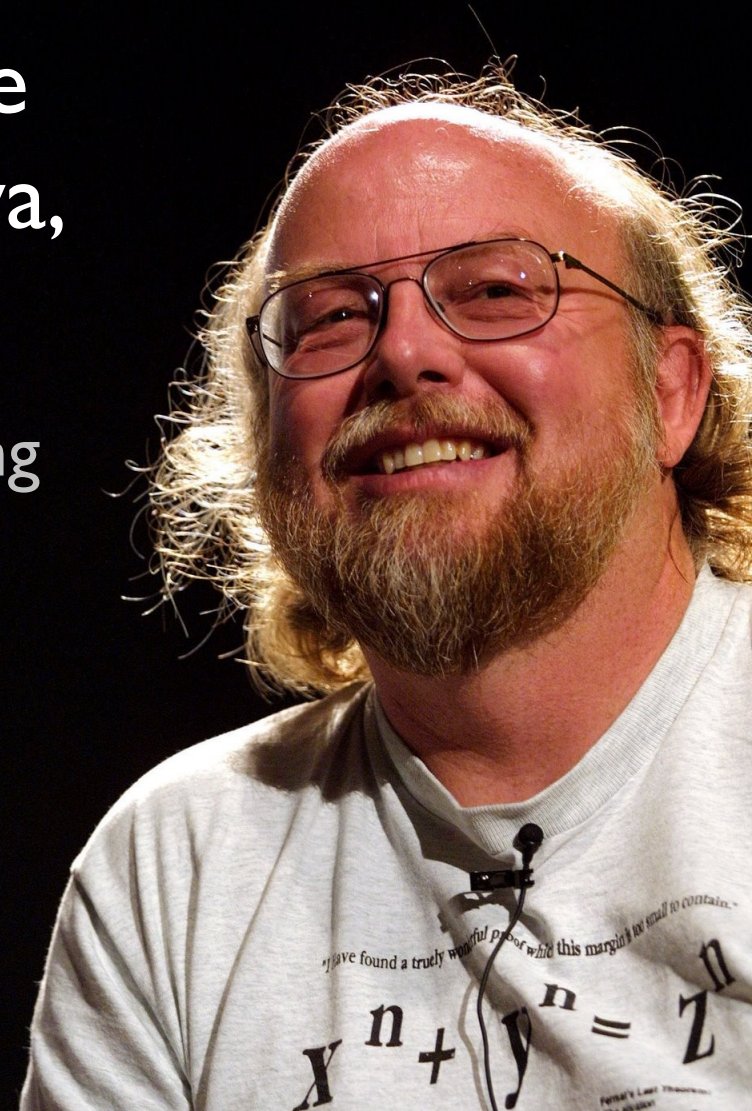


Pragmatic
Real-World **Scala**

Jonas Bonér
Scalable Solutions

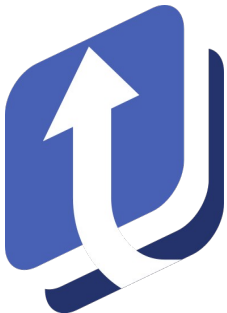
“If I were to pick a language
to use today other than Java,
it would be **Scala**”

James Gosling



Chat app in Lift

- Build a multi-user, comet-based chat app
- About 30 lines of code
- Three slides worth
- Slides By David Pollak, creator of Lift



Define Messages

```
case class Add(who: Actor)
```

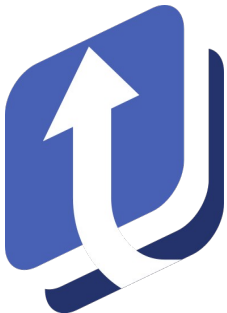
```
case class Remove(who: Actor)
```

```
case class Messages(msgs: List[String])
```



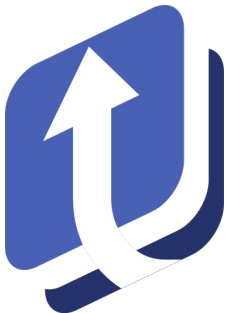
Chat Server

```
object ChatServer extends Actor {  
  private var listeners: List[Actor] = Nil  
  private var msgs: List[String] = Nil  
  def act = loop {  
    react {  
      case s: String =>  
        msgs = s :: msgs  
        listeners.foreach(l => l ! Messages(msgs))  
      case Add(who) =>  
        listeners = who :: listeners  
        who ! Messages(msgs)  
      case Remove(who) => listeners -= who  
    }  
  }  
  this.start  
}
```



Chat Comet Component

```
class Chat extends CometActor {
  private var msgs: List[String] = Nil
  def render =
    <div>
      <ul>{ msgs.reverse.map(m => <li>{ m }</li>) }</ul>
      { ajaxText("", s => { ChatServer ! s; Noop }) }
    </div>
  override def localSetup = ChatServer ! Add(this)
  override def localShutdown = ChatServer ! Remove(this)
  override def lowPriority = {
    case Messages(m) => msgs = m; reRender(false)
  }
}
```



Demo

Scalable language



Scala

OO + **FP**



Pragmatic

Since 2003

Sponsored by EPFL

Martin Odersky

Seamless Java interoperability

Friendly and supportive
community

Production
ready

Runs on the JVM

Statically typed



is...

Expressive & light-weight

```
val phonebook = Map(  
  "Jonas" -> "123456",  
  "Sara" -> "654321")  
phonebook += ("Jacob" -> "987654")  
println(phonebook("Jonas"))
```

High-level

Java version

```
boolean hasUpperCase = false;
for (int i = 0; i < name.length(); i++) {
    if (Character.isUpperCase(name.charAt(i)))
    {
        hasUpperCase = true;
        break;
    }
}
```

High-level

Scala version

```
val hasUpperCase = name.exists(_.isUpperCase)
```

Concise

// Java

```
public class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    public Person(String name,
                  int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
    public int getAge() {
        return age;
    }
    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
    public void setAge(age: int) {
        this.age = age;
    }
}
```

// Scala

```
class Person(
    var name: String,
    var age: Int)
```

Pure ○○

1 + 2

1.+(2)

123.toString()

Extensible

```
val service = actor {  
  loop {  
    receive {  
      case Add(x,y) => reply(x+y)  
      case Sub(x,y) => reply(x-y)  
    }  
  }  
}  
service ! Add(4, 2)    → 6
```

Pragmatic

```
def users =  
  <users>  
    <user role="customer">  
      <name>{ user.name }</name>  
      <password>{ user.password }</password>  
      <email>{ user.email }</email>  
    </user>  
    ...  
  </users>
```

Pragmatic

```
users match {  
  case <users>{users @_*}</users> =>  
    for (user <- users)  
      println("User " + (user \ "name").text)  
}
```

Great for DSLs

Apache Camel

```
“direct:a” ==> {  
  loadbalance roundrobin {  
    to (“mock:a”)  
    to (“mock:b”)  
    to (“mock:c”)  
  }  
}
```



Scala is
deep



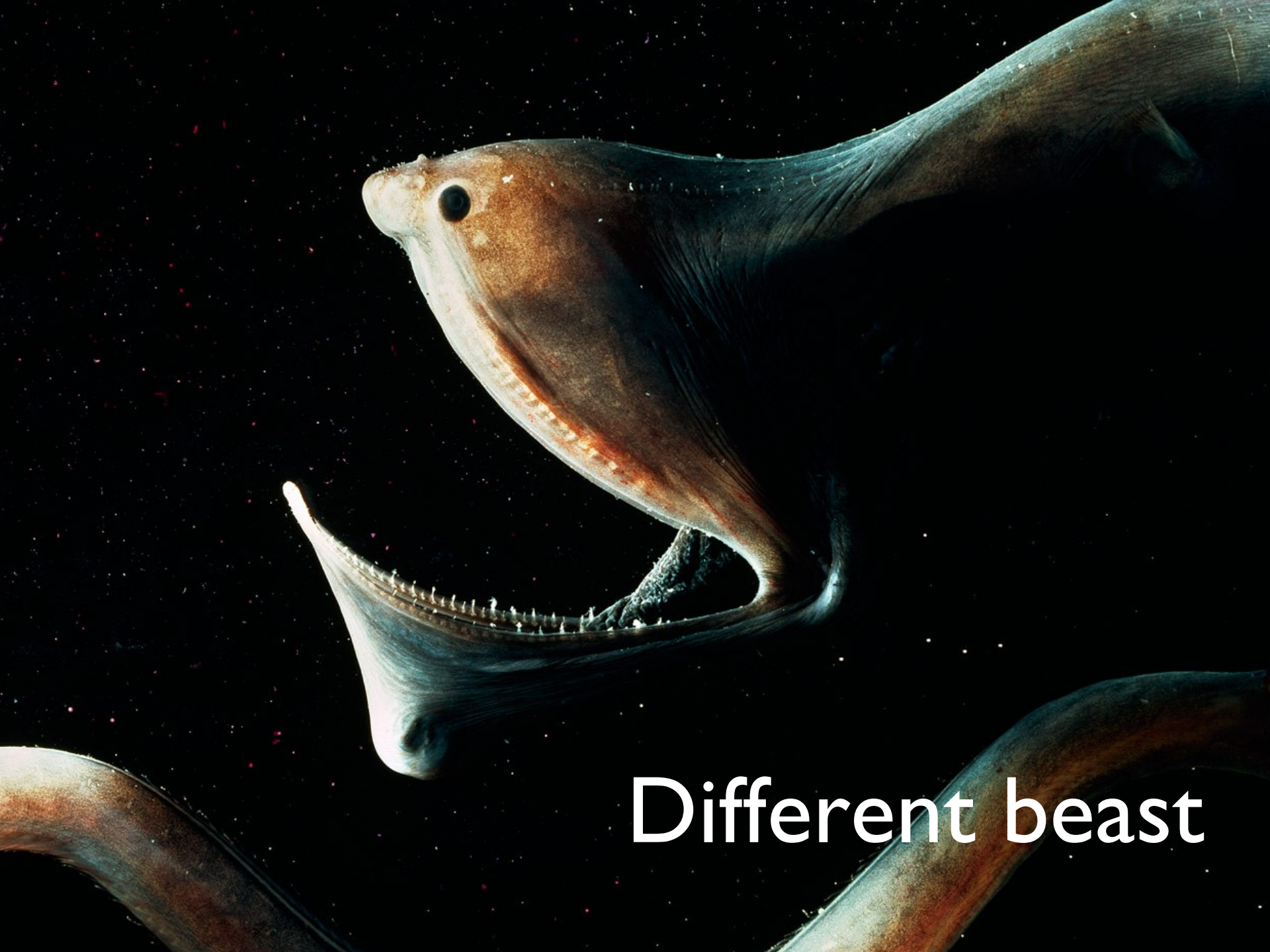
But you **don't** need to go very **deep**
to still have **fun** and be **productive**

Java





Tastier Java



Different beast

Composition

VISCOUS CONSISTENCY

Steve Swallow

MED. SLOW
♩ = 88

Chords: G7, C7, B7, E-, D-7, G7, C7, B7, E-, B7, B-7b5, E7, A7, D7, G7, F7, E7, Bb7, A7, Eb7, D7, Ab7, (ENDING) G7

Composition

VISCOUS CONSISTENCY

Steve Swallow

The image displays a handwritten musical score for the piece "Viscous Consistency" by Steve Swallow. The score is written on a dark background with white ink. It includes a tempo marking "MED. SLOW" and a time signature of "3/8". The notation consists of several staves of music with various chords (G7, C7, B7, E-, D7, F7, E1, Bb7, ED7, Ab7) and rhythmic markings (triplets, accents). A large, bold, red text "in large" is superimposed over the score. Below the main score, there is a separate staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a double bar line.

A black and white photograph capturing a massive crowd of people filling a city square. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders is visible; he is wearing a dark suit jacket and has his right hand raised in a peace sign gesture. The crowd extends far into the background, where several multi-story buildings with many windows line the square. The overall atmosphere is one of a large-scale public gathering or protest.

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building blocks

Traits

&

Self-type annotations

Trait

```
trait Dad {  
  private var children: List[Child] = Nil  
  
  def addChild(child: Child) =  
    children = child :: children  
  
  def getChildren = children.clone  
}
```

Base

```
class Man(val name: String) extends Human
```


Plumbing

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Static mixin composition

```
class Man(val name: String) extends Human with Dad
```

Static mixin composition

usage

```
class Man(val name: String) extends Human with Dad
```

```
val jonas = new Man("Jonas")  
jonas.addChild(new Child("Jacob"))
```

Dynamic mixin composition

```
val jonas = new Man("Jonas") with Dad
```

Dynamic mixin composition usage

```
val jonas = new Man("Jonas") with Dad
```

```
jonas.addChild(new Child("Jacob"))
```

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different type of **traits**



Rich interface

```
trait RichIterable[A] {  
  def iterator: Iterator[A] // contract method  
  
  def foreach(f: A => Unit) = {  
    val iter = iterator  
    while (iter.hasNext) f(iter.next)  
  }  
  
  def foldLeft[B](seed: B)(f: (B, A) => B) = {  
    var result = seed  
    foreach(e => result = f(result, e))  
    result  
  }  
}
```

Rich interface

```
val richSet =  
  new java.util.HashSet[Int]  
  with RichIterable[Int]  
  
richSet.add(1)  
richSet.add(2)  
  
richSet.foldLeft(0)((x, y) => x + y)  
  → 3
```


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Stackable modifications

```
trait IgnoreCaseSet
  extends java.util.Set[String] {

  abstract override def add(e: String) = {
    super.add(e.toLowerCase)
  }
  abstract override def contains(e: String) = {
    super.contains(e.toLowerCase)
  }
  abstract override def remove(e: String) = {
    super.remove(e.toLowerCase)
  }
}
```

Stackable modifications

```
val set =  
    new java.util.HashSet[String]  
    with IgnoreCaseSet  
  
set.add("HI THERE") // uppercase  
  
set.contains("hi there") // lowercase  
    → true
```

Add another trait interceptor

```
trait LoggableSet
  extends java.util.Set[String] {

  abstract override def add(e: String) = {
    println("Add :“ + e)
    super.add(e)
  }

  abstract override def remove(e: String) = {
    println("Remove :“ + e)
    super.remove(e)
  }
}
```

Run the stack of interceptors

```
val set =  
    new java.util.HashSet[String]  
    with IgnoreCaseSet  
    with LoggableSet  
  
set.add("HI THERE")  
    → "Add: HI THERE"
```

Prints in **uppercase**

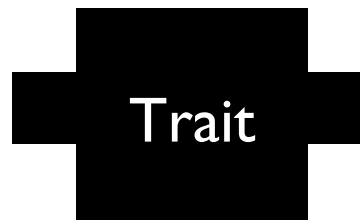
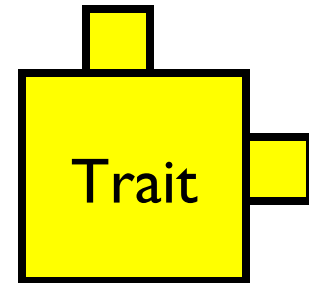
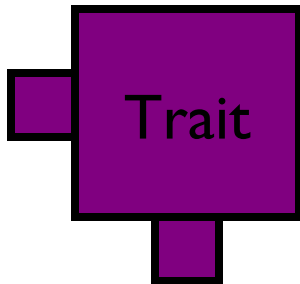
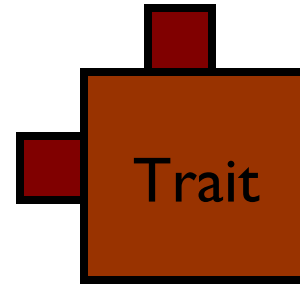
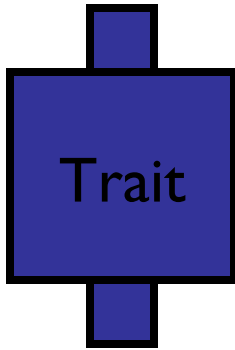
Change the order

```
val set =  
    new java.util.HashSet[String]  
    with LoggableSet  
    with IgnoreCaseSet  
  
set.add("HI THERE")  
→ "Add: hi there"
```

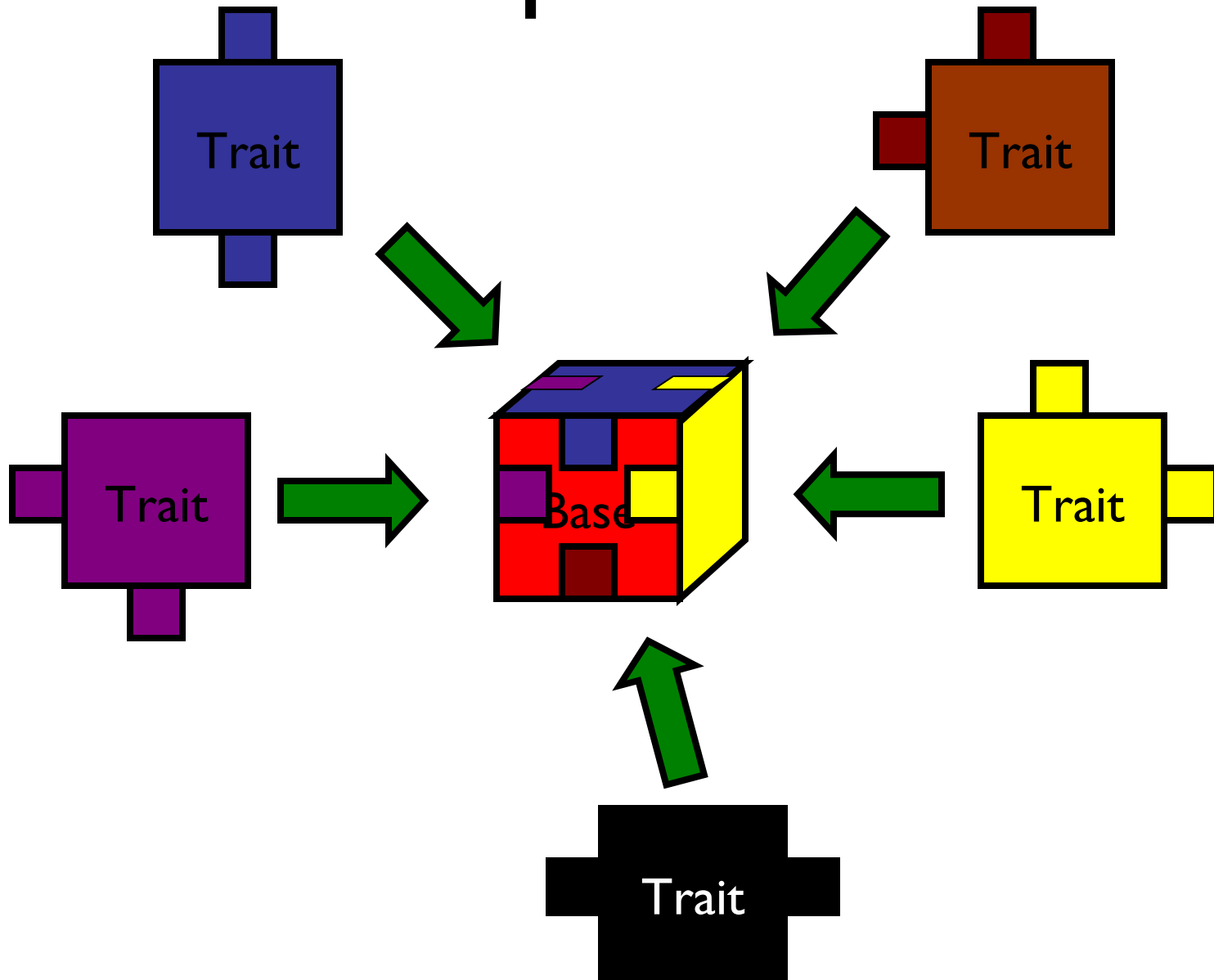
Prints in lowercase

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Multiple views



Multiple views

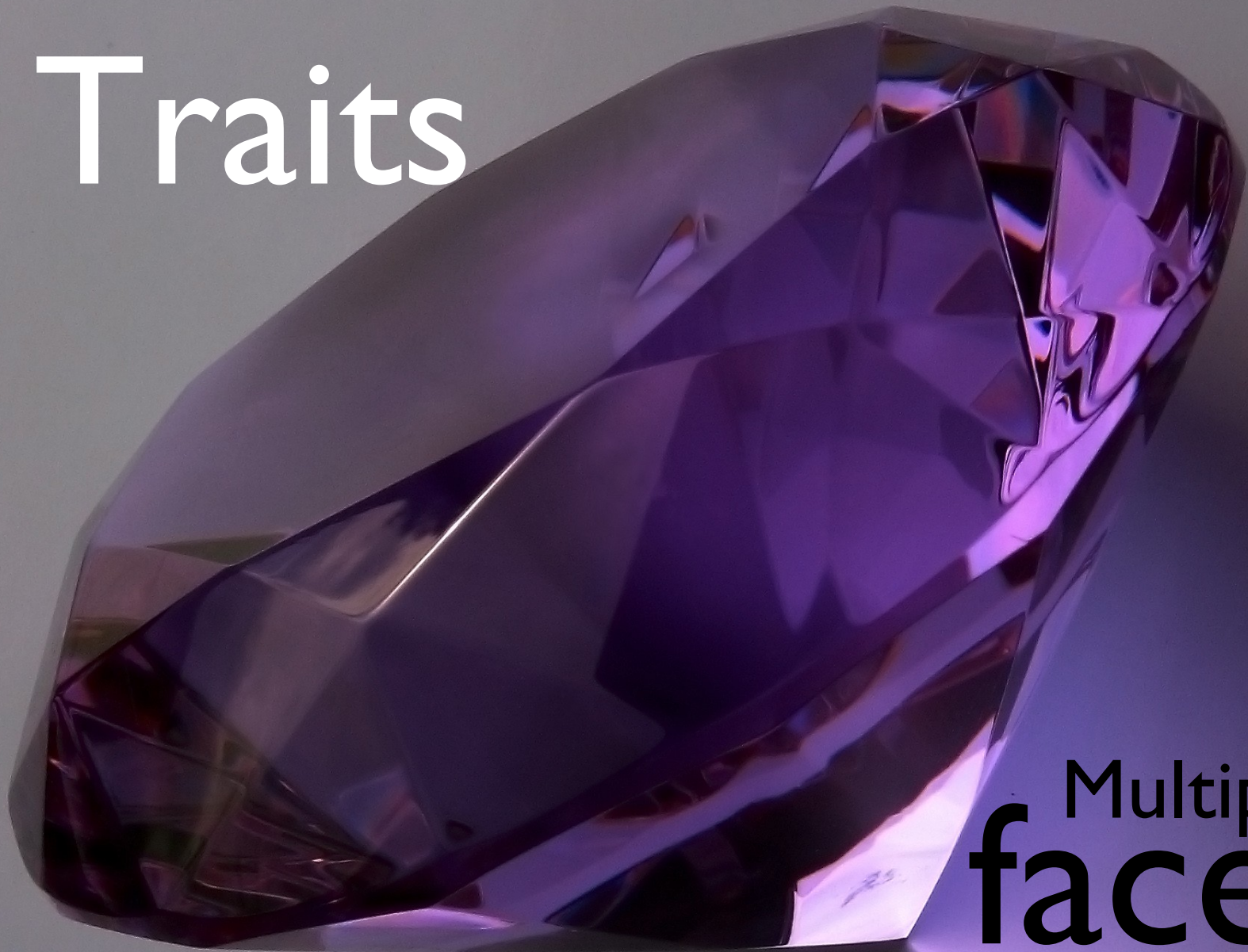


Traits

Multiple
personalities



Traits



Multiple
facets

Base

```
class Order(val cust: Customer)
```

Facets

```
trait Entity { ... }  
trait InventoryItemSet { ... }  
trait Invoicable { ... }  
trait PurchaseLimiter { ... }  
trait MailNotifier { ... }  
trait ACL { ... }  
trait Versioned { ... }  
trait Transactional { ... }
```

Composition

```
val order = new Order(customer)
  with Entity
  with InventoryItemSet
  with Invoicable
  with PurchaseLimiter
  with MailNotifier
  with ACL
  with Versioned
  with Transactional
```


450g cherry tomatoes
1 small aubergine
2 medium courgettes
1 small red pepper
1 small bulb fennel
1 large onion
1 garlic bulb
fresh basil leaves

110g feta (goats cheese)
1x 75g packet mixed salad leaves
1 lime
tomato purée

2 x packets small brown rolls (sold in
packs of 12 I think).

What do you
need?

DI

this : <deps> =>

this : <deps> =>

Dependency declaration

```
trait UserService {  
  this: UserRepository =>  
  ...  
  // provided with composition  
  userRepository.merge(user)  
}
```

...using **self-type annotation**



scala dependency injection

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Duck typing



if it **walks** like a duck...

and **talks** like a duck...

then **it's a duck**

Duck typing

Structural Typing:

Duck-typing done right

```
def authorize(target: { def getACL: ACL }) = {  
  val acl = target.getACL  
  ... //authorize  
}
```

Statically enforced

Composition

VISCOUS CONSISTENCY

Steve Swallow

MED. SLOW
3/8

in small

(E-flat) G7

“It's Time to Get Good at Functional Programming”

Dr Dobb's Journal
Issue December 2008





What's
all the
buzz
about?

Tom
Photography
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Deterministic

High-level

Reusable

FP

Referentially
transparent

Immutable

Declarative

Orthogonal



FP is like

Leggo



Small reusable pieces

with **input**

and **output**

Unix pipes

```
cat File | grep 'println' | wc
```

Functions

```
(x: Int) => x + 1
```


Functions as values

```
val inc = (x: Int) => x + 1
```

```
inc(1) → 2
```

Functions as **parameters** high-order

```
List(1, 2, 3).map((x: Int) => x + 1)
```

```
→ List(2, 3, 4)
```

Functions as parameters

with sugar

```
List(1, 2, 3).map((x: Int) => x + 1)
```

```
List(1, 2, 3).map(x => x + 1)
```

```
List(1, 2, 3).map(_ + 1)
```

Functions as closures

```
val addMore = (x: Int) => x + more
```

What is **more**?

Some value **outside** the function's lexical **scope**

```
var more = 7  
val addMore = (x: Int) => x + more
```

```
addMore(3) → 10
```

```
more = 8
```

```
addMore(3) → 11
```

Functional

Data Structures

Immutable

The almighty

List

Lists

Grow at the front

Insert at front $\rightarrow O(1)$

Insert at end $\rightarrow O(n)$

List creation

```
List(1, 2, 3)
```

```
1 :: 2 :: 3 :: Nil
```

Basics

```
val list = List(1, 2, 3)
```

```
list.head → 1
```

```
list.tail → List(2, 3)
```

```
list.isEmpty → false
```

High-level operations

```
val list = List(1, 2, 3)
list.map(_ + 1)           → List(2, 3, 4)
list.filter(_ < 2)       → List(3)
list.exists(_ == 3)     → true
list.drop(2)             → List(3)
list.reverse             → List(3, 2, 1)
list.sort(_ > _)         → List(3, 2, 1)
List.flatten(list)      → List(1, 2, 3)
list.slice(2, 3)        → List(3)
...
```

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functions defined on **List**

Tuples

```
def getNameAndAge: Tuple2[String, Int] = {  
  val name = ...  
  val age = ...  
  (name, age)  
}
```

```
val (name, age) = getNameAndAge  
println("Name: " + name)  
println("Age: " + age)
```

Other

functional data structures:

Maps

Sets

Trees

Stacks

For comprehensions

```
for (n <- names)  
  println(n)
```

Like SQL queries

```
for {  
  att <- attendees  
  if att.name == "Fred"  
  lang <- att.spokenLanguages  
  if lang == "Danish"  
} println(att)
```

Find all attendees named Fred that speaks Danish

for / yield

```
val companiesForAttendeesFromLondon =  
  for {  
    att <- attendees  
    if att.address.city == "London"  
  } yield att.company
```

Everything returns a value

```
for (thing <- thingsFromHere)  
yield getRealThing(thing)
```

Everything returns a value

```
val things =  
  for (thing <- thingsFromHere)  
  yield getRealThing(thing)
```

Everything returns a value

```
if (fromHere) {  
  for (thing <- thingsFromHere)  
    yield getRealThing(thing)  
} else {  
  for (thing <- thingsFromThere)  
    yield thing  
}
```

Everything returns a value

```
val things =  
  if (fromHere) {  
    for (thing <- thingsFromHere)  
      yield getRealThing(thing)  
  } else {  
    for (thing <- thingsFromThere)  
      yield thing  
  }
```

Everything returns a value

```
try {  
  if (fromHere) {  
    for (thing <- thingsFromHere)  
      yield getRealThing(thing)  
  } else {  
    for (thing <- thingsFromThere)  
      yield thing  
  }  
} catch {  
  case e => error(e); Nil  
}
```

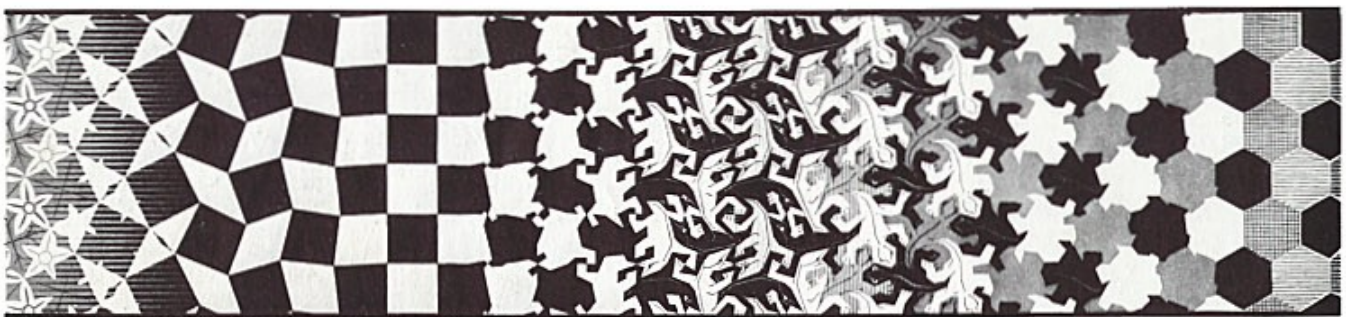
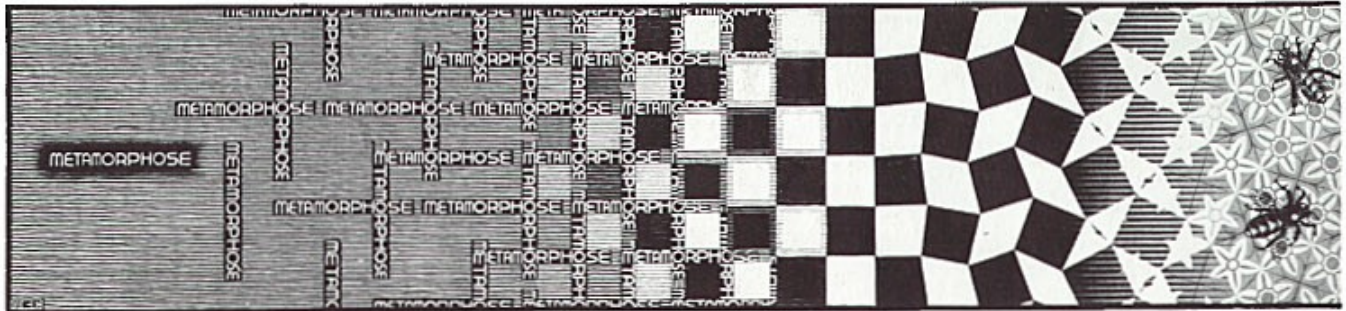

Everything returns a value

```
val things =  
  try {  
    if (fromHere) {  
      for (thing <- thingsFromHere)  
        yield getRealThing(thing)  
    } else {  
      for (thing <- thingsFromThere)  
        yield thing  
    }  
  } catch {  
    case e => error(e); Nil  
  }
```

Everything returns a value

```
def getThingsFromSomewhere(
  fromHere: Boolean): List[Thing] = {
  try {
    if (fromHere) {
      for (thing <- thingsFromHere)
        yield getRealThing(thing)
    } else {
      for (thing <- thingsFromThere)
        yield thing
    }
  } catch {
    case e => error(e); Nil
  }
}
```

Pattern matching



Pattern matching

```
def matchAny(a: Any): Any = a match {  
  case 1                => "one"  
  case "two"            => 2  
  case i: Int           => "scala.Int"  
  case <tag>{ t }</tag> => t  
  case head :: tail    => head  
  case _               => "default"  
}
```


Tools



Tools: scala/bin

scala

scalac

fsc

scaladoc

sbaz

Tools: IDEs

Eclipse

NetBeans

Intelij IDEA

Emacs

JEdit

Building

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