

# Monads and Effects

Principles of Reactive Programming

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# The Four Essential Effects In Programming

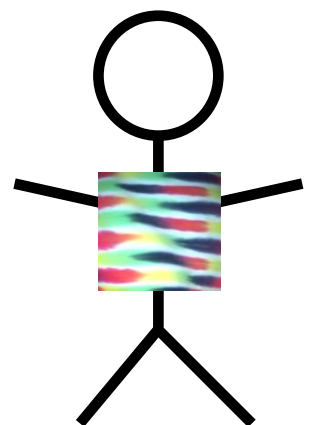
	One	Many
Synchronous	<code>T/Try[T]</code>	<code>Iterable[T]</code>
Asynchronous	<code>Future[T]</code>	<code>Observable[T]</code>

# A simple adventure game

```
trait Adventure {  
  def collectCoins(): List[Coin]  
  def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]): Treasure  
}
```

```
val adventure = Adventure()  
val coins = adventure.collectCoins()  
val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)
```

**Not as rosy  
as it looks!**



# Actions may fail

```
def collectCoins(): List[Coin] = {  
    if (eatenByMonster(this))  
        throw new GameOverException("Ooops")  
    List(Gold, Gold, Silver)  
}  
  
val adventure = Adventure()  
val coins = adventure.collectCoins()  
val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)
```

# Actions may fail

```
def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]): Treasure = {  
    if (coins.sumBy(_ .value) < treasureCost)  
        throw new GameOverException("Nice try!")  
    Diamond  
}
```

```
val adventure = Adventure()  
val coins = adventure.collectCoins()  
val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)
```

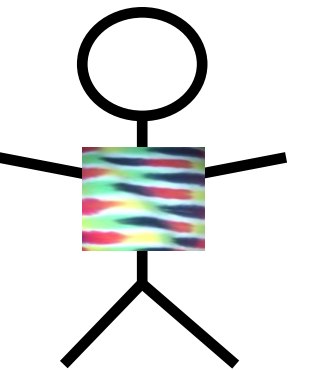
# Sequential composition of actions that may fail

```
val adventure = Adventure()

val coins = adventure.collectCoins()
// block until coins are collected
// only continue if there is no exception

val treasure = adventure.buyTreasure(coins)
// block until treasure is bought
// only continue if there is no exception
```

Lets make the  
happy path and  
the unhappy  
path explicit

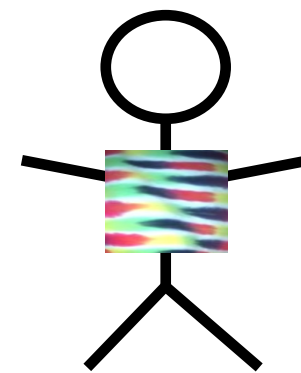


# Expose possibility of failure in the types, honestly

$T \Rightarrow S$

We say one  
thing, but we  
really mean...

$T \Rightarrow \text{Try}[S]$



# Making failure evident in types

```
import scala.util.{Try, Success, Failure}

abstract class Try[T]
case class Success[T](elem: T) extends Try[T]
case class Failure(t: Throwable) extends Try[Nothing]

trait Adventure {
  def collectCoins(): Try[List[Coin]]
  def buyTreasure(coins: List[Coin]): Try[Treasure]
}
```



# Dealing with failure explicitly

```
val adventure = Adventure()

val coins: Try[List[Coin]] = adventure.collectCoins()

val treasure: Try[Treasure] = coins match {
  case Success(cs)           ⇒ adventure.buyTreasure(cs)
  case failure @ Failure(t) ⇒ failure
}
```

# Higher-order Functions to manipulate Try[T]

```
def flatMap[S](f: T⇒Try[S]): Try[S]
```

```
def flatten[U <: Try[T]]: Try[U]
```

```
def map[S](f: T⇒S): Try[T]
```

```
def filter(p: T⇒Boolean): Try[T]
```

```
def recoverWith(f: PartialFunction[Throwable, Try[T]]): Try[T]
```

Monads guide you through the happy path

`Try[T]`

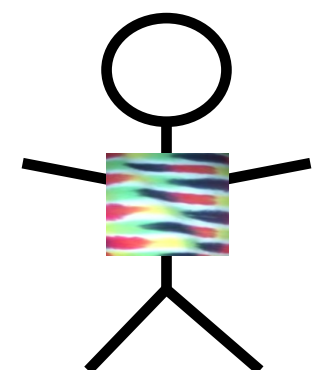
A monad that handles **exceptions**.

# Noise reduction

```
val adventure = Adventure()
```

```
val treasure: Try[Treasure] =  
  adventure.collectCoins().flatMap(coins => {  
    adventure.buyTreasure(coins)  
  })
```

**FlatMap is the  
plumber for the  
happy path!**



# Using comprehension syntax

```
val adventure = Adventure()

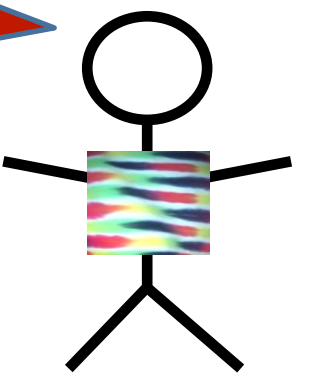
val treasure: Try[Treasure] = for {
  coins <- adventure.collectCoins()
  treasure <- buyTreasure(coins)
} yield treasure
```

# Higher-order Function to manipulate Try[T]

```
def map[S](f: T⇒S): Try[S] = this match {  
  case Success(value)      ⇒ Try(f(value))  
  case failure @ Failure(t) ⇒ failure  
}
```

```
object Try {  
  def apply[T](r: ⇒T): Try[T] = {  
    try { Success(r) }  
    catch { case t => Failure(t) }  
  }  
}
```

Materialize  
exceptions



# Quiz

a) 

```
def flatMap[S](f: T⇒Try[S]): Try[S] = this match {  
  case Success(values)      ⇒ f(value)  
  case failure @ Failure(t) ⇒ failure  
}
```

b) 

```
def flatMap[S](f: T⇒Try[S]): Try[S] = this match {  
  case Success(value)      ⇒ Try(f(value))  
  case failure @ Failure(t) ⇒ failure  
}
```

c) 

```
def flatMap[S](f: T⇒Try[S]): Try[S] = this match {  
  case Success(value)      ⇒  
    try { f(value) } catch { case t => Failure(t) }  
  case failure @ Failure(t) ⇒ failure  
}
```