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# Datatype Generic Programming with Scala 3

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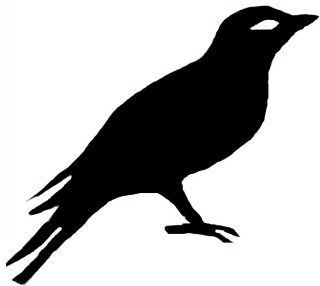
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- In this talk I'll explain datatype generic programming with Scala 3.

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$$\frac{\text{TupleLike} \Leftrightarrow (\text{Int}, \text{String}) \quad \frac{\text{TestObject}[\text{Int}] \quad \text{TestObject}[\text{String}]}{\text{TestObject}[(\text{Int}, \text{String})]} \textcircled{2}}{\text{TestObject}[\text{TupleLike}] \textcircled{1}}$$

where `TupleLike`  $\Leftrightarrow$  `(Int, String)` is powered by datatype generic programming.

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Fig 1: ScalaNinja

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- This means that:
  - ① `A` is a tuple-like type (i.e. case classes) if there is a `ProductOf[A]` instance,
  - ② `A` is an enum-like structure (i.e. sealed traits). if there is a `SumOf[A]` instance.

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- In `SumOf` case, we generate a value in `values`.

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  def s: TestObject[A] = {  
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- As March 1st, the number of lines of Scala 2 & 3 source code is 878,434 in our product.
  - This does not include generated code (such as protobuf & gRPC), so the total is approximately over 1,000,000.
- There are many microservices (Fig.3), making it a very complicated system 😊
- The number of our server-side team members is about 16.
- Meta-programming, which includes not only datatype generic programming but also *scalafix* and so on, is very useful for us.

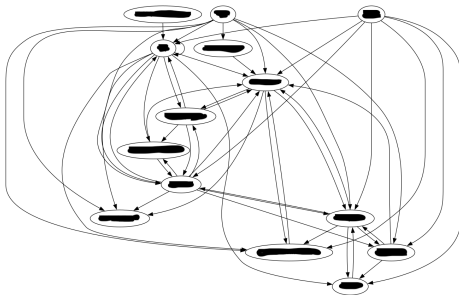


Fig 3: Very complicated micro services

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Thank you for the attention!