



JavaParser

per generare, modificare e analizzare codice Java

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The JavaParser family



JavaParser
a.k.a. *JP*



JavaSymbolSolver
a.k.a. *JSS*



Is this stuff mature?

JavaParser is a project with a long history, contributions from over 50 persons, and basically it works.

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JavaSymbolSolver is much younger and it works decently enough. Until it does not.

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Yes, it supports all of Java

Even the crazy things you all forgot about...

```
public int arrayReturning() [] {  
    return new int[] {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  
}
```



Yes, it supports all of Java

Even the crazy things no one actually used...

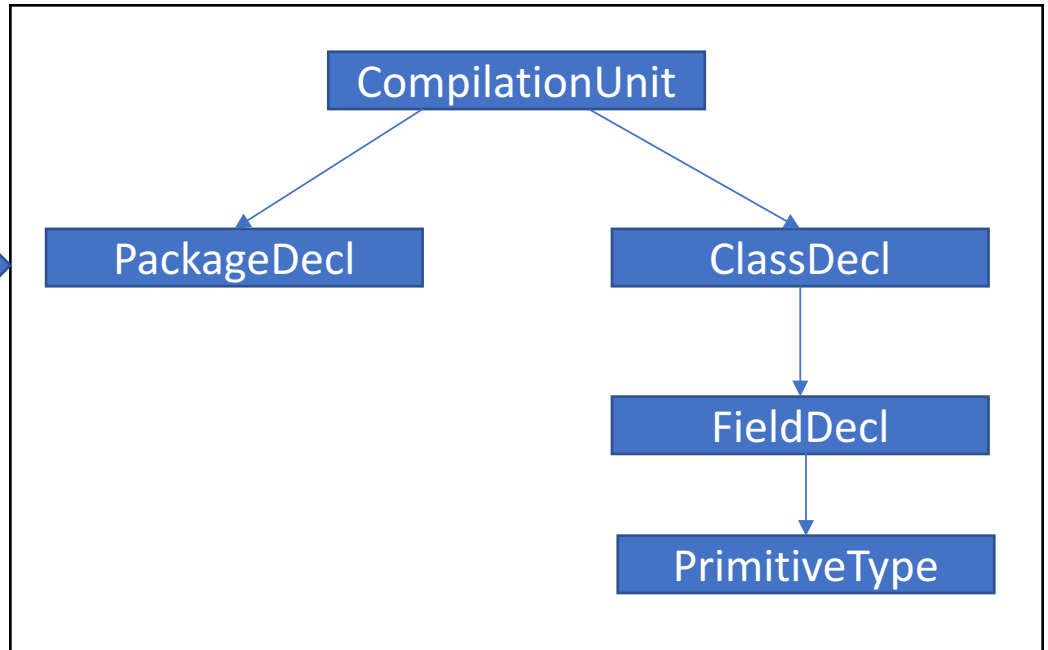
```
public void foo(Example this, int a) {  
    foo(a);  
}
```



What JavaParser does?

JavaParser... parse Java code into a Java AST

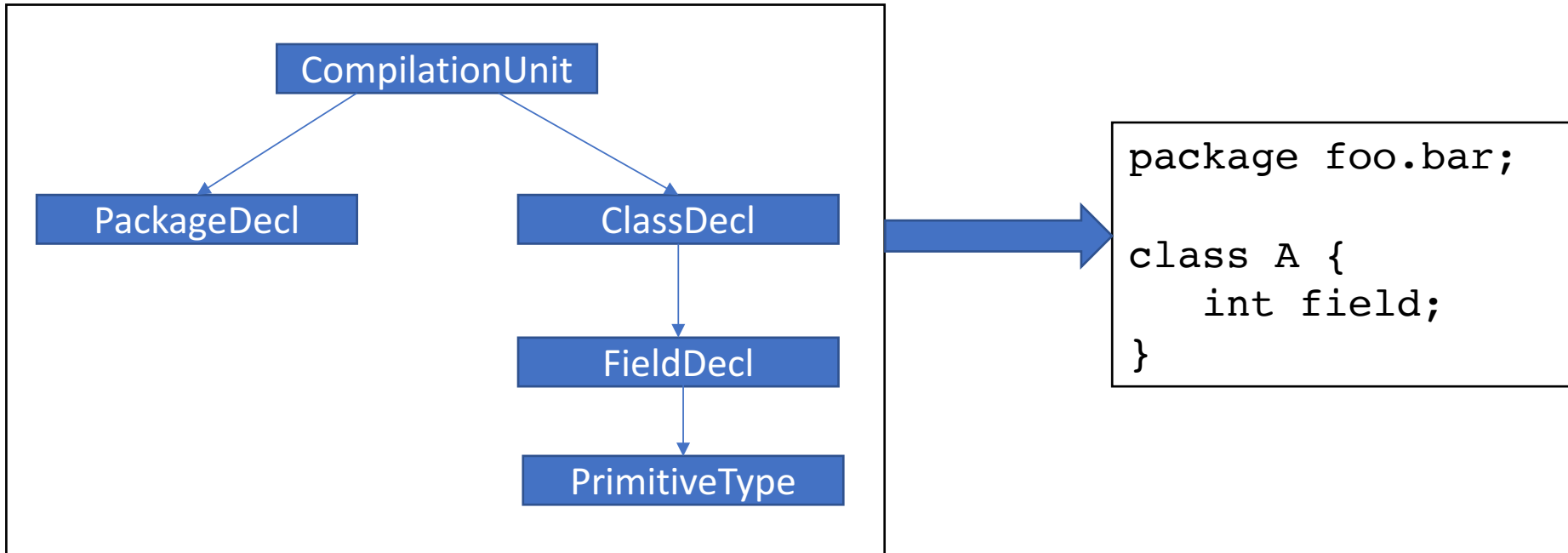
```
package foo.bar;  
  
class A {  
    int field;  
}
```





What JavaParser does?

JavaParser *unparse* an AST into code





Hello, JavaParser!

```
// Get a compilation unit
JavaParser.parse(myFile)
JavaParser.parse(code)

// Or an expression
JavaParser.parseExpression("1 + 2")

// Or a statement
JavaParser.parseStatement("if (a) b = 1;")
```


Isn't JP enough?

```
int foo;
```

```
public void aMethod(int foo) {  
    foo = 1;  
}
```

```
public void anotherMethod() {  
    foo = 1;  
}
```

To JP these two statements looks the same: they produce the same AST nodes.

It is the assignment of *a thing named "foo", no idea what that thing is*

Isn't JP enough?

```
public void print1(String foo) {  
    System.out.print(foo);  
}
```

```
public void print2(int foo) {  
    System.out.print(foo);  
}
```

To JP these two statements looks the same: they produce the same AST nodes.

It is the call of *a method named "print", no idea which signature that has*

Isn't JP enough?

```
class A { }
```

```
public void creator1() {  
    new A();  
}
```

```
public void creator2() {  
    class A { }  
    new A();  
}
```

To JP these two statements looks the same: they produce the same AST nodes.

It is the instantiation of *a class named "A", no idea where it is defined*



What JavaSymbolSolver does?

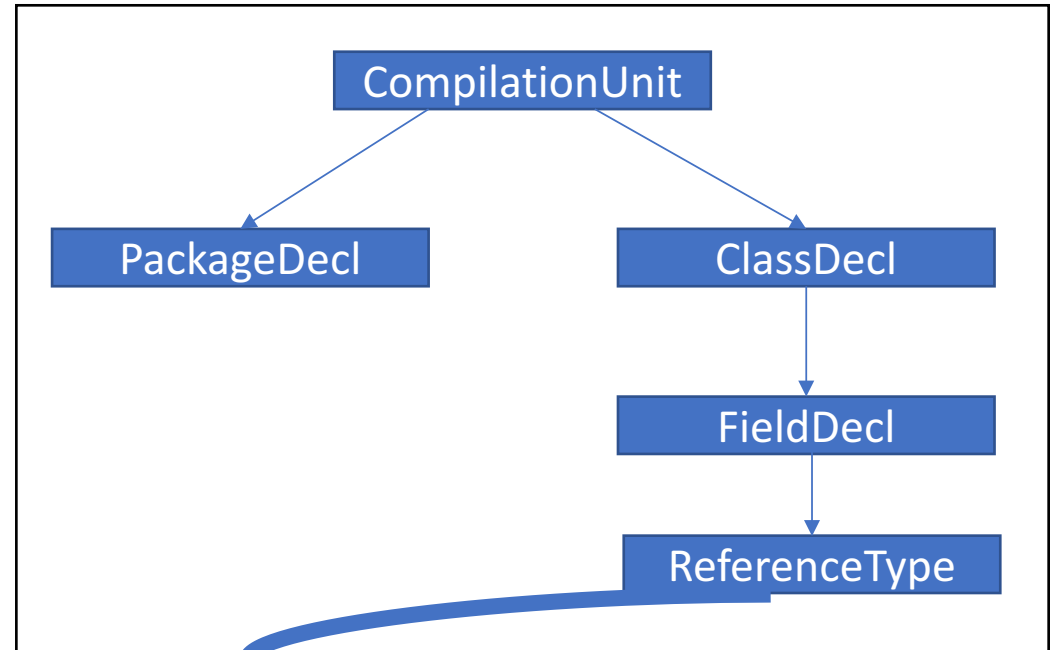
JavaSymbolSolver resolves symbols in the JavaParser AST

```
package foo.bar;
```

```
class C {  
    D field;  
}
```

```
package foo.bar;
```

```
class D {  
}
```

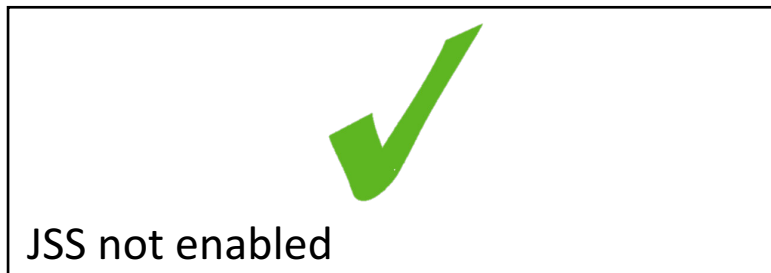




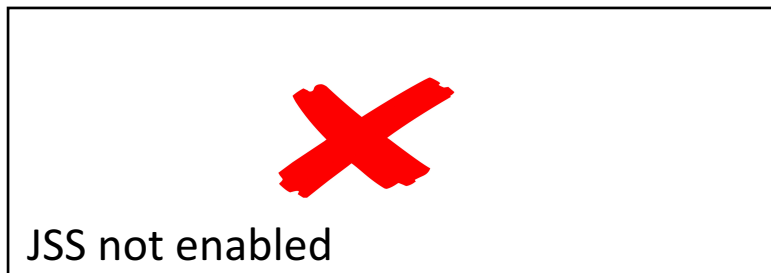
Relationship JP & JSS

Certain methods in the AST requires additional intelligence.

```
myCallExpression.getName();
```



```
myCallExpression.calculateResolvedType();
```





Hello, JavaSymbolSolver!

// 1) Prepare JavaParser

```
TypeSolver typeSolver = /* configure where to look */;
ParserConfiguration parserConfiguration =
    new ParserConfiguration().setSymbolResolver(
        new JavaSymbolSolver(typeSolver));
JavaParser parser = new JavaParser(parserConfiguration);
```

// 2) Parse using the advanced API

```
CompilationUnit compilationUnit =
    parser.parse(ParseStart.COMPIRATION_UNIT,
        new StreamProvider(new FileInputStream(myFile)))
        .getResult().get();
```

// 3) Use the AST... with some extra functionalities



Hello, JavaSymbolSolver!

```
CompilationUnit cu = /* we have an AST */
```

```
// JSS can calculate the type of any expression  
myExpression.calculateResolvedType();
```

| myExpression | resolved type |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 + 2 | int |
| 2.0 * 3 | double |
| "foo".charAt(0) | char |
| "foo".length() | int |
| new A() | my.packag.A |



Hello, JavaSymbolSolver!

```
CompilationUnit cu = /* we have an AST */  
  
// JSS can figure out which method has been called  
ResolvedMethodDeclaration methodDeclaration =  
    methodCall.resolveInvokedMethod();  
methodDeclaration.getQualifiedSignature();
```

| methodCall | Method declaration |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| System.out.print(0) | java.io.PrintStream.print(int) |
| System.out.print("a") | java.io.PrintStream.print(String) |
| "foo".charAt(0) | java.lang.String.charAt(int) |
| "foo".length() | java.lang.String.length() |
| new LinkedList<String>().size() | java.util.LinkedList.size() |
| new LinkedList<String>().toString() | java.util.AbstractCollection.toString() |



Hello, JavaSymbolSolver!

```
CompilationUnit cu = /* we have an AST */  
  
// JSS knows if two types are assignables  
type1 = myExpression.calculateResolvedType();  
type2 = fieldDeclaration.resolve().getType();  
if (type1.isAssignableBy(type2)) { ... }
```

| type1 | type2 | result |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| int | double | false |
| double | int | true |
| Collection<Int> | List<Int> | true |
| Collection<Double> | List<Int> | false |
| Collection<? extends String> | List<String> | true |



Comments attribution

```
void foo() {  
    // comment1  
    int a =  
        1 + 2; // comment2  
}
```

```
// comment1  
int a =  
    1 + 2;
```

```
CompilationUnit cu = JavaParser.parse(code);
```

```
ExpressionStmt expressionStmt =  
    cu.findFirst(ExpressionStmt.class).get() ;
```

```
System.out.println("Comment on the expression statement: "  
    + expressionStmt.getComment().get().getContent());
```



Comments attribution

```
void foo() {  
    // comment1  
    int a =  
        1 + 2; // comment2  
}
```

```
1 + 2 // comment2
```

```
VariableDeclarationExpr expr =  
    (VariableDeclarationExpr)expressionStmt  
        .getExpression();  
VariableDeclarator variableDeclarator =  
    expr.getVariables().get(0);  
Expression init = variableDeclarator  
    .getInitializer().get();  
  
System.out.println("Comment on the initializer: "  
    + init.getComment().get().getContent());
```



Can you show me the AST?

```
Node node = parseBodyDeclaration(
    "public Class<? extends String> methodName(String arg) {}");

// If your grandpa needs the AST
System.out.println(new XmlPrinter(true).output(node));

// Because JavaScript has won
System.out.println(new JsonPrinter(true).output(node));

// Also hipsters need to see an AST
System.out.println(new YamlPrinter(true).output(node));

// To generate a diagram with Graphviz
System.out.println(new DotPrinter(true).output(node));
```



Can you show me the AST?

```
root (Type=MethodDeclaration):
  body (Type=BlockStmt):
  type (Type=ClassOrInterfaceType):
    name (Type=SimpleName):
      identifier: "Class"
    typeArguments:
      - typeArgument (Type=WildcardType):
          extendedType (Type=ClassOrInterfaceType):
            name (Type=SimpleName):
              identifier: "String"
  name (Type=SimpleName):
    identifier: "methodName"
  parameters:
    - parameter (Type=Parameter):
        isVarArgs: "false"
        name (Type=SimpleName):
          identifier: "arg"
        type (Type=ClassOrInterfaceType):
          name (Type=SimpleName):
            identifier: "String"
```



Lexical preservation

JavaParser can do pretty printing

```
String code = "class MyClass{int a;float b;void bar(){} }";  
CompilationUnit cu = JavaParser.parse(code);  
System.out.println(cu.toString());
```



```
class MyClass {  
  
    int a;  
  
    float b;  
  
    void bar() {  
    }  
  
}
```



Lexical preservation

JavaParser can also do lexical preservation

```
String code = "class MyClass {int a;float b;void bar(){} }";
ParserConfiguration parserConfiguration =
    new ParserConfiguration()
        .setLexicalPreservationEnabled(true);
CompilationUnit cu = new JavaParser(parserConfiguration)
    .parse(ParseStart.COMPIATION_UNIT,
        new StringProvider(code)
    ).getResult().get();
System.out.println(cu.toString());
```



```
class MyClass {int a; void bar(){} };
```



Configuring JavaSymbolSolver

JSS needs one thing: that you tell it where to look for classes.

- **CombinedTypeSolver** to group different type solvers
- **AarTypeSolver** look into an aar package
- **JarTypeSolver** look into a jar package
- **JavaParserTypeSolver** look into a directory of Java files
- **MemoryTypeSolver** for testing purposes
- **ReflectionTypeSolver** use reflection (useful to java(x).* classes)



Configuring JavaSymbolSolver

A typical usage:

```
CombinedTypeSolver typeSolver = new CombinedTypeSolver(  
    new ReflectionTypeSolver(),  
    new JavaParserTypeSolver(new File("src/main/java")),  
    new JavaParserTypeSolver(new File("src/test/java")),  
    new JarTypeSolver("libs/guava.jar"),  
    new JarTypeSolver("libs/log4j.jar"));
```



JavaParser to run queries

Setup: let's consider the code from Hamcrest

```
// The directory where there is the code
File hamcrestCoreDir = new File(
    "src/main/resources/JavaHamcrest-src/hamcrest-
core/src/main/java");

// Configure the Symbol Solver
CombinedTypeSolver typeSolver = new CombinedTypeSolver(
    new ReflectionTypeSolver(),
    new JavaParserTypeSolver(hamcrestCoreDir));

// Use our Symbol Solver while parsing
ParserConfiguration parserConfiguration =
    new ParserConfiguration()
        .setSymbolResolver(new JavaSymbolSolver(typeSolver));
```



JavaParser to run queries

Setup: let's consider the code from Hamcrest

```
// Parse all source files
SourceRoot sourceRoot = new
SourceRoot(hamcrestCoreDir.toPath());
sourceRoot.setParserConfiguration(parserConfiguration);
List<ParseResult<CompilationUnit>> parseResults =
    sourceRoot.tryToParse("");

// Now get all compilation units
List<CompilationUnit> allCus = parseResults.stream()
    .filter(ParseResult::isSuccessful)
    .map(r -> r.getResult().get())
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```



JavaParser to run queries

Question: *How many methods take more than 3 parameters?*

```
long n = getNodes(allCus, MethodDeclaration.class)
    .stream()
    .filter(m -> m.getParameters().size() > 3)
    .count();
System.out.println("N of methods with 3+ params: " + n);
```

Answer: *11*



JavaParser to run queries

Question: *What are the three top classes with most methods?*

```
getNodes(allCus, ClassOrInterfaceDeclaration.class)
    .stream()
    .filter(c -> !c.isInterface())
    .sorted(Comparator.comparingInt(o ->
        -1 * o.getMethods().size()))
    .limit(3)
    .forEach(c ->
        System.out.println(c.getNameAsString() + ": " +
            c.getMethods().size() + " methods"));
```

Answer: *CoreMatchers: 35 methods*

BaseDescription: 13 methods

IsEqual: 9 methods



JavaParser to run queries

Question: *What is the class with most ancestors?*

```
ResolvedReferenceTypeDeclaration c = getNodes(allCus,
                                             ClassOrInterfaceDeclaration.class)
    .stream()
    .filter(c -> !c.isInterface())
    .map(c -> c.resolve())
    .sorted(Comparator.comparingInt(o ->
                                     -1 * o.getAllAncestors().size()))
    .findFirst().get();
List<String> ancestorNames = c.getAllAncestors()
    .stream()
    .map(a -> a.getQualifiedName())
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
System.out.println(c.getQualifiedName() + ": " +
                  String.join(", ", ancestorNames));
```

JSS at work here

Answer: *org.hamcrest.core.StringContains, org.hamcrest.core.SubstringMatcher, org.hamcrest.TypeSafeMatcher, org.hamcrest.BaseMatcher, org.hamcrest.Matcher, org.hamcrest.SelfDescribing, java.lang.Object*

JavaParser to identify patterns

```
private static boolean isClassUsingSingleton(
    ClassOrInterfaceDeclaration c) {
    List<VariableDeclarator> fields = c.getFields()
        .stream()
        .filter(f -> f.isPrivate()
            && f.isStatic())
        .map(FieldDeclaration::getVariables)
        .flatMap(Collection::stream)
        .filter(v -> isThisClass(c, v.resolve().getType()))
        .collect(Collectors.toList());
    ...
}
```

JavaParser to identify patterns

```
private static boolean isClassUsingSingleton(
    ClassOrInterfaceDeclaration c) {
    ...
    List<Pair<MethodDeclaration, VariableDeclarator>> pairs =
c.getMethods()
    .stream()
    .filter(m -> m.isPublic()
        && m.isStatic()
        && isThisClass(c, m.getType().resolve())
        && m.getBody().isPresent())
    .filter(m -> fieldReturned(m, fields).isPresent())
    .map(m -> new Pair<>(m, fieldReturned(m,
fields).get()))
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
    return !pairs.isEmpty();
}
```


JavaParser to identify patterns

```
private static boolean isThisClass(  
    ClassOrInterfaceDeclaration classOrInterfaceDeclaration,  
    ResolvedType type) {  
return type.isReferenceType()  
    && type.asReferenceType().getQualifiedName()  
        .equals(classOrInterfaceDeclaration  
            .resolve().getQualifiedName());  
}
```

JavaParser to identify patterns

```
private static Optional<VariableDeclarator> fieldReturned(  
    MethodDeclaration methodDeclaration,  
    List<VariableDeclarator> fields) {  
    if (methodDeclaration.getBody().get()  
        .getStatements().size() != 1) {  
        return Optional.empty();  
    }  
    Statement statement = methodDeclaration.getBody()  
        .get().getStatement(0);  
    if (!statement.isReturnStmt() ||  
        !statement.asReturnStmt()  
            .getExpression().isPresent()) {  
        return Optional.empty();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



JavaParser to identify patterns

```
private static Optional<VariableDeclarator> fieldReturned(
    MethodDeclaration methodDeclaration,
    List<VariableDeclarator> fields) {
    ...
    Expression expression = statement.asReturnStmt()
        .getExpression().get();
    if (!expression.isNameExpr()) {
        return Optional.empty();
    }
    Optional<VariableDeclarator> field = fields.stream()
        .filter(f -> f.getNameAsString()
            .equals(expression.asNameExpr()
                .getNameAsString()))
        .findFirst();
    return field;
}
```

JavaParser to identify patterns

We are working on the Matcher library to reduce the complexity, it is in the early stages

```
allof(  
    isClass(),  
    anyChild(new Binder<>( name: "type",  
        new Binder<>( name: "name",  
            is(FieldDeclaration.class,  
                f -> f.isPrivate()  
                && !f.isStatic()  
                && f.getVariables().size() == 1),  
            f -> ((FieldDeclaration)f).getVariables().get(0)  
                .getName().getIdentifier()),  
            f -> ((FieldDeclaration)f).getVariables().get(0).getType()),  
        anyChild(new Binder<>( name: "type",  
            new Binder<>( name: "name",  
                is(MethodDeclaration.class, m -> m.isPublic() && !m.isStatic()  
                && m.getParameters().isEmpty()),  
                getterNameToPropertyName),  
            m -> ((MethodDeclaration)m).getType()),  
        anyChild(new Binder<>( name: "type",  
            new Binder<>( name: "name",  
                is(MethodDeclaration.class, m -> m.isPublic() && !m.isStatic()  
                && m.getParameters().size() == 1  
                && m.getType() instanceof VoidType),  
                setterNameToPropertyName),  
            m -> ((MethodDeclaration)m).getParameter(i: 0).getType()))  
    ));
```

This gives you a list of pairs *name-type* for all the properties in your bean.



JavaParser for automated refactoring

A new version of a library comes up and a deprecated method named *oldMethod* is replaced by *newMethod*. The new method takes 3 parameters: the first one as *oldMethod* but inverted and the third one is a boolean, which we want to be always *true*

```
getNodes(allCus, MethodCallExpr.class)
    .stream()
    .filter(m -> m.resolveInvokedMethod()
        .getQualifiedSignature()
        .equals("foo.MyClass.oldMethod(java.lang.String,
int)"))
    .forEach(m -> m.replace(replaceCallsToOldMethod(m)));
```



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```
public MethodCallExpr replaceCallsToOldMethod(
    MethodCallExpr methodCall) {
    MethodCallExpr newMethodCall = new MethodCallExpr(
        methodCall.getScope().get(), "newMethod");
    newMethodCall.addArgument(methodCall.getArgument(1));
    newMethodCall.addArgument(methodCall.getArgument(0));
    newMethodCall.addArgument(new BooleanLiteralExpr(true));
    return newMethodCall;
}
```



JavaParser to generate code

```
CompilationUnit cu = new CompilationUnit();  
cu.setPackageDeclaration("jpexample.model");  
ClassOrInterfaceDeclaration book = cu.addClass("Book");  
book.addField("String", "title");  
book.addField("Person", "author");
```



JavaParser to generate code

```
book.addConstructor(Modifier.PUBLIC)
    .addParameter("String", "title")
    .addParameter("Person", "author")
    .setBody(new BlockStmt()
        .addStatement(new ExpressionStmt(new AssignExpr(
            new FieldAccessExpr(
                new ThisExpr(), "title"),
                new NameExpr("title"),
                AssignExpr.Operator.ASSIGN)))
        .addStatement(new ExpressionStmt(new AssignExpr(
            new FieldAccessExpr(
                new ThisExpr(), "author"),
                new NameExpr("author"),
                AssignExpr.Operator.ASSIGN))));

System.out.println(cu.toString());
```




JavaParser to generate code

```
book.addMethod("getTitle", Modifier.PUBLIC).setBody(  
    new BlockStmt().addStatement(  
        new ReturnStmt(new NameExpr("title"))));  
book.addMethod("getAuthor", Modifier.PUBLIC).setBody(  
    new BlockStmt().addStatement(  
        new ReturnStmt(new NameExpr("author"))));  
  
System.out.println(cu.toString());
```



JavaParser to generate code

```
package jpexample.model;

public class Book {
    String title;
    Person author;

    public Book(String title, Person author) {
        this.title = title;
        this.author = author;
    }

    public void getTitle() {
        return title;
    }

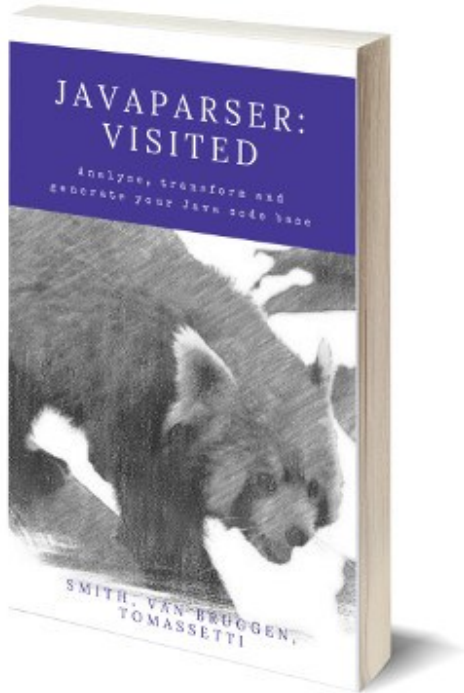
    public void getAuthor() {
        return author;
    }
}
```

JavaParser: what can we use it for?

| What we can do | Why could we do it |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <i>Generate new Java code</i> | Stop writing boilerplate |
| <i>Modifying existing code</i> | Because large refactoring are boring and error-prone |
| <i>Running queries on code</i> | So we can answers and data on which to take decision. Also, we can enforce our own rules |



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