

The Dangerous Side of Kotlin

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3-step conference survival guide

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Bart's 3-step conference survival guide

- Be kind to yourself
- Be kind to others
- Get energized and enjoy!



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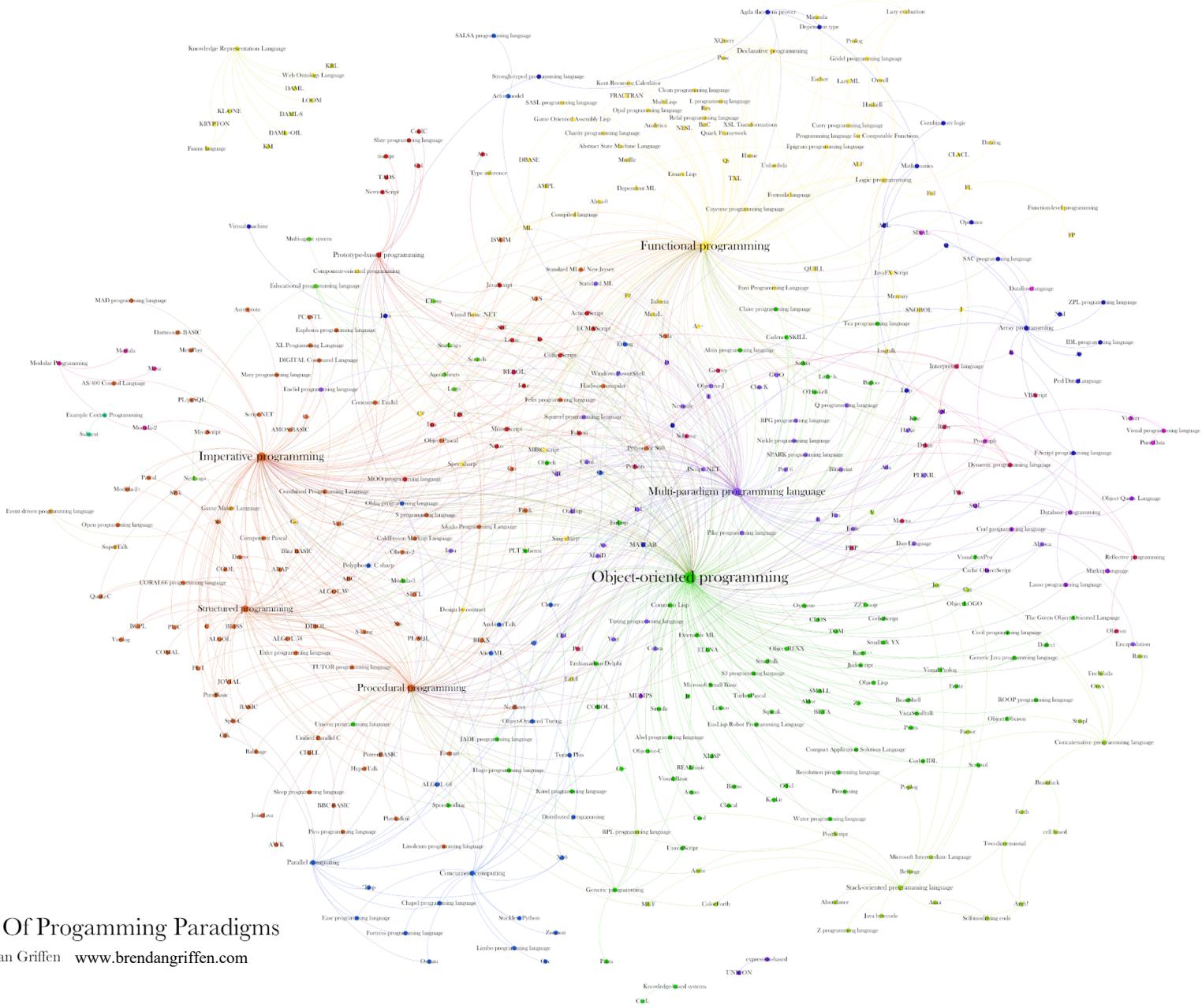


DANGEROUS Kotlin



The Graph Of Progarming Paradigms

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- Fix our problem
- Easy to write
- Easy to read







I call it my billion-dollar mistake. It was the invention of the null reference in 1965.

- Sir Tony Hoare, FRS, FREng



```
data class Coffee(val amount: Milliliters) {  
    fun merge(that: Coffee) = this + that  
  
    private operator fun plus(extra: Coffee) = Coffee(amount: amount + extra)  
}
```

```
typealias Milliliters = Double  
typealias CoffeeMerge = (Coffee, Coffee) -> Coffee
```

```
private val merge: CoffeeMerge = Coffee::merge
```

```
fun Double.toOunces() = this / 29.574
```

```
inline fun <reified T> T?.getClassString() = T::class.java.toString()
```





Extension functions



```
private fun String.asUrl() = URL(spec: this)
```

```
private fun String?.asUrl() = this?.let { URL(it) }
```

```
private fun String?.toUrl() =  
    try { this?.let { URL(it) } }  
    catch (e: MalformedURLException) { null }
```



```
data class PromotionReport(  
    val eans: Set<String>?,  
    val supplierId: String?,  
    val attribute: List<PromotedAttribute>?,  
    val promotedAttributesCount: Int  
)  
  
fun PromotionReport.getEans(): Set<String> = this.eans.orEmpty()  
  
fun PromotionReport.getTraceId(): String? {  
    return this.attribute?.firstOrNull { it.id == AttributeId.TRACE_ID.value }  
}  
  
fun PromotionReport.getTraceIdOrThrow() = this.getTraceId() ?: throw Lega
```



```
val value = BigDecimal(val: "3.5")
```

```
val moreValue = value * 4
```

```
operator fun BigDecimal.times(int: Int) = this * BigDecimal(in
```



```
inline class Money(private val value: BigDecimal) {  
    constructor(value: Number) : this(BigDecimal(value.toString()))  
  
    fun toCurrency(type: CurrencyType) = Currency(money: this, type)  
  
    operator fun times(number: Number) = this * Money(number)  
    operator fun times(money: Money) = this * money.value  
    operator fun times(decimal: BigDecimal) = Money(value: value * decimal)  
}
```



Extension functions

Great!

DANGER

- Can introduce duplication
- Can break encapsulation
- Can interfere with OO principles



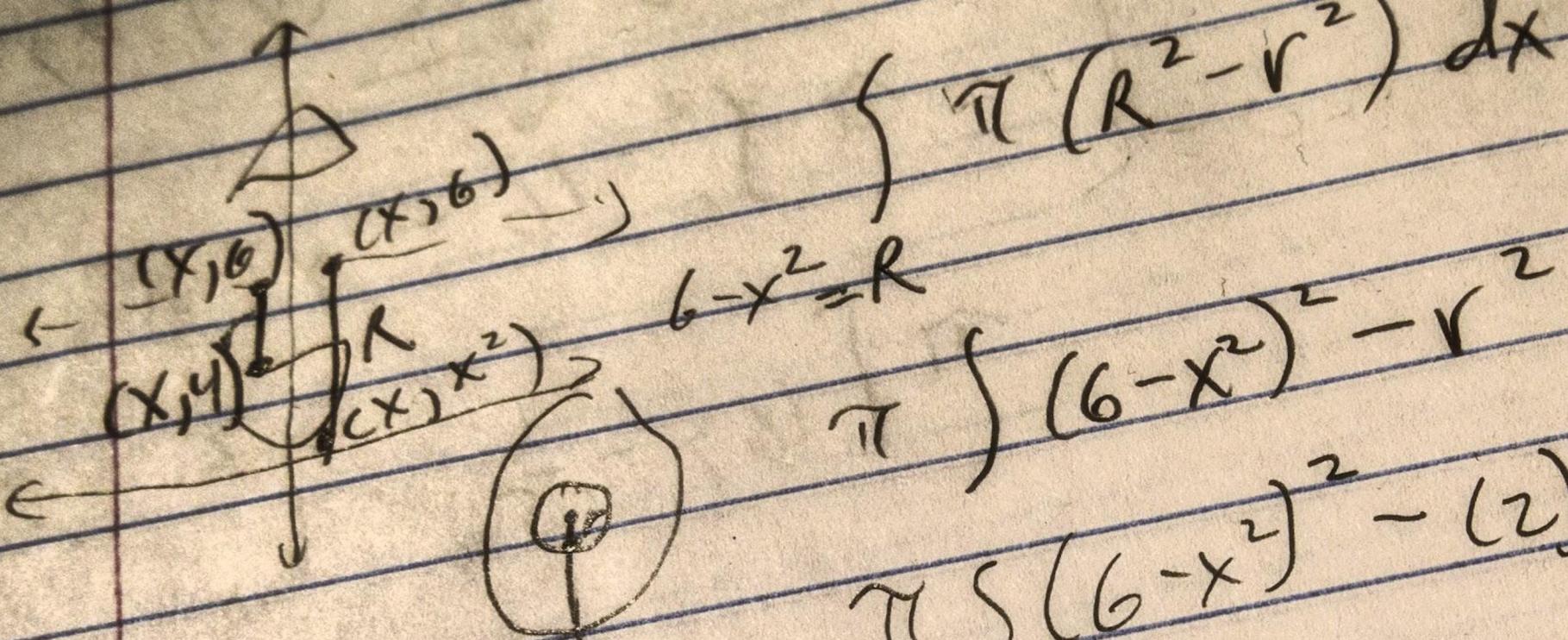
Operator overloading



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$$\pi \int_{R}^{(6-x^2)^{1/2}} (6-x^2)^2 - r^2 dx$$

$$\pi \int_{R}^{(6-x^2)^{1/2}} (6-x^2)^2 - (2)^2 dx$$

$$\pi \int_{-2}^{2} (6-x^2)^2 - 4 dx$$

$$\pi \int_{-2}^{2} 36 - 1x^2 +$$

$$6-4$$

$$2 = r$$

limits

$$x = 4$$

$$4$$

$$x = x^2$$





• 100 euros

**StockTransactions
PriceTransactions**

StockValueTransactions

$$x\Delta S * y\Delta P = xy\Delta V$$



```
val stockValueTransactions = stockTransactions * priceTransactions
```



Operator overloading

Great!

DANGER

- Only works if concept aligns
- Can surprise readers
- Risky for its seductive elegance



Lambdas
with
receiver



```
private fun configureTopicAndSubscription(topic: String, subscriptions: List<String>) {  
    pubSubAdmin.ignoringNotFound { deleteTopic(topic) }  
  
    pubSubAdmin.createTopic(topic)  
    subscriptions.forEach { it: String  
        pubSubAdmin.ignoringNotFound { deleteSubscription(it) }  
        pubSubAdmin.createSubscription(it, topic)  
    }  
}
```

```
private fun PubSubAdmin.ignoringNotFound(adminOperation: PubSubAdmin.() -> Unit) = try {  
    adminOperation()  
} catch (e: NotFoundException) {  
    // ignore  
}
```



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*Whenever I read JavaScript I want to shout
“this is shit!”, but I can never figure out what
“this” refers to...*

- A tweet I once read who's author I've regrettably forgotten

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Lambdas with receiver

Great!

DANGER

- Obfuscates context scope
- Doesn't pass “Smart code” test
- Turns Kotlin into JavaScript









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Thanks! Enjoy JFall, ask questions!



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Bonus



```
fun <T, U, V> receivingStuff(instance: T, functionWithReceiver: T.(U) -> V) = { input: U -> instance.functionWithReceiver(input) }

// fun <T, U, V> receivingStuff(instance: T, functionWithReceiver: T.(U) -> V) = instance.functionWithReceiver
// or
// fun <T, U, V> receivingStuff(instance: T, functionWithReceiver: T.(U) -> V) = instance::functionWithReceiver

fun <T, U, V> curry(function: (T, U) -> V) = { t: T -> { u: U -> function(t, u) } }

fun <T, U, V, W> curry(function: (T, U, V) -> W) = { t: T -> { u: U -> { v: V -> function(t, u, v) } } }

fun <T, U, V> uncurry(function: (T) -> (U) -> V) = { t: T, u: U -> function(t)(u) }

fun <T, U, V, W> uncurry(function: (T) -> (U) -> (V) -> W) = { t: T, u: U, v: V -> function(t)(u)(v) }

fun <T, U, V> curriedReceivingStuff(instance: T, functionWithReceiver: T.(U) -> V) = curry(functionWithReceiver)(instance)
```

