

Gradle



gradleware

A Better Way to Build



What you will learn

- ▶ Core Types (Task, Plugin, SourceSets, ...)
- ▶ Build-in tasks and plugins
- ▶ Dependency Management
- ▶ Ant/Maven Integration
- ▶ Multi-Project builds

You

- ▶ Your background
 - ▶ What do you want to learn from this course?
 - ▶ What Groovy/Gradle experience do you have?
 - ▶ What build systems are you using or have experience with.
- ▶ Course Prerequisites
 - ▶ Good experience with Java
 - ▶ Groovy knowledge is helpful but not a prerequisite.
- ▶ Understanding of Ant and Maven is helpful for certain sections of this course but not a prerequisite.

Intro

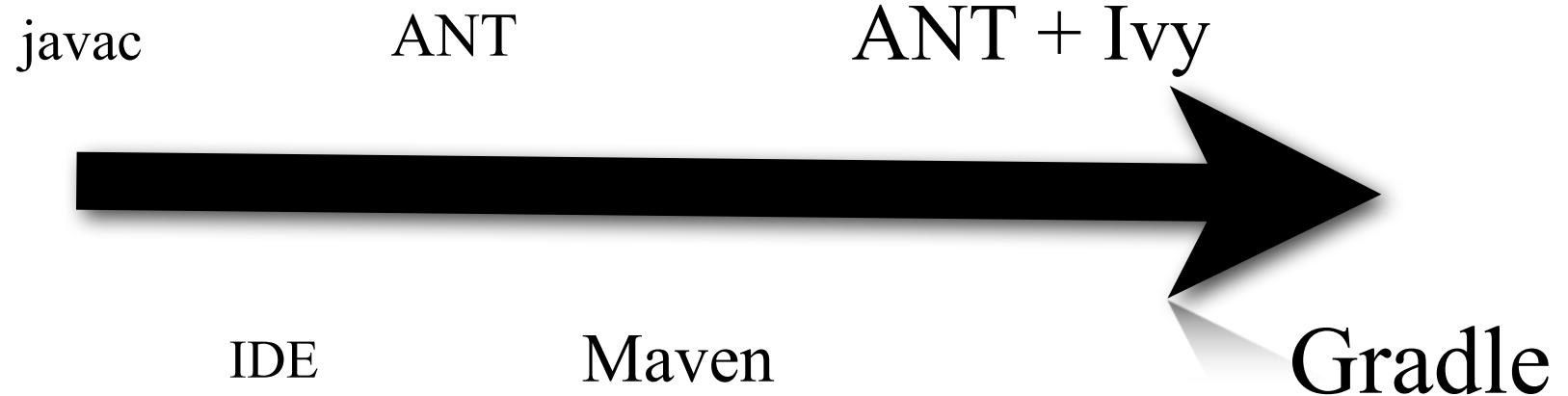
What is Gradle

- ▶ A general purpose build system
- ▶ Groovy DSL with a Java core.
- ▶ Provides build-in support for Java, Groovy, Scala, Web, OSGi.
- ▶ Exciting solutions for many of the big pain points you often have with current build systems.

Gradle Project Background

- ▶ Very active community (mailing-list, patches, issues)
- ▶ Apache v2 license.
- ▶ Excellent user's guide (200+ pages) + many samples
- ▶ Frequent releases, multiple commits per day
- ▶ Quality is king:
 - ▶ 3000 unit tests, Many hundreds of integration test
 - ▶ Healthy codebase
 - ▶ low defect rate
- ▶ Committer -> Steve Appling, Hans Dockter, Tom Eyckmans, Adam Murdoch, Russel Winder

Java Build Tools





	Apache Ant	Maven	Gradle
Basics			
Multi-language support	■	■	■
Dependency management	-	■■	■■
Versioning	■■	■■	■■
Incremental builds ¹			■■
Built-in multi-artifact builds	■		■■
Multi-project dependency support ¹			■■
Commercial support		■	■■
Quality			
Unit test execution	■■	■■	■■
Parallel test execution		■■	■■
Custom fork frequency			■■
Custom test listeners			■■
Integrates with Checkstyles, Findbugs	■	■■	■■
Integrates with Sonar		■■	Coming soon
IDE Support			
Generates eclipse workspace files	-	■■	■■
Customize workspace file generation		-	■■
Runnable from Eclipse / IntelliJ	■■	■■	■■
Auto-Import build file into IDE project	■■	■■	Coming soon
IDE view panels ¹	■■	■■	Coming soon
Eco-system Integration			
CI tools (Hudson, Jenkins, Teamcity, Bamboo)	■■	■■	■■
Ivy Repository	-		■■
Maven Repository	-	■■	■■
Artifactory	■■	■■	■■
Nexus		■■	■■
Import ANT builds ¹	N/A		■■
Import Maven builds ¹		N/A	■■
Maintainability			
Concise build script DSL			■■
Build by convention		■	■■
Auto Install / Update (zero-admin)			■■
Extensibility			
Plugin support	■	■	■■
In-script build extensibility			■■
In-script programmatic control	-	-	■■
Extensible build language ¹			■■
Life-cycle hooks			■■
Smart Exclusion			■■
Customizable life-cycle			■■

Workshop Setup

- ▶ Setup Gradle
 - ▶ Extract gradle-x.zip to a tools directory
 - ▶ Add an env var GRADLE_HOME pointing to the extracted dir
 - ▶ Add \$GRADLE_HOME/bin to the PATH env var
- ▶ Setup Groovy
 - ▶ Extract groovy-x.zip to a tools directory
 - ▶ Add an env var GROOVY_HOME pointing to the extract dir
 - ▶ Add \$GROOVY_HOME/bin to the PATH env var

Labs

- ⚡ Lab 01 - Set Up
- ⚡ Lab 02 - Quickstart

Tasks

Tasks

- ▶ Tasks are the basic unit of work in Gradle.
- ▶ Tasks have a list of actions to be executed

```
// A task with one action
task someTask << {
    // do something
}
```

```
// A task with one action
project.tasks.add('someTask').doFirst {
    // do something
}
```

DSL Syntax And Tasks

```
task hello << { println 'Hello' }
// direct API access is fine for single statements
hello.dependsOn otherTask
// for multiple access we prefer closure syntax
hello {
    onlyIf { day == 'monday' }
    dependsOn otherTask
}
// combining Configuration and Actions
task hello {
    onlyIf {
        day == 'monday'
    }
    doFirst {println 'Hello'}
}
```

Task Types and API

- ▶ Tasks have a type and API
- ▶ Default type is DefaultTask
- ▶ All tasks implement the Task interface
- ▶ Many build-in task types.
- ▶ Non-Default types usually have default action.

Task Types and API

Type: DefaultTask

```
task hello << { println 'Hello' }
```

```
hello.onlyIf { day == 'monday' }
```

```
task copy(type: Copy) {  
    from 'someDir'  
}
```

```
task whatAmIDoing
```

Task API

Has default action

Copy API

What happens in this line?

Custom Task Types

- ▶ extend DefaultTask
- ▶ Actions: @org.gradle.api.tasks.TaskAction

```
class FtpTask extends DefaultTask {  
    String host = 'docs.mycompany.com'  
    @TaskAction  
    def ftp() {  
        println host  
        // do something complicated  
    }  
}
```

Task Dependencies

- ▶ Tasks can depend on each other.
- ▶ Execution of one task requires the execution of another task first.
- ▶ Executed tasks form a directed acyclic graph.

```
// multiple ways to declare task dependencies
task foo(dependsOn: bar)
foo { dependsOn bar }
foo.dependsOn bar
```

```
// What happens here?
task foo << { dependsOn bar }
```

Using a Custom Task

```
task zip(type: Zip) {  
    from jar.outputs.files  
    from('scripts/') {  
        fileMode = 0755  
        include '**/*.sh'  
        include '**/*.bat'  
    }  
    from('lib/') {  
        include '**/*.jar'  
        into('lib')  
    }  
    from('.') {  
        include 'project.config'  
    }  
}
```

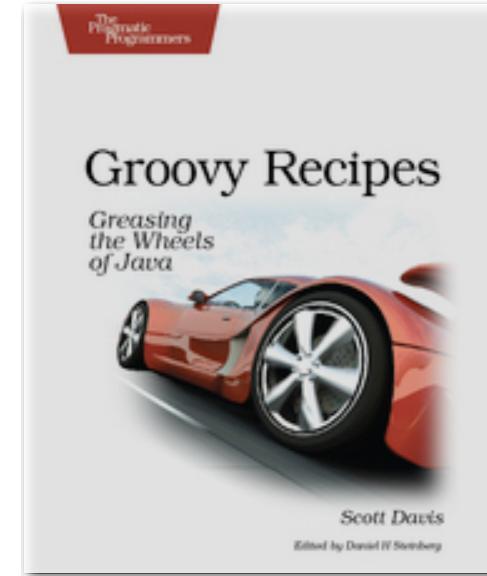
Labs

- ⚡ Lab 03 - Tasks
- ⚡ Lab 04 - Task Dependencies

Groovy Basics

Groovy

- ▶ A Ruby or Python like language that is tightly integrated with the Java platform.
- ▶ Compiles to byte code
- ▶ Design goal is to be easily picked up by Java devs.
- ▶ Reuse of Java semantics and API.
- ▶ Great for the creation of DSL



Groovy differences from Java

- ▶ Automatic Imports
 - ▶ `java.lang.*`, `java.util.*`, `java.net.*`, `java.io.*`, `java.math.BigDecimal`,
`java.math.BigInteger`
- ▶ Optional Semicolons
 - ▶ DSL friendly
- ▶ Optional Parentheses
 - ▶ DSL friendly
- ▶ Optional Return Statements
 - ▶ last line of a method is always returned
- ▶ Optional typing
- ▶ Optional Exception Handling
- ▶ Operator Overloading
- ▶ Safe Dereferencing

Groovy and Java Classes

- ▶ Java has a lot of template “noise”
- ▶ How does Groovy simplify this class?

```
// java code
import java.util.Date;

public class Foo {

    public static void main(String[ ] args) {
        System.out.println(new Date());
    }
}
```

Groovy and Java Classes

- ▶ Java has a lot of template “noise”
- ▶ How does Groovy simplify this class?

```
// groovy code  
println (new Date())
```

Groovy and Java Properties

- ▶ Java classes with properties are also “noisy”

```
// java code
public class Person {
    private String firstName;

    public String getFirstName() {
        return firstName;
    }

    public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
        this.firstName = firstName;
    }
}
```

Groovy and Java Properties

- ▶ Groovy has sensible defaults
 - ▶ getter and setter created for us by the compiler
 - ▶ public is the default for the class
 - ▶ private is the default for firstName

```
// groovy code
class Person {
    String firstName
}
```

Groovy Closures

- ▶ Closure are like methods with a context, you can pass around.
- ▶ The Gradle DSL uses them extensively
- ▶ The Groovy API uses them extensively

```
void foo(String name, Closure cl) {  
    println cl.call (name)  
}  
  
// prints gradla  
foo("gradle") { s ->  
    s.replace ("a", "e")  
}
```

Access to Properties

- ▶ Properties can be access without using the getter method
- ▶ Under the covers the getter method is invoked

```
def s = "Gradle"

s.class.methods.each {
    println it
}
```

* If you are working in the groovysh, then leave off the “def”

Groovy Execute

- ▶ Commandline executions are easily called from Groovy
- ▶ Can be a useful hack in a build script

```
// unix / mac
println 'ifconfig'.execute().text

// windows
println 'ipconfig'.execute().text
```

Groovy Collection Operations

```
[1, [2,3]].flatten() // [1, 2, 3]
['a', 'b'].each { item -> println item }
['a', 'b'].collect { it + '1' } // ['a1', 'b1']
['a', 'b', 'c'].findAll { it != 'c' } // ['a', 'b']
[1, 2, 3].every { it < 3 } // false
[1, 2, 3].any { it < 3 } // true
// many more
```

- ▶ Gradle's API can stay light as we don't need provide as much convenience methods as with Java
- ▶ Learning Groovy has many benefits. It is a powerful tool for many purpose (e.g. testing).
- ▶ The book *Groovy in Action* is the standard reference for Groovy.

Hashmaps

```
def food = [:]  
  
food.vegetables = ["peas", "green beans"]  
food.fruit = ["apples", "oranges", "kiwi"]
```

- ▶ Hashmap keys are dynamically added to the map

String Interpolation

```
def food = [:]

food.vegetables = ["peas", "green beans"]
food.fruit = ["apples", "oranges", "kiwi"]

println food

println "Today: ${new Date()}"
print "fruits: ${food.fruit} "
println "and veggies: ${food.vegetables}"
```

- ▶ Referred to as “GStrings”
 - ▶ Groovy Strings

Spread Operator

```
def languages = []  
  
languages << "Java"  
languages << "Groovy"  
  
println languages  
println languages*.toUpperCase()
```

- ▶ Invokes method on each element of the collection
- ▶ Great in Gradle when working with Configurations

Gradle Build Scripts

- ▶ Must be compilable by Groovy.
- ▶ Can't be executed by plain Groovy runtime.
- ▶ Delegate to an associated org.gradle.api.Project object.

```
// does not compile
println 'Gradle'
```

```
// compiles, fails when run with plain Groovy
println name
```

```
// compiles, fails when run with Groovy or Gradle
println zipCode
```

Method Pointers and DSL

- ▶ Groovy provides a way to have a reference to an objects method
- ▶ Creates a great way to create a DSL

```
def shoppingList = []
def add = shoppingList.&add
def remove = shoppingList.&remove

add "Milk"
add "Bread"
add "Beer"
remove "Beer"
add "Apples"

print shoppingList
```

Gradle Build Scripts

- ▶ **Configure** the Project object.
- ▶ Do **not** execute the build.

Labs

•§• Lab 05 - Groovy



Java Plugin

Plugins

- ▶ Plugins == Build Scripts
- ▶ Two Flavors:
 - ▶ Another build script (local or remote) (Script Plugin)
 - ▶ A class implementing org.gradle.api.Plugin (Binary Plugin)

Applying Plugins

- ▶ Any gradle script can be a plugin.
- ▶ Binary plugins must be in the build script classpath
 - ▶ can have id's (meta properties in the jar).
 - ▶ will learn later how to add elements to the build script classpath.
 - ▶ The build-in plugins are by default in the build script classpath.

```
apply from: 'otherScript.gradle'  
apply from: 'http://mycomp.com/otherScript.gradle'
```

```
apply plugin: org.gradle.api.plugins.JavaPlugin  
apply plugin: 'java'
```

What Plugins Can Do

- ▶ Configure the project object (e.g. add task instances)
- ▶ Add other classes to classpath (e.g. custom task types)
- ▶ Add props and methods to the project object (extend DSL).
- ▶ Build Script Decomposition
 - ▶ Separate Imperative from Declarative
 - ▶ Modularization
- ▶ Code Reuse

Standard Gradle Plugins

Plugin-Id	applies
base	
java-base	base
java	java-base
groovy-base	java-base
groovy	groovy-base
scala-base	java-base
scala	scala-base
war	java
osgi	
code-quality	
maven	
eclipse	

Applying the Java Plugin

- ▶ With NO dependencies
- ▶ Following Maven project structures

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

```
apply plugin: org.gradle.api.plugins.JavaPlugin
```

Clean Task

- ▶ By default clean deletes the buildDir
- ▶ You can specify additional files to delete

Name	Type
clean	Delete

```
clean {
    delete 'fooDir', 'bar.txt',
        fileTree('texts').matching { ... }
}
```

Compile Tasks

- ▶ Usually configured via the source set.
- ▶ Provides all the options of the Ant javac task

Name	compile, testCompile
Type	Compile
Input	sourceSets.main(test).java configurations.compile(testCompile)

```
compileJava {  
    options.fork {  
        memoryMaximumSize = '512M'  
    }  
}
```

Test Task

- ▶ Support for JUnit and TestNG
- ▶ Parallel Testing
- ▶ Custom Fork Frequency
- ▶ Remote Listeners
- ▶ Tests auto-detected in `sourceSets.test.classes`

Name	test
Type	Test
Input	<code>sourceSets.test.classes</code> <code>configurations.testRuntime</code>

Test Task Example

```
test {  
    jvmArgs [ "-Xmx512M" ]  
    include "**/tests/special/**/*Test.class"  
    exclude "**/Old*Test.class"  
    forkEvery = 30  
    maxParallelForks = guessMaxForks()  
}  
  
def guessMaxForks() {  
    int processors =  
        Runtime.getRuntime.availableProcessors()  
    return Math.max(2, (int) (processors / 2))  
}
```

Disables Auto Detection

Test Task Listeners

```
test {  
    beforeTest { descr ->  
        // do something  
    }  
    afterTest { descr, result ->  
        // do something  
    }  
    afterSuite { descr, result ->  
        // do something  
    }  
}
```

Local Dependencies

Ant Style

```
apply plugin: 'java'

dependencies {
    compile fileTree(dir: 'lib', includes: ['*.jar'])
}

sourceSets.main.java.srcDir = 'src'
```

Running a Single Test

```
gradle -Dtest.single=ThisUniquelyNamedTest test
```

or

```
gradle -Dtest.single=*IntegrationTest test
```

Labs

- · Lab 06 - Applying Plugins
- · Lab 07 - Tests

Ant

Ant

- ▶ Ant is Gradle's friend not its competitor.
- ▶ Gradle uses Ant task's internally.
- ▶ You can use any Ant task from Gradle.
- ▶ Ant tasks are an integral part of Gradle.
- ▶ Gradle ships with Ant.
- ▶ You can import any Ant build into Gradle

Ant Tasks

- ▶ Gradle provides an instance of the Groovy AntBuilder

```
ant.delete dir: 'someDir'  
ant {  
    ftp(server: "ftp.comp.org", userid: 'me', ...) {  
        fileset(dir: "htdocs/manual") {  
            include name: "**/*.*html"  
        }  
        // high end  
        myFileTree.addToAntBuilder(ant, 'fileset')  
    }  
    mkdir dir: 'someDir'  
}
```

Importing Ant Builds

```
<project>
  <target name="hello" depends="intro">
    <echo>Hello, from Ant</echo>
  </target>
</project>
```

```
ant.importBuild 'build.xml'
hello.doFirst { println 'Here comes Ant' }
task intro << { println 'Hello, from Gradle' }
```

```
>gradle hello
Hello, from Gradle
Here comes Ant
[ant:echo] Hello, from Ant
```

Labs

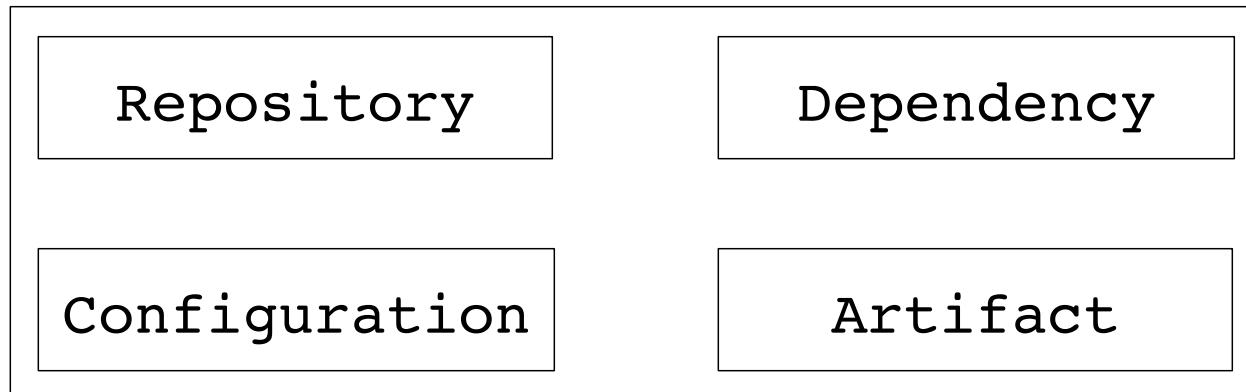
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Dependencies

Dependencies

- ▶ Repository dependencies
 - ▶ e.g. from mavenCentral
 - ▶ with module descriptors (pom.xml/ivy.xml)
- ▶ Repository-less dependencies (specified by path).
- ▶ Projects dependencies in a multi-project build.
- ▶ Artifacts you want to upload



The Domain Objects

Dependencies

```
apply plugin: 'java'  
repositories {  
    mavenCentral()  
}  
dependencies {  
    compile "junit:junit:4.4"  
    compile group: 'junit', name: 'junit',  
        version: '4.4'  
    compile files('file1.jar'), fileTree('lib'),  
        project(':otherProject')  
}
```

String/Map ~ Repository Dependency

FileCollection/Tree ~ Repository Less
Dependency

Project ~ Project Dependency

Dependencies & Java Plugin

```
apply plugin: 'java'  
configurations { myConf.extendsFrom compile }  
dependencies {  
    compile "junit:junit:4.4"  
    runtime org:'asm', name:'asm-all', version:'3.2'  
    testCompile files('file1.jar')  
    myConf "log4j:log4j:1.2.9"  
}
```

- ▶ The Java plugin adds configurations.
- ▶ Many Java plugin tasks use those configurations as default input values (e.g. test).
- ▶ Configurations can extend each other

Transitive Dependencies

- ▶ Exists for repository dependencies.
- ▶ pom.xml/ivy.xml does describe transitive dependencies.
- ▶ Default version conflict resolution is newest.
- ▶ Transitive resolution is customizable.

```
dependencies {  
    compile "org.hibernate:hibernate:3.1" {  
        force = true  
        exclude module: 'cglib'  
    }  
    compile "org:somename:1.0" {  
        transitive = false  
    }  
}  
configurations.myconf.transitive = false
```

Repositories

- ▶ Any Maven/Ivy repository can be accessed.
- ▶ Very flexible layouts are possible for non Maven repositories.

```
repositories {  
    mavenCentral()  
    mavenCentral(urls: ['http://repo.com'])  
    mavenRepo(urls: ['http://repo1.com',  
                    "http://repo2.com")  
    flatDir(dirs: ["dir1", "dir2"])  
}
```

Labs

- `· Lab 09 - Dependencies
- `· Lab 10 - War Project

Beyond Gradle Basics

Deep API

- ▶ Gradle let you customize its domain objects:
 - ▶ Enhance their API
 - ▶ Define rules for how they should be constructed

Global Properties

```
myDocsDestDir = "$buildDir/myDocs"  
  
task myDocs << {  
    copy {  
        from 'someDir'  
        into myDocsDestDir  
    }  
}  
  
task zip(type: Zip) {  
    from myDocsDestDir  
}
```

Dynamic Properties

```
task myDocs {  
    destDir = "$buildDir/myDocs"  
    doFirst {  
        copy {  
            from 'someDir'  
            into destDir  
        } } }  
task zip(type: Zip) {  
    from myDocs.destDir  
}
```

Adds a dynamic property

- ▶ Applicable to most Gradle types
- ▶ Good OO design (e.g. encapsulation)
- ▶ Custom task is an alternative (more heavyweight)

Dynamic Methods

```
task bar {  
    serviceUrl = ...  
    domainGroup = {  
        getGroup(serviceUrl)  
    }  
}  
task foo {  
    fooProp = bar.domainGroup()  
}
```

Adds a dynamic method

- ▶ Providing methods via a closure property is a Groovy trick.
- ▶ You can also mix-in any Java/Groovy object
 - ▶ Beyond the scope of this class.

Domain Object Container

- Handler for most domain objects (plugins, deps, tasks, ...)

Contained in allJars

Build-In Filter

```
allJars = tasks.withType(Jar)  
task myJar(type: Jar)
```

Custom Filter

```
webTasks = tasks.matching {  
    task->task.name.startsWith('web')}
```

```
compJars = tasks.withType(Jar).matching { task ->  
    task.name.startsWith('comp')}
```

Filter Chaining

```
task buildAllJars(dependsOn: allJars)
```

Dynamic Depends

Configuration Rules

- ▶ Provided by the domain object container

```
tasks.allObjects { task ->
    task.doFirst { println 'rule for all tasks' }
}
tasks.withType(Jar).allObjects { jar ->
    jar.destinationDir = 'somePath'
    jar.doLast { /* do something */ }
}
tasks.whenAdded { task -> ... }
```

Init Scripts

- ▶ Init scripts are run before the build starts:
- ▶ Set up properties based on the current environment
- ▶ Define machine specific details, such as where JDKs are installed.
- ▶ Register build listeners.
- ▶ Enhance builds you don't want to touch.
- ▶ `GRADLE_USER_HOME/init.gradle` is automatically applied as an init script.
- ▶ You can specify any init script via the `-I` command line option.

```
>gradle assemble -I ci-init.gradle
```

Sample Init Script

```
initscript {  
    repositories {  
        mavenCentral()  
    }  
    dependencies {  
        classpath 'org.apache.commons:commons-math:2.0'  
    }  
}  
gradle.startParamter // do something with them  
gradle.addBuildListener ...
```

Wrapper Task

- ▶ Wrapper task generates:
 - ▶ wrapper scripts
 - ▶ wrapper jar
 - ▶ wrapper properties.

```
task wrapper(type: Wrapper) {  
    gradleVersion = '0.6'  
    jarPath = 'gradle'  
}
```

Wrapper Files

Name
build.gradle
gradle
gradle-wrapper.jar
gradle-wrapper.properties
gradlew
gradlew.bat
src

```
>./gradlew assemble
```

Multi-project Builds

Multi-Project Builds

- ▶ Arbitrary Multiproject Layout
- ▶ Configuration Injection
- ▶ Project Dependencies & Partial builds
- ▶ Separate Config/Execution Hierarchy

Configuration Injection

► **ultimateApp**

- api
- webservice
- shared

```
subprojects {  
    apply plugin: 'java'  
    dependencies {  
        compile "commons-lang:commons-lang:3.1"  
        testCompile "junit:junit:4.4"  
    }  
    test {  
        jvmArgs: [ 'Xmx512M' ]  
    }  
}
```

Filtered Injection

- ▶ **ultimateApp**

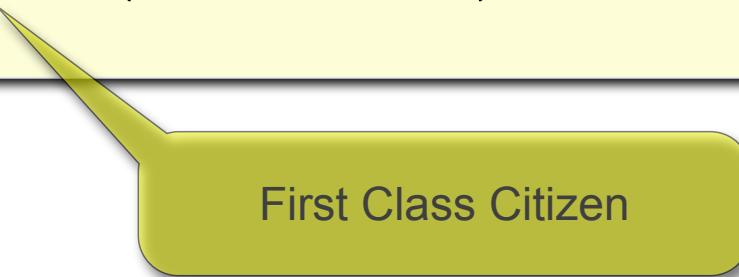
- ▶ api
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```
configure(nonWebProjects()) {  
    jar.manifest.attributes  
        Implementor: 'Gradle-Inc'  
}  
  
def nonWebProjects() {  
    subprojects.findAll {project ->  
        !project.name.startsWith('web')  
    }  
}
```

Project Dependencies

- ▶ ultimateApp
 - ▶ **api**
 - ▶ webservice
 - ▶ shared

```
dependencies {  
    compile "commons-lang:commons-lang:3.1",  
    project( ':shared' )  
}
```



First Class Citizen

Partial Builds

- ▶ ultimateApp
 - ▶ **api**
 - ▶ webservice
 - ▶ shared

```
>gradle build  
>gradle buildDependents  
>gradle buildNeeded
```

There is
no one-size-fits-all
project structure
for the
enterprise.

The physical
structure of your
projects should
be determined by
**your
requirements.**

Name Matching Execution

- ▶ **ultimateApp**

- ▶ api
- ▶ webservice
- ▶ shared

```
>gradle build  
>gradle classes  
>gradle war
```

Task/Project Paths

- ▶ For projects and tasks there is a fully qualified path notation:
 - ▶ : (root project)
 - ▶ :clean (the clean task of the root project)
 - ▶ :api (the api project)
 - ▶ :services:webservice (the webservice project)
 - ▶ :services:webservice:clean (the clean task of webservice)

```
>gradle :api:classes
```

Defining a Multi Project Build

- ▶ `settings.gradle` (location defines root).
- ▶ root project is implicitly included

Defines a virtual hierarchy

By default maps to file path `<root>/project1`

```
include 'project1', 'project2', 'project2:child1'
```

Default to root dir name

// *Everything is configurable*

```
rootProject.name = 'main'  
project(':project1').projectDir = '/myLocation'  
project(':project1').buildFileName =  
    'project1.gradle'
```

Default to build.gradle

Labs

- Lab 11 - Multi-Project Build

Didn't Talk About it

- ▶ Smart Merging
- ▶ Smart Exclusion
- ▶ Skipping Tasks
- ▶ Conditional Tasks
- ▶ Hooks
- ▶ Ivy
- ▶ Custom Tasks

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