

AOP For Development

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Architectural constraints

- Most projects have certain architectural constraints. E.g.
 - ✓ Make sure data layer classes don't call business layer classes
 - ✓ Avoid calls to "broken" library methods
- Team lead needs to communicate and ensure constraints are kept

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Automatic checking

- declare-error
 - ✓ Weaver throws error and stops execution
- declare-warning
 - ✓ Weaver logs warning and continues execution

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Declare error example

```
<pointcut name="b-ctors" expr="call(com.acme.business->new(..)"/>
<pointcut name="b-methods" expr="call(com.acme.business->*(..)"/>
<pointcut name="b-calls" expr="b-ctors OR b-methods"/>

<declare-error pointcut="b-calls AND within(com.acme.data.*)">
    Do not call methods on business layer classes from data layer
</declare-error>
```

Declare warning example

```
<declare-warning
    pointcut="call(* com.thirdparty.SomeClass->utility(..) /
        AND !withincode(* com.acme.Wrapper->utility(..))">
    Do not call SomeClass.utility() directly, use
    com.acme.Wrapper.utility() instead
</declare-warning>
```

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Design by Contract

Design by Contract

- Origin in the Eiffel language
- Classes define their responsibility e.g.:
 - ✓ Preconditions: Arguments to squareroot() must be > 0
 - ✓ Postconditions: Return type of multiply() method must be product of arguments
 - ✓ Invariants: Guaranteed state of object between public calls

Design by Contract

```
public class MyMath {
    public double squareroot(double d){
        return Math.sqrt(a);
    }

    public double multiply(double a, double b){
        return a * b;
    }
}
```

DbC – Advice per method

```
<aop>
<aspect class="MyMathDbcAspect"/>
<bind pointcut="execution(double MyMath->squareroot(double d))">
<advice aspect="MyMathAspect" advice="squareroot"/>
</bind>
</aop>

public class MyMathDbcAspect{
    public Object squareroot(MethodInvocation inv){
        double arg = ((Double)inv.args[0]).doubleValue();
        double ret;
        try{
            //Check preconditions
            assert(arg > 0);
            return ret = inv.invokeNext();
        }
        finally{
            //check post conditions
            assert(ret * ret == arg)
        }
    }
}
```

DbC – Supplied aspect

```
<aop>
<aspect class="org.jboss.aspects.dbc.DesignByContractAspect"
  scope="PER_JOINPOINT"/>
<bind pointcut="execution(* $instanceof{org.jboss.aspects.dbc.Dbc}->*(..)) /
  OR execution($instanceof{org.jboss.aspects.dbc.Dbc}->new(..))"/>
<advice aspect="org.jboss.aspects.dbc.DesignByContractAspect" name="invoke"/>
</bind>
</aop>

@Dbc
public class MyMath {
    @PreCond ("Srtm * Srtm == S0")
    public double squareroot(double d){
        return Math.Sqrt(a);
    }

    @PostCond ("Srtm = S0 * S1")
    public double multiply(double a, double b){
        return a * b;
    }
}
```



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Testing Exception Handling

```
<aop>
<aspect class="SQLExceptionInjector"/>
<bind pointcut="call(* $instanceof{java.sql.Statement}->execute*(..))"/>
<advice aspect="SQLExceptionInjector" name="throwDeadlock"/>
</bind>
</aop>

public class SQLExceptionInjector {
    public Object throwDeadlock(Invocation invocation) throws Throwable {
        throw new SQLException("Oracle Deadlock", "RETRY", ORACLE_DEADLOCK_CODE);
    }
}
```

- Can use cflow, within and withincode to further narrow down where exceptions are thrown



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Testing - Injecting Mock Objects

- Want to return a mock object instead of a "real" implementation
- Normally have to modify the creation code
- An advice can intercept creation for you and return the mock object



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