Guava: Google Core Libraries for Java



Guava is a set of core Java libraries from Google that includes new collection types (such as multimap and multiset), immutable collections, a graph library, and utilities for concurrency, I/O, hashing, caching, primitives, strings, and more! It is widely used on most Java projects within Google, and widely used by many other companies as well.

Guava comes in two flavors:

- The JRE flavor requires JDK 1.8 or higher.
- If you need support for Android, use the Android flavor. You can find the Android Guava source in the
 android directory.

Adding Guava to your build

Guava's Maven group ID is <code>com.google.guava</code>, and its artifact ID is <code>guava</code>. Guava provides two different "flavors": one for use on a (Java 8+) JRE and one for use on Android or by any library that wants to be compatible with Android. These flavors are specified in the Maven version field as either <code>31.1-jre</code> or <code>31.1-android</code>. For more about depending on Guava, see <code>using Guava in your build</code>.

To add a dependency on Guava using Maven, use the following:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.google.guava</groupId>
  <artifactId>guava</artifactId>
   <version>31.1-jre</version>
  <!-- or, for Android: -->
   <version>31.1-android</version>
</dependency>
```

To add a dependency using Gradle:

```
dependencies {
    // Pick one:

    // 1. Use Guava in your implementation only:
    implementation("com.google.guava:guava:31.1-jre")

    // 2. Use Guava types in your public API:
    api("com.google.guava:guava:31.1-jre")

    // 3. Android - Use Guava in your implementation only:
    implementation("com.google.guava:guava:31.1-android")

    // 4. Android - Use Guava types in your public API:
    api("com.google.guava:guava:31.1-android")
}
```

For more information on when to use api and when to use implementation, consult the <u>Gradle</u> documentation on API and implementation separation.

Snapshots and Documentation

Snapshots of Guava built from the master branch are available through Maven using version HEAD-jre-SNAPSHOT, or HEAD-android-SNAPSHOT for the Android flavor.

Snapshot API Docs: <u>guava</u>Snapshot API Diffs: <u>guava</u>

Learn about Guava

- Our users' guide, Guava Explained
- A nice collection of other helpful links

Links

- GitHub project
- Issue tracker: Report a defect or feature request
- StackOverflow: Ask "how-to" and "why-didn't-it-work" questions
- guava-announce: Announcements of releases and upcoming significant changes
- guava-discuss: For open-ended questions and discussion

IMPORTANT WARNINGS

- 1. APIs marked with the <code>@Beta</code> annotation at the class or method level are subject to change. They can be modified in any way, or even removed, at any time. If your code is a library itself (i.e., it is used on the CLASSPATH of users outside your own control), you should not use beta APIs unless you repackage them. If your code is a library, we strongly recommend using the Guava Beta Checker to ensure that you do not use any <code>@Beta APIs!</code>
- 2. APIs without @Beta will remain binary-compatible for the indefinite future. (Previously, we sometimes removed such APIs after a deprecation period. The last release to remove non- @Beta APIs was Guava 21.0.) Even @Deprecated APIs will remain (again, unless they are @Beta). We have no plans to start removing things again, but officially, we're leaving our options open in case of surprises (like, say, a serious security problem).
- 3. Guava has one dependency that is needed for linkage at runtime:

 <code>com.google.guava:failureaccess:1.0.1</code> . It also has some annotation-only dependencies, which we discuss in more detail at that link.
- 4. Serialized forms of ALL objects are subject to change unless noted otherwise. Do not persist these and assume they can be read by a future version of the library.
- 5. Our classes are not designed to protect against a malicious caller. You should not use them for communication between trusted and untrusted code.
- 6. For the mainline flavor, we test the libraries using only OpenJDK 8 and OpenJDK 11 on Linux. Some features, especially in <code>com.google.common.io</code>, may not work correctly in other environments. For the Android flavor, our unit tests also run on API level 15 (Ice Cream Sandwich).