

Kotlin cheat sheet



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Classes

From Java

```
public class JavaCode
```

to Kotlin

```
class JavaCode
```

with primary constructor

```
class Person(val name: String, var age: Int)  
    // name is readonly, age is mutable
```

Inheritance

```
open class Person(val name: String) {  
    open fun sayHello() = "Hello $name"  
}  
  
class FrenchPerson(name: String) : Person(name) {  
    override fun sayHello() = "Bonjour $name"  
}
```

Properties with accessors

```
class Person(val name: String, var age: Int) {  
    var birthYear: Int  
    get() = LocalDate.now().year - age  
    set(value) {  
        age = LocalDate.now().year - value  
    }  
}
```

Lazy properties

```
val str: String by lazy {  
    // Compute the string  
}
```

Data class

Autogenerated `equals()`, `hashCode()`, `toString()`, `copy()`

```
data class Person(val name: String, var age: Int)

val olderPerson = person.copy(age = person.age + 1)
```

Methods

From Java

```
public String toJSON(Collection<Integer> collection)
```

to Kotlin

```
fun toJSON(Collection:Collection<Int>):String
```

```
fun sum(a: Int, b: Int): Int {  
    return a + b  
}
```

or simply

```
fun sum(a: Int, b: Int) = a + b
```


Variables

From Java

```
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
```

to Kotlin

```
val sb: StringBuilder = StringBuilder()
```

```
// or
```

```
val sb = StringBuilder() // type is inferred
```

Null-safety

```
val x: Int // Error - variable must be initialized
```

```
val x: Int = null // Error - null cannot be a value for non-null type Int
```

```
val x: Int? = null // OK
```

```
val y: String = null  
// Error - null cannot be a value for non-null type String
```

```
val y: String? = null // OK
```

```
var a : String = "abc"  
a = null // compilation error
```

```
var b: String? = "abc"  
b = null // ok
```

```
b?.length  
// returns b.length if b is not null, and null otherwise.  
// The type of this expression is Int?
```

```
val name: String? = null

println(name.length)
// Error - Only safe (?.) or non-null asserted (!!.)
// calls are allowed on a nullable receiver of type String?

println(name?.length) // prints "null"

name = "Treehouse"
println(name!!.length) // prints "9"
```

The Elvis operator

```
val l: Int = if (b != null) b.length else -1
```

becomes

```
val l = b?.length ?: -1
```

String formats

```
val releaseDate = "July 2011"  
val releaseString = "Kotlin was released in $releaseDate"  
// releaseString = "Kotlin was released in July 2011"
```

Numbers

```
val num1 = 42 // Int
val num2 = 3.14 // Double
val num3 = 42L // Long
val num4 = 3.14f // Float
val num5 = 42.toFloat() // Float
val num6 = num1.toDouble() // Double
```

Collections

```
val cardNames = arrayOf("Jack", "Queen", "King")

val cards = mutableListOf("Jack", "Queen", "King")
for ((index, card) in cards.withIndex()) {
    // String interpolation: $index, $card
    println("Card at $index is $card")
}

val cards = mapOf("Jack" to 11, "Queen" to 12, "King" to 13)
for ((name, value) in cards) {
    println("$name, $value")
}
```


The **when** keyword

```
fun whenDemo(x: Number) = when(x) {  
    0 -> "Zero" // Equality check  
    in 1..4 -> "Four or less" // Range check  
    5, 6, 7 -> "Five to seven" // Multiple values  
    is Byte -> "Byte" // Type check  
    else -> "Some number"  
}
```

The **let** keyword

```
val listWithNulls: List<String?> = listOf("A", null)
for (item in listWithNulls) {
    if (item != null) {
        println(item!!)
    }
}
```

becomes

```
val listWithNulls: List<String?> = listOf("A", null)
for (item in listWithNulls) {
    item?.let { println(it) } // prints A and ignores null
}
```

The **it** keyword

```
val positives = list.filter { x -> x > 0 }
```

becomes

```
val positives = list.filter { it > 0 }
```

Gradle configuration

```
buildscript {  
    // ...  
    ext.kotlin_version = '<version to use>'  
  
    dependencies {  
        classpath "org.jetbrains.kotlin" +  
            "kotlin-gradle-plugin:$kotlin_version"  
    }  
}  
  
apply plugin: 'kotlin'  
  
dependencies {  
    compile "org.jetbrains.kotlin:kotlin-stdlib-jre8"  
}
```

Other concepts

- class extensions
- function extensions
- infix notations
- operator overload
- property delegation
- sealed class
- `with` keyword

Testing

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Resources

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- <https://medium.com/tag/kotlin>
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