Scala Introduction

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Intro

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What is Scala?

Scala is a general-purpose programming language providing support for functional programming and a strong static type system. Designed to be concise, many of Scala's design decisions aimed to address criticisms of Java.

History

Java Generics

- Java had no generics pre 1.4
- May 1999: Sun proposes to Add Generics to Java, based on GJ
- May 2001: Sun releases prototype for Adding Generics to Java
- January 2003: Generics headed for inclusion in Java 1.5

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- support for generics
- superset of the Java programming language
- compatible with existing libraries
- efficient translation by erasure

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Pizza

- move some ideas from FP into the Java space
- take three features from functional programming:
  - generics
  - higher-order functions
  - pattern matching
- work on Pizza has more or less stopped since 2002 †

Pizza

```
1  public final class Main {
2    public int main(String args[]) {
3      System.out.println(
4        new Lines(new DataInputStream(System.in))
5          .takeWhile(nonEmpty)
6          .map(fun(String s) -> int { return Integer.parseInt(s); })
7          .reduceLeft(0, fun(int x, int y) -> int { return x + y; }));
8          while(x == 0) { map.create.newInstance() }
9    }
10 }
```

> "I wanted to design a language that was different from Java, it would always connect to the Java infrastructure — to the JVM and its libraries."
>
> — Martin Odersky

- `Funnel` — first attempt, beautiful but too abstract †
- midway between academic Funnel, and pragmatic but restrictive GJ
- first public release of `Scala` in 2003
- large redesign in early 2006

Academic vs Industrial

Academic

- Haskell
- Agda
- Idris
- ...

Industrial

- Java
- Python
- Scala ?
- ...

Scala benefits

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Functional

- type inference
- lambdas
- higher-order functions
- lazy evaluation
- immutability
- pattern matching
- currying
- ADTs

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Why Scala?

Banking and Financial Institute majorly concerns for security, stability and sustainability support in the long terms. Scala will satisfy this needs.

- Tinkoff
- JP Morgan
- Credit Suisse
- Morgan Stanley
- ...

Scala responsibility

Compilation times

- using macros
- overuse of implicits
- overuse of libraries with macros and implicits

Codestyle

Infix notation

```
def main(args:Array[String]) = {
  10 PRINT "Enter a number"
  20 INPUT n
  30 PRINT "Square root of " % "n is " % SQRT(n)
  40 END
  RUN
}
```

```
1  trait WRGraph[N <: GNode[N, L], L <: GLink[N]] extends GNode[N, L] { this: N =>
2
3  def combo[AA <: A >: B <% String <% Int : M : Ordering] = ???
4  ...
5  }
```

Codestyle

- implicit hell
- mixing codestyles
- ...

Hands-on

IDEA

Install Scala plugin

SBT

```
$ sbt
sbt:project> ;compile;test:compile
...
sbt:project> run
sbt:project> test
sbt:project> console
```

Practice