

Lab Exercise 02.02: Cross-Product Rule Challenge

Objective:

Create a Drools rule that invalidates any application where the `clientName` attribute matches the `clientName` of an already-existing policy. This exercise will help enhance understanding of how to write rules that cross-reference information between different objects. Additionally, students will modify the `ApplicationRepository` class to add a new `ApplicationBuilder` instance that intentionally triggers the newly created rule.

Prerequisites:

- Basic understanding of Drools rule Cross-Product syntax and structure.
- Access to the provided Java classes and repository setup.

Instructions:

Part 1: Writing the Rule

1. **Identify Existing Policies:** Start by reviewing the `PolicyRepository` class to understand the structure of existing policies, paying close attention to the `clientName` attribute.
2. **Create the RuleFile:** In your Drools project, create a new rule file `InvalidApplicationRules.drl` within the `org.sw.lesson03.demo3` directory of your Maven project. (**Optional:** Comment out existing rules in other `.drl` files to reduce noise)
3. **Write the Rule:**
 - Define a package at the top of your `.drl` file.
 - Import dependency objects below package name.
 - Write a rule named `"Invalidate Applications with Existing Policy Names"`.
 - Use a `when` condition to search for an `Application` object that has a `clientName` matching any `clientName` from the existing policies in the `PolicyRepository`.
 - Use a `then` action to log a message indicating the application is invalid due to a name conflict with an existing policy and to change the application's status to `INVALID`.

Part 2: Modifying ApplicationRepository

1. Open the `ApplicationRepository.java` file within your project's `src/main/java` directory.
2. **Add a New ApplicationBuilder Instance:**
 - Create a new `ApplicationBuilder` instance with a `clientName` that matches one of the existing `clientNames` in the active policies.
 - Ensure the rest of the application's attributes are filled out to mimic a real application scenario.

Example Addition:

```
applications.add(Application.newBuilder()  
  
    .withApplicationNumber("A-1010") // Ensure this number is unique  
  
    .withClientName("John Doe") // Match this name with an existing policy  
  
    .withClientAge(30)  
  
    .withEmployed(true)  
  
    .withPEC(false)  
  
    .withRisk("Low")  
  
    .withBMI(24)  
  
    .withSmoker(false)  
  
    .withClientIdNumber("ID-110")  
  
    .build());
```

Part 3: Testing the Rule

1. **Verify Rule Execution:** Run Session Lesson 3, demo 3 and verify that the application with a conflicting `clientName` is correctly identified and marked as invalid. Check the console output for the log message defined in the `then` action of your rule.
2. **Submission:** Once you have successfully tested your rule, submit your `.drl` file and the modified `ApplicationRepository.java` file as part of your lab exercise deliverables.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Correctness of the rule to identify applications with client names matching existing policies.
- Successful modification of the `ApplicationRepository` to add a conflicting application.
- Proper execution and validation of the rule within the Drools session.