



Spring Boot Microservices

Beginner to Guru

Overview of Project Lombok



Island of Java





Island of Lombok





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Project Lombok History

- Started by Reinier Zwitterloot - @surial on Twitter and Roel Spilker before 2009
- Why “Lombok”? Java is also an island in Indonesia. Lombok is the second island east of the Island Java.
- Lombok is also Indonesian for chilli.
- Hence tag line - “Spicing up your Java”



How Lombok Works

- Hooks in via the Annotation processor API
- The AST (raw source code) is passed to Lombok for code generation before the Java compiler continues
- Thus, produces properly compiled Java code in conjunction with the Java compiler
- Under the 'target/classes' you can view the complied class files
- IntelliJ will decompile to show you the source code



Project Lombok and IDEs

- Since compiled code is change, and source files are not, IDE's can get confused by this.
- More of an issue for IDEs several years old.
- Modern IDEs such as IntelliJ, Eclipse (and offshoots), Netbeans support Project Lombok
- Plugin Installation may be necessary
- IntelliJ
 - Verify you've enabled 'annotation' processing under compiler settings



Project Lombok Features

- Features as of **Version 1.18.8** - Released on May 7th, 2019
 - Check official documentation for new features
- **val** - local variables declared final
- **var** - mutable local variables
- **@NonNull** - Null check, will throw NPE if parameter is null
- **@Cleanup** - Will call close() on resource in finally block



Project Lombok Features

- **@Getter** - Creates getter methods for all properties
- **@Setter** - Creates setter for all non-final properties
- **@ToString**
 - Generates String of classname, and each field separated by commas
 - Optional parameter to include field names
 - Optional parameter to include call to the super toString method



Project Lombok Features

- **@EqualsAndHashCode**
 - Generates implementations of equals(Object other) and hashCode()
 - By default will use all non-static, non-transient properties
 - Can optionally exclude specific properties



Project Lombok Features

- **@NoArgsConstructor**

- Generates no args constructor
- Will cause compiler error if there are final fields
- Can optionally force, which will initialize final fields with 0 / false / null

- **@RequiredArgsConstructor**

- Generates a constructor for all fields that are final or marked @NonNull
- Constructor will throw a NullPointerException if any @NonNull fields are null



Project Lombok Features

- **@AllArgsConstructor**
 - Generates a constructor for all properties of class
 - Any **@NotNull** properties will have null checks
- **@Data**
 - Generates typical boilerplate code for POJOs
 - Combines - **@Getter**, **@Setter**, **@ToString**, **@EqualsAndHashCode**, **@RequiredArgsConstructor**
 - No constructor is generated if constructors have been explicitly declared



Project Lombok Features

- **@Value**
 - The immutable variant of @Data
 - All fields are made private and final by default
- **@NonNull**
 - Set on parameter of method or constructor and a NullPointerException will be thrown if parameter is null



Project Lombok Features

- **@Builder**
 - Implements the 'builder' pattern for object creation
 - `Person.builder().name("Adam Savage").city("San Francisco").job("Mythbusters").job("Unchained Reaction").build();`
- **@SneakyThrows**
 - Throw checked exceptions without declaring in calling method's throws clause
- **@Synchronized**
 - A safer implementation of Java's synchronized



Project Lombok Features

- **@Getter(lazy = true)** - for expensive getters
 - Will calculate value first time and cache
 - Additional gets will read from cache
- **@Log** - Creates a Java util logger - *Java util loggers are awful*
- **@Slf4j** - Creates a SLF4J logger.
- Recommended - SLF4J is a generic logging facade
- Spring Boot's default logger is LogBack



Project Lombok Experimental Features

- Experimental Features
 - New features - under development
 - Use at your own risk - **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION**
 - May not be stable
 - API likely to change
- Kept in 'experimental' package

