

Scala Course

Basics 1

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This is the cool part, and what we'll be learning about

The type system

```
val a: Int = "hola!"  
// error: type mismatch;  
// found   : String("hola!")  
// required: Int
```

A type system checks the types of our program to be sure they make sense.

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Python

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a = "patata"  
a = 3
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JS

```
var a = "patata"  
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Scala

```
var a = "patata"  
a = 3  
// error: type mismatch;  
// found    : Int(3)  
// required: String  
// val times3: Int => Int =  
//
```

Type inference

Normally, the compiler will try to guess what type our values have even if we don't specify it.

```
val hola = "hola"  
val three = 3
```

This doesn't mean that if we don't specify a type the declaration remains untyped, just that we let the compiler guess it.

Higher order functions

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Functions are values

```
val intToString: Int => String = { a =>
  a.toString
}
```

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```
def applyFunction(  
  number: Int,  
  fn: Int => Int  
): Int =  
  fn(number)  
  
applyFunction(3, {x => x*3})  
applyFunction(2, {x => x+2})
```

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def genMultiplication(  
  times: Int  
): Int => Int = { x =>  
  x * times  
}  
  
val times3: Int => Int = genMultiplication(3)  
times3(3)
```

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  g: Int => Boolean  
): String => Boolean = { str =>  
  g(f(str))  
}
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```
val length: String => Int = _.length
val isEven: Int => Boolean = { i => i % 2 == 0 }

val lengthIsEven = compose(length, isEven)

lengthIsEven("1")
lengthIsEven("10")
lengthIsEven("100")
lengthIsEven("1000")
```

Generics

Although, in the previous example, do we really care about the specific types of the functions f & g ? or we just need them to match?

We could use a **generic** implementation for `compose`!

```
def composeGeneric[A, B, C](  
  f: A => B,  
  g: B => C  
): A => C = { a =>  
  g(f(a))  
}
```

Generics

And then, we could use `composeGeneric` the same way we used `compose`.

```
val length: String => Int = _.length
val isEven: Int => Boolean = { i => i % 2 == 0 }

val lengthIsEven = composeGeneric(length, isEven)

lengthIsEven("1")
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```

Algebraic data types

Algebraic data types are composite types made up from smaller ones. There are two basic constructs for them:

- case classes
- sealed traits

Case classes

case classes, also called **product types**, encode a grouping of other fields that should **all** be present in all values.

```
case class Package(  
  length: Int,  
  width: Int,  
  height: Int,  
  weight: Int)
```

In this example we know that all packages should have a length, a width, a height, and a weight.

Case classes

Case classes have other cool feature, copying. Copying allows us to create copies of the object with some fields changed. This helps to make programs immutable!

```
// Notice that, for instantiating case classes,  
// we don't use `new`.  
val pack = Package(10, 15, 20, 3)
```

Case classes

If we want to change one of the fields of a case class, we just need to call `copy` and reassign a new value for the field:

```
val pack2 = pack.copy(weight = 2)
```


Sealed traits

Sealed traits (***sealed** means we can only extend it on the file we've declared*), also called **sum types**, encode a type that can be **one of** all the different invariants:

```
sealed trait ResponseFromServer
case class OkResponse(
  json: String
) extends ResponseFromServer
case object FailureResponse extends ResponseFromServer
```

Here, we know that a value of the type `ResponseFromServer` can be either a `OkResponse` or a `FailureResponse`.

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Recap.

Scala	Other languages
trait	interface(Java), protocol (Swift)
class	class
case class	POJO/JavaBean (Java)
object	class containing only static stuff
val	immutable reference (const in JS)
var	mutable reference
def	function/method

Exercise 1.1

Let's imagine a simple event based application. We want to define some events that we can handle:

- A user logs in
- A customer adds an item to the basket
- A user starts payment process
- Payment goes through correctly
- Payment process fails with timeout
- Payment process fails because of Insufficient funds

solution

One possible solution... not **the** one.

```
import java.util.UUID

sealed trait Event
case class UserLogIn(userId: UUID) extends Event
case class AddItemToBasket(userId: UUID, itemId: UUID) extends Event
case class UserIntentPay(userId: UUID) extends Event
case class PaymentCorrect(userId: UUID, paymentReceipt: S

sealed trait PaymentFailure extends Event
case class TimeoutFailure(userId: UUID, intentId: UUID) extends Event
case class InsufficientFundsFailure(userId: UUID, intentId: UUID) extends Event
```

Exercise 1.2

We know that all events for this system will have several fields: -
Event ID - User ID

Refactor your previous exercise to add those.

solution

```
sealed trait Event {  
  def id: UUID  
  def userId: UUID  
}
```

```
case class UserLogIn(id: UUID, userId: UUID) extends Event  
case class AddItemToBasket(id: UUID, userId: UUID, itemId: UUID) extends Event  
case class UserIntentPay(id: UUID, userId: UUID) extends Event  
case class PaymentCorrect(id: UUID, userId: UUID, paymentAmount: Double) extends Event
```

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sealed trait PaymentFailure extends Event  
case class TimeoutFailure(id: UUID, userId: UUID, intentId: UUID) extends PaymentFailure  
case class InsufficientFundsFailure(id: UUID, userId: UUID, intentId: UUID) extends PaymentFailure
```