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Exercise 1: Guessing Numbers

[8 Points]

With monads, we finally have the tools to express and combine computations which perform I/O. We will implement a simple interactive application. The interaction is defined by the following rules:

- 1. The computer picks a random number between 1 and 2^{10} .
- 2. The *player* has 13 attempts to guess the right number.
- 3. After every wrong guess, the computer tells whether the guessed number was too small or too large.
- 4. If the player can not guess the correct number in 13 attempts, he loses and the computer makes fun of him/her.
- 5. If the player manages to guess the correct number, he/she wins the game.

Open Guess.hs and complete the missing function definitions to implement the game according to the rules described above:

- Function prompt :: 10 Int Ask the player for a guess. Parse his input string (use function Text.Read.readMaybe). If the input is invalid, ask again until a valid input is provided. Otherwise return the guessed number. A basic example how to use I/O combinators getLine and putStrLn is given below.
- Function hint :: Int → Int → I0 () Given a target number and a guess, print a hint to the player whether his guess is to small, to large or correct.
- Function gameLoop:: Guess Bool Interact with the player and finally return whether the player won or not. Ask the player for a guess. If he is correct or is out of attempts, end the game. Otherwise enter the loop again.
- Function main :: IO () Pick a random number (use function System.Random.randomRIO¹) and enter the game loop with an initial GameState.

Example interactions in GHCi:

```
*Guess> main
Guess a number:
invalid
Guess a number:
512
Your guess is too large!
Guess a number:
42
You won within 2 attempts.
*Guess> main
Guess a number:
Your guess is too small!
Guess a number:
Your guess is too small!
[...]
Guess a number:
Your guess is too small!
You ran out of attempts.
```

Example how to use basic I/O combinators, namely getLine and putStrLn (you can also find it in io-example.hs):

```
check :: String → String → IO Bool
   check q a = putStrLn (q ++ "Wait...") >>
               return (a = "42")
   main :: 10 ()
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   main =
     putStrLn "Please give a question:" >>>
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     getLine >>= \q →
     putStrLn "And an answer:" >>>
     getLine >>= \a →
     if last q = '?'
       then check q a >>= \res →
              putStrLn $ "Your answer is " ++ show res
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       else putStrLn "Your question should end with an ?. Retry!" >>
             main
```

 $^{^{1}}$ To import System.Random you may have to install package random first: cabal install -lib random or stack install random

Consider the following (incomplete) type of expressions over integers and booleans. The complete code can be found in module **Eval**.

The language supports *let*-bindings (Let) and variable references (Var). In a term Let [("x", x)] e, expression e is evaluated in an **environment** in which the name "x" is bound to the result of expression x. The following term represents the computation 42^2 .

```
Let ("x", Lit $ IntV 42) (AppInt Mul (Var "x") (Var "x"))
```

During evaluation of terms, a number of things might go wrong, causing the evaluation to **fail**. We might encounter division by zero, ill-typed expressions (e.g. Mul applied to booleans), or references to unbound variables.

We could define an evaluation function which passes an environment explicitly and wraps its result in Maybe to account for failing evaluations. However, doing all this manually quickly proves tedious and verbose. Instead, we will define an evaluation monad which provides for both requirements (passing an environment, and possibility to fail).

An environment type Env = [(String, Val)] is a mapping from variable names to values. An evaluation of expressions (Expr) in such an environment can be modeled by a function of type $Env \rightarrow Val$, *i.e.* a function that receives an environment and returns a value, which is based on the variable bindings of the environment. Since the evaluation in the environment might fail, we enhance the return type to $Env \rightarrow Maybe Val$. Extending the idea to any evaluations in the context of an environment (not only of return type Val), we define the data type Eval as follows:

```
1 |-- | Evaluation in an environment.
2 | newtype Eval a = E { runEval :: Env → Maybe a }
```

- 1. Before approaching the monadic aspect, we will define a few helper functions for expression evaluation.
 - (a) Define a function lookupEnv :: String → Eval Val that looks up a variable name in the environment. Example:

```
1 > runEval (lookupEnv "x") [("x", IntV 1)]
2 Just (IntV 1)
```

(b) Define a function local :: (Env → Env) → Eval Val → Eval Val that evaluates an expression in a modified environment. local f m modifies the environment using function f and runs the expression evaluation m in the modified environment.

Example:

```
> runEval (local (const [("x", IntV 2)]) $ lookupEnv "x") [("x", IntV 1)]

Just (IntV 2)
```

2. Now the interesting part: Make the type Eval an instance of Monad, i.e.

```
1 | instance Monad Eval where
2 | return = ...
3 | (>>=) = ...
```

Implementing the (>>=) method is not trivial. You should expect to need some time to figure out how things need to be combined. We strongly recommend that you use the types of return and >>= in the Eval monad to let you guide you in this part of the assignment.

Example:

```
1 |> runEval (lookupEnv "x") [("x", IntV 42)] >>= \x → runEval (lookupEnv "y") [("y", x)]
2 | Just (IntV 42)
```

3. We now have everything in place to actually evaluate expressions in the **Eval** monad. Define the core evaluation function eval :: Expr → Eval Val. Also, define a helper function evalTop :: Expr → Maybe Val that evaluates an expression in an empty initial environment using eval.

Example:

```
1 > evalTop $ Let ("x", Lit (IntV 4)) (AppInt Mul (Var "x") (Var "x"))
2 Just (IntV 16)
```

Hint: Use local to modify the environment when you evaluate a Let binding.