

# Part 1

## Tail recursion

- The goal is to write a function that counts the number of characters passed as program arguments.
- The program should be named **counter** and when called like this:  
 > scala counter hello there  
 it would print “12”
- The Array of arguments needs to be converted to the List and then the tail-recursively the number of characters in each of the string should be accumulated and returned.
  - If String **size** function is used to get the length 4 points are given for the exercise
  - If the length of each string is obtained by another tail-recursive function the complete 6 points are granted
- The solutions have to be clean, i.e. technique with hiding “buffer” variables need to be used. The approach with external “var” filled while recursing is not accepted.

# Part 2

## New expression

In this exercise a new “expression” needs to be added. It should be called “**randomly**” and when used in following example:

```
for ( i <- 1 to 10 ) {  
  val z = randomly(0.25){  
    println("calling this"); 1  
  }{  
    println("calling that"); 2  
  }  
  println(z);  
}
```

it would execute one of the two pieces of code with the probability given in the first argument (here “calling this” would be executes in 1 out of four cases - approximately).

It can be assumed that the return value is always of integer type.

**Reminder: 4 points, can use any material**