

# Effective Java with Groovy & Kotlin

## How Languages Influence Adoption of Good Practices

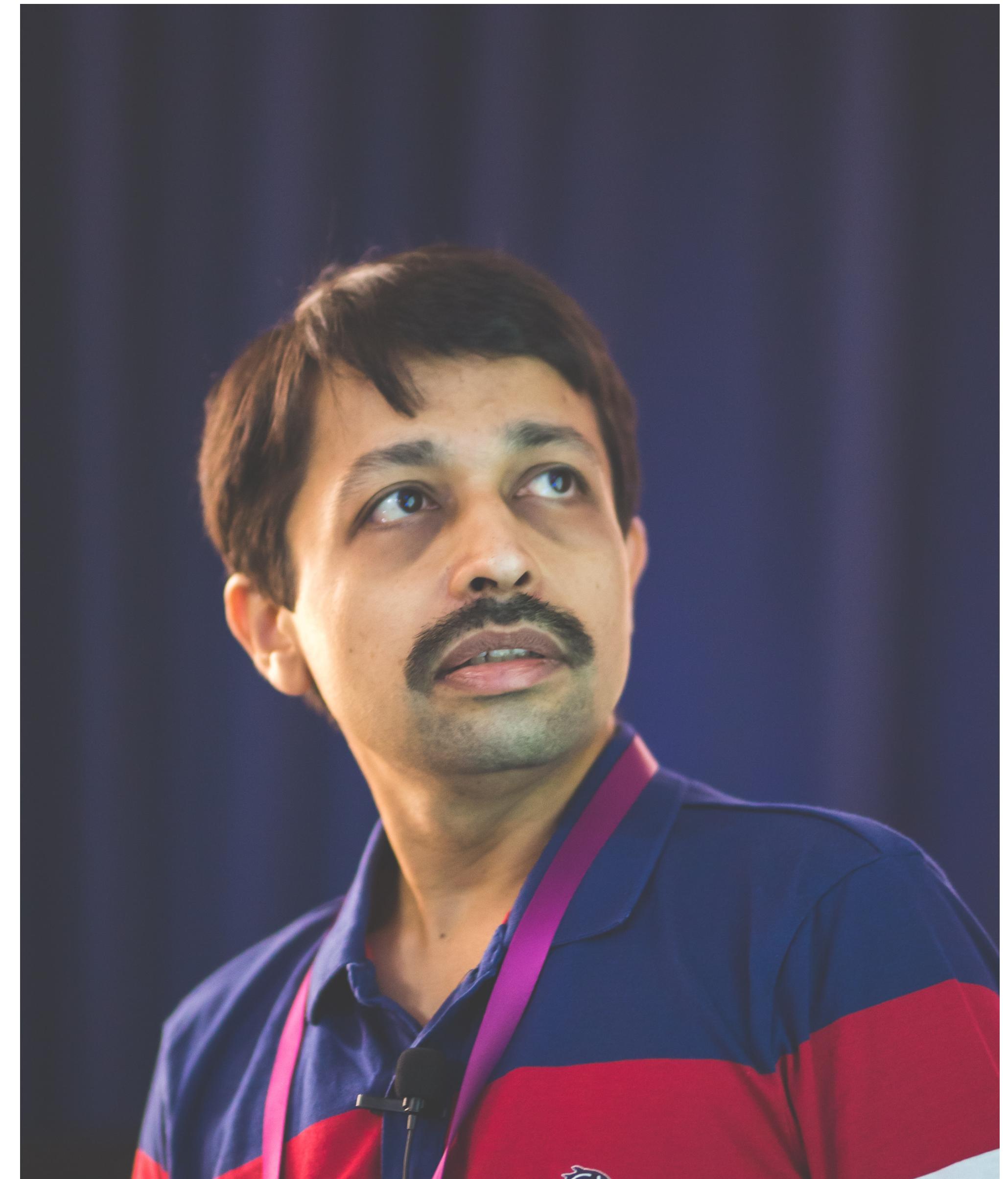
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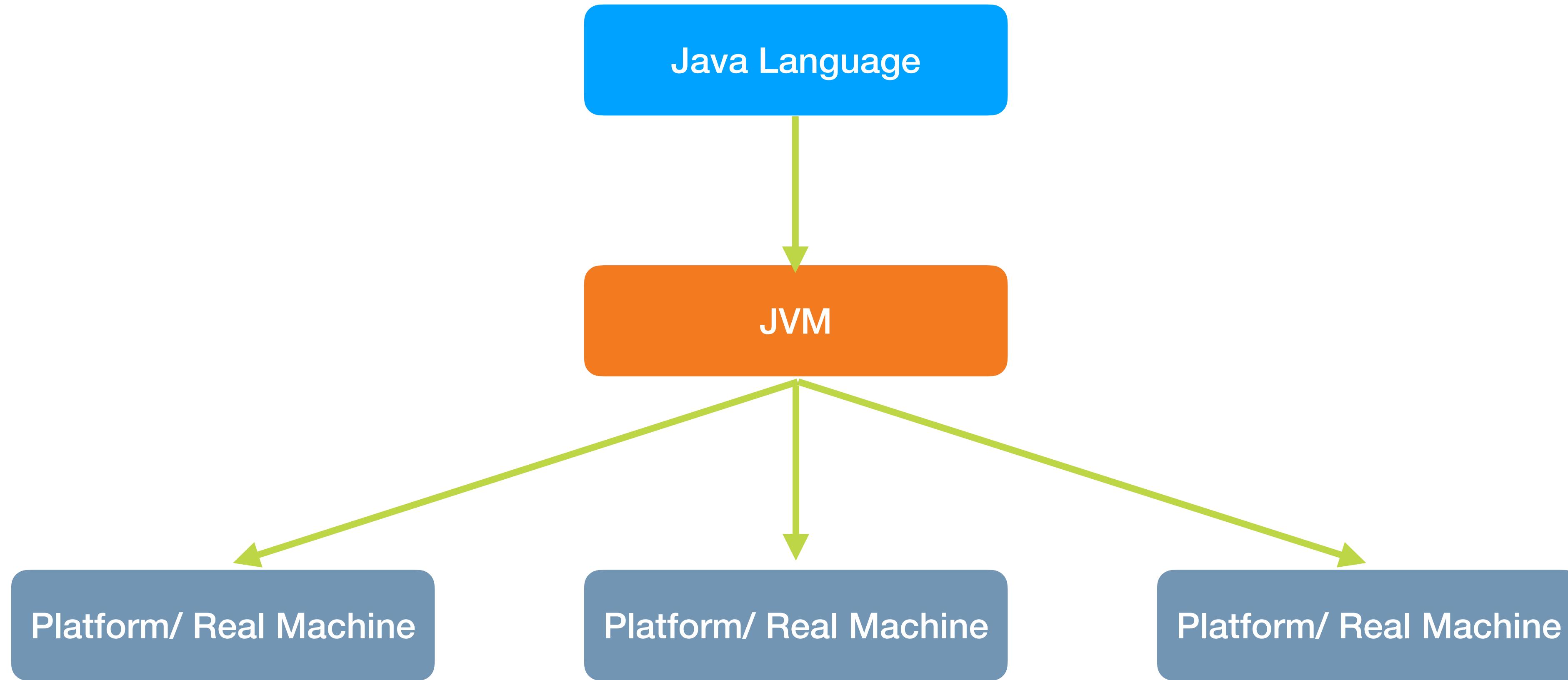
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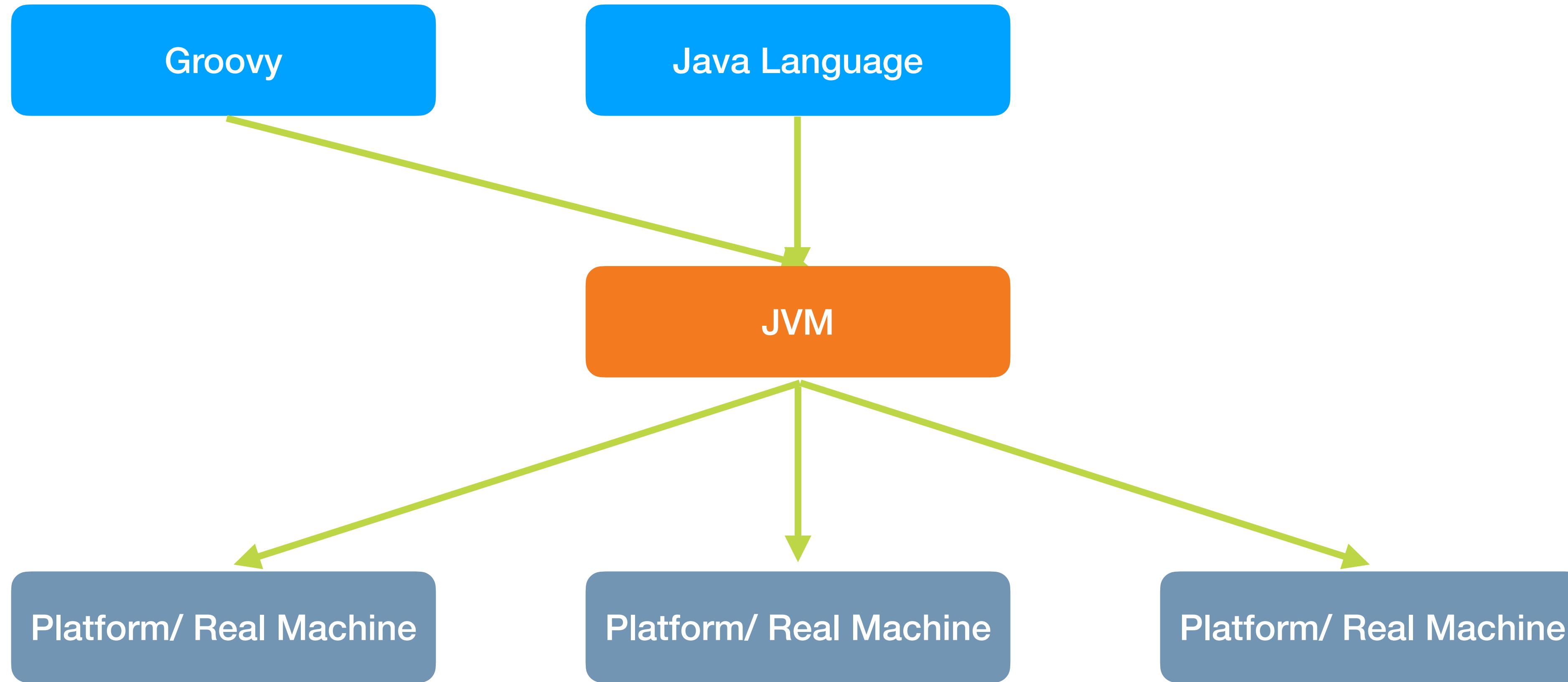
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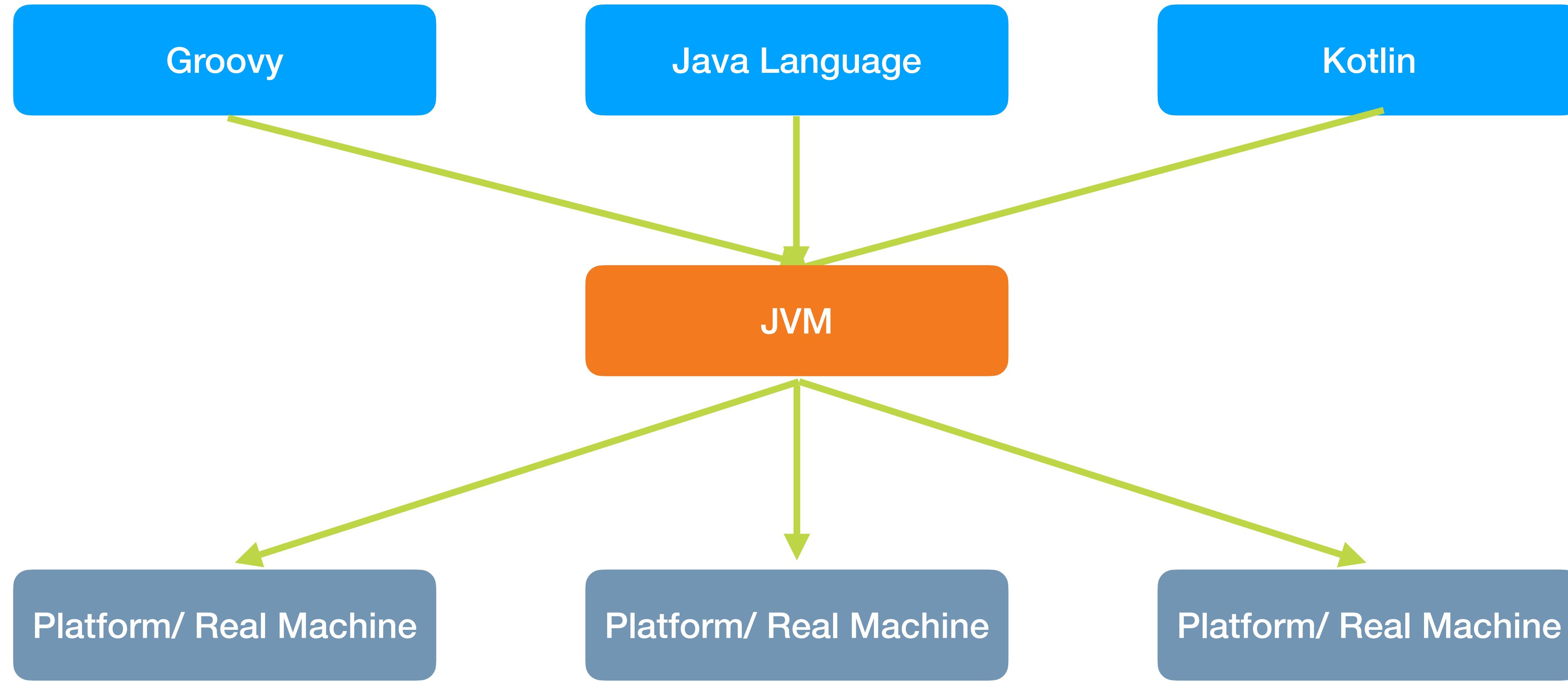
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Most people talk about Java the language, and this may sound odd coming from me, but I could hardly care less. At the core of the Java ecosystem is the JVM.

- James Gosling,  
Creator of the Java Programming Language(2011, TheServerSide)

Joshua Bloch

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for  
Java 9



# Effective Java

Third Edition

*Best practices for*



*...the Java Platform*





<http://groovy-lang.org/>

initial idea was to make a little dynamic language which compiles directly to Java classes and provides all the nice (alleged) productivity benefits

- James Strachan



<https://kotlinlang.org/>

# Why Kotlin?



## Concise

Drastically reduce the amount of boilerplate code.

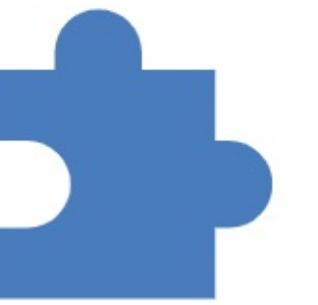
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## Safe

Avoid entire classes of errors such as null pointer exceptions.

[See example](#)



## Interoperable

Leverage existing libraries for the JVM, Android, and the browser.

[See example](#)



## Tool-friendly

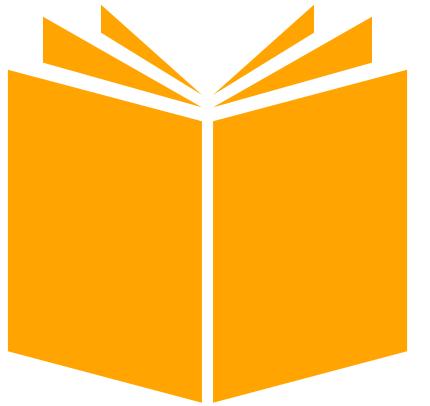
Choose any Java IDE or build from the command line.

[See example](#)

# Know your guides



**Context/ the Problem**



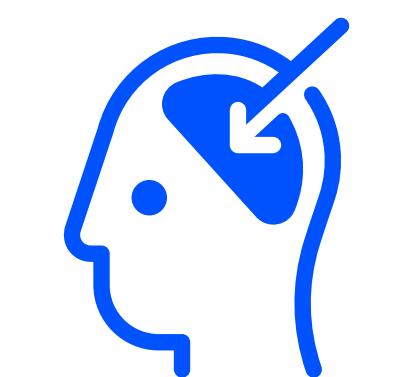
**What does “Effective Java” say?**



**The traps**



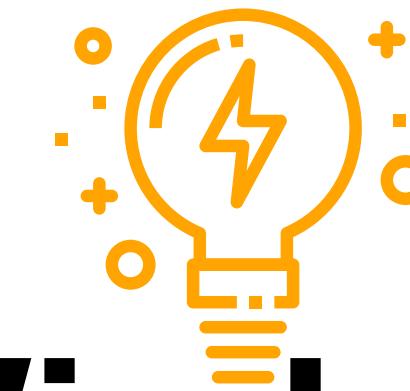
**Idiomatic Solution**



**Lessons Learned**



**Tool**



**Wisdom**



START HERE



```
class Product {  
    String sku  
    String description  
    BigDecimal price  
}
```



```
Product book1 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
Product book2 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
println book1 == book2
```

**false**



```
Product book1 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
Product book2 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
def stock = [:]  
stock[book1] = 100  
println stock[book2]
```

null



`protected Object`

`clone()`

Creates and returns a copy of this object.

`boolean`

`equals(Object obj)`

Indicates whether some other object is "equal" to this one.

`protected void`

`finalize()`

Called by the garbage collector on an object when no more references to the object.

`Class<?>`

`getClass()`

Returns the runtime class of this Object.

`int`

`hashCode()`

Returns a hash code value for the object.



#10: Obey the general contract when overriding equals

#11: Always override hashCode when you override equals



## EqualsBuilder

Assists in implementing `Object.equals(Object)` methods.

## HashCodeBuilder

Assists in implementing `Object.hashCode()` methods.

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {  
    if (obj == null) { return false; }  
    if (obj == this) { return true; }  
    if (obj.getClass() != getClass()) {  
        return false;  
    }  
    MyClass rhs = (MyClass) obj;  
    return new EqualsBuilder()  
        .appendSuper(super.equals(obj))  
        .append(field1, rhs.field1)  
        .append(field2, rhs.field2)  
        .append(field3, rhs.field3)  
        .isEquals();  
}
```





```
class Product {  
    String sku  
    String description  
    BigDecimal price  
}
```

```
class Product {  
    String sku  
    String description  
    BigDecimal price  
    LocalDate dateOfManufacture  
}
```

```
class Product {  
    String sku  
    String description  
    BigDecimal price  
    LocalDate dateOfManufacture  
    LocalDate dateOfExpiry  
}
```



```
@EqualsAndHashCode  
class Product {  
    String sku  
    String description  
    BigDecimal price  
}
```



```
Product book1 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
Product book2 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
println book1 == book2
```

true



```
Product book1 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
Product book2 = new Product(  
    sku: 'P101',  
    description: 'Effective Java',  
    price: 40.0)  
def stock = [:]  
stock[book1] = 100  
println stock[book2]
```



100



```
@EqualsAndHashCode(includes = 'id')
class Product {
    Long id
    String sku
    String description
    BigDecimal price
}
```



```
@EqualsAndHashCode(includes = 'id')  
class Product {  
    Long id  
    String sku  
    String description  
    BigDecimal price  
}
```



```
@EqualsAndHashCode(includes = 'sku')
class Product {
    Long id
    String sku
    String description
    BigDecimal price
}
```

```
class Product(val sku: String, val description: String,  
             val price: BigDecimal)  
  
fun main() {  
    val book1 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"))  
    val book2 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"))  
    println(book1 == book2)  
  
    val stock = mapOf(book1 to 100)  
    println(stock[book2])  
}
```



false  
null

```
data class Product(val sku: String, val description: String, val price:  
BigDecimal)  
  
fun main() {  
    val book1 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"))  
    val book2 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"))  
    println(book1 == book2)  
  
    val stock = mapOf(book1 to 100)  
    println(stock[book2])  
}
```



true  
100

```
data class Product(val sku: String, val description: String,  
    val price: BigDecimal, var id: Long?)  
  
fun main() {  
    val book1 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"), null)  
    val book2 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"), 1L)  
    println(book1 == book2)  
  
    val stock = mapOf(book1 to 100)  
    println(stock[book2])  
}
```

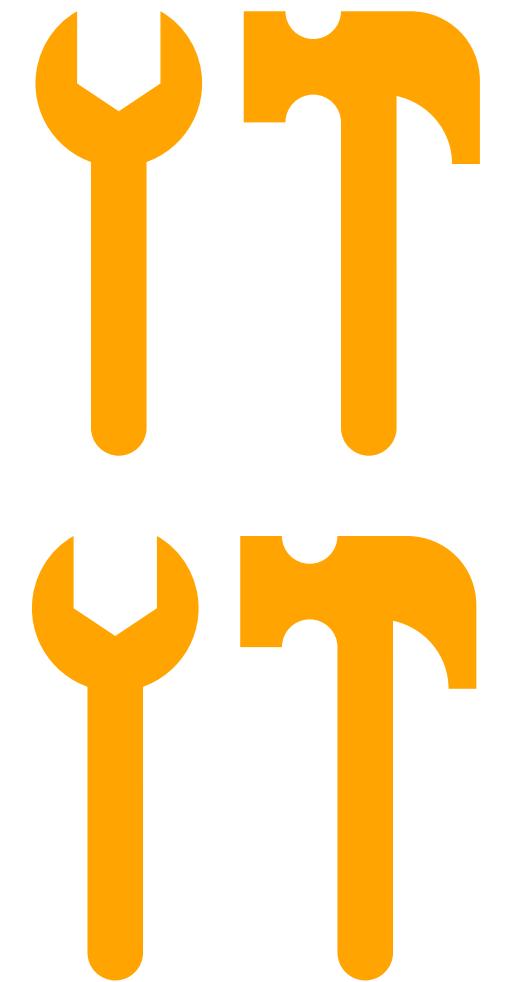


false  
null

```
data class Product(val sku: String, val description: String, val price:  
BigDecimal) {  
    var id: Long? = null  
}  
  
fun main() {  
    val book1 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"))  
    val book2 = Product("P101", "Effective Java", BigDecimal("35.08"))  
    book2.id = 1L  
    println(book1 == book2)  
  
    val stock = mapOf(book1 to 100)  
    println(stock[book2])  
}
```

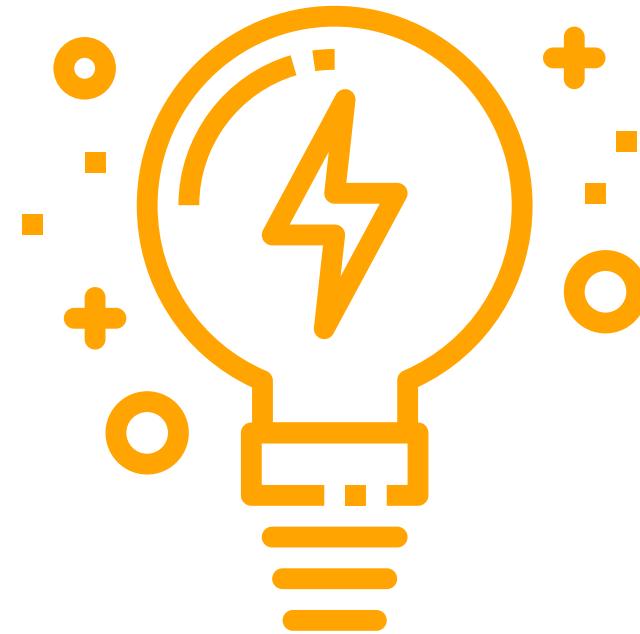


true  
100



## AST Transformation

## Language / Compiler



**Single point of representation  
of any knowledge**







```
List<String> languages = List.of("Java", "Groovy", "Kotlin");
for (int i = 0; i < languages.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(languages.get(i));
}
```

```
for (String language : languages) {
    System.out.println(language);
}
```



#58: Prefer for-each loops to  
traditional for loops



```
numbers.forEach {  
    println(it)  
}
```

10  
20  
30  
40

```
println(numbers.map {  
    it * 2  
})
```

[20, 40, 60, 80]

```
println(numbers.fold(0)  
{ acc, number -> acc + number })
```

100



```
numbers.each { number ->  
    println number  
}
```

10  
20  
30  
40

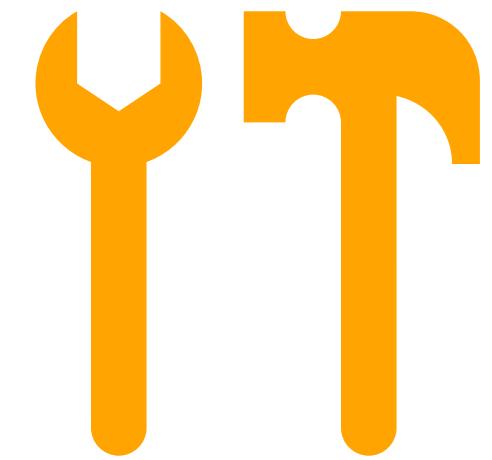
```
println numbers.collect { number ->  
    number * 2  
}
```

[20, 40, 60, 80]

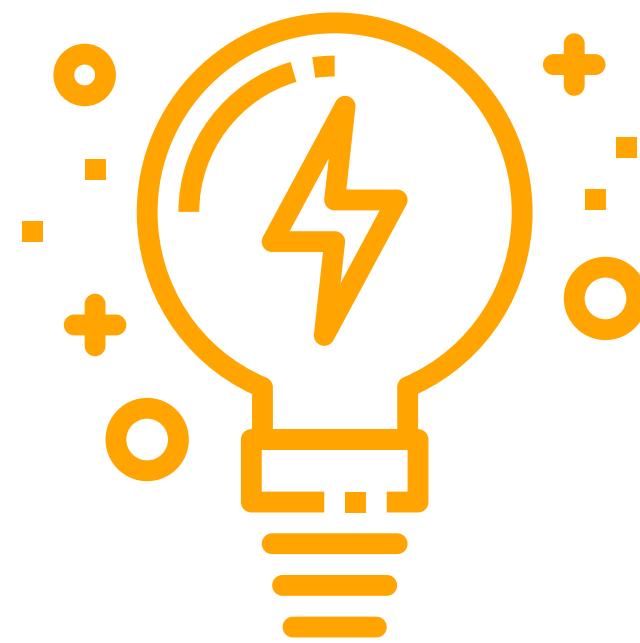
```
println numbers.inject(0,  
    { result, number -> result + number }  
)
```

100





# Closures/ Higher Order Functions



- Favor Internal iterators to external iterators

- Minimise the moving parts





# Million Dollar Effort





## Million Dollar Effort



null check



```
List<Speaker> getSpeakers(String conference) {  
    return null;  
}  
List<Speaker> speakers = getSpeakers("CONF42 JAVA");  
if (speakers != null) {  
    // ...  
}
```



#54: Return empty arrays or collections, not nulls



```
println getSpeakers('CONF42 JAVA')
    .collect { it.firstName }
println getSpeakers('CONF42 JAVA')
    .findAll { it.firstName.length() > 5 }
```



```
println getSpeakers('CONF42 JAVA')
    .collect { it.firstName } // []
println getSpeakers('CONF42 JAVA')
    .findAll { it.firstName.length() > 5 } // []
```



org.codehaus.groovy.runtime  
**Class NullObject**



```
public Iterator iterator()
```

iterator() method to be able to iterate on null. Note: this part is from Invoker

**Returns:**

an iterator for an empty list



```
fun getSpeakers(conference: String): List<Speaker> {  
    return null  
}
```



```
fun getSpeakers(conference: String): List<Speaker> {  
    return null  
}
```

**Null can not be a value of a non-null type List<Speaker>**

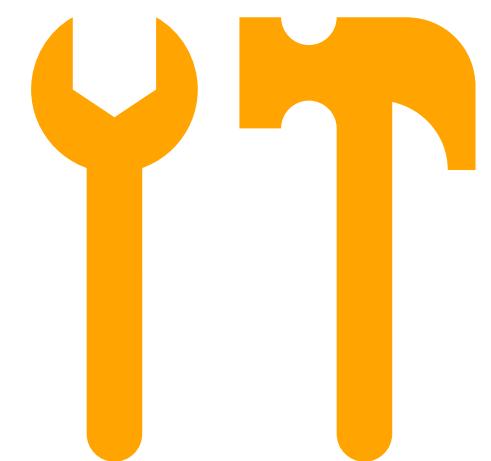


```
fun getSpeakers(conference: String): List<Speaker> {  
    return null  
}
```

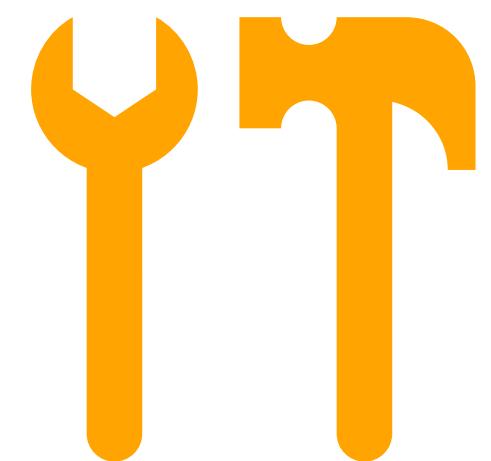
Null can not be a value of a non-null type `List<Speaker>`

```
fun getSpeakers(conference: String): List<Speaker>? {  
    return null  
}
```

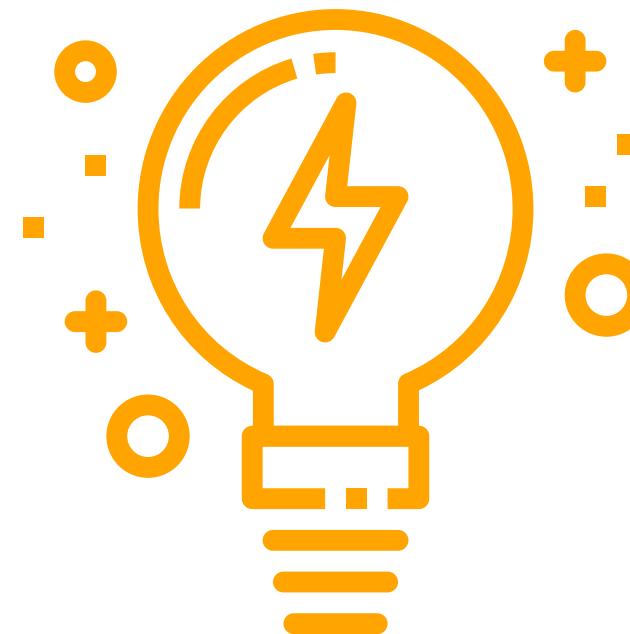




## NullObject Pattern



## Type system



## No boilerplate code - \$\$\$

## Life is too short for null checks!





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## #17: Minimize Mutability



# Rules to make a class immutable

1. Don't provide any mutators
2. Ensure that the class can't be extended
3. Make all fields final
4. Make all fields private
5. Ensure exclusive access to any mutable components



```
class ImmutableListClass{  
    private final def field1  
    private final def field2  
    //...  
    private final def field10  
  
    public ImmutableListClass(f1, f2,... f10){  
        //initialization  
    }  
}
```



```
import groovy.transform.Immutable  
  
@Immutable  
class Rectangle {  
    int length  
    int breadth  
}
```

```
def r = new Rectangle(length: 10, breadth: 5)  
println r // Rectangle(10, 5)
```





```
public final class Rectangle extends java.lang.Object
    implements groovy.lang.GroovyObject {

    private final int length
    private final int breadth

    public Rectangle(int length, int breadth) {
        //
    }

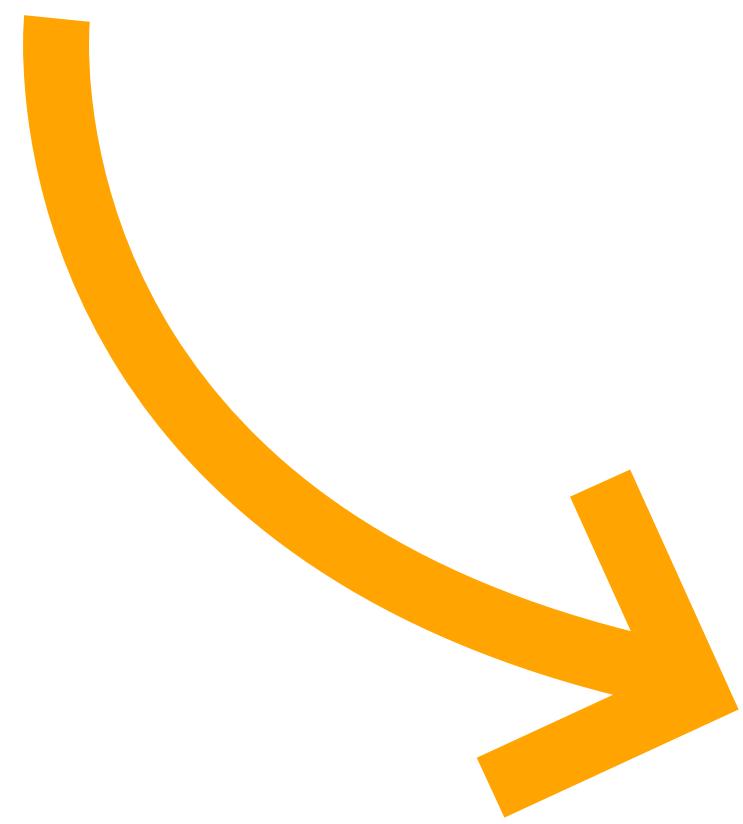
    public Rectangle(java.util.Map args) {
    }

    public Rectangle() {
        this([:] )
    }

}
```

new Rectangle(length: 10, breadth: 5)

```
data class Rectangle(val length: Int, val breadth: Int)
```



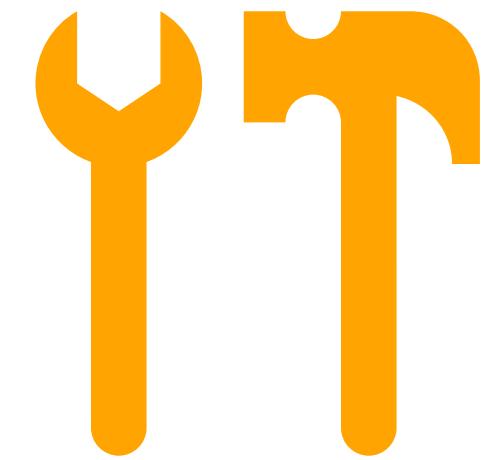
```
public final class Rectangle {  
    private final int length;  
    private final int breadth;  
  
    public final int getLength() {  
        return this.length;  
    }  
  
    public final int getBreadth() {  
        return this.breadth;  
    }  
  
    public Rectangle(int length, int breadth) {  
        this.length = length;  
        this.breadth = breadth;  
    }  
    // more code  
}
```



```
data class Rectangle(val length: Int, val breadth: Int)

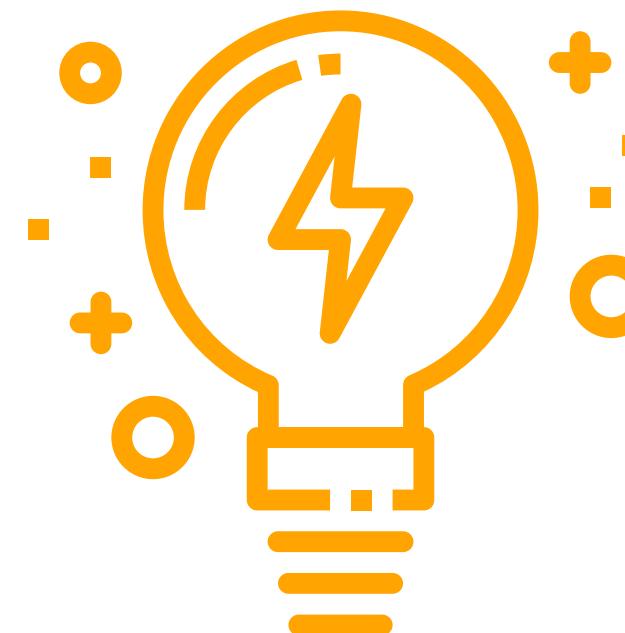
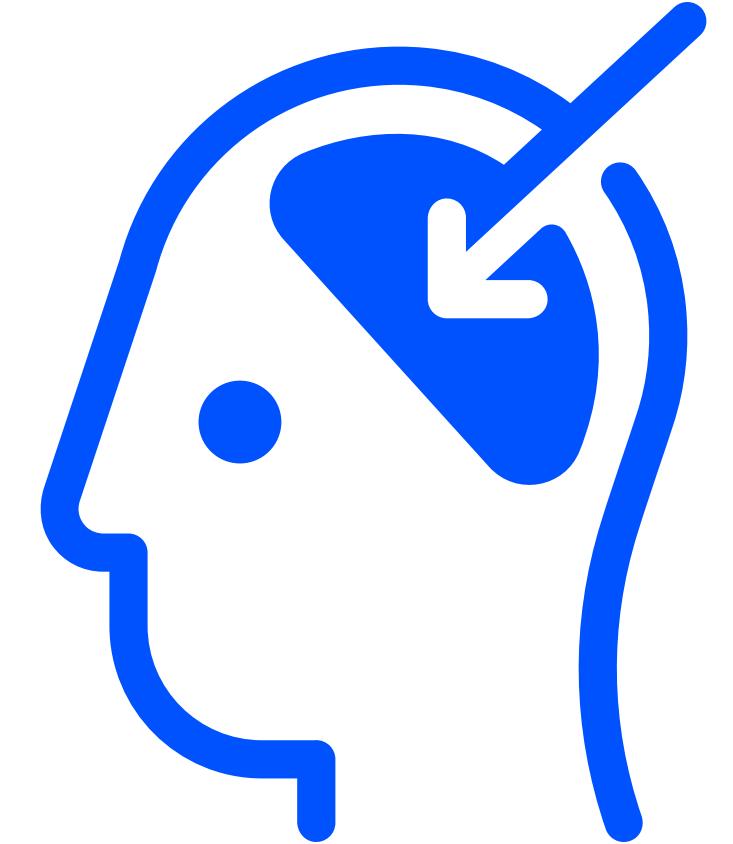
fun main() {
    val rectangle = Rectangle(20, 10)
    val r2 = Rectangle(length = 20, breadth = 10)
}
```

```
public static final void main() {
    Rectangle rectangle = new Rectangle(20, 10);
    Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle(20, 10);
}
```



# AST Transformation

## Syntactic Sugar



## Readability Matters





**#18: Favour composition over inheritance**



```
def ph = ['919812312345', '4512341234', '19252199916']
as PhoneNumbers
println ph.find { it == '19252199916'}
println ph.findAll { it.endsWith('4') }
```



```
def ph = ['919812312345', '4512341234', '19252199916']
as PhoneNumbers
println ph.find { it == '19252199916'}
println ph.findAll { it.endsWith('4') }
println ph.indianNumbers()
```



```
class PhoneNumbers extends ArrayList {  
}
```



```
class PhoneNumbers {  
    private @Delegate List phoneNumbers  
  
    PhoneNumbers(numbers) {  
        phoneNumbers = numbers  
    }  
  
    def indianNumbers() {  
        phoneNumbers.findAll { it.startsWith('91') }  
    }  
}
```



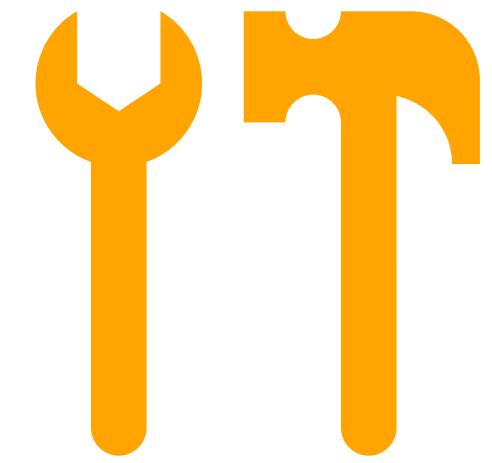
```
class PhoneNumbers(val list: List<String>) :  
    List<String> by list {  
  
    fun indianNumbers(): List<String> {  
        return list.filter { it.startsWith("91") }  
    }  
}
```



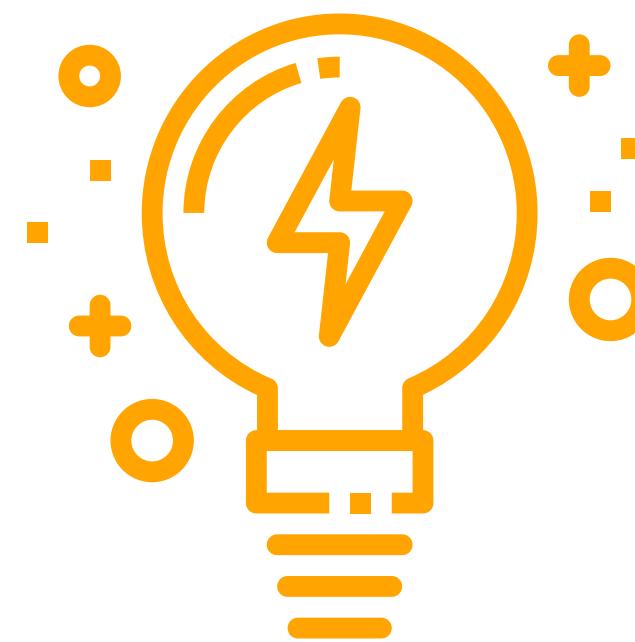
```
trait CanSing {  
    def sing() {  
        println "Singing"  
    }  
}
```

```
trait CanDance {  
    def dance() {  
        println "Dancing"  
    }  
}
```

```
class Person implements CanSing, CanDance {}  
  
Person reema = new Person()  
reema.sing()  
reema.dance()
```



# AST Transformation



## Simplify

# Take Aways



**Some of the ‘Effective Java’ already  
built into the languages**



**Favour compiler generated code to  
IDE generated code**



**Don't fall into the trap of copying the  
Java implementation**



**Programming languages can reduce  
friction to implement good practices**



There could be multiple right  
solutions. Choose what fits your  
context



The way we code is influenced not just by the language we code in, but also by the languages we know.

**Happy Coding. Thank You**

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