

OpenRewrite in a Nutshell Scaling Upgrades with Practical Insights

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Frameworks we've used











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JAKARTA EE





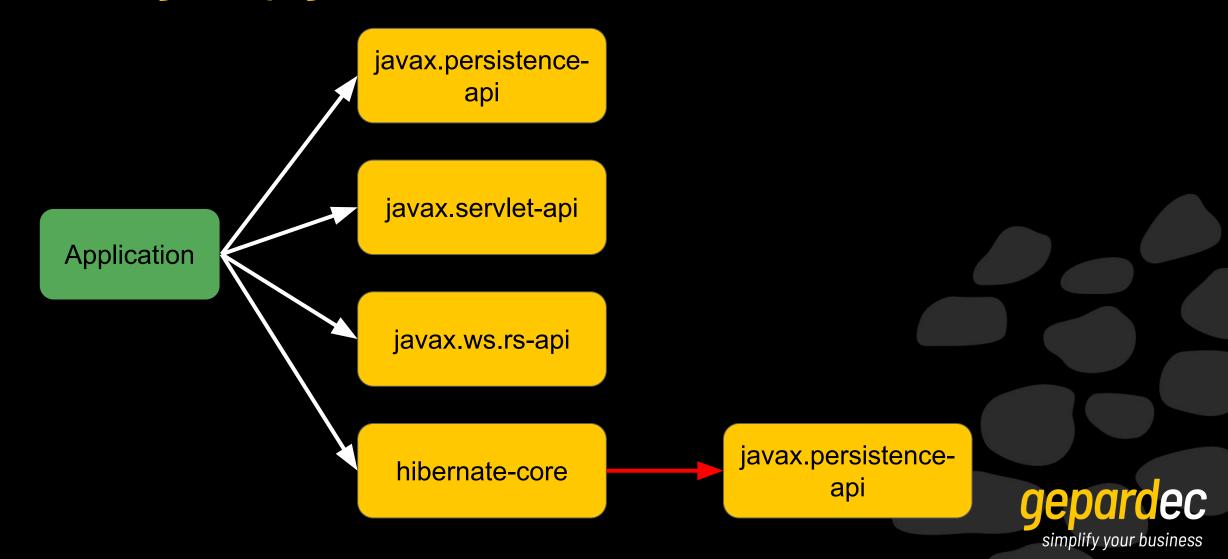
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// javax.inject.lnject -> jakarta.inject.lnject
```

// javax.naming.InitialContext -> javax.naming.InitialContext



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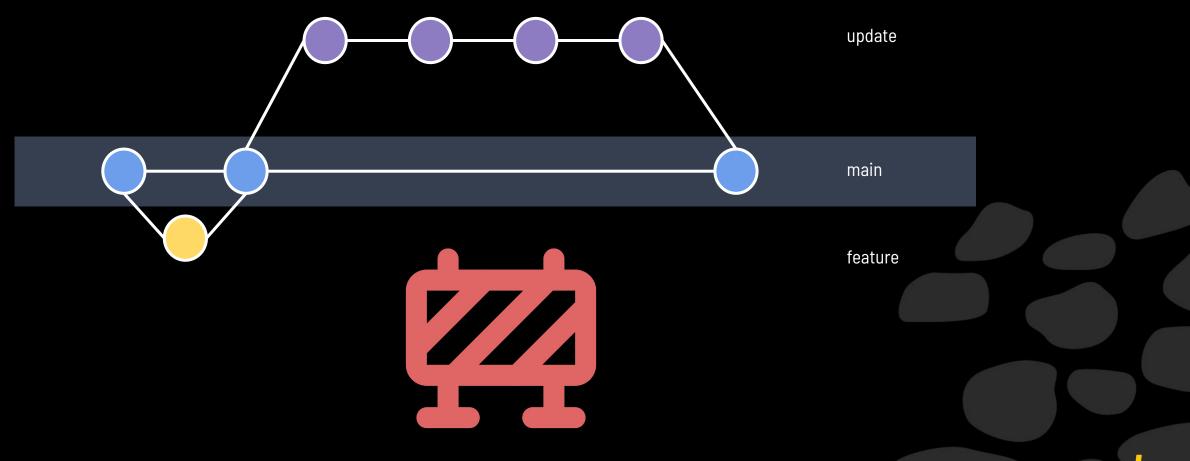


Upgrading manually - A tedious task

- // Time consuming
- // Error prone
- // Not fun



Upgrading manually - Stop the world





Upgrading manually - Repeated effort

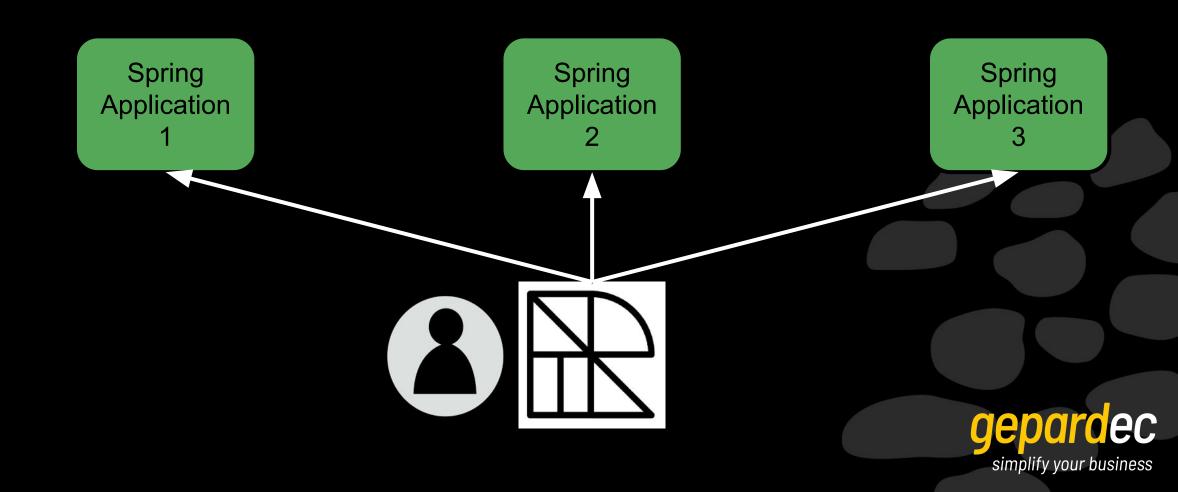




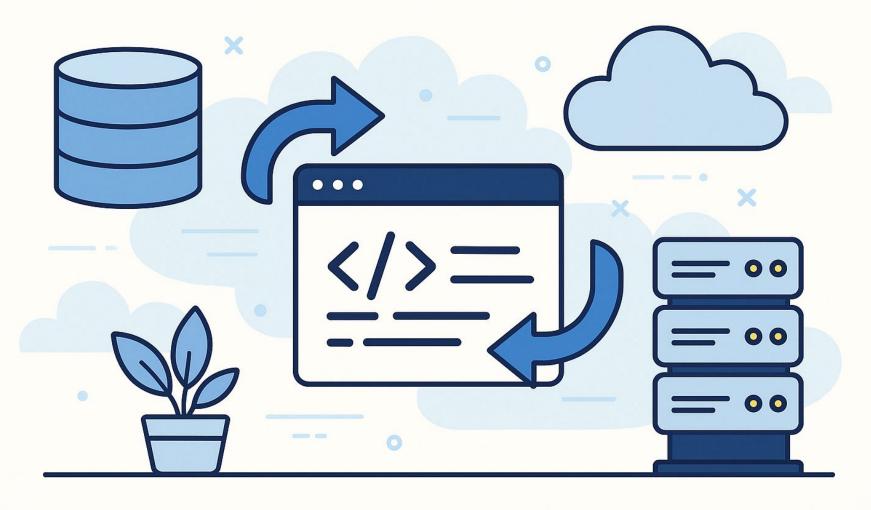




And that's how OpenRewrite got born!



MIGRATIONS AS CODE





Formats supported by OpenRewrite

```
// Java
// XML / Maven
// Groovy / Gradle
// JSON
// YAML
// Properties
```



About text replacements

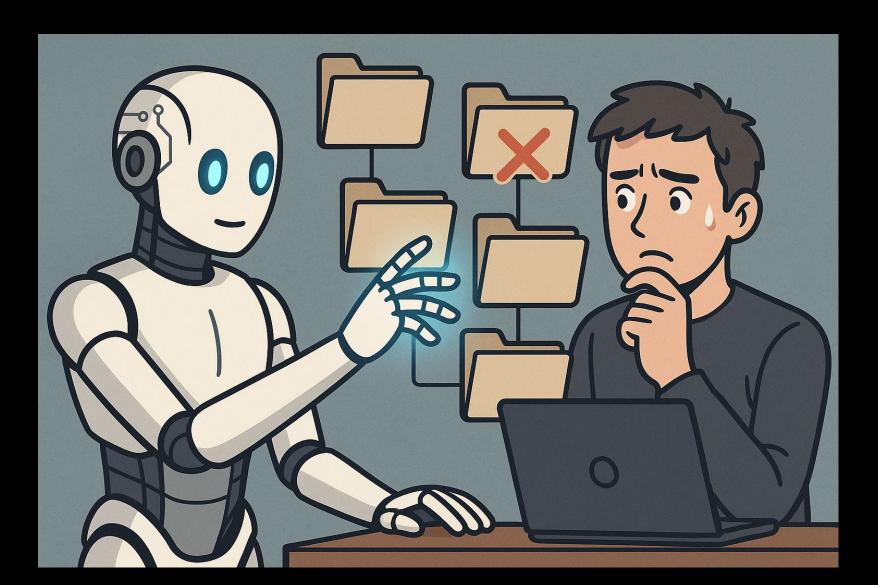
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  Type x = new Type();
  x.doSomething();
  OtherType y = new OtherType();
  y.doSomething();
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About LLMs





Recipe Catalog

// List of official Recipes by Moderne / Open Source

https://docs.openrewrite.org/recipes/java/migrate/jakarta/jakartaee11





Composite Recipes



Another Recipe

https://docs.openrewrite.org/recipes/maven/changedependencygroupidandartifactid



Other Recipes

- // UpgradeDependency
- // Change Property Value
- // ChangeType
- // ReplaceAnnotation
- // JakartaEE10
- // SIf4jToLog4j

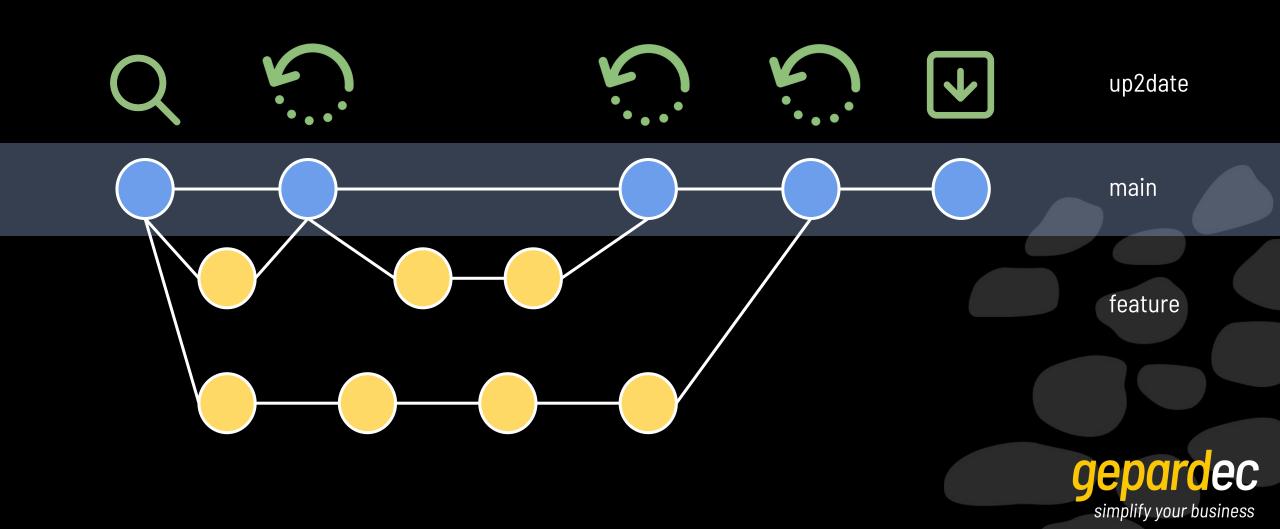




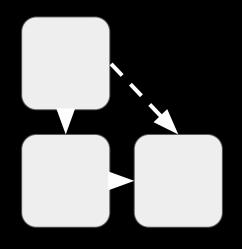
Framework Migrations



Transformer



Prerequisites for Framework Migrations



// Transitive dependencies in controlled code?



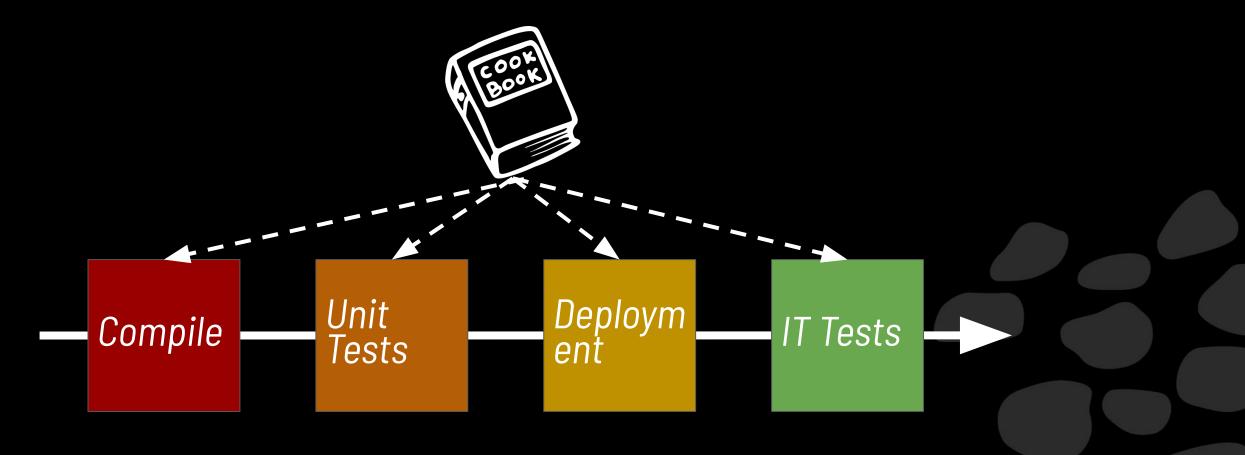
// Ensure a good test coverage



// Clean up to ease automation



Automating Framework Migrations





Single Cases

O: Should I make the effort to integrate specific cases even if they only have one occurrence?

A: Yes! But keep it simple! For example, you could do:
- FindAndReplace
- Replace entire files





Custom Recipes



Interface transformation

```
request
   .getMetadata()
   .setTenantId("1");
```

```
Metadata meta =
ObjectFactory.createMetadata();
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Lossless Semantics Tree (LST)

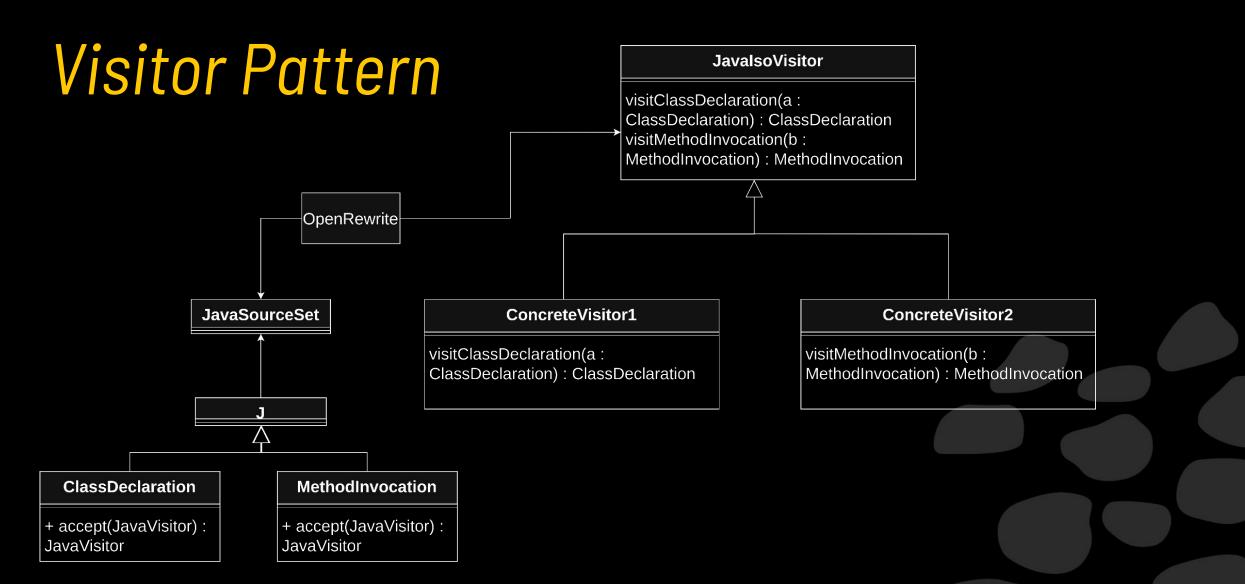
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                                    public class Main {...}
  —-J.Modifier | "public"
  —-J.ldentifier | "Main"
  \—-J.Block
     \———-J.MethodDeclaration|"MethodDeclaration{com.gepardec.Main}"
          —-J.Modifier ["public"
          l—-J.Modifier | "static"
          —-J.Primitive | "void"
          —-J.ldentifier | "main"
                    --J.VariableDeclarations|"String[]args"
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|—-J.Identifier | "printIn"
\——————-J.Literal | ""Hello world!""
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                                     public static void main(String[] args)
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Example for custom recipes



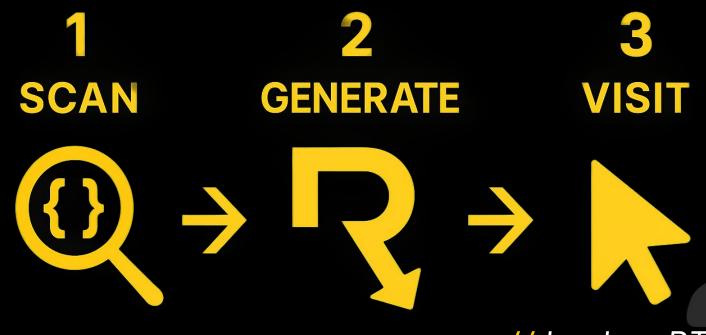
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Scanning Recipe



// Scan DTO hierarchies and store as Tree

// Lookup DTO in tree and add initialisations + nested setters



Quality Criterias for Recipes

- // Type attribution
- // Idempotency
- // Atomicity



Learning to write Recipes

```
// https://docs.openrewrite.org/authoring-recipes
```

```
// https://docs.moderne.io/user-documentation/community-office-hours/
```

// https://app.moderne.io/recipes/org.openrewrite.java.search.FindMethods

https://join.slack.com/t/rewriteoss/shared_invite/zt-1ihfggp2a-gllit_aXJnhHA dv_Ouzwow

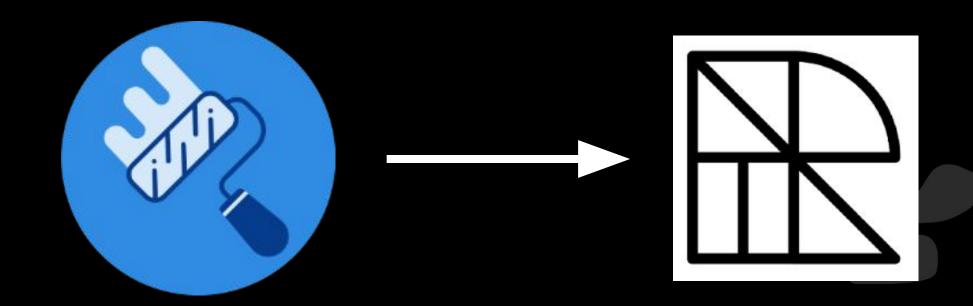


DataTables: RelocatedDependencyCheck

C1 ÷	C2 \$	C3 \$	C4 \$	C5
Dependency group id	Dependency artifact id	Relocated dependency group id	Relocated ependency artifact id	Context
				Context for the relocation, if any.
		jakarta.servlet	jakarta.servlet-api	Java EE new home is Jakarta EE, se.



Auto Update Service



// Renovate finds new Updates

// OpenRewrite migrates to a new update





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