

Better [Sad Puppy] Development with Kotlin and Gradle

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But I like Java!

- We're stuck in a Java purgatory
- Error prone Code (no non-capturing anonymous inner classes)
- General Java language restrictions

How about Groovy?

- Groovy is dynamic
- Harder for IDEs to parse and infer
- Won't ever be consistent with Android

What is Kotlin?

- Built by Jetbrains and Open Source
- Official Gradle support
- Java 6 bytecode compatible
- Small standard library (625kb)
- Statically typed with no runtime overhead
- Modern Language

How can Kotlin help today?

- Reduce common errors
- Reduce boilerplate
- Improve Android API
- Can achieve consistency in the app and build

Kotlin Features

Higher-order functions, properties, mixins and delegation, extension functions, static nullability checking, automatic casts, reified generics, declaration-site variance, modules and build infrastructure, inline-functions (zero-overhead closures), operator overloading, String interpolation, pattern matching, first class IDE support with Java converter, default parameters, infix methods, and more...

Nullability

"I call it my billion-dollar mistake... [which] has led to innumerable errors, vulnerabilities, and system crashes, which have probably caused a billion dollars of pain and damage in the last forty years."

— Sir Charles Antony Richard Hoare

Nullability

```
var a: String = "foo" //Reversed Type and name  
a = null //Compilation error
```

Nullability

```
var b: String? = "bar"
```

```
b = null //ok
```

```
val l = b.length //Compilation error
```

Nullability

```
val l = b?.length //Value null
```

//With a default value

```
val l = if (b != null) b.length else -1 //Value -1
```

//or with the Elvis operator

```
val l = b?.length ?: -1 //Value -1
```

Properties

```
class User(var name: String) {  
    ...  
}  
  
fun setName(name: String): User {  
    val user = User() // there's no 'new' keyword in Kotlin  
    user.name = "Ty" //This is using a method, not a field  
    return user  
}
```

Properties

```
class User {  
  var name: String = ...  
  get() = name // Can declare methods inline  
  set(value) {  
    name = value().toLowerCase()  
  }  
}
```

Data class

```
data class User(name: String) {  
}
```

- equals() and hashCode()
- toString() of the form "User(name=John);"
- copy()

Function Literal (Lambda)

Undeclared function bodies used as an expression (ie, as data).

```
val sum: (Int, Int) -> Int = {x, y -> x+y }
```

```
val anAnswer = sum(6,7) //Variable type is inferred
```

//Or use "it" to get the inferred parameter

```
val double: (Int) -> Int = {it*2}
```

```
val theAnswer = double(21)
```

Higher Order Functions

A higher-order function is a function that takes functions as parameters, or returns a function

```
fun apply(one: Int, two: Int, func: (Int, Int) -> Int) = func(one, two)  
//Kotlin has great generic support to simplify this too!
```

```
val multiply = apply(6, 7) {x, y -> x * y}  
val difference = apply(44, 2) {x, y -> x -y}
```

Extension Functions

Functions added to a type without modifying the original.

```
fun Int.differenceFromTheAnswer(): Int {  
    return 42 - this  
}
```

//Or the Single Expression Function version

```
fun Int.differenceFromTheAnswer(): = 42 - this
```

//Usage

```
val difference = 2.differenceFromTheAnswer() //40
```

Extension Functions

Java Interoperability

```
//Example 1:  
@file:JvmName("IntUtil")  
fun Int.differenceFromTheAnswer(): = 42 - this  
  
//Example 2:  
@file:JvmName("Util")  
@file:JvmMultifileClass  
fun Int.differenceFromTheAnswer(): = 42 - this
```

Extension Functions in Android

```
SharedPreferences.Editor editor;  
editor = getSharedPreferences(MODE_PRIVATE).edit();  
editor.putString("login_token", token);  
editor.apply();
```

Extension Functions in Android

Also Higher Order functions and Function Literals!

```
fun SharedPreferences.edit(func: SharedPreferences.Editor.() -> Unit) {  
    val editor = SharedPreferences.Editor()  
    editor.func()  
    editor.apply()  
}  
  
getSharedPreferences(MODE_PRIVATE).edit {  
    putString("login_token", token)  
}
```

Inline Functions

```
//All the memory allocation  
fun SharedPreferences.edit(func: SharedPreferences.Editor.() -> Unit)  
  
//inlines into java byte code, matching the java signature  
inline fun SharedPreferences.edit(func: SharedPreferences.Editor.() -> Unit)
```

Builders

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```
verticalLayout {  
    padding = dip(16)  
    textView("Username:") {  
        textSize = 18f  
    }.layoutParams { verticalMargin = dip(4) }  
  
    val login = editText()  
  
    button("Sign up") {  
        textSize = 20f  
        onClick { login(login.text) }  
    }.layoutParams { topMargin = dip(8) }  
}
```

Kotlin ➔ Gradle

Installing Kotlin

```
buildscript {  
    ext.kotlin_version = '1.0.1'  
  
    repositories { mavenCentral() }  
    dependencies {  
        classpath "org.jetbrains.kotlin:kotlin-gradle-plugin:$kotlin_version"  
    }  
}  
  
apply plugin: 'kotlin'  
repositories { mavenCentral() }  
dependencies {  
    compile "org.jetbrains.kotlin:kotlin-stdlib:$kotlin_version"  
}
```

build.gradle.kts

```
buildscript {  
    repositories {  
        jcenter()  
        gradleScriptKotlin()  
    }  
    dependencies { classpath("com.android.tools.build:gradle:2.2.0") }  
}  
  
apply<AppPlugin>()  
  
android {  
    buildToolsVersion("23.0.3")  
    compileSdkVersion(23)  
    defaultConfigExtension {  
        setMinSdkVersion(15)  
        setTargetSdkVersion(23)  
        applicationId = "com.example.kotlingradle"  
        versionCode = 1  
        versionName = "1.0"  
    }  
}
```

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build.gradle.kts Extension Functions

```
fun Project.android(setup: AppExtension.() -> Unit) = the<AppExtension>().setup()

fun NamedDomainObjectContainer<BuildType>.release(setup: BuildType.() -> Unit) = findByName("release").setup()

fun AppExtension.defaultConfigExtension(setup: DefaultProductFlavor.() -> Unit) = defaultConfig.setup()

fun AppExtension.buildTypesExtension(setup: NamedDomainObjectContainer<BuildType>.() -> Unit) = buildTypes { it.setup() }

fun DefaultProductFlavor.setMinSdkVersion(value: Int) = setMinSdkVersion(value.asApiVersion())

fun DefaultProductFlavor.setTargetSdkVersion(value: Int) = setTargetSdkVersion(value.asApiVersion())

fun Int.asApiVersion(): ApiVersion = DefaultApiVersion.create(this)
```

The case of API Keys

```
public class SampleApplication extends Application {  
    private static final String CONSUMER_KEY = "PRODUCTION_KEY";  
    private static final String CONSUMER_SECRET = "PRODUCTION_SECRET";  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate() {  
        super.onCreate();  
        SessionConfig authConfig = new SessionConfig(CONSUMER_KEY, CONSUMER_SECRET);  
        Sdk.init(authConfig);  
    }  
}
```

The case of API Keys

```
private static final String CONSUMER_KEY = "PRODUCTION_KEY";
private static final String CONSUMER_SECRET = "PRODUCTION_KEY";

...
final SessionConfig authConfig
    = new SessionConfig(CONSUMER_KEY, CONSUMER_SECRET);
```

Enter Gradle

```
android {  
    buildTypes {  
        release {  
            buildConfigField 'String', 'CONSUMER_KEY', "\"PRODUCTION_KEY\""  
            buildConfigField 'String', 'CONSUMER_SECRET', "\"PRODUCTION_SECRET\""  
        }  
        debug {  
            buildConfigField 'String', 'CONSUMER_KEY', '\"DEBUG_KEY\"'  
            buildConfigField 'String', 'CONSUMER_SECRET', '\"DEBUG_SECRET\"'  
        }  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

BuildConfig class

```
public final class BuildConfig {  
    public static final String CONSUMER_KEY = "PRODUCTION_KEY";  
    ...  
  
    public class AwesomeApplication extends Application {  
        private static final String CONSUMER_KEY = BuildConfig.CONSUMER_KEY;
```

Gradle properties

- Gradle (Project) Properties
- System Variables
- Custom properties file

Provided values

```
def getProp(String key) {  
    if (System.properties.get(key) != null) {  
        return System.properties.get(key)  
    } else if (project.hasProperty(key)) {  
        return project.property(key)  
    }  
    throw new GradleException("${key} is not available")  
}
```

Using the provided value

```
//Using provided value via getProp function
release {
    buildConfigField "String", "CONSUMER_KEY", "${getProp("INJECTED_KEY")}"
...
}
```

custom.properties

INJECTED_KEY=PRODUCTION_KEY

INJECTED_SECRET=PRODUCTION_SECRET

...

Custom Task

```
task createCustomPropertiesFile << {
    def props = new Properties()
    props.put('INJECTED_KEY', getProp('INJECTED_KEY'))
    props.put('INJECTED_SECRET', getProp('INJECTED_SECRET'))

    file('custom.properties').withOutputStream {
        props.store(it, "")
    }
}
```

Custom Properties file

```
tasks << 'createCustomPropertiesFile' {
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
$ ./gradlew createCustomPropertiesFile -PINJECTED_KEY=DEV_KEY
```

Gradle plugin

Basic ingredients:

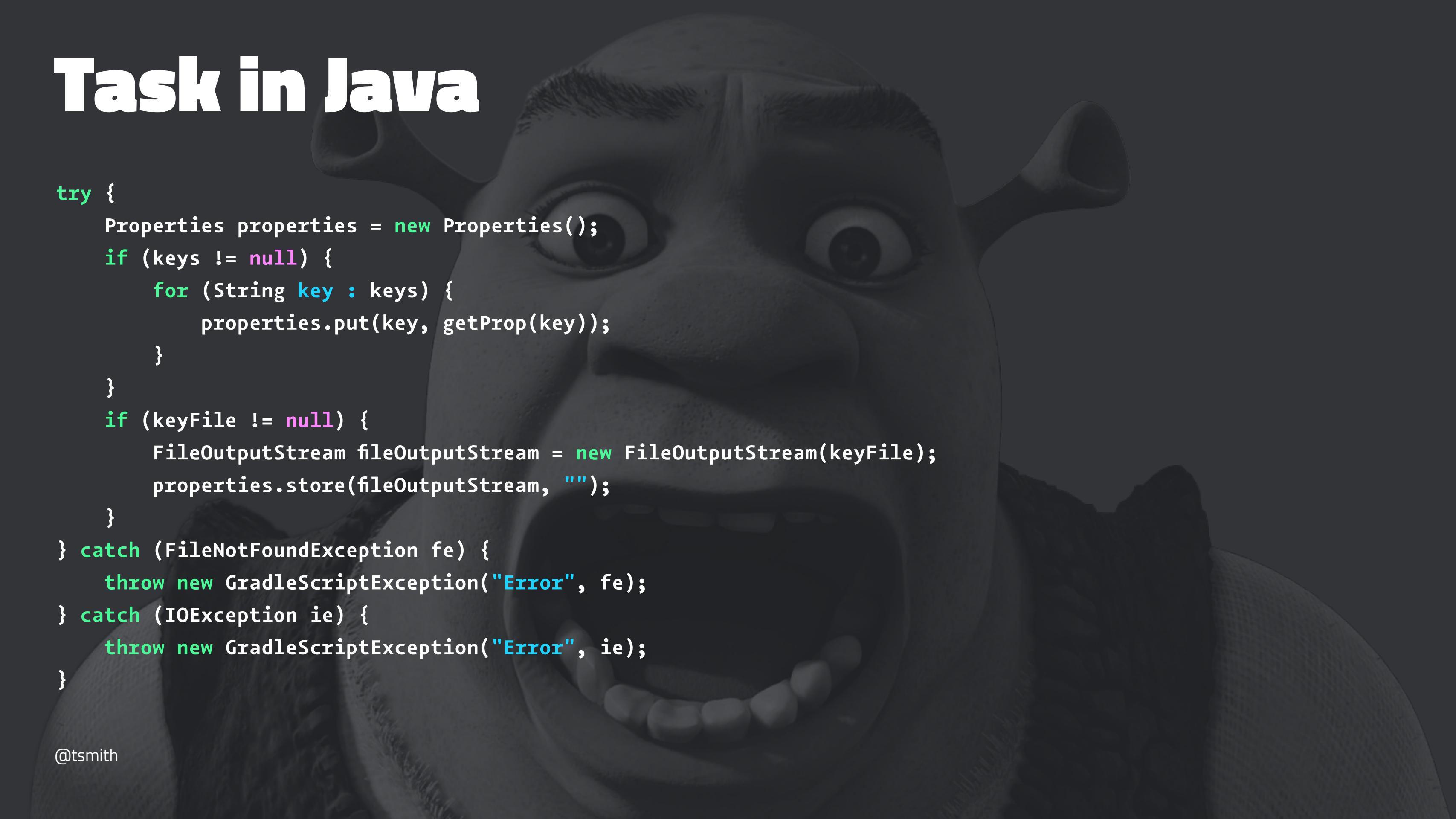
- Task
- Extension
- Plugin

Task

```
class CreatePropertiesFileTask extends DefaultTask {  
    @TaskAction  
    void createFile() {  
        Properties properties = new Properties()  
        keys?.each {  
            properties.put(it, getProp(it))  
        }  
        outputFile?.withOutputStream {  
            properties.store(it, "")  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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Task in Java



```
try {
    Properties properties = new Properties();
    if (keys != null) {
        for (String key : keys) {
            properties.put(key, getProp(key));
        }
    }
    if (keyFile != null) {
        FileOutputStream fileOutputStream = new FileOutputStream(keyFile);
        properties.store(fileOutputStream, "");
    }
} catch (FileNotFoundException fe) {
    throw new GradleScriptException("Error", fe);
} catch (IOException ie) {
    throw new GradleScriptException("Error", ie);
}
```

Task

```
//  
Properties properties = new Properties();  
//  
for (String key : keys) {  
    properties.put(key, getProp(key));  
}  
//  
//  
FileOutputStream fileOutputStream = new FileOutputStream(keyFile);  
properties.store(fileOutputStream, "");  
//  
//  
//  
//
```

Task

```
class CreatePropertiesFileTask extends DefaultTask {  
    @Input List<String> keys  
    @OutputFile File outputFile  
  
    ...  
}
```

Extension

```
class PropertyHolderExtension {  
  
    List<String> keys = []  
    File customPropertiesFile  
    Project project  
  
    PropertyHolderExtension(Project project) {  
        this.project = project  
    }  
}
```

Extension

```
class KeyHolderExtension {  
    ...  
    void keyFile(String filename) {  
        keyFile = new File(filename)  
    }  
  
    def getProp(String key) {  
        if (System.properties.get(key) != null) {  
            return System.properties.get(key)  
        } else if (project.hasProperty(key)) {  
        ...  
    }
```

Plugin

```
class PropertyHolderPlugin implements Plugin<Project> {  
  
    @Override  
    void apply(Project project) {  
        def propertyHolder = project.extensions.create(  
            "propertyHolder", PropertyHolderExtension, project)
```

Plugin

```
//Example 1. Without configure
```

```
def propertyHolder = project.extensions.create(...)
```

```
//Example 2. With configure
```

```
project.configure(project) {  
    def propertyHolder = extensions.create(...)
```

Plugin

```
project.configure(project) {  
    ...  
    afterEvaluate {  
        if (!propertyHolder.keys.isEmpty()) {  
            project.tasks.create("createCustomPropertiesFile",  
                CreatePropertiesFileTask) {  
                it.keyFile = propertyHolder.customPropertiesFile  
                it.keys = propertyHolder.keys  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Consuming the plugin

```
apply 'custom-properties'

propertyHolder{
    keys = 'CONSUMER_KEY', ...
    keyFile 'custom.properties'
}
```

Kotlin Version - Task

```
open class CreatePropertiesFileTask() : DefaultTask() {  
    @Input var keys: List<String> = ArrayList()  
  
    @OutputFile var keyFile: File? = null
```

Kotlin Version - Task

```
@TaskAction  
fun createFile() {  
    val properties = Properties()  
    for (key in keys) {  
        properties.put(key, getProp(key))  
    }  
  
    val fileOutputStream = FileOutputStream(keyFile)  
    properties.store(fileOutputStream, "")  
}
```

Kotlin Version - Task

```
@TaskAction  
fun createFile() {  
    val properties = Properties()  
    keys.forEach { key -> properties.put(key, getProp(key)) }  
    properties.store(keyFile!!.outputStream(), "")
```

Extension - Kotlin version

```
data class PropertyHolderExtension(val project: Project,  
                                  var keys: List<String> = ArrayList(),  
                                  var customFile: File? = null)
```

Plugin - Kotlin Version

```
class PropertyHolderPlugin : Plugin<Project> {  
    override fun apply(project: Project) {  
        project.extensions  
            .add("kotlinHolder", PropertyHolderExtension(project))  
    }  
}
```

Plugin - Kotlin Version

```
class PropertyHolderPlugin : Plugin<Project> {  
    override fun apply(project: Project) {  
        project.extensions  
            .add("kotlinHolder", PropertyHolderExtension(project))  
  
        project.afterEvaluate { project ->  
            val extension = project.extensions  
                .getByName("kotlinHolder")  
            as PropertyHolderExtension  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Sprinkle it with Extension Functions

```
fun Project.configure(exec: Project.() -> Unit) = exec()
```

```
fun Project.extensions(exec: ExtensionContainer.() -> Unit) = extensions.exec()
```

```
fun Project.propertyHolder() = extensions.getByName("kotlinHolder") as PropertyHolderExtension
```

Kotlin Version - Plugin

```
//before  
project.extensions  
    .add("kotlinHolder", PropertyHolderExtension(project))  
  
//after  
project.configure {  
    extensions {  
        add("kotlinHolder", PropertyHolderExtension(project))  
    }  
}
```

Kotlin Version - Plugin

```
project.configure {  
    extensions {  
        add("kotlinHolder", PropertyHolderExtension(project))  
    }  
    afterEvaluate { project ->  
        if (!propertyHolder().keys.isEmpty()) {  
            tasks.create("createPropertiesFile",  
                CreatePropertiesFileTask::class.java) { task ->  
                    task.keys = propertyHolder().keys  
                    task.keyFile = propertyHolder().customFile!!  
                }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Resources

- Kotlin docs
- Kotlin Koans
- Anko
- Gradle Script Kotlin
- Advancing Android Development with the Kotlin Language
- This project

Thanks!

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