Lecture 1 – Basics
SWS121: Secure Programming

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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

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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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Integers and Doubles

Int type represents a **32-bit signed integer** (-2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$).

```
42                  // 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               // 2   : Int    (integer division)
5 % 2               // 1   : Int    (integer modulus)
```

Double type represents a **64-bit double-precision floating-point**.

```
3.7                 // 3.7 : Double

// Operations for doubles
1.1 + 2.2           // 3.3  : Double   (double addition)
1.1 - 2.2           // -1.1 : Double   (double subtraction)
3.3 * 4.4           // 14.52: Double   (double multiplication)
5.5 / 2.2           // 2.5  : Double   (double division)
```

Booleans and Unit

Boolean type represents a true or false value.

```
true               // true : Boolean
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
1 < 2              // true : Boolean  (less than)
1 <= 2             // true : Boolean  (less than or equal to)
1 == 2             // false: Boolean  (equal to)
1 != 2             // true : Boolean  (not equal to)
```

Unit indicates **no meaningful information** and has one instance ().

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

Strings

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

```
'c'                // '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)
"abc".length       // 3          : Int     (string length)
"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)
```
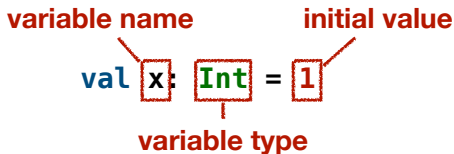
Immutable Variables

variable name   **initial value**

$$\text{val } x: \text{Int} = 1$$

variable type

```
// An immutable variable `x` of type `Int` with 1
val x: Int = 1
x + 2              // 1 + 2 == 3 : Int
x = 2              // Type Error: Reassignment to val `x`

// Type Inference: `Int` is inferred from `1`
val y = 1          // y: Int

// Type Mismatch Error: `Boolean` required but `Int` found: 42
val c: Boolean = 42
```

Mutable Variables

While Scala supports mutable variables (`var`), **DO NOT USE MUTABLE VARIABLES IN THIS COURSE** because it is against the **functional programming** paradigm.
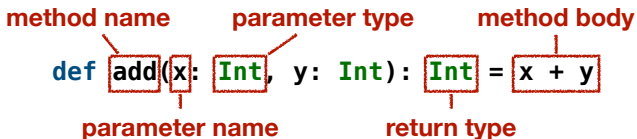
$$\textbf{var x: Int = 1}$$

```scala
// A mutable variable `x` of type `Int` with 1
var x: Int = 1
x + 2          // 1 + 2 == 3 : Int

// You can reassign a mutable variable `x`
x = 2          // x == 2
x + 2          // 2 + 2 == 4 : Int
```

Methods

method name   **parameter type**   **method body**

```
def add(x: Int, y: Int): Int = x + y
```

parameter name   **return type**

```
// A method `add` of type `(Int, Int) => Int`
// It means that `add` takes two `Int` arguments and returns an `Int`
def add(x: Int, y: Int): Int = x + y
add(1, 2)        // 1 + 2 == 3  : Int
add(5, 6)        // 5 + 6 == 11 : Int

// Type Error: wrong number of arguments
add(1)           // Too few arguments
add(1, 2, 3)     // Too many arguments

// Type Mismatch Error: `Int` required but `String` found: "abc"
add(1, "abc")
```

Recursion

You can **recursively** invoke a method.

```
// A recursive method `sum` that adds all the integers from 1 to n
def sum(n: Int): Int =
  if (n < 1) 0
  else sum(n - 1) + n

sum(10)                       // 55        : Int
sum(100)                      // 5050      : Int
```

condition **then body** **else body**

if (x < 0) -x else x

where **conditional expressions** (if-else) control the flow of execution.
Note that it is a conditional **expression** not a **statement** similar to the
ternary operator (x ? y : z) in other languages.

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

Recursion

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

```scala
// Sum of all the numbers from 1 to n
def sum(n: Int): Int = {
  var s: Int = 0
  var k: Int = 1
  while (k <= n) {
    s = s + k
    k = k + 1
  }
  s
}

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**

case class Point(x: Int, y: Int, color: String)

field name

```scala
// 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
point.x           // 3      : Int
point.color       // "RED"  : String

// Fields are immutable by default
point.x = 5       // Type Error: Reassignment to val `x`
```
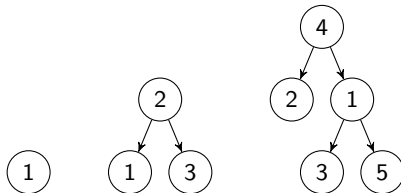
Algebraic Data Types (ADTs) – Enumerations

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An **algebraic data type (ADT)** is a sum of product types, and you can define it using **enumerations** (enum) in Scala.

type name

variants

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

```scala
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)))
```

Pattern Matching

You can **pattern match** on algebraic data types (ADTs).

```
// 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(l, n, r) => sum(l) + 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.

```
// A recursive method counts the number of the given integer in a tree
def count(t: Tree, x: Int): Int = t match
  case Leaf(n)      if n == x  => 1
  case Leaf(_)                 => 0
  case Branch(l, n, r) if n == x  => count(l, x) + 1 + count(r, x)
  case Branch(l, _, r)            => count(l, x) + count(r, x)

count(Branch(Leaf(2), 3, Branch(Leaf(2), 2, Leaf(1))), 2) // 3 : Int
```

Pattern Matching

Here is another example of pattern matching on ADTs.

```
// An ADT for natural numbers
enum Nat:
  case Zero
  case Succ(n: Nat)

import Nat.* // Import all constructors for variants of `Nat`
```

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

```
// A recursive method adds two natural numbers
def isEven(x: Nat): Boolean = x match
  case Zero        => true
  case Succ(Succ(y)) => isEven(y)   // nested pattern matching
  case _           => false

isEven(Zero)                    // true  : Boolean
isEven(Succ(Zero))              // false : Boolean
isEven(Succ(Succ(Zero)))        // true  : Boolean
```

Methods

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

```scala
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
```

The keyword `this` refers to the current instance.

```scala
enum Tree:
  ...
  // A recursive method counts the number of the given integer in a tree
  def count(x: Int): Int = this match
    case Leaf(n)      if n == x  => 1
    case Leaf(_)                 => 0
    case Branch(l, n, r) if n == x  => l.count(x) + 1 + r.count(x)
    case Branch(l, _, r)         => l.count(x) + r.count(x)

import Tree.* // Import all constructors for variants of `Nat`
Branch(Leaf(2), 3, Branch(Leaf(2), 2, Leaf(1))).count(2) // 3 : Int
```

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parameter name   **function body**

$$(x: \boxed{Int}) \Rightarrow \boxed{x + 1}$$

parameter type

A **function** is a **first-class citizen** (i.e., a function is a value) in Scala.

```scala
// A function that increments its input
(x: Int) => x + 1                       // a function `Int => Int`
((x: Int) => x + 1)(3)                  // 3 + 1 = 4 : Int
```

We can **store** a function in a variable.

```scala
val inc: Int => Int = (x: Int) => x + 1
inc(3)                                  // 3 + 1 = 4 : Int
val inc: Int => Int = x => x + 1        // Type Inference: `x` is `Int`
inc(3)                                  // 3 + 1 = 4 : Int
val inc: Int => Int = _ + 1             // Placeholder Syntax
inc(3)                                  // 3 + 1 = 4 : Int
```

First-Class Functions

We can **pass** a function to a method (or function) as an **argument**.

```scala
// A method `twice` that applies the function `f` twice to `x`
def twice(f: Int => Int, x: Int): Int = f(f(x))
twice(inc, 5)                  // inc(inc(5)) = 5 + 1 + 1 = 7 : Int

// You can pass a function to `twice`
twice((x: Int) => x + 1, 5)  // 7 : Int
twice(x => x + 1, 5)         // 7 : Int - Type Inference: `x` is `Int`
twice(_ + 1, 5)             // 7 : Int - Placeholder Syntax
```

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

```scala
// A function `addN` returns a function that adds `n`
val addN = (n: Int) => (x: Int) => x + n
val add2 = addN(2)          // add2:        Int => Int
add2(3)                    // 3 + 2 = 5     : Int
addN(7)(5)                 // 5 + 7 = 12    : Int
twice(add2, 5)             // 5 + 2 + 2 = 9 : Int
twice(addN(7), 5)          // 5 + 7 + 7 = 19: Int
```

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Lists

`List[T]` type is an **immutable** sequence of elements of type `T`.
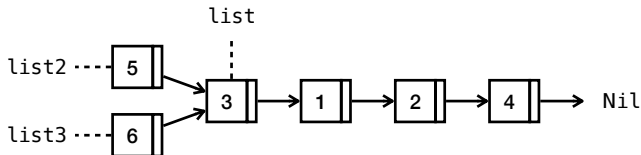
```scala
val list: List[Int] = List(3, 1, 2, 4)
```

We can define a list using `::` (cons) and `Nil` (empty list).

```scala
val list = 3 :: 1 :: 2 :: 4 :: Nil
```

Lists are immutable.

```scala
val list2 = 5 :: list   // List(5, 3, 1, 2, 4): List[Int]
val list3 = 6 :: list   // List(6, 3, 1, 2, 4): List[Int]
```

Lists

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)
  case _ :: xs              => filterOddAndDouble(xs)

filterOddAndDouble(list)   // List(6, 2) : List[Int]
```

Lists – Operations

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```scala
// 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.foldLeft(0)(_ + _)          // 0 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 4 = 10   : Int
list.sorted                      // List(1, 2, 3, 4)         : List[Int]
list.map(_ * 2)                  // List(6, 2, 4, 8)         : List[Int]
list.flatMap(x => 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)

filterOddAndDouble(list)         // List(6, 2)               : List[Int]
```

Options

While Scala supports `null` to represent the absence of a value, **DO NOT USE NULL IN THIS COURSE**.

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

1 `Some(x)` represents a value x and

2 `None` represents the absence of a value

```scala
val some: Option[Int] = Some(42)
val none: Option[Int] = None

// Operations/functions on options
some.map(_ + 1)      // Some(43)        : Option[Int]
none.map(_ + 1)      // None            : Option[Int]
some.getOrElse(7)    // 42              : Int
none.getOrElse(7)    // 7               : Int
some.fold(7)(_ * 2)  // 42 * 2 = 84     : Int
none.fold(7)(_ * 2)  // 7               : Int
```

Pairs

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

```scala
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
pair(1)              // "foo"           : String   - NOT RECOMMENDED

// Pattern matching on pairs
val (x, y) = pair    // x == 42 and y == "foo"
```

Maps and Sets

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

```
val map: Map[String, Int] = Map("a" -> 1, "b" -> 2)

map + ("c" -> 3) // Map("a" -> 1, "b" -> 2, "c" -> 3) : Map[String, Int]
map - "a"        // Map("b" -> 2)                      : Map[String, Int]
map.get("a")     // Some(1)                            : Option[Int]
map.keySet       // Set("a", "b")                      : Set[String]
```

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

```
val set1: Set[Int] = Set(1, 2, 3)
val set2: Set[Int] = Set(2, 3, 5)

set1 + 4            // Set(1, 2, 3, 4) : Set[Int]
set1 + 2            // Set(1, 2, 3)    : Set[Int]
set1 - 2            // Set(1, 3)       : Set[Int]
set1.contains(2)    // true            : Boolean
set1 ++ set2        // Set(1, 2, 3, 5) : Set[Int]
set1.intersect(set2) // Set(2, 3)      : Set[Int]
set1.diff(set2)     // Set(1)          : Set[Int]
set1.subsetOf(set2) // false           : Boolean
```

For Comprehensions

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

```scala
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 => y * 3 + 1)        // List(4, -2, 7, -5, 10, -8) : List[Int]
    .filter(z => z % 5 == 0)    // List(-5, 10)               : List[Int]

// Using a for comprehension
for {
  x <- list
  y <- List(x, -x)
  z = y * 3 + 1
  if z % 5 == 0
} yield z                       // List(-5, 10)               : List[Int]
```

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

Summary

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