

# 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

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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# randomR – a state processing function

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

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

assume **a** is **Int**                      (**a**, **a**) : range  
and **g** is **StdGen**                      a seed

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

**randomR** 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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# Generating a random number

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, a new seed)

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

# 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
```

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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

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

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

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# rollDice

```
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 **IO**.

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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)
```

A seed of the type **StdGen**

A new seed is generated

by **newStdGen**

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# 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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# 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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## References

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