

Simplified Scala Monads and Transformation



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Today's Roadmap

- ✓ Brief Of Functional Programming
- ✓ Functions
- ✓ Functions Composition
- ✓ Monads
- ✓ Handle Side Effects Using Monads
- ✓ Monads Transformation





Brief Of Functional Programming



Following

FP is just programming with functions. Functions are:

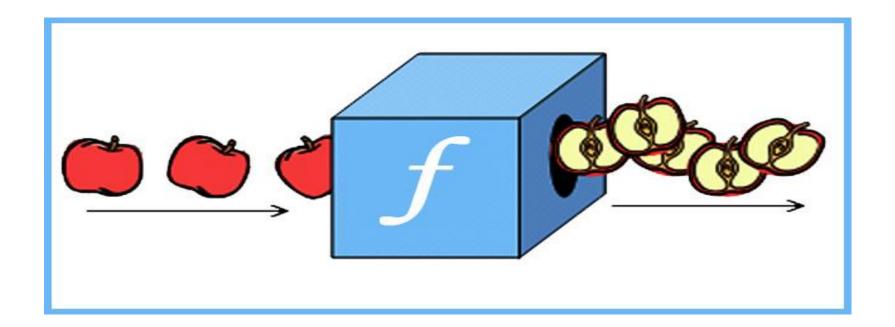
- 1. Total: They return an output for every input.
- 2. Deterministic: They return the same output for the same input.
- 3. Pure: Their only effect is computing the output.

The rest is just composition you can learn over time.

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Functions





Functions: Mathematics

$$f(x) = x + 1$$

$$f(x, y) = x + y$$

$$f(a, b, c, x) = a * x^2 + b*x + c$$

Functions: Mathematics

Properties:

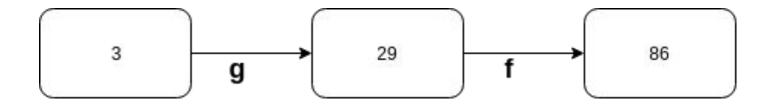
- → Functions are pure.
- → Output of the functions depends only on its input.
- → Functions have no side effects.
- → All values are immutable.
- → and more...

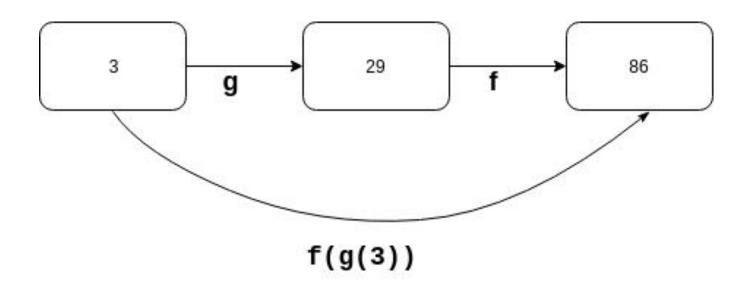
Functions: Scala

Given two functions, we can combine them in such a way so that the outputs of one function become the inputs of the other.

Source: Khanacademy













Monads

- → If a class contains methods signature "map", "flatMap" and "pure".
- → If we process some value and requires to pass intermediate results to the next method.
- → If we need to perform some side effects within our applications.
- → and more...

Sample

```
class Something[A] {
  def map[B](f: A => B): Something[B]
  def flatMap[B](f: A => Something[B]):
Something[B]
}
```



Side Effects

- → If methods returns Unit.
- → If methods change the application state.
- → If methods talk with any third party resources like (database, network.. etc)
- → and more....

Monads Transformation

Monad Transformer is a type constructor which takes a monad as an argument and returns a monad as a result. It can be used to compose features encapsulated by monads – such as state, exception handling, and I/O – in a modular way.

Source: Wikipedia



Examples / Slides

https://github.com/knoldus/simplified-scala-monads



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