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[note to self] – Scream this greeting as loud as possible

This talk is about Effective Java and how Groovy makes it easy to follow the idioms from the book. It's also about new tips that would be in Effective Groovy were someone to write book.

And no, I will not write that book.

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About Me Reminders:

- * We have JetBrains shirts at Canoo Booth
- * Canoo is a JetBrains Partner
- * Make that super funny Barney Miller joke

The code this this preso is up on github:

[https://github.com/HamletDRC/presentations/
tree/master/effectivegroovy](https://github.com/HamletDRC/presentations/tree/master/effectivegroovy)

Hopefully mentioning GitHub will give me some credibility that I'd otherwise be lacking.

Effective Java #2

Consider a builder when faced with
many constructor parameters



Motivating Example: Super long java constructor with
a bunch of int or boolean parameters.

/src/ej02/01.groovy

Java – Write a builder object

/src/ej02/02.groovy

- 1) Show target syntax with*()
- 2) Show Java boilerplate (show immutability)

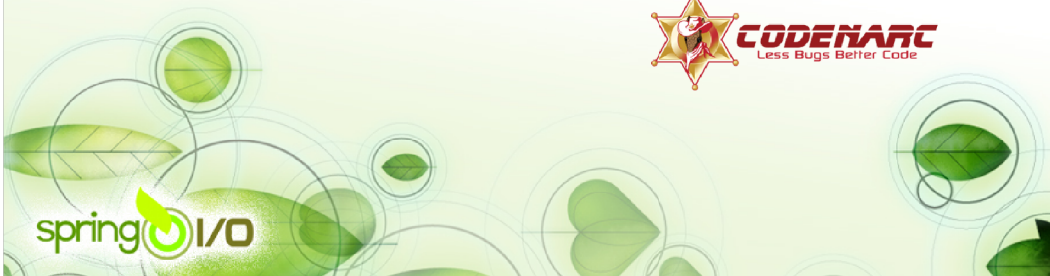
Groovy – Use @Immutable

/src/ej02/01.groovy

- 1) add @Immutable & remove constructor
- 2) run example
- 3) WHEEE!!!

Effective Java #15

Minimize Mutability



Did you notice we used `@Immutable` in the last slide?

That's a Java tip as well: prefer immutable objects.

CodeNarc helps you remember to use
`groovy.transform.Immutable` and **not**
`groovy.lang.Immutable`, which is deprecated.

Effective Java #5

Avoid Creating Unnecessary Objects



src/ej05/01.groovy

Groovy has waaay more type literals than Java.

- 1) Do not create new instances of primitive types
- 2) Groovy has BigDecimal/BigInteger literals
- 3) Groovy has List/Map type literals, which can be used even for your own List/Map types
- 4) Effective Java Motivation: Don't create Calendar/Date instances unnecessarily

- both CodeNarc and IDEA catch these for you
- CodeNarc catches more of them than IDEA

Effective Java #8

Obey the general contract
when overriding equals



src/ej08/01.groovy

Equals Must Be: Reflexive, symmetric, transitive,
consistent, null is false

- 1) Generate equals and hashCode into Person
- 2) Replace with @EqualsAndHashCode

Effective Java #9

Always override hashCode
when your override equals



If you don't do this then hashmaps have big issues later.

CodeNarc & IDEA have analysis for this common problem

Effective Java #10

Always override toString



If you don't, then it's often a Pain In The Butt when there is a problem. Is it that hard?

- 1) Generate toString using IDE
- 2) Replace with @ToString

Effective Groovy #1

Use Groovy Serv



Makes Groovy a 'real' scripting language

```
time groovy -e "println new Date()"
Wed Feb 09 06:41:32 CET 2011
```

```
real    0m0.666s
user    0m0.750s
sys     0m0.040s
```

```
time groovyclient -e "println new Date()"
Wed Feb 09 06:42:48 CET 2011
```

```
real    0m0.040s
user    0m0.010s
sys     0m0.000s
```

```
http://kobo.github.com/groovyserv/
Put in your path
alias groovy=groovyclient
```

Effective Java #47

Know and use the libraries



Read read read.

You don't need to know the details of an API, simply that an API exists. Don't memorize the parameter types to methods, or the methods on an Object, but memorize which Objects the JDK and GDK has.

Effective Groovy #2

Know and use the Collection methods



These are the bread and butter of the Effective Groovy programmer.

Effective Groovy #2a

Use collect for List transformations



src/eg02/01.groovy

1) Should be .collect

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
List<Integer> ids = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
for (Person p : people) {  
    ids.add(p.getId());  
}
```

2) Should really be *. (spread)

CodeNarc can find usages that should be * instead of
.collect

Effective Groovy #2b

Use `find` and `findAll` to search lists



src/eg02/02.groovy

Should be `.find`, not iteration

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
Person joe = null;
for (Person p : people) {
    if ("Joe".equals(p.getFirstName())) {
        joe = p;
        break;
    }
}
```

src/eg02/03.groovy

Should be `.findAll`, not iteration

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
List<Person> bucks = new ArrayList<Person>();
for (Person p : people) {
    if ("Buck".equals(p.getLastName())) {
        bucks.add(p);
    }
}
println bucks
```

Effective Groovy #2c

Use `inject` to accumulate data
(when `collect` isn't enough)



src/eg02/04.groovy

Should be Inject:

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
def frequencies = new HashMap<String, List<Person>>>();
for (Person p : people) {
    if (frequencies.containsKey(p.getLastName())) {
        frequencies.get(p.getLastName()).add(p)
    } else {
        frequencies.put(p.getLastName(), [p])
    }
}
println frequencies
```

Effective Groovy #2d

Use unique to filter results



src/eg02/05.groovy

Should be Unique:

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
List<Person> familyReps = new ArrayList<Person>();
```

```
List<String> seenFamilies = new ArrayList<String>();
```

```
for (Person p : people) {
```

```
    if (!seenFamilies.contains(p.getLastName())) {
```

```
        seenFamilies.add(p.getLastName());
```

```
        familyReps.add(p)
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
println familyReps
```

Effective Groovy #2d

Use memoize to cache
idempotent method results



src/eg02/06.groovy

Should be Memoize:

```
def cache = new HashMap<Integer, Integer>()
int fib2(int seed) {
    if (seed == 0) return seed
    if (seed == 1) return seed
    int minus2 = cache.get(seed - 2) ?: fib2(seed - 2)
    int minus1 = cache.get(seed - 1) ?: fib2(seed - 1)
    cache.put(seed-2, minus2)
    cache.put(seed-1, minus1)
    minus2 + minus1
}
```


Effective Groovy #2e

Use trampoline for recursive functions



src/eg02/07.groovy

Should be Trapolined:

```
def factorial2
factorial2 = { BigInteger seed ->
    if (seed == 1) return 1;
    return seed * factorial2(seed -1);
}
```

```
println factorial2(200)
```

Effective Groovy #2f

Use join for converting Lists to Strings



Should be join()

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
String msg = "";  
for (Person p : people) {  
    msg = msg + p + "\n";  
}  
System.out.println(msg);
```

Effective Groovy #2g

Use any and every for logical operations on Lists



src/eg02/09.groovy – Should be any:

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
boolean found = false;
for (Person p : people) {
    if ("Joe".equals(p.getFirstName())) {
        found = true;
        break;
    };
}
```

src/eg02/10.groovy – Should be all

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
boolean mismatch = true;
for (Person p : people) {
    if (p.getFirstName() == null) {
        mismatch = false;
        break;
    };
}
```

Effective Groovy #2h

Prefer Java for-each to Collections.each



Should be left alone:

```
List<Person> people = Person.findAll();
```

```
for (Person p : people) {  
    System.out.println(p.firstName);  
}
```

Effective Groovy #3

Know and use the File methods



Understand the performance implications of your code

01 – should be `File.getText()` / `setText(String)`

```
BufferedReader input = new BufferedReader(new
    FileReader("./01.groovy"));
String str;
while ((str = input.readLine()) != null) {
    System.out.println(str);
}
try {input.close();} catch (IOException ex) {}
```

02 – `File.readLine` – Most `File.getText` should be `readLine` with a Closure

03 – `File.append` – Most `File.setText` should be `File.append`

Know the performance implications of I/O!

Effective Groovy #4a

Prefer Declarative Synchronization



- 01 - not thread safe – Show an unsafe class
- 02 - method synchronization – Add method synchronization. Explain how method synchronization is a bad choice.
- 03 - internal synchronization – Show synchronization on an internal lock, and how hard it is in Java.
- 04 - @Synchronized – Show how simple it is.
Mention that it exists in Lombok as well. Mention all the CodeNarc and IDEA concurrency rules that help you write properly threaded code.

Effective Groovy #4b

Prefer Declarative Locking



05 - ReentrantReadWriteLock-Show read/write locks

06 - with Block

Tip: Should write arm block, not finally blocks.

07 - @WithReadLock/@WithWriteLock

Explain some of the CodeNarc rules in this area

Effective Java #69

Prefer Concurrency Utilities



Item EG05: Coordination

01 - Thread.start and join – Starting threads and waiting on them is easy in Groovy! (but please don't do it)

Item EJ69: Prefer concurrency utilities to wait and notify

Effective Java #68

Prefer executors and tasks to threads



Item EG05: Coordination

02 - Prefer executor services - Item EJ68: Prefer
Executors to Threads

Effective Groovy #5

Prefer Declarative Coordination (with GPars)



Item EG05: Coordination

03 - GPars Dataflows - Item EG05a: Prefer GPars

04 - Coordination via dataflows

Effective Groovy 5½

Learn to Use @Grab



If you are messing around with the classpath then just STOP IT ALREADY [note to self] really scream this one out. Scream you dancing monkey, scream for the audience go on give them what they want.

Effective Java #41

Use Overloading Judiciously



Example EG06

"Selection among overloaded methods is static, while selection among overridden methods is dynamic. The correct version of an overridden method is chosen at runtime based on the runtime type of the object on which the method is invoked."

Effective Groovy #6

Prefer default parameters to overloading



Groovy does this at Runtime

"A safe, conservative policy is never to export two overloadings with the same number of parameters"

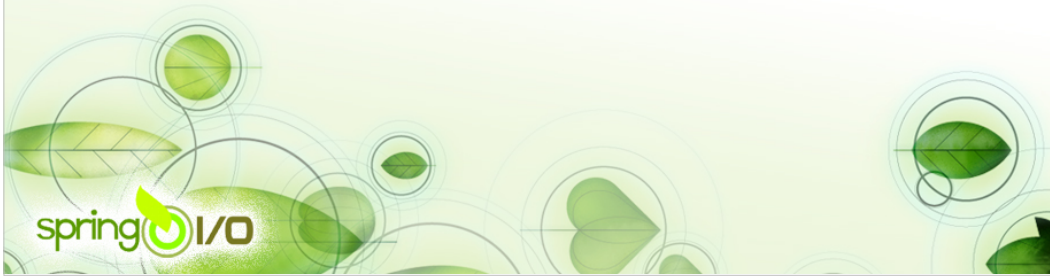
Overloaded methods -> Default Parameters

Understand that it creates overloaded methods.

But understand the dispatch happens at runtime.

Effective Groovy #7

Implement interfaces as maps judiciously



I put them only in tests

Effective Groovy #8

Prefer ARM blocks to try-finally



More Effective Java

- #21: Use function objects to represent strategies
- ✧ #19: Use interfaces only to define types
- ✧ #36: Consistently use `@Override`
- ✧ #43: Return empty Arrays or Collections, not nulls
- #71: Use Lazy Initialization judiciously – See Groovy's `@Lazy`
- #47: Know & use the libraries – Read the GDK Docs and Release Notes
- ✧ #12: Consider implementing Comparable - Important b/c of GroovyTruth
- #63: Include Failure-capture information in detailed messages
- #16: Favor Composition over Inheritance – See Groovy's `@Delegate`
- #11: Override Clone Judiciously – See `@AutoClone`, `@Canonical`



More Effective Groovy

#9: Learn to Write a Builder

#10: XMLSlurper/Parser - Do not mix with business logic/layers/etc

#11: Effective Java #21: Use Function Objects to represent strategies



★ #12: Threading: Avoid Busy Wait

★ #13: Threading: Avoid Double Checked Locking

★ #14: Threading: Avoid Inconsistent Property Locking

★ #15: Threading: Avoid Inconsistent Property Synchronization

★ #16: Threading: Avoid Synchronizing On Boxed Primitive

★ #17: Know and use Elvis operator ?:

★ #18: Excessively use the null-safe dereference operator

★ #19: Understand Operator Overloading



More Effective Groovy (with static analysis)



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