





# Why use Groovy in 2024?

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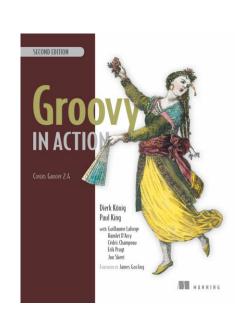
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## Why use Groovy in 2024?

- Extension methods
  - Improved out-of-the-box experience
- Operator overloading
  - Succinct code
- AST transforms
  - Reduced boilerplate and free design patterns
- Weaker/Stronger typing
- Better:
  - OO features, functional features, Scripting, non-stream aggregate processing

#### **Extension methods**

- Conceptually extend a class with new methods
  - Instead of using a utility class like StringUtils

```
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• The most common functionality, like capitalize, is built-in

#### **Extension methods**: almost 2000 across ~150 classes:

boolean[] byte[] char[] double double[] double[][] float float[] groovy.lang.Closure groovy.lang.GString groovy.lang.GroovyObject groovy.lang.ListWithDefault groovy.lang.MetaClass groovy.sql.GroovyResultSet int[] int[][] iava.awt.Container iava.io.BufferedReader iava.io.BufferedWriter iava.io.Closeable java.io.DataInputStream iava.io.File java.io.InputStream java.io.ObjectInputStream java.io.ObjectOutputStream java.io.OutputStream iava.io.PrintStream iava.io.PrintWriter iava.io.Reader iava.io.Writer java.lang.Appendable java.lang.AutoCloseable java.lang.Boolean iava.lang.Byte[] java.lang.CharSequence java.lang.Character java.lang.Class

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java.util.concurrent.Future

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## **Primitive array extension methods**

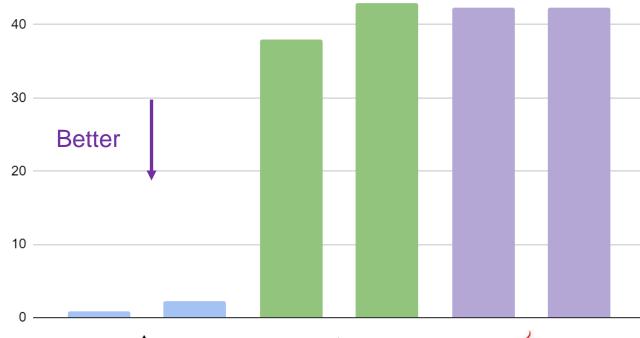
```
class ArrayMax {
    private static IntComparator maxAbs
        = (i, j) -> i.abs() <=> j.abs()
    static int max(int[] nums) { nums.max() }
    static int maxAbs(int[] nums) { nums.max(maxAbs) }
            class StreamsMax {
                private static Comparator<Integer> maxAbs =
                    Comparator.<Integer>comparingInt(Math::abs)
                static int max(int[] nums) {
                    nums.intStream().max().getAsInt()
                static int maxAbs(int[] nums) {
                    nums.stream().max(maxAbs).get()
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    static int maxAbs(int

                                    = Comparator.comparingInt(Math::abs);
                                public static int max(int[] nums) {
             class Streams
                                    return Arrays.stream(nums).max().getAsInt();
                 private si
                      Compa
                                public static int maxAbs(int[] nums) {
                                    return Arrays.stream(nums).boxed().max(comparator).get();
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                      nums.
                  static int maxAbs(int[] nums) {
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```

## **Primitive array extension methods**



int[] numbers = {10, 20, 15, 30, 5};







| 1 | Benchmark                               | Mode | Cnt | Score  | Units |
|---|---|------|-----|--------|-------|
| 1 | ArrayStreamsBenchmark.arrayMax          | avgt | 10  | 0.779  | ns/op |
|   | ArrayStreamsBenchmark.arrayMaxAbs       | avgt | 10  | 2.302  | ns/op |
| 1 | ArrayStreamsBenchmark.streamsMax        | avgt | 10  | 38.024 | ns/op |
| 1 | ArrayStreamsBenchmark.streamsMaxAbs     | avgt | 10  | 43.100 | ns/op |
|   | ArrayStreamsBenchmark.javaStreamsMax    | avgt | 10  | 42.262 | ns/op |
|   | ArrayStreamsBenchmark.javaStreamsMaxAbs | avgt | 10  | 42.346 | ns/op |

#### **Extension methods**

- For dynamic and static modes
  - Conventions allow IDE discovery

```
class FileExtensionMethods {
    static int getWordCount(File self) {
        self.text.split(/\w+/).size()
    }
}
```

```
file.getWordCount()
file.wordCount
```

| Operator   | Method                   | Operator        | Method                             |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| +          | a.plus(b)                | a[b]            | a.getAt(b)                         |
| -          | a.minus(b)               | a[b] = c        | a.putAt(b, c)                      |
| *          | <pre>a.multiply(b)</pre> | a in b          | b.isCase(a)                        |
| /          | a.div(b)                 | <b>&lt;&lt;</b> | <pre>a.leftShift(b)</pre>          |
| %          | a.mod(b)                 | <b>&gt;&gt;</b> | <pre>a.rightShift(b)</pre>         |
| <b>/</b> 0 | a.remainder(b)           | >>>             | <pre>a.rightShiftUnsigned(b)</pre> |
| **         | a.power(b)               | ==>             | <pre>a.implies(b)</pre>            |
| ==         | a.equals(b)              | <=>             | a.compareTo(b)                     |
|            | a.or(b)                  | ++              | a.next()                           |
| &          | a.and(b)                 | <del>-</del> -  | a.previous()                       |
| ۸          | a.xor(b)                 | +a              | <pre>a.positive()</pre>            |
| as         | a.asType(b)              | -a              | a.negative()                       |
| a()        | a.call()                 | ~a              | <pre>a.bitwiseNegate()</pre>       |

#### BigInteger

```
assertEquals(BigInteger.valueOf(21),
BigInteger.valueOf(12).add(BigInteger.valueOf(9)));
```



assert 21G == 12G + 9G



#### **Matrices**

org.apache.commons:commons-math3:3.6.1

assertEquals(m3, m1.multiply(m2.power(2)));



assert m3 == m1 \* m2 \*\* 2



#### OperatorRename in Groovy 5

```
@OperatorRename(plus='add', multiply='scalarMultiply')
def testMatrixOperations() {
    double[][] d = [ [1d, 0d], [0d, 1d] ]
    var m = MatrixUtils.createRealMatrix(d)
    assert m.add(m) == m.scalarMultiply(2) // methods unchanged
    assert m + m == m * 2 // additional operator mappings
}
```

```
jshell> import org.apache.commons.math3.linear.MatrixUtils
jshell> double[][] d1 = { {10d, 0d}, {0d, 10d}}
d1 ==> double[2][] { double[2] { 10.0, 0.0 }, double[2] { 0.0, 10.0 } }
jshell> var m1 = MatrixUtils.createRealMatrix(d1)
m1 ==> Array2DRowRealMatrix{{10.0,0.0},{0.0,10.0}}
jshell > double[][] d2 = { {-1d, 1d}, {1d, -1d}}
d2 ==> double[2][] { double[2] { -1.0, 1.0 }, double[2] { 1.0, -1.0 } }
jshell> var m2 = MatrixUtils.createRealMatrix(d2)
m2 ==> Array2DRowRealMatrix{{-1.0,1.0},{1.0,-1.0}}
jshell> System.out.println(m1.multiply(m2.power(2)))
Array2DRowRealMatrix{{20.0,-20.0},{-20.0,20.0}}
```

# (plus other features)

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jshell> var m1 = MatrixUtils.createR
                                                        [0d, 10d]]
m1 ==> Array2DRowRealMatrix{{10.0,0.0
                                          3 Matrix m2 = [[-1d, 1d],
                                                       [1d, -1d]]
jshell> double[][] d2 = { {-1d, 1d},
                                          6 m1 * m2 ** 2
d2 ==> double[2][] { double[2] { -1.}}
jshell> var m2 = MatrixUtils.createR
m2 ==> Array2DRowRealMatrix{{-1.0,1.
jshell> System.out.println(m1.multip Execution complete. Elapsed time: 370ms.
                                                                        2:21
Array2DRowRealMatrix{{20.0,-20.0},{-20.0,20.0}}
```

## Other dynamic features: Adding methods at runtime

```
File.metaClass.getWordCount = {
    delegate.text.split(/\w+/).size()
}

String.metaClass.getResource = {
    new File(getClass().classLoader.getResource(delegate).toURI())
}

assert 'magna_carta_latin.txt'.resource.wordCount == 3771
assert 'magna_carta_en.txt'.resource.wordCount == 4740
```

## Other dynamic features: Lifecycle hooks

```
class Foo {
    def methodMissing(String name, args) {
        "You called $name(${args.join(', ')})"
var foo = new Foo()
assert foo.unknown() == 'You called unknown()'
assert foo.divide(0) == 'You called divide(0)'
assert foo.add(1, 2) == 'You called add(1, 2)'
```

## Other dynamic features: Dangling closure builder pattern

```
def writer = new StringWriter()
def pom = new MarkupBuilder(writer)
pom.project {
   modelVersion('4.0.0')
    groupId('org.apache.groovy')
    artifactId('groovy-examples')
    version('1.0-SNAPSHOT')
assert writer.toString() == '''\
ct>
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
  <groupId>org.apache.groovy</groupId>
  <artifactId>groovy-examples</artifactId>
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
</project>'''
```

#### **AST Transformations**

```
@Immutable(copyWith = true)
@Sortable(excludes = 'authors')
@AutoExternalize
class Book {
    @IndexedProperty
    List<String> authors
    String title
    Date publicationDate
```

## **AST Transformations**

```
// imports not shown
                                                                                  public Book() -
public class Book {
                                                                                      this (new HashMap());
   private String $to$string;
   private int $hash$code;
                                                                                   public int compareTo(Book other) {
   private final List<String> authors;
   private final String title;
                                                                                         return 0:
   private final Date publicationDate;
   private static final java.util.Comparator this$TitleComparator;
                                                                                       Integer value = 0
   private static final java.util.Comparator this$PublicationDateComparator;
                                                                                       value = this .title <=> other .title
                                                                                      if ( value != 0) {
   public Book(List<String> authors, String title, Date publicationDate) {
                                                                                         return value
      if (authors == null) +
      } else ·
             {(authors instanceof Cloneable) | @Immutable(copyWith = true)
          if (authors instanceof Cloneable) {
              this.authors = (List<String>)
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       this.title = title;
                                                      String title
       if (publicationDate == null) {
          this.publicationDate = null;
          this.publicationDate = (Date) publi
   public Book(Map args) {
                                                      Date publicationDate
      if ( args == null) {
          args = new HashMap();
       ImmutableASTTransformation.checkPropNam
       if (args.containsKey("authors")) {
          if ( args.get("authors") == null) +
             this .authors = null;
          } else {
              if (args.get("authors") instance
                 List<String> authorsCopy = (List<String>) ((ArrayList<?>)
args.get("authors")).clone();
                                                                                              result = HashCodeHelper.updateHash(_result,
                 this.authors = (List<String>) (authorsCopy instanceof SortedSet ?
DefaultGroovyMethods.asImmutable(authorsCopy)
                         authorsCopy instanceof SortedMap ?
                                                                                          if (!(this.getTitle().equals(this))) {
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                                                                                              result = HashCodeHelper.updateHash(_result,
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                                                                              this.getTitle());
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                         : authorsCopy instanceof List ?
                                                                               this.getPublicationDate());
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List<String> authors = (List<String>) args.get("authors");

authors instanceof SortedMap ?

: authors instanceof Set ?

DefaultGroovyMethods.asImmutable(authors)

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this.authors = (List<String>) (authors instanceof SortedSet ?

\$hash\$code = (int) \_result;

public boolean canEqual(Object other) {

return other instanceof Book;

return \$hash\$code;

```
public boolean equals(Object other) -
          if ( other == null) {
                                                                                   this$TitleComparator = new Book$TitleComparator();
              return false;
                                                                                   this$PublicationDateComparator = new
          if (this == other) {
              return true;
                                                                              public String getAuthors(int index) {
           if (!( other instanceof Book)) {
                                                                                  return authors.get(index);
               return false;
          Book otherTyped = (Book) other;
                                                                              public List<String> getAuthors() {
          if (!(otherTyped.canEqual( this ))) {
                                                                                   return authors;
              return false;
          if (!(this.getAuthors() == otherTyped.getAuthors())) {
                                                                               public final String getTitle() {
              return false:
                                                                                   return title:
          if (!(this.getTitle().equals(otherTyped.getTitle()))) {
                                                                               public final Date getPublicationDate() {
                                                                                   if (publicationDate == null) {
    !(this.getPublicationDate().equals(otherTyped.getPublicationDate()))
                                                                                      return (Date) publicationDate.clone();
              return false:
          return true;
                                                                              public int compare(java.lang.Object param0, java.lang.Object
      public final Book copyWith(Map map) {
          if (map == null || map.size() == 0) {
                                                                              private static class Book$TitleComparator extends
          Boolean dirty = false;
                                                                           AbstractComparator<Book> {
          HashMap construct = new HashMap();
                                                                                  public Book$TitleComparator() {
           if (map.containsKey("authors")) {
               Object newValue = map.get("authors");
               Object oldValue = this.getAuthors();
                                                                                   public int compare(Book arg0, Book arg1) {
              if (newValue != oldValue) {
                                                                                      if (arg0 == arg1) {
                  oldValue = newValue;
                                                                                          return 0;
                  dirty = true;
                                                                                       if (arg0 != null && arg1 == null) {
              construct.put("authors", oldValue);
                                                                                       if (arg0 == null && arg1 != null) {
              construct.put("authors", this.getAuthors());
           if (map.containsKey("title")) {
               Object newValue = map.get("title");
                                                                                       return arg0.title <=> arg1.title;
               Object oldValue = this.getTitle();
              if (newValue != oldValue) {
                  oldValue = newValue;
                                                                                   public int compare(java.lang.Object param0, java.lang.Object
                   dirty = true;
              construct.put("title", oldValue);
              construct.put("title", this.getTitle());
          if (map.containsKey("publicationDate")) {
                                                                              private static class Book$PublicationDateComparator extends
              Object newValue = map.get("publicationDate");
                                                                           AbstractComparator<Book> {
               Object oldValue = this.getPublicationDate();
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                                                                                      if ( arg0 == arg1 ) {
                                                                                          return 0;
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ii this.getPublicationDate());
                                                                                       if ( arg0 != null && arg1 == null) {
          return dirty == true ? new Book(construct) : this;
                                                                                       if ( arg0 == null && arg1 != null) {
      public void writeExternal(ObjectOutput out) throws IOException {
          out.writeObject(authors);
                                                                                       return arg0 .publicationDate <=> arg1 .publicationDate;
          out.writeObject(title);
          out.writeObject(publicationDate);
                                                                                   public int compare(java.lang.Object param0, java.lang.Object
      public void readExternal(ObjectInput oin) throws IOException,
                                                                           param1) -
   ClassNotFoundException {
          authors = (List) oin.readObject();
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   private final List<String> authors;
   private final String title;
                                                                                        return 0:
   private final Date publicationDate;
   private static final java.util.Comparator this$TitleComparator;
                                                                                     Integer value = 0
   private static final java.util.Comparator this$PublicationDateComparator;
                                                                                     value = this .title <=> other .title
                                                                                     if ( value != 0) {
   public Book(List<String> authors, String title, Date publicationDate) {
                                                                                        return value
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                                                                              return authors;
             return false;
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                                                                          public final String getTitle() {
             return false:
                                                                              return title:
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             return false:
                                                                              if (publicationDate == null) {
                                                                                  return publicationDate;
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             return false;
          return true;
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             return this
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              Object newV
             if (newValue
                 oldValue
                 dirty = 1
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          if (map.containsKey("publicationDate")) {
                                                                          private static class Book$PublicationDateComparator extends
              Object newValue = map.get("publicationDate");
                                                                       AbstractComparator<Book> {
              Object oldValue = this.getPublicationDate();
             if (newValue != oldValue) {
                                                                              public Book$PublicationDateComparator() {
                 oldValue = newValue;
                 dirty = true;
                                                                              public int compare(Book arg0, Book arg1) {
                                                                                  if ( arg0 == arg1 ) {
                                                                                     return 0;
             construct.put("publicationDate",
ii this.getPublicationDate());
                                                                                  if ( arg0 != null && arg1 == null) {
          return dirty == true ? new Book(construct) : this;
                                                                                  if ( arg0 == null && arg1 != null) {
      public void writeExternal(ObjectOutput out) throws IOException {
         out.writeObject(authors);
                                                                                  return arg0 .publicationDate <=> arg1 .publicationDate;
         out.writeObject(title);
          out.writeObject(publicationDate);
                                                                              public int compare(java.lang.Object param0, java.lang.Object
     public void readExternal(ObjectInput oin) throws IOException,
                                                                       param1) -
   ClassNotFoundException {
         authors = (List) oin.readObject();
```

#### **AST Transformations**: Groovy 2.4, 2.5, 2.5 (improved), 3.0, 4.0, 5.0

#### 80 AST transforms

- @ASTTest
- @AutoClone
- @AutoExternalize
- @BaseScript
- @Bindable
- @Builder
- @Canonical
- @Category
- @CompileDynamic
- @CompileStatic
- @ConditionalInterrupt
- @Delegate
- @EqualsAndHashCode
- @ExternalizeMethods
- @ExternalizeVerifier
- @Field

- @Grab
- @GrabConfig
- @GrabResolver
- @GrabExclude
- @Grapes
- @Immutable
- @IndexedProperty
- @InheritConstructors
- @Lazy

#### Logging:

- @Commons
- @Log
- @Log4j
- @Log4j2
- @Slf4j
- @ListenerList
- @Mixin

- @Newify
- @NotYetImplemented
- @PackageScope
- @Singleton
- @Sortable
- @SourceURI
- @Synchronized
- @TailRecursive
- @ThreadInterrupt
- @TimedInterrupt
- @ToString
- @Trait
- @TupleConstructor
- @TypeChecked
- @Vetoable
- @WithReadLock
- @WithWriteLock

- @AutoFinal
- @AutoImplement
- @ImmutableBase
- @ImmutableOptions
- @MapConstructor
- @NamedDelegate
- @NamedParam
- @NamedParams
- @NamedVariant
- @PropertyOptions
- @VisibilityOptions
- @Groovydoc
- @NullCheck
- @OperatorRename

- @NonSealed
- @RecordBase
- @Sealed
- @PlatformLog
- @GQ
- @Final
- @RecordType
- @POJO
- @Pure
- @Contracted
- @Ensures
- @Invariant
- @Requires
- @ClassInvariant
- @ContractElement
- @Postcondition
- @Precondition

## Other static features: extensible type checker

```
def newYearsEve = '2020-12-31'
def matcher = newYearsEve =~ /(\d{4})-(\d{1,2}) ((\d{1,2}/) // PatternSyntaxException
import groovy.transform.TypeChecked
```

```
@TypeChecked(extensions = 'groovy.typecheckers.RegexChecker')
def whenIs20200ver() {
   def newYearsEve = '2020-12-31'
   def matcher = newYearsEve =~ /(\d{4})-(\d{1,2})-(\d{1,2}/
}
```

```
1 compilation error: [Static type checking] - Bad regex: Unclosed group near index 26 (\d{4})-(\d{1,2})-(\d{1,2}) at line: 6, column: 19
```

#### Other features

- Ranges
  - 1...5, 'a'<...<'c'
- Default parameters
  - def coords(x, y = -1, z = 0) { }
- Named arguments
  - hypotenuse(x: 3, y: 4, z: 5)
- Command chains
  - move right by 2.m at 5.cm/s
  - please show the square\_root of 100
  - まず 100 の の 平方根 を 表示する
- Groovy Language INtegrated Queries (Ginq/Gquery)

```
from p in persons
leftjoin c in cities on p.city.name == c.name
where c.name == 'Shanghai'
select p.name, c.name as cityName
```

```
I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100, D = 500, M = 1000
```

- The value of a symbol is added to itself, as many times as it appears
- A symbol can be repeated only three times
- V, L, and D are never repeated
- When a symbol of smaller value appears after a symbol of greater value, its values will be added
- When a symbol of a smaller value appears before a greater value symbol, it will be subtracted

#### Direct library usage

#### Using dynamic metaprogramming

```
String.metaClass.toDecimal {
    fmt.parse(delegate)
}
Integer.metaClass.toRoman {
    fmt.format(delegate)
}
```

```
assert 'XII'.toDecimal() == 12
assert 9.toRoman() == 'IX'
assert 'XII'.toDecimal() + 'IX'.toDecimal() == 'XXI'.toDecimal()
```

#### Using extension methods

```
static Integer toDecimal(String self) {
    fmt.parse(self)
}
static String toRoman(Integer self) {
    fmt.format(self)
}
```

```
assert 'XII'.toDecimal() == 12
assert 9.toRoman() == 'IX'
assert 'XII'.toDecimal() + 'IX'.toDecimal() == 'XXI'.toDecimal()
```

#### With a domain class

```
class RomanNumeral {
   private fmt = new RomanNumeralFormat()
   private int d
   RomanNumeral(String s) { d = fmt.parse(s) }
   RomanNumeral(int d) { this.d = d }
   def plus(RomanNumeral other) { new RomanNumeral(d + other.d) }
   String toString() { fmt.format(d) }
   boolean equals(other) { d == other.d }
}
```

And a lifecycle method hook:

```
def propertyMissing(String p) {
   new RomanNumeral(p)
}
```

Gives improved coding experience:

```
assert XII + IX == XXI
```

```
class RomanNumeral implements Comparable {
    private fmt = new RomanNumeralFormat()
    private int d
    RomanNumeral(String s) { d = fmt.parse(s) }
    RomanNumeral(int d) { this.d = d }
    def plus(RomanNumeral other) { new RomanNumeral(d + other.d) }
   def multiply(RomanNumeral other) { new RomanNumeral(d * other.d) }
    String toString() { fmt.format(d) }
    int compareTo(other) { d <=> other.d }
    boolean equals(other) { d == other.d }
    RomanNumeral next() { new RomanNumeral(d+1) }
```

```
assert XII + IX == XXI
assert [LVII + LVII, V * III, IV..(V+I)]
   == [ CXIV, XV, IV..VI]
assert switch(L) {
   case L -> '50 exactly'
   case XLV..LV -> 'close to 50'
   default -> 'not close to 50'
} == '50 exactly'
```

```
@Sortable @Canonical
class RomanNumeral {
    private fmt = new RomanNumeralFormat()
    final int d
    RomanNumeral(String s) { d = fmt.parse(s.toUpperCase()) }
    RomanNumeral(int d) { this.d = d }
    def plus(RomanNumeral other) { new RomanNumeral(d + other.d) }
    def multiply(RomanNumeral other) { new RomanNumeral(d * other.d) }
    String toString() { fmt.format(d) }
    RomanNumeral next() { new RomanNumeral(d+1) }
```

```
assert [X, IX, IV, V, VI].sort() == [iv, v, vi, ix, x]
```

3999 is the biggest roman numeral, otherwise we violate the rule about never having more than 3 of the same character in succession, so this statement:

```
assert MMMCMXCIX + I == MMMM
```

Intentionally gives this runtime error:

```
Caught: java.text.ParseException: Unparseable number: "MMMM"
```

But we can use type checking and add a custom type checking extension ...

```
unresolvedVariable { VariableExpression ve ->
    try {
       new RomanNumeral(ve.name)
        storeType(ve, classNodeFor(RomanNumeral))
    } catch(ParseException unused) {
        addStaticTypeError("Not a valid roman numeral: $ve.name", ve)
    }
    handled = true
}
```

#### Now we get this compilation error:

```
[Static type checking] - Not a valid roman numeral: MMMM
@ line 6, column 25.
assert MMMCMXCIX + I == MMMM
^
```

## **Better 00 features**

Traits

### **Traits**



Can be like Java default interface methods

```
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;
public interface RotatableList<E> extends List<E> {
    default void rotate(int distance) {
                                             public class RotateMain {
        Collections.rotate(this, distance);
                                                 public static void main(String[] args) {
                                                     var myList = new RotatableListImpl();
                                                     myList.rotate(1);
                                                     System.out.println(myList);
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
public class RotatableListImpl extends ArrayList<String>
        implements RotatableList<String> {
    public RotatableListImpl() {
        super(List.of("p", "i", "n", "s"));
                                                                  [s, p, i, n]
```

### **Traits**

Can be like Java default interface methods

```
trait RotatableList<E> implements List<E> {
    void rotate(int distance) {
        Collections.rotate(this, distance)
class RotatableListImpl extends ArrayList<String> implements RotatableList<String> {
    RotatableListImpl() { super(['p', 'i', 'n', 's']) }
var myList = new RotatableListImpl()
myList.rotate(1)
assert myList == ['s', 'p', 'i', 'n']
```

### **Traits**

- But traits are more ambitious, supporting:
  - Sharing state information (stateful traits)
  - More flexible selection of functionality
    - Sharable behavior not just default behavior
    - An OO feature not just primarily about API evolution
    - Traits at runtime (dynamic traits)
    - Mixin/Stackable traits pattern (stackable traits)

### **Traits**: Stateful Traits

```
trait Fighter {
    int health
    int strength
    void fight(Fighter enemy) {
        health -= enemy.strength
        enemy.health -= strength
        if (health <= ∅) println "$name has lost"</pre>
        if (enemy.health <= 0) println "$enemy.name was defeated"</pre>
trait HasName {
    String name
```

### **Traits**: Stateful Traits

```
trait Fighter {
    int health
    int strength
        health -= enemy
```

```
@TupleConstructor(allProperties=true)
void fight(Fighter | class Player implements Fighter, HasName { }
    enemy.health -= @TupleConstructor(allProperties=true)
    if (health <= 0 class Boss implements Fighter, HasName { }</pre>
```



```
var p1 = new Player('Bowser', 75, 40)
var p2 = new Player('Mario', 65, 30)
var p3 = new Player('Sonic', 55, 35)
var boss = new Boss('Giga Bowser', 100, 50)
p1.fight(boss)
p2.fight(boss)
p3.fight(boss)
```

Giga Bowser was defeated

## **Traits**: Dynamic Traits

```
trait Starable {
    String starify() {
         this.replaceAll('o', '\(\frac{1}{2}\)')
def groovy = 'Groovy' as Starable
assert groovy.starify() == 'Gr \(\phi\) \(\phi\)vy'
```

## **Traits**: More flexible behavior sharing

 Groovy normalizes negative index values when using the index notation or getAt method, but not the get method

```
def nums = [1, 2, 3]
assert nums[-1] == 3
assert nums.getAt(-1) == 3

shouldFail(IndexOutOfBoundsException) {
    nums.get(-1)
}
```

What if you also wanted this for the get method?

## **Traits**: More flexible behavior sharing

Index normalization for the get method

```
trait NormalizedGet<E> implements List<E> {
    E get(int index) {
        if (index < 0) index += size()</pre>
        super.get(index)
class MyList extends ArrayList implements NormalizedGet {}
nums = [1, 2, 3] as MyList
assert nums.get(-1) == 3
```

### **Traits**: Stackable Traits Pattern

```
interface Handler {
    String handle(String message)
trait UpperHandler implements Handler {
    String handle(String message) { super.handle(message.toUpperCase()) }
trait ReverseHandler implements Handler {
    String handle(String message) { super.handle(message.reverse()) }
trait StarHandler implements Handler {
    String handle(String message) { message.replaceAll('0', ' \( \) }
class MyHandler implements StarHandler, ReverseHandler, UpperHandler {}
assert new MyHandler().handle('yvoorG') == 'GR \(\phi\) \(\phi\) VY'
```

### **Better functional features**

- Tail recursion
- Memoization

### **Closures**



- Somewhat like Lambdas
  - but let's explore some recursion examples

```
import java.math.BigInteger;
import java.util.function.UnaryOperator;
public class FactLambda {
    static UnaryOperator<BigInteger> factorial;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        factorial = n -> n.equals(BigInteger.ZERO)
                ? BigInteger. ONE
                : n.multiply(factorial.apply(n.subtract(BigInteger.ONE)));
        System.out.println(factorial.apply(BigInteger.valueOf(5))); // 120
        System.out.println(factorial.apply(BigInteger.valueOf(8000))); // Boom!
```

## Closures: Naïve algorithm

```
def factorial
factorial = {
    it <= 1 ? 1G : it * factorial(it - 1)
}

println factorial(5) // 120
println factorial(8000) // StackOverFlow</pre>
```

```
StackOverflowError
```

```
factorial(5)
5 * factorial(4)
5 * (4 * factorial(3))
5 * (4 * (3 * factorial(2)))
5 * (4 * (3 * (2 * factorial(1))))
5 * (4 * (3 * (2 * 1)))
5 * (4 * (3 * 2))
5 * (4 * 6)
5 * 24
120
```

## **Closures**: Tail recursive algorithm

```
def factorial
factorial = { n, acc = 1G ->
    n <= 1 ? acc : factorial(n - 1, n * acc)
}

println factorial(5) // 120
println factorial(8000) // StackOverFlow</pre>
```

```
factorial(4, 5)
  factorial(3, 20)
  factorial(2, 60)
  factorial(1, 120)
120
```

factorial(5, 1)

**StackOverflowError** 

## **Closures**: Tail recursive with trampoline

```
def factorial
factorial = { n, acc = 1G ->
    n <= 1 ? acc : factorial.trampoline(n - 1, n * acc)
}.trampoline()

println factorial(5)
println factorial(8000)
println factorial(100_000)</pre>
```

```
120
5184...<27750 more digits>
28242...<456570 more digits>
```

## Closures: Tail recursive with trampoline

```
def factorial
factorial = { n, acc = 1G ->
    n <= 1 ? acc : factorial.trampoline(n - 1, n * acc)
}.trampoline()

println factorial(5)
println factorial(8000)
println factorial(100_000)</pre>
```

```
120
5184...<27750 more digits>
28242...<456570 more digits>
```



```
import java.math.BigInteger;
import java.util.function.UnaryOperator;
public class FiboLambda {
    static UnaryOperator<Integer> fibI;
    static UnaryOperator<Long> fibL;
    static UnaryOperator<BigInteger> fibBI;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        fibI = n \rightarrow n \leftarrow 1? n : fibI.apply(n - 1) + fibI.apply(n - 2);
        fibL = n \rightarrow n \leftarrow 1? n : fibL.apply(n - 1) + fibL.apply(n - 2);
        fibBI = n -> n.compareTo(BigInteger.ONE) <= 0</pre>
                 : fibBI.apply(n.subtract(BigInteger.ONE)).add(fibBI.apply(n.subtract(BigInteger.TWO)));
        var start = System.currentTimeMillis();
        System.out.println(fibI.apply(10)); // 55
        System.out.println(fibL.apply(50L)); // 12586269025
        System.out.println(fibBI.apply(BigInteger.valueOf(100))); // 354224848179261915075
        var end = System.currentTimeMillis();
        var years = (end - start) / 1000 / 60 / 60.0 / 24 / 365.25;
        System.out.println("Completed in " + years + " years");
```



```
55
import java.math.BigInteger;
import java.util.function.UnaryOperator;
                                                   12586269025
public class FiboLambda {
                                                   354224848179261915075
   static UnaryOperator<Integer> fibI;
   static UnaryOperator<Long> fibL;
                                                  Completed in 6.4E9 years*
   static UnaryOperator<BigInteger> fibBI;
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       fibI = n \rightarrow n \leftarrow 1? n : fibI.apply(n - 1) + fibI.apply(n - 2);
       fibL = n \rightarrow n \leftarrow 1? n : fibL.apply(n - 1) + fibL.apply(n - 2);
       fibBI = n -> n.compareTo(BigInteger.ONE) <= 0</pre>
                                                                        * Estimated
                                                                        Fibonacci time
               : fibBI.apply(n.subtract(BigInteger.ONE)).add(fibBI.apply
                                                                        complexity has O(2<sup>n</sup>)
       var start = System.currentTimeMillis();
                                                                        as the upper bound
       System.out.println(fibI.apply(10)); // 55
       System.out.println(fibL.apply(50L)); // 12586269025
       System.out.println(fibBI.apply(BigInteger.valueOf(100))); // 354224848179261915075
       var end = System.currentTimeMillis();
       var years = (end - start) / 1000 / 60 / 60.0 / 24 / 365.25;
       System.out.println("Completed in " + years + " years");
```

```
var fib
fib = { n -> n <= 1 ? n : fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2) }

var start = System.currentTimeMillis()
assert fib(10) == 55
assert fib(50L) == 12586269025L
assert fib(100G) == 354224848179261915075G
println "Completed in ${System.currentTimeMillis() - start} ms"</pre>
```

## Completed in 117 ms

```
var fib
fib = { n -> n <= 1 ? n : fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2) }.memoize()

var start = System.currentTimeMillis()
assert fib(10) == 55
assert fib(50L) == 12586269025L
assert fib(100G) == 354224848179261915075G
println "Completed in ${System.currentTimeMillis() - start} ms"</pre>
```

## Completed in 117 ms

```
var fib
fib = { n -> n <= 1 ? n : fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2) }.memoize()

var start = System.currentTimeMillis()
assert fib(10) == 55
assert fib(50L) == 12586269025L
assert fib(100G) == 354224848179261915075G
println "Completed in ${System.currentTimeMillis() - start} ms"</pre>
```

### Classes and records (Java)

```
public class Point {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public int x() {
        return this.x;
    public int y() {
        return this.y;
    public String toString() {
       /* ... */
    public int hashCode() {
       /* ... */
    public boolean equals(Object other) {
       /* ... */
```

```
public record Point(int x, int y) {
}
```

#### Classes and records (Groovy)

```
class Point {
    private int x
    private int y
    int x() { this.x }
    int y() { this.y }
    String toString() {
       /* ... */
    int hashCode() {
       /* ... */
    boolean equals(Object other) {
       /* ... */
```

```
record Point(int x, int y) {
}
```

```
@RecordType
class Point {
   int x
   int y
}
```

#### Classes and records (Groovy)

```
class Point {
    private int x
    private int y
    int x() { this.x }
    int y() { this.y }
    String toString() {
       /* ... */
    int hashCode() {
       /* ... */
    boolean equals(Object other) {
       /* ... */
```

```
record Point(int x, int y) {
}
```

```
@RecordBase
@ToString
@EqualsAndHashCode
@RecordOptions
@TupleConstructor
@PropertyOptions
@KnownImmutable
class Point {
    int x
    int y
```

#### **AST Transformations**: @Immutable meta-annotation

```
@Immutable
class Point {
   int x, y
}
```

```
@ToString(includeSuperProperties = true, cache = true)
@EqualsAndHashCode(cache = true)
@ImmutableBase
@ImmutableOptions
@PropertyOptions(propertyHandler = ImmutablePropertyHandler)
@TupleConstructor(defaults = false)
@MapConstructor(noArg = true, includeSuperProperties = true, includeFields = true)
@KnownImmutable
class Point {
   int x, y
}
```

#### **Declarative Record Customization**

assert a.topics().size() == 1

```
record Agenda(List topics) { }

def a = new Agenda(topics: ['Sealed', 'Records'])
assert a.topics().size() == 2
assert a.toString() == 'Agenda[topics=[Sealed, Records]]'

a.topics().clear()
a.topics() << 'Switch Expressions'</pre>
```

#### **Declarative Record Customization**

```
@ToString
@PropertyOptions(propertyHandler = ImmutablePropertyHandler)
record Agenda(List topics) { }
```

```
def a = new Agenda(topics: ['Sealed', 'Records'])
assert a.topics().size() == 2
shouldFail(UnsupportedOperationException) {
    a.topics().clear()
}
assert a.toString() == 'Agenda([Sealed, Records])'
```

### Using records with AST Transforms: @Memoized @Builder

```
record Point(int x, int y, String color) {
    @Memoized
    String description() {
        "${color.toUpperCase()} point at ($x,$y)"
    }
}
```

### Using records with AST Transforms: @Requires @Sortable

```
@Requires({ color && !color.blank })
record Point(int x, int y, String color) { }
```

```
@Sortable
record Point(int x, int y, String color) { }
var points = [
        new Point(0, 100, 'red'),
        new Point(10, 10, 'blue'),
        new Point(100, 0, 'green'),
println points.toSorted(Point.comparatorByX())
println points.toSorted(Point.comparatorByY())
println points.toSorted(Point.comparatorByColor())
```

### Using records with AST Transforms: @Newify @OperatorRename

 Representing a quadratic equation: ax<sup>2</sup> + bx + c org.apache.commons:commons-numbers-core:1.1

```
record Quadratic(double a, double b = 0, double c = 0) {
   @Newify(Complex)
    List<Complex> solve() {
        var discriminant = Complex(b * b - 4 * a * c)
       findRoots(Complex(-b), discriminant, Complex(2 * a))
    @OperatorRename(div = 'divide', plus = 'add', minus = 'subtract')
    static List<Complex> findRoots(Complex negB, Complex discriminant, Complex twoA) {
        var sqrtDiscriminant = discriminant.sqrt()
        var root1 = (negB + sqrtDiscriminant) / twoA
        var root2 = (negB - sqrtDiscriminant) / twoA
        [root1, root2]
```

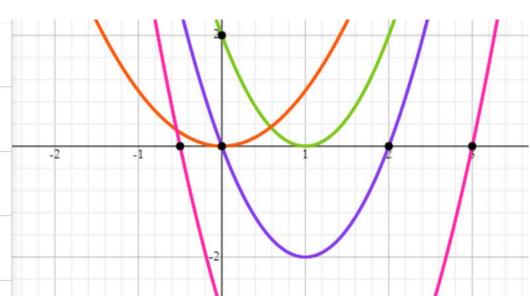
### Using records with other features: Named/Default params

```
assert [
    new Quadratic(2.0, -4.0, 2.0),
    new Quadratic(2.0, -4.0),
    new Quadratic(1.0),
    new Quadratic(a:2.0, b:-5.0, c:-3.0)
]*.solve()*.toSet()*.toString() == [
    '[(1.0, 0.0)]',
    '[(2.0, 0.0), (0.0, 0.0)]',
    '[(0.0, 0.0)]',
    '[(3.0, 0.0), (-0.5, 0.0)]'
]
```

Default parameters

Named parameters

- $f(x) = 2x^2 4x + 2$
- $2x^2 4x$
- $2x^2 5x 3$



# **Records: compared to Java**

|   | Java<br>Record | Groovy<br>Emulated Record  | Groovy<br>Native Record |
|---|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| JDK version                                   | 16+            | 8+   | 16+                     |
| Serialization                                 | Record spec    | Traditional  | Record spec             |
| Recognized by                                 | Java, Groovy   | Groovy   | Java, Groovy            |
| Standard features                             |                |  |                         |
| Optional enhancements                         | ×              | toMap, toList, size, getAt, components, copyWith, named-arg constructor, optional args |                         |
| Customisable via coding                       |                |  |                         |
| Customisable via AST transforms (declarative) | ×              |  |                         |

## Other improvements: switch expressions

```
class CustomIsCase {
   boolean isCase(subject) { subject > 20 }
assert switch(10) {
                             -> false
    case 0
    case '11'
                             -> false
    case null
                            -> false
    case 0..9
                             -> false
                            -> false
    case 1, 2
    case [9, 11, 13]
                         -> false
                         -> false
    case Float
    case { it % 3 == 0 } -> false
    case new CustomIsCase() -> false
    case ~/\d\d/
                          -> true
    default
                             -> false
```

## Other improvements: switch expressions

 Duck & flow typing support styles which otherwise need special support when using static typing

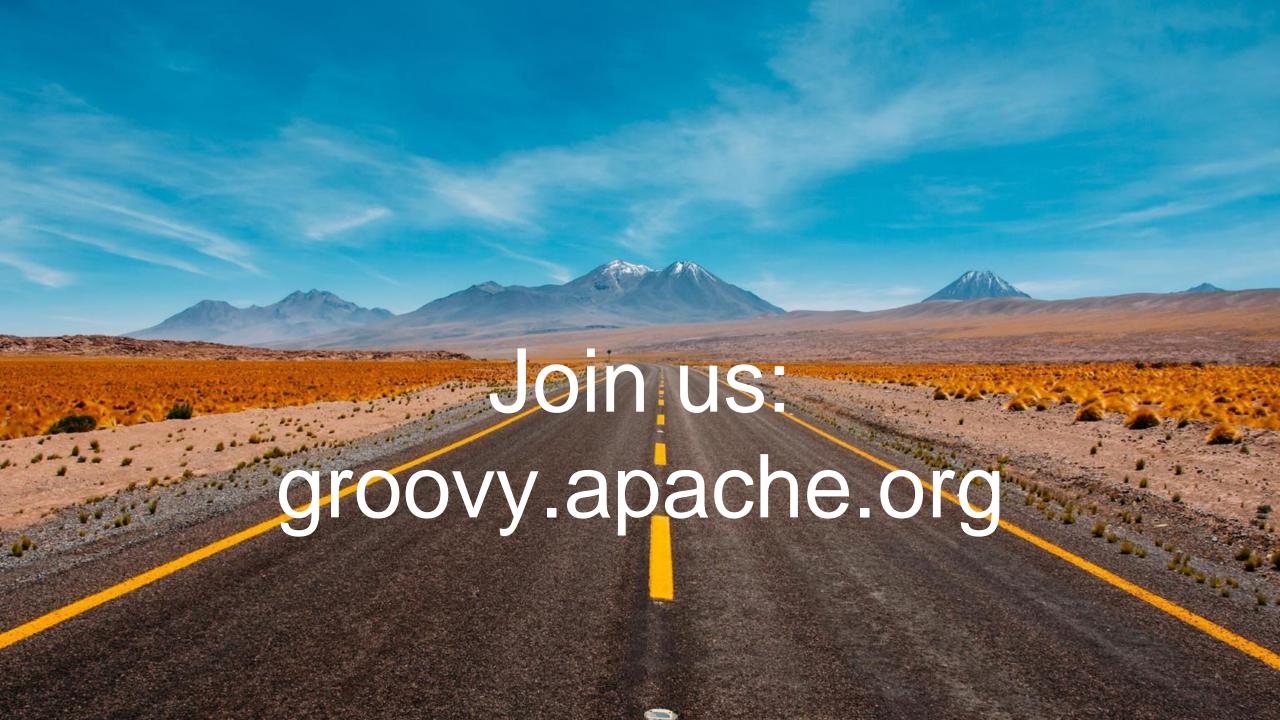
JDK21 with preview features enabled

# Other improvements: switch expressions

|                                     | Java   | Groovy  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| JDK versions                        | 14+  | 8+  |
| "-> "syntax (switch rule)           |  |   |
| ": yield" syntax                    |  |   |
| Supported case selector expressions | <ul><li>Constant</li><li>Boolean, Number, String</li><li>Enum constant</li></ul> | Constant  • Boolean, Number, String, null Enum constant List expression Range expression Closure Regex Pattern Class expression |
| Enhanced switch (JDK21+)            | Type pattern<br>Guard/when<br>Null   | Class or Closure Closure already supported  |
| Extensible via isCase               | ×  |   |

# The Groovy future is looking good

- Groovy still has many features not yet available in Java
- Groovy adds much value to Java features
- Groovy has unparalleled extensibility so you can add features if there are some which are missing and you would like
- We shouldn't be looking at Groovy replacing Java but rather use whichever make sense for the task at hand



### **Bonus material**

- Better scripting
- Sealed types
- Sequenced collections

## JEP 445 Scripting: Java



Standard class:

```
public class HelloWorld {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");
    }
}
```

With JEP 445 Scripting (JDK 21 with preview enabled)

```
void main() {
    System.out.println("Hello, World!");
}
```

## JEP 445 Scripting: Groovy earlier versions

Standard class:

```
class HelloWorld {
    static main(args) {
        println 'Hello, World!'
    }
}
```

Static main method only:

```
@CompileStatic
static main(args) {
    println 'Hello, World!'
}
```

Script:

```
println 'Hello, World!'
```

 Usually only used if you want to annotate the main method

## JEP 445 Scripting: Groovy earlier versions

Standard class:

```
class HelloWorld {
    static main(args) {
        println 'Hello, World!'
    }
}
```

- Return type promoted to public void
- Arguments promoted to String[]

Static main method only:

```
@CompileStatic
static main(args) {
    println 'Hello, World!'
}
```

Script:

```
println 'Hello, World!'
```

- Script class added
- Has access to binding and context
- Content added to run method
- public static void main added creating instance and calling run
- Variable declarations are local variables in run method or promoted to fields if annotated with @Field

## JEP 445 Scripting: Groovy 5

"Instance main" method:

```
def main() {
    assert upper(foo) + lower(bar) == 'F00bar'
}

def upper(s) { s.toUpperCase() }

def lower = String::toLowerCase
    def (foo, bar) = ['Foo', 'Bar']
```

- Now also supported:
  - Instance main which are
     JEP 445 compatible
  - Instance run which remains a script
- @Field now only needed for standard scripts

"Instance run" method:

```
@JsonIgnoreProperties(["binding"])
def run() {
    var mapper = new ObjectMapper()
    assert mapper.writeValueAsString(this) == '{"pets":["cat","dog"]}'
}
public pets = ['cat', 'dog']
```

# Scripting: compared to Java

|                              | Earlier<br>JDK<br>versions | JDK 21 with preview enabled  | Earlier Groovy versions | Groovy 5 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Traditional Java<br>Class    |                            |                              |                         |          |
| Traditional<br>Groovy Script | ×                          | ×                            | 1 2 5                   | 1 2 5    |
| "instance run"<br>script     | ×                          | ×                            | ×                       | 1 2      |
| "static main"<br>script      | ×                          | JEP 445<br>Unnamed           | 1 2 5                   | 1        |
| "instance main"<br>script    | ×                          | class & updated run protocol |                         | 3 4      |

1 Promoted to standard "public static void main"

3 Use new run protocol

5 Uses @Field

2 Access to script binding & context

4

Runnable on JDK11+ from Groovy

# Other improvements: Sealed types

|                        | Java<br>Sealed Type |          | Groovy Native<br>Sealed Type |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| JDK version            | 17+                 | 8+       | 17+                          |
| Recognized by          | Java, Groovy        | Groovy   | Java, Groovy                 |
| "non-sealed" to reopen | Required            | Optional | Optional                     |

# Other improvements: Sequenced collections (JDK 21)

| First element | Java   | Java<br>with JEP-431             | Groovy<br>(JDK 8+)             | Groovy with<br>JEP-431                       |
|---------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| List          | list.get(0)  |                                  | aggregate[0] aggregate.first() | Adds: collection.first collection.getFirst() |
| Deque         | <pre>deque.getFirst()</pre>  |                                  |                                |  |
| Set           | <pre>set.iterator().next() or set.stream().findFirst().get()</pre> | <pre>collection.getFirst()</pre> |                                |  |
| SortedSet     | set.first()  |                                  |                                |  |
| array         | array[0]   | unchanged                        |                                | unchanged                                    |

| Last element | Java                                  | Java<br>with JEP-431            | Groovy<br>(JDK 8+)                | Groovy with<br>JEP-431                                      |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| List         | <pre>list.get(list.size()-1)</pre>    |                                 |                                   |   |
| Deque        | <pre>deque.getLast()</pre>            |                                 | aggregate[-1]<br>aggregate.last() | <pre>Adds:    collection.last    collection.getLast()</pre> |
| Set          | requires iterating<br>through the set | <pre>collection.getLast()</pre> |                                   |   |
| SortedSet    | set.last()                            |                                 |                                   |   |
| array        | array[array.length-1]                 | unchanged                       |                                   | unchanged   |

# Other improvements: Gatherer-related functionality

|                    | Groovy<br>(Collections)   | Java & Groovy<br>(Streams)                     | Java & Groovy with JEP461  |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| JDK versions       | 8+  | 8+   | 22 (preview)   |
| Basic<br>windowing | <pre>take(n) drop(n) ranges</pre>   | <pre>limit(n) skip(n) -</pre>                  | -<br>-   |
| Advanced windowing | <pre>collate(n) collate(n, step) collate(n, step, truncate) chop(n1, n2,)</pre>   | -<br>-<br>-                                    | <pre>windowFixed(n) windowSliding(n) custom gatherer custom gatherer</pre> |
| Inject/fold        | <pre>inject (homogeneous types) inject (heterogenous types) inits() tails()</pre> | reduce()                                       | fold() custom gatherer custom gatherer                                     |
| Cumulative<br>sum  | inits() and sum()   | <pre>Non-stream: Arrays.parallelPrefix()</pre> | scan()   |

See: https://groovy.apache.org/blog/groovy-gatherers