



CHEAT SHEET

Every value is an object and every operation is a message send .

PACKAGE

Java style:

```
package com.mycompany.mypkg
```

applies across the entire file scope

Package "scoping" approach: curly brace delimited

```
package com
{
  package tedneward
  {
    package scala
    {
      package demonstration
      {
        object App
        {
          import java.math.BigInteger
          // just to show nested importing
          def main(args : Array[String]) :
            Unit =
            {
              System.out.println(
                "Howdy, from packaged code!")
              args.foreach((i) =>
                System.out.println("Got " + i) )
            }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

IMPORT

form:

```
import p._ // imports all members of p
// (this is analogous to import p.* in Java)
```

```
import p.x // the member x of p
import p.{x => a} // the member x of p renamed
// as a
import p.{x, y} // the members x and y of p
import p1.p2.z // the member z of p2,
// itself member of p1
import p1._, p2._ // is a shorthand for import
// p1._; import p2._
```

implicit imports:

the package `java.lang`

the package `scala`

and the object `scala.Predef`

import anywhere inside the client Scala file, not just at the top of the file, for scoped relevance

VARIABLE

form: `var var_name: type = init_value;`

`var i : int = 0;`

default values:

```
private var somevar: T = _
// _ is a default value
```

default value:

0 for numeric types

false for the Boolean type

() for the Unit type

null for all object types

CONSTANT

prefer `val` over `var`

form: `val var_name: type = init_value;`

`val i : int = 0;`

STATIC

no static members, use Singleton, see Object

CLASS

Every class inherits from `scala.Any`

see <http://www.scala-lang.org/node/128>

2 subclass categories:

`scala.AnyVal`

`scala.AnyRef`

form: `abstract class(pName: PType1, pName2: PType2...) extends SuperClass with constructor in the class definition`

```
class Person(name: String, age: int) extends
Mammal {
  // secondary constructor
  def this(name: String) {
    // call the "primary" constructor
    this(name, 1);
  }
  // members here
}
```

OBJECT

concrete class instance

a singleton

```
object RunRational extends Application
{
  // members here
}
```

MIXIN CLASS COMPOSITION

Mixin :

```
trait RichIterator extends AbsIterator {
  def foreach(f: T => Unit) { while (hasNext)
    f(next) }
}
```

Mixin Class Composition :

Note the keyword "with" used to create a mixin composition of the parents `StringIterator` and `RichIterator`.

The first parent is called the superclass of `Iter`, whereas the second (and every other, if present) parent is called a mixin.

```
object StringIteratorTest {
  def main(args: Array[String]) {
    class Iter extends StringIterator(args(0))
      with RichIterator
    val iter = new Iter
    iter.foreach println
  }
}
```

GENERIC CLASS

```
class Stack[T] {
  // members here
}
```

Usage:

```
object GenericsTest extends Application {
  val stack = new Stack[Int]
  // do stuff here
}
```

note: can also define generic methods

INNER CLASS

```
class Graph {
  class Node {
    var connectedNodes: List[Node] = Nil
    def connectTo(node: Node) {
      if
        (connectedNodes.find(node.equals).isEmpty) {
          connectedNodes = node :: connectedNodes
        }
    }
  }
  // members here
}
```

usage:

```
object GraphTest extends Application {
  val g: Graph = new Graph
  val n1: g.Node = g.newNode
  val n2: g.Node = g.newNode
  n1.connectTo(n2)      // legal
  val h: Graph = new Graph
  val n3: h.Node = h.newNode
  n1.connectTo(n3)      // illegal!
}
```

note that a node type is prefixed with its outer instance, can't mix instances

METHODS

Methods are Functional Values and Functions are Objects

form: `def name(pName: PType1, pName2: PType2...) : RetType`

use override to override a method

```
override def toString() = "" + re + (if (im < 0) "" else "+") + im + "i"
```

can override as contra/covariant (different return type)

'=>' separates the function's argument list from its body

```
def re = real // method without arguments
```

OPERATORS

all operators are functions on a class
operators have fixed precedences and associativities:

(all letters)

|

^

&

< >

= !

:

+ -

/ %

*

(all other special characters)

Operators are usually left-associative, i.e. $x + y + z$ is interpreted as $(x + y) + z$, except operators ending in colon : are treated as right-associative.

An example is the list-consing operator :: where, $x :: y :: zs$ is interpreted as $x :: (y :: zs)$.

eg.

```
def + (other: Complex) : Complex = {
  //....
}
```

infix operator - any single parameter method can be used :

```
System exit 0
Thread sleep 10
```

unary operators - prefix the operator name with "unary_"

```
def unary_~ : Rational = new Rational(denom,
  number)
```

The Scala compiler will try to infer some meaning out of the "operators" that have some predetermined meaning, such as the += operator.

ARRAYS

arrays are classes

```
Array[T]
```

access as function:

```
a(i)
```

MAIN

```
def main(args: Array[String])
```

return type is unit

ANNOTATIONS

to come

ASSIGNMENT

=

```
protected var x = 0
```

<-

`val x <- xs` is a generator which produces a sequence of values

SELECTION

The else must be present and must result in the same kind of value that the if block does

```
val filename =
  if (options.contains("configFile"))
    options.get("configFile")
  else
    "default.properties"
```

ITERATION

prefer recursion over looping

while loop: same as in Java

for loop:

```
// to is a method in Int that produces a Range object
```

```
for (i <- 1 to 10 if i % 2 == 0) // the left-arrow means "assignment" in Scala
```

```
  System.out.println("Counting " + i)
```

`i <- 1 to 10` is equivalent to:

```
for (i <- 1.to(10))
```

`i % 2 == 0` is a filter, optional

```
for (val arg <- args)
```

```
maps to args foreach (arg => ...)
```

More to come...

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