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# Testing Ratpack Applications

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Ratpack is a developer friendly and productivity focused web framework. That's quite a claim to make. We'll explore how Ratpack's rich testing facilities strongly support this statement.

## 1. Intro

- Test framework Agnostic (Spock, JUnit, TestNG)
- Core fixtures in Java 8+, first-class Groovy Support available
- Most fixtures implement `java.lang.AutoCloseable`
  - Need to either close yourself or use in `try-with-resources`
  - Provides points of interaction that utilize an execute around pattern in cases where you need the fixture once.

## 2. Hello World

### 2.1. Dependencies

**testing-ratpack-apps.gradle**

```
plugins { ❶
    id 'io.ratpack.ratpack-groovy' version '1.2.0' ❷
}

repositories {
    jcenter()
}

dependencies {
    runtime "org.apache.logging.log4j:log4j-slf4j-impl:${log4j}"
    runtime "org.apache.logging.log4j:log4j-api:${log4j}"
    runtime "org.apache.logging.log4j:log4j-core:${log4j}"
    runtime 'com.lmax:disruptor:3.3.2'

    testCompile ratpack.dependency('groovy-test') ❸
}
```

```
testCompile ('org.spockframework:spock-core:1.0-groovy-2.4') {
    exclude module: "groovy-all"
}

testCompile 'junit:junit:4.12'
testCompile 'org.testng:testng:6.9.10'
}
```

- ❶ Use Gradle's incubating Plugins feature
- ❷ Pull in and apply Ratpack's Gradle plugin from Gradle's Plugin Portal
- ❸ Pull in `'io.ratpack:ratpack-groovy-test'` from Bintray

## 2.2. Hello World Under Test

### ratpack.groovy

```
import static ratpack.groovy.Groovy.ratpack

ratpack {
    handlers {
        get {
            render 'Hello Greach 2016!'
        }
    }
}
```

### MainClassApp

```
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import ratpack.func.Action
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyContext
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyHandler
import ratpack.handling.Chain
import ratpack.server.RatpackServer
import ratpack.server.RatpackServerSpec

@CompileStatic
class MainClassApp {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        RatpackServer.start({ RatpackServerSpec serverSpec -> serverSpec
            .handlers({ Chain chain ->
                chain.get({GroovyContext ctx ->
                    ctx.render 'Hello Greach 2016!'
                } as GroovyHandler)
            } as Action<Chain>)
        })
    }
}
```

```
    } as Action<RatpackServerSpec>)  
  }  
}
```

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## 2.3. Verify

```
$ curl localhost:5050  
Hello Greach 2016!
```

---

## 3. assert true

### 3.1. Spock Hello World

#### HelloWorldSpec.groovy

---

```
import ratpack.groovy.test.GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest  
import ratpack.test.MainClassApplicationUnderTest  
import spock.lang.AutoCleanup  
import spock.lang.Shared  
import spock.lang.Specification  
import spock.lang.Unroll  
  
class HelloWorldSpec extends Specification {  
  
    // tag::GroovyScriptAUT[]  
    @AutoCleanup  
    @Shared  
    GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest groovyScriptApplicationUnderTest = new  
    GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest()  
    // end::GroovyScriptAUT[]  
  
    // tag::MainClassAUT[]  
    @AutoCleanup  
    @Shared  
    MainClassApplicationUnderTest mainClassApplicationUnderTest = new  
    MainClassApplicationUnderTest(MainClassApp)  
    // end::MainClassAUT[]  
  
    @Unroll  
    def 'Should render \'Hello Greach 2016!\' from #type'() {  
        when:  
            def getText = aut.httpClient.getText()  
  
        then:
```

```
getText == 'Hello Greach 2016!'

where:
aut                                     | type
groovyScriptApplicationUnderTest | 'ratpack.groovy'
mainClassApplicationUnderTest    | 'MainClassApp.groovy'
}
}
```

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## 3.2. Junit Test

### HelloJunitTest.groovy

---

```
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import org.junit.Assert
import org.junit.AfterClass
import org.junit.BeforeClass
import org.junit.Test
import ratpack.groovy.test.GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest
import ratpack.test.MainClassApplicationUnderTest
import ratpack.test.http.TestHttpClient

import static org.junit.Assert.assertEquals

@CompileStatic
class HelloJunitTest {

    static GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest groovyScriptApplicationUnderTest
    static MainClassApplicationUnderTest mainClassApplicationUnderTest

    @BeforeClass
    static void setup() {
        groovyScriptApplicationUnderTest = new GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest()
        mainClassApplicationUnderTest = new MainClassApplicationUnderTest(MainClassApp)
    }

    @AfterClass
    static void cleanup() {
        groovyScriptApplicationUnderTest.close()
        mainClassApplicationUnderTest.close()
    }

    @Test
    def void testHelloWorld() {
        [
            groovyScriptApplicationUnderTest,
            mainClassApplicationUnderTest
        ]
    }
}
```

```
] .each { aut ->
    TestHttpClient client = aut.httpClient
    assertEquals('Hello Greach 2016!', client.getText())
}
}
```

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## 4. Unit testing

### 4.1. GroovyRequestFixture

#### Testing Standalone Handlers

##### ImportantHandler.groovy

```
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyContext
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyHandler

@CompileStatic
class ImportantHandler extends GroovyHandler {
    @Override
    protected void handle(GroovyContext context) {
        context.render 'Very important handler'
    }
}
```

---

##### ratpack.groovy

```
import static ratpack.groovy.Groovy.ratpack

ratpack {
    handlers {
        get(new ImportantHandler()) ❶
    }
}
```

---

❶ Bind our `ImportantHandler` to `GET /`

##### Failing test

```
def 'should render \'Very important handler\''() {
    when:
    HandlingResult result = GroovyRequestFixture.handle(new ImportantHandler()) {}
}
```

```
then:
  result.bodyText == 'Very important handler' ❶
}
```

---

❶ Consult the `HandlingResult` for response body

WARN: This test will fail

What happened?

`Context#render(Object)` uses Ratpack's rendering framework. `GroovyRequestFixture` does not actually serialize rendered objects to `Response` of `HandlingResult`. For this test to pass you must either modify the Handler or modify the expectation:

Modify the handler:

### ImportantSendingHandler.groovy

```
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyContext
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyHandler

@CompileStatic
class ImportantSendingHandler extends GroovyHandler {
  @Override
  protected void handle(GroovyContext context) {
    context.response.send('Very important handler')
  }
}
```

---

Modify the expectation:

### ImportantHandlerUnitSpec.groovy

```
def 'should render \'Very important handler\''() {
  when:
    HandlingResult result = GroovyRequestFixture.handle(new ImportantHandler()) {}

  then:
    String rendered = result.rendered(String) ❶
    rendered == 'Very important handler'
}
```

---

- 1 Retrieve the rendered object by type from `HandlingResult`

Everyday use:

## Modify request attributes

### HeaderExtractionHandler.groovy

```
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyContext
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyHandler

@CompileStatic
class HeaderExtractionHandler extends GroovyHandler {
    @Override
    protected void handle(GroovyContext context) {
        String specialHeader = context.request.headers.get('special') ?: 'not
special' ❶
        context.render "Special header: $specialHeader"
    }
}
```

- 1 Extract HTTP header and render a response to client

### HeaderExtractionHandlingSpec.groovy

```
import ratpack.test.handling.HandlingResult
import spock.lang.Specification
import ratpack.groovy.test.handling.GroovyRequestFixture
import spock.lang.Unroll

class HeaderExtractionHandlingSpec extends Specification {

    @Unroll
    def 'should render #expectedValue with special header value'() {
        when:
            HandlingResult result = GroovyRequestFixture
                .handle(new HeaderExtractionHandler(), requestFixture)

        then:
            def rendered = result.rendered(CharSequence)
            rendered == "Special header: $expectedValue"

        where:
            expectedValue | requestFixture
            'greach2016' | { header('special', 'greach2016') } ❶
            'not special' | {}
    }
}
```

```
}
}
```

- ❶ You can get a chance to configure the properties of the request to be made, can configure HTTP method, headers, request body, etc.

## Modify and make assertions against context registry:

### ProfileLoadingHandler.groovy

```
import groovy.transform.Canonical
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyContext
import ratpack.groovy.handling.GroovyHandler
import ratpack.registry.Registry

@CompileStatic
class ProfileLoadingHandler extends GroovyHandler {
    @Override
    protected void handle(GroovyContext context) {
        String role = context.request.headers.get('role') ?: 'guest' ❶
        String secretToken = context.get(String) ❷
        context.next(Registry.single(new Profile(role: role, token: secretToken))) ❸
    }
}

@Canonical
class Profile {
    String role
    String token
}
```

- ❶ Extract role from request header, defaulting to 'guest'
- ❷ Extract a String from the context registry
- ❸ Delegate to the next Handler in the chain and pass a new single Registry with a newly constructed Profile object

We can make use of `RequestFixture` to populate the Registry with any entries our stand-alone Handler may be expecting, such as a token in the form of a String.

### ProfileLoadingHandlingSpec.groovy

```
def 'handler should populate context registry with Profile'() {
    when:
```



```

HandlingResult result = GroovyRequestFixture.handle(new ProfileLoadingHandler())
{
    header('role', 'admin') ❶
    registry { add(String, 'secret-token') } ❷
}

then:
result.registry.get(Profile) == new Profile('admin', 'secret-token') ❸
}

```

- ❶ Use `RequestFixture#header` to add Headers to the HTTP Request
- ❷ Use `RequestFixture#registry` to add a `String` to the Context registry
- ❸ Consult the `HandlingResponse` to ensure that the context was populated with a `Profile` object and that it meets our expectations

Let's put our `ProfileLoadingHandler` in a chain with a dummy Map renderer:

### ProfileLoadingHandlingSpec.groovy

```

def 'should be able to render Profile as map from Registry'() {
    when:

    HandlingResult result = GroovyRequestFixture.handle(new GroovyChainAction() { ❶
        @Override
        void execute() throws Exception {
            all(new ProfileLoadingHandler()) ❷
            get { ❸
                Profile profile = get(Profile)
                render([profile: [role: profile.role, token: profile.token]])
            }
        }
    }) {
        header('role', 'admin')
        registry { add(String, 'secret-token') }
    }

    then:
    result.rendered(Map) == [profile: [role: 'admin', 'token': 'secret-token']] ❹
}

```

## 5. GroovyEmbeddedApp

`GroovyEmbeddedApp` represents an isolated subset of functionality that stands up a full Ratpack server.

It represents a very bare server that binds to an ephemeral port and has no base directory by default. `GroovyEmbeddedApp` is also `AutoCloseable`. If you plan on making more than a few interactions it may help to grab a `TestHttpClient` from the server, otherwise you can make use of `EmbeddedApp#test(TestHttpClient)` which will ensure that the `EmbeddedApp` is shut down gracefully. Javadocs for Ratpack are 100% tested and make use of `EmbeddedApp` to demonstrate functionality.

The `EmbeddedApp` is also useful in creating a test fixture that represents some network based resource that returns canned or contrived responses.

### EmbeddedAppSpec

---

```
def 'can create simple hello world'() {
    expect:
    GroovyEmbeddedApp.fromHandler { ❶
        render 'Hello Greach 2016!'
    } test {
        assert getText() == 'Hello Greach 2016!' ❷
    }
}
```

- ❶ Creates a full Ratpack server with a single handler
- ❷ Ratpack provides us with a `TestHttpClient` that is configured to submit requests to `EmbeddedApp`. When the closure is finished executing Ratpack will take care of cleaning up the `EmbeddedApp`.

## 6. TestHttpClient

For testing, Ratpack provides `TestHttpClient` which is a blocking, synchronous http client for making requests against a running `ApplicationUnderTest`. This is intentionally designed in order to make testing deterministic and predictable.

### EmbeddedAppSpec

---

```
def 'demonstrate ByMethodSpec'() {
    given:
    GroovyEmbeddedApp app = GroovyEmbeddedApp.fromHandlers { ❶
        path {
            byMethod {
                get {
                    render 'GET'
                }
                post {
```

```

        render 'POST'
      }
    }
  }
}

and:

TestHttpClient client = app.httpClient ❷

expect: ❸
client.getText() == 'GET'
client.postText() == 'POST'

client.put().status.code == 405
client.delete().status.code == 405

cleanup: ❹
app.close()
}

```

- ❶ Create `GroovyEmbeddedApp` from a chain
- ❷ Retrieve a configured `TestHttpClient` for making requests against the `EmbeddedApp`
- ❸ Make some assertions about the application as described by the chain
- ❹ Have Spock invoke `EmbeddedApp#close` to gracefully shutdown the server.

The `TestHttpClient` has some basic support for manipulating request configuration as well as handling redirects and cookies.

## EmbeddedAppSpec

```

def 'should handle redirects and cookies'() {
  expect:
  GroovyEmbeddedApp.fromHandlers { ❶
    get {
      render request.oneCookie('foo') ?: 'empty'
    }
    get('set') {
      response.cookie('foo', 'foo')
      redirect '/'
    }
    get('clear') {
      response.expireCookie('foo')
      redirect '/'
    }
  }
}

```

```
} test {  
    assert getText() == 'empty' ❷  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.name() == []  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.value() == []  
  
    assert getText('set') == 'foo'  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.name() == ['foo']  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.value() == ['foo']  
  
    assert getText() == 'foo'  
  
    assert getText('clear') == 'empty'  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.name() == []  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.value() == []  
  
    assert getText() == 'empty'  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.name() == []  
    assert get_cookies('/')*.value() == []  
}  
}
```

- ❶ Create sample app that reads and writes cookies
- ❷ Issue requests that ensures cookie setting/expiration and redirect functionality

## 7. Async Testing

Ratpack is asynchronous and non-blocking from the ground up. This means that not only is Ratpack's api asynchronous but it expects that your code should be asynchronous as well.

Let's say we have a `ProfileService` that's responsible for retrieving 'Profile's:

### ProfileService.groovy

---

```
import groovy.transform.Canonical  
import ratpack.exec.Operation  
import ratpack.exec.Promise  
  
class ProfileService {  
    final List<Profile> profiles = []  
    Promise<List<Profile>> getProfiles() {  
        Promise.value(profiles)  
    }  
  
    Operation add(Profile p) {  
        profiles.add(p)  
        Operation.noop()  
    }  
}
```

```
}

Operation delete() {
    profiles.clear()
    Operation.noop()
}
}

@Canonical
class Profile {
    String role
    String token
}
```

If you were to test this Service without any assistance from Ratpack you will run into the well known `UnmanagedThreadException`:

```
ratpack.exec.UnmanagedThreadException: Operation attempted on non Ratpack managed
thread
```

## 7.1. ExecHarness

`ExecHarness` is the utility that Ratpack provides to test any kind of asynchronous behavior. Unsurprisingly `ExecHarness` is also an `AutoCloseable`. It utilizes resources that manage an `EventLoopGroup` and an `ExecutorService` so it's important to make sure these resources get properly cleaned up.

### ProfileServiceExec.groovy

```
import ratpack.exec.ExecResult
import ratpack.exec.Promise
import ratpack.test.exec.ExecHarness
import spock.lang.AutoCleanup
import spock.lang.Specification

class ProfileServiceSpec extends Specification {

    @AutoCleanup
    ExecHarness execHarness = ExecHarness.harness() ❶

    def 'can add/retrieve/remove profiles from service'() {
        given:
            ProfileService service = new ProfileService()

        when:
```

```
    ExecResult<Promise<List<Profile>>> result = execHarness.yield
    { service.profiles } ❷

    then:
    result.value == []

    when:
    execHarness.yield { service.add(new Profile(role: 'admin', token: 'secret')) }
    and:
    List<Profile> profiles = execHarness.yield { service.profiles }.value

    then: profiles == [new Profile(role: 'admin', token: 'secret')]

    when:
    execHarness.yield { service.delete() }

    then:
    execHarness.yield { service.profiles }.value == []

  }
}
```

- ❶ Create an `ExecHarness` and tell Spock to clean up when we are finished
- ❷ Use `ExecHarness#yield` to wrap all of our service calls so that our Promises and Operations can be resolved on a Ratpack managed thread.

## 8. Functional testing

### 8.1. MainClassApplicationUnderTest

#### GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest

For testing `ratpack.groovy` backed applications

```
@AutoCleanup
@Shared
GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest groovyScriptApplicationunderTest = new
GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest()
```

#### MainClassApplicationUnderTest

For testing class backed applications

```
@AutoCleanup
```

```
@Shared
```

```
MainClassApplicationUnderTest mainClassApplicationUnderTest = new  
MainClassApplicationUnderTest(MainClassApp)
```

---

Our sample Ratpack application for testing:

### ratpack.groovy

---

```
import static ratpack.groovy.Groovy.ratpack  
  
ratpack {  
  serverConfig {  
    sysProps() ❶  
    require('/api', ApiConfig) ❷  
  }  
  bindings {  
    bind(ConfService) ❸  
  }  
  handlers {  
    get { ConfService confService ->  
      confService.conferences.map { ❹  
        "Here are the best conferences: $it"  
      } then(context.&render)  
    }  
  }  
}
```

- ❶ Pull configuration from System properties
- ❷ Create an ApiConfig object and put into the registry
- ❸ Bind ConfService using Guice
- ❹ Use ConfService to retrieve list of awesome Groovy Conferences

### ApiConfig.groovy

---

```
class ApiConfig {  
  String url  
}
```

---

Simple object to contain our configuration data related to an API

### ConfService

---

```
import com.google.inject.Inject  
import ratpack.exec.Promise  
import ratpack.http.client.HttpClient
```

```
class ConfService {  
    final HttpClient httpClient  
    final ApiConfig apiConfig  
  
    @Inject  
    ConfService(ApiConfig apiConfig, HttpClient httpClient) { ❶  
        this.apiConfig = apiConfig  
        this.httpClient = httpClient  
    }  
  
    Promise<List<String>> getConferences() { ❷  
        httpClient.get(new URI(apiConfig.url))  
            .map { it.body }  
            .map { it.text.split(',').collect { it } }  
    }  
}
```

- ❶ Receive `ApiConfig` and `HttpClient` from Guice
- ❷ Define an asynchronous service method to retrieve data from remote service

## 8.2. Configuration

We can take advantage of system properties to change how the Ratpack application configures its services.

### FunctionalSpec.groovy

```
import ratpack.groovy.test.GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest  
import ratpack.groovy.test.embed.GroovyEmbeddedApp  
import ratpack.test.ApplicationUnderTest  
import ratpack.test.http.TestHttpClient  
import spock.lang.AutoCleanup  
import spock.lang.Shared  
import spock.lang.Specification  
  
class FunctionalSpec extends Specification {  
  
    @Shared  
    @AutoCleanup  
    ApplicationUnderTest aut = new GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest() ❶  
  
    @Delegate  
    TestHttpClient client = aut.httpClient ❷
```



```

@Shared
@AutoCleanup
GroovyEmbeddedApp api = GroovyEmbeddedApp.fromHandler { ❸
    render 'Greach, GR8conf, Gradle Conf'
}

def setup() {
    System.setProperty('ratpack.api.url', api.address.toURL().toString()) ❹
}

def 'can get best conferences'() { ❺
    when:
    get()

    then:
    response.statusCode == 200

    and:
    response.body.text.contains('Greach')
}

```

- ❶ Create our `ApplicationUnderTest` and tell Spock to clean up when we're done
- ❷ Retrieve `TestHttpClient` and make use of `@Delegate` to make tests very readable
- ❸ Create a simple service that response with a comma separated list of Groovy Conferences
- ❹ Set system property to point to our stubbed service
- ❺ Write a simple test to assure that our Ratpack app can make a successful call to the remote api

## 8.3. Impositions

`Impositions` allow a user to provide overrides to various aspects of the Ratpack application bootstrap phase.

- `ServerConfigImposition` allows to override server configuration
- `BindingsImposition` allows to provide Guice binding overrides
- `UserRegistryImposition` allows you to provide alternatives for items in the registry

### ImpositionSpec

```
import ratpack.exec.Promise
```

```
import ratpack.groovy.test.GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest
import ratpack.impose.UserRegistryImposition
import ratpack.impose.ImpositionsSpec
import ratpack.test.ApplicationUnderTest
import ratpack.test.http.TestHttpClient
import spock.lang.AutoCleanup
import spock.lang.Shared
import spock.lang.Specification
import ratpack.guice.Guice

class ImpositionSpec extends Specification {

    @Shared
    @AutoCleanup
    ApplicationUnderTest aut = new GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest() {
        @Override
        protected void addImpositions(ImpositionsSpec impositions) { ❶
            impositions.add(
                UserRegistryImposition.of(Guice.registry {
                    it.add(new ConfService(null, null) {
                        Promise<List<String>> getConferences() {
                            Promise.value(['Greach'])
                        }
                    })
                })
            )
        }
    }

    @Delegate
    TestHttpClient client = aut.httpClient

    def 'can get list of gr8 conferences'() {
        when:
            get()

        then:
            response.statusCode == 200

        and:
            response.body.text.contains('Greach')
    }
}
```

- ❶ Override `addImpositions` method to provide a `UserRegistryImposition` that supplies our own dumb implementation of `ConfService` that does not need to make any network connections

## 8.4. RemoteControl

Authored by Luke Daley; originally for Grails

Used to serialize commands to be executed on the `ApplicationUnderTest`

### build.gradle

```
testCompile ratpack.dependency('remote-test')
```

Here we add a test compile dependency on `io.ratpack:ratpack-remote-test` which includes a dependency on `remote-control`

### RemoteControlSpec.groovy

```
import io.remotecontrol.client.UnserializableResultStrategy
import ratpack.groovy.test.GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest
import ratpack.guice.BindingsImposition
import ratpack.impose.ImpositionsSpec
import ratpack.remote.RemoteControl
import ratpack.test.ApplicationUnderTest
import ratpack.test.http.TestHttpClient
import spock.lang.AutoCleanup
import spock.lang.Shared
import spock.lang.Specification

class RemoteControlSpec extends Specification {

    @Shared
    @AutoCleanup
    ApplicationUnderTest aut = new GroovyRatpackMainApplicationUnderTest() {
        @Override
        protected void addImpositions(ImpositionsSpec impositions) {
            impositions.add(BindingsImposition.of {
                it.bindInstance RemoteControl.handlerDecorator() ❶
            })
        }
    }

    @Delegate
    TestHttpClient client = aut.httpClient

    ratpack.test.remote.RemoteControl remoteControl = new
    ratpack.test.remote.RemoteControl(aut, UnserializableResultStrategy.NULL) ❷
```

```
def 'should render profiles'() {  
  when:  
    get()  
  
  then:  
    response.body.text == '[]'  
  
  when:  
    remoteControl.exec { ❸  
      get(ProfileService)  
      .add(new Profile('admin'))  
    }  
  
  and:  
    get()  
  
  then:  
    response.body.text.startsWith('[{')  
}  
}
```

- ❶ We use `BindingsImposition` here to add a hook into the running `ApplicationUnderTest` that allows us to run remote code on the server
- ❷ We tell `RemoteControl` not to complain if the result of the command is not `Serializable`
- ❸ We use remote control here to grab the `ProfileService` and manually add a profile

## 8.5. EphemeralBaseDir

A utility that provides a nice way to interact with files that would provide the basis of a base directory for Ratpack applications. It is also an `AutoCloseable` so you'll need to make sure to clean up after use.

### EphemeralSpec.groovy

---

```
import ratpack.groovy.test.embed.GroovyEmbeddedApp  
import ratpack.test.embed.EphemeralBaseDir  
import spock.lang.Specification  
  
import java.nio.file.Path  
  
class EphemeralSpec extends Specification {  
  def 'can supply ephemeral basedir'() {  
    expect:  
    EphemeralBaseDir.tmpDir().use { baseDir ->  
      baseDir.write("mydir/.ratpack", "")  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
baseDir.write("mydir/assets/message.txt", "Hello Ratpack!")
Path mydir = baseDir.getRoot().resolve("mydir")

ClassLoader classLoader = new URLClassLoader((URL[])
[mydir.toUri().toURL()].toArray())
Thread.currentThread().setContextClassLoader(classLoader);

GroovyEmbeddedApp.of { serverSpec ->
    serverSpec
        .serverConfig { c -> c.baseDir(mydir) }
        .handlers { chain ->
            chain.files { f -> f.dir("assets") }
        }
    }.test {
        String message = getText("message.txt")
        assert "Hello Ratpack!" == message
    }
}
```

## 9. Resources

- (book) O'Reilly: Learning Ratpack by Dan Woods<sup>1</sup>
- (javadocs) Ratpack Test<sup>2</sup>
- (javadocs) Ratpack Groovy Test<sup>3</sup>
- (javadocs) Ratpack Remote<sup>4</sup>
- (javadocs) Ratpack Remote Test<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920037545.do>

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