

Dark Syntax Sugars



Syntax Sugars

Single argument methods

- example: apply methods of Try, Option , Future, etc

```
def singleArgMethod(arg: Int): String =  
  s"$arg little ducks..."  
  
val description = singleArgMethod {  
  // write some complex code  
  42  
}
```

Single abstract method pattern

- example: Java Runnables

```
trait Action {  
  def act(x: Int): Int  
}  
  
val aFunkyInstance: Action = (x: Int) => x + 1
```

```
val aTryInstance = Try { // Try.apply  
  throw new RuntimeException  
}  
  
List(1,2,3).map { x =>  
  // code block for the lambda  
  x + 1  
}
```

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Methods ending in `:` are special

- example: lists

```
1 :: 2 :: 3 :: List(4, 5)
List(4,5)::(3)::(2)::(1) // equivalent
```

Multi-word identifiers

- example: HTTP libraries

```
object `Content-Type` {
  val `application/json` = "application/json"
}
```

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Infix types

```
infix trait -->[A, B]
val towards: Int --> String = ???
```

Update

- example: arrays

```
val anArray = Array(1,2,3)
anArray(2) = 7 // rewritten to anArray.update(2, 7)
```

Mutable fields

```
class Mutable {
  private var internalMember: Int = 0
  def member = internalMember // "getter"
  def member_=(value: Int): Unit =
    internalMember = value // "setter"
}

val aMutableContainer = new Mutable
aMutableContainer.member = 42
```

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