

= Introduction to Functional Programming with Scala

== 1. Title Slide *Introduction to Functional Programming with Scala*

▶ *Duration:* 30 hours

▶ *Prerequisites:* Basic programming knowledge, High school mathematics

## == 2. Teacher Profile

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▶ *Teaching Philosophy:* Empowering students through mathematical rigor and practical coding skills

[NOTE] Reach out for guidance or project ideas!

== 3. Course Description This introductory course explores *functional programming* principles using *Scala*. Through synergy of mathematical concepts and hands-on coding, you'll learn how to design reliable, maintainable software in the functional paradigm.

*Key Focus:*

- ▶ Bridging mathematical logic to coding practice
- ▶ Applying set theory, algebra, and logic in programming
- ▶ Writing robust, immutable Scala programs

## == 4. Learning Objectives

- ▶ Understand mathematical foundations of functional programming
- ▶ Grasp basic algebraic structures relevant to programming
- ▶ Write basic Scala programs using functional programming concepts
- ▶ Understand and use immutable data structures
- ▶ Work with Scala collections and their operations
- ▶ and more

## == 5. Course Structure and Topics

- ▶ *Week 1*: Mathematical Foundations and Introduction to Scala I (4 hours)
- ▶ *Week 2*: Introduction to Scala II (3 hours)
- ▶ ...

*Focus today*: Week 1 (Mathematics and Scala Basics)

## == 6. Assessment Overview *Course Assessments*:

- ▶ *Assignments (20%)*: Weekly coding tasks and mathematical exercises
  - ▶ Focus:
  - ▶ Due:
- ▶ *Midterm Project (20%)*: Design a functional Scala application
  - ▶ Example:
  - ▶ Due:
- ▶ *Final Exam (50%)*: Written and coding components
  - ▶ Topics:
  - ▶ Date:
- ▶ *Participation (10%)*: In-class discussions, group activities

[TIP] Start assignments early and use office hours!

## == 7. References and Recommended Reading *Books*:

- ▶ Paul Chiusano and Runar Bjarnason, *Functional Programming in Scala* (Manning, 2014)
- ▶ Martin Odersky, Lex Spoon, and Bill Venners, *Programming in Scala* (Artima, 5th Ed., 2021)
- ▶ Kenneth Rosen, *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications* (McGraw-Hill, 8th Ed., 2018)

### *Online Resources:*

- ▶ link:<https://docs.scala-lang.org/>[Scala Documentation]
- ▶ link:<https://www.scala-exercises.org/>[Scala Exercises]
- ▶ link:<https://www.discrete-math.org/>[Discrete Math for Programmers]

### *Papers:*

- ▶ Philip Wadler, “Monads for Functional Programming” (1992)
- ▶ Martin Odersky et al., “An Overview of the Scala Programming Language” (2006)

[TIP] Use these to deepen your theoretical and practical knowledge!

== 8. Course Policies *Attendance:*

- ▶ Expected; notify instructor for absences
- ▶ Missed classes: Review slides, consult peers/instructor

*Academic Integrity:*

- ▶ Work must be original
- ▶ Plagiarism or collaboration without permission: Failing grade for assignment, potential course failure
- ▶ Cite external code/resources

[NOTE] Clear communication ensures a smooth experience!



## == 9. FAQs and Support *Common Questions*:

- ▶ *Debugging Scala?* Use REPL, print statements, or IntelliJ debugger.
- ▶ *No math background?* Focus on intuition; supplemental resources provided.
- ▶ *Other IDEs?* VSCode with Metals or text editor with sbt works.

### *Support:*

- ▶ *TA:* ....
- ▶ *Discussion Forum:* Course portal (link in syllabus)
- ▶ *Email:* Response within 24 hours
- ▶ *Study Groups:* Form via forum or class announcements

[TIP] Engage with peers and ask questions early!

= Course 1: Mathematical Foundations

== 10. Course 1 Overview *Topics*:

- ▶ Set theory basics
- ▶ Logic fundamentals
- ▶ Abstract algebra
- ▶ Functions and relations
- ▶ Mathematical underpinnings in code

## == 11. Set Theory Basics: What is a Set?

A *set* is a collection of distinct objects.

- ▶ *Notation:*  $\{ 1, 2, 3 \}$  – a set of numbers
- ▶ *Cardinality:* The number of elements (e.g.,  $|\{1,2,3\}| = 3$ )
- ▶ *Order:* Sets are unordered (no sequence, unlike lists)
- ▶ *Duplicates:* No duplicate elements allowed

*Example in Scala:* [source,scala]

```
val s = Set(1, 2, 3, 2) // Result: Set(1, 2, 3)
```

== 12. Set Notation & Subsets *Notation:*

▶  $A \subseteq B$ : A is a subset of B

▶  $\emptyset$ : The empty set

*Example:*

▶ If  $A = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$   $A \subseteq B$

*Empty Set in Scala:* [source,scala]

```
val empty = Set.empty[Int]
```



## == 13. Set Operations

- ▶ *Union* (  $\cup$  ): Elements in A or B
- ▶ *Intersection* (  $\cap$  ): Elements in both A and B
- ▶ *Difference* (  $A \setminus B$  ): In A but not in B
- ▶ *Complement*: Not in set A (relative to a universe U)

*Visual: Set Relations* + (Two overlapping circles labeled A and B)

*Scala*: [source,scala]

```
val a = Set(1, 2, 3) val b = Set(3, 4, 5) a union b //  
Set(1,2,3,4,5) a intersect b // Set(3) a diff b // Set(1,2)
```

## == 14. Sets in Programming

- ▶ Sets are *immutable* by default in Scala (`val s = Set(1,2,3)`)
- ▶ *Useful for:*
  - ▶ Ensuring unique items
  - ▶ Simplifying membership checks
  - ▶ Mathematical modeling

*Membership Example:* [source,scala]

```
val fruits = Set("apple", "pear", "banana")  
fruits.contains("pear") // true fruits.contains("mango") //  
false
```

## == 15. Functions as Mathematical Relations

- ▶ A *function* is a relation mapping *each element* of set  $A$  to *exactly one element* in set  $B$ .
- ▶ *Notation:*  $f : A \rightarrow B$
- ▶ *Example:*  $f(x) = x^2$  for  $x$

*Scala Example:* [source,scala]



```
def sq(x: Double): Double = x * x // sq(3) = 9.0
```

## == 16. Injective, Surjective, Bijective

- ▶ *Injective (One-to-One)*:  $f(a)=f(b) \implies a=b$
- ▶ *Surjective (Onto)*: Every element in  $B$  is  $f(a)$  for some  $a$
- ▶ *Bijective*: Both injective and surjective

*Scala Mapping Example:* [source,scala]

```
val nums = Set(1,2,3) val double = nums.map(_ * 2) //  
Set(2,4,6) – injective
```

## == 17. Set Theory in Programming Practice

- ▶ *Handling uniqueness*: Ensures no duplicate user IDs, transactions, etc.
- ▶ *Operations*: Filtering, merging datasets, avoiding redundancy
- ▶ *Programming*: Set APIs simplify logic over lists or arrays

[NOTE] Immutability of sets aligns with functional programming principles.

## == 18. Logic Fundamentals: Propositions & Connectives

▶ A *proposition* is a statement that is either *true* or *false*

▶ *Connectives*:

▶ And:

▶ Or:

▶ Not:  $\neg$

▶ Implies:

*Example*:  $p$ : "It rains",  $q$ : "I stay home" + If  $p \rightarrow q$ , then if it rains, I stay home.

== 19. Truth Tables *AND, OR, NOT* Example:

p	q	p	q	p	q	$\neg p$
true	true	true	true	true	true	false
true	false	false	true	true	true	false
false	true	false	true	true	true	true
false	false	false	false	false	false	true

*Scala logical example:* [source,scala]



```
val rain = true val stayHome = false val both = rain &&  
stayHome // false val either = rain || stayHome // true val  
notRain = !rain // false
```

## == 20. Logical Operations in Scala

- ▶ Scala uses `&&` for AND, `||` for OR, `!` for NOT
- ▶ Can combine conditions naturally:

[source,scala]

```
def canDrive(age: Int, hasLicense: Boolean): Boolean = age >= 18  
&& hasLicense
```

```
val result = canDrive(20, true) // true
```

[CAUTION] Logic underpins conditional expressions and error handling.

## == 21. De Morgan's Laws

▶  $\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv (\neg A \vee \neg B)$

▶  $\neg(A \vee B) \equiv (\neg A \wedge \neg B)$

*Helps transform logical conditions in coding!*

[source,scala]

// Checking that either x or y is not zero if  $!(x == 0 \ \&\& \ y == 0)$  { ... } // Equivalent to: if  $(x != 0 \ || \ y != 0)$  { ... }

## == 22. Predicate Logic in Programming

- ▶ *Predicate*: Function that returns true/false for inputs



*Example in Scala:* [source,scala]

```
def isEven(x: Int): Boolean = x % 2 == 0
```

```
val numbers = List(1,2,3,4) numbers.filter(isEven) //  
List(2,4)
```

Predicate logic enables data filtering, validation, searching...

== 23. Abstract Algebra: Groups, Rings, Fields *Definitions:*

- ▶ *Group*: Set + operation (associative, identity element, inverse, closed)
- ▶ *Ring*: Group + a second operation (addition & multiplication, etc.)
- ▶ *Field*: Ring where multiplication has inverses (except 0)

E.g., Integers form a group under addition; real numbers (excluding 0) form a group under multiplication.

## == 24. Key Algebraic Properties

- ▶ *Associativity:*  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
- ▶ *Commutativity:*  $a + b = b + a$
- ▶ *Identity element:*  $a * e = a$
- ▶ *Inverse:*  $a + (-a) = 0$

*Code Example:* [source,scala]

```
val res1 = (2 + 3) + 4 // 9 val res2 = 2 + (3 + 4) // 9
```

Associativity in action!

## == 25. Algebraic Principles in Code

- ▶ *Immutability*: Operations return new objects, original remain unchanged
- ▶ *Identify operations behaving like algebraic structures*:
  - ▶ String concatenation: *Monoid* (associative, has identity "")
  - ▶ Number addition: *Group*

[source,scala]



```
val s = "Hello" val t = s + "World" val u = t + "" // ""  
is identity
```

## == 26. Function Composition

- ▶ *Compose*: Combines two functions ( $f$  &  $g$ ) to create a new function.
- ▶ *Notation*:  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

*Scala Composition Example:* [source,scala]

```
val f: Int => Int = _ + 1 val g: Int => Int = _ * 2 val fg  
= f compose g // fg(x) = f(g(x)) fg(3) // 7
```

## == 27. Equivalence Relations

- ▶ *Equivalence relation*: relation that is reflexive, symmetric, transitive
- ▶ *Example*:  $a \equiv b \pmod{3}$  (a and b leave same remainder when divided by 3)

[source,scala]

```
def equivMod3(a: Int, b: Int): Boolean = (a % 3) == (b  
% 3) equivMod3(4, 7) // true
```

## == 28. Algebraic Properties in Programming

- ▶ *Pure functions*: No side effects, always same output for input – like mathematical functions
- ▶ *Immutability*: Operations do not alter original values, matching algebraic structures



[source,scala]

```
val a = List(1,2,3) val b = a.map(_ * 2) // New list, a  
unchanged
```

## == 29. Immutability: A Mathematical Perspective

- ▶ Sets and algebraic structures are immutable by definition
- ▶ Functional programming leverages this to ensure predictable, thread-safe code

*In Scala:* [source,scala]

```
val original = Set(1,2,3) val added = original + 4 //  
original remains {1,2,3}, added is {1,2,3,4}
```

Immutability is at the heart of functional programming.

## == 30. Functions, Relations, and Immutability

- ▶ Use relations and functions to model software logic
- ▶ Avoid side effects to preserve functional purity

[source,scala]

```
def square(x: Int): Int = x * x
```

[NOTE] *Functional purity* is closely related to the mathematical definition of functions.



## == 31. Week 1 Recap: Mathematical Foundations

- ▶ Sets and set operations model unique collections
- ▶ Logic is the backbone of code correctness
- ▶ Abstract algebraic structures help reason about code organization
- ▶ Immutability and pure functions are core to functional design
- ▶ Mathematical rigor = reliable code

*Next:* Bringing mathematics to life in Scala!

== 32. Reflect: Where Do You See Mathematics in Code?

- ▶ Think of examples from your own programming where uniqueness, composition, or logical conditions are essential.
- ▶ Share with the class: How does mathematics clarify programming?

[TIP] Building intuition is key—don't just memorize!

= Week 2: Introduction to Scala

== 33. Week 2 Overview *Topics*:

- ▶ Why Scala and functional programming?
- ▶ Setting up the environment
- ▶ Basic Scala syntax
- ▶ Values, variables, and types
- ▶ Defining and using functions

[NOTE] Scala: modern, concise, powerful

## == 34. Why Scala?

- ▶ *Hybrid*: Combines object-oriented and functional programming
- ▶ *JVM-based*: Runs on the Java platform, interoperates with Java libraries
- ▶ *Concise*: Fewer lines of code, strong typing
- ▶ *Popular in*: Data engineering, web development, finance, academia

[NOTE] Major systems: Spark, Akka, Twitter, LinkedIn use Scala

## == 35. Why Functional Programming?

- ▶ Enforces immutability and statelessness
- ▶ Reduces bugs, easier to test and reason about
- ▶ Promotes modular, reusable code via pure functions
- ▶ Handles concurrency more safely

[SUCCESS] Functional code = predictable, robust software!

## == 36. Scala vs. Other Languages

Language	Paradigm	Immutability	Runs on JVM
Scala	Hybrid (OO + FP)	Yes, by default	Yes
JavaScript	OO + FP	No, mutability is default	No
Java	Object-Oriented	No	Yes
Haskell	Purely Functional	Yes	No

Scala blends power, safety, and interoperability.

## == 37. Setting Up Scala Environment

1. Install Java JDK (if needed)
2. Download & install Scala from  
link:<https://www.scala-lang.org/download/>[scala-lang.org]
3. Optional: Install *sbt* (Scala Build Tool) for project management
4. Choose an IDE: IntelliJ IDEA, VSCode (Metals), or use  
command line/REPL

[TIP] Try `scala` or `scalac` in a terminal to verify installation.

== 38. Your First Scala Program [source,scala]



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

- ▶ *object*: Defines a singleton (no instantiation needed)
- ▶ *def*: Defines a function/method

## == 39. Using the Scala REPL

- ▶ REPL: Interactive Scala shell
- ▶ Start with `scala` in your terminal
- ▶ Type expressions to see results instantly!

[source,scala]

```
$ scala scala> 2 + 2 res0: Int = 4
```

```
scala> "Hello".toUpperCase res1: String = HELLO
```

## == 40. Basic Scala Syntax

- ▶ *Statements end with a newline*, not necessarily a semicolon
- ▶ *Curly braces* define blocks
- ▶ No need for type annotations if type can be inferred

*Example:* [source,scala]

```
val name = "Alice" val greeting = s"Hello, $name!"
```

## == 41. Comments in Scala

- ▶ *Single line*: `// this is a comment`
- ▶ *Multi-line*: `[source,scala]`



```
/* Block of comments */
```

Good comments make code easier to understand and maintain!

## == 42. Values (val) vs Variables (var)

- ▶ val: Immutable—cannot be reassigned
- ▶ var: Mutable—can be reassigned

[source,scala]

```
val pi = 3.14 // immutable var count = 0 // mutable  
count = count + 1 // allowed // pi = 3.15 // error!
```

[SUCCESS] Prefer `val` for functional programming!

## == 43. Type Inference

- ▶ Scala infers types—no need to specify if obvious
- ▶ Explicit annotation for clarity or required cases

[source,scala]

```
val age = 21 // Inferred as Int val name: String = "Bob"  
// Explicit String
```

## == 44. Basic Types in Scala

- ▶ Int: integers
- ▶ Double: floating points
- ▶ Boolean: true/false values
- ▶ Char: single characters
- ▶ String: sequences of characters



[source,scala]

```
val a: Int = 10 val b: Double = 12.7 val c: Boolean = true  
val d: String = "Scala"
```

## == 45. Defining Functions in Scala

- ▶ `def` keyword defines a function
- ▶ Explicit input/output types recommended

[source,scala]

```
def add(x: Int, y: Int): Int = x + y
```

```
val sum = add(2, 3) // 5
```

## == 46. Anonymous Functions (Lambdas)

- ▶ Inline, unnamed function expressions
- ▶ Use: `(input: Type) => expression`

[source,scala]

```
val double = (x: Int) => x * 2 double(3) // 6
```

```
val nums = List(1,2,3) nums.map(x => x * x) //  
List(1,4,9)
```



## == 47. Higher-Order Functions

- ▶ Functions that take other functions as parameters or return them
- ▶ Powerful for map, filter, reduce patterns

*Example:* [source,scala]

```
def applyTwice(f: Int => Int, x: Int): Int = f(f(x))  
applyTwice(x => x + 1, 5) // 7
```

## == 48. Pure vs. Impure Functions

- ▶ *Pure*: Output depends only on input; no side effects
- ▶ *Impure*: Relies on/changes external state (I/O, global vars, etc.)

[source,scala]

```
// Pure def square(x: Int): Int = x * x
```

```
// Impure var total = 0 def addToTotal(x: Int): Int = {  
total += x; total }
```

## == 49. Blocks and Expression Results

- ▶ Scala expressions (including blocks) return values
- ▶ No need for `return` keyword in most cases

[source,scala]



```
def abs(x: Int): Int = { if (x >= 0) x else -x }
```

== 50. Conditionals: if-else [source,scala]

```
val temp = 30 val weather = if (temp > 25) "Hot" else  
"Mild" // weather: String = "Hot"
```

[TIP] Assignment can use result of if-else directly!

## == 51. Pattern Matching Basics

- ▶ Scala's `match` is like a more powerful switch statement

[source,scala]

```
val day = "Mon" val activity = day match { case "Sat" |  
"Sun" => "Weekend" case "Mon" => "Back to work"  
case _ => "Weekday" } // activity = "Back to work"
```

## == 52. Case Classes

- ▶ Special concise syntax for data containers
- ▶ Immutable, have built-in `equals` and `toString`

[source,scala]



```
case class Person(name: String, age: Int) val anna =  
Person("Anna", 27) val bob = Person("Bob", 32)
```

## == 53. Immutability in Practice

- ▶ Default data structures *do not change state*
- ▶ Use `val` and immutable collections

[source,scala]

```
val names = List("Ana", "Ben") val added = names :+  
"Carla" // names unchanged, added =  
List("Ana", "Ben", "Carla")
```

[NOTE] Functional code protects against unintended bugs!

## == 54. Scala Collections Overview

- ▶ *List*: ordered, immutable, allows duplicates
- ▶ *Set*: unordered, unique elements
- ▶ *Map*: key-value pairs

[source,scala]

```
val nums = List(1, 2, 3, 2) // List(1,2,3,2) val s = Set(1,  
2, 3, 2) // Set(1,2,3) val m = Map("a" -> 1, "b" -> 2)
```

## == 55. Working with Lists

- ▶ Mapping, filtering, reducing, and more



[source,scala]

```
val nums = List(1,2,3,4,5) val squares = nums.map(x => x  
* x) // List(1,4,9,16,25) val evens = nums.filter(_ % 2 ==  
0) // List(2,4) val sum = nums.reduce(_ + _) // 15
```

## == 56. Map and Set Operations

- ▶ *Maps*: Lookup by key
- ▶ *Sets*: Membership, union, intersection

[source,scala]

```
val capitals = Map("UK" -> "London", "FR" -> "Paris")  
capitals.get("UK") // Some("London") capitals.get("IT") // None
```

```
val s1 = Set(1,2,3); val s2 = Set(2,3,4) s1 & s2 //  
intersection: Set(2,3)
```

## == 57. Functions on Collections

- ▶ Map, filter, fold/reduce for all collections
- ▶ Encourages a *declarative* programming style

[source,scala]

```
val words = List("cat", "dog", "bird") words.filter(_.length  
== 3) // List("cat", "dog")
```



## == 58. Error Handling: Functional Way

- ▶ Use `Option` type to represent absence or presence
- ▶ Use `Either` for computations that can fail

[source,scala]

```
def safeDivide(a: Int, b: Int): Option[Int] = if (b == 0) None else  
Some(a / b)
```

```
val result = safeDivide(10, 0) // None
```

## == 59. Using Either for Errors [source,scala]

```
def parseInt(s: String): Either[String, Int] = try Right(s.toInt) catch
{ case _: NumberFormatException => Left("Not a number") }
```

```
val v1 = parseInt("123") // Right(123) val v2 =  
parseInt("abc") // Left("Not a number")
```

Either lets you return successes or errors without exceptions!

## == 60. Testing Your Scala Code

- ▶ Use `assert` for simple checks
- ▶ Use testing frameworks like *ScalaTest*, *Specs2* for bigger projects

[source,scala]

```
def sum(x: Int, y: Int) = x + y assert(sum(2,3) == 5)
```

[NOTE] Testing is essential for reliable functional code!



== 61. Pattern Matching: More Examples [source,scala]

```
def describe(x: Any): String = x match { case 0 =>
  "Zero" case _: Int => "An integer" case _: String => "A
string" case _ => "Something else" }
```

Pattern matching works with types, constants, structures...

## == 62. Best Practices in Functional Programming

- ▶ Favor *val*, avoid *var*
- ▶ Prefer pure functions
- ▶ Use immutable data structures
- ▶ Leverage collections' map/filter/reduce
- ▶ Handle errors with Option/Either
- ▶ Aim for predictability and readability

## == 63. Resources for Further Learning

## == 64. Summary of Weeks 1 & 2

- ▶ Explored the *mathematical foundations* of functional programming
- ▶ Gained hands-on *Scala basics*
- ▶ Learned how immutability, algebra, and logic guide functional program design
- ▶ Ready to build more complex, robust software with these tools!

[SUCCESS] Practice is the key to mastery!

## == 65. Thank You! Next Steps

- ▶ Practice basic Scala functions and set operations on your own machine
- ▶ Read more on link:<https://docs.scala-lang.org/overviews/scala-book/introduction.html>[Scala Book: Introduction]
- ▶ Prepare for next week: Scala collections and more advanced FP patterns

*Questions? Reach out anytime!*

[NOTE] Happy Functional Coding!

