

# Functors and Friends

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## Functors: Types That Hold a Type in a Box

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

$f$  is a type constructor of kind  $* \rightarrow *$ . "A box of"

`fmap g x` means "apply  $g$  to every  $a$  in the box  $x$  to produce a box of  $b$ 's"

```
data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing  
instance Functor Maybe where  
  fmap _ Nothing = Nothing  
  fmap g (Just x) = Just (g x)
```

```
data Either a b = Left a | Right b  
instance Functor (Either a) where  
  fmap _ (Left x) = Left x  
  fmap g (Right y) = Right (g y)
```

```
data List a = Cons a (List a) | Nil  
instance Functor List where  
  fmap g (Cons x xs) = Cons (g x) (fmap g xs)  
  fmap _ Nil = Nil
```

## IO as a Functor

*Functor* takes a type constructor of kind  $* \rightarrow *$ , which is the kind of *IO*

```
Prelude> :k IO
```

```
IO :: * -> *
```

IO does behave like a kind of box:

```
query :: IO String
```

```
query = do line <- getLine      -- getLine returns a box :: IO String  
          let res = line ++ "!" -- take line out of box from getLine  
          return res           -- put res in an IO box
```

The definition of Functor IO in the Prelude: (alternative syntax)

```
instance Functor IO where
```

```
  fmap f action = do result <- action -- take result from the box  
                  return (f result)  -- apply f; put it a box
```

## Using fmap with I/O Actions

```
main = do line <- getLine
          let revLine = reverse line      -- Tedious but correct
          putStrLn revLine
```

```
main = do revLine <- fmap reverse getLine -- More direct
          putStrLn revLine
```

```
Prelude> fmap (++"!") getLine
foo
"foo!"
```

## Functions are Functors

```
Prelude> :k (->)
(->) :: * -> * -> *      -- Like ``(+),'' (->) is a function on types
```

That is, the function type constructor `->` takes two concrete types and produces a third (a function). This is the same kind as *Either*

```
Prelude> :k ((->) Int)
((->) Int) :: * -> *
```

The `((->) Int)` type constructor takes type *a* and produces functions that transform Ints to *a*'s. `fmap` will apply a function that transforms the *a*'s to *b*'s.

```
instance Functor ((->) a) where
  fmap f g = \x -> f (g x)  -- Wait, this is just function composition!
```

```
instance Functor ((->) a) where
  fmap = (.)                -- Much more succinct (Prelude definition)
```

## Fmapping Functions: $fmap\ f\ g = f . g$

```
Prelude> :t fmap (*3) (+100)
fmap (*3) (+100) :: Num b => b -> b
```

```
Prelude> fmap (*3) (+100) 1
303
```

```
Prelude> (*3) `fmap` (+100) $ 1
303
```

```
Prelude> (*3) . (+100) $ 1
303
```

```
Prelude> fmap (show . (*3)) (+100) 1
"303"
```

## Partially Applying *fmap*

```
Prelude> :t fmap
```

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

```
Prelude> :t fmap (*3)
```

```
fmap (*3) :: (Functor f, Num b) => f b -> f b
```

“`fmap (*3)`” is a function that operates on functors of the `Num` type class (“functors over numbers”). The function `(*3)` has been *lifted* to functors

```
Prelude> :t fmap (replicate 3)
```

```
fmap (replicate 3) :: Functor f => f a -> f [a]
```

“`fmap (replicate 3)`” is a function over functors that generates “boxed lists”



## Functor Laws

Applying the identity function does not change the functor  
("fmap does not change the box"):

$$\text{fmap id} = \text{id}$$

Applying *fmap* with two functions is like applying their composition  
("applying functions to the box is like applying them in the box"):

$$\text{fmap (f . g)} = \text{fmap f . fmap g}$$

$$\text{fmap (\y -> f (g y)) x} = \text{fmap f (fmap g x)} \quad \text{-- Equivalent}$$



## My So-Called Functor

```
data CMaybe a = CNothing | CJust Int a
           deriving Show
instance Functor CMaybe where    -- Purported
    fmap _ CNothing      = CNothing
    fmap f (CJust c x) = CJust (c+1) (f x)
```

```
*Main> fmap id CNothing
CNothing           -- OK: fmap id Nothing = id Nothing
*Main> fmap id (CJust 42 "Hello")
CJust 43 "Hello"   -- FAIL: fmap id /= id because 43 /= 42

*Main> fmap ( (+1) . (+1) ) (CJust 42 100)
CJust 43 102
*Main> (fmap (+1) . fmap (+1)) (CJust 42 100)
CJust 44 102      -- FAIL: fmap (f . g) /= fmap f . fmap g because 43 /= 44
```

# Multi-Argument Functions on Functors: Applicative Functors

Functions in Haskell are Curried:

```
1 + 2 = (+) 1 2 = ((+) 1) 2 = (1+) 2 = 3
```

What if we wanted to perform 1+2 in a Functor?

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

fmap is “apply a normal function to a functor, producing a functor”

Say we want to add 1 to 2 in the [] Functor (lists):

```
[1] + [2] = (+) [1] [2]           -- Infix to prefix  
          = (fmap (+) [1]) [2]    -- fmap: apply function to functor  
          = [(1+)] [2]           -- Now what?
```

We want to apply a Functor containing functions to another functor, e.g., something with the signature `[a -> b] -> [a] -> [b]`

## Applicative Functors: Applying Functions in a Functor

```
infixl 4 <*>  
class Functor f => Applicative f where  
  pure   :: a -> f a           -- Box something, e.g., a function  
  (<*>) :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b -- Apply boxed function to a box
```

```
instance Applicative Maybe where  
  pure = Just           -- Put it in a "Just" box  
  Nothing <*> _ = Nothing -- No function to apply  
  Just f <*> m = fmap f m -- Apply function-in-a-box f
```

```
Prelude> :t fmap (+) (Just 1)  
fmap (+) (Just 1) :: Num a => Maybe (a -> a) -- Function-in-a-box
```

```
Prelude> fmap (+) (Just 1) <*> (Just 2)  
Just 3
```

```
Prelude> fmap (+) Nothing <*> (Just 2)
```

```
Nothing -- Nothing is a buzzkiller
```

## Pure and the <\$> Operator

```
Prelude> pure (-) <*> Just 10 <*> Just 4
Just 6
Prelude> pure (10-) <*> Just 4
Just 6
Prelude> (-) `fmap` (Just 10) <*> Just 4
Just 6
```

<\$> is simply an infix *fmap* meant to remind you of the \$ operator

```
infixl 4 <$>
(<$>) :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
f <$> x = fmap f x      -- Or equivalently, f `fmap` x
```

So  $f <$> x <*> y <*> z$  is like  $f x y z$  but on applicative functors  $x, y, z$

```
Prelude> (+) <$> [1] <*> [2]
[3]
Prelude> (,,) <$> Just "PFP" <*> Just "Rocks" <*> Just "Out"
Just ("PFP", "Rocks", "Out")
```

## Maybe as an Applicative Functor

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

```
infixl 4 <$>  
f <$> x = fmap f x
```

```
infixl 4 <*>  
instance Applicative Maybe where  
  pure = Just  
  Nothing <*> _ = Nothing  
  Just f <*> m = fmap f m
```

```
      f <$> Just x    <*> Just y  
= ( f <$> Just x ) <*> Just y    -- a <$> b <*> c = (a <$> b) <*> c  
= (fmap f (Just x)) <*> Just y  -- Definition of <$>  
= ( Just (f x) ) <*> Just y     -- Definition of fmap Maybe  
= fmap (f x)      (Just y)     -- Definition of <*>  
= Just (f x y)         -- Definition of fmap Maybe
```

## Lists are Applicative Functors

```
instance Applicative [] where  
  pure x = [x] -- Pure makes singleton list  
  fs <*> xs = [ f x | f <- fs, x <- xs ] -- All combinations
```

<\*> associates (evaluates) left-to-right, so the last list is iterated over first:

```
Prelude> [ (++"!"), (++"?"), (++".") ] <*> [ "Run", "GHC" ]  
["Run!", "GHC!", "Run?", "GHC?", "Run.", "GHC."]
```

```
Prelude> [ x+y | x <- [100,200,300], y <- [1..3] ]  
[101,102,103,201,202,203,301,302,303]
```

```
Prelude> (+) <$> [100,200,300] <*> [1..3]  
[101,102,103,201,202,203,301,302,303]
```

```
Prelude> pure (+) <*> [100,200,300] <*> [1..3]  
[101,102,103,201,202,203,301,302,303]
```





# IO is an Applicative Functor

`<*>` enables I/O actions to be used more like functions

```
instance Applicative IO where  
  pure = return  
  a <*> b = do f <- a  
              x <- b  
              return (f x)
```

Specialized to IO actions,

```
(<*>) :: IO (a -> b)  
      -> IO a  
      -> IO b
```

```
main = do  
  a <- getLine  
  b <- getLine  
  putStrLn $ a ++ b
```

```
main :: IO ()  
main = do  
  a <- (++) <$> getLine <*> getLine  
  putStrLn a
```

```
$ stack runhaskell af2.hs  
One  
Two  
OneTwo
```

## Function Application ((->) a) as an Applicative Functor

```
pure :: b -> ((->) a) b
      :: b -> a -> b
(<*>) :: ((->) a) (b -> c) -> ((->) a) b -> ((->) a) c
      :: (a -> b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> (a -> c)
```

The “box” is “a function that takes an a and returns the type in the box”

<\*> takes  $f :: a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  and  $g :: a \rightarrow b$  and should produce  $a \rightarrow c$ .

Applying an argument  $x :: a$  to  $f$  and  $g$  gives  $g\ x :: b$  and  $f\ x :: b \rightarrow c$ .

This means applying  $g\ x$  to  $f\ x$  gives  $c$ , i.e.,  $f\ x\ (g\ x) :: c$ .

**instance** Applicative ((->) a) **where**

```
pure x = \_ -> x           -- a.k.a., const
f <*> g = \x -> f x (g x) -- Takes an a and uses f & g to produce a c
```

```
Prelude> :t \f g x -> f x (g x)
```

```
\f g x -> f x (g x) :: (a -> b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> a -> c
```

## Functions as Applicative Functors

```
instance Applicative ((->) a) where f <*> g = \x -> f x (g x)
instance Functor      ((->) a) where fmap = (.)
f <$> x = fmap f x
```

```
Prelude> :t (+) <$> (+3) <*> (*100)
(+)<$>( +3) <*> (*100) :: Num b => b -> b -- A function on numbers
Prelude> ( (+) <$> (+3) <*> (*100) ) 5
508 -- Apply 5 to +3, apply 5 to *100, and add the results
```

Single-argument functions (+3), (\*100) are the boxes (arguments are “put inside”), which are assembled with (+) into a single-argument function.

```
(      (+) <$> (+3) <*> (*100)      ) 5
= (      ((+) . (+3)) <*> (*100)      ) 5 -- Definition of <$>
= (\x -> ((+) . (+3)) x ((*100) x)) 5 -- Definition of <*>
=      ((+) . (+3)) 5 ((*100) 5)      -- Apply 5 to lambda expr.
=      ((+) ((+3) 5)) ((*100) 5)      -- Definition of .
=      (+) 8          500              -- Evaluate (+3) 5, (*100) 5
=      508            -- Evaluate (+) 8 500
```

## Functions as Applicative Functors

Another example: `(,,)` is the “build a 3-tuple operator”

```
Prelude> :t (,,) <$> (+3) <*> (*3) <*> (*100)
(,,) <$> (+3) <*> (*3) <*> (*100) :: Num a => a -> (a, a, a)

Prelude> ((,,) <$> (+3) <*> (*3) <*> (*100)) 2
(5,6,200)
```

The elements of the 3-tuple:

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

$$2 * 3 = 6$$

$$2 * 100 = 200$$

Each comes from applying 2 to the three functions.

“Generate a 3-tuple by applying the argument to `(+3)`, `(*3)`, and `(*100)`”

## ZipList Applicative Functors

The usual implementation of Applicative Functors on lists generates all possible combinations:

```
Prelude> [(+),(*)] <*> [1,2] <*> [10,100]
[11,101,12,102,10,100,20,200]
```

Control.Applicative provides an alternative approach with zip-like behavior:

```
newtype ZipList a = ZipList { getZipList :: [a] }
instance Applicative ZipList where
  pure x = ZipList (repeat x)    -- Infinite list of x's
  ZipList fs <*> ZipList xs = ZipList (zipWith (\f x -> f x) fs xs)
```

```
> ZipList [(+),(*)] <*> ZipList [1,2] <*> ZipList [10,100]
ZipList {getZipList = [11,200]}           -- [1 + 10, 2 * 100]
> pure (,,) <*> ZipList [1,2] <*> ZipList [3,4] <*> ZipList [5,6]
ZipList {getZipList = [(1,3,5),(2,4,6)]}
```

## liftA2: Lift a Two-Argument Function to an Applicative Functor

```
class Functor f => Applicative f where
  pure    :: a -> f a
  (<*>)   :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
  (<*>)   = liftA2 id           -- Default: get function from 1st arg's box

liftA2 :: (a -> b -> c) -> f a -> f b -> f c
liftA2 f x = (<*>) (fmap f x)    -- Default implementation
```

*liftA2* takes a binary function and “lifts” it to work on boxed values, e.g.,

```
liftA2 :: (a -> b -> c) -> (f a -> f b -> f c)
```

```
Prelude Control.Applicative> liftA2 (:) (Just 3) (Just [4])
Just [3,4]                -- Apply (:) inside the boxes, i.e., Just ((:) 3 [4])
```

```
instance Applicative ZipList where
  pure x = ZipList (repeat x)
  liftA2 f (ZipList xs) (ZipList ys) = ZipList (zipWith f xs ys)
```

## Turning a list of boxes into a box containing a list

```
sequenceA1 :: Applicative f => [f a] -> f [a] -- Prelude sequenceA
sequenceA1 []      = pure []
sequenceA1 (x:xs) = (:) <$> x <*> sequenceA1 xs
```

```
*Main> sequenceA1 [Just 3, Just 2, Just 1]
Just [3,2,1]
```

Recall that  $f \text{ < \$ > } \text{Just } x \text{ < * > } \text{Just } y = \text{Just } (f \ x \ y)$

```
sequenceA1 [Just 3, Just 1]
= (:) <$> Just 3 <*> sequenceA1 [Just 1]
= (:) <$> Just 3 <*> ((:) <$> Just 1 <*> sequenceA1 [])
= (:) <$> Just 3 <*> ((:) <$> Just 1 <*> pure [])
= (:) <$> Just 3 <*> ((:) <$> Just 1 <*> Just [])
= (:) <$> Just 3 <*> Just [1]
= Just [3,1]
```

## SequenceA Can Also Be Implemented With a Fold

```
import Control.Applicative (liftA2)

sequenceA2 :: Applicative f => [f a] -> f [a] -- Prelude sequenceA
sequenceA2 = foldr (liftA2 (:)) (pure [])
```

How do the types work out?

```
liftA2 :: App. f => (a -> b -> c) -> f a -> f b -> f c
(:) :: a -> [a] -> [a]
```

Passing `(:)` to `liftA2` makes `b = [a]` and `c = [a]`, so

```
liftA2 (:) :: App. f => f a -> f [a] -> f [a]
```

```
foldr :: (d -> e -> e) -> e -> [d] -> e
```

Passing `liftA2 (:)` to `foldr` makes `d = f a` and `e = f [a]`, so

```
foldr (liftA2 (:)) :: App. f => f [a] -> [f a] -> f [a]
```

```
pure [] :: App. f => f [a]
```

```
foldr (liftA2 (:)) (pure []) :: App. f => [f a] -> f [a]
```



## SequenceA in Action

```
sequenceA :: Applicative f => [f a] -> f [a]
sequenceA = foldr (liftA2 (:)) (pure [])
```

“Take the items from a list of boxes to make a box with a list of items”

```
Prelude> sequenceA [Just 3, Just 2, Just 1]
Just [3,2,1]
Prelude> sequenceA [Just 3, Nothing, Just 1]
Nothing -- ``Nothing'' nullifies the result

Prelude> :t sequenceA [(+3), (+2), (+1)]
sequenceA [(+3), (+2), (+1)] :: Num a => a -> [a] -- Produces a list
Prelude> sequenceA [(+3), (+2), (+1)] 10
[13,12,11] -- Apply the argument to each function

Prelude> sequenceA [[1,2,3],[10,20]]
[[1,10],[1,20],[2,10],[2,20],[3,10],[3,20]] -- fmap on lists
```

## Applicative Functor Laws

`pure f <*> x = fmap f x` -- `<*>`: apply a boxed function

`pure id <*> x = x` -- Because `fmap id = id`

`pure (.) <*> x <*> y <*> z = x <*> (y <*> z)` -- `<*>` is left-to-right

`pure f <*> pure x = pure (f x)` -- Apply a boxed function

`x <*> pure y = pure ($ y) <*> x` -- `($ y)`: "apply arg. y"

## The *newtype* keyword: Build a New Type From an Existing Type

Say you want a version of an existing type only usable in certain contexts. *type* makes an alias with no restrictions. *newtype* is a more efficient version of *data* that only allows a single data constructor

```
newtype DegF = DegF { getDegF :: Double }
```

```
newtype DegC = DegC { getDegC :: Double }
```

```
fToC :: DegF -> DegC
```

```
fToC (DegF f) = DegC $ (f - 32) * 5 / 9
```

```
cToF :: DegC -> DegF
```

```
cToF (DegC c) = DegF $ (c * 9 / 5) + 32
```

```
instance Show DegF where show (DegF f) = show f ++ "F"
```

```
instance Show DegC where show (DegC c) = show c ++ "C"
```

## DegF and DegC In Action

```
*Main> fToC (DegF 32)
0.0C
*Main> fToC (DegF 98.6)
37.0C
*Main> cToF (DegC 37)
98.6F
*Main> cToF 33
    * No instance for (Num DegC) arising from the literal '33'
*Main> DegC 33 + DegC 32
    * No instance for (Num DegC) arising from a use of '+'
*Main> let t1 = DegC 33
*Main|     t2 = DegC 10 in
*Main| getDegC t1 + getDegC t2
43.0
```

## Newtype vs. Data: Slightly Faster and Lazier

```
newtype DegF = DegF { getDegF :: Double }  
data      DegF = DegF { getDegF :: Double } -- Same syntax
```

A *newtype* may only have a single data constructor with a single field

Compiler treats a *newtype* as the encapsulated type, so it's slightly faster

Pattern matching always succeeds for a *newtype*:

```
Prelude> data DT      = DT Bool
```

```
Prelude> newtype NT = NT Bool
```

```
Prelude> helloDT (DT _) = "hello"
```

```
Prelude> helloNT (NT _) = "hello"
```

```
Prelude> helloDT undefined
```

```
"*** Exception: Prelude.undefined
```

```
Prelude> helloNT undefined
```

```
"hello"
```

-- Just a Bool in NT's clothing

# Data vs. Type vs. NewType

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<b>Keyword</b>	<b>When to use</b>
data	When you need a completely new algebraic type or record, e.g., <code>data MyTree a = Node a (MyTree a) (MyTree a)   Leaf</code>
type	When you want a concise name for an existing type and aren't trying to restrict its use, e.g., <code>type String = [Char]</code>
newtype	When you're trying to restrict the use of an existing type and were otherwise going to write <code>data MyType = MyType t</code>

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# Monoids

Type classes present a common interface to types that behave similarly

*A Monoid is a type with an associative binary operator and an identity value*

E.g., \* and 1 on numbers, ++ and [] on lists:

```
Prelude> 4 * 1
4 -- 1 is the identity on the right
Prelude> 1 * 4
4 -- 1 is the identity on the left
Prelude> 2 * (3 * 4)
24
Prelude> (2 * 3) * 4
24 -- * is associative
Prelude> 2 * 3
6
Prelude> 3 * 2
6 -- * happens to be commutative
```

```
Prelude> "hello" ++ []
"hello" -- [] is the right identity
Prelude> [] ++ "hello"
"hello" -- [] is the left identity
Prelude> "a" ++ ("bc" ++ "de")
"abcde"
Prelude> ("a" ++ "bc") ++ "de"
"abcde" -- ++ is associative
Prelude> "a" ++ "b"
"ab"
Prelude> "b" ++ "a"
"ba" -- ++ is not commutative
```

## The Monoid Type Class

```
class Monoid m where  
  mempty  :: a                -- The identity value  
  mappend :: m -> m -> m     -- The associative binary operator  
  
  mconcat :: [m] -> m         -- Apply the binary operator to a list  
  mconcat = foldr mappend mempty -- Default implementation
```

Lists are Monoids:

```
instance Monoid [a] where  
  mempty  = []  
  mappend = (++)
```

```
Prelude> mempty :: [a]  
[]  
Prelude> "hello " `mappend` "world!"  
"hello world!"  
Prelude> mconcat ["hello ", "pfp ", "world!"]  
"hello pfp world!"
```



## **\***, 1 and +, 0 Can Each Make a Monoid

*newtype* lets us build distinct Monoids for each

In `Data.Monoid`,

```
newtype Product a = Product { getProduct :: a }  
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Read, Show, Bounded)
```

```
instance Num a => Monoid (Product a) where  
  empty = Product 1  
  Product x `mappend` Product y = Product (x * y)
```

```
newtype Sum a = Sum { getSum :: a }  
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Read, Show, Bounded)
```

```
instance Num a => Monoid (Sum a) where  
  empty = Sum 0  
  Sum x `mappend` Sum y = Sum (x + y)
```

## Product and Sum In Action

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mempty :: Sum Int
```

```
Sum {getSum = 0}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mempty :: Product Int
```

```
Product {getProduct = 1}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> Sum 3 `mappend` Sum 4
```

```
Sum {getSum = 7}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> Product 3 `mappend` Product 4
```

```
Product {getProduct = 12}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mconcat [Sum 1, Sum 10, Sum 100]
```

```
Sum {getSum = 111}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mconcat [Product 10, Product 3, Product 5]
```

```
Product {getProduct = 150}
```

## The Any (||, False) and All (&&, True) Monoids

In Data.Monoid,

```
newtype Any = Any { getAny :: Bool }  
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Read, Show, Bounded)
```

```
instance Monoid Any where  
  mempty = Any False  
  Any x `mappend` Any y = Any (x || y)
```

```
newtype All = All { getAll :: Bool }  
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Read, Show, Bounded)
```

```
instance Monoid All where  
  mempty = All True  
  All x `mappend` All y = All (x && y)
```

## Any and All

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mempty :: Any
```

```
Any {getAny = False}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mempty :: All
```

```
All {getAll = True}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> getAny $ Any True `mappend` Any False  
True
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> getAll $ All True `mappend` All False  
False
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mconcat [Any True, Any False, Any True]  
Any {getAny = True}
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> mconcat [All True, All True, All False]  
All {getAll = False}
```

Yes, *any* and *all* are easier to use

## Ordering as a Monoid

```
data Ordering = LT | EQ | GT
```

In Data.Monoid,

```
instance Monoid Ordering where
  mempty = EQ
  LT `mappend` _ = LT
  EQ `mappend` y = y
  GT `mappend` _ = GT
```

Application: an *lcomp* for strings ordered by length then alphabetically, e.g.,

```
lcomp :: String -> String -> Ordering
```

```
"b"      `lcomp` "aaaa"    = LT  -- b is shorter
```

```
"bbbbbb" `lcomp` "a"      = GT  -- bbbbbb is longer
```

```
"avenger" `lcomp` "avenged" = LT  -- Same length: r is after d
```

## lcomp

```
lcomp :: String -> String -> Ordering  
lcomp x y = case length x `compare` length y of  
    LT -> LT  
    GT -> GT  
    EQ -> x `compare` y
```

A little too operational; *mappend* is exactly what we want

```
lcomp :: String -> String -> Ordering  
lcomp x y = (length x `compare` length y) `mappend`  
    (x `compare` y)
```

## Maybe the Monoid

```
instance Monoid a => Monoid (Maybe a) where
  mempty = Nothing
  Nothing `mappend` m      = m
  m       `mappend` Nothing = m
  Just m1 `mappend` Just m2 = Just (m1 `mappend` m2)
```

```
Prelude> Nothing `mappend` Just "pfp"
```

```
Just "pfp"
```

```
Prelude> Just "fun" `mappend` Nothing
```

```
Just "fun"
```

```
Prelude> :m +Data.Monoid
```

```
Prelude Data.Monoid> Just (Sum 3) `mappend` Just (Sum 4)
```

```
Just (Sum {getSum = 7})
```

# The Foldable Type Class

What I taught you:

```
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b  
foldr _ a []      = a  
foldr f a (x:xs) = f x (foldr f a xs)
```

How it's actually defined (Data.Foldable):

```
foldr :: Foldable t => (a -> b -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
```



```
class Foldable t where
```

```
{-# MINIMAL foldMap | foldr #-}
```

```
foldr, foldr' :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
```

```
foldr1      :: (a -> a -> a) -> t a -> a
```

```
foldl, foldl' :: (b -> a -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
```

```
foldl1     :: (a -> a -> a) -> t a -> a
```

```
fold       :: Monoid m => t m -> m -- with mappend
```

```
foldMap    :: Monoid m => (a -> m) -> t a -> m
```

```
toList     :: t a -> [a]
```

```
null       :: t a -> Bool
```

```
length     :: t a -> Int
```

```
elem       :: Eq a => a -> t a -> Bool
```

```
maximum    :: Ord a => t a -> a
```

```
minimum    :: Ord a => t a -> a
```

```
sum        :: Num a => t a -> a
```

```
product    :: Num a => t a -> a
```

Instance of Foldable for [] is just the usual list functions

```
data Tree a = Node a (Tree a) (Tree a) | Nil deriving (Eq, Read)
```

```
instance Foldable Tree where
```

```
  foldMap _ Nil          = mempty
  foldMap f (Node x l r) = foldMap f l `mappend`
                           f x         `mappend`
                           foldMap f r
```

```
> foldl (+) 0 (fromList [5,3,1,2,4,6,7] :: Tree Int)
28          -- folding the tree
> getSum $ foldMap Sum $ fromList [5,3,1,2,4,6,7]
28          -- The Sum Monoid's mappend is +
> getAny $ foldMap (\x -> Any $ x == 'w') $ fromList "brown"
True        -- Any's mappend is ||
> getAny $ foldMap (Any . (=='w')) $ fromList "brown"
True        -- More concise
> foldMap (\x -> [x]) $ fromList [5,3,1,2,4,6,7]
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7] -- List's mappend is ++
```