

Module 11: Writing DataWeave transformations

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Goal



- You have been using DataWeave throughout class
 - To write inline expressions to dynamically set the value of properties in event processors
 - To transform data this was mostly generated by the graphical drag-and-drop editor so far



- In this module, you
 - Learn to write DataWeave transformations from scratch
 - Get familiar with the language so you can write more complicated transformations that are not possible with the drag-and-drop GUI

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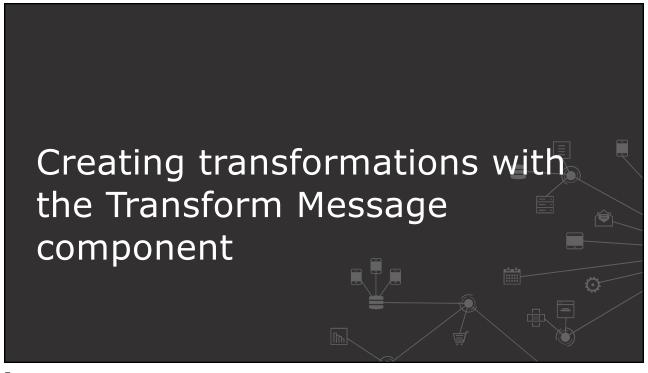
At the end of this module, you should be able to



- Write DataWeave expressions for basic XML, JSON, and Java transformations
- Write DataWeave transformations for complex data structures with repeated elements
- Define and use global and local variables
- Define and use DataWeave functions
- Coerce and format strings, numbers, and dates
- Define and use custom data types
- Call Mule flows from DataWeave expressions
- Store DataWeave scripts in external files

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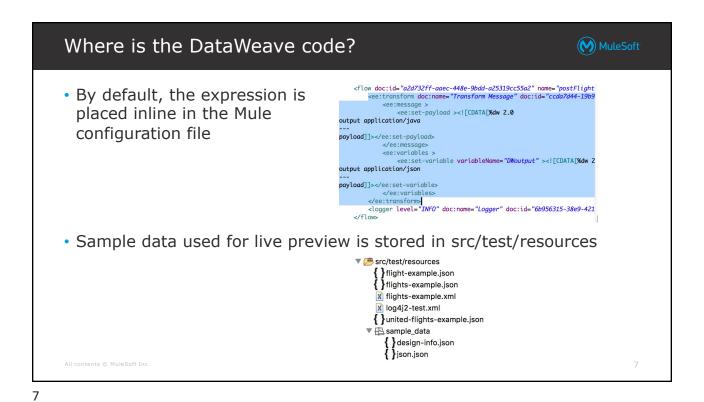
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Creating transformations with the Transform Message MuleSoft component



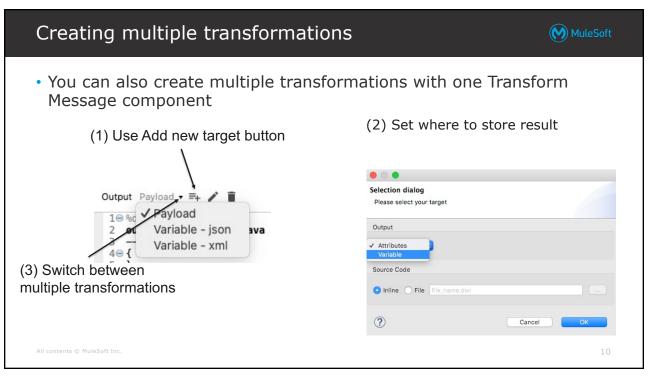
- To now, you have used the Transform Message component to
 - Create transformations using the visual editor
 - Define metadata for the input and output payload
 - Write basic transformation expressions
- But...
 - Where does the code go?
 - Can you save the code externally and reuse it?
 - What happens when you create sample data for live preview?
 - Does the target of a transformation have to be the payload?



Exporting DataWeave code to a DWL file MuleSoft In the Transform Message component, click the Edit current target button and set source code to file - Transform is saved in a DWL file - DWL files are stored in src/main/resources Output Payload - =+ / | <ee:transform doc:name="Transform Message" doc:id="69db8e 19 %dw 2.0 <ee:message > 2 output application/json • 0 • <ee:set-payload resource="user_transform.dwl" /> Selection dialog </ee:message> 4 payload Please select your target </ee:transform> ▼ # src/main/resources x log4j2.xml {/} user_transform.dwl Inline O File user_transform api ?

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Walkthrough 11-1: Create transformations with the Transform Message component



- Create a new flow that receives POST requests of JSON flight objects
- Customize propagated metadata
- Add sample data and use live preview
- Create a second transformation that stores the output in a variable
- Save a DataWeave script in an external file
- Review DataWeave script errors



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The DataWeave expression is a data model for the output



- It is not dependent upon the types of the input and output, just their structures
- It's against this model that the transform executes
- The data model of the produced output can consist of three different types of data
 - Objects: Represented as collection of key value pairs
 - **Arrays**: Represented as a sequence of comma separated values
 - Simple literals

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Example DataWeave transformation expression MuleSoft The **header** contains directives that apply to the body expression Input Transform Output %dw 2.0 <?xml version="1.0" "firstname": "Max", output application/xml encoding="UTF-8"?> "lastname": "Mule' <user> <fname>Max</fname> user: { <lname>Mule</lname> fname: payload.firstname, </user> lname: payload.lastname } Delimiter to separate The **body** contains a DataWeave expression header and body that generates the output structure

The output directive MuleSoft • Specifies the mime type (format) that the script outputs Some we have used or seen application/json application/java application/xml text/plain Others we will use application/dw (DataWeave – for testing DataWeave expressions) application/csv Others application/xlsx application/flatfile (Flat File, Cobol Copybook, Fixed Width) multipart/* application/octet-stream, application/x-www-form-urlencoded

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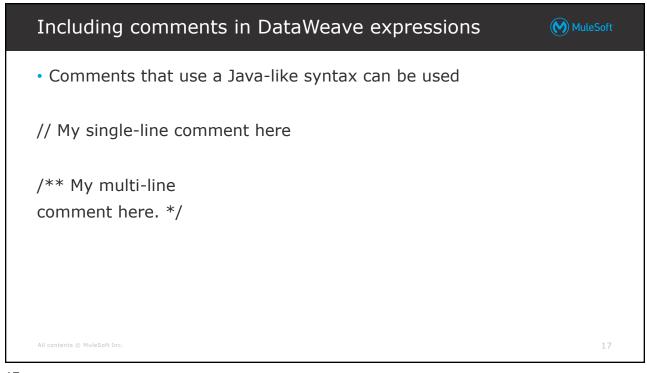
Two types of DataWeave errors



- Scripting errors
 - A problem with the syntax
- Formatting errors
 - A problem with how the transformation from one format to another is written
 - For example, a script to output XML that does not specify a data structure with a single root node
- If you get an error, transform the input to application/dw
 - If the transformation is successful, then the error is likely a formatting error

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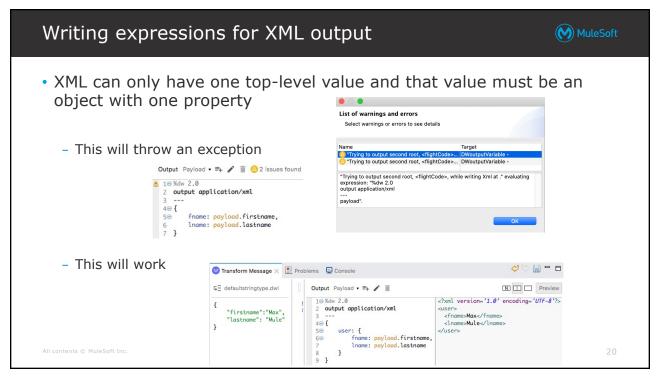
Writing expressions for JSON or Java input and output

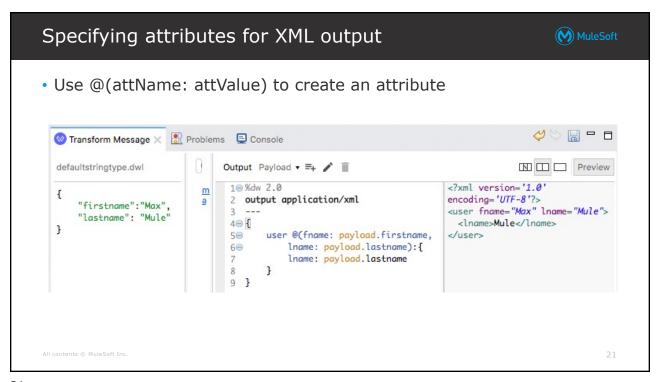


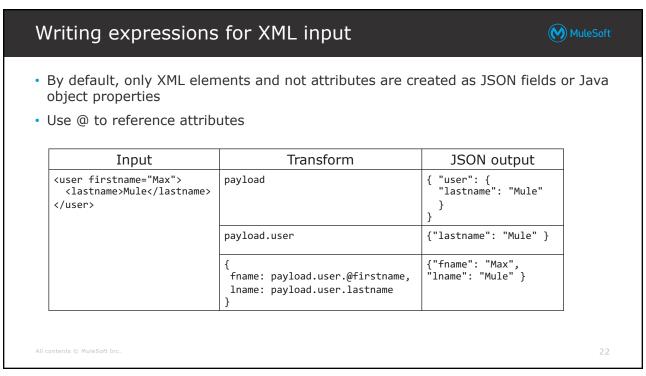
 The data model can consist of three different types of data: objects, arrays, simple literals

Input	Transform	JSON output
{ "firstname":"Max",	fname: payload.firstname	{"fname": "Max"}
"lastname":"Mule"	{fname: payload.firstname}	{"fname": "Max"}
	<pre>user: { fname: payload.firstname, lname: payload.lastname, num: 1 } [ffname: payload.firstname, num: 1}, flname: payload.lastname, num: 2}</pre>	<pre>{"user": { "fname": "Max", "lname": "Mule", "num": 1 }} [{"fname": "Max", "num": 1}, {"lname": "Mule", "num": 2}</pre>
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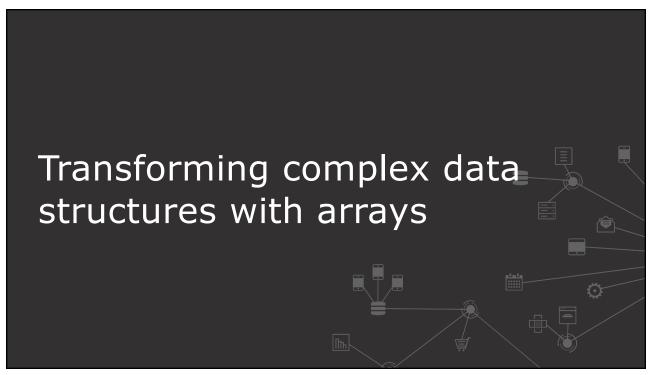






Walkthrough 11-2: Transform basic JSON, Java, and MuleSoft XML data structures • Write scripts to transform the JSON payload to various JSON and Java structures • Write scripts to transform the JSON payload to various XML structures Output Variable - DWoutput 🔻 🚅 🧨 📋 N Preview <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?> 2 output application/xml <data> <hub>**MUA**</hub> <flight airline="United"> <code>SFO</code> 4⊖ data: { hub: "MUA", flight @(airline: payload.airline): { 5⊝ </flight> 6⊝ code: payload.toAirportCode, </data> 8 9 }

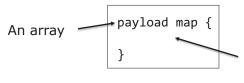
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Working with collections



- Use the map function to apply a transformation to each element in an array
 - The input array can be JSON or Java
 - Returns an array of elements



The transformation function (or lambda) to apply to each element

A **lambda** is an anonymous function not bound to an identifier

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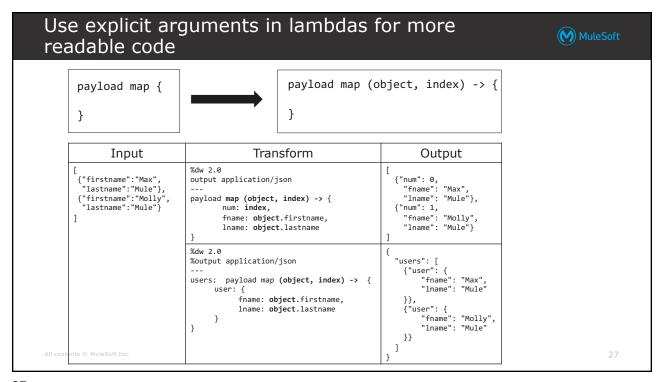
The transformation function (or lambda)

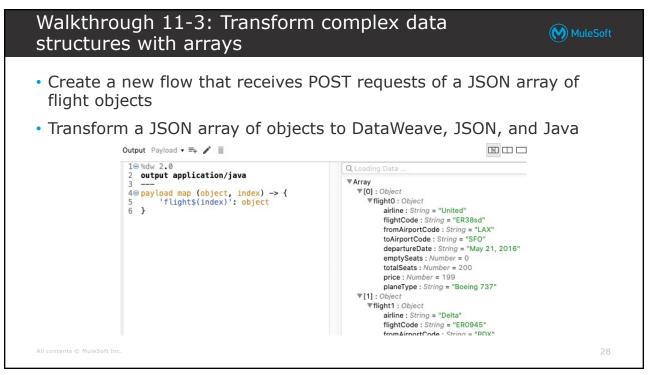


- Inside the transformation function
 - \$\$ refers to the index (or key)
 - \$ refers to the value

Input	Transform	Output
<pre>[{"firstname":"Max", "lastname":"Mule"}, {"firstname":"Molly", "lastname":"Mule"}]</pre>	%dw 2.0 output application/json payload map { num: \$\$, fname: \$.firstname, lname: \$.lastname }	[
ntents © MuleSoft Inc.	%dw 2.0 %output application/json users: payload map { user: { fname: \$.firstname, lname: \$.lastname } }	{ "users": [

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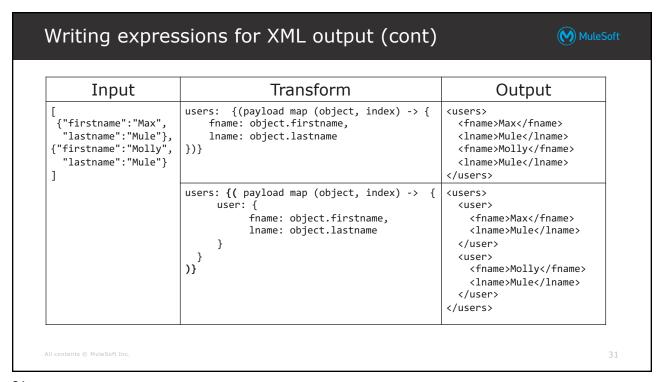


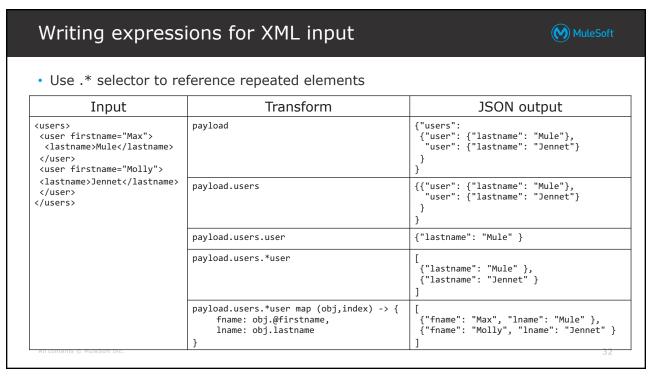
Writing expressions for XML output

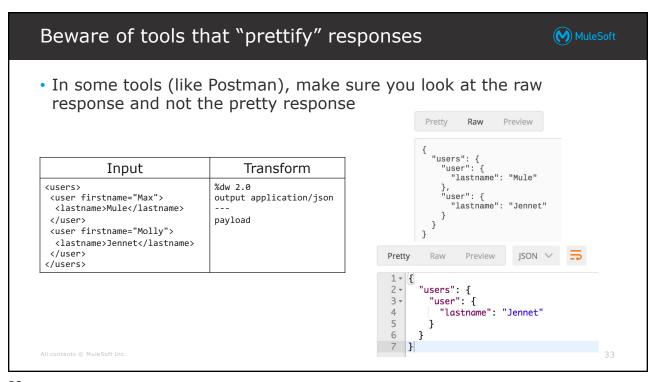


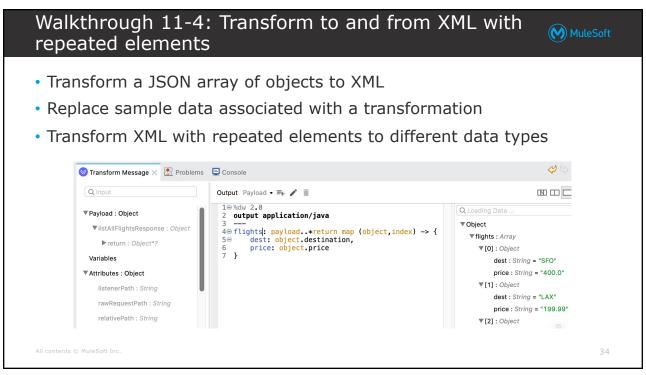
- When mapping array elements (JSON or JAVA) to XML, wrap the map function in {(
 - {} are defining the object
 - () are transforming each element in the array as a key/value pair

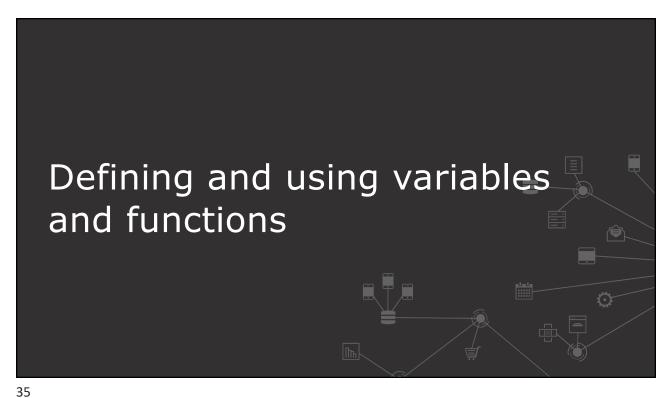
Input	Transform	Output
<pre>{"firstname":"Max", "lastname":"Mule"}, {"firstname":"Molly", "lastname":"Mule"}]</pre>	<pre>%dw 2.0 output application/xml users: payload map (object, index) -> { fname: object.firstname, lname: object.lastname }</pre>	Cannot coerce an array to an object
contents © MuleSoft Inc.	<pre>users: {(payload map (object, index) -> { fname: object.firstname, lname: object.lastname })}</pre>	<pre><users> <fname>Max</fname> <lname>Mule</lname> <fname>Molly</fname> <lname>Mule</lname> <lname>Mule</lname></users></pre>











Defining and using global variables



- Use the var directive in the header
- · Assign it a constant or a lambda expression
 - DataWeave is a functional programming language where variables behave just like functions
- Global variables can be referenced anywhere in the body

Input	Transform	Output
{"firstname":"Max", "lastname":"Mule"}	<pre>%dw 2.0 output application/xml var mname = "the" var mname2 = () -> "other" var lname = (aString) -> upper(aString) name: { first: payload.firstname, middle1: mname, middle2: mname2(), last: lname(payload.lastname)</pre>	<pre><name> <first>Max</first> <middle1>the</middle1> <middle2>other</middle2> <last>MULE</last> </name></pre>
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Defining and using variables in a syntax similar to traditional functions



- DataWeave includes an alternate syntax to access lambda expressions assigned to a variable as functions
 - May be more clear or easier to read for some people

Input	Transform	Output
{"firstname":"Max", "lastname":"Mule"}	<pre>%dw 2.0 output application/xml var lname = (aString) -> upper(aString) name: { first: payload.firstname, last: lname(payload.lastname) }</pre>	<name> <first>Max</first> <last>MULE</last> </name>
	<pre>%dw 2.0 output application/xml fun lname(aString) = upper(aString) name: { first: payload.firstname, last: lname(payload.lastname)</pre>	
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Defining and using local variables



- Use the do keyword with the syntax
 do {<variable declaration header> --- <body>}
- Local variables can only be referenced from within the scope of the expression where they are initialized

Input	Transform	Output
{"firstname":"Max", "lastname":"Mule"}	do { var name = payload.firstname ++ " " ++ payload.lastname name }	"Max Mule"
	<pre>do { var fname = payload.firstname var lname = payload.lastname</pre>	{ "person": { "name1": "Max", "color": "gray" }, "name2": "Mule" }
contents © MuleSoft Inc.	<pre>do { var fname = payload.firstname var lname = payload.lastname</pre>	Unable to resolve reference of color

Walkthrough 11-5: Define and use variables and functions

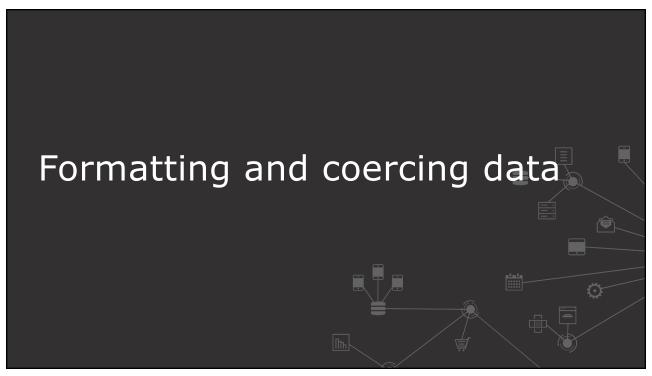


- · Define and use a global constant
- Define and use a global variable that is equal to a lambda expression
- Define and use a lambda expression assigned to a variable as a function
- Define and use a local variable

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Using the as operator for type coercion

price: payload.price as Number

price: \$.price as Number {class:"java.lang.Double"}

- Defined types include
 - Any (the top-level type)
 - Null, String, Number, Boolean
 - Object, Array, Range
 - Date, Time, LocalTime, DateTime, LocalDateTime, TimeZone, Period
 - More...

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Using format patterns



Array

Comparable

Date and Time Dictionary Enum

Iterator Key

Nothing

Object

SimpleType String TryResult Type

 Use the metadata format schema property to format numbers and dates

```
price as Number as String {format: "###.00"},
someDate as DateTime {format: "yyyyMMddHHmm"}
```

- · For formatting patterns, see
 - https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/text/DecimalFormat.html
 - https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/time/format/DateTimeFormatter.html

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Defining and using custom data types



- Use the type header directive
 - Recommended to lead with an uppercase letter
 - No special characters

```
%dw 2.0
output application/json
type Ourdateformat = DateTime {format: "yyyyMMddHHmm"}
---
someDate: payload.departureDate as Ourdateformat
```

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Transforming objects to POJOs



· Specify inline

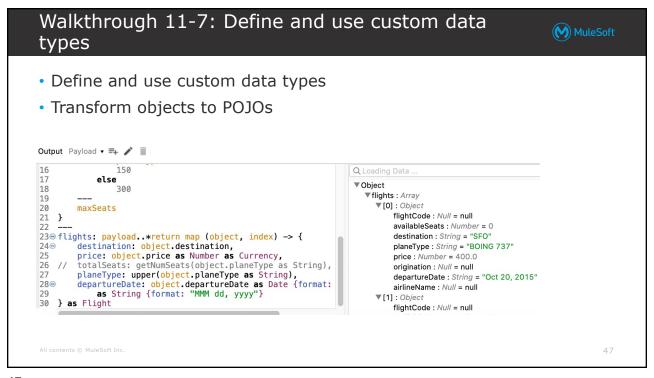
```
customer:payload.User as Object {class: "my.company.User"}
```

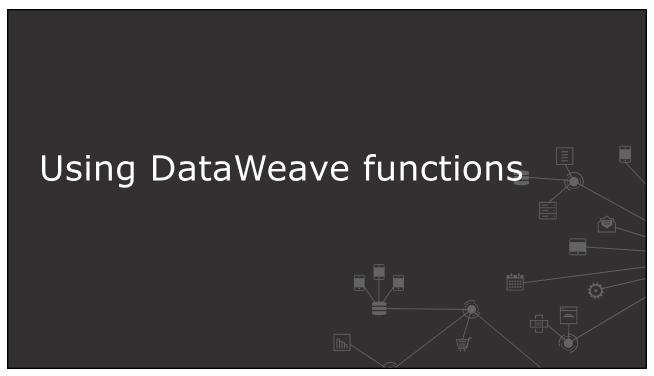
Or define a custom data type to use

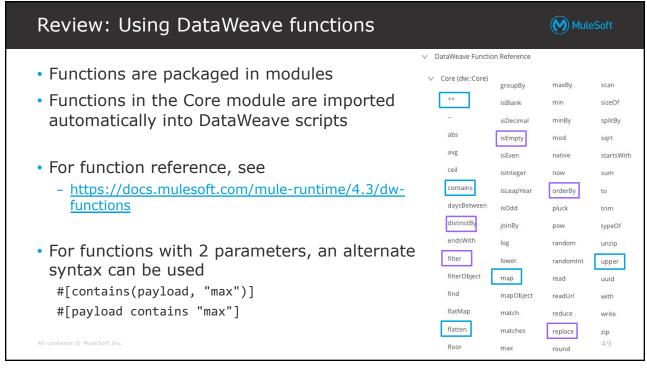
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type User = Object {class: "my.company.User"}
---
customer:payload.User as User
```

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Calling functions that have a lambda expression as a parameter



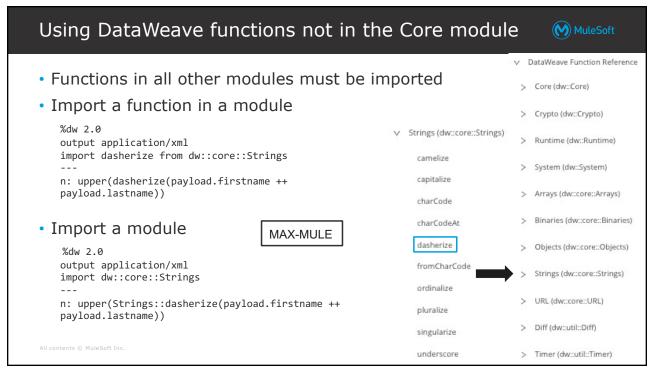
 The alternate notation can make calling functions that have a lambda expression as a parameter easier to read

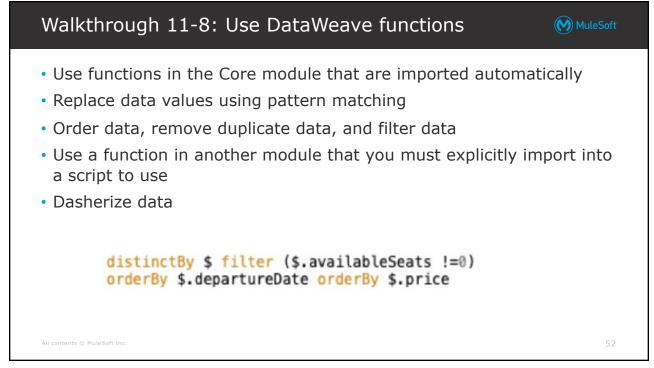
```
sizeOf(filter(payload, (value) -> value.age > 30))
sizeOf(payload filter $.age > 30)
```

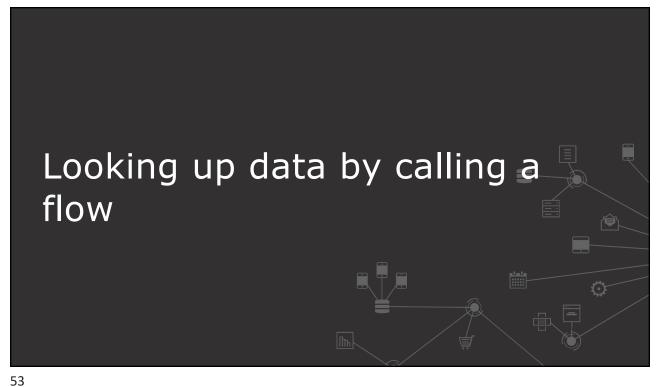
 When using a series of functions, the first function in the chain is executed first: filter then orderBy then groupBy

```
flights filter ($.availableSeats > 30) orderBy $.price groupBy $.toAirport
```

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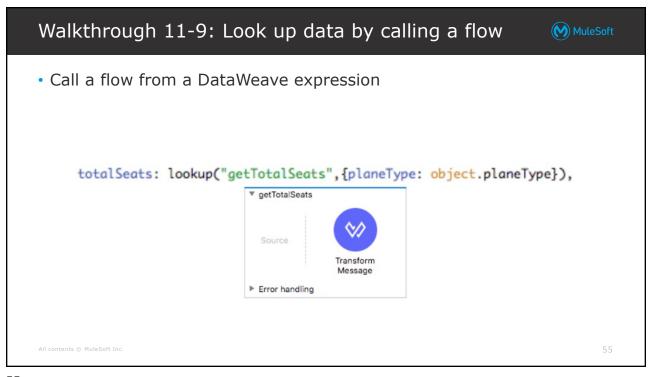
Calling flows from a DataWeave expression

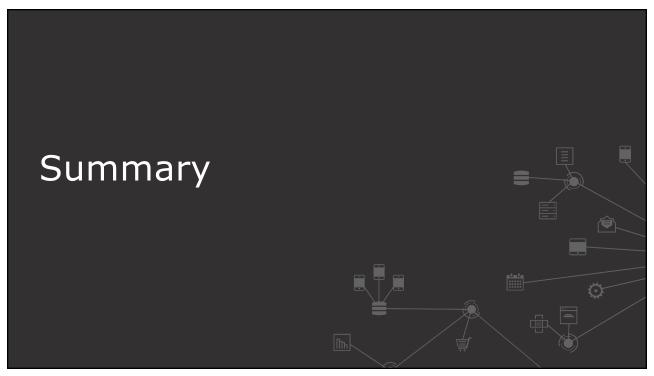


• Use the **lookup** function

{a: lookup("myFlow",{b:"Hello"}) }

- The first argument is the name of the flow to be called
 - · Cannot call subflows
- The second argument is the payload to send to the flow as a map
- Whatever payload the flow returns is what the expression returns





Summary



- DataWeave code can be inline, in a DWL file, or in a module of functions
- The data model for a transformation can consist of three different types of data: objects, arrays, and simple literals
- Many formats can be used as input and output including JSON, Java, XML, CSV, Excel, Flat File, Cobol Copybook, Fixed Width, and more
- The DataWeave application/dw format can be used to test expressions to ensure there are no scripting errors
- Use the map function to apply a transformation function (a lambda) to each item in an array
- A lambda is an anonymous function not bound to an identifier
- When mapping array elements (JSON or JAVA) to XML, wrap the map function in {(...)}

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Summary



- DataWeave is a functional programming language where variables behave just like functions
- Define global variables in the header with var
 - Assign them a constant or a lambda expression
 - Use **fun** directive to access lambdas assigned to variables as traditional functions
- Define local variables in the body with do{}
 - The scope of the do statement defines the boundaries of local variables
- Functions are packaged in modules
 - Functions in the Core module are imported automatically into DataWeave scripts
 - Use the **import** header directive to import functions in all other modules
- Functions with 2 parameters can be called with 2 different syntax

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Summary



- Use the metadata **format** schema property to format #'s and dates
- Use the **type** header directive to specify custom data types
- Transform objects to POJOs using: as Object {class: "com.myPOJO"}
- Use lookup() to get data by calling other flows

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