

Monads and Typeclasses

Inspired by the book

“Finding Success and Failure in Haskell”

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Monad is a typeclass and a typeclass defines a set of generic functions that work with a set of types.

```
Prelude> :type (+)  
(+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a
```

Why Monads?

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Monad encapsulates the idea of merging two things together into a single one, with the possibility that one of those things is irrelevant.

Inspired from the Article by Elviro Rocca

<https://broomburgo.github.io/fun-ios/post/why-monads/>

Let's Get Coding

Code with Error

```
1 errorHead :: [a] -> a
2 errorHead (x: xs) = x
```

A Possible Fix

```
1 safeHead :: [a] -> Maybe a
2 safeHead [] = Nothing
3 safeHead (x: xs) = Just x
```

Another Example

Validate Password

```
validatePassword :: String -> Maybe String
validatePassword password =
  case (cleanWhiteSpace password) of
    Nothing -> Nothing
    Just password2 ->
      case (requireAlphaNum password2) of
        Nothing -> Nothing
        Just password3 ->
          case (checkPasswordLength password3) of
            Nothing -> Nothing
            Just password4 -> password4
```

Another Example

Sample Code

```
1 convertString x = map toUpper (reverse x)
```

Using Infix Function Composition Operator

```
1 convertString = map toUpper.reverse
```

```
Prelude> :type (»=)
(»=) :: Monad m => m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
```

Monads making life Easy

```
validatePassword :: String -> Maybe String  
validatePassword password = cleanWhiteSpace password »=  
requireAlphaNum »= checkPasswordLength
```

Thank You Everyone 😊