



What's new in Groovy 2.0

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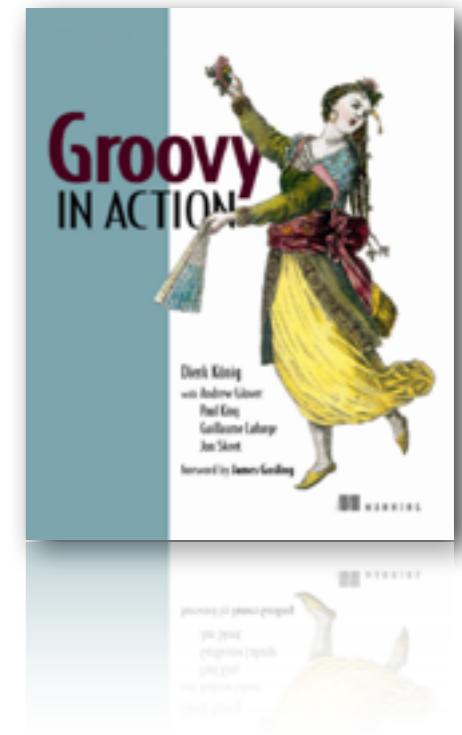
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Agenda (1/2)

- **What's in Groovy 1.8?**
 - Nicer DSLs with command chains
 - Runtime performance improvements
 - GPars bundled for taming your multicores
 - Closure enhancements
 - Builtin JSON support
 - New AST transformations

Agenda (2/2)

- **What's new in Groovy 2.0?**
 - Alignments with JDK 7
 - Project Coin (small language changes)
 - Invoke Dynamic support
 - Continued runtime performance improvements
 - Static type checking
 - Static compilation
 - Modularity

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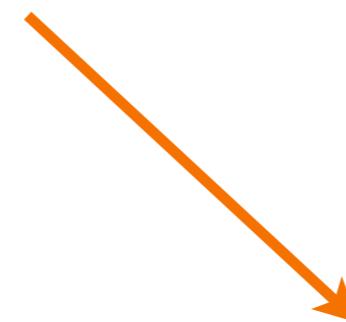
- A grammar improvement allowing you to **drop dots & parens** when **chaining method calls**
 - an extended version of top-level statements like `println`
- Less dots, less parens allow you to
 - write more readable business rules
 - in almost plain English sentences
 - (or any language, of course)

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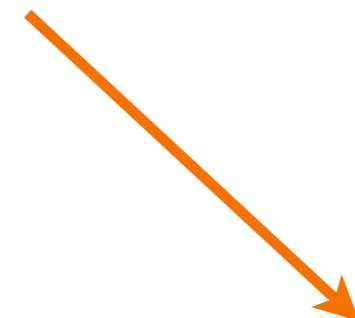
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and parameters
(even named ones)

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Equivalent to:

```
pull(request).on(github)
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GPars bundled



- **GPars** is bundled in the Groovy distribution
- GPars covers a wide range of parallel and concurrent paradigms
 - actors, fork/join, map/filter/reduce, dataflow, agents
 - parallel arrays, executors, STM, and more...
- And you can **use it from plain Java** as well!
- <http://gpars.codehaus.org/>

Closure enhancements

- **Closure annotation parameters**

- Some more functional flavor
 - composition
 - compose several closures into one single closure
 - trampoline
 - avoid stack overflow errors for recursive algorithms
 - **memoization**
 - remember the outcome of previous closure invocations
 - currying improvements

Closure annotation parameters

{

```
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface Invariant {
    Class value() // a closure class
}

@Invariant({ number >= 0 })
class Distance {
    float number
    String unit
}

def d = new Distance(number: 10, unit: "meters")
def anno = Distance.getAnnotation(Invariant)
def check = anno.value().newInstance(d, d)
assert check(d)
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Poor-man's GContracts

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```

Builtin JSON support

- Consuming
- Producing
- Pretty-printing

Builtin JSON support



```
import groovy.json.*  
  
def payload = new URL(  
    "http://github.../json/commits...").text  
  
def slurper = new JsonSlurper()  
def doc = slurper.parseText(payload)  
  
doc.commits.message.each { println it }
```

Builtin JSON support

```
import groovy.json.*  
  
def json = new JsonBuilder()  
  
json.person {  
    name "Guillaume"  
    age 35  
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}  
println json.toString()
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        ]  
    }  
}
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```
import groovy.json.*  
  
println JsonOutput.prettyPrint(  
    '{"person":{"name":"Guillaume","age":35,' +  
    '"pets":["Hector","Felix"]}}')
```

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```

New AST transformations

- `@Log`
- `@Field`
- `@AutoClone`
- `@AutoExternalizable`
- `@Canonical`
 - `@ToString`
 - `@EqualsAndHashCode`
 - `@TupleConstructor`
- Controlling execution
 - `@ThreadInterrupt`
 - `@TimedInterrupt`
 - `@ConditionallInterrupt`
- `@InheritConstructor`
- `@WithReadLock`
- `@WithWriteLock`
- `@ListenerList`

@Log

- Four different loggers can be injected
 - @Log
 - @Commons
 - @Log4j
 - @Slf4j
- Possible to implement your own strategy

```
import groovy.util.logging.*  
  
@Log  
class Car {  
    Car() {  
        log.info 'Car constructed'  
    }  
}  
  
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Guarded
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Controlling code execution

- Your application may run user's code
 - what if the code runs in infinite loops or for too long?
 - what if the code consumes too many resources?
- 3 new transforms at your rescue
 - **@ThreadInterrupt**: adds Thread#isInterrupted checks so your executing thread stops when interrupted
 - **@TimedInterrupt**: adds checks in method and closure bodies to verify it's run longer than expected
 - **@ConditionalInterrupt**: adds checks with your own conditional logic to break out from the user code

@ThreadInterrupt

```
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import groovy.transform.ThreadInterrupt

while (true) {

    // eat lots of CPU
}
```

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import groovy.transform.ThreadInterrupt

while (true) {
    if (Thread.currentThread().isInterrupted())
        throw new InterruptedException()
    // eat lots of CPU
}
```

@ToString

- Provides a default `toString()` method to your types
- Available annotation options
 - `includeNames`, `includeFields`, `includeSuper`, `excludes`

```
import groovy.transform.ToString

@ToString
class Person {
    String name
    int age
}

println new Person(name: 'Pete', age: 15)
// => Person(Pete, 15)
```

@EqualsAndHashCode

- Provides default implementations for equals() and hashCode() methods

```
import groovy.transform.EqualsAndHashCode

@EqualsAndHashCode
class Coord {
    int x, y
}

def c1 = new Coord(x: 20, y: 5)
def c2 = new Coord(x: 20, y: 5)

assert c1 == c2
assert c1.hashCode() == c2.hashCode()
```

@TupleConstructor

- Provides a « classical » constructor with all properties
- Several annotation parameter options available

```
import groovy.transform.TupleConstructor
```

```
@TupleConstructor  
class Person {  
    String name  
    int age  
}
```

```
def m = new Person('Marion', 4)
```

```
assert m.name == 'Marion'  
assert m.age == 4
```

@InheritConstructors

- Classes like Exception are painful when extended, as all the base constructors should be replicated

```
class CustomException extends Exception {  
    CustomException() { super() }  
    CustomException(String msg) { super(msg) }  
    CustomException(String msg, Throwable t) { super(msg, t) }  
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}
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}
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Miscellaneous

- Compilation customizers
- Java 7 diamond operator
- Slashy and dollar slashy strings
- New GDK methods
- (G)String to Enum coercion
- Customizing the Groovysh prompt
- Executing remote scripts

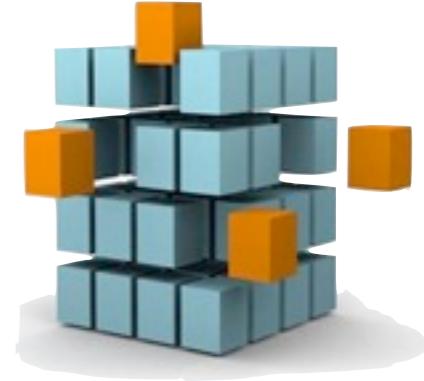
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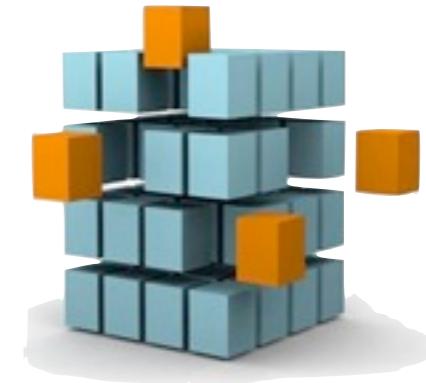
- A **more modular** Groovy
- Java 7 alignments: **Project Coin**
 - binary literals
 - underscore in literals
 - multicatch
- JDK 7: **InvokeDynamic**
- **Static type checking**
- **Static compilation**

Groovy Modularity



- Groovy's « all » JAR weighs in at 6 MB
- **Nobody needs everything**
 - Template engine, Ant scripting, Swing UI building...
- Provide a smaller core
 - and several smaller JARs per feature
- Provide hooks for setting up DGM methods, etc.

The new JARs



- A smaller `groovy.jar`: 3MB
- Modules
 - `console`
 - `docgenerator`
 - `groovydoc`
 - `groovysh`
 - `ant`
 - `bsf`
 - `jsr-223`
 - `jmx`
 - `sql`
 - `swing`
 - `servlet`
 - `templates`
 - `test`
 - `testng`
 - `json`
 - `xml`

Extension modules

- Create your own module
 - contribute instance extension methods

```
package foo

class StringExtension {
    static introduces(String self, String name) {
        "Hi ${name}, I'm ${self}"
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}

// usage: "Guillaume".introduces("Cédric")
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Same structure
as categories

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 - contribute class extension methods

```
package foo

class StaticStringExtension {
    static hi(String self) {
        "Hi!"
    }
}

// usage: String.hi()
```

Extension module descriptor

- Descriptor in: META-INF/services/
org.codehaus.groovy.runtime.ExtensionModule

```
moduleName = stringExtensions
moduleVersion = 1.0
// comma-separated list of classes
extensionClasses = foo.StringExtension
// comma-separated list of classes
staticExtensionClasses = foo.StaticStringExtension
```

Java 7 / JDK 7

- **Project Coin and InvokeDynamic**



Binary literals

- We had decimal, octal and hexadecimal notations for number literals
- We can now use binary representations too

```
int x = 0b10101111  
assert x == 175
```

```
byte aByte = 0b00100001  
assert aByte == 33
```

```
int anInt = 0b101000101000101  
assert anInt == 41285
```

Underscore in literals

- Now we can also add underscores in number literals for more readability

```
long creditCardNumber = 1234_5678_9012_3456L
long socialSecurityNumbers = 999_99_9999L
float monetaryAmount = 12_345_132.12
long hexBytes = 0xFF_EC_DE_5E
long hexWords = 0xFFEC_DE5E
long maxLong = 0x7fff_ffff_ffff_ffffL
long alsoMaxLong = 9_223_372_036_854_775_807L
long bytes = 0b11010010_01101001_10010100_10010010
```

Multicatch

- One block for multiple exception caught
 - rather than duplicating the block

```
try {  
    /* ... */  
} catch(IOException | NullPointerException e) {  
    /* one block to treat 2 exceptions */  
}
```

InvokeDynamic

- **Groovy 2.0 supports JDK 7's invokeDynamic**
 - compiler has a flag for compiling against JDK 7
 - might use the invokeDynamic backport for < JDK 7
- Benefits
 - **more runtime performance!**
 - at least as fast as current « dynamic » Groovy
 - in the long run, will allow us to get rid of code!
 - call site caching, thanks to MethodHandles
 - metaclass registry, thanks to ClassValues
 - will let the JIT inline calls more easily

Static Type Checking

- Goal: **make the Groovy compiler «grumpy»!**
 - and throw **compilation errors** (not at runtime)
- **Not everybody needs dynamic features all the time**
 - think Java libraries scripting
 - Grumpy should...
 - tell you about your method or variable typos
 - complain if you call methods that don't exist
 - shout on assignments of wrong types
 - infer the types of your variables
 - figure out GDK methods
 - etc...



Typos in a variable or method

```
import groovy.transform.TypeChecked

void method() {}

@TypeChecked test() {
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    println naamme
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Annotation can be at
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def o = new Object()
int x = o

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int str = strings[0]

// cannot find matching method plus()
int i = 0
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Wrong return types

```
// checks if/else branch return values
@TypeChecked
int method() {
    if (true) { 'String' }
    else { 42 }
}
// works for switch/case & try/catch/finally

// transparent toString() implied
@TypeChecked
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    def sb = new StringBuilder()
    sb << "Hi " << name
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Type inference

```
@TypeChecked test() {  
    def name = " Guillaume "  
  
    // String type inferred (even inside GString)  
    println "NAME = ${name.toUpperCase()}"  
  
    // Groovy GDK method support  
    // (GDK operator overloading too)  
    println name.trim()  
  
    int[] numbers = [1, 2, 3]  
    // Element n is an int  
    for (int n in numbers) {  
        println n  
    }  
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can call String#multiply(int)
from the Groovy Development Kit

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Flow typing

- Static type checking shouldn't complain even for bad coding practices which work without type checks

```
@TypeChecked test() {  
    def var = 123          // inferred type is int  
    int x = var           // var is an int  
    var = "123"           // assign var with a String  
  
    x = var.toInteger()   // no problem, no need to cast  
  
    var = 123  
    x = var.toUpperCase() // error, var is int!  
}
```

Gotcha: static checking vs dynamic

- Type checking works at compile-time
 - adding `@TypeChecked` doesn't change behavior
 - do not confuse with static compilation
- Most dynamic features cannot be type checked
 - metaclass changes, categories
 - dynamically bound variables (ex: script's binding)
- However, compile-time metaprogramming works
 - as long as proper type information is defined

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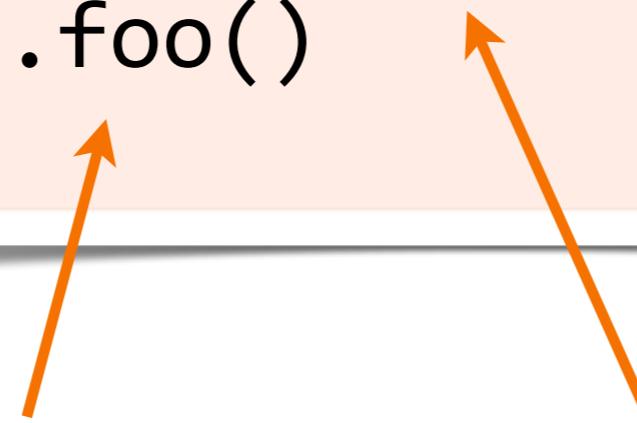
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Only methods of the most specific compatible type (LUB) are allowed by the type checker

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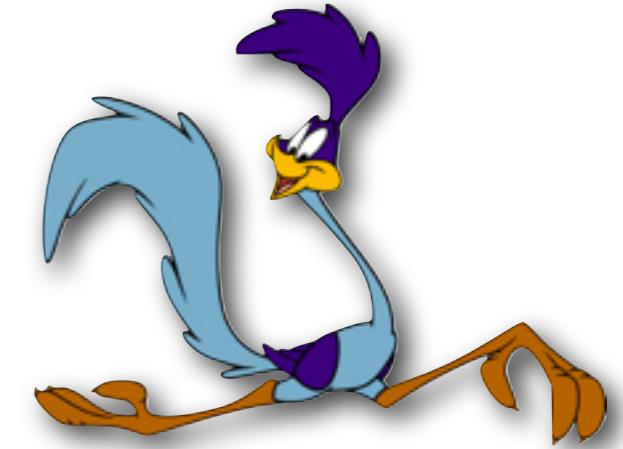
var is at least
an instance of A

Static Compilation

- Given your Groovy code can be type checked...
we can as well compile it « statically »
- ie. **generate the same byte code as javac**
- Also interesting for those stuck in JDK < 7
to benefit from performance improvements

Static Compilation: advantages

- You gain:
 - **Type safety**
 - thanks to static type checking
 - static compilation builds upon static type checking
 - **Faster code**
 - as close as possible to Java's performance
 - **Code immune to « monkey patching »**
 - metaprogramming badly used can interfere with framework code
 - Smaller bytecode size



Static Compilation: disadvantages

- But you loose:
 - Dynamic features
 - metaclass changes, categories, etc.
- Dynamic method dispatch
 - although as close as possible to « dynamic » Groovy

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```

What about performance?

- Comparisons between:
 - Java
 - Groovy **static compilation** (Groovy 2.0)
 - Groovy with **primitive optimizations** (Groovy 1.8+)
 - Groovy without optimizations (Groovy 1.7)

What about performance?

2.0
1.8
1.7



	Fibonacci	Pi (π) quadrature	Binary trees
Java	191 ms	97 ms	3.6 s
Static compilation	197 ms	101 ms	4.3 s
Primitive optimizations	360 ms	111 ms	23.7 s
No prim. optimizations	2590 ms	3220 ms	50.0 s

Summary

- Main themes of the Groovy 2.0 release
 - **Modularity**
 - Embark the JDK 7 enhancements
 - **Project Coin**
 - **Invoke Dynamic**
 - Static aspects
 - **Static type checking**
 - **Static compilation**

Thank you!



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Questions & Answers

- Got questions, really?



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