



Road to Grails 3.0

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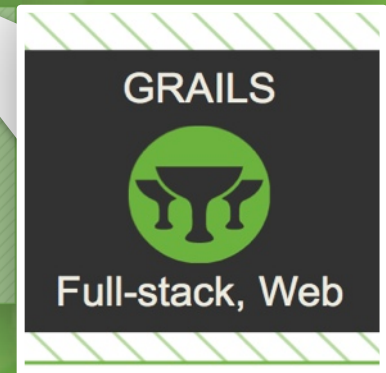
Agenda

- What's new in Grails 2.3?
- What's planned for Grails 3.0?
- Summary / Q & A



SPRING IO EXECUTION:

Grails



What's new in Grails 2.3?



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- Forked Execution and Test Daemon
- Dependency Resolution with Aether
- Complete Server-Side REST Support
- Async Programmings APIs
- New Data Binding APIs

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GRAILS

- XSS Prevention
- Hibernate 4 Support (via Plugin)
- RESTful Scaffolding v2.0
- Controller Namespaces
- ... and much, much more

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GRAILS Demo

Aether & Forked
Execution



Aether & Dependency Management

- Aether == Same dependency resolution engine as Maven
 - No snapshot troubles
 - Same local repo
 - No Ivy bugs
- New dependency-report command to visualize graph

```
build - Dependencies for the build system only (total: 23)
+--- xalan:serializer:2.7.1
+--- org.grails:grails-bootstrap:2.3.0.RC2
|   \--- jline:jline:1.0
|       \--- org.fusesource.jansi:jansi:1.2.1
|           \--- org.slf4j:jcl-over-slf4j:1.7.5
|               \--- org.slf4j:slf4j-api:1.7.5
|                   \--- org.apache.ant:ant:1.8.4
|                       \--- org.apache.ant:ant-launcher:1.8.4
|                           \--- org.apache.ant:ant-trax:1.7.1
|                               \--- net.java.dev.jna:jna:3.2.3
|                                   \--- org.apache.ant:ant-junit:1.8.4
|                                       \--- org.apache.ivy:ivy:2.3.0
|                                           \--- org.codehaus.gant:gant-groovy1.8:1.9.6
+--- org.grails:grails-scripts:2.3.0.RC2
```

Forked Execution

- Build and test / runtime split into separate JVMs
- Daemon used to speed test execution
- Correctly isolates classpaths
- test-app can't break run-app!



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REST Support



REST: URL Mappings

- RESTful Mappings
 - Single or Multiple resources
 - Versioning
 - Nested resources
- New url-mappings-report command to mappings

```
url-mappings-report
| URL Mappings Configured for Application
| -----
|
| 10
|
| Dynamic Mappings
| * 11 | /${controller}/${action}?/${id}?(.${f
| * 12 | /
| * 13 | ERROR: 500
|
| Controller: book
| GET | /books
| GET | /books/${id}
```

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```
import grails.rest.*  
  
@Resource  
class Person {  
    String name  
}
```

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    respond Book.list()
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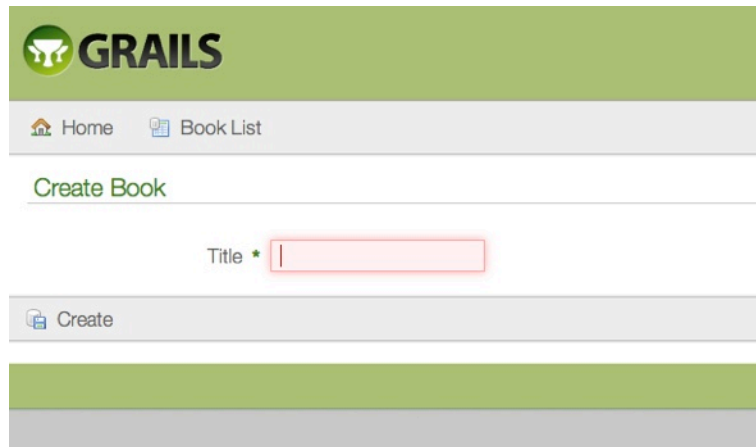
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```
import grails.rest.render.xml.*
beans = {
    bookRenderer(XmlRenderer,
                  Book) {
        includes = ['title']
    }
}
```

REST: Scaffolding 2.0

- Scaffolding support now a plugin
 - <http://grails.org/plugin/scaffolding>
- Generated controllers now RESTful
- **New** `generate-async-controller` command for Async support



The screenshot shows a web application interface for a Grails project. At the top is a green header bar with the Grails logo and the word 'GRAILS' in white. Below the header is a navigation bar with two links: 'Home' (with a house icon) and 'Book List' (with a book icon). The main content area has a green bar with the text 'Create Book' in white. Below this is a form with a label 'Title *' and a red-outlined text input field. At the bottom of the form is a grey bar with a 'Create' button (with a book icon). The footer of the page consists of a green bar and a grey bar.

REST: Misc Goodies

- `grails.rest.RestController`
 - Controller base class for inheriting RESTful actions
- The `respond` method
 - Chooses most appropriate response format
- Versioning support via URL mapping or Accept-Version header
- Find out more <http://grails.org/doc/2.3.x/guide/webServices.html#REST>

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```
import static
grails.async.Promises.*

def p1 = task { 2 * 2 }
def p2 = task { 4 * 4 }
def p3 = task { 8 * 8 }
assert [ 4, 16, 64 ] ==
waitAll(p1, p2, p3)
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```
import grails.async.*  
  
class AsyncBookService {  
    @DelegateAsync  
    BookService bookService  
}
```


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def p1 = Person.async.get(1)
def p2 = Person.async.get(2)
def p3 = Person.async.get(3)

def results =
    waitAll(p1, p2, p3)
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class PersonController {
    def index() {
        tasks books: Book.async.list(),
              total: Book.async.count(),
              otherValue: {
                // do hard work
              }
    }
}
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```
class Person {  
    @BindingFormat('MMddyyyy')  
    Date birthDate  
    @BindingFormat('Uppercase')  
    String salutation  
}
```

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```
class Person {  
    @BindUsing({  
        obj, source ->  
            source['name']?  
                .toUpperCase()  
    })  
    String salutation  
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    {
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// Inside GSP  
<section>${raw(page.content)}</section>
```


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```
// add to BuildConfig  
compile ':hibernate:hibernate4:4.1.11.1'
```

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```
import
grails.transactions.*

@Transactional
class PersonService {
    ...
}
```

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```
@DirtyCheck
class Person {
    ...
}

def p =
    new Person(name: 'Bob')
p.trackChanges()
assert !p.hasChanged()
p.name = 'Fred'
assert p.hasChanged()
```

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```
class PersonController {  
  ...  
  def tooOld(TooOldException e) {  
    render view: 'tooOld'  
  }  
}
```


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```
class PersonController {  
    ...  
    static namespace = 'admins'  
}
```

Q & A

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The Future

Grails 3.0



Grails 3.0: Goals



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- Embrace Gradle
- Abstract Packaging / Deployment
- Reach outside the Servlet Container
- App Profiles: Netty, Servlet, Batch, Hadoop
- Deployment with run-app
- Extend the reach of Grails

Grails 3.0: Gradle

- Deprecate existing build system
- Replace with Gradle build
- Easier now everything is forked in 2.3.x
- All the flexibility of a powerful build system
- Legacy bridge layer for running old



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```
$ grails create-app myapp --profile=netty
$ cd myapp
$ grails package
$ java -jar target/myapp.jar
```


Grails 3.0: Challenges



- **Compatibility**
 - Plugins
 - Build System
- **Modularization**
 - Servlet API independence
 - Refactoring



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