Side Effects (1A)

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Haskell in 5 steps
https://wiki.haskell.org/Haskell_in_5_steps

Variables

Imperative programming:

- **variables** as changeable locations in a computer's memory
- **imperative programs** explicitly commands (instructs) the computer what to do

functional programming

- a way to think in higher-level mathematical **terms**
- defining how **variables** **relate** to one another
- the **compiler** will **translate** these **functions** and **variables** to **instructions** so that the computer can process.

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Variables_and_functions

Haskell Language Features (I)

Haskell Functional Programming (I)

- **Immutability**
- **Recursive Definition : only in functions**
- **No Data Dependency**

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Redefinition : not allowed

imperative programming:

after setting **r = 5** and then changing it to **r = 2**.

r = 5

r = 2

Hakell programming:

an error: "multiple declarations of **r**".

within a given scope, a **variable** in Haskell

are defined only once and cannot change,

like variables in mathematics.

r = 5

~~**r = 2**~~

no mutation

in Haskell

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Variables in a file

Immutable:

they can change only based on

the data we enter to run the program.

We cannot define **r** two ways in the same code,

but we could change the value by changing the file

Vars.hs

```
a = 100
r = 5
pi = 3.14159
e = 2.7818
```

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No Mutation

```
*Main> r = 33
<interactive>:12:3: parse error on input '='


$ ghci
GHCi, version 7.10.3: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/  :? for help
Prelude> r = 333
<interactive>:2:3: parse error on input '='
Prelude>
```

let r = 33

No mutation, Immutable

let r = 33

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Loading a variable definition file

```
$ ghci
GHCi, version 7.10.3: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/  :? for help
Prelude> :load Var1.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main             ( var.hs, interpreted )
Ok, modules loaded: Main.
*Main> r
5
*Main> :t r
r :: Integer
*Main>


*Main> :load Var2.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main             ( var2.hs, interpreted )
Ok, modules loaded: Main.
*Main> r
55
```

:load Var1.hs

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definition with initialization

Var1.hs file

```
r = 5
x = 1
y = 3.14
…
```

Var2.hs file

```
r = 55
x = 1
y = 3.14
…
```

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Incrementing by one

imperative programming:

incrementing the variable r

(**updating** the value in memory)

r = r + 1

Hakell programming:

No **compound assignment** like operations

r = 3

~~**r = r + 1**~~

if **r** had been defined with any value beforehand,

then **r = r + 1** in Haskell would bring an error message.

multiple definition not allowed

as an **argument** and a **parameter** of a **function** in simple cases

add1 x = x + 1

add1 100

x (parameter) = 100 (argument)

Use a **function**

add1 x = x + 1

r = 3

r = add1 r

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Arguments and parameters of a function

binding an **argument** and a **parameter** of a **function**

add1 x = x + 1 → **101** **x (parameter)**

add1 100 **100 (argument)**

add1 x = x + 1

r = 100
r = add1 r

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Recursive Definition

Hakell programming:

a **recursive definition** of **r**

(defining it in terms of itself)

a += b	**(a = a + b)**
a -= b	**(a = a – b)**
a *= b	**(a = a * b)**
a /= b	**(a = a / b)**

No **compound assignment** like operations are allowed

if **a** had been defined with any value beforehand,

then **a = a + b** in Haskell would **multiply defined**

recursive function
factorial 0 = 1
factorial n = n * factorial (n – 1)

non-recursive function
add1 x = x + 1

recursive definitions are allowed
only in function definition

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Simulating imperative codes

The most primitive way of **x = v** is to use a **function** taking **x** as a **parameter**, and pass the **argument** **v** to that function.

x = v

```
i = s = 0;                         // sum 0..100
while (i <= 100) {
   s = s+i;
   i++;
}
return s;
```

```
sum = f 0 0                        -- the initial values
  where
  f i s | i <=100      = f (i+1) (s+i)    -- increment i, augment s
        | otherwise    = s                -- return s at the end
```

```
 i = (i+1)
s = (s+i)
```

This code is not pretty functional programing code,

but it is simulating imperative code

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/43525193/how-can-i-re-assign-a-variable-in-a-function-in-haskell

No Data Dependency

```
y = x * 2
x = 3
```

```
x = 3
y = x * 3
```

Hakell programming:

because the values of variables do not change

variables can be defined in any order

no mandatory : "**x** being declared before **y**"

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Evaluation examples

area 5
=> { replace the LHS area r = ... by the RHS ... = pi * r^2 }
pi * 5 ^ 2
=> { replace pi by its value }
3.141592653589793 * 5 ^ 2
=> { apply exponentiation (^) }
3.141592653589793 * 25
=> { apply multiplication (*) }
78.53981633974483

area r = pi * r^2

pi = 3.141592653589793

5^2 = 25

3.141592653589793 * 25 =
78.53981633974483

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Translation to instructions

functional programming

- leaving the **compiler** to **translate** **functions** and **variables**
  to the step-by-step **instructions**
  that the computer can process.

LHS = RHS

replace each **function** and **variable** with its **definition**

repeatedly replace the results until a single value remains.

to apply or call a function means

to **replace** the LHS of its **definition** by its RHS.

LHS

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RHS

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Scope

Scope rules define the **visibility rules**
for **names** in a programming language.

What if you have references to a **variable** named **k**
in different parts of the program?

Do these refer to the same variable or to different ones?

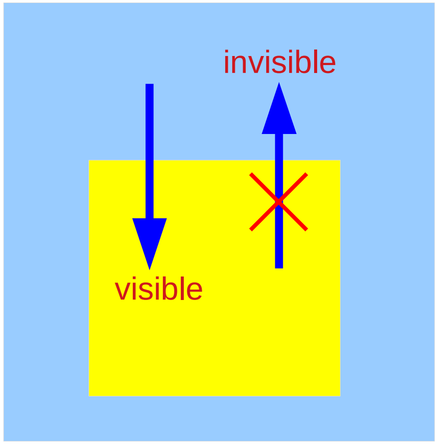
https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse341/03wi/imperative/scoping.html

Haskell Scope

Most languages, including Haskell, are **statically scoped**.

- A **block** defines a new **scope**.
- **Variables** can be declared in that scope, and are not visible from the outside.
- However, **variables** outside the scope (in enclosing scopes) are visible unless they are overridden.
- In Haskell, these scope rules also apply to the names of **functions**.

Static scoping is also sometimes called **lexical scoping**.



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Side Effects Definition

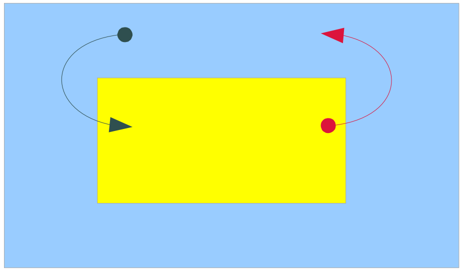
a **function** or **expression** is said to have a **side effect**

if it **modifies** some state outside its scope or

has an observable interaction

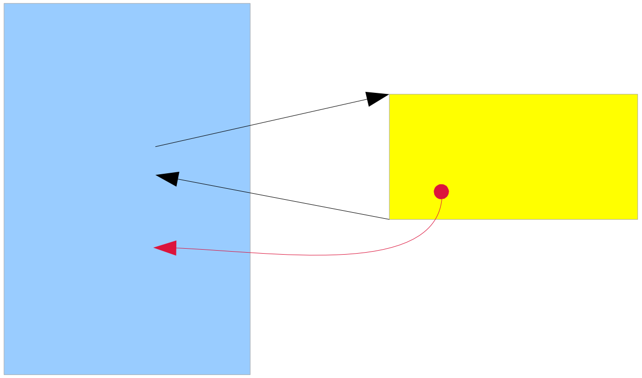
with its calling functions or the outside world

besides **returning a value**.



a particular **function** might

- modify a **global** variable or **static** variable
- modify one of its **arguments**
- raise an **exception**
- write data to a **display** or **file**
- read data from a **keyboard** or **file**
- call *other side-effecting functions*



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Some Monad types to handle side effects

State monad

manages **global variables**

Error monad

enables **exceptions**

IO monad

handles interactions with the **file system**,

and other **resources** outside the program

actions in State, Error, IO monad
have side effects

the **program** itself has no side effects

the **action** in monads does have side effects

the functional nature of the **program**

is maintained (**pure**, **no side effects**)

https://blog.osteele.com/2007/12/overloading-semicolon/

History, Order, and Context

In the presence of **side effects**,

a program's behaviour may depend on **history**;

the **order** of **evaluation** matters.

the **context** and **histories**

imperative programming : frequent utilization of **side effects**.

functional programming : **side effects** are rarely used.

The lack of side effects makes it easier

to do **formal verifications** of a program

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Side_effect_(computer_science)

Side Effects Examples in C

```
int i, j;
i = j = 3;

i = (j = 3);          // j = 3 returns 3, which then gets assigned to i
```

```
// The assignment function returns 10
// which automatically casts to "true"
// so the loop conditional always evaluates to true

while (b = 10) { }
```

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Haskell Language Features (II)

Haskell Functional Programming (II)

- **Pure Function**
- **Simple IO**
- **Laziness**
- **Sequencing**

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Pure Languages

Haskell is a **pure** language
programs are made of **functions**
that cannot change
any **global state** or **variables**,
they can only
do some **computations** and **return** their **results**.
not modify **arguments** of a function

no side effects
pure functions

every **variable's** value does not change in time
However, some problems are inherently **stateful**
in that they rely on some state that changes over time.

immutability

st1 = 10

use a function for
stateful computations

s -> (x,s)
st1 (v,10)

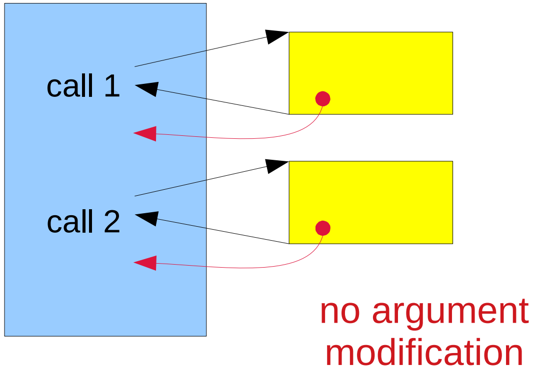
a bit tedious to model
Haskell has the **state monad** features

http://learnyouahaskell.com/for-a-few-monads-more

Pure Function

A **pure** function has no **side effects**

- **no state** nor **no** access to **external states** (global variables)
  - the function call starts from the scratch (no memory)
  - every invocation with the same set of arguments returns always the same result
- **no argument modifications**
  - calling a **pure** function is the same as
  - calling it twice and discarding the result of the first call.



easily parallelizeable

no side effect means **no data races**

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Actions

Haskell **runtime**

- first evaluates **main** (an expression)
  - not to a **simple value**
  - but to an **action**. (function)
- then executes this **action**. (function)

a **function** as a **value**

IO action

- the **program** itself has no side effects
- the **action** does have side effects

stateful computation

the functional nature of the **program**
is maintained (pure, no side effects)

action

IO monad

function

evaluation - execution

main = **putStrLn** "Hello World!"

stateful computation
(side effects)

World -> ((), World)

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Simple IO

main calls functions like **putStrLn** or **print**,

which return **IO actions**.

- **primitives** built into Haskell :

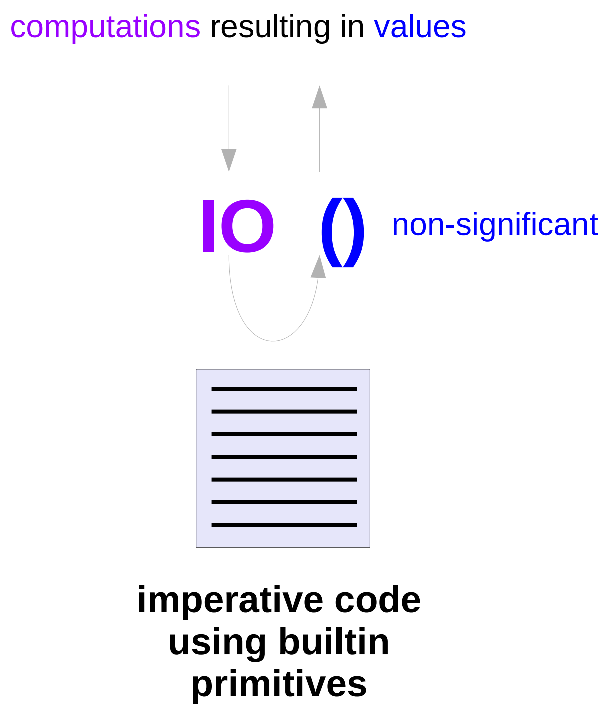
  the only non-trivial source of **IO actions**:

- **return** trivially converts any **value** into an **IO action**.

IO actions : **IO ()**

putStrLn :: String -> IO ()

print :: Show a => a -> IO ()



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Primitives in PutStrLn

```
...
writeCharBuffer h_ Buffer{ bufRaw=raw, bufState=WriteBuffer,
                           bufL=0, bufR=count, bufSize=sz }
...
writeCharBuffer :: Handle__ -> CharBuffer -> IO ()
writeCharBuffer h_@Handle__{..} !cbuf = do
…

-- |Write a new value into an 'IORef'
writeIORef  :: IORef a -> a -> IO ()
writeIORef (IORef var) v = stToIO (writeSTRef var v)

-- |Write a new value into an 'STRef'
writeSTRef :: STRef s a -> a -> ST s ()
writeSTRef (STRef var#) val = ST $ \s1# ->
   case writeMutVar# var# val s1#     of { s2# ->  (# s2#, () #) }
```

s2# -> (# s2#, () #)

s -> (x,s)

http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base-4.11.1.0/docs/src/GHC.IO.Handle.Text.html#local-6989586621679303176

IO actions in main

IO action is invoked, after the Haskell **program** has run

- an **IO action** can never be executed inside the **program** in order to execute a function of the type **World -> (t, World)** must supply a **value** of the type **World**
- once created, an **IO action** keeps *percolating up* until it ends up in **main** and is executed by the **runtime**.
- **IO action** can be also discarded, but that means it will never be evaluated

runtime

main = **putStrLn** "Hello World!"

putStrLn :: String -> IO ()

type **IO** t = World -> (t, World)

World -> (**()**, World)

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Laziness

Haskell will not **calculate** anything

unless it's strictly necessary or

is forced by the programmer

Haskell will not even **evaluate**

arguments to a function before calling it

Haskell assumes that the arguments will **not** be **used**,

so it procrastinates as long as possible.

unless proven otherwise

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Laziness and Pure Functions

A **pure function** has no **side effects**.

Calling a **function once** is the same

as calling it **twice** and discarding the **result** of the first **call**.

not modifying its **arguments**

but modifying only the **result**

furthermore, if the **result** of any function call is not used,

Haskell will spare itself the trouble

and will never call the **function**.

exception **IO ()**　　　　**-- () non-significant result**

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Laziness and Pure Functions

```
getChar :: RealWorld -> (Char, RealWorld)

main :: RealWorld -> ((), RealWorld)
main world0 = let (a, world1) = getChar world0

                  (b, world2) = getChar world1

              in ((), world2)
```

- not possible here to omit any call of **getChar**, just because the **result** is not used
- nor possible to reorder the **getChar**'s

world2 requires **world1**

world1 requires **world0**

the **result ()** is not used

https://wiki.haskell.org/IO_inside#Welcome_to_the_RealWorld.2C_baby

Laziness Example 1

Division by zero : **undefined -** never be evaluated.

main = print $ undefined + 1

no compile time error

but a runtime error

because of an attempt to evaluate **undefined**.

foo x = 1

main = print $ (foo undefined) + 1

Haskell calls **foo** but never evaluates its argument **undefined**

(just returns 1)

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Laziness Example 2

this does not come from optimization:

from the definition of **foo**, the compiler

figures out that its **argument** is unnecessary.

but the result is the same

if the definition of **foo** is hidden from view in another module.

```
{-# START_FILE Foo.hs #-}
-- show
module Foo (foo) where
foo x = 1
```

```
{-# START_FILE Main.hs #-}
-- show
import Foo
main = print $ (foo undefined) + 1
```

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Laziness with infinity

laziness allows it to deal with

- **infinity** (like an infinite list)
- the **future** that hasn't materialized yet

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Laziness and IO action

Laziness or not, a program will be executed at some time.

why an expression should be evaluated?

among many reasons, the fundamental one is

to display its result.

without **I/O**, nothing would ever be evaluated

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Do Notation

Larger **IO actions** are composed of smaller **IO actions**.

- the **order** of **composition** matters
- **sequence IO actions**

special syntax for sequencing :

the **do** notation.

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Do Notation Example

```
main = do
   putStrLn "The answer is: "
   print 43
```

sequencing two IO actions

- one IO action returned by **putStrLn**
- another IO action returned by **print**

inside a **do** block

proper **indentation**.

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Do Notation – input action (1)

whatever you receive from the user or from a file

you assign to a variable and use it later.

```
main = do
    str <- getLine
    putStrLn str
```

when executed, creates an **action**

that will take the input from the user.

then pass this input to the rest of **actions** of the **do** block

under the **name** **str** when the rest is executed.

(not ordinary variable, but a **binding**)

immutable variable

just a binding

x <- monadic value

(only the result of the

monadic value execution)

getLine

str

binded name

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Do Notation – input action (2)

```
str <- getLine
getLine :: IO String
```

only the returned **result** is passed

- **str** is not really a variable
- **<-** is not really an assignment

- **<-** creates an **action** (execution)
- **<-** binds the name **str** to the **value** (**String**) that will be returned by executing the **action** of **getLine**.

In Haskell you never **assign** to a variable, (**immutable**) instead you **bind** a **name** to a **value**.

getLine creates an **action** that, when the **action** executed will take the **input** from the user. It will then pass that **input** to the rest of the **do block** (which is also an **action**) under the **name** **str** when it (the rest) is executed.

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do block operations

the **do block** is used for

sequencing a more general set of

monadic operations such as **IO actions**

IO is just one example of a **monad**

inside a **monadic do** block

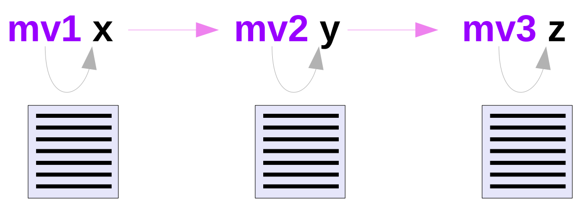
- looks like chunks of **imperative** code.
- behaves like **imperative** code

the core of **monadic operations** is built

by **imperative programming**.

```
main = do
        mv1 x
        mv2 y
        mv3 z
```

(mv1 x, mv2 y, mv3 z: **imperative** code)



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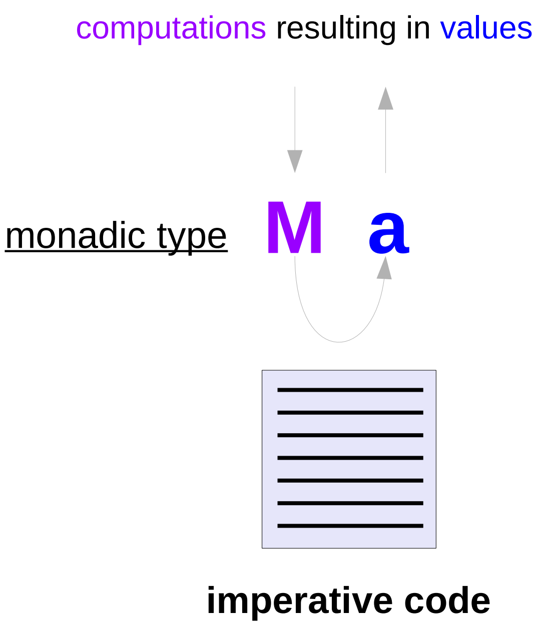
Monadic value

a **value** of type **M a** is interpreted **mv** :: **M a**

as a **statement** in an imperative language **M**

that returns a **value** of type **a** as its **result**;



https://wiki.haskell.org/Functional_programming#Purity

Semicolon Overloading

The way the **actions** are glued together

is the essence of the **Monad**.

Since the glueing happens between the lines,

the **Monad** is sometimes described as

an "**overloading of the semicolon**."

Different **monads** overload it differently.

```
main = do
   putStrLn "The answer is: " ;
   print 43
```

```
main =
   putStrLn "The answer is: "  >>
   print 43
```

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Semicolon Overloading Examples

can define your own **sequencing rule**

- execute the first statement once,
  and then execute the next statement
- the first statement computes a value,
  which the next statement can use

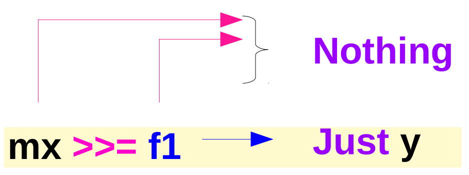
the Maybe monad

- execute the first statement, but only execute
  the next statement if the value so far isn't null

the List monad

- the first statement computes a list of values,
  and the second statement runs once using each of them

```
mx  ::    Maybe a
f1 :: a -> Maybe b
```




```
f x = [x, x+1]
g x = [x * x]
f 3 >>= g                    [9, 16]

1 : [2, 3] >>= \x -> [x *2]  [2,4,6]
```

https://blog.osteele.com/2007/12/overloading-semicolon/

Combining two statements

analogy between **statements** and **variables**

- Java and C++ have **typed** **variables**
- Haskell adds **typed** **statements**

Operators **combine** **values**, such as plus and times.

overload operators:

Integer+Integer, String+String, Vector+Vector

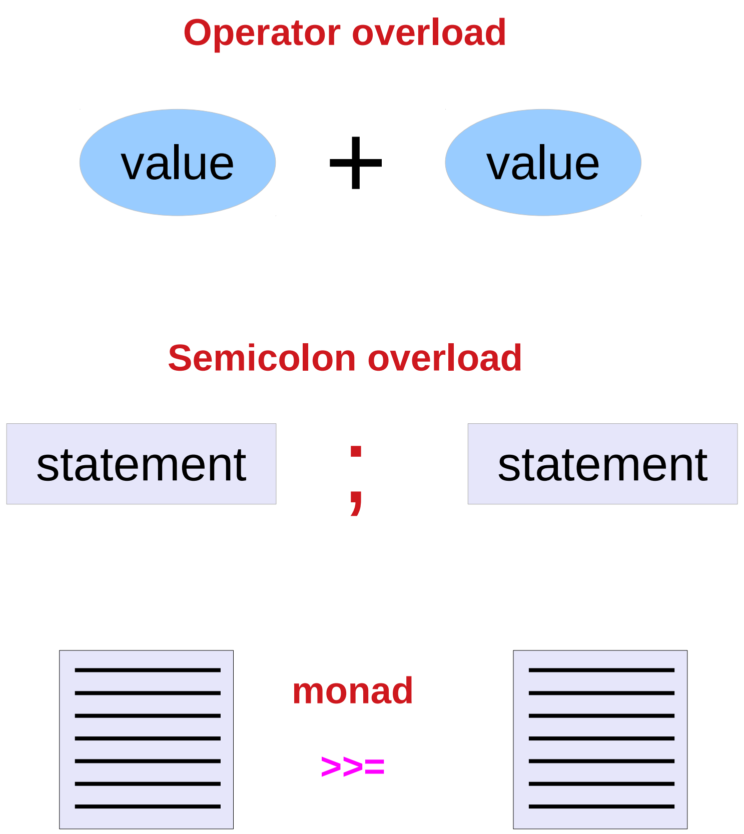
semicolon operator **combines** two **statements**.

a **monad** is a definition for the **semicolon operator**

it defines the meaning of a compound statement

composed of two simpler ones.

Haskell lets you overload semicolon.



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Stateful Computations & IO: Side Effects in Haskell

The functional language Haskell expresses **side effects**

such as **I/O** and

other **stateful computations**

using **monadic actions**

IO monad

State monad

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Side_effect_(computer_science)

Stateful Computation

a **stateful computation** is a **function** that

takes some **state** and

returns a **value** along with some **new state**.

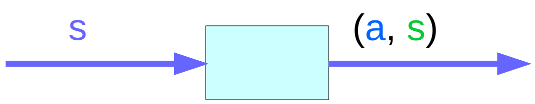
That function would have the following type:

s -> (a,s)

s is the type of the **state** and

a the **result** of the **stateful computation**.

s -> (a, s)



a **function** is an *executable* ***data***

when executed, a **result** is produced

action (an executable function)

result is produced if executed

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Assignment in the Haskell runtime

Assignment in an **imperative** language :

will assign the value **5** to the variable **x**

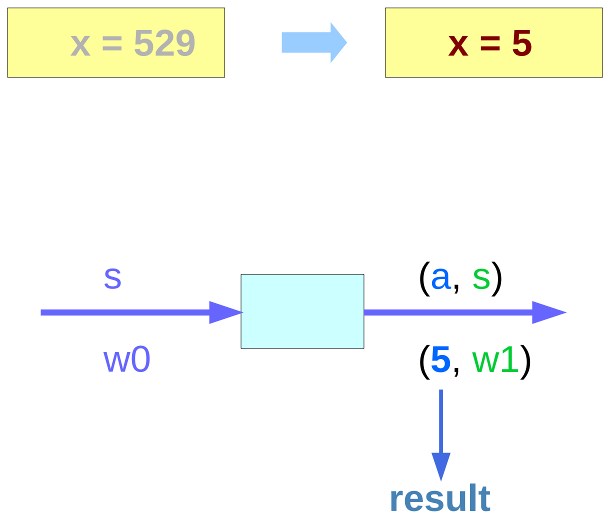
will have the value **5** *as an expression*

Assignment in a **functional** language

as a **function** that

takes a **state** and

returns a **result** and a **new state**



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Assignment as a stateful computation

Assignment in a functional language

as a **function** that

takes a **state** and

returns a **result** and a **new state**

an input **state** :

all the variables that have been assigned previously

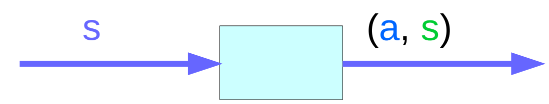
a **result** : **5**

a **new state** :

all the previous variable mappings plus

the newly assigned variable.

s -> (a, s)



all the variables that have been assigned previously

all the previous mapped variable plus the newly assigned variable

a **result** : **5**

x = 5

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A value with a **context**

The **stateful computation**:

- a **function** that
  - takes a **state** and
  - returns a **result** and a **new state**
- can be considered as a **value** with a **context**

the actual **value** is the **result**

the **context** is

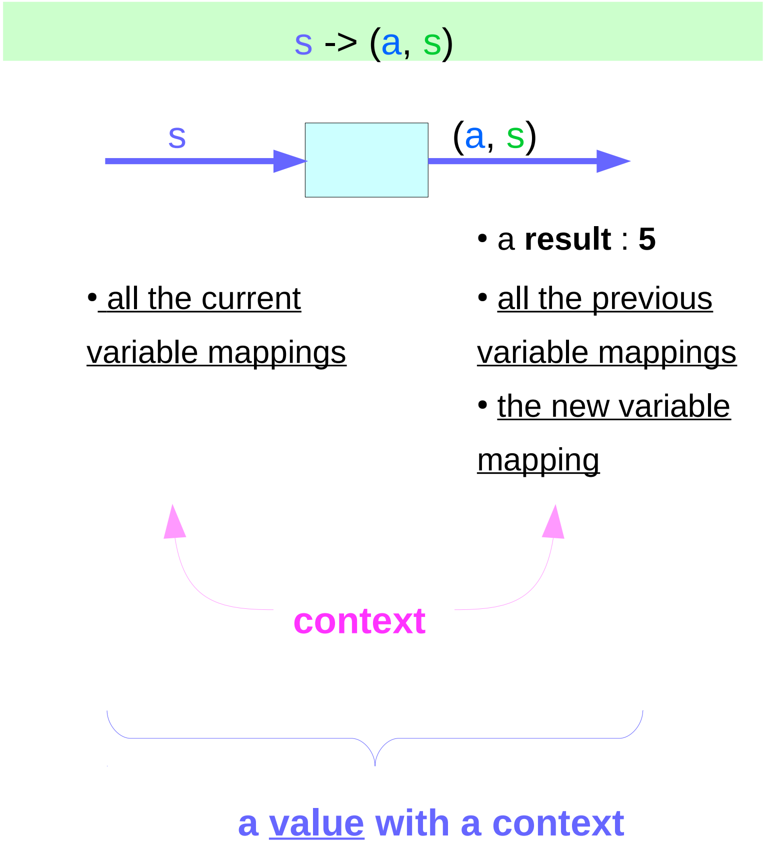
an **initial state** that must be provided to get the **result**

not only the **result**, but also a **new state** is obtained

through the **execution** of the function

the **result** is determined based on the **initial state**

the **result** and the **new state** depend on the **initial state**



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Stateful computations of IO Monad

Generally, a **monad** cannot perform **side effects** in Haskell.

there is a few exceptions: **IO monad, State monad**

Suppose there is a type called World,

which contains all the state of the external universe

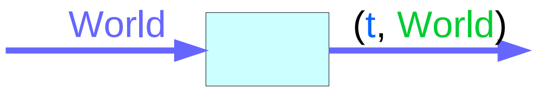
(actually a reference to such a data structure)

A way of thinking what **IO monad** does

```
type   IO t   =   World   ->   (t, World)
```

type synonym

World -> (t, World)



In Haskell, no variable changes

a state transition via a function

a collection of variables (state)

a new collection of variables (updated)

In Haskell, a function is a value

an action – an executable function

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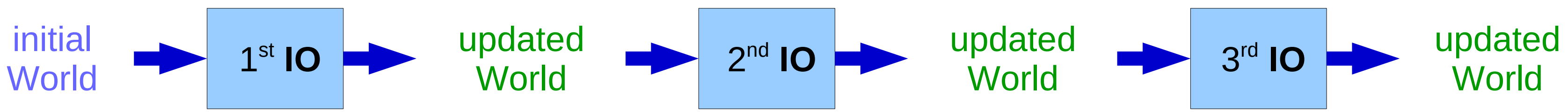
Stateful computation models of IO monad

using **GHC**



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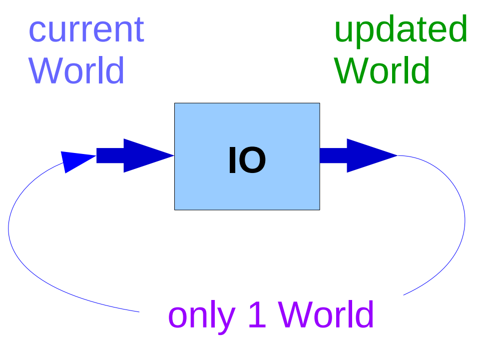

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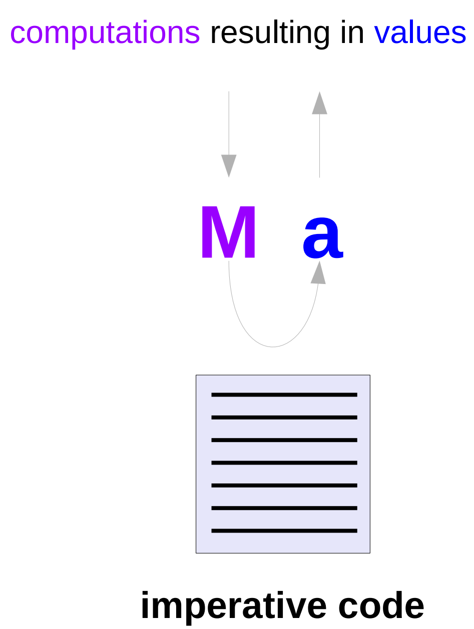
Pure subset of a language

Some functional languages allow **expressions**
to yield actions in addition to **return values**.

These **actions** are called **side effects**
to emphasize that the **return value** is
the most important **result** of a function

pure languages prohibit **side effects**
but, **pure** subsets is still **useful**

beneficial to write a significant part of a code as **pure**
and the remaining error prone **impure** part as small as possible



actions + return values

actions may yield side effects

{ impure subset }

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Pure language features

Immutable Data	altered copies are used
Referential Transparency	the same result on each invocation
Lazy Evaluation	defer until needed
Purity and Effects	mutable array and IO

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Immutable data

Pure functional programs typically
operate on **immutable data**.

Instead of altering existing values,
altered copies are created and
the original is preserved.

Since the **unchanged parts** of the structure
cannot be modified, they can often be shared
between the old and new copies,
which saves memory.

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Referential Transparency

Pure computations yield the same value
each time they are invoked.

This property is called **referential transparency**
and makes possible to conduct
equational reasoning on the code.

no argument modification
no global variable access
: no side effects

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Referential Transparency Examples

y = f x

g = h y y

then we should be able

to replace the definition of **g** with

g = h (f x) (f x)

and get the same result;

only the **efficiency** might change.

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Lazy Evaluation

Since **pure** computations are **referentially transparent**

they can be performed at any time

and still yield the same result.

This makes it possible to defer the computation of values

until they are needed, that is, to **compute** them **lazily**.

Lazy evaluation avoids unnecessary computations

and allows **infinite data structures** to be defined and used.

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Purity and Effects

Even though **purely functional programming** is very beneficial,
the programmer might want to use **features**

that are not available in pure programs,

like efficient **mutable arrays** or **convenient I/O**.

There are 2 **approaches** to this problem.

1) extended impure function

2) simulating monads

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Using impure functions

Some functional languages **extend**

their purely functional core **with side effects**.

The programmer must be careful not to use **impure functions**

in places *where only pure functions are expected*.

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Using monads

Another way of **introducing side effects** to a pure language

is to **<u>simulate</u>** them using **monads**.

While the **language** <u>remains</u> **pure** and **referentially transparent**,

monads can provide **implicit state** by threading it inside them.

stateful computation

The **compiler** does <u>not</u> care about the **imperative features**

because the **language** itself <u>remains</u> **pure**,

however usually the **implementations** do care about them

due to the **efficiency reasons**,

for instance to provide **O(1) mutable arrays**.

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Monads enable lazy evaluation

Allowing **side effects** only through **monads**
and keeping the language **pure** makes it possible
to have **lazy evaluation** that does not conflict
with the **effects** of **impure code**.

Even though **lazy expressions** can be
evaluated **in any order**,
the **monad structure** **forces** the effects
to be executed **in the correct order**.

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Monads enable lazy evaluation

But now, when you look at a do block, it looks very much like imperative code with hidden side effects. The Either monadic code looks like using functions that can throw exceptions. State monad code looks as if the state were a global mutable variable. You access it using get with no arguments, and you modify it by calling put that returns no value. So what have we gained in comparison to C?

We might not see the hidden effects, but the compiler does. It desugars every do block and type-checks it. The state might look like a global variable but it's not. Monadic bind makes sure that the state is threaded from function to function. It's never shared. If you make your Haskell code concurrent, there will be no data races.

https://www.schoolofhaskell.com/school/starting-with-haskell/basics-of-haskell/12-State-Monad

Monads enable lazy evaluation

If you have a global environment, which various functions read from (and you might, for example, initialise from a configuration file) then you should thread that as a parameter to your functions (after having, very likely, set it up in your 'main' action). If the explicit parameter passing annoys you, then you can 'hide' it with a Monad.

https://wiki.haskell.org/Global_variables

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