

The F# Programming Language: Quick Reference Sheet (Author: Tyler P. Berkshire)

Key features	
Strongly typed with algebraic-style types	
Easy concurrency	
Extensive multi-paradigm features	
Integrated with .NET	
Metaprogramming	

Algebraic Types	
fun()	Function
unit	A function with one range value
type	Keyword to declare custom types
(x,y)	Tuples can be heterogeneous
{x:int, y:float}	Records are labelled tuples
I of int B of bool	Discriminated unions
<'a>	Single quote denotes generic type
Option	The option type is either <i>Some</i> or <i>None</i>
[]	Lists are immutable and homogeneous
seq{}	Sequences use <i>yield</i> and <i>yield!</i> to create infinite data types

Core syntax	
let	Bind value to a name
let rec	Recursive definition
//, (**)	Inline and multi-line comments
indentation	Separates code blocks
whitespace	Separates parameters

Control Flow	
for x in { } do	Standard for loop
while x do	Standard while loop
match x with 	Pattern matching against a discriminated union
when	Guards help with complicated pattern matching
>	Pipes emulate UNIX pipes. Output of the left becomes input of the right
<	Reverse pipe
> >	Function composition returns a function instead of immediately evaluating
< <	Reverse function composition
currying	Functions can be curried and partially applied

Metaprogramming	
quotations	Compiled into objects representing the program
<@ @>	Quotation with type information
<@@ @@>	Quotation without type information
Expr<'T>	Resulting type of a quotation
%	Splice a typed expression into a quotation
%%	Splice a non-typed expression into a quotation
Patterns	Active pattern module used to analyze expression objects
ExprShape	Module to traverse expression trees with fewer active patterns

Asynchronous Workflows	
async { }	Expressions in the curly braces become async
let!	Wait for the async task to return, similar to await
Async.Start	Start a task asynchronously
Async.RunSynchronously	Block until all async events are completed
Async.Parallel	Run the tasks in parallel
CancellationTokenSource	Workflows can be cancelled by invoking the cancel token

Actor Model	
MailBoxProcessor	Built in agent class
inbox.Receive()	Read a message
agent.Post	Post a message

Useful Libraries	
FSharp.Data	Providers for working with structured data files formats (CSV, HTML, JSON, etc.)
FsUnit	Builds upon the .NET testing framework
FSharp.Charting	Compositional library for creating charts

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