Building Apps & Libraries with Arrow



Who am I?

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- Co-Founder and CTO at 47 Degrees
- Typed FP advocate (regardless of language)

Started as learning Exercise to learn FP in the spanish Android Community Slack



...then KATEGORY was born: Solution for Typed FP in Kotlin



KΛTEGORY + Funktionale = Λrrow



Type classes

Arrow contains many FP related type classes

Error Handling	ApplicativeError, MonadError	
Computation	Functor, Applicative, Monad, Bimonad, Comonad	
Folding	Foldable, Traverse	
Combining	Semigroup, SemigroupK, Monoid, MonoidK	
Effects	MonadDefer, Async, Effect	
Recursion	Recursive, BiRecursive,	
MTL	FunctorFilter, MonadState, MonadReader, MonadWriter, MonadFilter,	

Data types

Arrow contains many data types to cover general use cases.

Error Handling	Option,Try, Validated, Either, Ior	
Collections	ListK, SequenceK, MapK, SetK	
RWS	Reader, Writer, State	
Transformers	ReaderT, WriterT, OptionT, StateT, EitherT	
Evaluation	Eval, Trampoline, Free, FunctionN	
Effects	IO, Free, ObservableK	
Optics	Lens, Prism, Iso,	
Recursion	Fix, Mu, Nu,	
Others	Coproduct, Coreader, Const,	

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Fetch Gists information given a github user

fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): List<Gist> = TODO()

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```
data class Gist(
  val files: Map<String, GistFile>,
  val description: String?,
  val comments: Long,
  val owner: GithubUser) {
  override fun toString(): String =
    "Gist($description, ${owner.login}, file count: ${files.size})"
}
data class GithubUser(val login: String)
data class GistFile(val fileName: String?)
```

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```
import arrow.intro.*

val gist =
    Gist(
        files = mapOf(
            "typeclassless_tagless_extensions.kt" to GistFile(
                 fileName = "typeclassless_tagless_extensions.kt"
            )
        ),
        description = "Tagless with Arrow & typeclassless using extension functions and instances",
        comments = 0,
        owner = GithubUser(login = "-__unkown_user1__-")
        )
```

The data class synthetic copy is fine for simple cases

```
gist.copy(description = gist.description?.toUpperCase())
// Gist(TAGLESS WITH ARROW & TYPECLASSLESS USING EXTENSION FUNCTIONS AND INSTANCES, -__unkown_user1__-, file count: 1)
```

As we dive deeper to update nested data the levels of nested copy increases

```
gist.copy(
  owner = gist.owner.copy(
    login = gist.owner.login.toUpperCase()
  )
)
// Gist(Tagless with Arrow & typeclassless using extension functions and instances, -__UNKOWN_USER1__-, file count: 1)
```

In Typed FP immutable updates is frequently done with Optics like Lens

```
import arrow.optics.*
val ownerLens: Lens<Gist, GithubUser> =
 Lens(
   get = { gist → gist.owner },
    set = { value → { gist: Gist → gist.copy(owner = value) }}
val loginLens: Lens<GithubUser, String> =
 Lens(
    get = { user → user.login },
    set = { value → { user → user.copy(login = value) }}
val ownerLogin = ownerLens compose loginLens
ownerLogin.modify(gist, String::toUpperCase)
// Gist(Tagless with Arrow & typeclassless using extension functions and instances, -__UNKOWN_USER1__-, file count: 1)
```

Updating arbitrarily nested data with Arrow is a piece of cake

```
@optics
data class Gist(
 val url: String,
 val id: String,
  val files: Map<String, GistFile>,
  val description: String?,
 val comments: Long,
  val owner: GithubUser
  companion object
```

Provide an immutable data model and means to update it

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```
- val ownerLens: Lens<Gist, GithubUser> =
- Lens(
-    get = { gist → gist.owner },
-    set = { value → { gist: Gist → gist.copy(owner = value) }}
- )
- val loginLens: Lens<GithubUser, String> =
- Lens(
-    get = { user → user.login },
-    set = { value → { user → user.copy(login = value) }}
- )
- val ownerLogin = ownerLens compose loginLens
- ownerLogin.modify(gist, String::toUpperCase)
+ import arrow.optics.dsl.*
+ Gist.owner.login.modify(gist, String::toUpperCase)
```

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A initial impure implementation that blocks and throws exceptions

```
import arrow.intro.Gist
import arrow.data.*
import com.squareup.moshi.*
import com.github.kittinunf.fuel.httpGet
import com.github.kittinunf.result.Result

fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): ListK<Gist> {
    val (_,_, result) = "https://api.github.com/users/$userName/gists".httpGet().responseString() // blocking IO
    return when (result) {
        is Result.Failure → throw result.getException() // blows the stack
        is Result.Success → fromJson(result.value)
    }
}
```

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Don't throw exceptions

When learn FP we usually start with exception-free but synchronous Try and Either like types.

```
import arrow.core.*

fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): Either<Throwable, ListK<Gist>> {
    val (_,_, result) = "https://api.github.com/users/$userName/gists".httpGet().responseString() // blocking IO
    return when (result) {
        is Result.Failure -> result.getException().left() //exceptions as a value
        is Result.Success -> fromJson(result.value).right()
    }
}

publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user__-")
// Left(a=com.github.kittinunf.fuel.core.HttpException: HTTP Exception 404 Not Found)
```

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Many choose to go non-blocking with Kotlin Coroutines, a great and popular kotlin async framework

```
import kotlinx.coroutines.experimental.*

fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): Deferred<Either<Throwable, ListK<Gist>>> =
    async {
    val (_, _, result) = "https://api.github.com/users/$userName/gists".httpGet().responseString()
    when (result) {
        is Result.Failure -> result.getException().left()
        is Result.Success -> fromJson(result.value).right()
    }
}

//by default 'async' when constructed runs and does not suspend effects
publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-")
// DeferredCoroutine{Active}@514149e1
```

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But now we have to dive deep into the Deferred and Either effects to get to the value we care about

```
suspend fun allGists(): List<Gist> {
  val result1: Either<Throwable, ListK<Gist> = publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-").await()
  val result2: Either<Throwable, ListK<Gist> = publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user2__-").await()
  return when {
    result1 is Either.Right && result2 is Either.Right →
        result1.b + result2.b
    else →
        emptyList<Gist>()
  }
}
```

Arrow Monad Transformers help with syntax in the world of nested effects.

```
import arrow.effects.*
import arrow.instances.*
import arrow.typeclasses.*
import arrow.effects.typeclasses.*
fun allGists(): DeferredK<Either<Throwable, List<Gist>>> =
 EitherT
    .monad<ForDeferredK, Throwable>(DeferredK.monad())
    .binding {
       val result1 = EitherT(publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-").k()).bind()
      val result2 = EitherT(publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user2__-").k()).bind()
      result1 + result2
  }.value().fix()
// Arrow's delegation to 'async' is always lazy
allGists()
// DeferredK(deferred=LazyDeferredCoroutine{New}@5113d1f2)
```

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 - Observable, Flux, Deferred and IO ← What about all other data types?
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Turns out we don't need concrete data types if we use Type classes and Polymorphism

Arrow can abstract away the computational container type emulating higher kinded types.

```
Kind<F, A> denotes an A value inside an F type contructor:
Ex: List<A>, Deferred<A>, IO<A>, Observable<A>
```

import arrow.Kind

```
interface GistApiDataSource<F> {
  fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): Kind<F, ListK<Gist>>> }
```

Emulating higher kinded types is based on defunctionalization Lightweight higher-kinded polymorphism by Jeremy Yallop and Leo White

- + @higherkind
- + class Option<A> : OptionOf<A>
- class ForOption private constructor() { companion object }
- typealias OptionOf<A> = arrow.Kind<ForOption, A>
- inline fun <A> OptionOf<A>.fix(): Option<A> =
- this as Option<A>

How can we implement a computation in the context of F if we don't know what F is?

```
class DefaultGistApiDataSource<F> : GistApiDataSource<F> {
   override fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): Kind<F, ListK<Gist>>> = TODO()
}
```

Ad-Hoc Polymorphism and type classes!

A type class is a generic interface that describes behaviors that concrete types can support

```
interface Functor<F> {
    // Arrow projects type class behaviors as static or extension functions over kinded values
    fun <A, B> Kind<F, A>.map(f: (A) → B): Kind<F, B>
    fun <A, B> lift(f: (A) → B): (Kind<F, A>) → Kind<F, B> =
        { fa: Kind<F, A> → fa.map(f) }
}
```

Ad-Hoc Polymorphism and type classes!

A data type may be able to implement such abstract interfaces

```
@extension interface DeferredFunctor : Functor<ForDeferredK> {
   override fun <A, B> Kind<ForDeferredK, A>.map(f: (A) →> B): DeferredK<B> =
      fix().map(f)
}
```

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```
@extension interface IOFunctor : Functor<ForIO> {
   override fun <A, B> Kind<ForIO, A>.map(f: (A) → B): IO<B> =
     fix().map(f)
}
```

Ex. Functor allows us to transform the contents regardless of the concrete data type.

```
listOf(1).map { it + 1 }
// [2]

Option(1).map { it + 1 }
// Some(2)

Try { 1 }.map { it + 1 }
// Success(value=2)

Either.Right(1).map { it + 1 }
// Right(b=2)
```

Arrow includes a comprehensive list of type classes

Type class	Combinator
Semigroup	combine
Monoid	empty
Functor	map, lift
Foldable	foldLeft, foldRight
Traverse	traverse, sequence
Applicative	just, ap
ApplicativeError	raiseError, catch
Monad	flatMap, flatten
MonadError	ensure, rethrow
MonadDefer	delay, suspend
Async	async
Effect	runAsync

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Data types may support all or a subset of type classes based on capabilities:

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Functor	map, lift	✓
Applicative	just, ap	✓
ApplicativeError	raiseError, catch	×
Monad	flatMap, flatten	√
MonadError	ensure, rethrow	×
MonadDefer	delay, suspend	×
Async	async	×
Effect	runAsync	×

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Functor	map, lift	J	J	J	J
Applicative	pure, ap	J	J	J	J
ApplicativeError	raiseError, catch	×	J	J	J
Monad	flatMap, flatten	J	J	J	J
MonadError	ensure, rethrow	×	J	J	J
MonadDefer	delay, suspend	×	×	J	J
Async	async	×	×	J	J
Effect	runAsync	×	×	✓	√

We can use the Async type class to lift async computations into the abstract context of F

```
class DefaultGistApiDataSource<F>(private val async: Async<F>) : GistApiDataSource<F>, Async<F> by async {
  override fun publicGistsForUser(userName: String): Kind<F, ListK<Gist>>> =
      async { proc: (Either<Throwable, ListK<Gist>>>) -> Unit ->
      "https://api.github.com/users/$userName/gists".httpGet().responseString { _, _, result ->
      when (result) {
      is Result.Failure -> proc(result.getException().left())
      is Result.Success -> proc(fromJson(result.value).right())
      }
   }
}
```

If we have more than one logical services we can group them into a module

```
abstract class Module<F>(
  val async: Async<F>,
  val logger: Logger<F> = DefaultConsoleLogger(async),
  private val dataSource: GistApiDataSource<F> = DefaultGistApiDataSource(async, logger),
  val api: GistsApi<F> = DefaultGistApi(dataSource)
)
```

Our library now supports all data types that provide a type class instance for Async.

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```
compile "com.biz:mylib-coroutines:$version"

object KotlinCoroutinesRuntime : Module<ForDeferredK>(DeferredK.async())

import arrow.intro.runtime.*
KotlinCoroutinesRuntime.api.publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-")
// DeferredK(deferred=LazyDeferredCoroutine{New}@2e2d965)
```

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compile "com biz:mylib-reactor: Syersion"
```

```
compile "com.biz:mylib-reactor:$version"

object ReactorRuntime : Module<ForFluxK>(FluxK.async())

import arrow.intro.runtime.*
ReactorRuntime.api.publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-")
// FluxK(flux=FluxFlatMap)
```

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This pattern allow you to keep code in a single place while providing

```
compile "com.biz:mylib-arrow-io:$version"
```

object IORuntime : Module<ForIO>(IO.async())

```
import arrow.intro.runtime.*
IORuntime.api.publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-")
// Bind(cont=Suspend(thunk=() → arrow.effects.IO.Pure<A>), g=(A) → arrow.effects.IO<B>)
```

Our library now supports all data types that provide a type class instance for Async.

This pattern allow you to keep code in a single place while providing

```
compile "com.biz:mylib-rx2:$version"
```

object Rx2Runtime : Module<ForObservableK>(ObservableK.async())

```
import arrow.intro.runtime.Rx2Runtime
Rx2Runtime.api.publicGistsForUser("-__unkown_user1__-")
// ObservableK(observable=io.reactivex.internal.operators.observable.ObservableFlatMap@fb152c5)
```

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Recap

Requirements

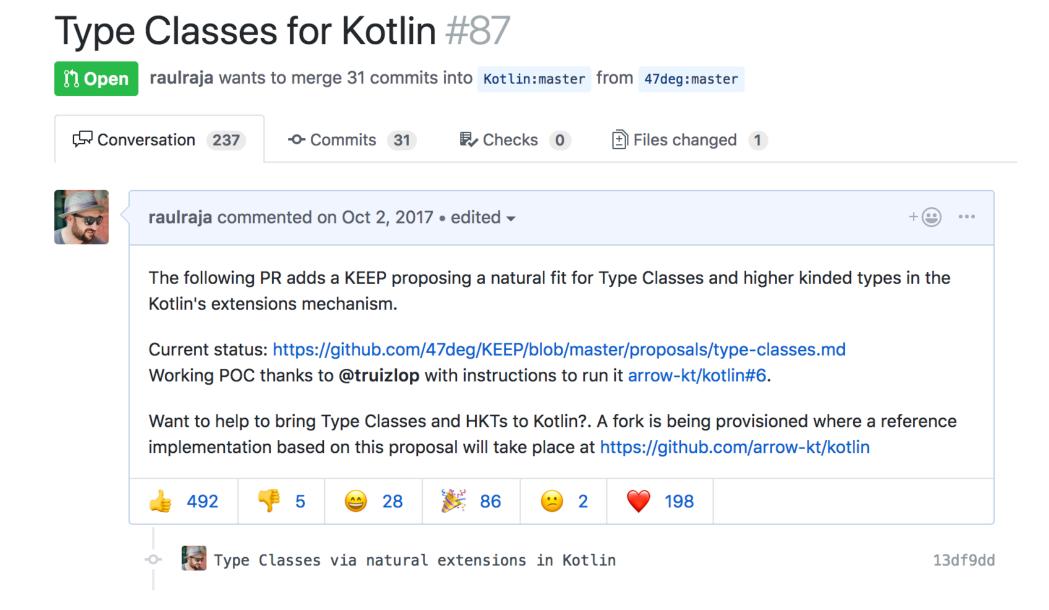
- 1. FUNC REQ Fetch Gists information given a github user
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Arrow is modular

Pick and choose what you'd like to use.

Module	Contents
typeclasses	Semigroup, Monoid, Functor, Applicative, Monad
core/data	Option, Try, Either, Validated
effects	Async, MonadDefer, Effect, IO
effects-rx2	ObservableK, FlowableK, MaybeK, SingleK
effects-coroutines	DeferredK
mtl	MonadReader, MonadState, MonadFilter,
free	Free, FreeApplicative, Trampoline,
recursion-schemes	Fix, Mu, Nu
optics	Prism, Iso, Lens,
meta	Ohigherkind, Oderiving, Oextension, Ooptics

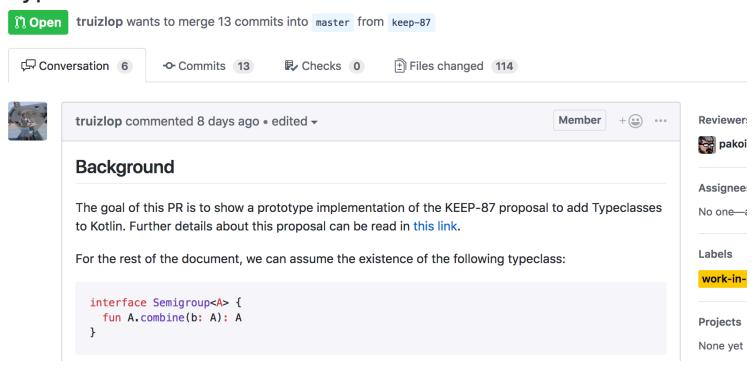
We want to make Typed FP in Kotlin even easier



Thanks to @tomasruizlopez we have a POC for KEEP-87:

https://github.com/arrow-kt/kotlin/pull/6

[WIP] Prototype implementation of KEEP-87 proposal to add Typeclasses to Kotlin #6



KEEP-87 Proposes the following changes to Kotlin

Type class declarations are simple plain interfaces and have a expanded usage beyond FP

```
interface Repository<A> {
  fun A.save(): A
  fun cache(): List<A> }
```

KEEP-87 Proposes the following changes to Kotlin

Multiple data types can implement the behavior without resorting to inheritance

```
extension object UserRepository : Repository<User> {
  fun User.save(): User = TODO()
  fun cache(): List<User> = TODO()
}
```

KEEP-87 Proposes the following changes to Kotlin

We can write polymorphic code with compile time verified dependencies

```
fun <A> persistCache(with R: Repository<A>): List<A> =
    cache().map { it.save() }

persistCache<User>() // compiles and runs because there is a [Repository<User>]
persistCache<Invoice>() // fails to compile: No `extension` [Repository<Invoice>] found
persistCache(UserRepository) // java compatible
persistCache(InvoiceRepository) // compiles and runs because extension context is provided explicitly
```

KEEP-87

The Arrow team plans to submit this proposal once it's solid and it has properly addressed feedback from the community and the jetbrains compiler team.

Credits

Arrow is inspired in great libraries that have proven useful to the FP community:

- Cats
- Scalaz
- Freestyle
- Monocle
- Funktionale

Join us!

Github	https://github.com/arrow-kt/arrow
Slack	https://kotlinlang.slack.com/messages/ C5UPMM0A0
Gitter	https://gitter.im/arrow-kt/Lobby

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Thursday - Practice day

Workshops & Unconference are included in the ticket price

Day 1	Track 1	Track 2	Track 3	Track 4			
09 ₀₀ 12 ₀₀	Functional Programming Unconference						
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Thanks!

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