

Introduction to Gradle

The fundamentals of building projects with Gradle

Install

You **must** have a JDK and the latest version of Gradle installed.

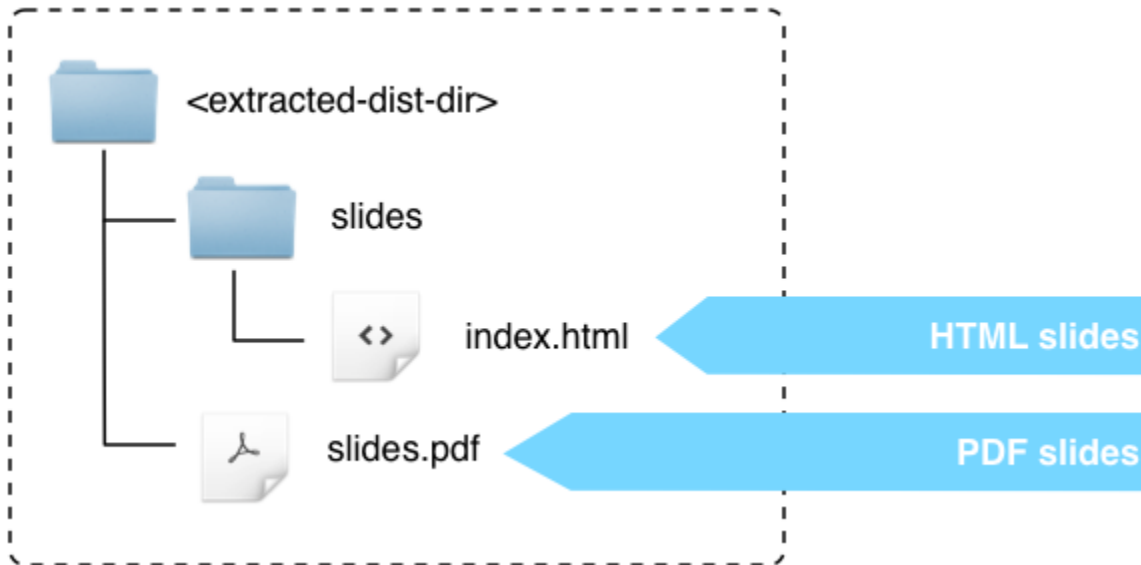
See the `setup-instructions.pdf` in your class materials for download links to install a JDK and Gradle.

HTTP Proxy

If you're behind a proxy, follow the setup instructions to configure Gradle to use your proxy.

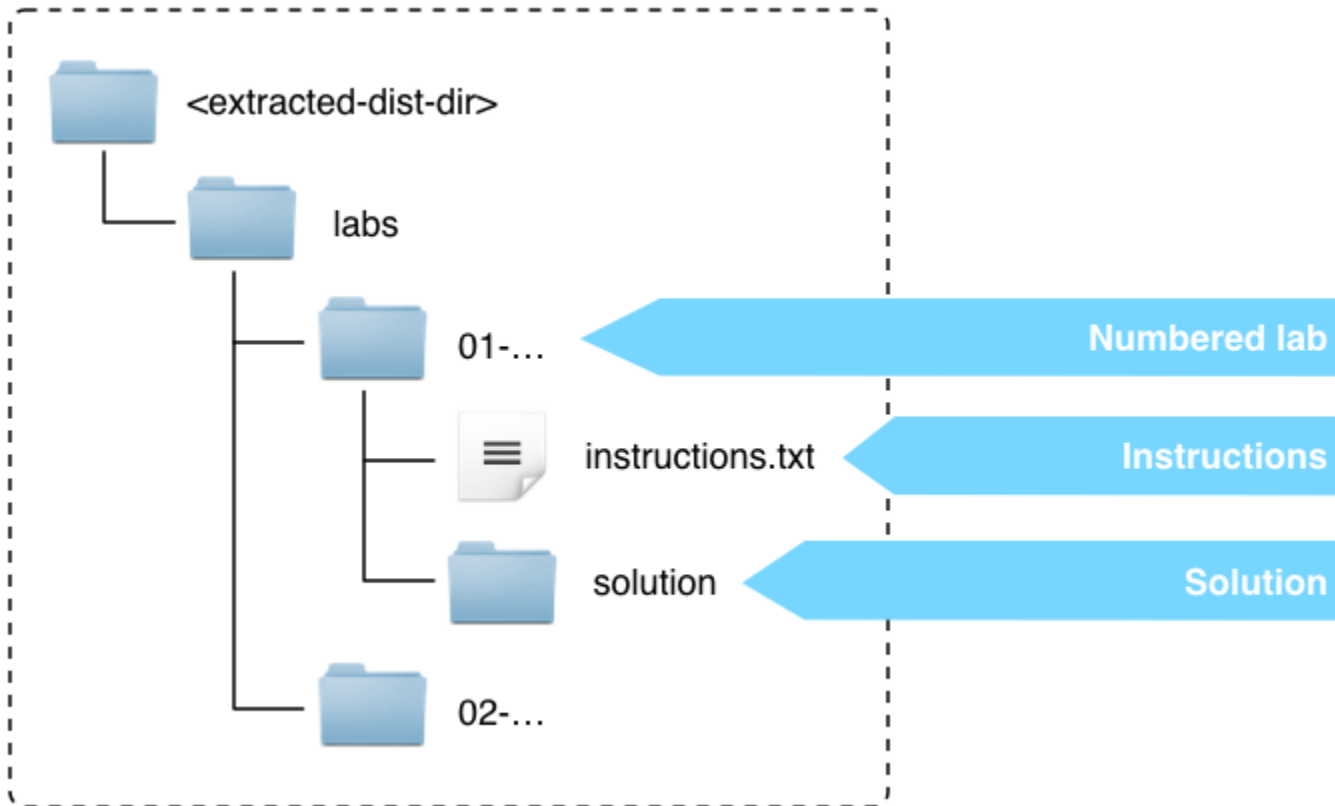
Slides

- Available in different formats
- Same content as today's presentation



Practical labs

- Solutions are available (but don't overuse them)
- Take your time and experiment
- The labs are not a test!



Objectives

- A solid understanding of basic Gradle concepts
- An ability to write and run simple Gradle tasks
- Knowledge of how to use the Java plugin
- Exposure to more advanced build capabilities

Ask questions

- Please ask questions at any time!

Topics we won't cover

- Android or other JVM language builds
- Continuous Integration/Delivery
- Plugin development
- Advanced dependency management techniques

Agenda

- About Gradle
- Gradle overview
 - Build scripts
 - Tasks
 - Working with files
 - Archives
- Building Java projects
- Dependency management basics
- Organizing a build
- More resources

Gradle

About the project

Gradle

Gradle is a build and automation tool.

Gradle can automate the building, testing, publishing and deployment of your software.



gradle.org

Gradle Project

- Open Source, Apache v2 license - Completely free to use
- Source code on Github - github.com/gradle/gradle
- Active user community, centered around discuss.gradle.org
- Frequent releases (minor releases roughly every 6-8 weeks)
- Strong quality commitment
 - Extensive automated testing (including documentation)
 - Backwards compatibility & feature lifecycle policy
- Developed by domain experts
 - Gradle, Inc. staff and community contributors

Gradle Documentation

- User Manual
 - Many chapters and [self-contained downloadable samples](#)
 - [HTML](#)
 - [PDF](#)
- Build Language Reference (gradle.org/docs/current/dsl/)
 - Best starting point when authoring build scripts
 - Javadoc-like, but higher-level
 - Links into [Javadoc](#)

Other Gradle Resources

- Install the latest release from gradle.org/install
- Older Gradle releases gradle.org/releases
- help.gradle.org
 - Portal to other resources

Running Gradle

Getting Information

Print command line options:

```
$ gradle -?
```

Print the available tasks in a project:

```
$ gradle tasks
```

Print basic help information:

```
$ gradle help
```

Getting help on a specific task

```
$ gradle help --task taskname
```

Best Practices for Running Gradle

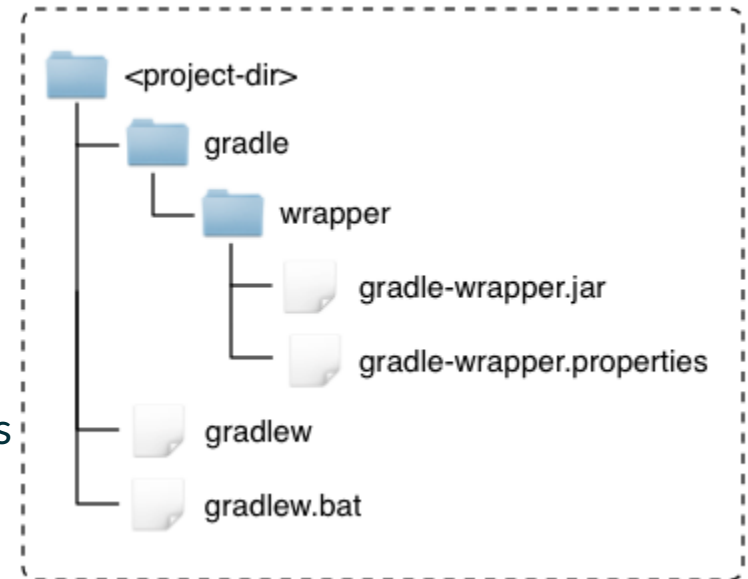
- Always use the wrapper
- Keep up-to-date with new releases
 - Performance bottlenecks are removed
 - New features are added
 - Deprecation warnings prevent surprises

Gradle Wrapper

Gradle Wrapper

A way to make sure everyone uses the same version of Gradle to build a project.

- **gradle-wrapper.jar**: Micro-library for downloading distribution
- **gradle-wrapper.properties**: Defines distribution download URL and options
- **gradlew**: Gradle executable for *nix systems
- **gradlew.bat**: Gradle executable for Windows systems
- Downloaded distributions go into your `GRADLE_USER_HOME/wrapper/dists` directory



Running a build with the wrapper:

```
$ ./gradlew build
```

The very first time you run a build with the wrapper, Gradle will download a copy of the distribution.

Wrapper task

- Bootstrap using the wrapper with your build with the `wrapper` task
- Wrapper task is built-in and generates:
 - wrapper scripts
 - wrapper jar
 - wrapper properties

```
$ gradle wrapper --gradle-version=6.6.1
```

- The `--gradle-version` flag lets you specify a particular version of Gradle to use.
- The `--distribution-type` flag lets you specify `all` if you want the complete distribution (the default is `bin`). The result is larger, but includes the source and documentation.

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Gradle Build Scans

Creating build scans

- [Creating a build scan is free.](#)
- Build scans are a centralized and shareable record of a build.
- Build scans offer insight into how you are building your software.
- **All build scans created during this course will be uploaded to the public build scan service.**
- A [self-hosted version](#) is also available with more features.
- See the [latest build scans for the Gradle project itself](#).

We encourage you to generate a build scan if you have a problem with a lab, so we can help you solve your problem. Just run your build with `--scan`.

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Gradle Basics

Gradle DSLs

Gradle is implemented in Java, with Kotlin and Groovy DSL layers.

Kotlin and Groovy bring:

- Domain Specific Language (DSL) capabilities
- Better readability and comprehensibility
- Many useful utilities built-in
- IDE support for build scripts (Kotlin in IntelliJ)

Gradle Build Scripts

- Files ending in `.gradle.kts` are compiled as Kotlin code
- Files ending in `.gradle` are compiled as Groovy code
- Build script files (`build.gradle[.kts]`) delegate to `org.gradle.api.Project`
- Settings script files (`settings.gradle[.kts]`) delegate to `org.gradle.api.initialization.Settings`
- The labs and slides only show Groovy DSL, but Kotlin DSL is very similar

Typical script files

Settings script

```
rootProject.name = 'name-of-build'

include "subproject"
include "another-subproject"
```

Build script

```
plugins {
    id 'java'
}

repositories {
    jcenter()
}

dependencies {
    implementation 'com.google.guava:guava:29.0-jre'
}
```

Configuration & Execution

Build Lifecycle

- Initialization Phase
 - Configure environment (init.gradle, gradle.properties)
 - Find projects and build scripts (settings.gradle)
- Configuration Phase
 - Evaluate all build scripts
 - Build object model (Gradle -> Project -> Task, etc.)
 - Build task execution graph
- Execution Phase
 - Execute (subset of) tasks

A key concept to grasp.

Tasks

Tasks are the basic unit of work in Gradle.

- created & configured by the user
- **executed by Gradle**

```
tasks.register("helloWorld") {  
    doLast {  
        println "Hello World!"  
    }  
}  
  
// Old, but still valid syntax you'll see:  
task helloWorld {  
    doLast {  
        println "Hello World!"  
    }  
}
```

All tasks implement the Task interface.

Task Actions

Tasks have a *list* of actions.

```
tasks.register("hello") {  
    doLast {  
        println "World!"  
    }  
    doFirst {  
        println "Hello"  
    }  
}
```

Most tasks have one useful main action.

`doLast()` and `doFirst()` can be used to add actions to any task.

Discovering tasks

The built-in task `tasks` lists available tasks in a project, either defined in the build script or provided by applied plugins.

```
$ gradle tasks
```

Tasks in the output are organized by assigned group property e.g. `Build Setup` show up under the header `Build Setup tasks`.

The description property describes the purpose of a task.

Built-in tasks

Every Gradle project provides several tasks out-of-the-box.

Built-in tasks provide useful and commonly used functionality without having to apply any plugins.

Examples:

- `wrapper` - Generates the Wrapper files for this build.
- `help` - Demonstrates how to run Gradle from the command line.
- `dependencies` - Renders a tree of dependencies defined in the build.

Grouping tasks

By default, the tasks report only shows tasks that have been assigned a group.

```
tasks.register("hello") {  
    group = 'Gradle Training'  
    description = 'Prints a message.'  
  
    doLast {  
        println "Hello World!"  
    }  
}
```

```
> gradle tasks  
...  
Gradle Training tasks  
-----  
hello - Prints a message.
```

Hiding tasks

Task without a `group` property can be found by running `tasks --all`.

```
tasks.register("bye") {  
    doLast {  
        println "Bye World!"  
    }  
}
```

The `Other tasks` bucket lists all tasks without a group.

```
> gradle tasks --all  
...  
Other tasks  
-----  
bye
```

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Fuzzy name matching

Save your fingers by only typing the bare minimum to identify a task.

```
tasks.register("myNameIsKindaLong") {  
    doLast {  
        println "long task!"  
    }  
}
```

```
> gradle mNIKL
```

Gradle understands how to match against camel-case task names. Ambiguous matches fail the build.

DSL Syntax and Tasks

```
// access existing task via its name
hello.dependsOn otherTask

// configure existing task via closure
hello {
    dependsOn otherTask
}

// configure new task
tasks.register("greet") {
    dependsOn otherTask
    doLast { println "Hello Gradler!" }
}
```

Tasks can be expensive to create, so Gradle has [APIs to avoid creating and configuring tasks](#).

Task Types

You will usually use tasks of a certain type, that provide useful behavior (e.g. copy files).

```
tasks.register("copyFiles", Copy) {  
    // Only configuration (actions are defined by the type)  
    from('someDirectory')  
    into('anotherDirectory')  
}
```

Task is of type Copy. Configure it using its API.

If you don't specify a type, you get a DefaultTask.

Task Types and API

```
tasks.register("hello") {  
    onlyIf { day == "monday" }  
    doFirst { println "Hello" }  
}
```

The `onlyIf()` method is a method of all tasks (i.e. part of `Task` interface).

```
tasks.register("copy", Copy) {  
    from "someDir"  
    into "anotherDir"  
}
```

The `from()` method here is part of the `Copy` API.

A task's API allows you to *configure* the task.

Implementing Task Types

- POJO extending `DefaultTask`
- Declare action with `@org.gradle.api.tasks.TaskAction`

```
abstract class FtpTask extends DefaultTask {  
    String host = "docs.mycompany.com"  
  
    @TaskAction  
    void ftp() {  
        // do something complicated  
    }  
}
```


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Task Type > Ad-hoc Task

Prefer implementing task types to implementing ad-hoc tasks.

- Avoid global properties and methods
- Separate the imperative from the declarative
- Easy to refactor (e.g. from build script to Jar)
- Easier to utilize other Gradle features

Ad-hoc tasks are OK for small simple tasks.

Task Dependencies

- Tasks can depend on each other
- Semantic relationship (A produces something that B consumes)
- Executed tasks form a directed acyclic graph

```
tasks.register("foo")

// multiple ways to declare task dependencies
bar { dependsOn foo }
bar.dependsOn foo
```

Task Ordering

The order that tasks are executed in can be optimized.

```
tasks.register("unitTests") {}

tasks.register("integrationTests") {
    mustRunAfter unitTests
    // or: shouldRunAfter unitTests
}
```

Task.mustRunAfter - if this task executes, Gradle must run it after the given task. Task.shouldRunAfter - Weaker form of `mustRunAfter`. Gradle may run the tasks in another order if no other tasks are ready.

With no relationship between tasks, task order is undefined.

Task Finalization

Runs a task even if a preceding task has failed.

```
tasks.register("startWebServer") {}  
tasks.register("stopWebServer") {}  
  
tasks.register("integrationTests") {  
    dependsOn startWebServer  
    finalizedBy stopWebServer  
}
```

Often used for releasing resources (cf. Java's try-finally).

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Working with the Filesystem

Files

- Primary function of most builds
- Standard Java File API
- Gradle adds new types (e.g `FileCollection`, `FileTree`)
- Fundamental to Gradle's input/output model

Gradle provides support for common operations out of the box (e.g. zip, copy, delete).

Project properties

Important file related properties:

- `projectDir` - the base directory of the project
- `buildDir` - the build output directory of the project
- `rootDir` - the base directory of the root project (multi-project)

The `buildDir` is "`$projectDir/build`" by default.

In plugins, don't assume this. Use "`$buildDir`".

Relative files

Don't do this:

```
new File("src/main/java/Thing.java")
```

You don't know what the working directory of the JVM is.

Use:

```
project.file("src/main/java/Thing.java")
```

`Project.file(Object)` always resolves relative to the `projectDir`.

Many tasks accept `Object` for file types; resolved by `project.file()`.

Copy task

Copies files from one or more locations, to *one* destination.

```
tasks.register("copyLibs", Copy) {  
    from "libsDir", "docs/index.html", "/some.txt"  
    into "ide"  
}
```

Powerful API, including filtering and transforming.

Multiple sources/sub directories

API has a tree like structure.

```
tasks.register("copyStuff", Copy) {
    exclude "**/.svn" // default
    into "targetDir"
    // copies contents of sourceDir into targetDir/targetSubDir
    into("targetSubDir") {
        from "sourceDir"
    }
    into("targetSubDir2") {
        from "sourceDir2", "someFile.txt"
    }
    into("targetSubDir3") {
        from "sourceDir3"
        include "**/*.jpeg"
        exclude "**/obsoleteImages/*"
    }
}
```

Transforming

Files can be mutated during copy.

```
tasks.register("copyStuff", Copy) {
    into "targetDir"
    from("someDir") {
        // Use Ant's HeadFilter
        filter(HeadFilter, lines: 25, skip: 2)
    }
    from("otherDir") {
        // Line by line transform
        filter { line -> line.substring(5) }
    }
    from("anotherDir") {
        // Groovy's SimpleTemplateEngine
        // "$foo" -> "bar", "$red" -> "blue"
        expand(foo: "bar", red: "blue")
    }
}
```

Renaming

Files can be renamed and/or moved.

```
tasks.register("copyStuff", Copy) {  
    into "targetDir"  
    from("someDir") {  
        rename "(.*)_OEM_BLUE_(.*)", '$1$2'  
    }  
    from("otherDir") {  
        eachFile { FileCopyDetails copyDetails ->  
            if (copyDetails.name.length() > 10) {  
                copyDetails.path = "longFileNames/$copyDetails.name"  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

`eachFile` can also exclude files, deal with duplicates, etc.

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Permissions

Permissions at the destination can be specified.

```
tasks.register("copyStuff", Copy) {  
    into("targetDir")  
    into("bin") {  
        from "src/bin"  
        fileMode = 0755  
        dirMode = 0755  
    }  
}
```

Particularly useful when creating archives (covered soon).

Sync Task

Same as `Copy`, except that destination will *only* contain copied files (and nothing else).

```
tasks.register("copyStuff", Sync) {  
    from sharedNetworkLibsDir  
    into "ide"  
}
```

- Full copy (not incremental like `rsync`).
- `[Sync.preserve]`([https://docs.gradle.org/current/dsl/org.gradle.api.tasks.Sync.html#org.gradle.api.tasks.Sync:preserve\(org.gradle.api.Action\)](https://docs.gradle.org/current/dsl/org.gradle.api.tasks.Sync.html#org.gradle.api.tasks.Sync:preserve(org.gradle.api.Action))) can be used to keep files in the destination directory.
- [Sync in the DSL reference](#)

Archives

Archive Handling

Task type for each archive type (Zip, Jar, War, Tar).

- Similar to copy
 - Archiving: Copying to a directory
 - Unarchiving: Copying from a directory
- Supports transforming/renaming etc.

Archive Tasks

```
tasks.register("zipLibs", Zip) {  
    into("ide") {  
        from("libsDir", "docs/index.html")  
    }  
    from "src/license.txt"  
}
```

Zip content:

- license.txt
- ide/someJarFromLibsDir.jar
- ide/index.html

Archive Names

Base plugin adds conventional naming defaults.

```
plugins {  
    id "base"  
}  
tasks.register("zipLibs", Zip) {  
    archiveBaseName = "services"  
    // ...  
}
```

Pattern: «*archiveBaseName*»-«*archiveAppendix*»-«*archiveVersion*»-«*archiveClassifier*».
«*archiveExtension*»

- *archiveBaseName* -> project.name
- *archiveAppendix* -> empty string
- *archiveVersion* -> project.version
- *archiveClassifier* -> empty string
- *archiveExtension* -> type extension

Default destinations

- Default destination dir for Zip/Tar (by base plugin)
 - `"build/distributions"`
- Default destination dir for Jar/War (by java-base plugin)
 - `"build/libs"`

Destination directory is customizable:

```
plugins {  
    id "base"  
}  
  
tasks.register("myZip", Zip) {  
    destinationDir = file("$buildDir/specialZips")  
}
```

Unarchiving

Use `zipTree()` and `tarTree()` to specify archive *content*.

```
tasks.register("unpackArchives", Copy) {  
    from zipTree("zip1.zip"), zipTree("jar1.jar")  
    from(tarTree("tar1.tar")) {  
        exclude "**/*.properties"  
    }  
    from "zip2.zip"  
    into "unpackDir"  
}
```

Merging

`zipTree()` and `tarTree()` can be used to merge archives.

```
tasks.register("mergedZip", Zip) {  
    from zipTree("someZip.zip")  
    from zipTree("otherZip.zip")  
}
```

[Shadow plugin](#) is useful for building fat jars.

Plugins

Gradle Plugins

Plugins are just packaged build logic.

Plugins can do anything that you can do in a build script, and vice versa.

Plugins aid:

1. **Reuse** - avoid copy/paste
2. **Encapsulation** - hide implementation detail behind a DSL
3. **Modularity** - clean, maintainable code
4. **Composition** - plugins can complement each other

Typical Plugin Functions

Some of the things plugins typically do:

- **Extend the Gradle model** with new elements
- Configure the project according to **conventions**
 - Add new tasks
 - Configure existing model elements
 - Add configuration rules for future elements
- Apply some very **specific configuration**
 - Configure the project for very specific standards

Applying plugins

Plugins are applied in a `plugins` block:

```
plugins {  
    id 'name-of-plugin'  
}
```

Plugins can also have versions (if they are not built-in plugins)

```
plugins {  
    id 'name-of-plugin' version '1.0'  
}
```

[Configuring where to find plugins.](#)

Applying plugins (legacy)

Plugins can also be applied via `apply plugin:`

```
apply plugin: 'name-of-plugin'
```

This requires that the plugin already be added to the build script classpath.

```
buildscript {  
    dependencies {  
        classpath "plugin.group:name-of-plugin:1.0"  
    }  
}
```

The `plugins {}` block is preferable in most cases.

Building Java projects

java-library Plugin

The basis of Java development with Gradle.

- “main” and “test” source set conventions
- Incremental compilation
- Dependency management
- JUnit & TestNG testing
- Javadoc generation

api **VS** implementation

Java libraries can [separate their implementation and API dependencies](#).

Dependencies appearing in the `api` will be transitively exposed to consumers of the library when compiling. Dependencies found in the `implementation` will not be exposed to consumers when compiling but will be available at runtime.

This has many advantages over a single `compile` time dependency scope.

Source Sets

A logical compilation/processing unit of sources.

- Java source files
- Non compiled source files (e.g. properties files)
- Classpath separation (compile & runtime)
- Output class files
- Compilation tasks

```
sourceSets {  
    main {  
        java {  
            srcDir "src/main/java" // default  
        }  
        resources {  
            srcDir "src/main/resources" // default  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Lifecycle Tasks

The `java-library` plugin provides a set of “lifecycle” tasks for common tasks.

- `clean` - delete all build output
- `classes` - compile code, process resources
- `test` - run tests
- `assemble` - make all archives (e.g. zips, jars, wars etc.)
- `check` - run all quality checks (e.g. tests + static code analysis)
- `build` - combination of `assemble` & `check`

Testing

Built-in support for JUnit4, JUnit5 and TestNG.

- Pre-configured "test" task
- Automatic test detection
- Forked JVM execution
- Parallel execution
- Configurable console output
- Human-readable HTML reports
- Machine-readable reports for further processing (e.g. XML)

IDE integration

- [Eclipse Buildship](#)
- [IntelliJ](#)

IDEs can delegate to Gradle to run tests and other arbitrary tasks.

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Dependency Management

Dependency Management

Gradle supports managed and unmanaged dependencies.

- “Managed” dependencies have identity and possibly metadata.
- “Unmanaged” dependencies are just anonymous files.

Managed dependencies are superior as their use can be automated and reported on.

Unmanaged Dependencies

```
dependencies {  
    implementation fileTree(dir: "lib", include: "*.jar")  
}
```

Can be useful during migration.

Managed Dependencies

```
dependencies {  
    implementation "org.springframework:spring-core:5.2.8.RELEASE"  
    implementation group: "org.springframework", name: "spring-web",  
        version: "5.2.8.RELEASE"  
}
```

Group/Module/Version

Configurations

Dependencies are assigned to *configurations*. [See java-library defined configurations.](#)

```
configurations {  
    // default with "java-library" plugin  
    compileOnly  
    implementation  
    runtimeOnly  
    testCompileOnly  
    testImplementation  
    testRuntimeOnly  
}  
  
dependencies {  
    implementation "org.springframework:spring-core:4.0.5.RELEASE"  
}
```

See [Configuration](#) in DSL reference.

Transitive Dependencies

Gradle (by default) fetches dependencies of your dependencies. This can introduce version conflicts.

Only one version of a given dependency can be part of a configuration.

Options:

- Use default strategy (highest version number)
- Component metadata rules
- Dependency resolution rules
- Fail on version conflict
- Disable transitive dependency management
- Force a version
- Excludes

Fail on Conflict

Automatic conflict resolution can be disabled.

```
configurations {  
    implementation {  
        resolutionStrategy.failOnVersionConflict()  
    }  
}
```

If disabled, conflicts have to be resolved manually (using force, exclude etc.)

Cross Configuration Rules

Configuration-specific rules can be applied to all configurations.

```
configurations {  
    all {  
        resolutionStrategy.failOnVersionConflict()  
    }  
}
```

`all` is a special keyword, meaning all things in the configuration container.

Disable Transitives

Per dependency...

```
dependencies {  
    implementation("org.foo:bar:1.0") {  
        transitive = false  
    }  
}
```

Configuration-wide...

```
configurations {  
    implementation.transitive = false  
}
```

Version Forcing

Per dependency...

```
dependencies {  
    implementation("org.springframework:spring-core:4.0.5.RELEASE") {  
        force = true  
    }  
}
```

Configuration-wide...

```
configurations {  
    implementation {  
        resolutionStrategy.force "org.springframework:spring-core:4.0.5.RELEASE"  
    }  
}
```

Excludes

Per dependency...

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

Configuration-wide...

```
configurations {  
    implementation {  
        exclude module : 'groovy-all'  
    }  
}
```


Dependency Cache

Default location: `~/.gradle/caches/...`

- Multi-process safe
- Source location aware
- Optimized for reading (finding deps is fast)
- Checksum based storage
- Avoids unnecessary downloading
 - Finds local candidates
 - Uses checksums/etags

An opaque cache, not a repository.

Changing Dependencies

Changing dependencies are mutable.

Version numbers ending in `-SNAPSHOT` are changing by default.

```
dependencies {  
    implementation "org.company:some-lib:1.0-SNAPSHOT"  
    implementation("org:somename:1.0") {  
        changing = true  
    }  
}
```

Default TTL is 24 hours.

Dynamic Dependencies

Dynamic dependencies do not refer to concrete versions.

```
dependencies {  
    implementation "org.company:some-lib:2.+"  
    // For ivy repositories, you can use Ivy symbolic versions.  
    implementation "org:somename:latest.release"  
}
```

Default TTL is 24 hours.

Controlling Updates & TTL

```
configurations.all {  
    resolutionStrategy.cacheChangingModulesFor 4, "hours"  
    resolutionStrategy.cacheDynamicVersionsFor 10, "minutes"  
}
```

- `--offline` - don't look for updates, regardless of TTL
- `--refresh-dependencies` - look for updates, regardless of TTL

Dependency Reports

View the dependency graph.

```
$ gradle dependencies [--configuration «name»]
```

View a dependency in the graph.

```
$ gradle dependencyInsight --dependency «name» --configuration «name»
```

Built in tasks.

Repositories

- Any Maven/Ivy repository can be used
- Very flexible layouts are possible for Ivy repositories

```
repositories {  
    jcenter()  
    mavenCentral()  
  
    maven {  
        name "my co repo"  
        url "https://repo.mycompany.com"  
    }  
  
    ivy {  
        url "https://repo.mycompany.com"  
        layout "gradle" // default  
    }  
  
    flatDir(dirs: ["dir1", "dir2"])  
}
```

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Publishing

- Publish your artifacts to any Maven/Ivy repository
- Metadata file (`pom.xml/ivy.xml`) is generated
- Repository metadata (e.g. `maven-metadata.xml`) is generated
- [Ivy Publish Plugin](#) for publishing to Ivy repositories
- [Maven Publish Plugin](#) for publishing to Maven repositories

Publishing to Maven Repositories

```
plugins {  
    id 'java-library'  
    id 'maven-publish'  
}  
  
publishing {  
    publications {  
        maven(MavenPublication) {  
            from components.java  
        }  
    }  
    repositories {  
        maven {  
            url 'https://my.org/m2repo/'  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- For Artifactory, JFrog provides an `artifactory-publish` plugin

Multi-project Builds

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- Flexible directory layout
- Project dependencies & partial builds
- Each project can use different plugins

Real world examples

- [Spock](#)
- [Gradle](#)

Defining a Multi-project Build

- Build structure is defined in `settings.gradle[.kts]`

```
// define the name of the build (defaults to directory name)
rootProject.name = "main"

// declare projects:
include "api", "shared", "services:webservice"

// by default, api subproject is in directory 'api'
project(":api").projectDir = file("/myLocation")

// by default: build files are "build.gradle" or "build.gradle.kts"
project(":shared").buildFileName = "shared.gradle"
```

Task/Project Paths

- All projects have a path that uniquely identifies them.
- Gradle uses `:` as a path separator.
- When running tasks on the command-line, you can combine the project path and the task name to select a task to execute.
 - `:` refers to the root project
 - `:clean` means to run the clean task in the root project only
 - `:api` refers to the api project
 - `:api:clean` means to run the clean task in the api project only

Implicit task selection

Running a task found only in subprojects from the root project will implicitly execute those tasks in the subproject

Runs clean in all subprojects:

```
$ gradle clean
```

Runs assemble in all subprojects:

```
$ gradle assemble
```

Runs test in all subprojects:

```
$ gradle test
```

Fuzzy name matching

Like tasks, fuzzy name matching works for project paths too.

If you had a project named `reallyLongName`, you could run `clean` in that project with:

```
$ gradle rLN:clean
```

Project Dependencies

Instead of using `group:name:version` to declare dependencies between projects, you can use project dependencies.

The method `project(String)` takes the path to the other project

```
dependencies {  
    implementation "commons-lang:commons-lang:2.4"  
    // Depends on the "shared" project  
    implementation project(":shared")  
}
```

Gradle automatically selects the publications from the other project.

Configuration Injection

Parent projects (including the root project) can inject configuration into subprojects.

```
// apply this configuration to all subprojects
subprojects {
    apply plugin: "java-library"
    dependencies {
        testImplementation "junit:junit:4.13"
    }
    test {
        jvmArgs "-Xmx512M"
    }
}
```

This should be used sparingly, since it can make it harder for you to understand all of the configuration that affects a project.

Composite builds

- [Composite builds](#) are a way to combine multiple builds into a single build.
- A composite build is made up of a root build and one or more "included builds"
- You can use composite builds to combine independently developed builds or decompose a large build into separate chunks.
- Learn more from the [composite build samples](#).

Implicit `buildSrc` build

- `buildSrc` is a built-in included build.
- Just adding a `buildSrc` directory into the root of your project enables it.
- You can use this build to encapsulate and organize your build logic.
- `buildSrc` provides some built-in conveniences and automatically compiles and tests your build logic

Wrapping up

Performance features

Build caching

Gradle will [skip execution of some work](#) if it has been done before, even on other machines.

```
$ gradle build --build-cache
```

File system watching

Gradle will [watch files on disk](#) and skip to executing tasks more quickly.

```
$ gradle build --watch-fs
```

Parallel Builds

Run independent tasks from different projects in parallel.

```
$ gradle build --parallel
```

Useful features

Continue after Failure

```
$ gradle build --continue
```

Especially useful for CI builds.

Continuous Build

When the build completes, instead of exiting, [watch the inputs of executed tasks](#) and re-run the build when an input changes.

```
$ gradle build --continuous
```

Standard Gradle plugins

Gradle ships with many useful plugins.

Some examples:

- `java-library` - compile, test, and package Java projects
- `checkstyle` - static analysis for Java code
- `maven-publish` - upload artifacts to Apache Maven repositories
- `scala` - compile, test, package, upload Scala projects
- `application` - support packaging your Java code as a runnable application
- `cpp-library` - support building native binaries using gcc, clang or visual-cpp

Many more, [listed in the Gradle User Manual](#).

Gradle Plugin Portal

- Search and discover community plugins on plugins.gradle.org/
- Plugin JARs and their metadata are hosted by Gradle Inc.



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Gradle Enterprise gives you the data to speed up your build, improve build reliability and accelerate build debugging.

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Gradle Enterprise test distribution takes your existing test suites and distributes them across remote agents to execute them faster.

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Notable community plugins

- [Kotlin JVM plugin](#) - Builds Kotlin code
- [Spring Boot plugin](#) - Builds Spring boot applications
- [Shadow plugin](#) - Builds shaded jars
- [Spotbugs plugin](#) - Runs SpotBugs analysis on Java code

Other Gradle Inc plugins

- [Gradle Enterprise](#) - Generates build scans.
- [Gradle Enterprise Test distribution](#) - Distributes tests across multiple machines.
- [Gradle Test Retry](#) - Mitigate flaky tests by retrying tests when they fail.

Thank You!

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