

Algebraic Data Types (ADTs)

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def saveTrafficLight(trafficLight: String)  
def logTrafficLight(trafficLight: String)  
def trafficLightAsJson(trafficLight: String)  
def trafficLightAsCsv(trafficLight: String)
```

`String` implies that the complete works of Shakespeare is valid input.

Including the Chinese translations!

Let's solve this with types!

TrafficLight

```
graph TD; TrafficLight --> Red; TrafficLight --> Yellow; TrafficLight --> Green;
```

Red

Yellow

Green

```
sealed trait TrafficLight  
case object Red extends TrafficLight  
case object Yellow extends TrafficLight  
case object Green extends TrafficLight
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...and nothing else!

(unlike traditional inheritance)

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New traffic light?

```
sealed trait TrafficLight  
  
case object Red extends TrafficLight  
  
case object Yellow extends TrafficLight  
  
case object Green extends TrafficLight  
  
case object Blue extends TrafficLight
```

Nasty outside world



