Spring Boot Gradle Plugin Reference Guide

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Chapter 1. Introduction

The Spring Boot Gradle Plugin provides Spring Boot support in Gradle. It allows you to package executable jar or war archives, run Spring Boot applications, and use the dependency management provided by `spring-boot-dependencies`. Spring Boot's Gradle plugin requires Gradle 6 (6.3 or later). Gradle 5.6 is also supported but this support is deprecated and will be removed in a future release.

In addition to this user guide, API documentation is also available.

Chapter 2. Getting Started

To get started with the plugin it needs to be applied to your project.

The plugin is published to Gradle's plugin portal and can be applied using the `plugins` block:

Groovy

```
plugins {
    id 'org.springframework.boot' version '2.3.2.RELEASE'
}
```

Kotlin

```
plugins {
    id("org.springframework.boot") version "2.3.2.RELEASE"
}
```

Applied in isolation the plugin makes few changes to a project. Instead, the plugin detects when certain other plugins are applied and reacts accordingly. For example, when the `java` plugin is applied a task for building an executable jar is automatically configured. A typical Spring Boot project will apply the `groovy`, `java`, or `org.jetbrains.kotlin.jvm` plugin and the `io.spring.dependency-management` plugin as a minimum. For example:

Groovy

```
apply plugin: 'java'
apply plugin: 'io.spring.dependency-management'
```

Kotlin

```
plugins {
    java
    id("org.springframework.boot") version "2.3.2.RELEASE"
}

apply(plugin = "io.spring.dependency-management")
```

To learn more about how the Spring Boot plugin behaves when other plugins are applied please see the section on reacting to other plugins.

Chapter 3. Managing Dependencies

When you apply the `io.spring.dependency-management` plugin, Spring Boot's plugin will automatically import the `spring-boot-dependencies` bom from the version of Spring Boot that you are using. This provides a similar dependency management experience to the one that's enjoyed by Maven users. For example, it allows you to omit version numbers when declaring dependencies that are managed in the bom. To make use of this functionality, declare dependencies in the usual way but omit the version number:

Groovy

```
dependencies {
    implementation('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web')
    implementation('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-data-jpa')
}
```

Kotlin

```
dependencies {
    implementation("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web")
    implementation("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-data-jpa")
}
```

3.1. Customizing Managed Versions

The `spring-boot-dependencies` bom that is automatically imported when the dependency management plugin is applied uses properties to control the versions of the dependencies that it manages. Browse the `Dependency versions Appendix` in the Spring Boot reference for a complete list of these properties.

To customize a managed version you set its corresponding property. For example, to customize the version of SLF4J which is controlled by the `slf4j.version` property:

Groovy

```
ext['slf4j.version'] = '1.7.20'
```

Kotlin

```
extra["slf4j.version"] = "1.7.20"
```

Each Spring Boot release is designed and tested against a specific set of third-party dependencies. Overriding versions may cause compatibility issues and should be done with care.

3.2. Using Spring Boot's Dependency Management in Isolation

Spring Boot's dependency management can be used in a project without applying Spring Boot's plugin to that project. The `SpringBootPlugin` class provides a `BOM_COORDINATES` constant that can be used to import the bom without having to know its group ID, artifact ID, or version.

First, configure the project to depend on the Spring Boot plugin but do not apply it:

Groovy

```
plugins {
    id 'org.springframework.boot' version '2.3.2.RELEASE' apply false
}
```

Kotlin

```
plugins {
    id("org.springframework.boot") version "2.3.2.RELEASE" apply false
}
```

The Spring Boot plugin's dependency on the dependency management plugin means that you can use the dependency management plugin without having to declare a dependency on it. This also means that you will automatically use the same version of the dependency management plugin as Spring Boot uses.

Apply the dependency management plugin and then configure it to import Spring Boot's bom:

Groovy

```
apply plugin: 'io.spring.dependency-management'

dependencyManagement {
    imports {
        mavenBom
org.springframework.boot.gradle.plugin.SpringBootPlugin.BOM_COORDINATES
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
apply(plugin = "io.spring.dependency-management")

the<DependencyManagementExtension>().apply {
    imports {

mavenBom(org.springframework.boot.gradle.plugin.SpringBootPlugin.BOM_COORDINATES)
    }
}
```

The Kotlin code above is a bit awkward. That's because we're using the imperative way of applying the dependency management plugin.

We can make the code less awkward by applying the plugin from the root parent project, or by using the `plugins` block as we're doing for the Spring Boot plugin. A downside of this method is that it forces us to specify the version of the dependency management plugin:

```
plugins {
    java
    id("org.springframework.boot") version "2.3.2.RELEASE" apply false
    id("io.spring.dependency-management") version "1.0.9.RELEASE"
}

dependencyManagement {
    imports {

mavenBom(org.springframework.boot.gradle.plugin.SpringBootPlugin.BOM_COORDINATES)
    }
}
```

3.3. Learning More

To learn more about the capabilities of the dependency management plugin, please refer to its documentation.

Chapter 4. Packaging Executable Archives

The plugin can create executable archives (jar files and war files) that contain all of an application's dependencies and can then be run with `java -jar`.

4.1. Packaging Executable Jars

Executable jars can be built using the `bootJar` task. The task is automatically created when the `java` plugin is applied and is an instance of `BootJar`. The `assemble` task is automatically configured to depend upon the `bootJar` task so running `assemble` (or `build`) will also run the `bootJar` task.

4.2. Packaging Executable Wars

Executable wars can be built using the `bootWar` task. The task is automatically created when the `war` plugin is applied and is an instance of `BootWar`. The `assemble` task is automatically configured to depend upon the `bootWar` task so running `assemble` (or `build`) will also run the `bootWar` task.

4.2.1. Packaging Executable and Deployable Wars

A war file can be packaged such that it can be executed using `java -jar` and deployed to an external container. To do so, the embedded servlet container dependencies should be added to the `providedRuntime` configuration, for example:

Groovy

```
dependencies {
    implementation('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web')
    providedRuntime('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-tomcat')
}
```

Kotlin

```
dependencies {
    implementation("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web")
    providedRuntime("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-tomcat")
}
```

This ensures that they are package in the war file's `WEB-INF/lib-provided` directory from where they will not conflict with the external container's own classes.

`providedRuntime` is preferred to Gradle's `compileOnly` configuration as, among other limitations, `compileOnly` dependencies are not on the test classpath so any web-based integration tests will fail.

4.3. Packaging Executable and Normal Archives

By default, when the `bootJar` or `bootWar` tasks are configured, the `jar` or `war` tasks are disabled. A project can be configured to build both an executable archive and a normal archive at the same time by enabling the `jar` or `war` task:

Groovy

```
jar {
    enabled = true
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<Jar>("jar") {
    enabled = true
}
```

To avoid the executable archive and the normal archive from being written to the same location, one or the other should be configured to use a different location. One way to do so is by configuring a classifier:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    classifier = 'boot'
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    classifier = "boot"
}
```

4.4. Configuring Executable Archive Packaging

The `BootJar` and `BootWar` tasks are subclasses of Gradle's `Jar` and `War` tasks respectively. As a result, all of the standard configuration options that are available when packaging a jar or war are also available when packaging an executable jar or war. A number of configuration options that are specific to executable jars and wars are also provided.

4.4.1. Configuring the Main Class

By default, the executable archive's main class will be configured automatically by looking for a class with a `public static void main(String[])` method in directories on the task's classpath.

The main class can also be configured explicitly using the task's `mainClassName` property:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    mainClassName = 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    mainClassName = "com.example.ExampleApplication"
}
```

Alternatively, the main class name can be configured project-wide using the `mainClassName` property of the Spring Boot DSL:

Groovy

```
springBoot {
    mainClassName = 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
}
```

Kotlin

```
springBoot {
    mainClassName = "com.example.ExampleApplication"
}
```

If the `application` plugin has been applied its `mainClassName` project property must be configured and can be used for the same purpose:

Groovy

```
mainClassName = 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
```

Kotlin

```
application {
    mainClassName = "com.example.ExampleApplication"
}
```

Lastly, the `Start-Class` attribute can be configured on the task's manifest:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    manifest {
        attributes 'Start-Class': 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    manifest {
        attributes("Start-Class" to "com.example.ExampleApplication")
    }
}
```

4.4.2. Including Development-only Dependencies

By default all dependencies declared in the `developmentOnly` configuration will be excluded from an executable jar or war.

If you want to include dependencies declared in the `developmentOnly` configuration in your archive, configure the classpath of its task to include the configuration, as shown in the following example for the `bootWar` task:

Groovy

```
bootWar {
    classpath configurations.developmentOnly
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootWar>("bootWar") {
    classpath(configurations["developmentOnly"])
}
```

4.4.3. Configuring Libraries that Require Unpacking

Most libraries can be used directly when nested in an executable archive, however certain libraries can have problems. For example, JRuby includes its own nested jar support which assumes that `jruby-complete.jar` is always directly available on the file system.

To deal with any problematic libraries, an executable archive can be configured to unpack specific nested jars to a temporary directory when the executable archive is run. Libraries can be identified as requiring unpacking using Ant-style patterns that match against the absolute path of the source jar file:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    requiresUnpack '**/jruby-complete-*.jar'
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    requiresUnpack("**/jruby-complete-*.jar")
}
```

For more control a closure can also be used. The closure is passed a `FileTreeElement` and should return a `boolean` indicating whether or not unpacking is required.

4.4.4. Making an Archive Fully Executable

Spring Boot provides support for fully executable archives. An archive is made fully executable by prepending a shell script that knows how to launch the application. On Unix-like platforms, this launch script allows the archive to be run directly like any other executable or to be installed as a service.

Currently, some tools do not accept this format so you may not always be able to use this technique. For example, `jar -xf` may silently fail to extract a jar or war that has been made fully-executable. It is recommended that you only enable this option if you intend to execute it directly, rather than running it with `java -jar`, deploying it to a servlet container, or including it in an OCI image.

To use this feature, the inclusion of the launch script must be enabled:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    launchScript()
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    launchScript()
}
```

This will add Spring Boot's default launch script to the archive. The default launch script includes several properties with sensible default values. The values can be customized using the `properties` property:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    launchScript {
        properties 'logFilename': 'example-app.log'
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    launchScript {
        properties(mapOf("logFilename" to "example-app.log"))
    }
}
```

If the default launch script does not meet your needs, the `script` property can be used to provide a custom launch script:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    launchScript {
        script = file('src/custom.script')
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    launchScript {
        script = file("src/custom.script")
    }
}
```

4.4.5. Using the PropertiesLauncher

To use the `PropertiesLauncher` to launch an executable jar or war, configure the task's manifest to set the `Main-Class` attribute:

Groovy

```
bootWar {
    manifest {
        attributes 'Main-Class': 'org.springframework.boot.loader.PropertiesLauncher'
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootWar>("bootWar") {
    manifest {
        attributes("Main-Class" to
"org.springframework.boot.loader.PropertiesLauncher")
    }
}
```

4.4.6. Packaging Layered Jars

By default, the `bootJar` task builds an archive that contains the application's classes and dependencies in `BOOT-INF/classes` and `BOOT-INF/lib` respectively. For cases where a docker image needs to be built from the contents of the jar, it's useful to be able to separate these directories further so that they can be written into distinct layers.

Layered jars use the same layout as regular boot packaged jars, but include an additional meta-data file that describes each layer. To use this feature, the layering feature must be enabled:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    layered()
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    layered()
}
```

By default, the following layers are defined:

- `dependencies` for any dependency whose version does not contain `SNAPSHOT`.
- `spring-boot-loader` for the jar loader classes.
- `snapshot-dependencies` for any dependency whose version contains `SNAPSHOT`.
- `application` for application classes and resources.

The layers order is important as it determines how likely previous layers can be cached when part of the application changes. The default order is `dependencies`, `spring-boot-loader`, `snapshot-dependencies`, `application`. Content that is least likely to change should be added first, followed by layers that are more likely to change.

When you create a layered jar, the `spring-boot-jarmode-layertools` jar will be added as a dependency to your jar. With this jar on the classpath, you can launch your application in a special mode which allows the bootstrap code to run something entirely different from your application, for example, something that extracts the layers. If you wish to exclude this dependency, you can do

so in the following manner:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    layered {
        includeLayerTools = false
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    layered {
        isIncludeLayerTools = false
    }
}
```

Custom Layers Configuration

Depending on your application, you may want to tune how layers are created and add new ones.

This can be done using configuration that describes how the jar can be separated into layers, and the order of those layers. The following example shows how the default ordering described above can be defined explicitly:

Groovy

```
bootJar {
    layered {
        application {
            intoLayer("spring-boot-loader") {
                include "org/springframework/boot/loader/**"
            }
            intoLayer("application")
        }
        dependencies {
            intoLayer("snapshot-dependencies") {
                include "*:*:*SNAPSHOT"
            }
            intoLayer("dependencies")
        }
        layerOrder = ["dependencies", "spring-boot-loader", "snapshot-dependencies",
"application"]
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootJar>("bootJar") {
    layered {
        application {
            intoLayer("spring-boot-loader") {
                include("org/springframework/boot/loader/**")
            }
            intoLayer("application")
        }
        dependencies {
            intoLayer("snapshot-dependencies") {
                include("*:*:*SNAPSHOT")
            }
            intoLayer("dependencies")
        }
        layerOrder = listOf("dependencies", "spring-boot-loader", "snapshot-
dependencies", "application")
    }
}
```

The `layered` DSL is defined using three parts:

- The `application` closure defines how the application classes and resources should be layered.
- The `dependencies` closure defines how dependencies should be layered.
- The `layerOrder` method defines the order that the layers should be written.

Nested `intoLayer` closures are used within `application` and `dependencies` sections to claim content for a layer. These closures are evaluated in the order that they are defined, from top to bottom. Any content not claimed by an earlier `intoLayer` closure remains available for subsequent ones to consider.

The `intoLayer` closure claims content using nested `include` and `exclude` calls. The `application` closure uses Ant-style patch matching for include/exclude parameters. The `dependencies` section uses `group:artifact[:version]` patterns.

If no `include` call is made, then all content (not claimed by an earlier closure) is considered.

If no `exclude` call is made, then no exclusions are applied.

Looking at the `dependencies` closure in the example above, we can see that the first `intoLayer` will claim all SNAPSHOT dependencies for the `snapshot-dependencies` layer. The subsequent `intoLayer` will claim anything left (in this case, any dependency that is not a SNAPSHOT) for the `dependencies` layer.

The `application` closure has similar rules. First claiming `org/springframework/boot/loader/**` content for the `spring-boot-loader` layer. Then claiming any remaining classes and resources for the `application` layer.

The order that `intoLayer` closures are added is often different from the order that the layers are written. For this reason the `layerOrder` method must always be called and *must* cover all layers referenced by the `intoLayer` calls.

Chapter 5. Packaging OCI Images

The plugin can create an OCI image from executable jars using Cloud Native Buildpacks. Images can be built using the `bootBuildImage` task. The task is automatically created when the `java` plugin is applied and is an instance of `BootBuildImage`.

The `bootBuildImage` task can not be used with a fully executable Spring Boot archive that includes a launch script. Disable launch script configuration in the `bootJar` task when building a jar file that is intended to be used with `bootBuildImage`.

5.1. Docker Daemon

The `bootBuildImage` task requires access to a Docker daemon. By default, it will communicate with a Docker daemon over a local connection. This works with Docker Engine on all supported platforms without configuration.

Environment variables can be set to configure the `bootBuildImage` task to use the Docker daemon provided by minikube. The following table shows the environment variables and their values:

Environment variable	Description
DOCKER_HOST	URL containing the host and port for the Docker daemon - e.g. `tcp://192.168.99.100:2376`
DOCKER_TLS_VERIFY	Enable secure HTTPS protocol when set to `1` (optional)
DOCKER_CERT_PATH	Path to certificate and key files for HTTPS (required if `DOCKER_TLS_VERIFY=1`, ignored otherwise)

On Linux and macOS, these environment variables can be set using the command `eval $(minikube docker-env)` after minikube has been started.

5.2. Image Customizations

The plugin invokes a builder to orchestrate the generation of an image. The builder includes multiple buildpacks that can inspect the application to influence the generated image. By default, the plugin chooses a builder image. The name of the generated image is deduced from project properties.

Task properties can be used to configure how the builder should operate on the project. The following table summarizes the available properties and their default values:

Property	Command-line option	Description	Default value
`builder`	`--builder`	Name of the Builder image to use.	`gcr.io/paketo-buildpacks/builder:base-platform-api-0.3`

Property	Command-line option	Description	Default value
`runImage`	`--runImage`	Name of the run image to use.	No default value, indicating the run image specified in Builder metadata should be used.
`imageName`	`--imageName`	Image name for the generated image.	`docker.io/library/${project.artifactId}:${project.version}`
`environment`		Environment variables that should be passed to the builder.	
`cleanCache`		Whether to clean the cache before building.	`false`
`verboseLogging`		Enables verbose logging of builder operations.	`false`

5.3. Examples

5.3.1. Custom Image Builder and Run Image

If you need to customize the builder used to create the image or the run image used to launch the built image, configure the task as shown in the following example:

Groovy

```
bootBuildImage {
    builder = "mine/java-cnb-builder"
    runImage = "mine/java-cnb-run"
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootBuildImage>("bootBuildImage") {
    builder = "mine/java-cnb-builder"
    runImage = "mine/java-cnb-run"
}
```

This configuration will use a builder image with the name `mine/java-cnb-builder` and the tag `latest`, and the run image named `mine/java-cnb-run` and the tag `latest`.

The builder and run image can be specified on the command line as well, as shown in this example:

```
$ gradle bootBuildImage --builder=mine/java-cnb-builder --runImage=mine/java-cnb-run
```

5.3.2. Builder Configuration

If the builder exposes configuration options, those can be set using the `environment` property.

The following example assumes that the default builder defines a `BP_JVM_VERSION` property (typically used to customize the JDK version the image should use):

Groovy

```
bootBuildImage {
    environment = ["BP_JVM_VERSION" : "13.0.1"]
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootBuildImage>("bootBuildImage") {
    environment = ["BP_JVM_VERSION" : "13.0.1"]
}
```

If there is a network proxy between the Docker daemon the builder runs in and network locations that buildpacks download artifacts from, you will need to configure the builder to use the proxy. When using the default builder, this can be accomplished by setting the `HTTPS_PROXY` and/or `HTTP_PROXY` environment variables as show in the following example:

Groovy

```
bootBuildImage {
    environment = [
            "HTTP_PROXY" : "http://proxy.example.com",
            "HTTPS_PROXY": "https://proxy.example.com"
    ]
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootBuildImage>("bootBuildImage") {
    environment = [
        "HTTP_PROXY" : "http://proxy.example.com",
        "HTTPS_PROXY" : "https://proxy.example.com"
    ]
}
```

5.3.3. Custom Image Name

By default, the image name is inferred from the `artifactId` and the `version` of the project, something like `docker.io/library/${project.artifactId}:${project.version}`. You can take control over the name by setting task properties, as shown in the following example:

Groovy

```
bootBuildImage {
    imageName = "example.com/library/${project.artifactId}"
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootBuildImage>("bootBuildImage") {
    imageName = "example.com/library/${project.artifactId}"
}
```

Note that this configuration does not provide an explicit tag so `latest` is used. It is possible to specify a tag as well, either using `${project.version}`, any property available in the build or a hardcoded version.

The image name can be specified on the command line as well, as shown in this example:

```
$ gradle bootBuildImage --imageName=example.com/library/my-app:v1
```

Chapter 6. Publishing your Application

6.1. Publishing with the Maven Plugin

When the `maven` plugin is applied, an `Upload` task for the `bootArchives` configuration named `uploadBootArchives` is automatically created. By default, the `bootArchives` configuration contains the archive produced by the `bootJar` or `bootWar` task. The `uploadBootArchives` task can be configured to publish the archive to a Maven repository:

Groovy

```
uploadBootArchives {
    repositories {
        mavenDeployer {
            repository url: 'https://repo.example.com'
        }
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<Upload>("uploadBootArchives") {
    repositories.withGroovyBuilder {
        "mavenDeployer" {
            "repository"("url" to "https://repo.example.com")
        }
    }
}
```

6.2. Publishing with the Maven-publish Plugin

To publish your Spring Boot jar or war, add it to the publication using the `artifact` method on `MavenPublication`. Pass the task that produces that artifact that you wish to publish to the `artifact` method. For example, to publish the artifact produced by the default `bootJar` task:

Groovy

```
publishing {
    publications {
        bootJava(MavenPublication) {
            artifact bootJar
        }
    }
    repositories {
        maven {
            url 'https://repo.example.com'
        }
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
publishing {
    publications {
        create<MavenPublication>("bootJava") {
            artifact(tasks.getByName("bootJar"))
        }
    }
    repositories {
        maven {
            url = uri("https://repo.example.com")
        }
    }
}
```

6.3. Distributing with the Application Plugin

When the `application` plugin is applied a distribution named `boot` is created. This distribution contains the archive produced by the `bootJar` or `bootWar` task and scripts to launch it on Unix-like platforms and Windows. Zip and tar distributions can be built by the `bootDistZip` and `bootDistTar` tasks respectively. To use the `application` plugin, its `mainClassName` property must be configured with the name of your application's main class.

Chapter 7. Running your Application with Gradle

To run your application without first building an archive use the `bootRun` task:

```
$ ./gradlew bootRun
```

The `bootRun` task is an instance of `BootRun` which is a `JavaExec` subclass. As such, all of the usual configuration options for executing a Java process in Gradle are available to you. The task is automatically configured to use the runtime classpath of the main source set.

By default, the main class will be configured automatically by looking for a class with a `public static void main(String[])` method in directories on the task's classpath.

The main class can also be configured explicitly using the task's `main` property:

Groovy

```
bootRun {
    main = 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootRun>("bootRun") {
    main = "com.example.ExampleApplication"
}
```

Alternatively, the main class name can be configured project-wide using the `mainClassName` property of the Spring Boot DSL:

Groovy

```
springBoot {
    mainClassName = 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
}
```

Kotlin

```
springBoot {
    mainClassName = "com.example.ExampleApplication"
}
```

By default, `bootRun` will configure the JVM to optimize its launch for faster startup during development. This behavior can be disabled by using the `optimizedLaunch` property, as shown in the following example:

Groovy

```
bootRun {
    optimizedLaunch = false
}
```

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootRun>("bootRun") {
    isOptimizedLaunch = false
}
```

If the `application` plugin has been applied, its `mainClassName` property must be configured and can be used for the same purpose:

Groovy

```
application {
    mainClassName = 'com.example.ExampleApplication'
}
```

Kotlin

```
application {
    mainClassName = "com.example.ExampleApplication"
}
```

7.1. Passing Arguments to your Application

Like all `JavaExec` tasks, arguments can be passed into `bootRun` from the command line using `--args='<arguments>'` when using Gradle 4.9 or later. For example, to run your application with a profile named `dev` active the following command can be used:

```
$ ./gradlew bootRun --args='--spring.profiles.active=dev'
```

See the javadoc for `JavaExec.setArgsString` for further details.

7.2. Passing System properties to your application

Since `bootRun` is a standard `JavaExec` task, system properties can be passed to the application's JVM by specifying them in the build script. The values can be parameterized and passed as properties on the command line using the `-P` flag.

See the javadoc for `JavaExec.systemProperty` for further details.

7.3. Reloading Resources

If devtools has been added to your project it will automatically monitor your application for changes. Alternatively, you can configure `bootRun` such that your application's static resources are loaded from their source location:

Groovy

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

Kotlin

```
tasks.getByName<BootRun>("bootRun") {
    sourceResources(sourceSets["main"])
}
```

This makes them reloadable in the live application which can be helpful at development time.

Chapter 8. Integrating with Actuator

8.1. Generating Build Information

Spring Boot Actuator's `info` endpoint automatically publishes information about your build in the presence of a `META-INF/build-info.properties` file. A `BuildInfo` task is provided to generate this file. The easiest way to use the task is via the plugin's DSL:

Groovy

```
springBoot {
    buildInfo()
}
```

Kotlin

```
springBoot {
    buildInfo()
}
```

This will configure a `BuildInfo` task named `bootBuildInfo` and, if it exists, make the Java plugin's `classes` task depend upon it. The task's destination directory will be `META-INF` in the output directory of the main source set's resources (typically `build/resources/main`).

By default, the generated build information is derived from the project:

Property	Default value
`build.artifact`	The base name of the `bootJar` or `bootWar` task, or `unspecified` if no such task exists
`build.group`	The group of the project
`build.name`	The name of the project
`build.version`	The version of the project
`build.time`	The time at which the project is being built

The properties can be customized using the DSL:

Groovy

```
springBoot {
    buildInfo {
        properties {
            artifact = 'example-app'
            version = '1.2.3'
            group = 'com.example'
            name = 'Example application'
        }
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
springBoot {
    buildInfo {
        properties {
            artifact = "example-app"
            version = "1.2.3"
            group = "com.example"
            name = "Example application"
        }
    }
}
```

The default value for `build.time` is the instant at which the project is being built. A side-effect of this is that the task will never be up-to-date. As a result, builds will take longer as more tasks, including the project's tests, will have to be executed. Another side-effect is that the task's output will always change and, therefore, the build will not be truly repeatable. If you value build performance or repeatability more highly than the accuracy of the `build.time` property, set `time` to `null` or a fixed value.

Additional properties can also be added to the build information:

Groovy

```
springBoot {
    buildInfo {
        properties {
            additional = [
                'a': 'alpha',
                'b': 'bravo'
            ]
        }
    }
}
```

Kotlin

```
springBoot {
    buildInfo {
        properties {
            additional = mapOf(
                "a" to "alpha",
                "b" to "bravo"
            )
        }
    }
}
```

Chapter 9. Reacting to Other Plugins

When another plugin is applied the Spring Boot plugin reacts by making various changes to the project's configuration. This section describes those changes.

9.1. Reacting to the Java Plugin

When Gradle's `java` plugin is applied to a project, the Spring Boot plugin:

1. Creates a `BootJar` task named `bootJar` that will create an executable, fat jar for the project. The jar will contain everything on the runtime classpath of the main source set; classes are packaged in `BOOT-INF/classes` and jars are packaged in `BOOT-INF/lib`
2. Configures the `assemble` task to depend on the `bootJar` task.
3. Disables the `jar` task.
4. Creates a `BootBuildImage` task named `bootBuildImage` that will create a OCI image using a buildpack.
5. Creates a `BootRun` task named `bootRun` that can be used to run your application.
6. Creates a configuration named `bootArchives` that contains the artifact produced by the `bootJar` task.
7. Creates a configuration named `developmentOnly` for dependencies that are only required at development time, such as Spring Boot's Devtools, and should not be packaged in executable jars and wars.
8. Configures any `JavaCompile` tasks with no configured encoding to use `UTF-8`.
9. Configures any `JavaCompile` tasks to use the `-parameters` compiler argument.

9.2. Reacting to the Kotlin Plugin

When Kotlin's Gradle plugin is applied to a project, the Spring Boot plugin:

1. Aligns the Kotlin version used in Spring Boot's dependency management with the version of the plugin. This is achieved by setting the `kotlin.version` property with a value that matches the version of the Kotlin plugin.
2. Configures any `KotlinCompile` tasks to use the `-java-parameters` compiler argument.

9.3. Reacting to the War Plugin

When Gradle's `war` plugin is applied to a project, the Spring Boot plugin:

1. Creates a `BootWar` task named `bootWar` that will create an executable, fat war for the project. In addition to the standard packaging, everything in the `providedRuntime` configuration will be packaged in `WEB-INF/lib-provided`.
2. Configures the `assemble` task to depend on the `bootWar` task.
3. Disables the `war` task.

4. Configures the `bootArchives` configuration to contain the artifact produced by the `bootWar` task.

9.4. Reacting to the Dependency Management Plugin

When the `io.spring.dependency-management` plugin is applied to a project, the Spring Boot plugin will automatically import the `spring-boot-dependencies` bom.

9.5. Reacting to the Application Plugin

When Gradle's `application` plugin is applied to a project, the Spring Boot plugin:

1. Creates a `CreateStartScripts` task named `bootStartScripts` that will create scripts that launch the artifact in the `bootArchives` configuration using `java -jar`. The task is configured to use the `applicationDefaultJvmArgs` property as a convention for its `defaultJvmOpts` property.
2. Creates a new distribution named `boot` and configures it to contain the artifact in the `bootArchives` configuration in its `lib` directory and the start scripts in its `bin` directory.
3. Configures the `bootRun` task to use the `mainClassName` property as a convention for its `main` property.
4. Configures the `bootRun` task to use the `applicationDefaultJvmArgs` property as a convention for its `jvmArgs` property.
5. Configures the `bootJar` task to use the `mainClassName` property as a convention for the `Start-Class` entry in its manifest.
6. Configures the `bootWar` task to use the `mainClassName` property as a convention for the `Start-Class` entry in its manifest.

9.6. Reacting to the Maven plugin

When Gradle's `maven` plugin is applied to a project, the Spring Boot plugin will configure the `uploadBootArchives Upload` task to ensure that no dependencies are declared in the pom that it generates.