

Advanced Kotlin Techniques for Spring Developers

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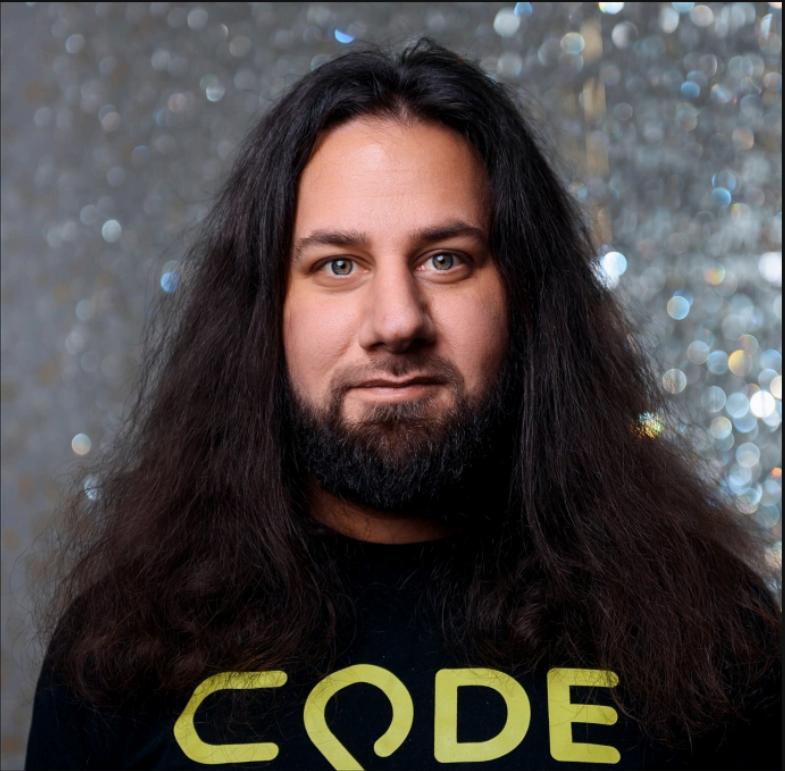
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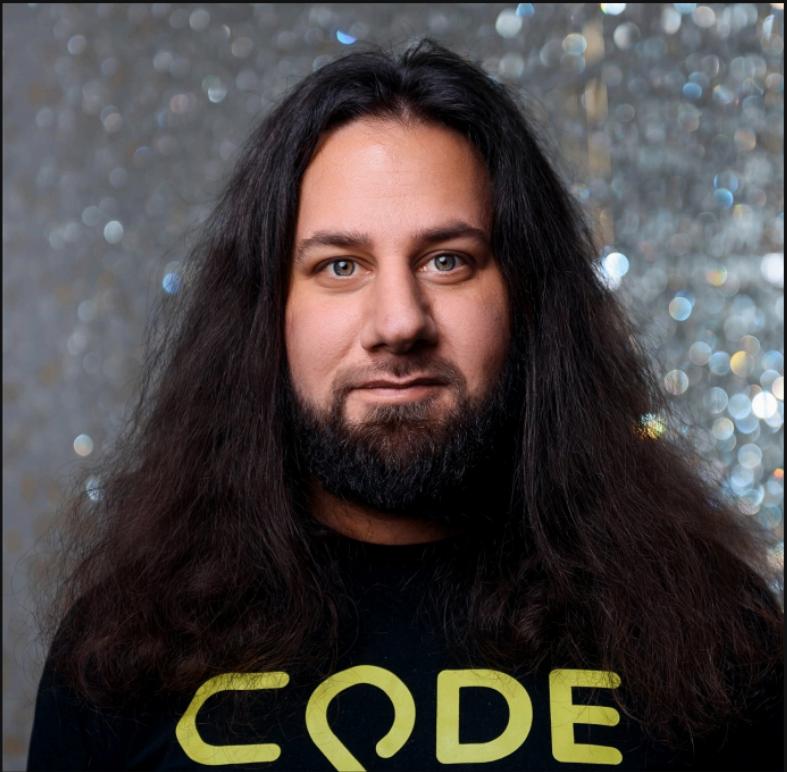
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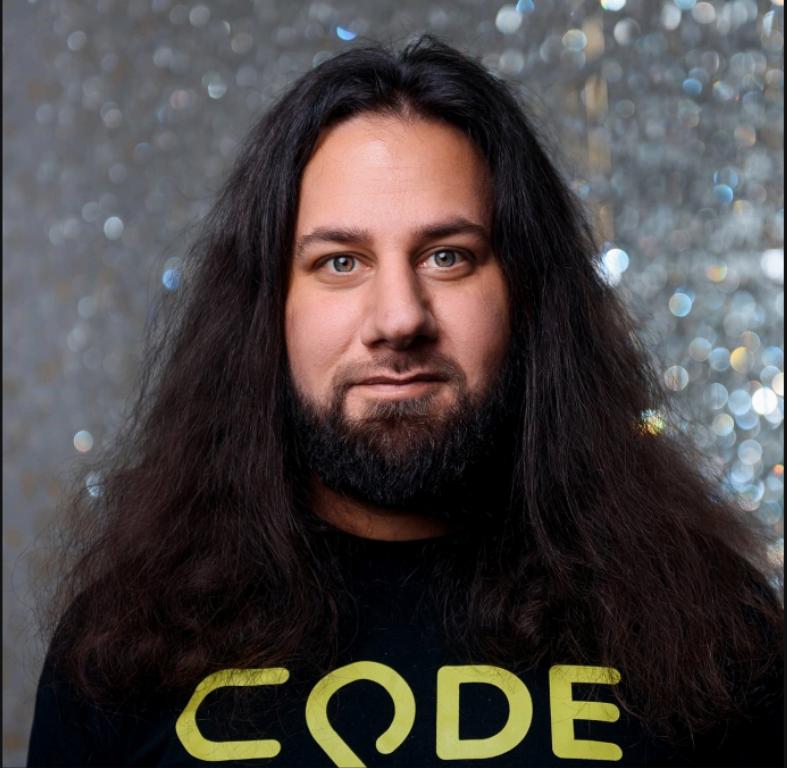
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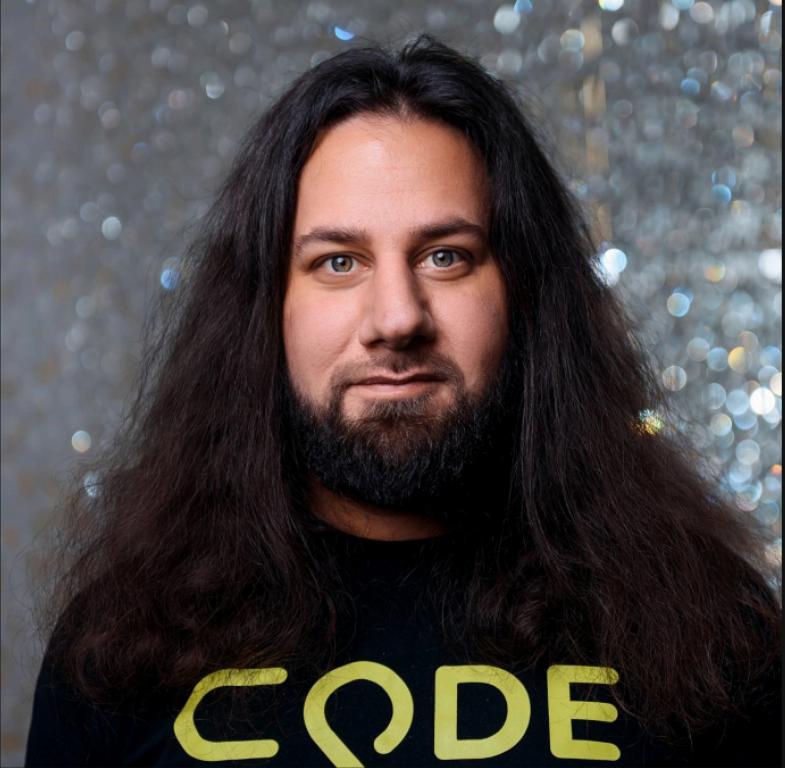
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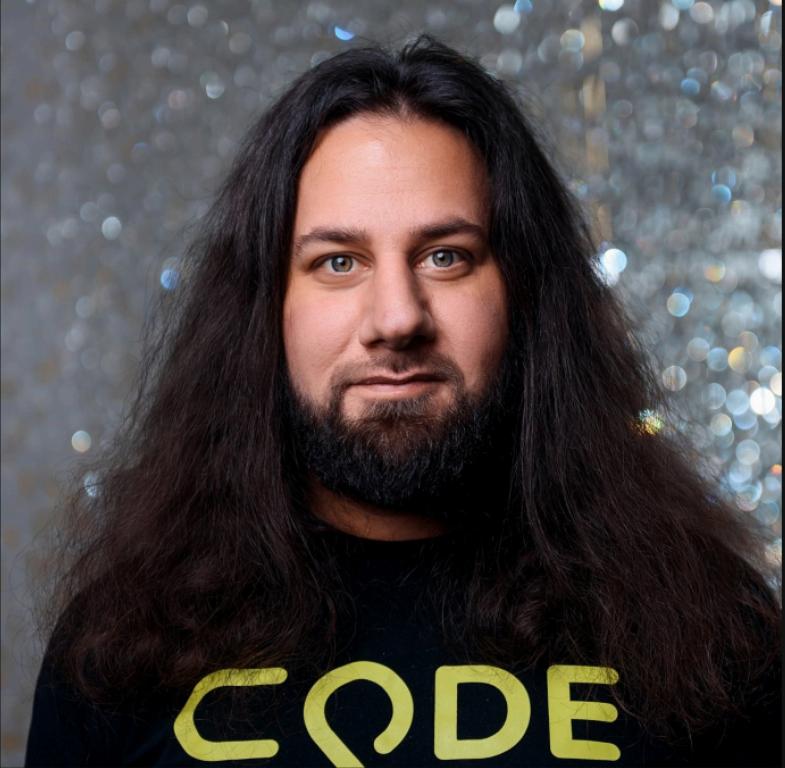
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Where do I start?

<https://start.spring.io>

Project

- Gradle - Groovy
- Gradle - Kotlin
- Maven

Language

- Java
- Kotlin
- Groovy

Spring Boot

- 3.4.0 (SNAPSHOT)
- 3.4.0 (M2)
- 3.3.4 (SNAPSHOT)
- 3.3.3
- 3.2.10 (SNAPSHOT)
- 3.2.9

Minimum dependencies

Dependencies SQL ADD DEPENDENCIES... CTRL + B

Spring Data JPA SQL
Persist data in SQL stores with Java Persistence API using Spring Data and Hibernate.

Validation I/O
Bean Validation with Hibernate validator.

Spring Web WEB
Build web, including RESTful, applications using Spring MVC. Uses Apache Tomcat as the default embedded container.

Spring Security SECURITY
Highly customizable authentication and access-control framework for Spring applications.

PostgreSQL Driver SQL
A JDBC and R2DBC driver that allows Java programs to connect to a PostgreSQL database using standard, database independent Java code.

Testcontainers TESTING
Provide lightweight, throwaway instances of common databases, Selenium web browsers, or anything else that can run in a Docker container.

2 files are generated

- build.gradle.kts
- SpringKotlinStartApplication.kt

What happens

```
1  plugins {
2      kotlin("jvm") version "2.0.20"
3      kotlin("plugin.spring") version "2.0.20"
4      id("org.springframework.boot") version "3.3.3"
5      id("io.spring.dependency-management") version "1.1.6"
6      kotlin("plugin.jpa") version "2.0.20"
7  }
8
9  group = "com.example"
10 version = "0.0.1-SNAPSHOT"
11
12 java {
13     toolchain {
14         languageVersion = JavaLanguageVersion.of(21)
15     }
16 }
17
18 repositories {
19     mavenCentral()
```

The main class

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The first goodie of Spring for Kotlin

Let's start implementing

Chapter 1. MVC + Validation

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JSR 305: Annotations for Software Defect Detection:

Nullness annotations (e.g., `@NonNull` and `@CheckForNull`)

Internationalization annotations, such as `@NonNls` or `@Nls`

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In JVM primitive types
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These types will be JVM primitives:

- Double
- Int
- Float
- Char
- Short
- Byte
- Boolean

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1 Field error in object 'person' on field 'age': rejected value [null]
```

Also...

```
1  spring:
2    jackson:
3      deserialization:
4        FAIL_ON_NULL_FOR_PRIMITIVES: true
```

Quick summary

- `-Xjsr305=strict` will make the validation easier
- For JVM primitive types we have to put `@field:NotNull` and mark them nullable
- Sometimes can work it around with jackson settings

JPA

Chapter 2

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JDBC

Chapter 3

Obtain user by id

Let's imagine we need to call the following:

```
1  SELECT *
2  FROM users
3  WHERE id = ?
```

Or, for example...

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In Java

☕ Let's inline mapper

```
1 public List<Person> findById(int id) {  
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