

# Pragmatic Scala Course

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# Pragmatic Scala

## Hello World

```
// No need for semicolons (";"), usually (unless we have multiple statements in the same line)
// We can have multiple public classes on the same file (and the name of the classes doesn't need to match the name of the file)
// Package names don't need to match folder structure
```

```
// The unavoidable hello world!

object Scratchpad {

  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
    println("Hello world!")
  }
}
```

## Variables

### Primitive Types

```
object Scratchpad {

    // Line comment
    /*
     * Multi-line comment
     */
    /**
     * Scala Doc
     */

    // Tutorial:
    // A variable is defined like this:
    // var intVar: Int = 0
    // This is a variable called intVar, of type integer, with value 0.
    //
    // Likewise a double var is defined like:
    // var doubleVar: Double = 0.0

    // TASK:
    //   create the variables:
    //     - doubleVar
    //     - booleanVar
    //     - stringVar
    //   with the types:
    //     - Double
    //     - Boolean
    //     - String
    //   and the values:
    //     - 0.0
    //     - false
    //     - "hello world"
    var intVar: Int = 0
    // var ...
    var doubleVar: Double = 0.0
    var booleanVar: Boolean = false
    var stringVar: String = "hello world"

    // Complete list of types:
    // Byte Short Int
    // Long Float Double
    // Char String Boolean

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
        println("intVar: " + intVar)
        println("doubleVar: " + doubleVar)
        println("booleanVar: " + booleanVar)
        println("stringVar: " + stringVar)
        val test1: Double = doubleVar
        val test2: Boolean = booleanVar
        val test3: String = stringVar
        ensure(doubleVar == 0.0)
        ensure(booleanVar == false)
        ensure(stringVar == "hello world")
    }
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Type inference

```
// Not magic! :)
var myDoubleVar = 0 // This is an Int!!
var myDoubleVar = 0.0 // Now this is a Double
var myDoubleVar = 0d // This is also a Double
var myDoubleVar = (0: Double) // Also works

// Multi-line comments:
/*
var intVar: Int = 0
*/
// Line comments:
//var intVar: Int = 0
```

```
object Scratchpad {

    // Tutorial: the compiler automatically infers this is an Int:
    var intVar = 0

    // TASK: Remove the types from these variables:
    var doubleVar = 0.0
    var booleanVar = false
    var stringVar = "hello world"

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
        println("intVar: " + intVar)
        println("doubleVar: " + doubleVar)
        println("booleanVar: " + booleanVar)
        println("stringVar: " + stringVar)
    }
}
```

## Variables (Vals)

```
// Constants code style:
val PI_CONSTANT = 3.14 // Java Style
val PiConstant = 3.14 // Scala Style
```

```
object Scratchpad {
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {

        // Tutorial: A 'val' is an immutable variable, it cannot be changed.

        val Pi = 3.14 // <-- Pi cannot be changed

        // We will calculate the area of a circle with radius = 2cm

        // TASK[1/2]: create a val, 'radius', type Double, with value 2:
        // val...
        val radius: Double = 2

        // TASK[2/2]: create a val, 'area', type Double, with the area of the circle.
        // (Area of the circle = Pi*radius*radius)
        // val...
        val area: Double = Pi*radius*radius

        println("Area of the circle is: " + area)
        ensure(radius == 2)
        ensure(area == 12.56)
    }

    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Lazy val

```
// A lazy val is a variable which is only evaluated when it is used, the first time it is used.

// Regarding having the curly braces on the right-hand-side (RHS) of the equals:
// We can have this in Java:
int myInteger = 123;
int myInteger = 123 + 0;
int myInteger = (123 + 0);
int myInteger = (123 + 0) * 1;
int myInteger = ((123 + 0) * 1);
// -> i.e.: we just need anything which is an integer on the RHS of the equals
// In Scala it's the same, but curly braces work the same as parenthesis:
val myInteger: Int = {{123} + {0}*1}
val myInteger: Int = {123 + 0}
val myInteger: Int = (123 + 0)
val myInteger: Int = 123 + 0
val myInteger: Int = 123
// Now: a particular thing about curly braces is that we can have multiple statements inside:
val myInteger: Int = {println("hello"); 123}
val myInteger: Int = {val myV = 123; myV}
// The value of the curly braces is the value of the last statement (123, in both previous cases)
```

```
object Scratchpad {

    lazy val value1 = {println("Accessing value 1"); 11}
    lazy val value2 = {println("Accessing value 2"); 22}

    println("First time:")
    println(value2)
    println(value1)

    println("Second time:")
    println(value2)
    println(value1)

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
        def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
            if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
    }
}
```

## Methods

### Methods - Simple

```
// **RETURNING VALUES**
// When we have a variable, we just need to have some value on the right-hand-side (RHS) of the equals of the correct type:
var myString: String = //#[Some String Here!]
var myString: String = "hello"
var myString: String = ("hello" + "")
var myString: String = {"hello" + ""}
var myString: String = {"hello" + ""}.toUpperCase
var myString: String = API.getToken()
// Etc...
// With methods in Scala it's the same thing:
def getLog(): String = //#[Some String Here!]
def getLog(): String = "hello"
def getLog(): String = ("hello" + "")
def getLog(): String = {"hello" + ""}
def getLog(): String = {"hello" + ""}.toUpperCase
def getLog(): String = API.getToken()
// Or, in multiple lines...:
def getLog(): String = {
    API.getToken()
}
// We also have the "return" keyword, but it's not a good practice to use it:
def getLog(): String = return API.getToken()

// **"Ternary" Operator Behavior**
// If we want to return something conditionally we can just use an "If":
def getLog(): String = if(Deploy.inProduction) "812duweuf" else "test"
// Because the "If" in Scala has a value, just like the ternary operator in Java:
// Ex.: Java version:
String myToken = (Deploy.inProduction) ? "812duweuf" : "test";
// Corresponding Scala version:
val myToken: String = if(Deploy.inProduction) "812duweuf" else "test"
```

```
object Scratchpad {

    var log: String = ""

    def logMessage(s: String): Unit = { // (Unit is the equivalent to "void" in Java)
        log = log + "\n" + s
    }

    // This is not a "getter" like there is in Java!:
    def getLog(): String = {
        return log
    }

    // TASK [1/3]: Create a var 'counter' (Int), initialize it with zero:
    // var...
    var counter: Int = 0

    // TASK [2/3]: Create a method incrementCounter, which increments the counter by an amount 'amount' (Int):
    // def ...
    def incrementCounter(amount: Int): Unit = {
        counter = counter + amount
    }

    // TASK [3/3]: Create a method count, which returns the value of the counter:
    // def ...
    def count() = counter

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit =  {
        println("count(): " + count())
        ensure(count() == 0)
        println("incrementCounter(10)")
        incrementCounter(10)
        println("count(): " + count())
        ensure(count() == 10)
        println("incrementCounter(5)")
        incrementCounter(5)
        println("count(): " + count())
        ensure(count() == 15)
        val test1: Int = count()
    }
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Methods - Pass by name 1

```
// A pass-by-name argument is identified by the arrow pointing to the type:  
// def passByNameArgAgain(n: => Int): Unit = ...  
// And is evaluated only when it is used, each time it is used.  
  
// Simple "Profile" method example:  
def value1(): Int = { println("[Computing 1...]"); 1 }  
  
val myVar = profile( value1() )  
  
def profile(n: => Int): Int = {  
    val start = System.currentTimeMillis()  
    val rs1t = n + 0 // The "n" is only evaluated here (and we don't really need the "+0")  
    println("Took " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - start) + "ms")  
    rs1t  
}
```

```
object Scratchpad {  
    def value1(): Int = { println("[Computing 1...]"); 1 }  
    def value2(): Int = { println("[Computing 2...]"); 2 }  
    def value3(): Int = { println("[Computing 3...]"); 3 }  
    def value4(): Int = { println("[Computing 4...]"); 4 }  
  
    normalArg(value1() + 0)  
    passByNameArg(value2() + 0)  
    passByNameArgIgnored(value3() + 0)  
    passByNameArgAgain(value4() + 0)  
  
    def passByNameArgAgain(n: => Int): Unit = {  
        println("ENTERED passByNameArgAgain")  
        println("N: " + n)  
        println("N: " + n)  
        println()  
    }  
    def passByNameArgIgnored(n: => Int): Unit = {  
        println("ENTERED passByNameArgIgnored")  
        println()  
    }  
    def passByNameArg(n: => Int): Unit = {  
        println("ENTERED passByNameArg")  
        println("N: " + n)  
        println()  
    }  
    def normalArg(n: Int): Unit = {  
        println("ENTERED normalArg")  
        println("N: " + n)  
        println()  
    }  
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {}  
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =  
        if (!b) throw new Exception(mesg)  
}
```

## Methods - Calling 1

```
// It makes sense to call many methods of one argument with this style:
profile {
  processSomething()
}

// (Equivalent to:)
profile(processSomething())


// Curiosity - the profile:
def profile[T](code: => T): T = {
  val start = System.currentTimeMillis()
  val rsbt = code
  println("Took " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - start) + "ms")
  rsbt
}

// Inside the curly braces you can have multiple statements:
profile {
  println("hello")
  processSomething()
}
```

```
object Scratchpad {

  var log: String = ""
  def logMessage(s: String): Unit = log = log + "\n" + s
  def getLog(): String = log

  var counter = 0
  def incrementCounter(amount: Int): Unit = if(counter < 100) counter = counter + amount
  def count() = counter

  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
    // Tutorial: we can pass the arguments in curly braces instead of parens:
    logMessage {
      "Hello world"
    }

    // TASK: Call incrementCounter with 50 inside curly braces:
    // ...
    incrementCounter {
      50
    }

    println("count: " + count)
    ensure(count == 50)
  }
  def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
    if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Methods - Pass by name 2

```
object Scratchpad {

    val LogLevel = 3
    var log: String = ""

    // TASK: Make the mesg be a pass by name argument:
    def logMessage(lvl: Int, mesg: => String): Unit = {
        if(lvl >= LogLevel) log = log + "\n" + mesg
    }

    def getLog(): String = log

    logMessage(1, {throw new Exception("Your solution is not correct"); ""})

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = { println("Your solution looks correct.")}
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Methods - No paren

```
/*
Style rule for parenthesis:
- Method with side effects: use parenthesis
- Method without side effects: don't use parenthesis
*/

// With parenthesis:
println()
System.exit()
file.delete()
socket.connect()
// Without:
myList.size

// We can call a method defined with parenthesis with or without them:
def method1(): Unit = {}
method1() // ok
method1 // ok
// (Please keep in mind the style conventions, in any case)

// If it was defined without parenthesis, we cannot add them!:
def method2: Unit = {}
method2 // ok
method2() // compile error!
```

```
object Scratchpad {  
  
    val LogLevel = 3  
    var log: String = ""  
  
    def logMessage(lvl: Int, s: => String): Unit = {  
        if(lvl >= LogLevel) {  
            log = log + "\n" + s  
        }  
    }  
  
    // We can have methods without parenthesis:  
    def getLog: String = {  
        log  
    }  
    println("getLog: " + getLog)  
  
    var counter = 0  
    def incrementCounter(amount: => Int): Unit = {  
        counter = counter + amount  
    }  
    // TASK [1/2]: Remove the parenthesis:  
    def count = counter  
    // TASK [2/2]: Remove the parenthesis here too:  
    println( "count: " + count)  
  
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {  
    }  
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =  
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)  
}
```

## Methods - Infix Notation

```
// Imports the class TimeZone:  
  
import java.util.TimeZone  
  
// Imports everything in the java.util package:  
  
import java.util._  
  
// Imports TimeZone and Locale:  
  
import java.util.{TimeZone, Locale}  
  
// Imports the TimeZone, with the name TZ:  
  
import java.util.{TimeZone => TZ}  
  
// Imports everything except the TimeZone:  
  
import java.util._, TimeZone => _  
  
// Works:  
  
import java.util  
import util.TimeZone  
  
new util.TimeZone()  
  
// Problem:  
  
import java.util.java  
  
import java.util.Locale // ups!  
  
import _root_.util.Locale  
  
// We can import anywhere in the file.  
  
// That is, if you can have 'println("hello")' there,  
  
// you can also have 'import java.util.TimeZone'.  
  
val tz1 = TimeZone.getTimeZone("Europe/London")  
  
// Imports the *method* getDisplayName of the tz1:  
  
// (Also works for variables)  
  
import tz1.getDisplayName  
  
// Uses the method getDisplayName of tz1:  
  
println(getDisplayName)  
  
// Equivalent:  
  
val sql = SQL.select("id").from("users").where("age > 20")  
  
val sql = SQL select "id" from "users" where "age > 20"
```

```

import java.util.TimeZone

object Scratchpad {
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {

    // Tutorial: we can call methods without the '.' and the parenthesis:
    val tz1 = TimeZone.getTimeZone("Europe/London")
    // Same:
    val tz2 = TimeZone getTimeZone "Europe/London"

    // TASK: Uncomment and change this into the infix notation:
    val tz3 = TimeZone getTimeZone "Europe/Belfast"

    ensure(tz3.getDisplayName == "Greenwich Mean Time")
    println("Timezone 3: " + tz3.getDisplayName)
  }
  def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
    if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}

```

## Methods - Default arguments

```

object Scratchpad {

  var log: String = ""

  // Tutorial: The default log message is now "Error!":
  def logMessage(s: String = "Error!"): Unit = log = log + "\n" + s
  def getLog(): String = log

  logMessage()
  println("getLog: " + getLog)

  var counter = 0
  // TASK: Make the default amount be 1:
  def incrementCounter(amount: Int = 1): Unit = {
    counter = counter + amount
  }
  def count = counter

  incrementCounter(3)
  incrementCounter() // Should increment by 1
  incrementCounter(2)
  println("count: " + count)
  ensure(count == 6)

  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
    incrementCounter()
  }
  def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
    if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}

```

## Methods - Named arguments

```
// Example with a factory method:  
def createUser(  
    accessLevel: Int = 3,  
    salary: Double = 1000,  
    firstName: String = "",  
    lastName: String = "",  
    email: String = ""  
    // ...  
): User = {  
    // ...  
}  
  
createUser(firstName = "John", lastName = "Doe")  
createUser(  
    firstName = "John",  
    lastName = "Doe"  
)
```

```
object Scratchpad {  
  
    val LogLevel = 3  
    var log: String = ""  
  
    def logMessage(lvl: Int = 3, mesg: => String = "Error!"): Unit = {  
        if(lvl >= LogLevel) log = log + "\n" + mesg  
    }  
  
    def getLog(): String = log  
  
    // Tutorial: we can use the argument names:  
    // TASK [1/2]: switch the arguments positions:  
    logMessage(mesg = "divide by 0", lvl = 4)  
  
    // TASK [2/2]: call logMessage, with mesg 'not found', and the default level:  
    // logMessage...  
    logMessage(mesg = "not found")  
  
    println("getLog:\n" + getLog())  
  
    ensure(log == "\ndivide by 0\nnot found")  
    println("Your solution looks correct.")  
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = { }  
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =  
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)  
}
```

## Classes

## Classes - Intro

```
// private[this]:
class Cat {
    private[this] var tailSize: Double = 0.0

    // Works with private, doesn't work with private[this]:
    def compareTails(other: Cat): Boolean = tailSize > other.tailSize
    // With private this only the this.tailSize works, not the other.tailSize.
}

// package access:
class Cat {
    // now the tailSize is only accessible in the package "animals":
    private[animals] var tailSize: Double = 0.0
}
```

```
class Cat {
    // Tutorial: public by default:
    // Can also be: protected, private, ...
    var tailSize: Double = 0.0
    def sound(): Unit = println("miau")
}

// TASK[1/2]: Create a class Dog with an "earSize" (Double), starting with 0:
// class...
class Dog{
    var earSize: Double = 0.0
}

object Scratchpad {
    val cat = new Cat()

    // TASK [2/2]: Create a Dog dog:
    // val
    val dog = new Dog()

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
        val test = new Dog()
        val test2: Dog = dog
        val test3: Double = dog.earSize
        ensure(dog.earSize == 0.0)
        println("Your solution seems correct")
    }
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Classes - Inheritance

```
abstract class Animal {  
    // Abstract classes in Scala can have concrete and abstract def/var's/val's:  
  
    def name1: String = "Animal"  
    def name2: String  
  
    var name3 = "Animal"  
    var name4: String  
  
    val name3 = "Animal"  
    val name4: String  
}
```

```
abstract class Animal { var age: Int = 0 }  
  
class Cat extends Animal {  
    var tailSize: Double = 0.0  
}  
  
class Dog extends Animal {  
    var earSize: Double = 0.0  
}  
  
// TASK [1/3]: Create an abstract class Vehicle, with a var manufacturer (String, empty string):  
// abstract class...  
class Vehicle{  
    var manufacturer: String = ""  
}  
  
// TASK [2/3]: Car should inherit from Vehicle:  
class Car extends Vehicle{  
    var wheelSize = 0.0  
}  
  
// TASK [3/3]: Create a class Plane (which extends Vehicle), with a var maxHeight (Double, 0.0):  
// class ...  
class Plane extends Vehicle{  
    var maxHeight: Double = 0.0  
}  
  
object Scratchpad {  
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {  
        val test: Vehicle = new Car()  
        val test2: Vehicle = new Plane()  
        val test3: Double = new Plane().maxHeight  
        ensure(new Plane().maxHeight == 0.0)  
    }  
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =  
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)  
}
```

## Classes - Constructors 0

```
class Cat {  
    var tailSize: Double = 0.0  
}  
  
// TASK[1/2]: Create a class Dog with an "earSize" (Double), starting with 0:  
// class...  
class Dog {  
    var earSize: Double = 0.0  
}  
  
  
object Scratchpad {  
  
    val cat = new Cat()  
    cat.tailSize = 7  
  
    // TASK[2/2]: Create a new dog, and set it's earSize to 5:  
    val dog = new Dog()  
    dog.earSize = 5  
  
    val test: Dog = dog  
    ensure(test.earSize == 5)  
    test.earSize += 0  
  
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {  
        println("Your solution seems correct")  
    }  
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =  
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)  
}
```

## Classes - Constructors

```
class Cat {  
    private var tailSize: Double = 0.0  
  
    def this(_tailSize: Double) = {  
        this() // Note: We'll look at this later  
        tailSize = _tailSize  
        println("Creating a Cat")  
    }  
}  
  
// TASK[1/2]: Update the class Dog to use the constructor:  
// (print "Creating a Dog" in the constructor)  
class Dog {  
    private var earSize: Double = 0.0  
  
    def this(_earSize: Double) = {  
        this()  
        earSize = _earSize  
    }  
}  
  
object Scratchpad {  
  
    val cat = new Cat(7)  
  
    // TASK[2/2]: Update this code:  
    val dog = new Dog(5.0)  
  
  
    val test: Dog = dog  
    //ensure(test.earSize == 5)  
    //test.earSize += 0  
  
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {  
        println("Your solution seems correct")  
    }  
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =  
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)  
}
```

## Classes - Main constructor

```
// === Main constructor ==
// Java version:
public class Cat {

    private final int age;

    public Cat(int age) {
        this.age = age;
        System.out.println("hello");
    }
}

// Roughly equivalent in Scala (using the "main constructor"):
class Cat(val age: Int) { // Default: private, val
    // Notice the age in the main constructor is *both* an argument of a constructor, *and*
    // a variable of the class
    println("hello")
}
```

```
class Cat(tailSize: Double) {
    println("Creating a Cat")
}

// TASK: Update the class Dog to use the main constructor:
class Dog (earSize: Double) {
    println("Creating a Dog")
}

object Scratchpad {
    val cat = new Cat(7)

    val dog = new Dog(5)

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
        println("Your solution seems correct")
    }
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Classes - Constructor access level

```
class Cat(          age: Int) // private, immutable
class Cat(      val age: Int) // public , immutable
class Cat( private val age: Int) // private, immutable (DEFAULT)
class Cat(protected val age: Int) // protected, immutable

class Cat(          var age: Int) // public , mutable
class Cat( private var age: Int) // private, mutable
class Cat(protected var age: Int) // protected, mutable
```

```
class Cat(val tailSize: Double) {} // <- you don't need these empty curly braces

// TASK[1/2]: Make the earSize public and immutable:
class Dog(val earSize: Double) {

    // TASK[2/2]: Fix this:
    def sound(what: Double) = println("Dog says: " + what)
}

object Scratchpad {

    val cat = new Cat(7)
    println("Cat's tailSize: " + cat.tailSize)

    trait T { val earSize: Double }
    val dog = new Dog(5) with T
    println("Dog's earSize: " + dog.earSize)
    dog.sound(123)

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
        println("Your solution seems correct")
    }
    def ensure(b: Boolean, mesg: String = "Solution isn't totally correct.") =
        if(!b) throw new Exception(mesg)
}
```

## Misc

### Multiline Strings

```
// Example with SQL:
val sql = """CREATE TABLE table_name
           |(
            |  column_name1 data_type(size),
            |  column_name2 data_type(size),
            |  column_name3 data_type(size),
            |  ...
            |)""".stripMargin
```

```
object Scratchpad {

    println(
        """Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
        |Thou art more lovely and more temperate:""".stripMargin
    )

    // TASK: print:
    // Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
    // And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
    // println...
    println(
        """Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
        |And summer's lease hath all too short a date:""".stripMargin
    )

    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {}
}
```

