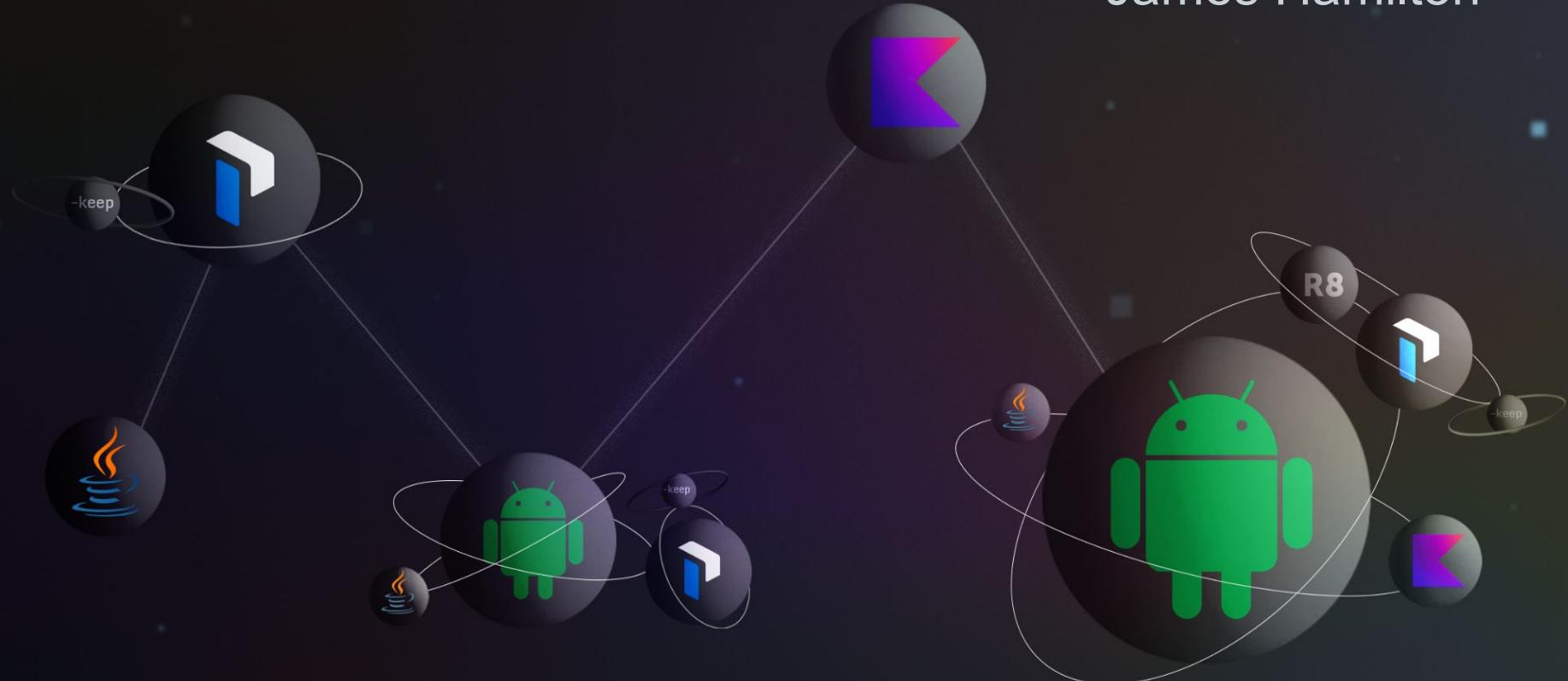


Shrinking in the Age of Kotlin

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Who am I?

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- Mobile security
- Java bytecode
- Dalvik bytecode
- Code analysis
- Obfuscation

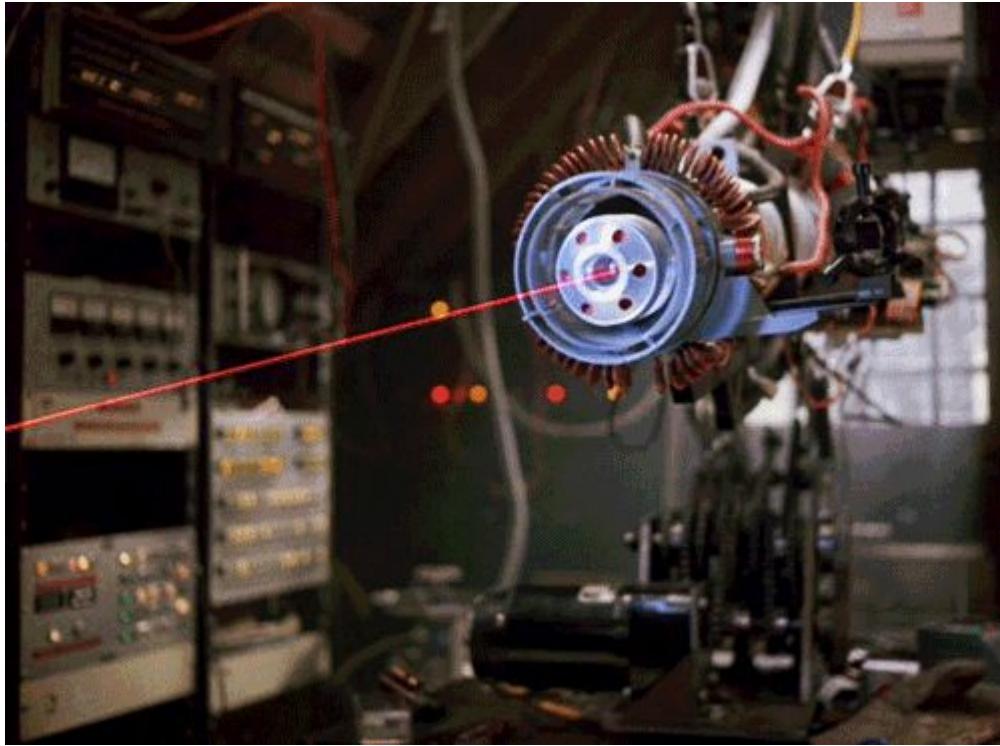
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Control Systems @ CERN



PhD Computer Science in code analysis and metrics

What is shrinking?





Not A {{Shrinker}} Tutorial

Not A Sales Pitch for {{Shrinker}}

1. How does a shrinker process
Kotlin generated code?

2. What's the difference between Java classes and Kotlin classes?

3. How you can build tools to analyse & modify Kotlin classes

How does a shrinker work?

Tree shaking

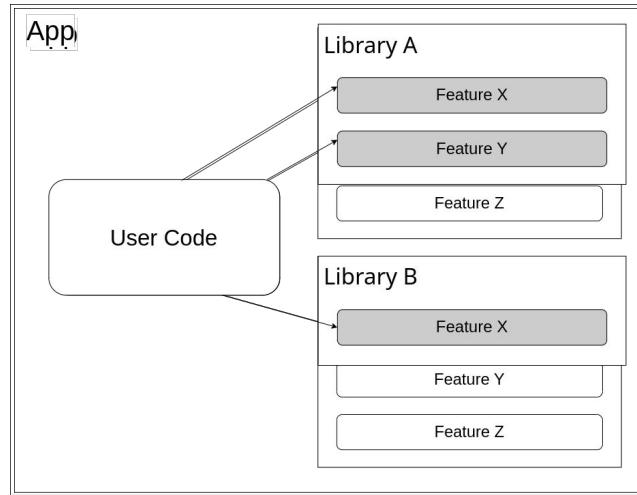
Code optimization

Name obfuscation

Tree Shaking

Remove unused classes, methods and fields





Code optimization

Rewrite code to reduce size and/or increase performance

```
if (true) {  
    println("OK");  
} else {  
    println("ERR");  
}
```



```
println("OK");
```

Name obfuscation

Reduce size by using shorter names

ServiceDefinitionConfigurationBeanPrinterSetterTaskWrapper → a



Name obfuscation alone is not a security solution

In the Age of Kotlin?

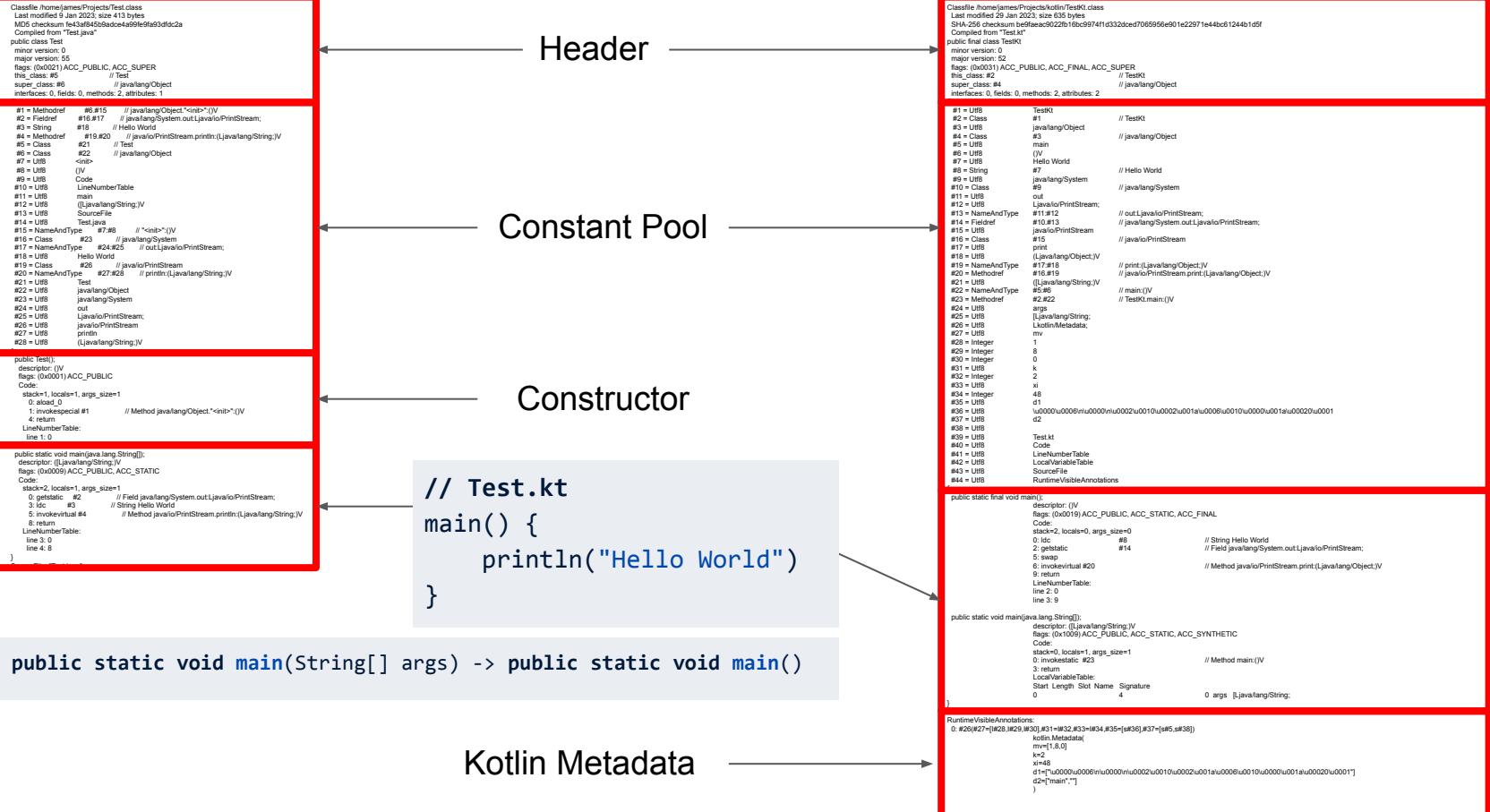
Isn't it just all Java bytecode?

```
// Test.java
public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World");
    }
}
```

```
$ javap -c -v -p Test.class
```

```
// Test.kt
main() {
    println("Hello World")
}
```

```
$ javap -c -v -p TestKt.class
```



Why metadata?

```
data class User(val name: String, val age: Int)
```

```
data class User(val name: String, val age: Int)
```



```
class User { ... }
```

```
context(LoggingContext)
fun foo(withParams: Params) {
    log.info("Operation has started")
}
```



```
public kotlin.Unit foo(LoggingContext context, withParams: Params) {
    context.getLog().info("Operation has started");
}
```

Nullability

```
String      -> java.lang.String  
String?    ->
```

Type aliases

```
typealias MyAlias = String
```



```
java.lang.String
```

Much more...

Missing / invalid metadata is a problem
for code that inspects Kotlin code
e.g. reflection / compiler / IDE

How is the metadata encoded?

```

ClassFile home:james:Projects/kotlin/TestKt.class
Last modified 9 Jan 2023; size 413 bytes
MD5 checksum fe43af84565adee4a59fe9fa93dfdc2a
Compiled from "test.java"
public class Test {
    static {
        minor version: 0
        major version: 55
        flags: ACC_PUBLIC,ACC_SUPER
        this_class #5   // Test
        super_class #6  // java/lang/Object
        interfaces: #8  fields: 0, methods: 2, attributes: 1
    Constant pool:
        #1 = Methodref   #6.#15  // java/lang/Object.<init>()V
        #2 = Methodref   #6.#17  // java/lang/System.outLjava/io/PrintStream;
        #3 = String      #18  // Hello World
        #4 = Methodref   #19.#20  // java/io/PrintStream.println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
        #5 = Class       #19  // Test
        #6 = Class       #20  // java/lang/Object
        #7 = Utf8        <>n
        #8 = Utf8        (IV
        #9 = Utf8        Code
        #10 = Utf8       LineNumberTable
        #11 = Utf8       main
        #12 = Utf8       (Ljava/lang/String;)V
        #13 = Utf8       SourceFile
        #14 = Utf8       Test.java
        #15 = NameAndType #7.#8  // <init>()V
        #16 = Class      #23  // java/lang/System
        #17 = NameAndType #24.#25  // outLjava/io/PrintStream;
        #18 = Class      #26  // Hello World
        #19 = Class      #28  // println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
        #20 = NameAndType #27.#28  // printin(Ljava/lang/String;)V
        #21 = Utf8        Test
        #22 = Utf8        java/lang/Object
        #23 = Utf8        java/lang/System
        #24 = Utf8        out
        #25 = Utf8        Ljava/io/PrintStream;
        #26 = Utf8        java/io/PrintStream
        #27 = Utf8        println
        #28 = Utf8        (Ljava/lang/String;)V
    }
    public Test();
    descriptor:(V)
    flags: (0x0001)ACC_PUBLIC
    Code:
        stack=1, locals=1, args_size=1
        0: ldc           #3   // String Hello World
        1: invokestatic #1   // Method java/lang/Object.<init>()V
        4: return
    LineNumberTable:
        line 1: 0
        line 1: 0
}
SourceFile: "Test.java"

```

```

ClassFile home:james:Projects/kotlin/TestKt.class
Last modified 29 Jan 2023; size 635 bytes
MD5 checksum b6f9aeac9022fb16bc9974f1d332ced7065956e901e22971e44cc61244b1d5f
Compiled from "test.kt"
public final class TestKt
    minor version: 0
    major version: 52
    flags: ACC_FINAL(1)ACC_PUBLIC,ACC_FINAL,ACC_SUPER
    this_class #2   // TestKt
    super_class #4  // java/lang/Object
    interfaces: 0 fields: 0, methods: 2, attributes: 2
Constant pool:
    #1 = Utf8        TestKt
    #2 = Utf8        #1     // TestKt
    #3 = Utf8        java/lang/Object
    #4 = Class       #3    main
    #5 = Utf8        (V
    #7 = Utf8        Hello World
    #8 = String      #7   // Hello World
    #9 = Utf8        java/lang/System
    #10 = Class      #9   out
    #11 = Utf8        Ljava/io/PrintStream;
    #12 = Utf8        println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
    #13 = NameAndType #11.#12  // outLjava/io/PrintStream;
    #14 = Fieldref   #13.#12  // java/io/PrintStream
    #15 = Class      #10  java/io/PrintStream
    #17 = Utf8        print
    #18 = NameAndType #17.#19  // print(Ljava/lang/Object;)V
    #20 = Methodref  #15.#19  // java/io/PrintStream.print(Ljava/lang/Object;)V
    #21 = Utf8        (Ljava/lang/String;)V
    #22 = NameAndType #21.#23  // main(LV)
    #23 = Methodref #22.#24  // TestKt.main:(V)
    #24 = Utf8        args
    #25 = Utf8        Ljava/lang/String;
    #26 = Utf8        Lkotlin/Metadata;
    #27 = Utf8        mv
    #28 = Integer    1
    #29 = Integer    8
    #30 = Integer    0
    #31 = Integer    1
    #32 = Integer    2
    #33 = Utf8        xi
    #34 = Integer    48
    #35 = Integer    d1
    #36 = Utf8        u0000u0006nuu0000nuu0002u0010u0002u001auu0006u0010u0000u001auu00020u0001
    #37 = Utf8        d2
    #38 = Utf8        Lkotlin/TypeTable;
    #39 = Utf8        Test.kt
    #40 = Utf8        Code
    #41 = Utf8        LineNumberTable
    #42 = Utf8        LocalVariableTable
    #43 = Utf8        SourceFile
    #44 = Utf8        RuntimeVisibleAnnotations
{
    public static final void main();
        descriptor:(V)
        flags: (0x0019)ACC_PUBLIC,ACC_STATIC,ACC_FINAL
        Code:
            stack=2, locals=0, args_size=0
            0: ldc           #4   // String Hello World
            1: getstatic   #4   // Field java/lang/System.outLjava/io/PrintStream;
            2: swap
            3: invokevirtual #20  // Method java/io/PrintStream.print(Ljava/lang/Object;)V
            4: return
    LineNumberTable:
        line 2: 0
        line 3: 0
        line 3: 0
}
public static void main(Ljava/lang/String[]);
    descriptor:(Ljava/lang/String;)V
    flags: (0x0009)ACC_PUBLIC,ACC_STATIC,ACC_SYNTHETIC
    Code:
        stack=2, locals=1, args_size=1
        0: invokestatic #2   // Method main:(V)
        1: return
    LocalVariableTable:
        Start Length Slot Name Signature
        0          4          0 args [Ljava/lang/String;
    }
RuntimeVisibleAnnotations:
    0: #26@#27[[#28,#29,#30,#31-#32,#33-#34,#35-[#36,#37-#38]]]
        mv[1.8.0]
        k#2
        k#4
        d1["u0000u0006nuu0000nuu0002u0010u0002u001auu0006u0010u0000u001auu00020u0001"]
        d2["main"]
)
```

Kotlin Metadata

```
public annotation class Metadata(
    @get:JvmName("k")
    val kind: Int = 1,
    @get:JvmName("mv")
    val metadataVersion: IntArray = [],
    @get:JvmName("bv")
    val bytecodeVersion: IntArray = [],
    @get:JvmName("d1")
    val data1: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("d2") .."]
    val data2: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("xs")
    val extraString: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("pn")
    val packageName: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("xi")
    val extraInt: Int = 0
)
```

It's "just" a runtime visible annotation

```
public annotation class Metadata(
    @get:JvmName("k")
    val kind: Int = 1,
    @get:JvmName("mv")
    val metadataVersion: IntArray = [],
    @get:JvmName("bv")
    val bytecodeVersion: IntArray = [],
    @get:JvmName("d1")
    val data1: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("d2")
    val data2: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("xs")
    val extraString: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("pn")
    val packageName: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("xi")
    val extraInt: Int = 0
)
```

kind

1. Class
2. File
3. Synthetic class
4. Multi-file class facade (@JvmMultifileClass)
5. Multi-file class part (@JvmMultifileClass)

```
public annotation class Metadata(
    @get:JvmName("k")
    val kind: Int = 1,
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    @get:JvmName("xs")
    val extraString: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("pn")
    val packageName: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("xi")
    val extraInt: Int = 0
)
```

metadata version

e.g. 1.8.0

bytecode version

deprecated

```
public annotation class Metadata(
    @get:JvmName("k")
    val kind: Int = 1,
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    val metadataVersion: IntArray = [],
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    @get:JvmName("d1")
    val data1: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("d2")
    val data2: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("xs")
    val extraString: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("pn")
    val packageName: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("xi")
    val extraInt: Int = 0
)
```

data 1

Metadata in binary protobuf format

```
public annotation class Metadata(
    @get:JvmName("k")
    val kind: Int = 1,
    @get:JvmName("mv")
    val metadataVersion: IntArray = [],
    @get:JvmName("bv")
    val bytecodeVersion: IntArray = [],
    @get:JvmName("d1")
    val data1: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("d2")
    val data2: Array<String> = [],
    @get:JvmName("xs")
    val extraString: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("pn")
    val packageName: String = "",
    @get:JvmName("xi")
    val extraInt: Int = 0
)
```

data 2

Strings referenced by the metadata

```
public annotation class Metadata(  
    @get:JvmName("k")  
    val kind: Int = 1,  
    @get:JvmName("mv")  
    val metadataVersion: IntArray = [],  
    @get:JvmName("bv")  
    val bytecodeVersion: IntArray = [],  
    @get:JvmName("d1")  
    val data1: Array<String> = [],  
    @get:JvmName("d2")  
    val data2: Array<String> = [],  
    @get:JvmName("xs")  
    val extraString: String = "",  
    @get:JvmName("pn")  
    val packageName: String = "",  
    @get:JvmName("xi")  
    val extraInt: Int = 0  
)
```

extra string

For a multi-file part class, use for the internal name of the facade class

package name

Use for the package name if it differs from the Java package due to `@JvmPackageName`

extra integer

Bits mean various things

Shrinking?

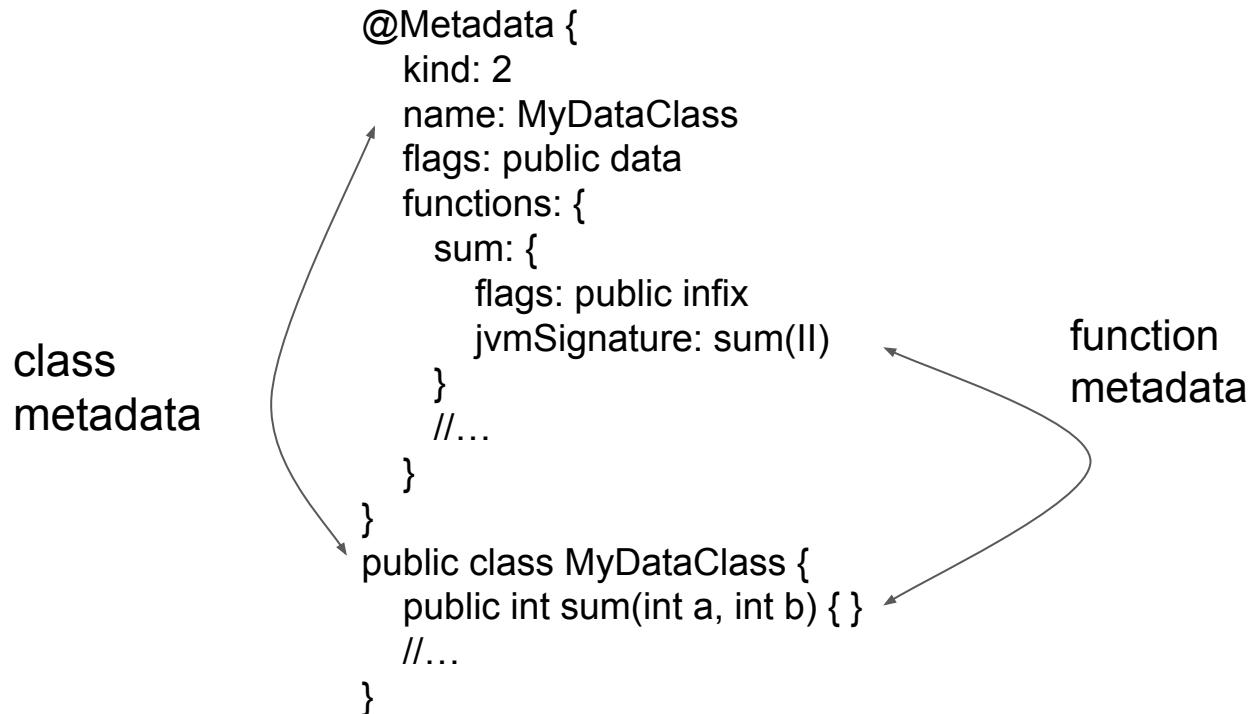
```
@Metadata(mv = {1, 8, 0}, k = 1, xi = 48, d1 = {...}, d2 = {...})
public final class User {
    ...
}
```

```
@Metadata(mv = {1, 8, 0}, k = 1, xi = 48, d1 = {...}, d2 = {...})
public final class User {
    ...
}
```

```
@Metadata(mv = {1, 8, 0}, k = 1, xi = 48, d1 = {..}, d2 =
{"LUser;", "", "name", "", "age", "", "(Ljava/lang/String;I)V",
"getAge", "()I", "getName", "()Ljava/lang/String;", "component1",
"component2", "copy", "equals", "", "other", "hashCode",
"toString"})
public final class A {
    x() { }
    y() { }
    ...
}
```

```
@Metadata(mv = {1, 8, 0}, k = 1, xi = 48, d1 = {..}, d2 =
{"LUser;", "", "name", "", "age", "", "(Ljava/lang/String;I)V",
"getAge", "()I", "getName", "()Ljava/lang/String;", "component1",
"component2", "copy", "equals", "", "other", "hashCode",
"toString"})
public final class User {
    getName() { }
    getAge() {}
    ...
}
```

How does ProGuard process Kotlin metadata?



- If Java part is renamed: rename Kotlin part
- If Java part is unused : remove Kotlin part

ProGuardCORE

<https://github.com/Guardsquare/proguard-core>

- Born out of the ProGuard project
- Read and write class + jar files
- Modify, generate and analyse code
- Inspect & modify Kotlin metadata powered by **kotlinx.metadata-jvm**

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for ProGuardCORE. At the top, there's a list of recent commits:

- gradlew - ensure Gradle 7 compatibility by removing d... 2 years ago
- gradlew.bat - ensure Gradle 7 compatibility by removing d... 2 years ago
- requirements.txt - Update mkdocs version last month
- settings.gradle - Add command line tools project (#48) 6 months ago

Below the commits is the README.md file, which contains the ProGuardCORE logo and a brief description: "A library to parse, modify and analyze Java class files." It also includes links for Continuous Integration (passing), Maven Central (v9.0.7), and License (Apache-2.0). A "Follow @guardsquare" button is present.

The right sidebar provides information about the repository, including:

- Contributors:** 28 contributors (including a group of 17 others)
- Environments:** github-pages (Active)
- Languages:** Java (72.1%), Small (16.2%), Kotlin (11.6%), and HTML (0.1%)

<https://github.com/JetBrains/kotlin/tree/master/libraries/kotlinx-metadata>

Reading and modifying Kotlin metadata

```
plugins {
    kotlin("jvm") version "1.8.0"
    application
}

group = "org.example"
version = "1.0-SNAPSHOT"

repositories {
    mavenCentral()
}

dependencies {
    implementation("com.guardsquare:proguard-core:9.0.8")
}
```

Add a dependency on ProGuardCORE

```
fun main() {  
}
```

```
fun main() {
    val programClassPool =
        IOUtil.read(
            "build/classes/kotlin/main/MainKt.class",
            /* isLibrary = */ false,
            /* initializeKotlinMetadata = */ true
        )
}
```

```
fun main() {
    val programClassPool =
        IOUtil.read(
            "build/classes/kotlin/main/MainKt.class",
            /* isLibrary = */ false,
            /* initializeKotlinMetadata = */ true
        )
    programClassPool.classesAccept(
        ClassReferenceInitializer(programClassPool,
            ClassPool()))
}
```

```
fun main() {
    ...
    programClassPool.classesAccept(
        ReferencedKotlinMetadataVisitor(
            AllFunctionVisitor(
                KotlinFunctionVisitor { , _, funMetadata ->
                    println(funMetadata.name)
                }
            )
        )
    )
}
```



```
fun main() {  
    ...  
    programClassPool.classesAccept(  
        ReferencedKotlinMetadataVisitor(  
            AllFunctionVisitor(  
                KotlinFunctionVisitor { , _, funMetadata ->  
                    println(funMetadata.name)  
                }  
            )  
        )  
    )  
}  
  
fun foo() { }
```



```
fun main() {  
    ...  
    programClassPool.classesAccept(  
        AllMemberVisitor(  
            MemberRenamer { clazz, member ->  
                when (member.getName(clazz)) {  
                    "foo" -> "newFoo"  
                    else -> member.getName(clazz)  
                }  
            }  
        )  
    )  
}  
  
fun foo() { }
```



Metadata is now out of sync!

```
fun main() {  
    ...  
    programClassPool.classesAccept(  
        ReferencedKotlinMetadataVisitor(  
            KotlinFileFacadeVisitor { clazz, declContainer ->  
                declContainer.functionsAccept(clazz) { _, _, funMetadata ->  
                    funMetadata.name =  
                        funMetadata.referencedMethod.getName(clazz)  
                }  
            }  
        )  
    )  
}  
  
fun foo() { }
```

```
fun main() {  
    ...  
    programClassPool.classesAccept(  
        ReferencedKotlinMetadataVisitor(  
            KotlinFileFacadeVisitor { clazz, declContainer →  
                declContainer.functionsAccept(clazz) { _, _, funMetadata →  
                    funMetadata.name =  
                        funMetadata.referencedMethod.getName(clazz)  
                }  
            }  
        )  
    )  
    programClassPool.classesAccept(ClassReferenceFixer(false))  
}  
  
fun foo() { }
```

```
fun main() {
    ...
    programClassPool.classesAccept(
        KotlinMetadataWriter { _, error -> println(error) },
    )
}

fun foo() { }
```

```
fun main() {
    ...
    val dataOutputStream =
        DataOutputStream(
            FileOutputStream(
                "build/classes/kotlin/main/MainKt.class"))
    programClassPool.classesAccept(
        ProgramClassWriter(dataOutputStream)
    )
    dataOutputStream.close()
}

fun foo() { }
```

Main.kt

MainKt.class

build.gradle.kts (kotlin-presentation)

ⓘ Decompiled .class file, bytecode version: 52.0 (Java 8)

```
1 // IntelliJ API Decompiler stub source generated from a class file
2 // Implementation of methods is not available
3
4 public fun newFoo(): kotlin.Unit { /* compiled code */ }
5
6 public fun main(): kotlin.Unit { /* compiled code */ }
7
8
```

Next steps

ProGuardCORE manual

<https://guardsquare.github.io/proguard-core/>

Kotlin Metadata Printer

<https://github.com/Guardsquare/kotlin-metadata-printer>

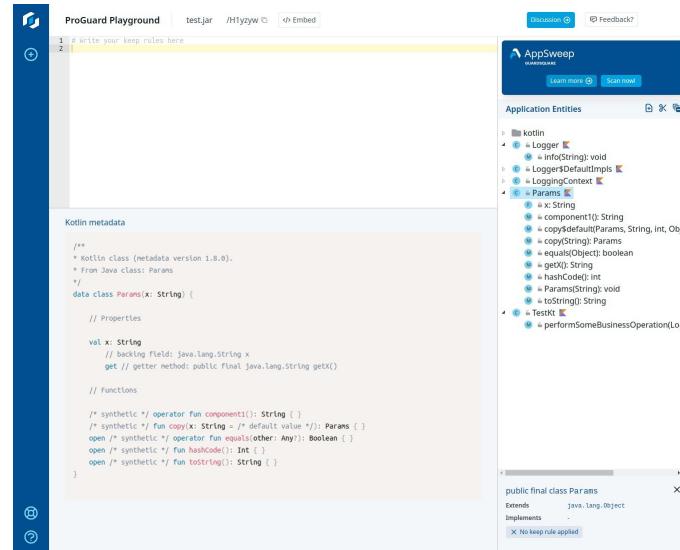
kotlinx-metadata-jvm

<https://github.com/JetBrains/kotlin/tree/master/libraries/kotlinx-metadata/jvm>

ProGuard Playground

<https://playground.proguard.com>

Twitter: [@jag_hamilton](https://twitter.com/@jag_hamilton)



The screenshot shows the ProGuard Playground interface. On the left, there is a code editor with Java code. On the right, there is a tree view of application entities and a detailed view of the Kotlin metadata for the `Params` class.

```
ProGuard Playground | test.jar | /H1yzyw | Embed | Discuss | Scan now | Feedback?
```

```
a write your keep rules here
```

```
1 // write your keep rules here
2 //
```

```
Application Entities
```

- AppSweep
- Logger
- Logger\$DefaultImpls
- LoggingContext
- Params
- Component
- copyDefaultTo(String, int, Object)
- copyString(Params)
- equals(Object)
- getX(): String
- hashCode(): Int
- Params(String, void)
- toString(): String
- performSomeBusinessOperation(Log)

```
Kotlin metadata
```

```
/*
 * Kotlin class (metadata version 1.8.0).
 * From Java class: Params
 */
data class Params(x: String) {

    // Properties

    val x: String
        // backing field: java.lang.String x
        get // getter method: public final java.lang.String get()

    // Functions

    /* synthetic */ operator fun component1(): String {}
    /* synthetic */ fun copy(x: String = /* default value */): Params {}
    open /* synthetic */ operator fun equals(other: Any?): Boolean {}
    open /* synthetic */ fun hashCode(): Int {}
    open /* synthetic */ fun toString(): String {}

}
```

```
public final class Params
Extends java.lang.Object
Implements
X No keep rule applied
```

