Fantastic Frameworks

...and How to Avoid Them

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Developers back in 1996



Developers now



"Regarding opiniated / unopiniated frameworks, I think they appeal to different types of developers. I now have 20 years of experience. In my first 5-8 years I loved frameworks like Spring. However, as I gained more experience, I felt I needed a framework's "opinion" less and less. Now I avoid them."

https://www.infoq.com/news/2018/10/the-road-to-micronaut-1.0



"Scala programmer confronts Java project that uses Maven, Spring, and Hibernate" - Salvador Dali, oil painting, 1946

https://twitter.com/progpaintings/status/723276501081190400

I. Invasive Frameworks

II. Magic

What's magic?

- Runtime reflection
- Classpath scanning
- Thread-locals
- Runtime annotation-processing
- Proxies/AOP



Meanwhile in Scala ecosystem...

(...) It's not a web-framework but rather a more general toolkit for providing and consuming HTTP-based services.

https://doc.akka.io/docs/akka-http/current/introduction.html#philosophy



https://twitter.com/alexelcu/status/1114016039841538048

Make Them Suffer / Scala Implicit Hell

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Make them suffer is a series of posts about Scala and Akka. Previously we discussed how to avoid concurrency problems and keeping internal actors state isolated in Akka. In this episode I want to show you why Scala code looks so magical and hard to undersrand. But I'm gonna start with a long introduction.

Dependency Hell

Dependency hell is a colloquial term for the frustration of some software users who have installed software packages which have dependencies on specific versions of other software packages.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dependency_hell

Zero-Dependencies

Not that easy to apply in practice

... but internal dependencies can be shaded*

```
hazelcast IIIII jackson-core
```

This and other architectural decisions can be enforced

arch-unit

```
import static com.tngtech.archunit.lang.syntax.ArchRuleDefinition.classes;

@Test
void shouldHaveZeroDependencies() {
    classes()
        .that().resideInAPackage("com.pivovarit.collectors")
        .should()
        .dependOnClassesThat().resideInAPackage("java..")
        .as("the library should depend only on core Java classes")
        .because("users appreciate not experiencing a dependency hell")
        .check(classes);
}

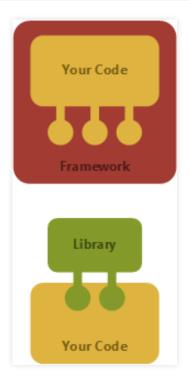
@Test
void shouldHaveSinglePackage() {
    classes()
        .should().resideInAPackage("com.pivovarit.collectors")
        .check(classes);
}
```

source

Frameworks vs Libraries

Frameworks

Puts work into a frame



http://tomasp.net/blog/2015/library-frameworks/

Frameworks exist beyond software

Franchizes

Project Management Methodologies (for example, Scrum)

Frameworks

Take time to learn and outdate quickly Own you Increase complexity/weight Go out of fashion/get abandoned Force you to keep up Require expert help Probably provide more than you need

Hazelcast IMDG/Jet

Is not a framework but a toolkit, it doesn't own your application.

- (...) Hazelcast is also used in academia and research as a framework for distributed execution and storage.
 - (...) Hazelcast as its distributed execution framework.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hazelcast

- Wouldn't you like to focus on solving real problems and let framework authors do the boring parts?

- Of course! but...

"All non-trivial abstractions, to some degree, are leaky."

https://www.joelonsoftware.com/2002/11/11/the-law-of-leaky-abstractions/

So you spend time learning someone's abstraction and not the underlying technologies

for example, ORM

JPA/Hibernate



Often seen: domain full of framework-specific annotations

```
package com.pivovarit.domain;
import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;

@Entity
public class PersistedUser {
    private Long id;
    @Column
    private String name;
}
```

Not really a problem as long as the model is simple and graspable

```
@OneToMany(@HowManyDBADoYouNeedToChangeALightBulb)
@OneToManyMore @AnyOne @AnyBody
@YouDoNotTalkAboutOneToMany // Fightclub, LOL
@TweakThisWithThat(
    tweak = {
        @TweakID(name = "id", preferredValue = 1839),
        @TweakID(name = "test", preferredValue = 839),
@TweakID(name = "test.old", preferredValue = 34),
    },
inCaseOf = {
        @ConditionalXMLFiltering(run = 5),
@ManyToMany @Many @AnnotationsTotallyRock @DeclarativeProgrammingRules @NoMoreExplicitAlgorithm
@Fetch @FetchMany @FetchWithDiscriminator(name = "no_name")
@SeveralAndThenNothing @MaybeThisDoesSomething
@JoinTable(joinColumns = {
    @JoinColumn(name = "customer id", referencedColumnName = "id")
@DoesThisEvenMeanAnything @DoesAnyoneEvenReadThis
@PrefetchJoinWithDiscriminator @JustTrollingYouKnow @LOL
@IfJoiningAvoidHashJoins @ButUseHashJoinsWhenMoreThan(records = 1000)
@XmlDataTransformable @SpringPrefechAdapter
private Collection employees;
```

http://www.annotatiomania.com

SQL is complete and self-sufficient, too bad that not type-safe...

```
String sql = create
   .select(BOOK.TITLE, AUTHOR.FIRST_NAME, AUTHOR.LAST_NAME)
   .from(BOOK)
   .join(AUTHOR).on(BOOK.AUTHOR_ID.eq(AUTHOR.ID))
   .where(BOOK.PUBLISHED_IN.eq(1948))
   .getSQL();
```

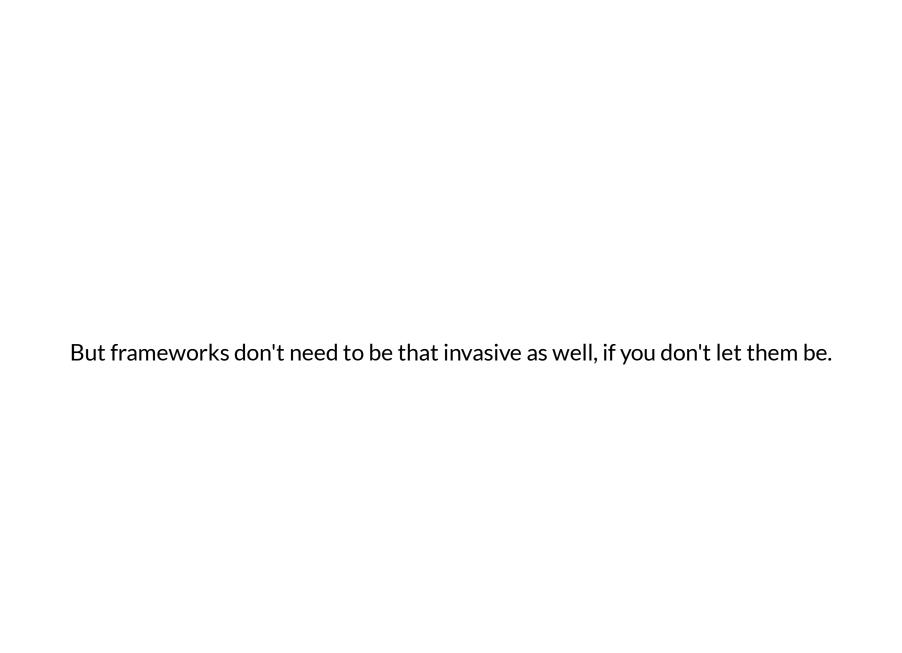
https://www.jooq.org

Kotlin Exposed

```
fun findLastRentalId(customerId: CustomerId): RentalId? =
   RentalTable
   .select { RentalTable.customerId eq customerId.value }
   .orderBy(RentalTable.startDate, true)
   .map { RentalId(it[RentalTable.id]) }
   .firstOrNull()
```

https://github.com/JetBrains/Exposed

JdbcTemplate



Let's look again

```
package com.pivovarit.domain;
import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;

@Entity
public class PersistedUser {
    private Long id;
    @Column
    private String name;
}
```

ORM as plugin

```
package com.pivovarit.domain;
public class User {
    private final Long id;
    private final String name;
}

package com.pivovarit.persistence;
import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;

@Entity
public class PersistedUser {
    private Long id;
    @Column
    private String name;
}
```

Spring

```
import org.springframework.*;

@Component
public class FooFacade {
    @Autowired
    private FooService fooService;

    @PostConstruct
    public void foo() {
        fooService.foo();
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    // ???
}
```

- - Tight coupling with the DI framework
- - Forces weak encapsulation
- - Forces mutability

```
import org.springframework.*;

@Component
public class FooFacade {
    private final FooService fooService;

    @Autowired
    public FooFacade(FooService fooService) {
        this.fooService = fooService;
    }

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}

public static void main(String[] args) {
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public class FooFacade {
    private final FooService fooService;
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        foo();
    }
    void foo() {
        fooService.foo();
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
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}
```

• ...but where's the config?

```
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
@Configuration
public class FooConfiguration {

    @Bean
    FooService fooService() {
        return new FooService();
    }

    @Bean
    FooFacade fooFacade(FooService fooService) {
        return new FooFacade(fooService);
    }
}
```

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import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;

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Same framework - both invasive and non-invasive

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Composition/Delegation is your friend

Pragmatic Hexagonal/Clean Architecture

Axon RabbitMQ/Kafka Story

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface EventHandler {
    Map<String, EventRoute> getRoutingConfig();
}
```

```
public class SessionEventsHandler implements EventHandler {
   private void playerSessionStarted(SessionStartedEvent event) {
   private void playerSessionEnded(SessionEndedEvent event) {
   public Map<String, EventRoute> getRoutingConfig() {
        return Map.ofEntries(
          route(
            SessionEndedEvent.ROUTING_KEY,
            SessionEndedEvent.class,
            this::playerSessionEnded),
          route(
            SessionStartedEvent.ROUTING_KEY,
            SessionStartedEvent.class,
           this::playerSessionStarted)
```

```
public class RabbitEventStreamListener implements MessageListener {
    // ...
    private final Map<String, EventRoute> eventRoutes;

    @Override
    public void onMessage (Message message) {
        var route = eventRoutes.get(message.getMessageProperties().getReceivedRoutingKey());
        if (null != route) {
            route.getEventHandler().accept(new DomainMessage(...);
        } else {
            log.warn("couldn't find a matching routing for routing key");
        }
    }
}
```

```
@Profile("rabbit-eventstream")
public class RabbitEventStreamConfiguration {
    public Collection<MessageListenerContainer> rabbitEventStreamListener(
      @Value("${rabbitmq.axon.exchange}") String axonExchangeName,
@Value("${rabbitmq.axon.queuePrefix}") String axonQueuePrefix,
      AmapAdmin amapAdmin,
      RabbitListenerContainerFactory eventstreamRabbitListenerContainerFactory,
      List<EventHandler> handlers,
      ConfigurableBeanFactory beanFactory,
      ObjectMapper mapper) {
        TopicExchange axonExchange = new TopicExchange(axonExchangeName);
        amqpAdmin.declareExchange(axonExchange);
        return handlers.stream()
           .map(handler -> buildRabbitListener(...))
           .collect(toUnmodifiableList());
    private static MessageListenerContainer buildRabbitListener(
      EventHandler handler,
      ConfigurableBeanFactory beanFactory,
      ObjectMapper mapper,
      String queuePrefix,
      AmqpAdmin amqpAdmin,
      TopicExchange axonExchange,
      RabbitListenerContainerFactory eventstreamRabbitListenerContainerFactory) { ... }
```

Things to try

Unopinionated: Ratpack

Ratpack is a set of Java libraries for building scalable HTTP applications.

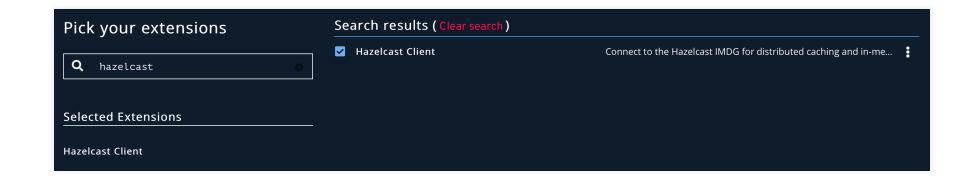
It is a lean and powerful foundation, not an all-encompassing framework.

https://ratpack.io https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqCHb9M3uil

```
public class MyApp {
   public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
      RatpackServer.start(s -> s
          .serverConfig(c -> c.baseDir(BaseDir.find()))
          .registry(Guice.registry(b -> b.module(MyModule.class)))
          .handlers(chain -> chain
              .path("foo", ctx -> ctx.render("from the foo handler"))
              .path("bar", ctx -> ctx.render("from the bar handler"))
              .prefix("nested", nested -> {
               nested.path(":var1/:var2?", ctx -> {
                  Map<String, String> pathTokens = ctx.getPathTokens();
                  ctx.render(
                    "from the nested handler, var1: " + pathTokens.get("var1") +
                      ", var2: " + pathTokens.get("var2")
              .path("injected", MyHandler.class)
              .prefix("static", nested -> nested.fileSystem("assets/images", Chain::files))
              .all(ctx -> ctx.render("root handler!"))
```

Opinionated: Quarkus

\$./my-native-java-rest-app Quarkus started in 0.008s



Using common sense is the ultimate Best Practice $^{\text{\tiny M}}$.



http://tonsky.me/blog/disenchantment/

Thank You!

https://pivovarit.github.io/talks/fantastic-frameworks



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Q&A