

Extensibility: traits

class
or
trait
or
object

extends

class
or
trait

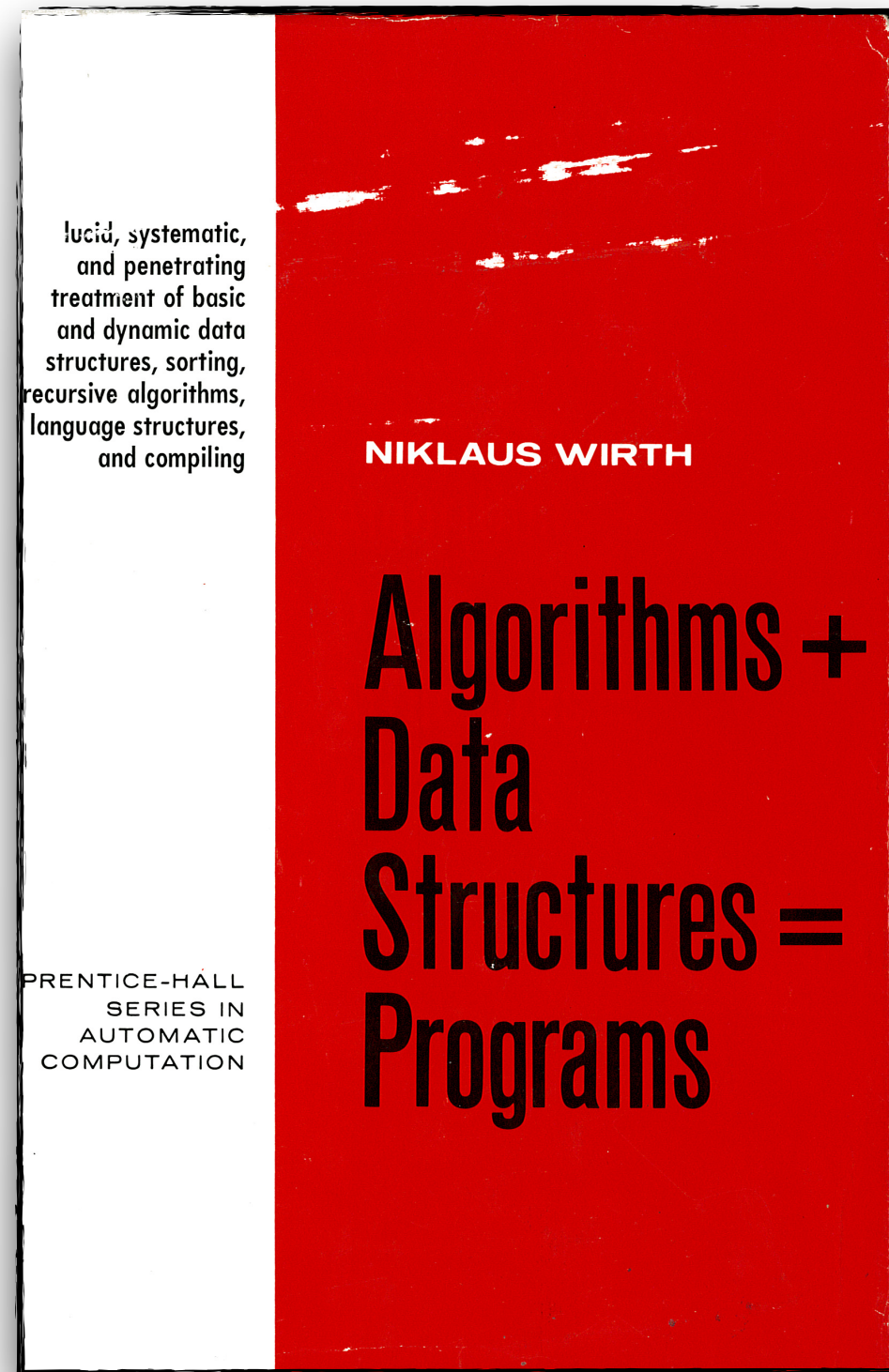
with

trait

with

trait ...

data & behavior



abstract

no data or behavior is available

abstract class

all methods are abstract

abstract method def

no implementation

trait

usually defines behavior

case class

usually defines data

class

defines data & behavior

method def

implementation

object

all data & behavior available

method

callable

concrete

all data & behavior is available

disclaimer: This diagram doesn't capture all the nuances of the abstract / concrete spectrum in Scala. For example, it's possible to have a trait that's more abstract than an abstract class.

abstract

no data or behavior is available



```
trait Logger {  
  def log(message: String): Unit
```

```
  def infoTag    = "[info]"  
  def warningTag = "[warning]"  
  def errorTag   = "[error]"
```

```
  def info(message: String) = log(s"$infoTag $message")  
  def warning(message: String) = log(s"$warningTag $message")  
  def error(message: String) = log(s"$errorTag $message")
```

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {  
  override def log(message: String) {  
    println(message)  
  }  
}
```

```
val logger = new ConsoleLogger()
```

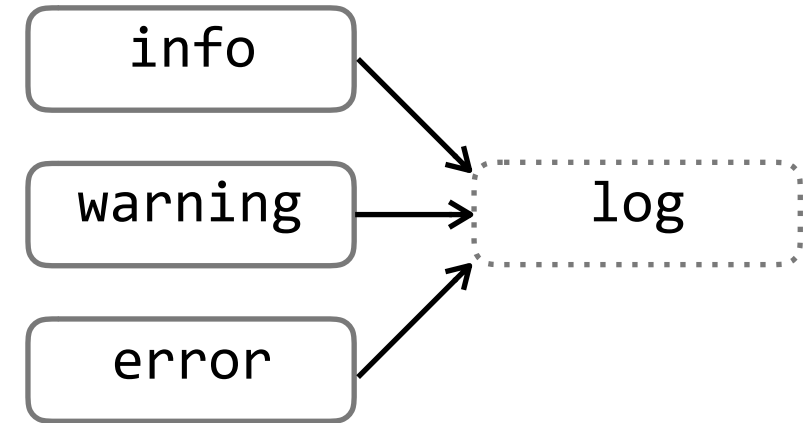
all data & behavior is available

concrete

abstract

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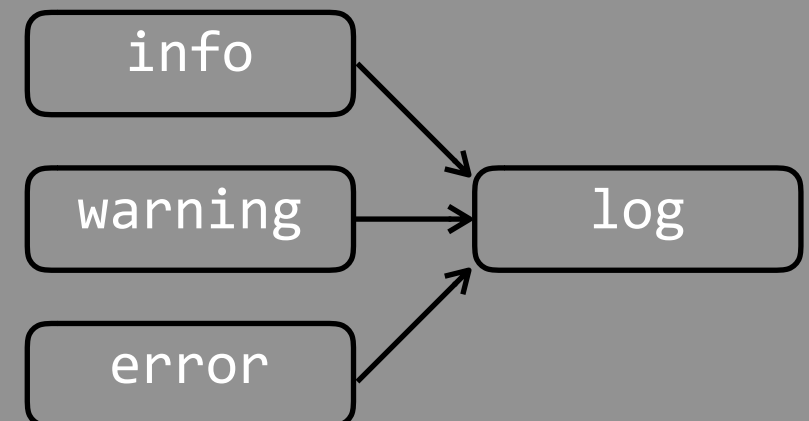
```
trait Logger {  
  def log(message: String): Unit  
  
  def infoTag    = "[info]"  
  def warningTag = "[warning]"  
  def errorTag   = "[error]"  
  
  def info(message: String) = log(s"$infoTag $message")  
  def warning(message: String) = log(s"$warningTag $message")  
  def error(message: String) = log(s"$errorTag $message")  
}
```



```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {  
  override def log(message: String) {  
    println(message)  
  }  
}
```



```
val logger = new ConsoleLogger()
```



concrete

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Pattern:

Thin Interface

concrete

```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

```
val logger = new ConsoleLogger()
```

info

warning

error

log

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```
trait Logger {
```

info

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log

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

let's add some more...

```
val logger = new ConsoleLogger()
```

info

warning

error

log

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```
trait Debugging extends Logger {
```

debug

log

```
}
```

```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

Pattern:

Mixin

```
object logger extends ConsoleLogger  
  with Debugging
```

info

warning

error

debug

log

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concrete

abstract

no data or behavior is available

```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

let's add some more...

```
val logger = new ConsoleLogger()
```

info

warning

error

log

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```
trait Timestamping extends Logger {  
  def timestamp = new java.util.Date()  
  
  override def log(message: String) =  
    s"[$timestamp] $message"  
}
```

log

```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
object logger extends ConsoleLogger  
  with Timestamping
```



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```
trait Timestamping extends Logger {  
  def timestamp = new java.util.Date()  
  
  override def log(message: String) =  
    super.log(s"[$timestamp] $message")  
}
```



```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

```
object logger extends ConsoleLogger  
  with Timestamping
```

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```
trait Timestamping extends Logger {  
  def timestamp = new java.util.Date()  
  
  abstract override def log(message: String) =  
    super.log(s"[$timestamp] $message")  
}
```



```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

```
object logger extends ConsoleLogger with Timestamping
```

info

warning

error

log

in Timestamping

log

in ConsoleLogger

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```
trait Timestamping extends Logger {  
  log  
}
```

```
trait Lowercasing extends Logger {  
  log  
}
```

```
trait Logger {
```

info

warning

error

log

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

Pattern: Stacked Traits

```
object logger extends ConsoleLogger with Lowercasing with Timestamping
```

info

warning

error

log

in Timestamping

log

in Lowercasing

log

in ConsoleLogger

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```
trait Timestamping extends Logger {  
  log  
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trait Lowercasing extends Logger {  
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```

```
trait Logger {
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info

warning

error

log

```
class ConsoleLogger extends Logger {
```

log

```
}
```

Pattern: Stacked Traits

```
object logger extends ConsoleLogger with Timestamping with Lowercasing
```

info

warning

error

log

in Lowercasing

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in Timestamping

log

in ConsoleLogger

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Is this a DSL?



www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGEeLtqtNvU

- Everyone speaks with an English accent.
- Verity multiplies every number by 10.
- Lambert divides every number by 3.
- Never say “mattress” to Lambert; say “dog kennel” instead.

So, if Verity wants to say, “*This mattress costs £ 90*” to Lambert, it will come out as “*This dog kennel costs £ 900*” (in an English accent).