# Spring Batch Workshop

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#### Overview

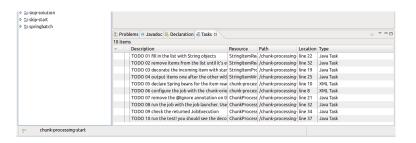
- This workshop highlights Spring Batch features
- Problem/solution approach
  - A few slides to cover the feature
  - A project to start from, just follow the TODOs
- Prerequisites
  - Basics about Java and Java EE
  - Spring: dependency injection, enterprise support
- https://github.com/acogoluegnes/Spring-Batch-Workshop

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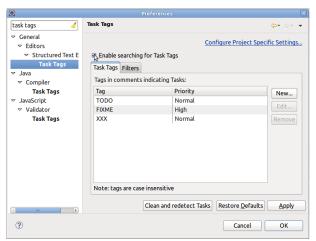
#### Follow the TODOs

- Track the TODO in the \*-start projects!
- It's easier with support from the IDE



### TODO with Eclipse

▶ Window > Preferences > "tasks tag" in filter



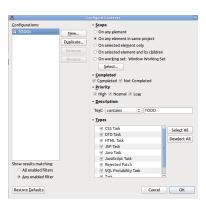
## TODO with Eclipse

- Open the "Tasks" view
- click on the down arrow on the right
- "configure contents"



## TODO with Eclipse

- Check "TODOs" on the left
- Check "On any element in the same project" on the right (scope)



## Spring support in IDE is a +

e.g. code completion in SpringSource Tool Suite

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```

## Basic features for batch applications

- ► Read process write large amounts of data, efficiently
- Ready-to-use components to read from/write to
  - Flat/XML files
  - Databases (JDBC, Hibernate, JPA, iBatis)
  - JMS queues
  - Emails
- Numerous extension points/hooks

## Advanced features for batch applications

- Configuration to skip/retry items
- Execution metadata
  - Monitoring
  - Restart after failure
- Scaling strategies
  - ► Local/remote
  - Partitioning, remote processing

- ▶ Problem: getting started with Spring Batch
- ► Solution: writing a simple "Hello World" job

## Structure of a job

- A Spring Batch job is made of steps
- ► The Hello World job has one step
- ▶ The processing is implemented in a Tasklet

#### The Hello World Tasklet

```
public class HelloWorldTasklet implements Tasklet {
    @Override
    public RepeatStatus execute(
        StepContribution contribution,
        ChunkContext chunkContext) throws Exception {
        System.out.println("Hello world!");
        return RepeatStatus.FINISHED;
    }
}
```

## The configuration of the Hello World job

▶ Notice the batch namespace

## Spring Batch needs some infrastructure beans

Let's use the typical test configuration

## Running the test in a JUnit test

```
@RunWith(SpringJUnit4ClassRunner.class)
@ContextConfiguration("/hello-world-job.xml")
public class HelloWorldJobTest {

    @Autowired
    private Job job;

    @Autowired
    private JobLauncher jobLauncher;

    @Test public void helloWorld() throws Exception {
        JobExecution execution = jobLauncher.run(job, new JobParameters());
        assertEquals(ExitStatus.COMPLETED, execution.getExitStatus());
    }
}
```

- ▶ Problem: processing large amounts of data efficiently
- Solution: using chunk processing

## What is chunk processing?

- ▶ Batch jobs often read, process, and write items
- e.g.
  - Reading items from a file
  - ► Then processing (converting) items
  - Writing items to a database
- Spring Batch calls this "chunk processing"
- a chunk = a set of items

## Chunk processing with Spring Batch

- Spring Batch
  - handles the iteration logic
  - uses a transaction for each chunk
  - lets you choose the chunk size
  - defines interfaces for each part of the processing

## The reading phase

- Spring Batch creates chunks of items by calling read()
- Reading ends when read() returns null

## The processing phase

- Once a chunk is created, items are sent to the processor
- Optional

```
public interface ItemProcessor<I, O> {
  O process(I item) throws Exception;
}
```

## The writing phase

- Receives all the items of the chunk
- Allows for batch update (more efficient)

```
public interface ItemWriter<T> {
    void write(List<? extends T> items) throws Exception;
}
```

### An example

▶ Let's implement a (too?) simple chunk-oriented step!

#### The ItemReader

#### The ItemProcessor

```
public class StringItemProcessor implements ItemProcessor<String, String> {
    @Override
    public String process(String item) throws Exception {
        return "*** "+item+" ***";
    }
}
```

#### The ItemWriter

```
public class StringltemWriter implements ItemWriter<String> {
  private static final Logger LOGGER =
    LoggerFactory.getLogger(StringltemWriter.class);
  @Override
  public void write(List<? extends String> items) throws Exception {
    for(String item : items) {
      LOGGER.info("writing "+item);
    }
}
```

## Configuring the job

#### Considerations

- Do I always need to write my ItemReader/Processor/Writer?
- No, Spring Batch provides ready-to-use components for common datastores
  - ► Flat/XML files, databases, JMS, etc.
- As an application developer, you
  - Configure these components
  - Provides some logic (e.g. mapping a line with a domain object)

## Going further...

- Reader/writer implementation for flat/XML files, database, JMS
- Skipping items when something goes wrong
- Listeners to react to the chunk processing

- ▶ Problem: reading lines from a flat file and sending them to another source (e.g. database)
- ► Solution: using the FlatFileItemReader

# Spring Batch's support for flat file reading

- Spring Batch has built-in support for flat files
  - ▶ Through the FlatFileItemReader for reading
- The FlatFileItemReader handles I/O
- 2 main steps:
  - Configuring the FlatFileItemReader
  - Providing a line-to-object mapping strategy

### The usual suspects

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```

```
public class Contact {

  private Long id;
  private String firstname, lastname;
  private Date birth;

  (...)
}
```

### What do we need to read a flat file?

- How to tokenize a line
- ▶ How to map the line with a Java object
- Where to find the file to read

### The FlatFileItemReader configuration

```
<bean id="reader"</pre>
     class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.FlatFileItemReader">
 cproperty name="lineMapper">
   <bean class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.mapping.DefaultLineMapper">
     cproperty name="lineTokenizer">
       <br/>bean
  class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.transform.DelimitedLineTokenizer">
        c property name="names" value="firstname.lastname.birth" />
       </bean>
     cproperty name="fieldSetMapper">
       <bean class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.ContactFieldSetMapper" />
     </bean>
 </property>
 </bean>
```

## The line-to-object mapping strategy

- A FieldSetMapper to map a line with an object
- More about business logic, so typically implemented by developer
- Spring Batch provides straightforward implementations

# Custom FieldSetMapper implementation

- ► FlatFileItemWriter to write flat file
- Fixed-length format (different tokenizer)
- Skipping badly formatted lines

- ► Problem: reading items from a XML file and sending them to another source (e.g. database)
- ► Solution: using the StaxEventItemReader

# Spring Batch's support for XML file reading

- Spring Batch has built-in support for XML files
  - ► Through the StaxEventItemReader for reading
- ► The StaxEventItemReader handles I/O for efficient XML processing
- 2 main steps:
  - ► Configuring the StaxEventItemReader
  - Configuring a Spring OXM's Unmarshaller

#### The usual suspects

```
public class Contact {

private Long id;
private String firstname, lastname;
private Date birth;

(...)
}
```

### The StaxEventItemReader configuration

```
<bean id="reader" class="org.springframework.batch.item.xml.StaxEventItemReader">
 cproperty name="fragmentRootElementName" value="contact" />
 cproperty name="unmarshaller">
   <bean class="org.springframework.oxm.xstream.XStreamMarshaller">
      cproperty name="aliases">
       <map>
         <entry key="contact" value="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.Contact" />
       </map>
     </property>
     converters">
       <bean class="com.thoughtworks.xstream.converters.basic.DateConverter">
         <constructor-arg value="vvvv-MM-dd" />
         <constructor - arg><array /></constructor - arg>
         <constructor-arg value="true" />
       </bean>
      </property>
   </bean>
 </property>
 property name="resource" value="classpath:contacts.xml" />
</bean>
```

▶ NB: Spring OXM supports XStream, JAXB2, etc.

- StaxEventItemWriter to write XML files
- Spring OXM's support for other marshallers
- Skipping badly formatted lines

- ► Problem: my job fails miserably because of a tiny error in my input file
- ► Solution: skipping lines without failing the whole execution

# A CSV file with a badly formatted line

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Voort, Philbeck, 2010 – 03 – 04
```

### Skip configuration

- Choose the exceptions to skip
- Set the max number of items to skip

- ▶ Logging skipped items with a SkipListener
- ► Setting a custom SkipPolicy

- Problem: passing values to the configuration when launching a job
- Solution: using job parameters and late binding

# Use case: providing a input file dynamically to the item reader

```
JobParameters jobParameters = new JobParametersBuilder()
    .addString("input.file", "file:./input/contacts-01.txt")
    .toJobParameters();
JobExecution execution = jobLauncher.run(job, jobParameters);
```

```
<bean id="reader"
    class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.FlatFileItemReader"
    scope="step">
    cproperty name="resource value="#{jobParameters['input.file']}" />
    (...)
</bean>
```

- Spring Expression Language (SpEL)
- Step scope for partitioning

- Problem: reading large result sets from the database with a stable memory footprint
- ► Solution: using the JdbcPagingItemReader, which uses paging to handle large result sets

### JdbcPagingItemReader configuration

```
<bean id="reader"</pre>
      class="org.springframework.batch.item.database.JdbcPagingItemReader">
 cproperty name="dataSource" ref="dataSource" />
 cproperty name="pageSize" value="10" />
 cproperty name="gueryProvider">
   <bean class="o.s.b.item.database.support.SqlPagingQueryProviderFactoryBean">
     cproperty name="dataSource" ref="dataSource" />
     cproperty name="selectClause"
                value="select id.firstname.lastname.birth" />
     cproperty name="fromClause" value="from contact" />
     cproperty name="sortKey" value="id" />
   </bean>
 cproperty name="rowMapper">
   <bean class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.ContactRowMapper" />
 </bean>
```

# Paging or cursors?

- By paging, you send multiple queries to the database
- Alternative: cursor-based item reader
  - ▶ Spring Batch "streams" the result set from the DB
  - Only one query
- Paging always works, cursor-based reader depends on driver implementation and database

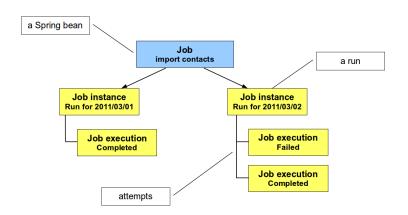
- ▶ Paging readers for Hibernate, JPA, iBatis
- Cursor-based readers

- ▶ Problem: monitoring the execution of batch jobs
- Solution: letting Spring Batch storing execution metadata in a database

# Why storing execution metadata?

- Spring Batch keeps track of batch execution
- ► Enables:
  - Monitoring by querying metadata tables
  - Restarting after a failure

## Job, job instance, and job execution



#### Job instance

- ▶ How to define a job instance?
- ► Thanks to job parameters
- ▶ Job parameters define the identity of the job instance

#### Where is the metadata stored?

- Metadata are stored in a database
  - ▶ In-memory implementation for test/development
- Monitoring tools can query metadata tables

- ► Spring Batch Admin, the web console for Spring Batch
- JobExplorer and JobOperator interfaces
- Spring JMX support

- ▶ Problem: scheduling a job to execute periodically
- ► Solution: using the scheduling support in Spring

# A class to launch the job

```
public class ImportLauncher {

public void launch() throws Exception {
    JobExecution exec = jobLauncher.run(
    job,
        new JobParametersBuilder()
        .addLong("time", System.currentTimeMillis())
        .toJobParameters()
    );
    }
}
```

# Spring scheduling configuration

cron attribute available

- ► Threading settings in Spring Scheduler
- Spring support for Quartz

- Problem: I want to add some business logic before writing the items I just read
- ► Solution: use an ItemProcessor to process/convert read items before sending them to the ItemWriter

#### Use case

- Reading contacts from a flat file
- Registering them into the system
  - ▶ This is the *business logic*
- Writing the registration confirmations to the database

#### The ItemProcessor interface

```
public interface ItemProcessor<I, O> {
  O process(I item) throws Exception;
}
```

#### How to implement an ItemProcessor

► An ItemProcessor usually delegates to existing business code

## Registering the ItemProcessor

- Available ItemProcessor implementations
  - Adapter, validator
- ▶ The ItemProcessor can filter items

- Problem: logging skipped items
- Solution: using a SkipListener

# 2 steps to log skipped items

- Writing the SkipListener (and the logging code)
- Registering the listener on the step

## Writing the SkipListener

```
package com.zenika.workshop.springbatch;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.batch.core.listener.SkipListenerSupport;

public class Slf4jSkipListener<T,S> extends SkipListenerSupport<T, S> {
    private static final Logger LOG = LoggerFactory.getLogger(
        Slf4jSkipListener.class);

@Override
public void onSkipInRead(Throwable t) {
    LOG.warn("skipped item: {}",t.toString());
    }
}
```

#### Registering the SkipListener

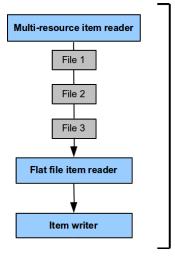
```
<batch:job id="loggingSkippedItemsJob">
  <batch:step id="loggingSkippedItemsStep">
    <batch:tasklet>
      <batch:chunk reader="reader" writer="writer" commit-interval="3"</pre>
                     skip-limit="10">
         <batch:skippable -exception -classes>
           <br/>
<br/>batch:include
            class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.FlatFileParseException"/>
         </batch:skippable-exception-classes>
      </batch:chunk>
      <br/>
/batch:listeners>
         <bath><br/>| skipListener" />
      </batch:listeners>
    </br></batch:tasklet>
  </batch:step>
</batch:job>
<br/>
<br/>bean id="skipListener" class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.Slf4iSkipListener" />
```

## Going further...

- Other listeners in Spring Batch
  - ChunkListener, Item(Read/Process/Write)Listener, ItemStream, StepExecutionListener, JobExecutionListener

- ▶ Problem: I have multiple input files and I want to process them in parallel
- ► Solution: use partitioning to parallelize the processing on multiple threads

# Serial processing

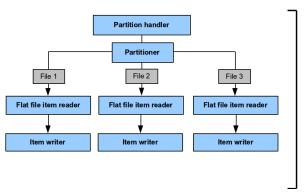


Step

#### Partitioning in Spring Batch

- Partition the input data
  - e.g. one input file = one partition
  - partition processed in a dedicated step execution
- Partitioning is easy to set up but need some knowledge about the data
- Partition handler implementation
  - Multi-threaded
  - Spring Integration

## Multi-threaded partitioning



Partitioned Step

## Partitioner for input files

```
<bean id="partitioner"
    class="o.s.b.core.partition.support.MultiResourcePartitioner">
    cproperty name="resources"
         value="file:./src/main/resources/input/*.txt" />
</bean>
```

#### The partitioner sets a context for the components

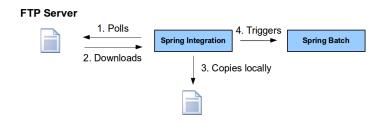
## Using the multi-threaded partition handler

#### Going further...

- Spring Integration partition handler implementation
- Other scaling approaches
  - parallel steps, remote chunking, multi-threaded step)

- ► Problem: downloading files from a FTP server and processing them with Spring Batch
- Solution: use Spring Integration to poll the FTP server and trigger Spring Batch accordingly

## Using Spring Integration for transfer and triggering



## The launching code

```
public class FileContactJobLauncher {
  public void launch(File file) throws Exception {
    JobExecution exec = jobLauncher.run(
    job,
    new JobParametersBuilder()
        .addString("input.file", "file:"+file.getAbsolutePath())
        .toJobParameters()
    );
}
```

► The File is the local copy

## Listening to the FTP server

## Calling the launcher on an inbound message

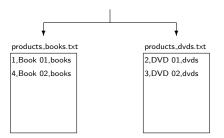
## Going further...

- Checking Spring Integration connectors
  - ▶ Local file system, FTPS, SFTP, HTTP, JMS, etc.
- Checking operations on messages
  - Filtering, transforming, routing, etc.

- ► Problem: I want to export items from different categories from a database to files
- ► Solution: provide a partition strategy and use partitioning

#### The use case

ID	name	category
1	Book 01	books
2	DVD 01	dvds
3	DVD 02	dvds
4	Book 02	books



## Partitioning based on categories

2 partitions in this case

ID	name	category
1	Book 01	books
2	DVD 01	dvds
3	DVD 02	dvds
4	Book 02	books

## Partitioning logic with the Partitioner interface

```
public class ProductCategoryPartitioner implements Partitioner {
  ( . . . )
  @Override
  public Map<String , ExecutionContext> partition(int gridSize) {
    List < String > categories = jdbcTemplate.queryForList(
      "select distinct(category) from product".
      String. class
    Map<String . ExecutionContext> results =
      new LinkedHashMap<String , ExecutionContext >();
    for(String category : categories) {
      ExecutionContext context = new ExecutionContext():
      context.put("category", category);
      results.put("partition."+category, context);
    return results:
```

#### Output of the Partitioner

#### Excerpt:

```
for(String category : categories) {
    ExecutionContext context = new ExecutionContext();
    context.put("category", category);
    results.put("partition."+category, context);
}
```

#### Results:

```
partition.books = { category => 'books' }
partition.dvds = { category => 'dvds' }
```

#### Components can refer to partition parameters

They need to use the step scope

```
<bean id="reader"</pre>
      class="org.springframework.batch.item.database.JdbcCursorItemReader"
      scope="step">
  cproperty name="sql"
             value="select id, name, category from product where category = ?" />
  cproperty name="preparedStatementSetter">
    <bean class="org.springframework.idbc.core.ArgPreparedStatementSetter">
      <constructor—arg value="#{stepExecutionContext['category']}]" />
    </bean>
  </bean>
<bean id="writer"</pre>
      class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.FlatFileItemWriter"
      scope="step">
  cproperty name="resource"
     value="file:./target/products_#{stepExecutionContext['category']}.txt" />
</bean>
```

#### Configure the partitioned step

▶ The default implementation is multi-threaded

## Going further...

- Check existing partitioner implementations
- Check other partition handler implementations
- Check other scaling strategies