Walkthrough Groovy's AST Transformations

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What are AST Transformations?

- Essentially byte code generation
- They enable compile-tiem metaprogramming
- (G) There are two types: global and local
- (G) Local transformations require an specific context



Available in Groovy 1.7

@Delegate

```
class Event {
   @Delegate Date when
   String title, url
6 df = new java.text.SimpleDateFormat("dd.MM.yyyy")
 so2gx = new Event(title: "SpringOne2GX",
    url: "http://springone2gx.com",
    when: df.parse("25.10.2011"))
gr8conf = new Event(title: "Gr8conf",
    url: "http://gr8conf.org",
    when: df.parse("27.06.2011"))
assert gr8conf.before(so2gx.when)
```



@Singleton

```
1 class Account {
      BigDecimal balance = 0
3
 @Singleton
 class AccountManager {
      void open(Account account) {
          account.balance = 100
9
10
11
12 |account = new Account()
 assert account.balance == 0
AccountManager.instance.open(account)
assert account.balance == 100
```



@Immutable

```
class Person { String name }
3 @Immutable
4 class ImmutablePerson { String name }
person1 = new Person(name: 'Duke')
 person2 = new Person(name: 'Duke')
assert person1 != person2
person1 = new ImmutablePerson('Duke')
person2 = new ImmutablePerson(name: 'Duke')
assert person1 == person2
13
 |shouldFail(ReadOnlyPropertyException) {
      person1.name = 'boom!'
15
16
17
18
19
20
```



@Category

```
1 @Category(Integer)
2 class Pouncer {
      String pounce() {
          (1..this).collect { 'boing!' }.join(' ')
5
s use(Pouncer) {
      assert 3.pounce() == 'boing! boing! boing!'
10
```





```
1 class Bouncer {
      int times
2
3
      String bounce() {
          (1..this.times).collect { 'boing!' }.join(' ')
7

  @Mixin(Bouncer) class Cat { }

 @Mixin(Bouncer) class Dog { }
11
12 cat = new Cat(times: 2)
assert cat.bounce() == 'boing! boing!'
dog = new Dog(times: 3)
assert dog.bounce() == 'boing! boing! boing!'
16
```





```
@Grab('net.sf.json-lib:json-lib:2.4:jdk15')
 import net.sf.json.groovy.JsonGroovyBuilder
 builder = new JsonGroovyBuilder()
 json = builder.books {
   book(title: 'Groovy in Action',
         name: 'Dierk Koenig')
8
10
 assert json.books.book.name == 'Dierk Koenig'
12
```



@Synchronized

```
import groovy.transform.Synchronized
 class Worker {
      private myLock = new Object()
     @Synchronized
     void doStuff() { /* uses auto-generated lock */ }
     @Synchronized('myLock')
      void workSomeMore() { /* uses myLock */ }
10
11
     @Synchronized
12
      static void compute() {
13
          // works with static methods too!
14
15
```



```
class Sneaky {
     @Lazy List values = \{[1,2,3]\}()
2
     // thread - safe
     @Lazy volatile String id
7 sneaky = new Sneaky()
assert !sneaky.@$values
g assert sneaky.values == [1,2,3]
assert sneaky.@$values == [1,2,3]
```



@Newify

```
class Apple {}
 class Basket {
     @Newify(Apple)
     List bushel() {
         [new Apple(), Apple(), Apple.new()]
basket = new Basket()
bushel = basket.bushel()
assert bushel*.getClass() == [Apple, Apple, Apple]
```



@Bindable (@Vetoable)

```
1 @groovy.beans.Bindable
class Model {
     String name
6 counter = 0
7 model = new Model()
model.addPropertyChangeListener({
     counter++
 } as java.beans.PropertyChangeListener)
11
model.name = 'Duke'
model.name = 'Tux'
14 assert counter == 2
```



Available in Groovy 1.8

@Log (@Commons, @Log4j, @Slf4j)

```
degroovy.util.logging.Log
 class User {
     String username
     void login() {
          log.info("$username has logged into the system")
user = new User(username: 'Duke')
user.login()
```



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@InheritConstructors

```
degroovy.transform.InheritConstructors
class MyException extends RuntimeException {}
4 msg = 'Error message'
s | x1 = new MyException(msg)
_6 | x2 = new MyException(x1)
_{7} x3 = new MyException(msg, x1)
assert x1.message == msg
g assert x2.cause == x1
assert x3.message == msg
assert x3.cause == x1
```



@ToString

```
degroovy.transform.ToString(includeNames=true)
class Customer {
     String first, last
     Address address
 @groovy.transform.ToString
& class Address {
     String street, country
10
11
customer = new Customer(first: 'Andres', last: 'Almiray',
     address: new Address(street: 'Kirschgartenstrasse 5',
13
                           country: 'Schweiz'))
14
15 println customer
```



@EqualsAndHashCode

```
degroovy.transform.EqualsAndHashCode
class Thing {
     String name
     int id
 thing1 = new Thing(name: 'One', id: 1)
thing2 = new Thing(name: 'One', id: 1)
 thing3 = new Thing(name: 'Two', id: 2)
10
assert thing1 == thing2
assert thing1 != thing3
assert thing1.hashCode() == thing2.hashCode()
assert thing1.hashCode() != thing3.hashCode()
```



@TupleConstructor

```
1 @groovy.transform.TupleConstructor
class Animal {
     String species = 'goldfish'
     String name = 'Bubbles'
     int age = 2
animals = [
     new Animal(species: 'dog', name: 'Wolfie', age: 4),
     new Animal('cat', 'Mr. Whiskers', 3),
     new Animal()]
11
assert animals.species == ['dog', 'cat', 'goldfish']
assert animals.name == ['Wolfie', 'Mr. Whiskers', 'Bubbles']
assert animals.age == [4, 3, 2]
```



@IndexedProperty

```
1 class Band {
     @groovy.transform.IndexedProperty
     List members = []
beatles = new Band()
assert beatles.members == []
beatles.members << 'John'</pre>
beatles.setMembers(1, 'Paul')
beatles.members[2] = 'George'
beatles.members.add('Ringo')
12
assert beatles.members == ['John', 'Paul', 'George', 'Ringo']
 assert beatles.getMembers(3) == 'Ringo'
15
```



And may more!

- @AutoClone @AutoExternalize
- @ConditionalInterrupt @TimedInterrupt
- @ThreadInterrupt
- @PackageScope
- @WithReadLock @WithWriteLock
- **⊚** @Field
- @ListenerList



Found in other projects



- ©@Entity
- Grails 1.4 has more coming!





- © @EventPublisher
- © @PropertyListener
- @Threading
- @MVCAware
- © @ThreadingAware
- © @Validatable
- Galpha stage: @Entity @Scaffold



GContracts

- **©**@Invariant
- @Requires
- © @Ensures



GContracts

```
import org.gcontracts.annotations.*
 @Invariant({this.@balance >= 0})
 class Account {
      private BigDecimal balance = 0
      BigDecimal getBalance() { balance }
      Account() {}
10
      @Requires({amount > 0})
11
      @Ensures({balance == amount})
12
      Account(BigDecimal amount) {
13
          balance = amount
14
15
16
      @Requires({amount > 0})
17
      @Ensures({balance == old.balance + amount})
18
      BigDecimal deposit(BigDecimal amount) {
19
          balance += amount
20
```



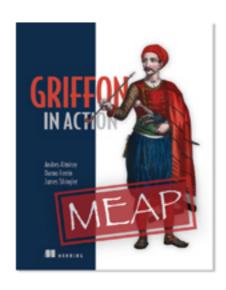
Somewhere else in the 'net

- **⊚ @Scalify**
 - http://groovy.codehaus.org/Scalify
- **⊚** @ByteCode

http://bit.ly/fLanEH



Thank you!



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