

# Metaprogramming 2.0

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scala.meta is a dream

## Easy Metaprogramming For Everyone!

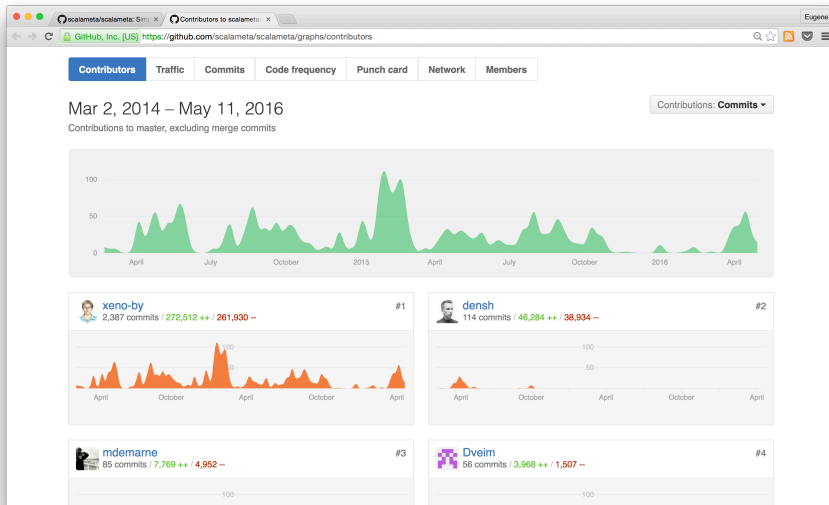
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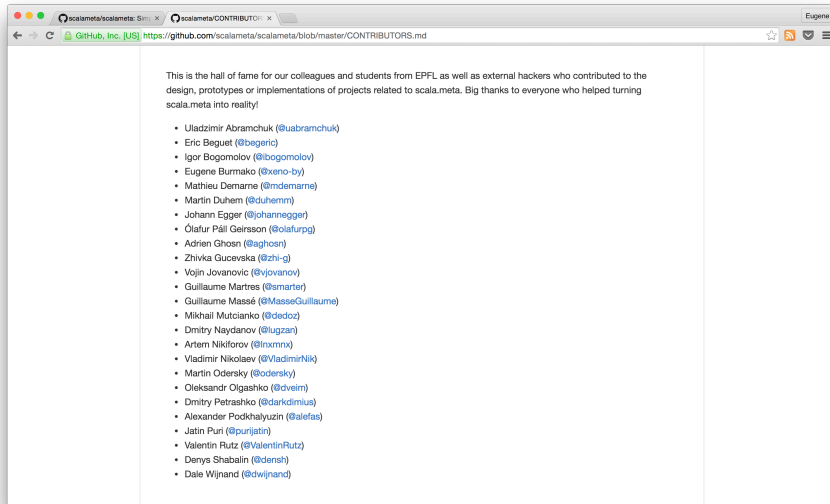
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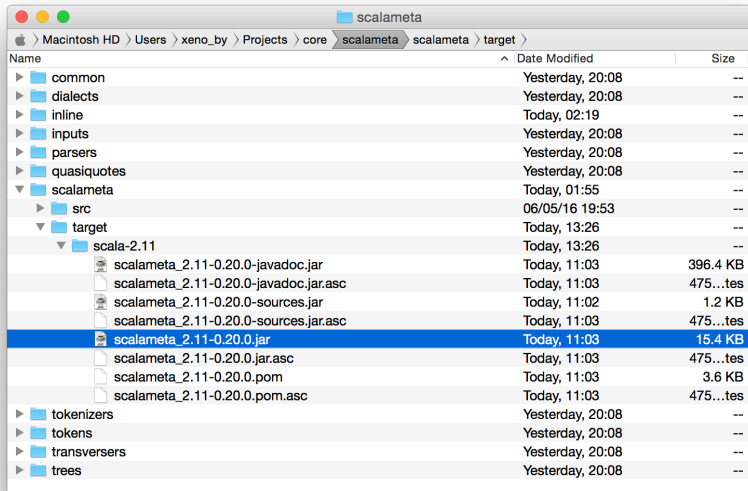
# scala.meta is an active project



# scala.meta is a community



# scala.meta is a product



# scala.meta is officially endorsed



Martin Odersky  
@odersky



Following

Slides of my Scala Days NYC talk:

## Planned In Future Releases

**scala.meta**      **Implicit Function Types**

```
inline def m(inline x: Int, y: Float): Float =  
  meta { ... }
```

Between

- **inline** for inlining, **meta** for meta-programming.
- run by an interpreter (no reflection)
- **meta** uses quasi quotes for matching and construction
- blackbox and annotation macros

**Why the change?**

- Simpler
- Fewer implementation dependencies
- Safer, since interpretation allows sandboxing
- Restrict syntactic freedom, since no whitebox macros.

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## Part 1: What can scala.meta do?

# ScalaDays 2015

- ▶ Experimentation's temporarily on hold, were now pushing for 0.1
- ▶ Main focus of 0.1 is making `scala.meta` trees publicly available



# ScalaDays 2016

- ▶ 3k commits and 19 milestones later, we're almost there
- ▶ Today we have published our first beta release: v0.20.0
- ▶ We hope v1.0.0 to follow in the near future

# Supported functionality

Feature-complete for v1.0.0:

- ▶ Parsing
- ▶ Quasiquotes
- ▶ Tokenization
- ▶ Prettyprinting

# Future releases

Planned for v2.0.0:

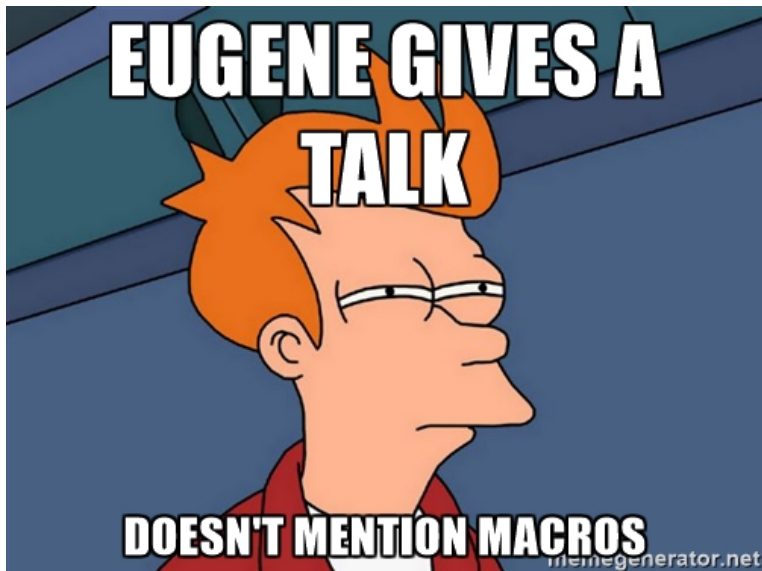
- ▶ AST persistence
- ▶ Name resolution
- ▶ Typechecking
- ▶ Implicit inference

## Part 2: Live demo

# Summary

- ▶ Parsing different dialects of Scala
- ▶ Type-safe quasiquotes
- ▶ Tokenization for advanced tooling
- ▶ Prettyprinting that respects formatting and comments

## Part 3: But what about macros?



# Macros are dead



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**Dropped Features**

Procedure Syntax

General Type Projection

Macros

DelayedInit

(the reflection based kind)

```
def m(...) =  
  macro impl(...)
```

Early Initializers

Existential Types

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# Macros are bad

- ▶ Hard to write
- ▶ Don't work with tools well
- ▶ Hopelessly entangled with scalac

# Macros are great

- ▶ Enable unique use cases
- ▶ Frequently used by library authors
- ▶ Most of the complexity is incidental

## Long live macros



# The new future for macros

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a GitHub repository page for 'scalameta/sips'. The URL is 'https://github.com/scalameta/sips/blob/master/sips/drafts/sip-inlinemeta.md'. The repository is a fork from 'scala/scala.github.com'. It has 2 pull requests, 0 stars, and 249 forks. The current branch is 'master', and the file path is 'sips / sips / drafts / sip-inlinemeta.md'. The file was created by 'xeno-by' 3 hours ago. The file content shows a table with two columns: 'layout' and 'title'. The table has one row with 'sip' in the 'layout' column and 'Inline Definitions and Meta Expressions' in the 'title' column. Below the table, the authors are listed: Eugene Burmako, Sébastien Doeraene, Vojin Jovanovic, Martin Odersky, Dmitry Petrashko, and Denys Shabalin. The date 'May 2016' is also shown. The main heading of the document is 'SIP NN: Inline Definitions and Meta Expressions (Public Draft)'.

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xeno-by the first public draft of the inline/meta SIP 3b8056d 3 hours ago

1 contributor

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May 2016

## SIP NN: Inline Definitions and Meta Expressions (Public Draft)

# The new future for macros

- ▶ SIP NN: Inline Definitions and Meta Expressions
- ▶ We got to the essence of macros and found two orthogonal concepts
- ▶ `inline` for inlining and `meta` for metaprogramming

## Old macros

```
class Table[T](val query: Query[T]) {  
  def map[U](fn: T => U): Table[U] = macro Macros.map  
}  
  
object Macros {  
  def map(c: Context)(fn: c.Tree): c.Tree = {  
    val subquery: c.Tree = translate(fn)  
    q"new Table(Map(${c.prefix}, $subquery))"  
  }  
}
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## Part 4: Live demo

# Challenge accepted



Martin Odersky Retweeted



**Eugene Burmako** @xeno\_by · May 10

Lured @odersky to my talk with promise to implement new macro annots. Follow [github.com/scalameta/para...](https://github.com/scalameta/paradise) to see if I can pull it off #scaladays



**scalameta/paradise**

paradise - <http://event.scaladays.org/scaladays-nyc-2016#!#schedulePopupExtras-7540>

[github.com](https://github.com)



# Mission accomplished



**Eugene Burmako** @xeno\_by · 13h

. @odersky Mission accomplished! Check out [gitter.im/scalameta/scal...](https://gitter.im/scalameta/scalameta) ... for a code sample.



**scalameta/scalameta**

Simple, robust and portable metaprogramming toolkit for Scala

[gitter.im](https://gitter.im)



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# In the meanwhile, in the Dotty land

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays the URL `https://github.com/lampepfl/dotty/pull/1249`. The repository name `lampepfl / dotty` is visible, along with buttons for `Unwatch` (137), `Star` (897), `Fork` (115), and a user profile for Eugene. Below the repository name are tabs for `Code`, `Issues` (122), `Pull requests` (19), `Wiki`, `Pulse`, `Graphs`, and `Settings`.

The main title of the pull request is `Evaluate annotations before completing tree of definitions` with the number `#1249` and an `Edit` button. A green `Open` button is next to the text `odersky wants to merge 1 commit into lampepfl:master from dotty-staging:change-early-annots`. Below this, there are statistics for `Conversation` (0), `Commits` (1), and `Files changed` (1), along with a small bar chart showing `+1 -1`.

A comment by `odersky` is shown, stating they commented 21 hours ago. The comment text is: `Motive: That way we can identify annotation macros without special name resolution rules.` and `This was surprisingly easy.` The comment is reviewed by `@xeno-by`. The user's profile picture and name are visible. The comment is part of a conversation thread.

On the right side, there are sections for `Labels` (None yet), `Milestone` (No milestone), and `Assignee` (No one—assign yourself). There is also a `Notifications` section with an `Unsubscribe` button and a message: `You're receiving notifications because you were mentioned.`

At the bottom, a green checkmark icon indicates that `All checks have passed` with `4 successful checks`. A `Show all checks` link is provided. The footer of the browser shows the URL `https://github.com/lampepfl/dotty/pull/1249/files`.

## Part 5: The future

Pattern Creator (Beta)

Scala

New Scala pattern


Gists

Apply to project

View AST

Documentation

| Test source  | Pattern code   |
|--|--|
| <pre> 1  //Patterns: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 2  package docs.tests 3 4  class Get { 5 6    val optional1: Option[Int] = Option(1) 7    val optional2 = Option(1) 8    val optional3 = None 9 10   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 11   optional1.get 12   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 13   optional3.get 14   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 15   optional1.getOrElse(2) 16   optional2.getOrElse(3) 17   optional3.getOrElse(4) 18 19   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 20   Option(1).get 21 22   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 23   Option.empty[String].map(identity).get 24 25   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 26   None.get 27 28   //Warn: Custom_Scala_GetCalls 29   Some(322).get 30 31   Option(423423).map(_ + 342).getOrElse(432) 32 33 34 </pre> | <pre> 1  import codacy.scalaMetaParser._ 2  import scala.meta._ 3 4  case object Custom_Scala_GetCalls extends Pattern{ 5 6    override def apply(tree: Tree, parameters:Option[PatternParameters]) = { 7 8      tree.collect{ 9        case t@q"\$something.get" if ! t.parent.exists( isApply ) =&gt; 10          (message(t),t) 11      } 12 13      private[this] def message(tree: Tree) = ResultMessage("Usage of get 14      on optional type.") 15 16      private[this] def isApply(tree: Tree): Boolean = tree match{ 17        case q"\$expr(..\$exprs)" =&gt; true 18        case q"\$expr[...\$tpesnel]" =&gt; true 19        case _ =&gt; false 20      } 21    } </pre> |

 [13:11:3] Success: Found 8 matches

Scalafmt - code formatter for Scala

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Any style guide written in English is either so brief that it's ambiguous, or so long that no one reads it.

-- Bob Nystrom, "Hardest Program I've Ever Written", Dart, Google.

Scalafmt turns the mess on the left into the (hopefully) readable, idiomatic and consistent Scala code on the right.

```
object FormatMe { List(number) match {
case head :: Nil if head % 2 == 0 =>
"number is even"
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even"
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"arg6"), arg7 + arg8), arg9.select(1,
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Published using Scalafmt

Scalafmt is an opinionated code formatter. The default style should work great out of the box so you can focus on

## Inline macros

```
import scala.meta._

object main {
  inline def apply()(defn: Any) = meta {
    val q"object $name  ..$stats " = defn
    val main = q""
      def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = { ..$stats }
      ""
    q"object $name { $main }"
  }
}

@main object Test {
  println("hello world")
}
```

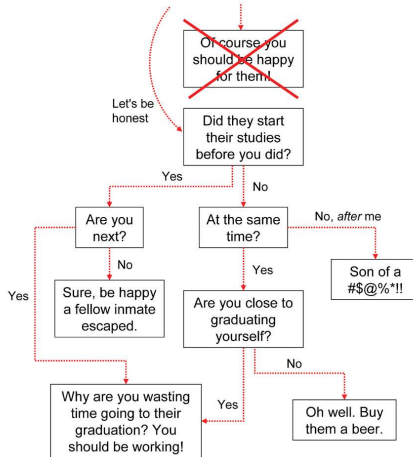
## Dotty linker

```
import dotty.linker._

@rewrites
object Rewrites {
  def metaRule[T](x: List[T]) =
    Rewrite(from = x.toString,
            to = meta { /* entry point to scala.meta */ })
}
```

Your friend is graduating.

## Should you be happy for them?



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# The road ahead



**Eugene Burmako** @xeno\_by · Mar 7

Totally psyched to announce that this fall I'll be joining Twitter's Engineering Effectiveness group:

[scalamacros.org/news/2016/03/0 ...](http://scalamacros.org/news/2016/03/0...)



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Wrapping up

# Summary

- ▶ We've just released our first beta version
- ▶ The project is officially endorsed and funded
- ▶ Current users: Codacy, scalafmt
- ▶ Future users: new macros, Dotty linker
- ▶ Try it out!