

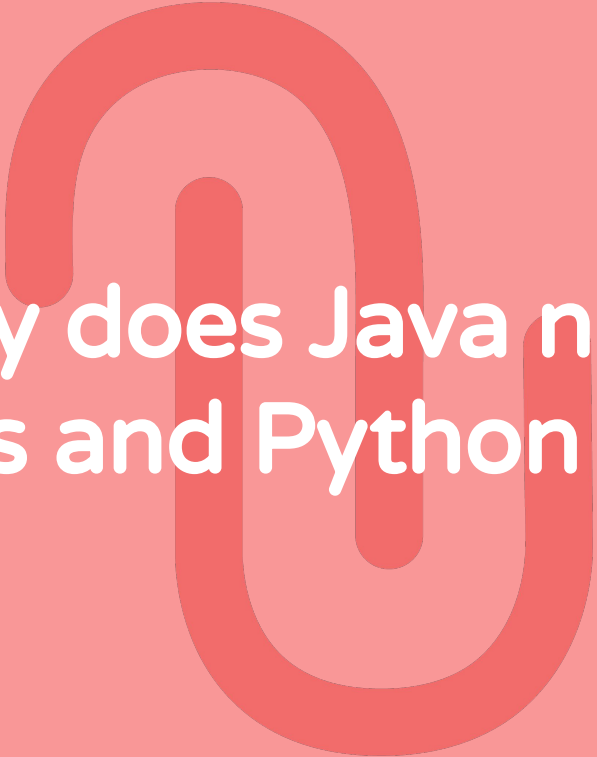
Little Helpers

Useful Tools for
(Java) Developers



- ❖ Why do some tech stacks need tools?
- ❖ Fighting Verbosity: Lombok
- ❖ Better Tooling: Google Guava
- ❖ Java Swiss Army Knife: Apache Commons
- ❖ Back to Excel: Apache POI

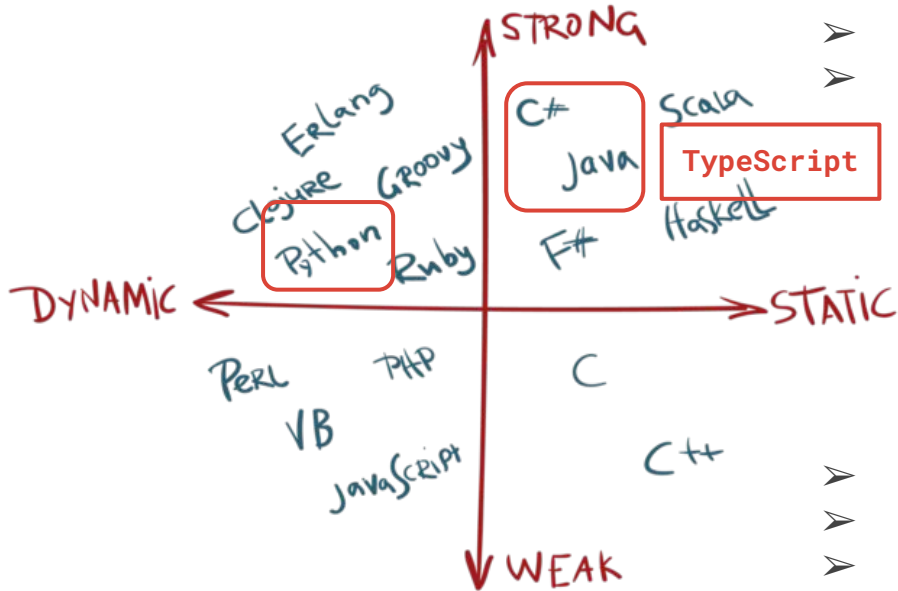
- ❖ (Aspect-Oriented Programming: AspectJ / Spring)
- ❖ (Rapid Application Development: JHipster)
- ❖ (Spring with more Fun: Spring Boot Dev Tools)
- ❖ (Better Testing: Mockito, AssertJ & ArchUnit)



Why does Java need
Tools and Python not?



Static vs Dynamic and Weak vs Strong



- **strong** and **weak** typing refers to **type consistency**
- **static** and **dynamic** typing refers to the **time** when names are **bound to types**

- **C#, Java** and **Typescript** are **static & strong**
- **Python, Ruby** and **Erlang** are **dynamic & strong**
- **JavaScript** and **Perl** are **weak & dynamic**



Static vs Dynamic and Weak vs Strong



Python: Dynamic Strong Typing

```
value = 21;           # type assigned as int at runtime.
value = value + "dot"; # type-error, string and int cannot be concatenated.
print(value);
```

JavaScript: Dynamic Weak Typing

```
value = 21;
value = value + "dot"; # "21dot"
console.log(value);    # no error, implicit conversion between unrelated types
```

Java: Static Strong Typing

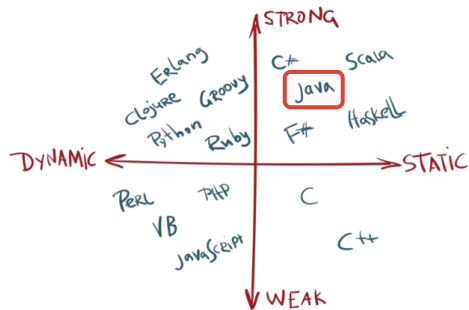
```
var value = 21;          // type int set at compile time (type inference)
value = value + "dot";   // compile-time-error
System.out.println(value);
```

TypeScript: Static (Pre-Compile) Strong Typing

```
var value = 21;          # type assigned as int at compile-time.
value = value + "dot";   # (pre-)compile-time-error
console.log(value);
```



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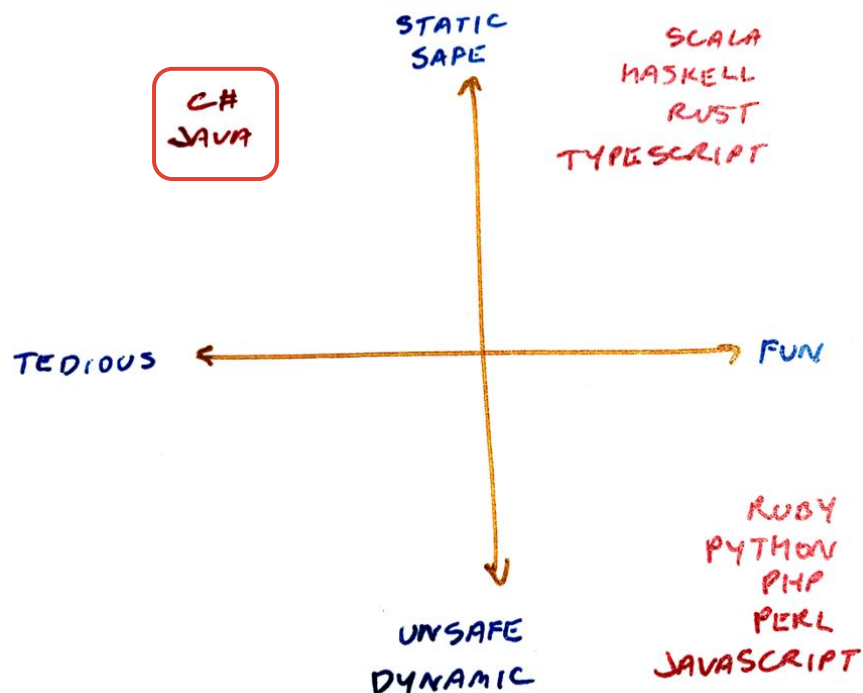
Java is a **strongly** and **statically typed** language and favors **simplicity of syntax**.

With these characteristics, Java tends to be **very verbose**, requiring a lot of **boilerplate code** and **tedious typing**.

Mitigation of these shortcomings is typically done by using **highly dynamic frameworks** (like Spring Framework), favour **Convention-over-Configuration** and heavily rely on **code generation frameworks** (like Lombok).



Fun vs Tedious vs Static vs Dynamic



How can we bring FUN back to Java?

- ❖ Avoid boilerplate code, focus on business logic
- ❖ Provide useful libraries for missing functionality
- ❖ Copy patterns from other languages / tech stacks
- ❖ Extend existing codebases
- ❖ Provide more choices for developers



Fighting Verbosity: Lombok



Ease Java Development & Focus on Logic

```
public class NoLombokPojo {

    private String attribute;
    private LocalDate created;
    private BigDecimal value;

    public NoLombokPojo(String attribute, LocalDate created, BigDecimal
value) {
        this.attribute = attribute;
        this.created = created;
        this.value = value;
    }
    public String getAttribute() {
        return attribute;
    }
    public void setAttribute(String attribute) {
        this.attribute = attribute;
    }
    public LocalDate getCreated() {
        return created;
    }
    public void setCreated(LocalDate created) {
        this.created = created;
    }
    public BigDecimal getValue() {
        return value;
    }
    public void setValue(BigDecimal value) {
        this.value = value;
    }
    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object o) {
        if (this == o) return true;
        if (o == null || getClass() != o.getClass()) return false;
        NoLombokPojo that = (NoLombokPojo) o;
        return attribute.equals(that.attribute) &&
created.equals(that.created) && value.equals(that.value);
    }
}
```



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- Avoid repetitive code
- Less error-prone code
- Consistent behaviour over projects
- Best practices baked in

```
@Data
public class LombokPojo {

    private String attribute;
    private LocalDate created;
    private BigDecimal value;

}
```

@Data is the short form for

@RequiredArgsConstructor, @ToString,
@EqualsAndHashCode, @Getter, @Setter



Constructors: Automatic Constructor Creation

```
public class LombokConstructorPojo {  
  
    private @NonNull String id;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
    public LombokConstructorPojo(@NonNull String id) {  
        this.id = id;  
    }  
  
    public LombokConstructorPojo(  
        @NonNull String id,  
        LocalDate created,  
        BigDecimal value) {  
        this.id = id;  
        this.created = created;  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
  
    public LombokConstructorPojo() {  
    }  
  
}
```



```
@NoArgsConstructor  
@RequiredArgsConstructor  
@AllArgsConstructor  
public class LombokPojo {  
  
    private String attribute;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
}
```



@Value: Immutable Classes made easy

```
public final class LombokConstructorPojo {  
  
    private final @NonNull String id;  
    private final LocalDate created;  
    private final BigDecimal value;  
  
    public LombokConstructorPojo(  
        @NonNull String id,  
        LocalDate created,  
        BigDecimal value) {  
        this.id = id;  
        this.created = created;  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
  
    public @NonNull String getId() {  
        return this.id;  
    }  
  
    public LocalDate getCreated() {  
        return this.created;  
    } [...]  
}
```



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```
@Value  
public class LombokConstructorPojo {  
  
    private @NonNull String id;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
}
```



@Builder: Immutable Classes made easy

```
public class LombokConstructorPojo {  
  
    private @NonNull String id;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
    public static LombokConstructorPojoBuilder builder() {  
        return new LombokConstructorPojoBuilder();  
    }  
  
    public static class LombokConstructorPojoBuilder {  
        private @NonNull String id;  
        private LocalDate created;  
        private BigDecimal value;  
  
        public LombokConstructorPojoBuilder id(@NonNull String id) {  
            this.id = id;  
            return this;  
        }  
  
        public LombokConstructorPojoBuilder created(LocalDate created){  
            this.created = created;  
            return this;  
        }  
  
        public LombokConstructorPojo build() {  
            return new LombokConstructorPojo(id, created, value);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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@Builder

```
@Builder  
public class LombokConstructorPojo {  
  
    private @NonNull String id;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
}
```



Automatic Printer: @ToString

```
public class NoLombokPojo {

    private String attribute;
    private LocalDate created;
    private BigDecimal value;

    public NoLombokPojo(String attribute, LocalDate created, BigDecimal
value) {
        this.attribute = attribute;
        this.created = created;
        this.value = value;
    }
    public String getAttribute() {
        return attribute;
    }
    public void setAttribute(String attribute) {
        this.attribute = attribute;
    }
    public LocalDate getCreated() {
        return created;
    }
    public void setCreated(LocalDate created) {
        this.created = created;
    }
    public BigDecimal getValue() {
        return value;
    }
    public void setValue(BigDecimal value) {
        this.value = value;
    }
    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object o) {
        if (this == o) return true;
        if (o == null || getClass() != o.getClass()) return false;
        NoLombokPojo that = (NoLombokPojo) o;
        return attribute.equals(that.attribute) &&
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    }
}
```



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```
@Data
public class LombokPojo {

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    private BigDecimal value;

}
```



Are we the same? @EqualsAndHashCode

```
public class NoLombokPojo {  
  
    private String attribute;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
    public NoLombokPojo(String attribute, LocalDate created, BigDecimal  
value) {  
        this.attribute = attribute;  
        this.created = created;  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
    public String getAttribute() {  
        return attribute;  
    }  
    public void setAttribute(String attribute) {  
        this.attribute = attribute;  
    }  
    public LocalDate getCreated() {  
        return created;  
    }  
    public void setCreated(LocalDate created) {  
        this.created = created;  
    }  
    public BigDecimal getValue() {  
        return value;  
    }  
    public void setValue(BigDecimal value) {  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public boolean equals(Object o) {  
        if (this == o) return true;  
        if (o == null || getClass() != o.getClass()) return false;  
        NoLombokPojo that = (NoLombokPojo) o;  
        return attribute.equals(that.attribute) &&  
created.equals(that.created) && value.equals(that.value);  
    }  
}
```



@EqualsAndHashCode

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```
@Data  
public class LombokPojo {  
  
    private String attribute;  
    private LocalDate created;  
    private BigDecimal value;  
  
}
```



Pluggable Logging with SLF4J



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```
public class LombokLog {  
  
    private static final Logger log =  
        org.slf4j.LoggerFactory.getLogger(LombokConstructorPojo.class);  
  
    [...]
```

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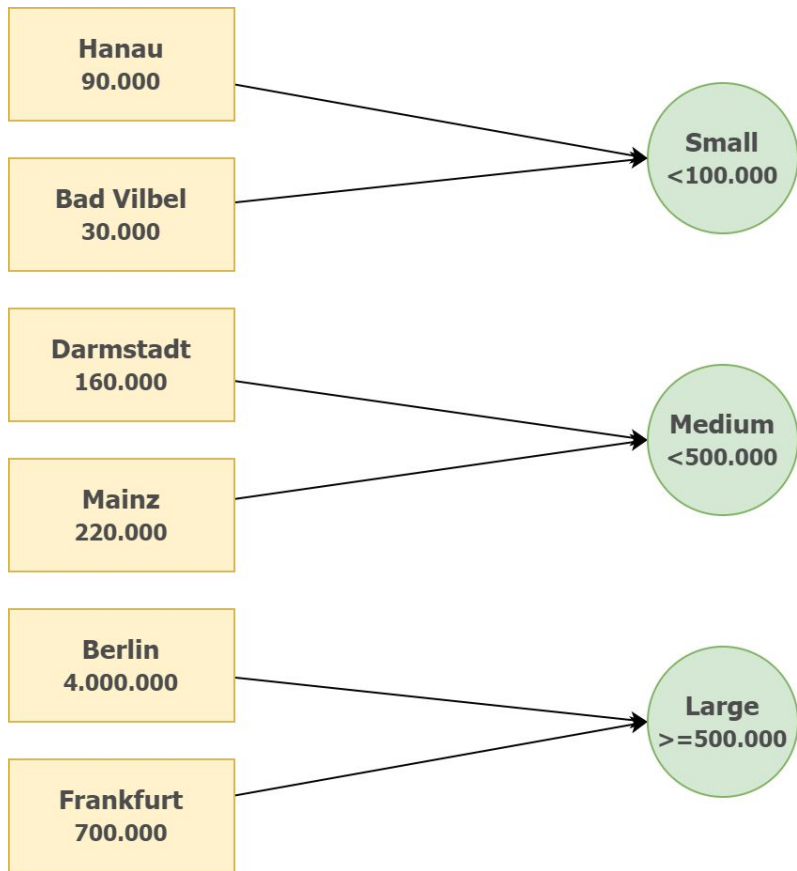
```
@Slf4j  
public class LombokLog {  
  
    [...]  
    log.info("Hello from Logger");  
}
```




Google Core Libraries for Java: Guava



City Lights - Sample Collection



```
@Data
public class City {

    private @NonNull String name;
    private @NonNull Integer population;
    private LocalDate founded;
    private boolean capital;

}
```

Java Swiss Army Knife: Apache Commons



Reason for Payment - Sample Texts

"Thanks for the nice Lunch."

"Max Muster Invoice No 551662781"

"Remittance Item #188655"

"September 2022 Loan Repayment Max Mustermann"

"Invoice Reference No 8988826/2022/145"

Abbreviate the text to max 20 characters.

Please make sure that no words are cut.

"Thanks for the nice..."

"Max Muster Invoice..."

"Remittance Item #188..."

"September 2022 Loan..."

"Invoice Reference..."

"Thanks for the ni..."

"Max Muster Invoic..."

"Remittance Item #..."

"September 2022 Lo..."

"Invoice Reference..."

The Java API for Microsoft Documents: Apache POI



Links and other information

Project Lombok

- ❖ Project Lombok: <https://projectlombok.org/features/all>
- ❖ Baeldung on Lombok: <https://www.baeldung.com/intro-to-project-lombok>

Google Guava

- ❖ Baeldung on Guava Maps: <https://www.baeldung.com/guava-maps>
- ❖ Baeldung on Guava StringUtils: <https://www.baeldung.com/guava-string-charmatcher>
- ❖ Java Dev Central on Guava: <https://javadevcentral.com/category/google-guava>
- ❖ Guava Documentation: <https://github.com/google/guava/wiki/>

Apache Commons

- ❖ Apache Commons (Proper): <https://commons.apache.org/>
- ❖ Java Dev Central on Commons: <https://javadevcentral.com/category/apache-commons>
- ❖ Java Dev Central on Commons Text: <https://javadevcentral.com/apache-commons-text-wordutils>
- ❖ Java Dev Central on Commons Lang: <https://javadevcentral.com/apache-commons-lang-randomstringutils>