

# Monad P3 : IO Monad Basics (2A)

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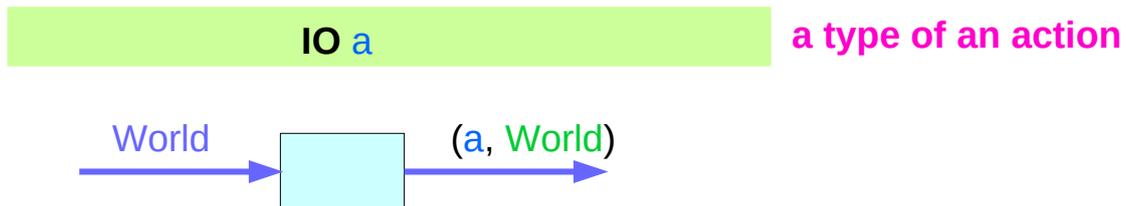
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# IO Monad

Haskell separates **pure functions** from **computations** where **side effects** must be considered by encoding those **side effects** as **values** of a particular type (**IO a**)

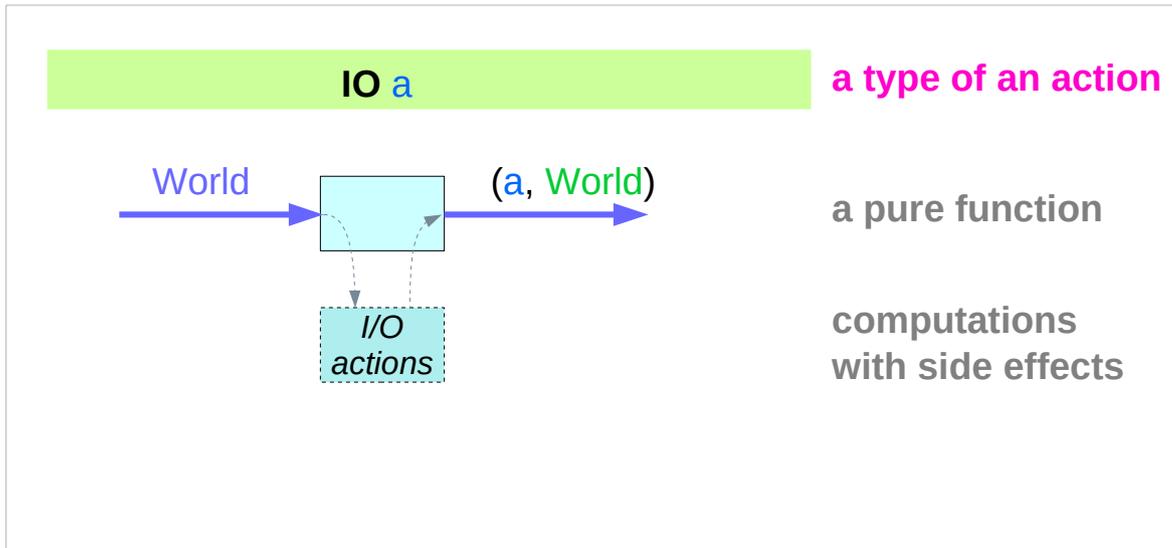
Specifically, a **value** of type (**IO a**) is an **action**, which *if executed* would produce a **result value** of type **a**.

**Execution** → IO actions performed and returns a **value (result)**

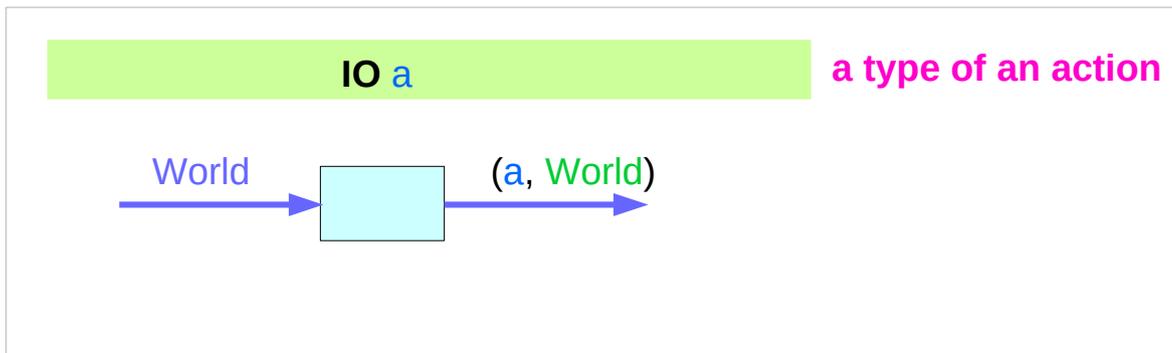


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# IO Monad – encoding side effects



**Execution** → IO actions performed and returns a **value (result)**



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# Computations that result in values

Monads like IO

`map` types `t` to a new type `IO t`

`t`  $\rightarrow$  `IO t` lifted type

`IO t` represents computations that result in values

a function type: `World -> (t, World)`

the result type : `t`

```
type IO t = World -> (t, World)
```

```
RealWorld -> (a, RealWorld)
```

```
newtype IO a = IO (State# RealWorld -> (# State# RealWorld, a #))
```

<https://wiki.haskell.org/Maybe>

# Type Synonym **IO t**

**IO t** is a **parameterized function type**

*input* : a **World**

*output*: a **result value** of the type **t** and a new **updated World** are obtained by modifying the given **World** in the process of **computing** the result value of the type **t**.

```
type IO t = World -> (t, World)    type synonym
```

World -> (t, World)



**IO t**



cf) type application

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RealWorld

# The value of type **IO a**

assume the **value** of type (**IO a**) is **func**

representing an **action**, which would produce a **result value** of type **a**, *if executed*

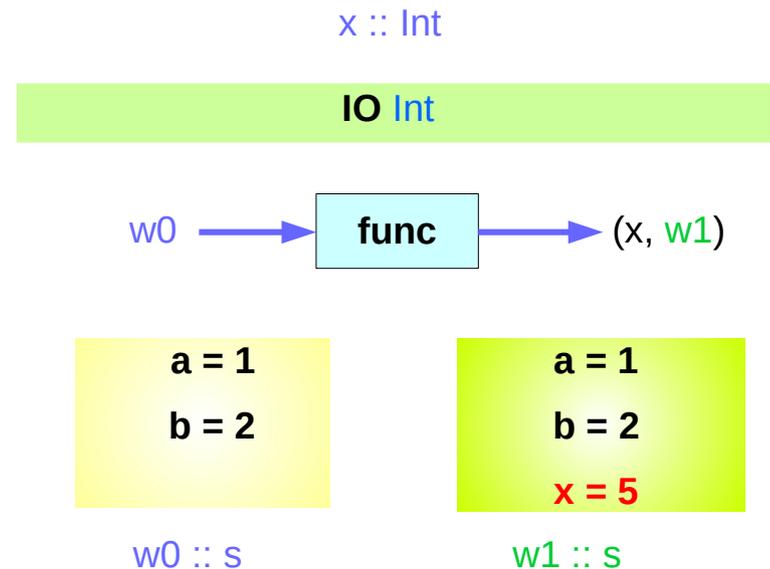
**func w0** returns the tuple (**x**, **w1**)

**x** is the a **result value** of type **a**

When **IO a** is defined as

```
type IO a = World -> (a, World)
```

The **value func** of type (**IO a**) is the **name** of the underlying (state) function



**func** :: **IO a**

**func** :: **IO Int**

**m** :: **IO a**

**m** :: **IO Int**

monadic value

# IO t is a function **type** not a function **value**

**type** IO t = World -> (t, World)

t  $\longrightarrow$  IO t lifted type

World -> (t, World)



let (x, w1) = ~~IO t~~ w0

IO t type view

value view



x :: t

w1 :: World

(x, w1) :: (t, World)

(x, w1) :: ~~IO t~~ World

# (t, World) – the return type of the function

```
type IO t = World -> (t, World)
```

```
World -> (t, World)
```



```
IO t
```



```
func :: IO t
```

**func** is a **monadic value** of the type **IO t**, then **func** is also the **name** of the underlying **function**

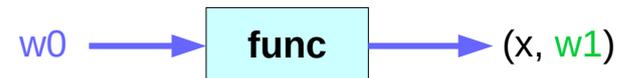
```
let (x, w1) = func w0
```

```
x :: t
```

```
w1 :: World
```

```
(x, w1) :: (t, World)
```

```
(x, w1) :: IO t World
```



```
func w0 :: (t, World)
```

```
func :: IO t
```

# func :: IO Int type

**type** IO Int = World -> (Int, World)



**(x, w1) = func w0**

**func** :: IO Int

the function type

**func w0** :: ~~IO Int~~ World

the function return type

**func** :: World -> (Int, World)

**func w0** :: (Int, World)

**x** :: Int

the result type

**w0** :: World

the function input type – initial state type

**let** (x, w1) = **func w0**

the bindings of x and w1

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# Parameterized type IO a

```
type IO a = s -> (a, s)
```

```
type IO Int = s -> (Int, s)
```

```
type IO Char = s -> (Char, s)
```

```
⋮
```

```
⋮
```

s ← Int

```
type IO Int = Int -> (Int, Int)
```

```
func :: IO Int
```

in practice the type s is **RealWorld**

**RealWorld** -> (a, **RealWorld**)

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# Implementation of IO t

It is impossible

to store the extra copies of the contents of your hard drive  
that each of the Worlds contains

given World → updated World

**type IO a = RealWorld -> (a, RealWorld)**

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# IO Monad in GHC

Which World was given initially?

Which World was updated?

In **GHC**, a **main** must be defined somewhere with type **IO ()**

a program execution starts from the **main**

the **initial World** is contained in the **main** to start everything off

the **main** passes the **updated World** from each **IO**

to the next **IO** as its **initial World**

an **IO** that is not reachable from **main** will never be executed

an **initial / updated World** is not passed to such an **IO**

## The modification of the World



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# IO Monad in GHC

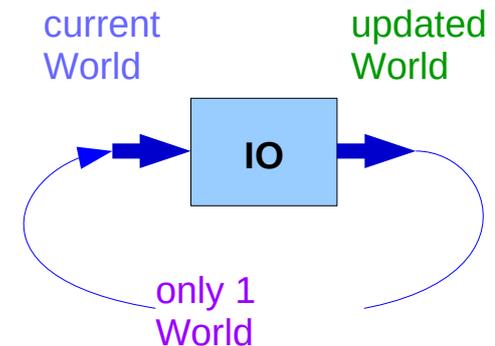
when using **GHCI**,  
everything is wrapped in **an implicit IO**,  
since the results get printed out to the screen.

there's **only 1 World** in existence at any given moment.

each **IO** takes that **one and only World**, consumes it,  
and gives back a single **new updated World**.

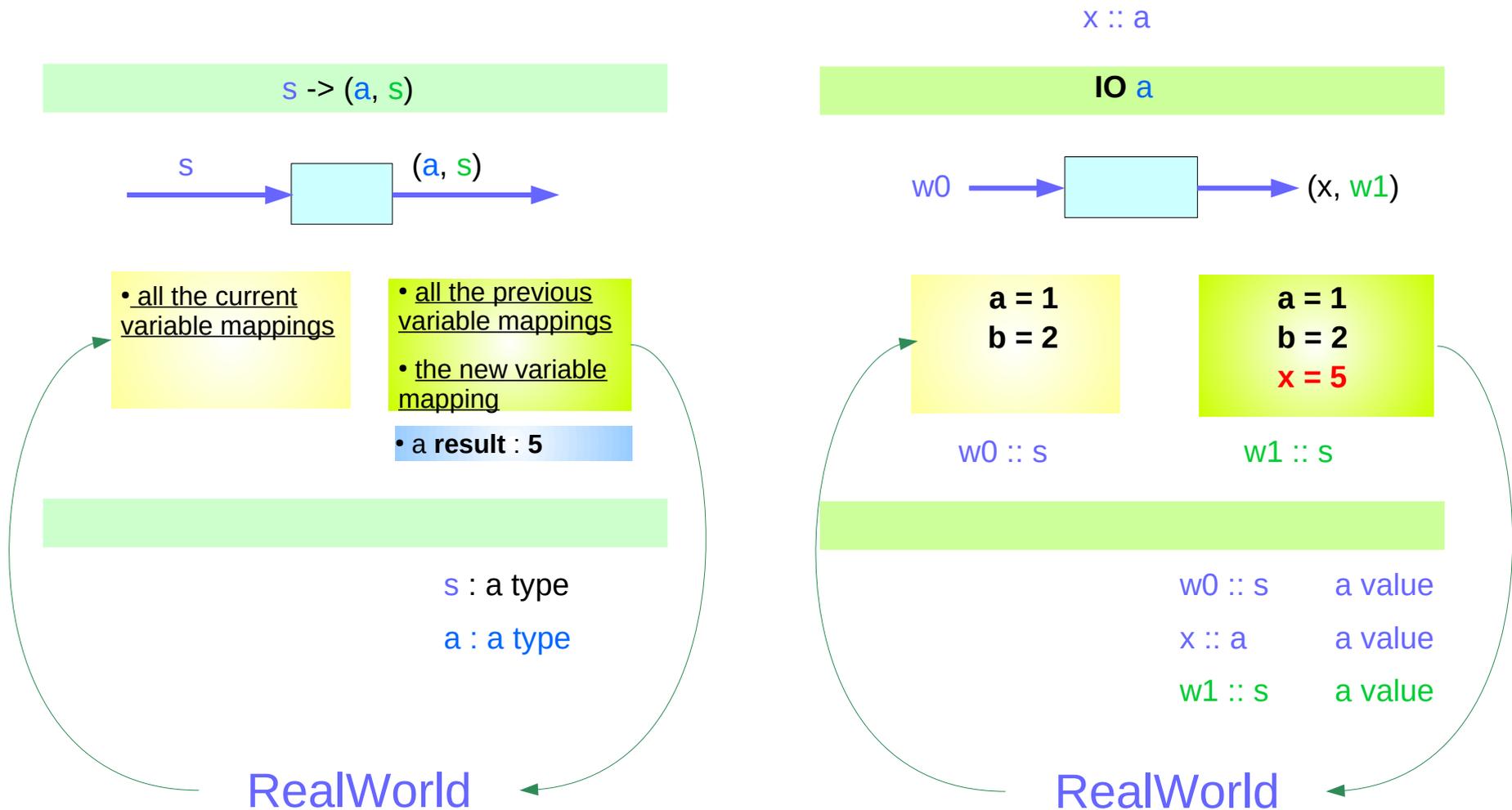
consequently, there's no way to accidentally run out of Worlds,  
or have multiple ones running around.

the implementation of bind



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# Variable Mappings : Context



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# IO Monad Instance (1)

```
instance Monad IO where
```

```
  return x w0 = (x, w0)
```

```
(ioX >>= f) w0 =
```

```
  let (x, w1) = ioX w0
```

```
  in f x w1      -- has type (t, World)
```

```
type IO t = World -> (t, World)
```

type synonym

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# IO Monad Instance (2)

**instance Monad IO** where

**return** x w0 = (x, w0)

(ioX >>= f) w0 =

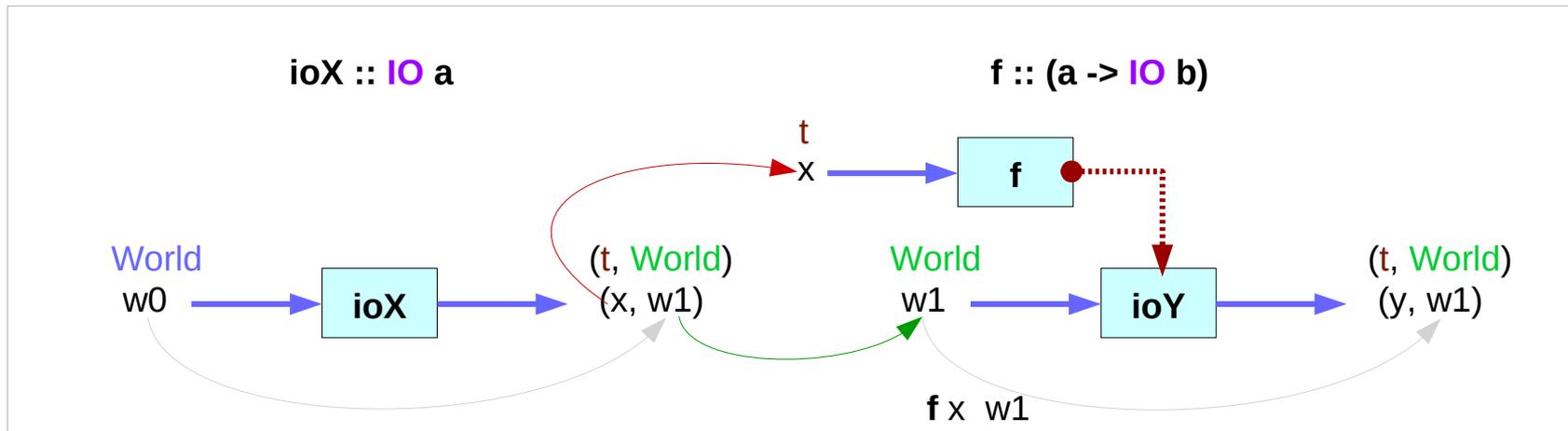
let (x, w1) = ioX w0

in f x w1      -- has type (t, World)

(ioX >>= f) :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b

ioX :: IO a

f :: (a -> IO b)

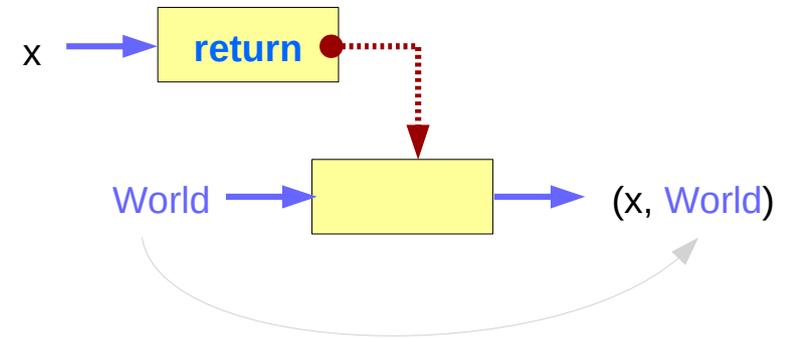


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# return

The **return** function takes  $x$   
and gives back a function  
that takes a **World**  
and returns  $x$  along with the “new, updated” **World**  
formed by not modifying the **World** it was given

**return**  $x$  world = ( $x$ , world)



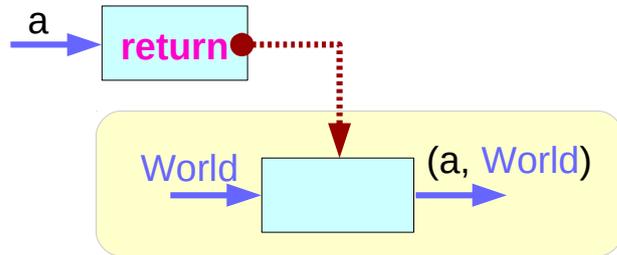
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# return method and partial application

`return a :: a -> IO a`

← Types →

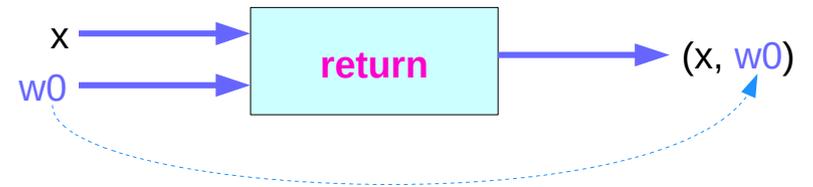
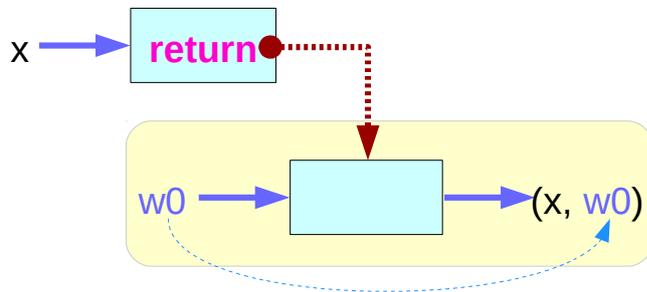
`return a World :: (a, World)`



`let (x, w0) = return x w0`

← Values →

`let (x, w0) = return x w0`



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# IO Monad – >>

$(\gg) :: \text{IO } a \rightarrow \text{IO } b \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

$(x \gg y)$

- if  $x$  and  $y$  are IO actions
- then it is the action that first performs  $x$
- dropping the result
- then performs  $y$
- returns its result.

`putStrLn "Hello" >> putStrLn "World"`

`IO () -> IO () -> IO ()`

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# IO Monad – >>=

```
(>>=) :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b
```

(x >>= f)

- to use the result of the first action (x)
- in order to affect what the second action f will do
- perform the **first action** : the action x
- captures its **result**
- passes it to f
- then f computes a **second action**
- performs this **second action**
- its **result** is the result of the overall computation.

```
x >> y = x >>= const y
```

```
getLine >>= \name -> putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ "!")  
IO a    ->      (a -> IO b)                               -> IO b
```

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# Bind operator `>>=` and `do` Block

```
main = putStrLn "Hello, what is your name?"  
      >> getLine  
      >>= \name -> putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ "!")
```

```
main = do putStrLn "Hello, what is your name?"  
         name <- getLine  
         putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ "!")
```

`getLine :: IO String`

`>>=` (explicit passing)

`do` (implicit passing)

`return :: a -> IO a`

Note that there is no function like this:

`unsafe :: IO a -> a`

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# ioX >>= f

the expression  $(\text{ioX } \gg= f)$  has type  $\text{World} \rightarrow (t, \text{World})$

a function that takes a  $\text{World}$ , called  $w_0$ ,

which is used to extract  $x$  from its  $\text{IO}$  monad.

This  $x$  gets passed to  $f$ , resulting in another  $\text{IO}$  monad,

which again is a function that takes a  $\text{World}$

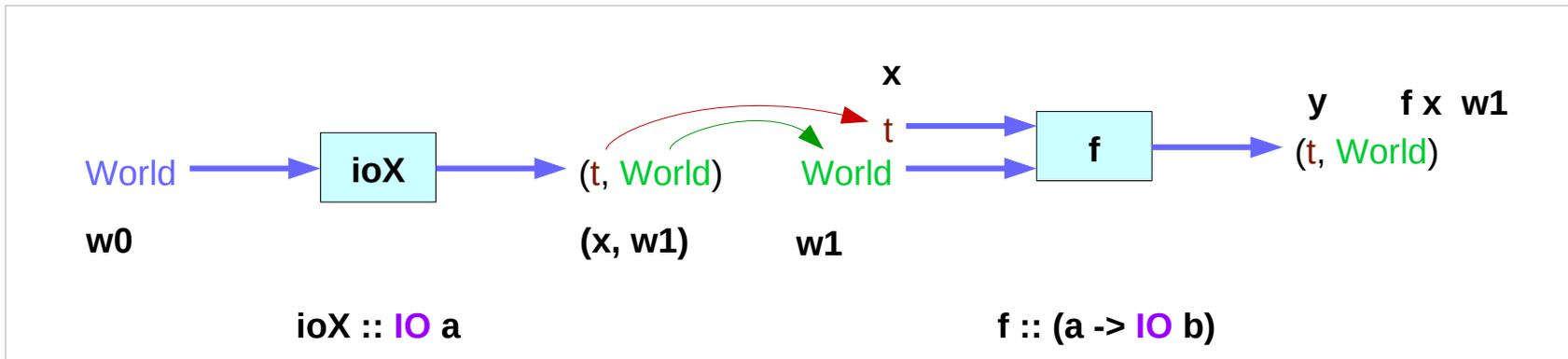
and returns a  $y$  and a new, updated  $\text{World}$ .

We give it the  $\text{World}$  we got back from getting  $x$  out of its monad,

and the thing it gives back to us is the  $y$  with a final version of the  $\text{World}$

the implementation of bind

$(\text{ioX } \gg= f) :: \text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$



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# ioX and f types

```
instance Monad IO where
```

```
  return x w0 = (x, w0)
```

```
(ioX >>= f) w0 =
```

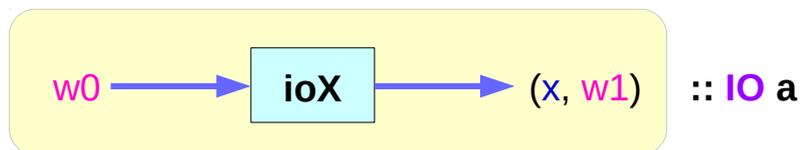
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  let (x, w1) = ioX w0
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```
  in f x w1      -- has type (t, World)
```

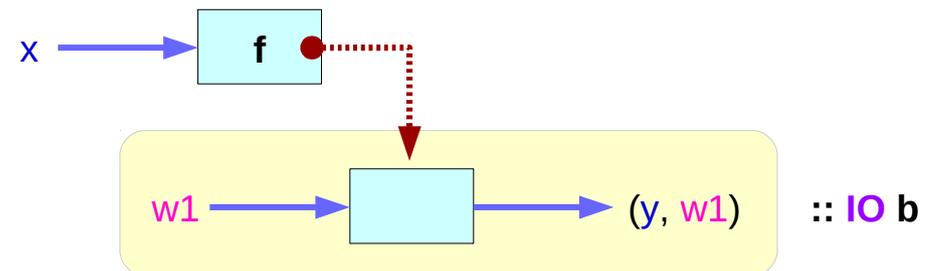
$\text{ioX } \gg= f :: \text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

**type**  $\text{IO } t = \text{World} \rightarrow (t, \text{World})$

**type synonym**



$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$



$f :: (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b)$

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# ioX w0 and f x w1

```

ioX >>= f :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b

ioX :: IO a      w0 :: World      x :: a
f :: a -> IO b   w1 :: World

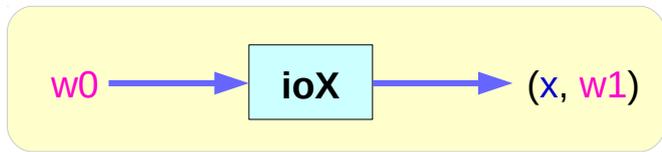
ioX w0 :: (a, World)  → (x, w1) :: (a, World)
f x :: IO b
f x w1 :: (b, World) → (y, w1) :: (b, World)
    
```

```

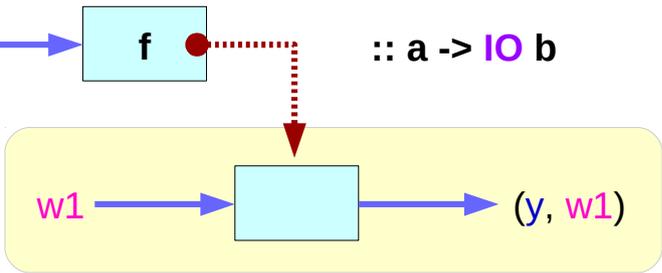
f :: a -> IO b
f x :: IO b
f :: a -> World -> (b World)
f x w1 :: (b World)
    
```

**type** IO t = World -> (t, World)

**type synonym**



ioX w0



f x w1



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# Binding variables

$\text{ioX} \gg= f \ :: \ \text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

$\text{ioX} \ :: \ \text{IO } a$

$f \ :: \ a \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

$w0 \ :: \ \text{World}$

$x \ :: \ a$

$w1 \ :: \ \text{World}$

internal  
variables

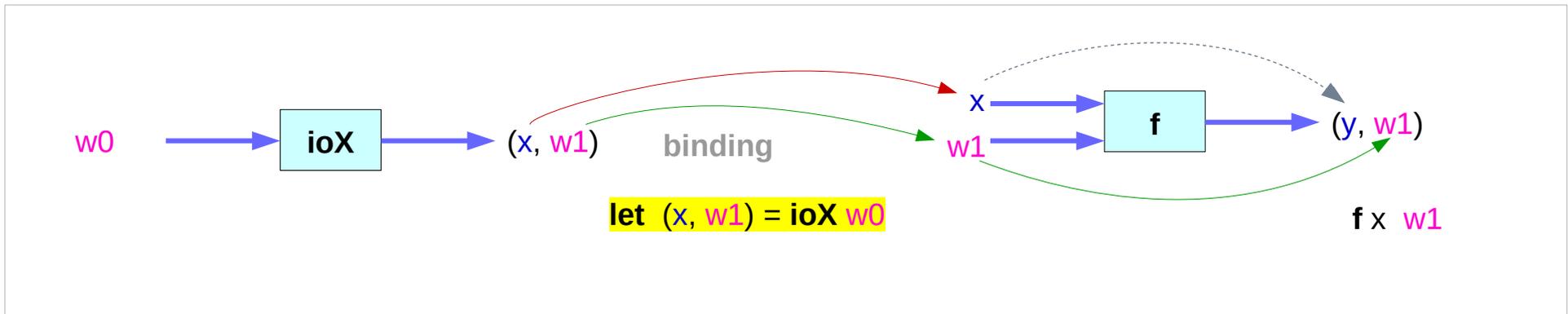
$\text{ioX } w0 \ :: \ (a, \text{World}) \ \longrightarrow \ (x, w1) \ :: \ (a, \text{World})$

$f \ x \ :: \ \text{IO } b$

$f \ x \ w1 \ :: \ (b, \text{World}) \ \longrightarrow \ (y, w1) \ :: \ (b, \text{World})$

$\text{ioX}$  – monadic value

$f$  – monad returning function



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# Steps of $\text{ioX} \gg= f$ (1. state update, 2. result)

the expression  $(\text{ioX} \gg= f)$  has  
type  $\text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

the implementation of bind

first, execute the **action**  
execute ioX  
**State updated**  
 $w_0 \rightarrow w_1$   
**result extracted**  
 $x$  is the **result**

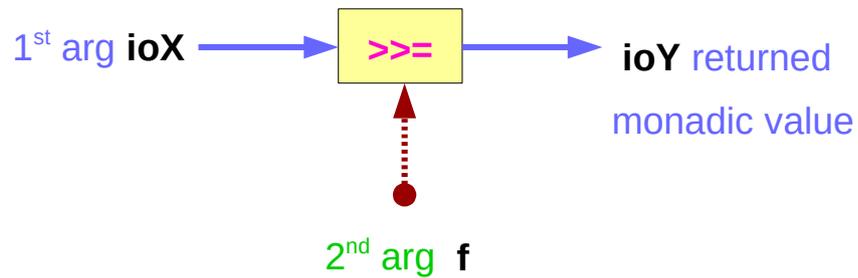
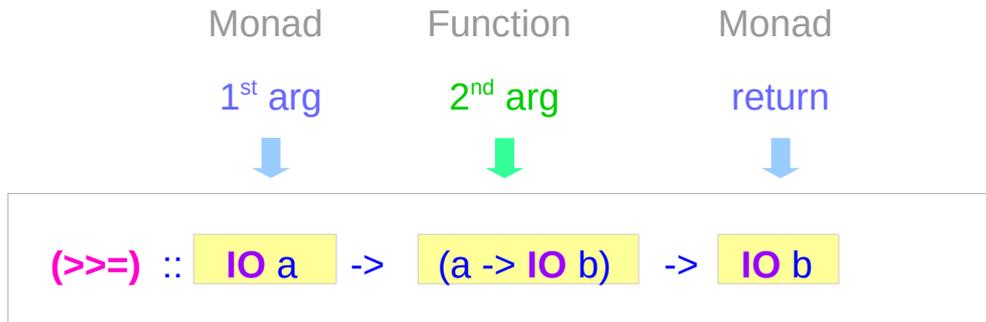


then, compute the new **result**  
using  $f x$   
no **State transition**  
 $w_1$  is remained  
**result computed**  $y = (f x)$

$(t, \text{World})$                        $(t, \text{World})$                        $(t, \text{World})$   
 $(-, w_0)$                        $(x, w_1)$                        $(y, w_1)$

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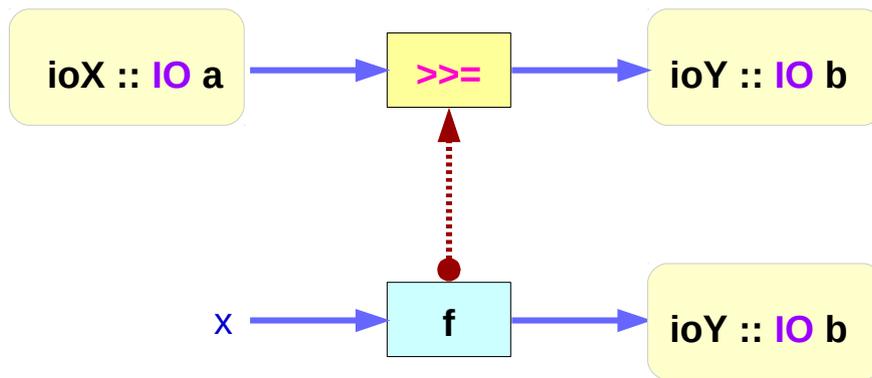
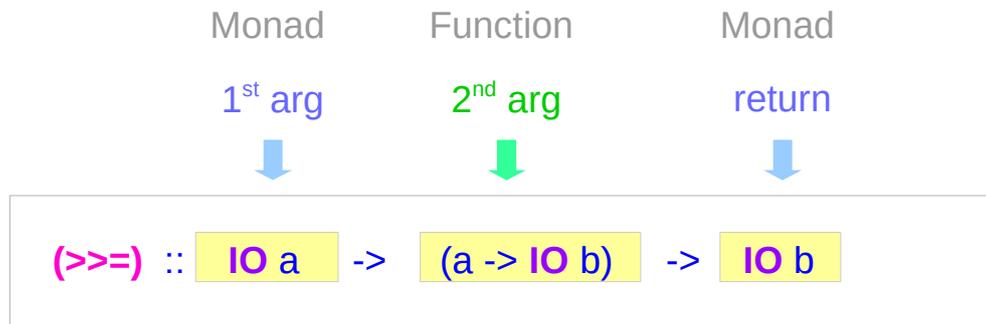
# (>>=) operator type signature



ioX :: IO a

ioY :: IO b

# (>>=) operator type diagram



ioX – state update

ioY – result extraction

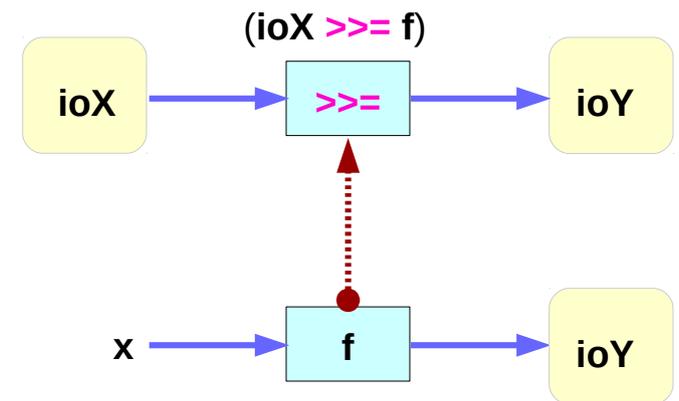


# (>>=) operator summary

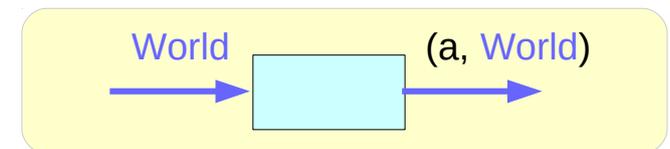
the expression  $(\text{ioX} \gg= f)$  has type  $\text{IO } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{IO } b) \rightarrow \text{IO } b$

$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$  has a **function** type of  $\text{World} \rightarrow (a, \text{World})$   
a **function** that takes  $w_0 :: \text{World}$ ,  
returns  $x :: a$  and the new, updated  $w_1 :: \text{World}$

$x$  and  $w_1$  get passed to  $f$ , resulting in another  $\text{IO}$  monad,  
which again is a **function** that takes  $w_1 :: \text{World}$   
and returns  $y$  computed from  $x$  and the same  $w_1 :: \text{World}$



$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$      $f :: a \rightarrow \text{IO } a$      $\text{ioY} :: \text{IO } b$

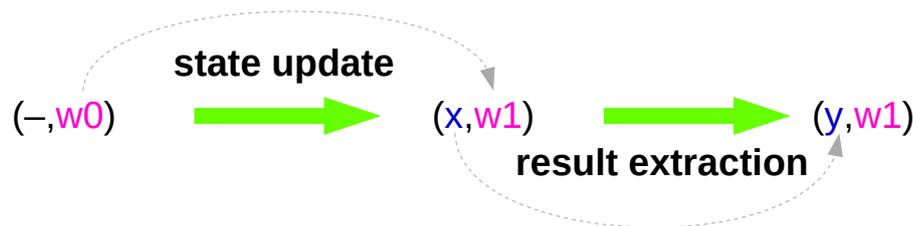


$\text{ioX} :: \text{IO } a$

$\text{ioY} :: \text{IO } b$

$\text{ioX}$  – state update

$\text{ioY}$  – result extraction



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# (>>=) operator binding

We give the **IOx** the **w0**

we got back the updated **w1**

and **x** out of its monad

**w0** :: World

**w1** :: World

**x** :: a

the **f** is given with

the **x** with

the updated **w1**

**x** :: a

**w1** :: World

.

The final **IO** Monad

takes **w1**

returns **w1**

and **y** out of its monad

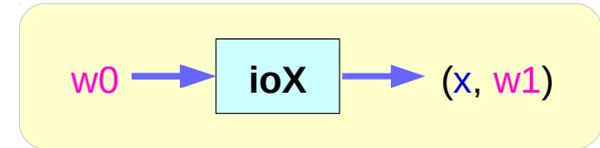
**w1** :: World

**w1** :: World

**y** :: a

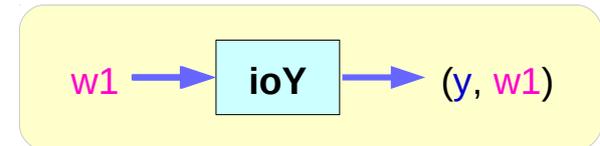
the expression (**ioX >>= f**) has

type **IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b**



let **(x, w1) = ioX w0**

bind variables



let **(y, w1) = ioY w0**

bind variables

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Every time a new **command** is given to **GHCI**,  
**GHCI** passes *the current World* to **IO**,  
**GHCI** gets the *result* of the command back,  
**GHCI** request to display the *result* (**executing actions**)

(which *updates the World* by modifying

- the contents of the screen or
- the list of defined variables or
- the list of loaded modules or whatever),

**GHCI** saves *the new World* to process the next command.

**the implementation of bind**

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# IO Monad

```
type IO a = s -> (a, s)
```

```
newtype IO a = IO (State# RealWorld -> (# State# RealWorld, a #))
```

```
newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (a, s) }
```

<http://blog.ezyang.com/2011/05/unraveling-the-mystery-of-the-io-monad/>

# Threading the state

```
newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (a, s) }
```

```
do x <- doSomething  
  y <- doSomethingElse  
  return (x + y)
```

```
\s ->
```

```
let (x, s') = doSomething s  
    (y, s'') = doSomethingElse s' in  
(x + y, s'')
```

creating data dependencies

$s \longrightarrow s' \longrightarrow s''$

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