



From JAR to Dag

Running Java tasks natively with the Airflow Java SDK.
Airflow 3.3 • experimental
`org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk:1.0.0-beta1`



Why a Java SDK at all.



JVM teams that need orchestration.

Observability, retries, secrets.
Without leaving the ecosystem.



Existing Java code, already in production.

Plug it in directly. No shell-out,
no container wrapper, no
second system.



Author the whole Dag in Java.

Zero Python. Compile-
checked wiring. One language,
one repo.

One orchestrator, any language. Java is the first shipped runtime.

Three ways you run Java from a Dag today.

EVERYONE HAS SHIPPED ONE



**BashOperator
+ spark-submit**



**Kubernetes
PodOperator**



**A REST
microservice**

Not mistakes. This is what you do when the orchestrator speaks one language.

Same four questions, four ways to run Java.

	SPARK-SUBMIT	POD OPERATOR	REST SERVICE	JAVA SDK
Logs in the task log	scraped	pod logs	✗	✓ native
XCom in and out	✗ regex	out only	✗	✓
Connection / Variable by id	✗ argv	✗	✗	✓ read
Retries owned by Airflow	✗	pod-level	✗	✓ on the stub

Java stopped being a payload. And that last column ships in 3.3 today.

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Write a Java task, step by step

A Python Dag, a Java class, and a bundle.

WRITE IT

HOW IT RUNS

PRIMITIVES

IN FLIGHT

DEMO & CLOSE

In 3.3 a pipeline is two files.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO WRITE



PYTHON

`dags/sales_pipeline.py`

+



JAVA

`SalesPipeline.java`

Python declares the Dag. Java implements the tasks.

Plus `Main.java` and `build.gradle.kts`.

Declare the Java tasks as stubs.

STEP 1 · PYTHON DAG

dags/sales_pipeline.py

Airflow 3.3

```
from airflow.sdk import dag, task
```

```
@task.stub(queue="java")
```

```
def extract(): ...
```

```
@task.stub(queue="java", retries=1)
```

```
def transform(): ...
```

```
@task
```

```
def report(v): print(v)
```

```
@dag(schedule="@daily")
```

```
def sales_pipeline():
```

```
    t = transform()
```

```
    extract() >> t
```

```
    report(t)
```

queue= picks the runtime.

STEP 1 · PYTHON DAG

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Wire them like any other task.

STEP 1 · PYTHON DAG

dags/sales_pipeline.py

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def transform(): ...

@task
def report(v): print(v)

@dag(schedule="@daily")
def sales_pipeline():
    t = transform()
    extract() >> t
    report(t)
```

Retries stay in the Dag file.

STEP 1 · PYTHON DAG

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Two authoring syntaxes for Java SDK.

STEP 2 · JAVA

Interface

- implements `Task`, registered by hand
- You get `Context`: the Dag run and the task instance
- Explicit, no code generation

Annotations

- A plain class with `@Builder.*` on it
- The processor generates the registry and the XCom fetch
- Less to write, more to know

Same runtime behaviour. Mix both in one bundle.

Syntax one: implement the interface.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX ONE

FetchTask.java

interface API

```
public class FetchTask implements Task {

    @Override
    public void execute(Context ctx, Client client) {

        ctx.ti.tryNumber;           // taskId · mapIndex
        ctx.dagRun.logicalDate;     // runId · conf

        client.setXCom(result);
    }
}
```


The current Task Instance context.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX ONE

FetchTask.java

Context

```
public class FetchTask implements Task {
    @Override
    public void execute(Context ctx, Client client) {
        ctx.dagRun.dagId;           // "sales_pipeline"
        ctx.dagRun.runId;           // this Dag run
        ctx.dagRun.logicalDate;     // data interval, runType, conf

        ctx.ti.taskId;              // "fetch"
        ctx.ti.mapIndex;            // -1 when not mapped
        ctx.ti.tryNumber;           // 1, 2, 3 across retries
    }
}
```

Context is two objects: **dagRun** and **ti**.

The injection client reaches Airflow's models.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX ONE

FetchTask.java

Client

```
public class FetchTask implements Task {  
    @Override  
    public void execute(Context ctx, Client client) {  
        var conn = client.getConnection("sales_db");  
        var threshold = client.getVariable("threshold");  
        var upstream = client.getXCom("extract");  
  
        client.setXCom(result);  
    }  
}
```

Same **Client** the annotation API injects.

Syntax two: annotate a plain class.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX TWO

SalesPipeline.java

annotation API

```
@Builder.Dag(id = "sales_pipeline")
public class SalesPipeline {
    static final System.Logger log = System.getLogger("Sales");

    @Builder.Task(id = "extract")
    public long extract(Client client) {
        var conn = client.getConnection("sales_db");
        log.log(INFO, "reading {0}", conn.host);
        return recordCount;
    }

    @Builder.Task(id = "transform")
    public long transform(Client client,
        @Builder.XCom(task = "extract") long extracted) {
        var threshold = client.getVariable("threshold");
        return extracted * 2;
    }
}
```

Bind methods to tasks.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX TWO

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Inject the upstream XCom.

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Read Connections and Variables.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX TWO

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Log the way you already log.

STEP 2 · SYNTAX TWO

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    public long transform(Client client,
        @Builder.XCom(task = "extract") long extracted) {
        var threshold = client.getVariable("threshold");
        return extracted * 2;
    }
}
```

Declare what the bundle contains.

STEP 3 · ENTRY POINT

Main.java

the JVM entry point

```
public class Main implements BundleBuilder {

    @Override
    public Iterable<Dag> getDags() {
        return List.of(SalesPipelineBuilder.build());
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Server.create(args).serve(new Main().build());
    }
}
```


One entry point, every Dag.

STEP 3 · ENTRY POINT



One artifact can serve hundreds of Dags.

Serve it to the supervisor.

STEP 3 · ENTRY POINT

Main.java

the JVM entry point

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    }
}
```

Gradle config setup.

STEP 4 · BUILD

build.gradle.kts

Maven Central

```
plugins {
    id("org.apache.airflow.sdk") version "1.0.0-beta1"
}

dependencies {
    implementation(platform(
        "org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk-bom:1.0.0-beta1"))

    implementation("org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk")
    annotationProcessor(
        "org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk-processor")
    implementation("org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk-jpl")
}
```

Fat JAR or thin JAR.

STEP 4 · BUILD

build.gradle.kts

fat JAR (default)

```
airflowSdk {  
    mainClass = "com.example.Main"  
    // fatJar = true is the default  
}
```

build.gradle.kts

thin JAR

```
airflowSdk {  
    mainClass = "com.example.Main"  
    fatJar = false  
}
```

Fat JAR: one file, classpath issues caught at build time. **Thin JAR:** shared libs under `jars_root`, faster deploys at scale.

Package it.

STEP 4 · BUILD

shell

the deployable

```
$ ./gradlew bundle
$ ls build/bundle/
my-app-all.jar
```

my-app-all.jar

META-INF/MANIFEST.MF

```
Main-Class: com.example.Main
Airflow-Supervisor-Schema-Version: 2026-06-16
```

The bundle declares its own protocol, so it survives an Airflow upgrade.

That is the whole authoring surface.

STEP 1-3 · DONE

- `dags/sales_pipeline.py`
@task.stub, scheduling, the wiring, retries
- `SalesPipeline.java`
@Builder.Dag, @Builder.Task, @Builder.XCom, Client
- `Main.java`
BundleBuilder, Server.create(args).serve(...)
- `build.gradle.kts`
./gradlew bundle

Everything else in this talk is **what Airflow does with those four things.**

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How it actually runs

Routing, the seam, the wire protocol, and the coordinator interface.

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The seam is **queue=**.

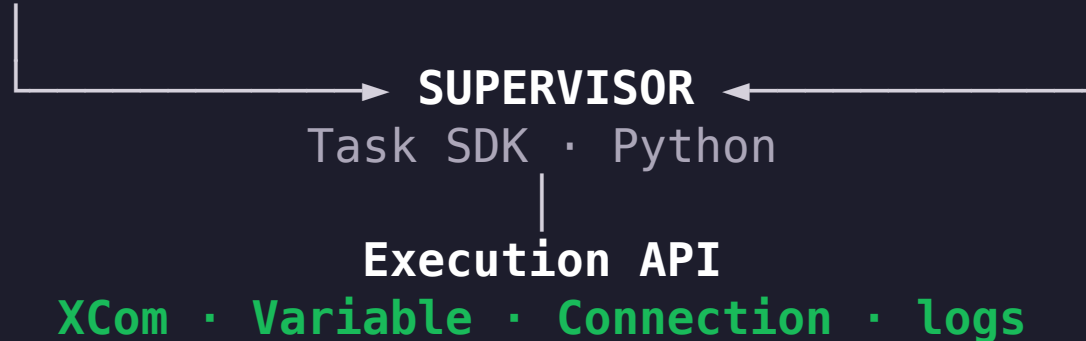
WHERE THE BOUNDARY FALLS

PYTHON KEEPS THIS

```
the Dag file  
schedule · deps · retries  
@task.stub(queue="java")
```

THE JVM GETS THIS

```
the task body  
your existing Java code  
@Builder.Task(id="...")
```



Python owns the **when**. Any language can own the **what**.

Route the queue to the JVM.

[SDK] CONFIGURATION

environment

[sdk] section

```
export AIRFLOW__SDK__COORDINATORS='{  
  "jdk-17": {  
    "classpath": "airflow.sdk.coordinators.java.JavaCoordinator",  
    "kwargs": {  
      "jars_root": ["/opt/airflow/jars"]  
    }}}'
```

```
export AIRFLOW__SDK__QUEUE_TO_COORDINATOR='{ "java": "jdk-17" }'
```

What **jars_root** actually points at.

JAVACOORDINATOR KWARG

```
jars_root: ["/opt/airflow/jars"]
```

```
/opt/airflow/jars/  
├── my-app-all.jar           Main-Class: com.example.Main  
├── libs/  
│   ├── shared-utils.jar  
└── plugins/  
    ├── legacy-fetcher.jar
```

Scanned recursively, on every launch. Every JAR under the path joins the classpath.

Two JVMs, two queues, one Airflow.

MULTIPLE COORDINATORS

environment

[sdk] section

```
export AIRFLOW__SDK__COORDINATORS='{  
  "jdk-11": {"classpath": "...JavaCoordinator",  
    "kwargs": {"jars_root": [...],  
      "java_executable": "/opt/jdk11/bin/java"}}},  
  "jdk-17": {"classpath": "...JavaCoordinator",  
    "kwargs": {"jars_root": [...],  
      "java_executable": "/opt/jdk17/bin/java"}}  
}'
```

```
export AIRFLOW__SDK__QUEUE_TO_COORDINATOR='{ "java11": "jdk-11", "java17": "jdk-17" }'
```

Same coordinator class, twice, each with its own **java_executable**.

The stub's **queue="java11"** or **queue="java17"** picks the JVM.

What the coordinator takes.

JAVACOORDINATOR KWARGS

KWARG	DEFAULT	NOTE
jars_root	required	scanned recursively, string or list
java_executable	"java" from \$PATH	pin it to an absolute path
jvm_args	[]	e.g. -Xmx1g
main_class	auto-detected	set it once you have two executable JARs
task_startup_timeout	10.0 seconds	raise it for a large classpath

Config changes need a restart. **A rebuilt JAR does not.**

Three things that follow from it.



No JVM to parse a Dag.

A stub has no body, so the Dag processor never launches Java.



Works with any executor.

Routing lives in the Task SDK, not the executor.



No second data plane.

One Execution API, whichever language asks.

Nothing new on the scheduler, the executor, or the data plane.

Configuring each executor.

WHAT CHANGES, EXECUTOR BY EXECUTOR



Local & Celery

A ONE-TIME HOST CHANGE

- `java` on the worker host
- or pin `java_executable`
- `jars_root` on that host's disk



Kubernetes

A ONE-TIME IMAGE CHANGE

- a JRE in the **worker pod image**
- `jars_root` resolvable inside the pod
- a pod template for that queue

Same `[sdk]` config either way. **The pod template is the only extra step.**

One queue, one pod template, one image.

[SDK] COORDINATORS · EXTRA

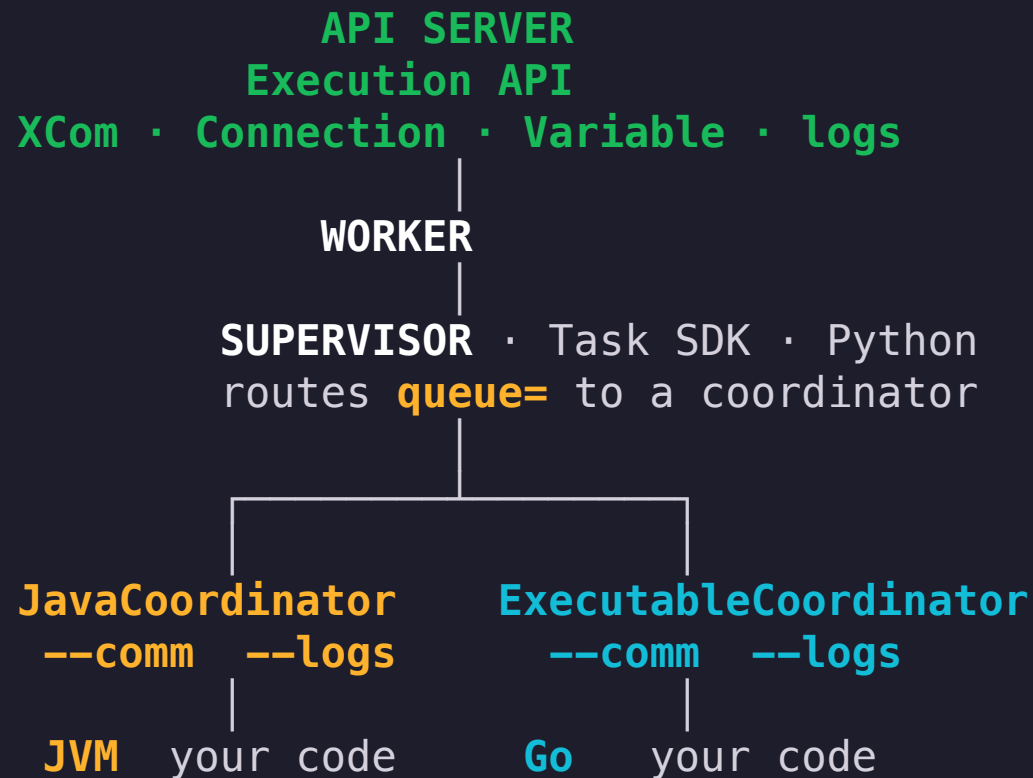
environment

[sdk] coordinators

```
{
  "jdk-17": {
    "classpath": "airflow.sdk.coordinators.java.JavaCoordinator",
    "kwargs": {
      "jars_root": ["/opt/airflow/java-bundles"],
      "java_executable": "/usr/lib/jvm/java-17-openjdk/bin/java"
    },
    "extra": {
      "pod_template_file": "/opt/airflow/pod_templates/java.yaml",
      "worker_container_repository": "apache/airflow",
      "worker_container_tag": "3.3.0"
    }
  },
  "go-sdk": {
    "classpath": "airflow.sdk.coordinators.executable.ExecutableCoordinator",
    "kwargs": {"executables_root": ["/opt/airflow/executable-bundles"]}
  }
}
```

The full picture.

ZOOMED OUT



One supervisor per task, one Execution API for all languages.

Two sockets, then your method.

ON THE WIRE

SUPERVISOR · Task SDK · Python

```
scan jars_root for Main-Class + schema version  
java -cp <jars> Main --comm=host:port --logs=host:port
```

spawn

← connects on **both** sockets →

← **StartupDetails**: dag_id · task_id · try_number →

← GetConnection · GetVariable · GetXCom · SetXCom →

← **responses, proxied to the Execution API** →

← **log lines** →

← **SucceedTask** | **RetryTask** | failed →

YOUR JVM

process starts
peer checked
finds your method
task body runs

--logs socket
process exits

The JVM holds no DB connection and no API token.

Length-prefixed MessagePack on **--comm**, JSON log records on **--logs**.

The coordinator interface.

THE EXTENSION POINT

airflow/sdk/coordinators/

Airflow 3.3

```
class BaseCoordinator:
    def execute_task(self, *, what, ...) -> ExecutionResult:
        # ExecutionResult(exit_code, final_state)
        raise NotImplementedError
```

```
class SubprocessCoordinator(BaseCoordinator):
    # binds both sockets, spawns the child, frames
    # msgpack, drains logs, records terminal state

    def _build_execute_task_command(self, *, what):
        # -> (argv, schema_version)
        raise NotImplementedError
```

Java is the first runtime, not the only one.

ANY LANGUAGE SDK



Airflow 3.3

JavaCoordinator



Airflow 3.3

ExecutableCoordinator



after 3.3

NodeCoordinator



yours

subclass the base

Any process that speaks the protocol can run Airflow tasks.

Java is the one you already have in production.

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The primitives, in detail

XCom, Connections, Variables and logs, across the language boundary.

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XCom is JSON, so the mapping is fixed.

XCOM

PYTHON	JSON	JAVA, FROM GETXCOM
int	number (integer)	Long / BigInteger
float	number (decimal)	Double
str · bool · None	string · boolean · null	String · Boolean · null
list	array	List<Object>
dict	object	Map<String, Object>

Read a mapped upstream with `mapIndex = null` and you get the aggregated list.

Boxed, whenever the XCom can be absent.

THE ONE REAL TRAP

the failure

MissingXComException

```
@Builder.XCom(task = "maybe") long n // fails
```

```
@Builder.XCom(task = "maybe") Long n // null
```

Loud failure, one-keystroke fix.

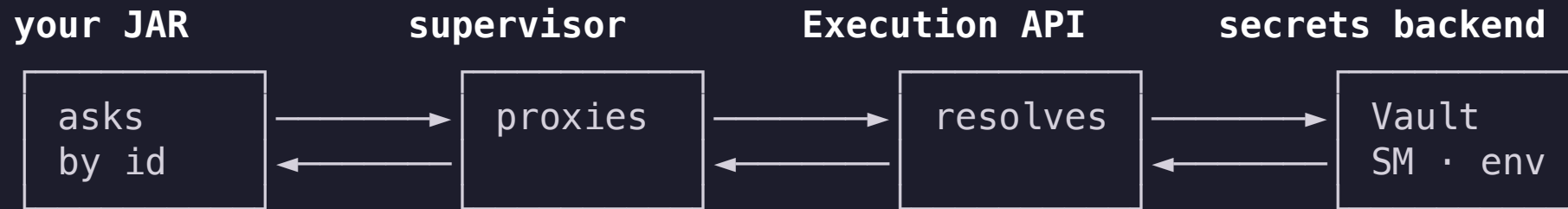
Ask by id. Airflow resolves the secret.

CONNECTIONS · VARIABLES

SalesPipeline.java

Connections and Variables

```
// conn.host · conn.login · conn.password · conn.port · conn.extra  
Connection conn = client.getConnection("sales_db");  
Object threshold = client.getVariable("threshold");
```



not in the JAR · not in the argv · not in the image: the credential

Rotating the credential does not touch your bundle.

Variables are read-only from Java today: `getVariable` only.

Your existing logger, in the task log.

LOGGING

WHAT YOUR CODE ALREADY USES	ARTIFACT	SETUP
<code>System.Logger</code> (JEP 264)	<code>airflow-sdk-jpl</code>	<code>none</code> , ServiceLoader finds it
<code>SLF4J 2.x</code> or <code>Logback</code>	<code>airflow-sdk-slf4j</code>	<code>none</code> , ServiceLoader finds it
<code>Log4j 2</code>	<code>airflow-sdk-log4j2</code>	declare <code><AirflowAppender/></code>
<code>java.util.logging</code>	<code>airflow-sdk-jul</code>	call <code>AirflowJulHandler.setup()</code>

One bridge on the classpath, never two.

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What is in flight

Bundle deployment, TaskFlow syntax, and native Java Dags. All three have open PRs.

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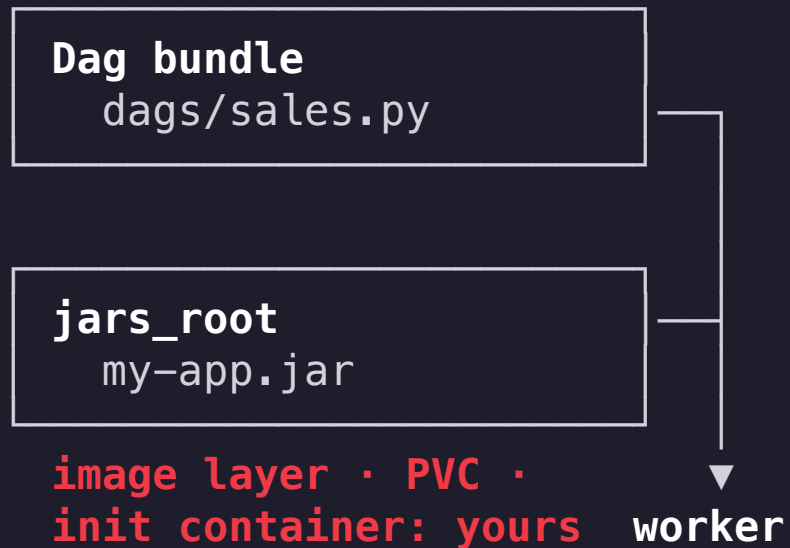
IN FLIGHT

DEMO & CLOSE

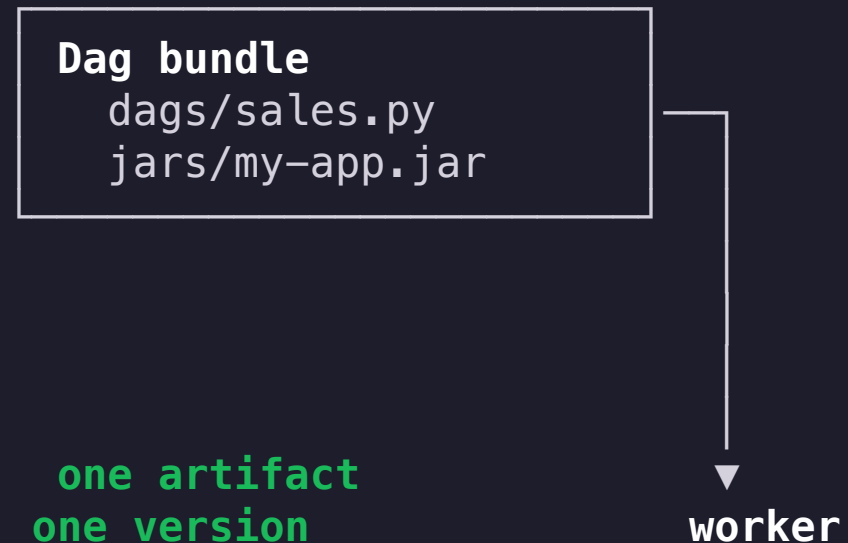
Ship the JARs inside the Dag bundle.

#70805 OPEN

TODAY



WITH dag_bundle_name



The JARs ride in the same bundle as the Dag that declares the stubs.

TaskFlow syntax, native to every SDK.

[#69757](#) OPEN · ANY LANGUAGE

TODAY

```
Dag file
transform()
no arguments allowed
```

wiring, written twice

```
Java
@Builder.XCom(
  task="extract")
```

WITH #69757

```
Dag file
transform("uk",
  extract())
```

arg-binding spec

```
Any SDK
the runtime binds
the parameters
```

One Python-side capability, every language SDK gets it.

The Dag file already knows which task feeds which.

Dynamic Task Mapping, for every SDK.

#70570 DRAFT · ANY LANGUAGE

TODAY

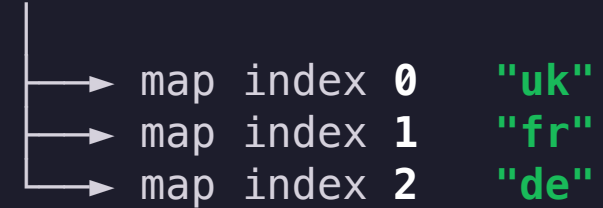
```
transform.expand(country=[uk, fr, de])
```



every map index gets
the **whole list**, and
picks its own element

WITH #70570

```
transform.expand(country=[uk, fr, de])
```



one arg-binding per map index

A mapped stub gets one arg-binding per map index.

Expand over a literal, an unmapped upstream, or another mapped task.

Two ways to build a Dag.

3.3 · AND NEXT

SHIPPED IN 3.3

Mixed-language Dag

A **Python Dag** with `@task.stub` placeholders; Java implements the task bodies.

Everything in section 1 was this.

WORK IN PROGRESS · #71057

Native Java Dag

No Python file alongside. The Dag itself is declared in Java with `@Dag`, `@Task` and a compile-checked `depends()`.

Draft, stacked on #69757.

The task code is the same either way.

A whole Dag, authored in Java.

#71057 DRAFT

EtlPipeline.java

no Python file

```
@Builder.Dag(id = "java_etl", schedule = "@daily")
public class EtlPipeline {
    @Builder.Task(id = "extract", retries = 2)
    public ExtractResult extract(Client client) { ... }
    @Builder.Task
    public TransformResult transform(Client client,
        ExtractResult in) { ... }
    @Builder.Task
    public void load(Context ctx, TransformResult in) { ... }

    static void depends() {
        load(transform(extract()));
    }
}
```

Dag-level arguments, in Java.

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Task-level arguments, in Java.

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```

@Builder.Task carries **id** and **retries**, same as the stub did.

Dependency wiring, compile-checked.

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}
```

A typo in the dependency graph is a compile error, not a parse error at deploy time.

Interface form: **TaskRef** into a **DagRef**. Next slide.

Or the interface form, same Dag.

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EtlPipeline.java

interface form

```
var extract = new TaskRef("extract", Extract.class).config("retries", 2);
var transform = new TaskRef("transform", Transform.class).dependsOn(extract);

var dag = new DagRef("java_etl")
    .config("schedule", "@daily")
    .addTask(extract)
    .addTask(transform);
```

Same two syntaxes as section 1, one level up: a Dag instead of a task.

`.config(k, v)` works Spark-style on both `TaskRef` and `DagRef`.

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Demo, limits, and where to get it

What it costs, and where to get it.

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HOW IT RUNS

PRIMITIVES

IN FLIGHT

DEMO & CLOSE

dags > java_examples.py > extract

```
22
23 @task()
24 def python_task_1():
25     print("python_task_1")
26     print("Push Python Task 'python_task_1'")
27     return "value_from_python_task_1"
28
29
30 @task.stub(queue="java")
31 def extract(): ...
32
33
34 @task.stub(queue="java")
35 def transform(): ...
36
37
38 @task()
39 def python_task_2(transformed):
40     print("python_task_2")
41     print("Pull Java Task 'transform' X")
42     print(transformed)
43
44
45 @dag(dag_id="java_interface_example")
46 def java_interface_example():
47     transformed = transform()
48     python_task_1() >> extract() >> transform()
49     python_task_2(transformed)
50
51
52 @dag(dag_id="java_annotation_example")
53 def java_annotation_example():
```

docker-compose.override.yml

```
3 # routing configuration
4 #
5 # Astro's local stack runs the LocalExecutor, so tasks execute inside the
6 # `scheduler` container - that is the component that launches the JavaCo
7 # (there is no separate `worker` under LocalExecutor). We therefore att
8 # routing config to `scheduler` only. If you switch the stack to Celeryl
9 # move this block to the `worker` service instead.
10 services:
11     scheduler:
12         environment:
13             # Register a coordinator instance named "java" pointing at the bundle
14             # baked into the image (see Dockerfile), ...
15             AIRFLOW__SDK__COORDINATORS: >-
16             {"java-sdk": {"classpath": "airflow.sdk.coordinators.java.JavaCoordinator
17             "kwargs": {"jars_root": ["/usr/local/airflow/java-bundle/lib"]}}
18             # ... and route the "java" task queue to it.
19             AIRFLOW__SDK__QUEUE_TO_COORDINATOR: '{"java": "java-sdk"}'
20
```

java > src > main > java > org > apache > airflow > example > InterfaceExampleBuilder.java

```
27
28 @SuppressWarnings("DuplicatedCode")
29 public class InterfaceExampleBuilder {
30     private static final Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(InterfaceExampleBuilder.class);
31
32     public static class Extract implements Task {
33         public void execute(@NotNull Context context, Client client) throws Exception {
34             logger.info("Hello from task");
35
36             var pythonInput = client.getXCom("python_task_1");
37             logger.info("Got XCom from Python Task 'python_task_1' {}", pythonInput);
38
39             var connection = client.getConnection("test_http");
40             logger.info("Got con {}", connection);
41
42             for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
43                 logger.info("Beep {}, next time will be {}", i, new Date());
44                 Thread.sleep(2 * 1000);
45             }
46
47             client.setXCom(new Date().getTime());
48             logger.info("Goodbye from task");
49         }
50     }
51
52     public static class Transform implements Task {
53         public void execute(@NotNull Context context, Client client) {
54             var extracted = client.getXCom("extract");
55             logger.info("Got XCom from 'extract' {}", extracted);
56
57             var variable = client.getVariable("my_variable");
58             logger.info("Got variable {}", variable);
```


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@task

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[2026-06-04 18:08:07]

INFO

- python_task_1

7

[2026-06-04 18:08:07]

INFO

- Push Python Task 'python_task_1' XCom:

8

[2026-06-04 18:08:07]

INFO

- Done. Returned value was: value_from_python_task_1

9

[2026-06-04 18:08:07]

INFO

- Pushing xcom ti=RuntimeTaskInstance(id=UUID('019e921a-b966

10

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- [InformaticaLineageListener] Task: python_task_1 State: su

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[2026-06-04 18:08:07] DEBUG - Connected comm addr=/127.0.0.1:57139

[2026-06-04 18:08:07] DEBUG - Connected logs addr=/127.0.0.1:51821

[2026-06-04 18:08:07] DEBUG - Handling id=0

[2026-06-04 18:08:07] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Hello from task

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] DEBUG - Sending id=0 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.GetXCom@301eda63[key=return_value,

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Got XCom from Python Task

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] DEBUG - Handling id=0

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] DEBUG - Sending id=1 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.GetConnection@20c0a64d[connId=test

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] DEBUG - Handling id=1

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Got con Connection(id=tes

[2026-06-04 18:08:08] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Beep 0, next time will be

[2026-06-04 18:08:10] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Beep 1, next time will be

[2026-06-04 18:08:12] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Beep 2, next time will be

[2026-06-04 18:08:14] DEBUG - Sending id=2 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.SetXCom@432038ec[key=return_value,

[2026-06-04 18:08:14] DEBUG - Handling id=2

[2026-06-04 18:08:14] DEBUG - Sending id=0 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.SucceedTask@19c65cdc[state=success

[2026-06-04 18:08:14] DEBUG - Goodbye

[2026-06-04 18:08:14] ERROR - [main] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Goodbye from task

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```
cted comm addr=/127.0.0.1:57139
cted logs addr=/127.0.0.1:51821
ing id=0
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Hello from task
ng id=0 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.GetXCom@301eda63[key=return_value,dagId=java_interface_example,runId=
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Got XCom from Python Task 'python_task_1' value_from_python
ing id=0
ng id=1 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.GetConnection@20c0a64d[connId=test_http,type=GetConnection]
ing id=1
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Got con Connection(id=test_http, type=http, host=example.com
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Beep 0, next time will be Thu Jun 04 10:08:08 UTC 2026
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Beep 1, next time will be Thu Jun 04 10:08:10 UTC 2026
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Beep 2, next time will be Thu Jun 04 10:08:12 UTC 2026
ng id=2 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.SetXCom@432038ec[key=return_value,value=1780567694048,dagId=java_inte
ing id=2
ng id=0 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.SucceedTask@19c65cdc[state=success,endDate=2026-06-04T10:08:14.059997
ye
] INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Goodbye from task
```




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```
ted comm addr=/127.0.0.1:56383
ted logs addr=/127.0.0.1:48783
ng id=0
> id=0 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.GetXCom@7ceb3185[key=return_value,dagId=java_interface_example,runId=
ng id=0
INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Got XCom from 'extract' 1780565334654
g id=1 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.GetVariable@3f67593e[key=my_variable,type=GetVariable]
INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Got variable 123
INFO org.apache.airflow.example.InterfaceExampleBuilder - Push XCom to python task 2
ng id=1
g id=2 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.SetXCom@8e50104[key=return_value,value=1780565335418,dagId=java_interf
ng id=2
g id=0 body=org.apache.airflow.sdk.execution.comm.SucceedTask@42530531[state=success,endDate=2026-06-04T09:28:55.4245213
e
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Task

python_task_2

python_task_2

✓ Success

Operator

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@task

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6 [2026-06-04 17:28:56] INFO - python_task_2

7 [2026-06-04 17:28:56] INFO - Pull Java Task 'transform' XCom:

8 [2026-06-04 17:28:56] INFO - 1780565335418

9 [2026-06-04 17:28:56] INFO - Done. Returned value was: None

Post Execute

10 [2026-06-04 17:28:56] INFO - [InformaticaLineageListener] Task: python_task_2 State: success

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What it costs.



One JVM per task, no warm pool.

Noise for a Spark driver. A bad trade for a 10-second task.



A worker slot for the whole run.

No deferral yet, so keep long waits in Python.



Experimental in 3.3.0

Off by default, and the SDK is at beta.

The same model that costs you startup is what makes a JAR swap free.

Get started and tell us what breaks.

COPYABLE TODAY

build.gradle.kts Maven Central

```
implementation(platform(
    "org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk-bom:1.0.0-beta1"))

implementation("org.apache.airflow:airflow-sdk")
```

AIRFLOW 3.3+

JRE 11+

EXPERIMENTAL

- **Docs:** Non-Python Task SDKs
- **API:** airflow.apache.org/docs/java-sdk/
- **Example:** [java-sdk/example/](#)

Feedback on the SDK and the roadmap is welcome in [#sig-lang-sdks](#).



Questions?

We are looking forward to any feedback on the Language SDKs and the roadmap.

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