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New Control Syntax

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Scala 3 has a new "quiet" syntax for control expressions that does not rely on enclosing the condition in parentheses, and also allows to drop parentheses or braces around the generators of a for -expression. Examples:

```
if x < 0 then
  "negative"
else if x == 0 then
  "zero"
else
  "positive"
if x < 0 then -x else x
while x \ge 0 do x = f(x)
for x < -xs if x > 0
yield x * x
for
  x <- xs
  y <- ys
do
  println(x + y)
try body
catch case ex: IOException => handle
```

The rules in detail are:

- The condition of an if -expression can be written without enclosing parentheses if it is followed by a then.
- The condition of a while -loop can be written without enclosing parentheses if it is followed by a do .

• The enumerators of a for -expression can be written without enclosing parentheses or braces if they are followed by a yield or do.



- A do in a for -expression expresses a for -loop.
- A catch can be followed by a single case on the same line. If there are multiple cases, these have to appear within braces (just like in Scala 2) or an indented block.

Rewrites

The Scala 3 compiler can rewrite source code from old syntax to new syntax and back. When invoked with options -rewrite -new-syntax it will rewrite from old to new syntax, dropping parentheses and braces in conditions and enumerators. When invoked with options -rewrite -old-syntax it will rewrite in the reverse direction, inserting parentheses and braces as needed.



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