The Scala programming ecosystem

Leveraging functional, OO, libraries and frameworks

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Scala - The Bad and Ugly



Scala - The Good



The Scala Programming Language

- Martin Odersky, EPFL, Switzerland
 - ▶ Worked on javac (1.3)
 - Java Generics
- Lightbend (formerly Typesafe)
- ► Multi-paradigm language
 - Functional and Object-Oriented
- Statically typed
- Scalable language script to large program
- Stretch your mind functions and immutability

Sca(lable) la(nguage)

- Apache Kafka (LinkedIn)
- Apache Spark (Databricks)
- Finagle (Twitter)
- Akka (Lightbend)
- ► Lucid Software scala.js presentation
- Play Web Framework
 - Lichess Online Chess
- Lightbend customers: Walmart, Verizon, Twitter, LinkedIn, Coursera, The Guardian, Airbnb...

Scala to Java bytecode

- Leverage Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
 - ▶ Over 20 years of optimizations
 - Java Interpreter and Just-in-time (JIT) compilers
 - Portability and Security
 - Ever-evolving garbage collectors
- Full interoperability with Java and Java libraries

Exploration - Scala Shell and Worksheet



Scala Tour

- Conciseness
- Mixed Paradigms
 - ► Object Oriented
 - Functional
- Options, Collections
- Functional Pattern Matching
- Implicits
- Spark

scalatour/01-NoSemicolons

- optional semicolons
- type inference
- ▶ vals vs. vars
- higher-order functions on collections

scalatour/02-Functions

- Use def keyword to define function/method
- arg type declaration after variable name
- return type
- body of function
- expressions vs. statements last expression is returned
- function literals

scalatour/03-AllObjects

- ► Everything is an object (but might translate to Java primitive)
- ▶ Use == for testing equality (eq object reference)

scalatour/04-Tuples

- Most useful as pair/two-tuple (up to 22)
- Strongly typed for each position
- ▶ access via _1, _2 methods or pattern matching

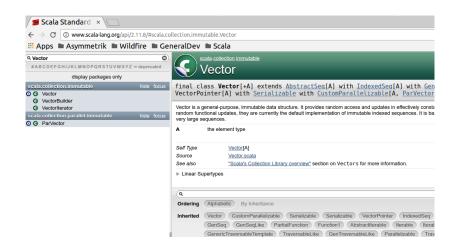
scalatour/05-Options

- Avoid null and NullPointerException (NPE)
- Option[T] Some[T] or None
 - sealed abstract class Option, class Some, object None
- Options act like a collection

scalatour/06-Collections

- Array
- ▶ Immutable, mutable data structures
 - List
 - ► Higher-order functions
 - ▶ filter, map, flatMap, reduce, fold...
 - Map
 - ▶ Set, Vector...

Scala Docs



scalatour/07-MultilineStrings

- ▶ Triple quotes
- substitution (f for printf formatting)

scalatour/08-FunctionalPatternMatching

- match construct
- match by type, structure
- default case or MatchError

scalatour/09-ParsingConfig

- ► Match on regular expressions
- ► Go Options

scalatour/10-ClassesTraitsMixins

- class constructor/body
- constructor args val, var, no modifier
- traits

scalatour/11-CaseClasses

- provide val accessors
- apply/unapply, hashCode, toString
- pattern matching

scalatour/12-Scripting

- ► In the small
- sys.process
- sys.env
- sys.props

scalatour/13-JavaInterop

- ▶ to/from Java/Scala collections
- ► BeanProperty for getters/setters

scalatour/14-Implicits

- Use sparingly!
- ► Powerful way to extend closed classes

scalatour/Spark15

- ► Implemented in Scala
- ▶ Powerful functional primitives for scalable cluster processing

Resources

- Coursera/EPFL Functional Programming in Scala Specialization
- Odersky et al., Programming in Scala, 3rd Edition
- ▶ Payne, Wampler, Programming Scala, 2nd Edition
- Alexander, Scala Cookbook
- ▶ Chiusano, Bjarnason, Functional Programming in Scala
- ► Twitter Scala School