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# 2GM Town Hall Meeting

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Birthday Celebration
- Exciting Announcements
- State of Grails
  - Foundation Updates
- State of Micronaut
  - Foundation Updates
- State of Groovy
- Community Q&A



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# Happy Birthday Grails!



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# Meet the Grails New Mascot!



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## Name The New Grails Knight!

The Knight doesn't have a name yet, and it's up to our community to come up with one! Provide your best suggestion for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Grails swag bag (and bragging rights, of course).

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# 2GM Teams Are Hiring!

- OSS Engineer working with our Product Development teams
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- Software Engineer consulting and working on projects using Grails/Micronaut
  - <https://bit.ly/2MybMUw>
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# Grails® framework Updates



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- Release Process Updates
- End Of Life Schedule
- Recent Releases
- Grails 5 Update
- Road Ahead



## Grails - Release Updates

- Moved most CI builds to Github Actions
- Adoption of Semantic versioning
- New Release Cadence
- Grails 5



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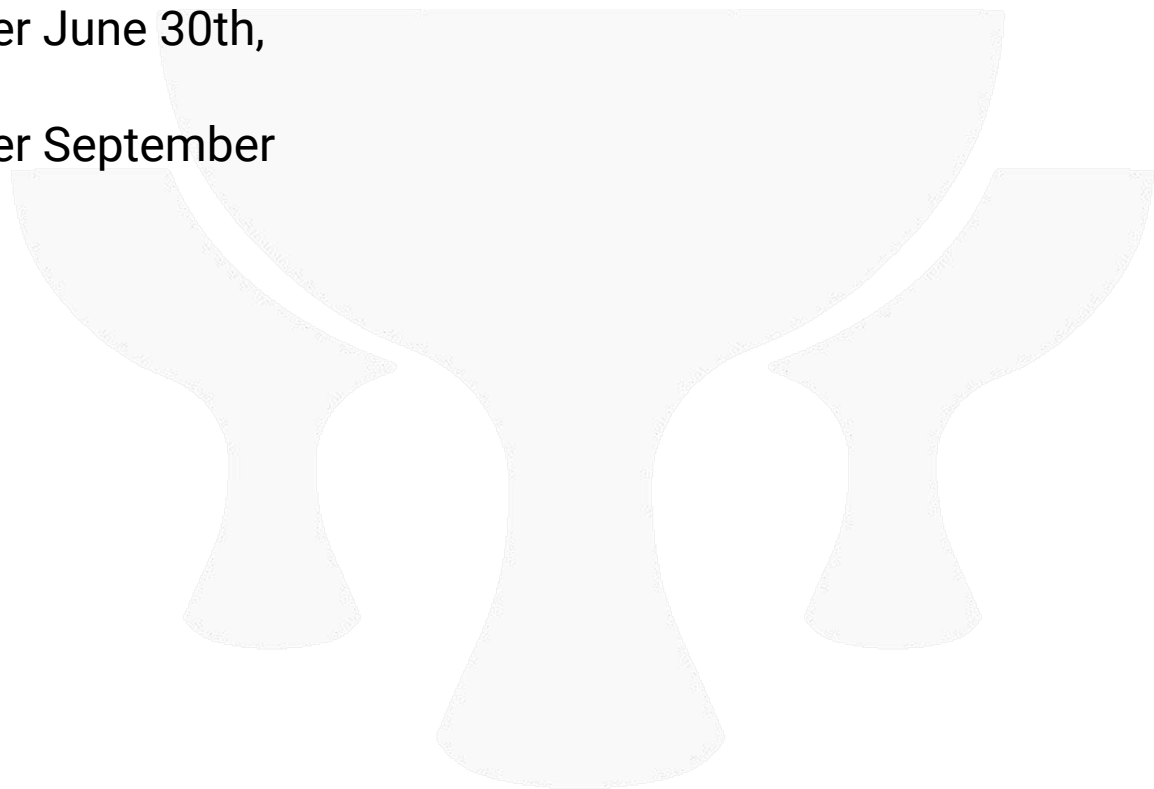


# Grails - End of Life (EOL) Schedule



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- Grails 2 will be EOL after June 30th, 2021.
- Grails 3 will be EOL after September 30th, 2021.



## Grails - Recent Releases

- Grails 5.0.0.M1
- Grails 4.0.7
- Grails 3.3.12



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# Grails 5.0 Update

- Apache Groovy 3
- Gradle 6
- Spring 5.3 and Spring Boot 2.4
- Spock 2.0
- Grails 5 GA



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## Grails...The Road Ahead



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- JFrog - Service End for JCenter and Bintray
- Making Grails GSP more modular and independent
- More Documentation and Blogs around how to leverage benefits of using Microanaut in the Grails application



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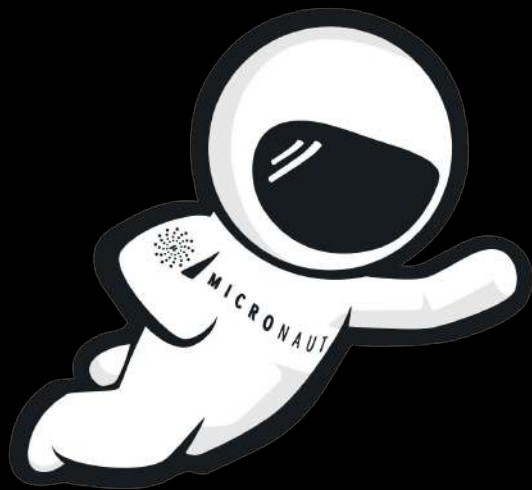


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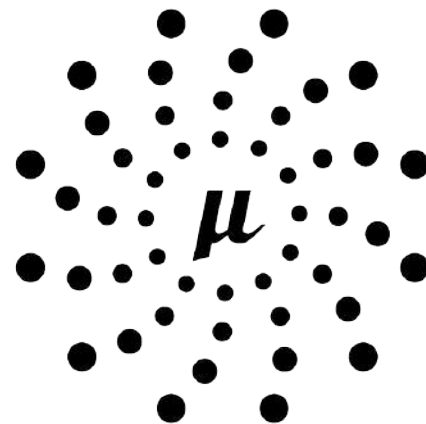


# Let's Talk Micronaut

- Micronaut Roadmap Update
- Recent Releases



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# Micronaut Timeline



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- 2.2.0 Released Nov 2020
  - Major improvements to the build plugins
  - Launch features (push to Github, Gradle Kotlin)
  - MQTT integration
  - R2DBC (preview)
- 2.3.0 Released Jan 2021
  - JMS integration
  - Latest GraalVM
  - R2DBC release
  - Locale Resolution
- 3.0.0 Coming Summer 2021

# Community Involvement



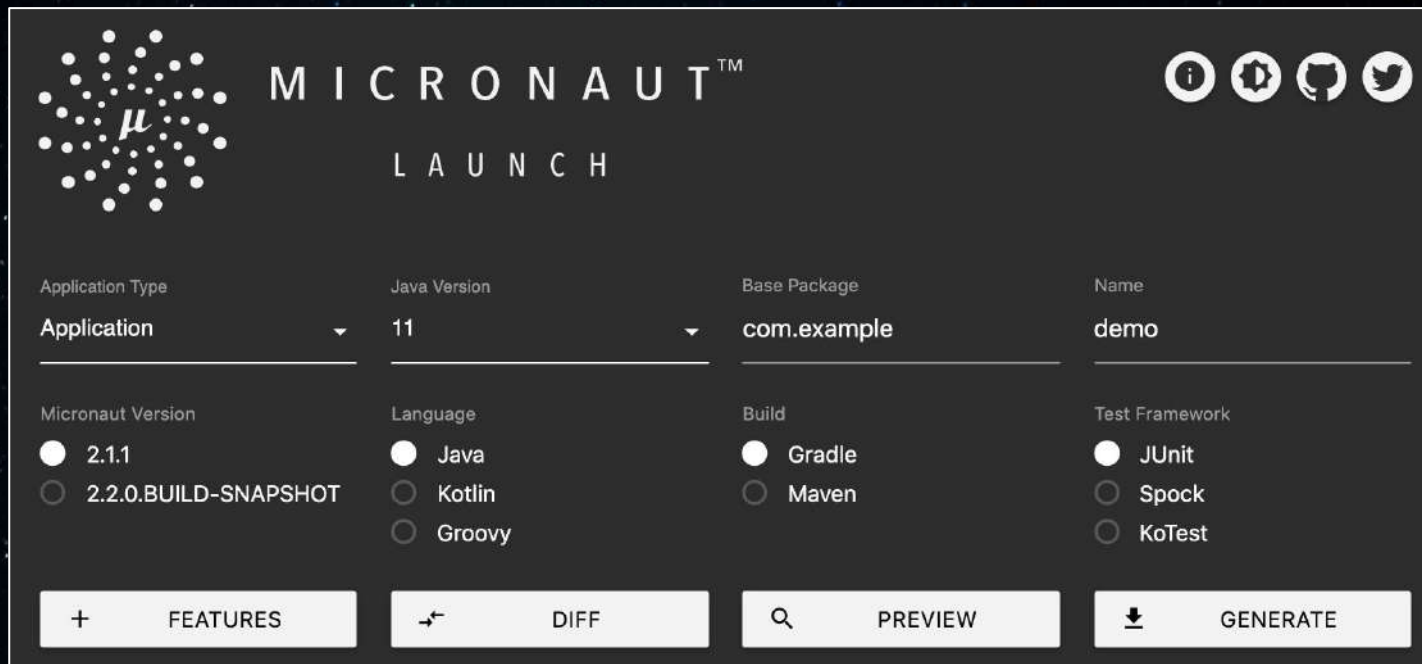
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Micronaut has many contributors across organizations and individuals. Some repositories are community driven

- Over 275 unique contributors to the core repository alone
- 4.7k stars on GitHub
- Over 1800 people in our Gitter community
- Over 900 questions in stackoverflow

# Micronaut Launch

Almost 35,000 applications created since the launch at the start of May 2020!



The screenshot shows the Micronaut Launch web interface. At the top left is the Micronaut logo (a cluster of dots with a Greek letter mu in the center) and the text "MICRONAUT™ LAUNCH". To the right are social media icons for GitHub, Discord, and Twitter. Below the header are four columns of configuration options, each with a label and a value:

Application Type	Java Version	Base Package	Name
Application	11	com.example	demo

Micronaut Version	Language	Build	Test Framework
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2.1.1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Java	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Gradle	<input checked="" type="radio"/> JUnit
<input type="radio"/> 2.2.0.BUILD-SNAPSHOT	<input type="radio"/> Kotlin	<input type="radio"/> Maven	<input type="radio"/> Spock
	<input type="radio"/> Groovy		<input type="radio"/> KoTest

At the bottom are four buttons: "+ FEATURES", "↔ DIFF", "🔍 PREVIEW", and "⬇️ GENERATE".

## What's Next?

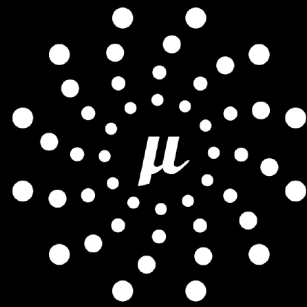


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- Major enhancements and improvements to Micronaut Data including document and graph datastores, and more
- Support for Jakarta annotations
- Validation improvements
- Injection by generics, qualifier improvements
- More integrations with cloud provider solutions
- Improved Kubernetes Support
- Support for more authentication options in the security module
- Integrations with more messaging solutions
- Numerous improvements to existing features and improved performance



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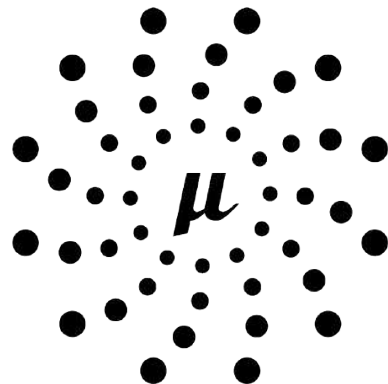
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# Groovy Updates



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- Groovy Stats 2020
- Groovy Roadmap
- Latest Releases
- Groovy 4





# Remembering a Groovy Star



I'm so sad to hear that the wonderful [@russel\\_winder](#) passed away.

Those in the [@ApacheGroovy](#) community will remember his contributions to the language, to GPar, and more.

I always loved his humour. Thoroughly enjoyed our conversations. I will miss him a lot 😞



**Roy van Rijn** [@royvanrijn](#) · Jan 24

Replying to [@aalmiray](#) and [@russel\\_winder](#)  
RIP [@russel\\_winder](#), loved the interactions we had, great passion and sense of humor.



**Mark Handley** [@MarkJHandley](#) · Jan 24

Very sad! Russel taught me software engineering back in 1986. Always came out of his lectures with no notes, but thoroughly inspired. Great teacher, inspiration and genuinely nice person. RIP.



**Hubert Klein Ikink** [@mrhaki](#) · Jan 24

Replying to [@aalmiray](#) and [@russel\\_winder](#)  
Sad news indeed. Loved his talks and conversations at conferences. A great person. ❤️



**Ralf D. Müller**™ [@RalfDMueller](#) · Jan 24

Replying to [@glaforge](#), [@russel\\_winder](#) and [@ApacheGroovy](#)  
sad to read this but happy that I had the chance to meet him at conferences. His work and memory will still remain in the code of so many tools. Rest in Peace, Russel!



**Hans Dockter** [@hans\\_d](#) · Jan 25

Replying to [@Devoxx](#) and [@russel\\_winder](#)  
This is very sad news. At the very beginning of Gradle, I had a lot of interactions with Russel and he energized our project a lot. He was a true original and will be missed. RIP!

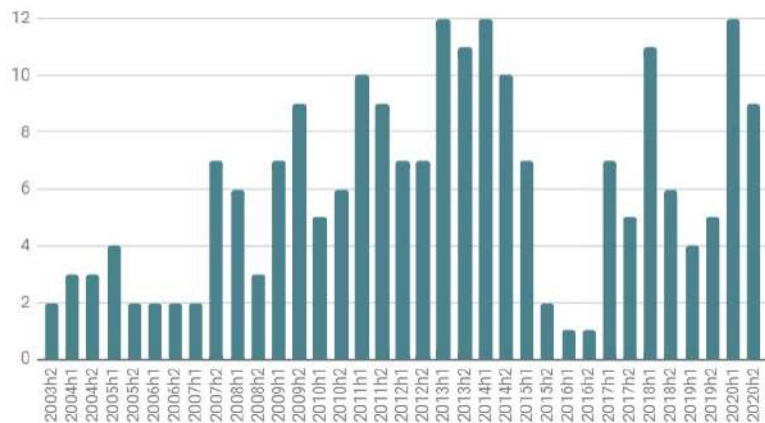
# Groovy Stats 2020



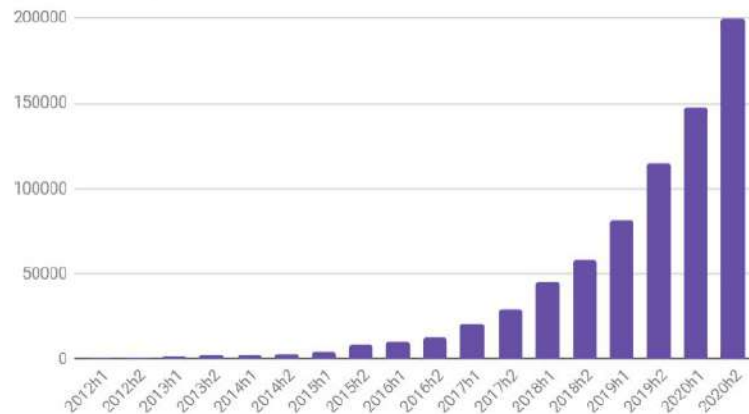
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- Groovy 3 general availability (a year ago)
- 21 releases (211 since 2003)
- ~350M downloads (~740M since 2012)

Releases



Downloads K's



# Groovy Roadmap



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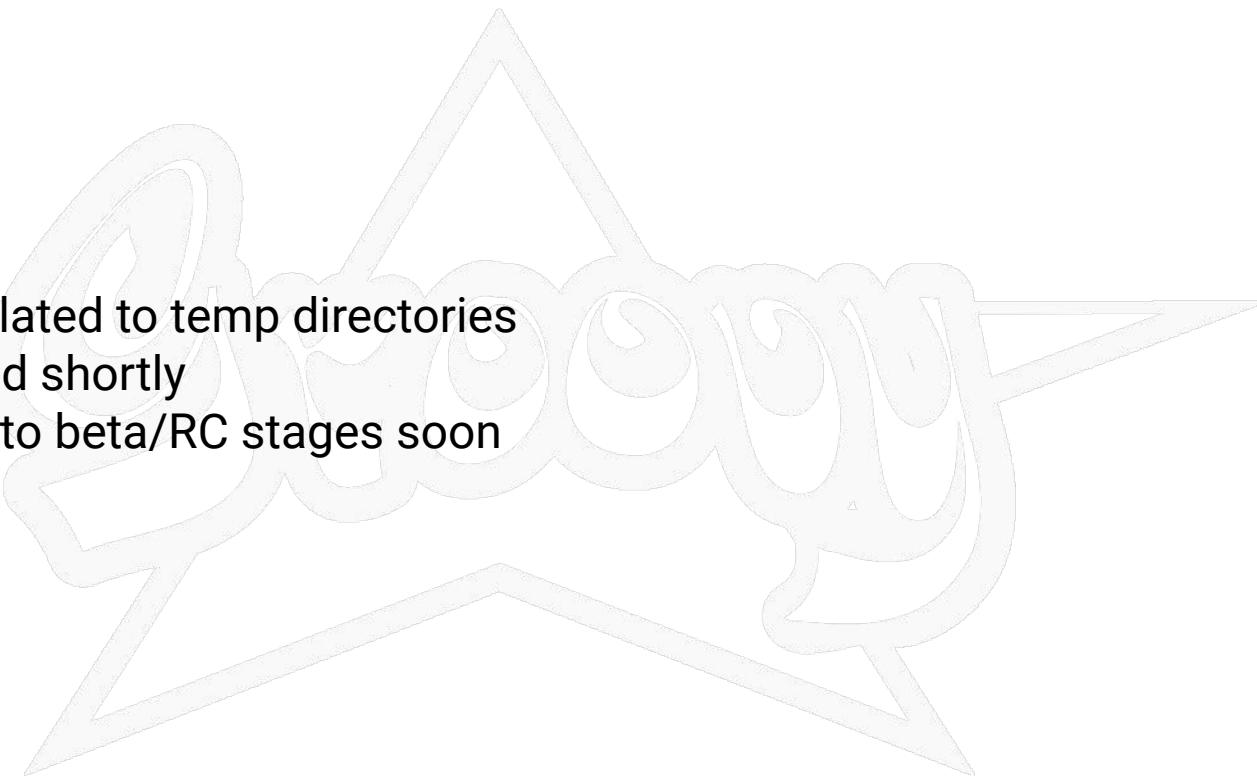
- Groovy 2.4 (Essentially EOL but critical fixes possible, JDK6+)
- Groovy 2.5 (Important fixes only, JDK7+)
- Groovy 3 (Recommended version JDK8+)
- Groovy 4 (Current focus)
  
- Release Notes for Groovy 4
  - <http://groovy-lang.org/releases.html>

## Latest releases (2020/Dec/03)



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- 2.4.21
- 2.5.14
- 3.0.7
- 4.0.0-alpha-2
  
- All included CVE fix related to temp directories
- New releases expected shortly
  - Groovy 4 moving to beta/RC stages soon





## Groovy 4: Structural Changes

### **Maven coordinate change**

~~org.codehaus.groovy~~  org.apache.groovy

### **Legacy package removal**

*groovy-xml:*

~~groovy.util~~ (includes XmlParser & XmlSlurper)  groovy.xml

### **Module changes for groovy-all**

*groovy-testng: was included, now optional*

*groovy-yaml: was optional, now included*



### **Old parser removal**

~~Antlr2~~ Antlr4

### **Classic bytecode generation removal**

~~Classic~~ Indy



## Groovy's static nature:

- *Supports extensible type checking*
  - *Make type checker weaker or stronger depending on the context*
  - *This feature is used but custom type checkers are not commonly shared*

## Groovy 4: Built-in Type Checkers (incubating)



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```
def newYearsEve = '2020-12-31'  
def matcher = newYearsEve =~ /(\d{4})-(\d{1,2})-(\d{1,2})/ // PatternSyntaxException
```

```
import groovy.transform.TypeChecked  
  
@TypeChecked(extensions = 'groovy.typecheckers.RegexChecker')  
def whenIs2020Over() {  
    def newYearsEve = '2020-12-31'  
    def matcher = newYearsEve =~ /(\d{4})-(\d{1,2})-(\d{1,2})/  
}
```

1 compilation error:  
[Static type checking] - Bad regex: Unclosed group near index 26  
(\d{4})-(\d{1,2})-(\d{1,2})  
at line: 6, column: 19



## Groovy 4: Built-in Type Checkers



```
~/\w{3/           // missing closing repetition quantifier brace
~"(. )o(.*)"     // missing closing group bracket
Pattern.compile(//?) // dangling meta character '?' (Java Longhand)

'foobar' =~ /f[o]{2/ // missing closing repetition quantifier brace
'foobar' ==~ /(foo/ // missing closing group bracket
Pattern.matches(//?, 'foo') // dangling meta character '?' (Java Longhand)

def m = 'foobar' =~ /(...)(...)/
assert m[0][1] == 'foo' // okay
assert m[0][3] // type error: only two groups in regex

Pattern p = Pattern.compile('(...)(...)')
Matcher m = p.matcher('foobar')
assert m.find()
assert m.group(1) == 'foo' // okay
assert m.group(3) // type error: only two groups in regex
```



## Groovy's Macro Methods:

- *Support easier AST transform creation via macros*
- *Transformation doesn't rely on an annotation in the source code*
- *This feature is used but custom macro methods are not commonly shared*

## Groovy 4: Built-in Macro Methods (incubating)



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```
def num = 42  
def list = [1, 2, 3]  
def range = 0..5  
def string = 'foo'
```

```
println NV(num, list, range, string)
```

```
num=42, list=[1, 2, 3], range=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], string=foo
```

```
println NVI(range)
```

```
range=0..5
```

```
println NVD(range)
```

```
range=<groovy.lang.IntRange@14 from=0 to=5 reverse=false inclusive=true modCount=0>
```

# Groovy 4: Built-in Macro Methods (incubating)



```
def num = 42  
def list = [1, 2, 3]  
def range = 0..5  
def string = 'foo'
```

```
println NV(num, list, range, string)
```



```
println "num=" + num.toString() + ...
```

```
num=42, list=[1, 2, 3], range=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], string=foo
```

```
println NVI(range)
```



```
println "range=" + range.inspect()
```

```
range=0..5
```

```
println NVD(range)
```



```
println "range=" + range.dump()
```

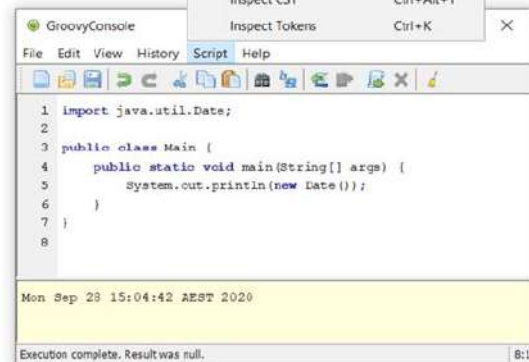
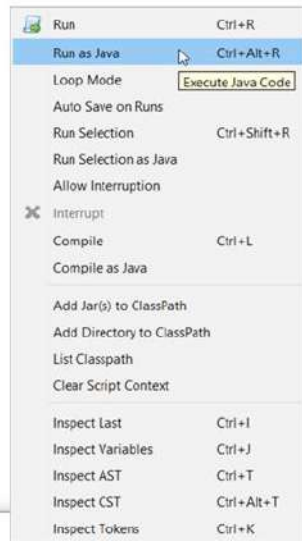
```
range=<groovy.lang.IntRange@14 from=0 to=5 reverse=false inclusive=true modCount=0>
```

# Groovy 4: JavaShell (incubating)



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```
import org.apache.groovy.util.JavaShell
def opts = ['--enable-preview', '--release', '14']
def src = 'record Coord(int x, int y) {}'
Class coordClass = new JavaShell().compile('Coord', opts, src)
assert coordClass.newInstance(5, 10).toString() == 'Coord[x=5, y=10]'
```





## Design by Contract

```
import groovy.contracts.*

@Invariant({ speed >= 0 })
class Rocket {
    int speed = 0
    boolean started = false

    @Requires({ !started })
    def start() { started = true }

    @Requires({ started })
    @Ensures({ old.speed < speed })
    def accelerate(inc) { speed += inc }
}

def r = new Rocket()
// r.accelerate(5) // PreconditionViolation
r.start()
r.accelerate(5)
```

# Groovy 4: @POJO (incubating)



```
@CompileStatic
@POJO
@Canonical(includeNames = true)
class Point {
    Integer x, y
}
```



```
@CompileStatic
@POJO
class PointList {
    @Delegate List<Point> points
}
```



```
Predicate<Point> xNeqY = p -> p.getX() != p.getY();

Point p13 = new Point(1, 3);
List<Point> pts = List.of(p13, new Point(2, 2), new Point(3, 1));
PointList list = new PointList();
list.setPoints(pts);

System.out.println(list.size());
System.out.println(list.contains(p13));

list.forEach(System.out::println);

long count = list.stream().filter(xNeqY).collect(counting());
System.out.println(count);
```



```
3
true
Point(x:1, y:3)
Point(x:2, y:2)
Point(x:3, y:1)
2
```

**Groovy jar not needed on classpath - currently only in simple cases like this one**

# Groovy 4.0: @RecordType (incubating)



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```
@groovy.transform.RecordType
class Cyclist {
    String firstName
    String lastName
}

def richie = new Cyclist('Richie', 'Porte')
```

Produces a class that:

- *is implicitly final*
- *has a private final field firstName with an accessor method firstName(); ditto for lastName*
- *has a default Cyclist(String, String) constructor*
- *has a default serialVersionUID of 0L*
- *has implicit toString(), equals() and hashCode() methods*

```
record Cyclist(String firstName, String lastName) { } // possible future syntax
```



# Groovy 2.5: AST Transforms: @Immutable becomes meta-annotation



```
@Immutable  
class Point {  
    int x, y  
}
```



```
@ToString(includeSuperProperties = true, cache = true)  
@EqualsAndHashCode(cache = true)  
@ImmutableBase  
@ImmutableOptions  
@PropertyOptions(propertyHandler = ImmutablePropertyHandler)  
@TupleConstructor(defaults = false)  
@MapConstructor(noArg = true, includeSuperProperties = true, includeFields = true)  
@KnownImmutable  
class Point {  
    int x, y  
}
```

# Groovy 4.0: AST Transforms: @RecordType meta-annotation (incubating)



```
@RecordType  
class Point {  
    int x, y  
}
```



```
@RecordBase  
@ToString(cache = true, includeNames = true)  
@EqualsAndHashCode(cache = true, useCanEqual = false)  
@ImmutableOptions  
@PropertyOptions(propertyHandler = ImmutablePropertyHandler)  
@TupleConstructor(defaults = false)  
@MapConstructor  
@KnownImmutable  
@POJO  
class Point {  
    int x, y  
}
```



## DSL for querying aggregations

```
def nums = [1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 7]
GQ {
  from n in nums
  groupby ((0 == n % 2) as isEven)
  select isEven, count(), max(n), avg(n)
}
```



Result:

isEven	this.count()	this.max(n)	this.avg(n)
false	4	7	3.5000000000000000
true	2	4	3.0000000000000000

```
def nums = [1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 7]
GQ {
  from n in nums
  groupby ((0 == n % 2) as isEven)
  select isEven, count(), max(n), avg(n)
}
```



## Backed by an API (currently subject to change)

```
import static org.apache.groovy.ginq.provider.collection.runtime.Queryable.from
import org.apache.groovy.ginq.provider.collection.runtime.NamedRecord

def nums = [1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 7]
assert [[false, 4, 7, 3.5G], [true, 2, 4, 3.0G]] ==
    from(nums).groupBy(e -> new NamedRecord([e % 2 == 0], ['isEven'], ['n']).sourceRecord(e))
        .select((e, q) -> Tuple.tuple(
            e.v1.isEven,
            e.v2.count(),
            e.v2.max(n -> n),
            e.v2.avg(n -> new BigDecimal(n))))).toList()
```



## Supports nesting

```
assert [[1, 1], [2, 4], [3, 9]] == GQ {  
    from v in (  
        from n in [1, 2, 3]  
        select n, n ** 2 as nSquared  
    )  
    select v.n, v.nSquared  
}.toList()
```



## Supports aggregate functions

```
def nums = [1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 7]
GQ {
    from n in nums
    groupby ((0 == n % 2) as isEven)
    select isEven, count(), max(n), avg(n)
}
```

**Also: min, sum, median, stdev, stdevp, var, varp, agg**



```
import groovy.json.JsonSlurper
def json = new JsonSlurper().parseText('''
  {
    "fruits": [
      {"name": "Orange", "price": 11},
      {"name": "Apple", "price": 6},
      {"name": "Banana", "price": 4},
      {"name": "Mango", "price": 29},
      {"name": "Durian", "price": 32}
    ]
  }
''')

def expected = [['Mango', 29], ['Orange', 11], ['Apple', 6], ['Banana', 4]]
assert expected == GQ {
  from f in json.fruits
  where f.price < 32
  orderby f.price in desc
  select f.name, f.price
}.toList()
```

**Also:**  
joining, sorting, filtering,  
pagination, window functions,  
updating, parallel querying,  
list comprehension



# Groovy Roadmap: under investigation



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- Switch expressions
  - Additional destructuring/pattern matching within switch case expressions
  - Smarter type checking: non-null, pure
  - Module definitions in Groovy
- 
- Release Notes for Groovy 4
    - <http://groovy-lang.org/releases.html>



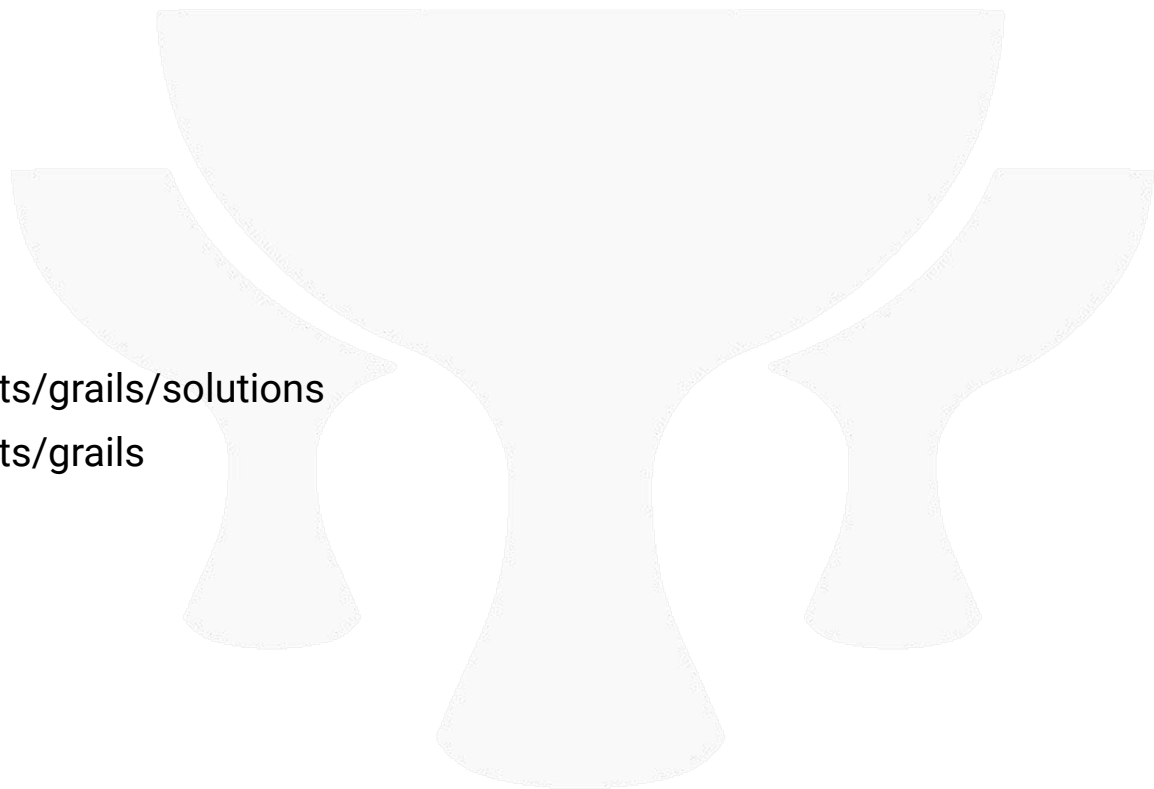
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