

(Simile Free) Monad Recipes

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Outline

- 1 IO
- 2 Reader
- 3 Writer
- 4 State
- 5 Monad Transformers

Brief IO Example

- This small function writes a text file, uppercases its contents & prints them..

```
import Data.Char
main :: IO ()
main = do
    writeFile "test.txt" "a,b,c,d,e"
    x <- readFile "test.txt"
    let up_cased = map toUpper x
    y <- return up_cased
    print y
=> "A,B,C,D,E"
```

- With types added (don't forget the pragma) ...

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{-# LANGUAGE ScopedTypeVariables #-}  
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                                "select * from users"
                                []
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        map (\(user:pass:[]) ->
            (fromSql user, fromSql pass))
            rows
    return marshalled
where
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- The implementation of `dbQuery` isn't important, but here it is ...

```
dbQuery :: String -> [SqlValue] -> IO [[SqlValue]]
dbQuery sql values =
    bracket dbConnect disconnect
        (\conn -> quickQuery' conn sql values)
dbConnect :: IO Connection
dbConnect = connectSqlite3 "test.sqlite"
```

- Reader = Read-only State + Result
- 'runReader' :: Reader Monad -> Read-Only State -> Result
- 'ask' extracts the state from the monad for inspection.

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     print (runReader (simple_auth my_auth) users)
=> True
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- `Writer = Append-Only State + Result`
- `'runWriter' :: Writer Monad -> (Result, Accumulated State)`
- State is accumulated using `'tell'`

- Validating input

```
validate :: String -> Writer [String] ()
validate input =
    let hasNumbers = (>= 2) . length . filter isDigit
        hasUppers  = (>= 1) . length . filter isUpper
        noSpaces   = null . filter (== ' ')
        check f msg = if (not (f input))
                        then tell [msg]
                        else return ()
    in do check hasNumbers "Needs 2+ numbers"
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- Running

```
main = do
  let ((),errs) = runWriter (validate "abcde1")
      valid      = null errs
  if (not valid) then print errs else print "Valid!"
=> ["Needs 2+ numbers","Needs 1+ capitals"]
```

- State Monad = Mutable State + Result
- 'get', 'put' do what they sound like
- 'runState' :: State Monad -> Initial State -> (Result, New State)
- Initial State is **required**.

- Finding the minimum imperatively. Buggy!

```
minimum :: [Int] -> State Int ()
minimum [] = return ()
minimum xs =
    forM_ xs (\curr -> do
        old_min <- get
        if (curr < old_min)
        then put curr
        else return ())
main = let numbers = [3,2,1] in
    print (runState (Main.minimum numbers) (-1))
=> -1
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- 'trace' and 'printf' are your friends

```
import Debug.Trace
import Text.Printf
-- trace :: String -> a -> a
println msg = trace msg (return ())
printf_test = printf "Welcome to %s %d" "LambdaJam" 2013
              => "Welcome to LambdaJam 2013"
```

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minimum xs = ...
  forM_ xs (\curr -> do
    old_min <- get
    println (printf "old_min: %d curr: %d"
                    old_min curr)
    ...)
=> ((), old_min: -1 curr: 3
    old_min: -1 curr: 2
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    -1)
```

- Fixed!

```
-- main = let numbers = [3,2,1] in
--         print (runState (Main.minimum numbers) (-1))
main = let (n:ns) = [3,2,1] in
        print (runState (Main.minimum ns) n)
```

- Use all at once.
- The Good: Combining monads is easy.
- The Bad: Type sigs. and runners are more complicated.
- The Sorta Good: It's pretty mechanical

- An interactive version of auth

```
interactive_auth =  
  let puts      msg = liftIO (putStrLn msg)  
      wait_for msg = do {puts msg; liftIO getLine}  
      log_failed = tell ["Failed login attempt"]  
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in do users     <- ask  
    user        <- wait_for "Username:"  
    password    <- wait_for "Password:"  
    case (lookup user users) of  
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- Transformer = Nested Monads
- Monad Transformer = MonadT + Monad Params + M + Result
- 'runMonadT' :: MonadT -> Monad Params -> M (Computation Result)

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- Reader Transformer = ReaderT + Read-Only State + M + Result
- 'runReaderT' :: ReaderT Monad -> Read-Only State -> M Result

```
let writer :: WriterT [String] (StateT ...) () =  
    runReaderT interactive_auth users
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let writer = runReaderT interactive_auth users  
let state :: (StateT String ...) ((), [String])  
    = runWriterT writer
```



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- State Transformer = StateT + Mutable State + M + Result
- 'runStateT' :: StateT Monad -> Mutable State -> M (Result, New State)

```
let writer = runReaderT interactive_auth users  
let state  = runWriterT writer  
let io :: IO (((), [String]), String) =  
    runStateT state ""
```

- Using 'interactive_auth'

```
interactive_auth_driver = do
  let my_auth = ("deech","deechpassword")
  users <- get_users
  let writer = runReaderT interactive_auth users
  let state  = runWriterT writer
  let io     = runStateT state ""
  final <- io
  print final
```

- Running with Control.Monad.RWS

```
-- runRWS :: RWST Monad ->
    Read-Only State ->
    Mutable State ->
    Lowest Monad
interactive_auth_driver' = do
    let my_auth = ("deech","deechpassword")
    users <- get_users
    final <- runRWS interactive_auth users ""
    print final
```

- Sample session 1

Username :

deech

Password :

wrongpassword

```
(((), ["Failed login attempt"]), "")
```

- Sample session 2

Username :

deech

Password :

deechpassword

Welcome!

```
(((), []), "deech")
```

- Multiple States, Readers, Writers?
- An 'interactive_auth' with an attempt counter

```
interactive_auth :: ReaderT [(String,String)]  
                  (WriterT [String]  
                    (StateT String  
                      (StateT Int  
                        IO)))  
                  ()
```

- Not recommended!

```
interactive_auth :: ReaderT [(String,String)]
                  (WriterT [String]
                     (StateT String
                        (StateT Int
                           IO)))
                  ()
```

- 'lift' “removes” a monadic layer
- Accessing the counter:

```
do ...
    counter <- lift -- ReaderT
              (lift -- WriterT
                (lift -- StateT String
                     get))
```

...

- Better off using a record:

```
data Auth_State = Auth_State {  
    counter :: Int,  
    current_user :: String  
}  
increment_attempt_counter = do  
    auth_state <- get  
    put auth_state{counter = (counter auth_state + 1)}
```

- Real World Uses
 - Yesod
 - Snap
 - Parsec
 - XMonad
 - Many more ...
- Happy Haskell!