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What's new with Grails 4

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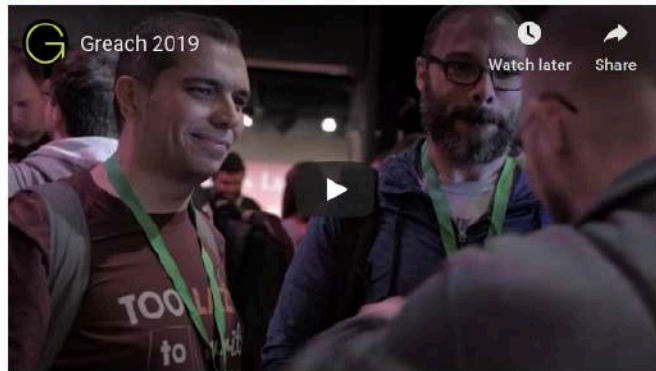
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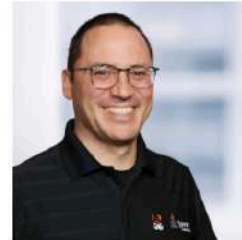


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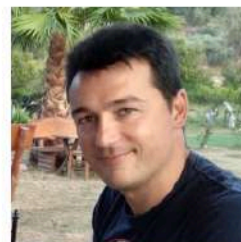
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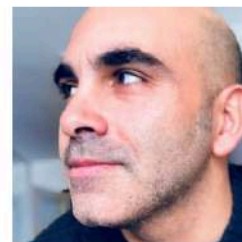


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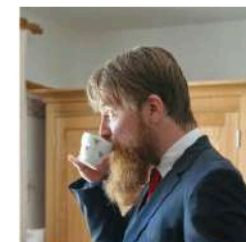
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Current Plugins (Grails 3 & 4)

Legacy Plugins (Grails 1 & 2)

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LATEST PLUGINS

Showing 260 plugins

[actuator-ui](#)



Grails actuator-ui plugin

1.1 published Sep 4, 2016 by [dmahapatro](#)

grails3

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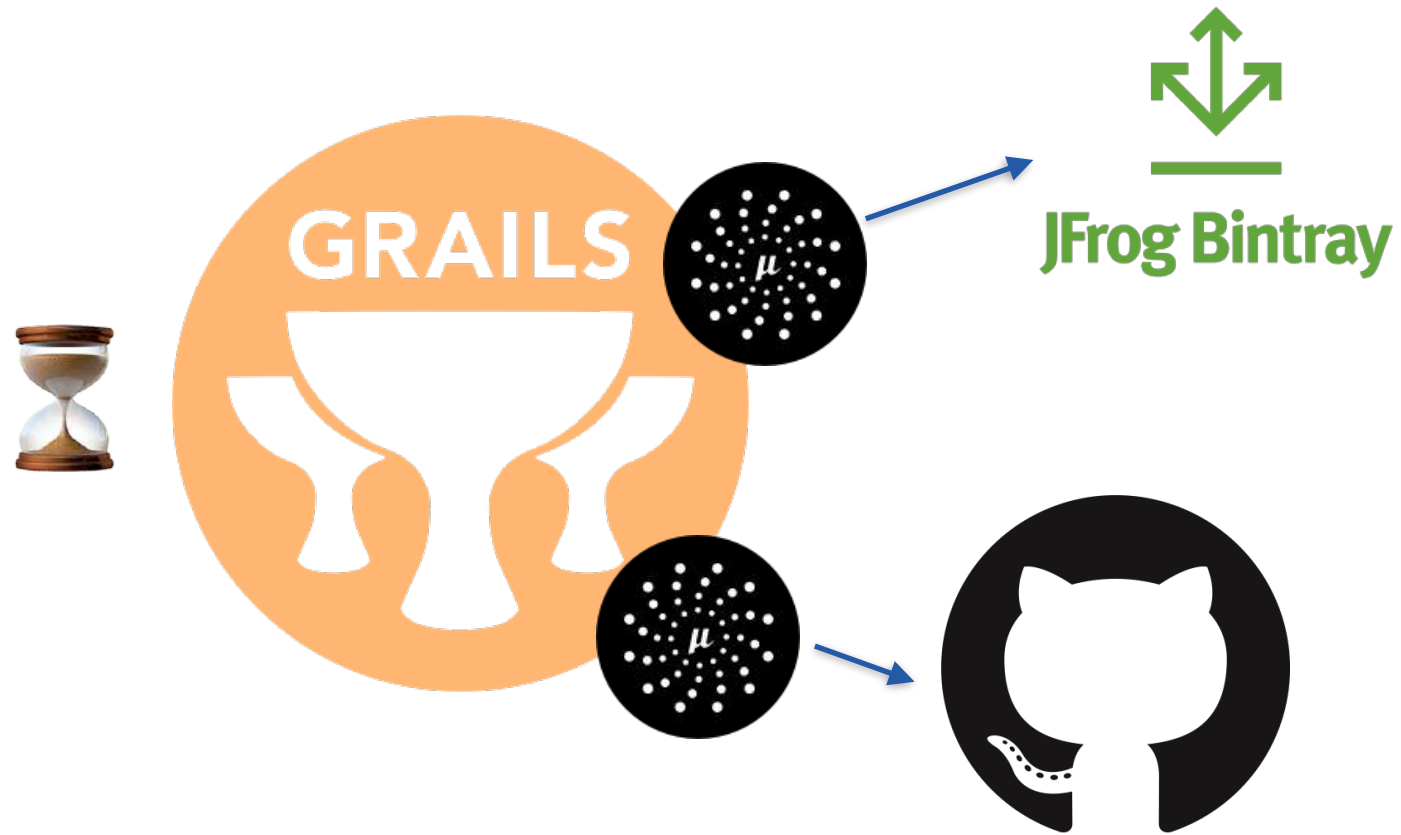


Airbrake Client for Grails

1.0.0.RC1 published Mar 31, 2016 by [bostanio](#)

[ajax-tags](#)





Agenda



1. What's New
2. Upgrade Challenges
3. Micronaut Integration



Grails 4 History



Upgrade started October 2017

Then mostly delayed until late 2018

Milestone 1 released in February 19th 2019

Milestone 2 released in March 26th 2019

Release Candidate 1 released in 17th April 2019

Grails 4.0.0 GA released in July 11th 2019

Grails 4.0.1 GA released in Oct 14th 2019



What's New in Grails 4



1. Java 8 Minimum
2. Groovy 2.5.6
3. Spring Boot 2.1.9
4. Spring 5.1.10
5. GORM 7 / Hibernate 5.4.0
6. Gradle 5.1.1
7. Spock 1.2-groovy-2.5
8. Micronaut Integration 1.1.4

Upgrading to Grails 4



Grails 2



Grails 3



Grails 3



Grails 4

Upgrading



1. Most deprecations have been removed
2. Some package restructuring
3. No major breaking API changes
4. Most plugins should just work
5. Breaking changes in Spring, Hibernate, Groovy

Migration Steps - Bump up Grails Version



You will need to upgrade your Grails version defined in `gradle.properties`

`grailsVersion=4.0.1`

<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-boot/wiki/Spring-Boot-2.0-Migration-Guide>

Notable:

1. Many configuration changes
2. Embedded container API
3. Endpoints Changes

Migration Steps 3 - Spring Boot 2.1 Actuator changes



Actuator have changed substantially from Spring Boot 1.5 used by Grails 3 to Spring Boot 2.

Grails 3

endpoints:

enabled: false

jmx:

enabled: true

unique-names: true



Grails 4

spring:

jmx:

unique-names: true

management:

endpoints:

enabled-by-default: false

Migration Steps 4 - Spring Boot Developer Tols



build.gradle

```
•
••
•••
configurations {
    developmentOnly
    runtimeClasspath {
        extendsFrom developmentOnly
    }
}

dependencies {
    developmentOnly("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-devtools")
    ...
}
```

grails-app/conf/application.yml

```
spring:
  devtools:
    restart:
      additional-exclude:
        - '*.gsp'
        - '**/*.gsp'
        - '*.gson'
        - '**/*.gson'
        - 'logback.groovy'
        - '*.properties'
```

<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-integration/wiki/Spring-Integration-4.3-to-5.0-Migration-Guide>

Nothing that should impact the average Grails application

Gradle Changes



https://docs.gradle.org/current/userguide/upgrading_version_4.html

Gradle 3 no longer supported, 4 not officially supported

Many breaking changes from 3 to 5

```
./gradlew wrapper --gradle-version 5.4.1
```

Gradle - Transitive dependencies not resolved for plugins



https://docs.gradle.org/current/userguide/upgrading_version_4.html#rel5.0:pom_compile_runtime_separation

build.gradle - Grails 3

```
dependencies {  
    compile 'org.grails.plugins:rendering:2.0.3'  
    ...  
}
```

build.gradle - Grails 4

```
dependencies {  
    compile 'org.grails.plugins:rendering:2.0.3'  
    compile("org.xhtmlrenderer:core-renderer:R8")  
    compile("com.lowagie:itext:2.1.0")  
    ...  
}
```



Migration Steps 5 - Spring Boot Gradle Plugin Changes



[Spring Boot Gradle plugin's documentation.](#)

build.gradle - Grails 3

```
bootRun {  
    addResources = true  
    ...  
}
```



build.gradle - Grails 4

```
bootRun {  
    sourceResources sourceSets.main  
    ...  
}
```

Migration Steps 6 - Building executable jars for Grails Plugins



[Spring Boot Gradle plugin's documentation.](#)

build.gradle - Grails 3

`bootRepackage.enabled=false`

build.gradle - Grails 4

`bootJar.enabled=false`



GORM / Hibernate Changes



<http://gorm.grails.org/7.0.x/hibernate/manual/index.html#upgradeNotes>

Notable:

1. All operations now require a transaction
2. Proxy behavior has changed
3. No more REST client

Package Restructuring and Deprecations

Previously deprecated classes have been deleted from this release.

In order to support Java 11 modules in the future some package re-structuring has occurred.

Changes to Proxy Handling

GORM no longer creates custom proxy factories nor automatically unwraps Hibernate proxies.

GORM / Hibernate Proxy Changes

```
class Pet {  
    String name  
}  
class Dog extends Pet {}  
class Person {  
    String name  
    Pet pet  
}  
def person = Person.get(1)  
assert person.pet instanceof Dog ✓  
assert person.pet instanceof(Dog) ✓  
assert Pet.get(person.petId). instanceof(Dog) ✓  
assert Pet.get(person.petId) instanceof Dog ✓
```

GRAILS 3

GORM / Hibernate Proxy Changes

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assert person.pet instanceof Dog ❌  
assert person.pet instanceof(Dog) ✅  
assert Pet.get(person.petId).instanceOf(Dog) ✅  
assert Pet.get(person.petId) instanceof Dog ✅
```

GRAILS 4

grails-validation Deprecated and Removed

Gorm 6.x the *grails-validation* module was deprecated and replaced by *grails-datastore-gorm-validation*.

Deprecated interfaces were maintained for backwards compatibility. In Gorm 7.0, these deprecated classes have been removed and all dependency on *grails-validation* removed.

Transactions Now Required for all Operations

Previous versions of Hibernate allowed read operation to be executed without the presence of a declared transaction.

Hibernate 5.2. and above require the presence of an active transaction. If you see a *javax.persistence.TransactionRequiredException* exception, it means your method lacks *@Transactional* annotation around it.

Migration Steps - Bump up GORM Version



You will need to upgrade your GORM version defined in `gradle.properties`

`gorm.version=7.0.2.RELEASE`

Migration Steps 5 - Upgrading Hibernate

build.gradle - Grails 3

```
dependencies {
```

```
...
```

```
compile "org.grails.plugins.hibernate5"
```

```
compile "org.hibernate:hibernate-core:5.1.5.Final"
```

```
}
```

build.gradle - Grails 4

```
dependencies {
```

```
...
```

```
compile "org.grails.plugins.hibernate5"
```

```
compile "org.hibernate:hibernate-core:5.4.0.Final"
```

```
}
```



Rest client Builder Grails Plugin Removal



org.grails:grails-datastore-rest-client deprecated in favor of
Micronaut HTTP Client.

Rest client Builder - Grails 3

```
String uri = "http://repo.grails.org/grails/api/security/groups/test-group"
def resp = rest.put(uri) {
    auth System.getProperty("artifactory.user"), System.getProperty("artifactory.pass")
    contentType "application/vnd.org.jfrog.artifactory.security.Group+json"
    json {
        name = "test-group"
        description = "A temporary test group"
    }
}
```

Rest client Builder Grails Plugin Removal



org.grails:grails-datastore-rest-client deprecated in favor of
Micronaut HTTP Client.

Micronaut HTTP Client - Grails 4


```
Map<String, Object> payload = [name: "test-group",  
                               description: "A temporary test group"]  
String uri = "http://repo.grails.org/grails/api/security/groups/test-group"  
HttpRequest request = HttpRequest.PUT(uri, payload)  
    .basicAuth(System.getProperty("artifactory.user"), System.getProperty("artifactory.pass"))  
    .contentType("application/vnd.org.jfrog.artifactory.security.Group+json")  
HttpResponse resp = client.toBlocking().exchange(request)
```

Groovy Changes



<http://groovy-lang.org/releasesnotes/groovy-2.5.html>

Notable:

1. No more “all” jar 
2. New annotations
3. Date extensions require a new dependency
4. JDK 11 warnings not resolved

Plugins should just work unless...

They use an API that has been changed or removed

GrailsDomainClass https://docs.grails.org/latest/guide/upgrading.html#_grails_domain_class_api_deprecated

Spring Boot Embedded Server

Migration Steps - Geb - from Geb 1.x to Geb 2.x

build.gradle - Grails 3

```
dependencies {  
    testCompile "org.grails.plugins:geb:1.1.2"  
    testRuntime "org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-htmlunit-driver:2.47.1"  
    testRuntime "net.sourceforge.htmlunit:htmlunit:2.18"
```

build.gradle - Grails 4

```
dependencies {  
    testCompile "org.grails.plugins:geb"  
    testCompile "org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-remote-driver:3.141.59"  
    testCompile "org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-api:3.141.59"  
    testCompile "org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-support:3.141.59"  
    testRuntime "org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-chrome-driver:3.141.59"  
    testRuntime "org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-firefox-driver:3.141.59"
```



Migration Steps - Geb - Webdriver binaries Gradle plugin



build.gradle - Grails 4

```
buildscript {
    repositories {
        ...
    }
    dependencies {
        ...
        classpath "gradle.plugin.com.github.ardi.webdriver-binaries:webdriver-binaries-gradle-plugin:2.1"
    }
}
...

apply plugin:"com.github.ardi.webdriver-binaries"

webdriverBinaries {
    chromedriver "78.0.3904.105"
    geckodriver "0.24.0"
}
```

Migration Steps - Geb - Webdriver binaries



build.gradle - Grails 4

```
tasks.withType(Test) {
    systemProperty "geb.env", System.getProperty('geb.env')
    systemProperty "geb.build.reportsDir", reporting.file("geb/integrationTest")
    systemProperty "webdriver.chrome.driver", System.getProperty('webdriver.chrome.driver')
    systemProperty "webdriver.gecko.driver", System.getProperty('webdriver.gecko.driver')
}
```

Migration Steps - GebConfig

src/integration-test/resources/GebConfig.groovy - Grails 4

```
import org.openqa.selenium.chrome.ChromeDriver
import org.openqa.selenium.chrome.ChromeOptions
import org.openqa.selenium.firefox.FirefoxDriver

environments {

    // run via "./gradlew -Dgeb.env=chrome iT"
    chrome {
        driver = { new ChromeDriver() }
    }

    // run via "./gradlew -Dgeb.env=chromeHeadless iT"
    chromeHeadless {
        driver = {
            ChromeOptions o = new ChromeOptions()
            o.addArguments('headless')
            new ChromeDriver(o)
        }
    }

    // run via "./gradlew -Dgeb.env=firefox iT"
    firefox {
        driver = { new FirefoxDriver() }
    }
}
```

Migration Steps - Asset Pipeline



build.gradle - Grails 3 <http://www.asset-pipeline.com/manual/index.html>

```
buildscript {
  dependencies {
    ..
    classpath: "com.bertram-labs.plugins:asset-pipeline-grails:2.14.1"
  }
}
apply plugin "asset-pipeline"
dependencies {
  ..
  runtime "com.bertram-labs.plugins:asset-pipeline-grails:2.14.1"
```

build.gradle - Grails 4

```
buildscript {
  ..
  dependencies {
    classpath: "com.bertram-labs.plugins:asset-pipeline-grails:3.0.11"
    ...
  }
  ...
  apply plugin "com.bertram-labs.asset-pipeline"
  ...
  dependencies {
    ..
    runtime "com.bertram-labs.plugins:asset-pipeline-grails:3.0.11"
```



Migration Steps - Spring Security Core

<https://grails-plugins.github.io/grails-spring-security-core/>

build.gradle - Grails 3

```
dependencies {  
    ...  
    compile "org.grails.plugins:spring-security-core:3.2.0"  
}
```



build.gradle - Grails 4

```
dependencies {  
    ...  
    compile "org.grails.plugins:spring-security-core:4.0.0.RC2"  
}
```

Migration Steps - Spring Security Core



grails-app/domain/example/User.groovy - Grails 3

```
class User {
    SpringSecurityService springSecurityService
    ...
    ...
    def beforeInsert() { encodePassword() }
    def beforeUpdate() {
        if (isDirty('password')) { encodePassword() }
    }
    protected void encodePassword() {
        password = springSecurityService?.passwordEncoder ? springSecurityService.encodePassword(password)
    }
}
```


Migration Steps - Spring Security Core



grails-app/domain/example/User.groovy - Grails 4

```
class User {  
  SpringSecurityService springSecurityService  
  ...  
  ...  
  def beforeInsert() { encodePassword() }  
  def beforeUpdate() {  
    if (isDirty('password')) { encodePassword() }  
  }  
  protected void encodePassword() {  
    password = springSecurityService?. passwordEncoder ? springSecurityService.encodePassword(password)  
  }  
}
```

Migration Steps - Spring Security Core



src/main/groovy/example/UserPasswordEncoderListener.groovy - Grails 4

```
import grails.plugin.springsecurity.SpringSecurityService
import org.grails.datastore.mapping.engine.event.*
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired
import grails.events.annotation.gorm.Listener
@CompileStatic
class UserPasswordEncoderListener {
    @Autowired
    SpringSecurityService springSecurityService

    @Listener(User) void onPreInsertEvent(PreInsertEvent event) { encodePasswordForEvent(event) }

    @Listener(User) void onPreUpdateEvent(PreUpdateEvent event) { encodePasswordForEvent(event) }

    private void encodePasswordForEvent(AbstractPersistenceEvent event) {
        if (event.entityObject instanceof User) {
            User u = event.entityObject as User
            if (u.password && ((event instanceof PreInsertEvent) || (event instanceof PreUpdateEvent &&
u.isDirty('password')))) {
                event.getEntityAccess().setProperty('password', encodePassword(u.password))
            }
        }
    }

    private String encodePassword(String password) {
        springSecurityService?.passwordEncoder ? springSecurityService.encodePassword(password) : password
    }
}
```

Migration Steps - Spring Security Core

grails-app/conf/spring/resources.groovy - Grails 4

```
import example.UserPasswordEncoderListener
beans = {
    userPasswordEncoderListener(UserPasswordEncoderListener)
}
```

Migration Steps - Spring Security Core



Spring Security 5 changed the way password are encoded and compared for matches.

```
{bcrypt}someencryptedpassword // using bcrypt  
{noop}plaintextpassword
```



M I C R O N A U T

Micronaut Integration

- Micronaut a Foundational Library for building applications of any type
- Focuses on Small Memory Footprint and Speed
- Eliminates Reflection, Runtime Proxies and Runtime Analysis

Micronaut has also been used to improve startup and reduce overall memory consumption of Grails applications (along associated improvements in Spring Boot 2.1)

- Micronaut Supports Message-Driven Applications
- Declarative Clients for Kafka & RabbitMQ
- Use @RabbitListener for RabbitMQ
- Use @KafkaListener for Kafka
- Planned Support For Other Messaging Systems

EXAMPLE

Micronaut HTTP Client used by Grails

Micronaut Declarative Http Client in Grails 4



```
curl start.grails.org/versions
```

```
["3.1.13", "3.1.14", "3.1.15", "3.1.16", "3.1.17.BUILD-SNAPSHOT", "3.2.2", "3.2.3", "3.2.4", "3.2.5", "3.2.6", "3.2.7", "3.2.8", "3.2.9", "3.2.10", "3.2.11", "3.2.12", "3.2.13", "3.2.14.BUILD-SNAPSHOT", "3.3.0", "3.3.1", "3.3.2", "3.3.3", "3.3.4", "3.3.5", "3.3.6", "3.3.7", "3.3.8", "3.3.9", "3.3.10.BUILD-SNAPSHOT"]`
```

Using Micronaut Declarative Client from a Grails 4 app



src/main/groovy/example/grails/GrailsClient.groovy build.gradle

```
package example.grails

interface GrailsClient {
    List<String> versions()
}
```

```
...
dependencies {
    ...
    compile 'io.micronaut:micronaut-http-client'
}
```

src/main/groovy/example/grails/GrailsApplicationForge.groovy

```
package example.grails

import io.micronaut.http.annotation.Get
import io.micronaut.http.client.annotation.Client

@Client("https://start.grails.org")
interface GrailsApplicationForge extends GrailsClient {

    @Override
    @Get("/versions")
    List<String> versions();
}
```

Using Micronaut Declarative Client from a Grails 4 app



grails-app/controllers/example/grails/VersionsController.groovy

```
package example.grails

import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired

class VersionsController {

    @Autowired
    GrailsClient grailsClient

    def index() {
        render grailsClient.versions()
    }
}
```

Micronaut Http Client in integration test of Grails 4



src/integration-test/groovy/example/grails/VersionsControllerSpec.groovy

```
package example.grails

import grails.testing.mixin.integration.Integration
import io.micronaut.http.HttpRequest
import io.micronaut.http.client.BlockingHttpClient
import io.micronaut.http.client.HttpClient
import spock.lang.Specification

@Integration
class VersionsControllerSpec extends Specification {

    void "/versions/index returns Grails versions"() {
        given:
        BlockingHttpClient client = HttpClient.create(new URL("http://localhost:$serverPort".toString())).toBlocking()

        when:
        String versions = client.retrieve(HttpRequest.GET('/versions/index'), String)

        then:
        versions.contains('3.2.10')
        versions.contains('3.3.1')
    }
}
```

Using Micronaut Declarative Client from a Grails 4 app



grails-app/conf/application.yml

```
micronaut:  
  http:  
    services:  
      appforge:  
        url: "https://start.grails.org"
```

src/main/groovy/example/grails/GrailsApplicationForge.groovy

```
package example.grails  
  
import io.micronaut.http.annotation.Get  
import io.micronaut.http.client.annotation.Client  
  
@Client("appforge")  
interface GrailsApplicationForge extends GrailsClient {  
  
    @Override  
    @Get("/versions")  
    List<String> versions();  
}
```

Micronaut or Grails?



- Consider Building Configurations instead of Plugins
- Work with Micronaut, Spring (with `micronaut-spring`) and Grails
- Plugins only work with Grails
- ... although some things only possible with Plugins (Views, taglibs etc.)

EXAMPLE

Micronaut Configuration used by Grails, Micronaut and Spring Boot

Building configurations instead of plugins

```
— build.gradle
— gradle
  — wrapper
    — gradle-wrapper.jar
    — gradle-wrapper.properties
— gradle.properties
— gradlew
— gradlew.bat
— grails-app
  — conf
    — application.yml
    — logback.groovy
  — services
    — eu
      — vies
        — VatService.groovy
  — init
    — eu
      — vies
        — Application.groovy
        — BootStrap.groovy
— grails-wrapper.jar
— grailsw
— grailsw.bat
...
```


Building configurations instead of plugins

grails-plugin: grails-app/services/eu/vies/VatService.groovy

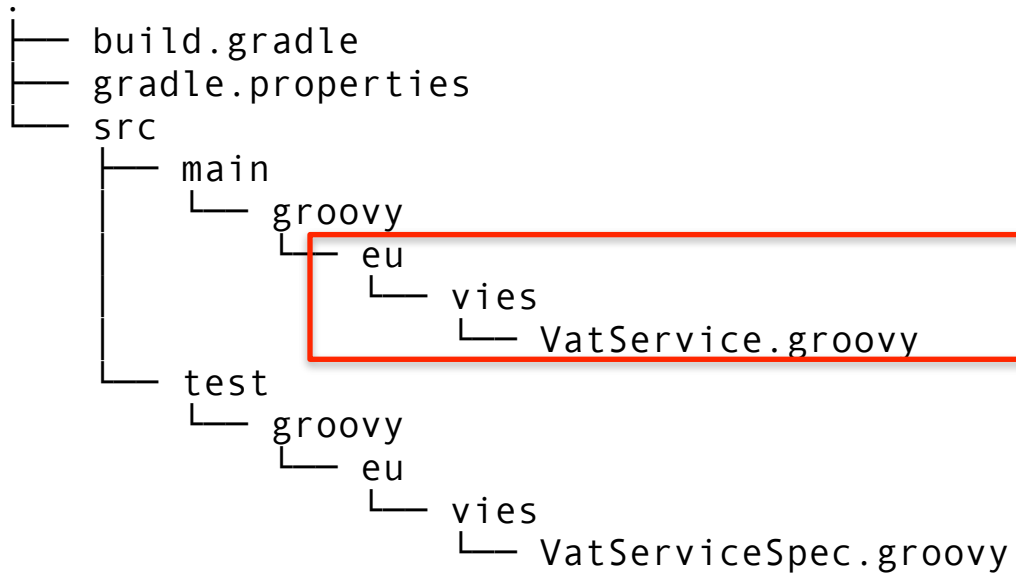
```
package eu.vies

import groovy.transform.CompileDynamic
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import wslite.soap.SOAPClient
import wslite.soap.SOAPResponse

@CompileStatic
class VatService {
    String url = 'http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/services/checkVatService'
    SOAPClient client = new SOAPClient("${url}.wsdl")

    @CompileDynamic
    Boolean validateVat(String memberStateCode, String vatNumberCode) {
        SOAPResponse response = client.send(SOAPAction: url) {
            body('xmlns': 'urn:ec.europa.eu:taxud:vies:services:checkVat:types') {
                checkVat {
                    countryCode(memberStateCode)
                    vatNumber(vatNumberCode)
                }
            }
        }
        response.checkVatResponse.valid.text() == 'true'
    }
}
```

Building configurations instead of plugins



Building configurations instead of plugins



lib: build.gradle

```
plugins {  
    id 'groovy'  
}  
  
repositories {  
    jcenter()  
}  
  
dependencies {  
    compileOnly "io.micronaut:micronaut-inject-groovy:$micronautVersion"  
    compile 'org.codehaus.groovy:groovy-xml:2.5.7'  
    compile 'com.github.groovy-wslite:groovy-wslite:1.1.2'  
    testCompile("org.spockframework:spock-core:${spockVersion}") {  
        exclude module: 'groovy-all'  
    }  
}
```

Building configurations instead of plugins



lib: src/main/groovy/eu/vies/VatService.groovy

```
package eu.vies

import groovy.transform.CompileDynamic
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import wslite.soap.SOAPClient
import wslite.soap.SOAPResponse
import javax.inject.Singleton

@CompileStatic
@Singleton
class VatService {
    String url = 'http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/services/checkVatService'
    SOAPClient client = new SOAPClient("${url}.wsdl")

    @CompileDynamic
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            body('xmlns': 'urn:ec.europa.eu:taxud:vies:services:checkVat:types') {
                checkVat {
                    countryCode(memberStateCode)
                    vatNumber(vatNumberCode)
                }
            }
        }
        response.checkVatResponse.valid.text() == 'true'
    }
}
```

Building configurations instead of plugins

grails: grails-app/controllers/example/grails/ViesController.groovy

```
package example.grails

import eu.vies.VatService
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired

@CompileStatic
class ViesController {

    @Autowired
    VatService vatService

    def valid(String memberStateCode, String vatNumberCode) {
        render vatService.validateVat(memberStateCode, vatNumberCode)
    }
}
```



Building configurations instead of plugins

micronaut: src/main/example/micronaut/ViesController.groovy

```
package example.micronaut

import eu.vies.VatService
import groovy.transform.CompileStatic
import io.micronaut.http.annotation.Controller
import io.micronaut.http.annotation.Get
import javax.inject.Inject

@CompileStatic
@Controller('/vies')
class ViesController {

    @Inject
    VatService vatService

    @Get('/valid')
    Boolean valid(String memberStateCode, String vatNumberCode) {
        vatService.validateVat(memberStateCode, vatNumberCode)
    }
}
```



Micronaut Configurations



- Configuration with @ConfigurationProperties
- Beans with @Singleton, @Factory etc.
- Conditional Behavior with @Requires
- Customization with @Replaces

In Summary




- Upgrading very different compared to 2 -> 3
- Micronaut Provides an Awesome Foundation
- Building Blocks to Create Libraries, Configurations and Clients
- Most Micronaut Features Available in Grails
- Build Micronaut Libraries not Plugins

Questions?



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