2 to the function that takes x and
	c <- ['a','b']	sends 'a' and 'b' to the function that takes c and
	return (x, c)	—— wraps the pair (x, c)

each produce

[(1,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'a'),(2,'b')]

```
class Monad m => MonadPlus m where -- In Control Monad
                               -- "Fail," like Monoid's mempty
  mzero :: m a
 mplus :: m a -> m a -> m a -- "Alternative," like Monoid's mappend
instance MonadPlus [] where
  mzero = []
 mplus = (++)
guard :: MonadPlus m \Rightarrow Bool \rightarrow m ()
guard True = return () -- In whatever Monad you're using
guard False = mzero -- "Empty" value in the Monad
```

```
Prelude Control.Monad> guard True :: [()]
[()]
Prelude Control.Monad> guard False :: [()]
[]
Prelude Control.Monad> guard True :: Maybe ()
Just ()
Prelude Control.Monad> guard False :: Maybe ()
Nothing
```

Using Control.Monad.guard as a filter

guard uses mzero to terminate a MonadPlus computation (e.g., Maybe, [], IO) It either succeeds and returns () or fails. We never care about (), so use >>

```
[1..50] >>= \x ->
guard (x `rem` 7 == 0) >> -- Discard any returned ()
return x
do x <- [1..50]
guard (x `rem` 7 == 0) -- No <- makes for an implicit >>
```

```
return x
```

```
[ x | x <- [1..50], x `rem` 7 == 0 ]
```

each produce

[7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49]

The Control.Monad.Writer Monad

For computations that return a value and accumulate a result in a Monoid, e.g., logging or code generation. Just a wrapper around a (value, log) pair In Control.Monad.Writer,

```
newtype Writer w a = Writer { runWriter :: (a, w) }
```

```
instance Monoid w => Monad (Writer w) where
return x = Writer (x, mempty) -- Append nothing
Writer (x, 1) >>= f = let Writer (y, 1') = f x in
Writer (y, 1 `mappend` 1') -- Append to log
```

a is the result value w is the accumulating log Monoid (e.g., a list) runWriter extracts the (value, log) pair from a Writer computation

The Writer Monad in Action

```
import Control.Monad.Writer
logEx :: Int -> Writer [String] Int
                                           -- Type of log, result
logEx a = do
   tell ["logEx " ++ show a]
                                           -- Just log
                                           -- No log
   b <- return 42
  tell ["b = " ++ show a]
  c <- writer (a + b + 10, ["compute c"]) -- Value and log
   tell ["c = " ++ show c]
   return c
```

```
*Main> runWriter (logEx 100)
(152,["logEx 100","b = 100","compute c","c = 152"])
```

Verbose GCD with the Writer

<pre>*Main> mapM_ put</pre>	StrLn \$ snd \$ runWriter \$ logGCD 9 3
logGCD 9 3	
a > b	
logGCD 6 9	
a < b	<pre>import Control.Monad.Writer</pre>
logGCD 6 3	
a > b	<pre>logGCD :: Int -> Int -> Writer [String] Int</pre>
logGCD 3 6	$\log GCD \ a \ b = do$
a < b	tell ["logGCD " ++ show a ++ " " ++ show b]
logGCD 3 3	<pre>if a == b then writer (a, ["finished"])</pre>
finished	else if a < b then do
	tell ["a < b"]
	logGCD a (b - a)
	else do
	tell ["a > b"]
	logGCD (a - b) a

Control.Monad.{liftM, ap}: Monads as Functors

fmap	::	Functor f	=>	(a	->	b)	->	\mathbf{f}	а	->	\mathbf{f}	b	a.k.a. <\$>
(<*>)	::	Applicative :	f =>	f (a	->	b)	->	\mathbf{f}	а	->	\mathbf{f}	b	"apply"

In Monad-land, these have alternative names

<pre>liftM :: Monad m</pre>	=> (a -> b) -> m a -> m b
ap :: Monad m	=> m (a -> b) -> m a -> m b

and can be implemented with >>= (or, equivalently, do notation)

liftM f m = do		 Get the argument from inside m Apply the argument to the function
ap mf m = do	f <- mf x <- m return (f x)	 – Get the function from inside mf – Get the argument from inside m – Apply the argument to the function

Operations in a do block are ordered: ap evaluates its arguments left-to-right

liftM and ap In Action

liftM :: Monad m	=> (a -> b) -> m a -> m b
ap :: Monad m	=> m (a -> b) -> m a -> m b

```
Prelude> import Control.Monad
Prelude Control.Monad> liftM (map Data.Char.toUpper) getLine
hello
```

"HELLO"

Evaluate (+10) 42, but keep a log:

Lots of Lifting: Applying two- and three-argument functions

In Control.Applicative, applying a normal function to Applicative arguments:

Applicative f => (a -> b -> c -> d) -> f a -> f b -> f c -> f d

In Control.Monad,

liftM2 :: Monad m => $(a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c)$ \rightarrow m a \rightarrow m b \rightarrow m c

liftM3 :: Monad m => (a -> b -> c -> d) -> m a -> m b -> m c -> m d

Example: lift the pairing operator (,) to the Maybe Monad:

```
Prelude Control.Monad> liftM2 (,) (Just 'a') (Just 'b')
Just ('a','b')
Prelude Control.Monad> liftM2 (,) Nothing (Just 'b')
Nothing
```

join: Unwrapping a Wrapped Monad/Combining Objects

join is boring on a Monad like Maybe, where it merely strips off a "Just"

Prelude Control.Monad> join (Just (Just 3))
Just 3

For Monads that hold multiple objects, *join* lives up to its name and performs some sort of concatenation

```
> join ["Hello", " Monadic", " World!"]
"Hello Monadic World!"
```



join (liftM f m) is the same as m >>= f

"Apply f to every object in m and collect the results in the same Monad"

sequence: "Execute" a List of Actions in Monad-Land

Change a list of Monad-wrapped objects into a Monad-wrapped list of objects

sequence	::	[m	a]	->	m	[a]
sequence_	::	[m	a]	->	m	()

```
Prelude> sequence [print 1, print 2, print 3]
1
2
3
[(),(),()]
Prelude> sequence_ [putStrLn "Hello", putStrLn "World"]
Hello
World
```

Works more generally on Traversable types, not just lists

mapM: Map Over a List in Monad-Land

```
mapM :: Monad m => (a -> m b) -> [a] -> m [b]
```

 $mapM_ :: Monad m \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow m b) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow m () -- Discard result$

Add 10 to each list element and log having seen it:

```
> p10 x = writer (x+10, ["saw " ++ show x]) :: Writer [String] Int
> runWriter $ mapM p10 [1..3]
([11,12,13],["saw 1","saw 2","saw 3"])
```

Printing the elements of a list is my favorite use of mapM_:



Works more generally on Traversable types, not just lists

Control.Monad.foldM: Left-Fold a List in Monad-Land

foldl ::
$$(a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow [b] \rightarrow a$$

In foldM, the folding function operates and returns a result in a Monad:

Example: Sum a list of numbers and report progress

> runWriter \$ foldM (\a x -> writer (a+x, [(x,a)])) 0 [1..4] (10,[(1,0),(2,1),(3,3),(4,6)])

"Add value x to accumulated result a; log x and a"

 $a x \rightarrow writer (a+x, [(x,a)])$

Control.Monad.filterM: Filter a List in Monad-land

filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter p = foldr (\x acc -> if p x then x : acc else acc) []

filterM in action: preserve small list elements; log progress

```
> fst $ runWriter $ filterM isSmall [9,1,5,2,10,3]
[1,2,3]
> snd $ runWriter $ filterM isSmall [9,1,5,2,10,3]
["reject 9","keep 1","reject 5","keep 2","reject 10","keep 3"]
```

An Aside: Computing the Powerset of a List

For a list $[x_1, x_2, ...]$, the answer consists of two kinds of lists:

$$[x_1, x_2, \ldots], \ldots, [x_1], [x_2, x_3, \ldots], \ldots, []$$

start with x_1 do not start with x_1

powerset :: [a] -> [[a]] powerset [] = [[]] -- Tricky base case: $2^{\emptyset} = \{\emptyset\}$ powerset (x:xs) = map (x:) (powerset xs) ++ powerset xs

*Main> powerset "abc"
["abc","ab","ac","a","bc","b","c",""]

The List Monad and Powersets

powerset (x:xs) = map (x:) (powerset xs) ++ powerset xs

Let's perform this step (i.e., possibly prepending x and combining) using the list Monad. Recall liftM2 applies Monadic arguments to a two-input function:

liftM2 :: Monad m => (a -> b -> c) -> m a -> m b -> m c

So, for example, if a = Bool, b & c = [Char], and m is a list,

```
listM2 :: (Bool -> [Char] -> [Char]) -> [Bool] -> [[Char]] ->
        [[Char]]
```

> liftM2 (\k -> if k then ('a':) else id) [True, False] ["bc", "d"]
["abc","ad","bc","d"]

liftM2 makes the function "nondeterministic" by applying the function with every Bool in the first argument, i.e., both k = True (include 'a') and k = False (do not include 'a'), to every string in the second argument (["bc", "d"])

filterM Computes a Powerset: Like a Haiku, but shorter

If we let $p_{-} = [True, False]$, this chooses to prepend x1 or not to the result of prepending x2 or not to ... to return [] = [[]]

Prelude> filterM (_ -> [True, False]) "abc"
["abc","ab","ac","a","bc","b","c",""]

Functions as Monads

Much like functions are applicative functors, functions are Monads that apply the same argument argument to all their constituent functions

<pre>instance Monad ((->) r)</pre>	where
return $x = \setminus -> x$	–– Just produce x
$h >>= f = \setminus w \rightarrow f (h$	w) w $$ Apply w to h and f

import Data.Char

```
isIDChar :: Char -> Bool -- ((->) Char) is the Monad
isIDChar = do
l <- isLetter -- The Char argument
n <- isDigit -- is applied to
underscore <- (=='_') -- all three of these functions
return $ 1 || n || underscore -- before their results are ORed
```

*Main> map isIDChar "12 aB_" [True,True,False,True,True,True]

The State Monad: Modeling Computations with Side-Effects

The Writer Monad can only add to a state, not observe it. The State Monad addresses this by passing a state to each operation. In Control.Monad.State,

```
newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (a, s) }
```

```
instance Monad (State s) where
return x = State $ \s -> (x, s)
State h >>= f = State $ \s -> let (a, s') = h s -- First step
State g = f a -- Pass result
in g s' -- Second step
get = State $ \s -> (s, s) -- Make the state the result
put s = State $ \_ -> ((), s) -- Set the state
modify f = State $ \s -> ((), f s) -- Apply a state update function
```

State is not a state; it more resembles a state machine's next state function

a is the return value s is actually a state

Example: An Interpreter for a Simple Imperative Language

import qualified Data.Map as Map **type** Store = Map.Map **String Int** -- Value of each variable -- Representation of a program (an AST) data Expr = Lit Int -- Numeric literal: 42 | Add Expr Expr -- Addition: 1 + 3 | Var String -- Variable reference: a As a String Expr -- Variable assignment: a = 3 + 1Seq [Expr] -- Sequence of expressions: a = 3; b = 4; -- Example program: p :: Expr --a = 3: p = Seq [Asn "a" (Lit 3)], Asn "b" (Add (Var "a") (Lit 1)) -- b = a + 1; , Add (Add (Var "a") bpp) --a + (b = b + 1) + b;(Var "b")]

```
where bpp = Asn "b" (Add (Var "b") (Lit 1))
```

Example: The Eval Function Taking a Store

eval	:: Expr ->	Store -	> (Int, Store)	
eval	(Lit n)	s =	(n, s)	Store unchanged
eval	(Add e1 e2)	s =	let (n1, s') = eval e1	S
			(n2, s'') = eval e2	s' Sees eval e1
			in (n1 + n2, s'')	–– Sees eval e2
eval	(Var v)	s =		
			case Map.lookup v s of	–– Look up v
			Just n -> (n, s)	
			Nothing -> error \$ v	++ " undefined"
eval	(Asn v e)	s =	<pre>let (n, s') = eval e s</pre>	
			in (n, Map. insert v n s	s') Sees eval e
eval	(Seq es)	s =	foldl (\(_, ss) e -> ev	val e ss) (O, s) es

The fussy part here is "threading" the state through the computations

Example: The Eval Function in Uncurried Form

eval :: Expr -> (Store -> (Int, Store)) eval (Lit n) = $\s \rightarrow$ (n, s) —— Store unchanged eval (Add e1 e2) = $\s \rightarrow$ let (n1, s') = eval e1 s (n2, s'') = eval e2 s' - Sees eval e1**in** (n1 + n2, s'') -- Sees eval e2 eval (Var v) = $\s \rightarrow$ —— Get the store case Map.lookup v s of -- Look up v **Just** $n \rightarrow (n, s)$ **Nothing** -> **error** \$ v ++ " undefined" eval (Asn v e) = $\s \rightarrow$ let (n, s') = eval e s in (n, Map.insert v n s') -- Sees eval e eval (Seq es) = $\ >$ fold1 ($\ (_,$ ss) e -> eval e ss) (0, s) es

The parentheses around Store -> (Int, Store) are unnecessary

Example: The Eval Function Using the State Monad

eval	:: Expr ->	State	Store Int
eval	(Lit n)	=	return n –– Store unchanged
eval	(Add e1 e2) =	do n1 <- eval e1
			n2 <- eval e2 Sees eval e1
			return \$ n1 + n2 Sees eval e2
eval	(Var v)	=	do s <- get Get the store
			case Map.lookup v s of Look up v
			Just n -> return n
			Nothing -> error \$ v ++ " undefined"
eval	(Asn v e)	=	do n <− eval e
			<pre>modify \$ Map.insert v n Sees eval e</pre>
			return n –– Assigned value
eval	(Seq es)	=	<pre>foldM (_ e -> eval e) 0 es Ignore value</pre>

The >>= operator threads the state through the computation

The Eval Function in Action: runState, evalState, and execState

a = 3; b = a + 1; a + (b = b + 1) + b

*Main> :t runState (eval p) Map.empty
runState (eval p) Map.empty :: (Int, Store) -- (Result, State)

*Main> :t evalState (eval p) Map.empty
evalState (eval p) Map.empty :: Int -- Result only
*Main> evalState (eval p) Map.empty
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```
*Main> :t execState (eval p) Map.empty
execState (eval p) Map.empty :: Store -- State only
*Main> Map.toList $ execState (eval p) Map.empty
[("a",3),("b",5)]
```

Harnessing Monads

data Tree a = Leaf a | Branch (Tree a) (Tree a) deriving Show

A function that works in a Monad can harness any Monad:

toList :: Tree a -> [a]

toList t = execWriter \$ mapTreeM (\x -> tell [x]) t -- Log each leaf

```
foldTree :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> Tree a -> b
foldTree f s0 t = execState (mapTreeM (x \rightarrow modify (f x)) t) s0
```

sumTree :: Num a => Tree a -> a
sumTree t = foldTree (+) 0 t -- Accumulate values using stateful fold

Harnessing Monads

```
*Main> simpleTree = Branch (Leaf (1 :: Int)) (Leaf 2)
*Main> toList simpleTree
[1,2]
*Main> sumTree simpleTree
3
*Main> mapTreeM (x \rightarrow Just (x + 10)) simpleTree
Just (Branch (Leaf 11) (Leaf 12))
*Main> mapTreeM print simpleTree
1
2
*Main> mapTreeM (x \rightarrow [x, x+10]) simpleTree
[Branch (Leaf 1) (Leaf 2),
Branch (Leaf 1) (Leaf 12),
Branch (Leaf 11) (Leaf 2),
Branch (Leaf 11) (Leaf 12)]
```