A smart home has many features that are controlled automatically:
Heating, Lighting, Shutters, …

We want to develop a software that helps us to control our smart home.

A First Sketch (I/II)

```
abstract class Location {
  private List<Shutter> shutters; // FEATURE: DARKENING
  private List<Light> lights; // FEATURE: LIGHTING

  public Location(List<Shutter> shutters, List<Light> lights) {
     this.shutters = shutters;
     this.lights = lights;
  }

  public List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
  public List<Light> lights() { return lights; }
}

abstract class CompositeLocation<L extends Location> extends Location {
  private List<L> locations;

  public CompositeLocation(List<L> locations) {
     super(shutters(locations), lights(locations));
     this.locations = locations;
  }
  private static List<Light> lights(List<? extends Location> locs) {…}
  private static List<Shutter> shutters(List<? extends Location> locs) {…}

  public List<L> locations() { return locations; }
}
```


Location is the base class that declares the functionality that some location can offer (optionally!). **Hence, it takes multiple responsibilities.**

A First Sketch (II/II)

```
class Room extends Location {
  public Room(List<Shutter> shutters, List<Light> lights) {
     super(shutters, lights);
  }
}

class Floor extends CompositeLocation<Room> {
  public Floor(List<Room> locations) { super(locations); }
}

class House extends CompositeLocation<Floor> {
  public House(List<Floor> locations) { super(locations); }
}

class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     House house = new House(null);
     List<Floor> floors = house.locations();
  }
}
```

Assessment

In the prototypical solution all (optional) features are declared by the main interface (Location).
We should split the code, if we want to be able to make functional "packages", such as heating control, lighting control, or security, optional. Consider, e.g., the case that the provider may want to sell several configurations of a smart home, each with a specific selection of features.

How to model interacting/depending features? E.g., a sensor that closes the shutters in the evening and turns on the lights.

A Second Sketch (I/II)

We try to achieve Feature Decomposition.

```
public interface Location { }

interface CompositeLocation<L extends Location> extends Location {
   abstract List<L> locations();
}

class Room implements Location { }

class Floor implements CompositeLocation<Room> {
   private List<Room> rooms;

   public List<Room> locations() { return rooms; }
}

class House implements CompositeLocation<Floor> {
   private List<Floor> floors;

   public List<Floor> locations() { return floors; }
}
```


So far we are just modeling the basic structure of a building (`House`).

A Second Sketch (II/II)

We try to achieve Feature Decomposition.

```
interface LocationWithLights extends Location {
  List<Light> lights();
}

class RoomWithLights extends Room implements LocationWithLights {
  private List<Light> lights;
  public List<Light> lights() { return lights; }
}

abstract class CompositeLocationWithLights<LL extends LocationWithLights>
  implements CompositeLocation<LL> {

  public List<Light> lights() {
     List<Light> lights = new ArrayList<Light>();
     for (LocationWithLights child : locations()) {
        lights.addAll(child.lights());
     }
     return lights;
  }
}
```

Given the shown code/the proposed solution, we can identify several issues:

- `class FloorWithLights extends ...`
  The class should inherit from (CompositeLocationWithLights and Floor) ? (we don't want code duplication!)
- `class HouseWithLights extends ...`
  The class should inherit from ? (we don't want code duplication!)
- Imagine that we have another additional feature; e.g., shutters and **we want to avoid code duplication**!

Ideally, we would like to have several versions of class definitions - one per responsibility - which can be “**mixed and matched**” as needed.

… In Java, we have to use a Pattern to solve the Design Problem (there is no language support!)

Traits in Scala

```
abstract class Table[A, B](defaultValue: B) {
   def get(key: A): Option[B]
   def set(key: A, value: B)
   def apply(key: A) = get(key) match {
      case Some(value) ⇒ value
      case None        ⇒ defaultValue
   }
}

class ListTable[A, B](defaultValue: B) extends Table[A, B](defaultValue) {
   private var elems: List[(A, B)] = Nil
   def get(key: A) = elems.find(_._1.==(key)).map(_._2)
   def set(key: A, value: B) = { elems = (key, value) :: elems }
}

trait SynchronizedTable[A, B] extends Table[A, B] {
   abstract override def get(key: A): Option[B] =
      synchronized { super.get(key) }
   abstract override def set(key: A, value: B) =
      synchronized { super.set(key, value) }
}

object ASynchronizedTable
   extends ListTable[String, Int](0) with SynchronizedTable[String, Int]
```

mixin composition

In Scala, traits are a unit of code reuse that encapsulate abstract and concrete method, field and type definitions. Traits are reused by mixing them into classes. Multiple traits can be mixed into a class (mixin composition).

Unlike classes, traits cannot have constructor parameters. Traits are always initialized after the superclass is initialized.

One major difference when compared to multiple inheritance is that the target method of `super` calls is not statically bound as in case of (multiple) inheritance. **The target is determined anew whenever the trait is mixed in**. This (the dynamic nature of super calls) makes it possible to **stack multiple modifications on top of each other**.

The following code snippets are taken from:

- Scala for the Impatient
- Programming in Scala 1.1
- Scala in Depth
- The Scala Specification

Traits in Scala (Continued)

```
trait LoggingTable[A, B] extends Table[A, B] {
   abstract override def get(key: A): B = {
      println("Get Called"); super.get(key)
   }
   abstract override def set(key: A, value: B) = {
      println("Set Called"); super.set(key, value)
   }
}

object ASynchronizedTable
   extends ListTable[String, Int](0)
   with LoggingTable
   with SynchronizedTable
```

mixin composition (Order matters!)

Mixin Composition in Scala

- In Scala, if you mixin multiple traits into a class the inheritance relationship on base classes forms a directed acyclic graph.

- A linearization of that graph is performed.
  The Linearization (`Lin`) of a class `C` (`class C extends C1 with ... with Cn`) is defined as:
  Lin(C) = C, Lin(Cn) ≫ ... ≫ Lin(C1)
  where ≫ concatenates the elements of the left operand with the right operand, but elements of the right operand replace those of the left operand.
  {a,A} ≫ B = a,(A ≫ B) if a ∉ B
  = (A ≫ B) if a ∈ B

Recall: The result of the linearization in particular determines the target of `super` calls made in traits.

Mixin Composition in Scala

```
abstract class AbsIterator extends AnyRef { ... }
trait RichIterator extends AbsIterator { ... }
class StringIterator extends AbsIterator { ... }
class Iter extends StringIterator with RichIterator { ... }
```

- The linearization of class `Iter` is:
  - { Iter, Lin(RichIterator) ≫ Lin(StringIterator) }
  - { Iter, Lin(RichIterator) ≫ { StringIterator ≫ Lin(AbsIterator) } }
  - { Iter, Lin(RichIterator) ≫ { StringIterator, AbsIterator, AnyRef } }
  - { Iter, { RichIterator, AbsIterator, AnyRef } ≫ { StringIterator, AbsIterator, AnyRef } }

    2nd Rule
  - { Iter, RichIterator, StringIterator, AbsIterator, AnyRef, Any }

In case of multiple inheritance, the method called by a super call is statically determined based on the place where the call appears. With traits, the called method is determined by the linearization of the class. In a way, `super` is much more flexible.

Abstract Types in Scala

```
class Food

class Grass extends Food


abstract class Animal {
   type SuitableFood <: Food
   def eat(food: SuitableFood)
}

class Cow extends Animal {
   type SuitableFood = Grass
   override def eat(food: Grass) {}
}
```


An abstract type declaration is a placeholder for a type that will be defined concretely in a subclass. In the given example, SuitableFood refers to some type of Food (Food is an upper bound) that is still unknown. Different subclasses can provide different realizations of SuitableFood - depending on the needs of the respective animal.

Remark: Generics and abstract types can sometimes be used interchangeably.

Path-dependent types in Scala

```
class DogFood extends Food

class Dog extends Animal {
  type SuitableFood = DogFood
  override def eat(food: DogFood) {}
}

scala> val bessy = new Cow
   bessy: Cow = Cow@10cd6d
scala> val lassie = new Dog
   lassie: Dog = Dog@d11fa6
scala> lassie eat (new bessy.SuitableFood)
   <console>:13: error: type mismatch;
    found   : Grass
    required: DogFood
          lassie eat (new bessy.SuitableFood)
```


- In Scala objects can have types as members.
- The meaning of a type depends on the path you use to access it.
- The path is determined by the reference to an Object.
- Different paths give rise to different types.
- In general, a path-dependent type names an outer object

A Third Sketch

```
trait Shutter
trait Light

abstract class Location {
   def shutters: List[Shutter]
   def lights: List[Light]
}

class Room(
   val lights: List[Light],
   val shutters: List[Shutter]) extends Location

abstract class CompositeLocation[L <: Location] extends Location {
   def lights: List[Light] = locations.flatMap(_.lights)
   def shutters: List[Shutter] = locations.flatMap(_.shutters)
   def locations: List[L]
}

class Floor(val locations: List[Room]) extends CompositeLocation[Room]

class House(val locations: List[Floor]) extends CompositeLocation[Floor]

object Main extends App {
   val house = new House(new Floor(new Room(Nil, Nil) :: Nil) :: Nil)
   val floors: List[Floor] = new House(Nil).locations
}
```


What we want to achieve is that:

- Features that are developed independently (such as heating, cooling or lighting) can be (freely) combined
- The solution is type safe even in the presence of new optional features (which requires appropriate support by the available programming language)
- We do not duplicate code (Copy & Paste programming).

Additionally, the underlying programming language should also support separate compilation to enable us to deploy our solution independently.

A Third Sketch (Base)

```
trait Building {

   trait TLocation {}
   type Location <: TLocation

   trait TRoom extends TLocation
   type Room <: TRoom with Location
   def createRoom(): Room

   trait CompositeLocation[L <: Location] extends TLocation {
      def locations: List[L]
   }

   trait TFloor extends CompositeLocation[Room]
   type Floor <: TFloor with Location
   def createFloor(locations: List[Room]): Floor

   trait THouse extends CompositeLocation[Floor]
   type House <: THouse with Location
   def createHouse(locations: List[Floor]): House

   def buildHouse(specification: String): House = {
      // imagine to parse the specification...
      createHouse(List(createFloor(List(createRoom()))))
   }
}
```

Enable the refinement of TLocation!

We need a Factory method to create (yet unknown) rooms.

Note, that the buildHouse method constructs a House object though the concrete type is not yet known.

A Third Sketch (Adding Lights)

```
trait Lights extends Building {

   trait TLocation extends super.TLocation {
      def lights(): List[Light]
      def turnLightsOn = lights.foreach(_.turnOn())
      def turnLightsOff = lights.foreach(_.turnOff())
   }
   type Location <: TLocation

   trait TRoom extends super.TRoom with TLocation
   type Room <: TRoom with Location

   trait CompositeLocation[L <: Location]
      extends super.CompositeLocation[L] with TLocation {
      def lights: List[Light] = locations.flatMap(_.lights())
   }

   trait TFloor extends super.TFloor with CompositeLocation[Room]
   type Floor <: TFloor with Location

   trait THouse extends super.THouse with CompositeLocation[Floor]
   type House <: THouse with Location
}
```

Shutters is comparable!

A Third Sketch (Lights And Shutters)

```
trait LightsAndShutters extends Lights with Shutters {

   trait TLocation
      extends super[Lights].TLocation
      with super[Shutters].TLocation
   type Location <: TLocation

   trait TRoom extends super[Lights].TRoom with super[Shutters].TRoom
      with TLocation
   type Room <: TRoom with Location

   trait CompositeLocation[L <: Location]
      extends super[Lights].CompositeLocation[L]
      with super[Shutters].CompositeLocation[L]
      with TLocation

   trait TFloor extends super[Lights].TFloor with super[Shutters].TFloor
      with CompositeLocation[Room]
   type Floor <: TFloor with Location

   trait THouse extends super[Lights].THouse with super[Shutters].THouse
      with CompositeLocation[Floor]
   type House <: THouse with Location
}
```


Though we got the features that we wanted, the code feels like “Assembler Code” at the type level. Scala lacks support for deep, nested mixin composition (i.e., it does not support Virtual Classes/Dependent Classes).

A Third Sketch (Usage)

```
object BuildingsWithLightsAndShutters extends LightsAndShutters with App {

    type Location = TLocation
    type Room = TRoom
    type Floor = TFloor
    type House = THouse

    def createRoom(): Room =
       new Room {
       var lights = List.empty[Light];
       var shutters = List.empty[Shutter]
       }
    def createFloor(rooms: List[Room]): Floor =
       new Floor { val locations = rooms }
    def createHouse(floors: List[Floor]): House =
       new House { val locations = floors }

    val h = buildHouse("three floors with 6 rooms each")
    h.lights
    h.shutters
    h.locations
    h.turnLightsOn
}
```


Basically, in the first 4 lines we create type aliases for location, room, floor and house which "fixes" our abstract type definitions. After that we implement the factory methods as required. For the method parameter types and return types, we still use the names of the type definitions.

Example Usage

```
val r1 = BuildingsWithLightsAndShutters.createRoom()
val r0 = BuildingsWithLights.createRoom()
BuildingsWithLightsAndShutters.createFloor(List(r1, r0))
```

- For further information search for the Cake Pattern in Scala.
- More advanced language concepts such as Virtual Classes and Dependent Classes would make the solution even easier (much less boilerplate code!)