Spring Boot & Kotlin

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Agenda

- Spring Boot & Kotlin Demo
- Spring Framework & Spring Boot
- Spring Boot & Kotlin @ REWE digital
- Resources

Spring Boot & Kotlin Demo

Spring Framework & Spring Boot

Spring Framework

"The Spring Framework provides a comprehensive programming and configuration model for modern Java-based enterprise applications."

— spring.io

Spring Framework

- "An inversion of control container and an application framework for the Java Platform"¹
- 17+ years old
- Many modules and side projects

¹ Wikipedia

Support for Kotlin in Spring Framework

- Null Safety
- Extention Functions
- DSLs
 - Web Router DSL
 - Mock Web MVC DSL
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- Coroutines
 - see also Going Reactive with Spring, Coroutines and Kotlin Flow

Spring Boot

"Spring Boot makes it easy to create stand-alone, production-grade Spring based Applications that you can 'just run'."

— spring.io

Spring Boot Features

- Create stand-alone Spring applications
- Embed Tomcat, Jetty or Undertow directly
- Provide opinionated 'starter' dependencies to simplify build configuration
- Automatically configure Spring and 3rd party libraries whenever possible
- Provide production-ready features such as metrics, health checks and externalized configuration

Support for Kotlin in Spring Boot

- Official Support since Spring Boot 2.x
 - dependency managment
 - extention functions
 - immutable configuration properties
- Initial Project Setup via Spring Initializa
- See also "The State of Kotlin Support in Spring" Talks by Sébastien Deleuze on YouTube

Reactive Spring & Kotlin Coroutines

- Going Reactive with Spring, Coroutines and Kotlin Flow
- Deepdive into Reactive Spring with Coroutines and Kotlin Flow by Sébastien Deleuze

Spring Fu

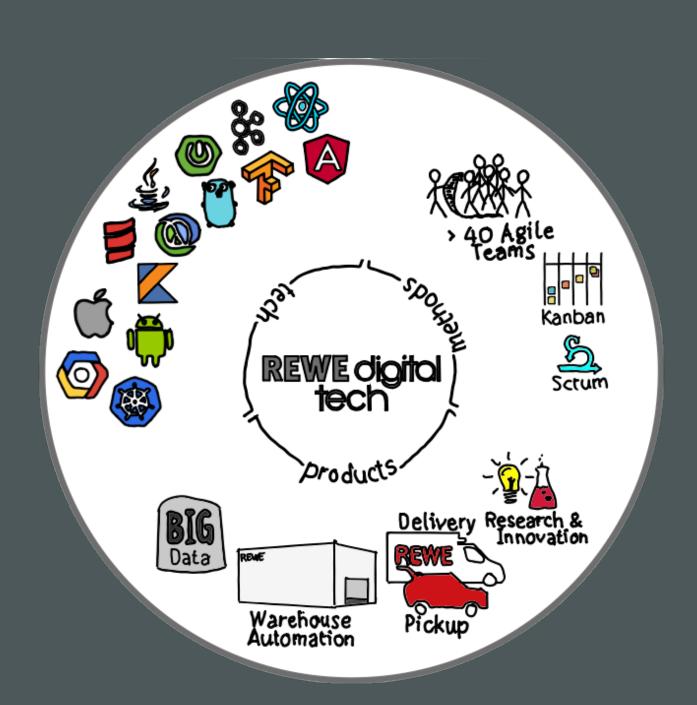
"Incubator for Java and Kotlin Configuration DSL designed to configure Spring Boot explicitly with code in a declarative way."

— Spring Fu

```
val app = webApplication {
    beans {
        bean<SampleService>()
    webMvc {
        port = if (profiles.contains("test")) 8181 else 8080
        router {
            val service = ref<SampleService>()
            GET("/") {
                ok().body(service.generateMessage())
            GET("/api") {
                ok().body(Sample(service.generateMessage()))
        converters {
            string()
            jackson
fun main() { app.run() }
```

Spring Boot & Kotlin @ REWE digital

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Kotlin @ REWE digital

- Android
 - REWE Angebote & Lieferservice (since 2016!)
 - PENNY Coupons & Angebote
 - Many Apps in Fulfillment
 - •
- Spring Boot & Kotlin
 - Many Microservices

How we started using Kotlin with Spring Boot

- 1. REWE Angebote & Lieferservice app, 2016 with Kotlin
- 2. A few teams built a few new µ-services with SB and Kotlin
- 3. Teams in FF built Android apps and SB Backends in Kotlin
- 4. Internal coding dojos did the Kotlin Koans
- 5. Kotlin was often used in regular coding dojos @ REWE digital
- 6. Some devs took Kotlin for Java Developers @ Coursera
- 7. FF built a shared Kafka consumer library in Kotlin

Resources

Resources - Kotlin

- kotlinlang.org
- Learn Kotlin by Example
- Kotlin Koans
- Kotlin for Java Developers (Coursera)

Resources - Spring Boot with Kotlin

- Spring Framework Reference
- Spring Boot Reference
- spring.io Tutorial
- The State of Kotlin Support in Spring (YouTube)

Slides



https://speakerdeck.com/stefanscheidt/spring-boot-with-kotlin

Sources



https://github.com/stefanscheidt/spring-boot-kotlin

Thank you!

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Appendix

Kotlin - Extention Functions

Instead of this

```
fun <T> swap(list: MutableList<T>, index1: Int, index2: Int) {
    // implementation omitted ...
}

val list = mutableListOf(1, 2, 3)

swap(list, 1, 2)
```

Kotlin - Extention functions

... we can write this

```
fum <T> MutableList<T>.swap(index1: Int, index2: Int) {
    // now the list is bound to 'this'
}

val list = mutableListOf(1, 2, 3)

list.swap(1,2)
```

Kotlin - Reified Type Parameters

- Functions marked with inline will be inlined by the compiler
- In inlined generic functions, type parameters can be marked with reified and passed in at call side

Kotlin - Reified Type Parameters

```
inline fun <reified T> TreeNode.findFirstAncestorOfTypeOrNull(): T? {
    var p = this.parent
   while (p != null && p !is T) { // no reflection!
        p = p.parent
    return p as T?
// usage:
treeNode.findParentOfType<MyTreeNode>()
```