

# Virtual Execution Environments

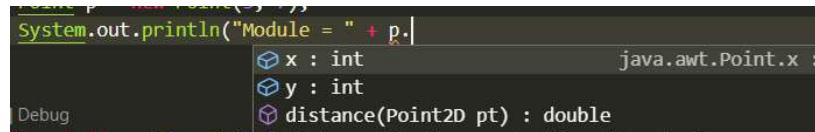
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Week 1

Reflection

# Exemplos de utilização de metadata

- Intellisense no IDE



- Compilador

A screenshot of a command-line compiler (cmd.exe) showing an error message:

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

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        System.out.println("Module = " + p.getModl());
                                         ^
symbol:   method getModl()
location: variable p of type Point
error
```

- Visualizar no ILDASM
- Leitura em tempo de execução, i.e. Reflexão
- Testes unitários

A screenshot of a command-line tool (cmd.exe) showing test execution results:

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

Starting test execution, please wait...
A total of 1 test files matched the specified pattern.

Passed! - Failed: 0, Passed: 1, Skipped: 0, Total: 1, Duration: 3 ms - Logger.Tests.dll (net5.0)

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```

# Reflection API

Object oriented API for metadata.

Enable programming with metadata.

Reflection API follows to **Type System**

**Type System (e.g. ECMA 335) = Specification that describes how types are defined and behavior.**

Exemplo: Um **tipo** pode ser definido por uma **classe** ou **interface**, que tem **membros** e esses membros podem ser ....

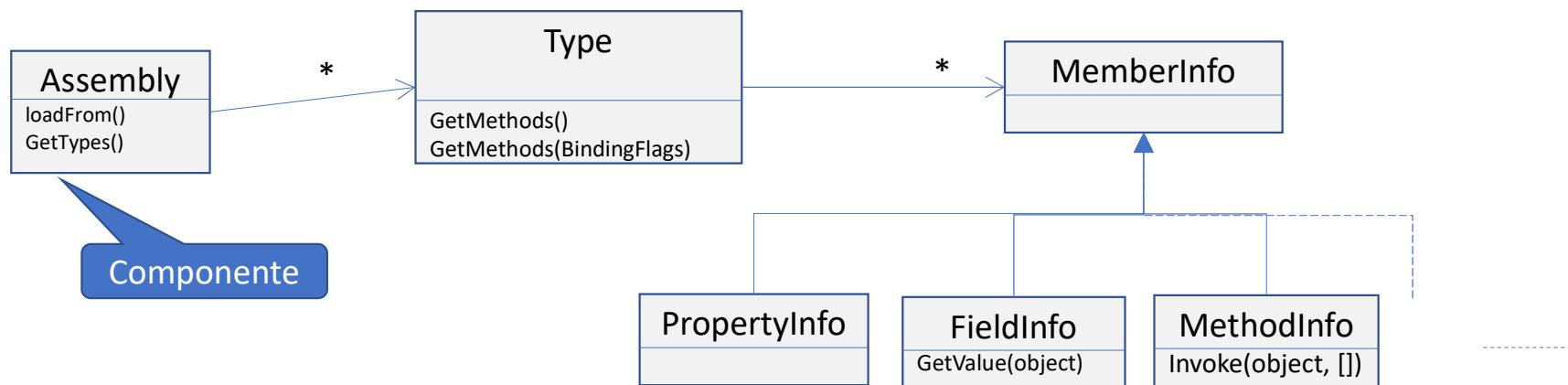
# Reflection API

Ability to **introspect**, the structure and behavior of a program at runtime.

Exemplos:

- .net - System.Reflection  
e.g. `obj.GetType().GetMethod("hello").Invoke(foo, null);`
- Java - java.lang.reflect  
e.g. `obj.getClass().getDeclaredMethod("hello").invoke(foo);`
- Javascript  
e.g. `obj['hello'].call(obj)`

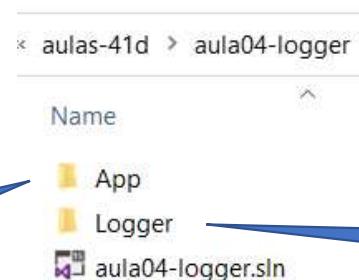
# .net - System.Reflection



# Solution --->\* Project



```
dotnet new console -o App  
cd App  
dotnet add reference ..\Logger\Logger.csproj
```



```
dotnet new classlib -o Logger
```

```
Point p = new Point(7, 9);  
Student s = new Student(154134, "Ze Manel", 5243, "ze");  
Account a = new Account(1300);  
Log log = new Log();  
log.Info(p);  
log.Info(s);  
log.Info(a);
```

Define o Domínio  
e.g. Student,

Utilitário  
Independente do domínio

```
namespace Logger  
{  
    public class Log  
    {  
        public void Info(object target) {  
            string status = Inspect(target);  
            printer.Print(status);  
            printer.Print(Environment.NewLine);  
        }  
        private string Inspect(object target)  
        {  
            string fields = LogFields(target);  
            ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```

## GetType()

- Duas instâncias da mesma classe têm o mesmo Type.
- Duas instâncias da mesma classe retornam o MESMO objecto Type
- Exemplo:

```
Point p1 = new Point(2,3); Point p2 = new Point(9, 7);
Console.WriteLine(p1.GetType() == p2.GetType()); // true
```

Em Java:

```
out.println(p1.getClass() == p2.getClass()); // true
```

AVE mantém um único representante por cada tipo carregado

## is ⇔ instanceof

- Duas instâncias da mesma classe têm o mesmo Type.
- Exemplo:

```
Point p1 = new Point(2,3); Point p2 = new Point(9, 7);
Console.WriteLine(p1 is Point && p2 is Point); // true
```

Em Java:

```
out.println(p1 instanceof Point && p2 instanceof Point); // true
```

# Diferenças ?

```
private string LogFields(object o) {
    Type t = o.GetType();

    StringBuilder str = new StringBuilder();
    FieldInfo[] fields = t.GetFields();
    foreach(FieldInfo field in fields) {
        str.Append(field.Name);
        str.Append(": ");
        str.Append(field.GetValue(o));
        str.Append(", ");
    }
    return str.ToString();
}
```

```
private string LogMethods(object o) {
    Type t = o.GetType();

    StringBuilder str = new StringBuilder();
    MethodInfo[] methods = t.GetMethods();
    foreach(MethodInfo method in methods) {
        str.Append(method.Name);
        str.Append(": ");
        if(method.GetParameters().Length == 0) {
            str.Append(method.Invoke(o, null));
        }
        str.Append(", ");
    }
    return str.ToString();
}
```

# Testes Unitários

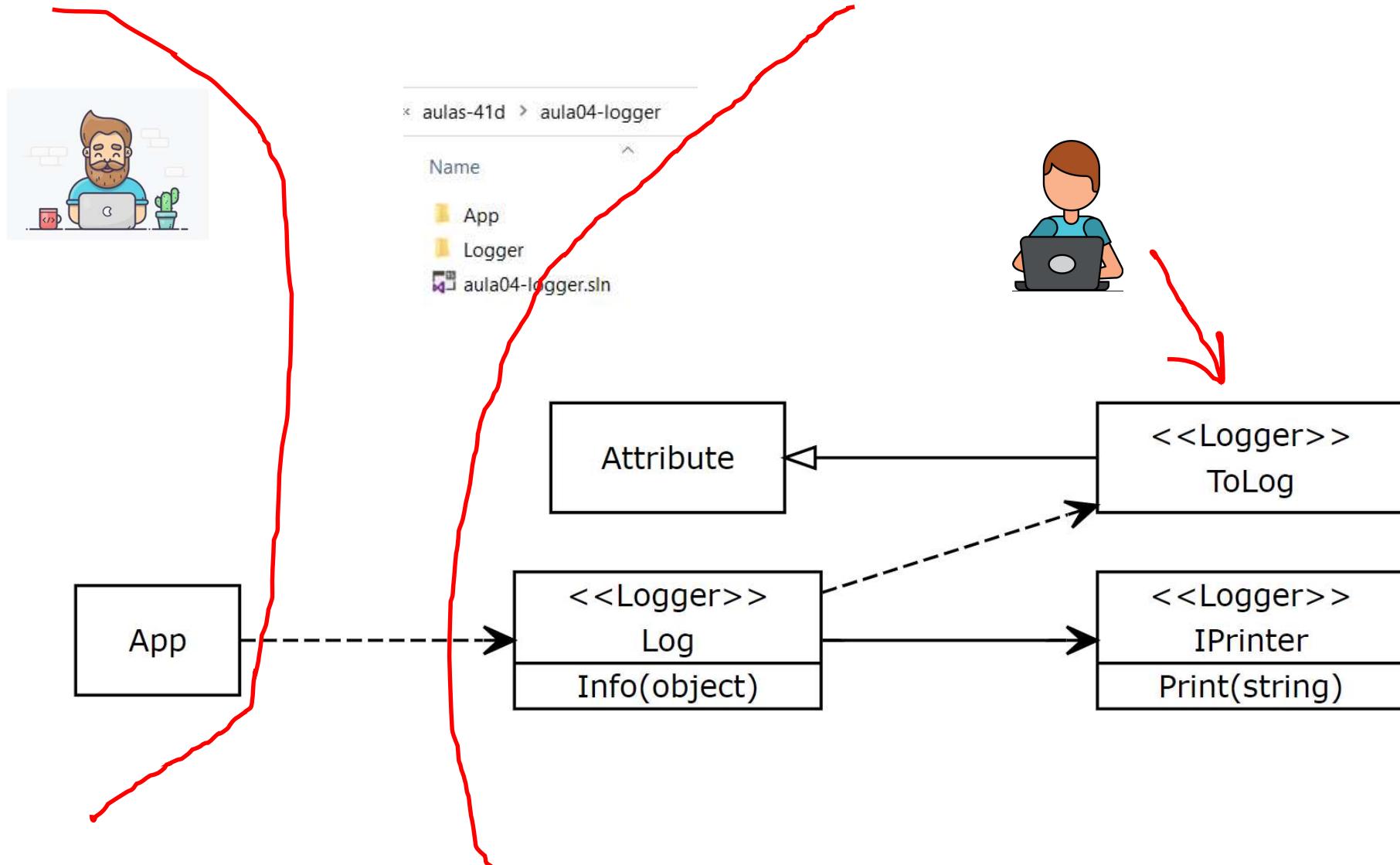
- Sistematizar um conjunto de testes
- Forma determinística de avaliar se o resultado é esperado (e.g. Assert)

? Como distinguir métodos de testes de outros métodos?

- Por convenção e.g. prefixo Test
- **Anotação** e.g. [Test], @Test, [Fact]

? Como é que a ferramenta de testes (e.g. dotnet test) identifica quais os métodos anotados ou com prefixo Test?

R: Utilização de API Reflection



# Annotations in DotNet $\leftrightarrow$ Custom Attributes

Annotations:

- Let programmers express intentions on code, e.g. [Fact], [Test], [ToLog],
- In dotnet, annotations are classes that extend the class Attribute.

Example:



Logger developer

```
public class ToLogAttribute : Attribute { }

private bool ShouldLog(MemberInfo m) {
    /**
     * Check if it is annotated with ToLog
     */
    var attr = (ToLogAttribute)Attribute.GetCustomAttribute(m,typeof(ToLogAttribute));
    if(attr == null) return false;
```



Logger client developer

!!! We can suppress the  
Attribute suffix !!!

```
public class Point{
    [ToLog] public readonly int x;
    public readonly int y;
    public Point(int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
    [ToLog] public double GetModule() {
        return System.Math.Sqrt(x*x + y*y);
    }
    ...
}
```



Logger client developer

!!! We can suppress the Attribute suffix !!!

```
public class Point
    [ToLog] public readonly int x;
    public readonly int y;
```

(Escreve)  
Serialize on metadata

```
Point::x : public initonly int32
Find Find Next
.field public initonly int32 x
.custom instance void [Logger]ToLogAttribute::ctor() = { 01 00 00 00 }
```

```
Point::y : public in...
Find Find Next
.field public initonly int32 y
```

( Lê)  
Deserialize metadata to build a new instance

Attribute::GetCustomAttribute(MemberInfo, Type)



# Dotnet Reflection API to get Custom Attributes

- `Attribute::IsDefined(MemberInfo, Type)`

Returns boolean

Returns Object ?!  
Why not Attribute?

Builds an attribute instance from  
the metadata information.

- `Attribute::GetCustomAttribute(MemberInfo, Type)`

- E.g. `ToLog attribute = (ToLog)Attribute.GetCustomAttribute(m,typeof(ToLog));`

`typeof(ToLog) → Type`  
`Java ⇔ ToLog.class`

- Dotnet Type System does not require annotations to be Attribute.
  - This is a C# requirement.

# How to get Type info

- Compile time:

`typeof(TypeName) ⇌ TypeName.class` (java)

- Runtime:

`obj.GetType() ⇌ obj.getClass()` (java)

# C# naming conventions

- Method names begin with Capital letter, e.g. Log
- Interfaces begin with an I, e.g. IPrinter
- Attributes end with the suffix, e.g. ToLogAttribute