

F# Introduction Workshop

Exercises

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Introduction

Do you want to learn F# and Functional Programming? Well, you better start coding!

Learning a new programming language is not easy, on top of reading a lot you need to practice even more.

This workshop is designed to teach you some of the basics of F# and Functional Programming by combining theory and practice.

The course is split into 4 modules, each of them contains a presentation (theory) and one exercise (practice). You can find exercises for each module in this document, for the presentation and source code, refer to the section “Source Code, Additional Material and Updates”.




Minimum Requirements


- Visual Studio 2013
- Visual F# tools 3.1.2 or greater
- Xunit Runner
- Sql Server
- Visual F# Power Tools (optional)

Nuget Packages

- Xunit
- Unquote
- FSharp.Data
- FSharp.Data.SqlClient

Code Conventions

Every time you see a box with this icon: , it means you need to run that code in the F# Interactive.

```
 > increaseCredit vipCondition customer1;;
```

When you see a white box, this is code you need to write in a source file.

```
let vipCondition customer = customer.IsVip
```

Source Code, Additional Material and Updates

<http://fsharpworkshop.com/>

<https://github.com/jorgef/fsharpworkshop>

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Exercise 1

- Bindings
- Functions
- Tuples
- Records

1. Open the solution Module1\Pre\FSharpIntro.sln and go to the Applications project.

2. Open the file Types.fs and create a record type called “Customer” as follows:

```
module Types

type Customer =
    { Id: int
      IsVip: bool
      Credit: float }
```

3. Send the customer type in the F# interactive by highlighting it and pressing “Alt+Enter” or right-click “Execute in Interactive” (do not highlight the module line), you should see the following output:

```
i type Customer =
    {Id: int;
      IsVip: bool;
      Credit: float;}
```


4. Create one customer in the F# interactive (press enter after each “;”)

```
i > let customer1 = { Id = 1; IsVip = false; Credit = 10.0 };;
```


This should be the result:

```
i val customer1 : Customer = {Id = 1;
                               IsVip = false;
                               Credit = 10.0;}
```

5. Create another customer:

```
 > let customer2 = { Id = 2; IsVip = false; Credit = 0.0 };;
```

This should be the result:


```
 val customer2 : Customer = {Id = 2;  
                                IsVip = false;  
                                Credit = 0.0;}
```

6. Go to the Tests.fs file located in the Tests project, uncomment and run the test 1-1


7. Open the file Functions.cs and add a function called “tryPromoteToVip”:

```
module Functions  
  
open Types  
  
let tryPromoteToVip (customer, spendings) =  
    if spendings > 100.0 then { customer with IsVip = true }  
    else customer
```

7. Highlight the function (without including “module Functions” and “open Types” lines), send it to the F# Interactive and test it by typing the following:

```
 > tryPromoteToVip (customer1, 101.0);;
```

You should see this output:

```
 val it : Customer = {Id = 1;  
                        IsVip = true;  
                        SpendingLimit = 10.0;}
```

8. Now test it with customer2

9. Uncomment and run tests 1-2 and 1-3

10. Add a function called “getSpendings” to the Functions.fs file:

```
let getSpendings customer =  
    if customer.Id % 2 = 0 then (customer, 120.0)  
    else (customer, 80.0)
```

11. Send it to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2

12. Uncomment and run tests 1-4 and 1-5

Exercise 2

- High order functions
- Pipelining
- Partial application
- Composition

1. Without closing Visual Studio, go to File -> Close Solution and then to File -> Open Project/Solution... and select Module2\Pre\FSharpIntro.sln and go to the Applications project. You need to keep Visual Studio open so you don't lose the F# Interactive session.

2. Create a function called "increaseCredit" in the file Functions.fs:


```
let increaseCredit customer =  
    if customer.IsVip then { customer with Credit = customer.Credit + 100.0 }  
    else { customer with Credit = customer.Credit + 50.0 }
```

3. Send it to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2.

4. Refactor "increaseCredit" to be able receive the condition as a parameter:

```
let increaseCredit condition customer =  
    if condition customer then { customer with Credit = customer.Credit + 100.0 }  
    else { customer with Credit = customer.Credit + 50.0 }
```

5. Send the function to the F# Interactive and test it using a lambda expression in this way:

```
 > increaseCredit (fun c -> c.IsVip) customer1;;
```

6. Uncomment and run tests 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3

7. Create a function called "vipCondition" in the file Functions.fs:

```
let vipCondition customer = customer.IsVip
```


8. Send the function to the F# Interactive and test the “increaseCredit” function again but this time using the “vipCondition” function:

```
i > increaseCredit vipCondition customer1;;
```

9. Now test it again but this time using the pipelining operator to:

```
i customer1 |> increaseCredit vipCondition;;
```

10. Try calling “increaseCredit” with just “vipCondition” and check the result is another function that expected the missing argument (customer):

```
i > increaseCredit vipCondition;;  
val it : (Customer -> Customer) = <fun:it@5-4>
```

11. Uncomment and run tests 2-4 and 2-5

12. Create a function called “increaseCreditUsingVip” in the file Functions.fs:

```
let increaseCreditUsingVip = increaseCredit vipCondition
```

13. Uncomment and run test 2-6

14. Create a function called “upgradeCustomer” in the file Functions.fs:

```
let upgradeCustomer customer =  
    let customerWithSpending = getSpending customer  
    let promotedCustomer = tryPromoteToVip customerWithSpending  
    let upgradedCustomer = increaseCreditUsingVip promotedCustomer  
    upgradedCustomer
```

15. Send “upgradeCustomer” to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2

16. Refactor “upgradeCustomer” to use the pipelining operator and test it in the F# interactive:

```
let upgradeCustomer customer =  
    customer  
    |> getSpending  
    |> tryPromoteToVip  
    |> increaseCreditUsingVip
```

17. Send “upgradeCustomer” to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2

18. Refactor “upgradeCustomer” again to use composition:

```
let upgradeCustomer = getSpending >> tryPromoteToVip >> increaseCreditUsingVip
```

19. Uncomment and run tests 2-7 and 2-8

Exercise 3

- Options
- Pattern matching
- Discriminated unions
- Units of measure

1. Without closing Visual Studio, go to File -> Close Solution and then to File -> Open Project/Solution... and select Module3\Pre\FSharpIntro.sln and go to the Applications project. You need to keep Visual Studio open so you don't lose the F# Interactive session.

2. Create a new record called "PersonalDetails", a discriminated union called "Notifications" and two units of measure "AUD" and "USD". Add them to the "Customer" in the file Types.fs (note that you need to declare them before "Customer"):

```
module Types

open System

type PersonalDetails =
    { FirstName: string
      LastName: string
      DateOfBirth: DateTime }

[<Measure>] type AUD
[<Measure>] type USD

type Notifications =
    | NoNotifications
    | ReceiveNotifications of receiveDeals: bool * receiveAlerts: bool

type Customer =
    { Id: int
      IsVip: bool
      Credit: float<USD>
      PersonalDetails: PersonalDetails option
      Notifications: Notifications }
```

3. Highlight all but the "module Types" line and send it to the F# Interactive (include "open System").

4. Open the file Data.fs, uncomment both customers and send them to the F# Interactive (do not select the "module ..." and "open ...: lines).

5. Update the “increaseCredit” function to use USD:

```
let increaseCredit condition customer =  
    if condition customer then { customer with Credit = customer.Credit + 100.0<USD> }  
    else { customer with Credit = customer.Credit + 50.0<USD> }
```

6. Uncomment and run tests 3-1 and 3-2 (you will also need to uncomment the “customer” value defined at the top of the file Test.fs)

7. Create a function called “isAdult” in the file Functions.fs:

```
let isAdult customer =  
    match customer.PersonalDetails with  
    | None -> false  
    | Some d -> d.DateOfBirth.AddYears(18) <= DateTime.Now.Date
```

8. Send “isAdult” to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2.

9. Uncomment and run tests 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5

10. Create a function called “getAlert” in the file Functions.fs:

```
let getAlert customer =  
    match customer.Notifications with  
    | ReceiveNotifications(receiveDeals = _; receiveAlerts = true) ->  
        Some (sprintf "Alert for customer: %i" customer.Id)  
    | _ -> None
```

11. Send “getAlert” to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2.

12. Uncomment and run tests 3-6 and 3-7

Exercise 4

- Functional lists
- Recursion
- Object Oriented Programming
- Type Providers

1. Without closing Visual Studio, go to File -> Close Solution and then to File -> Open Project/Solution... and select Module4\Pre\FSharpIntro.sln and go to the Applications project. You need to keep Visual Studio open so you don't lose the F# Interactive session.

2. Create a new function called "getSpendingByMonth" in the file Functions.fs right before the "getSpending" function:

```
let tryPromoteToVip (customer, spendings) = ...

let getSpendingByMonth customer =
    [for _ in [1..12] do
        if customer.Id % 2 = 0 then yield 150.0
        else yield 60.0]

let getSpending customer = ...
```

4. Send it to the F# Interactive and test it with customer1 and customer2

5. Uncomment and run tests 4-1 and 4-2

6. Create another function called "weightedMean" right after the "getSpendingByMonth":

```
let getSpendingByMonth customer = ...

let weightedMean values =
    let rec recursiveWeightedMean items accumulator =
        match items with
        | [] -> accumulator / (float (List.length values))
        |(w,v)::vs -> recursiveWeightedMean vs (accumulator + (w * v))
    recursiveWeightedMean values 0.0

let getSpending customer = ...
```

7. Uncomment and run test 4-3

8. Change the implementation of "getSpending" to use "getSpendingByMonth" and "weightedMean":

```

let getSpending customer =
    let weights = [0.8; 0.9; 1.0; 0.7; 0.9; 1.0; 0.8; 1.0; 1.0; 1.0; 0.8; 0.7]
    let spending = customer
        |> getSpendingByMonth
        |> List.zip weights
        |> weightedMean
    (customer, spending)

```

9. Send both “weightedMean” and “getSpending” to the F# Interactive and test “getSpending” with customer1 and customer2

10. Uncomment and run test 4-4

2. Add the following Nuget packages (use the option include pre-releases when searching)

- SqlProvider (Type providers for SQL Server access) Use(Prerelease)
- F# Data (Library of F# type providers and data access tools)

After installing each package you will see a security dialog asking you if you want to enable the type provider, click “Enable”.

3. Create a database called “FSharpIntro” in your local SqlServer and run the Data.sql file located in the Application project.

4. Open the Data.fs file and add the following code (adjust the connection string to point to your local SQLServer):

```

open FSharp.Data
open FSharp.Data.Sql
open FSharp.Data.Sql.Common

type db = SqlDataProvider<ConnectionString = "Data Source=.;
                                           Initial Catalog=FSharpIntro;
                                           Integrated Security=SSPI;",
                                           DatabaseVendor = DatabaseProviderTypes.MSSQLSERVER,
                                           IndividualsAmount = 1000,
                                           UseOptionTypes = true>

```

5. Right after that, write the following “getCustomers” function:

```

let getCustomers () =
    let ctx = db.GetDataContext()
    ctx.[dbo].[Customers]
    |> Seq.map (fun c ->
        { Id = c.Id
          IsVip = c.IsVip
          Credit = c.Credit * 1.0<USD>
          PersonalDetails = None
          Notifications = NoNotifications })

```

6. Right click on the “References” folder of the Application project and select “Send References to F# Interactive”.

7. Highlight everything in the Data.fs file but the first two lines (“module Data” and “open Types” should not be included) and executed in the F# Interactive.

8. Execute the following code in the F# Interactive:

```

> getCustomers ();;

```

9. You should get the following result:

```

val it : seq<Customer> =
    seq
    [{Id = 1;
      IsVip = false;
      Credit = 0.0;
      PersonalDetails = null;
      Notifications = NoNotifications;}; {Id = 2;
                                          IsVip = false;
                                          Credit = 10.0;
                                          PersonalDetails = null;
                                          Notifications = NoNotifications;};
     {Id = 3;
      IsVip = false;
      Credit = 30.0;
      PersonalDetails = null;
      Notifications = NoNotifications;}; {Id = 4;
                                          IsVip = true;

```

```
Credit = 50.0;

PersonalDetails = null;

Notifications = NoNotifications;}]
```

6. The write the following “updateCustomer” function right after the “getCustomers” one:

```
let updateCustomer customer =
    let ctx = db.GetDataContext()
    let dbCustomer = query { for c in ctx.[dbo].[Customers] do
                              where (c.Id = customer.Id)
                              select c }
                              |> Seq.exactlyOne
    dbCustomer.IsVip <- customer.IsVip
    dbCustomer.Credit <- customer.Credit / 1.0<USD>
    ctx.SubmitUpdates ()
```

7. Open the file Services.fs and add the following class:

```
type CustomerService() =

    member this.GetCustomers () = Data.getCustomers ()

    member this.UpgradeCustomers (ids: int seq) =
        match ids with
        | null -> ()
        | _ ->
            let customers = Data.getCustomers ()
            ids
            |> Seq.map (fun id -> customers
                          |> Seq.find (fun c -> c.Id = id))
            |> Seq.map (Functions.upgradeCustomer >> Data.updateCustomer)
            |> List.ofSeq
            |> ignore
```


8. Open the file CustomersController.cs located in the CSharpWeb project, and add the following code:

```
using System.Linq;
using System.Web.Mvc;
using CSharpWeb.Models;
using Services;

namespace CSharpWeb.Controllers
{
    public class CustomersController : Controller
    {
        private readonly CustomerService service;

        public CustomersController()
        {
            service = new CustomerService();
        }

        public ActionResult Index()
        {
            var customers = service.GetCustomers();
            var model = customers.Select(c => new CustomerViewModel
            {
                Id = c.Id,
                Credit = c.Credit,
                IsVip = c.IsVip
            });
            return View(model);
        }

        [HttpPost]
        public ActionResult Post(int[] ids)
        {
            service.UpgradeCustomers(ids);
            return RedirectToAction("Index");
        }
    }
}
```

9. Set CSharpWeb as the start project and run it. Navigate to /Customers, select some customers and press "Upgrade"

10. Open the Data.fs file located in the Application project and add the following code at the end:

```
type json = JsonProvider<"Data.json">

let getSpending id =
    json.Load("App_Data\Data.json")
    |> Seq.filter (fun c -> c.Id = id)
    |> Seq.collect (fun c -> c.Spending
        |> Seq.map (fun s -> float(s)))
    |> List.ofSeq
```

11. Change the “getSpendingByMonth” function located in the file Functions.fs:

```
let getSpendingByMonth customer = customer.Id |> Data.getSpending
```

12. Run the CShapWeb project again, navigate to /Customers, select some customers and press “Upgrade”

