

Stringology and text formatting

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IsString provides polymorphic strings

```
{-# LANGUAGE OverloadedStrings #-}  
class IsString a where  
  fromString :: String → a  
"hello" :: IsString s ⇒ s  
"hello" :: Text    ∼ OK  
"hello" :: ByteString ∼ OK
```

ByteString is close to C strings

```
import qualified Data.ByteString as B
```

```
B.pack :: [Word8] → ByteString
```

```
B.unpack :: ByteString → [Word8]
```

```
B.cons :: Word8 → ByteString → ByteString
```

```
B.snoc :: ByteString → Word8 → ByteString
```

```
B.uncons :: ByteString → Maybe (Word8, ByteString)
```

```
B.unsnoc :: ByteString → Maybe (ByteString, Word8)
```

```
take, drop, splitAt, takeEnd, split, elem, find, ...
```

Internally, all operations are implemented as index calculations atop a single big buffer. If you want to get rid of the unnecessary buffer space, use *B.copy*.

I/O:

B.getLine :: IO ByteString

B.hGetLine :: Handle → IO ByteString

B.hPutStr :: Handle → ByteString → IO ()

B.hGetContents :: Handle → IO ByteString

B.hGet :: Handle → Int → IO ByteString

B.hPut :: Handle → ByteString → IO ()

etc...

In general, strings are not byte sequences

ByteStrings have to be *decoded* in order to get a String or Text. (Note: you can encode Unicode into UTF-8, UTF-16LE, UTF-16BE, UTF-32LE, ..., with losses as Latin1, ISO8859-1, Codepage 1250, KOI-8, ...)

```
import Data.Text.Encoding  
decodeUtf8 :: ByteString → Text  
decodeUtf16BE :: ByteString → Text  
decodeUtf32LE :: ByteString → Text  
encodeUtf8 :: Text → ByteString  
encodeUtf16LE :: Text → ByteString
```

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import qualified Data.Text as T
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(*cons*, *snoc*, *append*, *take*, *takeEnd*, *intercalate*, *toLower*, *justifyLeft*, *splitOn*, ...)

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String choice depends on use-case

situation	approach
I need speed and have my own code to interpret the data by bytes	ByteString
I use AttoParsec and ignore Unicode	ByteString
I have an infinite word made of undecidable letters	String
String overhead in my application is un concerning	String
All other cases	Text

Show and Read provide canonical encoding of values

To convert between values and text, we can use *show* and *read*:

- by convention, the text representation should parse as Haskell
- we can serialize values very nicely with just these
- *read* is an actual parser (`Text.ParsingCombinators.ReadP`)
(and thus survives some typical human-caused fuzz)
- we can format long *show* output with `hindent` to make it readable

Let's talk some pretty-printing

Show is not suitable for pretty-printing!

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Text.PrettyPrint builds output from small document pieces

Doc is an abstraction for various combinations of text fields (similar to $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ vlists/hlists).

empty :: Doc

text :: String \rightarrow Doc

sizedText :: Int \rightarrow String \rightarrow Doc

int :: Int \rightarrow Doc

float :: Float \rightarrow Doc

Decorations:

semi, equals, lparen, rparen, comma, colon, space, ... :: Doc

parens, brackets, quotes, ... :: Doc → Doc

punctuate :: Doc → [Doc] → [Doc]

Glue:

- (\diamond) :: Doc \rightarrow Doc \rightarrow Doc - next to each other
- $(\langle + \rangle)$:: Doc \rightarrow Doc \rightarrow Doc - next to, with (some) space
- $(\$\$)$:: Doc \rightarrow Doc \rightarrow Doc - above each other
- $(\$\$+)$:: Doc \rightarrow Doc \rightarrow Doc - above with no nesting
- nest* :: Int \rightarrow Doc \rightarrow Doc - indentation

list versions: *hcat*, *hsep*, *vcap*, *vsep*

smart versions (v/h): *cat*, *sep*

paragraph versions: *fcap*, *fsep*

Text.PrettyPrint separates document structure and rendering

```
import Text.PrettyPrint  
data Scheme = Ident String | Number Int | Seq [Scheme]  
class PDoc a where  
    pdoc :: a → Doc  
  
ppshow :: PDoc a ⇒ a → String  
ppshow = renderStyle (style {lineLength = 80}) • pdoc  
  
instance PDoc Scheme where  
    pdoc (Ident a) = text a  
    pdoc (Number i) = int i  
    pdoc (Seq xs) = parens $ sep (map pdoc xs)
```

```
short k = Seq $ Ident "*" : map Number [k..k + 3]  
long = Seq $ Ident "+" : map short [1..10]  
main = putStrLn . ppsShow $ Seq [Ident "factorial", long]
```

```
(factorial  
 (+  
  (* 1 2 3 4)  
  (* 2 3 4 5)  
  (* 3 4 5 6)  
  (* 4 5 6 7)  
  (* 5 6 7 8)  
  (* 6 7 8 9)  
  (* 7 8 9 10)  
  (* 8 9 10 11)  
  (* 9 10 11 12)  
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pdoc (Seq []) = parens empty

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Important side note

Let's talk about Pandoc.

Pandoc represents markup documents

data Pandoc = Pandoc Meta [Block]

newtype Meta = Meta (Map Text MetaValue)

data MetaValue = MetaMap (M.Map Text MetaValue)

| MetaList [MetaValue]

| MetaBool Bool

| MetaString Text

| MetaInlines [Inline]

| MetaBlocks [Block]

- Attributes: identifier, classes, key-value pairs

type Attr = (Text, [Text], [(Text, Text)])

Pandoc text consists of inline and block elements

data Block

- = Plain [Inline]
- | Para [Inline]
- | LineBlock [[Inline]]
- | CodeBlock Attr Text
- | RawBlock Format Text
- | BlockQuote [Block]
- | OrderedList ListAttributes [[Block]]
- | BulletList [[Block]]
- | DefinitionList [([Inline], [[Block]])]
- | Header Int Attr [Inline]
- | HorizontalRule
- | Table Attr Caption [ColSpec]
 TableHead [TableBody] TableFoot
- | Figure Attr Caption [Block]
- | Div Attr [Block]

data Inline

- = Str Text
- | Emph [Inline]
- | Underline [Inline]
- | Strong [Inline]
- | Strikeout [Inline]
- | Superscript [Inline]
- | Subscript [Inline]
- | SmallCaps [Inline]
- | Quoted QuoteType [Inline]
- | Cite [Citation] [Inline]
- | Code Attr Text
- | Space
- | SoftBreak
- | LineBreak
- | Math MathType Text
- | RawInline Format Text
- | Link Attr [Inline] Target
- | Image Attr [Inline] Target
- | Note [Block]
- | Span Attr [Inline]

Pandoc conversions are “easy” parsers and formatters

readMarkdown ::

(PandocMonad *m*, ToSources *a*)

⇒ ReaderOptions

→ *a*

→ *m* Pandoc

readHtml ::

(PandocMonad *m*, ToSources *a*)

⇒ ReaderOptions

→ *a*

→ *m* Pandoc

writeMarkdown ::

PandocMonad *m*

⇒ WriterOptions

→ Pandoc

→ *m* Text

writeHtml5String ::

PandocMonad *m*

⇒ WriterOptions

→ Pandoc

→ *m* Text

...and like 50 other readers and 75 other writers.

Let's transform some monads

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- State (*put, get, ...*) + IO (*print*)?
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That's 2^n combinations of monads!

Some monads can be combined quite mechanically

Can we patch a functionality of one monad atop another?

Let's try IO with a failure semantic (Maybe + IO):

```
newtype MaybeIO a =
```

```
  MaybeIO {runMaybeIO :: IO (Maybe a)}
```

```
instance Functor MaybeIO where
```

```
  fmap f (MaybeIO m) = MaybeIO $ fmap (fmap f) m
```

```
instance Applicative MaybeIO where
```

```
  pure = MaybeIO . pure . Just
```

```
  MaybeIO a <*> MaybeIO b = MaybeIO $
```

```
    a >>= maybe (return Nothing)
```

```
      ((<$>)b) . fmap
```

NB.: the applicative instance is slightly asymmetric

instance Monad MaybeIO **where**

return = *pure*

MaybeIO *a* $\gg=$ *f* = MaybeIO \$

a $\gg=$ *maybe* (*return* Nothing)

(*runMaybeIO* \cdot *f*)

MaybeIO can do IO and failures at the same time

How do we use MaybeIO?

$$\text{runMaybeIO} :: \text{MaybeIO } a \rightarrow \text{IO (Maybe } a)$$

How to run an IO action?

$$\text{liftIO} :: \text{IO } a \rightarrow \text{MaybeIO } a$$
$$\text{liftIO } io = \text{MaybeIO (return } \langle \$ \rangle io)$$

How to run a Maybe action?

$$\text{stop} :: \text{MaybeIO } a$$
$$\text{stop} = \text{MaybeIO (return Nothing)}$$

```
io = liftIO  
main = runMaybeIO $ do  
  io $ putStrLn "give number!"  
  a ← io (readLn :: IO Float)  
  if a < 0 then stop  
    else io $ putStrLn "can be sqrt'd!"  
  io . print $ sqrt a
```

(The last line does not print out if there's a problem.)

But wait...

We did not even touch the IO!

```
newtype MaybeIO a = MaybeIO  
    { runMaybeIO :: IO (Maybe a) }  
newtype MaybeT m a = MaybeT  
    { runMaybeT  :: m (Maybe a) }
```

Transformer is a monad glue-in

newtype `MaybeT m a =`

`MaybeT {runMaybeT :: m (Maybe a)}`

instance `Functor m ⇒ Functor (MaybeT m) where`

`fmap f = MaybeT . fmap (fmap f) . runMaybeT`

instance `Monad m ⇒ Applicative (MaybeT m) where`

`pure = MaybeT . pure . Just`

`MaybeT a ⟨*⟩ MaybeT b = MaybeT $`

`a ≫ maybe (return Nothing)`

`((⟨$⟩b) . fmap)`

instance Monad $m \Rightarrow$ Monad (MaybeT m) **where**

return = *pure*

MaybeT $a \gg= f =$ MaybeT \$

a \gg= maybe (return Nothing)

(runMaybeT . f)

stop :: Monad $m \Rightarrow$ MaybeT $m a$

stop = MaybeT (return Nothing)

We don't really need to care which monad is inside

```
class MonadTrans t where
```

```
  lift :: Monad m  $\Rightarrow$  m a  $\rightarrow$  t m a
```

```
instance MonadTrans MaybeT where
```

```
  lift = MaybeT  $\cdot$  fmap Just
```

(previously this was *liftIO*)

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Maybe-with-State works too!

type Parser a = MaybeT (State String) a

parseExactChar c = **do**

$s \leftarrow \text{lift } \text{get}$

case s **of**

$[] \rightarrow \text{stop}$

$(c' : cs)$

| $c \equiv c' \rightarrow \text{stop}$

| *otherwise* \rightarrow **do** *lift* \$ *put* cs

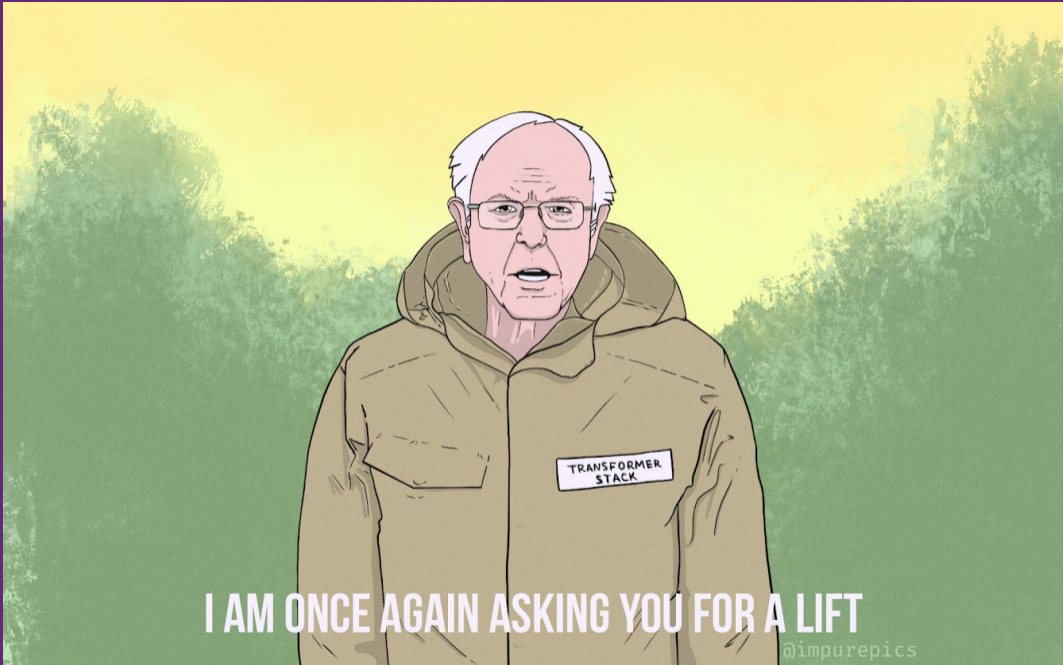
pure c

runParser :: Parser $a \rightarrow$ String \rightarrow Maybe a

runParser p s = *execState* (*runMaybeT* p) s

Can we apply more transformers at once?

Can we do this with all monads?



I AM ONCE AGAIN ASKING YOU FOR A LIFT

@impurepics

Manual lifting is boring (and error-prone)

```
class Monad m  $\Rightarrow$  MonadIO m where liftIO :: IO a  $\rightarrow$  m a  
instance MonadIO IO where liftIO = id  
instance (MonadIO m, MonadTrans t)  
     $\Rightarrow$  MonadIO (t m) where liftIO = lift  $\cdot$  liftIO
```

(The instances recursively lift the IO action until it executes in an actual IO.)

Use in some libraries: *putStrLn* :: MonadIO *m* \Rightarrow String \rightarrow *m* ()

There's plenty of other monad transformers

Obviously there is already a StateT, ReaderT, EitherT, ...

Transformer libraries such as `mt1` define typeclasses for easier work within monad stacks:

```
class Monad m ⇒ MonadState s m | m → s where
```

```
  get :: m s
```

```
  put :: s → m ()
```

```
  state :: (s → (a, s)) → m a
```

```
class (Monoid w, Monad m)
```

```
  ⇒ MonadWriter w m | m → w where
```

```
  tell :: w → m ()
```

```
class Monad m ⇒ MonadError e m | m → e where
```

```
  throwError :: e → m a
```

```
  catchError :: m a → (e → m a) → m a
```

Libraries:

- `mt1` — older, uses multi-parameter typeclasses
- `transformers` — newer, standard-compliant, no generic interfaces
- `mt1-tf` — generic interfaces for `transformers` via type families

Recommendation (2023): use `mt1` only for compatibility reasons

There's a transformer for everything

- Identity — doesn't do anything but helps reducing the amount of code:
SomeMonad = SomeMonadT Identity
- MaybeT, EitherT (Not as great for actual error handling!)
- ExceptT (also ErrorT, but that is deprecated)
- StateT — stateful computation with *get* and *put*
- ReaderT — global environment that you can *ask* for
- WriterT — global monoid that stores what you *tell* it
- RWST — ReaderWriterStateT (quite a typical combo over IO)
- ListT — nondeterminism (but the failures behave weird!)

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Human-style: $\lambda x \rightarrow (f\ x, g\ x)$

Reader-style: *liftA2* (,) $f\ g$

Side note: There are helper functors too

- Identity
- Const c
- Compose $f g$ — 2 (applicative) functors in one
- Sum, Product
- Reverse — reverses folding and traversing
- Backwards — reverses side-effect order in ($\langle * \rangle$)

How to do backtracking? (like in parsers)

Approach 1: stuff with Alternative instance

Approach 2: MonadPlus

```
class (Alternative m, Monad m) ⇒ MonadPlus m where  
  mzero :: m a  
  mplus :: m a → m a → m a
```

In certain situations *mplus* can behave much more sensibly than $\langle | \rangle$ thanks to the monad powers.

class MonadPlus $m \Rightarrow$ MonadLogic m **where**

$msplit :: m\ a \rightarrow m\ (Maybe\ (a,\ m\ a))$ - first result

$ifte :: m\ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow m\ b) \rightarrow m\ b \rightarrow m\ b$ - soft cut

$once :: m\ a \rightarrow m\ a$ - hard cut

$(\gg_) :: m\ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow m\ b) \rightarrow m\ b$ - diagonal conjunction

$interleave :: m\ a \rightarrow m\ a \rightarrow m\ a$ - diagonal disjunction (Prolog coroutines!)

instance Monad $m \Rightarrow$ MonadLogic (LogicT m) **where** ...

- $(\gg_)$ is like the Prolog comma
- 'mplus' is like the Prolog semicolon
- *guard* works like with lists

Can we do some useful stuff with continuations?

Continuation-passing style is a method of programming without 'returning' values.

- Normal code: $f\ x = \mathbf{do}\ \{r \leftarrow g\ x; \mathit{return}\ (2 * r); \}$
- CPS code: $f\ x\ \mathit{cont} = g\ x\ (\lambda r \rightarrow \mathit{cont}\ (2 * r))$
- monadic binding is already quite CPSish: $f \gg= \mathit{cont}$

Cont and ContT monads are (among other) quite useful for changing control flow.

Use CPS if you want goto

```
import Control.Monad
import Control.Monad.Trans.Class
import Control.Monad.Trans.Cont

getCC = callCC (return · fix)

main = evalContT $ do
  lift $ putStrLn "Hello!"
  restart ← getCC
  lift $ putStrLn "Guess a number!"
  a ← lift (readLn :: IO Int)
  unless (a ≡ 42) restart
  lift $ putStrLn "Finally okay!"
```

Use CPS if you hate bracket nesting

```
withFile f = bracket (openFile f readMode) hHclose  
muchFileWork = withFile "1.txt" $ \x → withFile "2.txt" $ \y → ...
```

Holding a lot of files at once:

```
muchFileWork = evalContT $ do  
  x ← ContT $ withFile "1.txt"  
  y ← ContT $ withFile "2.txt"  
  z ← ContT $ withFile "3.txt"  
  ...
```

...since it's a monad:

```
muchFileWork = evalContT $ do  
  handles ← traverse (ContT · withFile) ["1.txt", "2.txt", "3.txt", ...]  
  ...
```

Use CPS if you miss imperative `return`

Conditions at the beginning of long monadic actions are annoying:

```
doSomething = do  
  x ← parseFile  
  case x of  
    Nothing → pure False  
    Just a → do putStrLn "parsed OK"  
                ...    - 2 extra levels of nesting
```

CPS:

```
doSomething = evalContT · callCC $ λfinish → do  
  x ← lift parseFile  
  a ← case x of Nothing → finish False  
                Just a → pure a  
  lift $ putStrLn "parsed OK"  - lift is not needed with e.g. ClassyPrelude  
  ...
```

Summary

Generic:

lift* :: (MonadTrans *t*, Monad *m*) ⇒ *m a* → *t m a

Specific:

runMyT* :: Monad *m* ⇒ MyT *xxx m a* → *m (yyy a)

lift* :: Monad *m* ⇒ *m a* → MyT *xxx m a

Semantics-driven:

instance (MonadMy *m*, MonadTrans *t*) ⇒ MonadMy (*t m*)

liftMy* :: MonadMy *m* ⇒ My *xxx a* → *m a

Extra example: We can make a stateful IO

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Corollary: IOT doesn't really make sense.

Transformation order is relevant!

```
import Control.Applicative
```

```
import Control.Monad.Trans.Class
```

```
import Control.Monad.Trans.Maybe
```

```
import Control.Monad.Trans.State
```

```
import Data.Functor.Identity
```

```
test1 = runIdentity • runMaybeT • flip runStateT 0  
        $ (put 1 >> empty) <|> pure "ok"
```

```
test2 = runIdentity • flip runStateT 0 • runMaybeT  
        $ (lift (put 1) >> empty) <|> pure "ok"
```

```
test1   ~> (Just ("ok", 0))
```

```
test2   ~> (Just "ok", 1)
```

Appendix: MPTCs are relations on types

Multiparameter typeclasses may express relations between types:

```
class X a b c | a b → c where ...
```

Types before the arrow uniquely determine the ones behind the arrow, reducing ambiguity

```
class MonadState m s | m → s
```

```
instance Monad m ⇒ MonadState (StateT s m) s
```

```
popGlobalStack :: MonadState m [a] ⇒ m (Maybe a)
```

```
class KeyValueContainer c k v | c → k v
```

```
instance KeyValueContainer (Map Int String) Int String
```

```
capitalizeValues :: KeyValueContainer c k String ⇒ c → c
```

```
class Convertible a b
```

```
instance Convertible Int Float
```

```
plusAnything :: (Num a, Convertible x a, Convertible y a) ⇒ x → y → a
```

MPTCs are like Prolog

Haskell:

```
data Z
data S a

class Number a
instance Number Z
instance Number a  $\Rightarrow$  Number (S a)

class Succ a b | a  $\rightarrow$  b
instance Succ a (S a)

class Add a b c | a b  $\rightarrow$  c
instance Add a b c  $\Rightarrow$  Add (S a) b (S c)
instance Add Z b b
```

Prolog:

```
number(z).
number(s(A)) :- number(A).

% succ(+A, -A1)
succ(X, s(X)).

% add(+X, +Y, -Z)
add(z, X, X).
add(s(X), Y, s(Z)) :- add(X, Y, Z).
```

Appendix 2: Open type families are overloadable typelevel functions

```
class Monad m ⇒ MonadState m where  
  type StateType m  
  get :: m (StateType m)  
  put :: StateType m → m ()
```

```
instance Monad m ⇒ MonadState (StateT s m) where  
  type StateType (StateT s m) = s  
  get = lift get  
  put = lift · put
```

```
class KeyValueContainer a where  
  type Key a  
  type Value a  
  keys :: a → [Key a]  
  values :: a → [Value a]
```

```
instance KeyValueContainer [(a, b)] where  
  type Key [(a, b)] = a  
  type Value [(a, b)] = b  
  keys = map fst  
  values = map snd
```

Appendix 3: Closed type families are normal typelevel functions

```
ghci> :set -XTypeFamilies
ghci> data family X a
ghci> data instance X Int = String
ghci> data instance X Bool = Double
ghci> _ :: X Bool

<interactive>:13:1: error:
  - Found hole: _ :: X Bool
  ...
  - Valid hole fits include
    Double :: X Bool (defined at <interactive>:5:24)
```

**Multiparameter type classes and type families
are 2 different views of the same typesystem capability.
Bonus: Both can easily encode an undecidable problem.**

Final note: Types are values

```
data Z
```

```
data S n
```

```
data family Succ a
```

```
data instance Succ a = S a
```

```
- ...
```

```
data Vec / where    - GADT syntax
```

```
  Nil :: Vec Z
```

```
  Cons :: Int → Vec n → Vec (S n)
```

```
{-# LANGUAGE DataKinds #-}
```

```
data Nat = S Nat | Z
```

```
succ a = S a
```

```
data Vec :: Nat → *
```

```
where
```

```
  Nil :: Vec Z
```

```
  Cons :: Int → Vec n → Vec (S n)
```

Result: `vec3d :: Vec (S (S (S Z)))`

GHC.TypeLits can help you to get common values (numbers, strings) to type level.