## SCALA

# A FUNCTIONAL AND OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

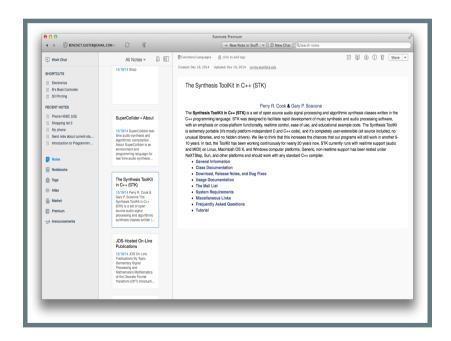
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## **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING**

Provide instructions so computer can peform tasks

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Prepackged software provides fixed solution, e.g.:



#### **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING**

- Allows you to write the software
- Allows you to tell the computer what to do

## **MACHINE LANGUAGES**

- Low-level
- Verbose
- Prone to errors

#### NATURAL LANGUAGES

- Examples include English and French
- Ambigious and hard for computer to process
  - "The peasants are revolting" (http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambiguity)

## HIGH-LEVEL LANGUAGES

A middle ground

## **PROGRAMMING**

Fun, creative, and satisfying

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Enables real world interaction with huge number of

- devices, e.g. smartphones, desktop computers, ...
- sensors
- controllers

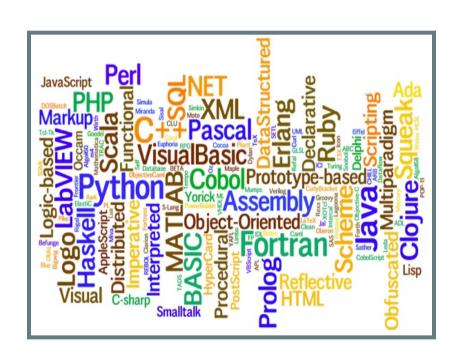
#### **PROGRAMMING**

- Found in all walks of life
- not only computer scientists write computer programs

#### **BEGIN PROGRAMMING**

First off, one must learn a programming language

#### WHICH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE?



#### KNOW MANY PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Most "real" projects use multiple languages

### FOR THIS COURSE



#### WHY SCALA?

- Scala is object-oriented---every value is an object
- Scala is an functional---every function is a value
- Scala is statically typed---helps catch errors early
- Scala is based on the Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
   Fully compatable with Java!

#### WHY SCALA?

Widely used, e.g. the web application library Scalatra used by:

- BBC
- Netflix
- Guardian News Paper

#### **SETUP**

- Main website: http://www.scala-lang.org/
- Download and install Scala 2.11.5 binaries for your system
- You will need a text editor (e.g. edit, vi, emacs, ...)
  - We will look at Intergrated Development Environments (IDE) later

#### PLAYING WITH SCALA

- The Scala tools provides a wide selection of utilites for developing Scala progams
- The command tool scala, a Read-eval-print loop (REPL) tool, allows interactive development of programs
- Great for learning to program or a new language

## **PLAYING WITH SCALA**

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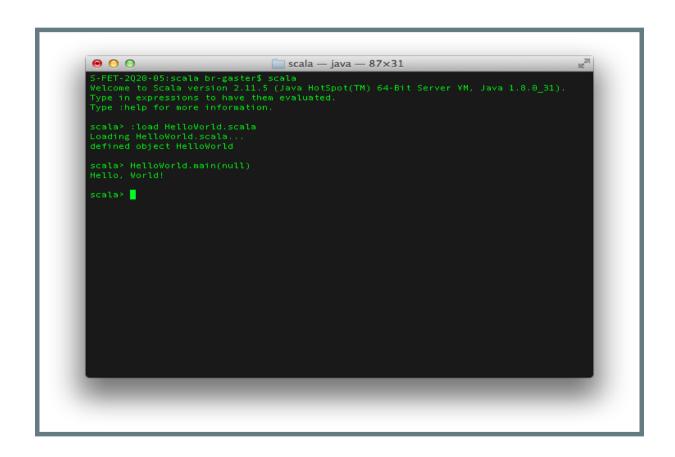
Welcome to Scala version 2.11.5 (Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM, Java 1.8.0_31).
Type in expressions to have them evaluated.
```

#### **HELLO WORLD**

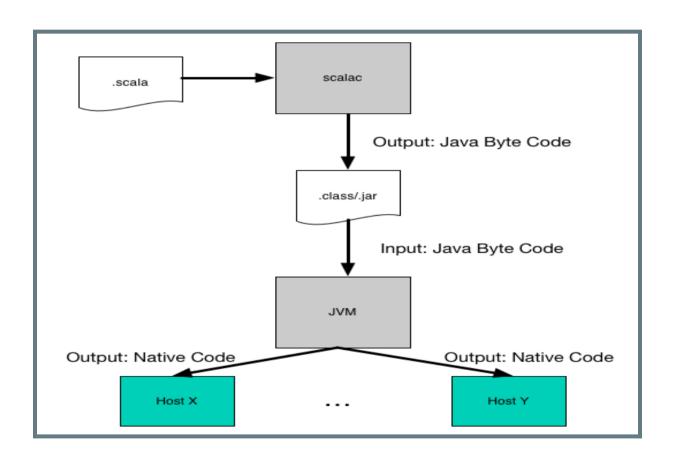
Create a program by typing it into text editor, call it HelloWorld.scala

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

### **RUNNING HELLO WORLD**



## **SCALA COMPILIATION FLOW**



#### SBT - THE INTERACTIVE BUILD

- Tool to build Scala applications
- Interative
- Extendable
- Simple

#### SBT - SETUP

- Main website: http://www.scala-sbt.org/
- Download and install SBT binaries for your system
- Again you will need a text editor (e.g. edit, vi, emacs, ...)

#### **BASIC SBT - HELLO WORLD AGAIN**

- Change to directory with HelloWorld.scala
- Run the command sbt and then the command run

#### **BASIC SBT - HELLO WORLD AGAIN**

```
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                            hello - java - 80×16
               bash
                                                    java
S-FET-2020-05:hello br-gaster$ ls
HelloWorld.scala
S-FET-2020-05:hello br-gaster$ sbt
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM warning: ignoring option MaxPermSize=384m; sup
port was removed in 8.0
[info] Set current project to hello (in build file:/Users/br-gaster/uwe/scala/he
> run
[info] Running HelloWorld
Hello, World!
[success] Total time: 1 s, completed Feb 2, 2015 1:19:54 PM
```

#### **BASIC SBT**

- Standard convention
  - Sources in the base directory (not really a good idea)
  - Sources in src/main/scala or src/main/java

#### **BUILD DEFINITION FILE**

- Most projects require some manual setup
- Basic build settings go in build.sbt in project root

#### EXMAPLE BUILD DEFINITION FILE

#### PROJECT DIRECTORY STRUCTURE

```
src/
main/
resources/
files to include in main jar here
scala/
main Scala sources
java/
main Java sources
test/
resources
files to include in test jar here
scala/
test Scala sources
java/
test Java sources
```

## BASIC COMMANDS (INTERACTIVE)

- compile complies application
- run run application
- Ctrl-D (Unix/Max) exit SBT
- Ctrl-Z (Windows) exit SBT

#### FLATTEN CLASS FILES

- Standard Scala Class File cannot run with java
- Use SBT plugin assembler to address this

#### **ASSEMBLER PLUGIN**

- Create directory project in root
- Create file project/project/assembly.sbt
- Open and add the following:

```
addSbtPlugin("com.eed3si9n" % "sbt-assembly" % "0.12.0")
```

- Now you have the new SBT command assembly
- Try It!

#### **ASSEMBLER PLUGIN**

- SBT builds into directory ./target/scala-2.11
- To run resulting JAR file:

java -cp \$SCALA\_HOME/lib/scala-library.jar -jar helloworld-assembly-1.0.
jar

#### SCALA INTRODUCTION REPOSITORY

- A small but growing set of examples can be found here:
  - https://github.com/bgaster/scala-intro
  - Try and have these all build and running by next week

#### FURTHER READING TUTORIALS

Try to complete at least these two before next week

- http://scalatutorials.com/tour/
- http://www.scala-sbt.org/0.13/tutorial/sbt-tutorial.pdf
- Many more online