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



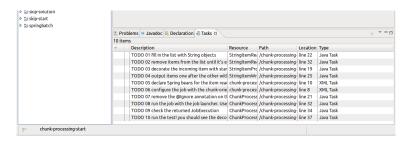
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Follow the TODOs

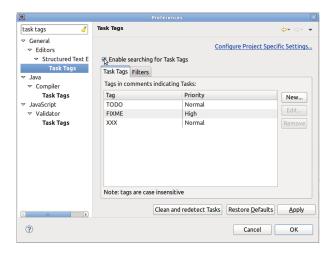
- Track the TODO in the *-start projects!
- It's easier with support from the IDE





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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@bean i="reader" class="org.springframework.batch.item.file.FlatFileItemReader"
```



Shortened package names

▶ Be careful, a package name can sometimes be shortened

```
<bean class="c.z.workshop.springbatch.HelloWorldTasklet" />
```

Type the name of the class, code completion will do the rest...

```
<bean class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.HelloWorldTasklet" />
```



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



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

```
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")
   );
 Onverride
 public String read() throws Exception, UnexpectedInputException,
                       ParseException, NonTransientResourceException {
   return !list.isEmpty() ? list.remove(0) : null;
```



The ItemProcessor



The 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

```
<batch:job id="chunkProcessingJob">
  <batch:step id="chunkProcessingStep">
    <batch:tasklet>
      <batch:chunk reader="reader" processor="processor"</pre>
                    writer="writer" commit-interval="3"
      />
    </batch:tasklet>
  </batch:step>
</batch:job>
<bean id="reader"</pre>
      class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.StringItemReader" />
<bean id="processor"</pre>
      class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.StringItemProcessor" />
<bean id="writer"</pre>
      class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.StringItemWriter" />
```



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

```
Susy, Hauerstock, 2010-03-04
De Anna, Raghunath, 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



The FlatFileItemReader configuration

```
Shean id="reader"
     class="o.s.b.item.file.FlatFileItemReader">
 cproperty name="lineMapper">
   <bean class="o.s.b.item.file.mapping.DefaultLineMapper">
     cproperty name="lineTokenizer">
      <bean class="o.s.b.item.file.transform.DelimitedLineTokenizer">
        property name="names" value="firstname,lastname,birth" />
      </bean>
     cproperty name="fieldSetMapper">
      <bean class="c.z.workshop.springbatch.ContactFieldSetMapper" />
     </property>
   </bean>
 </property>
 </bean>
```



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How to tokenize a line

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How to map the line with a Java object

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```



Where to find the file to read

```
<bean id="reader"</pre>
      class="o.s.b.item.file.FlatFileItemReader">
  cproperty name="resource" value="classpath:contacts.txt" />
</bean>
```



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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

```
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")
   );
```



- 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



A CSV file with a badly formatted line

▶ Alicia's birth date doesn't use the correct format:

Susy, Hauerstock, 2010-03-04 De-Anna, Raghunath, 2010-03-04 Kiam, Whitehurst, 2010-03-04 Alecia, Van Holst, 09-23-2010 Hing, Senecal, 2010-03-04 Kannan, Pirkle, 2010-03-04 Row, Maudrie, 2010-03-04 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



Dynamically providing an input file to the item reader

► Launching the job with an input.file parameter:

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

Referring to the input.file parameter in the configuration:



- 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="o.s.b.item.database.JdbcPagingItemReader">
 cproperty name="dataSource" ref="dataSource" />
 property name="pageSize" value="10" />
 cproperty name="queryProvider">
   <bean class="o.s.b.i.d.support.SqlPagingQueryProviderFactoryBean">
      property name="dataSource" ref="dataSource" />
      property name="selectClause"
                value="select id,firstname,lastname,birth" />
      cproperty name="fromClause" value="from contact" />
      cproperty name="sortKey" value="id" />
   </bean>
 </property>
 cproperty name="rowMapper">
   <bean class="com.zenika.workshop.springbatch.ContactRowMapper" />
 </property>
</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

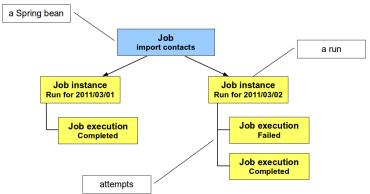


Why storing execution metadata?

- 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



How to implement an ItemProcessor

► An ItemProcessor usually delegates to existing business code



Registering the ItemProcessor

```
<batch: job id="itemProcessorJob">
  <batch:step id="itemProcessorStep">
    <batch: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">
  cproperty name="registrationService" ref="registrationService" />
</bean>
```



- 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 Slf4; SkipListener < T, S > extends SkipListener Support < 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>
          <batch:include</pre>
           class="o.s.b.item.file.FlatFileParseException"/>
        </batch:skippable-exception-classes>
      </batch:chunk>
      <batch:listeners>
        <batch:listener ref="skipListener" />
      </batch:listeners>
    </batch:tasklet>
  </batch:step>
</batch:job>
<bean id="skipListener" class="c.z.w.springbatch.Slf4jSkipListener" />
```



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



This is the end... or not!

- Check out the advanced workshop!
- ► See you and thanks!

