

# Monad Overview (2A)

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# Monad, Monoid

## monad (plural monads)

- An ultimate atom, or simple, unextended point; something ultimate and **indivisible**.
- (mathematics, computing) A monoid in the category of endofunctors.
- (botany) A single **individual** (such as a pollen grain) that is free from others, not united in a group.

## monoid (plural monoids)

- (mathematics) A **set** which is closed under an **associative** binary operation, and which contains an element which is an **identity** for the operation.

```
class Monad m where ...
```

m a

m b

```
instance Monad Maybe where ...
```

m a

m b

Maybe a

single  
parameter



Monadic type

[https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/monad, monoid](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/monad,monoid)

# Maybe Monad Instance

**class** Monad **m** where

**return** :: a -> m a  
**(>>=)** :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

method type signatures

**instance** Monad **Maybe** where

-- return :: a -> Maybe a

**return** x = **Just** x

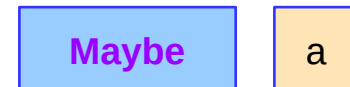
method definition

-- (>>=) :: Maybe a -> (a -> Maybe b) -> Maybe b

**Nothing** >>= \_ = **Nothing**  
**(Just x)** >>= f = **f x**

method definition

**f** :: a -> Maybe b



a parameterized type

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# Maybe Monad – a parameterized type

a monad is a **parameterized type** `m`  
that supports **return** and **>>=** functions of the specified types

`m` must be a parameterized type,  
rather than just a type (**Maybe** is not a concrete type)

```
(Just x) >>= f = f x
```

the **do** notation can be used to sequence **Maybe** values.

More generally, Haskell supports the use of this notation (**>>=**)  
with any monadic type.

```
class Monad m where ...
```

```
    m a
```

```
    m b
```

```
instance Monad Maybe where ...
```

```
(Just x) >>= f = f x
```

Assume

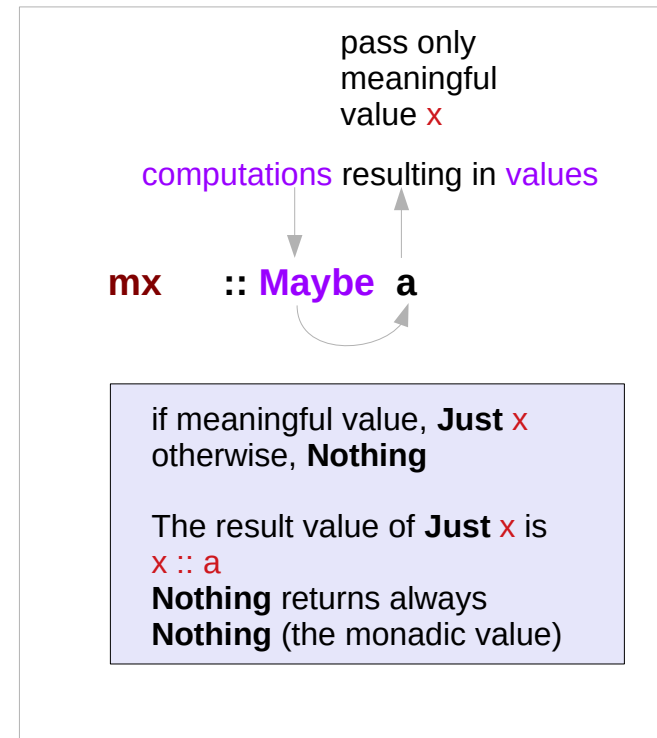
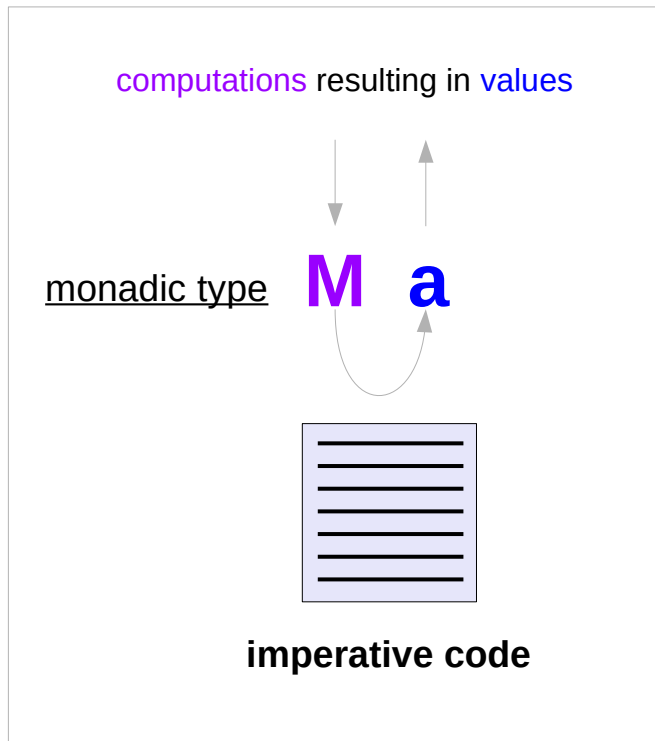
```
(Just 3) :: Maybe Int
```

```
f :: Int -> Maybe Int
```

**>>=** passes `3::Int` to `f` as an argument

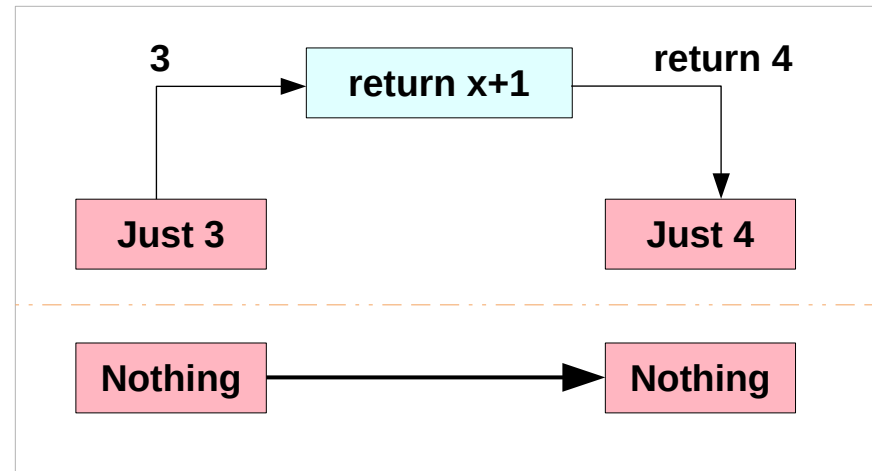
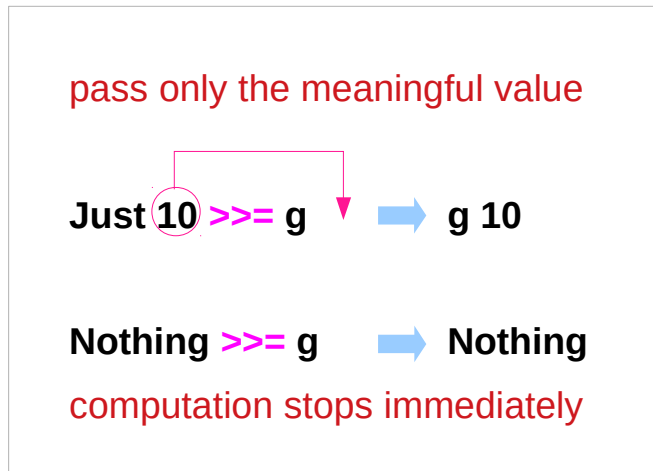
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# Maybe Monad – an action and its result



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# Maybe Monad – the bind operator (>>=)



$g\ x = \text{return } x+1$

$g = \lambda x \rightarrow \text{return } x+1$

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# Maybe Monad – the assignment operator (<-)

```
dt1 = do { x <- Just 3;  
         if x == 3 then return 33;  
         else return 44;}
```

```
dt2 = do { x <- Just 4;  
         if x == 3 then return 33;  
         else return 44;}
```

```
dt2 = do { x <- Nothing;  
         if x == 3 then return 33;  
         else return 44;}
```

**Just 33**

After evaluating the monadic value, only the result is assigned to x

**Just 44;**

If a meaningful number is assigned to x

**Nothing;**

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# Maybe Monad – the value for failure

The **Maybe** monad provides  
a simple model of computations that can fail,  
a value of type **Maybe a** is either **Nothing** (**failure**) or  
the form **Just x** for some **x** of type **a** (**success**)

The **list** monad generalizes this notion,  
by permitting multiple results in the case of **success**.

a value of **[a]** is  
either the empty list **[]** (**failure**)  
or the form of a non-empty list **[x1,x2,...,xn]** (**success**)  
for some **xi** of type **a**

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# Maybe Monad Examples

```
bothGrandfathers :: Person -> Maybe (Person, Person)
```

```
bothGrandfathers p =  
  father p >>=  
    (\dad -> father dad >>=  
      (\gf1 -> mother p >>=  
        (\mom -> father mom >>=  
          (\gf2 -> return (gf1,gf2) )))))
```

```
bothGrandfathers p = do {  
  dad <- father p;  
  gf1 <- father dad;  
  mom <- mother p;  
  gf2 <- father mom;  
  return (gf1, gf2);  
}
```

**p** :: Person

father **p** :: Maybe Person

mother **q** :: Maybe Person

**dad** :: Person

**gf1** :: Person

**mom** :: Person

**gf2** :: Person

(gf1, gf2) :: Maybe (Person, Person)

gf1 is only used in the final return

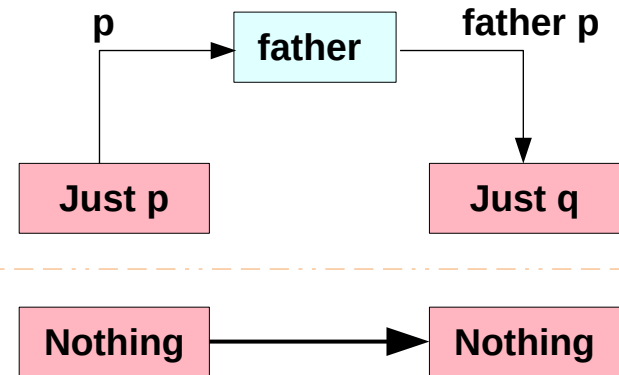
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# Fail to return result exception

Sequencing operator `>>=` and `do block` look like an **imperative** programming code but they support **exceptions** :

`father` and `mother` are **functions** that might **fail** to produce results, raising an **exception** instead;

when any exception happens, the whole code will fail, i.e. terminate with an exception (evaluate to **Nothing**).



`p` :: Person  
`father p` :: Maybe Person

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# List Monad

**instance Monad [] where**

```
-- return :: a -> [a]
```

```
return x = [x]
```

```
-- (>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b]
```

```
xs >>= f = concat (map f xs)
```

**return** converts a **value** into a **successful result** containing that value

**>>=** provides a means of *sequencing* computations that may produce *multiple results*:

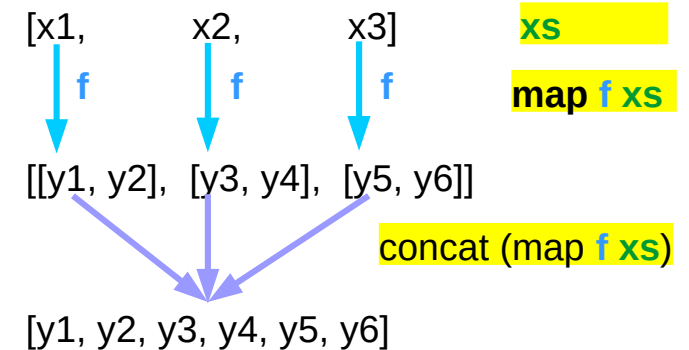
**xs >>= f** applies the function **f** to each of the *results* in the list **xs** to give a *nested list of results*, which is then concatenated to give a *single list of results*.

(Aside: in this context, [] denotes the list type [a] without its parameter.)

```
xs :: [a]
```

```
f :: a -> [b]
```

```
(>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b]
```



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# A Type Monad

Haskell does not have **states**  
but its type system is powerful enough  
to construct the **stateful** program flow

defining a **Monad type** in Haskell

- similar to defining a **class**  
in an object oriented language (C++, Java)
- a **Monad** can do much more than a class:

A **Monad type** can be used for

- **exception handling**
- **parallel program workflow**
- **a parser generator**

**Collection of  
method to be  
implemented**

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# Types: rules and data

Haskell **types** are the **rules** associated with the **data**,  
not the actual **data** itself.

**OOP** (Object-Oriented Programming) enable us  
to use **classes / interfaces**  
to define **types**,  
the **rules (methods)** that interacts with the actual **data**.

to use **templates**(c++) or **generics**(java)  
to define more **abstracted rules** that are more reusable

**Monad** is pretty much like **templates / generic class**.

Rules + Data

Rules

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# Monad Rules

A **type** is just **a set of rules**, or **methods**  
in Object-Oriented terms

A **Monad** is just yet another type, and  
the definition of this type is defined by **four rules**:

- ① **bind (>>=)**
- ② **then (>>)**
- ③ **return**
- ④ **fail**

Rules (methods)

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# Monad Applications

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1. **Exception Handling**
2. **Accumulate States**
3. **IO Monad**

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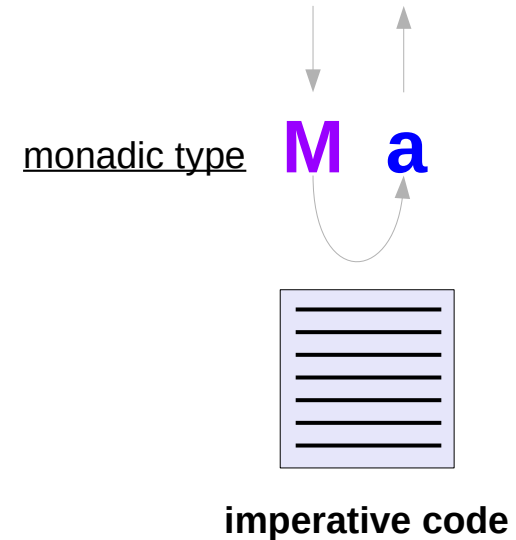
# A notion of computations

the expression **father p**, which has type **Maybe Person**,  
is interpreted as a **statement** in an imperative language  
that **returns** a **Person** as the **result**,           **Just p**  
or **fails**.   **Nothing**

a value of type **M a** is interpreted as a **statement**  
in an imperative language **M**  
that returns a value of type **a** as its **result**;

executing a **statement** returns the **result**  
running a function

computations resulting in values



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# Semantics of a language $M$

**Semantics** : what the language  $M$  *allows us to say*.

In the case of **Maybe**,

the **semantics** *allow us to express failures*

when a statement fails to produce a result,

allow statements that are following to be ***skipped***

the **semantics** of this language are determined by the **monad  $M$**

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# A value of type $M\ a$

a **value** of type  $M\ a$  is interpreted  $mx :: M\ a$

as a **statement** in an imperative language  $M$   
that returns a **value** of type  $a$  as its **result**;

the **semantics** in an imperative language  $M$   
allow us to express **failure**  
the **statements** that follow it being **skipped**

**Maybe**  $a$

**IO**  $a$

**ST**  $a$

**State**  $s\ a$

the type of result  $a$  : **IO**  $a$

the type  $M\ a$



an imperative language  $M$

semantics

a value  $mx$



statements returning a type  $a$  value

execution, a function, a return value

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# A value of type $M\ a$ – computations and semantics

a **value** of type  $M\ a$  is interpreted

as a **statement** in an imperative language  $M$   
that **returns** a value of type  $a$  as its **result**;

and the **semantics** of this language  
are determined by the **monad**  $M$ .

**computations** that result in **values**

an immediate **abort**

a **valueless return** in the middle of a computation.

**types** are the **rules** associated with the **data**,  
not the actual **data** itself. (*classes in C++*)

**Maybe**  $a$

an imperative language

**IO**  $a$

statements

**ST**  $a$

computations

**State**  $s\ a$

rules

execution

a function

return

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# Monad Minimal Definition

A minimal definition of **monad**

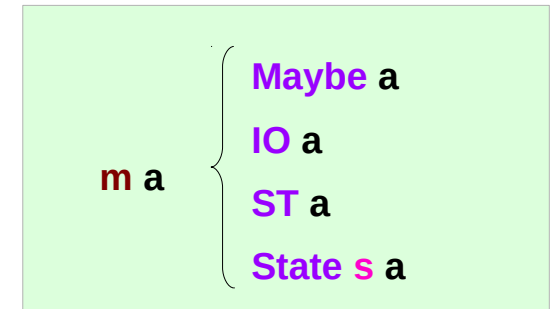
a **type constructor** **m**;  
a function **return**;  
an operator (**>>=**) "bind"

The function and operator are methods of the **Monad** type class and have types (type signatures)

**return** :: a -> m a

**>>=** :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

are required to obey three laws



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# Monad Laws

every **instance** of the Monad type class must obey

```
m >>= return    = m           -- right unit
return x >>= f    = f x        -- left unit
(m >>= f) >>= g   = m >>= (\x -> f x >>= g) -- associativity
```

```
(m >>= return)   = m
(return x) >>= f  = f x
((m >>= f) >>= g) = m >>= (\x -> f x >>= g)
```

```
return :: a -> m a
(>>=)  :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
```

```
m :: m a
```

```
f :: a -> m b
```

```
f x :: m b
```

```
f x >>= g :: m c
```

```
(>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
```

```
(>>=) :: m b -> (b -> m c) -> m c
```

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# Monad Laws Examples

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(m >>= f) >>= g  = m >>= (\x -> f x >>= g) -- associativity
```

```
(m >>= return)  = m
```

```
(Just 3 >>= return) = Just 3
```

```
(return x) >>= f = f x
```

```
(return 3) >>= (\x -> return (x+1)) = return 4 = Just 4
```

```
((m >>= f) >>= g) = m >>= (\x -> f x >>= g)
```

```
((Just 3) >>= (\x -> return (x+1))) = return 4 = Just 4
```

```
((Just 4) >>= (\x -> return (2*x))) = return 8 = Just 8
```

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# Then (>>) and bind (>>=) operators

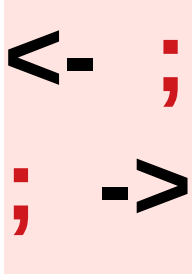
the **then** operator (>>)

an implementation of the **semicolon**



The **bind** operator (>>=)

an implementation of the **semicolon** (;) and  
**assignment** (<-) of the **result**  
of a previous computational step.



**x** <- **foo**; **return** (x + 3)

**foo** >>= (\x -> **return** (x + 3))

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# A function application and the bind operator

a **let** expression as a **function application**,

```
let x = foo in (x + 3)          foo & (\x -> id (x + 3))  -- v & f = f v
```

**&** and **id** are trivial;

**id** is the **identity function**

just returns its parameter  
unmodified

an **assignment** and **semicolon** as the **bind operator**:

```
x <- foo; return (x + 3)      foo >>= (\x -> return (x + 3))
```


**>>=** and **return** are substantial.

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# Reverse Function Application &

$(\&) :: a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b$

& is just like \$ only backwards.

  
**foo \$ bar \$ baz bin**

semantically equivalent to:

**bin & baz & bar & foo**  


& is useful because the order in which functions are applied to their arguments read left to right instead of the **reverse** (which is the case for \$).

This is closer to how English is read so it can improve code clarity.

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# & and id

a **let** expression as a **function application**,

```
let x = foo in (x + 3)    foo & (\x -> id (x + 3))    -- v & f = f $ v = fv
```

The **&** operator combines together two *pure calculations*,

**foo** and **id (x + 3)**

while creating a new binding for the variable **x** to hold **foo**'s value,  $x \leftarrow \text{foo}$

making **x** available to the second computational step: **id (x + 3)**.

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# >>= and return

an **assignment** and **semicolon** as the **bind** operator:

```
x <- foo; return (x + 3)      foo >>= (\x -> return (x + 3))
```

The bind operator **>>=** combines together two computational steps,

**foo** and **return (x + 3)**,

in a manner particular to the **Monad M**,

while creating a new binding for the variable **x** to hold **foo**'s **result**,

making **x** available to the next computational step, **return (x + 3)**.

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# >>= and return – Semantics of Maybe Monad

an **assignment** and **semicolon** as the **bind** operator:

```
x <- foo; return (x + 3)      foo >>= (\x -> return (x + 3))
```

In the particular case of **Maybe**,

*semantics*

if **foo** fails to produce a result,

**Nothing**

the second step will be skipped and

the whole combined computation will also fail immediately.

**Nothing**

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# Contexts of `>>` & `>>=`

`>>=` and `>>` : methods from the *Monad class*

## Monad Sequencing Operator

`>>` is used to **order** the **evaluation** of expressions within some **context**;  
it makes evaluation of the *right* depend on the evaluation of the *left*

## Monad Sequencing Operator with value passing

`>>=` **passes** the result of the expression on the *left* *as an argument* to the expression on the *right*, while preserving the **context** that the argument and function use



context  
semantics  
effects

**Just 10 >>= f**

**→ f 10**

10 is passed to the function  
f as an argument

<https://www.quora.com/What-do-the-symbols-and-mean-in-haskell>

# Monadic Effect

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

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# Monadic Operations

Monadic operations tend to have types which look like

`val-in-type-1 -> ... -> val-in-type-n`  $\rightarrow$  `effect-monad val-out-type`

Inputs to monadic operations

a parameterized type

a monad type

`effect-monad`

statements in the  
imperative language

about a function

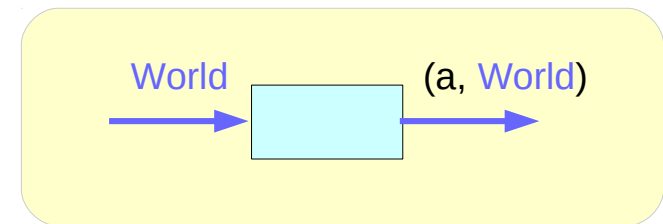
executable

execution result

`val-out-type`

`effect-monad val-out-type`

`IO a`



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# Monadic Operations – put example

Monadic operations tend to have types which look like

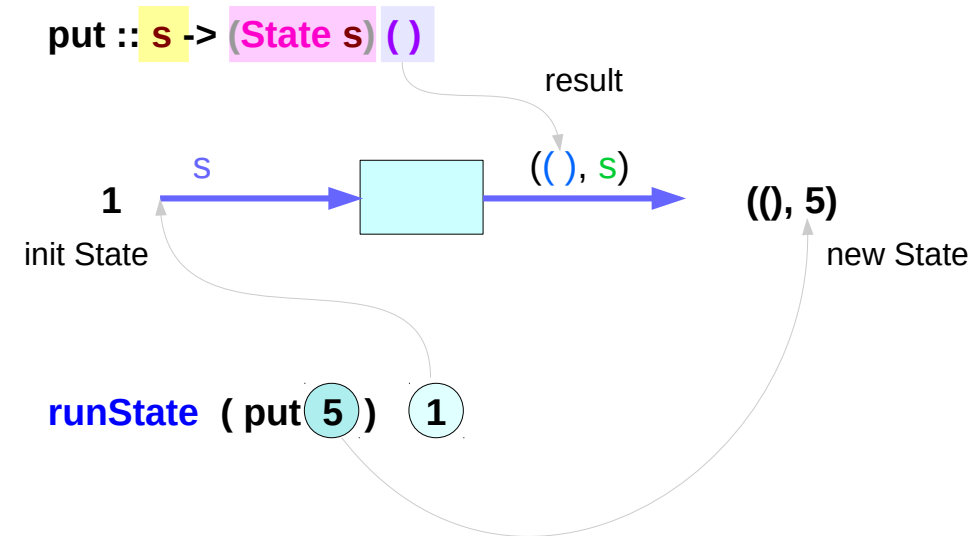
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**effect-monad**

**val-out-type**

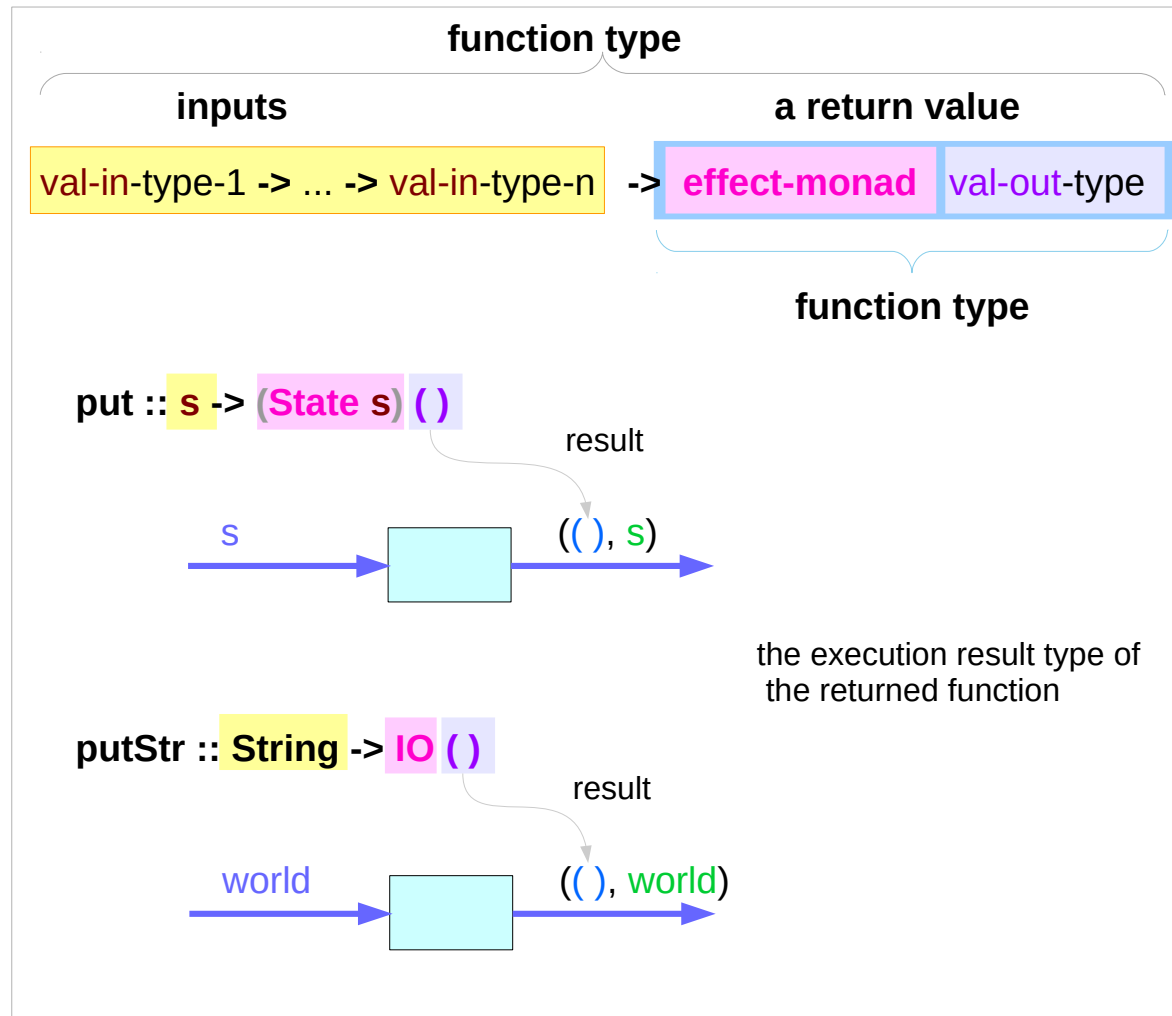
**(State s)**

**()**



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# Monadic Operation Examples



A monadic operation

= A function

- inputs
- a return value which can be another **function** returning a **function** as a **value** executing this function produces a result → `val-out-type`

**computations**

**statement**

in the imperative language

**effect-monad**

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# Monadic Operation Examples

effect-monad

val-out-type  
parameter

tick :: State Int Int

where the **Int type** is a type application:

effect-monad

State Int

an executable function giving information  
about which **effects** are possible **statement**  
in the imperative language

Val-out-type

Int

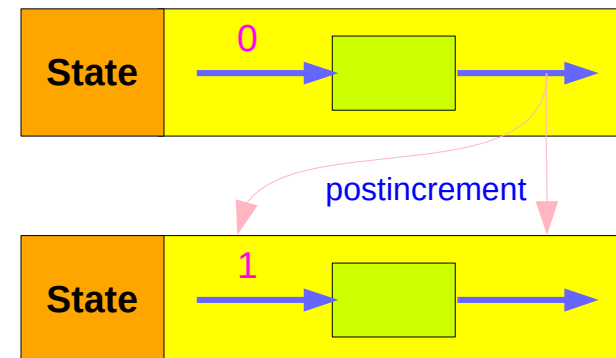
the parameter of the executable function  
the **Int type result** produced by the function  
(the result of executing the function )

tick :: State Int Int

```
tick = do n <- get
          put (n+1)
          return n
```

```
test = do tick           -- (0,1)
          tick           -- (1,2)
```

```
runState test 0         -- (1,2)
```



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# Monadic Operations

`val-in-type-1 -> ... -> val-in-type-n` -> `effect-monad` `val-out-type`  
parameter

where the **return type** is a type application:  
a **type** with a **parameter** type (a parameterized type)

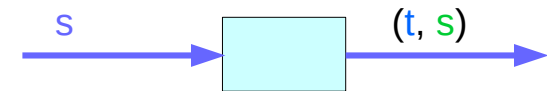
## effect-monad

an executable function  
giving information about which **effects** are possible  
**statement** in the imperative language

## val-out-type

the parameter of the executable function  
the type of the **result** produced by the function  
(the result of executing the function )

returning a function as a value



`put :: s -> (State s) ()`

`putStr :: String -> IO ()`

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/16892570/what-is-in-haskell-exactly>

# Monadic Operations – put, putStr

```
put :: s -> State s ()  
put :: s -> (State s) ()
```

one value input type            **s**  
the effect-monad                **State s**  
the value output type          **()**

the operation is used *only for its effect*;  
the *value delivered* is *uninteresting*

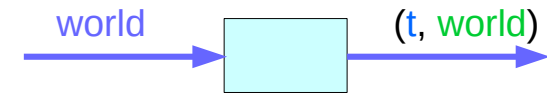
```
putStr :: String -> IO ()
```

delivers a string to **stdout** but does not return anything meaningful

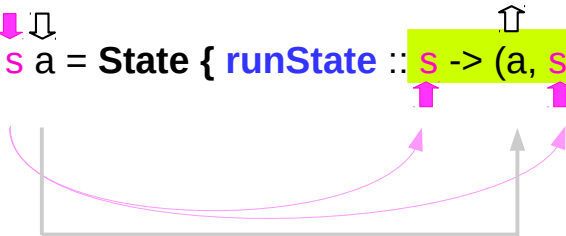
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# IO t and State s a types

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



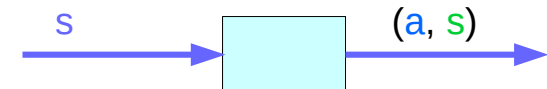
**newtype** State s a = State { runState :: s -> (a, s) }



s : the type of the state,

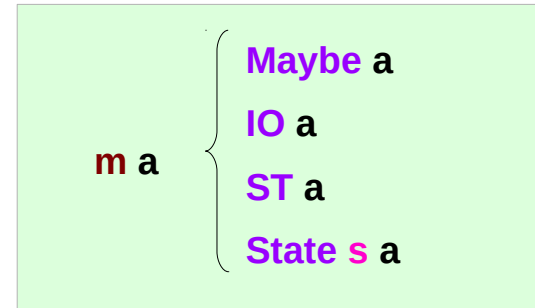
a : the type of the produced result

s -> (a, s) : function type



# Monad Definition

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



- 1) `return`
- 2) `bind (>>=)`
- 3) `then (>>)`
- 4) `fail`

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# Maybe Monad Instance

```
instance Monad Maybe where
  return x = Just x
  Nothing >>= f = Nothing
  Just x >>= f = f x
  fail _ = Nothing
```

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# State Monad Instance

```
instance Monad (State s) where

return :: a -> State s a
return x = state (\s -> (x, s))

(>>=) :: State s a -> (a -> State s b) -> State s b
p >>= k = q where
  p' = runState p           -- p' :: s -> (a, s)
  k' = runState . k         -- k' :: a -> s -> (b, s)
  q' s0 = (y, s2) where    -- q' :: s -> (b, s)
    (x, s1) = p' s0        -- (x, s1) :: (a, s)
    (y, s2) = k' x s1      -- (y, s2) :: (b, s)
  q = State q'
```

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# IO Monad Instance

```
instance Monad IO where
```

```
  m >> k  = m >>= \_ -> k
```

```
  return  = returnIO
```

```
  (>>=)   = bindIO
```

```
  fail s  = failIO s
```

```
returnIO :: a -> IO a
```

```
returnIO x = IO $ \s -> (# s, x #)
```

```
bindIO :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b
```

```
bindIO (IO m) k
```

```
  = IO $ \s -> case m s of (# new_s, a #)
```

```
    -> unIO (k a) new_s
```

```
    m = new_s,
```

```
    s = a
```

```
    (k a) new_s
```

```
    (k s) m
```

case expression of

pattern -> result

pattern -> result

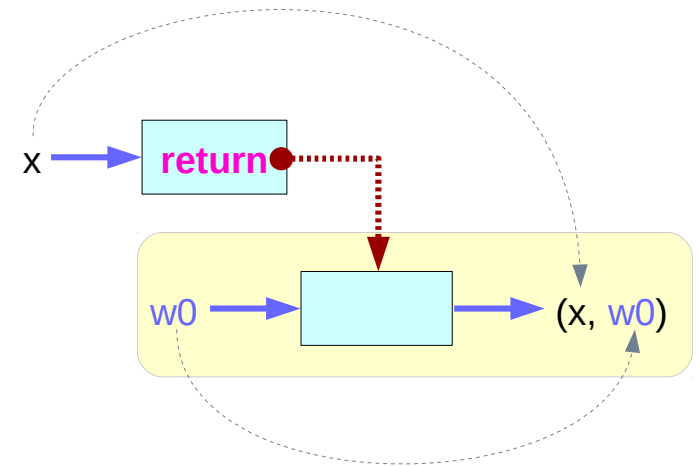
pattern -> result

...

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# IO Monad – return method

The **return** function takes  $x$   
and gives back a function  
that takes a  $w0 :: \text{World}$   
and returns  $x$  along with the **updated World**,  
but not modifying the given  $w0 :: \text{World}$



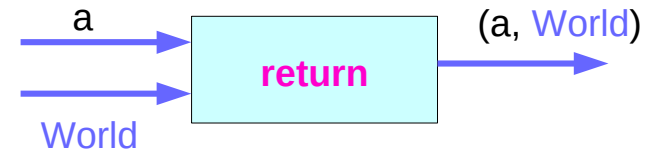
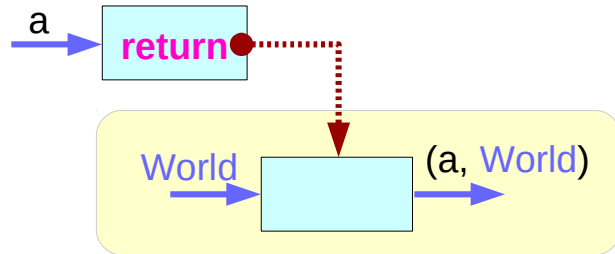
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# IO Monad – return method and partial application

`return a :: a -> IO a`

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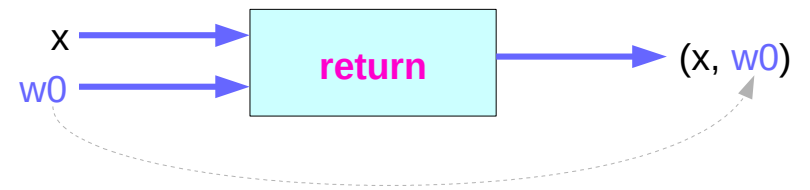
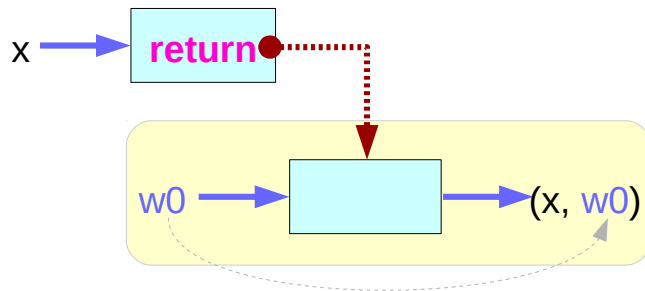
`return a World :: (a, World)`



`let (x, w0) = return x w0`

← Values →

`let (x, w0) = return x w0`



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# IO Monad – $\text{ioX} \gg= f$ (1. state update, 2. result)

the expression  $(\text{ioX} \gg= f)$  has  
type  $\text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

the implementation of bind

first, execute the **action**  
execute  $\text{ioX}$   
**State** updated  
 $w_0 \rightarrow w_1$   
**result** extracted  
 $x$  is the **result**

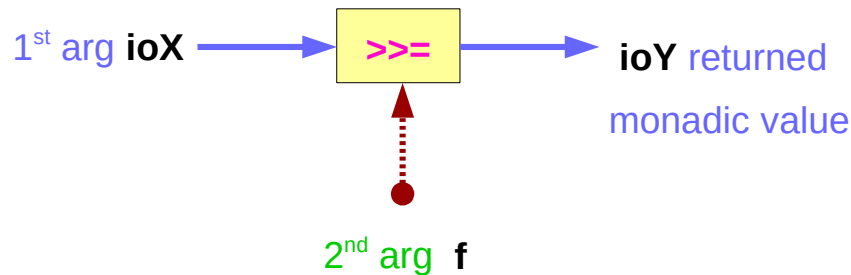
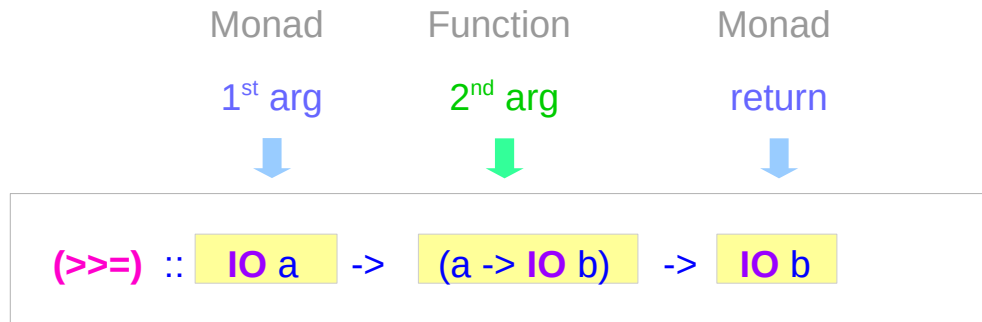


then, compute the new **result**  
using  $f\ x$   
no **State** transition  
 $w_1$  is remained  
**result** computed  $y = (f\ x)$

$(t, \text{World})$                        $(t, \text{World})$                        $(t, \text{World})$   
 $(-, w_0)$                        $(x, w_1)$                        $(y, w_1)$

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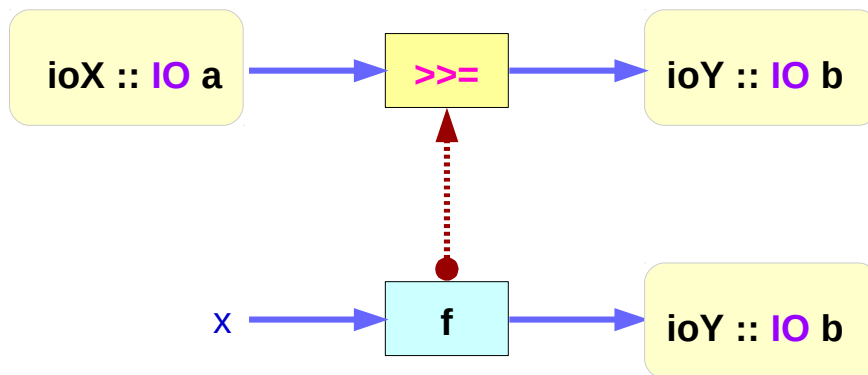
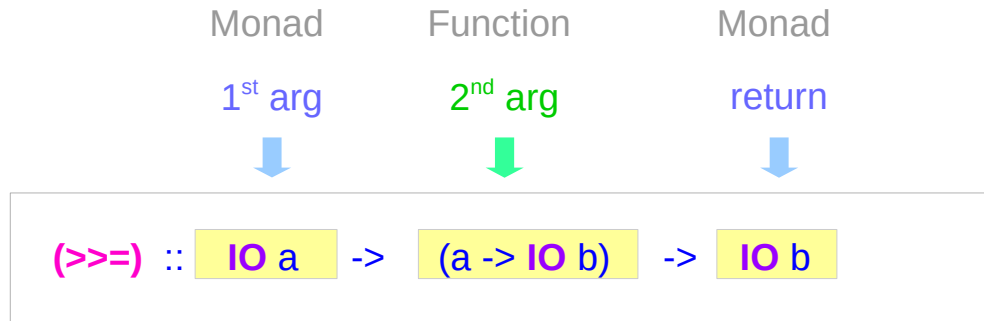
# IO Monad - (>>=) operator type signature



ioX :: IO a

ioY :: IO b

# IO Monad - ( $\gg=$ ) operator type diagram

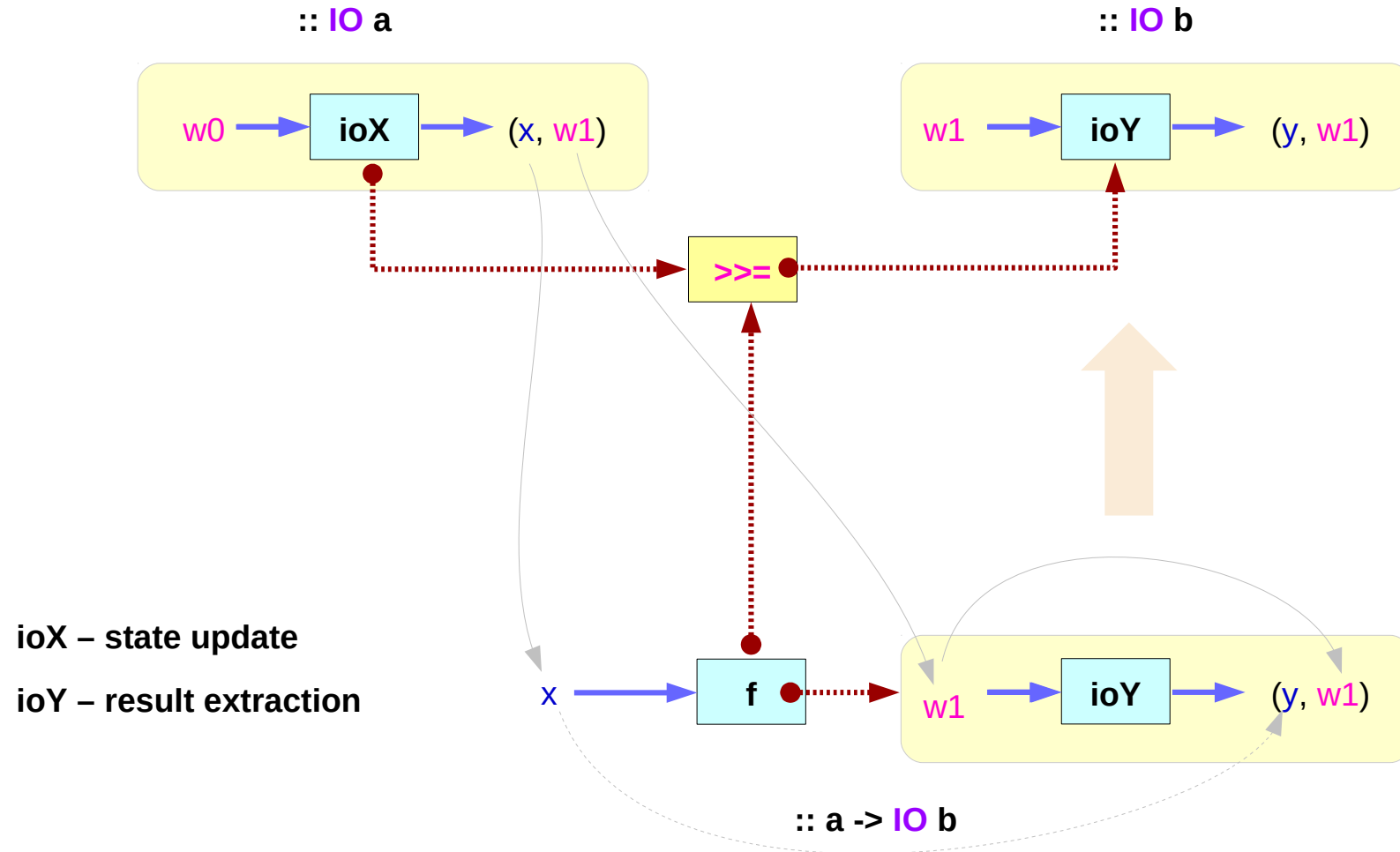


ioX – state update

ioY – result extraction



# IO Monad - ( $\gg=$ ) execution of $\text{ioX}$ & $\text{ioY}$

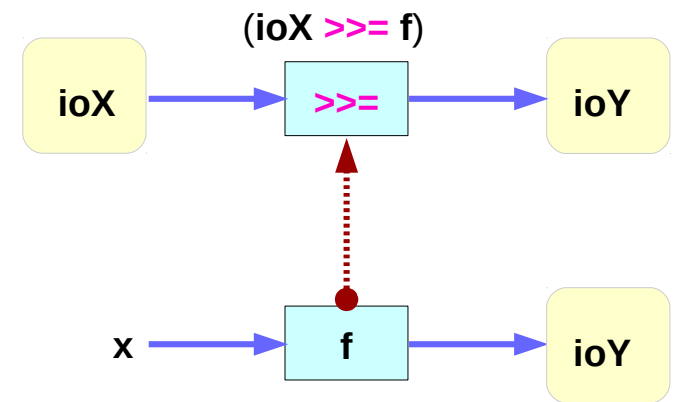


# IO Monad – $\gg=$ operator summary

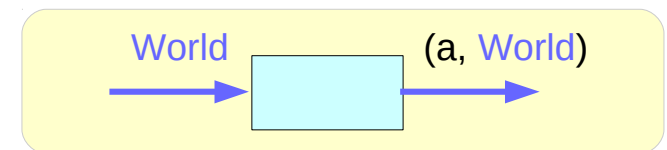
the expression  $(\text{ioX} \gg= f)$  has type  $\text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$  has a **function** type of  $\text{World} \rightarrow (a, \text{World})$   
a **function** that takes  $w_0 :: \text{World}$ ,  
returns  $x :: a$  and the new, updated  $w_1 :: \text{World}$

$x$  and  $w_1$  get passed to  $f$ , resulting in another  $\text{IO}$  monad,  
which again is a **function** that takes  $w_1 :: \text{World}$   
and returns  $y$  computed from  $x$  and the same  $w_1 :: \text{World}$



$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$      $f :: a \rightarrow \text{IO } a$      $\text{ioY} :: \text{IO } b$

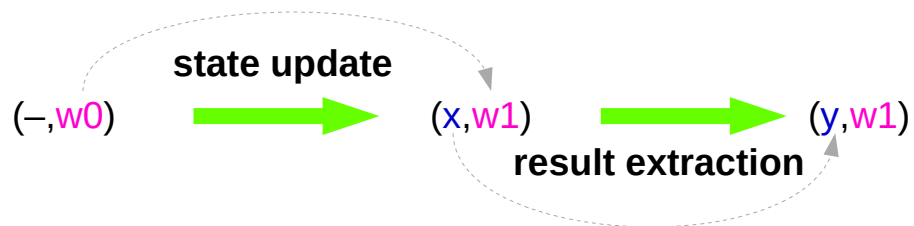


$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$

$\text{ioY} :: \text{IO } b$

$\text{ioX}$  – state update

$\text{ioY}$  – result extraction



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# IO Monad – $\gg=$ operator binding

We give the **IOx** the **w0**

we got back the updated **w1**

and **x** out of its monad

**w0** :: World

**w1** :: World

**x** :: a

the **f** is given with

the **x** with

the updated **w1**

**x** :: a

**w1** :: World

.

The final **IO** Monad

takes **w1**

returns **w1**

and **y** out of its monad

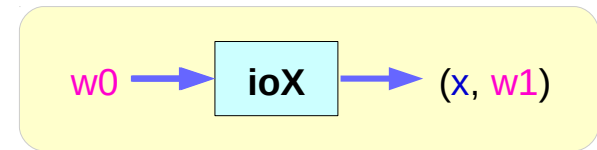
**w1** :: World

**w1** :: World

**y** :: a

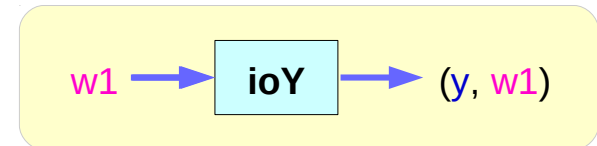
the expression (**ioX**  $\gg=$  **f**) has

type **IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b**



let **(x, w1)** = **ioX w0**

**bind variables**



let **(y, w1)** = **ioY w0**

**bind variables**

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# IO Monad Instance – implementation of `return` and `>>=`

```
instance Monad IO where
```

```
  return x w0 = (x, w0)
```

```
(ioX >>= f) w0 =
```

```
  let (x, w1) = ioX w0
```

```
  in f x w1      -- has type (t, World)
```

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

type synonym

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# IO Monad – IO a, IO b types

```
instance Monad IO where
```

```
  return x w0 = (x, w0)
```

```
(ioX >>= f) w0 =
```

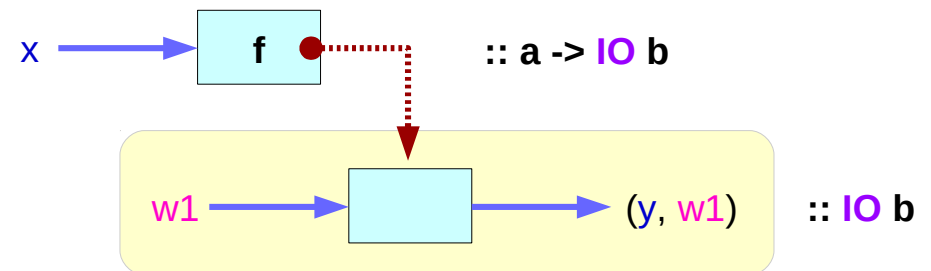
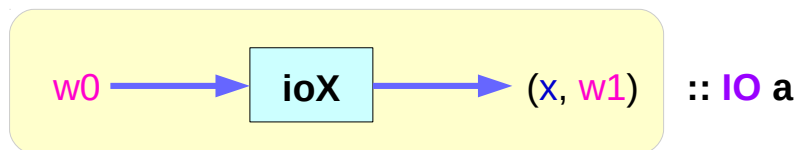
```
  let (x, w1) = ioX w0
```

```
  in f x w1      -- has type (t, World)
```

```
ioX >>= f :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b
```

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

type synonym



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# IO Monad – (a -> IO b) type function f

```

ioX >>= f :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b

ioX :: IO a      w0 :: World      x :: a
f :: a -> IO b   w1 :: World

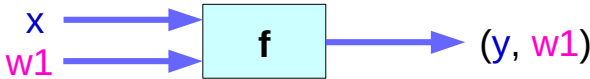
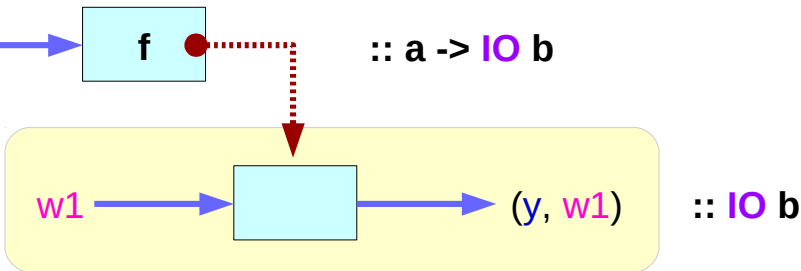
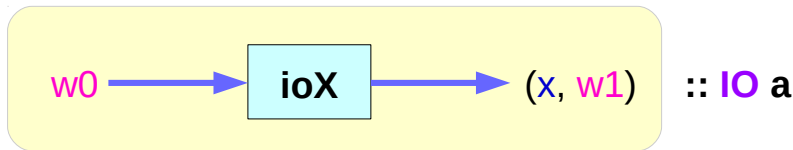
ioX w0 :: IO a World  → (x, w1)
f x :: IO b
f x w1 :: IO b World → (y, w1)
    
```

```

f :: a -> IO b
f x :: IO b
f :: a -> World -> (b World)
f x w1 :: IO b World
f x w1 :: (b World)
    
```

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

**type synonym**



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# IO Monad – binding variables

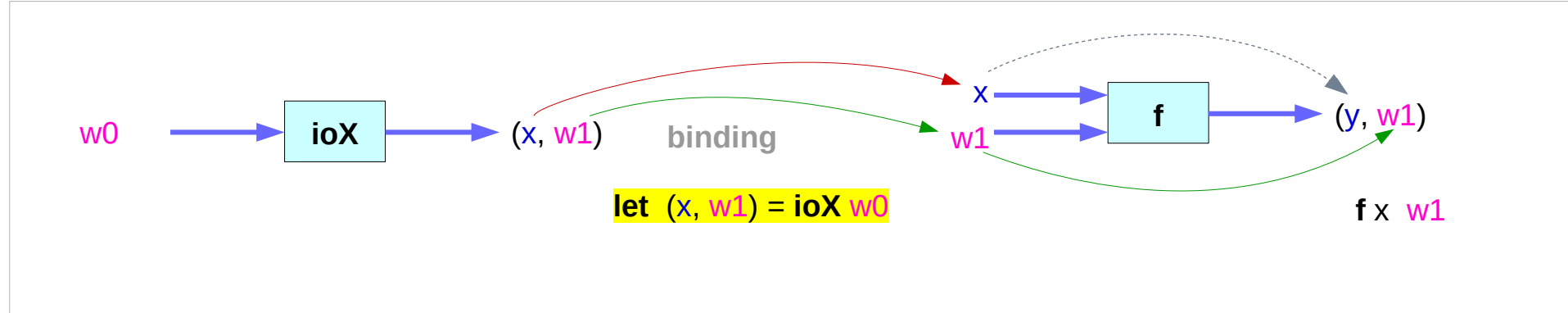
$\text{ioX} \gg= f \ :: \ \text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

$\text{ioX} \ :: \ \text{IO } a$   
 $f \ :: \ a \rightarrow \text{IO } b$       $w_0 \ :: \ \text{World}$

$x \ :: \ a$   
 $w_1 \ :: \ \text{World}$

internal variables

ioX – monad execution  
f – monad returning



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# IO Monad and ST Monad

**instance Monad IO** where

```
return x w0 = (x, w0)
```

```
(ioX >>= f) w0 =
```

```
  let (x, w1) = ioX w0
```

```
  in f x w1           -- has type (t, World)
```

**instance Monad ST** where

```
return x = \s -> (x,s)
```

```
st >>= f = \s -> let (x,s') = st s
```

```
                in f x s'
```

```
-- return :: a -> ST a
```

```
-- (>>=) :: ST a -> (a -> ST b) -> ST b
```

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

type synonym

```
st >>= f = \w0 -> let (x,w1) = st w0
```

```
                in f x w1
```

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# State Transformers **ST** Monad

instance **Monad** **ST** where

-- return :: a -> ST a

**return** x = \s -> (x,s)

-- (>>=) :: ST a -> (a -> ST b) -> ST b

**st >>= f** = \s -> let (x,s') = **st s** in **f x s'**

**>>=** provides a means of sequencing **state transformers**:

**st >>= f** applies the **state transformer st** to an initial state **s**,

then applies the **function f** to the resulting value **x**

to give a second **state transformer** (**f x**),

which is then applied to the modified state **s'** to give the final result:

**st >>= f** = \s -> **f x s'**

where (x,s') = **st s**

**st >>= f** = \s -> (y,s')

where (x,s') = **st s**

(y,s') = **f x s'**

(x,s') = **st s**

**f x s'**

<https://cseweb.ucsd.edu/classes/wi13/cse230-a/lectures/monads2.html>

# Functors as containers

```
fmap :: (a -> b) -> M a -> M b -- functor
```

```
return :: a -> M a
```

```
join :: M (M a) -> M a
```

the **functors-as-containers** metaphor

a **functor** **M** – a **container**

**M a** *contains* a value of type **a**

**fmap** allows functions to be applied to values in the **container**

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# Function application, Packaging, Flattening

**fmap** applies a **function** to a **value** in a container

**return** packages a **value** in a container


**join** flattens a container in containers

**fmap** :: (a -> b) -> M a -> M b -- functor



**return** :: a -> M a packaging

**join** :: M (M a) -> M a



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# >>= vs. fmap & join

(>>=) in terms of **join** and **fmap**

```
m >>= g = join (fmap g m)
```

**fmap** and **join** in terms of (>>=) and **return**

```
fmap f x = x >>= (return . f)
```

```
join x = x >>= id
```

```
import Control.Monad
```

```
join (Just (Just 10))
```

```
Just 10
```

```
join (Just (Just (Just 10)))
```

```
Just (Just 10)
```

```
instance Monad [] where
```

```
-- return :: a -> [a]
```

```
return m = [m]
```

```
-- (>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b]
```

```
m >>= g = concat (map g m)
```

---

```
m >>= g = join (fmap g m)
```

```
fmap (*3) (Just 10)
```

```
Just 10 >>= return . (* 3)
```

```
Just 30
```

```
join (Just (Just 10))
```

```
Just (Just 10) >>= id
```

```
Just 10
```

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# Monad's lifting capability

a **Monad** is just a special **Functor** with extra features

## Monads

**map** types to new types

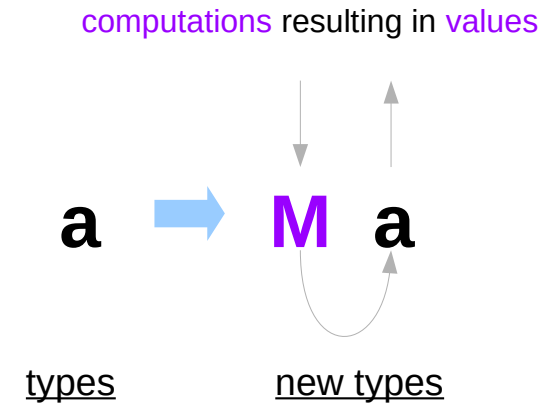
that represent "computations that result in values"

**liftM** (like **fmap**)

can **lift** regular functions into **Monad** types

$(a \rightarrow b)$

$(m\ a \rightarrow m\ b)$



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# liftM Function

**Control.Monad** defines **liftM**

**liftM** transform a regular function  
into a "computations that results in the value  
obtained by evaluating the function."

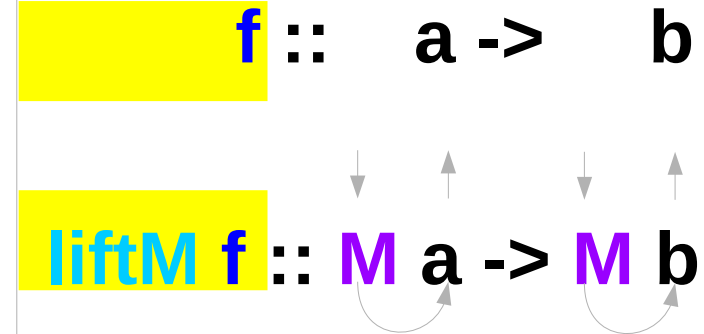
**liftM** :: (Monad m) => (a -> b) -> m a -> m b

**liftM** is merely

**fmap** implemented with (**>>=**) and **return**

**fmap f x = x >>= (return . f)**

**liftM** and **fmap** are therefore interchangeable.



computations that  
results in the value  
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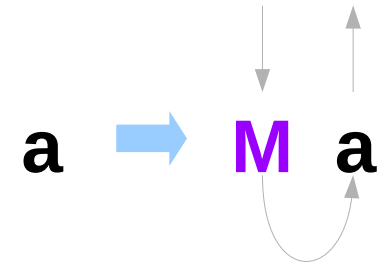
# Monad – mapping a type and lifting a function

## mapping a new type

**Monads** map types to new types  
that represent "computations that result in values"  
The function **return** lifts a plain *value* **a** to **M a**

## lifting function

can lift **functions** into **Monad types**  
via a very fmap-like function called **liftM**  
that turns a regular function into a  
"computation that results in the value  
obtained by evaluating the function."

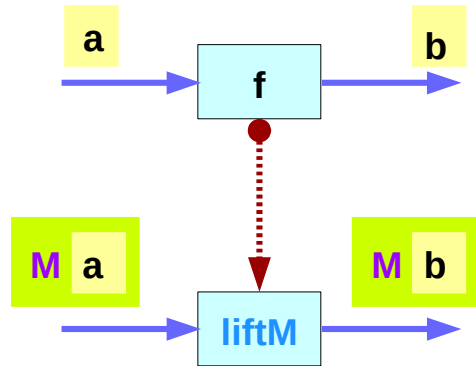


**f** :: **a** -> **b**

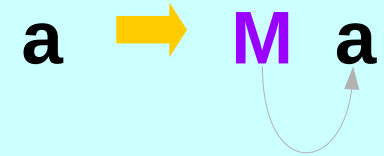
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# liftM – function lifting

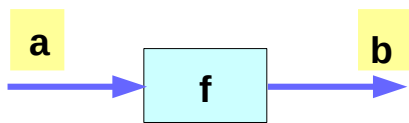


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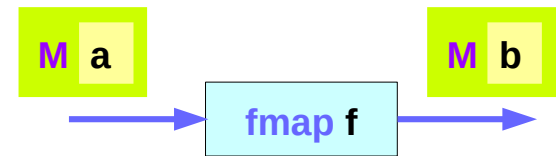


function lifting

$f :: a \rightarrow b$   
 $\text{liftM } f :: M a \rightarrow M b$



lifting





# return – type lifting

The function **return** lifts a plain *value* **a** to **M a**

The *statements* in the imperative language **M** when executed, will result in the value **a** without any additional effects particular to **M**.

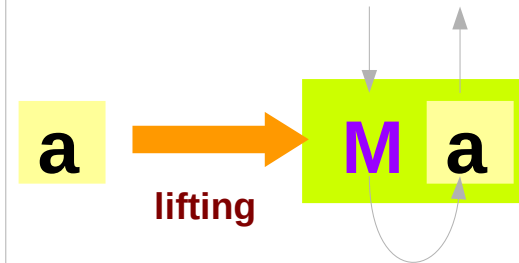
This is ensured by **Monad Laws**,

```
foo >=> return === foo
```

```
return x >=> k === k x;
```

```
foo >=> return  
foo
```

```
return x >=> k  
k x;
```



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# ap Function

Control.Monad defines **ap** function

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

Analogously to the other cases,  
**ap** is a monad-only version of (<\*>).

```
M f :: M (a -> b)  
ap M f :: M a -> M b
```

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding\\_monads#cite\\_note-3](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding_monads#cite_note-3)

# liftM vs fmap and ap vs <\*>

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

`fmap :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b`

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

`(<*>) :: Applicative f => f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b`

`(>=) :: Monad m => m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b`

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# Monad – List Comprehension Examples

```
[x*2 | x<-[1..4], odd x]
```

```
do
```

```
  x <- [1..4]
```

```
  if odd x then [x*2] else []
```

```
[1..4] >>= (\x -> if odd x then [x*2] else [])
```

```
  1           [2]
```

```
  2           [ ]
```

```
  3           [6]
```

```
  4           [ ]
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/44965/what-is-a-monad>

# Monad – I/O Examples

```
do
  putStrLn "What is your name?"
  name <- getLine
  putStrLn ("Welcome, " ++ name ++ "!")
```

**getChar :: IO Char**

Read a character from the standard input device

**getLine :: IO String**

Read a line from the standard input device

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# Monad – I/O Examples

Monads can be thought as computation builders.  
the monad chains operations in some specific, useful way.

the **list comprehension** example:  
if an operation returns a list,  
then the following operations are performed  
on every item in the list.

The **IO monad** example  
the operations are performed sequentially,  
but a hidden variable is passed along,  
which represents the state of the world,  
allows us to write I/O code in a pure functional manner.

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# Monad – A Parser Example

```
parseExpr = parseString <|> parseNumber
```

```
parseString = do
```

```
  char ""
```

```
  x <- many (noneOf "\"")
```

```
  char ""
```

```
  return (StringValue x)
```

```
parseNumber = do
```

```
  num <- many1 digit
```

```
  return (NumberValue (read num))
```

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# Monad – A Parser Example

The operations either match or don't match.  
the monad manages the control flow:  
The operations are performed sequentially  
until a match fails, in which case the monad  
backtracks to the latest <|> and tries the next option.  
Again, a way of chaining operations  
with some additional, useful semantics.

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# Monad – Asynchronous Examples

```
let AsyncHttp(url:string) =  
    async { let req = WebRequest.Create(url)  
            let! rsp = req.GetResponseAsync()  
            use stream = rsp.GetResponseStream()  
            use reader = new System.IO.StreamReader(stream)  
            return reader.ReadToEnd() }
```

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# Three Orthogonal Functions

Thinking of extraction : a slightly misleading intuition.

Nothing is being "extracted" from a monad.

The more *fundamental* definition of a monad can be stated by three orthogonal functions:

```
fmap :: (a -> b) -> (m a -> m b)
```

```
return :: a -> m a
```

```
join :: m (m a) -> m a
```

`m` is a monad.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/15016339/haskell-computation-in-a-monad-meaning>

# Three Orthogonal Functions and $>>=$

```
fmap :: (a -> b) -> (m a -> m b)
```

```
return :: a -> m a
```

```
join :: m (m a) -> m a
```

how to implement  $>>=$  with these:

starting with arguments of type  $m a$  and  $a -> m b$ ,

your only option is using **fmap** to get something of type  $m (m b)$ ,

```
(a -> b) -> (m a -> m b)
```

```
(a -> m b) -> (m a -> m (m b))
```

**join** to *flatten* the nested "layers" to get just  $m b$ .

```
(a -> m b) -> (m a -> m b)
```

```
(a -> b) -> (m a -> m b)
```

```
(a -> m b) -> (m a -> m (m b))
```

```
(a -> m b) -> (m a -> m b)
```

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# Monad Law

**join** :: **m (m a) -> m a**

nothing is being taken "out" of the monad  
as the computation going *deeper* into the monad,  
with successive steps being *collapsed*  
into a single layer of the monad.

when **join** (**m (m a) -> m a**) is applied, it doesn't matter  
as long as *the nesting order is preserved* (a form of *associativity*)  
that the *monadic layer* introduced by **return**  
does *nothing* (an *identity* value for **join**).

|                |                                    |  |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Left identity  | <b>return a &gt;&gt;= f</b>        | <b>f a</b>                                   |
| Right identity | <b>m &gt;&gt;= return</b>          | <b>m</b>                                     |
| Associativity  | <b>(m &gt;&gt;= f) &gt;&gt;= g</b> | <b>m &gt;&gt;= (\x -&gt; f x &gt;&gt; g)</b> |

(a -> b) -> (m a -> m b)  
(a -> m b) -> (m a -> m (m b))  
(a -> m b) -> (m a -> m b)

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