Spring Batch Workshop

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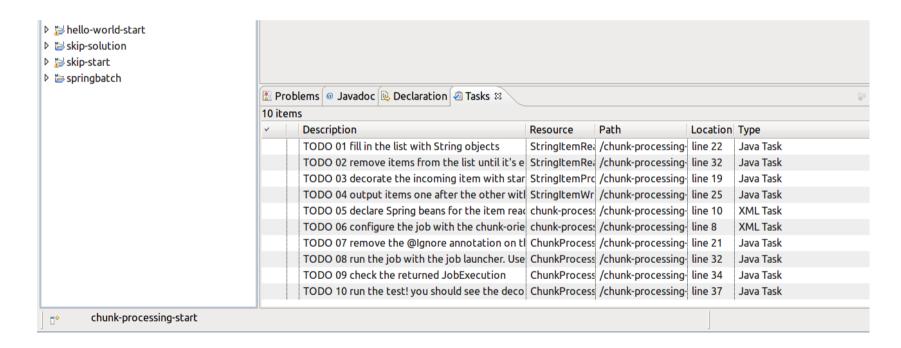
Overview

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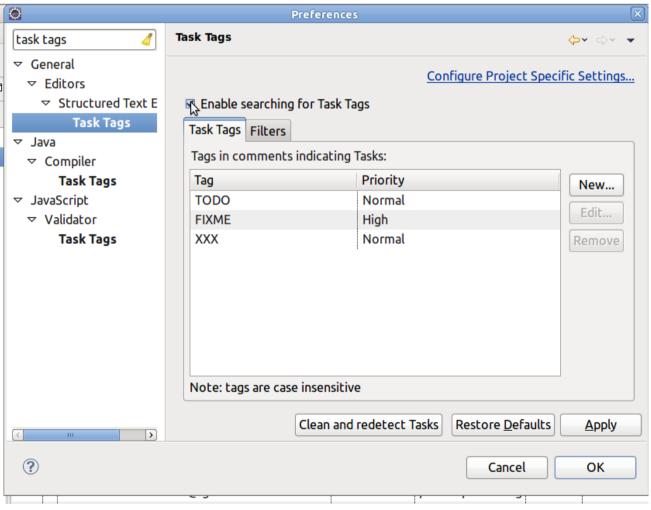
- Track the TODO in the *-start projects!
- It's easier with support from the IDE





TODO with Eclipse

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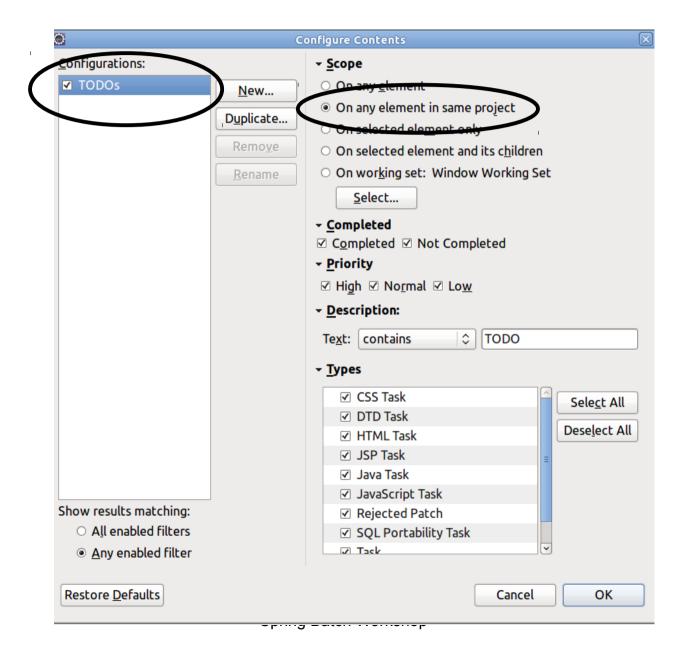
TODO with Eclipse

Open the "Tasks" view and "configure contents"





TODO with Eclipse





Spring support in IDE

- Spring support in IDE is a +
- e.g. code completion in SpringSource Tool Suite



Spring Batch overview

- 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



Spring Batch overview

- 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



- 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



Let's 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



- 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



- 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



- ItemReader
 - Reading ends when read() returns null



- ItemProcessor
 - optional

```
public interface ItemProcessor<I, 0> {
    O process(I item) throws Exception;
}
```



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

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



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



The ItemReader

```
package com.zenika.workshop.springbatch;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.List;
import org.springframework.batch.item.ItemReader;
import org.springframework.batch.item.NonTransientResourceException;
import org.springframework.batch.item.ParseException;
import org.springframework.batch.item.UnexpectedInputException;
public class StringItemReader implements ItemReader<String> {
  private List<String> list;
 public StringItemReader() {
    this.list = new ArrayList<String>(Arrays.asList("1","2","3","4","5","6","7"));
 @Override
 public String read() throws Exception, UnexpectedInputException,
                         ParseException, NonTransientResourceException {
    return !list.isEmpty() ? list.remove(0) : null;
```



The ItemProcessor

```
package com.zenika.workshop.springbatch;
import org.springframework.batch.item.ItemProcessor;
public class StringItemProcessor implements ItemProcessor<String, String> {
    @Override
    public String process(String item) throws Exception {
        return "*** "+item+" ***";
    }
}
```



The ItemWriter

```
package com.zenika.workshop.springbatch;
import java.util.List;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.batch.item.ItemWriter;
public class StringItemWriter implements ItemWriter<String> {
 private static final Logger LOGGER =
    LoggerFactory.getLogger(StringItemWriter.class);
 @Override
  public void write(List<? extends String> items) throws Exception {
    for(String item : items) {
      LOGGER.info("writing "+item);
```



Configuring the job



- 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.
- 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 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 object mapping strategy



The usual suspects:

```
De-Anna, Raghunath, 2010-03-04
Susy, Hauerstock, 2010-03-04
Kiam, Whitehurst, 2010-03-04
Alecia, Van Holst, 2010-03-04
Hing, Senecal, 2010-03-04
```

```
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



Tokenization

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

File to read

Line – object mapping



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



```
package com.zenika.workshop.springbatch;
import org.springframework.batch.item.file.mapping.FieldSetMapper;
import org.springframework.batch.item.file.transform.FieldSet;
import org.springframework.validation.BindException;
public class ContactFieldSetMapper implements FieldSetMapper<Contact> {
 @Override
  public Contact mapFieldSet(FieldSet fieldSet) throws BindException {
    return new Contact(
      fieldSet.readString("firstname"),
      fieldSet.readString("lastname"),
      fieldSet.readDate("birth","yyyy-MM-dd")
```



- Going further...
 - FlatFileItemWriter to write flat file
 - Fixed-length format (different tokenizer)
 - 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



Skipping lines is sometimes acceptable

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Hing, Senecal, 2010-03-04
Kannan, Pirkle, 2010-03-04
Row, Maudrie, 2010-03-04
Voort, Philbeck, 2010-03-04
```



- Skip in Spring Batch
 - Choose the exceptions to skip
 - Set the max number of items to skip



- Going further...
 - Logging skipped items with a SkipListener
 - Setting a custom SkipPolicy



Dynamic job parameters

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



Dynamic job parameters

 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>
```



Dynamic job parameters

- Going further...
 - Checking other available variables in an expression



- 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



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



- 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



- Going further...
 - Paging readers for Hibernate, JPA, iBatis
 - Cursor-based readers

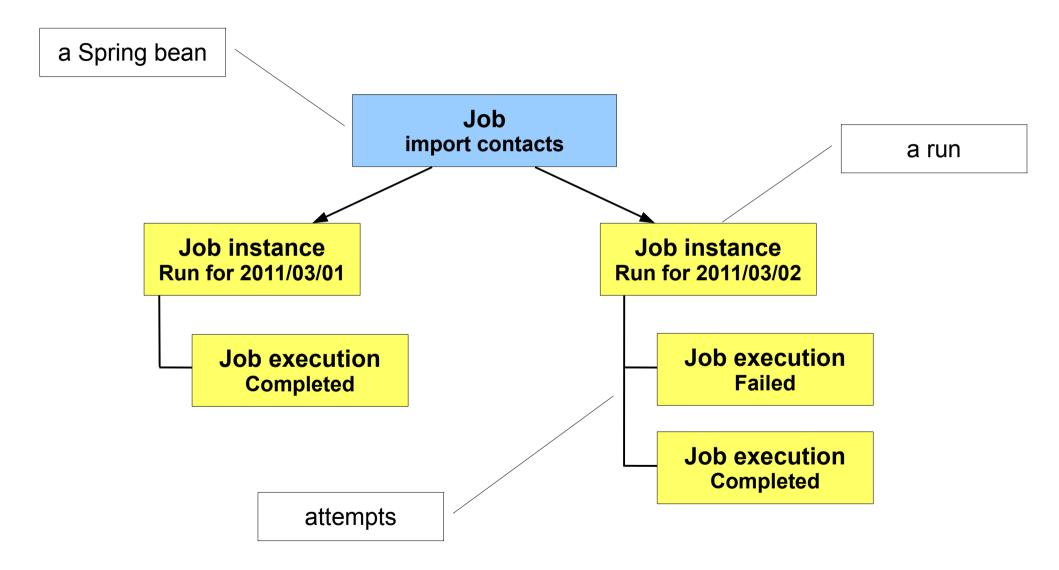


- Problem: monitoring the execution of batch jobs
- Solution: letting Spring Batch storing execution metadata in a database



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







- How to define a job instance?
- Thanks to job parameters
 - They define the identity of the job instance



- Metadata are stored in a database
 - In-memory implementation for test/development
- Monitoring tools can query metadata tables
 - e.g. Spring Batch Admin



- Going further...
 - Spring Batch Admin set-up
 - JobExplorer and JobOperator interfaces
 - Spring JMX support



Scheduling

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



Scheduling

```
public class ImportLauncher {

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

A "cron" attribute is available



Scheduling

- Going further...
 - 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 item processor to process/convert read items before sending them to the item writer



Use case:

- Reading contacts from a flat file
- Registering them into the system
- Writing the registration confirmations to the database

Business logic





Delegate to business service



Register the item processor on the step

```
<batch:job id="itemProcessorJob">
  <batch:step id="itemProcessorStep">
    <hatch:tasklet>
      <batch:chunk reader="reader" processor="processor"</pre>
                   writer="writer" commit-interval="3"/>
    </batch:tasklet>
  </batch:step>
</batch:job>
<bean id="registrationService"</pre>
      class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.RegistrationService" />
<bean id="processor"</pre>
      class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.ContactItemProcessor">
  property name="registrationService" ref="registrationService" />
 'bean>
```



- Going further...
 - Available ItemProcessor implementations



- Problem: logging skipped items
- Solution: using a skip listener



- 2 steps:
 - Writing the skip listener (and the logging code)
 - Registering the listener on the step



Writing the skip listener

```
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 skip listener

```
<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>
          <batch:include</pre>
              class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.FlatFileParseException"/>
        </batch:skippable-exception-classes>
      </batch:chunk>
      <batch:listeners>
        <batch:listener ref="skipListener" />
      </batch:listeners>
    </batch:tasklet>
  </batch:step>
</batch:iob>
<bean id="skipListener" class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.Slf4jSkipListener" />
```



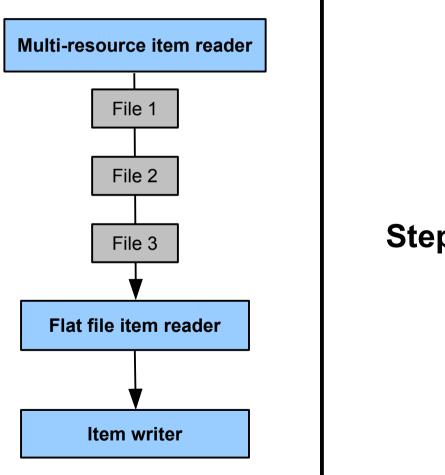
- Going further...
 - Other listeners in Spring Batch
 - ChunkListener, Item(Read/Process/Write)Listener,
 ItemStream, StepExecutionListener,
 JobExecutionListener



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



No partitioning (one file after the other)



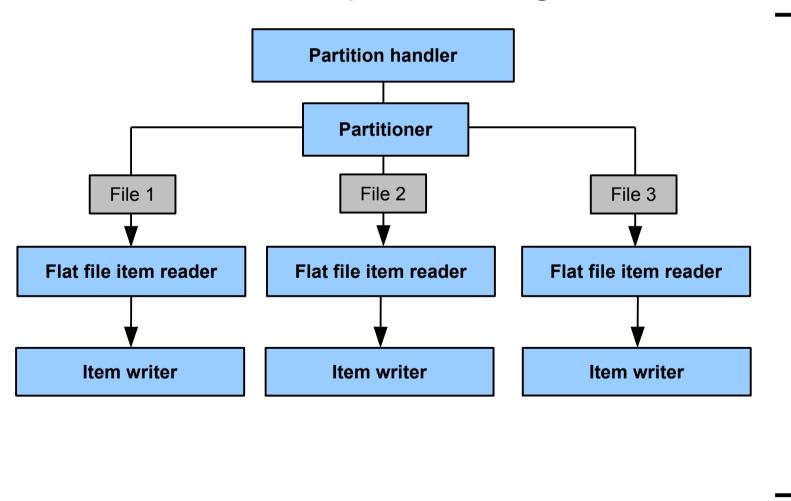
Step



- Partitioning principle in Spring Batch:
 - Partition the data
 - e.g. one input file = one partition
 - Execute the partition in a dedicated step
- 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

Set a context for the steps to run



File reading partitioning

Using the multi-threaded partition handler



File reading partitioning

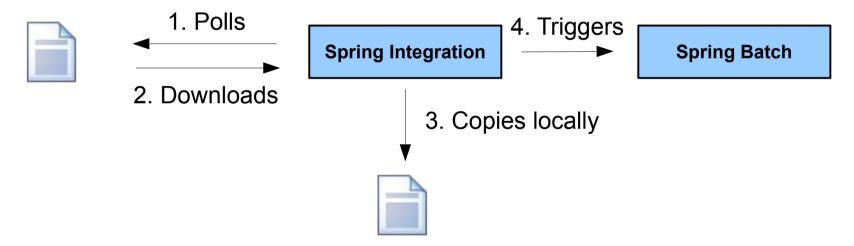
- Going further...
 - Spring Integration partition handler implementation
 - Other scaling approaches (parallel steps, remote chunking, multi-threaded step)



- 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



FTP Server





The launching code

The local copy

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



Listening to the FTP server



Calling the launcher on an inbound message



File dropping message

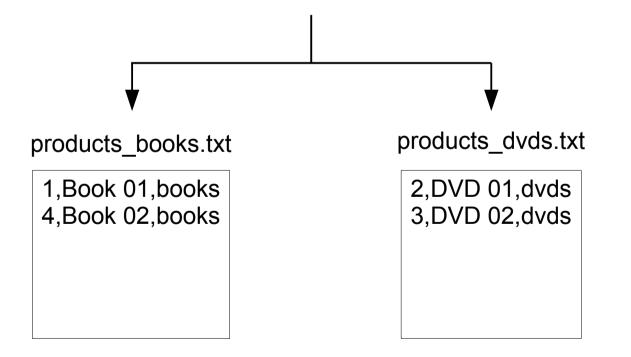
- Going further...
 - Checking Spring Integration connectors
 - Local file system, FTPS, SFTP, HTTP, JMS, etc.
 - Checking operations on messages
 - Filtering, transforming, routing, etc.



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



ĪD .	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



- Implement the partitioning logic
 - Spring Batch's Partitioner interface



- Components can refer to partition parameters
 - They need to use the step scope!



- Configure the partitioned step
 - The default implementation is multi-threaded



- Going further...
 - Check existing partitioner implementations
 - Check other partition handler implementations
 - The default one is multi-threaded (local)
 - Check other scaling strategies

