Scala CHEAT SHEET

Every value is an object and every operation is a message send .

PACKAGE

Java style:

```
package com.mycompany.mypkg
```

applies across the entire file scope

Package "scoping" approach: curly brace delimited

```
package com
{
  package tedneward
  {
    package scala
    {
      package demonstration
      {
        object App
        {
          import java.math.BigInteger
          // just to show nested importing
          def main(args : Array[String]) :
          Unit =
          {
            System.out.println(
              "Howdy, from packaged code!")
            args.foreach((i) =>
              System.out.println("Got " + i) )
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

IMPORT

form:

```
import p._  // imports all members of p
// (this is analogous to import p.* in Java)

import p.x         // the member x of p
import p.{x => a} // the member x of p renamed
                   // as a
import p.{x, y}    // the members x and y of p
import p1.p2.z     // the member z of p2,
                   // itself member of p1
import p1._, p2._ // is a shorthand for import
                   // p1._; import p2._
```

implicit imports:

  the package `java.lang`

  the package `scala`

  and the object `scala.Predef`

import anywhere inside the client Scala file, not just at the top of the file, for scoped relevance

VARIABLE

form: `var var_name: type = init_value;`

```
var i : int = 0;
```

default values:

```
private var somevar: T = _
  // _ is a default value
```

default value:

  0 for numeric types

  false for the Boolean type

  () for the Unit type

  null for all object types

CONSTANT

prefer val over var

form: `val var_name: type = init_value;`

```
val i : int = 0;
```

STATIC

no static members, use Singleton, see Object

CLASS

Every class inherits from `scala.Any`

see http://www.scala-lang.org/node/128

2 subclass categories:

  `scala.AnyVal`

  `scala.AnyRef`

form: `abstract class(pName: PType1, pName2: PType2...) extends SuperClass`

with constructor in the class definition

```
class Person(name: String, age: int) extends
Mammal {
  // secondary constructor
  def this(name: String) {
    // call the "primary" constructor
    this(name, 1);
  }
  // members here
}
```

OBJECT

concrete class instance

a singleton

```
object RunRational extends Application
{
  // members here
}
```

MIXIN CLASS COMPOSITION

Mixin :

```
trait RichIterator extends AbsIterator {
  def foreach(f: T => Unit) { while (hasNext)
f(next) }
}
```

Mixin Class Composition :

Note the keyword "with" used to create a mixin composition of the parents StringIterator and RichIterator.

The first parent is called the superclass of Iter, whereas the second (and every other, if present) parent is called a mixin.

```
object StringIteratorTest {
  def main(args: Array[String]) {
    class Iter extends StringIterator(args(0))
      with RichIterator
    val iter = new Iter
    iter foreach println
  }
}
```

GENERIC CLASS

```
class Stack[T] {
  // members here
}
```

Usage:

```
object GenericsTest extends Application {
  val stack = new Stack[Int]
  // do stuff here
}
```

note: can also define generic methods

INNER CLASS

```
class Graph {
  class Node {
    var connectedNodes: List[Node] = Nil
    def connectTo(node: Node) {
      if
(connectedNodes.find(node.equals).isEmpty) {
        connectedNodes = node :: connectedNodes
      }
    }
  }
  // members here
}
```

usage:
```
object GraphTest extends Application {
  val g: Graph = new Graph
  val n1: g.Node = g.newNode
  val n2: g.Node = g.newNode
  n1.connectTo(n2)      // legal
  val h: Graph = new Graph
  val n3: h.Node = h.newNode
  n1.connectTo(n3)      // illegal!
}
```
note that a node type is prefixed with its outer instance, can't mix instances

METHODS
Methods are Functional Values and Functions are Objects
form: `def name(pName: PType1, pName2: PType2...) : RetType`
use override to override a method
```
override def toString() = "" + re + (if (im < 0) "" else "+") + im + "i"
```

can override as contra/covariant (different return type)
'=>' separates the function's argument list from its body
```
def re = real // method without arguments
```

OPERATORS
all operators are functions on a class
operators have fixed precedences and associativities:
```
(all letters)
|
^
&
< >
= !
:
+ -
/ %
*
(all other special characters)
```
Operators are usually left-associative, i.e. x + y + z is interpreted as (x + y) + z,
except operators ending in colon : are treated as right-associative.

An example is the list-consing operator ::. where, `x :: y :: zs` is interpreted as `x :: (y :: zs)`.
eg.
```
def + (other: Complex) : Complex = {
  //....
}
```

infix operator - any single parameter method can be used :
```
System exit 0
Thread sleep 10
```

unary operators - prefix the operator name with "unary_"
```
def unary_~ : Rational = new Rational(denom, numer)
```

The Scala compiler will try to infer some meaning out of the "operators" that have some predetermined meaning, such as the += operator.

ARRAYS
arrays are classes
```
Array[T]
```
access as function:
```
a(i)
```

MAIN
```
def main(args: Array[String])
```
return type is `unit`

ANNOTATIONS
to come

ASSIGNMENT
=
```
protected var x = 0
```
<-
`val x <- xs` is a generator which produces a sequence of values

SELECTION
The else must be present and must result in the same kind of value that the if block does
```
val filename =
  if (options.contains("configFile"))
    options.get("configFile")
  else
    "default.properties"
```

ITERATION
prefer recursion over looping

while loop: same as in Java

for loop:
```
// to is a method in Int that produces a Range object
for (i <- 1 to 10 if i % 2 == 0) // the left-arrow means "assignment" in Scala
  System.out.println("Counting " + i)
```
`i <- 1 to 10` is equivalent to:
`for (i <- 1.to(10))`
`i % 2 == 0` is a filter, optional

`for (val arg <- args)`
maps to `args foreach (arg => ...)`

More to come...

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