

COMP3258

Functional Programming

Tutorial Session 8: IO and Monads

Review: primitives

denote the type of actions that return a char

- (1) read a char from the keyboard
- (2) echoes it to the screen
- (3) return this char as its return value

→ getChar :: IO Char
putChar :: Char → IO ()

- (1) accepts a char
- (2) write this char to the screen
- (3) returns no value

return :: a → IO a



accepts a value, and return this value

Review: derived primitives

```
getLine :: IO String
getLine = do x <- getChar
           if x == '\n' then
             return []
           else
             do xs <- getLine
                return (x:xs)
```

```
getLine :: IO String
putStr  :: String -> IO ()
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
```

```
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
putStrLn xs = do putStr xs
                  putchar '\n'
```

```
putstr :: String -> IO ()
putStr [] = return ()
putStr (x:xs) = do putchar x
                  putStr xs
```

Q: palindrome

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```
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```



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```
palindrome :: IO ()
```

```
palindrome = do
```

```
  putStrLn "Enter a sentence:"
```

```
  sentence ← getLine
```

```
  let cleanedSentence = map toLower $ filter isAlpha sentence
```

```
      if isPalindrome cleanedSentence
```

```
        then putStrLn "It's a palindrome!"
```

```
        else putStrLn "Nope!"
```

```
isPalindrome :: String → Bool
```

```
isPalindrome s = s == reverse s
```

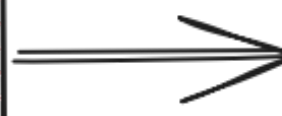
Q: Nim Game

- Two players take turns to remove one or more stars from the end of a single row.
- The winner is the player who removes the last star or stars from the board.

```
>>> nim
1: * * * * *
2: * * * *
3: * * *
4: * *
5: *
Player 1
Enter a row number: 2
Stars to remove: 4
```



```
1: * * * * *
2:
3: * * *
4: * *
5: *
Player 2
Enter a row number: 1
Stars to remove: 3
```



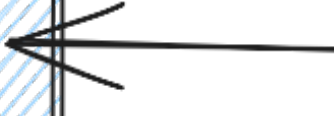
```
1: * *
2:
3: * * *
4: * *
5: *
Player 1
Enter a row number: 1
Stars to remove: 2
```



```
1:
2:
3:
4:
5: *
Player 2
Enter a row number: 5
Stars to remove: 1
```



```
1:
2:
3:
4: * *
5: *
Player 1
Enter a row number: 4
Stars to remove: 2
```



```
1:
2:
3: * *
4: * *
5: *
Player 2
Enter a row number: 3
Stars to remove: 3
```

↓
Player 2 wins!

nim

playNim

printBoard

showStars

boardAction

modifyList

$\text{nim} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{IO} ()$

$\text{playNim} :: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{Player} \rightarrow \text{IO} ()$

$\text{printBoard} :: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{IO} ()$

$\text{showStars} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{String}$

$\text{boardAction} :: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{IO} [\text{Int}]$

$\text{modifyList} :: (\text{a} \rightarrow \text{a}) \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow [\text{a}] \rightarrow [\text{a}]$

Q: showStars

```
λ: showStars 0  
""
```

```
λ: showStars 1  
"*"
```

```
λ: showStars 3  
"* * *"
```

```
λ: showStars 4  
"* * * *"
```

```
showStars :: Int → String  
showStars = intersperse ' ' . (`replicate` '*')
```

Q: printBoard

```
λ: printBoard [1]
```

```
1: *
```

```
λ: printBoard [1,1]
```

```
1: *
```

```
2: *
```

```
λ: printBoard [1,1,2]
```

```
1: *
```

```
2: *
```

```
3: * *
```

```
λ: printBoard [1..5]
```

```
1: *
```

```
2: * *
```

```
3: * * *
```

```
4: * * * *
```

```
5: * * * * *
```

```
printBoard :: [Int] → IO ()
printBoard board = putStrLn "" >> printBoard' board >> putStrLn ""
  where
    printBoard' :: [Int] → IO ()
    printBoard' b = forM_ (zip b [1 :: Int ..])
      $ \(ns, idx) → putStrLn $ printf "%d: %s" idx (showStars ns)
```

Q: modifyList

```
λ: modifyList (+1) 2 [1,2,3,4]
```

```
[1,2,4,4]
```

```
λ: modifyList (subtract 1) 2 [1,2,3,4]
```

```
[1,2,2,4]
```

```
modifyList :: (a → a) → Int → [a] → [a]
```

```
modifyList f 0 (h : t) = f h : t
```

```
modifyList f n (h : t) = h : modifyList f (n - 1) t
```

```
modifyList _ _ [] = []
```

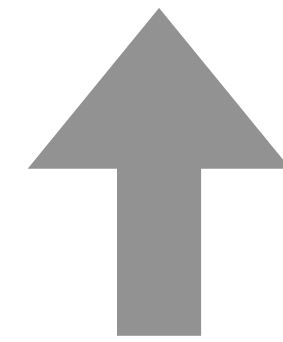
Q: playNim

```
nim :: Int → IO ()
nim x = do
  let board = [x, x - 1 .. 1]
  printBoard board
  playNim board P1
```

```
playNim :: [Int] → Player → IO ()
playNim board p = if all (== 0) board
  then putStrLn $ printf "%s wins!" (show $ switchP p)
  else do
    putStrLn "" >> print p
    board' ← boardAction board
    printBoard board'
    playNim board' (switchP p)
where
  boardAction :: [Int] → IO [Int]
  boardAction b = do
    putStr "Enter a row number: "
    row ← readLn
    putStr "Star to remove: "
    n ← readLn
    return $ modifyList (max 0 . subtract n) (row - 1) b
```

Monads

The basic intuition is that it **combines two computations into one larger computation**



We've already got this intuition from Parser monad, which combines two parser into a larger parser using do-notation (desugars to bind operation).



However, this intuition cannot apply to all monad cases.

Personally, I would like to develop each intuition for each different monads.

```
class Applicative m => Monad m where
  (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
  return :: a -> m a
```

Monads

```
newtype Parser a = P (String -> [(a, String)])
instance Monad Parser where
```

```
  return v = P (\inp -> [(v, inp)])
```

```
  p >>= f = P (\inp -> case parse p inp of
                        [] -> []
```

```
                        [(v, out)] -> parse (f v) out)
```

what's the type of p and f?

Monads Desugar Rules

do pattern <- exp
morelines

exp >>= (\pattern -> do morelines)

do exp
morelines

exp >>= (_ -> do morelines)

do return exp

return exp

Desugar this expression:

```
p :: Parser (Char, Char)
p = do x <- item
      y <- item
      return (x, y)
```

Monad Laws

Left Identity:

$$\text{return } a \gg= k = k a$$

Right Identity:

$$m \gg= \text{return} = m$$

Associativity:

$$m \gg= (\lambda x \rightarrow k x \gg= h) = (m \gg= k) \gg= h$$

Maybe Monad

```
instance Monad Maybe where  
  return :: a → Maybe a  
  return x = Just x
```

```
(>=) :: Maybe a → (a → Maybe b) → Maybe b
```

```
(>=) m g = case m of
```

```
  Nothing → Nothing
```

```
  Just x  → g x
```

← Propagating failures

Maybe Monad

Suppose we are **validating a user registration**, where they give us their email, their password, and their age. We'll provide simple functions for validating each of these input strings and converting them into newtype values:

```
newtype Email = Email String
newtype Password = Password String
newtype Age = Age Int
```

```
validateEmail :: String → Maybe Email
validateEmail input = if '@' `elem` input
  then Just (Email input)
  else Nothing
```

```
validatePassword :: String → Maybe Password
validatePassword input = if length input > 12
  then Just (Password input)
  else Nothing
```

```
validateAge :: String → Maybe Age
validateAge input = case (readMaybe input :: Maybe Int) of
  Nothing → Nothing
  Just a → Just (Age a)
```

Maybe Monad

```
data User = User Email Password Age
```

```
processInputs :: (String, String, String) → Maybe User
```

```
processInputs (i1, i2, i3) = do  
  email ← validateEmail i1  
  password ← validatePassword i2  
  age ← validateAge i3  
  return $ User email password age
```

You'll get Nothing if any validation fails

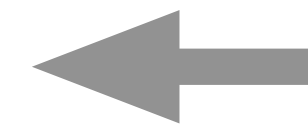
One step further: Either Monad

```
data Either a b = Left a | Right b
```

```
instance Monad (Either e) where
```

```
Left l >=> _ = Left l
```

```
Right r >=> k = k r
```



Propagating failures with infos

Either Monad

```
data ValidationError = BadEmail String
                   | BadPassword String
                   | BadAge String
                   deriving (Show)

validateEmail :: String → Either ValidationError Email
validateEmail input = if '@' `elem` input
  then Right (Email input)
  else Left (BadEmail input)

validatePassword :: String → Either ValidationError Password
validatePassword input = if length input > 12
  then Right (Password input)
  else Left (BadPassword input)

validateAge :: String → Either ValidationError Age
validateAge input = case (readMaybe input :: Maybe Int) of
  Nothing → Left (BadAge input)
  Just a → Right (Age a)

processInputs :: (String, String, String) → Either ValidationError User
processInputs (i1, i2, i3) = do
  email ← validateEmail i1
  password ← validatePassword i2
  age ← validateAge i3
  return $ User email password age
```

Either Monad

```
createUser :: IO (Either ValidationError User)
createUser = do
  i1 ← getLine
  i2 ← getLine
  i3 ← getLine
  let result = processInputs (i1, i2, i3)
  case result of
    Left e → print ("Validation Error: " ++ show e) >> return (Left e)
    Right u → return (Right u)
```

```
λ: createUser
someone at gmail dot com
password
42
"Validation Error: BadEmail \"someone at gmail dot com\""
```