

U6D1E91QV : or Decoders, so to speak

U0LPMPL2U : so extracting each field already gives you a `Result` right?

U6D1E91QV : at the moment, yes. you got me thinking that a `Maybe` is enough.

U0LPMPL2U : Both `Result` and `Maybe` define a `map2` function

U6D1E91QV : basically, the decoding needs to only work if every field is `Valid ...`

U6D1E91QV : woa

U6D1E91QV : that may be what i'm looking for...

U0LPMPL2U : I think you could do something like `Maybe.map2 Model (fetchUsername form) (fetchPassword form)`

U6D1E91QV : yes. probably better to use (fetch .username)

U0LPMPL2U : :thumbsup:

U6D1E91QV : ``value : FieldValue raw val err -> Maybe val
value formValue =
 case formValue of
 Valid val ->
 Just val

 _ ->
 Nothing
...

U0LPMPL2U : that works

U6D1E91QV : almost

U0LPMPL2U : I wrote an article comparing `map2` on `Maybe`, `List`, `Json.Decode` and `Random` that you may find useful: <<https://robots.thoughtbot.com/elms-universal-pattern>>

U6D1E91QV : ``extractModel : MyForm -> Maybe MyModel
extractModel model =
 Maybe.map2 MyModel (value <| .username model) (value <| .password model)
...

U6D1E91QV : i'll read the article. but the code seems to be one step away from being as smooth at the json code - i would prefer to pass model only once

U0LPMPL2U : You mean you'd rather not have to call `value <| .username model` ?

U6D1E91QV : yes. i'd rather have a Decode.string

U0LPMPL2U : hmmm

U6D1E91QV : i'm not sure if that chaining tricks works that decoders do, to get more than the predefined number of items as well

U0LPMPL2U : the tricky thing is that we're switching from the `Field` context to the `Maybe` context

U0LPMPL2U : What you're doing is the equivalent of calling `Json.Decode.fromString` a couple times and combining the results

U3SJEDR96 : so `Decoder` is _basically_ `type alias Decoder a = Json.Value -> Result String a`, and the `Json.Value` is only passed in when you do the actual decoding, by `decodeValue`

U0LPMPL2U : if you were doing that you _would_ have to pass the json string multiple times