Metaprogramming 2.0

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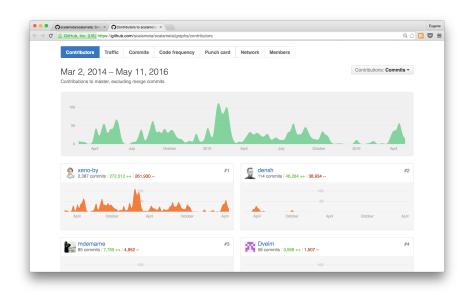
Easy Metaprogramming For Everyone!

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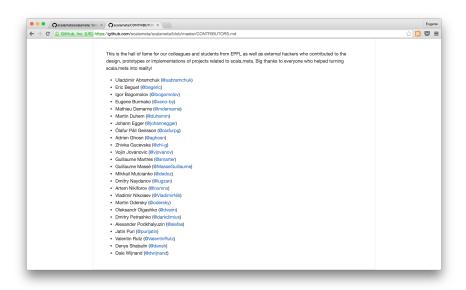
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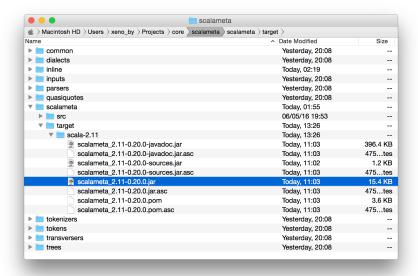
scala.meta is an active project



scala.meta is a community



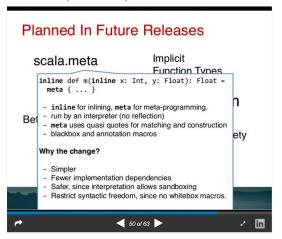
scala.meta is a product



scala.meta is officially endorsed



Slides of my Scala Days NYC talk:



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:

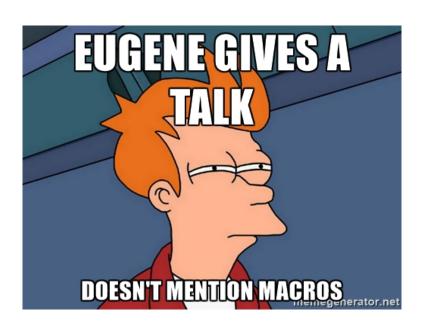
- AST persistence
- ▶ Name resolution
- Typechecking
- ► Implicit inference

Part 2: Live demo

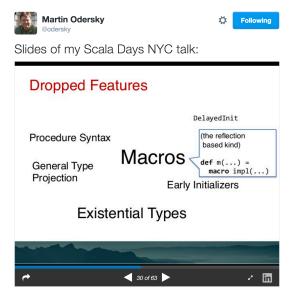
Summary

- 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



Macros are bad

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

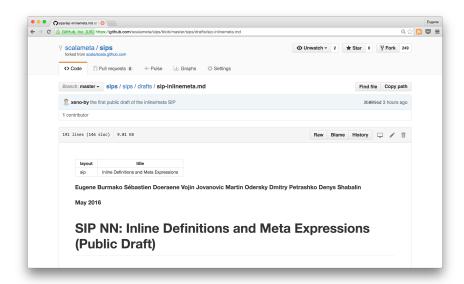
Macros are great

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

Long live macros



The new future for macros



The 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

```
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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val users: Table[User] = ...
users.map(u => u.name)
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  inline def map[U](fn: T => U): Table[U] = meta {
    val subquery: scala.meta.Tree = translate(fn)
    q"new Table(Map($this, $subquery))"
  }
}
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Part 4: Live demo

Challenge accepted



Mission accomplished

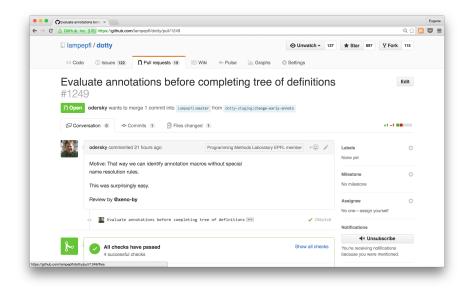


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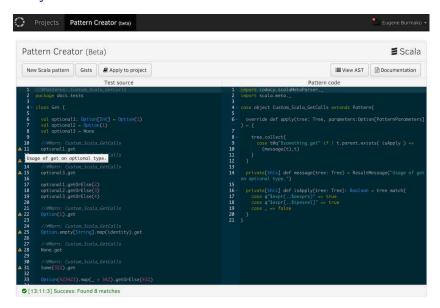


In the meanwhile, in the Dotty land



Part 5: The future

Codacy



scalafmt



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

Dotty linker

Your friend is graduating. Should you be happy for them?



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The road ahead



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

scalamacros.org/news/2016/03/0 ...









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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!