

Monad P3 : IO Monad Basics (2A)

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Haskell in 5 steps

https://wiki.haskell.org/Haskell_in_5_steps

IO Monad

Haskell separates **pure functions** from **computations**

where **side effects** must be considered

by encoding those **side effects**

as **values** of a particular type (**IO a**)

Execution ➔ Value (result)

Specifically, a **value** of type (**IO a**) is an **action**,

which if executed would produce a **result value** of type **a**.

IO a

a type of an action



https://wiki.haskell.org/Introduction_to_IO

Computations that result in values

Monads like IO

map types **t** to a new type **IO t**

that represent "computations that result in values"

a **function** type: **World -> (t, World)**

the **result** type : **t**

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

RealWorld -> (a, RealWorld)

```
newtype IO a = IO (State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #))
```

<https://wiki.haskell.org/Maybe>

Type Synonym IO t

IO t is a parameterized function type

input : a **World**

output: a **result value** of the type **t** and a new **updated World**
are obtained by modifying the given **World**
in the process of computing the result value of the type **t**.

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

type synonym

World -> (t, World)



IO t

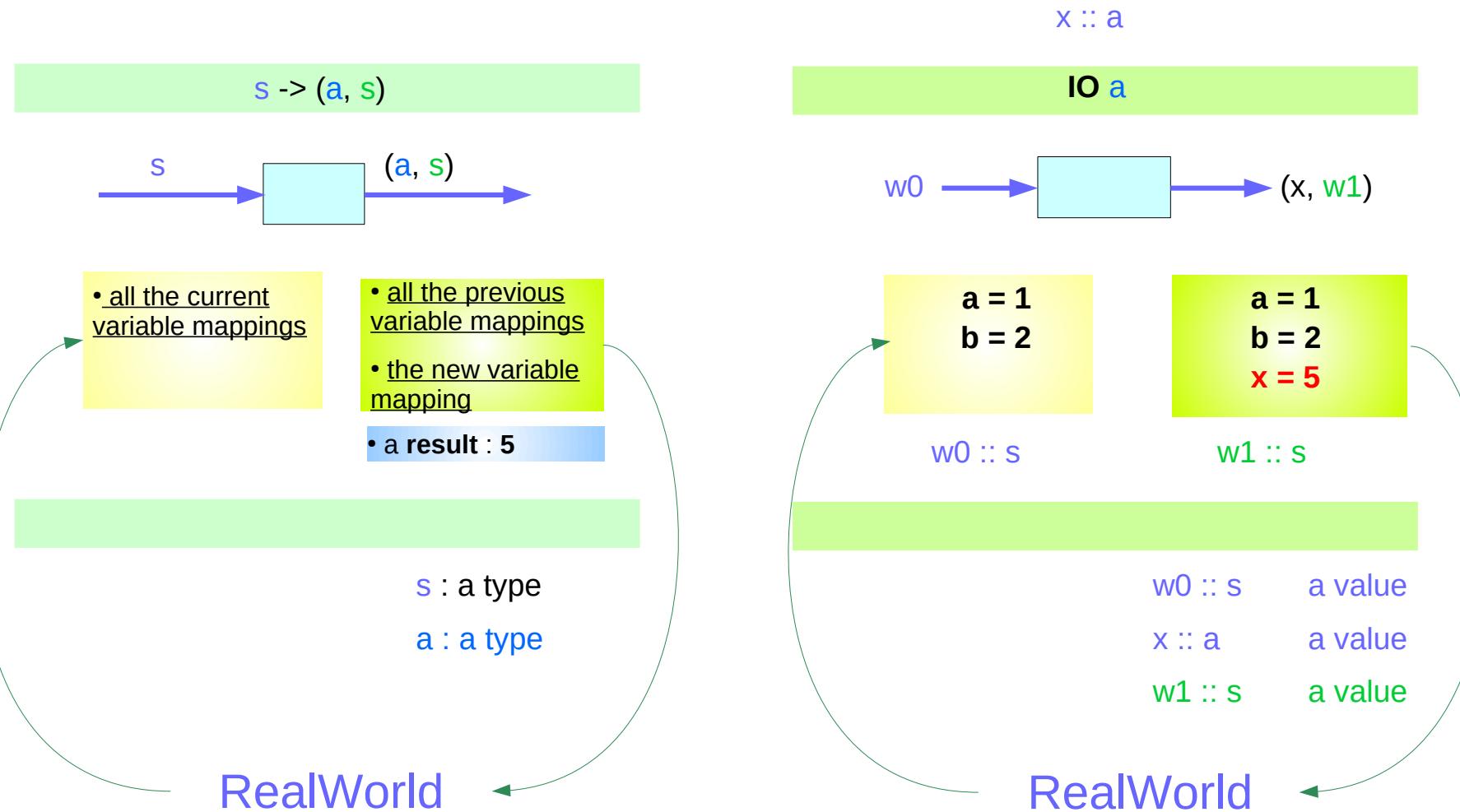


cf) type application

RealWorld

<https://www.cs.hmc.edu/~adavidso/monads.pdf>

Variable Mappings : Context



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

The value of type $\text{IO } a$

assume the value of type $(\text{IO } a)$ is **func**

representing an action, which would produce
a **result value** of type a , *if executed*

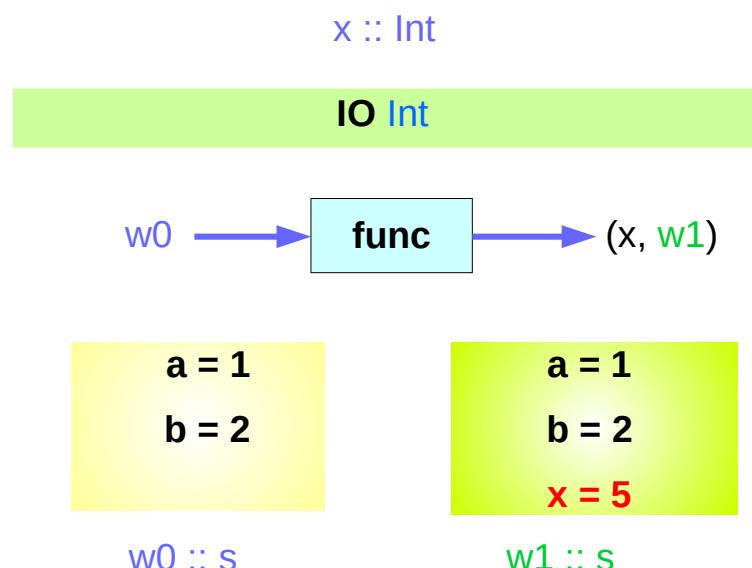
func w_0 returns the tuple (x, w_1)

x is the a **result value** of type a

When $\text{IO } a$ is defined as

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

The value **func** of type $(\text{IO } a)$ is the name
of the underlying (state) function



func :: $\text{IO } a$

func :: $\text{IO } \text{Int}$

m :: $\text{IO } a$

m :: $\text{IO } \text{Int}$

monadic value

IO t is a function type not a function value

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

t → IO t lifted type

World -> (t, World)



let (x, w1) = ~~IO t~~ w0

IO t type view

value view



x :: t

w1 :: World

(x, w1) :: (t, World)

(x, w1) :: ~~IO t~~ World

(t, World) – the return type of the function

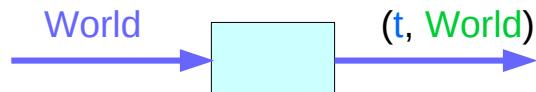
```
type IO t = World -> (t, World)
```

func :: IO t

World -> (t, World)



IO t



func is a monadic value of the type **IO t**, then
func is also the name of the underlying function

let (x, w1) = func w0

x :: t
w1 :: World
(x, w1) :: (t, World)
(x, w1) :: ~~IO t~~ World



func w0 :: (t, World)

func :: IO t

func :: IO Int type

type IO Int = World -> (Int, World)



(x, w1) = func w0

func :: IO Int

the function type

func w0 :: IO Int World

the function return type

func :: World -> (Int, World)

func w0 :: (Int, World)

x :: Int

the result type

w0 :: World

the function input type – initial state type

let (x, w1) = func w0

the bindings of x and w1

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Parameterized type **IO a**

```
type IO a = s -> (a, s)
```

```
type IO Int = s -> (Int, s)
```

```
type IO Char = s -> (Char, s)
```

⋮

⋮

s ← Int

```
type IO Int = Int -> (Int, Int)
```

func :: IO Int

in practice the type **s** is **RealWorld**

RealWorld -> (a, RealWorld)

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IO Monad Instance (1)

```
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 Instance (2)

instance Monad IO where

return x w0 = (x, w0)

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

(ioX >>= f) w0 =

ioX :: IO a

let (x, w1) = ioX w0

f :: (a -> IO b)

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

ioX :: IO a

f :: (a -> IO b)

World
w0



(t, World)
(x, w1)



World
w1



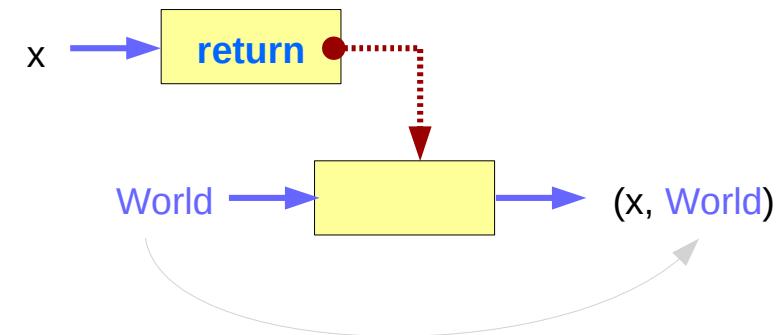
(t, World)
(y, w1)

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return

The **return** function takes **x** and gives back a function that takes a **World** and returns **x** along with the “new, updated” **World** formed by not modifying the **World** it was given

return **x** **world** = **(x, world)**



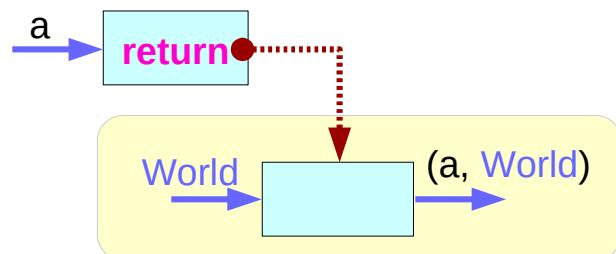
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return method and partial application

`return a :: a -> IO a`

← Types →

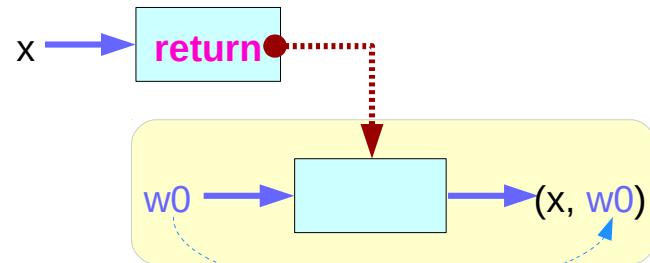
`return a World :: (a, World)`



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

← Values →

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



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ioX >= f

the expression `(ioX >= f)` has type `World -> (t, World)`

a function that takes a `World`, called `w0`,

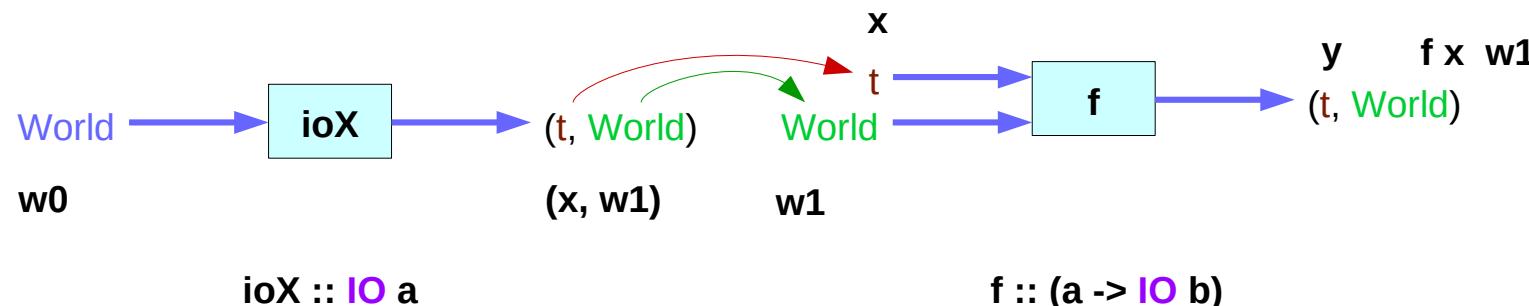
which is used to extract `x` from its `IO` monad.

This `x` gets passed to `f`, resulting in another `IO` monad,
which again is a function that takes a `World`
and returns a `y` and a new, updated `World`.

We give it the `World` we got back from getting `x` out of its monad,
and the thing it gives back to us is the `y` with a final version of the `World`

the implementation of bind

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



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ioX and f types

instance Monad IO where

return x w0 = (x, w0)

(ioX >= f) w0 =

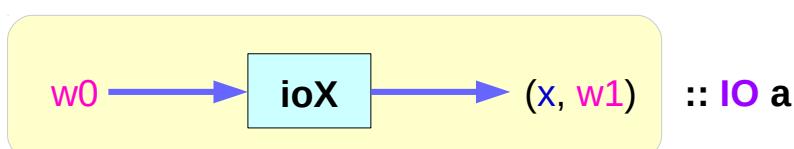
let (x, w1) = ioX w0

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

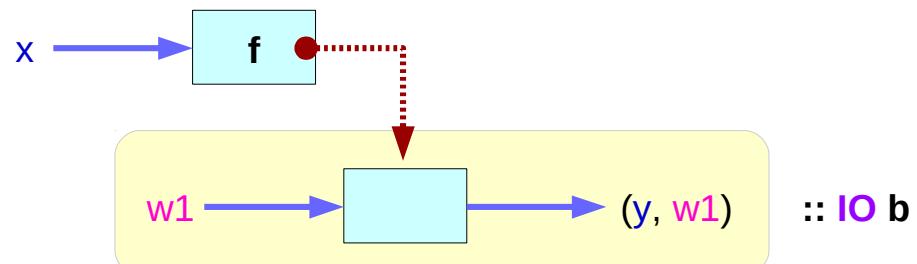
ioX >= f :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b

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

type synonym



`ioX :: IO a`



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

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ioX w0 and f x w1

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

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

`ioX w0 :: (a, World)` \rightarrow `(x, w1) :: (a, World)`

`f x :: IO b`

`f x w1 :: (b, World)` \rightarrow `(y, w1) :: (b, World)`

`f :: a -> IO b`

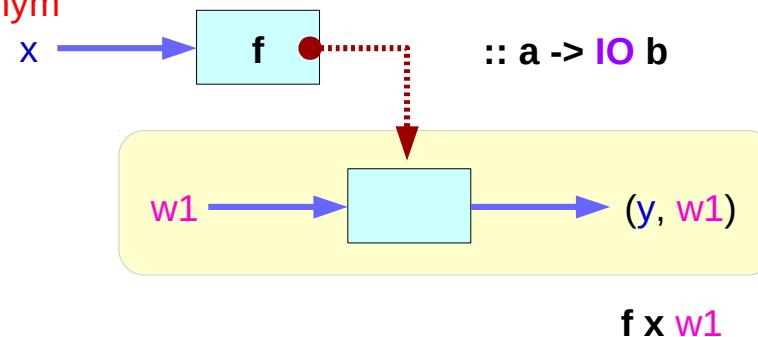
`f x :: IO b`

`f :: a -> World -> (b World)`

`f x w1 :: (b World)`

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

`type synonym`



`ioX w0`



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Binding variables

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

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

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

$w0 :: \text{World}$

$x :: \text{a}$
 $w1 :: \text{World}$

internal
variables

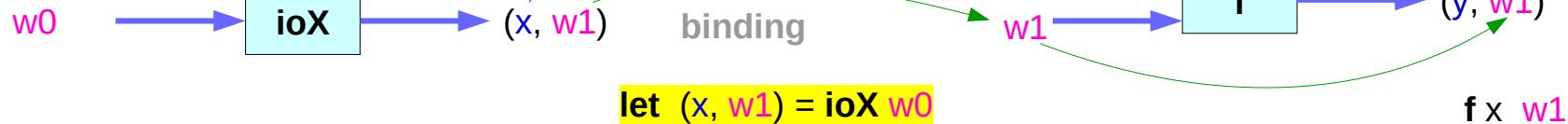
$\text{ioX } w0 :: (\text{a}, \text{World}) \xrightarrow{\quad} (\text{x}, \text{w1}) :: (\text{a}, \text{World})$

$f x :: \text{IO } b$

$f x \text{ w1} :: (\text{b}, \text{World}) \xrightarrow{\quad} (\text{y}, \text{w1}) :: (\text{b}, \text{World})$

ioX – monadic value

f – monad returning function



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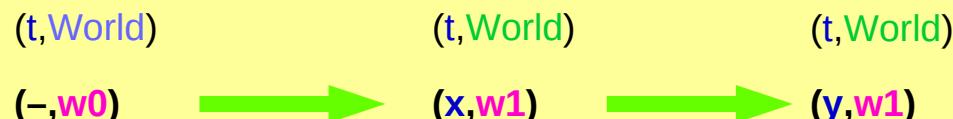
Steps of `ioX >>= f` (1. state update, 2. result)

the expression `(ioX >>= f)` has
type `IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b`

the implementation of bind

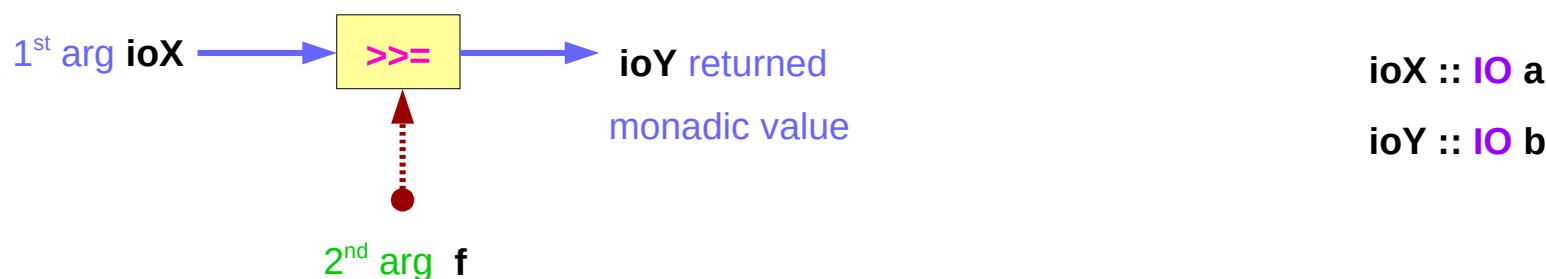
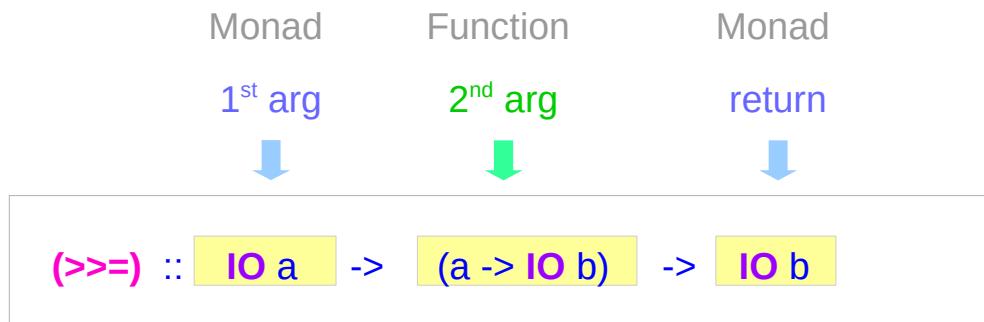
first, execute the **action**
execute `ioX`
State updated
`w0 → w1`
result extracted
`x` is the **result**

then, compute the new **result**
using `f x`
no **State transition**
`w1` is remained
result computed `y = (f x)`

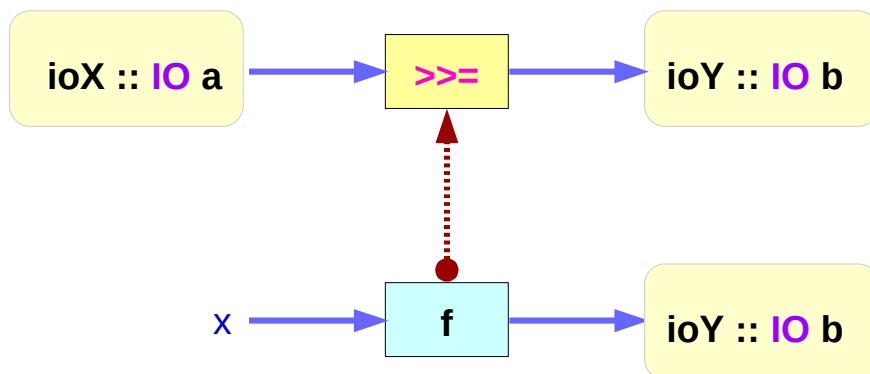
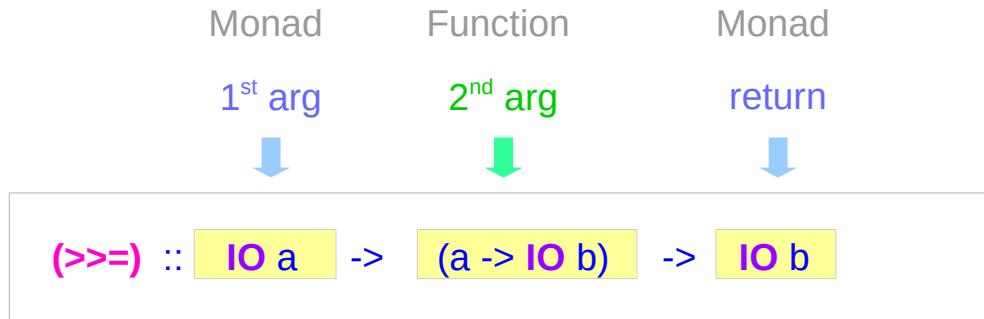


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(>>=) operator type signature

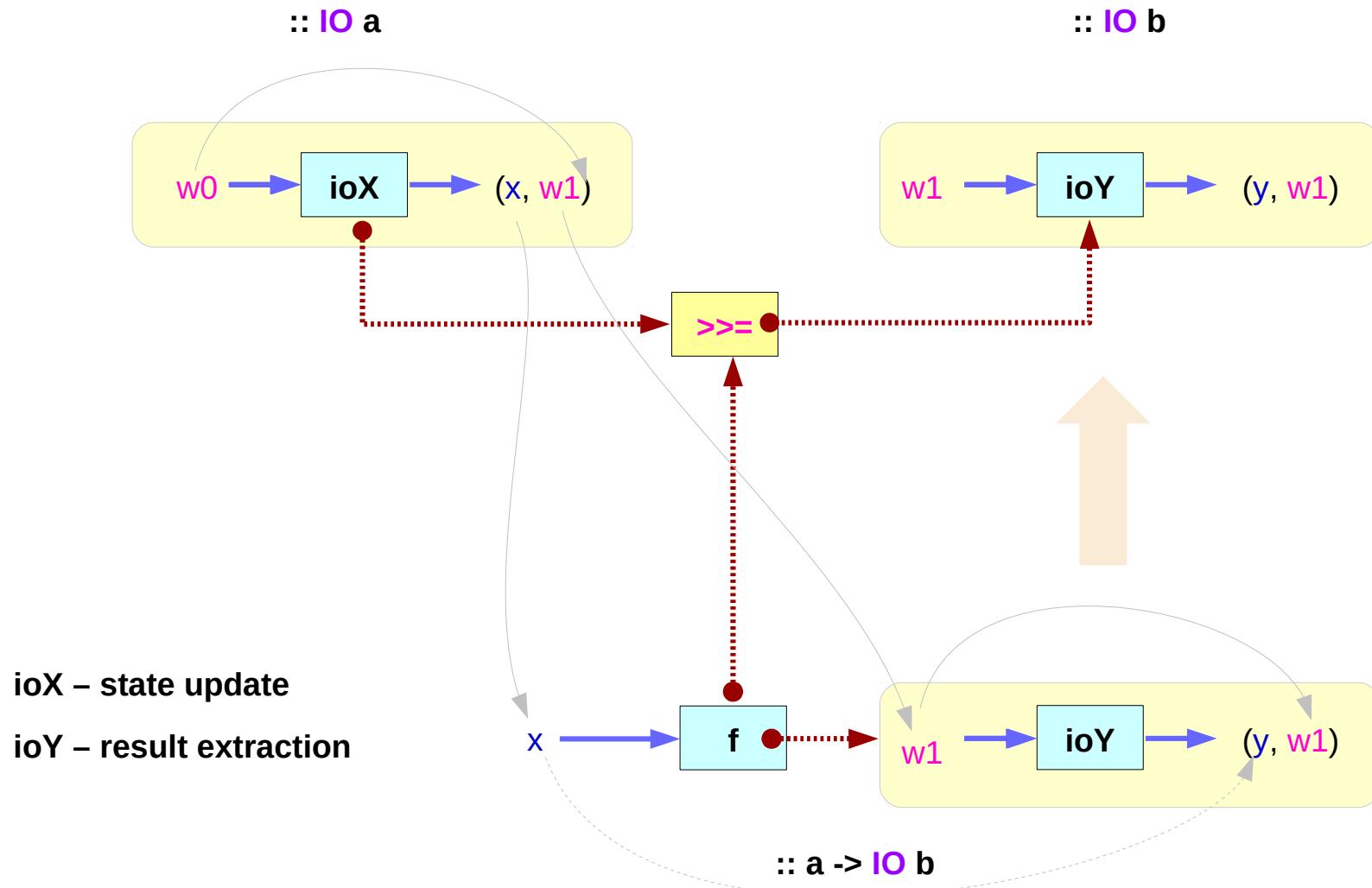


(>>=) operator type diagram



ioX – state update
 ioY – result extraction

(>>=) operator threads

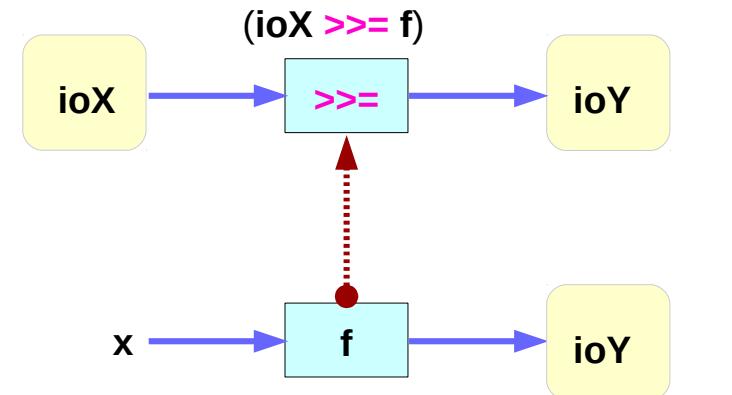


(>>=) operator summary

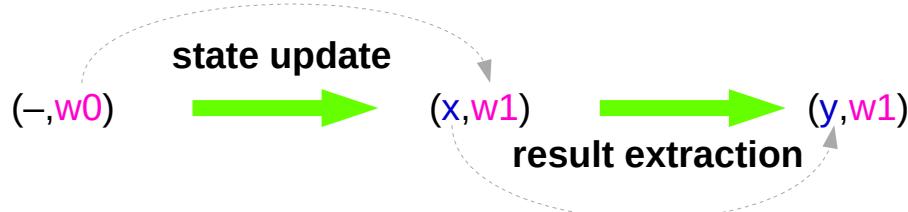
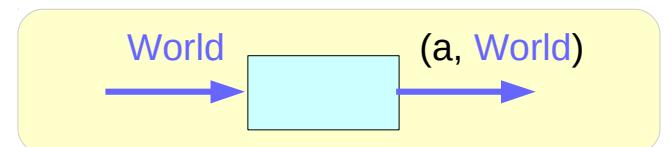
the expression $(\text{ioX} >>= f)$ has
type $\text{IO a} \rightarrow (\text{a} \rightarrow \text{IO b}) \rightarrow \text{IO b}$

$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO a}$ has a **function** type of $\text{World} \rightarrow (\text{a}, \text{World})$
a **function** that takes $w0 :: \text{World}$,
returns $x :: \text{a}$ and the new, updated $w1 :: \text{World}$

x and $w1$ get passed to f , resulting in another IO monad,
which again is a **function** that takes $w1 :: \text{World}$
and returns y computed from x and the same $w1 :: \text{World}$



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



$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO a}$
 $\text{ioY} :: \text{IO b}$
 $\text{ioX} - \text{state update}$
 $\text{ioY} - \text{result extraction}$

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(>>=) operator binding

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

we got back the updated **w1**

and **x** out of its monad

the **f** is given with

the **x** with

the updated **w1**

The final **IO** Monad

takes **w1**

returns **w1**

and **y** out of its monad

the expression **(ioX >>= f)** has

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

w0 :: World

w1 :: World

x :: a

x :: a

w1 :: World

w1 :: World

w1 :: World

y :: a

w0 → **ioX** → **(x, w1)**

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

bind variables

w1 → **ioY** → **(y, w1)**

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

bind variables

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Implementation of `IO t`

It is impossible

to store the extra copies of the contents of your hard drive
that each of the Worlds contains

given World → updated World

`type IO a = RealWorld -> (a, RealWorld)`

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IO Monad in GHC

Which World was given initially?

Which World was updated?

In **GHC**, a **main** must be defined somewhere with type **IO ()**

a program execution starts from the **main**

the **initial World** is contained in the **main** to start everything off

the **main** passes the **updated World** from each **IO**

to the next **IO** as its **initial World**

an **IO** that is not reachable from **main** will never be executed

an **initial / updated World** is not passed to such an **IO**

The modification of the World



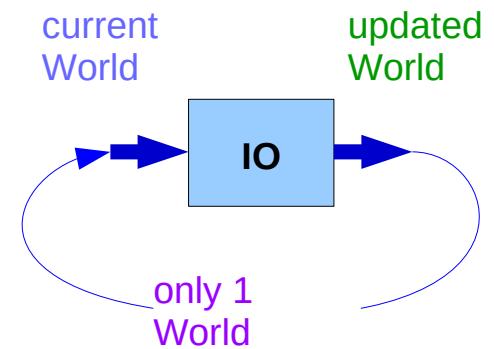
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IO Monad in GHCI

when using **GHC**I,
everything is wrapped in **an implicit IO**,
since the results get printed out to the screen.

there's **only 1 World** in existence at any given moment.
each **IO** takes that **one and only World**, **consumes** it,
and gives back a single **new updated World**.
consequently, there's no way to accidentally run out of Worlds,
or have multiple ones running around.

the implementation of bind



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Every time a new **command** is given to **GHCI**,
GHCI passes **the current World** to **IO**,
GHCI gets the *result* of the command back,
GHCI request to display the *result* (**executing actions**)

the implementation of bind

(which **updates the World** by modifying

- the contents of the screen or
- the list of defined variables or
- the list of loaded modules or whatever),

GHCI saves **the new World** to process the next command.

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IO Monad

```
type IO a = s -> (a, s)

newtype IO a = IO (# State# RealWorld -> (# State# RealWorld, a #))

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

<http://blog.ezyang.com/2011/05/unraveling-the-mystery-of-the-io-monad/>

Threading the state

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

```
do x <- doSomething  
    y <- doSomethingElse  
    return (x + y)
```

```
\s ->  
let (x, s') = doSomething s  
    (y, s'') = doSomethingElse s' in  
(x + y, s'')
```

creating data dependencies

$s \rightarrow s' \rightarrow s''$

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IO Monad

```
newtype IO a = IO (State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #))
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```
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
```

```
unIO :: IO a -> (State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #))
```

```
unIO (IO a) = a
```

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realWorld# – a reference to the real world

realWorld# is a value of type State# RealWorld

which is a **token** that acts as a **reference to the real world**.

(it is of **size 0** and does not occupy any space
on the **stack or heap**.)

State# RealWorld values represent
the entire external runtime state of the program.
The "real world", as it were.

The **main** value in your program
receives a State# RealWorld **value**
that is threaded through the **IO actions** that compose it.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/32672814/where-is-the-realworld-defined>

State# RealWorld

The **primitive State# RealWorld**

RealWorld corresponds to the **s** parameter of our **State** monad

Actually, it's two **primitives**, the **type constructor State#**,
and the magic type **RealWorld** which doesn't have a **# suffix**

This is because **ST** monad also uses
a type constructor and **a type parameter** framework

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RealWorld value

You can treat **State# RealWorld** as a **type**

that represents a very **magical value**:

the value of the entire real world.

only the **main** function can receive a **real world value**,

and it then gets threaded through **sequence** of **IO actions**

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{-# INLINE (*)>-} #-}  
{-# INLINE (*)>= #-}  
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return = returnIO  
(*)>= = bindIO  
fail s = failIO s
```

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```
unIO :: IO a -> (State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #))
```

```
unIO (IO a) = a
```

<http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base-4.12.0.0/docs/src/GHC.Base.html#Monad>

IO Monad

```
newtype IO a = IO (State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #))
```

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

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

```
bindIO (IO m) k = IO $ \s ->
```

```
  case m s of  
    (# s', a #) -> unIO (k a) s'
```

```
(IO m) >>= k
```

```
IO m :: IO a      m :: State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #)
```

```
k :: a -> IO b   k a :: IO b
```

```
s :: State#(RealWorld)
```

```
s' :: State#(RealWorld)
```

```
m s :: (# State#(RealWorld), a #)
```

```
(# s', a #) :: (# State#(RealWorld), a #)
```

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```

(IO m) >= k

IO m :: IO a

k :: a -> IO b k a :: IO b

```
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```

```
unIO (IO a) = a
```

k :: a -> IO b k a :: IO b

```
    unIO (k a) :: State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #)
```

 s' :: State#(RealWorld)

 unIO (k a) s' :: (# State#(RealWorld), a #)

 \ s -> unIO (k a) s' :: State#(RealWorld) -> (# State#(RealWorld), a #)

 IO \$ \ s -> unIO (k a) s' :: IO b

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