

# Away with the types!

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# Working with partial type information

**I HAVE SEEN THE END**

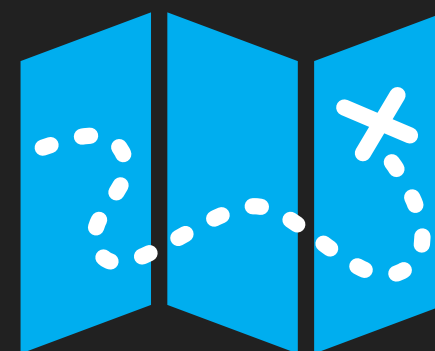


**NO ONE WAS SPARED, NOT EVEN  
THE CHILDREN**









Algebraic data type



*Product types*  
“ANDs” of other types

*Sum types*  
“ORs” of other types

```
sealed trait Survey
```

```
final case class WaterQuality(  
  temperature: Int,  
  ph: Double,  
  // ...  
) extends Survey
```

```
final case class Litter(  
  itemCollected: String,  
  quantity: Int,  
  // ...  
) extends Survey
```

Habitat

Vegetation

Amenity

Camera trapping

Water quality

Animal footprint

Litter cleanups

Radiotracking

Invasive flora/fauna

Spotlighting

```
sealed trait Survey { ... }
final case class CanalEnvironmentSurvey(...) extends Survey
final case class Ecstatus(...) extends Survey
final case class LutonLeaJuniorRiverWarden(...) extends Survey
final case class LutonLeaRiverlution(...) extends Survey
final case class MorphSurvey(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21BadgedGroupEvent(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21GreenWallModule(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21InvasiveSpecies(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21Litter(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21RapidAppraisal(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21Vegetation(...) extends Survey
final case class Thames21WaterQuality(...) extends Survey
final case class RoyalParksCameraTrapping(...) extends Survey
final case class RoyalParksFootprintTunnel(...) extends Survey
final case class RoyalParksRadiotracking(...) extends Survey
final case class RoyalParksSpotlighting(...) extends Survey
final case class UrbanRiverSurvey(...) extends Survey
final case class WrtWestcountryCsi(...) extends Survey
final case class WrtUpstreamThinking(...) extends Survey
```

```

case class UrbanRiverSurvey(
  secondSurveyor: Option[Surveyor],
  surveyDetails: UrsSurveyDetails,
  siteInformation: UrsSiteInformation,
  stretchEngineering: UrsStretchEngineering,
  channelDimensions: UrsChannelDimensions,
  spotChecks: List[UrsSpotCheck],
  sweepUp: UrsSweepUp,
  bankProfileAndProtection: UrsBankProfileAndProtection,
  channelDynamics: UrsChannelDynamics,
  artificialInfluences: UrsArtificialInfluences,
  extentOfPollution: UrsExtentOfPollution,
  habitatFeatures: UrsHabitatFeatures,
  specialFeatures: UrsSpecialFeatures,
  ecologicalCharacteristics: UrsEcologicalCharacteristics
) extends Survey

```

```

case class UrsSurveyDetails(
  wfdWaterBodyId: Option[String],
  riverName: Option[String],
  stretchName: Option[String],
  stretchCode: Option[String],
  neasProjectName: Option[String],
  neasProjectCode: Option[String],
  neasSurveyType: Option[UrsNeasSurveyType]
)

```

```

case class UrsSiteInformation(
  stretchLength: Option[Int],
  upstreamLocation: Option[Wgs84],
  downstreamLocation: Option[Wgs84],
  distanceFromSource: Option[Int],
  slope: Option[Double],
  solidGeologyCode: Option[String],
  driftGeologyCode: Option[String],
  photographs: UploadSubfolder,
  surveyBank: Option[UrsSurveyBank],
  surveyStart: Option[UrsSurveyStart],
  photoCredit: Option[String],
  photoLicense: Option[String],
  photoReferences: Option[String],
  bedVisible: Boolean,
  adverseConditions: Boolean,
  adverseConditionsSummary: Option[String],
)

```

```

case class UrsStretchEngineering(
  planform: Option[UrsPlanform],
  crossProfile: Option[UrsCrossProfile],
  reinforcementLevel: Option[UrsReinforcementLevel],
)

```

```

case class UrsChannelDimensions(
  onceOnlyDistanceFromUpstream: Option[Int],
  onceOnlyLocation: Option[Wgs84],
  onceOnlyAtRiffleOrRun: Boolean,
  onceOnlySpotCheck: Option[Int],
  channelBankfullWidth: Option[Double],
  channelWaterWidth: Option[Double],
  channelWaterDepth: Option[Double],
  leftBankTopHeight: Option[Double],
  leftEmbankedHeight: Option[Double],
  rightBankTopHeight: Option[Double],
  rightEmbankedHeight: Option[Double],
)

```

```

case class UrsSpotCheck(
  number: Int,
  location: Option[Wgs84],
  leftBankMaterial: Option[UrsBankMaterial],
  rightBankMaterial: Option[UrsBankMaterial],
  leftBankProtection: Option[UrsBankProtection],
  rightBankProtection: Option[UrsBankProtection],
  leftBankMarginalFeature: Option[UrsMarginalFeature],
  rightBankMarginalFeature: Option[UrsMarginalFeature],
  channelSubstrate: Option[UrsChannelSubstrate],
  flowType: Option[UrsFlowType],
  channelFeature: Option[UrsChannelFeature],
  leftBankLandUse: Option[UrsLandUse],
  rightBankLandUse: Option[UrsLandUse],
  leftBankTopStructure: Option[UrsBankStructure],
  rightBankTopStructure: Option[UrsBankStructure],
  leftBankFaceStructure: Option[UrsBankStructure],
  rightBankFaceStructure: Option[UrsBankStructure],
  vegetation: PercentageDistribution[UrsVegetation]
)

```

```

object UrsSpotCheck {
  def default: List[UrsSpotCheck] =
    (1 to 10).map(num => UrsSpotCheck(number = num)).toList
}

```

```

case class UrsSweepUp(
  sweepUpChannelSubstrate: Option[UrsChannelSubstrate],
  sweepUpChannelVegetation: PercentageDistribution[UrsVegetation],
  chokedWithMacrophytes: YesNoUnknown,
  macrophyteNotes: Option[String],
)

```

```

case class UrsBankProfileAndProtection(
  bankProfileAndProtectionAmalgamated: Boolean,
  leftBankNaturalProfile: PercentageDistribution[UrsNaturalBankProfile],
  rightBankNaturalProfile: PercentageDistribution[UrsNaturalBankProfile],
  leftBankArtificialReinforcement: PercentageDistribution[UrsArtificialBankReinforcement],
  rightBankArtificialReinforcement: PercentageDistribution[UrsArtificialBankReinforcement],
  leftBankArtificialProfile: PercentageDistribution[UrsArtificialBankProfile],
  rightBankArtificialProfile: PercentageDistribution[UrsArtificialBankProfile],
  leftBankProtection: PercentageDistribution[UrsBankProtection],
  rightBankProtection: PercentageDistribution[UrsBankProtection]
)

```

```

case class UrsChannelDynamics(
  channelDynamics: Map[UrsChannelDynamicsCategory, UrsChannelDynamicsExtent],
  channelDynamicsFeatures: Map[UrsChannelDynamicsFeature, UrsApe]
)

```

```

case class UrsArtificialInfluences(
  artificialFeatures: Counts[UrsArtificialFeature],
  artificialFeaturesNotes: Option[String],
  bridgeTypes: Counts[UrsBridgeType],
  nuisanceSpecies: Map[UrsNuisanceSpecies, UrsSpeciesFrequency],
  otherNuisanceSpecies: Option[String],
  recentManagement: Map[UrsManagementFeature, UrsApe],
  recentManagementNotes: Option[String],
  otherNotes: Option[String],
)

```

```

case class UrsExtentOfPollution(
  pollutionIndicators: Map[UrsPollutionIndicator, UrsApe],
  pollutionSources: Counts[UrsPollutionSource],
  waterClarity: Option[UrsWaterClarity],
  waterClarityNotes: Option[String],
)

```

```

case class UrsHabitatFeatures(
  countedHabitatFeatures: Counts[UrsCountedHabitatFeature],
  percentageHabitatFeatures: PercentageDistribution[UrsPercentageHabitatFeature]
)

```

```

case class UrsSpecialFeatures(
  specialFeatures: Map[UrsSpecialFeature, UrsApe],
  treeFeatures: Map[UrsTreeFeature, UrsApe],
  leftBankTreeDistribution: Option[UrsTreeDistribution],
  rightBankTreeDistribution: Option[UrsTreeDistribution],
  photographs: UploadSubfolder
)

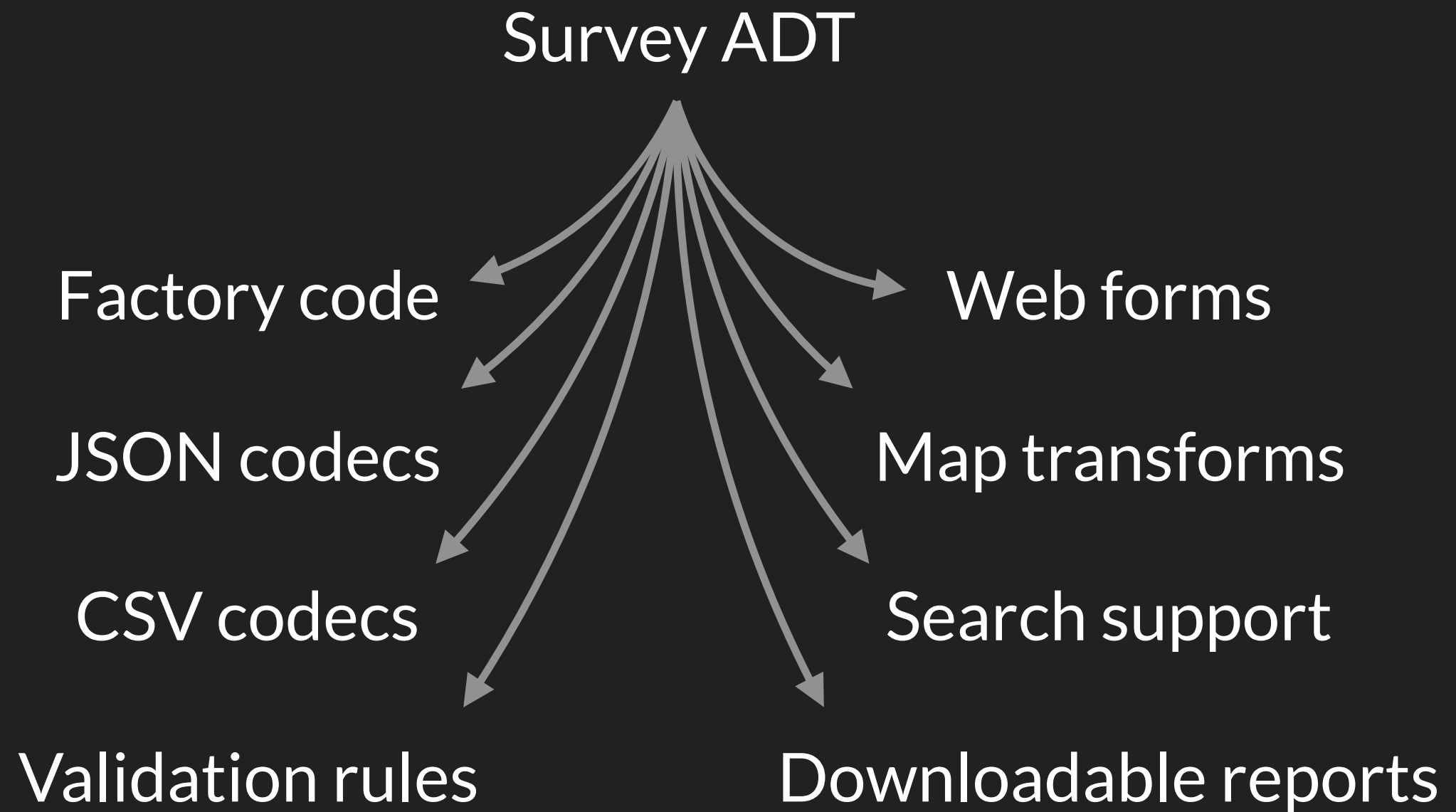
```

```

case class UrsEcologicalCharacteristics(
  ecologicalCharacteristics: Map[UrsEcologicalCharacteristic, Boolean],
  ecologicalCharacteristicsNotes: Option[String],
  observedProtectedSpecies: Map[UrsProtectedSpecies, Boolean],
  physicalSignsOfProtectedSpecies: Map[UrsProtectedSpecies, Boolean],
  suitableHabitatForProtectedSpecies: Map[UrsProtectedSpecies, Boolean]
)

```

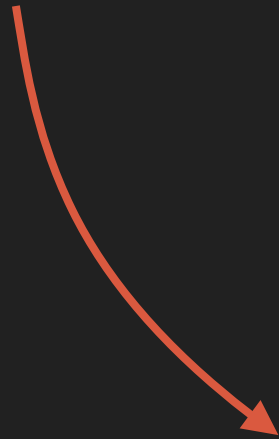
Survey ADT



User-defined surveys  
(like *Survey Monkey*)



Users exist  
at run time!



User-defined surveys  
(like *Survey Monkey*)



# How do we...

Edit types at runtime?

Store types in a database?

Send types over the wire?

Still manage to write working Scala?

We have to change representations

# Agenda

Concrete

*vs*

Generic

# Types *vs* Schemas

Error handling monads

Type classes

Interpreters



# Representations

```
case class WaterQuality(  
  location      : Location,  
  timestamp     : ZonedDateTime,  
  river         : String,  
  temperature   : Double,  
  ph            : Option[Double],  
  turbidity     : Turbidity)
```

```
case class Location(
  lat: Double,
  lng: Double)

sealed trait Turbidity
case class QualitativeTurbidity(description: String)
  extends Turbidity
case class QuantitativeTurbidity(value: Int)
  extends Turbidity

case class WaterQuality(
  location      : Location,
  timestamp     : ZonedDateTime,
  river         : String,
  temperature   : Double,
  ph            : Option[Double],
  turbidity     : Turbidity)
```

Concrete  $\Rightarrow$  Generic

“WaterQuality”  $\Rightarrow$  “Data”

```
sealed trait Data
```

```
case class BooleanData(value: Boolean) extends Data
case class IntData(value: Int) extends Data
case class DoubleData(value: Double) extends Data
case class StringData(value: String) extends Data
case class TimestampData(value: DateTime) extends Data
case object NullData extends Data

case class ListData(values: List[Data]) extends Data

case class ProductData(values: Map[String, Data])
  extends Data
case class SumData(tpe: String, value: Data)
  extends Data
```

```
sealed trait Data
```

```
case class BooleanData(value: Boolean) extends Data  
case class IntData(value: Int) extends Data  
case class DoubleData(value: Double) extends Data  
case class StringData(value: String) extends Data  
case class TimestampData(value: DateTime) extends Data  
case object NullData extends Data
```

```
case class ListData(values: List[Data]) extends Data
```

```
case class ProductData(values: Map[String, Data])  
  extends Data
```

```
case class SumData(tpe: String, value: Data)  
  extends Data
```

*Value-level encoding of ADTs*

```
val location: Location =  
    Location(  
        lat = 52.0,  
        lng = 0.0)  
  
val turbidity: Turbidity =  
    QualitativeTurbidity(  
        description = "Cloudy")  
  
val survey: WaterQuality =  
    WaterQuality(  
        location      = location,  
        timestamp     = ZonedDateTime.now,  
        river         = Some("Thames"),  
        temperature   = Some(10.0),  
        ph            = None,  
        turbidity      = turbidity)
```



```
val location = ProductData(ListMap(  
  "lat" -> DoubleData(52.0),  
  "lng" -> DoubleData(0.0)))
```

```
val turbidity = SumData(  
  "QualitativeTurbidity",  
  ProductData(ListMap(  
    "description" -> StringData("Cloudy")  
  )))
```

```
val survey = ProductData(ListMap(  
  "location"      -> location,  
  "timestamp"     -> TimestampData(ZonedDateTime.now()),  
  "river"         -> StringData("Thames"),  
  "temperature"   -> DoubleData(10.0),  
  "ph"            -> NullData,  
  "turbidity"     -> turbidity))
```

We still have types

But we've lost  
a lot of type information

```
val survey: WaterQuality =  
    // ...
```

```
val temp: Double =  
    survey.temperature
```

```
val survey: Data =  
    // ...  
  
val temperature: Option[Data] =  
    survey match {  
        case ProductData(fields) =>  
            fields.get("temperature")  
  
        case _ =>  
            None  
    }
```

```
val survey: Data =  
    // ...  
  
val temperature: Option[Double] =  
    survey match {  
        case ProductData(fields) =>  
            fields.get("temperature") match {  
                case DoubleData(temp) =>  
                    Some(temp)  
  
                case _ =>  
                    None  
            }  
  
        case _ =>  
            None  
    }
```

```
val survey: WaterQuality =  
    // ...
```

```
val latitude: Double =  
    survey.location.lat
```



WHAT HAS BEEN SEEN...

Cannot be un-seen.



Lots of operations can fail

How do we cope with failure?

We'll use an error handling monad!

We'll use Either!

# Accessing fields

```
sealed trait Data {
```

```
  def get(field: String): Either[String, Data] =  
    ???
```

```
}
```

```
sealed trait Data {  
  
  def get(field: String): Either[String, Data] =  
    this match {  
      case ProductData(fields) =>  
        fields  
          .get(field)  
          .toRight(s"field not found: $field")  
  
      case SumData(_, data) =>  
        data.get(field)  
  
      case _ =>  
        Left(s"field not found: $field")  
    }  
}
```

```
val latitude: Either[String, Double] =  
  for {  
    locData <- survey.get("location")  
    latData <- locData.get("lat")  
    lat      <- // interpret as a Double  
  } yield lat
```



# Reclaiming type information

Scala types  $\Leftrightarrow$  Data values

Type classes

Scala  $\Rightarrow$  Data

```
trait ToData[A] {  
  def apply(value: A): Data  
}
```

```
trait ToData[A] {  
  def apply(value: A): Data  
}  
  
object ToData {  
  
  implicit val booleanToData: ToData[Boolean] =  
    new ToData[Boolean] {  
      def apply(value: Boolean): Data =  
        BooleanData(value)  
    }  
  
  implicit val intToData: ToData[Int] =  
    new ToData[Int] {  
      def apply(value: Int): Data =  
        IntData(value)  
    }  
  
}
```

Type classes +  
Extension methods

```
implicit class ToDataOps[A](value: A) {  
    def toData(implicit toData: ToData[A]): Data =  
        toData(value)  
}
```



123.toData

```
new ToDataOps(123).toData
```

```
new ToDataOps(123).toData(intToData)
```

```
123.toData  
// IntData(123)
```

```
List(1, 2, 3).toData  
// ListData(List(IntData(1), IntData(2), IntData(3)))
```

waterQualitySurvey.toData

```
implicit val wqToData: ToData[WaterQuality] =  
  new ToData[WaterQuality] {  
    def apply(wq: WaterQuality): Data =  
      ProductData(ListMap(  
        "location"    -> wq.location.toData,  
        "timestamp"   -> wq.timestamp.toData,  
        "river"       -> wq.river.toData,  
        "temperature" -> wq.temperature.toData,  
        "ph"          -> wq.ph.toData,  
        "turbidity"   -> wq.turbidity.toData  
      ))  
  }
```

Data  $\Rightarrow$  Scala



```
trait FromData[A] {  
  def apply(data: Data): Either[String, A]  
}
```

```
sealed trait Data {
```

```
  def as[A](implicit from: FromData[A]): Either[String, A] =  
    from(this)
```

```
}
```

```
val latitude: Either[String, Double] =  
  for {  
    locData <- survey.get("location")  
    latData <- locData.get("lat")  
    lat <- latData.as[Double]  
  } yield lat
```

```
sealed trait Data {  
  def getAs[A](fields: String *)  
    (implicit from: FromData[A]): Either[String, A] =  
    ???  
}
```

```
val latitude: Either[String, Double] =  
    survey.getAs[Double]("location", "lat")
```

Either  $\Rightarrow$  Validated

# Chapters 4 and 6



[underscore.io/books/scala-with-cats](https://underscore.io/books/scala-with-cats)

# JSON Codecs



```
import io.circe._  
import io.circe.syntax._
```

```
val survey: WaterQuality =  
  // ...
```

```
val surveyJson: Json =  
  survey.asJson
```

```
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[WaterQuality] =  
  surveyJson.as[WaterQuality]
```

```
import io.circe._  
import io.circe.syntax._  
  
val survey: WaterQuality =  
    // ...  
  
val surveyJson: Json =  
    survey.asJson(Encoder[WaterQuality])  
  
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[WaterQuality] =  
    surveyJson.as[WaterQuality](Decoder[WaterQuality])
```

```
import io.circe._  
import io.circe.syntax._  
  
val survey: Data =  
    // ...  
  
val surveyJson: Json =  
    survey.asJson(Encoder[Data])  
  
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[Data] =  
    surveyJson.as[Data](Decoder[Data])
```

```
val surveyJson: Json =
  survey.asJson
// {
//   "location"      : { "lat": 52.0, "lng": 0.0 },
//   "timestamp"     : "2017-12-10T10:15:00Z",
//   "river"         : "Thames",
//   "temperature"   : 10.0,
//   "ph"            : null,
//   "turbidity"      : { "QualitativeTurbidity": {
//                         "description": "Cloudy"
//                       }}
// }
// }
```

```
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[Data] =
  surveyJson.as[Data]
```

```
val surveyJson: Json =  
    survey.asJson
```

Discarding  
information

```
// {  
//   "location"      : { "lat": 52.0, "lng": 0.0 },  
//   "timestamp"     : "2017-12-10T10:15:00Z",  
//   "river"         : "Thames",  
//   "temperature"   : 10.0,  
//   "ph"             : null,  
//   "turbidity"      : { "QualitativeTurbidity": {  
//                         "description": "Cloudy"  
//                       }  
//   }  
// }  
// }
```

```
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[Data] =  
    surveyJson.as[Data]
```

Gaining  
information

```
val surveyJson: Json =  
  survey.asJson  
  // {  
  //   "location"      : { "lat": 52.0, "lng": 0.0 },  
  //   "timestamp"     : "2017-12-10T10:15:00Z",  
  //   "river"         : "Thames",  
  //   "temperature"   : 10.0,  
  //   "ph"            : null,  
  //   "turbidity"      : { "QualitativeTurbidity": {  
  //                         "description": "Cloudy"  
  //                       }  
  //   }  
  // }  
  // }
```

*Product or Sum?*

```
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[Data] =  
  surveyJson.as[Data]
```

We need the information  
from WaterQuality

But we can't define WaterQuality  
at compile time!



Types  $\Rightarrow$  Schemas

```
sealed trait Schema
```

```
case object BooleanSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object IntSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object DoubleSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object StringSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object TimestampSchema extends Schema
```

```
case class ListSchema(child: Schema) extends Schema
```

```
case class OptionSchema(child: Schema) extends Schema
```

```
case class ProductSchema(children: ListMap[String, Schema])  
  extends Schema
```

```
case class SumSchema(children: ListMap[String, Schema])  
  extends Schema
```

```
sealed trait Schema
```

```
case object BooleanSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object IntSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object DoubleSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object StringSchema extends Schema
```

```
case object TimestampSchema extends Schema
```

```
case class ListSchema(child: Schema) extends Schema
```

```
case class OptionSchema(child: Schema) extends Schema
```

```
case class ProductSchema(children: ListMap[String, Schema])  
  extends Schema
```

```
case class SumSchema(children: ListMap[String, Schema])  
  extends Schema
```

*Schema-level encoding of ADTs*

```
case class Location(
  lat: Double,
  lng: Double)

sealed trait Turbidity
case class QualitativeTurbidity(description: String)
  extends Turbidity
case class QuantitativeTurbidity(value: Int)
  extends Turbidity

case class WaterQuality(
  location      : Location,
  timestamp     : ZonedDateTime,
  river         : String,
  temperature   : Double,
  ph            : Option[Double],
  turbidity     : Turbidity)
```

```
val locationSchema = ProductSchema(ListMap(
  "lat" -> DoubleSchema,
  "lng" -> DoubleSchema))

val turbiditySchema = SumSchema(ListMap(
  "QualitativeTurbidity" -> ProductSchema(ListMap(
    "description" -> StringSchema)),
  "QuantitativeTurbidity" -> ProductSchema(ListMap(
    "value" -> IntSchema))))

val waterQualitySchema = ProductSchema(ListMap(
  "location" -> locationSchema,
  "timestamp" -> TimestampSchema,
  "river" -> StringSchema,
  "temperature" -> DoubleSchema,
  "ph" -> OptionSchema(DoubleSchema),
  "turbidity" -> turbiditySchema))
```

Back to JSON codecs

```
val surveyJson: Json =
  survey.asJson
// {
//   "location"      : { "lat": 52.0, "lng": 0.0 },
//   "timestamp"     : "2017-12-10T10:15:00Z",
//   "river"         : "Thames",
//   "temperature"   : 10.0,
//   "ph"            : null,
//   "turbidity"     : { "QualitativeTurbidity": {
//                       "description": "Cloudy"
//                     }
//   }
// }
```

*Product or Sum?*

```
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[Data] =
  surveyJson.as[Data]
```

```
val surveyJson: Json =
  survey.asJson
// {
//   "location"      : { "lat": 52.0, "lng": 0.0 },
//   "timestamp"     : "2017-12-10T10:15:00Z",
//   "river"         : "Thames",
//   "temperature"   : 10.0,
//   "ph"            : null,
//   "turbidity"     : { "QualitativeTurbidity": {
//                       "description": "Cloudy"
//                     }
// }
// }
```

Product or Sum?

```
val surveyCopy: Decoder.Result[Data] =
  surveyJson.as(decoder(waterQualitySchema))
```

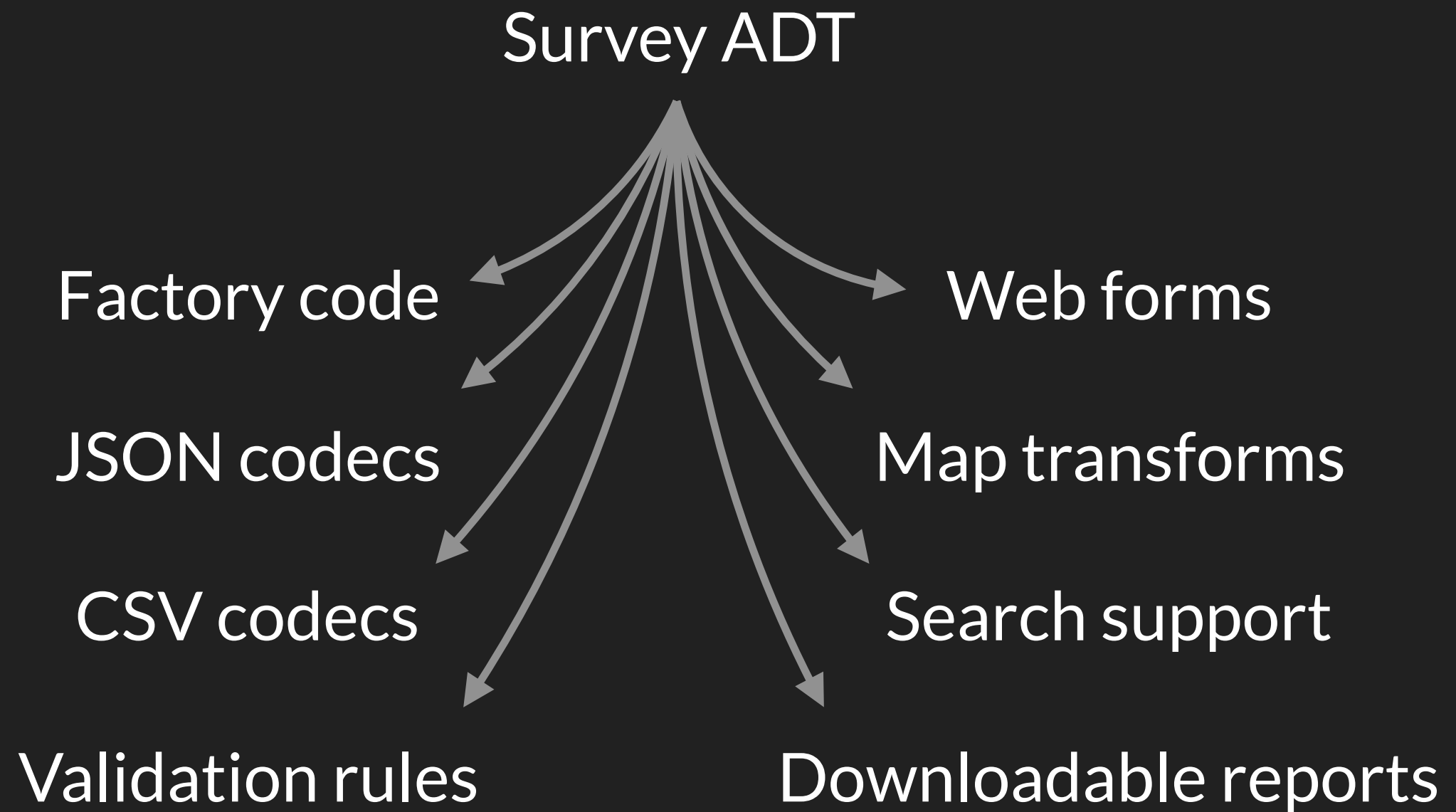


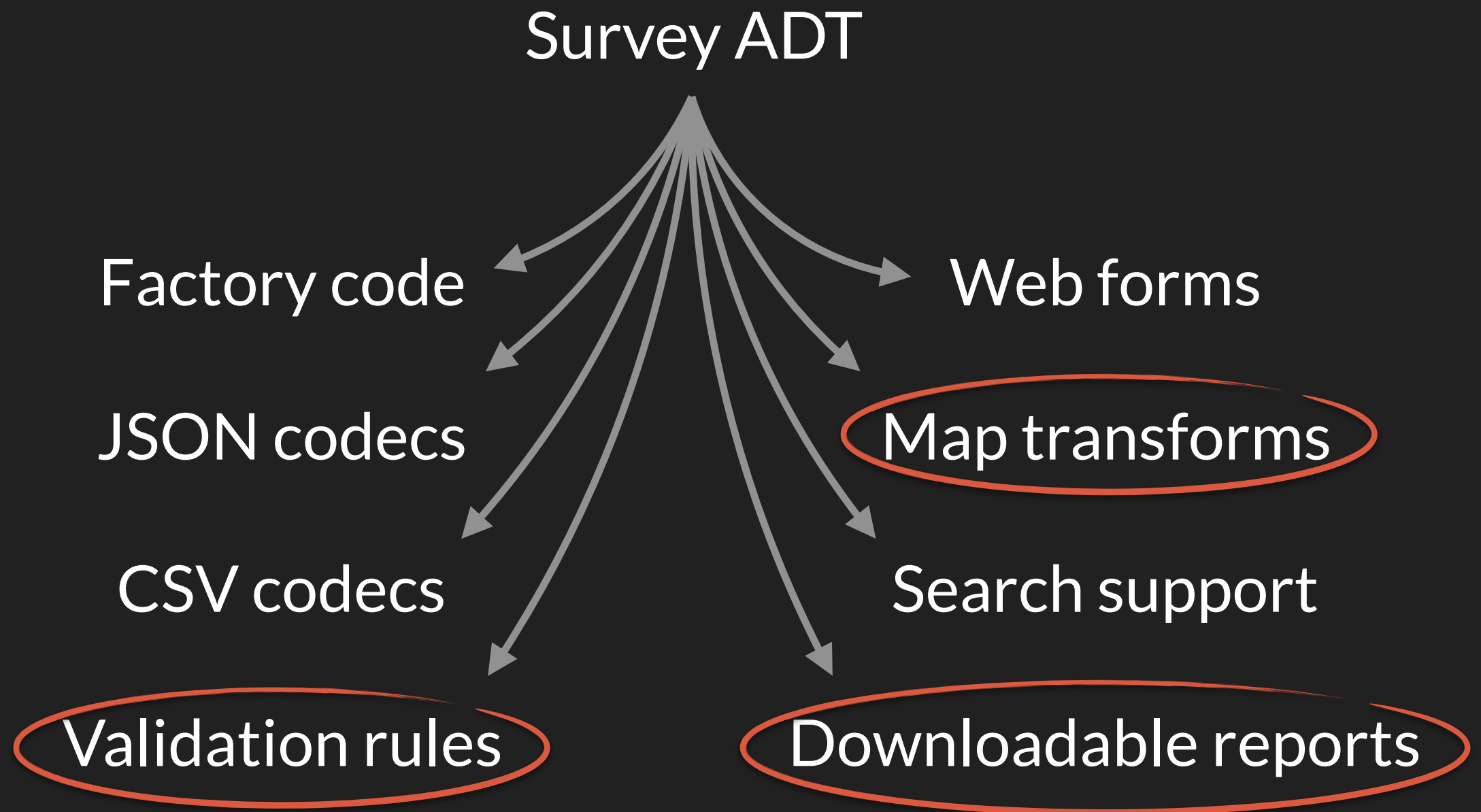
```
def decoder(schema: Schema): Decoder[Data] =  
  schema match {  
    case BooleanSchema      => booleanDecoder  
    case IntSchema          => intDecoder  
    case DoubleSchema       => doubleDecoder  
    case StringSchema       => stringDecoder  
    case TimestampSchema    => timestampDecoder  
    case ListSchema(s)      => listDecoder(decoder(s))  
    case OptionSchema(s)    => decoder(s).or(nullDecoder)  
    case s: ProductSchema  => productDecoder(s)  
    case s: SumSchema       => sumDecoder(s)  
  }
```

One last complication...

We've replaced types with schemas

What about code that  
relies on those schemas?





Two options...

Either enrich the schemas...



Or represent code as values

Code  $\Rightarrow$  Values

Access fields in data

Apply functions to fields

Generate results of fixed Scala types  
(*e.g. validation rules return Boolean*)

```
sealed trait Expr
```

```
final case class Const(data: Data)  
  extends Expr
```

```
final case class Select(path: List[String])  
  extends Expr
```

```
final case class Apply(func: String, args: List[Expr])  
  extends Expr
```

```
def dataAt(path: String *): Expr =  
  Select(path.toList)
```

```
implicit class ExprOps[A](value: A) {
```

```
  def toExpr(implicit toData: ToData[A]): Expr =  
    Const(value.toData)
```

```
}
```

```
sealed trait Expr {  
  def unary_- : Expr = Apply("unary_-", List(this))  
  def +(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("+", List(this, that))  
  def -(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("-", List(this, that))  
  def *(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("*", List(this, that))  
  def /(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("/", List(this, that))  
  def >(that: Expr): Expr = Apply(">", List(this, that))  
  def <(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("<", List(this, that))  
  def >=(that: Expr): Expr = Apply(">=", List(this, that))  
  def <=(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("<=", List(this, that))  
  def ==(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("==", List(this, that))  
  def !=(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("!= cant", List(this, that))  
  def unary_! : Expr = Apply("unary_!", List(this))  
  def &&(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("&&", List(this, that))  
  def ||(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("||", List(this, that))  
  def ++(that: Expr): Expr = Apply("++", List(this, that))  
  def combineAll: Expr = Apply("combineAll", List(this))  
  
  def getOrElse(that: Expr): Expr =  
    Apply("getOrElse", List(this, that))  
}
```

```
val expr: Expr =  
  dataAt("temperature") >= 0.toExpr &&  
  dataAt("temperature") <= 100.toExpr
```

```
val expr: Expr =  
    dataAt("temperature") >= 0.toExpr &&  
    dataAt("temperature") <= 100.toExpr  
// Apply("&&", List(  
//     Apply(">=", List(  
//         Select(List("temperature")),  
//         Const(IntData(0))  
//     )),  
//     Apply("<=", List(  
//         Select(List("temperature")),  
//         Const(IntData(100))  
//     ))  
// ))
```



```
sealed trait Expr {  
    def eval(data: Data): Either[String, Data] =  
        ???  
  
    def evalAs[A](data: Data)  
        (implicit f: FromData[A]): Either[String, A] =  
        eval(data).flatMap(f.apply)  
}
```

```
val expr: Expr =  
    dataAt("temperature") >= 0.toExpr &&  
    dataAt("temperature") <= 100.toExpr  
  
expr.evalAs[Boolean](data)  
// Right(true)  
// Right(false)  
// Left("field not found: temperature")  
// etc...
```

We can also represent functions  
and higher order functions

```
val expr = fn { data =>  
    data.ph.fold(true)(ph => ph >= 0 && ph <= 14)  
}
```

```
expr.evalAs[Boolean](data)
```

We can serialize simple expressions

We can run them against data

*We can type check them against schemas*

# Summary

Allowed users to edit types

Changed representations

static  $\Rightarrow$  dynamic

concrete  $\Rightarrow$  generic



Lost type information

Regained type safety  
with the Either monad

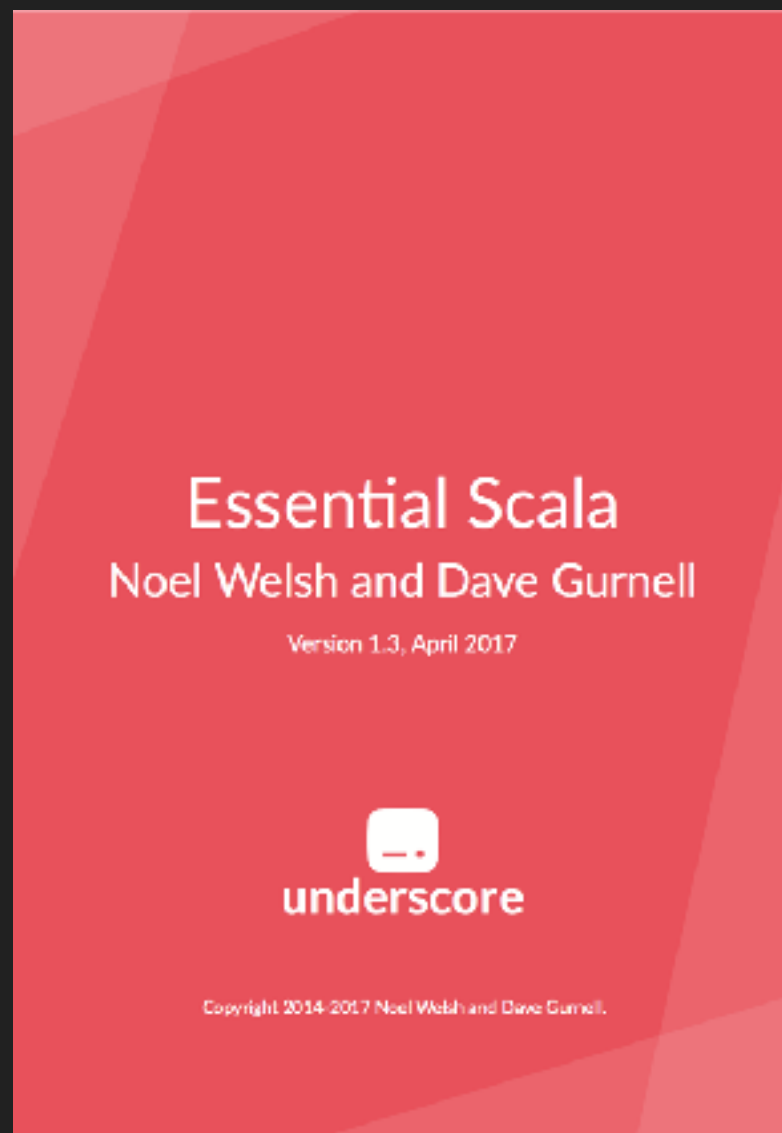
Regained lost information  
with schemas

Created serializable  
type information, data, and code

But it was a lot of work

So don't do this

Further reading



[underscore.io/books/  
essential-scala](https://underscore.io/books/essential-scala)



[underscore.io/books/  
scala-with-cats](https://underscore.io/books/scala-with-cats)



[underscore.io/books/  
shapeless-guide](https://underscore.io/books/shapeless-guide)



Algebraic Data Types  
Essential Scala, Chapter 2

flatMap and map  
Essential Scala, Chapter 4

Type classes and extension methods  
Essential Scala, Chapter 7  
Scala with Cats, Chapters 1 and 2

Either and Validated  
Scala with Cats, Chapters 4 and 6

Deriving ToData and FromData automatically  
Shapeless Guide, Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5

15:15 today

**Andrew Gustafson**

Moving Away from Hope-Driven Development

16:15 today

**Ben Parker**

Almost Type-Safe Error Handling

15:00 tomorrow

**Dan Porter**

Holophrase: Baby's First DSL

**Kris Nuttycombe**

Describing Data  
with free applicative functors  
(and more)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRLkb6mqvVM>

**Ionuț G. Stan**

**A Type Inferencer for ML  
in 200 Lines of Scala**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7x4THVU4BQ>

Come chat at  
the Underscore booth

Or maybe a workshop at  
#Scalax2gether  
*(Saturday 9am - 4pm)*

# Thank you

<https://github.com/davegurnell/away-with-the-types>

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