



# Preparing Apache Kafka for Scala 3

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A photograph of a gravel path leading through a dense, sun-dappled forest. The path is made of grey gravel and is flanked by green grass and various trees. The lighting is bright, creating strong shadows on the path. Overlaid on the image is the word "Origin" in a large, white, serif font. The 'O' is significantly larger than the other letters, and the 'i' has a distinct dot.

# Origin

# Who?

Josep Prat



Might have seen me at the Akka corner some years ago.

Working at [Aiven](#).

Director of the Open Source Program Office.

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*Apache Kafka, is a trademark of their respective owners.*

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The Open Source Program Office employs people to work full time on Open Source projects.

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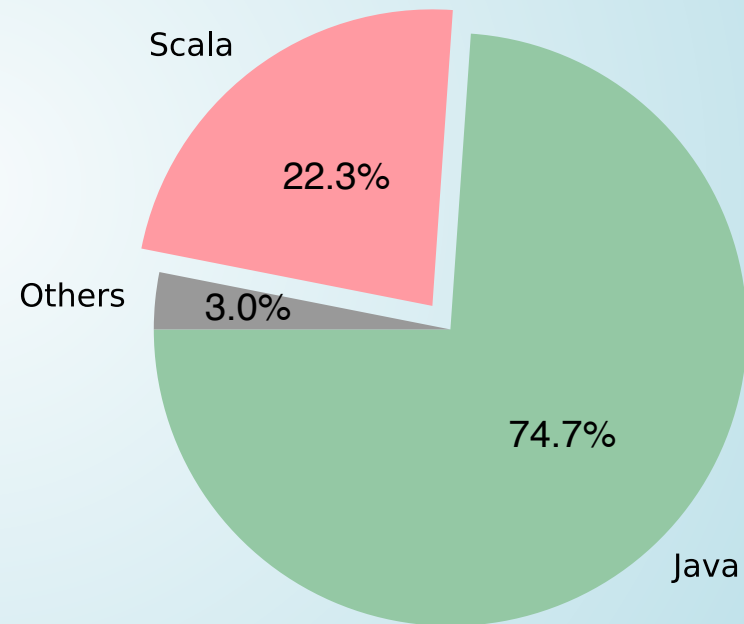
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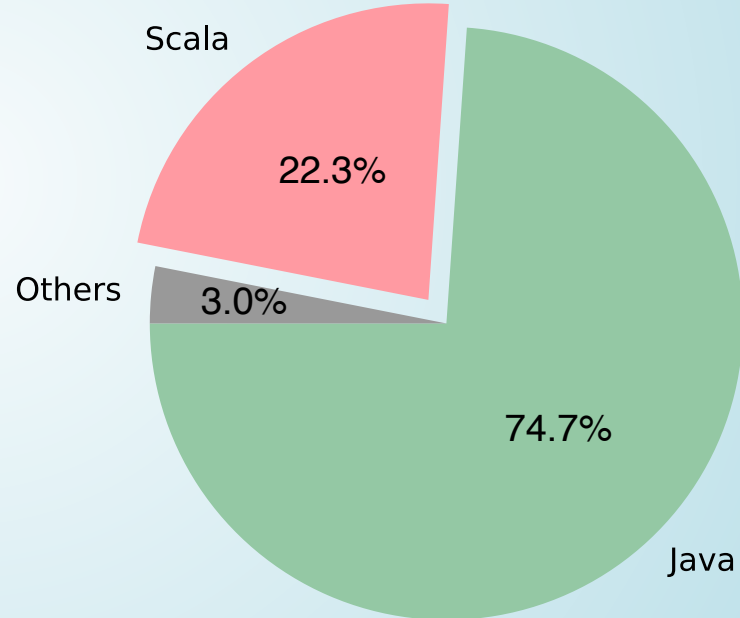
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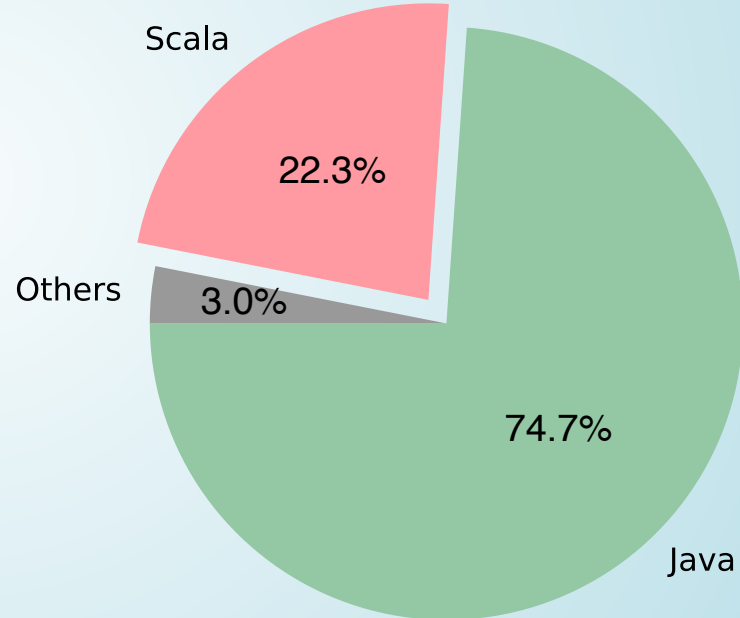
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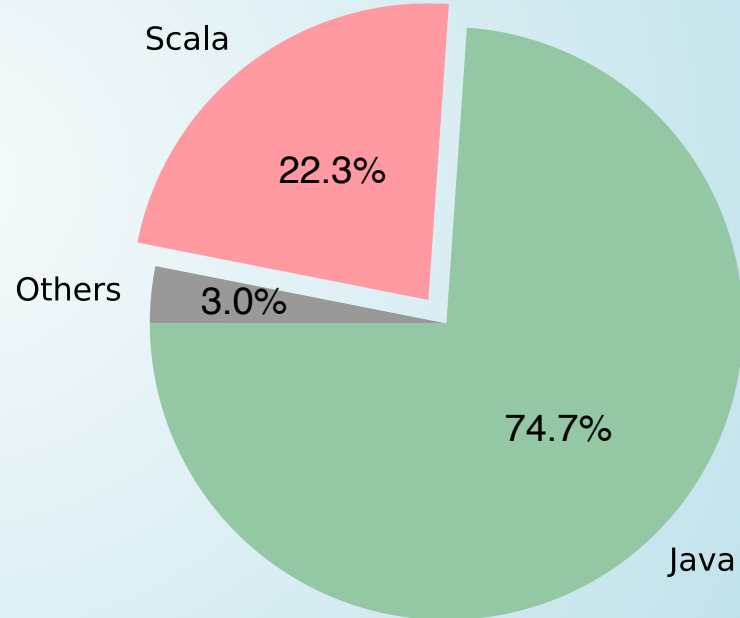
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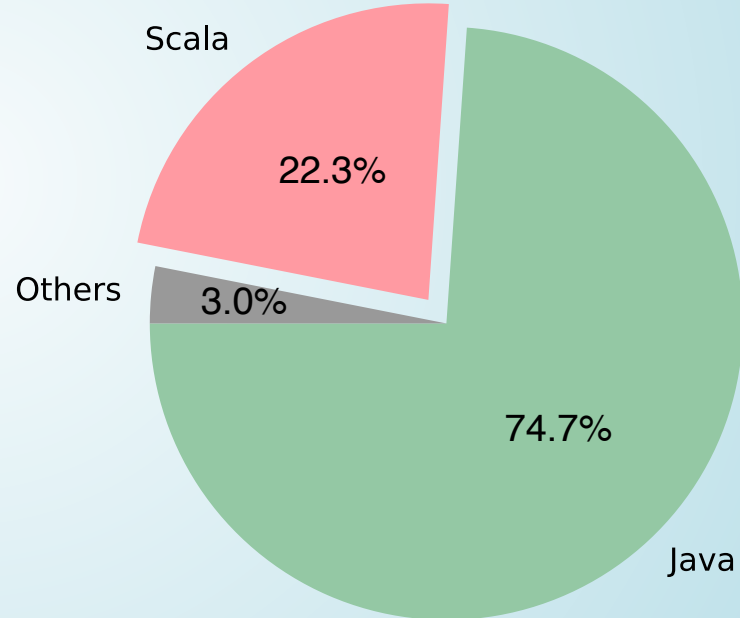
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# What?

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...or not!



# Challenges during



# Several moons ago...

Decided to upgrade Apache Kafka to Scala 3, and started a PR...

# 1. Gradle

How complicated could it be to compile using the Scala 3 compiler instead?

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# Easy, right?

[DO NOT MERGE] Scala3 test #10934

Closed jlprat wants to merge 5 commits into apache:trunk from jlprat:scala3-test

Conversation 9 Commits 5 Checks 8 Files changed 24

**jlprat** commented on Jun 28, 2021

This is a draft PR to showcase how complicated is to migrate to Scala3.

It includes a necessary change as well (removal of Scala Collections Compat and Java8 Compat libraries). This is needed as those libraries' only purpose was to cross-compile to Scala 2.11 and 2.12.

After this is done, only a bit of workaround gradle was needed (library names for Scala 3 compiler changed).

The only code change needed is the renaming of methods like `asJava`, `asScala`, `until`, `from` and `to` which were since Scala 2.13.0 (Compat libraries were shadowing those). And this change is pretty automatic.

On the test file (only 1 didn't really compile) only the right new import needed to be brought in.

**Committer Checklist (excluded from commit message)**

- Verify design and implementation
- Verify test coverage and CI build status
- Verify documentation (including upgrade notes)

**jlprat** added 4 commits 8 months ago

- First attempt to compile with Scala 3 Verified 85de6a2
- Compile in Scala 3 Verified 783fb32
- Remove Scala collection compat Verified 45aae9b
- Make test classes compile in Scala 3 Verified b2f9c34

# I was wrong...

Big kudos to Tomasz Godzik!

For singlehandedly introducing support for Scala 3!

[gradle/gradle/pull/18001](https://github.com/gradle/gradle/pull/18001)

**Status:** ✓

Issue under [gradle / gradle / 16527](#)

From version: 7.3.0

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# Status: Not solved **X**

Issue under [lampepfl / dotty / issue / 13549](#)

It conflicts with existing Scala 3 code making functional code fail.

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Issue under [lampepfl / dotty / 13572](#)

From Scala version: 3.1.0

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Issue under [lampepfl / dotty / 13630](#)

From Scala version: 3.1.1

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Issue under [lampepfl / dotty / 13645](#)

From Scala version: 3.1.1

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Issue under [lampepfl / dotty / 13638](#)

From Scala version: 3.1.2



# Summary:

Issue	Status	Since
<a href="#">gradle / gradle / 16527</a>	✓	Gradle 7.3.0
<a href="#">lampepfl / dotty / 13549</a>	✗	N/A
<a href="#">lampepfl / dotty / 13572</a>	✓	Scala 3.1.0
<a href="#">lampepfl / dotty / 13630</a>	✓	Scala 3.1.1
<a href="#">lampepfl / dotty / 13645</a>	✓	Scala 3.1.1
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<irony>

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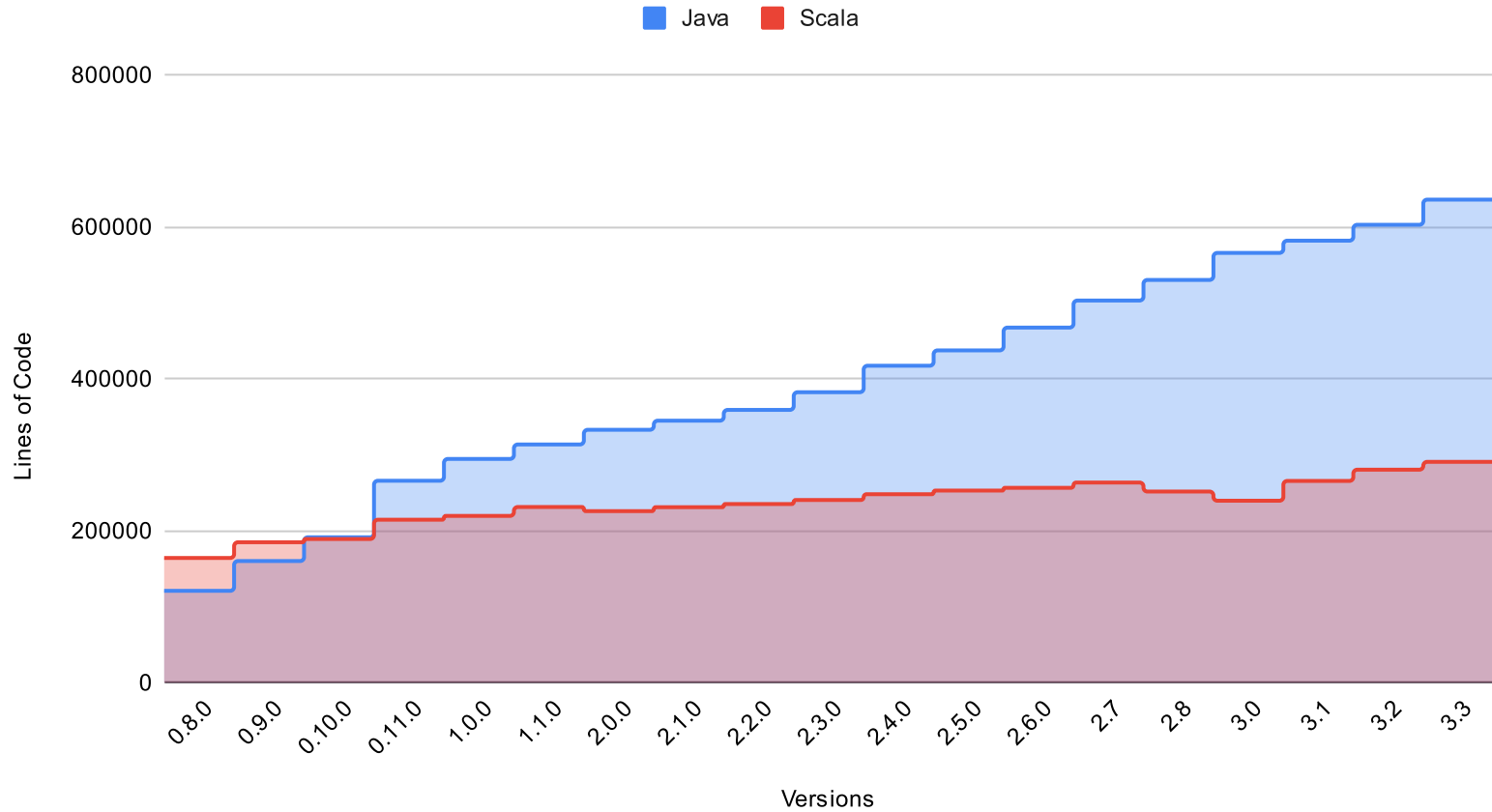
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**What should we**



# Fading away?





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Dotty followed kind of a parallel line branching out in 2.11.

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To include projects on the fringe of the core of the  
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# Mixed Java/Scala projects

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**Join some Java/Scala OSS  
Projects!**

# Further Info:

- Mailing list thread
- [Pull Request] Big proof of concept
- [Pull Request] In between step
- Blog post that originated this talk

# Thanks!

