

# Monad (1A)

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[Haskell in 5 steps](https://wiki.haskell.org/Haskell_in_5_steps)

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# Generator

```
let removeLower x=[c | c<-x, c `elem` ['A'..'Z']]
```

a list comprehension

```
[c | c<-x, c `elem` ['A'..'Z']]
```

`c <- x` is a **generator**

`c` is a **pattern**

- to be matched from the elements of the list `x`

- to be successively bound to the elements of the input list `x`

```
c `elem` ['A'..'Z']
```

is a **predicate** which is applied to each successive binding of `c` inside the comprehension  
an element of the input only appears in the output list if it passes this predicate.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/35198897/does-mean-assigning-a-variable-in-haskell>

# Assignment in Haskell

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Assignment in Haskell : declaration with initialization:

You declare a variable;

Haskell doesn't allow uninitialized variables,

so an initial value must be supplied in the declaration

There's no mutation, so the value given in the declaration  
will be the only value for that variable throughout its scope.

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# Assignment in Haskell

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```
filter (`elem` ['A' .. 'Z']) x
```

```
[c | c <- x]
```

```
do c <- x  
    return c
```

```
x >>= \c -> return c
```

```
x >>= return
```

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# Anonymous Functions

```
(\x -> x + 1) 4  
5 :: Integer
```

```
(\x y -> x + y) 3 5  
8 :: Integer
```

```
inc1 = \x -> x + 1
```

```
incListA lst = map inc2 lst  
  where inc2 x = x + 1
```

```
incListB lst = map (\x -> x + 1) lst
```

```
incListC = map (+1)
```

[https://wiki.haskell.org/Anonymous\\_function](https://wiki.haskell.org/Anonymous_function)

# Monad Class Function $>>=$ & $>>$

both  $>>=$  and  $>>$  are functions from the Monad class.

## Monad Sequencing Operator with value passing

$>>=$  **passes** the result of the expression on the left  
*as an argument* to the expression on the right,  
in a way that respects the context the argument and function use

## 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

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



# Data Constructor

```
data Color = Red | Green | Blue
```

**Color** is a type  
**Red** is a constructor that contains a value of type **Color**.  
**Green** is a constructor that contains a value of type **Color**.  
**Blue** is a constructor that contains a value of type **Color**.

```
data Color = RGB Int Int Int
```

**Color** is a type  
**RGB** is not a value but a function taking three Ints and returning a value

```
RGB :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Colour
```

**RGB** is a **data constructor** that is a function taking three Int values as its arguments, and then uses them to construct a new value.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/18204308/haskell-type-vs-data-constructor>

# Type Constructor (1)

Consider a binary tree to store **Strings**

```
data SBTree = Leaf String | Branch String SBTree SBTree
```

a type

**SBTree** is a type

**Leaf** is a **data constructor** (a function)

**Branch** is a **data constructor** (a function)

**Leaf** :: String -> **SBTree**

**Branch** :: String -> **SBTree** -> **SBTree** -> **SBTree**

Consider a binary tree to store **Bool**

```
data BBTree = Leaf Bool | Branch Bool BBTree BBTree
```

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# Type Constructor (2)

## Type constructors

Both **SBTree** and **BBTree** are type constructors

```
data SBTree = Leaf String | Branch String SBTree SBTree
```

```
data BBTree = Leaf Bool | Branch Bool BBTree BBTree
```

```
data BTree a = Leaf a | Branch a (BTree a) (BTree a)
```

Now we introduce a type variable **a** as a parameter to the type constructor.

**BTree** has become a function.

It takes a type as its argument and it returns a new tUype.

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# Monad Definition

A **monad** is defined by

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

The function and operator are methods of the Monad type class and have types

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

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

and are required to obey three laws

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding\\_monads](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding_monads)

# Maybe Monad

the Maybe monad.

The type constructor is  $m = \text{Maybe}$ ,

$\text{return} :: a \rightarrow \text{Maybe } a$

$\text{return } x = \text{Just } x$

$(\gg=) :: \text{Maybe } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{Maybe } b) \rightarrow \text{Maybe } b$

$m \gg= g = \text{case } m \text{ of}$   
     $\text{Nothing} \rightarrow \text{Nothing}$   
     $\text{Just } x \rightarrow g \ x$

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# Monad Class Function $\gg=$ & $\gg$

**Maybe** is the monad  
return brings a value into it  
by wrapping it with **Just**

$\gg=$  takes  
a value  $m :: \text{Maybe } a$   
a function  $g :: a \rightarrow \text{Maybe } b$

if  $m$  is **Nothing**,  
there is nothing to do and the result is **Nothing**.  
Otherwise, in the **Just x** case,  
the underlying value  $x$  is wrapped in **Just**  
 $g$  is applied to  $x$ , to give a **Maybe b** result.

Note that this result *may* or *may not* be **Nothing**,  
depending on what  $g$  does to  $x$ .

```
(\gg=) :: Maybe a -> (a -> Maybe b) -> Maybe b
m \gg= g = case m of
    Nothing -> Nothing
    Just x   -> g x
```

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# Monad Class Function $>>=$ & $>>$

```
(>>=) :: Maybe a -> (a -> Maybe b) -> Maybe b
m >>= g = case m of
    Nothing -> Nothing
    Just x   -> g x
```

if there is an underlying value of type **a** in **m**,  
we apply **g** to it, which brings the underlying value back into the **Maybe** monad.

The key first step to understand how `return` and `(>>=)` work is tracking  
which values and arguments are monadic and  
which ones aren't.

As in so many other cases, type signatures are our guide to the process.

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# Maybe Monad Examples

a family database that provides two functions:

```
father :: Person -> Maybe Person
```

```
mother :: Person -> Maybe Person
```

Input the name of someone's father or mother.

If some relevant information is missing in the database

Maybe returns a Nothing value to indicate that the lookup failed,  
rather than crashing the program.

functions to query various grandparents.

the following function looks up the maternal grandfather (the father of one's mother):

```
maternalGrandfather :: Person -> Maybe Person
```

```
maternalGrandfather p =
```

```
  case mother p of
```

```
    Nothing -> Nothing
```

```
    Just mom -> father mom
```

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding\\_monads](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding_monads)



# Monad – List Comprehension Examples

```
[x*2 | x<-[1..10], odd x]
```

```
do
  x <- [1..10]
  if odd x
    then [x*2]
    else []
```

```
[1..10] >>= (\x -> if odd x then [x*2] else [])
```

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

# Monad – I/O Examples

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

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

# 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))
```

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

# Monad – Asynchronous Examples

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```
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() }
```

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

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