



## Scala Installation:

You can write Scala code in any text editor, compile it with `scalac`, and run it with `scala`. Alternatively, you can use the browser-based IDE provided by Typesafe. You can also use the Eclipse-based Scala IDE, IntelliJ IDEA, or NetBeans IDE. You can download the Scala binaries and Typesafe Activator from [www.scala-lang.org/download](http://www.scala-lang.org/download). The same site also provides links to download the Eclipse-based Scala IDE, IntelliJ IDEA, or NetBeans IDE.

You launch it by typing `scala` in a terminal.

```
$ cd /path/to/scala-binaries
$ bin/scala
```

## Exercises:

The easiest way to get started with Scala is by using the Scala interpreter, which provides an interactive shell for writing Scala code. It is a REPL (read, evaluate, print, loop) tool

## Variables

// VALUES are immutable constants. You can't change them once defined.

```
val hello: String = "Inceptez!"      //> hello : String = Inceptez!
println(hello)                       //> Hola!
```

// Notice how Scala defines things backwards from other languages - you declare the

// name, then the type.

// VARIABLES are mutable

```
var helloThere: String = "hello"     //> helloThere : String = Hola!
helloThere = "hello" + " There!"
println(helloThere)                  //> Hola! There!
```

```
// One key objective of functional programming is to use immutable objects as
often as possible.
// Try to use operations that transform immutable objects into a new
immutable object.
// For example, we could have done the same thing like this:
```

```
val immutableHelloThere = hello + "There!"
//> immutableHelloThere : String = Hola!There!
println(immutableHelloThere) //> Hola!There!
```

```
// Some other types:
```

```
val numberOne : Int = 1 //> numberOne : Int = 1
val truth : Boolean = true //> truth : Boolean = true
val letterA : Char = 'a' //> letterA : Char = a
val pi : Double = 3.14159265 //> pi : Double = 3.14159265
val piSinglePrecision : Float = 3.14159265f
//> piSinglePrecision : Float = 3.1415927

val bigNumber : Long = 1234567890l //> bigNumber : Long = 1234567890
val smallNumber : Byte = 127 //> smallNumber : Byte = 127
```

## Control Structures:

```
object LearningScala2 {
  // Flow control
  // If / else syntax
  if (1 > 3)
    println("Impossible!")
  else
    println("The world makes sense.")
//> The world makes sense.

  if (1 > 3) {
    println("Impossible!")
  }

  else {
    println("The world makes sense.")
  }
//> The world makes sense.
```

// Matching - like switch in other languages:

```
val number = 3 //> number : Int = 3
number match {
  case 1 => println("One")
  case 2 => println("Two")
  case 3 => println("Three")
  case _ => println("Something else")
}

// For loops

for (x <- 1 to 4) {
  val squared = x * x
  println(squared)
}
```

//|> 1  
//| 4  
//| 9  
//| 16

**While loops:**

```
var x = 10 //> x : Int = 10
while (x >= 0) {
  println(x)
  x -= 1
}
```

//> 10  
//| 9  
//| 8  
//| 7  
//| 6  
//| 5  
//| 4  
//| 3  
//| 2  
//| 1  
//| 0

```
x = 0
do { println(x); x+=1 } while (x <= 10) //> 0
```

//| 1  
//| 2  
//| 3  
//| 4  
//| 5  
//| 6  
//| 7  
//| 8  
//| 9

```
//| 10
```

## Expressions :

```
// "Returns" the final value in a block automatically
```

```
{  
  val x = 10; x + 20  
}                                //> res0: Int = 30  
  
println ({val x = 10; x + 20})    //> 30
```

## EXERCISE :

```
// Write some code that prints out the first 10 values of the Fibonacci sequence.  
// This is the sequence where every number is the sum of the two numbers  
before it.  
// So, the result should be 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34
```

## Functions:

```
object LearningScala3 {
```

```
  // Functions  
  // Format is def <function name>(parameter name: type...) : return type = {  
  expression }  
  // Don't forget the = before the expression!
```

```
  def squareIt(x: Int) : Int = {  
    x * x  
  }                                //> squareIt: (x: Int)Int
```

```
  def cubeIt(x: Int): Int = {x * x * x}    //> cubeIt: (x: Int)Int
```

```
  println(squareIt(2))                    //> 4
```

```
  println(cubeIt(2))                      //> 8
```

```
  // Functions can take other functions as parameters
```

```
  def transformInt(x: Int, f: Int => Int) : Int = {  
    f(x)  
  }                                //> transformInt: (x: Int, f: Int => Int)Int
```

```
  val result = transformInt(2, cubeIt)    //> result : Int = 8  
  println (result)                       //> 8
```

```
// "Lambda functions", "anonymous functions", "function literals"
// You can declare functions inline without even giving them a name
// This happens a lot in Spark.
```

```
transformInt(3, x => x * x * x)           //> res0: Int = 27
```

```
transformInt(10, x => x / 2)             //> res1: Int = 5
```

```
transformInt(2, x => {val y = x * 2; y * y}) //> res2: Int = 16
```

```
// This is really important!
```

### EXERCISE:

```
// Strings have a built-in .toUpperCase method. For example, "foo".toUpperCase
gives you back FOO.
```

```
// Write a function that converts a string to upper-case, and use that function of
a few test strings.
```

```
// Then, do the same thing using a function literal instead of a separate, named
function.
```

### Data Structures:

```
object LearningScala4 {
```

```
  // Data structures
  // Tuples (Also really common with Spark!!)
  // Immutable lists
  // Often thought of as database fields, or columns.
  // Useful for passing around entire rows of data.
```

```
val captainStuff = ("Picard", "Enterprise-D", "NCC-1701-D")
```

```
//> captainStuff : (String, String, String) = (Picard,Enterprise-D,NCC-1701-D)
```

```
println(captainStuff)           //> (Picard,Enterprise-D,NCC-1701-D)
```

```
// You refer to individual fields with their ONE-BASED index:
```

```
println(captainStuff._1)         //> Picard
println(captainStuff._2)         //> Enterprise-D
println(captainStuff._3)         //> NCC-1701-D
```

```
// You can create a key/value pair with ->
```

```
val picardsShip = "Picard" -> "Enterprise-D"
```

```
                                //> picardsShip : (String, String) = (Picard,Enterprise-D)
println(picardsShip._2)         //> Enterprise-D
```

```
val aBunchOfStuff = ("Kirk", 1964, true)
//> aBunchOfStuff : (String, Int, Boolean) = (Kirk,1964,true)
```

```
// Like a tuple, but it's an actual Collection object that has more functionality.  
// Also, it cannot hold items of different types.  
// It's a singly-linked list under the hood.
```

```
//> shipList : List[String] = List(Enterprise, Defiant, Voyager, Deep Space Nine
// Access individual members using () with ZERO-BASED index (confused yet?)
```

```
println(shipList.head) //> Enterprise
println(shipList.tail) //> List(Defiant, Voyager, Deep Space Nine)
```

```
for (ship <- shipList) {println(ship)} //> Enterprise
//| Defiant
//| Voyager
//| Deep Space Nine
```

```
val backwardShips = shipList.map( (ship: String) => {ship.reverse})
//> backwardShips : List[String] = List(esirpretnE,
tnaifeD, regayoV, eniN eca
```

```

//| pS peeD)
for (ship <- backwardShips) {println(ship)} //> esirpretnE
//| tnaifeD
//| regayoV
//| eniN ecapS peeD

```

// reduce() can be used to combine together all the items in a collection using some function.

```
val numberList = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) //> numberList : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
val sum = numberList.reduce( (x: Int, y: Int) => x + y)
//> sum : Int = 15
println(sum) //> 15
```

// filter() can remove stuff you don't want. Here we'll introduce wildcard syntax while we're at it.

```
val iHateFives = numberList.filter( (x: Int) => x != 5)
//> iHateFives : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4)
val iHateThrees = numberList.filter(_ != 3)
//> iHateThrees : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 4, 5)
```

// Note that Spark has its own map, reduce, and filter functions that can distribute these operations. But they work the same way!  
// Also, you understand MapReduce now :)

### Concatenating lists:

```
val moreNumbers = List(6, 7, 8) //> moreNumbers : List[Int] = List(6, 7, 8)
val lotsOfNumbers = numberList ++ moreNumbers
//> lotsOfNumbers : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
```

// More list fun

```
val reversed = numberList.reverse
//> reversed : List[Int] = List(5, 4, 3, 2, 1)
```

```
val sorted = reversed.sorted
//> sorted : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
val lotsOfDuplicates = numberList ++ numberList
//> lotsOfDuplicates : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
val distinctValues = lotsOfDuplicates.distinct
//> distinctValues : List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
val maxValue = numberList.max
//> maxValue : Int = 5
```

```
val total = numberList.sum
//> total : Int = 15
```

```
val hasThree = iHateThrees.contains(3)
```

```
//> hasThree : Boolean = false
```

```
//Maps
```

```
// Useful for key/value lookups on distinct keys
```

```
// Like dictionaries in other languages
```

```
val shipMap = Map("Kirk" -> "Enterprise", "Picard" -> "Enterprise-D",  
"Sisko" -> "Deep Space Nine", "Janeway" -> "Voyager")
```

```
// shipMap : scala.collection.immutable.Map[String,String] = Map(Kirk ->  
Enterprise, Picard -> Enterprise-D, Sisko -> Deep Space Nine, Janeway ->  
Voyager)
```

```
println(shipMap("Janeway")) //> Voyager
```

```
// Dealing with missing keys
```

```
println(shipMap.contains("Archer")) //> false
```

```
val archersShip = util.Try(shipMap("Archer")) getOrElse "Unknown"
```

```
//> archersShip : String = Unknown
```

```
println(archersShip) //> Unknown
```

### **EXERCISE:**

```
// Create a list of the numbers 1-20; your job is to print out numbers that are  
evenly divisible by three. (Scala's  
// modula operator, like other languages, is %, which gives you the remainder  
after division. For example, 9 % 3 = 0
```

```
// because 9 is evenly divisible by 3.) Do this first by iterating through all the  
items in the list and testing each
```

```
// one as you go. Then, do it again by using a filter function on the list instead.
```

```
// That's enough for now!
```

```
// There is MUCH more to learn about Scala. We didn't cover many other  
collection types, including mutable collections.
```

```
// And we didn't even touch on object-oriented Scala. The book "Learning Scala"  
from O'Reilly is great if you want to
```

```
// go into more depth - but you've got enough to get through this course for now.
```

```
}
```



# A Standalone Scala Application

So far, you have seen just snippets of Scala code. In this section, you will write a simple yet complete standalone Scala application that you can compile and run.

A standalone Scala application needs to have a singleton object with a method called `main`. This `main` method takes an input of type `Array[String]` and does not return any value. It is the entry point of a Scala application. The singleton object containing the `main` method can be named anything.

A Scala application that prints “Hello World!” is shown next.

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

You can put the preceding code in a file, and compile and run it. Scala source code files have the extension `.scala`. It is not required, but recommended to name a Scala source file after the class or object defined in that file. For example, you would put the preceding code in a file named `HelloWorld.scala`.