

Bringing Back Monad Comprehensions and Extending Database Supported Haskell

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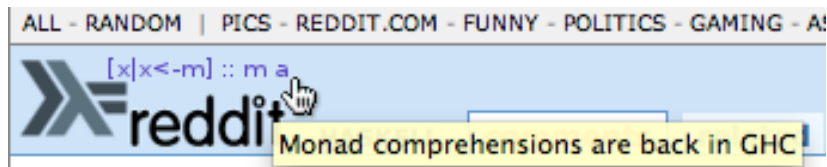
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This talk

- ▶ Bringing back monad comprehensions [Haskell 2011]
- ▶ Extending Database Supported Haskell (DSH) [IFL 2010 + ongoing work]

Reddit celebration



Outline

- ▶ History
 - ▶ Inception (Wadler 1992)
 - ▶ Rise (Haskell 1.4)
 - ▶ Fall (Haskell Workshop 1997)
- ▶ Story
 - ▶ Haskell extension available in **GHC-7.2**
 - ▶ **Generators** and **filters** as in Haskell 1.4
 - ▶ **SQL-like** comprehensions (Wadler and Peyton Jones 2007)
 - ▶ **Parallel/zip** comprehensions (GHC and Hugs)
- ▶ Future

Rise - Haskell 1.4 Report (1997)

HASKELL 1.4

“generators of the form $p \leftarrow e$, where p is a pattern of type t and e is an expression of type $\text{Monad } m \Rightarrow m \ t$ ”

Fall - John Hughes' summary (1997 Aug 27)



“The problem is that if list operations, and especially list comprehensions, are **overloaded**, then in some programs the overloading will be **ambiguous**.”

“ ... the compiler rejects the program, with an error message along the lines of **ambiguous type variable in class Monad**”

“Imagine **the first year student**, taking the first programming course, who is struggling to understand list programming and recursion, and is suddenly faced with the **error message above!** ”

“ . . . we took a show of hands on it at **the Haskell workshop**. **90% voted to restrict comprehensions to lists.**”



ACM SIGPLAN Workshop Program

Haskell Workshop

Held in conjunction with [ICFP97](#)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Saturday, June 7, 1997

Motivation

- ▶ The comprehension notation is concise and expressive.
- ▶ But it only works for lists in Haskell.
- ▶ List is not always the best choice.
 - ▶ Performance
 - ▶ Memory
 - ▶ Strictness
 - ▶ Parallelism
- ▶ Monad comprehensions would be useful for libraries and EDSLs (especially for collection-based ones).

Database Supported Haskell (DSH)

- ▶ Database-executable combinators:

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- ▶ Query *existing* data in a high-level **functional** language with **nested** and **ordered** collections instead of a low-level **relational** language with **flat** collections.
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- ▶ Reinventing the wheel as a quasiquoter:

$$[\mathit{qc} \mid x \mid x \leftarrow \mathit{ys}, x < y \mid]$$

Accident

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Examples

```
quickSort      :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
quickSort ys
  | null ys     = mzero
  | otherwise   = quickSort [x | x <- ys, x < y] 'mplus'
                  [x | x <- ys, x == y] 'mplus'
                  quickSort [x | x <- ys, x > y]
```

where

$y = \text{head } ys$

```
{-# LANGUAGE MonadComprehensions #-}
```

```
quickSort :: Ord a => Seq a    -> Seq a
quickSort :: Ord a => DList a  -> DList a
quickSort :: Ord a => AList a  -> AList a
```

```
quickSort :: (Ord a, ListLike m a, MonadPlus m) => m a -> m a
```

Data Parallel Haskell (DPH)

- ▶ Parallel Array Comprehensions:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{sparseMul} &:: [:(Int, Float):] \rightarrow [:(Float):] \rightarrow Float \\ \textit{sparseMul} \textit{sv} \textit{v} &= \textit{sumP} [f * (v !: i) \mid (i, f) \leftarrow \textit{sv}:] \end{aligned}$$

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Parallel List Comprehensions

denseMult :: [Float] → [Float] → [Float]
denseMult xs ys = sum [x * y | x ← xs | y ← ys]

denseMult :: [Float] → [Float] → [Float]
denseMult xs ys = sum [x * y | (x, y) ← zip xs ys]

MonadZip

```
class Monad m  $\Rightarrow$  MonadZip m where  
  mzip      :: m a  $\rightarrow$  m b  $\rightarrow$  m (a, b)  
  mzipWith :: (a  $\rightarrow$  b  $\rightarrow$  c)  $\rightarrow$  m a  $\rightarrow$  m b  $\rightarrow$  m c  
  munzip    :: m (a, b)  $\rightarrow$  (m a, m b)
```

```
instance MonadZip [] where  
  mzip = zip  
  munzip = unzip
```

```
instance MonadZip [::] where  
  mzip = zipP  
  munzip = unzipP
```

Parallel Monad Comprehensions

```
{-# LANGUAGE MonadComprehensions, ParallelListComp #-}
```

$$\begin{aligned} \text{denseMultP} & \quad :: [:\text{Float}:] \rightarrow [:\text{Float}:] \rightarrow [:\text{Float}:] \\ \text{denseMultP } xs \ ys & = \text{sumP } [x * y \mid x \leftarrow xs \mid y \leftarrow ys] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Parallel monad comprehension examples in Tomas Petricek's latest `Monad.Reader` article, including parallel parsing and parallel evaluation monads.

MonadZip

```
class Monad m => MonadZip m where  
  mzip :: m a -> m b -> m (a, b)  
  mzip = mzipWith (,)   
  
  mzipWith :: (a -> b -> c) -> m a -> m b -> m c  
  mzipWith f ma mb = liftM (uncurry f) (mzip ma mb)  
  
  munzip :: m (a, b) -> (m a, m b)  
  munzip mab = (liftM fst mab, liftM snd mab)
```

MonadZip Laws

- ▶ Naturality

$$\begin{aligned} \text{liftM } (f \text{ ** } g) (mzip \ ma \ mb) \\ \equiv mzip (\text{liftM } f \ ma) (\text{liftM } g \ mb) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Associativity

$$\begin{aligned} \text{liftM } (\lambda(a, (b, c)) \rightarrow ((a, b), c)) (mzip \ ma \ (mzip \ mb \ mc)) \\ \equiv mzip (mzip \ ma \ mb) \ mc \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Information Preservation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{liftM } (\text{const } ()) \ ma = \text{liftM } (\text{const } ()) \ mb \\ \Rightarrow \text{munzip } (mzip \ ma \ mb) \equiv (ma, \ mb) \end{aligned}$$

SQL-like List Comprehensions

```
{-# LANGUAGE TransformListComp #-}
```

```
employees :: [(String, String, Integer)]
```

```
employees = [("Simon", "MS", 80), ("Erik", "MS", 90)  
             , ("Phil", "Ed", 40), ("Gordon", "Ed", 45)  
             , ("Paul", "Yale", 60)  
             ]
```

```
query :: [(String, Integer)]
```

```
query = [ (the dept, sum salary)  
          | (name, dept, salary) ← employees  
          , then group by dept  
          , then sortWith by (sum salary)  
          ]
```

```
[("Yale", 60), ("Ed", 85), ("MS", 170)]
```

```

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          , then sortWith by (sum salary)
          ]

```

map

```

( $\lambda(-, dept, salary) \rightarrow (the\ dept, sum\ salary)$ )

```

sortWith

```

( $\lambda(-, -, salary) \rightarrow sum\ salary$ )

```

```

(map ( $\lambda l \rightarrow (map (\lambda(name, -, -) \rightarrow name) l$ 

```

```

, map ( $\lambda(-, dept, -) \rightarrow dept) l$ 

```

```

, map ( $\lambda(-, -, salary) \rightarrow salary) l))$ 

```

```

(groupWith ( $\lambda(-, dept, -) \rightarrow dept$ ) employees)

```

SQL-like Monad Comprehensions

- ▶ Lists

$$[a] \rightarrow [a]$$

$$[a] \rightarrow [[a]]$$

- ▶ Monads

$$\text{Monad } m \Rightarrow m a \rightarrow m a$$

$$\text{Monad } m \Rightarrow m a \rightarrow m (m a)$$

Tree Scans

Conal Elliott

Inspirations & experiments, mainly about denotative/functional programming in Haskell

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» [Deriving list scans](#)

Deriving parallel tree scans

1st March 2011, 12:41 pm

The post *Deriving list scans* explored folds and scans on lists and showed how the usual, efficient scan implementations can be derived from simpler specifications.

Let's see now how to apply the same techniques to scans over trees.

This new post is one of a series leading toward algorithms optimized for execution on massively parallel, consumer hardware, using CUDA or OpenCL.

Edits:

- 2011-03-01: Added clarification about "0" and "(\emptyset)".
- 2011-03-23: corrected "linear-time" to "linear-work" in two places.

Trees

Our trees will be non-empty and binary:

```
data T a = Leaf a | Branch (T a) (T a)
```

[Composable parallel scanning](#) »



RECENT POSTS

- [A first view on trees](#)
- [Parallel tree scanning by composition](#)
- [Composable parallel scanning](#)
- [Deriving parallel tree scans](#)

Would **do** do?

$[x \mid x \leftarrow xs, x > 0]$

do $x \leftarrow xs$
 guard $(x > 0)$
 return x

Would **do** do?

```
query :: [(String, Integer)]
query = [ (the dept, sum salary)
         | (name, dept, salary) ← employees
         , then group    by dept
         , then sortWith by (sum salary)
         ]
```

```
do let g = do l ← mgroupWith (λ(−, dept, −) → dept)
                               employees
      return (liftM (λ(name, −, −) → name) l
            , liftM (λ(−, dept, −) → dept) l
            , liftM (λ(−, −, salary) → salary) l)
(−, dept, salary) ← sortWith (λ(−, −, s) → sum s) g
return (the dept, sum salary)
```

- ▶ Communications of the ACM (June, 1970)

A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks

E. F. CODD

IBM Research Laboratory, San Jose, California

$$R * S = \{ (a, b, c) : R(a, b) \wedge S(b, c) \}$$

- ▶ Comprehensions in programming languages
 - ▶ SETL
 - ▶ LINQ
 - ▶ F#
 - ▶ Erlang
 - ▶ Python
 - ▶ Perl 6
 - ▶ Links
 - ▶

Syntax

$p, q ::= w \leftarrow e$	generator
let $w = e$	let binding
g	guard
p, q	Cartesian product
$p \mid q$	zipping
$q, \text{then } f$	transformation
$q, \text{then } f \text{ by } e$	and projection
$q, \text{then group by } e$	grouping
$q, \text{then group using } f$	user-defined
$q, \text{then group by } e \text{ using } f$	grouping

Typing Rules

List comprehensions

$P, \Gamma \vdash e : \tau$

$$\frac{P, \Gamma \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad \Gamma, \Delta \vdash e : \tau}{\{\text{Monad } m\} \cup P, \Gamma \vdash [e \mid q] : m \tau} [\text{Comp}]$$

Variables

$\vdash w \Rightarrow \Delta$

$$\frac{}{\vdash x : \tau \Rightarrow \{x : \tau\}} [\text{Var}] \quad \frac{\vdash w_1 : \tau_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad \dots \quad \vdash w_n : \tau_n \Rightarrow \Delta_n}{\vdash (w_1, \dots, w_n) : (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \cup \dots \cup \Delta_n} [\text{Tuple}]$$

Basic list comprehension body

$P, \Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow \Delta$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \text{Bool}}{\{\text{MonadPlus } m\}, \Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow (m, \emptyset)} [\text{Guard}] \quad \frac{}{\emptyset, \Gamma \vdash () \Rightarrow (m, \emptyset)} [\text{Unit}] \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : m \tau \quad \vdash w : \tau \Rightarrow \Delta}{\emptyset, \Gamma \vdash w \leftarrow e \Rightarrow (m, \Delta)} [\text{Gen}]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \quad \vdash x : \tau \Rightarrow \Delta}{\emptyset, \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = e \Rightarrow (m, \Delta)} [\text{Let}] \quad \frac{P, \Gamma \vdash p \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad P', \Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta')}{P \cup P', \Gamma \vdash p, q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta \cup \Delta')} [\text{Comma}]$$

Parallel list comprehension body

$P, \Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow \Delta$

$$\frac{P, \Gamma \vdash p \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad P', \Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta')}{\{\text{MonadZip } m\} \cup P \cup P', \Gamma \vdash p \mid q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta \cup \Delta')} [\text{Bar}]$$

Comprehensive list comprehension body

$P, \Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow \Delta$

$$\frac{P, \Gamma \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad \Gamma \vdash f : \forall \alpha. m \alpha \rightarrow m \alpha}{P, \Gamma \vdash q, \text{then } f \Rightarrow (m, \Delta)} [\text{then}] \quad \frac{P, \Gamma \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad \Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash e : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash f : \forall \alpha. (\alpha \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow m \alpha \rightarrow m \alpha}{P, \Gamma \vdash q, \text{then } f \text{ by } e \Rightarrow (m, \Delta)} [\text{thenBy}]$$

$$\frac{P, \Gamma \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad \Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash e : \tau}{P \cup \{\text{MonadGroup } m\}, \Gamma \vdash q, \text{then group by } e \Rightarrow m \Delta} [\text{groupBy}]$$

$$\frac{P, \Gamma \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad \Gamma \vdash f : \forall \alpha. m \alpha \rightarrow m (m \alpha)}{P, \Gamma \vdash q, \text{then group using } f \Rightarrow m \Delta} [\text{groupUsing}] \quad \frac{P, \Gamma \vdash q \Rightarrow (m, \Delta) \quad \Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash e : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash f : \forall \alpha. (\alpha \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow m \alpha \rightarrow m (m \alpha)}{P, \Gamma \vdash q, \text{then group by } e \text{ using } f \Rightarrow m \Delta} [\text{groupByUsing}]$$

Desugaring

$$\llbracket e \mid q \rrbracket = \text{liftM } (\lambda q_v \rightarrow e) \llbracket q \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket w \leftarrow e \rrbracket = e$$

$$\llbracket \text{let } w = d \rrbracket = \text{return } d$$

$$\llbracket g \rrbracket = \text{guard } g$$

$$\llbracket p, q \rrbracket = \text{join } (\text{liftM}$$

$$(\lambda p_v \rightarrow \text{liftM}$$

$$(\lambda q_v \rightarrow (p_v, q_v)) \llbracket q \rrbracket)$$

$$\llbracket p \rrbracket)$$

$$\llbracket p \mid q \rrbracket = \text{mzip} \llbracket p \rrbracket \llbracket q \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket q, \text{then } f \rrbracket = f \llbracket q \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket q, \text{then } f \text{ by } e \rrbracket = f (\lambda q_v \rightarrow e) \llbracket q \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket q, \text{then group by } e \rrbracket = \text{liftM } \text{unzip}_{q_v}$$
$$(\text{mgroupWith}$$
$$(\lambda q_v \rightarrow e) \llbracket q \rrbracket)$$

$$\llbracket q, \text{then group by } e \text{ using } f \rrbracket = \text{liftM } \text{unzip}_{q_v}$$
$$(f (\lambda q_v \rightarrow e) \llbracket q \rrbracket)$$

$$\llbracket q, \text{then group using } f \rrbracket = (\text{liftM } \text{unzip}_{q_v} (f \llbracket q \rrbracket))$$

$$\text{unzip}_{()} = \text{id}$$

$$\text{unzip}_x = \text{id}$$

$$\text{unzip}_{(w_1, w_2)} = \lambda e \rightarrow (\text{unzip}_{w_1} (\text{liftM } (\lambda (x, y) \rightarrow x) e)$$
$$, \text{unzip}_{w_2} (\text{liftM } (\lambda (x, y) \rightarrow y) e))$$

Error Messages

```
[(x, y) | x <- [1], y <- Just 5]
```

```
Code/Error.hs:45:30:
```

```
Couldn't match expected type '[t0]'  
  with actual type 'Maybe a0'
```

```
In the return type of a call of 'Just'
```

```
In a stmt of a monad comprehension: y <- Just 5
```

```
In the expression:
```

```
[(x, y) | x <- [1], y <- Just 5]
```

List notation overloading and defaulting

- ▶ Concrete proposal on list notation overloading for collections.
- ▶ Not so concrete proposal on extending Haskell's existing defaulting mechanism (e.g., for backwards compatibility and for resolving type ambiguities).

List notation overloading

```
class FromList l where  
  type Item l  
  fromList :: [Item l] → l
```

```
instance FromList [a] where  
  type Item [a] = a  
  fromList = id
```

```
instance (Ord a) ⇒ FromList (Set a) where  
  type Item (Set a) = a  
  fromList = Set.fromList
```

```
instance (Ord k) ⇒ FromList (Map k v) where  
  type Item (Map k v) = (k, v)  
  fromList = Map.fromList
```

```
instance FromList (IntMap v) where  
  type Item (IntMap v) = (Int, v)  
  fromList = IntMap.fromList
```

```
instance FromList Text where  
  type Item Text = Char  
  fromList = Text.pack
```

Conclusions

- ▶ The monad comprehension notation with **generators** and **filters** has been brought back to GHC Haskell.
- ▶ **SQL-like** and **parallel/zip** comprehensions have been generalised to monads and implemented in GHC.
- ▶ We welcome **feedback** from the Haskell community on usability, syntax, typing, implemented generalisation and library additions, and suggested laws.
- ▶ **GHC** is a great platform for development and experimentation with language features.
- ▶ We thank **Simon** for enhancing and integrating the monad comprehensions patch in GHC.

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Monad comprehensions are back in GHC

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Related work

- ▶ Language integration:
 - ▶ LINQ (Meijer et al.)
 - ▶ Links (Wadler et al.)
- ▶ Implementation:
 - ▶ Flattening transformation in NESL and Data Parallel Haskell (DPH)

DSH features

- ▶ Order and nesting
- ▶ Types determine the number of generated queries

Supported types:

$$t ::= ()$$

	<i>Bool</i>
	<i>Char</i>
	<i>Integer</i>
	<i>Double</i>
	<i>Text</i>
	(t, \dots, t)
	$[t]$

Ongoing work

- ▶ Algebraic data types through generic deriving of QA instances
- ▶ Number of generated queries in the extended DSH
- ▶ Optimising queries in the extended DSH

Questions/Comments/Suggestions