

# Spark - Scala Methods

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### 1. Overview of the Methods

Method	Purpose	Returns	When to Use
<b>foreach</b>	<b>Iterates</b> over each element and performs a side effect (like printing or writing to DB).	<b>Unit</b> (no return <b>value</b> )	When you only want to perform actions, not transform data.
<b>map</b>	<b>Transforms</b> each element into something else.	<b>Collection</b> of the same size as input.	When every element maps to exactly one new element.
<b>flatMap</b>	<b>Transforms</b> each element into <b>zero or more</b> elements and flattens the result.	<b>Collection</b> of potentially different size.	When each element might become multiple elements.
<b>filter</b>	Keeps only elements that <b>satisfy</b> a <b>condition</b> .	Smaller (or equal) size <b>collection</b> .	When you want to remove unwanted elements.
<b>withFilter</b>	Like filters but <b>lazy</b> , used with comprehensions for efficiency.	A <b>filtered view</b> (not an immediate new collection).	When chaining filters in a for comprehension.
<b>collect</b>	Applies a <b>partial function</b> (matching & transforming at once).	<b>Collection</b>	When you want to filter + transform in one step.
<b>reduce</b>	Combines all elements using a binary function.	<b>Single</b> value	When you want to aggregate (sum, product, min, max).
<b>fold</b>	Like reduce but starts with an initial value.	<b>Single</b> value	When aggregation needs a start value.

<b>groupBy</b>	Groups elements into a Map based on a key function.	<b>Map</b> [K, <b>Seq</b> [V]]	When categorizing items.
<b>partition</b>	Splits collection into two based on predicate.	<b>Tuple</b> of two <b>collections</b>	When you want "pass" and "fail" groups.

## 2. Complete Scala Example

```
object CollectionMethodsDemo {
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {

    val numbers = List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

    // foreach: Just perform an action (no transformation)
    println("foreach:")
    numbers.foreach(n => println(s"Number: $n"))

    // map: Transform each element
    val squares = numbers.map(n => n * n)
    println(s"map (squares): $squares")

    // flatMap: Transform each element into a collection, then flatten
    val duplicates = numbers.flatMap(n => List(n, n))
    println(s"flatMap (duplicates): $duplicates")

    // filter: Keep only even numbers
    val evens = numbers.filter(_ % 2 == 0)
    println(s"filter (evens): $evens")

    // withFilter: Lazy filtering - useful with for comprehension
    println("withFilter example:")
    val withFilterResult = for {
      n <- numbers.withFilter(_ % 2 == 0) // only even numbers
    } yield n * 10
    println(withFilterResult)

    // collect: Filter and transform together
    val evenSquares = numbers.collect { case n if n % 2 == 0 => n * n }
    println(s"collect (even squares): $evenSquares")
  }
}
```

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// reduce: Aggregate (sum)
val sum = numbers.reduce(_ + _)
println(s"reduce (sum): $sum")

// fold: Aggregate with initial value
val sumWithInit = numbers.fold(10)(_ + _)
println(s"fold (sum with initial 10): $sumWithInit")

// groupBy: Group numbers by odd/even
val grouped = numbers.groupBy(n => if (n % 2 == 0) "Even" else "Odd")
println(s"groupBy (odd/even): $grouped")

// partition: Split into evens and odds
val (evenNums, oddNums) = numbers.partition(_ % 2 == 0)
println(s"partition evens: $evenNums, odds: $oddNums")
}
```

<https://alvinalexander.com/scala/scala-cheat-sheet-basic-quick-reference-syntax/>

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