BASICS OF KOTLIN

working with collections, generics and delegates

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Kotlin has two types of collections:

- mutable (we can change collection's content)
- immutable (we can't change collection's content)

Most frequently used collections are:

- lists
- maps
- sets

Differences between mutable and immutable collections are the easiest to explain on example of lists.

Immutable lists implement interface **List<out T>** which gives class the following functionalities: **size** i **get**.

Mutable functionalities are gained by implementing **MutableList<T>** interface, which gives **add**, **addAll** and **remove** functionalities.

Instantiation of immutable collections:

```
/**
 * Immutable lists
 */
val immutableList = listOf(2, 4, 6)
val immutableList2 = listOf("Some", "Word")

/**
 * Immutable maps
 */
val immutableMap = mapOf("something" to 1, "else" to 2)
val immutableMap2 = mapOf(Pair(1, "Plane"), Pair(2, "Car"))
```

```
/**
 *Immutable sets
 */
val immutableSet = setOf(2, 2, 3) // It only has members 2 and 3.
// Outputs 2 and 3 (:: meaning direct access to reference)
immutableSet.forEach(::println)
```

Instantiation of mutable collections:

```
/**
 * Mutable lists
 */
val mutableList = mutableListOf(2, 4, 6)
val mutableList2 = mutableListOf("Some", "Word")
val mutableList3 = mutableListOf<String>()

// We can also remove some members.
mutableList2.remove("Word")

// or add
mutableList3.add("Car")
mutableList2.add("Plane")
mutableList2.addAll(mutableList3)
```

```
* Mutable maps
val mutableMap = mutableMapOf("something" to 1, "else" to 2)
val mutableMap2 = mutableMapOf(Pair(1, "Plane"), Pair(2, "Car"))
* Mutable sets
// It will have only 2 and 3 without any duplicates.
val mutableSet = mutableSetOf(2, 2, 3)
mutableSet.add(1)
mutableSet.add(4)
mutableSet.add(5)
mutableSet.add(55)
```

```
// We remove all members that are > 2

mutableSet.removeIf\{x \rightarrow x > 2\}

// Outputs 2 and 1 (:: meaning direct access to reference)

mutableSet.forEach(::println)
```

Accessing to members:

```
// Access to element at first position:
val x = mutableList[0]

// We get element mapped to "something" key
val y = mutableMap["something"]
```

Iterating through collections:

```
mutableList.forEach \{x \rightarrow doSomething(x)\}
// or (conversion of lambda to reference)
mutableList.forEach(::doSomething)
// if we need index for each element:
mutableList.forEachIndexed {
        index, item -> doSomething(index, item)
// or we can apply filter if needed:
mutableList
    .filter \{x -> x >= 4\}
    .forEach(::println)
```

Generic classes:

```
/**
* Simple class that can take anything and use it to print.
* 'in' means that this type can only be consumed
* but never produced.
*/
class Printer<in T> {
    fun print(item: T) = println("Item [ $item ]")
}
```

```
** **
** Builder that generates instances of T
* based on parameter of P type.
* 'out' means that this type can only be produced
* but never consumed.
*/
abstract class Builder<in P, out T> {
abstract fun build(param: P): T
}
```

```
* * Builder realization

*/
class IntegerBuilder : Builder<String, Int>() {
  override fun build(param: String): Int {
    return param.toInt()
  }
}
```

```
• /**
   * Class takes collection and exposes min and max values.
   * T is produced and consumed and there is no 'in' or 'out'.

    * T in this example also must extend Comparable.

  */
  class Sorter<T : Comparable<T>>(items: List<T>) {
    private val sorted = items.sorted()
    fun getMax(): T {
      return sorted.last()
    fun getMin(): T {
      return sorted.first()
```

```
    val integerPrinter = Printer<Int>()
    val stringPrinter = Printer<String>()
    integerPrinter.print(2)
    stringPrinter.print("Something")
```

- // ---
- val intBuilder = IntegerBuilder()val x = intBuilder.build("1")println("We build [\$x]")

- val list = listOf(2, 5, 1, 2, 6, 6, 8, 2, 1, 10, 3)
- // We will not instantiate it via: Sorter<Int>(list) // since Kotlin takes type from arguments.
- val sorter = Sorter(list)
- // Outputs: [1][10]
- println("[\${sorter.getMin()}][\${sorter.getMax()}]")

Generic functions:

```
class EngineDiagnostics {
    /**
    * Method check engine is generic.
    * It only takes classes that are extending Engine class.
    */
    fun <T: Engine> checkEngine(engine: T) {
        println(engine)
    }
}
```

```
* * Engine abstraction

*/
abstract class Engine {
   abstract val power: Long

   override fun toString(): String {
     return "${this::class.simpleName} (power=$power)"
   }
}
```

```
* Rocket engine
class RocketEngine : Engine() {
  override val power: Long
   get() = 1000
* Truck engine
class TruckEngine : Engine() {
  override val power: Long
   get() = 100
```

- val truckEngine = TruckEngine()
 val rocketEngine = RocketEngine()
 val diagnostics = EngineDiagnostics()
 diagnostics.checkEngine(truckEngine)
 diagnostics.checkEngine(rocketEngine)
- Output:
- TruckEngine (power=100)
- RocketEngine (power=1000)

Delegating behavior:

```
• // We delegate Flying to passed Flying instance.
   class Traveling(fly: Flying): Flying by fly
   interface Flying {
     fun fly()
   class Plane : Flying {
  override fun fly() {
    println("PLANE")
   class Zeppelin : Flying {
   override fun fly() {
     println("ZEPPELIN")
```

```
    val plane = Plane()
val zeppelin = Zeppelin()
    val travelByPlane = Traveling(plane)
val travelByZeppelin = Traveling(zeppelin)
    travelByPlane.fly() // Outputs: PLANE
```

travelByZeppelin.fly() // Outputs: ZEPPELIN

Delegating properties:

```
* We delegate salary property to SalaryDelegate class.

*/
class Worker {
    var salary: Int by SalaryDelegate(BaseSalaryCalculation())
}
```

```
* To become property delegate first we must implement
* ReadWriteProperty.
class SalaryDelegate(val calculation: SalaryCalculation) :
      ReadWriteProperty<Any, Int>
  private var salary = 0
  override fun getValue(thisRef: Any, property: KProperty<*>): Int {
    return salary
  override fun setValue(thisRef: Any, property: KProperty<*>, value: Int) {
    salary = calculation.calculate(value)
```

```
    * Salary.
        */
        class BaseSalaryCalculation : SalaryCalculation {
            override fun calculate(salaryBase: Int): Int {
                return salaryBase * 100
            }
        }
        interface SalaryCalculation {
                fun calculate(salaryBase: Int): Int
        }
```

```
    **
        * Finally, we run our code.
        */
        fun main(args: Array<String>) {
            val worker = Worker()
            worker.salary = 10
        * // Outputs 1000.
        // by executing the code from BaseSalaryCalculation class.
        println("Worker earned [ ${worker.salary} ]")
        }
    }
```

Lazy initialization:

```
class Database(val type: String) {
  init {
    println("Initializing $type")
fun main(args: Array<String>) {
  val client = PostgreClient()
• // Initialization will be executed here
  val database = client.database
• // and each time when we access property, it will not be
  // executed again.
```

Observable delegate:

```
*/

*Stock value with observer delegate.

*/

class Stock {

    var value : Int by Delegates.observable(0) {

    property, old, new ->

        println(

        "${property.name}: [$old] -> [$new]"

    }

    }

}
```

```
* * We will set stock values here.

*/

fun main(args: Array<String>) {
   val stock = Stock()
   stock.value = 10 // Outputs: value: [0] -> [10]
   stock.value = 100 // Outputs: value: [10] -> [100]
   stock.value = 1000 // Outputs: value: [100] -> [1000]
}
```

References:

- 1. http://kotlinlang.org/
- 2. Fundamental Kotlin, Miloš Vasić, 2016

Code used in examples is located here:

- https://github.com/milos85vasic/Kotlin-Serbia
- Git repository:
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