Scala for Apache Spark

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Intro, Slides And Code

- Slides: https://github.com/medale/scala-spark/blob/master/presentation/ScalaSpark.pdf
- Scala Spark Code Examples: https://github.com/medale/scala-spark

Goals

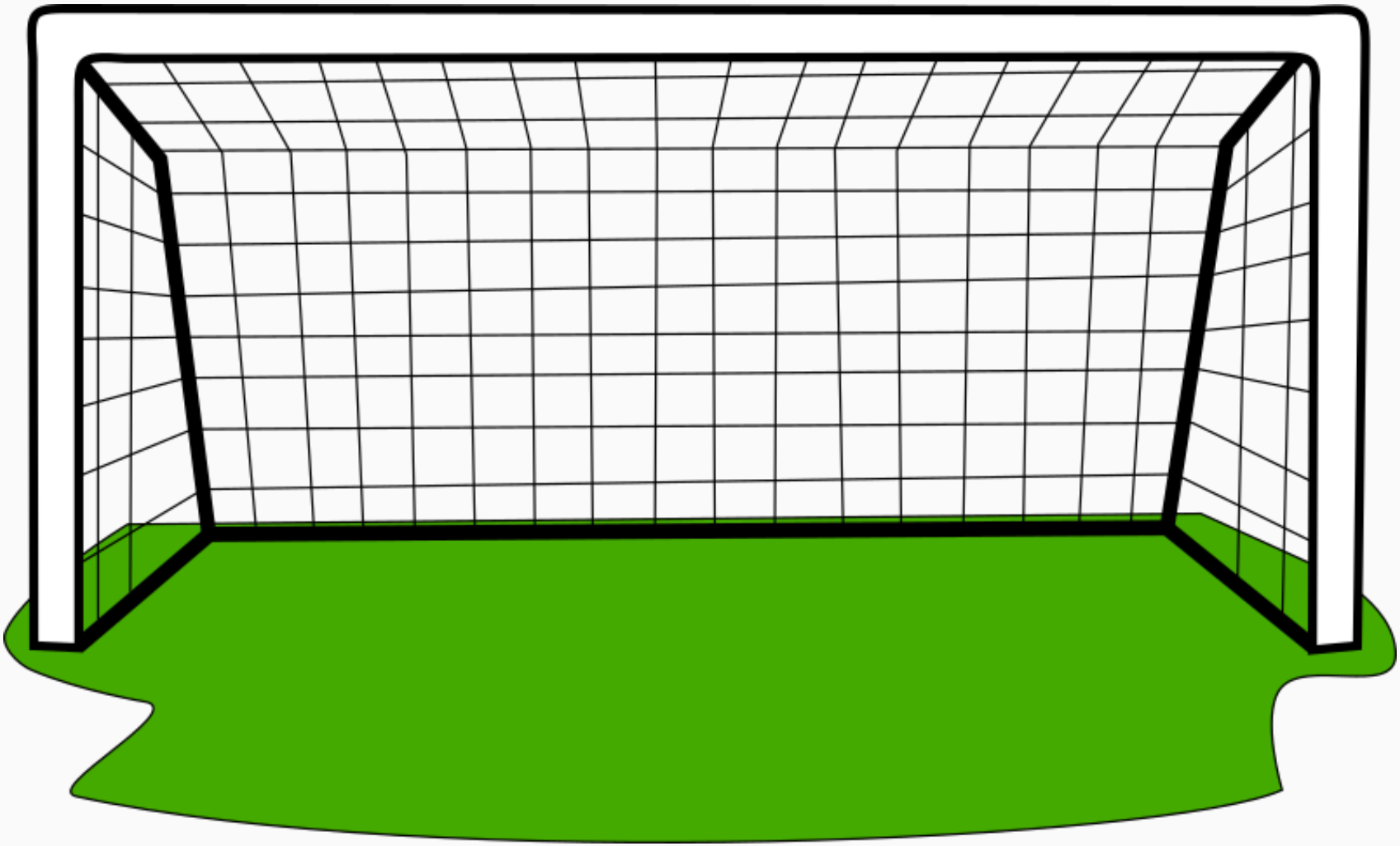


Figure 1: Intro to Scala for Spark

Why Scala for Spark?

- full interoperability with Java
    - strong type system
    - elegant multi-paradigm (functional & OO)
    - less boilerplate/less code
- JVM

Java to Scala - Java Main

```java
package com.uebercomputing.scalaspark.common;
public class JavaMain {
  private int answer = 0;
  public JavaMain(int answer) {
    this.answer = answer;
  }
  public int getAnswer() {
     return answer;
  }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Starting a Java program...");
    JavaMain jaMain = new JavaMain(42);
    int answer = jaMain.getAnswer();
    System.out.println("The answer was " + answer);
  }
}
```

Scala Main One

```scala
package com.uebercomputing.scalaspark.common

class ScalaMainOne(val answer: Int)

object ScalaMainOne {

  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
    println("Starting a Scala program...")
    val scMain = new ScalaMainOne(42)
    println(scMain)
    val answer = scMain.answer
    println(s"The answer was ${answer}")
  }
}
```

Scala Main One - Output

```
Starting a Scala program...
com.uebercomputing.scalaspark.common.ScalaMainOne@256216b3
The answer was 42
```

Scala Main Two - case class

```scala
package com.uebercomputing.scalaspark.common

case class ScalaMainTwo(answer: Int)

object ScalaMainTwo {

  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
    println("Starting a Scala program...")
    //ScalaMainTwo.apply(42)
    val scMain = ScalaMainTwo(42)
    println(scMain)
    val answer = scMain.answer
    println(s"The answer was ${answer}")
  }

}
```

Scala Main Two - Output

```
Starting a Scala program...
ScalaMainTwo(42)
The answer was 42
```

Scala Main Two - javap ScalaMainTwo.class

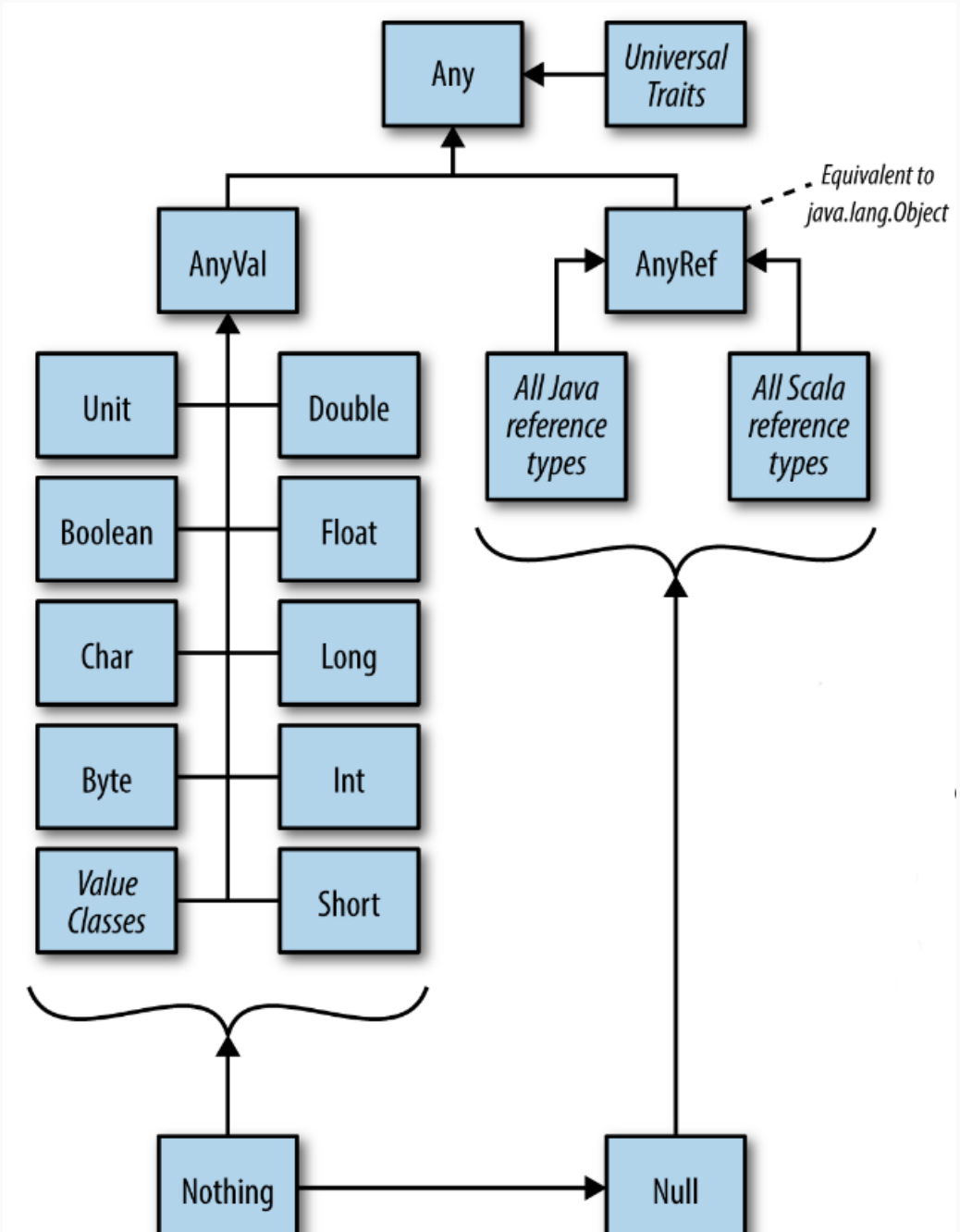
```
public class ScalaMainTwo implements Product,Serializable
  public static Option<Object> unapply(ScalaMainTwo);
  public static ScalaMainTwo apply(int);
...
  public ScalaMainTwo copy(int);
...
  public int productArity();
  public Object productElement(int);
  public Iterator<Object> productIterator();
...
  public int hashCode();
  public String toString();
  public boolean equals(Object);
...
```

HelloSparkWorld - expression-oriented

```
object HelloSparkWorld {
...
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {

    val lines = if (!args.isEmpty) {
      val inputFile = args(0)
      readLinesFromFile(inputFile)
    } else {
      readLinesFromString(GhandiQuote)
    }
    ...
}
```

Scala Type Hierarchy



HelloSparkWorld - SparkSession

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.SparkSession
...
val spark = SparkSession.builder.
   appName("HelloSparkWorld").
   master("local[2]").
   getOrCreate()

val lines = ...

wordCountRdd(spark, lines)

spark.close()
```

SparkSession Scala API

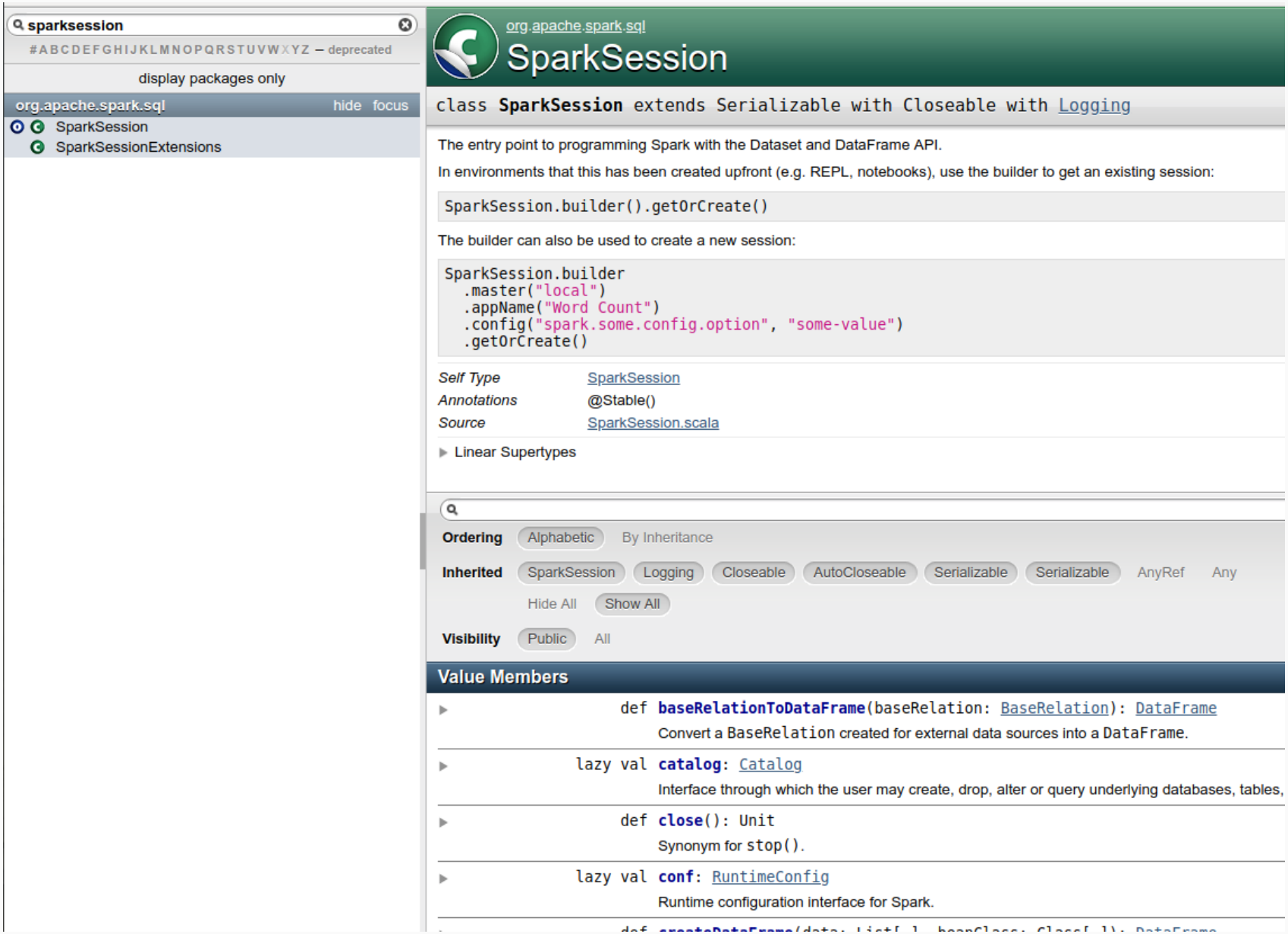


Figure 2: SparkSession class

HelloSparkWorld - String, StringOps, implicits

```
val GhandiQuote =
    """Live as if you were to die tomorrow
      |Learn as if you were to live forever""".stripMargin

def readLinesFromString(input: String): Seq[String] = {
  val lines = input.split("\n")
  lines
}
...
readLinesFromString(GhandiQuote)
```

Java API - String

`String[]`	**`split(String regex, int limit)`** Splits this string around matches of the given **regular exp**
`boolean`	**`startsWith(String prefix)`** Tests if this string starts with the specified prefix.
`boolean`	**`startsWith(String prefix, int toffset)`** Tests if the substring of this string beginning at the specif
`CharSequence`	**`subSequence(int beginIndex, int endIndex)`** Returns a character sequence that is a subsequence of thi
`String`	**`substring(int beginIndex)`** Returns a string that is a substring of this string.
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Figure 4: Java String API

Scala Predef API - implicit conversions

tests an expression, throwing an AssertionError if false.

```
implicit def augmentString(x: String): StringOps
implicit def boolean2Boolean(x: Boolean): java.lang.Boolean
implicit def booleanArrayOps(xs: Array[Boolean]): ArrayOps[Boolean]
implicit def booleanWrapper(x: Boolean): RichBoolean
implicit def byte2Byte(x: Byte): java.lang.Byte
implicit def byteArrayOps(xs: Array[Byte]): ArrayOps[Byte]
implicit def byteWrapper(x: Byte): RichByte
```

We prefer the java.lang.* boxed types to these wrappers in any potential co

```
implicit def char2Character(x: Char): Character
implicit def charArrayOps(xs: Array[Char]): ArrayOps[Char]
implicit def charWrapper(c: Char): RichChar
```

Figure 5: Scala Predef API

Scala StringOps API - stripMargin

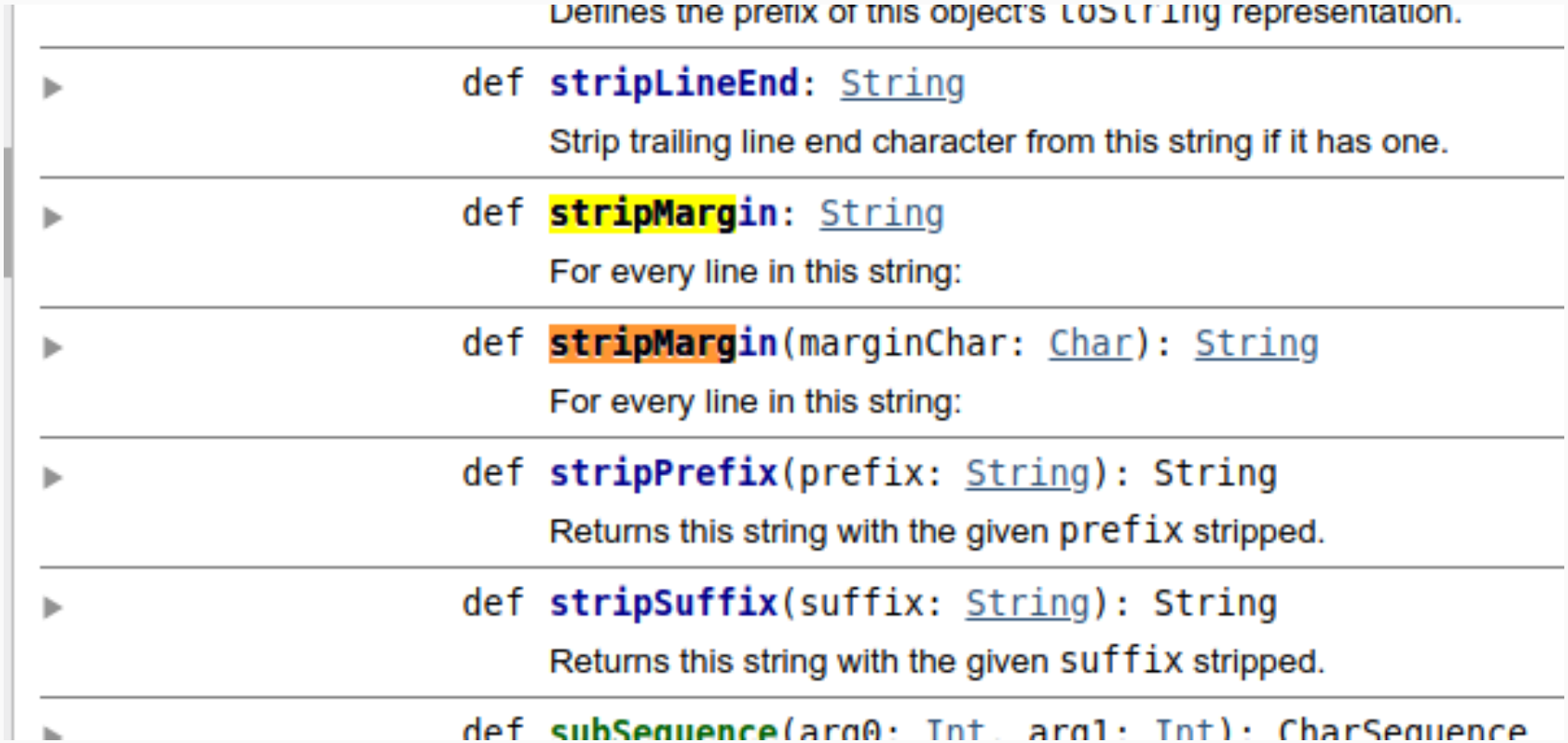

Figure 6: Scala StringOps API

HelloSparkWorld - accessing Java API/libraries

```
import java.nio.file.Files
import java.nio.file.Paths
import java.util.{List => JavaList}

import scala.collection.JavaConverters._

def readLinesFromFile(inputFile: String): Seq[String] = {
  val inputPath = Paths.get(inputFile)
  val linesJava: JavaList[String] =
     Files.readAllLines(inputPath)
  val lines = linesJava.asScala //mutable.Buffer
  lines
}
```

wordCountLocal: map higher-order function w/named function

```
def toLower(s: String): String = {
   s.toLowerCase
}

val lowerLines = lines.map(toLower)
```

wordCountLocal: map higher-order function w/ function literal

```
//function literal - anonymous function with explicit
 ↪  type:
lines.map((l: String) => l.toLowerCase)

//function literal - anonymous with inferred type:
lines.map(l => l.toLowerCase)

//function literal with placeholder syntax
lines.map(_.toLowerCase)
```

wordCountLocal: flatMap and filter

```
val words = lowerLines.flatMap { line =>
   line.split("""\s+""")
}

val noStopWords = words.filter(!StopWords.contains(_))
```

Scala Seq trait API

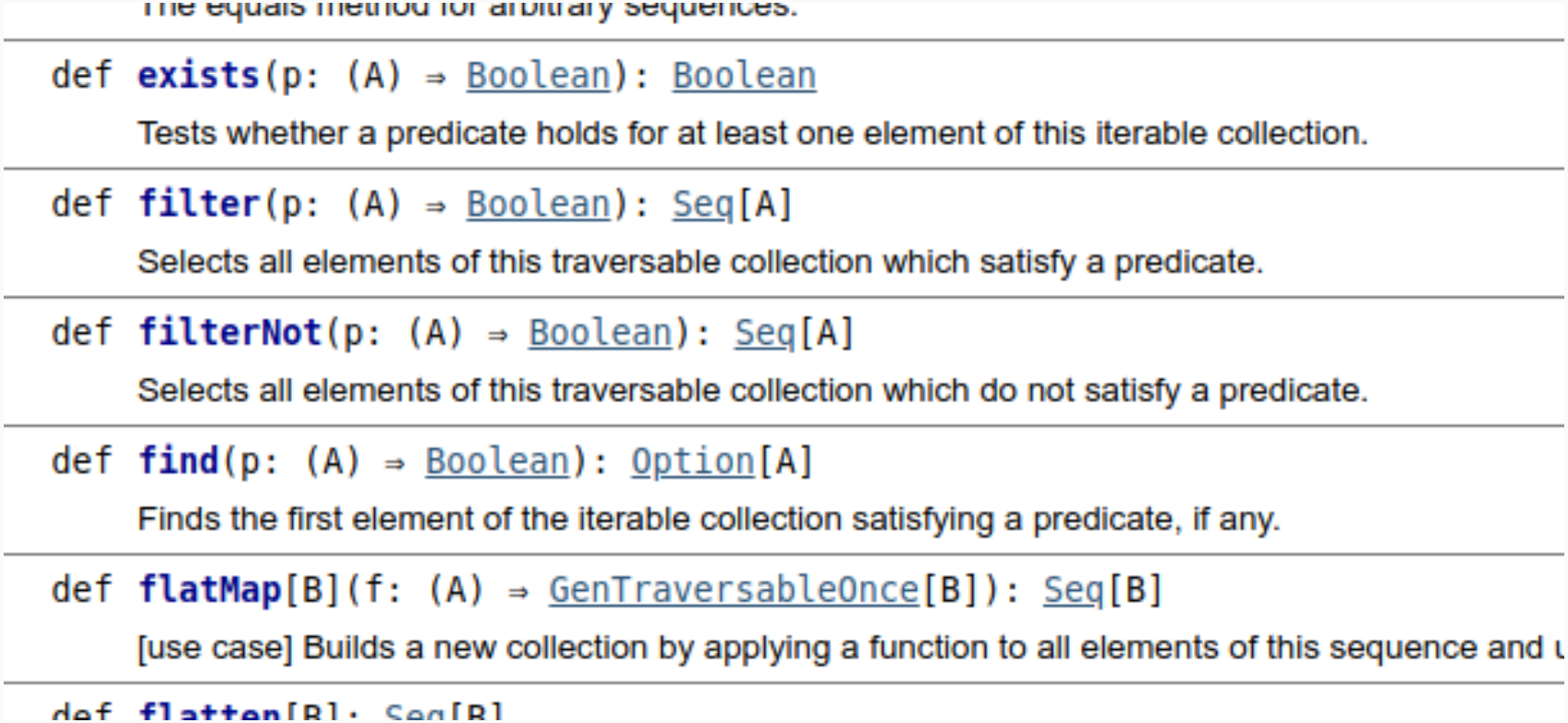

Figure 7: Scala Seq

wordCountLocal: groupBy, mkString

```
val wordsMap: Map[String,Seq[String]] =
   noStopWords.groupBy( w => identity(w))

val wordCountsMap = wordsMap.mapValues(_.size)

val countsString = wordCountsMap.mkString("\n","\n","\n")
println(s"The word counts were: ${countsString}")
```

HelloSparkWorld - RDD map, flatMap, filter

```
//val mixedLinesRdd = spark.read.textFile(inputPath).rdd
val sc = spark.sparkContext

val mixedLinesRdd: RDD[String] =
   sc.parallelize(seq = lines, numSlices = 2)

val lowerLinesRdd = mixedLinesRdd.map(_.toLowerCase)

val wordsRdd = lowerLinesRdd.flatMap(_.split("""\s+"""))

val noStopWordsRdd = wordsRdd.filter(!StopWords.contains(_))
```

HelloSparkWorld - RDD of tuples - PairRDDFunctions

```
 //Don't use groupBy - very expensive to shuffle words
  ↪  across partition!
val wordCountTuplesRdd = noStopWordsRdd.map { (_, 1) }
val wordCountsRdd = wordCountTuplesRdd.reduceByKey(_ + _)

//and Action!
val localWordCounts = wordCountsRdd.collect()
```