

Gradle

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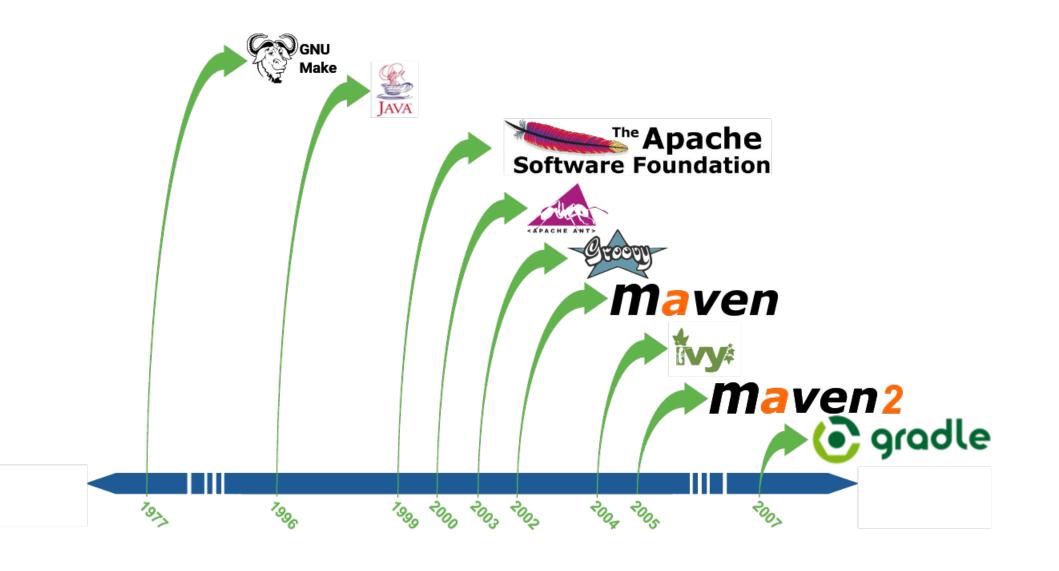
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Introducing Gradle



Gradle is ...

« Gradle is an open source build automation system that builds upon the concepts of Apache Ant and Apache Maven and introduces a Groovy-based domain-specific langage (DSL) instead of the XML form used by Apache Maven of declaring the project configuration. »

Wikipedia

Gradle is ...

- Not just a build-tool but a build-environment
- Implemented in Java and Groovy
- On GitHub (https://github.com/gradle/gradle)
- Very well documented (https://docs.gradle.org/)
- Developed by a dedicated company (Gradleware), as well as by a strong community

Gradle provides ...

- very flexible general purpose build tool (like Ant)
- build-by-convention frameworks (like Maven)
- strong dependency management (based on Ivy)
- Great multi-project support
- Groovy build scripts (no XML!)
- Gradle Wrapper
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The Gradle Wrapper

A lightweight distribution of the Gradle executeable

Ensures the proper Gradle version amongst team and buildserver

without the need for manual installation

Should be checked into version control!

```
$ gradle wrapper --gradle-version
:wrapper
BUILD SUCCESFUL
Total time : 1 secs
$ ./gradlew -version
Gradle 3.1
Build time:
             2016-09-19 10:53:53 UTC
```

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Groovy Basics

Groovy Basics

- Modern scripting langage for the JVM
- Designed to be easily picked up by Java developers
- Interchangeable with Java semantics/API

Groovy Language Features

- Dynamically and optionaly static typing
- Removes a lot of « syntax noise »
- Strings
 - Single quoted no interpolation
 - Double quoted interpolated
 - Triple quoted multiline, interpolation depends on single or double
- Many JDK library enhancements

Groovy Closures

- « Compareable » to Java 8 lambdas, JavaScript functions, ...
 - But they are Objects, not Interfaces
- Can have parameters

```
{ name -> "Hello, $name !" } // Explicit parameter 
 { greeting, str -> "$greeting, $name!" } // Multiple parameters 
 { "Hello, $it!" } // Implicit parameter 
 { -> "Hello, world!" } // No parameters
```

Groovy Methods

- Implicit return of last statement
- Parameters can have a default value
- Braces are optional in method calls
- If the last method parameter is a closure, it can be placed outside the method call

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Gradle Build Scripts

Gradle Build scripts

Gradle scripts are valid and fully powered Groovy scripts

Gradle scripts follow the Gradle DSL

Gradle build scripts are actually build configuration scripts

Gradle builts upon 2 basic concepts:

Projects

Tasks

build.gradle

The « build script » is in a file named build.gradle

This build script is backed by the Project object

```
1⊖apply plugin: 'java'
   repositories {
       mavenCentral()
 6
   dependencies {
 8
       testCompile 'junit:junit:4.12'
 9
10
   task run(type: JavaExec) {
12
       classpath = sourceSets.main.runtimeClasspath
       main = 'ch.puzzle.gradle.HelloWorld'
13
14 }
```

Project properties

Project properties can be set directly in the build script, or in a separate gradle.properties file.

Some useful project properties include

```
version = roject version>
group = <com.project.group>
name = roject name> // Will default to the build directory
description = roject description>
```

Extra properties

All « extra » properties must be defined through the ext namespace

```
ext.isSnapshot = version.endsWith("-SNAPSHOT")
if (isSnapshot) {
  // do something snapshotty
}
```

Proxy Settings

Proxy settings can be specified in the gradle.properties file

This file can be in 2 places: the build root dir or Gradle home dir

Proxy Settings are configured via standard JVM system properties

```
systemProp.http.proxyHost=<host>
systemProp.http.proxyPort=<port>
systemProp.http.proxyUser=<username>
systemProp.http.proxyPassword=<password>
systemProp.http.nonProxyHosts=*.nonproxyrepos.com |localhost|
systemProp.https.proxyHost=<host>
```

Build Lifecycle

A Gradle build has three distinct phases

- Initialization: Create Project instances for the projects to be build
- Configuration : Configuration of the project objects build scripts for all initialized projects are executed
- Execution: requested and required tasks are executed

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Tasks

Defining a task

Tasks are the fundamental units of build activity

At a minimum, a task needs a name

To ensure « simple » task actions are executed during *execution* phase, they should be executed inside the **doFirst** or **doLast** methods.

The << operator can be used as short-hand notation for doLast deprecation notice: the << notation is deprecated since Gradle 3.2

Defining a task

```
// deprecated
task helloWorld << {
    println 'Hello, World!'
}

task helloWorld {
    doLast {
        println 'Hello
    }
}</pre>
```

```
task helloWorld {
   doFirst { print 'Hello, ' }
   doLast { print 'World! ' }
task helloWorld
helloWorld << {
   print 'Hello, '
helloWorld << {
   print 'World!'
```

Task Configuration

Tasks are commonly configured with configuration Closure:

```
task copy(type: Copy) {
    from 'resources'
    into 'build'
}
```

Note that *any* statement in the configuration Closure is considered part of the task configuration!

Adding a human-readable **description** to a task helps to identify it in the task list

Task Actions

The build steps of a task are defined in task actions.

The execution phase executes the task actions:

- 1 defined as doFirst actions
- 2 defined as task actions by the Task type (@TaskAction)
- 3 Defined as doLast actions

Task Dependencies

Gradle tasks can define dependencies on other tasks with the **dependsOn** method

```
task y
task x (dependsOn: y)

task x {
    dependsOn y
}

x.dependsOn y
```

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Plugins

Gradle Plugins

Plugins are used to extends the build functionality

Plugins add tasks, domain objects, conventions and more.

Gradle comes with various core plugins

https://docs.gradle.org/current/userguide/standard_plugins.html

Add a core plugin

Gradle core plugins can be enabled using the apply statement:

```
apply plugin : 'java'
```

or defined inside the **plugins** block:

```
plugins {
    id 'java'
}
```

Add 3rd party plugins

3rd pary plugins can be found at the Gradle Plugin portal https://plugins.gradle.org

Defined in the buildfile inside the **plugins** block:

```
plugins {
    id "org.gradle.hello-world" version "0.2"
}
```

Add 3rd party plugins (legacy style)

```
buildscript {
    repositories {
        maven {
            url "https://plugins.gradle.org/m2/"
    dependencies {
        classpath "org.gradle:gradle-hello-world-plugin:0.2"
apply plugin: "org.gradle.hello-world"
```

Java Plugin - SourceSet conventions

Source set conventions:

src/main/java

src/main/resources

src/test/java

src/test/resources

src/<sourceSet>/java

src/<sourceSet>/resources

- Production Java source

- Production resources

- Test Java source

- Test resources

- Java source for the given source set

- Resources for the given source set

Java Plugin – Tasks

test

Some of the tasks added by the Java Plugin

compileJava and processResources tasks for *each* source set clean and clean

Taskname> tasks for specific cleanups jar and uploadArchives

Java Plugin – Test

Requires test-library dependency for test compilation

Works 'out of the box' for the test source set

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Dependency Management

Standard Repositories

Dependency repositories are defined in the repositories block.

Gradle offers out-of-the-box support for various standard repositories :

Custom Repositories

It is also possible to specify custom Maven, Ivy or Flat directory repositories:

```
repositories {
    maven {
        url "https://repo.mycompany.com/m2"
    }
}
```

To add basic auth, a **credentials** block can be added to the **maven** block

Credentials should not be in the project build file, but in a personal gradle.properties!

Dependency configurations

Dependencies in Gradle are grouped by configurations.

Some of those configurations as defined by the Java Plugin are

compile runtime testCompile testRuntime

compile-time dependencies for the production source runtime dependencies for the production classes compile-time dependencies for the test source runtime dependencies for the test classes

External dependencies

External dependencies are defined in de dependencies block

```
dependencies {
    compile group: 'com.example', name: 'dependency', version: '1.0'
    compile 'com.example:dependency:1.0'
}
```

Fine-tuning dependencies

https://docs.gradle.org/current/userguide/dependency_management.html#sec:finetuning_the_dependency_resolution_process

- Forcing a particular module version
 - Resolve version conflicts
- Excluding transitive dependencies
 - Either specific or alltogether
- Dependency substitution

Exclude transitive dependencies ...

Exclude all transitive dependencies for a defined dependency

```
dependencies {
    compile ('com.example:dependency:1.0') {
        transitive = false
    }
}
```

... for ALL dependencies

Exclude all transitive dependencies for all dependencies

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

Globally exclude dependencies

Force exclusion of dependencies by group or module

```
configurations.all {
    exclude module: 'foo'
    exclude group: 'com.example'
    exclude group: 'com.example', module: 'foo'
}
```

Eager failure on dependency conflicts

Eager failure on dependency conflicts

(not recommended for every-day use)

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

Force a version (1)

Forcing a specific version of a module

will also be applied to transitive dependencies

```
configurations.all {
    resolutionStrategy {
        force 'com.example:foo:0.0.1'
    }
}
```

Force a version (2)

Forcing a consistent specific version of a group of libraries

Dependency Substitution (1)

Force replacing a specific dependency with a different dependency

Dependency Substitution (2)

Force replacing a specific dependency with a project dependency

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Publishing Artifacts

Artifacts

The **archives** method call in the **artifacts** block adds artifacts that should be created when calling the **assemble** task

```
task fooJar(type: Jar)
artifacts {
    //archives foo --> implicit
    archives fooJar
}
```

Publishing

Artifacts can be published, using the maven-publish plugin

The definitions is done insice the **publications**.**publishing** block

The repositories to upload to are defined within the **publications.repositories** block

Publishing

```
apply plugin : 'maven-publish'
group = 'my.group'
//name = $project.name
version = '0.1'

publishing {
    repositories { mavenLocal() }
    publications {
        mavenJava(MavenPublication) { from components.java }
    }
}
```

Resources

Gradle Resources

Gradle User Guide

https://docs.gradle.org/current/userguide/userguide.html

Gradle DSL Reference

https://docs.gradle.org/current/dsl/

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Thank you!

