Code Generation in Groovy

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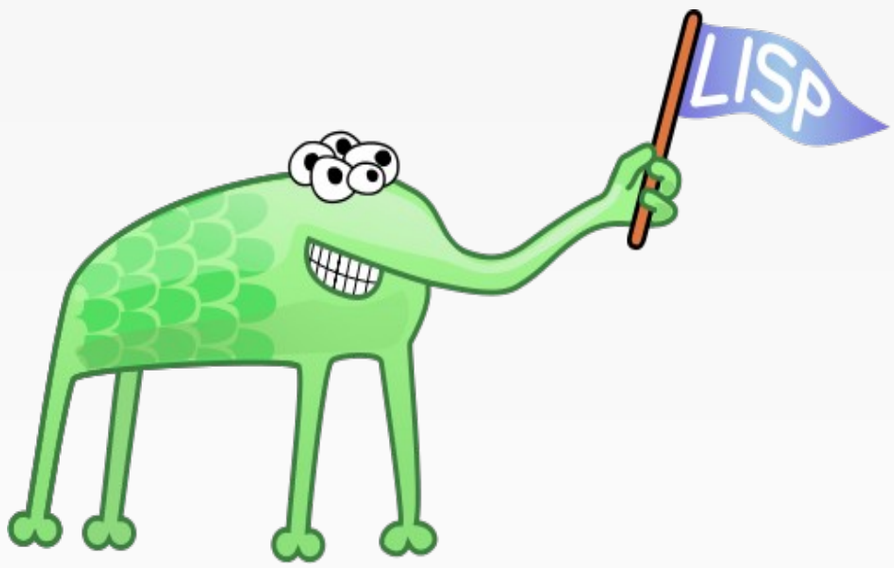
Bean Generation

Stub Generation

```
- <binding name="TestSoapBinding" type="tns:TestSoapPortType">
    <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" />
  - <operation name="Multiply">
      <soap:operation style="rpc" soapAction="http://soapinterop.org/Multiply" />
    - <input>
        <soap:body encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" use="encoded"
          namespace="http://soapinterop.org" />
      </input>
    - <output>
        <soap:body encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" use="encoded"
          namespace="http://soapinterop.org" />
      </output>
    </operation>
  - <operation name="Add">
      <soap:operation style="document" soapAction="http://soapinterop.org/Add" />
    - <input>
        <soap:body use="literal" />
      </input>
    - <output>
        <soap:body use="literal" />
      </output>
    </operation>
  </binding>
- <service name="MSInterop1DocAndRPCService">
  - <port name="TestSoap" binding="tns:TestSoapBinding">
      <soap:address location="http://localhost/services/msInteropDocAndRpc" />
    </port>
  </service>
</definitions>
```

WSDL Generation

I hate code generation too...



… but it isn't all bad.

```
class Event {
    String title
}
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```
class Event {
  String title

  public void getTitle() {
    title
  }
  public String setTitle(String t) {
    this.title = t
  }
}
```

```
class Event {
    @Delegate Date when
}
```

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```

```
class Event implements Comparable, Clonable {
    Date when
    boolean    after(Date when) {
        this.when.after(when)
    }
    boolean    before(Date when)  {
        this.when.before(when)
    }
    Object clone() {
        this.when.clone()
    }
    int        compareTo(Date anotherDate)  {
        this.when.compareTo(otherDate)
    }
    int        getDate()  {
        this.when.date
    }
    int        getDay()  {
        this.when.day
    }
    int        getHours()  {
        this.when.hours
    }
    int        getMinutes()  {
        this.when.minutes
    }
    int        getMonth()  {
        this.when.month
    }
    int        getSeconds()  {
        this.when.seconds
    }
    long getTime()  {
        this.when.time
    }
    int        getTimezoneOffset() {
        this.when.timezoneOffset
    }
    int        getYear()  {
        this.when.year
    }
    void setDate(int date) {
        this.when.date = date
    }
    void setHours(int hours)  {
        this.when.hours = hours
    }
    void setMinutes(int minutes)  {
        this.when.minutes = minutes
    }
    void setMonth(int month)  {
        this.when.month = month
    }
    void setSeconds(int seconds) {
        this.when.seconds = seconds
    }
    void setTime(long time) {
        this.when.time = time
    }
    void setYear(int year)  {
        this.when.year = year
    }
    String toGMTString()  {
        this.when.toGMTString()
    }
    String toLocaleString() {
        this.when.toLocaleString()
    }
}
```

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```
class Event {
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  def getSpeakers() {
    if (speakers != null) {
      return speakers
    } else {
      synchronized(this) {
        if (speakers == null) {
          speakers = []
        }
        return speakers
      }
    }
  }
}
```

- Also handles:
  - Initial values
  - Volatile fields

```
@Immutable
class Event {
    String title
}
```

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```

- Class is final
- Properties must be @Immutable or effectively immutable
- Properties are private
- Mutatators throw ReadOnlyPropertyException
- Map constructor created
- Tuple constructor created
- Equals(), hashCode() and toString() created
- Dates, Clonables, and arrays are defensively copied on way in and out (but not deeply cloned)
- Collections and Maps are wrapped in Immutable variants
- Non-immutable fields force an error
- Special handling for Date, Color, etc
- Many generated methods configurable

@Newify

@Category

@Package Scope

@Grab

… and many more as libraries

```
@Log
class Event {
    def breakForLunch() {
        log.debug('...')
    }
}
```

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```
@Log
class Event {
    private static final transient
        Logger log = Logger.getLogger('Event')

    def breakForLunch() {
        if (log.isLoggable(Level.DEBUG) {
            log.log(Level.DEBUG, '...')
        }
    }
}
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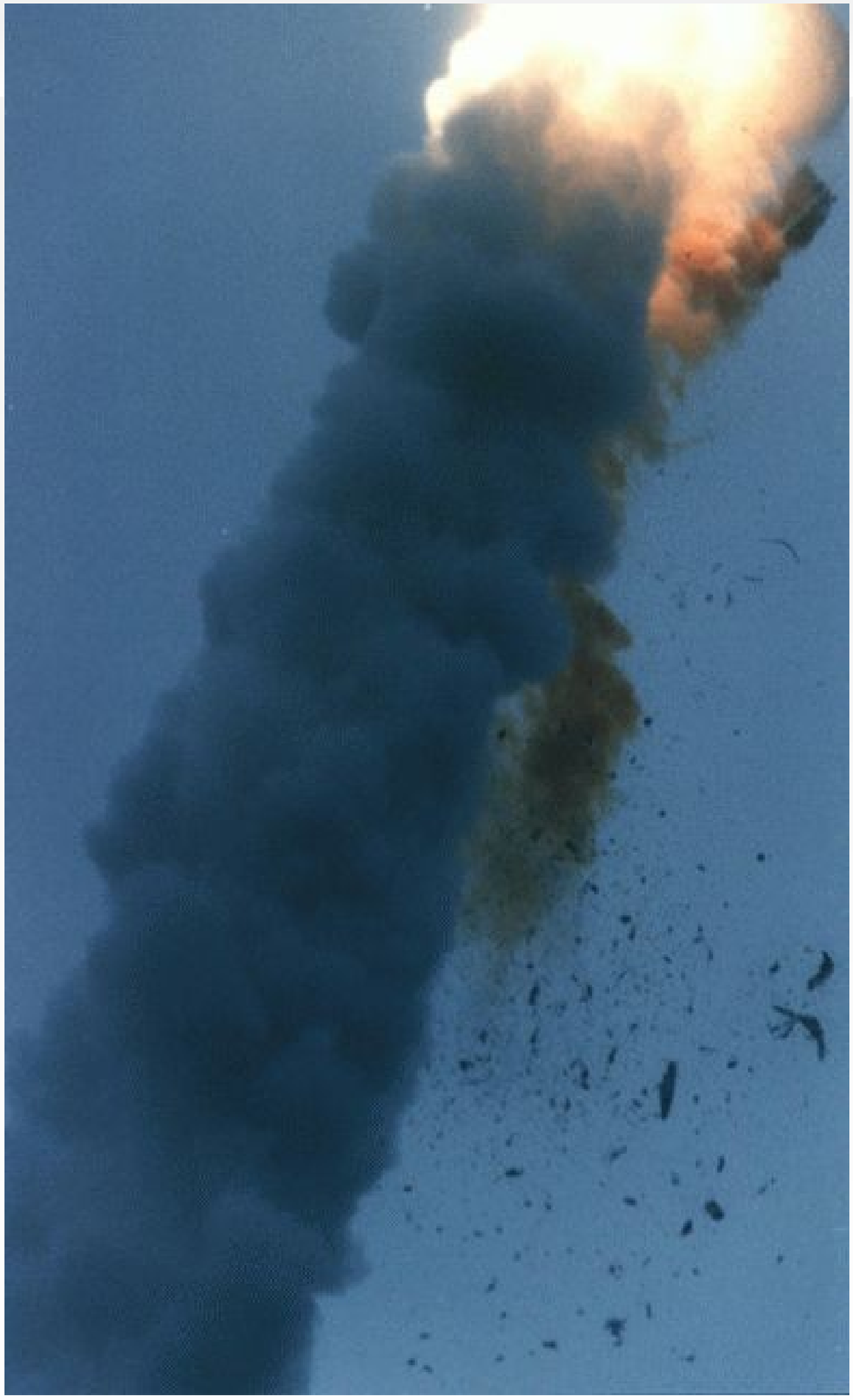

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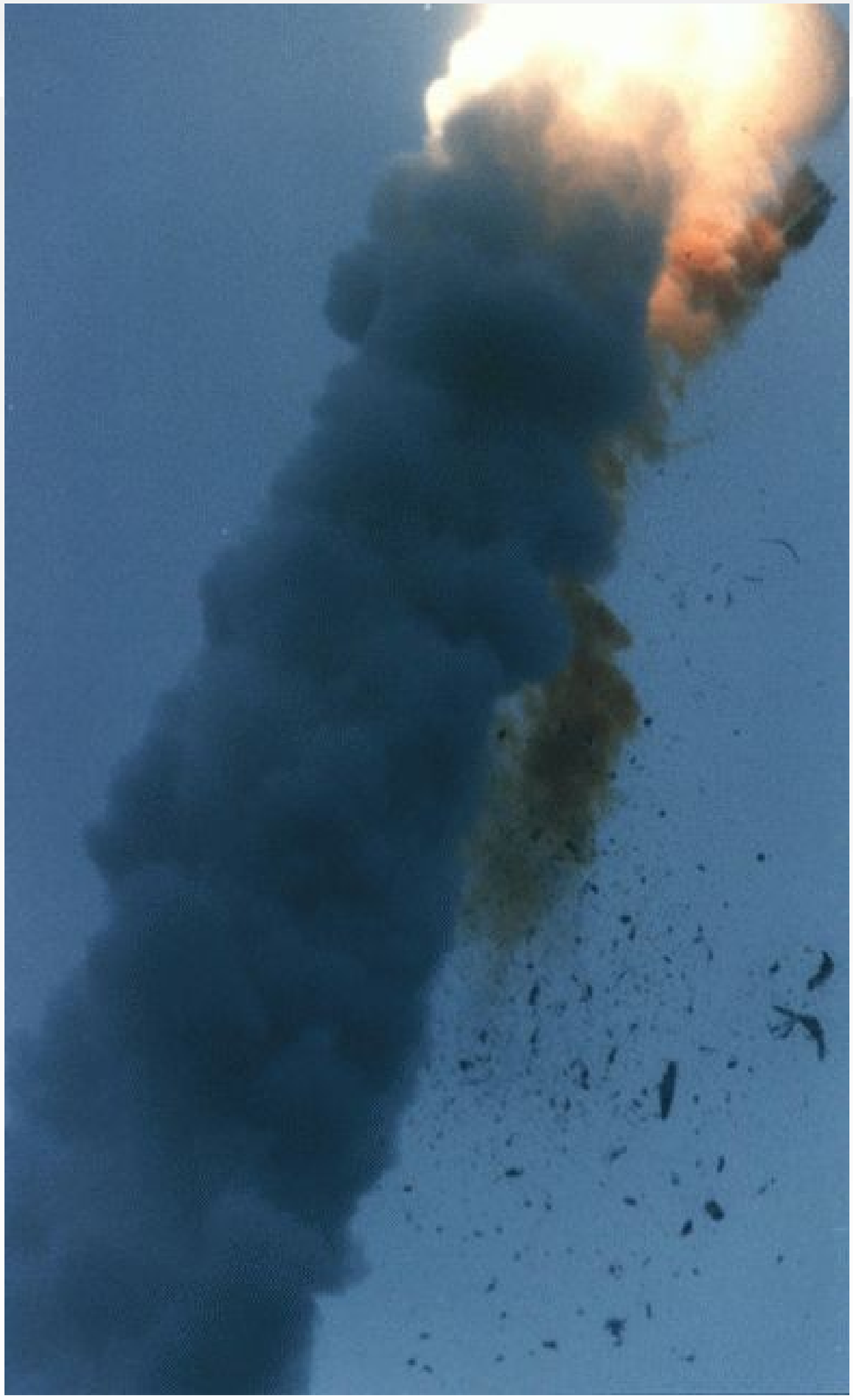
Greece bailout is $145 *billion*

… so we look quite good compared to the bankers.



“Design by Contract and Eiffel would have automatically avoided the crash...”

Sincerely,

The Eiffel Guys

(not a direct quote)

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Design by Contract™

Component semantics part of interface

Semantics enforced by implementation

Contracts describe valid test results

Self Documenting

Sound good?

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Eiffel Envy

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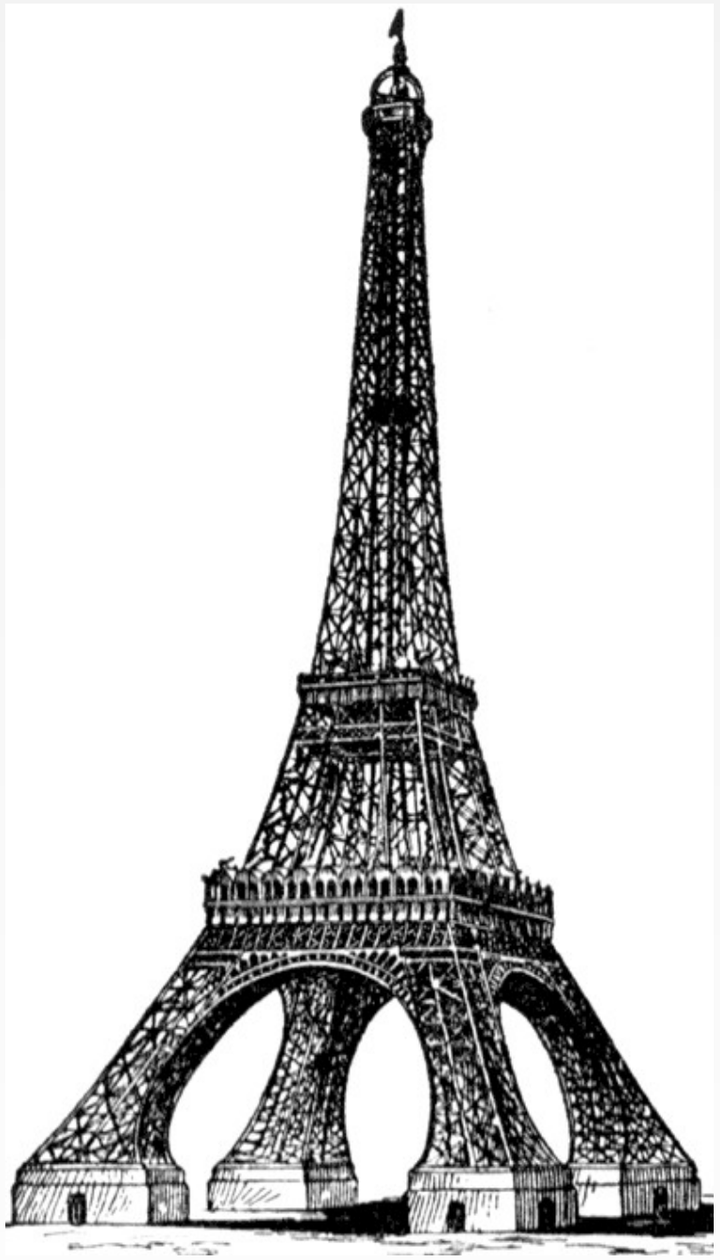

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Eiffel Envy

Symptoms include:

Unhealthy fixation on correctness

Pedantic use of unit tests

Domineering mothers

Having a 3 page interview questionnaire testing Java arcana

Dreams of being chased by goats

Eiffel Envy

Contracts must be:

written correctly in the first place
enforced by the compiler

Subclasses can only:

strengthen invariants (but not weaken)
weaken preconditions (but not strengthen)
and strengthen post conditions (but not weaken)

Best usage in Domain Model?

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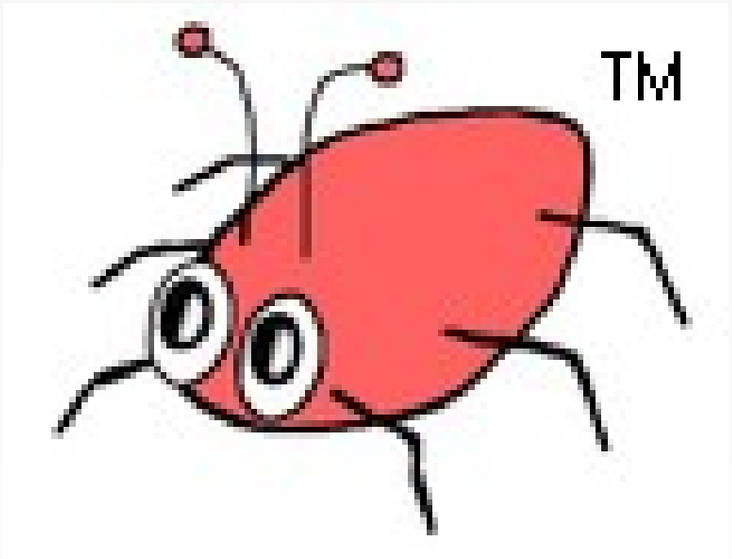

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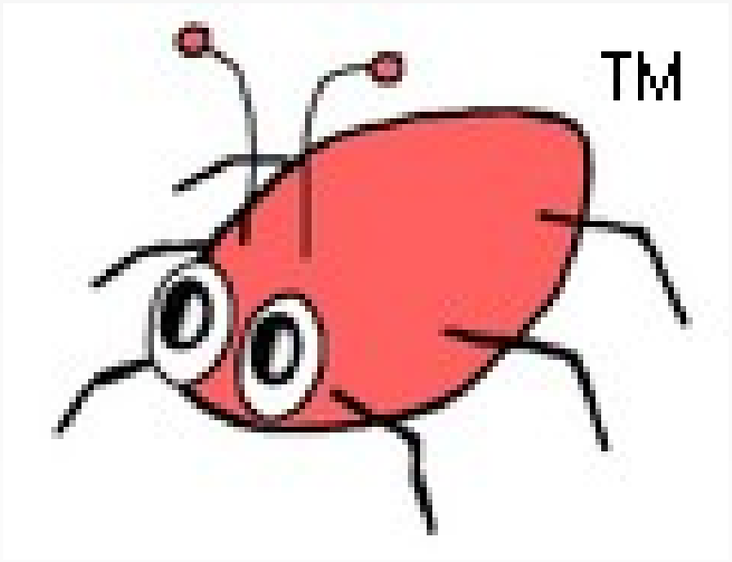

P.S. His name is “Buggy” and he is trademarked so no one steals him

FindBugs Finds Bugs

Empty synchronized block
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… and 364 more rules

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Embedded Languages

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… source in groovy/src/examples/groovyShell

Embedded Languages

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shouldFail(SecurityException) {
    s.evaluate('new File()')
}
```

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Embedded Languages

Tired of hearing about DSLs?

Say “Embedded Language” instead!

ArithmeticShell ~= 300 lines of code

Alternative is

javacc?

custom interpreter?

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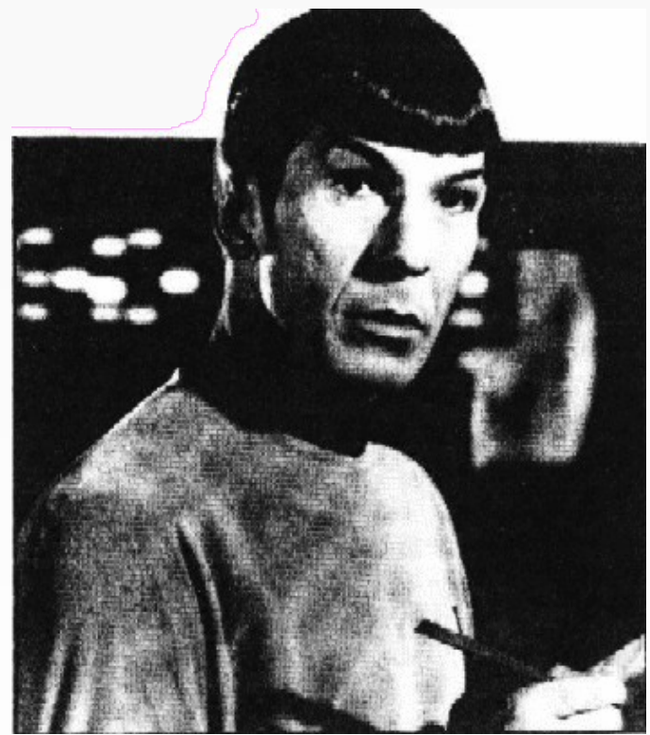
Java Perversions

```
def "Does simple math work?"() {
    expect:
    def s = new ArithmeticShell()
    s.evaluate(input) == output
    where:
    input           | output
    '1 + 1'         | 2
    'cos(2*PI)'     | 1.0
}
```



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again?

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Groovy is a compiled language

...oh yes it is

Compiled changes visible in .class file

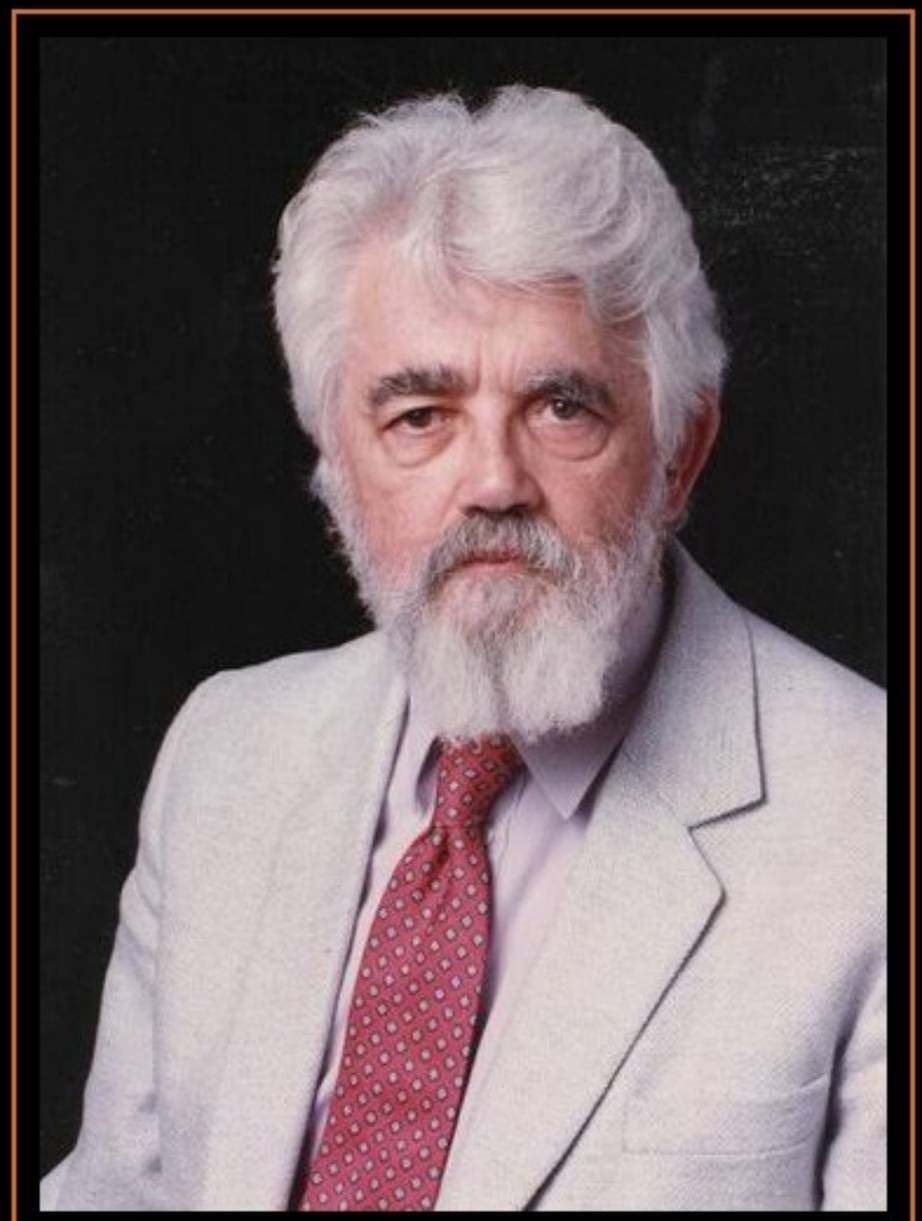
...visible to all JVM users

Language semantics are a library feature

...not hardcoded into the language

"A language should have access to its own abstract syntax"

John McCarthy



PROGRAMMING

YOU'RE DOING IT COMPLETELY WRONG.

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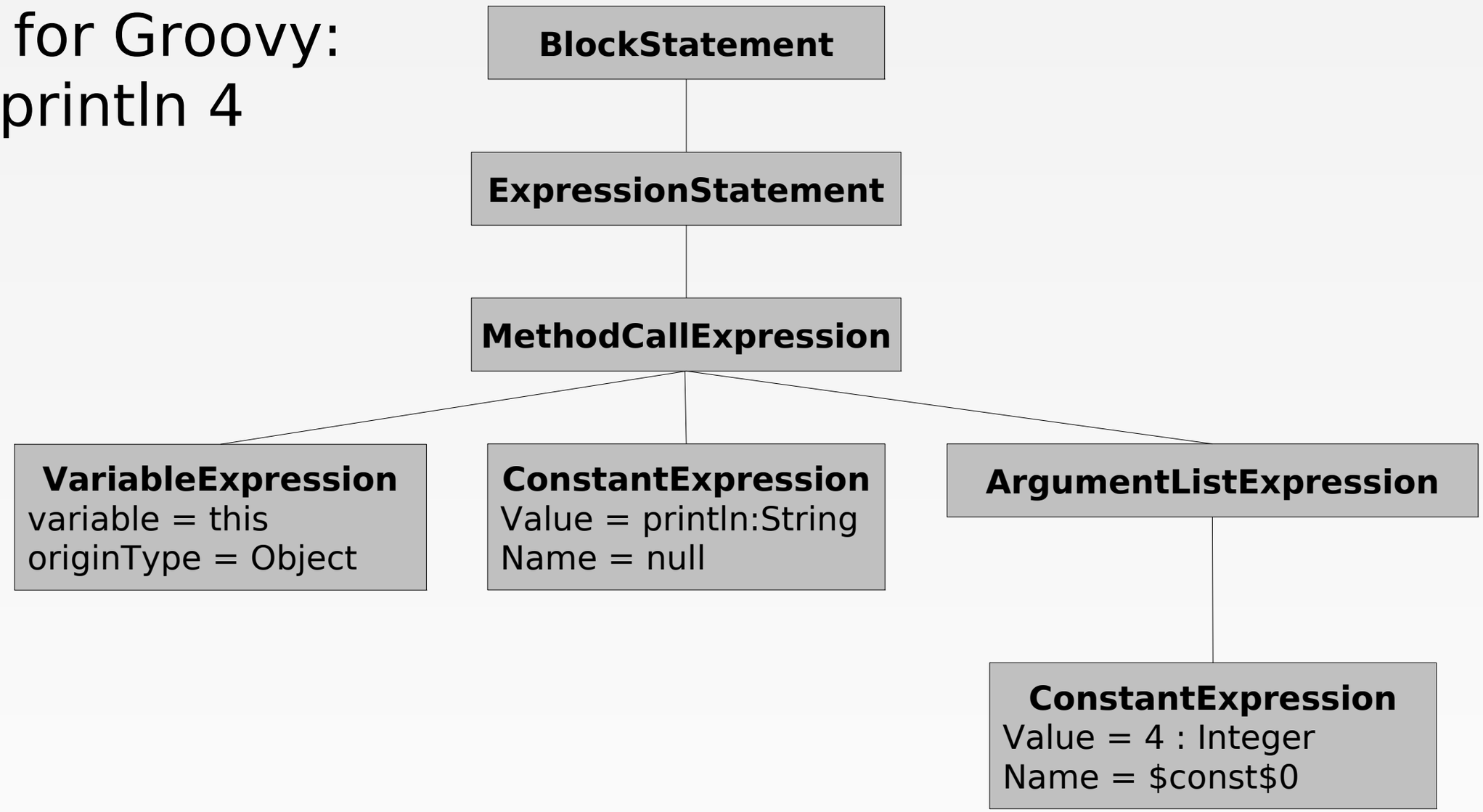
AST for Groovy: println 4



… have you seen Groovy's AST Browser?

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OH YEAH

How It Works

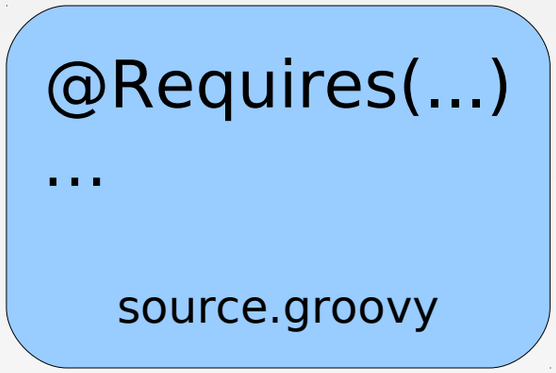
Local AST Transformations

Global AST Transformations

AST Builder

AST Templates

ANTLR Plugins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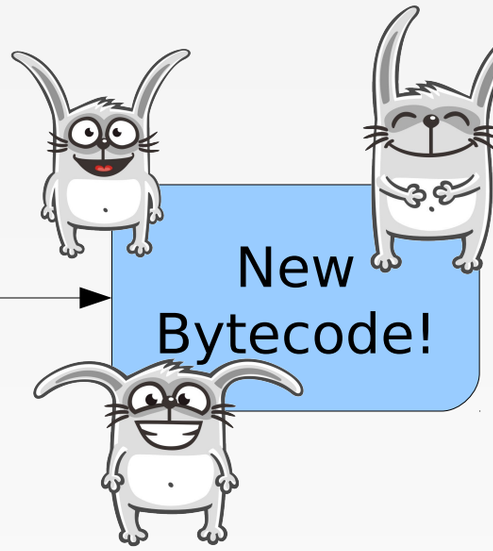

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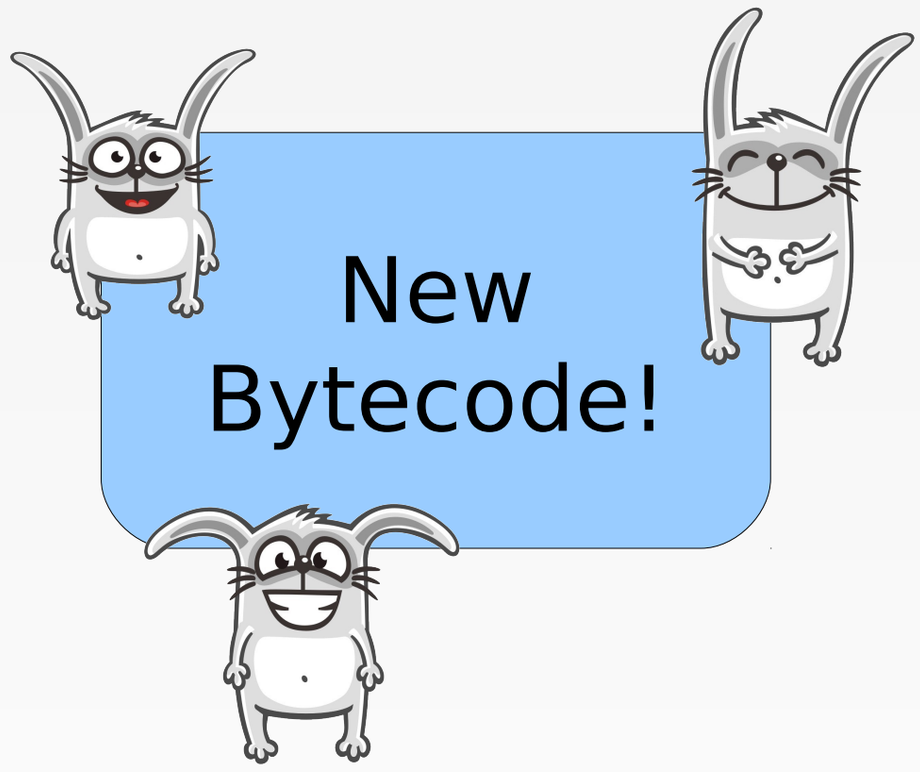
```
@GroovyASTTransformation(phase = CompilePhase.CANONICALIZATION)
public class MyTransformation implements ASTTransformation {
    public void visit(ASTNode[] nodes, SourceUnit source) {
        ...
    }
}
```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Bytecode!

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Groovy Code Visitors

```
def s = new ArithmeticShell()
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```

```
public interface GroovyCodeVisitor {
    void visitBlockStatement(BlockStatement statement);
    void visitForLoop(ForStatement forLoop);
    void visitWhileLoop(WhileStatement loop);
    void visitDoWhileLoop(DoWhileStatement loop);
    ...
}
```


… source in groovy/src/examples/groovyShell

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Groovy Code Visitors

CodeNarc Rule:

```
    Ban System.runFinalizersOnExit()
```

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```
class SystemRunFinalizersOnExitAstVisitor extends AbstractAstVisitor  {
    def void visitMethodCallExpression(MethodCallExpression call) {
        if (call.objectExpression in VariableExpression) {
            def target = call.objectExpression.variable
            if (target == "System" && call.method in ConstantExpression) {
                if (call.method.value == "runFinalizersOnExit") {
                    addViolation(call)
                }
            }
        }
        super.visitMethodCallExpression(call);
    }
}
```

… source from codenarc

Pitfalls!

ACTIVISION

Pitfalls!

Testing AST Transformations
Writing AST
Rigid Groovy/Java syntax
Splicing source into AST
Finding insertion points
Splicing AST into source
Variable capture

TransformTestHelper and IDE Support

```
def file = new File('./MyExample.groovy')

def transform = new MainTransformation()
def phase = CompilePhase.CANONICALIZATION

def invoker = new TransformTestHelper(transform, phase)

def clazz = invoker.parse(file)
def instance = clazz.newInstance()
```

… source in groovy/src/examples/astbuilder

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Writing AST

```
def ast = new ExpressionStatement(
        new MethodCallExpression(
            new VariableExpression("this"),
            new ConstantExpression("println"),
            new ArgumentListExpression(
                new ConstantExpression("Hello World")
            )
        )
    )
```

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Writing AST

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```

```
def ast = new AstBuilder().buildFromCode {
    println "Hello World"
}
```

Writing AST

```
def ast = new AstBuilder().buildFromString(
    ' println "Hello World" '
)
```

```
def ast = new AstBuilder().buildFromSpec {
    methodCall {
        variable('this')
        constant('println')
        argumentList {
            constant 'Hello World'
        }
    }
}
```

… from “Building AST Guide” on Groovy Wiki

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Rigid Syntax

```
given "some data", {
    ...
}
when "a method is called", {
    ...
}
then "some condition should exist", {
    ...
}
```

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```
String addCommas(text) {
    def pattern = ~/(.*)(given|when|then) "([^"\\]*(\\.[^"\\]*)*)" \{(.*)/
    def replacement = /$1$2 "$3", {$4/
    (text =~ pattern).replaceAll(replacement)
}
```

… from “Groovy ANTLR Plugins for Better DSLs”

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Combining AST with AST Builder

```
def wrapWithLogging(MethodNode original) {
    new AstBuilder().buildFromCode {
        println "starting $original.name"
        $original.code
        println "ending $original.name"
    }
}
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Too bad this is not valid code.

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Combining AST with AST Builder

```
[meta]
def wrapWithLogging(original as Expression):
    return [|
        println "starting " + $original.name
        $(original.ToCodeString())
        println "ending " + $original.name
    |]
```

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```

… from GEP-4 AST Templates

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Combining AST with AST Builder

```
def memoizeMethod(MethodNode original) {
  def parameters = methodNode.parameters

  return new AstBuilder().buildFromCode {
    if (cache.contains( $parameters )) {
      return cache.get( $parameters )
    }
    def result = $methodNode.code
    cache.put($parameters, result)
    return result
  }[0]
}
```

… from GEP-4 AST Templates

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}
```

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```
def x = "some value"
setNull x
assert x = null
```

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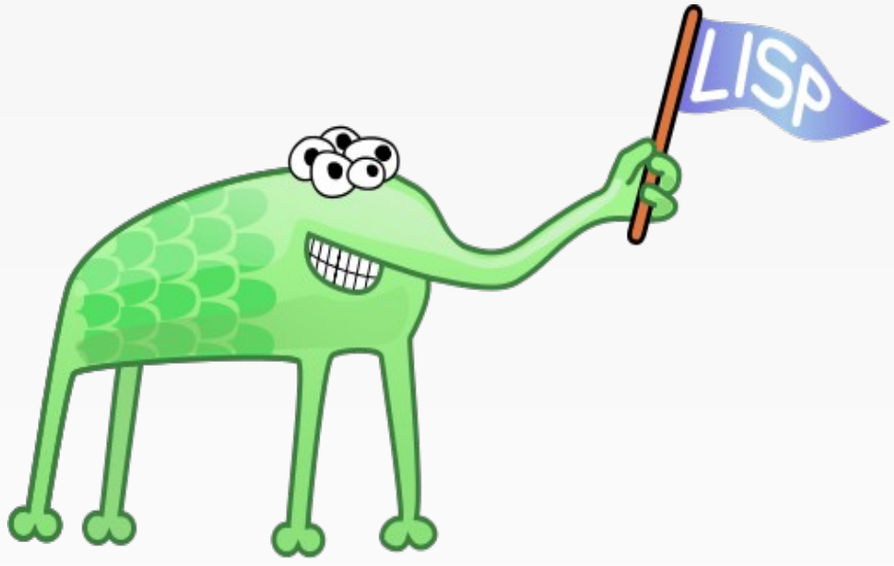
Warning... Lisp Ahead



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```
(defmacro setNull (var)
    (list 'setq var nil))
```

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Variable Capture

```
def ast = new AstBuilder().buildFromCode {
    String syntheticField = ...
}
```

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Groovy Code Generation

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- When nothing else will do
- To call functions without evaluating arguments
- To modify variables in calling scope

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A. One with AST Transformations

...and a freakin' sweet logo

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Thanks!

- What to do next:
  - Groovy Wiki and Mailing List is amazingly helpful
  - Use your creativity and *patience*
  - Come to Hackergarten at Canoo
  - http://hamletdarcy.blogspot.com & @HamletDRC

- I am speaking at:
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