

Notes - 4/11: SENT

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Anders' thinking about:

- Modules
- Classes
- Interfaces
- Type inference

Fundamental concern: Typing in current system could be viewed as too much work to be worth it.

Type inference spectrum:

- C#
- Scala
- F#

Scala lands in a good spot – return types and members inferred, parameter types inferred.

What is our mindset for existing JavaScript concept:

Things to fix with functions:

- Return type inference

New concepts:

- def
- lambda syntax
- default is public
- static section
 - funny thing is that
- modules
 - Type inferred for module, interface of exposed members

Bodies of modules, classes, statics are blocks:

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Modules:

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Compilation:

- Produces two things:
 - .js file with the implementation
 - Interface file, Strada syntax
 - Enables separate compilation
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Two namespaces;

- Type namespace
- Member namespace

Module declaration does two things:

- Defines an interface type named "Math"
- Defines a member named Math in the member namespace

Classes:

- Nest in modules, not in classes
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Verification and type optimization of classes

Two names Math

- Import Math

Execution:

- Strada.optimize(...)
- Irrespective of what compiled to it

Interfaces:

- Not structurally compatible if they contain classes
 - Seems bad

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Class Point
{
  Def Foo() {
    Def x = 1;
    Def Bar(this self: IElement, ...)
    {
    }
  }
}
```

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def foo(x:int) => x+1;
def foo = (x:int) => x+1;
def foo : (int) => int = (x:int) { return x + 1; }
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Type notations:

- [(int,int) => int]
- Int[]
- [int]

Release:

- Strada compiler written in Strada
- Winning in this space is not about protecting IP
- Business is about leadership in this space
- Can meet our objectives without hording IP
- Not to say we can't benefit from secrecy
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Performance concerns:

- How expensive are instanceof checks?
- Can you afford to make it all public
- Internal?
 - Means internal to a module
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