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Mirroring Apply, Divide also has terse syntax for tuples. A softer *divide so that we may reign* approach to world domination:

```
...
  def tuple2[A1, A2](a1: F[A1], a2: F[A2]): F[(A1, A2)] = ...
  def tuple22[...] = ...
}
```

Generally, if encoder typeclasses can provide an instance of Divide, rather than stopping at Contravariant, it makes it possible to derive instances for any case class. Similarly, decoder typeclasses can provide an Apply instance. We will explore this in a dedicated chapter on Typeclass Derivation.

Divisible is the Contravariant analogue of Applicative and introduces .conquer, the equivalent of .pure

```
@typeclass trait Divisible[F[_]] extends Divide[F] {
  def conquer[A]: F[A]
}
```

.conquer allows creating trivial implementations where the type parameter is ignored. Such values are called *universally quantified*. For example, the Divisible[Equal].conquer[INil[String]] returns an implementation of Equal for an empty list of String which is always true.

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```
trait Twitter[F[_]] {
  def getUser(name: String): F[Maybe[User]]
  def getStars(user: User): F[Int]
}
def T[F[_]](implicit t: Twitter[F]): Twitter[F] = t
```

We need to call getUser followed by getStars. If we use Monad as our context, our function is difficult because we have to handle the Empty case:

```
def stars[F[_]: Monad: Twitter](name: String): F[Maybe[Int]] = for {
  maybeUser <- T.getUser(name)
  maybeStars <- maybeUser.traverse(T.getStars)
} yield maybeStars</pre>
```

However, if we have a MonadPlus as our context, we can suck Maybe into the F[_] with .orEmpty, and forget about it:

```
def stars[F[_]: MonadPlus: Twitter](name: String): F[Int] = for {
  user <- T.getUser(name) >>= (_.orEmpty[F])
  stars <- T.getStars(user)
} yield stars</pre>
```

However adding a MonadPlus requirement can cause problems downstream if the context does not have one. The solution is to either change the context of the program to MaybeT[F, ?] (lifting the Monad[F] into a MonadPlus), or to explicitly use MaybeT in the return type, at the cost of slightly more code:

```
def stars[F[_]: Monad: Twitter](name: String): MaybeT[F, Int] = for {
  user <- MaybeT(T.getUser(name))
  stars <- T.getStars(user).liftM[MaybeT]
} yield stars</pre>
```

The decision to require a more powerful Monad vs returning a transformer is something that each team can decide for themselves based on the interpreters that they plan on using for their program.

7.4.3 EitherT

An optional value is a special case of a value that may be an error, but we don't know anything about the error. EitherT (and the lazy variant LazyEitherT) allows us to use any type we want as the error value, providing contextual information about what went wrong.

EitherT is a wrapper around an F[A \/ B]

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7.4.10 ContT

Continuation Passing Style (CPS) is a style of programming where functions never return, instead continuing to the next computation. CPS is popular in Javascript and Lisp as they allow non-blocking I/O via callbacks when data is available. A direct translation of the pattern into impure Scala looks like

```
def foo[I, A](input: I)(next: A => Unit): Unit = next(doSomeStuff(input))
We can make this pure by introducing an F[_] context
  def foo[F[_], I, A](input: I)(next: A => F[Unit]): F[Unit]
and refactor to return a function for the provided input
  def foo[F[_], I, A](input: I): (A => F[Unit]) => F[Unit]
ContT is just a container for this signature, with a Monad instance
  final case class ContT[F[_], B, A](_run: (A \Rightarrow F[B]) \Rightarrow F[B]) {
    def run(f: A \Rightarrow F[B]): F[B] = _run(f)
  }
  object IndexedContT {
    implicit def monad[F[_], B] = new Monad[ContT[F, B, ?]] {
      def point[A](a: =>A) = ContT((a))
      def bind[A, C](fa: ContT[F, B, A])(f: A \Rightarrow ContT[F, B, C]) =
        ContT(c_fb \Rightarrow fa.run(a \Rightarrow f(a).run(c_fb)))
    }
  }
and convenient syntax to create a ContT from a monadic value:
  implicit class ContTOps[F[_]: Monad, A](self: F[A]) {
    def cps[B]: ContT[F, B, A] = ContT(a_fb => self >>= a_fb)
  }
```

However, the simple callback use of continuations brings nothing to pure functional programming because we already know how to sequence non-blocking, potentially distributed, computations: that is what Monad is for and we can do this with .bind or a Kleisli arrow. To see why continuations are useful we need to consider a more complex example under a rigid design constraint.

7.4.10.1 Control Flow

Say we have modularised our application into components that can perform I/O, with each component owned by a different development team:

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```
trait ForComprehensible[C[_]] {
  def map[A, B](f: A => B): C[B]
  def flatMap[A, B](f: A => C[B]): C[B]
  def withFilter[A](p: A => Boolean): C[A]
  def foreach[A](f: A => Unit): Unit
}
```

If the context $(C[_])$ of a for comprehension doesn't provide its own map and flatMap, all is not lost. If an implicit scalaz.Bind[T] is available for T, it will provide map and flatMap.

It often surprises developers when inline Future calculations in a for comprehension do not run in parallel:

```
import scala.concurrent._
import ExecutionContext.Implicits.global

for {
    i <- Future { expensiveCalc() }
    j <- Future { anotherExpensiveCalc() }
} yield (i + j)</pre>
```

This is because the flatMap spawning another Expensive Calc is strictly after expensive Calc. To ensure that two Future calculations begin in parallel, start them outside the for comprehension.

```
val a = Future { expensiveCalc() }
val b = Future { anotherExpensiveCalc() }
for { i <- a ; j <- b } yield (i + j)</pre>
```

for comprehensions are fundamentally for defining sequential programs. We will show a far superior way of defining parallel computations in a later chapter. Spoiler: don't use Future.

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```
new DerivedJsEncoder[A, HNil, HNil] {
      def toJsFields(h: HNil, a: HNil) = IList.empty
    }
  implicit def cnil[A]: DerivedJsEncoder[A, CNil, HNil] =
    new DerivedJsEncoder[A, CNil, HNil] {
      def toJsFields(c: CNil, a: HNil) = sys.error("impossible")
    }
}
private[jsonformat] trait DerivedJsEncoder1 {
  implicit def hcons[A, K <: Symbol, H, T <: HList, J <: HList](</pre>
    implicit
    K: Witness.Aux[K],
    H: Lazy[JsEncoder[H]],
    T: DerivedJsEncoder[A, T, J]
  ): DerivedJsEncoder[A, FieldType[K, H] :: T, None.type :: J] =
    new DerivedJsEncoder[A, FieldType[K, H] :: T, None.type :: J] {
      private val field = K.value.name
      def toJsFields(ht: FieldType[K, H] :: T, anns: None.type :: J) =
        ht match {
          case head :: tail =>
            val rest = T.toJsFields(tail, anns.tail)
            H.value.toJson(head) match {
              case JsNull => rest
              case value => (field -> value) :: rest
            }
        }
    }
  implicit def ccons[A, K <: Symbol, H, T <: Coproduct, J <: HList](</pre>
    implicit
    K: Witness.Aux[K],
   H: Lazy[JsEncoder[H]],
    T: DerivedJsEncoder[A, T, J]
  ): DerivedJsEncoder[A, FieldType[K, H] :+: T, None.type :: J] =
    new DerivedJsEncoder[A, FieldType[K, H] :+: T, None.type :: J] {
      private val hint = ("type" -> JsString(K.value.name))
      def toJsFields(ht: FieldType[K, H] :+: T, anns: None.type :: J) =
        ht match {
          case Inl(head) =>
            H.value.toJson(head) match {
              case JsObject(fields) => hint :: fields
                                    => IList.single("xvalue" -> v)
            }
          case Inr(tail) => T.toJsFields(tail, anns.tail)
    }
```

3. Application Design

In this chapter we will write the business logic and tests for a purely functional server application. The source code for this application is included under the example directory along with the book's source, however it is recommended not to read the source code until the final chapter as there will be significant refactors as we learn more about FP.

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```
def get[A: JsDecoder](
   uri: String Refined Url,
   headers: IList[(String, String)]
): F[A] =
   I.liftIO(
        H.fetch(
        http4s.Request[Task](
        uri = convert(uri),
        headers = convert(headers)
      )
      )(handler[A])
   )
   .emap(identity)
```

.get is all plumbing: we convert our input types into the http4s.Request, then call .fetch on the Client with our handler. This gives us back a Task[Error \/ A], but we need to return a F[A]. Therefore we use the MonadIO.liftIO to create a F[Error \/ A] and then .emap to push the error into the F.

Unfortunately, if we try to compile this code it will fail. The error will look something like

```
[error] BlazeJsonClient.scala:95:64: could not find implicit value for parameter
[error] F: cats.effect.Sync[scalaz.ioeffect.Task]
```

Basically, something about a missing cat.

The reason for this failure is that http4s is using a different core FP library, not Scalaz. Thankfully, scalaz-ioeffect provides a compatibility layer and the shims³ project provides seamless (until it isn't) implicit conversions. We can get our code to compile with these dependencies:

The implementation of .post is similar but we must also provide an instance of

³https://github.com/djspiewak/shims

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```
private val dsl = new Http4sDsl[Task] {}
import dsl._
```

Now we can use the http4s dsl⁴ to create HTTP endpoints. Rather than describe everything that can be done, we will simply implement the endpoint which is similar to any of other HTTP DSLs

```
private object Code extends QueryParamDecoderMatcher[String]("code")
private val service: HttpService[Task] = HttpService[Task] {
  case GET -> Root :? Code(code) => ...
}
```

The return type of each pattern match is a Task[Response[Task]]. In our implementation we want to take the code and put it into the ptoken promise:

```
final class BlazeUserInteraction private (
  pserver: Promise[Throwable, Server[Task]],
  ptoken: Promise[Throwable, String]
) extends UserInteraction[Task] {
    ...
  private val service: HttpService[Task] = HttpService[Task] {
    case GET -> Root :? Code(code) =>
      ptoken.complete(code) >> Ok(
        "That seems to have worked, go back to the console."
    )
  }
  ...
}
```

but the definition of our services routes is not enough, we need to launch a server, which we do with BlazeBuilder

```
private val launch: Task[Server[Task]] =
  BlazeBuilder[Task].bindHttp(0, "localhost").mountService(service, "/").start
```

Binding to port 0 makes the operating system assign an ephemeral port. We can discover which port it is actually running on by querying the server.address field.

Our implementation of the .start and .stop methods is now straightforward

⁴https://http4s.org/v0.18/dsl/

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```
data [] a = [] | a : [a] infixr 5 :
```

and a convenient multi-argument value constructor: [1, 2, 3] instead of 1 : 2 : 3 : [].

Ultimately our ADTs need to hold primitive values. The most common primitive data types are:

- Char a unicode character
- Text for blocks of unicode text
- Int a machine dependent, fixed precision signed integer
- Word an unsigned Int, and fixed size Word8 / Word16 / Word32 / Word64
- Float / Double IEEE single and double precision numbers
- Integer / Natural arbitrary precision signed / non-negative integers
- (,) tuples, from 0 (also known as *unit*) to 62 fields
- 10 the inspiration for Scalaz's 10, implemented in the runtime.

with honorary mentions for

Like Scala, Haskell has type aliases: an alias or its expanded form can be used interchangeably. For legacy reasons, String is defined as a linked list of Char

```
type String = [Char]
```

which is very inefficient and we always want to use Text instead.

Finally we can define field names on ADTs using *record syntax*, which means we contain the data constructors in curly brackets and use double colon *type annotations* to indicate the types

Note that the Human data constructor and Resource type do not have the same name. Record syntax generates the equivalent of a field accessor and a copy method.

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3.3 Business Logic

Now we write the business logic that defines the application's behaviour, considering only the happy path.

We need a WorldView class to hold a snapshot of our knowledge of the world. If we were designing this application in Akka, WorldView would probably be a var in a stateful Actor.

WorldView aggregates the return values of all the methods in the algebras, and adds a *pending* field to track unfulfilled requests.

```
final case class WorldView(
  backlog: Int,
  agents: Int,
  managed: NonEmptyList[MachineNode],
  alive: Map[MachineNode, Epoch],
  pending: Map[MachineNode, Epoch],
  time: Epoch
)
```

Now we are ready to write our business logic, but we need to indicate that we depend on Drone and Machines.

We can write the interface for the business logic

```
trait DynAgents[F[_]] {
  def initial: F[WorldView]
  def update(old: WorldView): F[WorldView]
  def act(world: WorldView): F[WorldView]
}
```

and implement it with a *module*. A module depends only on other modules, algebras and pure functions, and can be abstracted over F. If an implementation of an algebraic interface is tied to a specific type, e.g. 10, it is called an *interpreter*.

```
final class DynAgentsModule[F[_]: Monad](D: Drone[F], M: Machines[F])
  extends DynAgents[F] {
```

The Monad context bound means that F is *monadic*, allowing us to use map, pure and, of course, flatMap via for comprehensions.

We have access to the algebra of Drone and Machines as D and M, respectively. Using a single capital letter name is a common naming convention for monad and algebra implementations.

Our business logic will run in an infinite loop (pseudocode)