

Scala Intro



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Scala (Wikipedia description)

- Born on 2003-2004
- Born in EPFL (Switzerland)
- Father: Martin Odersky
- JVM language...but also Javascript! (scala.js)
- Type system: static, strong, inferred
- Multi-paradigm: Functional, OO, imperative, concurrent
- Current version: 2.12.7



Why Scala?

Why scala?

- Successful combination of FP and OOP.
- Sophisticated object and type system (flexibility in defining abstractions)
- Excellent basis for concurrent, parallel, and distributed computing. (Complex domains!)
- **Scalable** (Small scripts -> Large distributed apps)
- Big and rich ecosystem base (Akka, Spark, Scalaz, Cats...)
- Compatible with Java

The central drive behind Scala is to make life easier and more productive for the developer

--Martin Odersky--

Scala “bad parts”

- breaks the “there is only one best way to do something” principle.
- High learning curve.
- Compiler

```
def doSomething():Unit = {...}  
def doSomething:Unit = {...}  
def doSomething() = {...}  
def doSomething = {...}  
def doSomething() {...}  
def doSomething {...}
```

```
MyClass.doSomething  
MyClass.doSomething()  
MyClass doSomething()  
MyClass.doSomething(param)  
MyClass doSomething(param)  
MyClass doSomething param
```


A close-up photograph of a man with a dark beard and intense expression, shouting with his mouth wide open. He is wearing a dark jacket. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a hallway or a public space with other people in the distance.

THIS IS

SCALA!

Expression-oriented language

- Empower expressions over statements (EOP)
- (nearly) everything evaluates to a value (Control structures, side-effects methods...) for composability

```
val num: Int = if (true) 1 else 2
val unit: Unit = println("Hello guys!")
val nums: Seq[Int] = for(i ← 1 to 10) yield i
```

```
num    1: Int
unit   (): Unit
nums  Vector(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10): scala.collection.Seq
```

Everything is an object

```
1 + 2 * 3 / 23  1: Int
```

```
// Same as
```

```
1.+(2.*(3)./(23))  1: Int
```

How??

Any method can be an operator

```
case class Euro(value: Int) {  
  def add(other: Euro): Euro =  
    Euro(this.value + other.value)  
  
  def add(other1: Euro, other2: Euro): Euro =  
    Euro(this.value + other1.value + other2.value)  
}  
  
// Method call  
val amount = Euro(1).add(Euro(1)) // Euro(2)  
  
// Operator  
val twoEuros = Euro(1) add Euro(1) // Euro(2)  
val tenEuros = twoEuros add (twoEuros, Euro(6)) //Euro(10)
```


Operator notations

```
case class Euro (value: Int) {  
  def + (other: Euro): Euro =  
    Euro(this.value + other.value)  
  
  // only '+', '-', '!' or '~' supported  
  def unary_- : Euro = Euro(-this.value)  
  
  def asString: String = s"$value€"  
}  
  
val oneEuro = Euro(1)  
// Infix notation  
val twoEuros = oneEuro + oneEuro // Euro(2)  
// Prefix notation (Same as twoEuro.unary_-)  
val minusTwoEuros = -twoEuros // Euro(-2)  
// Postfix notation  
val twoEurosAsString = twoEuros asString // 2€
```

Operator precedence

Scala decides precedence based on the first character of the methods used in operator notation.

Table 5.3 · Operator precedence



(all other special characters)

* / %

+ -

:

= !

< >

&

^

|

(all letters)

(all assignment operators) -> End with =

`a + b ^? c ?^ d less a ==> b | c`



`((a + b) ^? (c ?^ d)) less ((a ==> b) | c)`

Use parentheses to clarify and override precedence

Operator associativity

```
case class Euro(value: Int) {  
  // ...  
  
  // Ends with : ⇒ right to left  
  def +:(value: Int): Euro =  
    Euro(this.value + value)  
}  
  
val oneEuro = Euro(1)  
  
//Same as oneEuro.:(1)  
val twoEuros = 1 +: oneEuro // Euro(2)
```

Left to right

$a + b + c = (a + b) + c$

Right to left

$a +: b +: c = a +: (b +: c)$

Functions are objects!

and you will learn it in 5 seconds...

```
Function0[R] // aka ()  $\Rightarrow$  R  
Function1[P1, R] // aka P1  $\Rightarrow$  R  
Function2[P1, P2, R] // aka (P1, P2)  $\Rightarrow$  R  
...  
Function22[P1, P2, ..., P22, R] // aka (P1, P2, ..., P22)  $\Rightarrow$  R
```

Java 8 Style

```
Consumer, Supplier, Predicate, Function, Operator, BiConsumer, UnaryOperator, BinaryOperator, BiOPredicate, BiFunction ...
```

But why java, why???

Functions are objects!

so first class citizens...

```
val f = new Function0[Int] {  
  def apply() = 3  
}  
  
val sum3 = new Function1[Int, Int] {  
  def apply(i: Int) = i + 3  
}  
  
val sum3Bis = (i: Int) ⇒ i + 3  
// or val sum3Bis: Int ⇒ Int = i ⇒ i + 3  
  
f()    3: Int  
sum3(1) 4: Int  
sum3Bis(1) 4: Int
```

Functions are objects!

so they have cool methods...

```
def sum(a: Int, b: Int, c: Int): Int = a + b + c

// Function value from method
val sumFunc: (Int, Int, Int) => Int = sum
// or f2 = sum _
val sumCurried: Int => Int => Int => Int = sumFunc.curried
val sumTupled: ((Int, Int, Int)) => Int = sumFunc.tupled
val sumFuncBis: (Int, Int, Int) => Int = Function.untupled(sumTupled)
// Partially applied function
val sum3: Int => Int = sumCurried(2)(1)

val tuple = (1,2,3)
sumTupled(tuple) 6: Int
sum3(2) 5: Int
```

High order functions

functions that take functions as arguments or return functions

```
def map[A, B](list: List[A], f: A ⇒ B): List[B] =  
  for (element ← list) yield f(element)  
  
val numbers: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4)  
  
map(numbers, (i: Int) ⇒ i + 0.2d) List(1.2, 2.2, 3.2, 4.2): scala.collection.immutable.List
```

```
// Recursive version without pattern matching  
def map[A, B](list: List[A], f: A ⇒ B): List[B] =  
  if (list.isEmpty) Nil  
  else f(list.head) :: map(list.tail, f)
```

```
//Tail recursive version without pattern matching  
def map[A, B](list: List[A], f: A ⇒ B): List[B] = {  
  @tailrec  
  def mapRec(acc: List[B], list: List[A], f: A ⇒ B): List[B] =  
    if (list.isEmpty) acc  
    else mapRec(acc :+ f(list.head), list.tail, f)  
  
  mapRec(List.empty[B], list, f)  
}
```

High order functions

and collections API has plenty of them out of the box...

```
Collection[A]
```

```
//Method
```

```
map[B]
```

```
flatMap[B]
```

```
reduce
```

```
foldLeft[B]
```

```
foldRight[B]
```

```
groupBy[K]
```

```
forall
```

```
foreach
```

```
takeWhile
```

```
dropWhile
```

```
span
```

```
....|
```

```
//HOF
```

```
(A⇒B)
```

```
(A ⇒ Collection[B])
```

```
((A, A) ⇒ A)
```

```
((B, A) ⇒ B)
```

```
((A, B) ⇒ B)
```

```
(A ⇒ K)
```

```
(A ⇒ Boolean)
```

```
(A ⇒ Unit)
```

```
(A ⇒ Boolean)
```

```
(A ⇒ Boolean)
```

```
(A ⇒ Boolean)
```

```
//Result
```

```
Collection[B]
```

```
Collection[B]
```

```
A
```

```
B
```

```
B
```

```
Map[K, Collection[A]]
```

```
Boolean
```

```
Unit
```

```
Collection[B]
```

```
Collection[B]
```

```
(Collection[B], Collection[B])
```

Methods are cool

Named parameters + default values

```
def greet(name:String, greeting:String = "Hello", exclamation:Boolean = false):String =  
  s"$greeting $name" + (if(exclamation) "!" else "")  
  
greet("John Snow")      Hello John Snow: java.lang.String  
greet("John Snow", "You know nothing")  You know nothing John Snow: java.lang.String  
greet("John Snow", greeting = "You know nothing")  You know nothing John Snow: java.lang.String  
greet(_"Cersey", exclamation = true)  Hello Cersey!: java.lang.String
```

Multiple parameter lists

```
def map[A, B](l: A*)(f: A ⇒ B): List[B] = {  
  for (element ← l.toList) yield f(element)  
}  
  
map(1, 2, 3, 4) { i ⇒  
  i + 0.2d  
}
```

by-value vs. by-name parameters

```
def foo(a: ⇒ String, b: String) = {println(a); println(b); println(a); println(b);}

foo({println("Resolving a"); "printing a"}, {println("Resolving b"); "printing b"}) () : Unit
```

```
Resolving b
Resolving a
printing a
printing b
Resolving a
printing a
printing b
```

Lazy evaluation

```
final class Cons[+A](hd: A, tl: => Stream[A]) extends Stream[A] {  
  ...  
}
```

lazy val / var

```
val eagerResource: Int = init("eager")  
  
lazy val lazyResource: Int = init("lazy")  
  
def init(from: String): Int = {  
  println(s"doing something expensive ... from $from call")  
  0  
}
```

```
println("Resources usage")  (): Unit
```

```
eagerResource  0: Int  
lazyResource   0: Int  
lazyResource   0: Int
```

```
doing something expensive ... from eager call  
Resources usage  
doing something expensive ... from lazy call
```

Immutability-first language

- val vs var

```
// aka final int foo = 1 in java  
val foo = 1  
foo = foo + 1
```



reassignment to val

```
var foo = 1  
foo = foo + 1  (): Unit  
foo 2: Int
```

- Function parameters are vals by default
- Scala Predef (object accessible in all scala compilation units) exposes immutable structures by default

Why immutability?

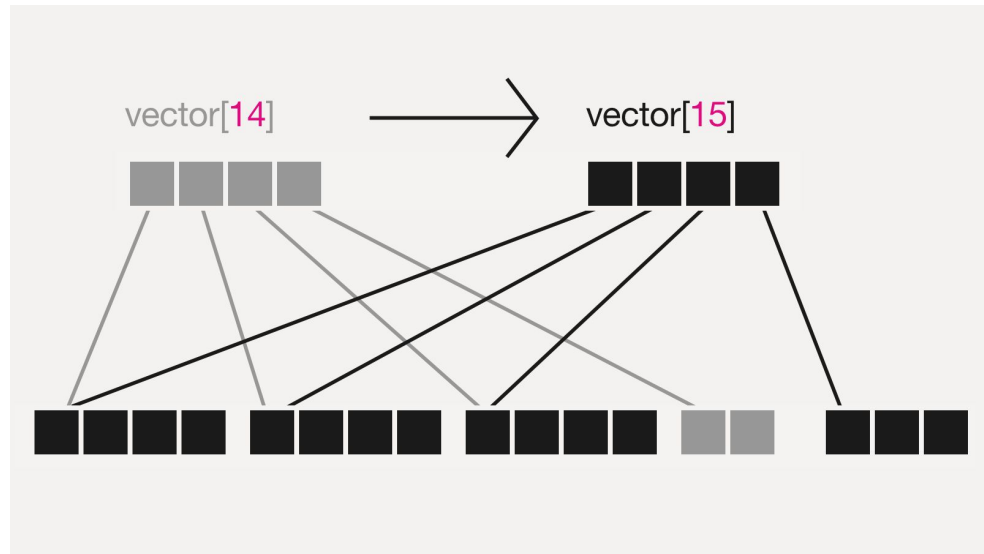
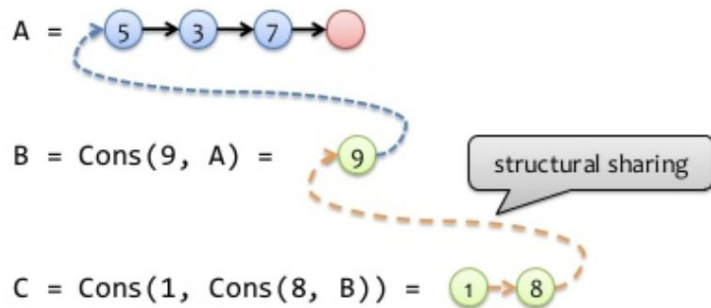
- It's easy to reason about the code locally
- Achieve code that has fewer defects and is easier to maintain
- It allows parallelism without fearing any thread safety issues
(Writing mutable parallel code is hard and very error prone)

“Prefer vals, immutable objects, and methods without side effects. Reach for them first. Use vars, mutable objects, and methods with side effects when you have a specific need and justification for them.”

--programming in scala--

Persistent data structures support multiple versions

Structural sharing



Collections performance

	head	tail	apply	update	prepend	append	insert
immutable							
List	C	C	L	L	C	L	-
Stream	C	C	L	L	C	L	-
Vector	eC	eC	eC	eC	eC	eC	-
Stack	C	C	L	L	C	L	L
Queue	aC	aC	L	L	C	C	-
Range	C	C	C	-	-	-	-
String	C	L	C	L	L	L	-
				lookup	add	remove	min
immutable							
HashSet / HashMap				eC	eC	eC	L
TreeSet / TreeMap				Log	Log	Log	Log
BitSet				C	L	L	eC ¹
ListMap				L	L	L	L



More objects...

```
object Configuration {  
  val host = "localhost"  
  val port = 8080  
  def senderAddress(userType: Int) = ???  
}
```

```
Configuration.host localhost: java.lang.String  
Configuration.port 8080: Int
```

- Singleton objects
- Static members
- Can extend other classes or traits

Classes

```
class MyClass(_a: String, _c: Boolean) {  
  val a = _a  
  private var c = _c  
  def setC(other: Boolean): Unit = this.c = c  
}
```

```
val myClass = new MyClass("a", true)
```

```
myClass.a    a: java.lang.String
```

```
myClass.c    //NOP
```

```
myClass.setC(false)  (): Unit
```

```
class MyClass(val a: String, private var c: Boolean)
```

Companions forever

```
class Configuration(private val foo: List[String]) {  
  val port = Configuration.port  
}  
  
object Configuration {  
  val host = "localhost"  
  private val port = 8080  
  def merge(config: Configuration) = host :: config.foo  
}
```

- Same file
- Share visibility
- implicits
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Case classes

```
case class MyClass(a: String, c: Boolean)
```

```
class MyClass(val a: String, val c: Boolean) {  
  def ==(other: MyClass): Boolean = ??? //Equals  
  def copy(a: String = this.a, c: Boolean = this.c): MyClass = new MyClass(a, c)  
  override def hashCode: Int = ???  
  override def toString: String = ???  
}  
  
object MyClass {  
  def apply(a: String, c: Boolean): MyClass = new MyClass(a, c)  
  def unapply(myClass: MyClass): Option[TupleN[ ... ]] = ???  
}
```


Traits

- Like java 8 interfaces but with instance members
- Mixins (bring functionality, not just a contract)
- Can extend other classes or traits

```
abstract class A {  
    val message: String  
}  
trait B extends A {  
    val message = "I'm an instance of class B"  
}  
trait C extends A {  
    def loudMessage = message.toUpperCase()  
}  
class D extends B with C  
  
val d = new D  
println(d.message) // I'm an instance of class B (): Unit  
println(d.loudMessage) // I'M AN INSTANCE OF CLASS B (): Unit
```

Traits (Construction)

```
trait TBase {print("TBase⇒")}  
trait T1 extends TBase {print("T1⇒")}  
trait T2 extends TBase {print("T2⇒")}  
trait T3 extends T1 with TBase {print("T3⇒")}  
class A extends T1 with T2 with T3 {print("A")}  
  
val a = new A //TBase⇒T1⇒T2⇒T3⇒A
```

TBase => T1 => ~~TBase~~ => T2 => ~~TBase~~ => ~~T1~~ => ~~TBase~~ => T3 => A

Traits (Linearization)

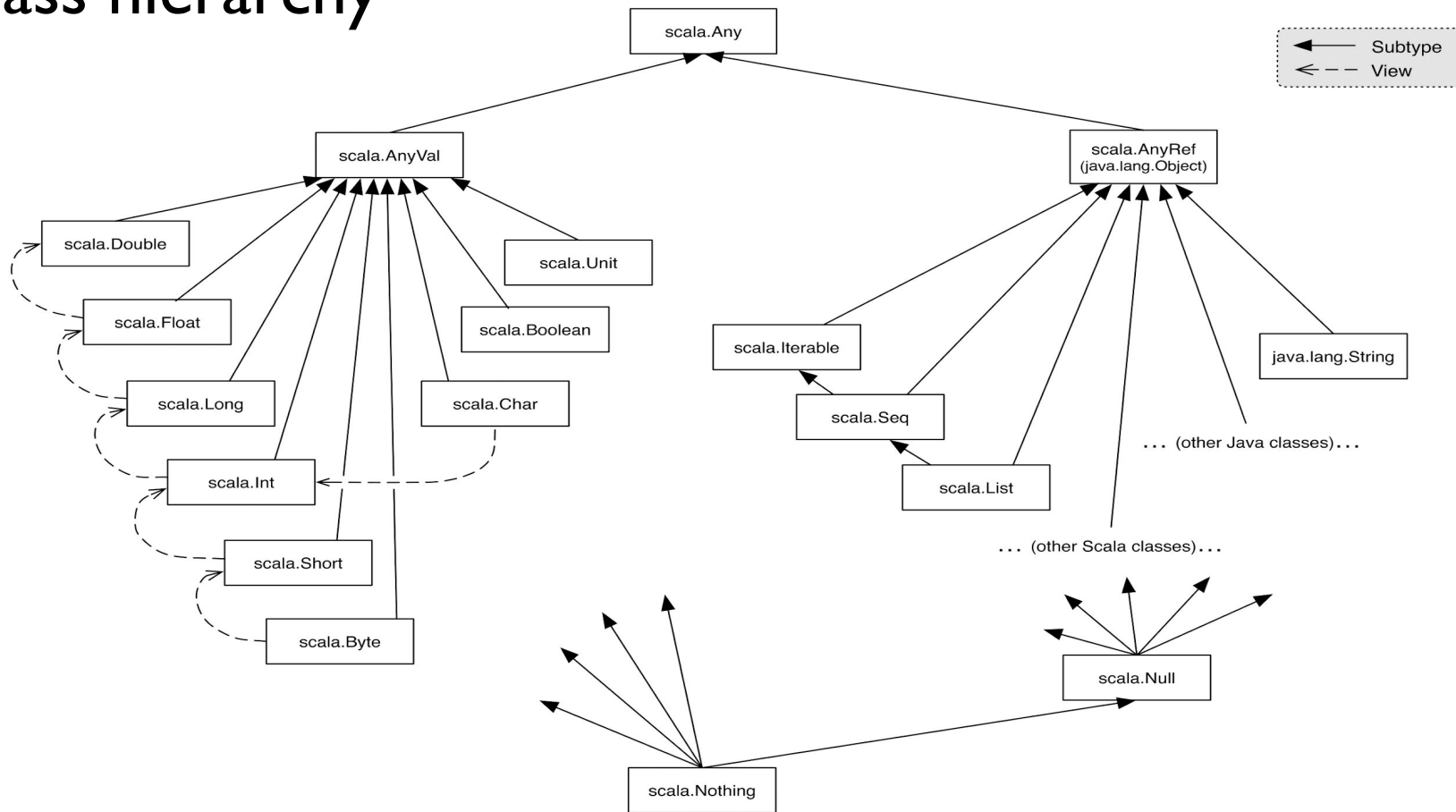
flatten the inheritance hierarchy graph

```
trait TBase                                {def foo: Unit = {print(s"⇒TBase")}}
trait T1 extends TBase                     {override def foo: Unit = {print(s"⇒T1");super.foo}}
trait T2 extends TBase                     {override def foo: Unit = {print(s"⇒T2");super.foo}}
trait T3 extends T1 with TBase             {override def foo: Unit = {print(s"⇒T3");super.foo}}
class A extends T1 with T2 with T3        {override def foo: Unit = {print(s"A");super.foo}}

val a = new A().foo // A⇒T3⇒T2⇒T1⇒TBase
```

A => T3 => ~~TBase~~ => ~~T1~~ => ~~TBase~~ => T2 => ~~TBase~~ => T1 => TBase

Class hierarchy



Pattern matching

- Mechanism for checking a value against a pattern
- Can match against:
 - Values
 - Variables
 - Types
 - Sequences
 - Tuples
 - RegExp
 - Case classes
- Sometimes compiler can check for exhaustiveness
- Can combine matching with guards

Pattern matching

```
case class Person(id: String, tuple:(Int, Boolean), age: Int)

val persons = List(
  Person("xrl_23", (1, true), 25),
  Person("xrl_24", (1, true), 30),
  Person("xrl_25", (2, false), 50)
)

persons match {
  first person is xrl_23: java.lang.String
  case Person("xrl_23", _, _) :: xs ⇒ "first person is xrl_23"
  case Person(id, _, _) :: xs if id = "xrl_23" ⇒ "first person is xrl_23"
  case List(_, Person(a, (_, true), _), _) :: _ ⇒ s"match person $a with true value"
  case List(p1, p2, p3, p4) ⇒ "match a list of 4 people"
  case x :: Person(_, (_, true), age) :: Nil if age > 25 ⇒ "2nd person of a 2 length list true and > 25"
  case list @ (x :: Nil) ⇒ s"1 person list: $list"
  case Nil ⇒ "match Empty list constant"
  case xs ⇒ "else"
  //case _ ⇒ "another else, this is unreachable code. Compiler complains"
}
```

Pattern matching everywhere

```
val t = ("Victor & Rodrigo", true)
val (name, likesScala) = t
s"It's $likesScala that $name like scala"
// It's true that Victor & Rodrigo like scala

// Partial function
val print3: PartialFunction[Int, Unit] = {
  case 3 => println(3)
}
```

Amazing type constructors

- `List[T]`
- `Option[T]`
- `Try[T, Throwable]`
- `Either[A, B]`
- `Future[T]`

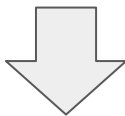
Types guide you. Compiler protects you from yourself!

Amazing type constructors (Option)

Avoid nulls! use Options!

Don't try this at home

```
def findUser(userId: UUID): User = null
val user = findUser(UUID.randomUUID())
val result = s"Hello ${user.name}" //B0000000M
```



```
val users = List()
def findUser(userId: UUID): Option[User] = users.find(p => p.userId == userId)
val user = findUser(UUID.randomUUID())
val result = user.map(user => s"Hello ${user.name}").getOrElse("Who are you??")
```

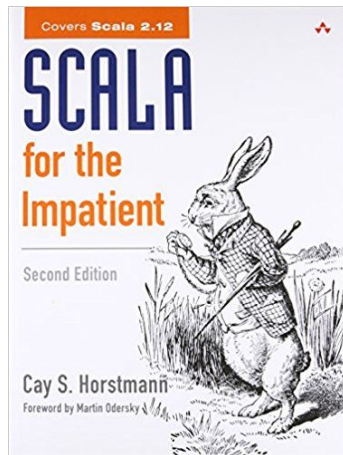
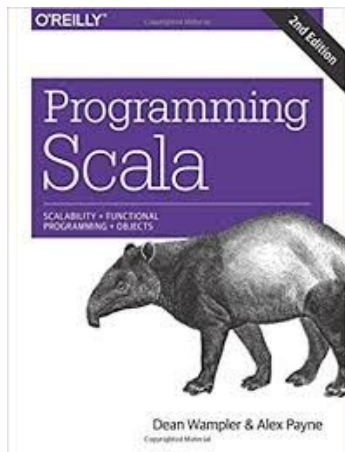
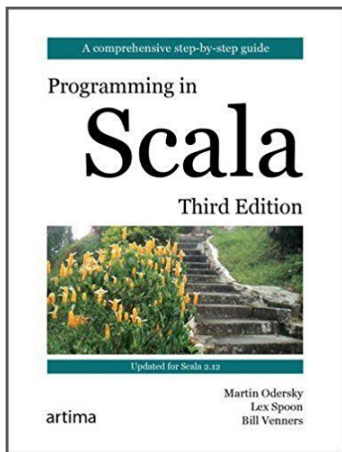
Amazing type constructors (Either)

- Can be either A or B
- Is right biased

```
def findUser(userId: UUID): Either[UserNotFoundException, User]  
val result = findUser(UUID.randomUUID()).map(_.name) match {  
  case Right(name) => s"Hello $name"  
  case Left(_) => s"Who are you? "  
}
```

Next steps

- Functional programming principles in scala (<https://es.coursera.org/learn/progfun1>)
- Scala exercises (https://www.scala-exercises.org/std_lib/asserts)



Play with the examples!



Find them at <https://github.com/rodrigo-molina/intro-to-scala>

Questions???

Want more???

Bonus track: Implicit!

Compiler doesn't give up!!

- Implicit conversion to an expected type

Sees X but needs Y then look for conversion ($X \Rightarrow Y$)

- Converting the receiver

If X doesn't have some behaviour, then look for conversion ($X \Rightarrow \text{Something that have that behaviour}$)

- Implicit parameters

Pass implicit parameters if there are no specific ones

Implicit conversion (parameters)

```
implicit def double2Int(x: Double): Int = x.toInt
```

```
def foo(x: Int) = ???
```

```
foo(3.5)
```

//aka

```
foo(double2Int(3.5))
```


Implicit conversion (methods)

```
case class Person(name: String)
case class Employee(name: String) {
  def work: Unit = ()
}
```

```
implicit def personToEmployee(p: Person): Employee = Employee(p.name)
val p = Person("Victor").work
```

Implicit parameters

```
def foo(implicit a: Int) = s"$a received"  
implicit val b: Int = 2  
  
foo //2 received
```

Implicit classes

- Extension methods with wrappers (ad-hoc polymorphism)

```
case class Person(name: String)

implicit class WorkerOps(value: Person) {
  def work(): Unit = ()
}

Person("Victor").work()
```