VAL VS DEF FUNCTIONS

Functions

Val function (Lambda)

```
val replicate: (Int, String) => String =
  (n: Int, text: String) => ...
```

```
replicate(3, "Hello ")
// res1: String = "Hello Hello Hello "
```

Def function (Method)

```
def replicate(n: Int, text: String): String
  ...
```

```
replicate(3, "Hello ")
// res3: String = "Hello Hello Hello "
```

Val function (Lambda or anonymous function)

```
(n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mkString
```

Val functions are ordinary objects

```
(n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mkString
```

```
3

"Hello World!"

User("John Doe", 27)
```

Val functions are ordinary objects

```
val replicate = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mkString
```

```
val counter = 3

val message = "Hello World!"

val john    = User("John Doe", 27)
```

Val functions are ordinary objects

```
val replicate = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mkString
```

```
val counter = 3

val message = "Hello World!"

val john    = User("John Doe", 27)
```

```
val repeat = replicate
```

Val functions are ordinary objects

```
val numbers   = List(1,2,3)
// numbers: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3)

val functions = List((x: Int) => x + 1, (x: Int) => x - 1, (x: Int) => x * 2)
// functions: List[Int => Int] = List(<function1>, <function1>, <function1>)
```

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// functions: List[Int => Int] = List(<function1>, <function1>, <function1>)
```

```
functions(0)(10)
// res12: Int = 11

functions(2)(10)
// res13: Int = 20
```

Val function desugared

```
val replicate: (Int, String) => String = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mkString
```

Val function desugared

```
val replicate: (Int, String) => String         = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mk
```

```
val replicate: Function2[Int, String, String] = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mk
```

Val function desugared

```
val replicate: (Int, String) => String         = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mk
```

```
val replicate: Function2[Int, String, String] = new Function2[Int, String, String] {
  def apply(n: Int, text: String): String =
     List.fill(n)(text).mkString
}
```

Val function desugared

```
val replicate: (Int, String) => String         = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mk
```

```
val replicate: Function2[Int, String, String] = new Function2[Int, String, String] {
  def apply(n: Int, text: String): String =
     List.fill(n)(text).mkString
}
```

```
replicate.apply(3, "Hello ")
// res19: String = "Hello Hello Hello "
```

Val function desugared

```
val replicate: (Int, String) => String         = (n: Int, text: String) => List.fill(n)(text).mk
```

```
val replicate: Function2[Int, String, String] = new Function2[Int, String, String] {
  def apply(n: Int, text: String): String =
     List.fill(n)(text).mkString
}
```

```
replicate.apply(3, "Hello ")
// res19: String = "Hello Hello Hello "
```

```
replicate(3, "Hello ")
// res20: String = "Hello Hello Hello "
```

Def function (Method)

```
import java.time.LocalDate

def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
createDate(2020, 1, 5)
// res21: LocalDate = 2020-01-05
```

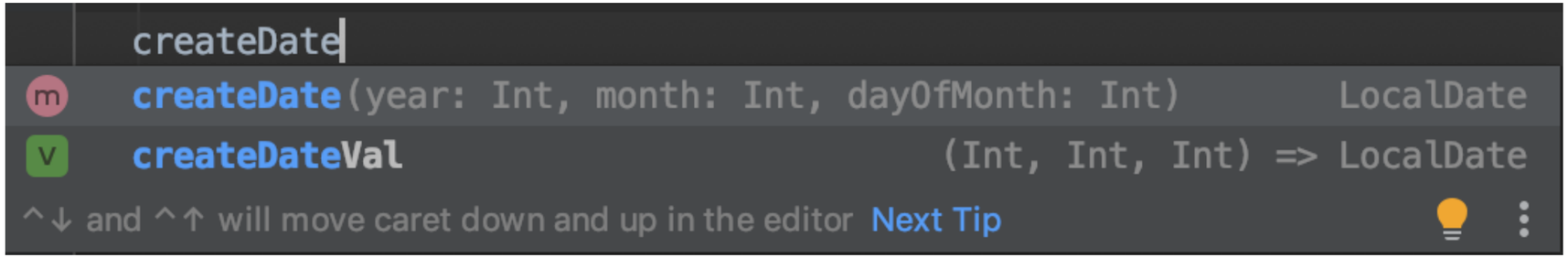
Function arguments

```
import java.time.LocalDate

def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
val createDateVal: (Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate =
  (year, month, dayOfMonth) => ...
```

IDE



Javadoc

```
def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate
```

```
val createDateVal: (Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate
```

Named arguments

```
import java.time.LocalDate

def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
createDate(2020, 1, 5)
// res23: LocalDate = 2020-01-05
```

```
createDate(dayOfMonth = 5, month = 1, year = 2020)
// res24: LocalDate = 2020-01-05
```

Def functions are not data

```
def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
List(createDate)
// error: missing argument list for method createDate in class App10
// Unapplied methods are only converted to functions when a function type is expected.
// You can make this conversion explicit by writing `createDate _` or `createDate(_,_,_)` inste
// List(createDate)
//      ^^^^^^^^^^
```

Def functions are not data

```
def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
List(createDate _)
// res26: List[(Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate] = List(<function3>)
```

Def functions are not data

```
def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
List(createDate _)
// res26: List[(Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate] = List(<function3>)
```

```
val createDateVal = createDate _
// createDateVal: (Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate = <function3>
```

Def functions are not data

```
def createDate(year: Int, month: Int, dayOfMonth: Int): LocalDate =
  ...
```

```
List(createDate): List[(Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate]
```

```
val createDateVal: (Int, Int, Int) => LocalDate = createDate
```

Summary

- Val functions are an ordinary objects
- Use def functions for API
- Easy to convert def to val