

# Dark Syntax Sugars



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## 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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