NPRG014 – 2025 plan

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29th Sep - Groovy (syntax, scripting, functional programming) (VP)
6th Oct - Groovy (dynamic meta-programming, DSLs) (VP)
13th Oct - Groovy (static meta-programming) (VP)
20th Oct – Scala (TB)
27th Oct - Scala (TB)
3rd Nov - Scala (TB)
10th Nov - Scala (TB)
17th Nov – Bank holidays
24th Nov – Modern concurrency (VP)
1st Dec - Prototype-based languages - IO (TB)
8th Dec - Prototype-based languages - JavaScript, TypeScript (TB)
15th Dec - Backup
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Criteria

A homework assignment will be given at each lecture

A solution to each homework must be submitted through the Teams project by the start of the following lecture

Submit at least 8 correctly implemented homeworks

Repository

Clone and then checkout before each lecture https://github.com/d3scomp/NPRG014.git

Communication using Teams

Language dynamism, scripting and functional programming



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Today's agenda

Why Groovy?

Scripting

Functional programming

- Groovy syntax and interoperability
- Language dynamism

Today's agenda

You will learn:

The common characteristics of dynamic languages

The benefits of languages with scripting support

Recap some of the fundamentals of functional programming in the context of a new language

Groovy



A JVM programming language (started 2003)

- Object-oriented
- Building on Java syntax
- Dynamic
- Dynamically-typed
- Scripting

Why Groovy



Flat learning curve

Concise, readable and expressive syntax, easy to learn for Java developers



Powerful features

Closures, builders, runtime & compile-time meta-programming, functional programming, type inference, and static compilation



Smooth Java integration

Seamlessly and transparently integrates and interoperates with Java and any third-party libraries



Domain-Specific Languages

Flexible & malleable syntax, advanced integration & customization mechanisms, to integrate readable business rules in your applications



Vibrant and rich ecosystem

Web development, reactive applications, concurrency / asynchronous / parallelism library, test frameworks, build tools, code analysis, GUI building



Scripting and testing glue

Great for writing concise and maintainable tests, and for all your build and automation tasks

They all use Apache Groovy!













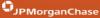














































Part 1

Groovy syntax and interoperability

Interoperability

Groovy and Java can implement, extend, refer and call each other at will.

Groovy sources compile into .class files

IDEs provide cross-reference support

Java

```
public class Person {
  private final String name;
  public Person(String name) {
    this.name = name;
  public String getName() {
    return name;
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Groovy

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class Person {
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        this.name = name
    }
}
```

Groovy (named parameters)

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class Person {
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        this.name = name
    }
}
```

Groovy > Java

```
class Person {
    final String name
}
```

Variables, constants, params

String s - a variable

def s – a variable (type inferred at run-time)

final s – a constant value (type inferred at run-time)

Intuitiveness

Equality a == b

Identity a.is(b)

() sometimes optional: println 'Joe'

String interpolation

```
final s = 'Hi Joe'
final s = "Hi Dave"
final s = "Hi $name"
final s = "Hi ${user.name}"
final s = """Hi Dave,
How are you?
```

Numbers and primitive types

- 15 integer
- 15G BigInteger
- 1.5 BigDecimal
- 1.5d Double

All values are objects: 5.upto(10)

Clever boxing and unboxing

Properties

```
class City {
    String name
    int size
    boolean capital = false
}
City c1 = new City(name: 'Praha', size: 1200000, capital: true)
City c2 = new City(name: 'Písek', size: 25000)
print c1.name
c2.size = 25001
```

Power assert

assert 5 == customer.score

Closures

Closure multiply = {int a, int b -> return a * b}

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Closure multiply = $\{a, b \rightarrow a * b\}$

Closures – implicit parameter

```
def triple1 = {int number -> number * 3}

def triple2 = {number -> number * 3}

def triple3 = {it * 3}
```

Groovy is functional

```
def multiply = {a, b -> a * b}
def double = multiply.curry(2)
def triple = multiply.curry(3)
```

```
assert 4 == multiply(2, 2)
assert 8 == double(4)
assert 6 == triple(2)
```

Currying vs. Partial application

def multiply = $\{a, b \rightarrow a * b\}$

def partial = multiply.curry(3)

def curried1 = $\{x \rightarrow \{y \rightarrow multiply(x, y)\}\}$

def curried2 = $\{x \rightarrow multiply.curry(x)\}$

Memoize

def func = $\{a \rightarrow longComputation(a)\}$

def fastFunc = func.memoize()

Closure scope

```
owner
  delegate
  this
closure.resolveStrategy =
      DELEGATE FIRST / OWNER FIRST
       DELEGATE ONLY / OWNER ONLY
```

Collections

```
final emptyList = []

final list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

final emptyMap = [:]

final capitals = [cz : 'Prague', uk : 'London']
```

```
final list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] as LinkedList
final emptyMap = [:] as ConcurrentHashMap
```

Collections API

```
(1..10).each {println it}
2.step(10, 2) {println it}

(10..20).findAll{it%2==0}
.collect {3*it}
.inject(0){acc, v -> acc + v}
```

map, filter, and reduce explained with emoji 🙈

```
map([∰, ◀, ♠, ♦], cook)
filter([🥯, 🥞, 🍗, 🖺], isVegetarian)
=> [ 👑 , 🏗 7
reduce([👄, 🤎, 🍗, 📗], eat)
=> 💩
```

(Not exhaustive) list

```
each (aka for loop)
collect (aka map)
inject (aka reduce)
findAll (aka filter)
sum, size, findFirst, grep, groupBy
any, every, min, max, ...
```

Some more operators

['Java', 'Groovy']*.toUpperCase()

customer?.shippingAddress?.street

return user.locale ?: defaultLocale

GDK = JDK + FUN

- java.util.Collection
 - each(), find(), join(), min(), max() ...
- java.lang.Object
 - any(), every(), print(), invokeMethod(), ...
- java.lang.Number
 - plus(), minus(), power(), upto(), times(), ...

Tip: Ask *DefaultGroovyMethods* for help

Syntax enhancements

- Dynamic (duck) typing optional!
- GDK
- Syntax enhancements
 - Properties, Named parameters
 - Closures
 - Collections and maps
 - Operator overloading

- ...

List comprehension (Python)

odd = [x for x in range(0, 100) if x % 2 !=0]

squares = [x*x for x in odd]

Generators (Python)

```
def fibonacci():
    a = 0
    b = 1
   yield b
   while True:
      a, b = b, a + b
       yield b
allFibs = fibonacci()
```

Part 2

Scripting

Agenda

- Scripting
- Script engine customization

Scripting

Evaluate custom Groovy code

At run-time!!!

new GroovyShell().evaluate('println("Hi!")')

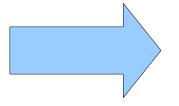
http://groovyconsole.appspot.com/

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Runtime configuration
Runtime rule-engine customization
Interpretation of user scripts
Gradle build scripts

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Security is key

Script customization

CompilerConfiguration

CompilationCustomizer

ImportCustomizer

ASTCustomizer

SecureASTCustomizer

Functors

Dealing with wrapped data

map: $([A], f: A -> B) \rightarrow [B]$

map: (Maybe<A>, f: A -> B) → Maybe

Functors are *mappable* (they have a **map** operation)

Aggregating data and operations

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- A set of elements
- An operation that combines two elements
- An 'id' element neutral with respect to the operation
- Closure of the set with respect to the operation

1.
$$a + id = id + a = a$$

2.
$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

3.
$$a \in M \& b \in M \Rightarrow a+b \in M$$

Reducible – any set of elements from a monoid can be reduced into a single value

reduce: ([A], f: $(A, A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$

Which is not a monoid?

```
reduce(ints, \{a, b \rightarrow a+b\})
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Breaks rules 1 and 2

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Breaks all three rules

class Customer {name, address, orders}

VS.

class CustData {orders, totalAmount}

class Customer {name, address, orders}

not a monoid

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transform

a monoid

Reduce vs. Fold

 $m.reduce \{v1, v2 \rightarrow v1 + v2\}$

 $m.foldLeft(0) \{acc, v \rightarrow acc + v\}$

Composing functions

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 $g: B \rightarrow C$

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```
def f = \{String s \rightarrow s.size()\} def g = \{Integer i \rightarrow i\%2 == 0 ? true : false\} def h = f >> g
```

Composing functions

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 $g: B \rightarrow C$

 $f >> g: A \rightarrow C$

Not a monoid

Endofunctors

 $f: A \rightarrow A$

with composition (>>) and an id() function form a monoid

[f1, f2, f3, f4, f5, ...].reduce(id, >>)

Other monoids of functions

Elements: f: String → Boolean

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id() – returns *true/false*

Operation: logical AND/OR

Summary

Groovy syntax

Scripting

Functional programming

- closures
- functors (map)
- monoids (reduce)

References

http://groovy-lang.org

http://grails.org