

# Lecture 8 – Reader, Writer, and State Monad

- ▶ Reader monad maintains an environment that contains read-only values that can be read by the computation.

```
1 newtype Reader r a = Reader { runReader :: r -> a }
```

- ▶ Writer monad maintains a log to record information during the computation.

```
1 newtype Writer w a = Writer { runWriter :: (a, w) }
```

- ▶ State monad maintains a mutable state so that the computation can get or update the state.

```
1 newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (a, s) }
```

# Example with an interpreter

- Implement an interpreter for a nano language.

```
1  -- abstract syntax
2  data Term = Const Integer
3           | Var String
4           | Plus Term Term
5           | Times Term Term
6           | LE Term Term
7           | IF Term Term Term
8           | App Term Term
9           | Fn (String, Term)
10          | Fun (String, String, Term) deriving (Show)
```

- Concrete syntax.

$$\begin{array}{l} t ::= n \mid x \mid t + t \mid t * t \mid t \leq t \\ \quad \mid \text{if } t_0 \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2 \\ \quad \mid t_1 \ t_2 \\ \quad \mid \text{fn } x \Rightarrow t \\ \quad \mid \text{fun } f \ x = t \end{array}$$

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- Concrete syntax.

```
1  a = Plus (Const 10) (Const 20)}           -- 10 + 20
2  f = Fn ("x", Plus(Var "x") (Const 5))} -- fn x => x + 5
3  t = App f a                               -- (fn x => x + 5) (10 + 20)
```

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- Concrete syntax.

```
1 let fact = Fun ("fact", "x",
2                IF (LE (Var "x") (Const 1))
3                  (Const 1)
4                  (Times (Var "x")
5                        (App (Var "fact")
6                            (Plus (Var "x") (Const (-1)))))))
7 -- fun fact x = if x <= 1 then 1 else x * fact (x - 1)
```

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- Define a type for variable context and a type for results.

```
1  type Context = [(String, Val)]
2
3  data Val = IntVal Integer
4           | BoolVal Bool
5           | FVal (Maybe String, String, Term) Context
6               deriving (Show)
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- ▶ Evaluate simple terms

```
1 lookup :: String -> Context -> Maybe Val
2
3 lookup x [] = Nothing           -- lookup variable in context
4 lookup x ((y, v) : xs)
5   | x == y    = Just v
6   | otherwise = lookup x xs
7
8 eval :: Term -> Context -> Maybe Val
9
10 eval (Var x) ctx = lookup x ctx    -- evaluate variable
```

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- Evaluate simple terms

```
1 eval :: Term -> Context -> Maybe Val
2
3 eval (Const x) _ = Just x      -- evaluate constant
4
5 eval (Plus t1 t2) ctx = do     -- evaluate plus
6     v1 <- eval t1 ctx
7     case v1 of                 -- t1 has to be an int
8         (IntVal c1) -> do
9             v2 <- eval t2 ctx
10            case v2 of          -- t2 has to be an int
11                (IntVal c2) -> Just $ IntVal (c1+c2)
12                _ -> Nothing
13    _ -> Nothing
```

# Example with an interpreter

## ► Recap Maybe Monad

```
1 instance Monad Maybe where
2     return a = Just a
3
4     Just x  >>= f = f x
5     Nothing >>= _ = Nothing
6
7 instance MonadFail Maybe where
8     fail _ = Nothing -- called if <- fails to pattern match
```

## ► Evaluate simple terms

```
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2
3 eval (Const x) _ = Just x      -- evaluate constant
4
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7     case v1 of                  -- t1 has to be an int
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## ► Simplify case analysis based on default 'fail' behavior

```
1 eval :: Term -> Context -> Maybe Val
2
3 eval (Const x) _ = Just x      -- evaluate constant
4
5 eval (Plus t1 t2) ctx = do
6     (IntVal c1) <- eval t1 ctx -- if fails, return Nothing
7     (IntVal c2) <- eval t2 ctx -- if fails, return Nothing
8     return $ IntVal (c1 + c2)  -- pattern matching succeeds
```

# Example with an interpreter

## ► Evaluate simple terms

```
1 eval :: Term -> Context -> Maybe Val
2
3 eval (Times t1 t2) ctx = do      -- evaluate times
4     (IntVal c1) <- eval t1 ctx
5     (IntVal c2) <- eval t2 ctx
6     return $ IntVal (c1 * c2)
7
8 eval (Plus t1 t2) ctx = do      -- evaluate plus
9     (IntVal c1) <- eval t1 ctx
10    (IntVal c2) <- eval t2 ctx
11    return $ IntVal (c1 + c2)
12
13 eval (LE t1 t2) ctx = do      -- evaluate less/than/equal
14    (IntVal c1) <- eval t1 ctx
15    (IntVal c2) <- eval t2 ctx
16    return $ BoolVal (c1 <= c2)
17
18 eval (IF t0 t1 t2) ctx = do    -- evaluate if/then/else
19    (BoolVal b) <- eval t0 ctx
20    if b then eval t1 ctx else eval t2 ctx
```

# Example with an interpreter

## ► Evaluate function value and function call.

```
1 eval :: Term -> Context -> Maybe Val
2
3 eval (App t1 t2) ctx = do
4     -- evaluate function value
5     fun@(FVal (f, x, t0) ctx0) <- eval t1 ctx
6
7     -- evaluate argument value
8     arg <- eval t2 ctx
9
10    -- check whether the function is named
11    let ctx = case f of Just name -> [(name, fun)]
12                    Nothing -> []
13
14    -- evaluate function body with new context
15    eval t0 $ ctx ++ (x, arg) : ctx0
16
17 -- anonymous function
18 eval (Fn (x, t))      ctx = return $ FVal (Nothing, x, t) ctx
19 -- named function
20 eval (Fun (f, x, t)) ctx = return $ FVal (Just f, x, t) ctx
```

# Example with an interpreter

## ► Do some tests

```
1 eval :: Term -> Context -> Maybe Val
2
3 main :: IO ()
4 main = do
5     let x = Plus (Const 10) (Const 20)
6     let f = Fn ("x", Plus (Var "x") (Const 5))
7     print $ eval (App f x) []      -- Just (IntVal 35)
8
9     let fact = Fun ("fact", "x",
10                        IF (LE (Var "x") (Const 1))
11                           (Const 1)
12                           (Times (Var "x")
13                                (App (Var "fact")
14                                     (Plus (Var "x")
15                                             (Const (-1))))))
16     let f10 = App fact (Const 10)
17     print $ eval f10 []           -- Just (IntVal 3628800)
```

## Example with an interpreter

- Avoid passing context parameter with reader monad (hand-rolled version).

```
1 newtype Result r a = Result {runResult :: r -> Maybe a}
2
3 instance Functor (Result r) where
4     fmap f (Result g) = Result (\ctx -> fmap f $ g ctx)
5
6 instance Applicative (Result r) where
7     pure x = Result (\_ -> pure x)
8     Result f <*> Result a = Result (\ctx -> f ctx <*> a ctx)
9
10 instance Monad (Result r) where
11     Result f >>= k = Result $ \ctx -> do
12         a <- f ctx
13         (runResult $ k a) ctx
14
15 instance Fail.MonadFail (Result r) where
16     fail s = Result $ \_ -> Fail.fail s
```

## Example with an interpreter

- eval function no longer takes context explicitly.

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1 newtype Result r a = Result {runResult :: r -> Maybe a}
2
3 eval :: Term -> Result Context Val
4
5 eval (Const a) = return $ IntVal a
6
7 eval (Var s) = Result $ \ctx -> lookup s ctx
```

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7     (IntVal c2) <- eval t2
8     return $ IntVal (c1 * c2)
9
10 eval (Plus t1 t2) = do
11     (IntVal c1) <- eval t1
12     (IntVal c2) <- eval t2
13     return $ IntVal (c1 + c2)
14
15 eval (LE t1 t2) = do
16     (IntVal c1) <- eval t1
17     (IntVal c2) <- eval t2
18     return $ BoolVal (c1 <= c2)
19
20 eval (IF t0 t1 t2) = do
21     (BoolVal b) <- eval t0
22     if b then eval t1 else eval t2
```

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2
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5  eval (App t1 t2) = do
6      fun@(FVal (f, x, t0) ctx0) <- eval t1 -- eval function
7
8      arg <- eval t2                        -- eval argument
9
10     -- check whether the function is named
11     let ctx = case f of Just name -> [(name, fun)]
12                     Nothing  -> []
13
14     -- evaluate function body with new context
15     Result $ \_ ->
16         runResult (eval t0) $ ctx ++ (x, arg) : ctx0
17
18  eval (Fn (x,t)) = Result (\ctx ->
19                             return $ FVal (Nothing, x, t) ctx)
20
21  eval (Fun (f,x,t)) = Result (\ctx ->
22                                return $ FVal (Just f, x, t) ctx)
```



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6     let f = Fn ("x", Plus (Var "x") (Const 5))
7     print $ runResult (eval (App f x)) []
8     -- Just (IntVal 35)
9
10    let fact = Fun ("fact", "x",
11                    IF (LE (Var "x") (Const 1))
12                        (Const 1)
13                        (Times (Var "x")
14                              (App (Var "fact")
15                                    (Plus (Var "x")
16                                            (Const (-1))))))
17
18    let f10 = App fact (Const 10)
19    print $ runResult (eval f10) []
20    -- Just (IntVal 3628800)
```

# MonadReader

- ▶ MonadReader defines the standard Reader interface.

```
1 newtype Result r a = Result {runResult :: r -> Maybe a}
2
3 class Monad m => MonadReader r (m :: * -> *) | m -> r where
4   ask :: m r           -- extract the current context
5
6   -- replace the context with a new one and use it locally
7   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
8
9   -- run a function with the current context
10  reader :: (r -> a) -> m a
11  {-# MINIMAL (ask | reader), local #-}
```

- ▶ To make the Result type a proper Reader, we need to define its MonadReader instance.

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2 {-# LANGUAGE MultiParamTypeClasses #-}
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7     ask :: m r
8     local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
9     reader :: (r -> a) -> m a
10
11 instance MonadReader r (Result r) where
12     ask = Result $ \ctx -> return ctx
13     local f m = Result $ \ctx -> (runResult m) (f ctx)
14     reader f = Result $ \ctx -> return (f ctx)
15
16 -- lift a Maybe value to a Result value.
17 lift' :: Maybe a -> Result r a
18 lift' mb = Result $ \_ -> mb
```

# MonadReader

## ► Using standard Reader interface

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1 class Monad m => MonadReader r (m :: * -> *) | m -> r where
2   ask :: m r
3   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
4
5 lift' :: Maybe a -> Result r a
6
7 -- use 'ask' to extract context and 'lift' to promote Maybe
8 eval (Var s) = ask >>=
9               \ctx ->
10                lift' $ lookup s ctx
```

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3   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
4
5 eval (App t1 t2) = do
6   fun@(FVal (f, x, t0) ctx0) <- eval t1
7
8   arg <- eval t2
9
10  let ctx = case f of Just name -> [(name, fun)]
11                  Nothing  -> []
12
13  -- use 'local' to make local changes to the context
14  local (\_ -> ctx ++ (x, arg) : ctx0)
15        (eval t0)
```

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3   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
4
5   -- use 'ask' to extract context
6 eval (Fn (x,t)) =
7     ask >>=
8       \ctx ->
9         return $ FVal (Nothing, x, t) ctx
10
11 eval (Fun (f,x,t)) =
12     ask >>=
13       \ctx ->
14         return $ FVal (Just f, x, t) ctx
```

# Reader Transformer

- ▶ Monad can be layered using Monad transformers.

```
1 -- T1, T2, T3 are transformers
2 -- M' is the new monad built from M
3 type M' a = T1 (T2 (T3 M)) a
```

- ▶ ReaderT transforms another monad into a Reader monad.

```
1 class Monad m => MonadReader r (m :: * -> *) | m -> r where
2   ask :: m r
3   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
4
5 newtype ReaderT r (m :: * -> *) a =
6     -- m is a monad (& a type operator)
7     ReaderT {runReaderT :: r -> m a}
```

# Reader Transformer

- ▶ `(ReaderT r m)` is a Monad
- ▶ `(ReaderT r m)` is also MonadReader

```
1 class Monad m => MonadReader r (m :: * -> *) | m -> r where
2   ask :: m r
3   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
4
5 newtype ReaderT r (m :: * -> *) a =
6     ReaderT {runReaderT :: r -> m a}
7
8 -- (ReaderT r m) is an instance of Monad
9 instance Monad m => Monad (ReaderT r m)
10
11 -- (ReaderT r m) is an instance of MonadReader
12 instance Monad m => MonadReader r (ReaderT r m)
```



# Reader Transformer

- ▶ (ReaderT r) is a Monad transformer.
- ▶ Any (m a) value can be lifted into a (ReaderT r m a) value

```
1 newtype ReaderT r (m :: * -> *) a =  
2     ReaderT {runReaderT :: r -> m a}  
3  
4 -- (ReaderT r) is an instance of MonadTrans  
5 instance MonadTrans (ReaderT r)  
6  
7 -- lift any type (m a) into (t m a)  
8 lift :: (MonadTrans t, Monad m) => m a -> t m a  
9  
10 lift $ Just (IntVal 1) :: ReaderT Context Maybe Val
```

# Reader Transformer

- No need to 'hand-roll' a Reader.

```
1 class Monad m => MonadReader r (m :: * -> *) | m -> r where
2   ask :: m r
3   local :: (r -> r) -> m a -> m a
4
5 newtype ReaderT r (m :: * -> *) a =
6     ReaderT {runReaderT :: r -> m a}
7
8 -- (ReaderT Context) transforms Maybe
9 --     into a (Reader Context) + Maybe Monad
10 eval :: Term -> ReaderT Context Maybe Val
11
12 eval (Const a) = return $ IntVal a
13
14 -- ask and lift come for free
15 eval (Var s) = ask >>=
16                 \ctx ->
17                     lift $ lookup s ctx
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11
12 eval (App t1 t2) =
13     do
14         fun@(FVal (f, x, t0) ctx0) <- eval t1
15         arg <- eval t2
16         let ctx = case f of Just name -> [(name, fun)]
17                             Nothing -> []
18
19         -- local is free too
20         local (\_ -> ctx ++ (x, arg) : ctx0)
21             (eval t0)
```

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6     ReaderT {runReaderT :: r -> m a}
7
8 -- (ReaderT Context) transforms Maybe
9 --     into a (Reader Context) + Maybe Monad
10 eval :: Term -> ReaderT Context Maybe Val
11
12 -- everything remains the same
13 eval (Fn (x, t)) =
14     ask >>=
15         \ctx ->
16             return $ FVal (Nothing, x, t) ctx
17 eval (Fun (f, x, t)) =
18     ask >>=
19         \ctx ->
20             return $ FVal (Just f, x, t) ctx
```

# Exception handling with Either Monad

- Either represents a binary choice – but left is usually bad

```
1 data Either a b = Left a | Right b
2
3 instance Functor (Either e) where
4     fmap _ (Left a) = Left a
5     fmap f (Right a) = Right (f a)
6
7 instance Monad (Either e) where
8     return = Right
9     Right m >=> k = k m
10    Left e  >=> _ = Left e
11
12 instance Applicative (Either e) where
13     pure = Right
14     a <*> b = do x <- a; y <- b; return (x y)
```

# Exception handling with Either Monad

## ► throwError and catchError using Either monad

```
1 data Either a b = Left a | Right b
2
3 class Monad m => MonadError e (m :: * -> *) | m -> e where
4   throwError :: e -> m a
5   catchError :: m a -> (e -> m a) -> m a
6
7 instance MonadError e (Either e) where
8   throwError                = Left
9
10   Left l `catchError` h = h l
11
12   Right r `catchError` _ = Right r
```

# Exception handling with Either Monad

## ► throwError and catchError using Either monad

```
1 data Either a b = Left a | Right b
2
3 -- customized error type
4 data EvalError = VariableNotFound String
5                 | NotAnInt Val
6                 | NotABool Val
7                 | NotAFun Val deriving (Show)
8
9 -- (ReaderT Context) transforms (Either EvalError) monad
10 eval :: Term -> ReaderT Context (Either EvalError) Val
```

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6                 | NotAFun Val deriving (Show)
7
8 eval :: Term -> ReaderT Context (Either EvalError) Val
9
10 -- throwError if variable 's' is not found
11 eval (Var s) = do
12     ctx <- ask
13     case lookup s ctx of
14         Just a -> return a
15         Nothing -> throwError $ VariableNotFound s
```



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9
10 -- throwError if 'fun' is not a function
11 eval (App t1 t2) =
12     do
13         fun <- eval t1
14         case fun of
15             (FVal (f, x, t0) ctx0) -> do
16                 arg <- eval t2
17                 let ctx = case f of Just name -> [(name, fun)]
18                                     Nothing  -> []
19                 local (\_ -> ctx ++ (x, arg) : ctx0) $ eval t0
20         _ -> throwError $ NotAFun fun
```

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9
10 -- throwError if either operand of + is not an int
11 eval (Plus t1 t2) = do
12     v1 <- eval t1
13     v2 <- eval t2
14     case (v1, v2) of
15         (IntVal c1, IntVal c2) -> return $ IntVal (c1 + c2)
16         (_, IntVal _) -> throwError $ NotAnInt v1
17         (_, _) -> throwError $ NotAnInt v2
```

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5                 | NotABool Val
6                 | NotAFun Val deriving (Show)
7
8 eval :: Term -> ReaderT Context (Either EvalError) Val
9
10 -- throwError if condition of branch is not a bool
11 eval (IF t0 t1 t2) = do
12     v <- eval t0
13     case v of
14         (BoolVal b) -> if b then eval t1 else eval t2
15         _ -> throwError $ NotABool v
```

# Exception handling with Either Monad

## ► run ReaderT

```
1 main :: IO ()
2 main = do
3     let x = Plus (Const 10) (Const 20)
4     let f = Fn ("x", Plus (Var "y") (Const 5))
5     let fact = Fun ("fact", "x",
6                     IF (LE (Var "x") (Const 1))
7                       (Const 1)
8                       (Times (Var "x") (App (Var "fact"))
9                     )
10    let f10 = App fact (Const 10)
11    print $ runReaderT (eval f10) []
12 -- Right (IntVal 3628800)
13    let e0 = App f x
14    let e1 = App x (Const 10)
15    let e2 = Plus f (Const 10)
16    print $ runReaderT (eval e0) []
17 -- Left (VariableNotFound "y")
18    print $ runReaderT (eval e1) []
19 -- Left (NotAFun (IntVal 30))
20    print $ runReaderT (eval e2) []
21 -- Left (NotAnInt (FVal (Nothing,"x",Plus (Var "y") (Const 5))
22 --                               []))
```