

B4Mesh : Http node interface

The component - `b4mesh::http` - described hereunder use an existing `boost::io_context` to provide a simple but yet extensive asynchronous http endpoints collections.

Dependencies

This components relies on nothing else but the GreenIT SDK.

In details :

- `Threads::Threads`
- `Boost::system`
- `Boost::asio`
- `Boost::beast`

Among theses dependencies, those who are dynamic/static libraries are linked automatically the INTERFACE consumer,
and header-only libraries (`Boost::beast`) are wrapped into INTERFACE library (`boost_beast`).

Integration

Using CMake, like any other INTERFACE library.

The library name is `b4mesh_http`

```
add_subdirectory(path/to/b4mesh_http)

# Use `b4mesh_http` ...
add_executable(my_binary
    ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/sources/source.cpp
)
set_target_properties(my_binary
    PROPERTIES
        CXX_STANDARD 17
)
add_dependencies(my_binary b4mesh_http)
target_link_libraries(my_binary
    PRIVATE
        b4mesh_http
)
```

Also, it fully supports CMake's `FetchContent` dependency management.

```
# As Git repository
FetchContent_Declare(
    b4mesh_http-dependency_management
    GIT_REPOSITORY #<path_to_repo.git>
```

```

    GIT_TAG      #<release tag>
)
FetchContent_MakeAvailable(b4mesh_http-dependency_management)

# use `b4mesh_http` target ...

```

As tarball

```

# As Git repository
FetchContent_Declare(
    b4mesh_http-dependency_management
    URL      path/to/b4mesh_http.tar.gz
    URL_HASH #<url's hash>
)
FetchContent_MakeAvailable(b4mesh_http-dependency_management)

# use `b4mesh_http` target ...

```

Interface

Each endpoint is generated using an initializer-list of :

```

struct /*unspecified : endpoint_argument */ {
    std::string /*unspecified : uri [protocol://ip:port/path/to/ressource]*/;
    std::initializer_list<boost::beast::http::verb> /* unspecified : methods */;
    /* unspecified -> std::convertible_to<

std::function<b4mesh::http::response_data_type(b4mesh::http::request_data_type
&&)>
                                > */
};

// Using structure-binding :
auto [
    uri_as_std_string,
    allowed_methods,
    behavior_callback
] = /*unspecified : endpoint_argument*/ {};

```

Thus, the implementation might looks like :

```

using first_argument_type = boost::io_context &;
using second_argument_type = std::initializer_list</*unspecified : see
specifications above*/>;

auto b4mesh::http::add_endpoints(
    first_argument_type first_argument,

```

```

        second_argument_type second_argument
    )
    { /* implementation logic */ }

```

Synthax example :

```

const auto      threads_count = 1;
net::io_context io_service{threads_count};

using method = boost::beast::http::verb;
auto listeners = b4mesh::http::add_endpoints(
    io_service,
    {
        {
            "0.0.0.0:4242/benchmark",
            { method::put, method::post },
            [](b4mesh::http::request_data_type && request_datas)
                -> b4mesh::http::response_data_type
            {
                return {};
            }
        },
        {
            "0.0.0.0:4242/error",
            { method::get },
            [](b4mesh::http::request_data_type && request_datas)
                -> b4mesh::http::response_data_type
            {
                std::cout << "error : [GET] received : [" << request_datas.body <<
                "\n";
                throw std::runtime_error{"test error\n"};
                return {};
            }
        },
        {
            "0.0.0.0:4242/add_transaction",
            { method::put, method::post },
            [](b4mesh::http::request_data_type && request_datas)
                -> b4mesh::http::response_data_type
            {
                std::cout << "add_transaction : [PUT, POST] received : [" <<
                request_datas.body << "\n";
                return {
                    "application/json",
                    R"({
                        "operation": "add_transaction",
                        "return_value": "OK"
                    })"
                };
            }
        }
    }
);

```

```
    }
};
```

Return type

Calling `b4mesh::http::add_endpoints` will return an unspecified collection of type `listeners_type` (see below), which `std::size(*listeners_type : value*)` is less-or-equal `std::size()` result of the second argument (*methods*).

Size guarantee

There is a strong guarantee that `std::size(*listeners_type : value*)` is equal to the number of unique pair of { `ip`, `port` } in `add_http_endpoint`'s second argument elements.

For instance :

```
auto listeners = b4mesh::http::add_endpoints(
    io_service,
    {
        {
            "0.0.0.0:4242/benchmark",
            { method::put, method::post },
            [](b4mesh::http::request_data_type && request_datas)
                -> b4mesh::http::response_data_type
            {}
        },
        {
            "0.0.0.0:4242/error",
            { method::get },
            [](b4mesh::http::request_data_type && request_datas)
                -> b4mesh::http::response_data_type
            {}
        }
    }
);

const auto listeners_size = std::size(listeners); // size is 1
                                                    // the only endpoint is
[0.0.0.0:4242]
```

Types guarantees

```
auto listeners = b4mesh::http::add_endpoints(
    io_service,
    {}
);
using listeners_type = decltype(listeners);
using listener_type = decltype(listeners)::value_type; //
```

```
std::shared_ptr</*unspecified*/>
using endpoint_type = decltype(listeners)::value_type::element_type;
```

You are guarantee that `listeners_type` match the following [named requirements](#) :

- MoveAssignable
- Destructible
- Swappable
- Container
- AllocatorAwareContainer
- SequenceContainer
- ContiguousContainer
- ReversibleContainer

`listeners_type::value_type` is a `std::shared_ptr</*unspecified*/>`

Behavior & error management

Creation

- Attempting to create an endpoint using an ill-formed uri results in an `std::invalid_argument` exception.
- Attempting to create an endpoint an empty methods list results in an `std::invalid_argument` exception

Behavior is undefined if the lifetime of `decltype(add_endpoints())` value is shorter than the `boost::io_context` value used to create it.

Request processing

When received, a request is processed threw an internal router which redirect it to its matching `behavior_callback`.

Such `behavior_callback` is designed the following simple way :

Its `operator()` use one argument of type `b4mesh::http::request_data_type &&` which is meant to be consumed,
and return a quite similar `b4mesh::http::response_data_type` value.

`b4mesh::http::request_data_type` :

This type, even if publicly accessible for convinience, match the following interface :

```
struct /*unspecified*/ : b4mesh::http::request_data_type {
    boost::string_view mime_information; // "text/html", "application/json",
    etc.
    std::string body; // request's body, can be moved
};
```

b4mesh::http::response_data_type :

```
struct /*unspecified : b4mesh::http::request_data_type */ {
    std::string mime_information;    // "text/html", "application/json", etc.
    std::string body;               // response's body, will be consumed by move
};
```

- Request body is passed as argument (as `std::string_view`)
- Return (as moveable `b4mesh::http::response_data_type`) is sent back to the request's emitter, as response
- Any thrown exception will result in a `server_error`, which's body is equal to `error : '<msg>'`, where `msg` is the return of `std::exception::what()`.
- Any thrown value which does not satisfy `std::derived_from<std::exception>` concept results in the same behavior described previously, with `msg` set to `"unknown error"`;

Destruction / end-of-lifetime

As mentionned before, the behavior is undefined when the lifetime of `decltype(add_endpoints())` value is shorter than the `boost::io_context` value used to create it.

Otherwise, `decltype(add_endpoints())` value destruction will clean any allocated ressources.

Limitations

Currently, none.

Please create an Github issue if you have any problem using this component.

Simple test

Compile and run the sample (*don't forget to enable tests in **CMake***).

```
# /add_transaction
curl --header "Content-Type: application/json" --request PUT --data "{
  \"transactions\": [{ \"payload\": \"0123456789\"}]}" 0.0.0.0:4242/add_transaction

# /error
curl --request GET 0.0.0.0:4242/error

# Not existing ressources
curl --request GET 0.0.0.0:4242/not_existing # not_existing is not a valid
resource

# Not allowed method
curl --request DELETE 0.0.0.0:4242/error # DELETE is not a valid method for
/error
```

Performances / Benchmarks

Using **Apache-Bench**.

Payload :

```
{ "transactions": [  
  { "payload": "0123456789"}  
]}
```

Nb core (send)	Nb core (receive)	req/sec	time per request	command
1	1	3234.60 [#/sec]	0.309 [ms]	ab -t 1000 -c 1 -T 'application/json' -u add_transaction.payload.json http://0.0.0.0:4242/benchmark
4	1	4171.57 [#/sec]	0.240 [ms]	ab -t 1000 -c 4 -T 'application/json' -u add_transaction.payload.json http://0.0.0.0:4242/benchmark
4	4	8116.32 [#/sec]	0.123 [ms]	ab -t 1000 -c 4 -T 'application/json' -u add_transaction.payload.json http://0.0.0.0:4242/benchmark