

# Lab 6. For expressions

## 6.1 A small string DSL

In this section we will extend the scala `String` class with several operators that implement useful string functions, effectively obtaining a small string-specialized DSL.

**6.1.1** Implement the `<<` and `>>` operators for a `String` and an `Int`, that shift the string in a direction by the given amount:

```
scala> "odersky" << 2
val res55: String = ersky

scala> "odersky" >> 2
val res56: String = oders
```

**6.1.2** Implement the `<<<` and `>>>` operators for a `String` and an `Int`, that **rotate** the string in a direction by the given amount:

```
scala> "odersky" >>> 2
val res57: String = kyoders

scala> "odersky" <<< 2
val res58: String = erskyod
```

**6.1.3** Implement the `-` operator between two strings that removes occurrences of the second string from the first one:

```
scala> "Implement the '-' operator between two strings that removes occurrences of
the second string from the first one:" - "th"
val res61: String = Implement e '-' operator between two strings at removes
occurrences of e second string from e first one:
```

**6.1.4** Implement the `~` unary operator that changes the case of each cased character in the string:

```
scala> ~"xXx1337ScAlAcOdErXxX"
val res62: String = XxX1337sCaLaCoDeRXxX
```

You will have to use the following signature:

```
def unary_~ = ...
```

**6.1.5** Implement the `<=>` operator that behaves like C's `strcmp` functions: if both strings are equal, returns 0; otherwise, if the first string is lexicographically first, returns a negative value and if the first string is lexicographically second, returns a positive value:

```
scala> "haskell" <=> "java"
```

```
val res3: Int = -1
```

```
scala> "scala" <=> "java"
```

```
val res4: Int = 1
```

```
scala> "scala" <=> "scala"
```

```
val res5: Int = 0
```

This is known as "the spaceship operator".

**6.1.6** Implement the `/` operator that splits a string into chunks of a given length:

```
scala> "scalable language" / 3
```

```
val res9: List[String] = List(sca, lab, "le ", lan, gua, ge)
```

## 6.2 Tic-Tac-Toe

**Tic Tac Toe** is usually played on a 3x3 board, marking positions by each player in rounds. Our game is slightly different (usually called 5-in-a-row):

- it can be played on a square board of any size **larger or equal to 5**.
- A player wins if it has marked a line, column or diagonal of **5 consecutive positions** in a row.

Example of a winning position for `X` on a 5x5 board:

```
X...0
```

```
0X.0.
```

```
..X0.
```

```
...X.
```

```
.0..X
```

Example of a winning position for `0` on a 7x7 board:

```
.X...X.
```

```
...0...
...0...
.X.0..X
0..0..0
...0...
...X...
```

## Encodings

- In your project template, **X** is encoded as the **first** player (**One**), and **0**, as **Two**.

```
trait Player {}
case object One extends Player {
  override def toString: String = "X"
}
case object Two extends Player {
  override def toString: String = "0"
}
case object Empty extends Player {
  override def toString: String = "."
}
```

- A **Board** is encoded as a List of Lists of **positions** (i.e. a matrix), where a position can be **One**, **Two** or **Empty**. We make no distinction in the code between a position and a player, although **Empty** cannot be seen as a valid player. This makes the code slightly easier to write.

```
type Line = List[Player]
type BoardList = List[Line]

case class Board(b: BoardList) {
  override def toString: String = ???
}
```

## Tasks

The following functions have a given signature. However, it is up to the student to decide whether these will be methods of a class or just simple functions.

**6.2.1.** Write a function which converts a string into a `Board`. As a helper, you can use `_.split( c )` where `c` is a separator string, and `_.toList`. The best solution is to use a combination of `map` calls with the above mentioned functions. A string is encoded exactly as in the examples shown above:

- there are no whitespaces - empty positions are marked by the character '.'
- lines are delimited by '\n' (the last line does not have a trailing '\n').

```
def makeBoard(s: String): Board = {  
  def toPos(c: Char): Player =  
    c match {  
      case 'X' => One  
      case '0' => Two  
      case _ => Empty  
    }  
  ???  
}
```

**6.2.2.** Write a function which checks if a position on the board is free. Recall that list indexing can be done using `l(_)`. Positions are numbered from 0.

```
def isFree(x: Int, y: Int): Boolean = ???
```

**6.2.3.** Write a function which returns the *opponent* of a player:

```
def complement(p: Player): Player = ???
```

**6.2.4.** We want to write a function which converts a board to a string, following the same strategy. Complete the `toString` in the `Board` class. Hint: instead of `foldRight`, you can use `reduce` which works quite similarly, but without requiring an accumulator.

**6.2.5.** Write a function which returns the *columns* of a board:

```
def getColumns: Board = ???
```

**6.2.6.** Implement the following two functions for extracting the first and second diagonal, as lines, from a board. Hint: use for comprehensions.

```
def getFstDiag(): Line = ???  
def getSndDiag(): Line = ???
```

**6.2.7.** Implement the following functions for extracting diagonals above/below the first/second diagonal, as lines. It's not really necessary to make sure that at least 5 positions are available, for

now. Hint: if one function must be implemented with element-by-element iteration, the three other can be implemented using each-other, as single-line calls.

```
def getAboveFstDiag: List[Line] = ???  
def getBelowFstDiag: List[Line] = ???  
def getAboveSndDiag: List[Line] = ???  
def getBelowSndDiag: List[Line] = ???
```

**6.2.8.** Write a function which checks if a player is the winner. Hint: functions `l.forall(_)` and `l.exists(_)` may be very helpful, together with patterns.

```
def winner(p: Player): Boolean = ???
```

**6.2.9.** Write a function which updates a position from the board, with a given player. The position need not be empty and you are not required to check this. Hint: re-use an inner aux-function together with `take` and `drop`.

```
def update(p: Player)(ln: Int, col: Int) : Board = ???
```

**6.2.10.** Write a function which generates all possible next-moves for any of the two players. A next-move consists in a new board, where the player-at-hand played his move.

```
def next(p: Player): List[Board] = ???
```

## Testing

Use the following board configurations to test your solutions:

```
val t1 =  
  """x0x0x0  
    |0x0x0x  
    |x0x0x0  
    |.xx0..  
    |x00...  
    |x0x0x0""".stripMargin  
  
val t2 =  
  """.....  
    |.....  
    |.....  
    |.xx...  
    |.....
```

```
    |.0000.  
    |....."".stripMargin  
  
val t3 =  
    ""0X0X0.  
    |000.X0  
    |0.0X..  
    |0..0..  
    |0X..0X  
    |...X.."".stripMargin
```