

State Monad Example (3G)

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Setting the State : put

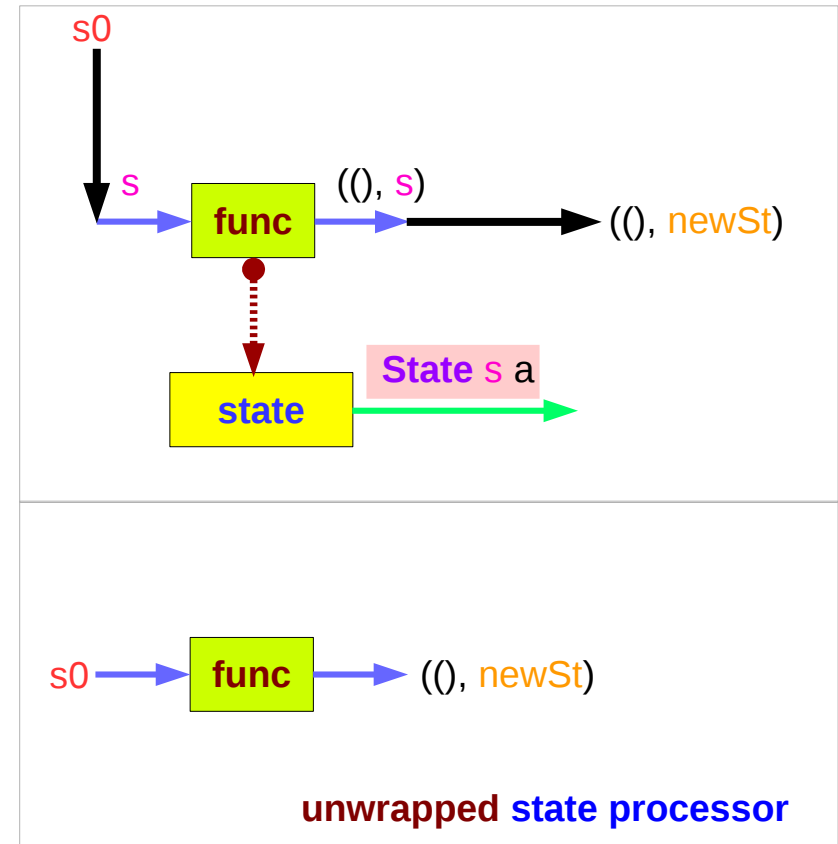
```
put :: s -> State s a
put newSt = state $ \_ -> ((), newSt)
```

Given a wanted `state newState`,

`put` generates a `state processor`

- ignores whatever the `state` it receives,
- updates the `state` to `newState`
- doesn't care about the `result` of this processor

- all we want to do is to change the `state`
- the tuple will be `((), newState)`
- `()` : the **universal placeholder value**.



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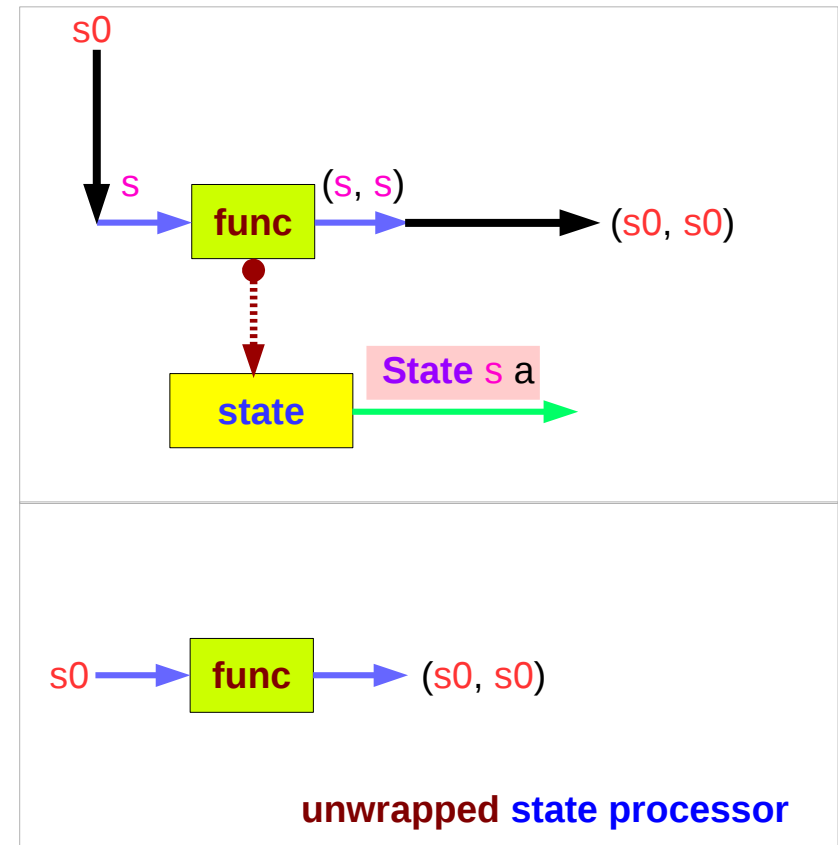
Getting the State : get

`get :: State s s`

`get = state $ \s -> (s, s)`

`get` generates a **state processor**

- gives back the **state** `s0`
- as a **result** and as an updated **state** – `(s0, s0)`
- the **state** will remain unchanged
- a copy of the **state** will be made available through the **result** returned



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Example Codes

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

```
runState get 1
```

```
(1,1)
```

```
runState (return 'X') 1
```

```
('X',1)
```

```
runState get 1
```

```
(1,1)
```

```
runState (put 5) 1
```

```
((),5)
```

```
let postincrement = do { x <- get; put (x+1); return x }
```

```
runState postincrement 1
```

```
(1,2)
```

```
let predecrement = do { x <- get; put (x-1); get }
```

```
runState predecrement 1
```

```
(0,0)
```

```
runState (modify (+1)) 1
```

```
((),2)
```

```
runState (gets (+1)) 1
```

```
(2,1)
```

```
evalState (gets (+1)) 1
```

```
2
```

```
execState (gets (+1)) 1
```

```
1
```

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Setting and Getting the State

```
put :: s -> State s a
```

```
put s :: State s a
```

```
put newState = state $ \_ -> ((), newState)
```

-- setting a state to `newState`

-- regardless of the old state

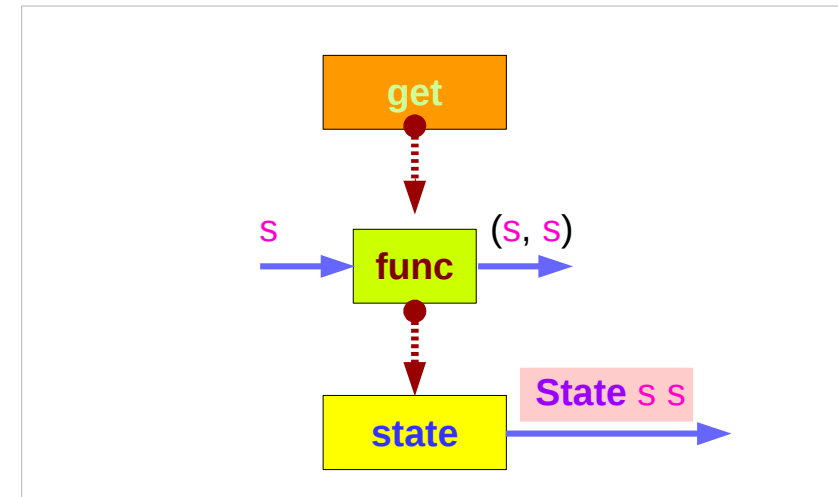
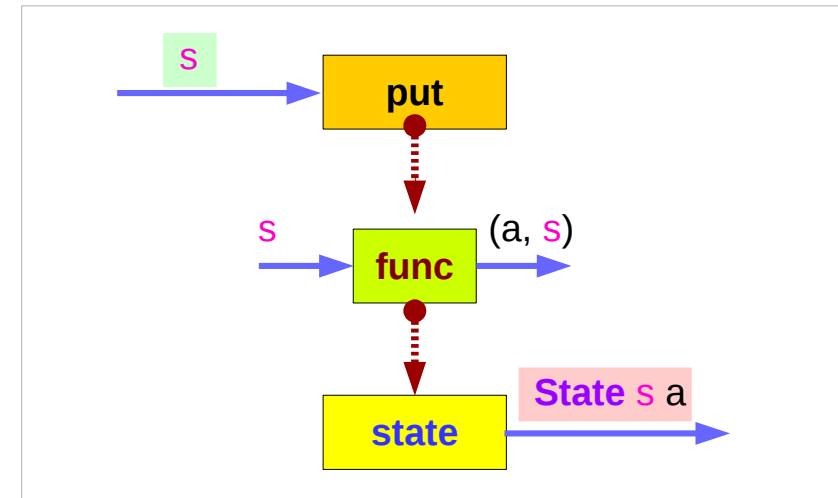
-- setting the result to `()`

```
get :: State s s
```

```
get = state $ \s -> (s, s)
```

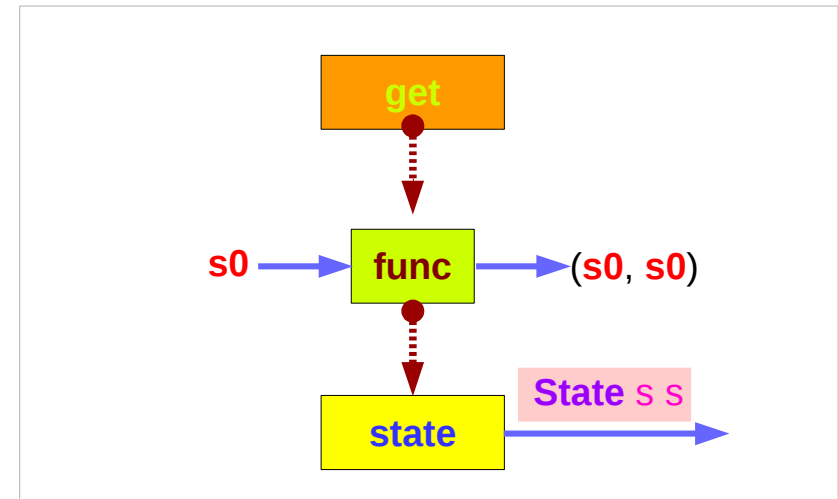
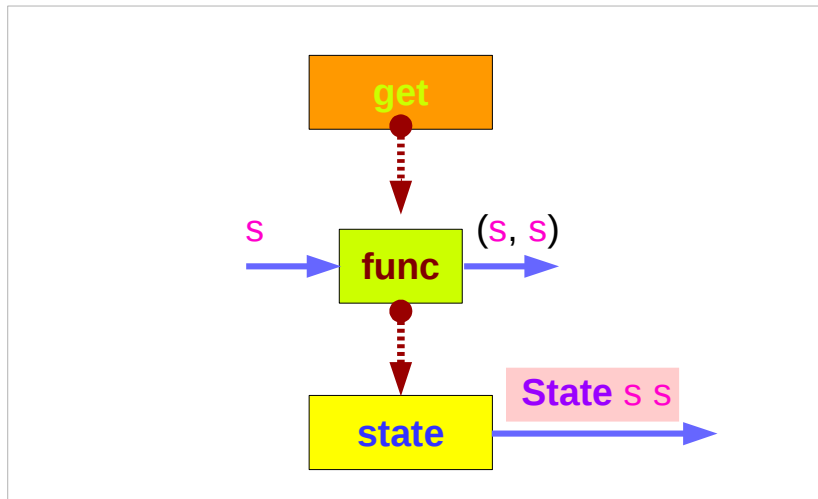
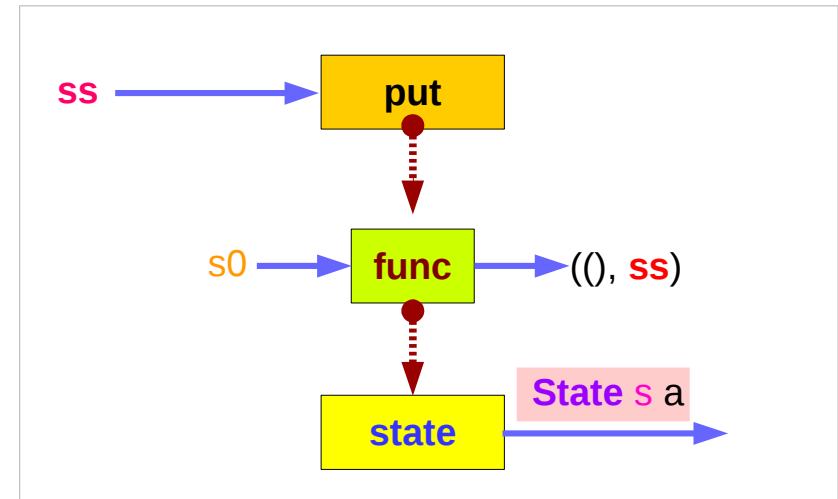
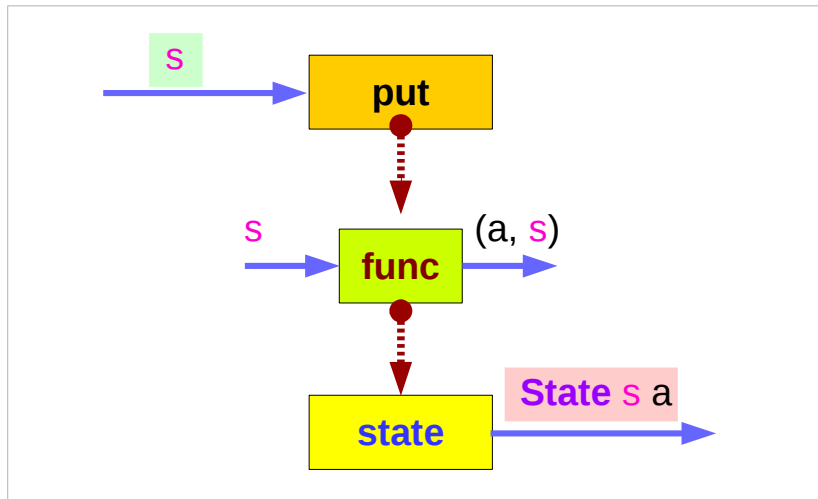
-- getting the current state `s`

-- also setting the result to `s`



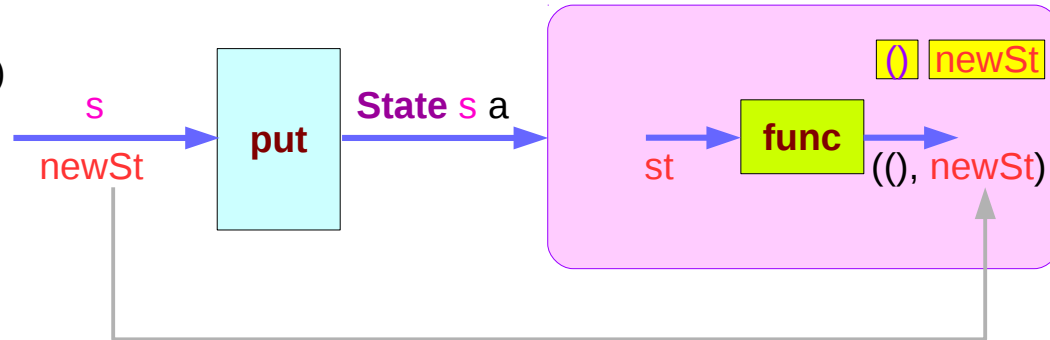
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Types and Values of **put** and **get**

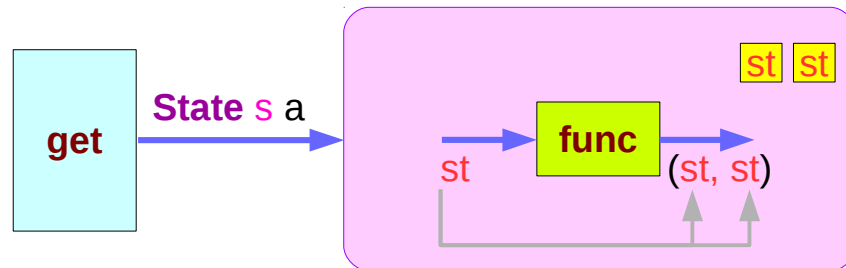


wrapped version of put and get

```
put :: s -> State s a
put s :: State s a
put newSt = state $ \_ -> ((), newSt)
```



```
get :: State s s
get = state $ \s -> (s, s)
```

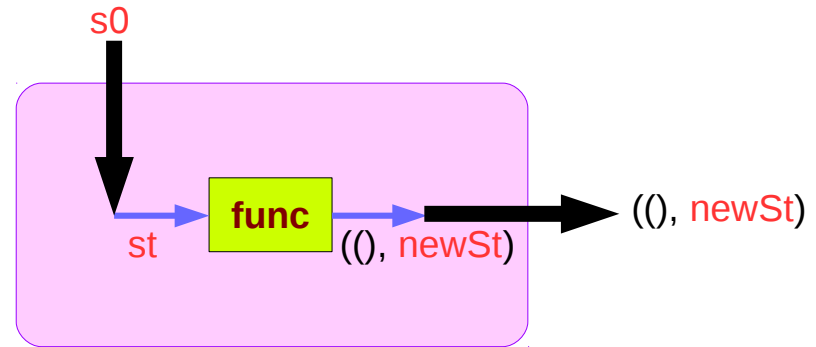


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Executing the state processor

```
put :: s -> State s a
put newSt = state $ \_ -> ((), newSt)

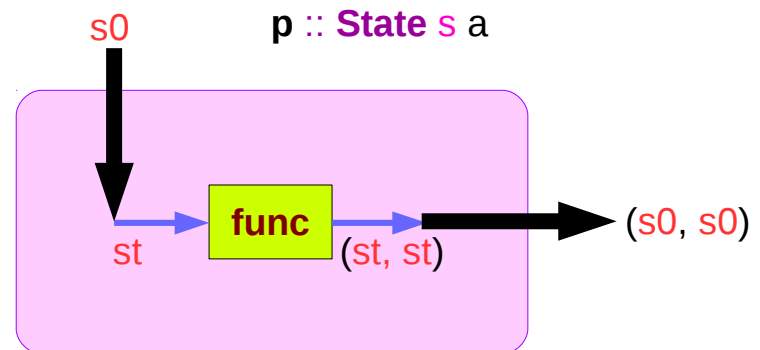
runState (put newSt) s0 -> ((), newSt)
```



applying the function

```
get :: State s s
get = state $ \s -> (s, s)

runState (get) s0 -> (s0, s0)
```



applying the function

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State Monad Examples – put

```
runState (put 5) 1
```

```
((),5)
```

put

set the result value to () and set the state value.

Comments:

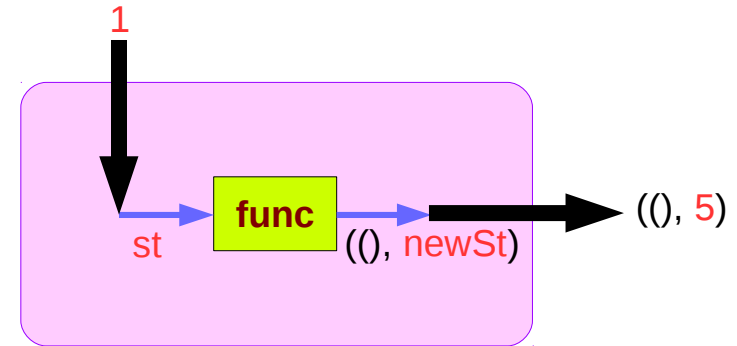
```
put 5 :: State Int ()
```

```
runState (put 5) :: Int -> ((),Int)
```

```
initial state = 1 :: Int
```

```
final value = () :: ()
```

```
final state = 5 :: Int
```



```
put :: s -> State s a
```

```
put newState = state $ \_ -> ((), newState)
```

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State Monad Examples – get

```
runState get 1
```

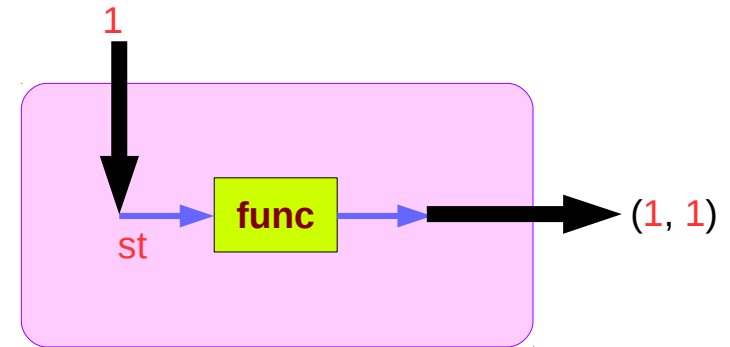
```
(1,1)
```

```
get
```

```
set the result value to the state and leave the state unchanged.
```

Comments:

```
get :: State Int Int
runState get :: Int -> (Int, Int)
initial state = 1 :: Int
final value = 1 :: Int
final state = 1 :: Int
```



```
get :: State s s
get = state $ \s -> (s, s)
```

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Think an unwrapped state processor

```
(return 5) → 1 -> (5,1) -- a way of thinking  
get        → 1 -> (1,1) -- a way of thinking  
(put 5)    → 1 -> ((),5) -- a way of thinking
```

Think an **unwrapped** state processor

a value of type (**State s a**) is
a **function** from **initial state s**
to **final value a** and **final state s**: (a,s).

these are usually wrapped,
but shown here unwrapped for simplicity.

```
(return 5) → state(1 -> (5,1)) -- an actual way  
get        → state(1 -> (1,1)) -- an actual way  
(put 5)    → state(1 -> ((),5)) -- an actual way
```

wrapping the state processor

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State Monad Examples – return, get, and put

Return leaves the state unchanged and sets the result:

-- ie: `(return 5)` \rightarrow `1 -> (5,1)` -- a way of thinking

`runState (return 5) 1` \rightarrow `(5,1)`

Get leaves state unchanged and sets the result to the state:

-- ie: `get` \rightarrow `1 -> (1,1)` -- a way of thinking

`runState get 1` \rightarrow `(1,1)`

Put sets the result to () and sets the state:

-- ie: `(put 5)` \rightarrow `1 -> ((),5)` -- a way of thinking

`runState (put 5) 1` \rightarrow `((),5)`

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State Monad Examples – modify and gets

```
modify :: (s -> s) -> State s ()  
modify f = do { x <- get; put (f x) }
```

```
gets :: (s -> a) -> State s a  
gets f = do { x <- get; return (f x) }
```

```
runState (modify (+1)) 1      (+1) 1 → 2 :: s  
→ ((),2)
```

```
runState (gets (+1)) 1      (+1) 1 → 2 :: a  
→ (2,1)
```

```
evalState (gets (+1)) 1      → :: s state  
→ 2
```

```
execState (gets (+1)) 1      → :: a result  
→ 1
```

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```
x <- get; put (f x)  
x <- get; return (f x)
```

- inside a monad instance
- unwrapped implementations of **modify** and **gets**

Unwrapped Implementation – return, get, and put

Return leaves the state unchanged and sets the result:

-- ie: `(return 5)` → `1 -> (5,1)` -- a way of thinking

`return` :: `a -> State s a`

`return x s = (x,s)`

Get leaves state unchanged and sets the result to the state:

-- ie: `get` → `1 -> (1,1)` -- a way of thinking

`get` :: `State s s`

`get s = (s,s)`

Put sets the result to () and sets the state:

-- ie: `(put 5)` → `1 -> ((),5)` -- a way of thinking

`put` :: `s -> State s ()`

`put x s = ((),x)`

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`(x,s)`

`(s,s)`

`((),x)`

- inside a monad instance
- unwrapped implementations of `return`, `get`, and `put`

The Result of a Stateful Computation

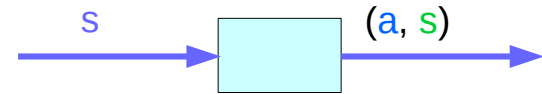
a **stateful computation** is a **function** that takes some **state** and returns a **value** along with some **new state**.

That function would have the following type:

$s \rightarrow (a, s)$

s is the type of the **state** and a the **result** of the **stateful computation**.

$s \rightarrow (a, s)$



a function is an executable data when executed, a result is produced **action, execution, result**

$s \rightarrow (a, s)$
↓

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

Stateful Computations Inside the State Monad

inside a monad,
when `sc` is a **stateful computation**
then the result of the stateful computation `sc`
can be assigned to `x`

```
x <- sc
```

`s` \rightarrow `(a, s)`
↓
the result type

`sc` :: `State s a`

`x` :: `a` (the execution result of `sc`)

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get inside the State Monad

inside the State monad,

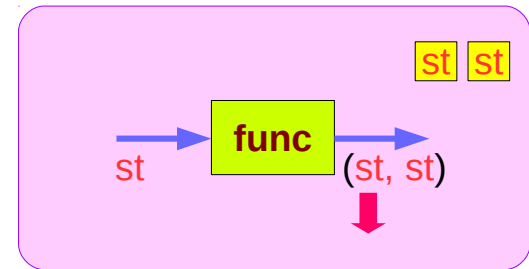
get returns the current monad instance
whose type is State s a

```
x <- get
```

the stateful computation is performed
over the current monad instance returned by get

the result of the stateful computation is st::s
thus x will get the st

$x :: a$ the execution result of get



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Getting the current state inside the State Monad

inside the State monad,

get returns the current monad instance
whose type is State s a

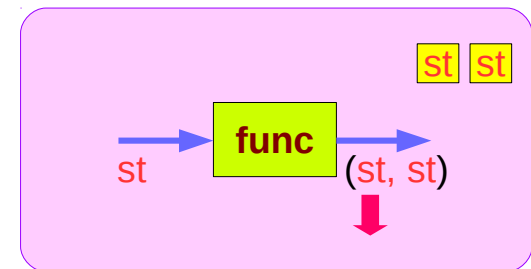
to get the current state st, do

```
s <- get
```

s will have the value of the current state st

this is like **evalState** is called with the current monad instance

- **get**
- **current monad instance**
- **stateful computation**
- **result :: s**



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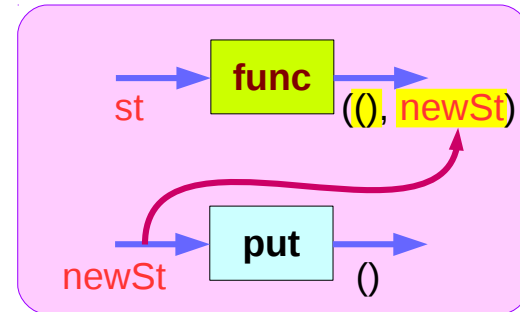
put and get inside State Monad

```
put :: s -> State s a
put newSt = state $ \_ -> ((), newSt)
```

```
put :: s -> ()
```

the result type :: ()

stateful computation of put

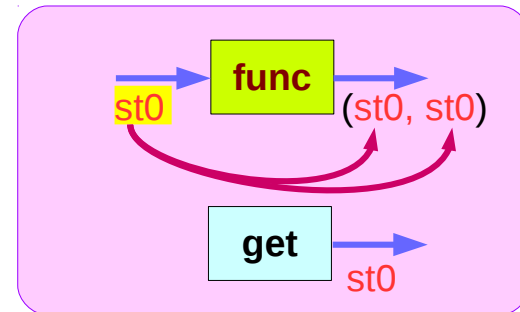


```
get :: State s s
get = state $ \s -> (s, s)
```

```
get :: s
```

the result type :: s

stateful computation of get



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Inside Functions and runState Functions

Most monads are equipped with some "run" functions such as `runState`, `execState`, and so forth.

But, frequent calling such functions inside the monad shows that the functionality of the monad does not fully exploited

```
s0 <- get
let (a,s1) = runState p s0
put s1
```

```
-- read the state of the current instance
-- pass the state to p, get new state
-- save new state
```

```
let p = state (\y -> (y, y+1))
```

```
a <- p
```

```
-- the stateful computation p updates the state to s1
-- the result of the state returned is assigned to a
```

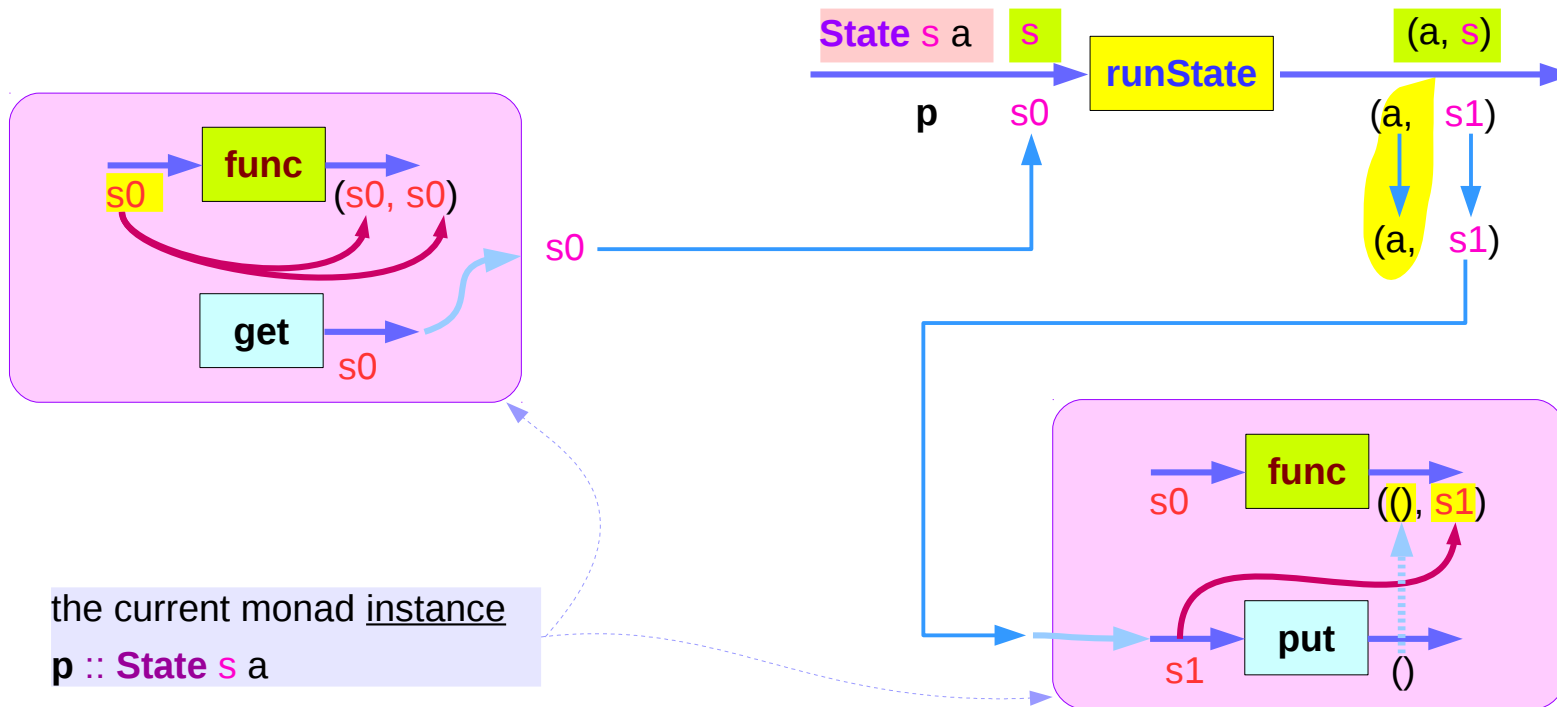
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Redundant computation examples (1)

```
s0 <- get  
let (a,s1) = runState p s0  
put s1
```

the same binding variable a
the same state $s1$

```
a <- p
```



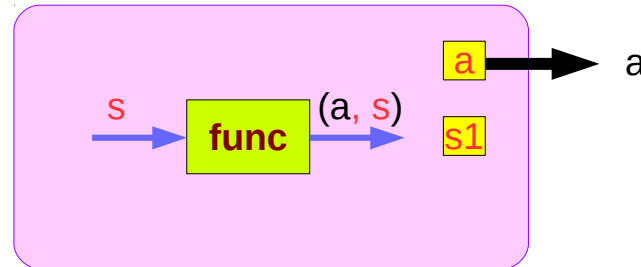
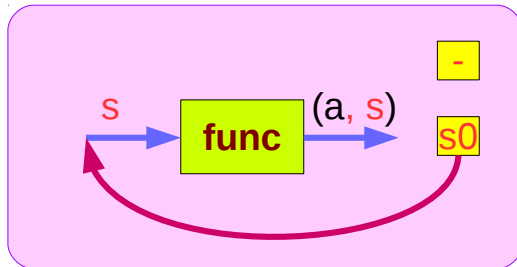
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Redundant computation examples (2)

```
a <- p
```

-- the stateful computation **p** updates the state to **s1**
-- the result of the state returned is assigned to **a**

p :: State s a



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Inside Functions and runState Functions

```
collectUntil f comp = do
```

```
  st <- get
```

```
  if f st then return [ ]
```

```
  else do
```

```
    x <- comp
```

```
    xs <- collectUntil f comp
```

```
    return (x:xs)
```

```
-- Get the current state
```

```
-- If it satisfies predicate, return
```

```
-- Otherwise...
```

```
-- Perform the computation s
```

```
-- Perform the rest of the computation
```

```
-- Collect the results and return them
```

```
comp :: State s a
```

```
st  :: s
```

```
x   :: a
```

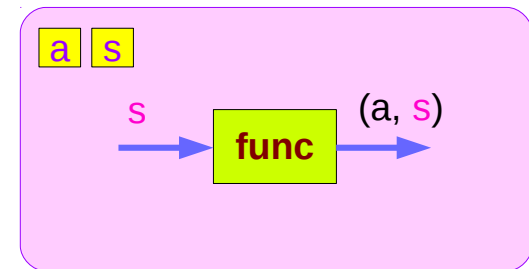
```
xs  :: [a]
```

```
simpleState = state (\x -> (x,x+1))
```

```
*Main> evalState (collectUntil (>10) simpleState) 0
```

```
[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

```
simpleState :: State s a
```



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Inside Functions and runState Functions

```
collectUntil f comp = do
  st <- get
  if f st then return []
  else do
    x <- comp -- stateful computation
    xs <- collectUntil f comp
    return (x:xs)
```

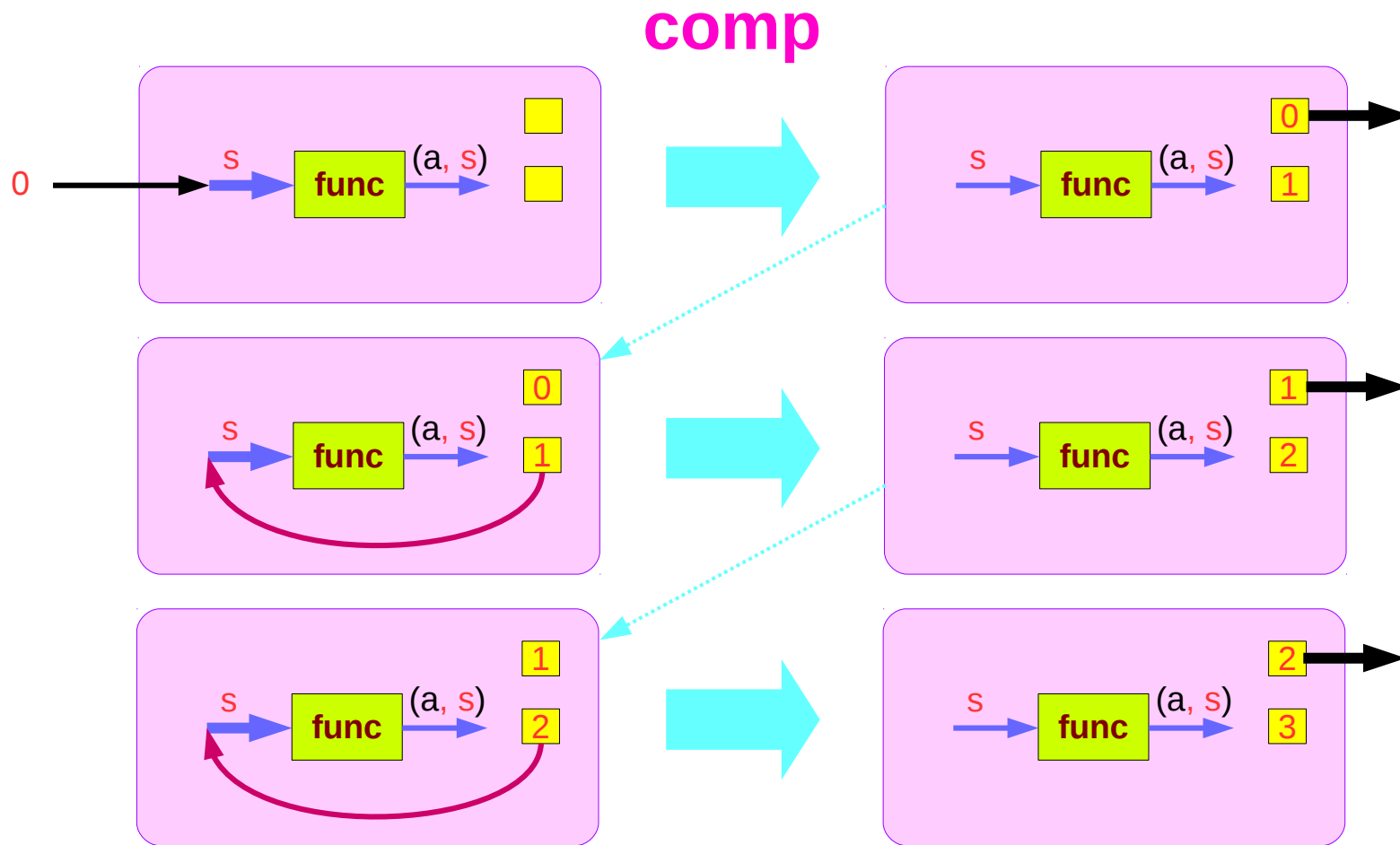
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[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

get	st ← 0	comp :	0 → (0, 1)	x ← 0
get	st ← 1	comp :	1 → (1, 2)	x ← 1
get	st ← 2	comp :	2 → (2, 3)	x ← 2
get	st ← 3	comp :	3 → (3, 4)	x ← 3
get	st ← 4	comp :	4 → (4, 5)	x ← 4
get	st ← 5	comp :	5 → (5, 6)	x ← 5
get	st ← 6	comp :	6 → (6, 7)	x ← 6
get	st ← 7	comp :	7 → (7, 8)	x ← 7
get	st ← 8	comp :	8 → (8, 9)	x ← 8
get	st ← 9	comp :	9 → (9, 10)	x ← 9
get	st ← 10	comp :	10 → (10, 11)	x ← 10

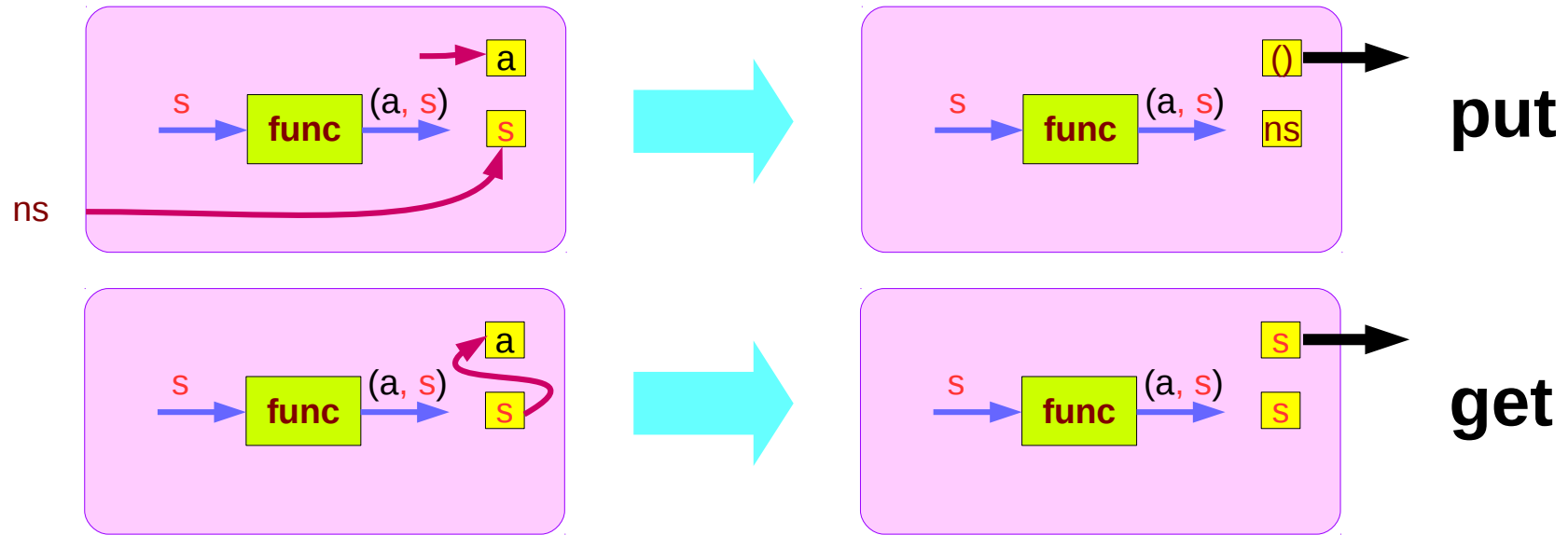
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Stateful Computation of **comp**



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Stateful Computations of **put** & **get**



<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/11250328/working-with-the-state-monad-in-haskell>

Inside Functions and runState Functions

```
collectUntil :: MonadState t m => (t -> Bool) -> m a -> m [a]
```

```
collectUntil :: (t -> Bool) -> State t a -> State t [a]
```

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Inside function examples

```
collectUntil :: (s -> Bool) -> State s a -> State s [a]
collectUntil f s = step
  where
    step = do a <- s
            liftM (a:) continue
    continue = do s' <- get
                if f s' then return [] else step
```

```
simpleState = state (\x -> (x,x+1))
```

```
*Main> evalState (collectUntil (>10) simpleState) 0
[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

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liftM

```
liftM :: (Monad m) => (a -> b) -> m a -> m b
mapM  :: (Monad m) => (a -> m b) -> [a] -> m [b]
```

liftM lifts a function of type `a -> b` to a monadic counterpart.

mapM applies a function which yields a monadic value to a list of values, yielding list of results embedded in the monad.

```
> liftM (map toUpper) getLine
```

```
Hallo
```

```
"HALLO"
```

```
> :t mapM return "monad"
```

```
mapM return "monad" :: (Monad m) => m [Char]
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/5856709/what-is-the-difference-between-liftm-and-mapm-in-haskell>

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

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

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)`

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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
```

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

randomR

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

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

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

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding_monads/State

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)
```

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding_monads/State

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