Fast Track to Scala



```
val text : String = "Not another word count example"
text = "try this" (compile error)

var changeMe : String = "This can be changed"
changeMe = "Spark, here I come!"
```

Variable Declaration

- val declares a variable that cannot be changed (preferred). Similar to final in Java
- var declares a variable that can be modified

Type Inference

• Use Alt + = in IntelliJ IDE to display snippet of Scala type

```
def sayHello(name: String) : String = {
   s"Hello $name!"
}
```

Function/Method Declaration

- def starts a method declaration
- Return type follows parameter list(s). Drop the "equals" to declare a void
- String interpolation using "s" followed by string. Variables placed after \$
- Every statement in Scala is an expression. No need for "return"

With Type Inference

```
def sayHello(name: String)(myself: String) = {
   s"Hello $name! My name is $myself"
}

val result = sayHello("Ahmad")("Scala")

result : java.lang.String = Hello Ahmad! My name is Scala
```

Function Parameter Lists

- Function can have more than one parameter list
- Extremely useful when last parameter is an implicit or another function

```
def sayHello(name: String)(whoAreYou : () => String) = {
  s"Hello $name! My name is ${whoAreYou()}"
def provideName() = { "Scala" }
val fast = sayHello("test")(provideName)
val faster = sayHello("test") { () =>
  "Anonymous"
```

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```
def sayHello(name: String)(implicit myself: String) = {
   s"Hello $name! My name is $myself"
}
implicit val myString = "implicits"
val fast = sayHello("test")
```

Implicits Example 1

- Compiler only looks for implicits in scope
- Implicits can be imported as we'll see with implicit conversions for Spark

```
def sayHello(name: String)(implicit whoAreYou:() => String) = {
   s"Hello $name! My name is ${whoAreYou()}"
}
def provideName() = { "Scala" }
val fast = sayHello("test")
```

Implicits Example 2

- Implicit parameters:
 - Must appear in an argument list of their own
 - Argument list must be last

```
class fastTrack( name: String, myself: String) {
  def sayHello(name: String)(myself: String) = {
    s"Hello $name! My name is $myself"
  }
  val greeting = sayHello(name)(myself)
}
val fast = new fastTrack("test", "me")
```

Classes

- Classes take parameter list. Parameters declared private vals by default
- Class body is primary constructor

```
class fastTrack(val name: String,var myself: String) {
  def sayHello(name: String)(myself: String) = {
    s"Hello $name! My name is $myself"
  val greeting = sayHello(name)(myself)
val fast = new fastTrack("test", "me")
println(fast.name)
fast.myself = "fast"
```

Classes

- Parameters can be made public and or vars as needed
- Prepend private var if you need a private variable instead of a public variable myself as in the example

```
case class person(fname: String, lname: String)
val me = person("Ahmad", "Alkilani")
println(me.fname)
```

Case Classes

- Special type of Class (syntactic sugar and adds a lot of functionality to a class)
- Implement equality, to String, hashCode methods among others and are serializable
- Don't require "new" keyword
- Support for pattern matching
- All arguments are prefixed with val by default

Pattern Matching with Case Classes

```
abstract class Person(fname: String, lname: String) {
  def fullName = {s"$fname-$lname"}
case class Student(fname: String, lname: String, id: Int)
      extends Person(fname, lname)
val me = Student("Ahmad", "Alkilani", 23)
def getFullID[T <: Person](something: T) = {</pre>
  something match {
    case Student(fname, lname, id) => s"$fname-$lname-$id"
    case p: Person => p.fullName
getFullID(me)
                res1: String = Ahmad-Alkilani-23
```

```
case class person(fname: String, lname: String)
val me = person("Ahmad", "Alkilani")
println(me.fname)
```

Pattern Matching with Case Classes

```
implicit class stringUtils(myString : String) {
    def scalaWordCount() = {
        val split = myString.split("\\s+")
        val grouped = split.groupBy(word => word)
        val countPerKey = grouped.mapValues(group => group.length)
        countPerKey
    }
} res0: scala.collection.immutable.Map[String,Int] = Map(collections -> 2, Spark -> 1, Scala -> 1, mimic -> 1)
"Spark collections mimic Scala collections".scalaWordCount()
```

Implicit Conversions

- Allow the compiler to implicitly convert one type to another
- Implicit conversion must be in scope
- IDE will typically provide visual indicator (IntelliJ will underline conversion)

Scala Collections

```
val myList = List("Spark", "mimics", "Scala", "collections")
val mapped = myList.map( s => s.toUpperCase )
mapped: List[String] = List(SPARK, MIMICS, SCALA, COLLECTIONS)
val flatMapped = myList.flatMap { s =>
  val filters = List("mimics", "collections")
  if (filters.contains(s))
    None
  else
    Some(s)
```

flatMapped: List[String] = List(Spark, Scala)