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## Scala

Scala is a static typed (compile time check) language, supports OOPS & functional programming.

In IntelliJ once we create a project, we will have the option to create a new Scala class (or) obj, obj creates a singleton object 'O' as an instance of an anonymous class, class defines a class just like Java, C++.

## Basics

### Values

- vals are immutable

val x : Int = 7

↓  
this is optional

val y = 'hello'

- For float & long we have to suffix with f & L, similar to Java

Variables (mutable) ↘ optional

var x: Int = 4

x = 6 // side effects

Side effects → anything that affects the state outside its local env, such as modifying variables, I/O ops, changing mutable objs,

→ They return units

→ If in scala is not a statement, unlike Java, Python, If is an expression in Scala

→ Code blocks are expressions

Instructions VS Expressions

- Instructions are executed (Java, Python)
- Expressions are evaluated (Scala)

## Type Inference

In Scala the compiler does type Inference automatically but it will fail if there is ambiguity like IF exprs with diff types, recursive functions etc.

## Tail Recursion

Scala supports TCO (Tail Call optimisation) unlike Java, Python, this prevents increase in call stack size.