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<https://github.com/folone/london-scala>



# Type level programming in Scala<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> with lies

```
sealed trait Bool {  
    type &&[B <: Bool] <: Bool  
    type ||[B <: Bool] <: Bool  
    type IfElse[T, F] <: Any  
}  
  
trait True extends Bool {  
    type &&[B <: Bool] = B  
    type ||[B <: Bool] = True  
    type IfElse[T, F] = T  
}  
  
trait False extends Bool {  
    type &&[B <: Bool] = False  
    type ||[B <: Bool] = B  
    type IfElse[T, F] = F  
}
```



**<https://github.com/folone/type-level-birds>**



*There's a Smalltalk in your Scala*

– Stefan Zeiger - Type level Computations in Scala -  
ScalalO - 2015

A black and white photograph of a large group of people, likely employees, standing in rows in a factory or industrial setting. They are dressed in casual clothing, some with visible logos like "TRACE" and "VOLKSWAGEN". The background shows complex steel structures, pipes, and machinery typical of a manufacturing plant.

Peano numbers!



```
trait MinusOne[A <: Nat] {
    type Res <: Nat
}

object MinusOne {
    implicit val baseCase: MinusOne[Z] { type Res = Z } =
        new MinusOne[Z] {
            type Res = Z
        }
    implicit def inductiveCase[A <: Nat]: MinusOne[Succ[A]] { type Res = A } =
        new MinusOne[Succ[A]] {
            type Res = A
        }
}
```



```
trait Plus[A <: Nat, B <: Nat] {
    type Res <: Nat
}
object Plus {
    implicit def baseCase[A <: Nat]: Plus[A, Z] { type Res = A } =
        new Plus[A, Z] {
            type Res = A
        }
    implicit def inductiveCase[A <: Nat, B <: Nat, C <: Nat, D <: Nat]
        (implicit ev0: MinusOne[B] { type Res = C },
         ev1: Plus[Succ[A], C] { type Res = D }): Plus[A, B] { type Res = D } =
        new Plus[A, B] {
            type Res = D
        }
}
```

```
implicit def inductiveCase[A <: Nat,  
                         B <: Nat,  
                         C <: Nat,  
                         D <: Nat]  
(implicit ev0: MinusOne[B] { type Res = C },  
     ev1: Plus[Succ[A], C] { type Res = D }): Plus[A, B] { type Res = D } =  
new Plus[A, B] {  
    type Res = D  
}
```

```
trait Plus[A <: Nat, B <: Nat] {
    type Res <: Nat
}
object Plus {
    type Aux[A <: Nat, B <: Nat, Res1 <: Nat] = Plus[A, B] { type Res = Res1 }

    implicit def baseCase[A <: Nat]: Aux[A, Z, A] = new Plus[A, Z] {
        type Res = A
    }
    implicit def inductiveCase[A <: Nat, B <: Nat, C <: Nat, D <: Nat]
        (implicit ev0: MinusOne.Aux[B, C],
         ev1: Plus.Aux[Succ[A], C, D]): Aux[A, B, D] =
        new Plus[A, B] {
            type Res = D
        }
}
```

```
type _1 = Succ[Z]
type _2 = Succ[_1]
type _3 = Succ[_2]
```

```
@ implicitly[Plus[_1, _2]]
res0: Plus[_1, _2] { type Res = _3 } = Plus$$anon$2@f79a760
```

```
@ implicitly[Plus[_1, _2]]  
res0: Plus[_1, _2] = Plus$$anon$2@13c3c1e1
```

```
@ implicitly[Plus[_1, _2]#Res =:= _3]  
res1: =:=[Plus[_1, _2]#Res ,_3] = <function1>
```

```
@ implicitly[Plus.Aux[_1, _2, _3]]  
res0: Plus.Aux[_1, _2, _3] = Plus.Aux$$anon$2@3d08f3f5
```

```
@ implicitly[Plus.Aux[_1, _2, Z]]  
<console>:15: error: could not find implicit value for parameter e: Plus.Aux[_1, _2, Z]  
implicitly[Plus.Aux[_1, _2, Z]]  
^
```

# Filists





```
trait Length[L <: HList] {
    type Res <: Nat
}

object Length {
    implicit val baseCase: Length[HNil.type] { type Res = Z } =
        new Length[HNil.type] {
            type Res = Z
        }
    implicit def inductiveCase[H,
                                T <: HList,
                                N <: Nat]
        (implicit ev0: Length[T] { type Res = N }) =
        new Length[HCons[H, T]] {
            type Res = Succ[N]
        }
}
```

```
trait Length[L <: HList] {
    type Res <: Nat
}

object Length {
    type Aux[L <: HList, Res1 <: Nat] = Length[L] { type Res = Res1 }
    implicit val baseCase: Aux[HNil.type, Z] = new Length[HNil.type] {
        type Res = Z
    }
    implicit def inductiveCase[H, T <: HList, N <: Nat]
        (implicit ev0: Length.Aux[T, N]) =
        new Length[HCons[H, T]] {
            type Res = Succ[N]
        }
}
```

# shapeless!

<https://github.com/milessabin/shapeless>

```
@ import shapeless._  
import shapeless._  
  
@ val hlist = 11 :: "hello" :: HNil  
hlist: Long :: String :: HNil = 1 :: hello :: HNil
```

```
@ hlist(0)
res7: Long = 1
```

```
@ hlist(1)
res8: String = hello
```

```
@ hlist(2)
<console>:16: error:
Implicit not found: Scary[Type].Please#Ignore
You requested to access an element at the position
TypelevelEncodingFor[2.type]
but the HList Long :: String :: HNil is too short.
```

```
    hlist(2)
        ^

```

```
Compilation failed.
```

# There's a Prolog in your Scala

-- ScalaIO 2015

# Json serialization



```
def json(o: Any): String
```

```
def json(o: Any): JsonAst
```

```
def json[A : Writes](o: A): JsonAst

trait Writes[A] {
  def write(o: A): JsonAst
}
```

```
@ import play.api.libs.json.{Json => PJson}  
import play.api.libs.json.{Json => PJson}
```

```
@ case class Thing(id: Long, payload: String)  
defined class Thing
```

```
@ PJson.writes[Thing]  
res0: Writes[Thing] = Writes$$anon$2@f79a760
```

```
@ case class Omg(_1: Int, _2: Int, _3: Int, _4: Int, _5: Int,  
_6: Int, _7: Int, _8: Int, _9: Int, _10: Int, _11: Int, _12: Int,  
_13: Int, _14: Int, _15: Int, _16: Int, _17: Int, _18: Int,  
_19: Int, _20: Int, _21: Int, _22: Int, _23: Int)  
defined class Omg  
@ PJson.writes[Omg]  
cmd9.sc:1: No unapply or unapplySeq function found for class Omg.  
val res9 = PJson.writes[Omg]  
^
```

Compilation Failed



>700LOC of macro



**Thing(id: Long, payload: String)**

(Long, String)

Long :: String :: Nil

1. Case classes are essentially tuples (or HLists) with names.  
Can we transform one to another?
2. Define `Writes` for an `HList`:
  1. How do we serialize an `HNil`?
  2. How do we serialize an `HCons`?
3. 

# Two (mandatory) building blocks

- HLists
- Generic<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> lie: what we actually need is a LabelledGeneric

# HList

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hlist: Long :: String :: HNil = 1 :: hello :: HNil
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res7: Long = 1
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@ hlist(1)
res8: String = hello
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@ hlist(2)
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```

```
    hlist(2)
        ^
```

```
Compilation failed.
```

# Generic

```
@ case class Thing(id: Long, payload: String)  
defined class Thing
```

```
@ val generic = Generic[Thing]  
generic: shapeless.Generic[Thing]{type Repr = Long :: String :: HNil} =  
anon$macro$3$1@7f8f5e52
```

```
@ val representation = generic.to(Thing(1, "hello"))
representation: res0.Repr = 1 :: hello :: HNil
```

```
@ representation(0)
res10: Long = 1
```

```
@ representation(1)
res11: String = hello
```

```
@ representation(2)
<console>:19: error:
Implicit not found: Scary[Type].Please#Ignore
You requested to access an element at the position
TypelevelEncodingFor[2.type]
but the HList Long :: String :: HNil is too short.
representation(2)
^
```

```
@ generic.from(hlist)
res7: Thing = Thing(1L, "hello")
```

# Putting this together

1. Let shapeless transform our case classes into some unified form (HLists)
2. Write down instances of the Writes typeclass for those forms in a generic way (HNil, HCons)
3. Let the magic flow 

```
object writes extends LabelledProductTypeClassCompanion[Writes] with DefaultWrites {
  object typeClass extends LabelledProductTypeClass[Writes] {
    override def emptyProduct: Writes[HNil] =
      Writes(_ => PlayJson.obj())

    override def product[H, T <: HList](name: String, headEv: Writes[H], tailEv: Writes[T]) =
      Writes[H :: T] {
      case head :: tail =>
        val h = headEv.writes(head)
        val t = tailEv.writes(tail)
        PlayJson.obj(name -> h) ++ t
    }

    override def project[F, G](instance: => Writes[G], to: F => G, from: G => F) =
      Writes[F](f => instance.writes(to(f)))
  }
}
```



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      case head :: tail =>
        val h = headEv.writes(head)
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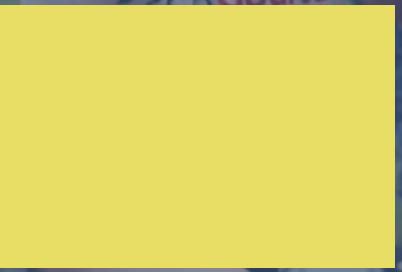
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  }
}
```



# The Type Astronaut's Guide to Shapeless

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