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Hello Swift, Meet Scala

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Yesterday, during a four and a half hour flight, I decided to read the Swift programming book (because....why not?). I was immediately blown away by Swift's similarities to Scala and think that there have been massive improvements from Objective-C.

`UIView *view = [[UIView alloc] init]` becomes something like

`var view: UIView`

After going through the book, I decided to take some notes on a few of the more interesting similarities. I think it's a great testament to some of the features of Scala (granted, there are plenty of influences from Python, Ruby, etc.). Below are some features in Swift that have a sister presence in Scala. The Swift example is listed first, and Scala is listed second.

Options - Swift supports the optional type and removes the nil concept the same way scala removed the noise of dealing with null

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