

State Monad – Examples (6C)

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Game Example (1)

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.

'ab' = 0 +1-1=0

'ca' = 1 on, +1

'cabca' = 0 on,+1-1,off

State = (game is on/off, current score) = (Bool, Int)

Example use of **State** monad

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Game Example (2)

```
module StateGame where
import Control.Monad.State

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

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

State s a

when input string is null

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Game Example (3)

```
playGame :: String -> State GameState GameValue
```

```
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)
```

when input string is not null

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Game Example (4)

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

a	(off, 0)	→	b	(off, 0)	→	c	(on, 0)	→
a	(on, 1)	→	a	(on, 2)	→	a	(on, 3)	→
c	(off, 3)	→	b	(off, 3)	→	b	(off, 3)	→
c	(on, 3)	→	a	(on, 4)	→	b	(on, 3)	→
b	(on, 2)	→	a	(on, 3)	→	b	(on, 2)	

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Game Example Source Code

```
import Control.Monad.State

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

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

```
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)
  case x of
    'a' | on -> return $ score + 1
    'b' | on -> return $ score - 1
    'c'   -> return $ score
    _     -> return score
  playGame xs

startState = (False, 0::Int)
```

```
*Main> runState (playGame "abcaaacbbcabbab") startState
(2,(True,2))
*Main> execState (playGame "abcaaacbbcabbab") startState
(True,2)
*Main> evalState (playGame "abcaaacbbcabbab") startState
2
```

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Incrementer Example (1)

- a concrete and simple example of using the State monad
- **non monadic** version of a very simple state example
- the **State** is an **integer**.
- the **value** will always be the **negative** of of the **state**

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

```
type MyState = Int
```

```
type MyStateMonad = State MyState
```

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Incrementer Example (2)

```
valFromState :: MyState -> Int
```

```
valFromState s = -s
```

```
nextState :: MyState->MyState
```

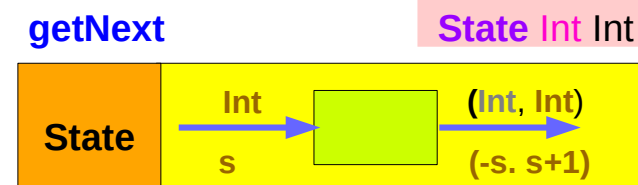
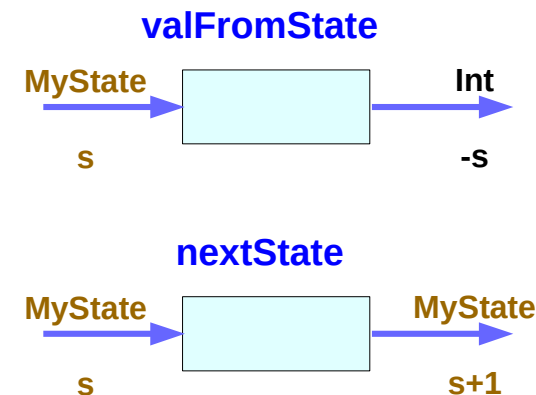
```
nextState x = 1+x
```

```
-- this is it, the State transformation.
```

```
-- add 1 to the state, return -1*the state as the computed value.
```

```
getNext :: MyStateMonad Int
```

```
getNext = state (\st -> let st' = nextState(st) in (valFromState(st'),st'))
```



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Incrementer Example – (a) inc3

```
-- advance the state three times.
```

```
inc3::MyStateMonad Int
```

```
inc3 = getNext >>= \x ->
```

```
    getNext >>= \y ->
```

```
    getNext >>= \z ->
```

```
    return z
```

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Incrementer Example – (b) inc3Sugard

```
-- advance the state three times with do sugar
inc3Sugared::MyStateMonad Int
inc3Sugared = do x <- getNext
                y <- getNext
                z <- getNext
                return z
```

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Incrementer Example – (c) inc3DiscardedValues

```
-- advance the state three times without inspecting computed values
inc3DiscardedValues::MyStateMonad Int
inc3DiscardedValues = getNext >> getNext >> getNext
```

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Incrementer Example – (d) inc3DiscardedValuesSugared

```
-- advance the state three times
-- without inspecting computed values with do sugar
inc3DiscardedValuesSugared::MyStateMonad Int
inc3DiscardedValuesSugared = do
    getNext
    getNext
    getNext
```

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Incrementer Example – (e) inc3AlternateResult

```
-- advance state 3 times, compute the square of the state
inc3AlternateResult::MyStateMonad Int
inc3AlternateResult = do getNext
                        getNext
                        getNext
                        s <- get
                        return (s*s)
```

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Incrementer Example – (f) inc4

```
-- advance state 3 times, ignoring computed value, and then once more
```

```
inc4::MyStateMonad Int
```

```
inc4 = do
```

```
    inc3AlternateResult
```

```
    getNext
```

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

Incrementer Example – (g) main

```
main =  
  do  
    print (evalState inc3 0)           -- -3  
    print (evalState inc3Sugared 0)   -- -3  
    print (evalState inc3DiscardedValues 0) -- -3  
    print (evalState inc3DiscardedValuesSugared 0) -- -3  
    print (evalState inc3AlternateResult 0) -- 9  
    print (evalState inc4 0)         -- -4
```

https://wiki.haskell.org/State_Monad

randomR type signature

```
import System.Random
```

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

(a, a) : range

(a, g) : output

R in randomR

a : type of a random number

g : type of a seed

g : input seed

cabal update

cabal install random

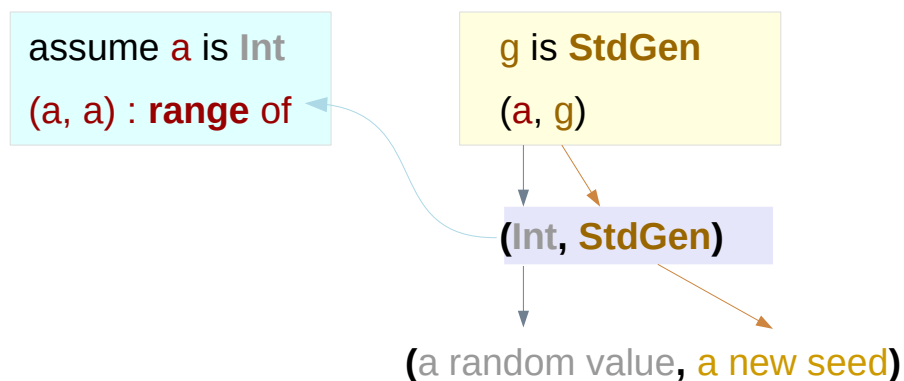
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randomR type signature example

```
import System.Random
```

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

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



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randomR – updating a seed

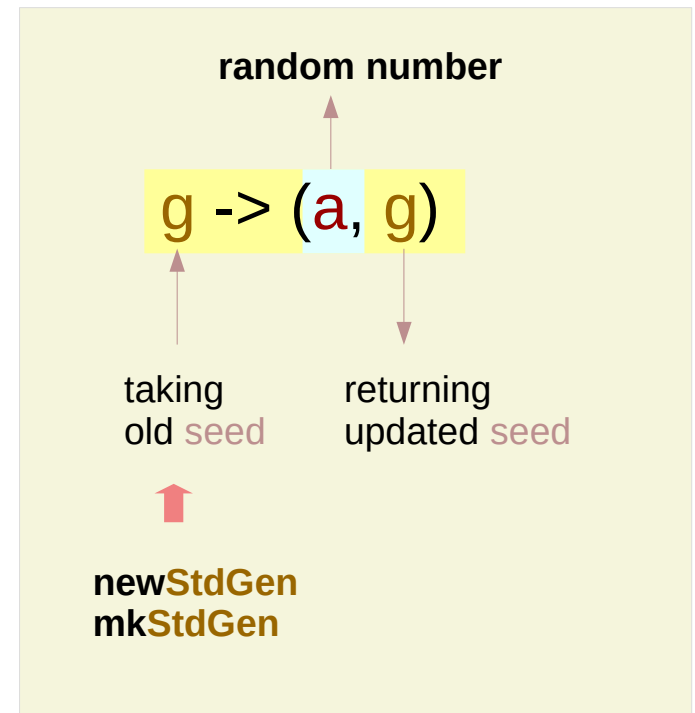
randomR :: (Random a, RandomGen g) => (a, a) -> g -> (a, g)

randomR updates (generates) a **seed**

newStdGen or **mkStdGen** can be used
to generate an initial input **seed**

the type of **seed** is **StdGen**

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



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randomR – a state processing function

```
import System.Random
```

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

randomR a state processing function

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

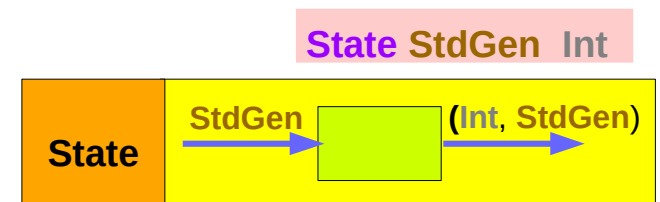
```
rollDie = state $ randomR (1, 6)
```



itself a stateful computation



randomR (1, 6)



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randomR – runState, state

```
newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (a, s) } (1)
```

```
newtype State s a = state { runState :: s -> (a, s) } (2)
```

```
1) let stst = State { runState = (ly -> (y, y+1)) }
```

```
2) let stst = state (ly -> (y, y+1))
```

```
runState stst (ly -> (y, y+1)) -- no instance error
```

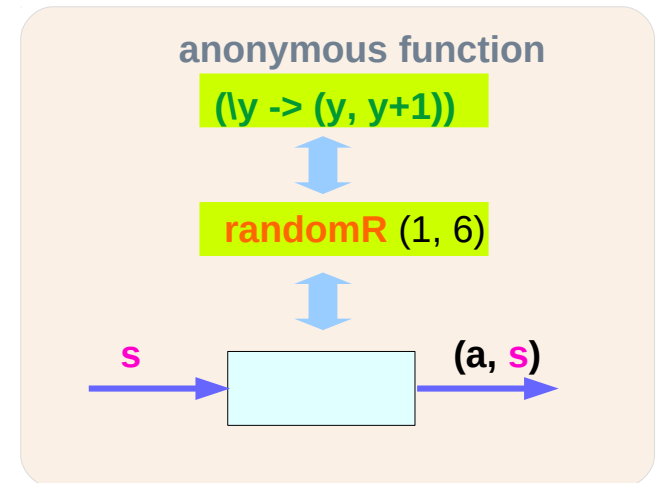
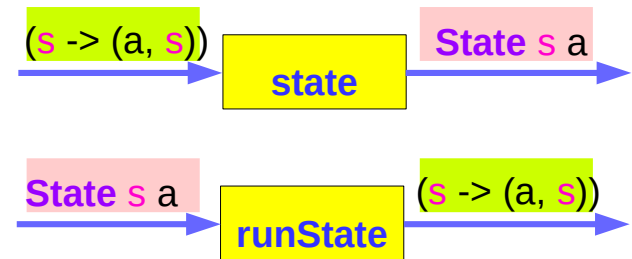
```
runState stst 1 (1, 2)
```

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

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

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

```
runState rollDie (mkStdGen 1) (6,80028 40692)
```



a = Int, s = StdGen

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randomRIO

Otherwise, you can use **randomRIO**
to get a random number directly in the **IO** monad,
Without explicitly using a seed of type **StdGen**

```
import System.Random
randomRIO (1, 10)
6
```

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

randomRIO :: (a, a) -> IO a

randomIO :: IO a

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/8416365/generate-a-random-integer-in-a-range-in-haskell>

Methods of the `random` class

```
randomR :: RandomGen g => (a, a) -> g -> (a, g)
```

```
random :: RandomGen g => g -> (a, g)
```

```
randomRs :: RandomGen g => (a, a) -> g -> [a]
```

```
randoms :: RandomGen g => g -> [a]
```

```
randomRIO :: (a, a) -> IO a
```

```
randomIO :: IO a
```

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

```
randomRIO :: (a, a) -> IO a
```

```
randomIO :: IO a
```

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Making a new seed

```
mkStdGen :: Int -> StdGen
```

an alternative way of producing an **initial generator**,
by mapping an **Int** into a **generator**.
distinct Int arguments should be likely
to produce distinct generators.

```
newStdGen :: IO StdGen
```

Applies split to the current **global random generator**,
updates it with one of the results, and returns the other.

```
mkStdGen 11
```

```
12 1
```

```
newStdGen
```

```
420454863 2147483398
```

actual seed

```
mkStdGen 11
```

```
12 1
```

```
mkStdGen 12
```

```
13 1
```

```
mkStdGen 132
```

```
133 1
```

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StdGen Type

```
data StdGen = StdGen !Int32 !Int32      -- 2 32-bit integers
```

```
show :: a -> String
```

```
Read :: String -> a
```

show converts a data value of two 32-bit number into a string

read converts a string into a data value of two 32-bit number

```
read (show g) == g      -- a constraint
```

```
g :: StdGen            -- a seed
```

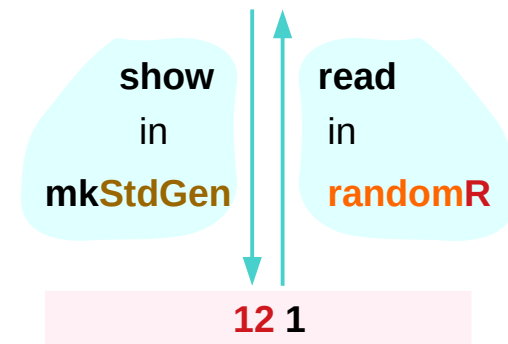
reads may be used to map an arbitrary string

(not necessarily one produced by show) onto a **value** of type **StdGen**.

! -- a strict declaration

```
420454863 2147483398
```

an actual seed
two 32-bit Int's



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Generating a random number (1)

to generate a random number with a seed
type **StdGen** must be used,
randomR is used to generate a number
newStdGen is used to create a new seed
(this will have to be done in **IO**).

```
import System.Random
g = newStdGen
randomR (1, 10) g
➔ (1,1012529354 2147442707)
```

A seed of the type **StdGen**

A new seed is generated
by **newStdGen**

The result of **randomR** is a tuple
(a random value, **the new seed**)

a random value = 1

the new seed =

1012529354 2147442707

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

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Generating a random number (2)

```
g = mkStdGen 58
(x1, y1) = randomR (0,100) g
```

```
x1 → 62
```

```
y1 → 2360826 40692
```

```
g → 59 1
```

```
randomR (0,100) g → (62,2360826 40692)
```

```
(x1, y1) → (62,2360826 40692)
```

```
x1 → 62
```

```
y1 → 2360826 40692
```

A seed of the type **StdGen**

A new seed is generated

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The result of **randomR** is a tuple

(a random value, **the new seed**)

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Generating a random number (3)

```
randomRIO (1, 6::Int) → 4
```

```
randomRIO (1, 6::Int) → 2
```

```
randomIO :: IO Float → 0.24931645
```

```
randomIO :: IO Float → 0.1068542
```

```
s1 = mkStdGen 55
```

```
(i1, s2) = randomR (1,6::Int) s1
```

```
(i2, _) = randomR (1,6::Int) s2
```

```
i1 → 6
```

```
i2 → 1
```

```
s1 = mkStdGen 55 -- same seed
```

```
(i1, s2) = randomR (1,6::Int) s1
```

```
(i2, _) = randomR (1,6::Int) s2
```

```
i1 → 6
```

```
i2 → 1
```

<https://lotz84.github.io/haskellbyexample/ex/random-numbers>

Dice Example – State

The result type : **Int** dice : a number between 1 and 6

The state type : a pseudo-random generator of type **StdGen**

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

State StdGen Int

State s a

StdGen -> (Int, StdGen)

s -> (a, s)

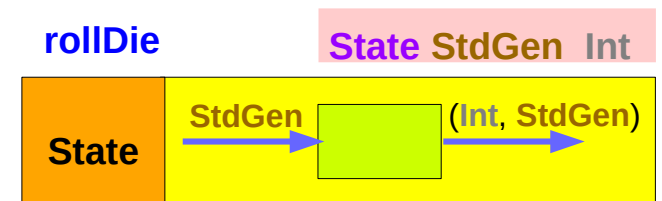
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rollDie

```
import Control.Monad.Trans.State
import System.Random

randomR :: (Random a, RandomGen g) => (a, a) -> g -> (a, g)
randomR (1, 6) :: StdGen -> (Int, StdGen)

rollDie :: State StdGen Int
rollDie = state $ randomR (1, 6)
```



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rollDie with get, put, return

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

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

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

```
rollDie = do
```

```
  gen <- get
```

```
  let (val, nGen) = randomR (1,6) gen
```

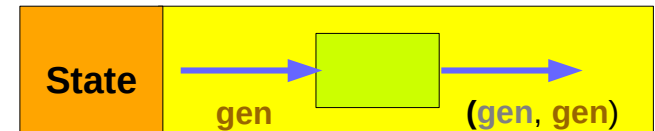
```
  put nGen
```

```
  return value
```

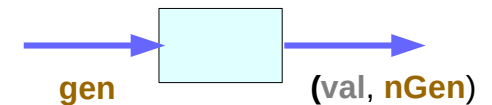
```
GHCi> evalState rollDie (mkStdGen 0)
```

```
6
```

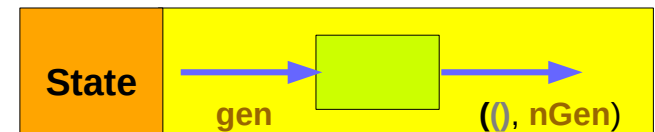
gen <- get



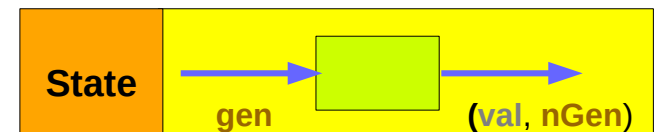
let (val, nGen) = randomR (1,6) gen



put nGen



return value



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rollDice (1)

```
rollDice :: State StdGen (Int, Int)
rollDice = liftA2 (,) rollDie rollDie
```

```
GHCi> evalState rollDice (mkStdGen 123)
(6,1)
```

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rollDice (2)

```
rollDice :: State StdGen (Int, Int)
rollDice = liftA2 (,) rollDie rollDie
```

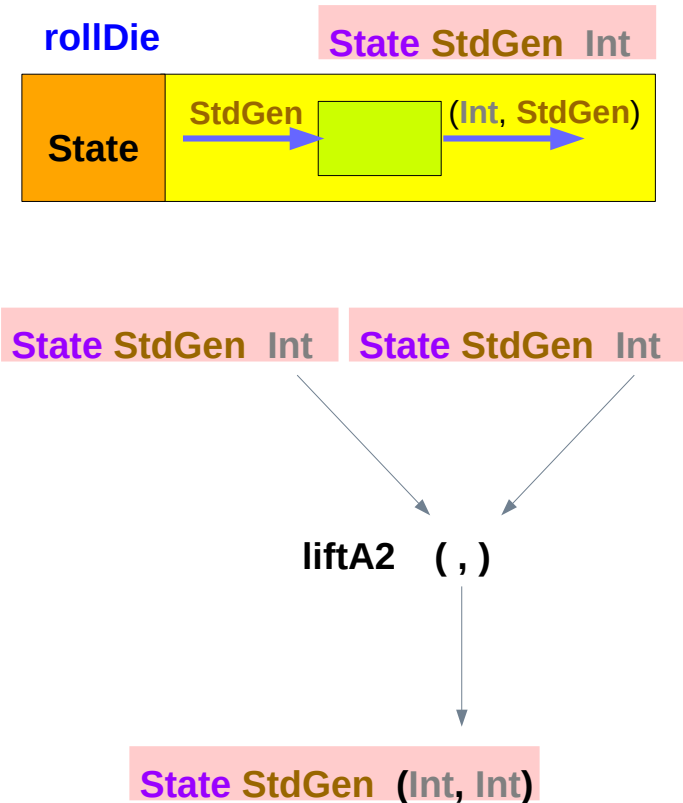
That function rolls two dice.

Here, **liftA2** is used to make the two-argument function `(,)` work within a monad or applicative functor, in this case **IO**.

It can be easily defined in terms of `<*>`:

```
liftA2 f u v = f <$> u <*> v
```

As for `(,)`, it is the non-infix version of the tuple constructor. That being so, the two die rolls will be returned as a tuple in **I**



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Removing IO

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

```
GHCi> :m System.Random
```

```
GHCi> let generator = mkStdGen 0      -- "0" is our seed
```

```
GHCi> :t generator
```

```
generator :: StdGen
```

```
GHCi> generator
```

```
1 1
```

```
GHCi> :t random
```

```
random :: (RandomGen g, Random a) => g -> (a, g)
```

```
GHCi> random generator :: (Int, StdGen)
```

```
(2092838931,1601120196 1655838864)
```

```
( Int      ,      StdGen      )
```

A seed of the type **StdGen**

A new seed is generated

by **newStdGen**

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Removing IO

```
GHCi> let randInt = fst . random $ generator :: Int
GHCi> randInt
2092838931

GHCi> let (randInt, generator') = random generator :: (Int, StdGen)
GHCi> randInt           -- Same value
2092838931

GHCi> random generator' :: (Int, StdGen)
(-2143208520,439883729 1872071452)
-- Using new generator' returned from "random generator"
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/8416365/generate-a-random-integer-in-a-range-in-haskell>

Dice without IO

```
GHCi> randomR (1,6) (mkStdGen 0)
(6, 40014 40692)
```

The resulting tuple combines
the result of throwing a single die with a new generator.
A simple implementation for throwing two dice is then:

```
clumsyRollDice :: (Int, Int)
```

```
clumsyRollDice = (n, m)
```

```
  where
```

```
    (n, g) = randomR (1,6) (mkStdGen 0)
```

```
    (m, _) = randomR (1,6) g
```

A seed of the type **StdGen**

A new seed is generated

by **newStdGen**

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