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**TL;DR**

**Yes**



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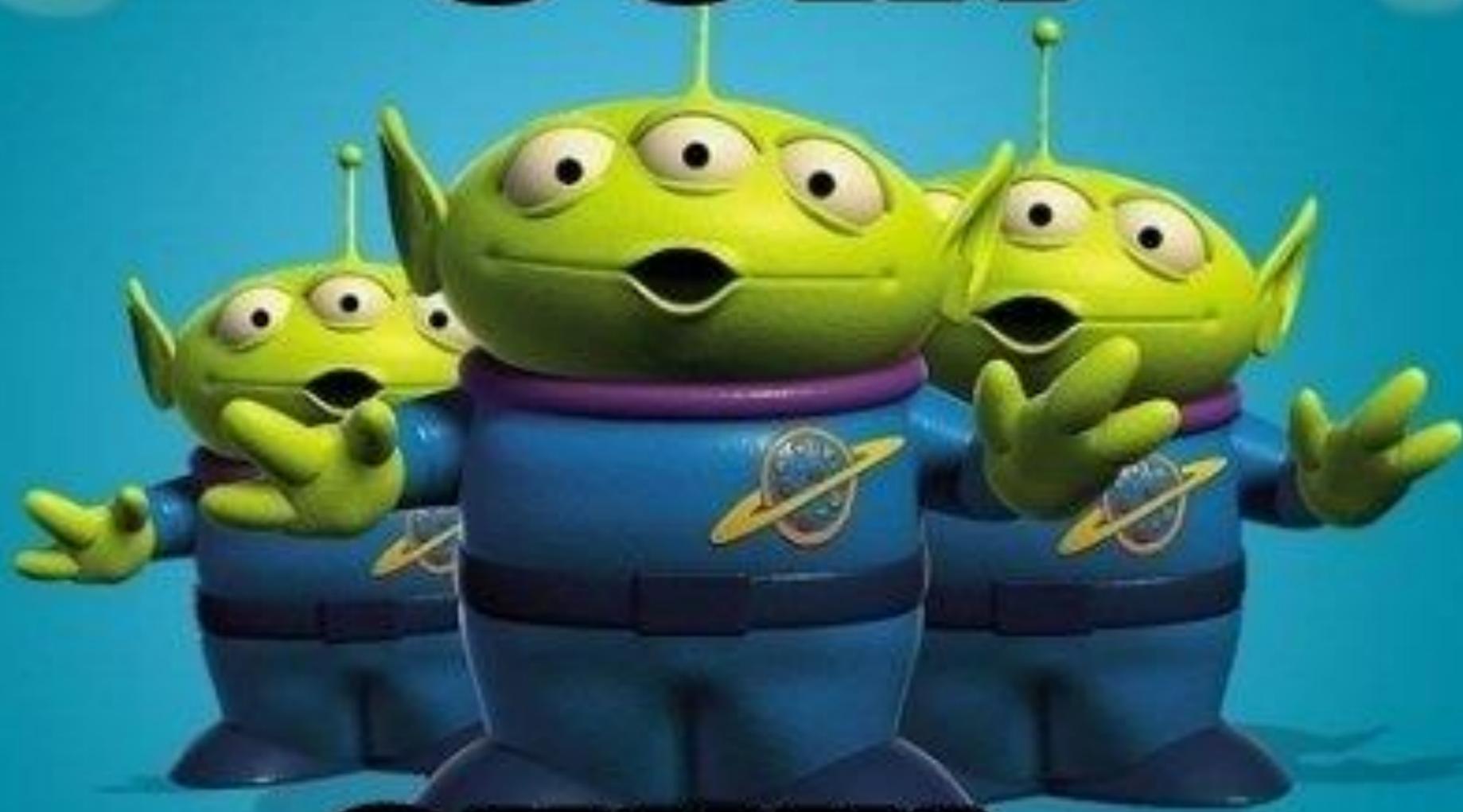
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**OOH!**



**SHINY...**

**I'm not dead!**



```

private void processEmbeddedAnnotations(final DBCollection dbColl, final MappedClass mc, final boolean background,
                                       final List<MappedClass> parentMCs, final List<MappedField> parentMFs) {
    List<MappedField> annotatedWith = mc.getFieldsAnnotatedWith(Text.class);
    if (annotatedWith.size() > 1) {
        throw new MappingException("Only one text index can be defined per collection: " + mc.getClassName());
    }
    for (final MappedField mf : mc.getPersistenceFields()) {
        if (mf.hasAnnotation(Indexed.class)) {
            final Indexed index = mf.getAnnotation(Indexed.class);
            final StringBuilder prefix = new StringBuilder();
            if (!parentMCs.isEmpty()) {
                for (final MappedField pmf : parentMFs) {
                    prefix.append(pmf.getNameToStore()).append(".");
                }
            }

            final BasicDBObject oldOptions = (BasicDBObject) extractOptions(index);
            final IndexOptions options = index.options();
            final BasicDBObject newOptions = (BasicDBObject) extractOptions(options, false);
            if (!oldOptions.isEmpty() && !newOptions.isEmpty()) {
                throw new MappingException("Mixed usage of deprecated @Indexed value with the new @IndexOption values is not "
                    + "allowed. Please migrate all settings to @IndexOptions");
            }
            if (!newOptions.isEmpty()) {
                ensureIndex(dbColl, new BasicDBObject(prefix + mf.getNameToStore(), index.value().toIndexValue()), newOptions);
            } else {
                ensureIndex(dbColl,
                    index.name(),
                    new BasicDBObject(prefix + mf.getNameToStore(), index.value().toIndexValue()),
                    index.unique(),
                    index.dropDups(),
                    index.background() || background,
                    index.sparse(),
                    index.expireAfterSeconds());
            }
        }

        if (mf.hasAnnotation(Text.class)) {
            createTextIndex(dbColl, parentMCs, parentMFs, mf);
        }

        if (!mf.isTypeMongoCompatible() && !mf.hasAnnotation(Reference.class) && !mf.hasAnnotation(Serialized.class)
            && !mf.hasAnnotation(NotSaved.class) && !mf.hasAnnotation(Transient.class)) {
            final List<MappedClass> newParentClasses = new ArrayList<MappedClass>(parentMCs);
            final List<MappedField> newParents = new ArrayList<MappedField>(parentMFs);
            newParentClasses.add(mc);
            newParents.add(mf);
            ensureIndexes(dbColl, mapper.getMappedClass(mf.isSingleValue() ? mf.getType() : mf.getSubClass()), background,
                newParentClasses, newParents);
        }
    }
}

```

# **My IDE Will Save Me**

Being expressive is better than being terse?

# **Modern languages reduce unnecessary syntax**

You can focus on the business logic

# **Java is evolving**

Symbiotic relationship with languages  
like Kotlin

**Show me some code!**



**Hello World**

# Declaring Variables

## Java 5

```
Map<Integer, Customer> customers1 = new HashMap<Integer, Customer>();
```

## Java 5 + IDE Support

```
Map<Integer, Customer> customers1 = new HashMap<>();
```

## Java 7

```
Map<Integer, Customer> customers2 = new HashMap<>();
```

## Kotlin

```
var customers1 = HashMap<Int, Customer>()
```

## Java 10

```
var customers4 = new HashMap<>();
```

# Data Classes

[http://cr.openjdk.java.net/~briangoetz/  
amber/datum.html](http://cr.openjdk.java.net/~briangoetz/amber/datum.html)

# Casting

## Java

```
void createSegment(Object obj) {  
    if (obj instanceof View) {  
        ((View) obj).initialise();  
    }  
}
```

## Kotlin

```
fun createSegment(obj: Any?) {  
    if (obj is View) {  
        obj.initialise()  
    }  
}
```

**Nulls**

## Java

```
void validateCustomer(CustomerJava customer) {  
    if (customer ≠ null) {  
        if (customer.getName() ≠ null) {  
            if (customer.getName().startsWith("A")) {  
                throw new SecurityException("Names are not allowed to begin with A");  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

## Java 8

```
void validateCustomer(Optional<CustomerOptional> customer) {  
    customer.flatMap(CustomerOptional::getName)  
        .filter(name → name.startsWith("A"))  
        .ifPresent(s → throwSecurityException("Names are not allowed to begin wi  
}
```

## Kotlin

```
fun validateCustomerWithNulls(customer: CustomerJava?) {  
    if (customer?.name?.startsWith("A") = true) {  
        throw Exception("Names are not allowed to start with A")  
    }  
}
```

**Switch**

```
int port = Integer.valueOf(portInputValue);
PortType type = PortType.UNKNOWN;
switch (port) {
    case 20:
        type = PortType.FTP;
        break;
    case 80:
        type = PortType.HTTP;
        break;
    case 8080:
        type = PortType.HTTP;
        break;
    case 27017:
        type = PortType.DATABASE;
        break;
    default:
        if (port ≥ 20_001 && port ≤ 30_000) {
            type = PortType.SAFE;
        } else if (port ≥ 9080 && port ≤ 9092) {
            type = PortType.BUSY;
        }
}
}
```

```
val type = when (port) {  
    20 → PortType.FTP  
    80, 8080 → PortType.HTTP  
    27017 → PortType.DATABASE  
    in 20001..30000 → PortType.SAFE  
    in 9080..9092 → PortType.BUSY  
    !is Int → throw RuntimeException("Not a valid port number")  
    else → PortType.UNKNOWN  
}
```

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# Default parameter values

## Java

```
void printMessage(String message) {  
    printMessage(message, "", "");  
}  
void printMessage(String message, String prefix) {  
    printMessage(prefix, message, "");  
}  
void printMessage(String message, String prefix, String suffix) {  
    System.out.format("%s %s %s", message, prefix, suffix);  
}
```

## Kotlin

```
fun printMessage(message: String, prefix: String = "", suffix: String = "") {  
    println("$prefix $message $suffix")  
}
```

# Java

```
void printMessage(String... messages) {  
    for (String message : messages) {  
        System.out.printf("%s ", message);  
    }  
}
```

# Ranges

## Java 8

```
IntStream numbers = IntStream.range(1, 100);
```

## Kotlin

```
val numbers = 1..100
```

## Java 10

```
var numbers = range(1, 100);
```

# **Collections**

## Java

```
List<CustomerJava> customers1 = Arrays.asList(st(asList(  
    new CustomerJava(1, "Sam", "Sparks"),  
    new CustomerJava(2, "Pat", "Parks"))));
```

## Java 9

```
List<CustomerJava> customers3 = List.of(  
    new CustomerJava(1, "Sam", "Sparks"),  
    new CustomerJava(2, "Pat", "Parks"));
```

## Kotlin

```
val customers = listOf(  
    CustomerKotlin(1, "Sam", "Sparks"),  
    CustomerKotlin(2, "Pat", "Parks"))
```

## Java 10

```
var customers4 = of(  
    new CustomerJava(1, "Sam", "Sparks"),  
    new CustomerJava(2, "Pat", "Parks"));
```

# Lambda Expressions

## Java

```
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void actionPerformed(final(ActionEvent e) {  
        System.out.println("I was pushed, I didn't fall!");  
    }  
});
```

## Java 8

```
button.addActionListener(event → System.out.println("I was pushed, I didn't fall!"))
```

## Kotlin

```
button.addActionListener { println("I was pushed, I didn't fall!") }
```

## Java ??

```
button.addActionListener(_ → System.out.println("I was pushed, I didn't fall!"))
```

# Functional Parameters

# Java 8

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    get("/home", (request, response) → { /*do something */ } );  
}
```

```
private static void get(final String path, final RouteHandlerJava handler) {  
    handler.handle(request, response);  
}
```

@FunctionalInterface

```
public interface RouteHandlerJava {  
    void handle(RequestJava request, ResponseJava responseJava);  
}
```

# Java 8

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    get("/home", (request, response) → { /*do something */ } );  
}
```

```
private static void get(String path, BiConsumer<RequestJava, ResponseJava> handler) {  
    handler.accept(request, response);  
}
```

# Kotlin

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
    | get("/home") { request, response → /*do something */ }  
}
```

```
fun get(path: String, handler: (RequestKotlin, ResponseKotlin) → Unit) {  
    | handler(request, response)  
}
```

# **Navigating Collections**

## Java 8

```
List<String> emails = customers4.stream()
    .filter(customer → customer.getName().startsWith("A"))
    .map(CustomerJava::getEmail)
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

## Kotlin

```
val emails = customers
    .filter { it.name.startsWith("A") }.startsWith("A") }
    .map { it.email }
```

## Kotlin

```
val emails = customers.asSequence()
    .filter { it.name.startsWith("A") }
    .map { it.email }
    .toList()
```

# In Summary



**Boilerplate can obscure business logic**

**Modern languages remove boilerplate**

**Readability is objective**



<http://bit.ly/BoilJVM>