

Je passe à Gradle Maturité, performance et plaisir!

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Who are we?

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    name 'Cédric Champeau'  
    company 'Gradle Inc'  
    oss 'Apache Groovy committer',  
    successes 'Static type checker',  
              'Static compilation',  
              'Traits',  
              'Markup template engine',  
              'DSLs'  
    failures Stream.of(bugs),  
    twitter '@CedricChampeau',  
    github 'melix',  
    extraDescription '''Groovy in Action 2 co-author  
Misc OSS contribs'''  
}
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        'Freelance consultant',  
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}
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- 100% Free Open Source - Apache Standard

Agnostic Build System

- Java ecosystem
 - Groovy, Kotlin, Scala, ...
- Native ecosystem
 - C, C++, Swift, ...
- Android
- Misc
 - Go, Asciidoctor, ...

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Gradle Inc.

The company behind Gradle.

- Build Happiness
- Employs full time engineers
- Providing Gradle Build Scans and Gradle Enterprise
- Gradle consulting, support, development services etc.
- Training: online, public and in-house

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Agenda

- Anatomy of a Gradle project
- Use Gradle
- Concepts and plugins
- Incremental build and tasks
- Advanced configuration
- Dependency Management
- IDE integration
- Caching

Gradle survival guide



Anatomy of a Gradle project

Gradle is based on a set of conventions.

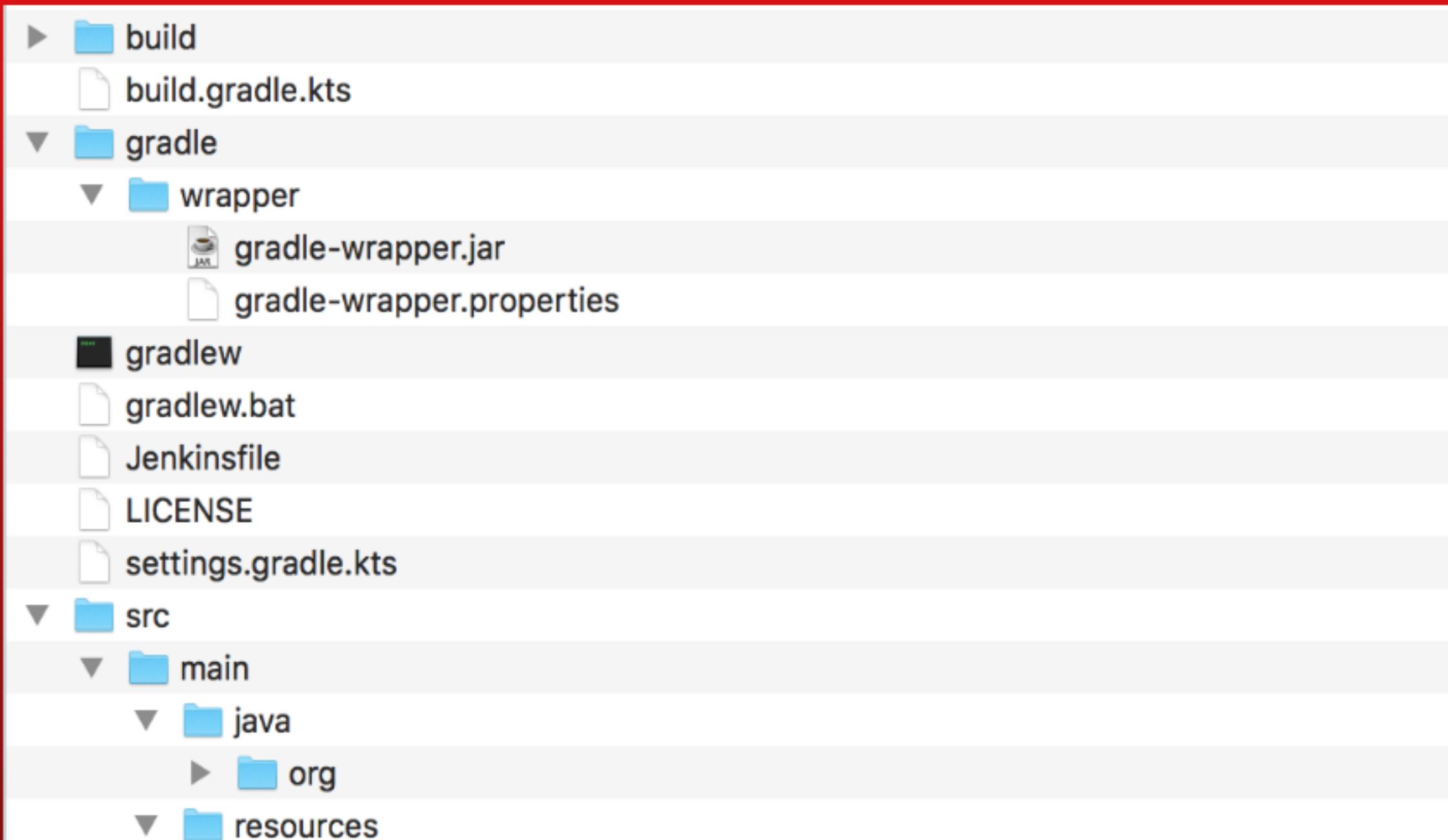
Some inherited from the history of Java build systems:

- `src/main/java`
- `src/test/resources`

Others brought by Gradle:

- The name of the project is the name of the containing folder

A simple project



A multi project build

```
► 107
► api
▼ buildSrc
  ► src
    └ build.gradle
► clustered
► config
► core
► core-spi-test
► demos
► dist
► docs
► gradle
► impl
► integration-test
► management
► osgi-test
► spi-tester
► transactions
► xml
  └ build.gradle
  └ CONTRIBUTING.adoc
  └ ehcache3.iml
  └ gradle.properties
```

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The build file

- By default, named `build.gradle` which can be configured.
- Describes what the build is about through configuration.

Companion files

- `settings.gradle`: Configure the project(s) that compose the build
- `gradle.properties`: Defines properties specific to the build, which can be overridden

Additional build artifacts

Directories:

- buildSrc
- .gradle
- build

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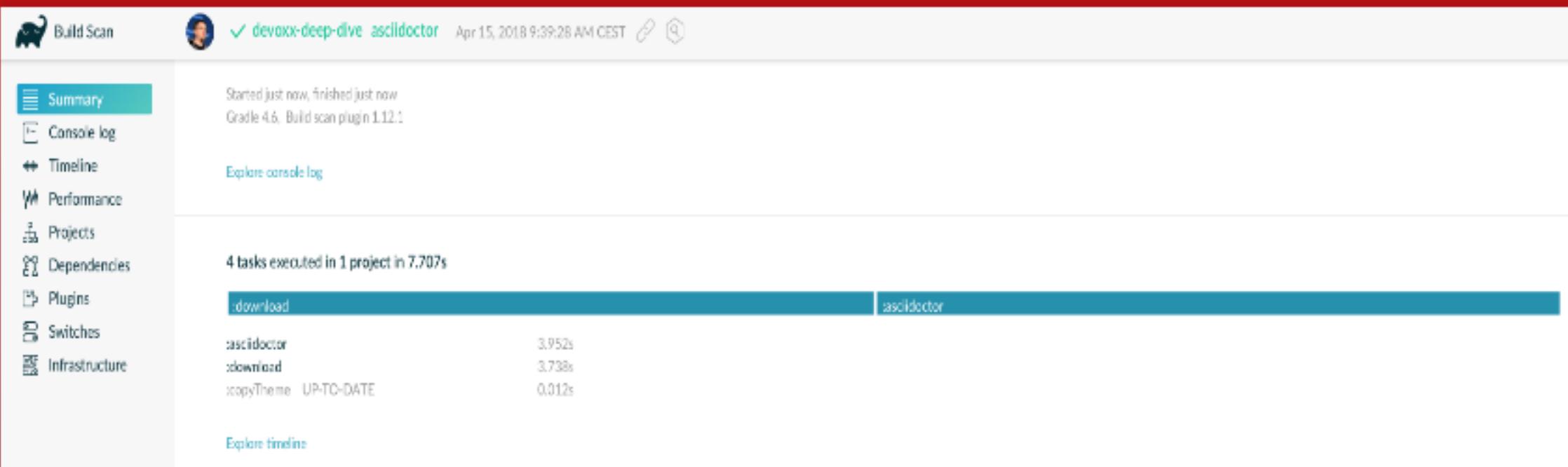
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- Bootstraps Gradle for project contributors
- Project controls Gradle version

Build scans

What is a build scan?

- It is a permanent, centralized and shareable record of a build
- It offers *tons* of insights into how your software is building



How to enable build scans?

- Simply add `--scan` to your build command
 - Will prompt you to accept terms of service
- Or configure your build for it:

```
plugins {  
    id 'com.gradle.build-scan' version '1.13.1'  
}  
  
buildScan {  
    licenseAgreementUrl = 'https://gradle.com/terms-of-service'  
    licenseAgree = 'yes'  
}
```

Using Gradle

Invoking Gradle using the wrapper

```
./gradlew hello
```

Note the implicit invocation from the project root.
With Gradle, no need to navigate inside project
directories. Instead, you can pass a specific task
name and path to execute.

Invoking tasks

```
./gradlew [taskName...] [--option-name...]
```

Where `taskName` is one or more tasks names, space separated.

Each task can also reference a specific task in a subproject:

```
./gradlew :server:test
```

Discovering tasks

```
./gradlew tasks
```

Will list all the tasks defined by the project, with a description

Getting help on a task

```
./gradlew help --task <taskName>
```

Will list all projects having the task and give some usage context.

Exclude a task

- `--exclude-task` or `-x`
 - To exclude one task from the execution graph

```
./gradlew build -x test
```

- i** This will exclude the specific task *and all tasks it depended upon*

Continue a build

- `--continue`
 - To continue with the build even when a task fails

```
./gradlew test --continue
```

- i** The dependents task(s) of the failed one will still not be executed.

Continuous build

- - -continuous or -t
 - Runs the tasks every time the input changes

```
./gradlew -t test
```

 Use <CTRL>-D to stop the build

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- Default log level (lifecycle) is minimalistic

Configuring logging

- Command line flags allow to set a different level:

```
> gradle hello -i  
> gradle -q hello
```

- i** When troubleshooting, `info` is usually enough, `debug` has a *lot* of output.

Convention tasks

Gradle built-in plugins define a set of convention tasks.

These are used as entry points to request execution of canonical project operations.

assemble task

This convention task indicates that all output producing tasks have to be executed.

check task

This convention task indicates that all verification tasks are to be executed.

build task

This convention task triggers assemble and check.

No task argument?

```
./gradlew
```

The above will invoke the help task by default.

However a project can define a set of default tasks to be run when it is invoked without a task argument.

```
defaultTasks 'assemble', 'test'
```

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- `org.gradle.daemon.idletimeout` can be used to tweak the idle time

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- `org.gradle.workers.max` can be used to limit the number of workers used by parallel builds
 - Defaults to number of CPUs

Demo

Gradle construction guide



Concepts

Gradle lifecycle

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- Run tasks that are required by the build invocation

Demo

Lifecycle best practices

- Do the minimum during configuration
 - At this stage, Gradle walks all configuration items to determine which need to be part of the execution

Concepts by example

What are the building blocks of a *compile* task for a Java project?

Tasks

It is the target of a build execution and does the work.

Task actions

```
task hello {  
    doLast { print "Let's have a great week!" }  
}
```

- `doLast` adding actions to a task

Task type

```
task compileMe(type: JavaCompile) {  
    destinationDir "$buildDir/myDir"  
  
    //enable compilation in a separate daemon process  
    options.fork = true  
  
    //enable incremental compilation  
    options.incremental = true  
}
```

- Provides declarative configuration
- Task action is defined by the task type
- Models what the build is about in terms of execution

What does compile do then?

Transform Java source files into class files.

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Importance of inputs / outputs

You can think of a Gradle task as a function.

Based on a set of inputs, you produce outputs.

And ideally, the same set of inputs results in the same outputs.

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Configurations

A configuration is a container of dependencies and produced artifacts.

A configuration can extend another one, inheriting its dependencies.

Dependencies

A dependency is a pointer to another piece of software required to build, test or run your project.

When declaring a dependency, you tie it to a Configuration.

In practice

```
configurations {  
    implementation  
}  
  
dependencies {  
    implementation 'org.slf4j:slf4j-api:1.7.25'  
    implementation project(':common')  
}
```

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Base plugins

Plugin base

- Adds tasks
- Adds conventions
- Provides some build structure

Base configurations

- archives
 - A configuration that contains the production artifacts of a project
 - Has a matching `uploadArchives` task for uploading the artifacts of archives

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- Dependency configurations:
 - Compilation: `<name>Implementation`
 - Runtime: `<name>Runtime`

Naming conventions for main

The `main` part is ignored, having the resulting name respect camel case.

```
configurations {  
    implementation  
    runtime  
}  
  
compileJava
```

Java Plugins: java-library

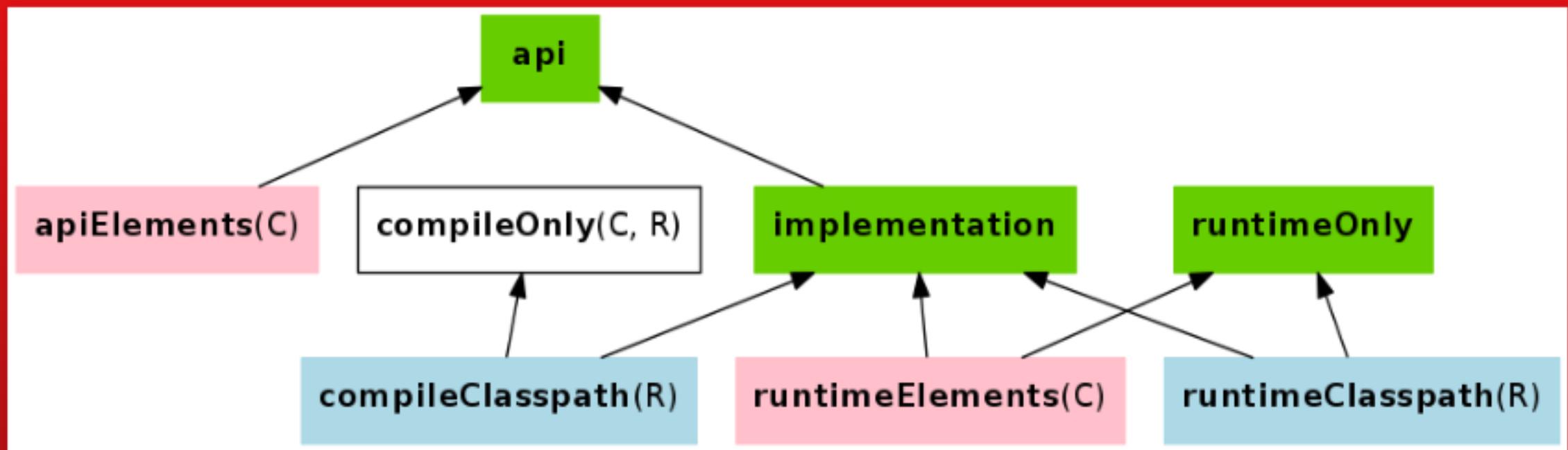
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- Express the difference in your dependencies:
 - The ones part of your API
 - The ones required at runtime by your implementation

java-library configurations



Demo

Plugin portal

The screenshot shows the Gradle Plugin portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Plugins', 'Documentation', and 'Forums'. Below the navigation bar is the Gradle logo and the text 'Search Gradle plugins'. A search bar contains the query 'generation'. To the right of the search bar is a link 'Want to include your Gradle plugin here?'. The main content area displays a list of plugins related to 'generation':

Plugin	Latest Version
net.devrieze.gradlecodegen A plugin to aid with codeGeneration without using buildSrc. It provides an additional generate section to sourceSets. In this section individual files to be generated can be specified. Each sourceset has an accompanying ...generator sourceSet where the actual generator source can live. #generate #codegen #code-generation	0.5.10 (17 May 2017)
com.gitlab.tguseynov.builder-source-generator-gradle-plugin Plugin to store generated sources in specified folder from Builder Source Generator Library #builder #generated-sources-folder	1.0 (03 December 2015)
com.liferay.js.module.config.generator The JS Module Config Generator Gradle plugin lets you run the Liferay AMD Module Config Generator to generate the configuration file needed to load AMD files via combo loader in Liferay. #amd #javascript #js #liferay #node #nodejs	2.1.30 (06 April 2018)
io.github.divinespear.jpa-schema-generate Gradle plugin for generate database schema or DDL scripts from JPA entities	0.3.5.1 (04 April 2018)

Up to date and incremental tasks

Why does it matter?

- Gradle is meant for incremental builds
- clean is a waste of time
- Time is \$\$\$

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- If a task was re-executed, you got it wrong

Incremental build

A task is UP-TO-DATE iff:

- Inputs have not changed
- Outputs are still present and un-tampered

Change detection

- Hash of input / output files
- Hash of contents of input / output folders
- Serialize input properties

Control change detection

- `--rerun-tasks` bypasses up-to-date checks
- Running at *info* level will give you insights in up-to-date calculations

Example: building a shaded jar

```
task shadedJar(type: ShadedJar) {  
    jarFile = file("$buildDir/libs/shaded.jar")  
    classpath = configurations.runtime  
    mapping = ['org.apache': 'shaded.org.apache']  
}
```

- What are the task inputs?
- What are the task outputs?
- What if one of them changes?

Declaring inputs

```
public class ShadedJar extends DefaultTask {  
    ...  
    @InputFiles  
    FileCollection getClasspath() { ... }  
  
    @Input  
    Map<String, String> getMapping() { ... }  
}
```

Declaring outputs

```
public class ShadedJar extends DefaultTask {  
    ...  
    @OutputFile  
    File getJarFile() { ... }  
}
```

Annotation sensitivity

- `@InputFiles`: File path or contents
- `@Classpath`: File contents only, order sensitive
- `@CompileClasspath`: Class file contents, limited to ABI
- `@Input`: Value change

Know why your task is out-of-date

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Incremental task inputs

- Know precisely *which* files have changed
- Task action can perform the minimal amount of work

Incremental task inputs

```
@TaskAction
public void execute(IncrementalTaskInputs inputs) {
    if (!inputs.isIncremental()) {
        // clean build, for example
        // ...
    } else {
        inputs.outOfDate(change ->
            if (change.isAdded()) {
                ...
            } else if (change.isRemoved()) {
                ...
            } else {
                ...
            }
        );
    }
}
```

Incrementality gotchas

Adding a timestamp to a jar manifest will make the jar task always out of date.

What if you do want / need that? Maybe you could only do it for a release build.

Advanced configuration

Declarative vs. Imperative

The ability to have code inside Gradle build scripts is a powerful feature.

While it adds flexibility, abusing the feature leads to builds that are hard to understand.

Gradle extensibility

- Define properties
- Add *extensions* to existing objects

Allows built in domain objects to be extended, including Project.

Makes the *build language* extensible.

Gradle properties

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- Matching different use cases

gradle.properties and command line

- Define items that have a sensible default

```
org.gradle.parallel = true  
deployUrl = https://example.com/default
```

Can be overridden on the command line:

```
./gradlew -Dorg.gradle.parallel=false -PdeployUrl='https://example.co
```

Project properties

- Added to the ext container

```
def getRevision = {
    def cmd = 'git rev-parse HEAD'
    try {
        def proc = cmd.execute()
        return proc.text.trim()
    } catch (IOException) {
        return 'Unknown'
    }
}
ext.revision = getRevision()
```

Extensions

```
class MyExtension {  
    String someProperty  
}  
  
extensions.create("myDSL", MyExtension)  
  
myDSL {  
    someProperty = "someValue"  
}
```

Configuration rules

```
configurations.all {  
    println "Configuration ${it.name}"  
}  
tasks.withType(Jar) {  
    destinationDir = "somePath"  
    doLast { /* do something */ }  
}  
  
plugins.withType(IdeaPlugin) {  
    // Perform actions if plugin gets applied  
}
```

Implicit task relationships

Tasks can have implicit dependencies:

- `taskA.inputs = taskB.outputs`
 - jar task consumes
compileJava output

This is known by Gradle through task implementations.

The heart of the Gradle execution model.

Explicit task relationships

```
task generateCode  
task compileJava  
  
compileJava.dependsOn generateCode
```

Aim for having implicit dependencies, based on proper modelling, instead of having to resort to explicit wiring.

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SourceSet output

Source sets have an output property. It references:

- Class files
- Processed resources

```
task jar {  
    from sourceSets.main.output  
}
```

Script plugins

plugin.gradle

```
task taskFromPlugin() {  
    doLast { println "added by a script plugin!" }  
}
```

master.gradle

```
apply from: "plugin.gradle"
```

Note: the script reference can be a URL

Binary plugins

- Implementation of the Plugin interface
- Can be bundled in buildSrc
- Can extend the Gradle model
 - New task types, extensions, ...

Build code management

- Use script plugins to decompose build scripts
 - Enhances comprehension and allows for reuse
 - Modularize according to domain (integ tests) or role (user/build admin)
- Encapsulate the imperative into plugins and custom tasks

Dependency management

Dependency management engine

- Gradle has its own engine
- Supports Ivy, Maven and more
- Aims at consistency
- Doesn't use .m2 by default
- Local cache knows where a dependency comes from

Declaring repositories

Basics

```
repositories {  
    mavenCentral()  
    jcenter()  
    google()  
}
```

Declaring repositories

Uncommon

```
repositories {  
    maven {  
        url "https://my-repo/  
    }  
  
    ivy {  
        url "https://my-repo/  
    }  
  
    flatDir name: 'libs', dirs: "$projectDir/libs"  
}
```

Maven local

- Should almost never use it
- Mainly for Gradle/Maven interoperability

Dependency notations

```
dependencies {  
    api project(':core')  
    implementation "com.google.code.gson:gson:2.8.2"  
    implementation("org.ow2.asm:asm") {  
        version { prefer "6.1.1" }  
        because "Only version compatible with JDK 11"  
    }  
  
    testImplementation group:"junit", name:"junit", version:"4.12"  
}
```

Dependency versions

- 1.0: fixed, cached forever
- [1.0,): dynamic, cached for 24h
- 1.0-SNAPSHOT: changing, cached for 24h
- Use --refresh-dependencies to force update

Danger zone

```
dependencies {  
    api('dont.do.this.at:home:1.0') {  
        changing = true  
    }  
}
```

Resolution strategy

```
configurations.all {  
    resolutionStrategy {  
        failOnVersionConflict()  
        cacheDynamicVersionsFor(5, HOURS)  
    }  
}
```

Fixing dependency management issues

```
configurations {  
    compileClasspath.resolutionStrategy {  
        eachDependency { DependencyResolveDetails details ->  
            // specifying a fixed version for all  
            // libraries with 'org.gradle' group  
            if (details.requested.group == 'org.gradle') {  
                details.useVersion '1.4'  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Making sense of the mess

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En finir avec les problèmes de gestion de
dépendances

IDE integration

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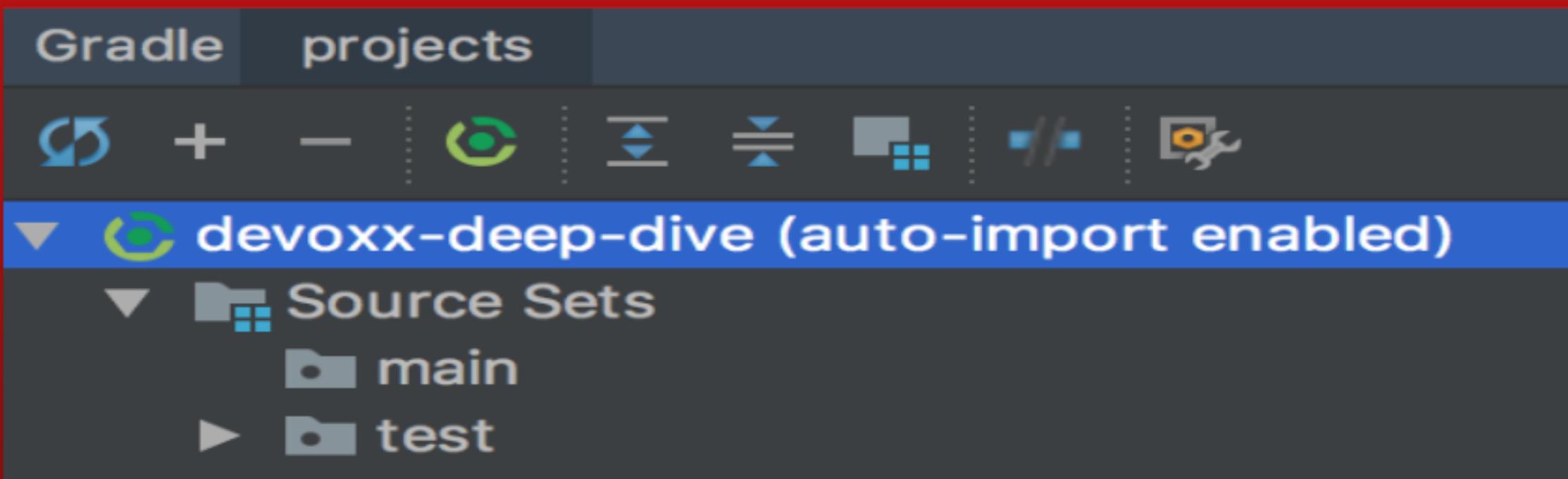
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- Enables compilation and tests execution
- Changes to the Gradle build need to be imported again
 - Unless auto-import is enabled

Advanced Idea integration

- The Gradle view enables invocation of project tasks.
- The IDE can even delegate all compilation and executions to Gradle



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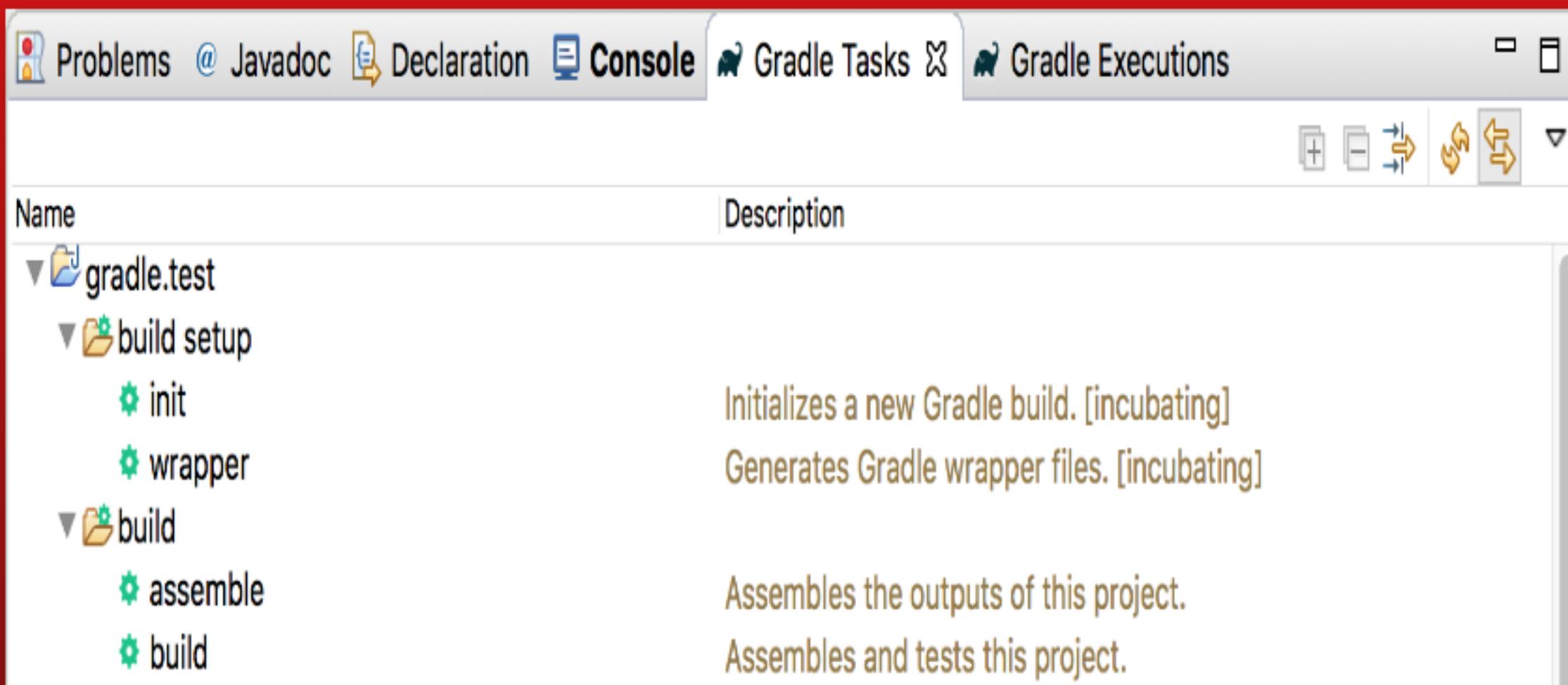
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Advanced Eclipse integration

- Custom Gradle views enable invoking build tasks



Gradle build cache

Cached tasks

It is the cross build level expression of Gradle efficiency.

Based on tasks inputs, Gradle can fetch the outputs from cache instead of having to run the task.

Usage scenarios

- Local cache for faster `git bisect`
- CI populated cache for faster *morning builds* of developers
- Faster CI feedback by reusing common elements
 - Pull request jobs usually vary from master only in a few modules

Pre-requisites

- Gradle up-to-date checks are working
 - Two subsequent invocations of the same build result in all tasks up-to-date
- Tasks are declared *cacheable*
 - This is an opt-in support

Cacheable tasks

The benefit of getting the result from the cache only matters if the operation is expensive.

By default in Gradle compilation tasks can be cached, but not copy tasks for example.

Inputs / Outputs specifics

While the system is similar to up-to-date checks, a few things need to be considered in addition:

- Relative vs. absolute paths
 - Since the goal of caching is across builds, absolute paths will differ

Enabling caching

- Add `--build-cache` to your command line
- Configure `org.gradle.caching=true` in `gradle.properties`

Configuring local caching

By default, a directory cache in the Gradle user home dir is used.

settings.gradle

```
buildCache {  
    local(DirectoryBuildCache) {  
        directory = new File(rootDir, 'build-cache')  
        removeUnusedEntriesAfterDays = 30  
    }  
}
```

Configuring remote caching

settings.gradle

```
buildCache {  
    remote(HttpBuildCache) {  
        url = 'https://example.com:8123/cache/'  
    }  
}
```

Demo

Conclusion

Gradle Enterprise

- On premise build cache and build scan solution
- Out of the box solution for distributed build cache
- Improved build scan feature set
 - Searchable build history
 - Build comparison