

CSC 347 - Concepts of Programming Languages

Scala Pragmatics

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Learning Objectives

- Set up a Scala development environment



Java and Scala

- Download and unzip the Scala homework workspace: [hw1.zip](#)
- Follow the instructions in [README.html](#)
- If you have Java installed, check [Scala JDK Compatibility](#)
- Install [Java](#) LTS (long term support) v21 or OpenJDK/AdoptOpenJDK (e.g., via [homebrew](#)) v21
- Install [SBT](#) using the windows installer or [homebrew](#)
- Install [VSCode](#) and the [Metals](#) extension



Using Scala

- For real programs and homeworks, use `sbt` to run tests
- File may only contain object and class declarations

```
1 object o { val x = ... }  
2 class c { ... }
```

- You can use `console` to get a REPL within sbt, use `:quit` to exit the REPL
- In the sbt REPL, you can use `import` objects

```
1 import o.*  
2 // use x
```



Using Scala

- For tiny examples, type directly into the REPL

```
1 val x = ...  
2 // use x
```

- For larger examples, type in a file and `:load` into the REPL

```
1 :load play/x.sc  
2 // use x
```

- File contains declarations just as you would type them in the REPL
- If there are expressions, then the last one is printed out as a value in the REPL
- Do not put snippet files ending in `.scala` in the SBT directory; SBT expects `object` and `class` declarations and will report a compile error



Homework Assignments

- **Make sure you are in the right directory:** run `dir` (Windows) or `ls` (Linux, MacOS) and check that the file `build.sbt` is listed
- Compile the homework assignments: inside SBT `compile` or from command line `sbt compile`
- Run all unit tests: inside SBT `test` or from command line `sbt test`
- Run the homework assignment tests whenever a file changes: inside SBT `~test` or from command line `sbt "~test"`
- Run a single test of a single homework assignment: inside SBT `testOnly gameoflifetests -- -n golex05` or from command line `sbt "testOnly gameoflifetests -- -n golex05"`