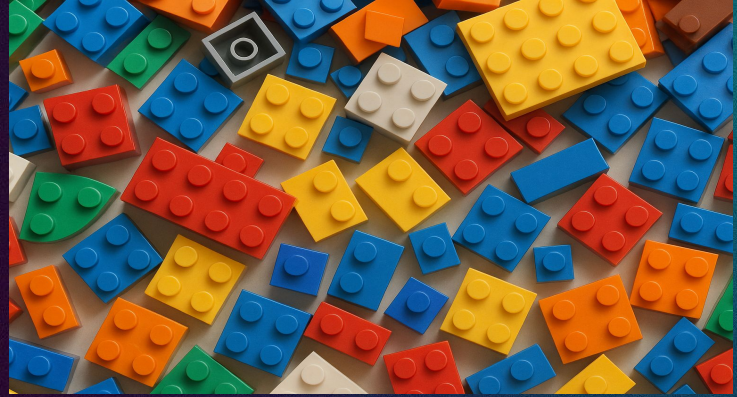


Type Level Programming



The next frontier of advanced
abstractions and safety.

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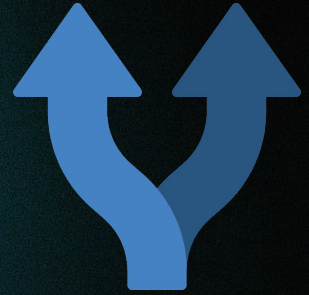
What is Type-Level Programming?

- Functional Programming (FP)
- Actually advanced FP
- Types as first-class citizen
- Compile-time

What is a variable?



How many parts can
we split a variable?



ID (Identifier)

Type*

Value*

What is the issue
with variables?



What is the issue with
bad Objects?

1. Is it safe to use?
2. Do I need to run a validator function?
3. Did I run it or not?

Functions are usually
Runtime (unless your in doing comptime in Zig).

Good Objects: Constructor


Safer for the
consumer.

How much
Safety assign
a variable give
to you?

What if is a String?

Strings accept Anything...

Forcing you to
validate after the
assignment.

Not all things
Provide the same
Levels of abstractions /
Correctness 



Byte

Primitives: Int,
float, double

Strings

Objects

Generics

Monads

Type Level
Programming

Abstraction
Power

Safety /
Correctness



It's all about Shift Left.
Leverage the compiler.
Do Less tests.




```
1 sealed trait Nat {
2   def toInt: Int
3   override def toString: String = toInt.toString
4 }
5
6 case object Zero extends Nat {
7   def toInt: Int = 0
8 }
9
10 case class Succ[N <: Nat](n: N) extends Nat {
11   def toInt: Int = 1 + n.toInt
12 }
13
14 type One = Succ[Zero.type]
15 type Two = Succ[One]
16 type Three = Succ[Two]
17
18 type Add[A <: Nat, B <: Nat] <: Nat = A match
19   case Zero.type => B
20   case Succ[n] => Succ[Add[n, B]]
21
22 object Natural {
23   def runNatural(): Unit = {
24     val result: Add[Two, One] = Succ(Succ(Succ(Zero)))
25     println(result) // 3
26   }
27 }
```



Capital Case String



```
type CapitalCase<S extends string> = S extends `${infer First}${infer Rest}`  
  ? `${Uppercase<First>}${Rest}`  
  : S;  
  
export function resultsCapitalCase(){  
  type Hello = CapitalCase<"hello">;  
  type World = CapitalCase<"world">;  
  
  // Works  
  const hello: Hello = "Hello";  
  const world: World = "World";  
  console.log(hello);  
  console.log(world);  
  
  // Ts Errors  
  //const wrongHello: Hello = "hello"; // Error: Type '"hello"' is not assignable to type '"Hello"'  
  //const wrongWorld: World = "world"; // Error: Type '"world"' is not assignable to type '"World"'  
  //console.log(wrongHello);  
  //console.log(wrongWorld);  
}
```


Allow only 18+ as value

```
type Plus18<N extends number> = N extends 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15
  ? never
  : N;

export function resultsPlus18(){
  type ValidAge = Plus18<25>;
  type InvalidAge = Plus18<16>;

  // Works
  const adult: ValidAge = 25;
  console.log(adult);

  // TS Error
  //const minor: InvalidAge = 16; // Error: Type '16' is not assignable to type 'never'
  //console.log(minor);
}
```


Not Null

```
type NotNull<T> = T extends null | undefined ? never : T;

export function resultNotNull() {
  type ValidString = NotNull<string>;
  type InvalidString = NotNull<string | null | undefined>;

  // Works
  const str: ValidString = "Hello";
  console.log(str);

  // TS Error
  //const invalid: InvalidString = null; // Error: Type 'null' is not assignable to type 'never'
  //console.log(invalid);
}
```


Plus One

```
type Plus1<T extends readonly number[]> = {  
  readonly [K in keyof T]: T[K] extends number ? [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11][T[K]] : never;  
};  
  
export function resultsPlusOne(){  
  type Original = [0, 1, 2, 5, 9];  
  type Incremented = Plus1<[0, 1, 2, 5, 9]>; // [1, 2, 3, 6, 10]  
  
  // Works  
  const original: Original = [0, 1, 2, 5, 9];  
  const incremented: Incremented = [1, 2, 3, 6, 10];  
  
  console.log("Original:", original);  
  console.log("Plus1:", incremented);  
  
  // Does not work - ES errors  
  //const invalid: Incremented = [1, 2, 3, 6, 11]; //Type '11' is not assignable to type '10'.ts(2322)  
  //console.log("Plus1 (invalid):", invalid);  
}
```



```
1  import scala.compiletime.ops.int.*
2
3  type Inc[N <: Int] = N + 1
4
5  type Plus1[T] = T match
6    case EmptyTuple => EmptyTuple
7    case h *: t => Inc[h] *: Plus1[t]
8
9  object PlusOne {
10  ✓    def runPlusOne(): Unit = {
11        type Original = (0, 1, 2, 5, 9)
12        type Incremented = Plus1[(0, 1, 2, 5, 9)] // (1, 2, 3, 6, 10)
13
14        // Works
15  ✓    val original: Original = (0, 1, 2, 5, 9)
16  ✓    val incremented: Incremented = (1, 2, 3, 6, 10)
17
18        println(s"Original: $original")
19        println(s"Plus1: $incremented")
20
21        // Would not compile - type error
22        //val invalid: Incremented = (1, 2, 3, 6, 11)
23        //println(s"Invalid: $invalid")
24    }
25 }
```



Extract URL Path

TS

```
type ExtractPath<T extends string> = T extends `${string}://${string}/${infer Path}`  
  ? Path extends `${infer First}/${infer Rest}`  
    ? [First, ...ExtractPath<`${https://example.com/${Rest}`>]  
    : Path extends ""  
      ? []  
      : [Path]  
  : [];  
  
export function resultsExtract(){  
  type SimpleUrl = ExtractPath<"https://api.example.com/users/123/posts">; // ["users", "123", "posts"]  
  type DeepUrl = ExtractPath<"https://domain.com/api/v1/users/456/orders/789">; // ["api", "v1", "users", "456", "orders", "789"]  
  
  // Works  
  const simplePath: SimpleUrl = ["users", "123", "posts"];  
  const deepPath: DeepUrl = ["api", "v1", "users", "456", "orders", "789"];  
  
  console.log("Simple URL paths:", simplePath);  
  console.log("Deep URL paths:", deepPath);  
  
  // TS Error  
  //const wrongPath: SimpleUrl = ["users", "123", "comments"]; // Error: Type '"comments"' is not assignable  
  //console.log("Extract (invalid):", wrongPath);  
}
```




Benefits

- Correctness
- More Powerful abstractions
- Compile type-safety
- Shift Left
- Less tests
- Better maintainability



TypeScript Gist with code

<https://gist.github.com/diegopacheco/f56724d3026d3fbfc4f950c01bc02685>

Scala 3.x project with code

<https://github.com/diegopacheco/scala-playground/tree/master/scala-3-7-3-type-level>

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