

# Partially applied functions

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**Say you have a method  
with 3 arguments**

```
scala> def sum(a: Int, b: Int, c: Int) = a + b + c  
sum: (a: Int, b: Int, c: Int)Int
```

```
scala> sum(1, 2, 3)  
res8: Int = 6
```

```
scala> val b = sum(1, _: Int, 3)
b: Int => Int = <function1>
```

**You can create a  
function variable  
with some  
arguments applied**

```
scala> val b = sum(1, _: Int, 3)
b: Int => Int = <function1>
```

```
scala> b(3)
res10: Int = 7
```

Since only one argument is missing, the Scala compiler generates a new function object that takes one argument

**FUNCTION OBJECTS** IN SCALA CAN BE TREATED JUST  
LIKE NUMBERS OR STRINGS

YOU CAN STORE A  
FUNCTION IN A VARIABLE

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION

THESE 3 PROPERTIES COLLECTIVELY  
ARE CALLED "FIRST CLASS FUNCTIONS"

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
TAKE IN A FUNCTION AS  
AN ARGUMENT



SUCH A METHOD IS CALLED  
"A HIGHER ORDER METHOD"

```
graph TD; A["SUCH A METHOD IS CALLED<br>"A HIGHER ORDER METHOD""] --> B["YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD<br>RETURN A FUNCTION"]; A --> C["YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD<br>TAKE IN A FUNCTION AS<br>AN ARGUMENT"];
```

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
TAKE IN A FUNCTION AS  
AN ARGUMENT

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION

SAY YOU WANTED TO PRINT A  
GREETING TO A USER

"HELLO SWETHA"

"NAMASTE JANANI"

"BONJOUR VITTHAL"

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION

YOU WANT THE GREETING TO CHANGE  
BASED ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE USER

"HELLO SWETHA"

ENGLISH

"NAMASTE JANANI"

HINDI

"BONJOUR VITTHAL"

FRENCH



## YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD RETURN A FUNCTION

HAVE A METHOD RETURN A  
FUNCTION BASED ON THE  
LANGUAGE!

```
def greeting(lang: String)= {  
  lang match {  
    case "English" => (x: String) => println("Hello "+x)  
    case "Hindi" => (x: String) => println("Namaste "+x)  
    case "French" => (x: String) => println("Bonjour "+x)  
    case "Spanish" => (x: String) => println("Hola "+x)  
  }  
}
```

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION

MATCH IS SIMILAR TO SWITCH IN JAVA

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  }  
}
```

**YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION**

## THIS IS A FUNCTION OBJECT

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    case "Spanish" => (x: String) => println("Hola "+x)  
  }  
}
```

YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD  
RETURN A FUNCTION

FOR EACH LANGUAGE, RETURN A FUNCTION  
THAT PRINTS THE APPROPRIATE GREETING

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}
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## YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD RETURN A FUNCTION

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  }  
  
  def main (args: Array[String]){  
    val greetEnglish = greeting("English")  
    greetEnglish("Swetha")  
  
    val greetSpanish = greeting("Spanish")  
    greetSpanish("Janani")  
  
  }  
}
```

YOU CAN GET THE  
APPROPRIATE  
FUNCTION BASED ON  
THE LANGUAGE OF  
THE USER



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      greetSpanish("Janani")  
    }  
  }  
}
```

GREETENGLISH IS A  
FUNCTION OBJECT  
FOR GREETING  
ENGLISH SPEAKING  
USERS

## YOU CAN HAVE A METHOD RETURN A FUNCTION

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  }  
}
```

**CALL THE GREETING  
METHOD AND STORE  
THE VALUE RETURNED  
IN GREETENGLISH**

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      val greetSpanish = greeting("Spanish")  
      greetSpanish("Janani")  
    }  
  }  
}
```

USE IT TO PRINT THE  
APPROPRIATE  
GREETING FOR ALL  
ENGLISH SPEAKING  
USERS

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    greetEnglish("Swetha")  
  
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    greetSpanish("Janani")  
  }  
}
```

**IF THE USER IS  
SPANISH - GET A  
DIFFERENT FUNCTION  
AND USE IT**