

# State Monad Example (3H)

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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
```

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# 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
```

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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                    (a, a) : range  
and g is StdGen                    a seed

the type of **randomR**

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

already have a **state processing function**

A seed of the type **StdGen**

A new seed is generated  
by **newStdGen**

**(Int, StdGen)**

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

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# randomR

If you choose to take a seed, it should be of type **StdGen**, and you can use **randomR** to generate a number from it.

Use **newStdGen** 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)
```

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

A seed of the type **StdGen**  
A new seed is generated by **newStdGen**

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

# randomR

Otherwise, you can use `randomRIO` to get a random number directly in the IO monad, with all the `StdGen` stuff taken care of for you:

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

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# randomR

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

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

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

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# randomR

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

-- The StdGen type we are using is an instance of RandomGen.
randomR :: (Random a, RandomGen g) => (a, a) -> g -> (a, g)

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

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# randomR

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

```
rollDie :: State StdGen Int
rollDie = do generator <- get
             let (value, newGenerator) = randomR (1,6) generator
             put newGenerator
             return value
```

```
GHCi> evalState rollDie (mkStdGen 0)
6
```

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# randomR

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

```
GHCi> evalState rollDice (mkStdGen 666)
(6,1)
```

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## References

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