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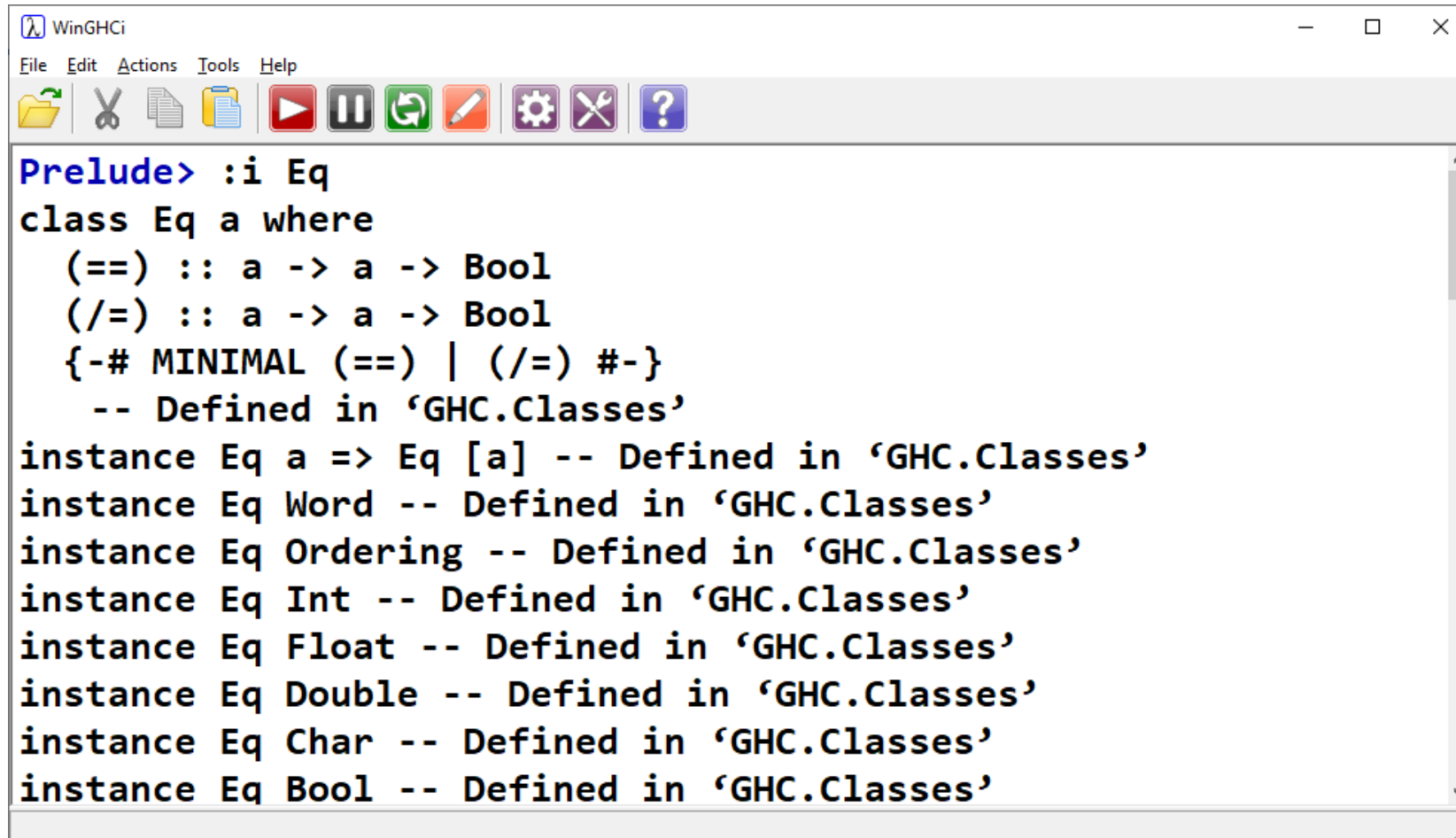
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Topic 8: Side effects and actions in Haskell

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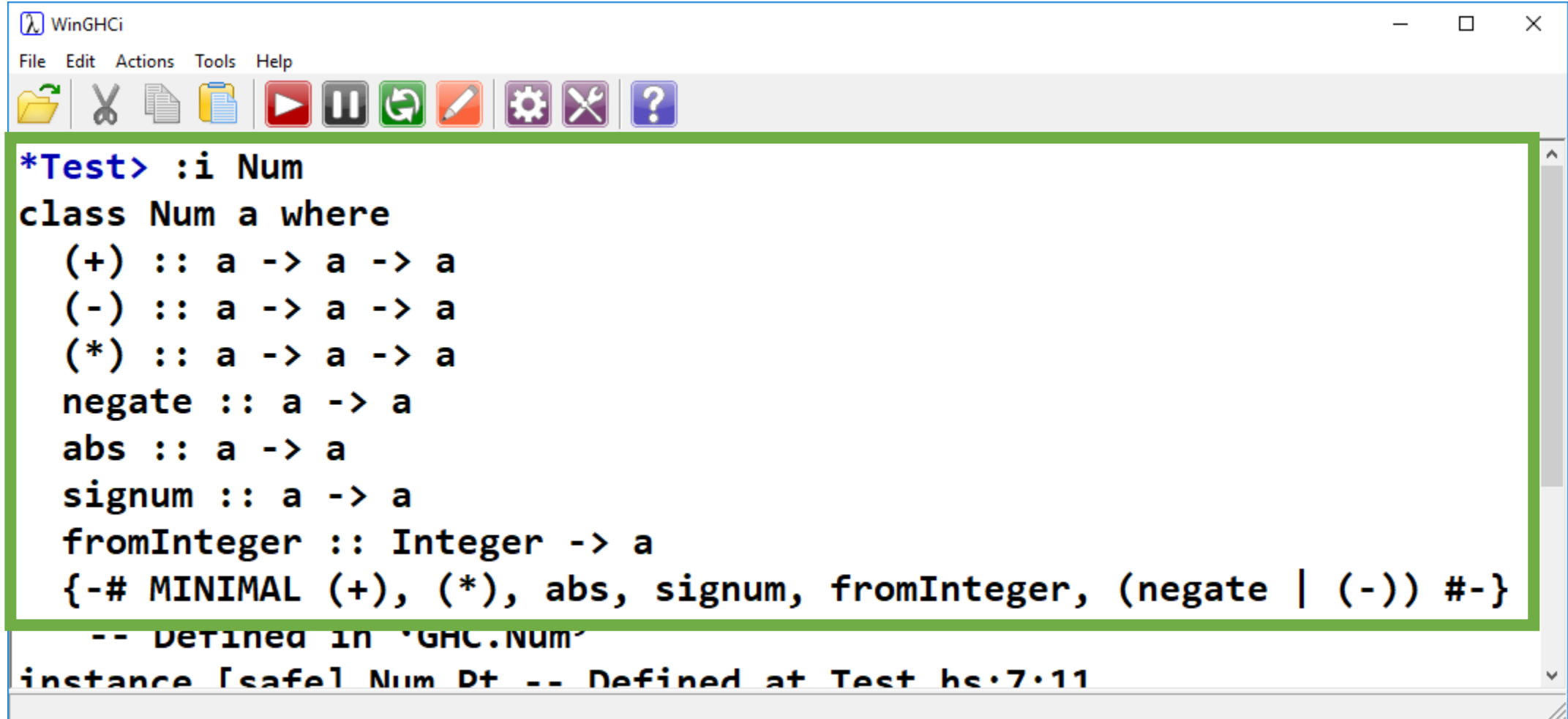
Previously

```
Prelude> :i Eq
class Eq a where
  (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
  (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool
  {-# MINIMAL (==) | (/=) #-}
    -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq a => Eq [a] -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Word -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Ordering -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Int -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Float -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Double -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Char -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Eq Bool -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
```

Previously


```
*Test> :i Num
class Num a where
  (+) :: a -> a -> a
  (-) :: a -> a -> a
  (*) :: a -> a -> a
  negate :: a -> a
  abs :: a -> a
  signum :: a -> a
  fromInteger :: Integer -> a
  {-# MINIMAL (+), (*), abs, signum, fromInteger, (negate | (-)) #-}
  	-- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance [safe] Num Pt -- Defined at Test.hs:7:11
```

Ord:


```
instance Ord Ordering -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Ord Int -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Ord Float -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Ord Double -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Ord Char -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Ord Bool -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance (Ord a, Ord b, Ord c, Ord d, Ord e, Ord f, O
```

Num:

```
     -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance Num Word -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance Num Integer -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance Num Int -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance Num Float -- Defined in 'GHC.Float'
instance Num Double -- Defined in 'GHC.Float'
*Test>
```

Pure Code, Monads, Actions

Every function is pure

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Pure Functions: Functions that have no side effects.

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A function can be said to have a side effect if it has an observable interaction with the outside world aside from returning a value.
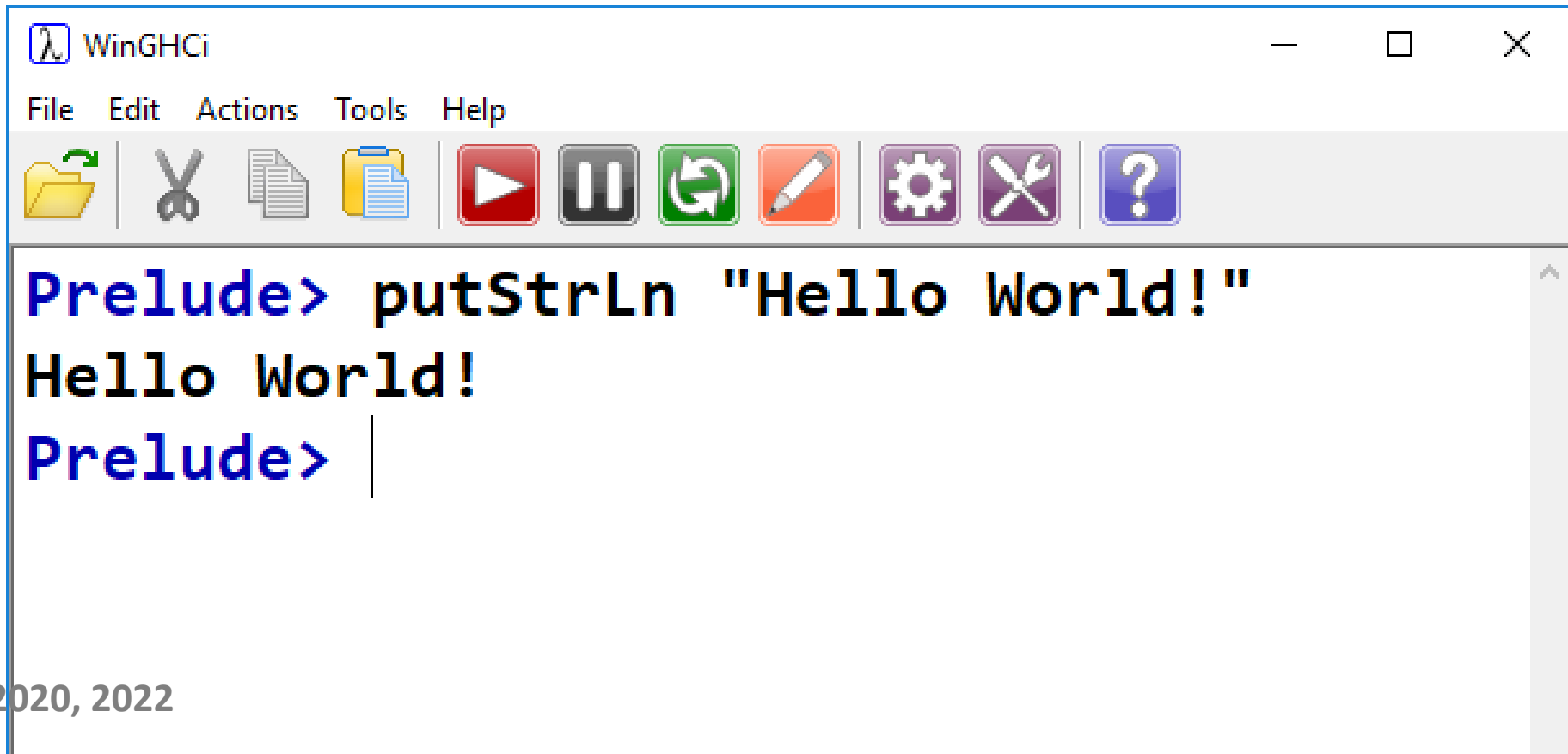
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- Modify global variable
- Raise an exception
- **Write data to display** or file

Write to Display

This was the very first thing we saw!
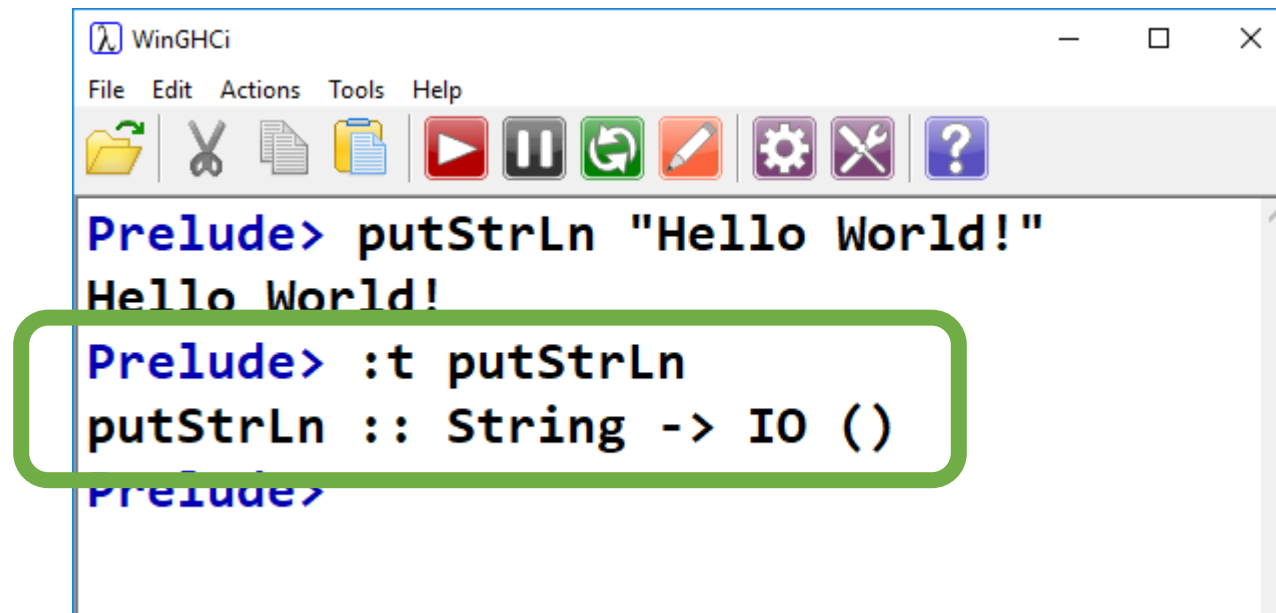
Haskell and I/O

- Haskell separates pure functions from computations where side effects must be considered
- Encodes side effect-producing functions with a specific type.
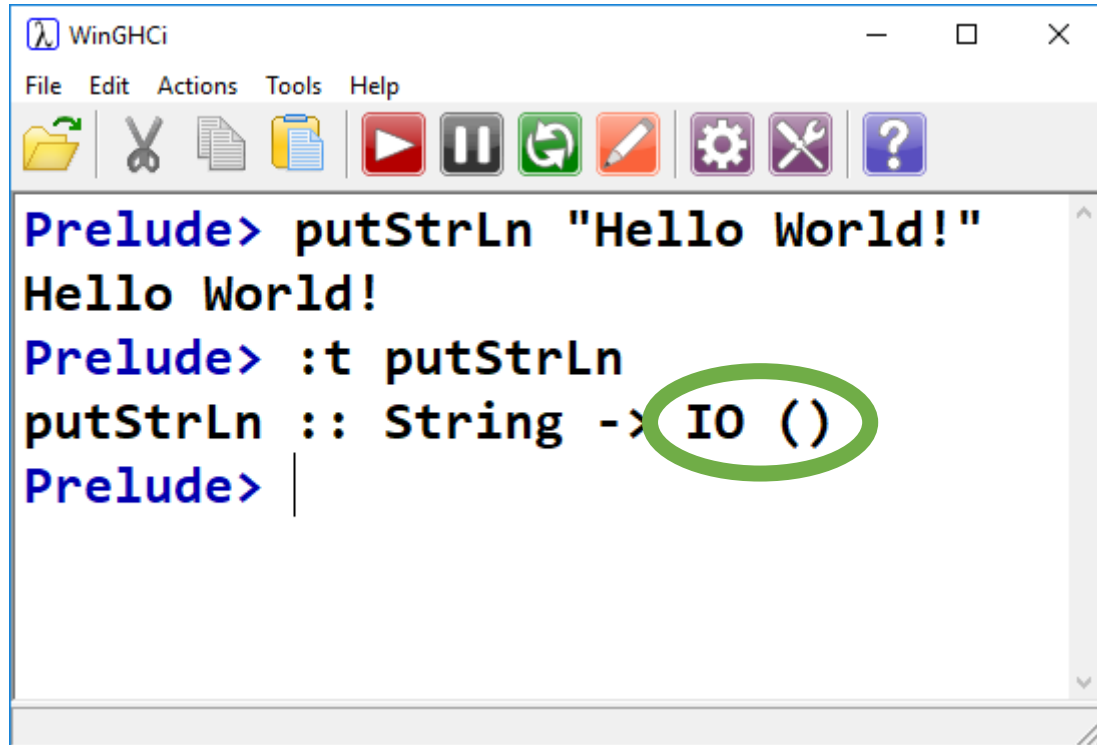- We've already seen an example of this:

Haskell and I/O

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Prelude> putStrLn "Hello World!"
Hello World!
Prelude> :t putStrLn
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
Prelude>
```
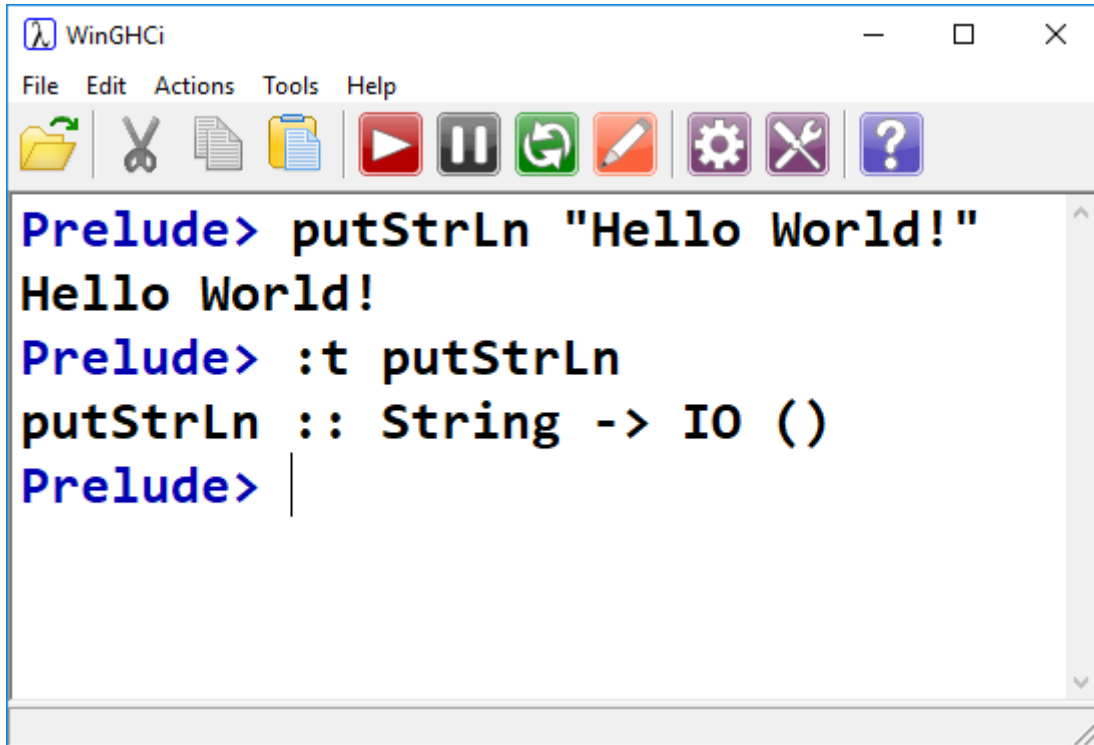
- The actual *act* of printing to the screen does not occur as a result of a function call.
- Printing to the screen is an *action*.
- Actions are **values**, they have a type!
- **putStrLn** accepts a **String** argument.
- What it returns is an action of type **IO()**

Haskell and I/O
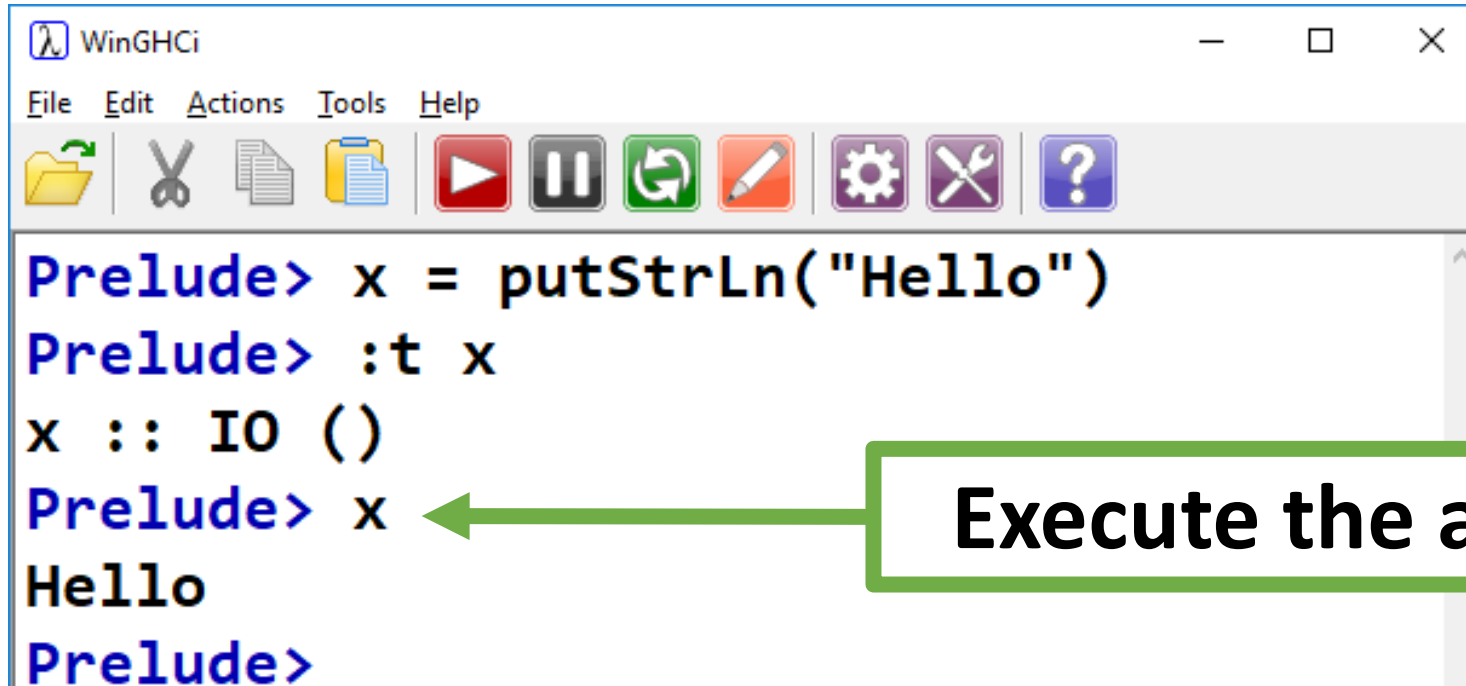
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Prelude> putStrLn "Hello World!"
Hello World!
Prelude> :t putStrLn
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
Prelude>
```

Speaking precisely:
- **putStrLn** is a *function* (no side effects!)
  - Takes a String as an input argument
  - Returns an action, whose type is IO()
- When the IO() action is **_executed_**, it returns ().
- This can be read as an empty tuple.
- The *action,* when executed, produces a side effect.
- The **putStrLn** *function*, strictly speaking, does **not.**

Haskell and I/O
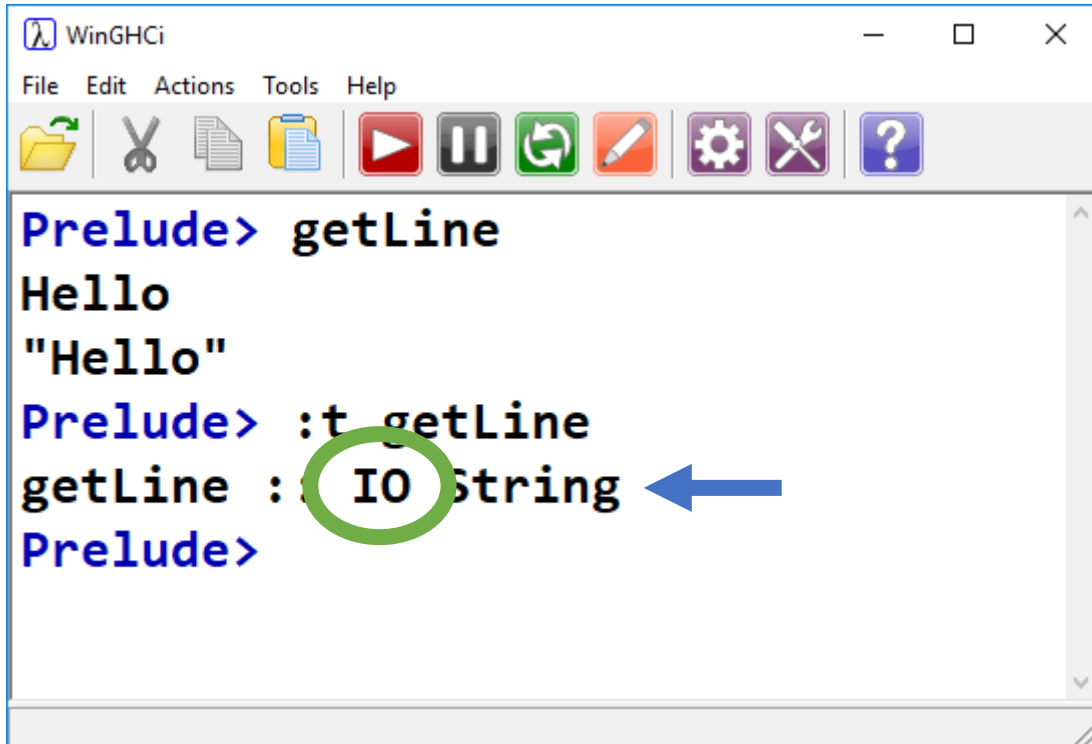

```
Prelude> x = putStrLn("Hello")
Prelude> :t x
x :: IO ()
Prelude> x
Hello
Prelude>
```

Execute the action

- Actions are values, just like strings and numbers.
- They are completely inert – they do not affect the real world until executed.

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Haskell and I/O

- We can also look at `getLine`
- `getLine` returns an IO action also
- It returns a String (IO String vs IO ())
- Ordinary Haskell *evaluation* doesn't cause actions to be executed.
- GHCi will execute actions for us, as seen previously.

Just remember: _actions_ are not _functions_.

Functions are pure. Actions (specifically IO actions), when executed are not.

Functions are _evaluated_, actions are _executed_ or _run_

Actions are values. Actions can be returned by functions or passed as arguments.

Actions have a type. We've seen one so far, **IO**

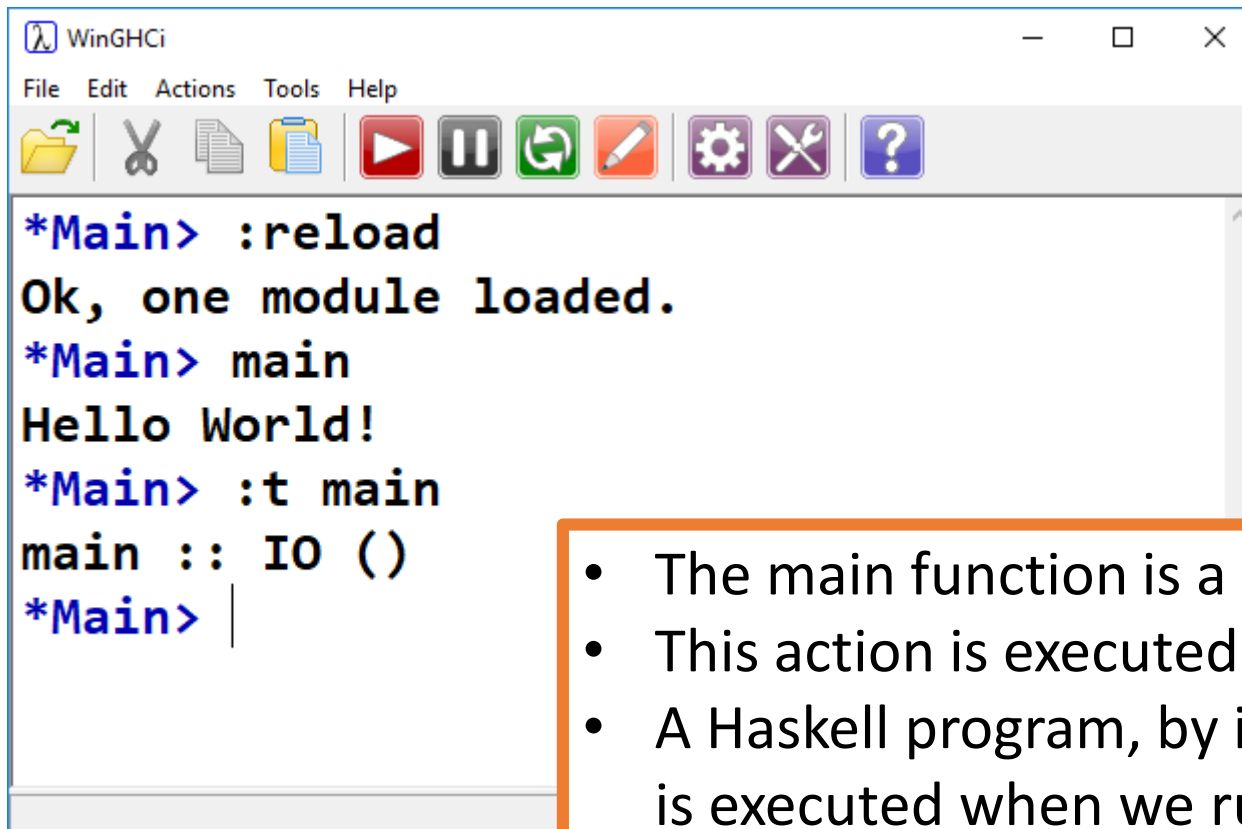Actions can only be executed from within other actions.

A compiled Haskell program begins by executing a
single action – `main::IO()`

https://wiki.haskell.org/Introduction_to_Haskell_IO/Actions
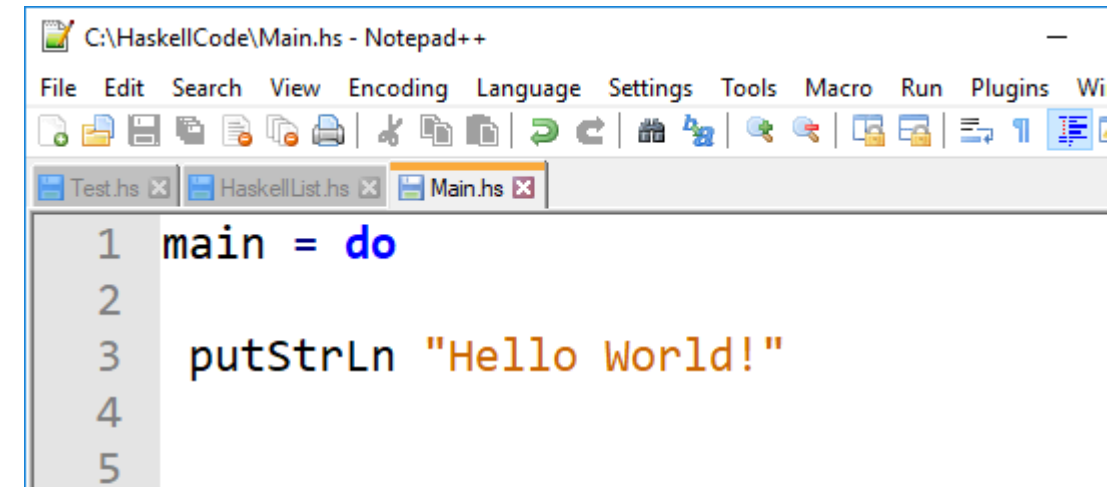
`main::IO()`

Recall: Every compiled Haskell program must have a main function:


```
*Main> :reload
Ok, one module loaded.
*Main> main
Hello World!
*Main> :t main
main :: IO ()
*Main>
```

```
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Test.hs   HaskellList.hs   Main.hs
1   main = do
2
3       putStrLn "Hello World!"
4
5
```

- The main function is a single action
- This action is executed when the program is run.
- A Haskell program, by itself, is a single action that is executed when we run the program.

Staying Grounded

- A Haskell program begins with the execution of a single action (`main::IO()`)
  - Functions that *return* actions are often incorrectly referred to as actions.
- From within this action, any number of additional actions can be executed
- Pure functions can also be called/evaluated from within actions!
- However – actions cannot be executed from within pure functions.
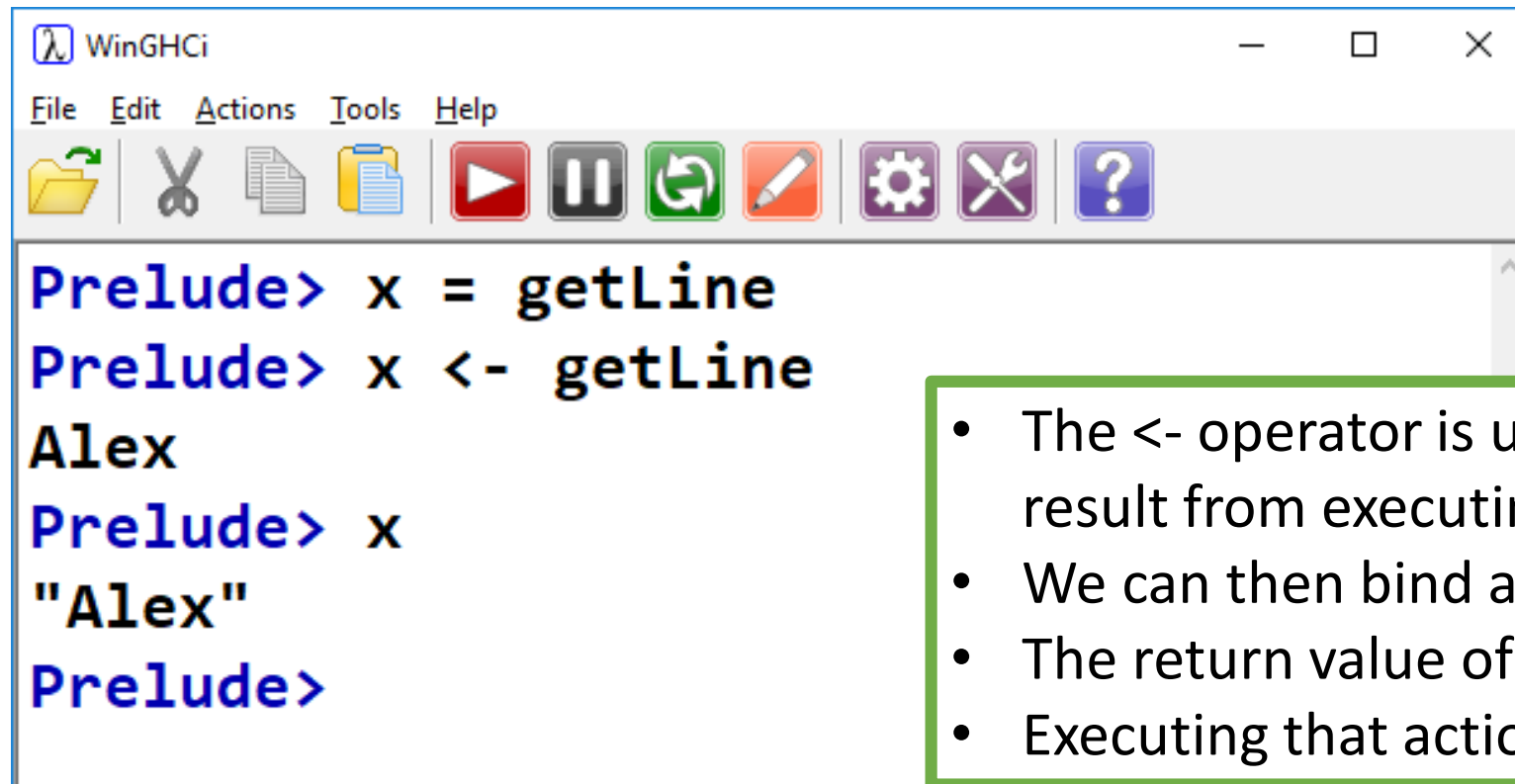- If we try, Haskell will infer the type of the function as an action.

Staying Grounded

- An action can be thought of as a *recipe*
- This recipe (in the case of IO) is a list of instructions that affect the world outside our program.
- *The act of creating this recipe does not have side effects.*
- The recipe can be the output of a pure function.
- Same inputs to the function, same recipe.

IO Actions
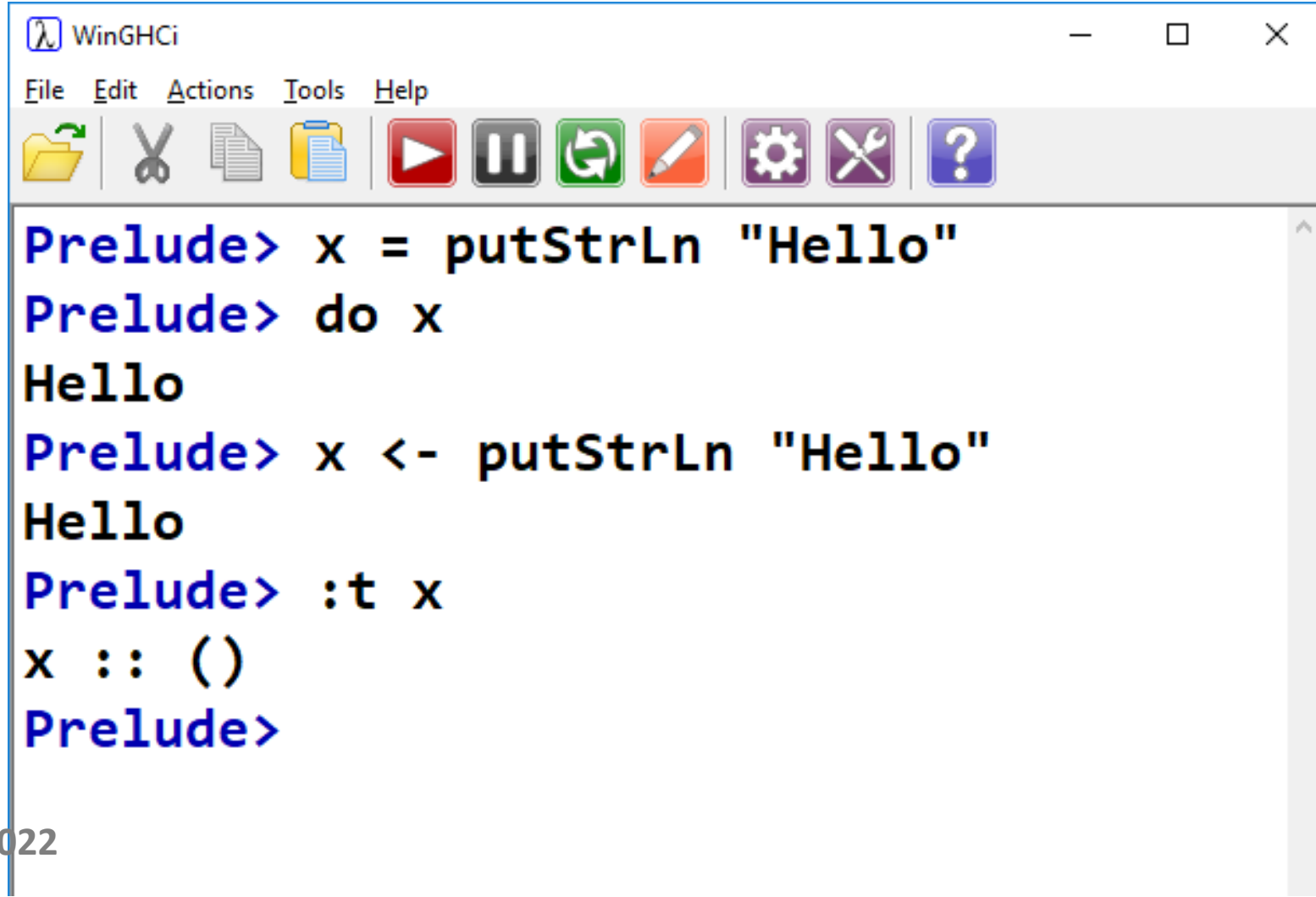
We can use the <- operator to execute:

```
Prelude> x = getLine
Prelude> x <- getLine
Alex
Prelude> x
"Alex"
Prelude>
```

- The <- operator is used to pull out the result from executing an IO action.
- We can then bind a name to it.
- The return value of getLine is an action.
- Executing that action returns a String.
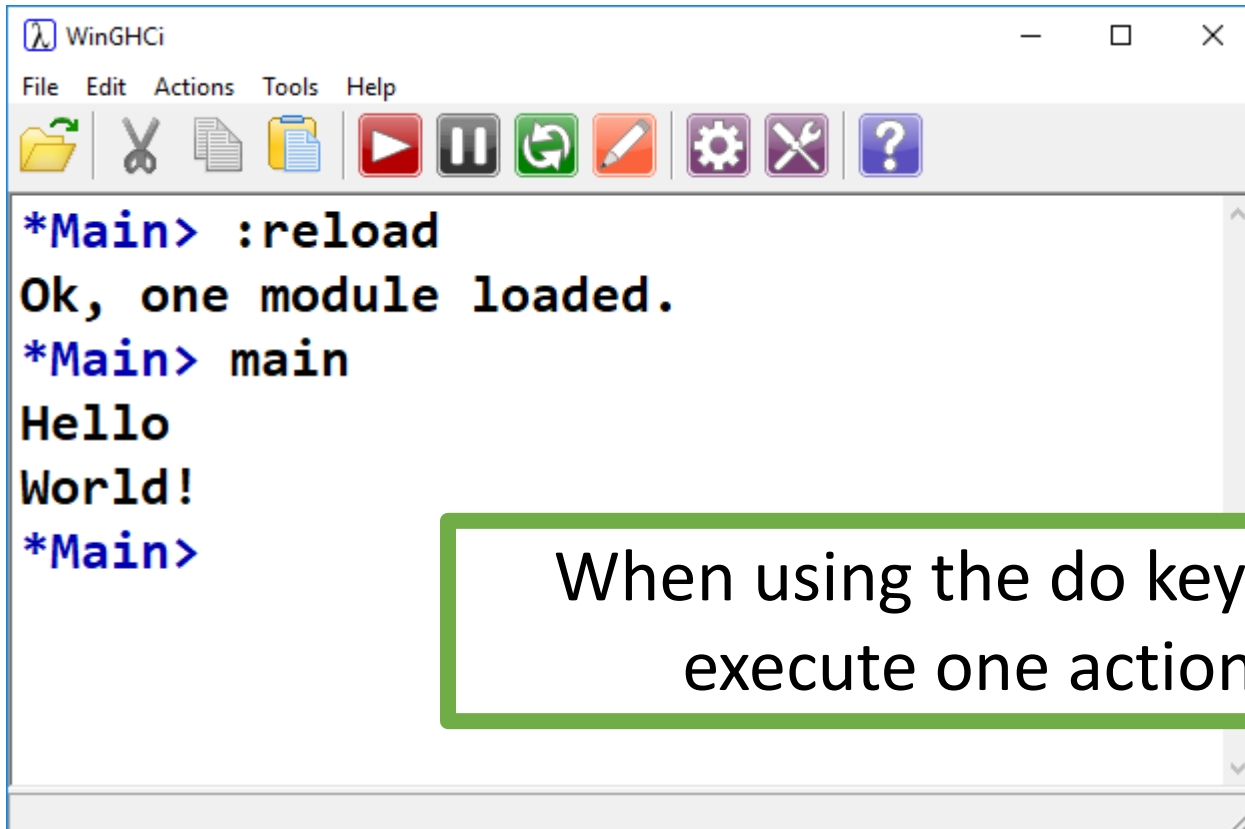
IO Actions

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Prelude> x = putStrLn "Hello"
Prelude> do x
Hello
Prelude> x <- putStrLn "Hello"
Hello
Prelude> :t x
x :: ()
Prelude>
```
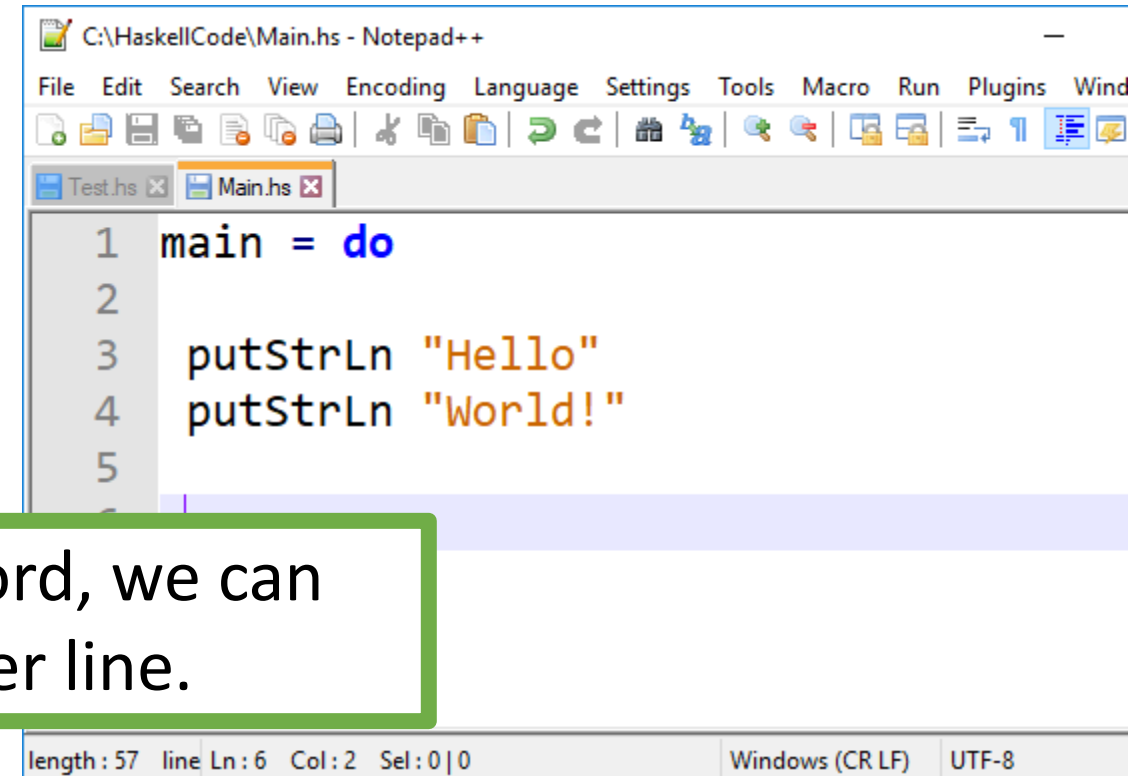
Combining Actions

We can do this using the **do** keyword:


```
*Main> :reload
Ok, one module loaded.
*Main> main
Hello
World!
*Main>
```

```
main = do

    putStrLn "Hello"
    putStrLn "World!"
```

When using the do keyword, we can execute one action per line.

Combining Actions

do is syntactic sugar for **>>**
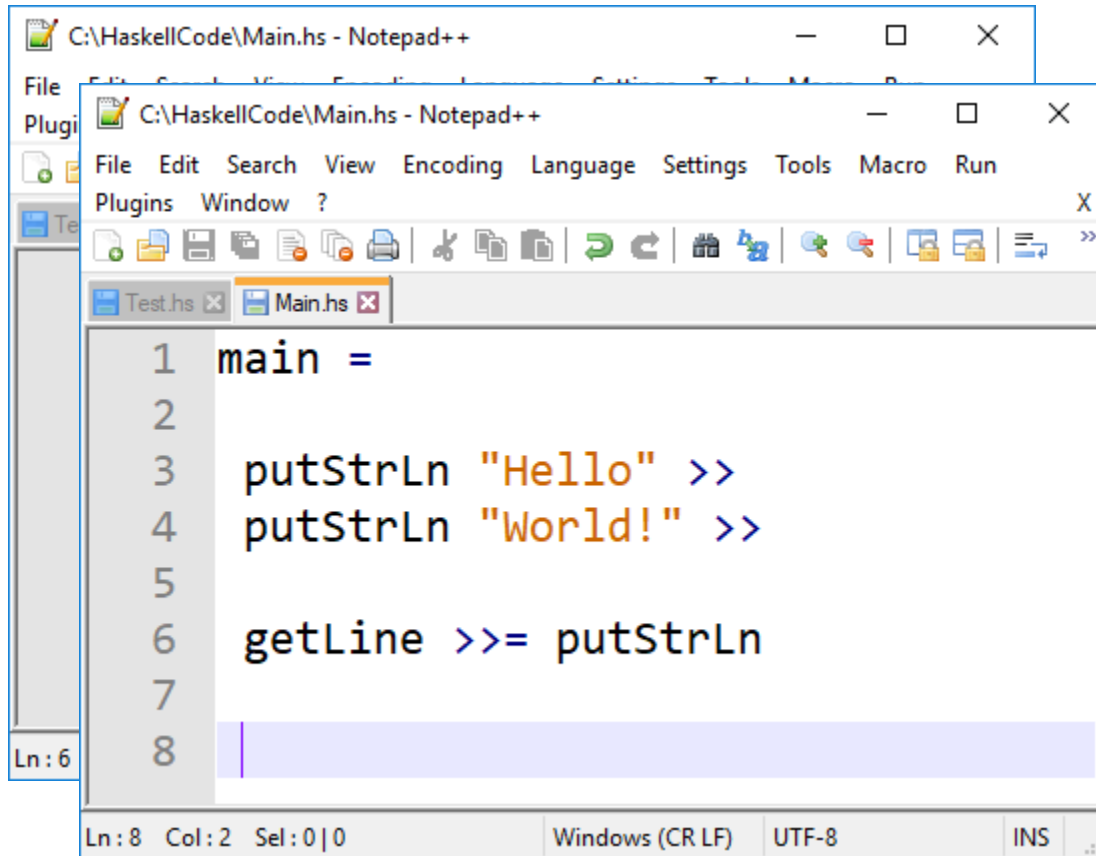
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Test.hs    Main.hs

1  main =
2
3    putStrLn "Hello" >>
4    putStrLn "World!"
5
6

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```

- >> says execute this, then this.
- If the first action produces a result, it is discarded.
- What if we want to use the result?
- Use the >>= operator to pipe the result into the next action.

Combining Actions

do is syntactic sugar for **>>**


```
main =

  putStrLn "Hello" >>
  putStrLn "World!" >>

  getLine >>= putStrLn
```

- >> says execute this, then this.
- If the first action produces a result, it is discarded.
- What if we want to use the result?
- Use the >>= operator to pipe the result into the next action.
- Here, we grab a string using `getLine`, and display it using `putStrLn`
- `getLine` returns an action that produces a string
- `putStrLn` takes string as an argument.

More Complicated


```
1  main =
2  putStrLn "What is your name?"
3  >> getLine
4  >>= \name -> putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ "!")
5
6
```

- Lambda function accepting 1 arg, name
- Received directly from the getLine above

```
*Main> :reload
Ok, one module loaded.
*Main> main
What is your name?
Alex
Hello, Alex!
*Main>
```

Up until now, we've only really seen how to evaluate expressions (and execute actions, though we didn't know that's what we were doing) in GHCi.

Now we're seeing how to write, compile, and execute a complete Haskell program containing *actions*.

Actions & Functions


```
main = do
  putStrLn "Enter a number:"
  numStr <- getLine
  let num = (read numStr::Double)
  putStrLn (show (sqrt num))
```

```
C:\HaskellCode>ghc -o a Main.hs

C:\HaskellCode>a
Enter a number:
100
10.0

C:\HaskellCode>
```

- Use **<-** when binding the result of executing an action
- Use **let** and **=** when binding the result of an expression

Problem?

- We are executing actions in `main`
- Its return type must be an action.
- The value of a "do" block is the value of the last expression evaluated

```haskell
main =  do
 putStrLn "Enter a number:"
 numStr <- getLine
 let num = (read numStr::Double)
 num
 --putStrLn (show (sqrt num))
```

```
Prelude> :reload

main.hs:6:2: error:
    • Couldn't match expected type 'IO b'
 with actual type 'Double'
    • In a stmt of a 'do' block: num
       In the expression:
          do putStrLn "Enter a number:"
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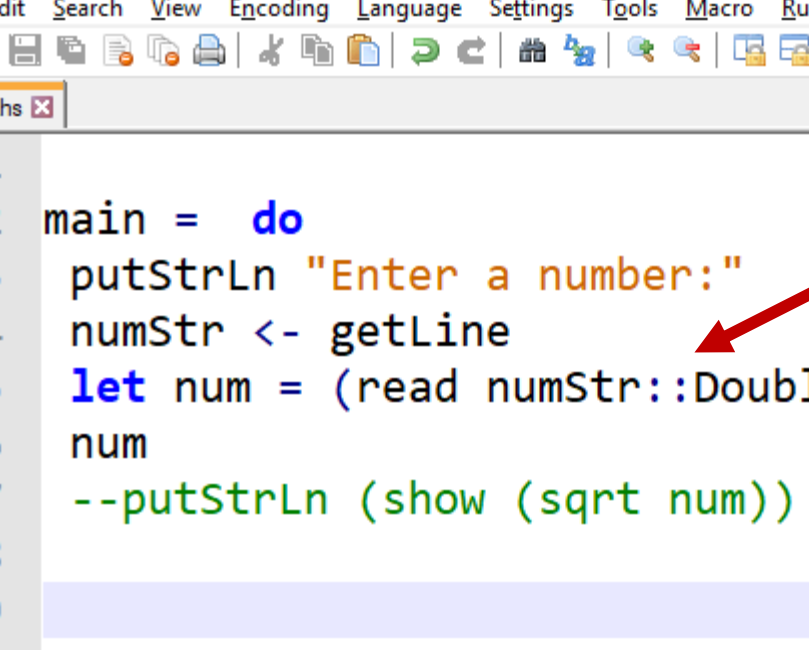
return ()

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Test.hs    Main.hs

1
2   main = do
3    putStrLn "Enter a number:"
4    numStr <- getLine
5    let num = (read numStr::Double)
6    let sq = sqrt num
7    return ()
8
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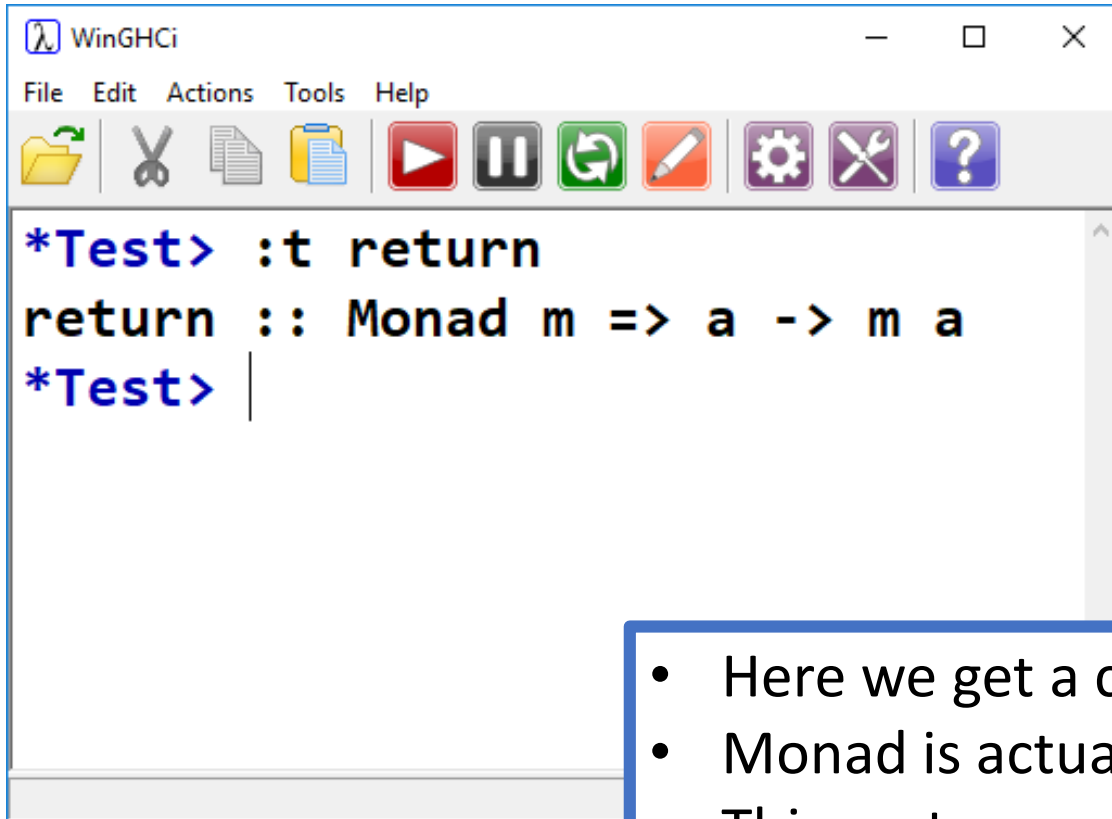
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*Main> :reload
Ok, one module loaded.
*Main>
```
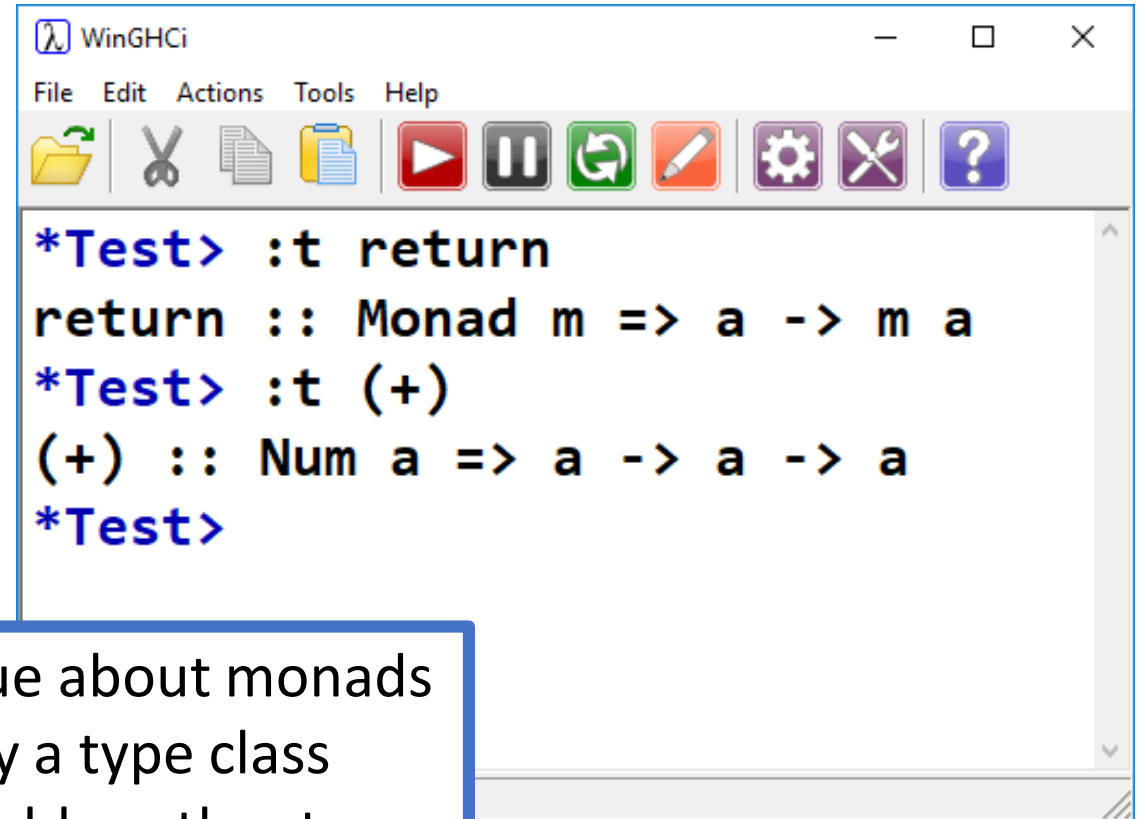
- Return is **NOT** a keyword; it is a function.
- It does not break control flow, or "return" from a function
- It takes a value and creates an *action that produces that value* when executed.
- In this case, an action that produces **()**

Monads & return ()
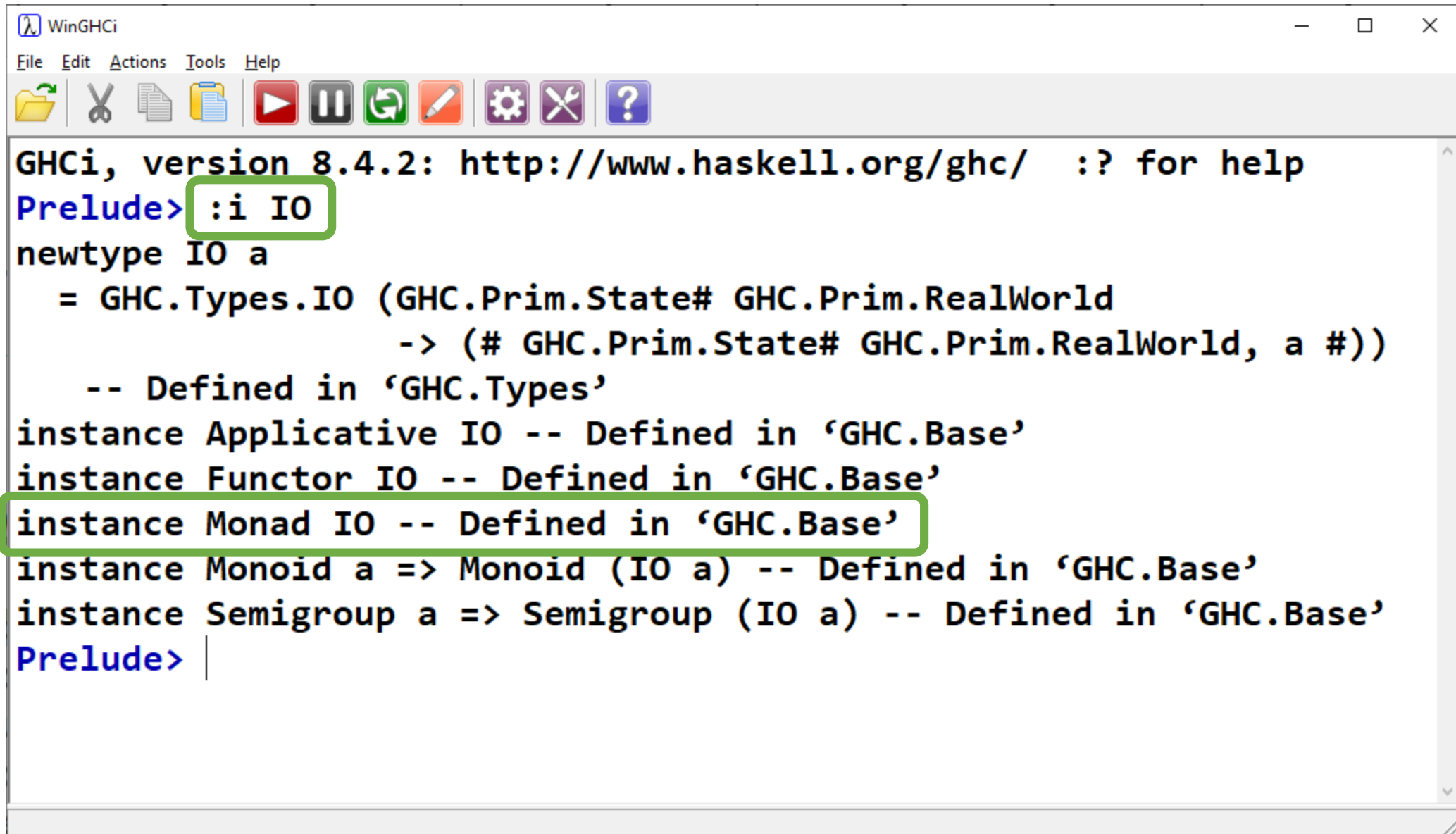
```
*Test> :t return
return :: Monad m => a -> m a
*Test>
```

```
*Test> :t return
return :: Monad m => a -> m a
*Test> :t (+)
(+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a
*Test>
```

- Here we get a clue about monads
- Monad is actually a type class
- This syntax resembles other type classes we've seen.

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Monads

Monad is a typeclass:


```
Prelude> :i Monad
class Applicative m => Monad (m :: * -> *) where
  (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
  (>>) :: m a -> m b -> m b
  return :: a -> m a
  fail :: String -> m a
  {-# MINIMAL (>>=) #-}
    -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
instance Monad (Either e) -- Defined in
instance Monad [] -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
```

We've seen these:
- >>= passes the result on the left into the function on the right.
- >> Ignores the result on the left
- return wraps data in a monad

Monad Jargon

"Monadic"   Pertaining to monads. A monadic type is an instance of type class Monad (IO, for example)

"type xxx is a Monad"   xxx is an instance of type class Monad. xxx implements **>>**, **>>=**, and `return`

"action"   Another name for a monadic value

By the way:
- It turns out that Monads are good for things other than side effect-producing IO.
- We'll see an example coming up.

>>= VS >>

Where the magic happens

>>= Chains actions together. Result of left side is given as input to the right side.

>> Chains actions together. Ignore result of left side.

a >> b **VS** a >>= _ -> b

>> can be defined in terms of >>=

Non-main Example

```
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Test.hs    Main.hs

1  module Test where
2
3    positive = do
4      putStr "Enter a number: "
5      num <- getLine
6      (read num::Double) < 0
7
```

- Function that reads in a number
- Returns true if < zero, false otherwise
- **Problem:** We're creating IO actions
- The return type cannot be Boolean
- It must be IO *something*

```
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Test.hs:7:3: error:
    • Couldn't match expected type 'IO b' with actual type 'Bool'
    • In a stmt of a 'do' block: (read num :: Double) < 0
      In the expression:
        do putStr "Enter a number: "
```

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Non-main Example

What if we still want to get a Boolean back?


```
module Test where

positive = do
 putStr "Enter a number: "
 num <- getLine
 return ((read num::Double) < 0)
```

```
*Test> :t positive
positive :: IO Bool
*Test> x <- positive
Enter a number: 8
*Test> x
False
*Test> :t x
x :: Bool
*Test>
```

Extract the value from the action using <-

- The return type of positive is an IO action.
- When executed, that action produces a Bool

Calling Pure Code

We can still call pure functions from actions:

```haskell
findBigger x y = if x > y then x else y

main = do
 putStrLn "Enter first number:"
 nStr <- getLine
 let num1 = (read nStr::Double)
 putStrLn "Enter second number:"
 nStr <- getLine
 let num2 = (read nStr::Double)
 let big = findBigger num1 num2
 putStrLn ("Larger: " ++ (show big))
```

```
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[1 of 1] Compiling Main              ( Main.
Linking a.exe ...

C:\HaskellCode>a
Enter first number:
4.5
Enter second number:
7.9
Larger: 7.9

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```

Best Practice

Separate pure code into its own functions:

When looking at `main`, Haskell looks rather imperative…

Even at this point, however, Haskell sets itself apart
from imperative languages.

It creates a separate type of programming construct for operations
that produce side effects

We can always be sure of which parts of the code will alter the state
of the world, and which parts won't.

Imperative languages do no such thing, and make no guarantees
whatsoever regarding function purity

Monads

*"The essence of monad is thus **<u>separation of composition timeline</u>** from the composed computation's **<u>execution timeline</u>**, as well as the ability of computation to implicitly **<u>carry extra data</u>**"*

*"This lends monads to supplementing pure calculations with features like **<u>I/O</u>**, common environment, updatable state, etc."*

Not just for I/O! Not just for side effects!

Maybe Monad

Monads were originally introduced for IO operations

It turns out, as a construct, they are useful for modelling other things as well!

For example: exception handling, non-determinism, etc.

Maybe Monad
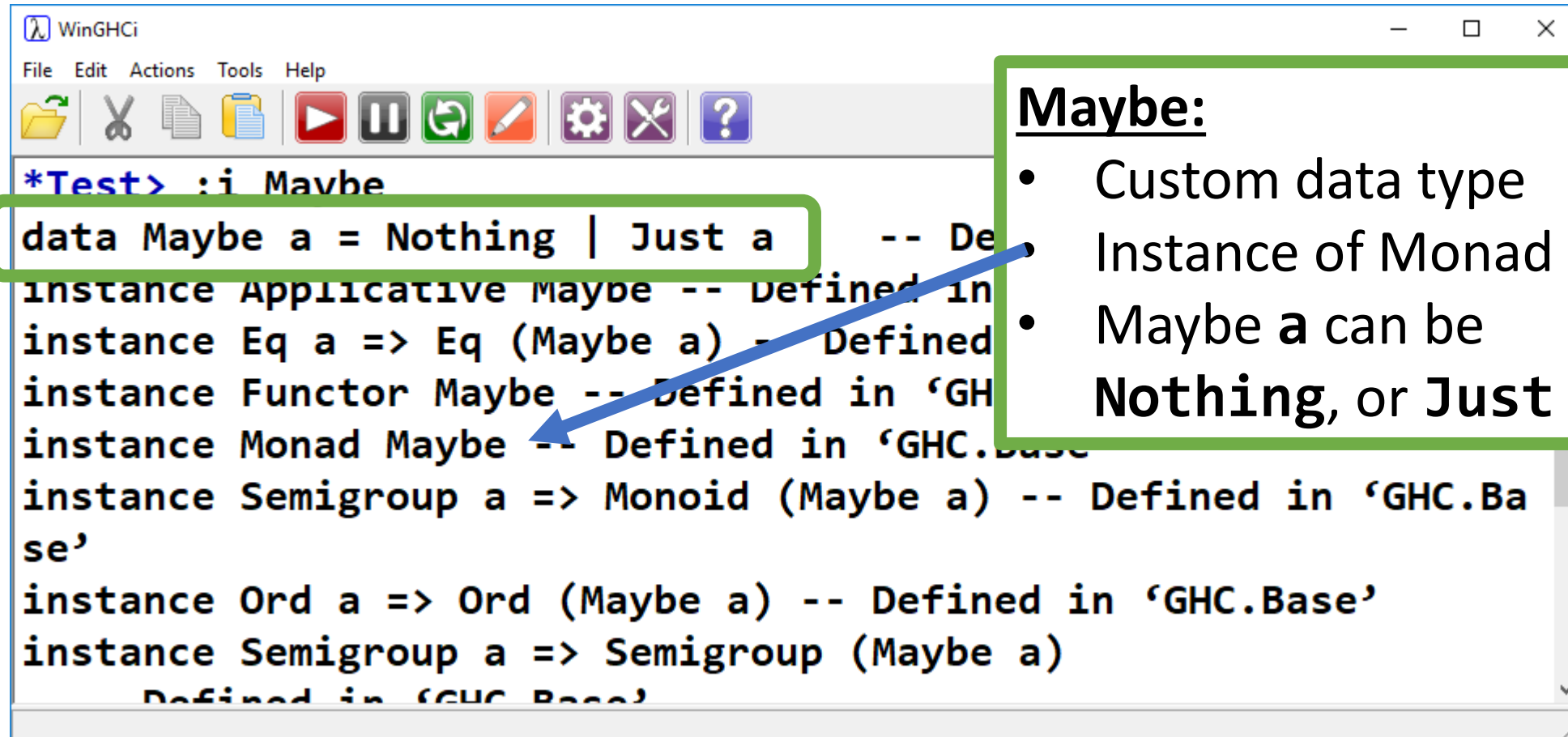
Represents a computation that might not produce a result

Computations that might "go wrong"

For example – calling tail with a list that might be empty

We can use Maybe to create a safety wrapper for functions
that might fail, depending on input.

Maybe Monad

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*Test> :i Maybe
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a        -- De
instance Applicative Maybe -- Defined in
instance Eq a => Eq (Maybe a) -- Defined
instance Functor Maybe -- Defined in 'GH
instance Monad Maybe -- Defined in 'GHC.Base
instance Semigroup a => Monoid (Maybe a) -- Defined in 'GHC.Ba
se'
instance Ord a => Ord (Maybe a) -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
instance Semigroup a => Semigroup (Maybe a)
       Defined in 'GHC Base'
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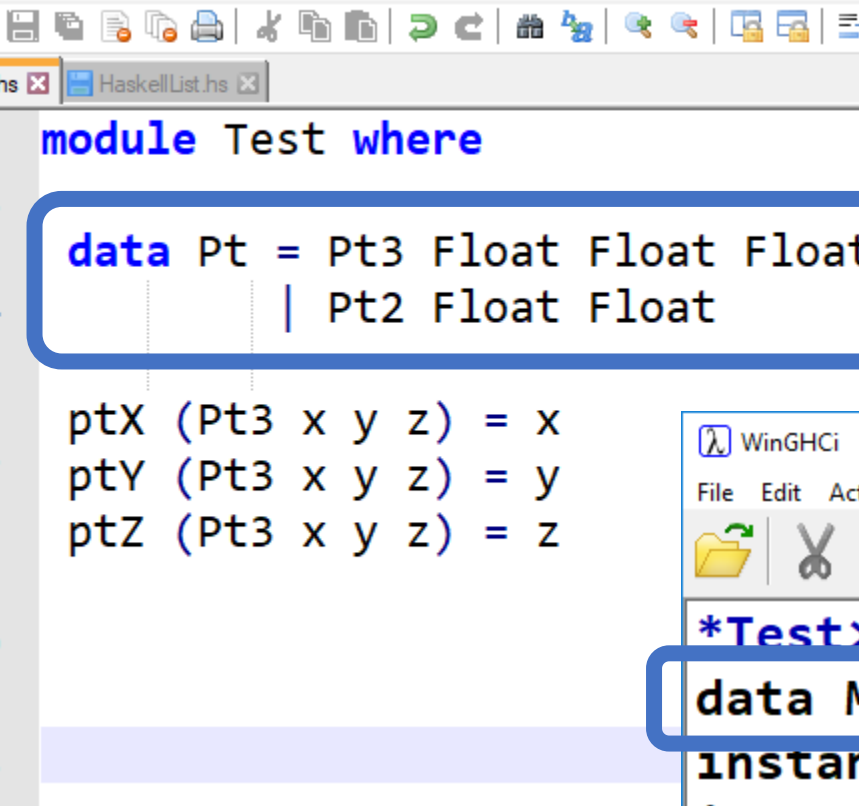
Maybe:
- Custom data type
- Instance of Monad
- Maybe **a** can be **Nothing**, or **Just a**

We've seen this before...

Pt can take the value Pt3 Float Float Float, or Pt2 Float Float

Maybe can take the value Nothing or Just a

```
module Test where

data Pt = Pt3 Float Float Float
        | Pt2 Float Float

ptX (Pt3 x y z) = x
ptY (Pt3 x y z) = y
ptZ (Pt3 x y z) = z
```

```
*Test> :i Maybe
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a    -- Defined in 'GHC.Ba
instance Applicative Maybe -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
instance Eq a => Eq (Maybe a) -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
instance Functor Maybe -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
instance Monad Maybe -- Defined in 'GHC.Base'
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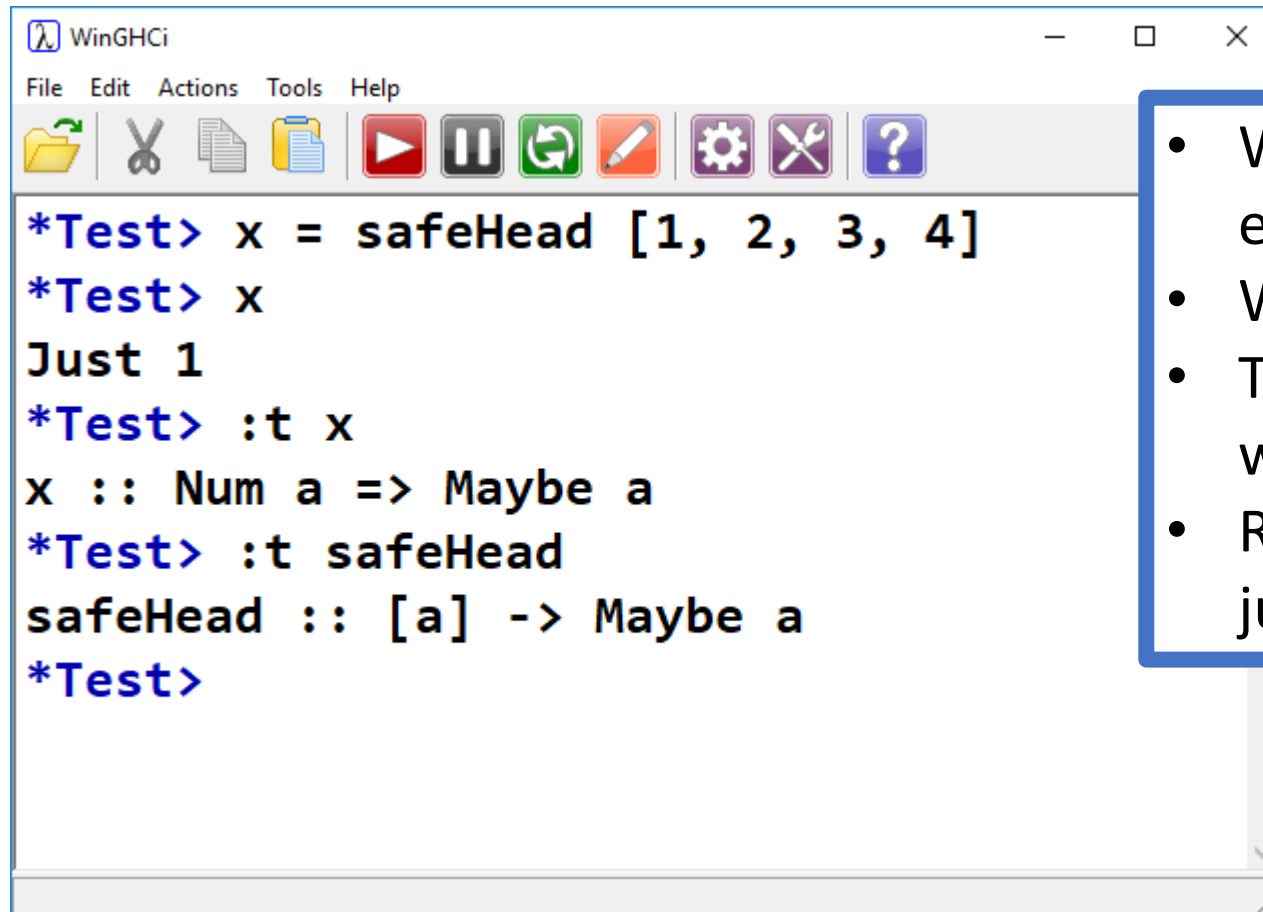
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Maybe Monad

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Main.hs   Test.hs

```haskell
1   module Test where
2
3   safeTail x
4    | (length x > 0) = Just (tail x)
5    | otherwise = Nothing
6
7   safeHead x
8    | (length x > 0) = Just (head x)
9    | otherwise = Nothing
10
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- Define safe functions for head and tail.
  - Using guards - |
- Instead of failing on empty lists, evaluate to `Nothing`.
- If a tail or head can be found, evaluate to `Just head x`, or `Just tail x`
- `Just head? Just tail?`

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Maybe Monad
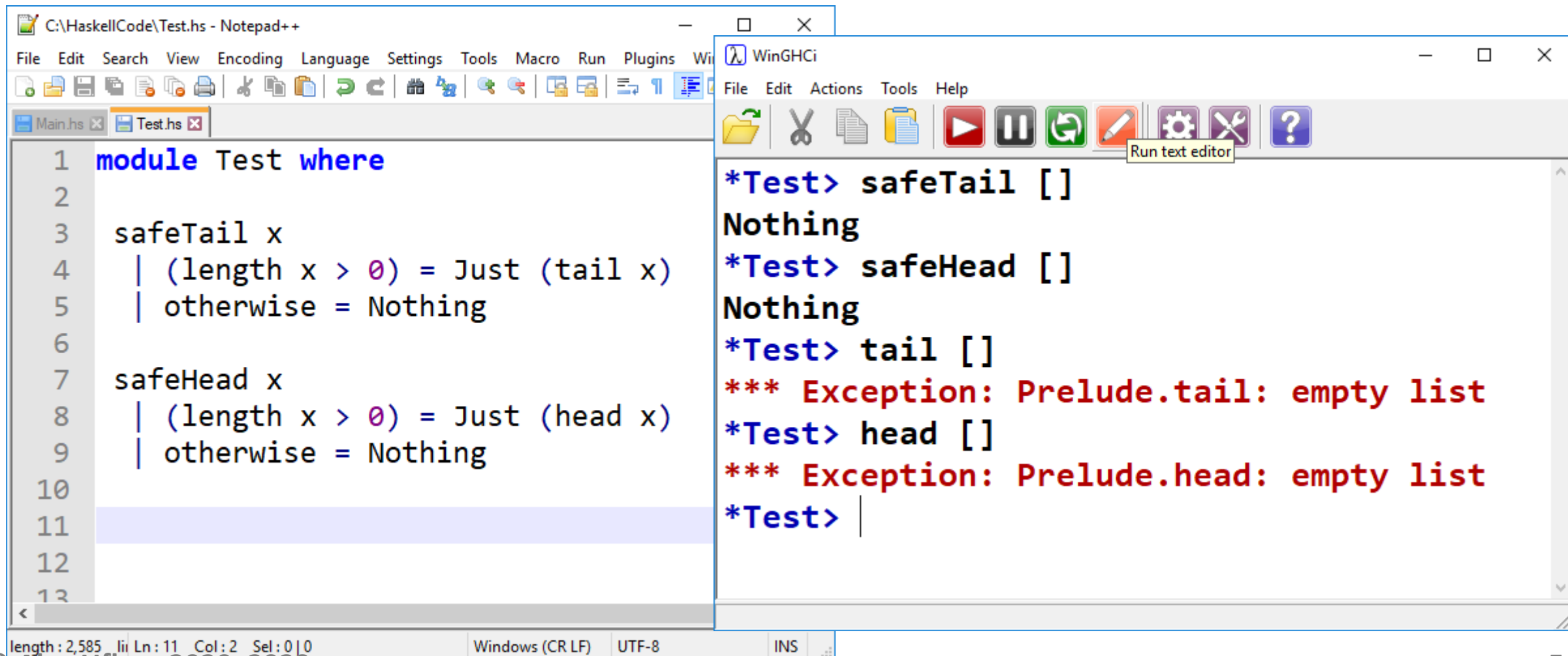

```
*Test> x = safeHead [1, 2, 3, 4]
*Test> x
Just 1
*Test> :t x
x :: Num a => Maybe a
*Test> :t safeHead
safeHead :: [a] -> Maybe a
*Test>
```

- When we call safeHead on a non-empty list, we don't get the head.
- We get *Just head*
- This is the head of the list wrapped in a Maybe monad.
- Remember that Maybe is a type, just like our custom Pt type

Maybe Monad
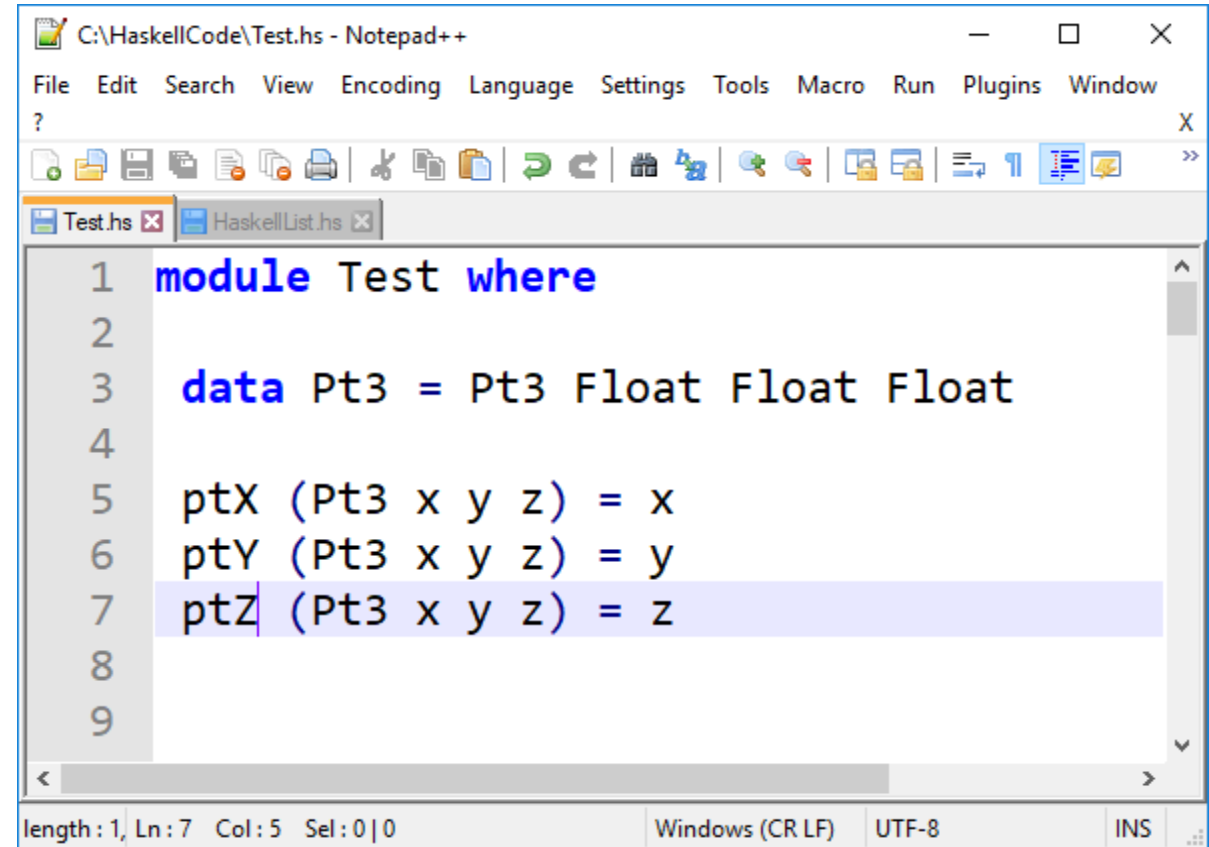
Unwrap Just a?

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```
*Test> x = safeHead [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
*Test> x
Just 1
*Test> y = \(Just a) -> a
*Test> y x
1
*Test>
```

Just like pulling values out of our Pt data type!

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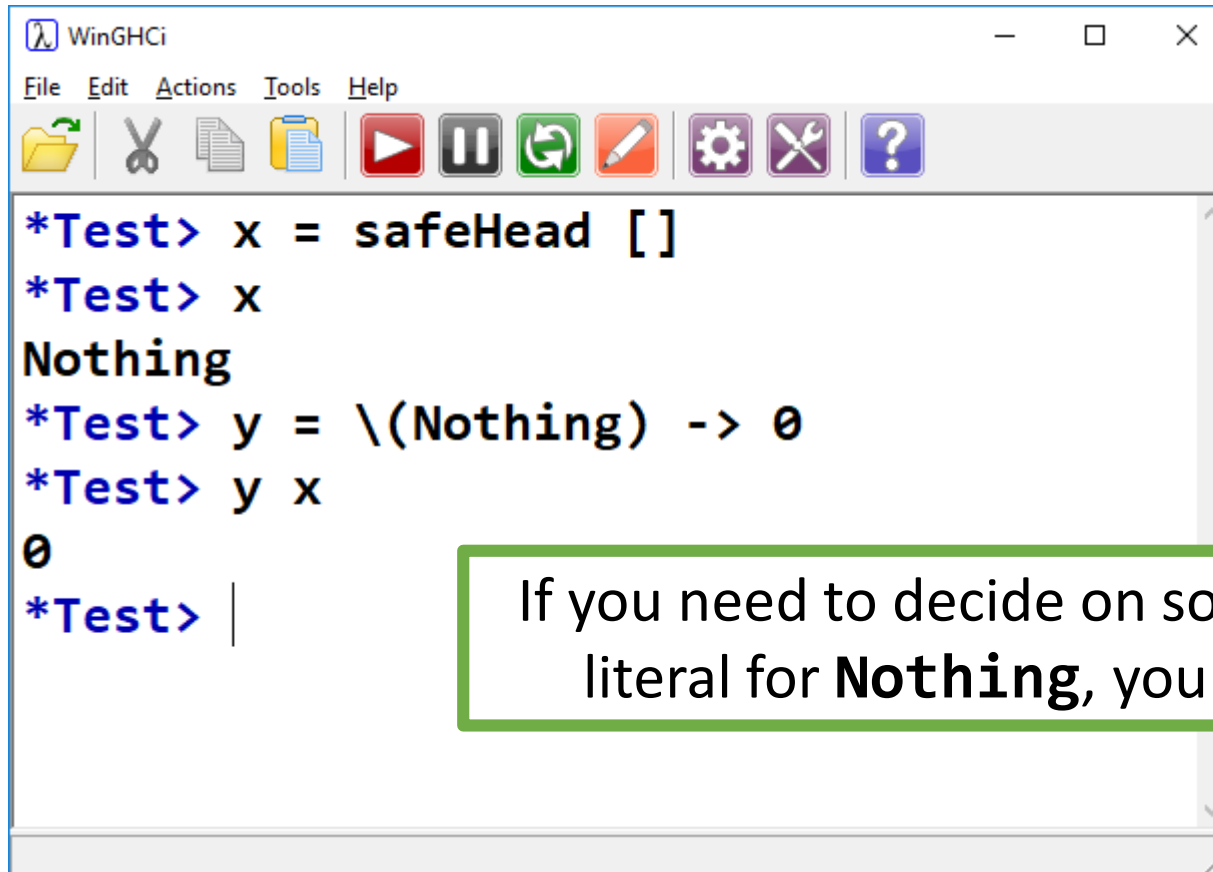
```
1  module Test where
2
3      data Pt3 = Pt3 Float Float Float
4
5      ptX (Pt3 x y z) = x
6      ptY (Pt3 x y z) = y
7      ptZ (Pt3 x y z) = z
8
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```

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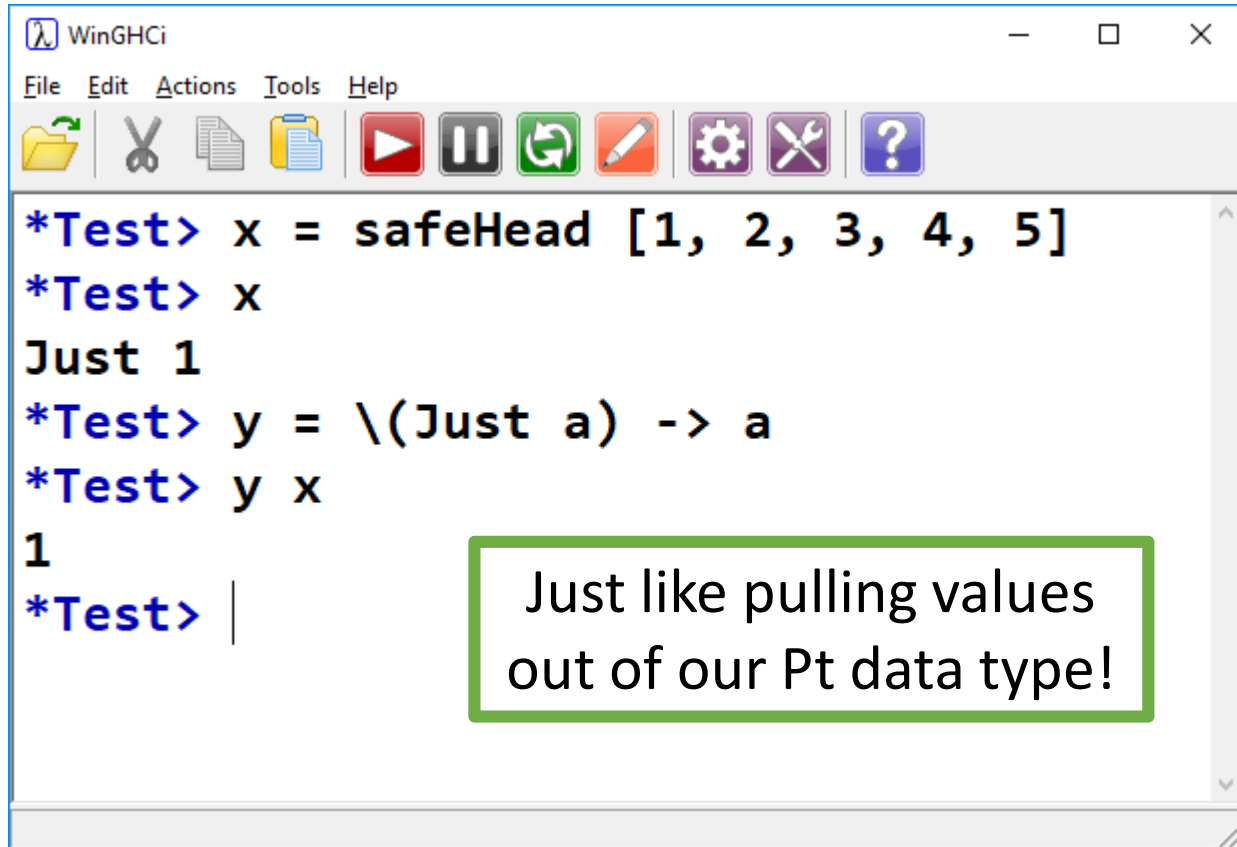
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```haskell
module Test where

safeTail x
  | (length x > 0) = Just (tail x)
  | otherwise = Nothing

safeHead x
  | (length x > 0) = Just (head x)
  | otherwise = Nothing

getMaybeVal (Just a) = a
```

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```
*Test> x = safeHead [8, 6, 4]
*Test> y = safeTail [8, 6, 4]
*Test> getMaybeVal x
8
*Test> getMaybeVal y
[6,4]
*Test> :t getMaybeVal
getMaybeVal :: Maybe a -> a
*Test>
```
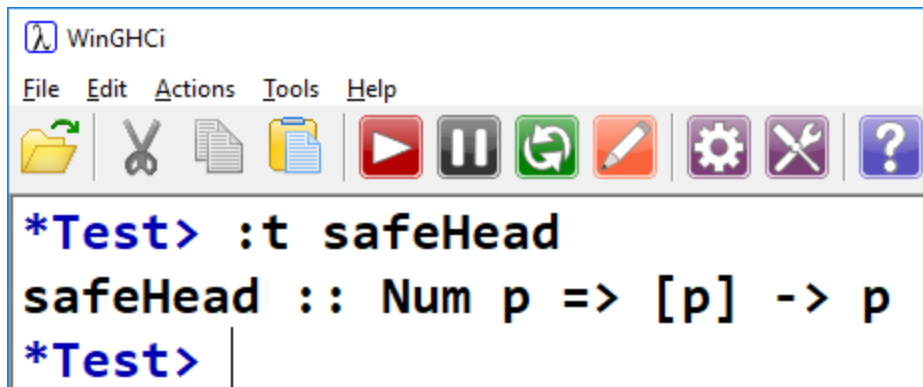
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Unwrap *Nothing*?


```
*Test> x = safeHead []
*Test> x
Nothing
*Test> y = \(Nothing) -> 0
*Test> y x
0
*Test> |
```

If you need to decide on some numeric literal for **Nothing**, you can do so

Why Not This?

```
safeHead x
    | (length x > 0) = head x
    | otherwise = 0
```

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```
*Test> :t safeHead
safeHead :: Num p => [p] -> p
*Test>
```

Zero as error code
- What if head of list is *actually* 0?
- Static typing means list passed to safeHead can only be instance of Num!
- **Just** can contain anything
- **Nothing** is useful as an "error" value

Using Maybe

Maybe can make code safer by gracefully dealing with failure.

Should we use Maybe for everything?

No. Not everything has a chance to fail. Wrapping the return type of (x > y) in Maybe only serves to obfuscate your code.

Consider a Lookup Table
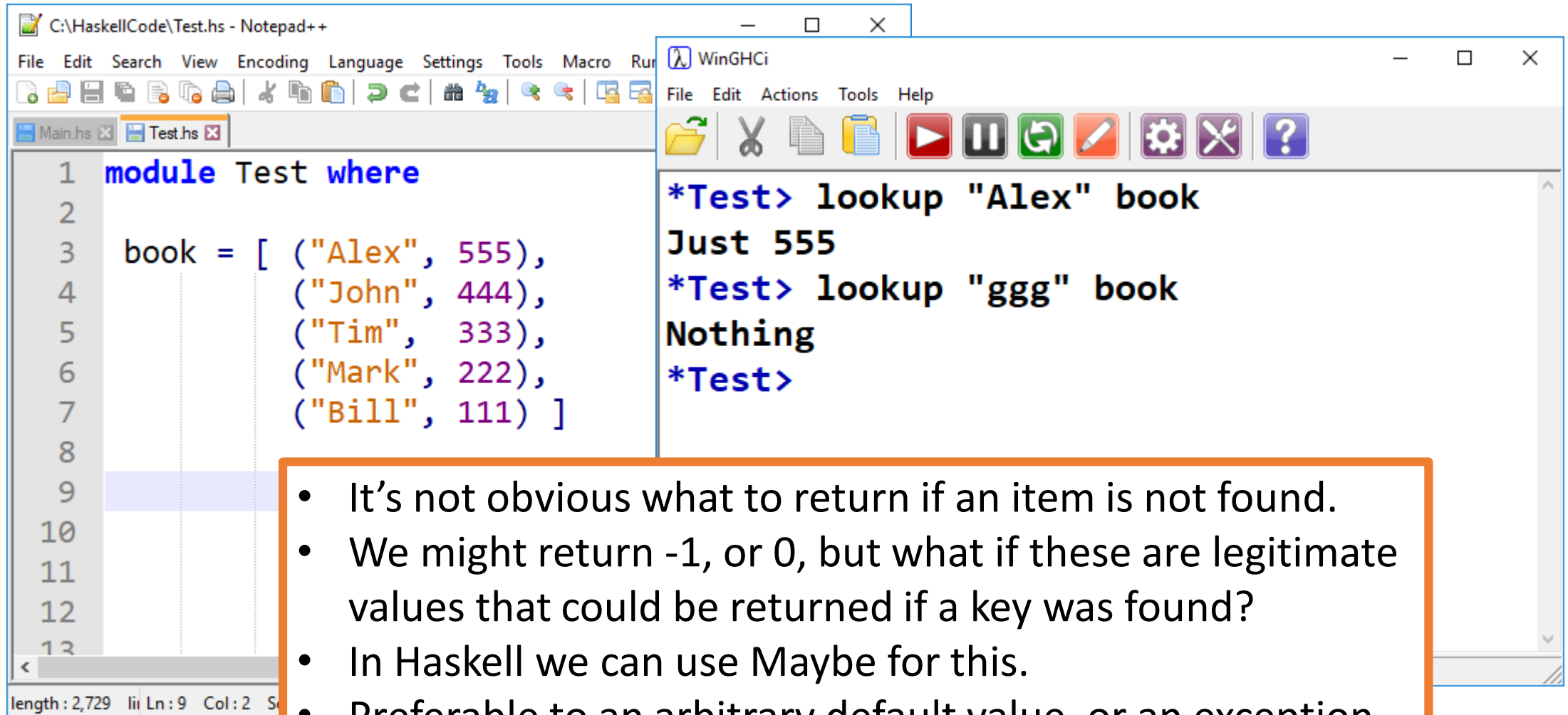
We have a list of tuple pairs:

```
book = [ ("Alex", 555),
         ("John", 444),
         ("Tim",  333),
         ("Mark", 222),
         ("Bill", 111)  ]
```

- We want to search the table for a name
- If found, return its number
- If not found, return…. ?

Use `lookup`

```
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Main.hs    Test.hs

1  module Test where
2
3  book = [ ("Alex", 555),
4           ("John", 444),
5           ("Tim",  333),
6           ("Mark", 222),
7           ("Bill", 111) ]
8
9
10
11
12
13

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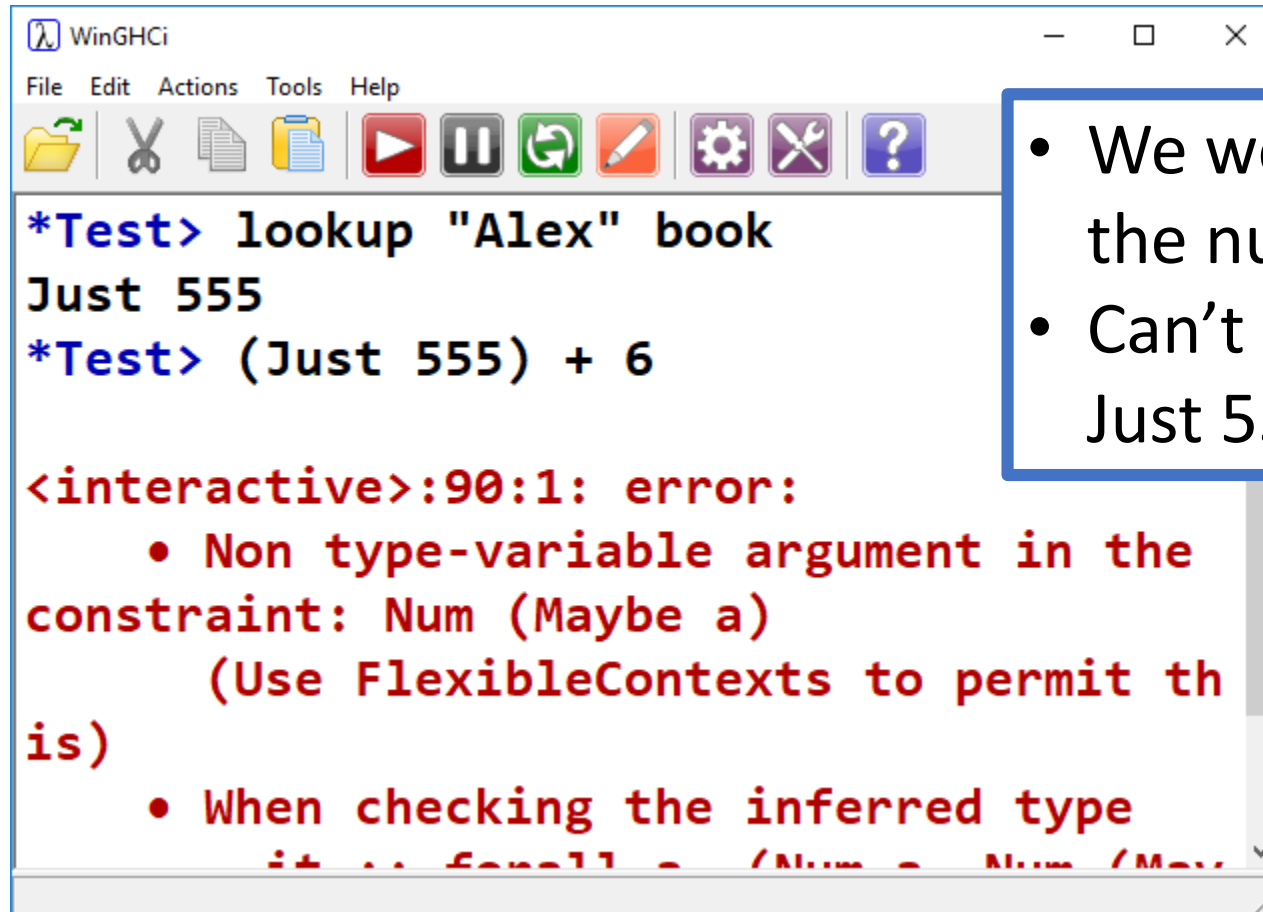
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*Test> lookup "Alex" book
Just 555
*Test> lookup "ggg" book
Nothing
*Test>
```

- It's not obvious what to return if an item is not found.
- We might return -1, or 0, but what if these are legitimate values that could be returned if a key was found?
- In Haskell we can use Maybe for this.
- Preferable to an arbitrary default value, or an exception.

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Just 555 VS 555
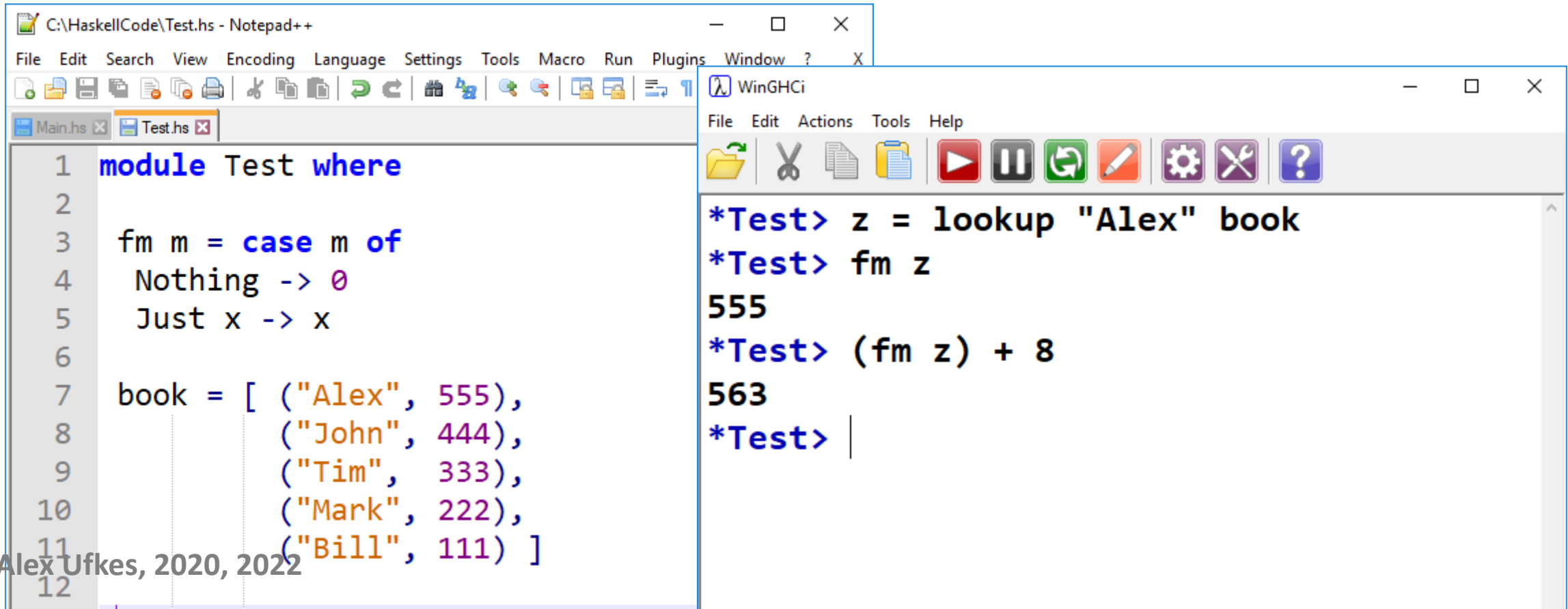
```
*Test> lookup "Alex" book
Just 555
*Test> (Just 555) + 6

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    • Non type-variable argument in the
constraint: Num (Maybe a)
      (Use FlexibleContexts to permit th
is)
    • When checking the inferred type
```

- We would like to extract the numeric value 555
- Can't do arithmetic on Just 555, for example.

Just 555 VS 555

If we have a **Just** value, we can see its contents and
extract through pattern matching


```
module Test where

fm m = case m of
  Nothing -> 0
  Just x -> x

book = [ ("Alex", 555),
         ("John", 444),
         ("Tim",  333),
         ("Mark", 222),
         ("Bill", 111) ]
```

```
*Test> z = lookup "Alex" book
*Test> fm z
555
*Test> (fm z) + 8
563
*Test>
```

Use `lookup`

```
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Test.hs    Main.hs

10      Nothing -> 0
11      Just x -> x
12
13   book1 = [ ("Alex", 555), ("John", 444),
14           ("Tim",  333), ("Mark", 222) ]
15
16   book2 = [ (555, 1), (444, 2),
17           (333, 3), (111, 4) ]
18
19   book3 = [ (1, "First"), (2, "Second"),
20           (5, "Third"), (4, "Fourth") ]
21
22
23
```

- Value from book1 is the key to book2
- Value of book2 is the key to book3
- We want the value from book3

- Not every value in book1 corresponds to a key in book2.
- Not every value in book2 corresponds to a key in book3
- There are several ways a lookup could fail

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```haskell
module Test where

getPlace :: String -> Maybe String
getPlace name = do
  code <- lookup name book1
  num <- lookup code book2
  lookup num book3

fm m = case m of
  Nothing -> ""
  Just x -> x

book1 = [ ("Alex", 555), ("John", 444),
          ("Tim",  333), ("Mark", 222) ]

book2 = [ (555, 1), (444, 2),
          (333, 3), (111, 4) ]

book3 = [ (1, "First"), (2, "Second"),
          (5, "Third"), (4, "Fourth") ]
```

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- What happens if lookup fails to find a match?
- We saw that it returns **Nothing**
- What happens if we try to lookup **Nothing**?

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```
*Test> :t getPlace
getPlace :: String -> Maybe String
*Test> getPlace "Alex"
Just "First"
*Test> getPlace "Tim"
Nothing
*Test> getPlace "Mark"
Nothing
*Test> fm (getPlace "Alex")
"First"
*Test>
```
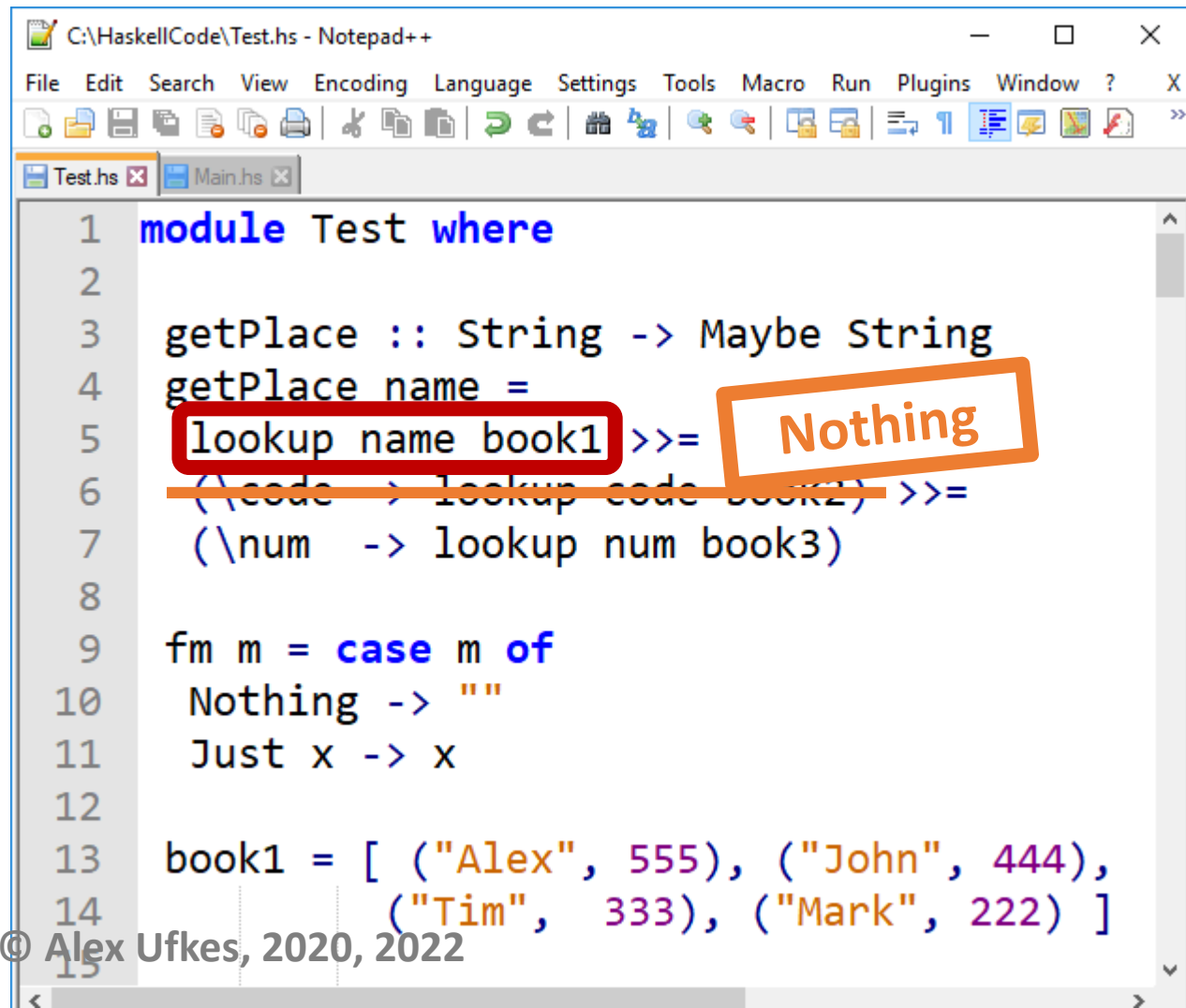
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Cascading Failure


```haskell
module Test where

getPlace :: String -> Maybe String
getPlace name = do
  code <- lookup name book1
  num <- lookup code book2
  lookup num book3

fm m = case m of
  Nothing -> ""
  Just x -> x

book1 = [ ("Alex", 555), ("John", 444),
          ("Tim",  333), ("Mark", 222) ]
```

Is the same as:

```haskell
module Test where

getPlace :: String -> Maybe String
getPlace name =
  lookup name book1 >>=
  (\code -> lookup code book2) >>=
  (\num  -> lookup num book3)

fm m = case m of
  Nothing -> ""
  Just x -> x

book1 = [ ("Alex", 555), ("John", 444),
          ("Tim",  333), ("Mark", 222) ]
```

Cascading Failure

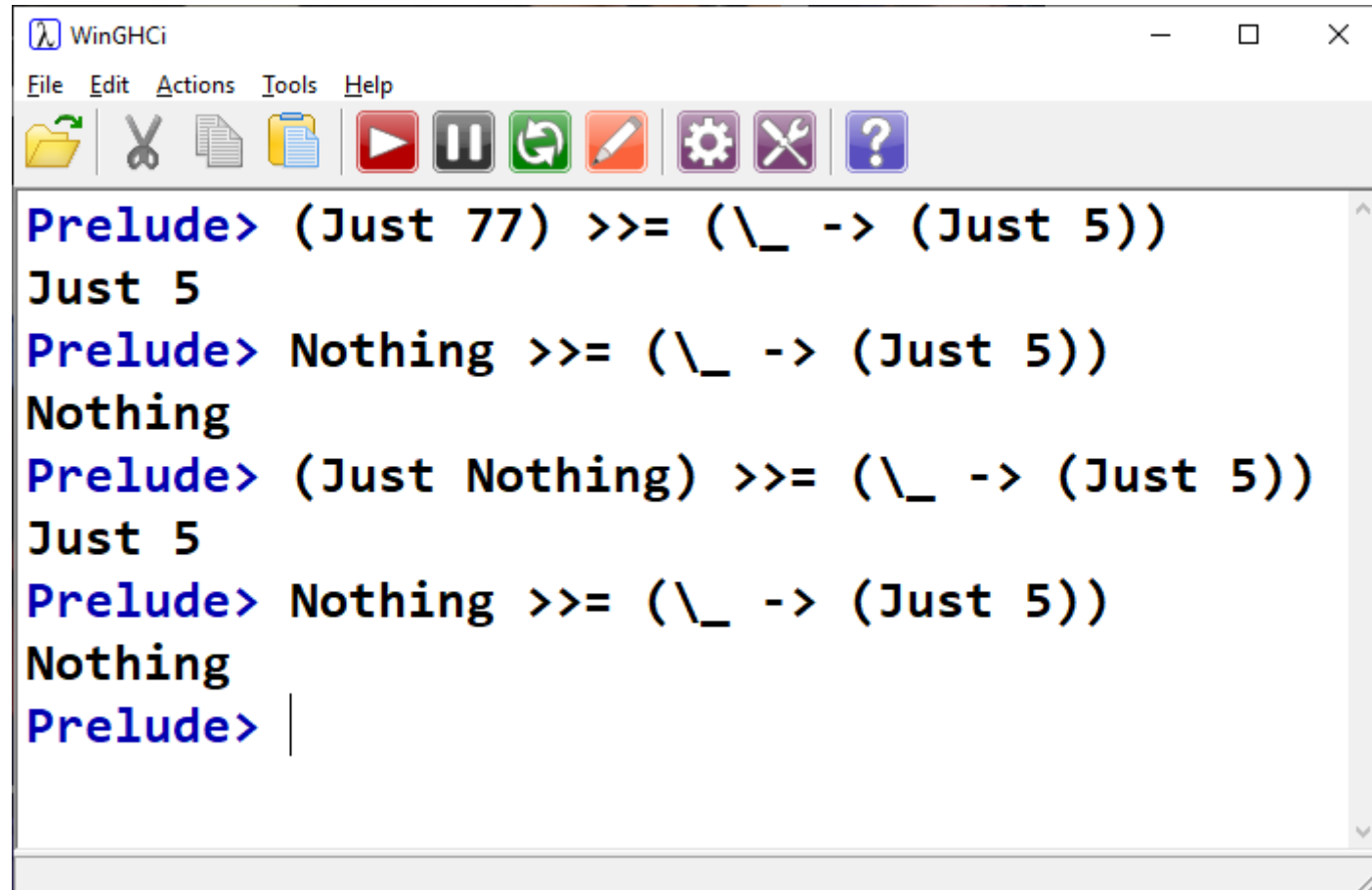

```
module Test where

getPlace :: String -> Maybe String
getPlace name =
  lookup name book1 >>= Nothing
  (\code -> lookup code book2) >>=
  (\num  -> lookup num book3)

fm m = case m of
  Nothing -> ""
  Just x -> x

book1 = [ ("Alex", 555), ("John", 444),
          ("Tim",  333), ("Mark", 222) ]
```

- When the first argument to (>>=) is **Nothing**, it just returns **Nothing** while ignoring the given function
- This causes failure to cascade
- If the first lookup fails, **Nothing** is passed into the second >>=.
- The failure then cascades into the third >>=, and is returned.
- After the first **Nothing**, subsequent >>= pass **Nothing** to each other

When the first argument to (>>=) is **Nothing**, *it just returns* **Nothing** *while ignoring the given function*


```
Prelude> (Just 77) >>= (\_ -> (Just 5))
Just 5
Prelude> Nothing >>= (\_ -> (Just 5))
Nothing
Prelude> (Just Nothing) >>= (\_ -> (Just 5))
Just 5
Prelude> Nothing >>= (\_ -> (Just 5))
Nothing
Prelude>
```

Moving on...

...to imperative.

Rust is an imperative language. However, we'll see many cool features that remind us of the functional languages we've seen.