

Objects Everywhere

Pure Object Orientation

- A pure object-oriented language is one in which every value is an object
- If the language is based on classes, this means that the type of each value is a class
- A class such as *Int* or *Boolean* is represented by the computer quite differently from an object
- An object is typically a multi-word record on the heap and an *Integer* or a *Boolean* is just a primitive value that can sit in a register
- Conceptually, types such as *Int* or *Boolean* do not receive any special treatment in Scala
- They are like the other classes, defined in the package *scala*
- For reasons of efficiency, the Scala compiler represents values of type *scala.Int* by 32-bit integers and values of type *scala.Boolean* by Java's *Booleans*, whereas, a normal object would be represented as some form of record with multiple fields in the heap of the program execution

Pure Booleans

- The *Boolean* type maps to the JVM's primitive type *Boolean*
- But one could define it as a class from first principles:
abstract class Boolean extends AnyVal:
def ifThenElse[T](t: => T, e: => T): T
def && (x: => Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(x, false)
def || (x: => Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(true, x)
def unary_!: Boolean = ifThenElse(false, true)
def == (x: Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(x, x.unary_!)
def != (x: Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(x.unary_!, x)
- Boolean Constants:
object true extends Boolean:
def ifThenElse[T](t: => T, e: => T) = t

object false extends Boolean:
def ifThenElse[T](t: => T, e: => T) = e

Exercise: Provide an implementation of an implication operator *==>* for the class written above.

a ==> b <=> b || !a

extension (x: Boolean):

def ==> (y: Boolean): Boolean = x.ifThenElse(y, true)

The Class Int

- Here is a partial specification of the class *scala.Int*:

class Int:

def + (that: Double): Double // same for -, *, /, %

def + (that: Float): Float

def + (that: Long): Long

def + (that: Int): Int

def << (cnt: Int): Int // same for >>, >>>

def & (that: Long): Long // same for |, ^

def & (that: Int): Int

def == (that: Double): Boolean // same for !=, >=, <=, >, <

def == (that: Float): Boolean

def == (that: Long): Boolean

def == (that: Int): Boolean