

# State Monad Examples (3E)

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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

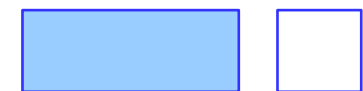
```
instance Monad Maybe where ...
```

m a

m b

Maybe a

single  
parameter



Monadic type

<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/monad>, monoid

# Maybe Monad

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

```
instance Monad Maybe where
  -- return    :: a -> Maybe a
  return x    = Just x

  -- (>>=)     :: Maybe a -> (a -> Maybe b) -> Maybe b
  Nothing >>= _ = Nothing
  (Just x) >>= f = f x
```

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

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# Maybe Monad

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

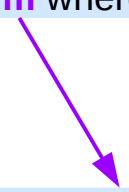
`m` must be a parameterized type,  
rather than just a type (`Maybe` is not a concrete type)

It is because of this declaration `(Just x) >>= f = f x`  
that the **do** notation can be used to sequence `Maybe` values.

More generally, Haskell supports the use of this notation  
with any monadic type.

examples of types that are monadic,  
the benefits that result from recognizing and exploiting this fact.

```
class Monad m where ...  
    m a  
    m b  
instance Monad Maybe where ...
```



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# List Monad

The **Maybe** monad provides a simple model of computations that can fail,

a value of type `Maybe a` is either **Nothing** (**failure**)  
the form `Just x` for some `x` of type `a` (**success**)

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

More precisely, 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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# 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

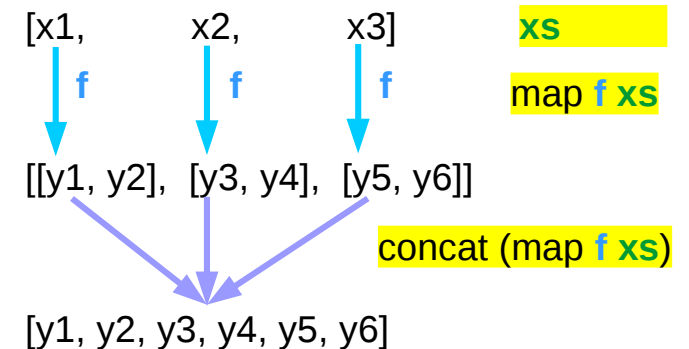
**>>=** provides a means of *sequencing* computations that may produce *multiple results*:

**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.)

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





# List Monad and ST Monad

instance Monad **[]** where

-- return :: a -> **[a]**

return x = **[x]**

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

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

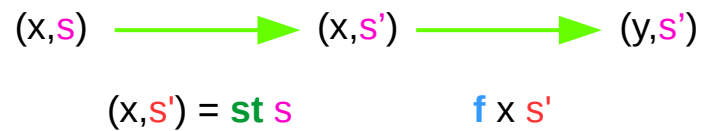
instance Monad **ST** where

-- 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'**



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# A State Transformer

```
type State = ...
```

```
type ST = State -> State
```

the problem of writing **functions** that manipulate some kind of **state**, represented by a **type**, whose detail is not our concern now.

a **state transformer** (**ST**), which takes the **current state** as its argument, and produces a **modified state** as its result, which reflects any **side effects** performed by the **function**:

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# A Generalized State Transformer

```
type State = ...
```

```
type ST = State -> State
```

```
type ST a = State -> (a, State)
```

want to return a result value in addition to the modified state  
generalized state transformers also return a result value,  
as a parameter of the **ST** type

```
State -> (a, State)
```

```
  s -> (v, s')
```

s: input state, v: the result value, s': output state

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# Returning a result value

type **ST** a = State -> (a, State)

**st**    **s**    (x, s')

generalized ST

**st** :: **ST** a  
**s** :: State  
**st s** :: **ST** a State

x :: a  
s' :: State  
(x, s') :: (a, State)

type **ST** a State = (a, State)

**st**    **s**    (x, s')

to return a result value in addition to updating the state

return a result through a **parameter** of the ST type:

(a\_result, updated\_state) :: (a, State)

**st s** :: **ST** a State    **st s** :: (a, State)  
(x, s') :: **ST** a State    (x, s') :: (a, State)

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# Taking an argument

a state transformer that takes a character  
and returns an integer

type `ST a = State -> (a, State)`                      generalized ST

possible further generalization of the state transformer ST  
which takes an argument of type b

type `STT a b = b -> State -> (a, State)`                      further generalized ST  
type `STT b a = b -> State -> (a, State)`                      further generalized ST

no need to use more generalized ST type  
can be exploiting currying.

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# A Curried Generalized State Transformer

type `ST a = State -> (a, State)`      generalized ST

type `STT b a = b -> State -> (a, State)`      further generalized ST

`b -> ST a = b -> State -> (a, State)`      think currying

a state transformer that takes a character and returns an integer  
would have type `Char -> ST Int`

`Char -> State -> (Int, State)`      **curried form**

## \* Curried Function

`f x y`

`f :: a -> b -> c`

`(f x) y`

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

`f x` returns a function of type `b -> c`

`g y`

`g :: b -> c`

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# Two State Transformers

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'
```

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# The type of the sequencer >>=

```
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'
```

```
st :: ST a
```

```
f :: a -> ST b
```

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

```
st :: State -> (a, State)
```

```
f :: a -> State -> (b, State)
```

```
(>>=) :: State -> (a, State) -> (a -> State -> (b, State)) -> State -> (b, State)
```

```
(x,s') = st s      s -> (x,s')
```

```
(y,s') = f x s'    s' -> (y,s')
```

```
type ST a = State -> (a, State)
```

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# The type of **st s** and **f x s'**

**st** :: State -> (a, State)

**f** :: a -> State -> (b, State)

(>>=) :: State -> (a, State) -> (a -> State -> (b, State)) -> State -> (b, State)

**st** :: State -> (a, State)

**st s** :: (b, State)

(x,s') = **st s**      s → (x,s')

**f** :: a -> State -> (b, State)

**f x** :: State -> (b, State)

**f x s'** :: (b, State)

(y,s') = **f x s'**      s' → (y,s')

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# let ... in ...

```
cylinder :: (RealFloat a) => a -> a -> a
```

```
cylinder r h =
```

```
  let sideArea = 2 * pi * r * h
```

```
      topArea = pi * r ^2
```

```
  in sideArea + 2 * topArea
```

The form is **let** <bindings> **in** <expression>.

The names that you define in the **let** part are accessible to the expression after the **in** part.

Notice that the names are also aligned in a single column.

For now it just seems that **let** puts the bindings first and the expression that uses them later **whereas** where is the other way around.

<http://learnyouahaskell.com/syntax-in-functions>

# List, Monad, and ST Monads

```
instance Monad [] where
  -- return :: a -> [a]
  return x = [x]

  -- (>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b]
  xs >>= f = concat (map f xs)
```

```
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'
```

```
instance Monad Maybe where
  -- return :: a -> Maybe a
  return x = Just x

  -- (>>=) :: Maybe a -> (a -> Maybe b) -> Maybe b
  Nothing >>= _ = Nothing
  (Just x) >>= f = f x
```

return x  $\equiv$  

st >>= f  $\equiv$  

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# Dummy Constructor DC

```
type ST a = State -> (a, State)
```

generalized ST

```
data STO a = DC (State -> (a, State))
```

types defined using the **type** mechanism  
cannot be made into **instances** of classes.

types defined using the **data** mechanism  
can be made into **instances** of classes.  
but requires a **dummy constructor (DC)**

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# The application function **apply0**

```
type ST a = State -> (a, State)           TYPE – NO INSTANCE
```

```
data ST0 a = DC (State -> (a, State))     DATA – INSTANCE ok
```

In order to strip away the dummy constructor, define also the application function **apply0**

```
apply0 :: ST0 a -> State -> (a, State)
         input   output
```

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# Removing Data Constructor

```
data ST0 a = DC (State -> (a, State))
```

Data Constructor

```
apply0 :: ST0 a -> State -> (a, State)
```

Application Function

```
x :: a
```

```
f :: a -> State -> (b, State)
```

```
f x :: State -> (b, State)
```

State Transformer

```
(DC f) x :: ST0 a
```

```
apply0 (DC f) x :: State -> (b, State)
```

```
apply0 (DC f) x = f x
```

Definition to remove DC

```
(.) :: (b->c) -> (a->b) -> (a->c)
```

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

```
f . g x = f (g x)
```

```
DC f
```

```
DC (a -> State -> (b, State))
```

```
a -> DC (State -> (b, State))
```

```
(DC f) x :: DC (State -> (b, State))
```

```
(DC f) x :: ST0 a
```

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# apply0 **st s** and apply0 **f x s'**

```
type ST a = State -> (a, State)
```

```
data ST0 a = DC (State -> (a, State))
```

```
apply0 :: ST0 a -> State -> (a, State)
```

```
apply0 (DC f) x = f x
```

```
apply0 st s = (x,s')      s → (x,s')
```

```
apply0 f x s = (y,s')    s' → (y,s')
```

```
st :: State -> (a, State)
```

```
st s :: (b, State)
```

```
f :: a -> State -> (b, State)
```

```
f x :: State -> (b, State)
```

```
f x s' :: (b, State)
```

```
(x,s') = st s      s → (x,s')
```

```
(y,s') = f x s'    s' → (y,s')
```

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# ST0 Monad

instance Monad **ST0** where

-- return :: a -> **ST** a

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

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

**st** >>= **f** = **DC** (\s -> **let** (x, s') = **apply0 st s** in **apply0 (f x) s'**)

**apply0 st s** = (x,s')      s → (x,s')

**apply0 f x s** = (y,s')      s' → (y,s')

the runtime overhead of manipulating the dummy constructor S  
can be eliminated by defining ST using the **newtype** mechanism

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'**

(x,s') = **st s**      s → (x,s')

(y,s') = **f x s'**      s' → (y,s')

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# ST0 Monad Summary

```
type ST a = State -> (a, State)           generalized ST
```

```
data ST0 a = DC (State -> (a, State))
```

```
apply0 :: ST0 a -> State -> (a, State)
```

```
apply0 (DC f) x = f x
```

```
apply0 st s = (x,s')
```

```
apply0 f x s = (y,s')
```

```
instance Monad ST0 where
```

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

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

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

```
st >>= f = DC (\s -> let (x, s') = apply0 st s in apply0 (f x) s')
```

```
(x,s') = st s           s -> (x,s')
```

```
(y,s') = f x s'        s' -> (y,s')
```

```
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'
```

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# Examples I (1)

```
pairs :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
```

do method

```
pairs xs ys = do x <- xs
```

```
                y <- ys
```

```
                return (x, y)
```

this function returns all possible ways of pairing elements from two lists

each possible value  $x$  from the list  $xs$

```
x <- xs
```

each possible value  $y$  from the list  $ys$

```
y <- ys
```

return the pair  $(x,y)$ .

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# Examples I (2)

```
pairs :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
```

[do notation](#)

```
pairs xs ys = do x <- xs  
                y <- ys  
                return (x, y)
```

```
pairs xs ys = [(x,y) | x <- xs, y <- ys]
```

[comprehension notation](#)

In fact, there is a formal connection between the **do** notation and the **comprehension** notation. Both are simply different shorthands for repeated use of the **>>=** operator for lists.

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# Example II (1)

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

a1 >> a2 takes the actions a1 and a2 and returns the mega action which is a1-then-a2-returning-the-value-returned-by-a2.

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# Simple Examples (1)

```
type State = Int
```

```
fresh :: ST0 Int
```

```
fresh = DC (\n -> (n, n+1))
```

```
wtf1 = fresh >>
```

```
    fresh >>
```

```
    fresh >>
```

```
    fresh
```

```
ghci> apply0 wtf1 0
```

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# Simple Examples (2)

the `>>=` sequencer is kind of like `>>`

only it allows you to “remember” intermediate values that may have been returned.

`return :: a -> ST0 a`

takes a value `x` and yields an action that doesn't actually transform the state, but just returns the same value `x`

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# Simple Examples (2)

```
wtf2 = fresh >>= \n1 ->
  fresh >>= \n2 ->
  fresh >>
  fresh >>
  return [n1, n2]
```

```
wtf2' = do {n1 <- fresh;
           n2 <- fresh;
           fresh ;
           fresh ;
           return [n1, n2];
          }
```

```
ghci> apply0 wtf2 0
```

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# Simple Examples (3)

```
wtf3 = do n1 <- fresh
         fresh
         fresh
         fresh
         return n1
```

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# Dice Examples

to generate `Int` dice - result : a number between 1 and 6  
throw results from a pseudo-random generator of type `StdGen`.

the type of the **state processors** will be

```
State StdGen Int
```

```
StdGen -> (Int, StdGen)
```

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

# randomR

the StdGen type : an instance of **RandomGen**

**randomR** :: (Random a, RandomGen g) => (a, a) -> g -> (a, g)

assume a is Int and g is StdGen

the type of **randomR**

**randomR** (1, 6) :: StdGen -> (Int, StdGen)

already have a **state processing function**

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# randomR

```
randomR (1, 6) :: StdGen -> (Int, StdGen)
```

```
rollDie :: State StdGen Int
```

```
rollDie = state $ randomR (1, 6)
```

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# Some Examples (1)

```
module StateGame where
```

```
import Control.Monad.State
```

```
-- Example use of State monad  
-- Passes a string of dictionary {a,b,c}  
-- Game is to produce a number from the string.  
-- By default the game is off, a C toggles the  
-- game on and off. A 'a' gives +1 and a b gives -1.  
-- E.g  
-- 'ab'   = 0  
-- 'ca'   = 1  
-- 'cabca' = 0  
-- State = game is on or off & current score  
--       = (Bool, Int)
```

[https://wiki.haskell.org/State\\_Monad](https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad)

## Some Examples (2)

```
type GameValue = Int
type GameState = (Bool, Int)

playGame :: String -> State GameState GameValue
playGame [] = do
  (_, score) <- get
  return score
```

[https://wiki.haskell.org/State\\_Monad](https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad)

# Some Examples (3)

```
playGame (x:xs) = do
  (on, score) <- get
  case x of
    'a' | on -> put (on, score + 1)
    'b' | on -> put (on, score - 1)
    'c'   -> put (not on, score)
    _     -> put (on, score)
  playGame xs

startState = (False, 0)

main = print $ evalState (playGame "abcaaacbbcabbab") startState
```

[https://wiki.haskell.org/State\\_Monad](https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad)

## References

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