



Advanced Kotlin

Continue with nullability, collections, generics, complex functions and delegates



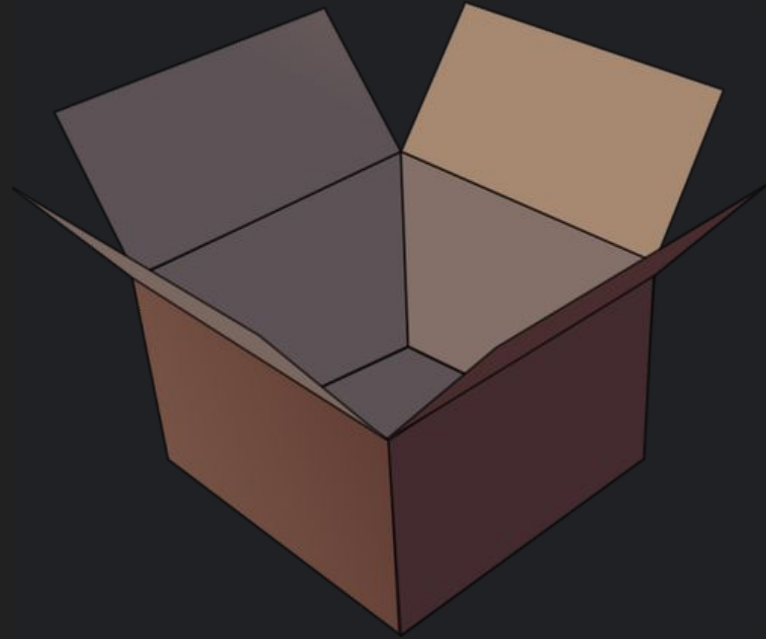
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- Nullability
- Delegates
- Lambda & higher order functions

- Polymorphism & Abstractions
- Override & overload
- Collections
- Types of classes

Nullability

Absence of value



[Null - "The Billion-Dolar Mistake"](#)

Java code - don't type

```
public class Person{  
    String name;  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(new Person().name.length());  
    }  
}
```

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException Create breakpoint: Cannot invoke "String.length()" because "name" is null
at Person.main(Person.java:5)

Nullability

- Built into the type system
- Nullable type definition using “**Type?**” syntax

Null handling

Null handling

- Safe-call operator **?.**

```
val nameLength = name?.length  
println(nameLength) //output: null
```

Null handling

- Null-check with **if**

```
if (name != null) println(name.length) else println(0)
```

Null handling

- Elvis operator `?:`

```
val nameLengthElvis = name?.length ?: 0  
println(nameLengthElvis) //output: 0
```

Null handling

- Not-null assertion operator **!!**

```
val name: String? = null
```

```
println(name!!.length)
```



Platform type

Additional resources

[Calling Java from Kotlin | Kotlin Documentation](#)

[Null safety | Kotlin Documentation](#)

[Nulls and Null Safety - Dave Leeds on Kotlin](#)

Inheritance

Inheritance

- A **superclass** shares properties and methods with a **subclass**
- A subclass can only **inherit from one** superclass
- Kotlin classes are **final** by default

```
open class Person(  
    val name: String,  
    val lastName: String  
)
```

```
class Teacher(  
    name: String,  
    lastName: String,  
    salary: Double  
) : Worker(name, lastName,  
    Job("Teacher", salary))
```

```
open class Worker(  
    name: String,  
    lastName: String,  
    val job: Job  
) : Person(name, lastName)
```

```
open class Person(  
    val name: String,  
    val lastName: String  
)
```

```
open class Worker(  
    name: String,  
    lastName: String,  
    val job: Job  
) : Person(name, lastName)
```

```
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    name: String,  
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```

```
open class Person(  
    val name: String,  
    val lastName: String  
)
```

```
open class Worker(  
    name: String,  
    lastName: String,  
    val job: Job  
) : Person(name, lastName)
```

```
class Teacher(  
    name: String,  
    lastName: String,  
    salary: Double  
) : Worker(name, lastName,  
    Job("Teacher", salary))
```

Inheritance

- **Open** keyword - classes are closed by default
- Inheritance creates a class **hierarchy**
- Only **non-private** properties and methods are transferred
- **protected** - limits visibility only to subclasses

Interfaces

Interfaces

- Similar to classes, but always **abstract**
- “**Contract**” you have to follow
- Abstract methods **must be** implemented
- **Any number** of interfaces can be implemented

```
interface OnClickListener {  
    fun onClick()  
}
```

```
interface OnLongClickListener {  
    fun onLongClick()  
}
```

```
interface CombinedClickListener : OnClickListener, OnLongClickListener
```

```
class CustomListener: CombinedClickListener {  
  
    override fun onClick() {  
        // Implement  
    }  
  
    override fun onLongClick() {  
        // Implement  
    }  
}
```


Abstractions & polymorphism

Abstractions & polymorphism

- Ability of a type to take **many forms**
- We can use a **common (more abstract)** type for specific behavior without knowing about the **implementations**

```
interface Attacker {  
    fun attack()  
}  
  
class Swordsman: Attacker {  
    override fun attack() {  
        println("Swinging a sword...")  
    }  
}  
  
class Archer: Attacker {  
    override fun attack() {  
        println("Drawing a bow...")  
    }  
}  
  
class Dragon: Attacker {  
    override fun attack() {  
        println("Breathing fire...")  
    }  
}
```

```
fun main() {  
    val boss = Boss(Archer())  
    println(boss.attackPlayer())  
}
```

Output:

Drawing a bow...

Abstractions & polymorphism

- Many **design patterns** use polymorphism
- Reduces complexity
- Simplifies syntax

Override & overload

Override


- Changes parent's implementation
- `override fun functionName()`

Overload

- Same name
- Different function signature

```
fun doWork() {  
    // Do something  
}
```

```
fun doWork(assistant: Worker) {  
    // Do something with the assistant's help  
}
```



Different number of
params

```
fun doWork() {  
    // Do something  
}
```

```
fun doWork(assistant: Worker) {  
    // Do something the assistant's help  
}
```

}
Different number of
params

```
fun sum(float1: Float, float2: Float): Float {  
    return float1 + float2  
}
```

```
fun sum(int1: Int, int2: Int): Int {  
    return int1 + int2  
}
```

}
Different types of
params

Additional resources

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/inheritance.html>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-abstract-and-open-classes/>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-interfaces/>

Delegation

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Class behavior
delegation

Delegated properties

Class behavior delegation

```
interface Engineer {  
    fun buildApp()  
    fun testApp()  
    fun writeNewBackendApi()  
}
```

Class behavior delegation

```
interface Engineer {  
    fun buildApp()  
    fun testApp()  
    fun writeNewBackendApi()  
}
```

```
class SeniorEngineer : Engineer
```

```
class Manager : Engineer
```

```
class SeniorEngineer : Engineer {  
  
    override fun buildApp() {  
        println("I'm building a new Android app!")  
    }  
  
    override fun testApp() {  
        println("No bugs found! Ready to launch...")  
    }  
  
    override fun writeNewBackendApi() {  
        println("Creating user endpoints.")  
    }  
}
```

```
class Manager(engineer: Engineer) : Engineer by engineer {  
    fun organizeMeeting() {  
        println("Let's have a sprint planning!")  
    }  
}
```

```
val filip = SeniorEngineer()  
val pero = Manager(engineer = filip)  
pero.organizeMeeting()  
pero.buildApp()
```

Delegated properties

- **Lazy** properties
 - Value computed on the first access

```
val expensiveObject by lazy { produceExpensiveObject() }
```

Delegated properties

- **Observable** properties
 - Notify when changes occur

```
var name by Delegates.observable("Filip") { _, oldValue,
newValue ->
    println("Old: $oldValue, new: $newValue")
}
```

```
var name by Delegates.observable("Filip") { _, oldValue, newValue ->
    println("Old: $oldValue, new: $newValue")
}
name = "Luka"
```

Output:

Old: Filip, new: Luka

Delegated properties

- Map

- Store properties in a Map

```
val nameToJob = mapOf(  
    "filip" to "Compose Dev",  
    "luka" to "Android Dev"  
)
```

```
val filip by nameToJob  
println(filip)
```


Delegated properties

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    "luka" to "Android Dev"  
)
```

```
val filip by nameToJob  
println(filip)
```

Output: Compose Dev

Lateinit

- Initialize a var at a **later point** in time
- We can use it in the following cases:
 - Property defined **within** the class
 - **No custom** get/set accessors
 - **Local & top-level** variables
 - **Non-null, non-primitive** type

```
lateinit var course: Course
```

```
if(::course.isInitialized) {  
    println(course.name)  
}
```

Additional resources

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-delegation/>

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/delegation.html#delegation.md>

Higher-order functions

Higher-order functions

- Can be **stored** in variables
- Can be **sent as arguments** to other functions
- Can be **returned** from a function
- **Function types**

Function types

- Type with **no params** and **Unit** return type

```
val noParamFunType: () -> Unit
```

Function types

- Type with `String` param and `Unit` return type

```
val oneParamFunType: (String) -> Unit
```


Function types

- Type with `String` param and `String` return type

```
val funWithReturnType: (String) -> String
```

Function types

- Type with receiver

```
val containsVowels: String.() -> Boolean = {  
    this.contains("a", true)  
    || this.contains("e", true)  
    || this.contains("i", true)  
    || this.contains("o", true)  
    || this.contains("u", true)  
}
```

Function types

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    || this.contains("u", true)  
}
```

Function literals

- functions that are **not declared** but are passed immediately as an **expression**
- **Values** for function types
 - **Lambda** literals `{ a, b -> a + b }`
 - **Anonymous** function `fun(a, b): Int = a - b`

Function type

- `() -> Unit`
- `(String) -> Boolean`
- `(Int, Int) -> Int`
- `String.() -> Boolean`

Function literal

- `{ }`
- `{ it.contains('a') }`
- `{ a, b -> a + b }`
- `{ this.contains('a') }`

Lambdas have no `return` keyword, the `last expression` is returned.

Higher-order functions usage

- Callbacks
- Collections
- Jetpack Compose
- DSL (Domain Specific Language)

Inline modifier

```
fun main() {  
    runSomeCode {  
        println("Hello there!")  
    }  
}  
  
inline fun runSomeCode(codeToRun: () -> Unit) {  
    codeToRun()  
}
```

Inline modifier

```
fun main() {  
    println("Hello there!")  
}
```


Additional resources

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/lambdas.html>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-lambdas/>

Extension functions

Extension functions

- Adding functions to types you **don't own**
- Can be used on **all instances** of a type

Extension functions

```
fun Int.squared(): Int = this * this
```

```
fun main() {  
    val number = 5  
    println(number.squared())  
}
```

```
suspend fun <T : Mappable<R>, R : Any> Call<T>.awaitResult(): Result<R> {  
    return suspendCoroutine { continuation ->
```

```
        enqueue(object : Callback<T> {
```

```
            override fun onFailure(call: Call<T>?, error: Throwable?) {  
                continuation.resume(Failure(error))
```

```
            }
```

```
            override fun onResponse(call: Call<T>?, response: Response<T>?) {
```

```
                response?.body()?.run { continuation.resume((mapToData())) }
```

```
                response?.errorBody()?.run { continuation.resume(Failure(HttpException(response))) }
```

```
            }
```

```
        })
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
/**
```

```
* Instead of having a Call, adding callbacks, parsing exceptions and  
similar in many places, we abstract it away.
```

```
*
```

```
* Any time we have a Call, we can just transform it to a value (Result)  
directly.
```

```
*/
```

```
apiService.getWeather(cityName, API_KEY).awaitResult()
```

Additional resources

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/extensions.html#extension-functions>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-receivers-and-extensions/>

Generics

Generics

- Define behavior applicable to **multiple types**
- **Consistent** behavior, abstract types
- **Classes, interfaces** and **functions** can be generic

```
fun main() {  
    val listOfNames = listOf(  
        "Filip",  
        "Marin",  
        "Damir",  
        "Luka",  
        "Tomislav"  
    )  
}
```

```
public fun <T> listOf(vararg elements: T): List<T> =  
    if (elements.size > 0) {  
        elements.asList()  
    } else {  
        emptyList()  
    }
```

```
public fun <T> listOf(vararg elements: T): List<T> =  
    if (elements.size > 0) {  
        elements.asList()  
    } else {  
        emptyList()  
    }
```

Generics

- Useful for **reusing logic** in different cases
- **Any** type, the **same** behavior
- Can be constrained using **declaration variance**

Generics variance

- **In** - “**Contravariant**”, definition can safely take *in* a value of type T
- **Out** - “**Covariant**”, definition can safely produce *out* a value of type T


```
/**  
 * Can produce and consume values of type T.  
 */  
interface ConsumerProducer<T> {  
    fun produce(): T  
  
    fun consume(value: T, other: T)  
}
```



```
interface Producer<out T> {  
    fun produce(): T  
}
```

```
fun main() {  
    val stringSource = object : Producer<String> {  
        override fun produce() = "This is a string" //Valid  
    }  
}
```

```
interface Producer<out T> {  
    fun produce(): T  
}
```

```
fun main() {  
    val stringSource = object : Producer<String> {  
        override fun produce() = 505 // Error  
    }  
}
```

```
fun <T> countGreater(  
    list: List<T>,  
    threshold: T  
): Int where T : CharSequence,  
        T : Comparable<T> {  
    return list  
        .count { it > threshold }  
}
```


Additional resources

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/generics.html#generics.md>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-variance/>

Collections

Collections

- A collection of objects of the **same type**
- List, Set, Map, Array...
- **Mutable** & **immutable** collections
- Many **built-in** functions ready for you to use

List

- A generic **ordered** collection of elements

```
public interface List<out E> : Collection<E>
```


List

```
fun main() {  
    val teachers = listOf("Bruno", "Luka", "Filip", "Goran")  
  
    teachers.run {  
        println(count())  
        println(first())  
        println(find { it.startsWith('L') })  
    }  
}
```

Array

- holds a **fixed number** of values of the same type
- If you don't have specialized **low-level requirements** use collections instead

```
fun main() {  
    val teachers = arrayOf("Bruno", "Luka", "Filip",  
        "Goran")  
    teachers.forEach { println(it) }  
}
```

Array

```
// Boxed objects -> Integer
```

```
val integers: Array<Int> = arrayOf(1, 2, 3)
```

```
// primitive type -> int
```

```
val ints: IntArray = intArrayOf(1, 2, 3)
```

Set

- A generic **unordered** collection of elements
- Doesn't support **duplicates**

```
public interface Set<out E> : Collection<E>
```

Set

```
fun main() {  
    val teachers = setOf("Bruno", "Luka", "Filip", "Goran",  
        "Luka", "Filip")  
    println(teachers)  
}
```

Output: [Bruno, Luka, Filip, Goran]

Map

- Holds **key-value** pairs
- Keys are **unique**
- Each key can have only **one value**

```
public interface Map<K, out V>
```

Map

```
val nameToJob = mapOf(  
    "Filip" to "Compose Dev",  
    "Luka" to "Android Dev"  
)
```

```
val nameJobPair: Pair<String, String> =  
    "Bruno" to "Professor"
```

(I) Mutability

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```
fun main() {  
    var myList = listOf(1, 2, 3)  
  
    myList.add(4) // `add()` doesn't exist on the List type  
}
```

(I)Mutability

```
fun main() {  
    val myList = mutableListOf(1, 2, 3)  
    myList.add(4)  
    myList.remove(1)  
  
    println(myList) // [2, 3, 4]  
}
```

(I)Mutability

```
fun main() {  
    val mySet = mutableSetOf(1, 2, 3)  
    mySet.add(4)  
    mySet.remove(1)  
  
    println(mySet) // [2, 3, 4]  
}
```

(I)Mutability

```
fun main() {  
    val myMap = mutableMapOf(  
        1 to "Luka",  
        2 to "Filip",  
        3 to "Bruno"  
    )  
    myMap.put(4, "Goran")  
    myMap[5] = "David"  
    myMap.remove(1)  
  
    println(myMap) // {2=Filip, 3=Bruno, 4=Goran, 5=David}  
}
```

Additional resources

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-collections/>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-maps/>

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/collections-overview.html#collections-overview.md>

Data classes

Data classes

- Used to hold data
- Compiler generates member functions for you
 - copy, toString, equals, hashCode...
- Marked with `data` modifier

Data classes

```
data class User(  
    val name: String,  
    val lastName: String,  
    val job: String,  
)
```


Data classes

```
fun main() {  
    val filip = User("Filip", "Babic", "Compose Dev")  
    val filipClone = filip.copy()  
  
    val (name, lastName, job) = filip  
  
    println(filip == filipClone) // True  
  
    println(filip) // User(name=Filip, lastName=Babic, job=Compose Dev)  
}
```

Data classes

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    val filip = User("Filip", "Babic", "Compose Dev")  
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    val (name, lastName, job) = filip  
  
    println(filip == filipClone) // True  
  
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}
```

Data classes

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fun main() {  
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    println(filip == filipClone) // True  
  
    println(filip) // User(name=Filip, lastName=Babic, job=Compose Dev)  
}
```

Data classes

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    println(filip == filipClone) // True  
  
    println(filip) // User(name=Filip, lastName=Babic, job=Compose Dev)  
}
```

Data classes

```
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    val filip = User("Filip", "Babic", "Compose Dev")  
    val filipClone = filip.copy()  
  
    val (name, lastName, job) = filip  
  
    println(filip == filipClone) // True  
  
    println(filip) // User(name=Filip, lastName=Babic, job=Compose Dev)  
}
```

Additional resources

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/data-classes.html#data-classes.md>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-data-classes-and-destructuring/>

Sealed classes

Sealed classes

- Classes defined with a **fixed** number of types
- Can be defined only within the **same file**
- Can't instantiate sealed class, only **subclasses**
- Useful for **when** pattern matching


```
fun main() {  
    val state = getHomeScreenState()  
  
    when (state) {  
        is Error -> println(state.message) // Smart cast to Error  
        Initial -> {  
            // start an operation  
        }  
  
        is Loading -> showProgress(state.progress) // Smart cast  
        is Ready -> showItems(state.data) // Smart cast  
    }  
}
```

```
fun main() {  
    val state = getHomeScreenState()  
  
    when (state) {  
        is Loading -> showProgress(state.progress) // Smart cast  
        is Ready -> showItems(state.data) // Smart cast  
        // Error -> Must handle all cases or use `else` block  
    }  
}
```

Sealed interfaces

Sealed interfaces

- Use cases are the same as sealed classes
- Allows for greater **extensibility**

```
sealed interface HomeScreenState // Interface, not a class
```

```
object Initial : HomeScreenState
```

```
data class Loading(val progress: Float) : HomeScreenState
```

```
data class Ready(val data: List<String>) : HomeScreenState
```

```
data class Error(  
    val exception: Exception,  
    val message: String  
) : HomeScreenState
```

Additional resources

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/sealed-classes.html#sealed-classes.md>

<https://typealias.com/start/kotlin-sealed-types/>

Thank you!

Questions?