Maybe Instance as Functor

Functors

But...

 λ > (+3) (Just 2)



We already know how to apply functions:

```
λ> (+3) 2
```

In this case, we can use fmap!

And it also works with Either, lists, tuples and functions:

```
\( \lambda \) fmap (+3) (Right 2)
\( \lambda \) fmap (+3) (Left "error")
\( \lambda \) Left "error"

\( \lambda \) fmap (+3) [1, 2, 3]
\( \lambda \) [4, 5, 6]
\( \lambda \) -- same as map

\( \lambda \) fmap (+3) (1, 6)
\( \lambda \) (1, 9)
\( \lambda \) -- because (,) is a type

\( \lambda \) (fmap (*2) (+1)) 3
\( \lambda \) 8
\( \lambda \) same as (.)
\( \lambda \)
```

Implementation of fmap



fmap applies a function to the elements of a generic container f a returning a container of the same type.

fmap is a function of the instances of the class Functor:

```
λ> :type fmap

fmap :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> (f a -> f b)
```

Where

```
λ> :info Functor class Functor f where fmap :: (a -> b) -> (f a -> f b)
```

Maybe is Functor



The type Maybe is instance of Functor:

```
λ> :info Maybe
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
instance Ord a => Ord (Maybe a)
instance Eq a => Eq (Maybe a)
instance Applicative Maybe
instance Functor Maybe
instance Monad Maybe
:
```

Concretely,

```
instance Functor Maybe where
  fmap f Nothing = Nothing
  fmap f (Just x) = Just (f x)
```

Application



Database Query

• Language without Maybe:

```
post = Posts.find(1234)
if post is None:
    return None
else:
    return post.title
```

• In Haskell:

```
fmap getPostTitle (findPost 1234)

or also:

getPostTitle `fmap` findPost 1234

or better (<$> is the infix operator fmap): (it is read fmap)

getPostTitle <$> findPost 1234
```