

Scala 3 by Example - ADTs for DDD

Algebraic Data Types for Domain Driven Design

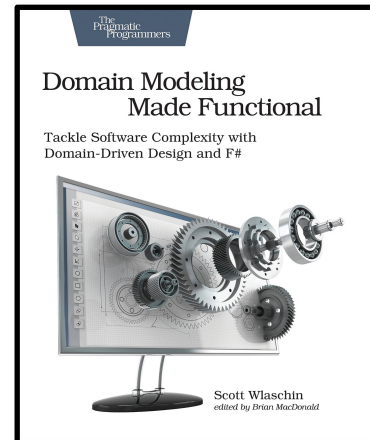
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 A Tour of Scala 3



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Composition of Types

You'll hear the word "**composition**" used a lot in functional programming—it's the foundation of functional design. **Composition** just means that **you can combine two things to make a bigger thing, like using Lego blocks**.

In the functional programming world, **we use composition to build new functions from smaller functions and new types from smaller types**. ...

In **F#**, new types are built from smaller types in two ways:

- By **_AND_**ing them together
- By **_OR_**ing them together

"AND" Types

Let's start with building types using **AND**. For example, we might say that to make fruit salad you need **an apple and a banana and some cherries**:

FruitSalad =

One each from



and



and



In **F#** this kind of type is called a **record**. Here's how the definition of a **FruitSalad** record type would be written in **F#**:

```
type FruitSalad {  
    Apple: AppleVariety  
    Banana: BananaVariety  
    Cherries: CherryVariety  
}
```

The curly braces indicate that it is a **record** type, and the three fields are **Apple**, **Banana**, and **Cherries**.

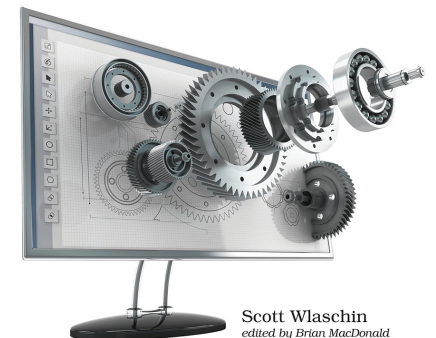


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AND Types

In **Scala** we can define an **AND type** with a **case class**.

F#



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 **Scala**

```
type FruitSalad = {  
  Apple: AppleVariety  
  Banana: BananaVariety  
  Cherries: CherryVariety  
}
```

```
case class FruitSalad (  
  apple: AppleVariety,  
  banana: BananaVariety,  
  cherries: CherryVariety  
)
```

"OR" Types

The other way of building new types is by using **OR**. For example, we might say that for a fruit snack you need **an apple or a banana or some cherries**:

FruitSnack =
Choice of  or  or 

These kinds of "choice" types will be incredibly useful for modeling (as we will see throughout this book). Here is the definition of a **FruitSnack** using a choice type:

```
type FruitSnack =  
| Apple of AppleVariety  
| Banana of BananaVariety  
| Cherries of CherryVariety
```

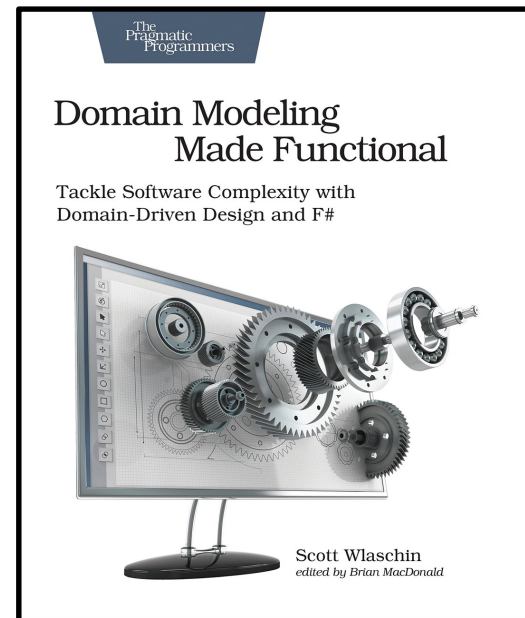
A choice type like this is called a **discriminated union** in **F#**. It can be read like this:

- A **FruitSnack** is **either** an **AppleVariety** (tagged with **Apple**) **or** a **BananaVariety** (tagged with **Banana**) **or** a **CherryVariety** (tagged with **Cherries**).

The vertical bar separates each choice, and the tags (such as **Apple** and **Banana**) are needed because sometimes the two or more choices may have the same type and so tags are needed to distinguish them.



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OR Types

F#

```
type FruitSnack =  
    | Apple of AppleVariety  
    | Banana of BananaVariety  
    | Cherries of CherryVariety
```



In **Scala** we can define an **OR type** with a **sealed trait** plus **case classes** or **case objects**. See the next slide for an example that uses both. In this case we only need **case classes**.

Scala

```
sealed trait FruitSnack  
case class Apple(variety: AppleVariety) extends FruitSnack  
case class Banana(variety: BananaVariety) extends FruitSnack  
case class Cherry(variety: CherryVariety) extends FruitSnack
```

```
sealed trait List[+A]
case object Nil extends List[Nothing]
case class Cons[+A](head: A, tail: List[A]) extends List[A]
```

Defining functional data structures

A **functional data structure** is (not surprisingly) operated on using only pure functions. Remember, a pure function must not change data in place or perform other side effects. Therefore, **functional data structures are by definition immutable**.

...

let's examine what's **probably the most ubiquitous functional data structure, the singly linked list**. The definition here is identical in spirit to (though simpler than) the **List** data type defined in **Scala**'s standard library.

...

Let's look first at **the definition of the data type**, which **begins with the keywords sealed trait**.

In general, we introduce a data type with the trait keyword.

A **trait** is an **abstract interface** that may optionally contain implementations of some methods.

Here we're declaring a **trait**, called **List**, with **no methods** on it.

Adding **sealed** in front means that all implementations of the `trait` must be declared in this file.¹

There are two such implementations, or **data constructors**, of **List** (each introduced with the keyword **case**) declared next, to represent the two possible forms a **List** can take.

As the figure...shows, a **List** can be empty, denoted by the data constructor **Nil**, or it can be nonempty, denoted by the data constructor **Cons** (traditionally short for construct). A nonempty list consists of an initial element, `head`, followed by a **List** (possibly empty) of remaining elements (the `tail`).

¹ We could also say **abstract class** here instead of **trait**. The distinction between the two is not at all significant for our purposes right now. ...



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OR Types

F#

```
type FruitSnack =  
    | Apple of AppleVariety  
    | Banana of BananaVariety  
    | Cherries of CherryVariety
```



But in **Scala 3** we can also define an **OR type** in a simpler way, using an **enum**.

Scala 2

```
sealed trait FruitSnack  
case class Apple(variety: AppleVariety) extends FruitSnack  
case class Banana(variety: BananaVariety) extends FruitSnack  
case class Cherry(variety: CherryVariety) extends FruitSnack
```

Scala 3

```
enum FruitSnack {  
    case Apple(appleVariety: AppleVariety)  
    case Banana(bananaVariety: BananaVariety)  
    case Cherry(cherryVariety: CherryVariety)  
}
```


The varieties of fruit are themselves defined as **OR** types, which in this case is used **similarly to an enum in other languages**.

```
type AppleVariety =  
  | GoldenDelicious  
  | GrannySmith  
  | Fuji
```

```
type BananaVariety =  
  | Cavendish  
  | GrosMichel  
  | Manzano
```

```
type CherryVariety =  
  | Montmorency  
  | Bing
```

This can be read as:

- An **AppleVariety** is **either** a **GoldenDelicious** **or** a **GrannySmith** **or** a **Fuji**, and so on.

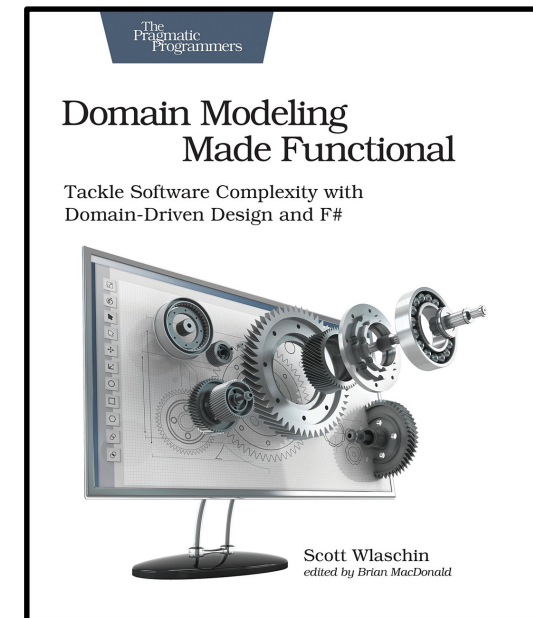
Jargon Alert: “**Product** Types” and “**Sum** Types”

The types that are built using **AND** are called **product types**.

The types that are built using **OR** are called **sum types** or **tagged unions** or, in **F#** terminology, **discriminated unions**. In this book **I will often call them choice types, because I think that best describes their role in domain modeling.**



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OR Types

F#

```
type AppleVariety =  
    | GoldenDelicious  
    | GrannySmith  
    | Fuji
```

```
type BananaVariety =  
    | Cavendish  
    | GrosMichel  
    | Manzano
```

```
type CherryVariety =  
    | Montmorency  
    | Bing
```

It seems that in **Scala 3** we can also use **enums** to define these basic **OR types**.



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Scala 3

```
enum AppleVariety {  
    case GoldenDelicious,  
        GrannySmith,  
        Fuji  
}
```

```
enum BananaVariety {  
    case Cavendish,  
        GrosMichel,  
        Manzano  
}
```

```
enum CherryVariety {  
    case Montmorency,  
        Bing  
}
```

Simple Types

We will often define **a choice type with only *one choice***, such as this:

```
type ProductCode =  
  | ProductCode of string
```

This type is almost always simplified to this:

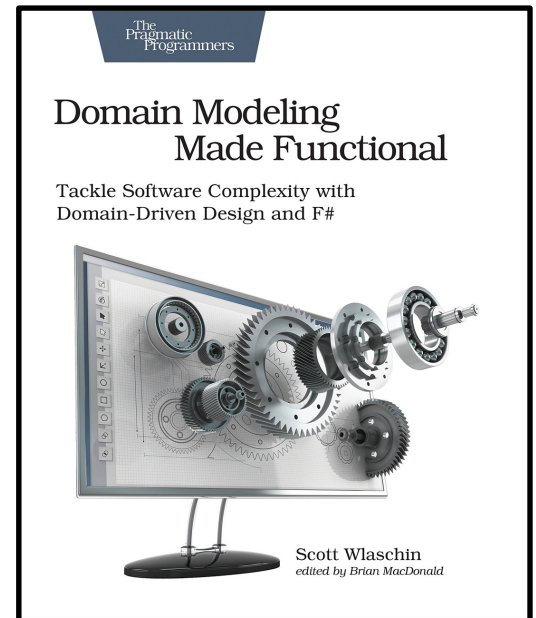
```
type ProductCode = ProductCode of string
```

Why would we create such a type? Because it's an easy way to create a "wrapper"— a type that contains a primitive (such as a string or int) as an inner value.

We'll be seeing a lot of these kinds of types when we do domain modeling. In this book I will label these **single-case unions** as "**simple types**," as opposed to **compound types** like **records** and **discriminated unions**. More discussion of them is available in [the section on Simple Types](#).



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Simple Types



Let's have a go at defining **simple types** using Scala 3 **opaque** types.

F#

```
type ProductCode = ProductCode of string
```

Scala 3

```
opaque type ProductCode = String
object ProductCode {
  def apply(code: String): ProductCode = code
}
```



As a recap, here are the **Scala 3 AND types** (product types), **OR types** (sum types) and **Simple types** for **FruitSnack** and **FruitSalad**.

OR type

AND type

Simple type

```
enum AppleVariety {
  case GoldenDelicious, GrannySmith, Fuji
}

enum BananaVariety {
  case Cavendish, GrosMichel, Manzano
}

enum CherryVariety {
  case Montmorency, Bing
}

case class FruitSalad (
  apple: AppleVariety,
  banana: BananaVariety,
  cherries: CherryVariety
)

enum FruitSnack {
  case Apple(variety: AppleVariety)
  case Banana(variety: BananaVariety)
  case Cherry(variety: CherryVariety)
}

object opaqueTypes {
  opaque type ProductCode = String
  object ProductCode {
    def apply(code: String): ProductCode = code
  }
}
```

And on the next slide you can see this code again but without braces and with a very simple example of its usage.



```
enum AppleVariety with
  case GoldenDelicious, GrannySmith, Fuji

enum BananaVariety with
  case Cavendish, GrosMichel, Manzano

enum CherryVariety with
  case Montmorency, Bing

case class FruitSalad (
  apple: AppleVariety,
  banana: BananaVariety,
  cherries: CherryVariety
)

enum FruitSnack with
  case Apple(variety: AppleVariety)
  case Banana(variety: BananaVariety)
  case Cherry(variety: CherryVariety)

object opaqueTypes with
  opaque type ProductCode = String
  object ProductCode with
    def apply(code: String): ProductCode = code
```

```
import AppleVariety._, BananaVariety._, CherryVariety._, opaqueTypes._

@main def main =

  val snack = FruitSnack.Banana(Cavendish)

  val fruitSalad = FruitSalad(
    apple = GoldenDelicious,
    banana = Cavendish,
    cherries = Bing
  )

  assert( snack == FruitSnack.Banana(Cavendish))

  assert( fruitSalad == FruitSalad(GoldenDelicious, Cavendish, Bing) )

  assert( (snack,fruitSalad) match {
    case (FruitSnack.Banana(variety),FruitSalad(_,bananaVariety,_))
      => variety == bananaVariety
    case (_,_)
      => false
  })
```

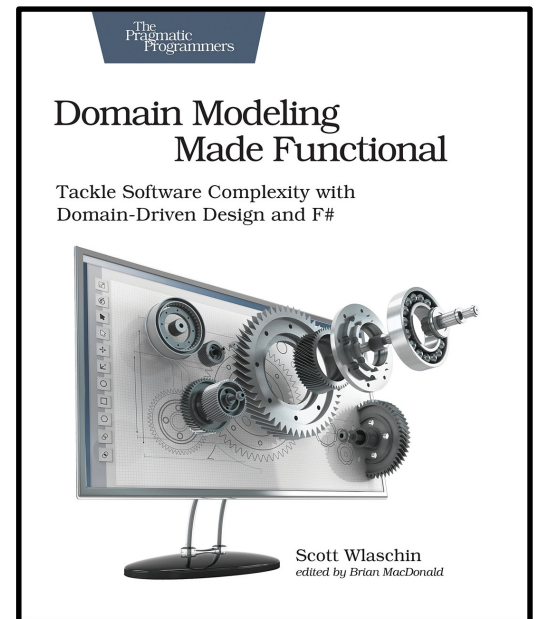
Algebraic Type Systems

Now we can define what we mean by an “**algebraic type system**.” It’s not as scary as it sounds—an **algebraic type system** is simply one where every compound type is composed from smaller types by AND-ing or OR-ing them together. F#, like most functional languages (but unlike OO languages), has a built-in **algebraic type system**.

Using **AND** and **OR** to build new data types should feel familiar—we used the same kind of **AND** and **OR** to document our domain. We’ll see shortly that an algebraic type system is indeed an excellent tool for domain modeling.



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Remember the **List functional data structure** from **Functional Programming in Scala (FPiS)** that we looked at a few slides ago as an example of an **OR** type implemented using **case classes** and **case objects**?

```
sealed trait List[+A]
case object Nil extends List[Nothing]
case class Cons[+A](head: A, tail: List[A]) extends List[A]
```

Let's see how **FPiS** describes **algebraic data types**.

3.5 Trees

List is just one example of what's called an **algebraic data type (ADT)**. (Somewhat confusingly, **ADT** is sometimes used elsewhere to stand for **abstract data type**.) An ADT is just a data type defined by one or more data constructors, each of which may contain zero or more arguments. We say that the data type is the sum or union of its data constructors, and each data constructor is the product of its arguments, hence the name algebraic data type.¹⁴

¹⁴ The naming is not coincidental. There's a **deep connection**, beyond the scope of this book, **between the “addition” and “multiplication” of types to form an ADT and addition and multiplication of numbers.**

Tuple types in Scala

Pairs and tuples of other arities are also **algebraic data types**. They work just like the **ADTs** we've been writing here, but have special syntax...

Algebraic data types can be used to define other data structures. Let's define a simple binary tree data structure:

```
sealed trait Tree[+A]
case class Leaf[A](value: A) extends Tree[A]
case class Branch[A](left: Tree[A], right: Tree[A]) extends Tree[A]
```

...



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Let's recap (informally) what we just saw in **FPiS**.

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- The **List algebraic data type** is the sum of its data constructors, **Nil** and **Cons**.
- The **Nil** constructor has no arguments.
- The **Cons** constructor is the product of its arguments head: **A** and tail: **List[A]**.

```
sealed trait List[+A]
SUM { case object Nil extends List[Nothing]
      case class Cons[+A](head: A, tail: List[A]) extends List[A]
      }
      PRODUCT
```

- The **Tree algebraic data type** is the sum of its data constructors, **Leaf** and **Branch**.
- The **Leaf** constructor has a single argument.
- The **Branch** constructor is the product of its arguments left: **Tree[A]** and right: **Tree[A]**

```
sealed trait Tree[+A]
SUM { case class Leaf[A](value: A) extends Tree[A]
      case class Branch[A](left: Tree[A], right: Tree[A]) extends Tree[A]
      }
      PRODUCT
```



Here is how the notions of **sum type** and **product type** apply to **FruitSnack**

Scala 2

```
sealed trait FruitSnack
SUM { case class Apple(variety: AppleVariety) extends FruitSnack
      case class Banana(variety: BananaVariety) extends FruitSnack
      case class Cherry(variety: CherryVariety) extends FruitSnack
}
```

PRODUCT degenerate product – single argument

Scala 3

```
enum FruitSnack with
SUM { case Apple(variety: AppleVariety)
      case Banana(variety: BananaVariety)
      case Cherry(variety: CherryVariety)
}
```

PRODUCT degenerate product – single argument



Revisiting a previous diagram to indicate that **each constructor of an OR type can be viewed as a product of its arguments**

OR type

AND type

Simple type

```
enum AppleVariety {
  case GoldenDelicious, GrannySmith, Fuji
}

enum BananaVariety {
  case Cavendish, GrosMichel, Manzano
}

enum CherryVariety {
  case Montmorency, Bing
}

case class FruitSalad (
  apple: AppleVariety,
  banana: BananaVariety,
  cherries: CherryVariety
)

enum FruitSnack {
  case Apple(variety: AppleVariety)
  case Banana(variety: BananaVariety)
  case Cherry(variety: CherryVariety)
}

object opaqueTypes {
  opaque type ProductCode = String
  object ProductCode {
    def apply(code: String): ProductCode = code
  }
}
```

products (AND)

degenerate products - single argument

Building a Domain Model by Composing Types

A **composable type system** is a great aid in doing **domain-driven design** because we can quickly create a complex model simply by mixing types together in different combinations. For example, say that we want to track payments for an e-commerce site. Let's see how this might be sketched out in code during a design session.

...

So there you go. In about 25 lines of code, we have defined a pretty useful set of types already.

Of course, there is no behavior directly associated with these types because this is a **functional model**, not an **object-oriented model**. To document the actions that can be taken, we instead define types that represent functions.



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Here is my translation of Scott Wlaschin's F# code into Scala 3.

```
enum CardType with
  case Visa, Mastercard

enum Currency with
  case EUR, USD

object OpaqueTypes with

  opaque type CheckNumber = Int
  object CheckNumber with
    def apply(n: Int): CheckNumber = n

  opaque type CardNumber = String
  object CardNumber with
    def apply(n: String): CardNumber = n

  opaque type PaymentAmount = Float
  object PaymentAmount with
    def apply(amount: Float): PaymentAmount = amount
```



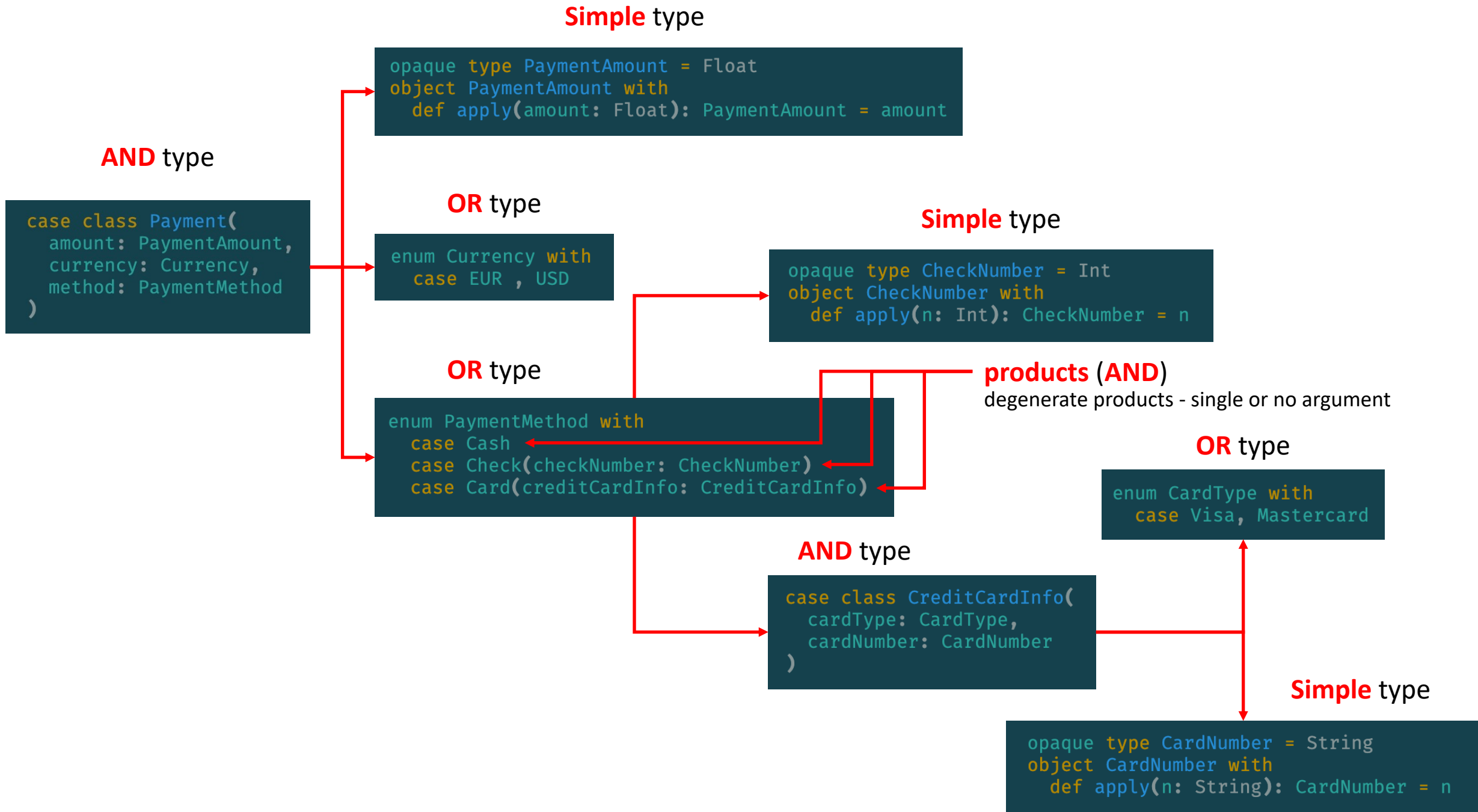
See the next slide for a better illustration of its usage of **AND** types, **OR** types and **Simple** types.

```
import OpaqueTypes._

case class CreditCardInfo(
  cardType: CardType,
  cardNumber: CardNumber
)

enum PaymentMethod with
  case Cash
  case Check(checkNumber: CheckNumber)
  case Card(creditCardInfo: CreditCardInfo)

case class Payment(
  amount: PaymentAmount,
  currency: Currency,
  method: PaymentMethod
)
```





Here is the whole code again plus a very simple example of its usage.

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```
enum CardType with  
  case Visa, Mastercard
```

```
enum Currency with  
  case EUR, USD
```

```
object OpaqueTypes with
```

```
  opaque type CheckNumber = Int  
  object CheckNumber with  
    def apply(n: Int): CheckNumber = n
```

```
  opaque type CardNumber = String  
  object CardNumber with  
    def apply(n: String): CardNumber = n
```

```
  opaque type PaymentAmount = Float  
  object PaymentAmount with  
    def apply(amount: Float): PaymentAmount = amount
```

```
import OpaqueTypes._  
  
case class CreditCardInfo(  
  cardType: CardType,  
  cardNumber: CardNumber  
)
```

```
enum PaymentMethod with  
  case Cash  
  case Check(checkNumber: CheckNumber)  
  case Card(creditCardInfo: CreditCardInfo)
```

```
case class Payment(  
  amount: PaymentAmount,  
  currency: Currency,  
  method: PaymentMethod  
)
```

```
@main def main =
```

```
  val cash10EUR = Payment(  
    PaymentAmount(10),  
    Currency.EUR,  
    PaymentMethod.Cash  
  )
```

```
  val check10USD = Payment(  
    PaymentAmount(350),  
    Currency.USD,  
    PaymentMethod.Check(CheckNumber(123)))
```

```
  println(cash10Eur)  
  println(check10Usd)
```

Payment(10.0, EUR, Cash)
Payment(350.0, USD, Check(123))



When **Scott Wlaschin** showed us **OR types**, I translated them to **Scala 3 enums**.

For the motivation, let's look at how **Martin Odersky** introduced **enums** in his talk: [A Tour of Scala 3](#).



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So what is the #1 Scala 3 feature for beginners? Clearly for me #1 is **enums**. **enums** is such a nice and simple way to define a new type with a finite number of values or constructors.

So, **enum Color**, **case Red, Green, Blue**, finished: that's all you need.

#1 Enums

```
enum Color {  
  case Red, Green, Blue  
}
```

Simplest way to define new types with a finite number of values or constructors.

 A Tour of Scala 3 – by Martin Odersky

Right now, in **Scala**, **it wasn't actually that simple to set up something like that**. There were libraries, there was an **enumeration** type in the standard library, that sort of worked, there was a package called **enumeratum** that also sort of worked, but **it is just much much more straightforward to have this in the language**.



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Furthermore, what you have is **not just the simple things, that was the simplest example, but you can actually add everything to it that a Java enum would do**, so you can have **enums** that have parameters, like this one here, you can have **cases** that pass parameters, so here the planets give you the mass and radius, you can have fields, you can have methods in these **enums**. And in fact **you can be fully Java compatible**. That is done here just by extending `java.lang.Enum`. So that's essentially a sign to the compiler that it should generate code so that **this enum is for Java an honest enum that can be used like any other enums**.

#1 Enums

```
enum Planet(mass: Double, radius: Double)
  extends java.lang.Enum {
    private final val G = 6.67300E-11
    def surfaceGravity = G * mass / (radius * radius)

    case MERCURY extends Planet(3.303e+23, 2.4397e6)
    case VENUS    extends Planet(4.869e+24, 6.0518e6)
    case EARTH   extends Planet(5.976e+24, 6.37814e6)
    case MARS    extends Planet(6.421e+23, 3.3972e6)
    ...
}
```

can have parameters
can define fields and methods
can interop with Java




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OK, so this is, again, cool, now we have parity with Java, but we can actually go way further. **enums can not only have value parameters, they also can have type parameters, like this.**

#1 Enums

```
enum Option[+T] {  
  case Some(x: T)  
  case None  
}
```

can have type parameters, making them algebraic data types (ADTs)

 A Tour of Scala 3 – by Martin Odersky

So you can have an **enum Option** with a covariant type parameter **T** and then two cases **Some** and **None**.

So that of course gives you what people call an Algebraic Data Type, or ADT.

Scala so far was lacking a simple way to write an ADT. What you had to do is essentially what the compiler would translate this to.



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So the compiler would take this **ADT** that you have seen here and translate it into essentially this:

#1 Enums



```
sealed abstract class Option[+T]
object Option {
  case class Some[+T](x: T) extends Option[T]
  object Some {
    def apply[T](x: T): Option[T] = Some(x)
  }
  val None = new Option[Nothing] { ... }
}
```

compile to sealed hierarchies of case classes and objects.

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And so far, if you wanted something like that, you would have written essentially the same thing. So **a sealed abstract class or a sealed abstract trait, Option, with a case class as one case, and as the other case, here it is a val, but otherwise you could also use a case object.**

And **that of course is completely workable, but it is kind of tedious. When Scala started, one of the main motivations, was to avoid pointless boilerplate.** So that's why **case classes** were invented, and **a lot of other innovations that just made code more pleasant to write and more compact than Java code,** the standard at the time.


```
sealed abstract class Option[+T]
object Option {
  case class Some[+T](x: T) extends Option[T]
  object Some {
    def apply[T](x: T): Option[T] = Some(x)
  }
  val None = new Option[Nothing] { ... }
}
```



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In FP in Scala we can see an example of the alternative that **Martin Odersky** just mentioned, in which the **second case** of the **Option ADT** is a **case object** rather than a **val**.

```
sealed trait Option[+A]
case class Some[+A](get: A) extends Option[A]
case object None extends Option[Nothing]
```



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And one has to recognise that during all these years, the software world has shifted also a little bit and it is now much more functional than before, so an ADT would have been something very foreign at the time, 2003 – 2004, when Scala came out, but now it is pretty common.

People write them and write more and more of them because also, with essentially more static typing, you want to write more and more types, and more and more case hierarchies, and ADTs are just a lovely, simple way to do that.

So in the spirit of reducing boilerplate, it was about time to have something that makes this case simple and straightforward to express.

But that's not even the end of it. We can do more. We can also do Generalized ADTs (GADTs). They are different from normal **ADTs** in that the cases can inherit the base class at different types...



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Hmmm, I have a nagging doubt that some of the **OR types** I have implemented using the **Scala 3 enum** may not be bona fide **ADTs**.

I have used **enums** for two 'kinds' of **OR types**:

```
enum AppleVariety with
  case GoldenDelicious,
    GrannySmith,
    Fuji
```

```
enum FruitSnack with
  case Apple(variety: AppleVariety)
  case Banana(variety: BananaVariety)
  case Cherry(variety: CherryVariety)
```

In the case of **AppleVariety**, I think I might have got too carried away with the word **enum** when **Scott Wlaschin** said the following:

The varieties of fruit are themselves defined as **OR types**, which in this case is used **similarly to an enum in other languages**.

Maybe a plain **enum** is not technically considered an **ADT**. Maybe I should have defined **AppleVariety** as follows:

```
enum AppleVariety with
  case GoldenDelicious
  case GrannySmith
  case Fuji
```




I say that because when explaining **enum**, **Martin Odersky** only started mentioning **ADTs** when he discussed the **Option enum**. There was no mention of **ADTs** in his first **enum** example, the **Color enum**.

```
enum Color {  
  case Red, Green, Blue  
}
```

```
sealed abstract class Option[+T]  
  
object Option {  
  
  case class Some[+T](x: T) extends Option[T]  
  object Some {  
    def apply[T](x: T): Option[T] = Some(x)  
  }  
  
  val None = new Option[Nothing] { ... }  
}
```

Also, in the following dotly github issue he seems to emphasize a clear distinction between **enumerations**, as found in other languages, and **ADTs/GADTs**



Add enum construct - 13 Feb 2017 <https://github.com/lampepfl/dotty/issues/1970>

This is a proposal to add an **enum** construct to **Scala**'s syntax.

The construct is intended to serve at the same time as a native implementation of **enumerations as found in other languages** and as a **more concise notation for ADTs and GADTs**.

...

So I asked the following on the dotty gitter channel:



Philip @philipschwarz 07:58

is anyone able to explain what the differences (especially in their behaviour) will be between the following two:

```
enum AppleVariety with
  case GoldenDelicious, GrannySmith, Fuji
```

```
enum AppleVariety with
  case GoldenDelicious
  case GrannySmith
  case Fuji
```



Finn Hackett @fhackett 08:04

from what I've read here (<https://dotty.epfl.ch/docs/reference/enums/desugarEnums.html>, the first 2. bullet point) doesn't the first act as syntax sugar for the second?

and it turns out that the two definitions of **AppleVariety** are equivalent, because in the current dotty documentation pages we find the following desugaring rule:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `dotty.epfl.ch/docs/reference/enums/desugarEnums.html`. The page title is "Dotty Documentation 0.22.0-bin-SNAPSHOT" and the main heading is "Translation of Enums and ADTs". There is a link to "Edit this page on GitHub". The main text reads: "The compiler expands enums and their cases to code that only uses Scala's other language features. As such, enums in Scala are convenient *syntactic sugar*, but they are not essential to understand Scala's core."

2. A simple case consisting of a comma-separated list of enum names

```
case C_1, ..., C_n
```

expands to

```
case C_1; ...; case C_n
```

So one definition is syntactic sugar for the other. Good to know!



What we just saw is consistent with the following

From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algebraic_data_type

[Enumerated types](#) are a special case of sum types in which the constructors take no arguments, as exactly one value is defined for each constructor.

From <https://bartoszmilewski.com/2015/01/13/simple-algebraic-data-types/>

Sum types are pretty common in Haskell, but their C++ equivalents, unions or variants, are much less common. There are several reasons for that.

First of all, the simplest sum types are just enumerations and are implemented using enum in C++.

The equivalent of the Haskell sum type:

```
data Color = Red | Green | Blue
```

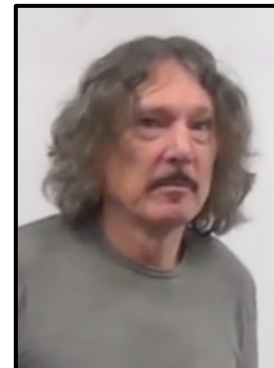
is the C++:

```
enum { Red, Green, Blue };
```

An even simpler sum type:

```
data Bool = True | False
```

is the primitive bool in C++.



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 @philip_schwarz

That's all for part 1.

When **Scott Wlaschin** showed us **Simple types**, I translated them to **Scala 3 opaque types**. Why? We'll look at that in part 2.

Another thing we'll do in part 2 is take a look at what **Scott** has to say about working with **Simple values** and constraining **Simple values**.

That's not all we'll be covering in Part 2 – there will be more.