



# Spring Tools Live – All the Great New Things

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# Variants of Developer Tooling for Spring

## OSS Spring Tools

- Extension for VSCode (incl. Codespaces)
- Extension for Eclipse (also as ready-to-use distribution)
- Extension for Theia

## Commercial Tools

- IntelliJ Ultimate Edition (by JetBrains)

# Live Demo

(Getting Started, Quick Navigation, Live Information, and more)

# Where are we?

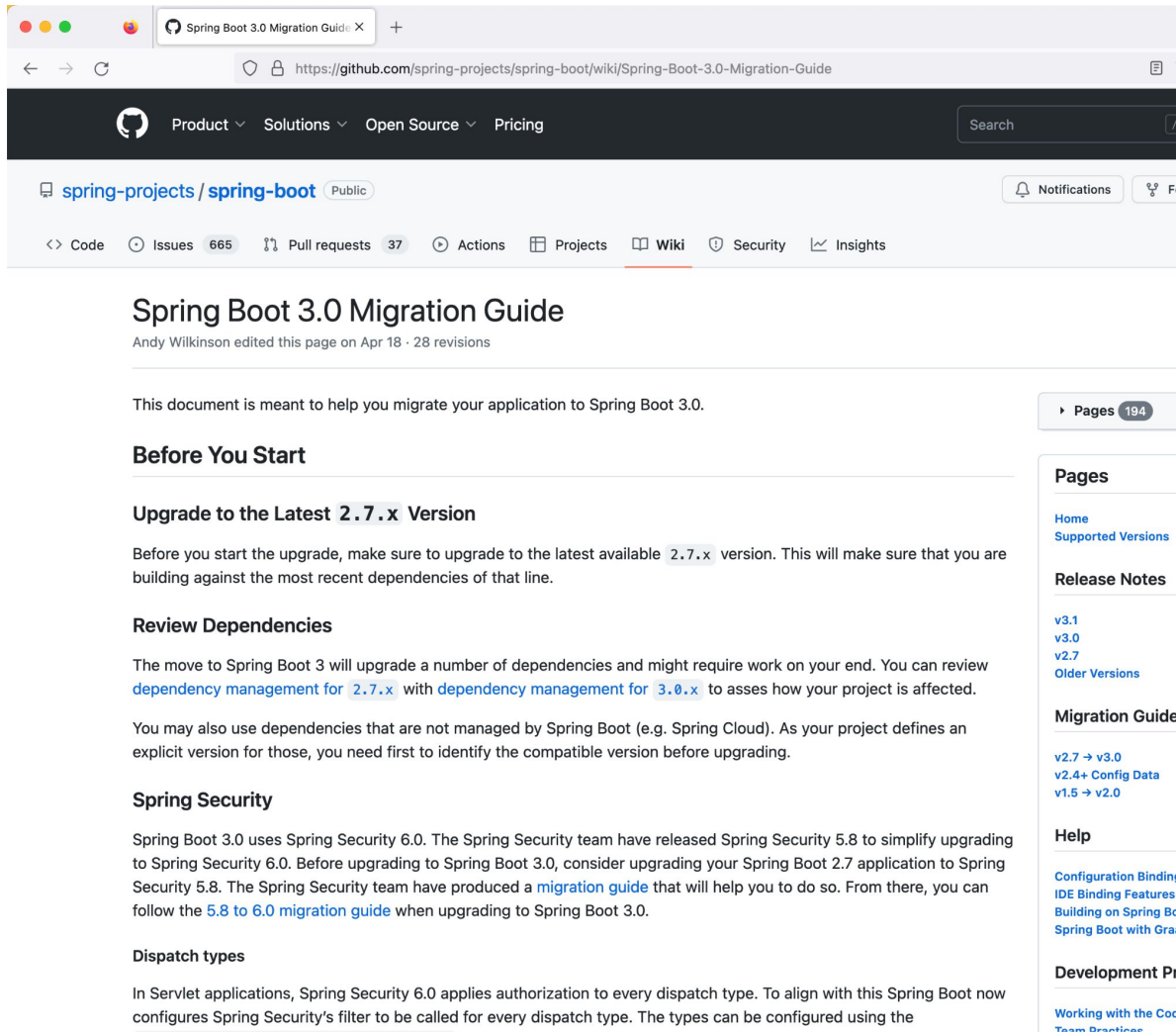
## New Spring Boot releases all the time

- Many patch releases all the time
- New minor release every 6 month, sometimes new major releases
- It is super important to stay up-to-date
- But it is sometimes hard to always stay up-to-date

# How to upgrade?

## Release Notes + Migration Guides

- You have to read everything carefully
- You need to find out what needs to be changed for your project
- You need to apply all those changes manually



The screenshot shows the GitHub page for the Spring Boot 3.0 Migration Guide. The page title is "Spring Boot 3.0 Migration Guide" by Andy Wilkinson, edited on Apr 18 with 28 revisions. The page content includes sections for "Before You Start", "Upgrade to the Latest 2.7.x Version", "Review Dependencies", "Spring Security", and "Dispatch types". The right sidebar contains navigation links for "Pages", "Release Notes", "Migration Guide", and "Help".

**Spring Boot 3.0 Migration Guide**  
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This document is meant to help you migrate your application to Spring Boot 3.0.

### Before You Start

#### Upgrade to the Latest 2.7.x Version

Before you start the upgrade, make sure to upgrade to the latest available 2.7.x version. This will make sure that you are building against the most recent dependencies of that line.

#### Review Dependencies

The move to Spring Boot 3 will upgrade a number of dependencies and might require work on your end. You can review [dependency management for 2.7.x](#) with [dependency management for 3.0.x](#) to assess how your project is affected.

You may also use dependencies that are not managed by Spring Boot (e.g. Spring Cloud). As your project defines an explicit version for those, you need first to identify the compatible version before upgrading.

#### Spring Security

Spring Boot 3.0 uses Spring Security 6.0. The Spring Security team have released Spring Security 5.8 to simplify upgrading to Spring Security 6.0. Before upgrading to Spring Boot 3.0, consider upgrading your Spring Boot 2.7 application to Spring Security 5.8. The Spring Security team have produced a [migration guide](#) that will help you to do so. From there, you can follow the [5.8 to 6.0 migration guide](#) when upgrading to Spring Boot 3.0.

#### Dispatch types

In Servlet applications, Spring Security 6.0 applies authorization to every dispatch type. To align with this Spring Boot now configures Spring Security's filter to be called for every dispatch type. The types can be configured using the

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# Let's do something about this

(Spring Tools to the Rescue)

# What is new to Spring Tools?

## Let the user know

- Automatically check the versions that you use
- Show information about new versions and support ranges

## Help the user to upgrade

- Migration guides written in “code”
- Looks at your project and applies necessary changes - AUTOMATICALLY
- Some limitations apply

# Limitations

## No silver bullet

- The tools apply many changes, but not all of them
- The goal is to automate as much as possible
- There is no guarantee that you are done with the upgrade afterwards - probably additional manual steps needed
  - But this will improve with every tools release - of course... 😊



# Looking for feedback

**Reminder: Everything that you will see is early days**

- We are looking for feedback and suggestions
- If you want to get involved here, let us know

**Live Demo**

# Under the hood

## What is OpenRewrite?

- *“Open-source, semantic type aware search and transformation framework.”*
- *“OpenRewrite enables large-scale distributed source code refactoring for framework migrations, vulnerability patches, and API migrations”*
- Automatically transform source code (for various purposes)
- <https://docs.openrewrite.org/>
- <https://github.com/openrewrite>

*Based on initial work at Netflix to keep source code up-to-date. Sponsored now by Moderne.io. The Moderne SaaS allows organizations to run search and transformations across hundreds of repositories (millions of lines of code) simultaneously and offer a free service for the OSS community at <https://public.moderne.io/>*

# Purpose

## What can OpenRewrite be used for?

- Patching CVEs
  - Migrate from Java 8 to Java 11 to Java 17...
  - Migrate between framework versions
  - Automatically adapt code to changed APIs
  - ...
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- Works across various source file types (like Java Source Code, property files, YAML, other languages, etc.)

# The internals

## How does OpenRewrite work internally?

- Step 1: Parse source files into AST
  - Type resolution
  - Keep formatting intact
- Step 2: Run visitors on ASTs to transform them
  - Visitors contain the logic what exactly to do for the refactoring, the migration, the code fix, etc.
- Step 3: Generate source changes

# Recipes

## Recipes aggregate visitors

- Users deal with recipes
  - The AST visitors are an implementation detail
- Recipes are either
  - defined using YAML, or
  - implemented in Java

# The power behind it

## Recipes can be written by anyone

- OpenRewrite comes with a huge set of basic transformation recipes pre-packaged and ready-to-use
  - <https://docs.openrewrite.org/reference/recipes>
- It is easy to use them and write custom recipes
- Community around recipes
- Packages could bring their own recipes
  - E.g. a library contains recipes to migrate client code to a new version of the library

# Another use case

## Validations and Quick Fixes

- Let's now push this beyond running recipes on projects
- Let's combine this with validations/markers and code actions/quick fixes
- *This goes beyond what OpenRewrite supports out-of-the-box, but it can be added on top*

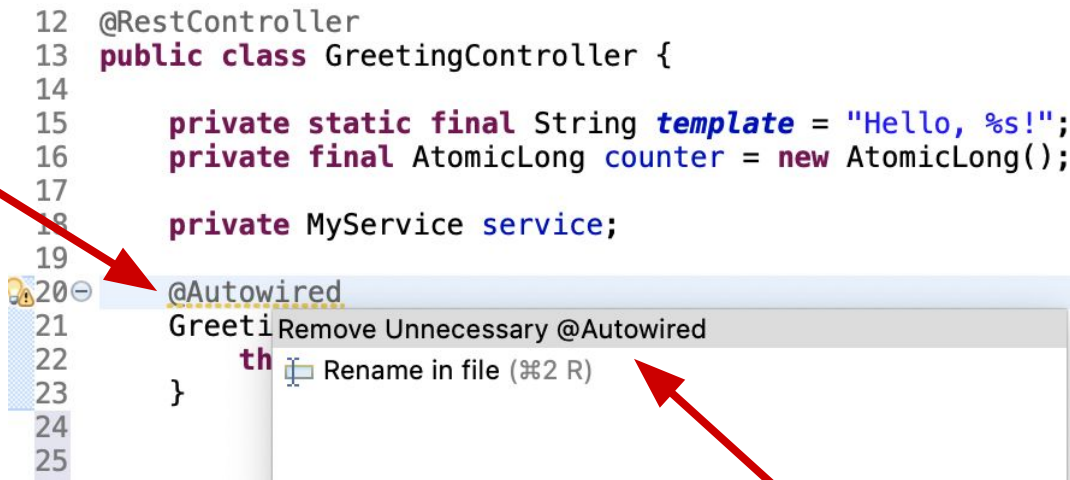


# Validations and Quick Fixes

## Something that looks like this

validation

```
12 @RestController
13 public class GreetingController {
14
15     private static final String template = "Hello, %s!";
16     private final AtomicLong counter = new AtomicLong();
17
18     private MyService service;
19
20     @Autowired
21     GreetingController(MyService service) {
22         this.service = service;
23     }
24
25 }
```



code action / quick fix  
(implemented as a recipe)

# Live Demo

(additional cool new things)

# Resources

## Spring Tools

- Downloads at: <https://spring.io/tools>
- GitHub: <https://github.com/spring-projects/sts4/>
- Contact us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/springtools4/>

# Thank you

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