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Match Expressions

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The syntactical precedence of match expressions has been changed. match is still a keyword, but it is used like an alphabetical operator. This has several consequences:

1. match expressions can be chained:

```
xs match {
   case Nil => "empty"
   case _ => "nonempty"
} match {
   case "empty" => 0
   case "nonempty" => 1
}
```

(or, dropping the optional braces)

```
xs match
  case Nil => "empty"
  case _ => "nonempty"
match
  case "empty" => 0
  case "nonempty" => 1
```

2. match may follow a period:

```
if xs.match
  case Nil => false
  case _ => true
then "nonempty"
else "empty"
```

3. The scrutinee of a match expression must be an InfixExpr . Previously the scrutinee could be followed by a type ascription : T, but this is no longer

supported. So x : I match { ... } now has to be written (x: I) match { ... }...

Syntax

The new syntax of match expressions is as follows.

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