Lecture 1 – Basics

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Scala stands for **Sca**lable **La**nguage.

- A more concise version of Java with advanced features
- A general-purpose programming language
- Java Virtual Machine (JVM)-based language
- A statically typed language
- A object-oriented programming (OOP) language
- A functional programming (FP) language

Functional Programming



We will use functional programming (FP) by reducing unexpected side effects and increasing code readability.

- Immutable Variables
 - Variables are immutable by default
- Pure Functions
 - Functions do not have side effects
- First-class Functions
 - Functions are first-class citizens (i.e., functions are values)
- Functional Error Handling
 - Using Option for error handling

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                // 42 : Int
// Operations for integers
1 + 2
                // 3 : Int
                                (integer addition)
1 - 2
              // -1 : Int
                                (integer subtraction)
3 * 4
               // 12 : Int (integer multiplication)
5 / 2
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                                (integer division)
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Double type represents a **64-bit double-precision floating-point**.





Boolean type represents a true or false value.

```
// true : Boolean
true
false
                   // false: Boolean
// Operations for booleans
true && false // false: Boolean (logical AND)
true | false // true : Boolean (logical OR)
!true
                // false: Boolean (logical NOT)
// Numerical comparison operations producing booleans
                   // true : Boolean (less than)
1 < 2
                 // true : Boolean (less than or equal to)
1 <= 2
                  // false: Boolean (equal to)
1 == 2
1!= 2
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Unit indicates no meaningful information and has one instance ().

```
() // () : Unit println("Hello") // () : Unit (side effect: printing "Hello")
```



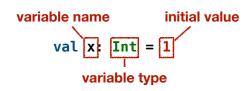


Char represents a **16-bit Unicode character**, and String represents an **immutable sequence of characters** (Char).

```
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                // 'c'
                          : Char
"abc"
                // "abc" : String
// Operations for strings
"abc"(1)
        // 'b'
                      : Char (unsafe indexing)
"abc" + "def" // "abcdef" : String (string concatenation)
"abc" * 3
             // "abcabcabc": String (string repetition)
                                    (string length)
"abc".length // 3
                      : Tnt.
"abc".reverse // "cba"
                          : String (string reverse)
"abc".take(2) // "ab" : String (take first two characters)
"abc".drop(2) // "c"
                          : String (drop first two characters)
"abc".toUpperCase // "ABC" : String (convert to upper case)
"ABC".toLowerCase // "abc" : String (convert to lower case)
```

Immutable Variables





Mutable Variables



While Scala supports mutable variables (var), DO NOT USE MUTABLE VARIABLES IN THIS COURSE because it is against the functional programming paradigm.

var x: Int = 1







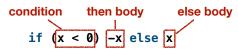


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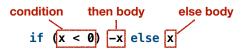


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```
"01" * (if (true) 3 else 7) // "01" * 3 == "010101" : String
```





While Scala supports while loops, DO NOT USE WHILE LOOPS IN THIS COURSE because it is against the functional programming paradigm.

```
// Sum of all the numbers from 1 to n
def sum(n: Int): Int = {
 var s: Int = 0
 var k: Int = 1
 while (k \le n) {
    s = s + k
   k = k + 1
sum(10) // 55 : Int
sum(100) // 5050 : Int
```

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Product Types – Case Classes



A case class defines a **product type** with named fields.

```
type name field type

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field name
```

```
// A case class `Point` having `x`, `y`, and `color` fields
// whose types are `Int`, `Int`, and `String`, respectively
case class Point(x: Int, y: Int, color: String)
// A `Point` instance whose fields: x = 3, y = 4, and color = "RED"
val point: Point = Point(3, 4, "RED")
// You can access fields using the dot operator
          // 3 : Int
point.x
point.color // "RED" : String
// Fields are immutable by default
```





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```
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variants
enum Tree:
case Leaf(value: Int)
case Branch(left: Tree, value: Int, right: Tree)
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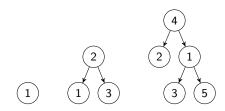




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import Tree.* // Import all constructors for variants of `Tree`
val tree1: Tree = Leaf(1)
val tree2: Tree = Branch(Leaf(1), 2, Leaf(3))
val tree3: Tree = Branch(Leaf(2), 4, Branch(Leaf(3), 1, Leaf(5)))
```







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```
// A recursive method counts the number of the given integer in a tree
def sum(t: Tree): Int = t match
  case Leaf(n) => n
  case Branch(1, n, r) => sum(1) + n + sum(r)

sum(Branch(Branch(Leaf(1), 2, Leaf(3)), 4, Leaf(5))) // 15 : Int
```

You can **ignore** some components using an underscore (_) and use **if guards** to add conditions to patterns.





Here is another example of pattern matching on ADTs.

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We can also use **nested pattern matching**.





You can define methods inside case class or enumerations (enum).

```
case class Point(x: Int, y: Int, color: String):
  // A method that returns a new point moved by (dx, dy)
  def move(dx: Int, dy: Int): Point = Point(x + dx, y + dy, color)

Point(3, 4, "RED").move(1, -2) // Point(4, 2, "RED"): Point
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The keyword this refers to the current instance.

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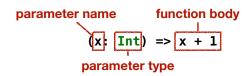
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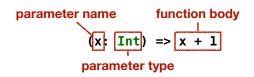




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We can **return** a function from a method (or function).

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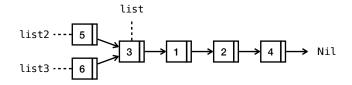
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Lists are immutable.







We can **pattern match** on lists.

```
val list: List[Int] = 3 :: 1 :: 2 :: 4 :: Nil
// Get the second element of the list or 0
def getSnd(list: List[Int]): Int = list match
  case _ :: x :: _ => x
 case _
           => 0
getSnd(list)
                        // 1 : Int
// Filter odd integers and double them in the list
def filterOddAndDouble(list: List[Int]): List[Int] = list match
  case Nil
                           => Nil
  case x :: xs if x % 2 == 1 => x * 2 :: filterOddAndDouble(xs)
                       => filterOddAndDouble(xs)
  case _ :: xs
filterOddAndDouble(list) // List(6, 2) : List[Int]
```





```
// A list of integers: 3, 1, 2, 4
val list: List[Int] = List(3, 1, 2, 4)
// Operations/functions on lists
list.length
                         // 4
                                                  : Int
list ++ List(5, 6, 7) // List(3, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7) : List[Int]
list.reverse
                         // List(4, 2, 1, 3) : List[Int]
list.count( % 2 == 1)
                         // 2
                                               : Int
list.sorted
                      // List(1, 2, 3, 4) : List[Int]
list.map(*2)
                    // List(6, 2, 4, 8) : List[Int]
list.flatMap(x \Rightarrow List(x, -x)) // List(3, -3, ..., 4, -4) : List[Int]
list.filter(_ % 2 == 1) // List(3, 1)
                                                : List[Int]
// Redefine `filterOddAndDouble` using `filter` and `map`
def filterOddAndDouble(list: List[Int]): List[Int] =
 list.filter(_ % 2 == 1)
     .map(_* * 2)
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Options



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Instead, an **option** (Option[T]) is a container that may or may not contain a value of type T:

- Some(x) represents a value x and
- 2 None represents the absence of a value





A pair (T, U) is a container that contains two values of types T and U:

```
val pair: (Int, String) = (42, "foo")
// You can construct pairs using `->`
42 -> "foo" == pair // true : Boolean
true -> 42 // (true, 42) : (Boolean, Int)
// Operations/functions on options
pair(0)
         // 42 : Int - NOT RECOMMENDED
                 // "foo" : String - NOT RECOMMENDED
pair(1)
// Pattern matching on pairs
val (x, y) = pair // x == 42 and y == "foo"
```





A map (Map [K, V]) is a mapping from keys of type K to values of type V:

A **set** (Set[T]) is a collection of distinct elements of type T:

For Comprehensions



A **for comprehension**¹ is a syntactic sugar for nested map, flatMap, and filter operations:

```
val list = List(1, 2, 3)
// Using `map`, `flatMap`, and `filter`
list.flatMap(x => List(x, -x)) // List(1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3) : List[Int]
    .map(y \Rightarrow y * 3 + 1) // List(4, -2, 7, -5, 10, -8) : List[Int]
    filter(z \Rightarrow z \% 5 == 0) // List(-5, 10) : List[Int]
// Using a for comprehension
for {
 x <- list
 y \leftarrow List(x, -x)
 z = v * 3 + 1
 if z \% 5 == 0
                               // List(-5, 10)
} yield z
                                                               : List[Int]
```

¹https://docs.scala-lang.org/tour/for-comprehensions.html

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