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Control.Monad.Reader

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Stability	experimental
Portability	non-portable (multi-param classes, functional dependencies)
Safe Haskell	Safe
Language	Haskell2010

Computation type:

Computations which read values from a shared environment.

Binding strategy:

Monad values are functions from the environment to a value. The bound function is applied to the bound value, and both have access to the shared environment.

Useful for:

Maintaining variable bindings, or other shared environment.

Zero and plus:

None.

Example type:

`Reader [(String,Value)] a`

The `Reader` monad (also called the Environment monad). Represents a computation, which can read values from a shared environment, pass values from function to function, and execute sub-computations in a modified environment. Using `Reader` monad for such computations is often clearer and easier than using the `State` monad.

Inspired by the paper *Functional Programming with Overloading and Higher-Order Polymorphism*, Mark P Jones (<http://web.cecs.pdx.edu/~mpj/>) Advanced School of Functional Programming, 1995.

MonadReader class

```
class Monad m => MonadReader r m | m -> r where # Source
```

See examples in `Control.Monad.Reader`. Note, the partially applied function type `(->) r` is a simple reader monad. See the `instance` declaration below.

Minimal complete definition

```
(ask | reader), local
```

Methods

ask :: m r # Source

Retrieves the monad environment.

local # Source

```

:: (r -> r)  The function to modify the environment.
-> m a       Reader to run in the modified environment.
-> m a

```

Executes a computation in a modified environment.

reader # Source

```

:: (r -> a)  The selector function to apply to the environment.
-> m a

```

Retrieves a function of the current environment.

▽ Instances

▽ **MonadReader** r m => **MonadReader** r (MaybeT m) # Source

Defined in [Control.Monad.Reader.Class](#)

Methods

ask :: MaybeT m r # Source

local :: (r -> r) -> MaybeT m a -> MaybeT m a # Source

reader :: (r -> a) -> MaybeT m a # Source

▽ (**Monoid** w, **MonadReader** r m) => **MonadReader** r (AccumT w m) # Source *Since: 2.3*

Defined in [Control.Monad.Reader.Class](#)

Methods

ask :: AccumT w m r # Source

local :: (r -> r) -> AccumT w m a -> AccumT w m a # Source

reader :: (r -> a) -> AccumT w m a # Source

▽ `MonadReader r m => MonadReader r (ExceptT e m)` # Source *Since: 2.2*

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: ExceptT e m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> ExceptT e m a -> ExceptT e m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> ExceptT e m a` # Source

▽ `MonadReader r m => MonadReader r (IdentityT m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: IdentityT m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> IdentityT m a -> IdentityT m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> IdentityT m a` # Source

▽ `Monad m => MonadReader r (ReaderT r m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: ReaderT r m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> ReaderT r m a` # Source

▽ `MonadReader r m => MonadReader r (StateT s m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: StateT s m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> StateT s m a -> StateT s m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> StateT s m a` # Source

▽ `MonadReader r m => MonadReader r (StateT s m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: StateT s m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> StateT s m a -> StateT s m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> StateT s m a` # Source

▽ `(Monoid w, MonadReader r m) => MonadReader r (WriterT w m)` # Source *Since: 2.3*

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: WriterT w m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> WriterT w m a -> WriterT w m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> WriterT w m a` # Source

▽ `(Monoid w, MonadReader r m) => MonadReader r (WriterT w m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: WriterT w m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> WriterT w m a -> WriterT w m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> WriterT w m a` # Source

▽ `(Monoid w, MonadReader r m) => MonadReader r (WriterT w m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: WriterT w m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> WriterT w m a -> WriterT w m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> WriterT w m a` # Source

▽ `MonadReader r' m => MonadReader r' (SelectT r m)` # Source *Since: 2.3*

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: SelectT r m r'` # Source

`local :: (r' -> r') -> SelectT r m a -> SelectT r m a` # Source

`reader :: (r' -> a) -> SelectT r m a` # Source

▽ `MonadReader r ((->) r)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: r -> r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> (r -> a) -> r -> a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> r -> a` # Source

▽ `MonadReader r' m => MonadReader r' (ContT r m)` # Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: ContT r m r'` # Source

`local :: (r' -> r') -> ContT r m a -> ContT r m a` # Source

`reader :: (r' -> a) -> ContT r m a` # Source

▽ `(Monad m, Monoid w) => MonadReader r (RWST r w s m)` # Source *Since: 2.3*

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

`ask :: RWST r w s m r` # Source

`local :: (r -> r) -> RWST r w s m a -> RWST r w s m a` # Source

`reader :: (r -> a) -> RWST r w s m a` # Source

▽ (Monad m, Monoid w) => MonadReader r (RWST r w s m) # Source

Defined in [Control.Monad.Reader.Class](#)

Methods

ask :: RWST r w s m r # Source

local :: (r -> r) -> RWST r w s m a -> RWST r w s m a # Source

reader :: (r -> a) -> RWST r w s m a # Source

▽ (Monad m, Monoid w) => MonadReader r (RWST r w s m) # Source

Defined in [Control.Monad.Reader.Class](#)

Methods

ask :: RWST r w s m r # Source

local :: (r -> r) -> RWST r w s m a -> RWST r w s m a # Source

reader :: (r -> a) -> RWST r w s m a # Source

asks # Source

:: MonadReader r m

=> (r -> a) The selector function to apply to the environment.

-> m a

Retrieves a function of the current environment.

The Reader monad

type **Reader** r = ReaderT r Identity #

The parameterizable reader monad.

Computations are functions of a shared environment.

The [return](#) function ignores the environment, while >>= passes the inherited environment to both subcomputations.

runReader #

:: Reader r a A Reader to run.

`-> r` An initial environment.

`-> a`

Runs a Reader and extracts the final value from it. (The inverse of `reader`.)

mapReader :: (a -> b) -> Reader r a -> Reader r b #

Transform the value returned by a Reader.

- `runReader (mapReader f m) = f . runReader m`

withReader #

:: (r' -> r) The function to modify the environment.

-> Reader r a Computation to run in the modified environment.

-> Reader r' a

Execute a computation in a modified environment (a specialization of `withReaderT`).

- `runReader (withReader f m) = runReader m . f`

The ReaderT monad transformer

newtype ReaderT r (m :: Type -> Type) a #

The reader monad transformer, which adds a read-only environment to the given monad.

The `return` function ignores the environment, while `>>=` passes the inherited environment to both subcomputations.

Constructors

ReaderT (r -> m a)

▽ Instances

▽ `MonadAccum w m => MonadAccum w (ReaderT r m)` *Since: 2.3*

Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Accum`

Methods

`look` :: ReaderT r m w # Source

```
add :: w -> ReaderT r m ()
```

Source

```
accum :: (w -> (a, w)) -> ReaderT r m a
```

Source

```
▽ MonadError e m => MonadError e (ReaderT r m)
```

Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Error.Class`

Methods

```
throwError :: e -> ReaderT r m a
```

Source

```
catchError :: ReaderT r m a -> (e -> ReaderT r m a) -> ReaderT r m a
```

Source

#

```
▽ Monad m => MonadReader r (ReaderT r m)
```

Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.Reader.Class`

Methods

```
ask :: ReaderT r m r
```

Source

```
local :: (r -> r) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a
```

Source

```
reader :: (r -> a) -> ReaderT r m a
```

Source

```
▽ MonadSelect r' m => MonadSelect r' (ReaderT r m)
```

Source

Provides a read-only environment of type `r` to the 'strategy' function. However, the 'ranking' function (or more accurately, representation) has no access to `r`. Put another way, you can influence what values get chosen by changing `r`, but not how solutions are ranked.

Since: 2.3

Defined in `Control.Monad.Select`

Methods

```
select :: ((a -> r') -> a) -> ReaderT r m a
```

Source

```
▽ MonadState s m => MonadState s (ReaderT r m)
```

Source

Defined in `Control.Monad.State.Class`

Methods


```
get :: ReaderT r m s                                # Source

put :: s -> ReaderT r m ()                          # Source

state :: (s -> (a, s)) -> ReaderT r m a              # Source
```

```
▽ MonadWriter w m => MonadWriter w (ReaderT r m)
                                # Source
```

Defined in [Control.Monad.Writer.Class](#)

Methods

```
writer :: (a, w) -> ReaderT r m a                  # Source

tell :: w -> ReaderT r m ()                        # Source

listen :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m (a, w)      # Source

pass :: ReaderT r m (a, w -> w) -> ReaderT r m a   # Source
```

```
▽ MonadTrans (ReaderT r)
```

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
lift :: Monad m => m a -> ReaderT r m a            #
```

```
▽ MonadFail m => MonadFail (ReaderT r m)
```

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
fail :: String -> ReaderT r m a                    #
```

```
▽ MonadFix m => MonadFix (ReaderT r m)
```

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
mfix :: (a -> ReaderT r m a) -> ReaderT r m a     #
```

```
▽ MonadIO m => MonadIO (ReaderT r m)
```

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
liftIO :: IO a -> ReaderT r m a #
```

▽ MonadZip m => MonadZip (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
mzip :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m (a, b) #
```

```
mzipWith :: (a -> b -> c) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m c
```

```
munzip :: ReaderT r m (a, b) -> (ReaderT r m a, ReaderT r m b) #
```

▽ Contravariant m => Contravariant (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
contramap :: (a' -> a) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a' #
```

```
(>$) :: b -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m a #
```

▽ Alternative m => Alternative (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
empty :: ReaderT r m a #
```

```
(<|>) :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a #
```

```
some :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m [a] #
```

```
many :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m [a] #
```

▽ Applicative m => Applicative (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```
pure :: a -> ReaderT r m a #
```

```
(<*>) :: ReaderT r m (a -> b) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b #
```

```
liftA2 :: (a -> b -> c) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m c
```

```

(*>) :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m b      # #
(<*) :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m a      #

```

▽ Functor m => Functor (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```

fmap :: (a -> b) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b          #
(<$) :: a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m a                  #

```

▽ Monad m => Monad (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```

(>=) :: ReaderT r m a -> (a -> ReaderT r m b) -> ReaderT r m b  #
(>>) :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m b -> ReaderT r m b        #
return :: a -> ReaderT r m a                                     #

```

▽ MonadPlus m => MonadPlus (ReaderT r m)

Defined in [Control.Monad.Trans.Reader](#)

Methods

```

mzero :: ReaderT r m a                                          #
mplus :: ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r m a      #

```

▽ MonadCont m => MonadCont (ReaderT r m) # Source

Defined in [Control.Monad.Cont.Class](#)

Methods

```

callCC :: ((a -> ReaderT r m b) -> ReaderT r m a) -> ReaderT r m a  # Source

```

```

runReaderT :: ReaderT r m a -> r -> m a                        #

```

```

mapReaderT :: (m a -> n b) -> ReaderT r m a -> ReaderT r n b    #

```

Transform the computation inside a ReaderT.

- `runReaderT (mapReaderT f m) = f . runReaderT m`

withReaderT

#

```

:: forall r' r (m :: Type -> Type) a. (r' -> r)  The function to modify the environment.
-> ReaderT r m a                                Computation to run in the modified
                                                  environment.
-> ReaderT r' m a

```

Execute a computation in a modified environment (a more general version of `local`).

- `runReaderT (withReaderT f m) = runReaderT m . f`

module `Control.Monad.Trans`

Example 1: Simple Reader Usage

In this example the Reader monad provides access to variable bindings. Bindings are a `Map` of integer variables. The variable `count` contains number of variables in the bindings. You can see how to run a Reader monad and retrieve data from it with `runReader`, how to access the Reader data with `ask` and `asks`.

```

import           Control.Monad.Reader
import           Data.Map (Map)
import qualified Data.Map as Map

type Bindings = Map String Int

-- Returns True if the "count" variable contains correct bindings size.
isCountCorrect :: Bindings -> Bool
isCountCorrect bindings = runReader calc_isCountCorrect bindings

-- The Reader monad, which implements this complicated check.
calc_isCountCorrect :: Reader Bindings Bool
calc_isCountCorrect = do
    count <- asks (lookupVar "count")
    bindings <- ask
    return (count == (Map.size bindings))

-- The selector function to use with 'asks'.
-- Returns value of the variable with specified name.
lookupVar :: String -> Bindings -> Int
lookupVar name bindings = maybe 0 id (Map.lookup name bindings)

sampleBindings :: Bindings
sampleBindings = Map.fromList [("count", 3), ("1", 1), ("b", 2)]

```

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
    putStr $ "Count is correct for bindings " ++ (show sampleBindings) ++ ": "
    putStrLn $ show (isCountCorrect sampleBindings)
```

Example 2: Modifying Reader Content With `local`

Shows how to modify Reader content with `local`.

```
import Control.Monad.Reader

calculateContentLen :: Reader String Int
calculateContentLen = do
    content <- ask
    return (length content);

-- Calls calculateContentLen after adding a prefix to the Reader content.
calculateModifiedContentLen :: Reader String Int
calculateModifiedContentLen = local ("Prefix " ++) calculateContentLen

main :: IO ()
main = do
    let s = "12345";
    let modifiedLen = runReader calculateModifiedContentLen s
    let len = runReader calculateContentLen s
    putStrLn $ "Modified 's' length: " ++ (show modifiedLen)
    putStrLn $ "Original 's' length: " ++ (show len)
```

Example 3: ReaderT Monad Transformer

Now you are thinking: 'Wow, what a great monad! I wish I could use Reader functionality in MyFavoriteComplexMonad!'. Don't worry. This can be easily done with the **ReaderT** monad transformer. This example shows how to combine ReaderT with the IO monad.

```
import Control.Monad.Reader

-- The Reader/IO combined monad, where Reader stores a string.
printReaderContent :: ReaderT String IO ()
printReaderContent = do
    content <- ask
    liftIO $ putStrLn ("The Reader Content: " ++ content)

main :: IO ()
main = runReaderT printReaderContent "Some Content"
```