

IF YOU CAN'T SEE THIS CODE,
MOVE CLOSER

```
def foo() {  
    println "Hello, Gr8Conf"  
}
```

JAVA TO GROOVY

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REQUIRED BACKGROUND

- Java syntax
- Basic Object-Oriented principles



What are the
shortcomings and
challenges of
programming in
Java?





VS



How can Groovy improve on Java in these areas?



VS



SIMILARITIES

- Groovy derives from Java, but is actually an (improper) superset
=> Most Java 7 can be compiled as Groovy
- Both are Object Oriented Languages
- Both compile to Java Bytecode and run on the JVM
 - Java classes can be used by Groovy code



VS



DIFFERENCES

JAVA

- Forced Object-Oriented model
- Polymorphism: Class hierarchy only
- “Main” class required
- Static only

GROOVY

- Object-Oriented *and* Scripting (no “Main” class required)
- Polymorphism: Class Hierarchy *and* Duck-Typing
- Static *and* Dynamic

EXERCISE I: SCRIPTING



groovyconsole.appspot.com

- Online scripting environment
- Run Groovy with no installation

Get comfortable with it!

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SCRIPTING

What does “Scripting” mean?

- An alternative to **compiling** code
- Code is executed immediately* instead of being compiled to an **executable** (*scripts can be saved and run later)

```
println "Hello, World"  
xsdfsdfsf  
println "Hello, Gr8Conf"
```

Try it out!

- Groovy, Ruby, Python

SCRIPTING

Result **Output** **Stacktrace**

```
groovy.lang.MissingPropertyException: No such property: xsdfsdfsf for class: Script1  
at Script1.run(Script1.groovy:2)
```

Result **Output** **Stacktrace**

```
Hello, World
```

- First statement gets printed but not second
- Scripting is implemented as a traditional Java class, behind the scenes

DYNAMIC

What does “Dynamic” mean, for a programming language?

- class and function **definitions can be changed at run-time**
- “*execute many common programming behaviors that static programming languages perform during compilation.*” —Wikipedia
- **METAPROGRAMMING**

METAPROGRAMMING

- *any program that can "read, generate, analyze, or transform" itself or another program*
- Using **dynamic** features of a Dynamic Programming Language
- **Groovy, Ruby, Python**

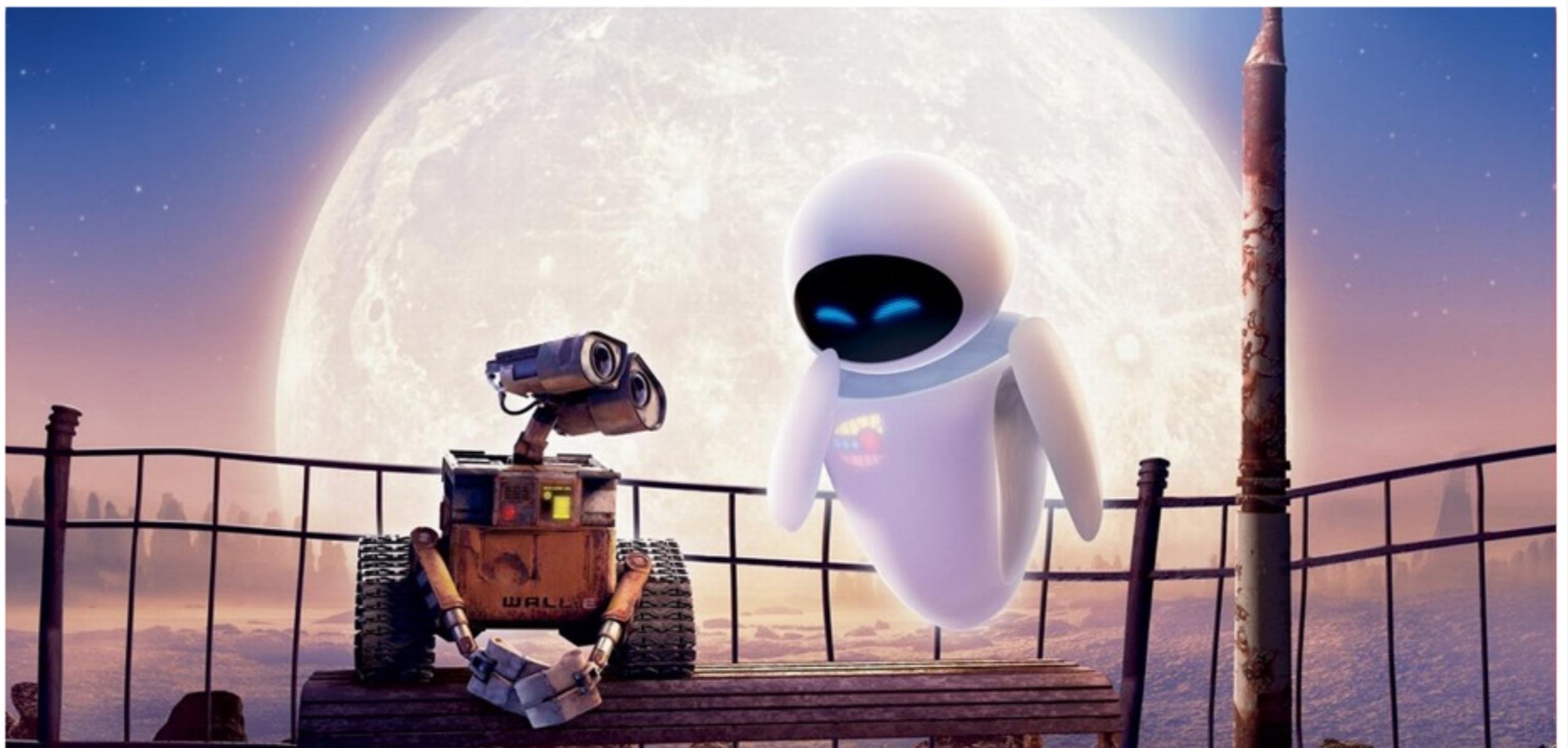
OPTIONAL SEMICOLONS!

;

Semicolons are optional!!!

Semicolons can be used to disambiguate multiple statements entered on the same line, but otherwise they are not necessary:

```
class Box { int weight; String barcode; }
```



ROBOTS

FORESHADOWING: Robots and Humans are similar, but they don't have a *common ancestor*

TYPE CHECKING

“The process of verifying and enforcing the constraints of a type”
—Wikipedia

Static Typing

```
Human allison = new Human()
```

Dynamic Typing

```
def allison = new Human()
```

def lets a variable be *dynamically typed*

DYNAMIC TYPING

```
def lifter = new Human()
lifter.lift()
```

// Something happens and now we need a
// stronger lifter... Just assign a new value:

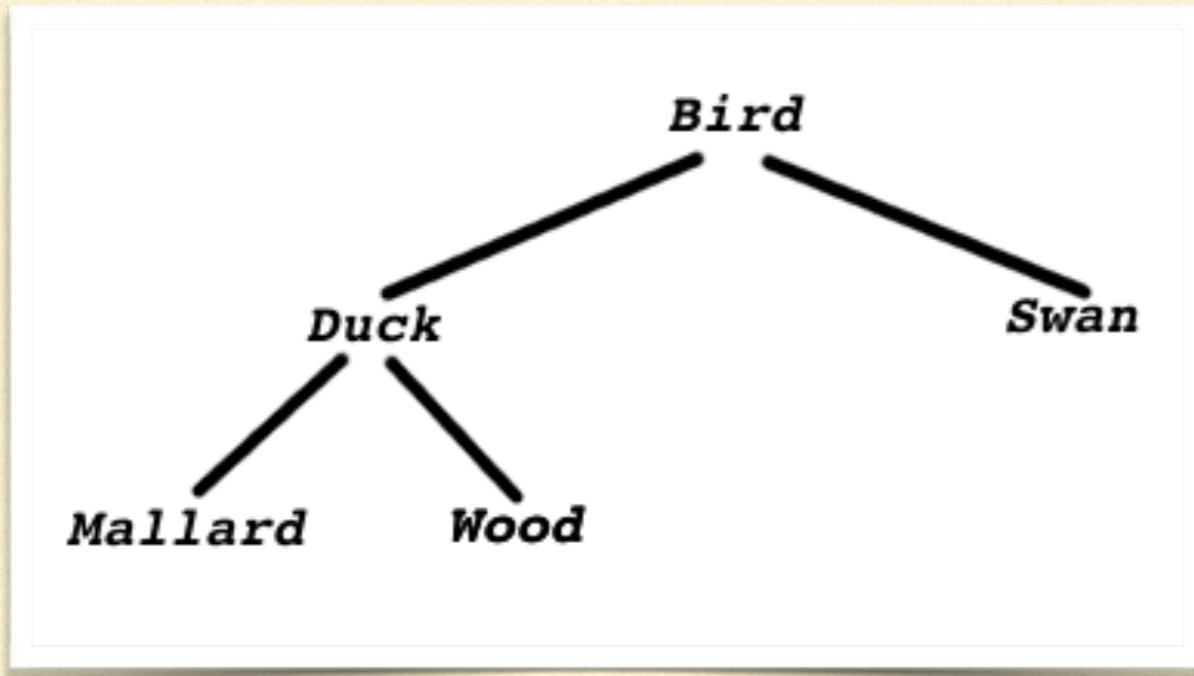
```
lifter = new Robot()
lifter.lift()
```

DUCK TYPIING



- Java enforces a strict object hierarchy for polymorphism
- Groovy allows for Duck Typing as well—it doesn't matter what the type is just whether it has the member variable or method

POLYMORPHISM: OBJECT HIERARCHY



```
class Bird {  
    void fly() { ... }  
    ...  
}  
  
class Duck extends Bird {  
    ...  
}  
  
class Mallard extends Duck {  
    ...  
}
```

POLYMORPHISM: DUCK TYPING



```
class Bird {  
    void fly() { ... }  
    ...  
}  
  
class Duck {  
    void fly() { ... }  
    ...  
}  
  
class Mallard {  
    void fly() { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

DUCK TYPIING

Negatives

- Code duplication
 - Less maintainable
 - More prone to errors

Positives

- Flexibility
 - act like something inherits, even when it doesn't
 - Use 2 things the same way even when they have little else in common

DUCK TYPIING

Example:

```
List fliers = [new Duck(),  
              new Plane(),  
              new Superman() ]  
  
for (flier in fliers) { flier.fly() }
```

This loops through the list and calls each object's `fly` method. It doesn't matter that they are all of different, unrelated types.

EXERCISE 2: DUCK TYPING

Try this out! (10 minutes)

```
class Box {  
    int weight  
    String barcode  
}  
  
class Human {  
    Box carrying  
  
    void lift(List boxes) {  
        carrying = boxes.pop()  
    }  
}  
  
class Robot {  
    Box carrying  
  
    void lift(List boxes) {  
        carrying = boxes.max {Box box ->  
            box.weight  
        }  
        boxes.remove(carrying)  
    }  
}
```

```
List<Box> boxes =  
    [new Box(weight: 5, barcode: '123'),  
     new Box(weight: 7, barcode: '456'),  
     new Box(weight: 3, barcode: 'ah7'),  
     new Box(weight: 1, barcode: 'b45'),  
     new Box(weight: 2, barcode: 'e37')]  
  
println "All boxes: ${boxes*.barcode}"  
  
def employee = new Human()  
  
employee.lift(boxes)  
println "Carrying ${employee.carrying.barcode}"  
println "Remaining boxes: ${boxes*.barcode}"  
  
employee = new Robot()  
  
employee.lift(boxes)  
println "Carrying ${employee.carrying.barcode}"  
println "Remaining boxes: ${boxes*.barcode}"
```

EXERCISE 2: DUCK TYPING

Output

All boxes [123, 456, ah7, b45, e37]

Carrying e37

Remaining boxes: [123, 456, ah7, b45]

Carrying 456

Remaining boxes: [123, ah7, b45]

EXERCISE 2: DUCK TYPING

QUESTION 1

Is the employee a Robot or a Human?

- (a) Robot
- (b) Human
- (c) depends...

QUESTION 2

Which box is the Robot carrying?

- (a) e37
- (b) 456
- (c) 123

**WAIT! YOU DIDN'T TEACH US
THAT YET...**

CONSTRUCTOR SHORTCUTS

Auto-Constructors: values can be passed to the **default constructor**

```
class Box {  
    int weight  
    String barcode  
}
```

```
Box upsBox = new Box()  
Box fedExBox = new Box(weight: 5)  
Box postalServiceBox = new Box(weight: 16, barcode:  
'X0013')
```

EXERCISE 3:AUTO-CONSTRUCTORS

Practice using auto-constructors

- Create a class with a few member variables
- Instantiate and set the member variables in different ways:
 - Directly (use them as public variables), e.g. `box.weight = 6`
 - Use the auto-constructor, e.g. `new Box(weight: 5)`
 - Try a combination of both methods

```
5 List numbers = [1, 2, 5, 3, 7, 4]
6
7 List heterogeneousTypes = [new Bird(), new Plane(), new Superman()]
8
9 Map stringsAsKeys = [a: 1, hello: 3, bird: 2, x: 7]
10
11 Bird bird = new Bird()
12 Plane plane = new Plane()
13 Map objectsAsKeys = [(bird): 'duck', (plane): 'jet']
14
```

DATA STRUCTURES

- Lists, Maps, Sets, Collections
- Hold primitives and objects, don't all need to be same type
- Automatic construction

LIST BASICS

Define

```
List words = ['hello', 'world']  
def numbers = [1, 2, 3]
```

Access Elements

```
words[0]  
words.first()  
words.last()
```

Add Elements

```
numbers << 4  
numbers[7] = 8  
numbers.push(10)
```

```
println numbers  
println words
```

Try it out!

LIST BASICS

Output

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, null, null, null, 8, 10]  
[hello, world]
```

OPERATOR OVERLOADING

Create new Lists

Combine Lists

```
println([1, 3] + [2, 4])  
Result: [1, 3, 2, 4]
```

```
println([1, 2, 3] + 4)  
Result: [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Remove Items

```
println([1, 2, null, 4] - null)  
Result: [1, 2, 4]
```

```
println([1, 2, 3, 4] - [4])  
Result: [1, 2, 3]
```

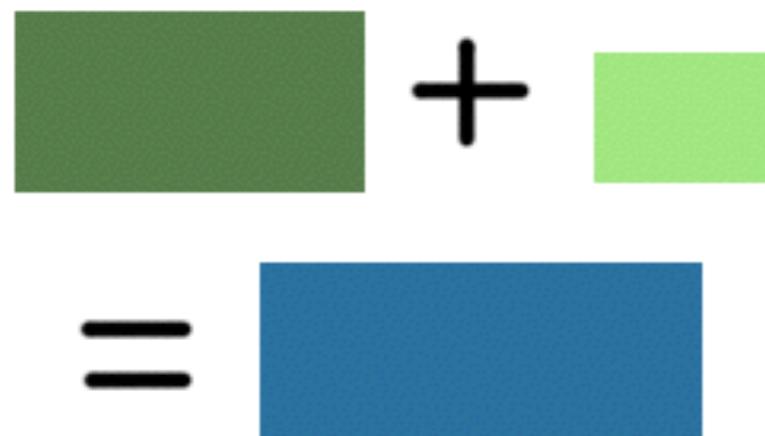
Try it out!

OPERATOR OVERLOADING AMBIGUITY

```
[1, 2, 3, []] - []
```

Result: [1, 2, 3, []]

OPERATOR OVERLOADING



```
Box box1 = new Box(weight: 4)  
Box box2 = new Box(weight: 8)
```

```
Box biggerBox = box1 + box2  
println biggerBox.weight  
Result: 12
```

```
class Box {  
    int weight  
  
    Box plus (Box otherBox) {  
        return new Box(weight: this.weight + otherBox.weight)  
    }  
}
```

EXERCISE 4: OPERATOR OVERLOADING

Practice overloading an operator

- Create a class with a member variable
- Overload the plus, minus, div, or multiply to create new objects

```
class Box {  
    int weight  
  
    Box plus (Box otherBox) {  
        return new Box(weight: this.weight + otherBox.weight)  
    }  
}
```

BREAK! (10 MINUTES)

REMOVE FROM CURRENT LIST

```
List numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
numbers.remove(3)
```

```
println numbers
```

Result: [1, 2, 3]

```
List letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
letters.remove('b')
```

```
println letters
```

Result: [a, c]

```
letters.pop()
```

```
println letters
```

Result: [a]

Try it out!

MAPS

- key/value pairs
- like Python Dictionaries

```
Map things = [a: 1, b: new Duck(), c: 'hello']
```

- keys: a, b, c
- values: 1, new Duck(), 'hello'
- Access values: things['a']

MAPS: STRINGS AS KEYS

```
Map stringsAsKeys = [a: 1, hello: 3, bird: 2]
```

```
println stringsAsKeys['hello']
```

Result: 3

Try it out!

MAPS: INTEGERS AS KEYS

```
Map integersAsKeys = [2: 'a', 1: 'hello', 3: 'world']
```

```
println integersAsKeys[2]
```

Result: a

Try it out!

MAPS: OBJECTS AS KEYS

```
class Bird { }  
class Plane { }
```

```
Bird bird = new Bird()  
Plane plane = new Plane()
```

```
Map objectsAsKeys = [ (bird): 'duck', (plane): 'jet' ]
```

```
Bird sameBird = bird  
println objectsAsKeys[ (sameBird) ]  
Result: duck
```

Try it out!

UPDATING MAPS

```
class Bird { }
```

```
Bird bird = new Bird()
```

```
Map m = [a: 1, (bird): 'duck', 3: 'plane']
```

```
m['a'] = 4
```

```
m['x'] = 'z'
```

```
println m
```

```
Result: [a:4, Bird@41c55ad3:duck, 3:plane, x:z]
```

Try it out!

FUNCTION CALL SHORTCUT

Parenthesis are (almost always) optional when calling a function

Example:

```
println("Hello, world")
```

can also be written

```
println "Hello, world"
```

IMPLICIT ‘return’

The ‘return’ keyword is optional

```
int foo() {  
    return 3  
}
```

is equivalent to

```
int foo() {  
    3  
}
```

FUNCTION GOTHAS

```
def foo( ) {  
    ...  
}
```

What does ‘def’ mean here?

def is just the return type—It means you can return any type from this function

- Compare to Python function definitions:

```
def foo  
    print "Hello, World"
```

GROOVY STRINGS

In Groovy, single-quoted and double-quoted Strings have different properties

- Embed code that renders text
- Regular String: single quotes ‘...’
- Groovy String: double quotes “...”
- Embedded code: \${...}

GSTRING EXAMPLE

```
String foo(boolean val) {  
    return "The value is ${val}"  
}
```

```
println foo(true)  
println foo(false)
```

```
String bar(int x) {  
    return "I can add to the number: ${x + 2}"  
}
```

```
println bar(7)
```

Try it out!

CLOSURES

“an open, anonymous, block of code that can take arguments, return a value and be assigned to a variable” — Groovy Documentation

- Blocks of code that can be used like variables
- Pass as parameters to functions
 - Alter the behavior of functions

CLOSURES

Using Closures

```
Closure c = { println "Hello, World" }  
c()
```

Result: Hello, World

Try it out!

CLOSURE PARAMETERS

Passing parameters to Closures

```
Closure c = { int n ->
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        println i
    }
}

c.call(4)
```

Try it out!

IT: DEFAULT PARAMETER

Closures have a default parameters: it

```
Closure c = {  
    for (i = 0; i < it; i++) {  
        println i  
    }  
}  
  
c.call(4)
```

Try it out!

CLOSURES AND ‘return’

*Closures can also return values
Like with functions, the ‘return’ keyword is optional*

```
Closure adder = { int x, int y ->
                    return x + y
                }
```

```
Closure adder2 = { int x, int y ->
                     x + y
                 }
```

```
println adder(3, 4)
println adder2(5, 7)
```

Try it out!

PASSING CLOSURES TO FUNCTIONS

```
def foo(Closure c) {  
    ...  
}
```

```
Closure someCode = { println it }  
foo(someCode)
```

```
foo({ println it })
```

```
foo({ int x ->  
        println x  
    } )
```

CLOSURE GOTCHAS

```
def foo (Closure c) {  
    c.call()  
}
```

```
foo { int x ->  
      println x  
}
```

```
foo ({ int x ->  
      println x  
} )
```

COLLECTION METHODS

Lists and Sets are “Collections”

- Collections have methods that operate on all elements of the Collection
- These methods takes a closure that defines how the method behaves on the elements
- These methods loop through the elements of the Collection and call the closure, individually, on each element

COLLECTION METHODS

- **each :**
 - ◆ This method performs the closure on each element.
 - ◆ The original Collection is returned
- **collect :**
 - ◆ This method collects the results of the closure operation
 - ◆ A new List is returned
- ***.:** *a.k.a. “spread operator”*
 - ◆ This operator calls the method coming after the dot on each element
 - ◆ Returns a new List with the results of the method calls

SAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION OF ‘EACH’

This is an example of how List and ‘each’ COULD be implemented

```
class List {  
    ArrayList list  
  
    List each (Closure c) {  
        for (element in list) {  
            c.call(element)  
        }  
  
        return this  
    }  
}
```

USING ‘EACH’

```
class Duck {  
    String myName  
    void fly() { println "${myName} flies!" } }  
}
```

```
List petDucks = [ new Duck(myName: 'Harold'),  
                 new Duck(myName: 'Sandy'),  
                 new Duck(myName: 'Samuel') ]
```

petDucks.each { it.fly() } Try it out!

SAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION OF ‘COLLECT’

An example of how ‘collect’ COULD be implemented

```
class List {  
    ArrayList list  
  
    List collect (Closure c) {  
        List collectedList = [ ]  
  
        for (element in list) {  
            collectedList += c.call(element)  
        }  
  
        return collectedList  
    }  
}
```

ANOTHER SAMPLE ‘COLLECT’ IMPLEMENTATION

```
class List {  
    ArrayList list  
  
    List collect (Closure c) {  
        List collectedList = [ ]  
  
        this.each { def element ->  
            collectedList += c.call(element)  
        }  
  
        return collectedList  
    }  
}
```

USING ‘COLLECT’

Listing the weights of boxes

```
class Box { int weight }
```

```
List emptyBoxes = [ new Box(weight: 3),  
                    new Box(weight: 17),  
                    new Box(weight: 5) ]
```

```
List boxWeights = emptyBoxes.collect {  
    it.weight  
}
```

Try it out!

USING ‘COLLECT’

Creating new Boxes from a list of weights

```
List weights = [17, 8, 9, 2]
```

```
List boxes = weights.collect {  
    new Box(weight: it)  
}
```

Try it out!

SPREAD OPERATOR

The spread operator is a shortcut for ‘collect’

This:

```
emptyBoxes.collect { it.weight }
```

can also be written as:

```
emptyBoxes*.weight
```

Try it out!

EXERCISE 5: COLLECTIONS

```
class Duck { String name }
List ducks = [ new Duck(name: 'Harold'),
               new Duck(name: 'Sandy'),
               new Duck(name: 'Samuel') ]
List names = []
ducks.each { names += it.name }
```

- A) *What is returned?*
- B) *What is in the names List?*
- C) *Rewrite the last line using collect*
- D) *Rewrite the last line using *.*

EXERCISE 5: SOLUTIONS

- A) [Duck@lfa0a749, Duck@dbb6bff, Duck@631136d3]
- B) [Harold, Sandy, Samuel]
- C) names = ducks.collect { it.name }
- D) names = ducks*.name

MORE! COLLECTION METHODS

- **find :**
 - ◆ Performs a search on the Collection based on the criteria specified by the Closure
 - ◆ Returns a single element from the Collection (first one found that matches criteria)
- **findAll :**
 - ◆ Performs a search like **find**
 - ◆ Returns *all* elements that match
- **max :**
 - ◆ Selects the maximum element as determined by the criteria of the Closure

USING ‘FIND’

```
class Box { int weight; String barcode }
```

```
Set boxes = [ new Box(weight: 4, barcode: 'ab'),  
             new Box(weight: 17, barcode: 'xz'),  
             new Box(weight: 6, barcode: 'th') ]
```

```
Box theBestBox = boxes.find { Box box ->  
                                box.barcode == 'xz'  
                            }
```

```
println theBestBox.weight  
println theBestBox.barcode
```

Try it out!

USING ‘FINDALL’

```
class Box { int weight; String barcode }
```

```
Set boxes = [ new Box(weight: 4, barcode: 'ab'),  
             new Box(weight: 17, barcode: 'xz'),  
             new Box(weight: 6, barcode: 'th') ]
```

```
Set lightBoxes = boxes.findAll {  
    it.weight < 10  
}
```

```
println lightBoxes.size()
```

Try it out!

USING ‘MAX’

```
class Box { int weight; String barcode }
```

```
Set boxes = [ new Box(weight: 4, barcode: 'ab'),  
             new Box(weight: 17, barcode: 'xz'),  
             new Box(weight: 6, barcode: 'th') ]
```

```
Box heaviestBox = boxes.max { it.weight }
```

```
println heaviestBox.weight
```

Try it out!

REVISTING DUCK TYPING CODE

```
class Box {  
    int weight  
    String barcode  
}  
  
class Human {  
    Box carrying  
  
    void lift(List boxes) {  
        carrying = boxes.pop()  
    }  
}  
  
class Robot {  
    Box carrying  
  
    void lift(List boxes) {  
        carrying = boxes.max {Box box ->  
            box.weight  
        }  
        boxes.remove(carrying)  
    }  
}
```

```
List<Box> boxes =  
    [new Box(weight: 5, barcode: '123'),  
     new Box(weight: 7, barcode: '456'),  
     new Box(weight: 3, barcode: 'ah7'),  
     new Box(weight: 1, barcode: 'b45'),  
     new Box(weight: 2, barcode: 'e37')]  
  
println "All boxes: ${boxes*.barcode}"  
  
def employee = new Human()  
  
employee.lift(boxes)  
println "Carrying ${employee.carrying.barcode}"  
println "Remaining boxes: ${boxes*.barcode}"  
  
employee = new Robot()  
  
employee.lift(boxes)  
println "Carrying ${employee.carrying.barcode}"  
println "Remaining boxes: ${boxes*.barcode}"
```

AUTO ‘GETTERS’ AND ‘SETTERS’

```
class Coordinates {  
    double x  
    double y  
    double z  
}
```

```
class Coordinates {  
    double x;  
    double y;  
    double z;  
  
    double getX() {  
        return x;  
    }  
  
    void setX(double x) {  
        this.x = x;  
    }  
  
    And so on...  
}
```

AUTO ‘GETTERS’ AND ‘SETTERS’

```
class Coordinates {  
    double x  
    double y  
    double z  
}
```

```
Coordinates c = new  
Coordinates()
```

```
c.setX(5.3)
```

```
println c.getX()
```

Try it out!

CUSTOM ‘GETTERS’ AND ‘SETTERS’

```
class DoubleXCoordinates {    DoubleXCoordinates c =  
    double x  
    double y  
    double z  
  
    void setX(double x) {        new DoubleXCoordinates()  
        this.x = 2 * x  
        c.x = 3.5  
    }  
}  
  
println "X: ${c.x}"  
println "Y: ${c.y}"  
println "Z: ${c.z}"
```

Try it out!

AUTO-BOXING

By default, Groovy treats all the primitive types as Objects

- primitive types are **auto-boxed**
- `3.getClass()` is `java.lang.Integer`
- `int x = 3`

`x.getClass()` is also `java.lang.Integer`

‘TIMES’

times is another method that takes a Closure parameter

- `x.times { ... }` will execute the Closure `x` times
- `3.times { println "Hello, World!" }`

Hello, World!

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Hello, World!

Try it out!

METAPROGRAMMING

GROOVY IS DYNAMIC

- Groovy doesn't *call* methods
- Methods are *dispatched* through the **meta-object protocol**
 - method invocation is sent as a message to the object
 - the object can respond to the message or not (duck typing)

META-OBJECT PROTOCOL

- “the capabilities in a dynamic language that enable metaprogramming”—packt publishing
- Meta-Object Protocol consists of:
 - reflection: observe and modify the program
 - expandos: arbitrary member variables
 - metaclasses: modify classes
 - categories: add predefined methods to an existing class

REFLECTION

“the ability of a computer program to examine and modify the structure and behavior of the program at runtime”—Wikipedia

- **inspect** classes, fields, methods, etc
- **instantiate** new objects
- **invoke** methods

Without knowing the names at compile time!

REFLECTION

Reflection properties

- package
- methods
- fields

EXERCISE 6: REFLECTION

```
package us.gr8conf.workshop

class Box {
    int weight
    String barcode
}

class Human {
    public Box carrying
    public String name

    void lift(List boxes) {
        carrying = boxes.pop()
    }
}
```

```
println "Human class " +
"package: ${Human.package}"

println 'Fields in Human ' +
'class:'
Human.fields.each {
    println "* ${it}"
}

println 'Methods in Human ' +
'class:'
Human.methods.each {
    println "* ${it}"
}
```

Try it out!

EXERCISE 6: REFLECTION

Human class package: package us.gr8conf.workshop

Fields in Human class:

- * public us.gr8conf.workshop.Box us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.carrying
- * public java.lang.String us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.name
- * public static transient boolean us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.__\$stMC

Methods in Human class:

- * public void us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.setProperty(java.lang.String,java.lang.Object)
- * public java.lang.Object us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.getProperty(java.lang.String)
- * public void us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.lift(java.util.List)
- * public groovy.lang.MetaClass us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.getMetaClass()
- * public void us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.setMetaClass(groovy.lang.MetaClass)
- * public java.lang.Object
us.gr8conf.workshop.Human.invokeMethod(java.lang.String,java.lang.Object)
- * public final void java.lang.Object.wait(long,int) throws java.lang.InterruptedException
- * public final native void java.lang.Object.wait(long) throws java.lang.InterruptedException
- * public final void java.lang.Object.wait() throws java.lang.InterruptedException
- * public boolean java.lang.Object.equals(java.lang.Object)
- * public java.lang.String java.lang.Object.toString()
- * public native int java.lang.Object.hashCode()
- * public final native java.lang.Class java.lang.Object.getClass()
- * public final native void java.lang.Object.notify()
- * public final native void java.lang.Object.notifyAll()

EXPANDOS

Dynamic Beans

- Start as an empty bean
- Add properties and methods at runtime
- Accessing properties and methods that do not exist returns null
 - No exception thrown.

EXPANDOS

Define a new Expando

```
def book = new Expando()
```

```
def car = new Expando(make: 'Ford')
```

Try it out!

EXPANDOS

Add a new property

```
def car = new Expando()
```

```
car.make = 'Ford'
```

Access a property that doesn't exist

```
println car.model
```

Result: null

Try it out!

EXPANDOS

Add a new method

Do this by assigning a Closure to the Exando

```
car.honkHorn { println 'Beep!' }
```

```
car.honkHorn()
```

Result: Beep!

Try it out!

METACLASS

*Add variables and methods at run time
Doesn't affect the source code of the class
A “layer above” the class*

- Class definition: compile time behavior
- Metaclass: runtime behavior
- Cannot change class definition but Metaclass behavior can be changed at runtime

METACLASS

Easy to gain access to

```
def duckMeta = Duck.metaClass
```

- Contains all of the **metadata** about a Groovy class
 - available methods, fields, and properties
- Allows fields and methods to be added on the fly
- There is a single Metaclass per Groovy class

METACLASS

*Dynamically adding a **field** to a class*

MissinPropertyException

```
class Duck { }
```

```
Duck nameless = new Duck()
```

```
println nameless.name
```

Try it out!

Works just fine

```
class Duck { }
```

```
Duck.class.metaClass.name  
= 'Donald'
```

```
Duck cartoon = new Duck()
```

```
println cartoon.name
```

FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

INSTALLING JAVA

bit.ly/downloadjdk7

Set \$JAVA_HOME environment variable

- Mac

Add the following to .bashrc and source it:

```
export JAVA_HOME=`/usr/libexec/java_home -v 1.7`  
(Those are backticks, not commas)
```

- Windows

Operating-System-Version-Dependent

INSTALLING GROOVY

- Mac/Linux/Cygwin

```
> curl -s get.gvmtool.net | bash  
> gvm install groovy
```

- Windows

Installation instructions: <http://bit.ly/lVruzv>

(“one”-Vruzv-“lowercase L”)



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FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

- 1) Pure Java, compiled with Java
- 2) Pure Java, compiled with Groovy
 - a) Fix compilation errors; should be few
- 3) Code with Groovy
 - a) New features are added in pure Groovy
 - b) Address tech debt—spend some time replacing old Java code with the new “Groovy way”

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

Create a small “legacy” Java project and go through the steps of iteratively converting it to Groovy

I) Create the Java classes in a new directory and run:

- Flier.java
- Bird.java
- Plane.java
- Superman.java
- LookUpInTheSky.java

```
> javac *.java  
> java LookUpInTheSky
```

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

Expected Output

Look, up in the sky!

It's a Bird

Flap, flap, flap

It's a Plane

This is your captain speaking, we have taken off

It's a Superman

Dun, dun, dah!

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

2) Compile with Groovy

```
> groovyc -j *.java
```

Run it

```
> java LookUpInTheSky
```

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

3) Code with Groovy

- Change the extension of LookUpInTheSky to be .groovy
- Recompile:

```
> groovyc -j *.java *.groovy
```

COMPILATION ERROR!

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

Compilation Error!

LookUpInTheSky.java: 9: unexpected token: bird @ line 9, column 27.
Flier[] fliers = {bird, plane, clark};
^

Wrong List syntax!

(Groovy thinks we are trying to define a Closure)

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

Fix it!

```
Flier[ ] fliers = [bird, plane, superman]
```

```
> groovyc -j *.java *.groovy
```

Success!

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

*It compiles...
But how do we run it?*

- To run with Java, include the Groovy jar on the class path

Mac:

```
> java -cp $GROOVY_HOME/lib/groovy-2.4.3.jar:. LookUpInTheSky
```

Windows:

```
> java -cp "%GROOVY_HOME%\lib\groovy-2.4.3.jar:;" LookUpInTheSky
```

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

3a) New Feature: Add another Flier... But make it a Groovy class and use Duck Typing instead of implementing the interface

Example: Spaceship

- Spaceship should not implement the Flier interface. Just declare a String fly() method. Save with a .groovy extension.
- Change Flier[] to List in LookUpInTheSky. Change fliers.length to fliers.size
- Add a Spaceship object to fliers

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

Run it

Mac:

```
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```

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```
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```

EXERCISE 7: FROM JAVA TO GROOVY

3b) Tech Debt: Doing things “the Groovy way”

- Replace `System.out.println` with `println`
- Replace String concatenation with Groovy Strings
- Replace the `for` loop with `.each` and a Closure
- Use “Groovier” reflection
 - eg, `println Duck.class.name` prints class name
- Use implicit returns



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