Kompics Programming Manual

For Kompics

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Chapter 1. Fundamental Concepts

This chapter is a brief informal introduction to Kompics. We begin with a discussion of the main concepts in Kompics, then describe how to download and install Kompics, and finally cover the build environment, based on Maven2.

Kompics: Components, Events, Ports and Channels

A component is a reactive unit of computation that communicates with other components asynchronously by passing data-carrying typed events. Events are passive immutable objects that can be serialized and communicated over network links and between different address spaces.

Components are loosely coupled in the sense that a component does not know the component type, availability or identity of any components with which it communicates. Rather, components are endowed with typed communication ports. A component sends events to and receives events from a local port. Ports of the same type on two different components can be connected by a bidirectional channel. This connection enables the two components to communicate.

As a reaction to received events, components execute event handlers, procedures specific to the types of events being received. During execution, event handlers may trigger new events, by sending them to one of the component's ports. An event handler is associated with events of a certain type, received though a certain port, by means of a subscription.

Table 1.1. Kompics Programming Abstractions

Entity	Description
Component	A *component* is a reactive unit of computation that communicates with other components asynchronously by passing data-carrying typed events over ports. Components contain handlers to execute received events, and components can be composed into *composite components*.
Event	An *event* is a passive immutable object that can be serialized and communicated over network links and between different address spaces.
Port	A port represents a bidirectional event interface of a component and it specifies the types of events that flow into or out of the component. The direction in which an event flows through a port is defined as either *positive* or *negative*. A negative event type flows towards the negative side of the port, while a positive event type flows towards teh positive side of the port. A port is illustrated in Figure 1.1, “Example port.”. By convention, the positive pole (+) of a port is understood to be the provided direction for events, while the negative pole (#) of a port is understood to be the required direction for events. When a component implements (or provides) a port, the port is oriented with its + pole to the outside of the component and its # pole inside. Conversely, a (required) port that is used by a component is oriented with its # pole outside and its + pole inside. The types of events flowing through the port from the # pole to the + pole are tagged with + and the types of events flowing from the + pole to the # pole are tagged with #.
Event Handler	An event handler is a procedure that a component executes as a reaction to receiving a certain event.
Subscription	A subscription binds an event handler to a port pole.
Channel	A channel is a first-class bidirectional connection between two ports of the same type. A channel can connect two ports of the same type and of different polarity.

In Figure 1.1, “Example port.”, we can see two Ports containing 2 events and 3 events, respectively. For `PortType1`, `e1` both goes "out" and comes "in". For `PortType2`, `e2` goes "out", while `e2` and `e3` come "in".

Figure 1.1. Example port.

A component with two ports (one outgoing, one incoming), two handlers and two subscriptions is illustrated in Figure 1.2, “Example component.”. The ports in this component are from Figure 1.1, “Example port.”. `PortType1` is provided by the component and `PortType2` is required by the component. We can see how the `subscriptions` map events from `Ports` to `handlers`, while handlers can trigger (or send) an `event` to a port (if the polarity of that port allows that event to be sent in that direction).

So, we can see for `PortType1`, the event `E1` can be both sent and received over this port. For `PortType2`, we can see that a handler inside the component can send either `E2` or `E3` to the port and handler inside the component can subscribe for `E2` (but not `E3`). For handlers or components outside this component (handlers would have to be in a parent component), they can send and receive events of the opposite type. So, for `PortType2`, they could subscribe for `E2` or `E3` events, and send `E2` events to the component.

Figure 1.2. Example component.

INPUt (Implements Negative, Positive Uses)

An easy way to remember whether a PortType refers to the client-side or server-side is to remember the idiom *INPUt* (Implements Negative, Positive Uses). INPUt reminds you that a negative PortType is one that is provided or implemented by a component (server-side), while a positive PortType is one that is used by a component (client-side).

Summary

We introduced a number of concepts for Kompics, and outlined the software requirements for downloading and installing Kompics.

Chapter 2. Installing Kompics

This chapter describes the software requirements for Kompics, and the steps required to install Kompics. These instructions cover the operating systems Windows (XP/Vista), Linux (all distros), Mac (OSX).

Install software required for Kompics

The minimal requirements for downloading and installing Kompics are *Java (JDK 5.0 update 6 and above)*, *subversion* and *maven2*. However, we recommend building Kompics from an Eclipse environment (Netbeans should also work fine, but isn't discussed here).

For tutorials on how to use subversion and maven, we refer you to:

- Subversion red book [http://svnbook.red-bean.com/]
- Maven2 book [http://books.sonatype.com/maven-book/reference/public-book.html]

Download and Install Subversion and Maven2

The requirements for installing Kompics are:*maven2* and *subversion*. We present two ways of installing subversion and maven: *using the command-line* and *as eclipse plugins*. The easiest way to build Kompics is to use Eclipse plugins. We outline the steps required for installing subversion and maven2 using either approach in the table below, see Table 2.1, “Install Kompics”. Please refer to the subversion and maven2 books above for additional help.

Table 2.1. Install Kompics

Command-Line	Eclipse

For Ubuntu:
 	
`$ sudo apt-get install subversion maven2`
`$ svn checkout svn://small.sics.se/kompics/tags/0.4`
`$ cd 0.4`
`$ mvn install`
 	
For Windows:
 	
• Go to http://maven.apache.org/ and download an install Maven2.
 	
• Download and install a subversion client, such as tortoise/svn [http://tortoisesvn.tigris.org/], and then checkout the Kompics code from our subversion server using the address:
 	
`svn://small.sics.se/kompics/tags/0.4`
 	
. Once you have checked out the Kompics code, you can build Kompics using maven2, by running the following command from the Kompics source code root folder:
 	
`c:\...\>mvn install`
 	
• If you prefer Netbeans, you can generate a netbeans project using the following plugin Netbeans plugin for Maven [http://wiki.netbeans.org/MavenBestPractices].
	You will need to install the following Eclipse tools to build Kompics:
	
	• *Eclipse IDE* (Ganymede version is recommended). You now need to know how to install plugins for Eclipse. For the Ganymede version of Eclipse, you click on `Help->Software Updates->Available Software` . Then click the "Add site" box to add an update site for a plugin.
	
	• *subclipse* - an Eclipse Plugin for Subversion available at Eclipse update site `http://subclipse.tigris.org/update_1.4.x`. It is recommended that you check at least the following boxes for installation: "subclipse", "subclipse client adapter" and the "javahl adapter".
	
	• *m2eclipse* - an Eclipse Plugin for Maven2 available at Eclipse update site `http://m2eclipse.sonatype.org/update/`. It is recommended that you check at least the following boxes for installation: "maven embedder", "maven integration for eclipse", "Maven SCM handler", and the "Maven SCM handler for Subclipse".
	
	In Eclipse, import the maven project from the subversion repository: `File->Import->Other->Checkout Mvn Projects from SCM`.
	
	Then select 'svn' as SCM type, and enter as SCM URL: `svn://small.sics.se/kompics/tags/0.4/`
	
	You should now restart Eclipse, and you will be able to import and build Kompics.

Summary

We specified the software requirements for Kompics and described how to download and build Kompics.

Chapter 3. A Minimal Kompics Application

This chapter shows you how to build a simple Kompics Ping-Pong application. The goal of this chapter is to familiarize you with the basic steps required to build a minimal Kompics application. We do not explain very many details of the source code here, as these details will be introduced later chapters.

See Chapter 1, *Fundamental Concepts* for a basic introduction to Kompics.

Ping (Example 1)

In this first example, see Figure 3.1, “Ping component inside a Root component.”, a `Root` component will send a *ping* message to a `Host` component. `Root` contains the `public void static main` , where a component that sends a `Ping` event to the `Host` component. `Host` has registered a handler, `handlePing`, with its `PingPort` PortType, so when the `Ping` event arrives at `PingPort` it is forwarded to `handlePing`. Finally, `handlePing` prints a message saying received the `Ping` event.

Note

It helps immensely to draw a diagram of your components and their ports along with the ports' polarity. In particular, a diagram will aid you in understanding the polarity of the port based on your context. For example, when you are a client of a Port you have a reference to the Port the opposite polarity.

Also, you should keep in mind the INPUt (Implements Negative, Positive Uses) (Implements Negative, Positive Uses).

Figure 3.1. Ping component inside a Root component.

Ping Event

```
package sandbox.manual.example1;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Event;

public class Ping extends Event {
 public Ping()
 {the
 }
}
```

PingPort Port

```
package sandbox.manual.example1;
```

```
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.PortType;

public class PingPort extends PortType {

 {
  negative(Ping.class);
 }
}
```

Root Component

An alternative (and more common) way of starting this program is to write a `startHandler` for `Root`. When a `Root` component is constructed, its `startHandler` is automatically called.

```
package sandbox.manual.example1;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Component;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.ComponentDefinition;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Handler;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Kompics;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Start;

public class Root extends ComponentDefinition {

 public static void  main(String[] args)
 {
  Kompics.createAndStart(Root.class);
 }
 public Root() {
  subscribe(handleStart,control);
 }

 private Handler<Start> handleStart = new Handler<Start>() {
  public void handle(Start event) {
   Component hostComponent = create(Host.class);
   trigger(new Ping(), hostComponent.getPositive(PingPort.class));
  }
 };
}
```

Host Component

```
package sandbox.manual.example1;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.ComponentDefinition;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Handler;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Negative;

public class Host extends ComponentDefinition {

 Negative<PingPort> pingN = negative(PingPort.class);
```

```
public Host() {
 subscribe(handlePing, pingN);
}

private Handler<Ping> handlePing = new Handler<Ping>() {
 public void handle(Ping event) {
  System.out.println("Received ping..");
 }
};
}
```

Ping-Pong with 2 Ports (Example 2a)

In this example, a Root component will exchange *ping* and *pong* messages with a Host component. The `Root` component sends a `Ping` event to the `Host` component. `Host` has registered a handler, `handlePing`, with its `PingPort` PortType, so when the `Ping` event arrives at `PingPort` it is forwarded to `handlePing`. `handlePing` sends a `Pong` event to its PongPort, which is forwarded to handlePong in Root.

In the examples directory for this manual, you will find a reworking of this example (Example 2b), where we reverse the event directions for the pong port in `PongPortReversed`.

Figure 3.2. Ping-Pong component with two Ports inside a Root component.

Pong Event

```
package sandbox.manual.example2a;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Event;

public class Pong extends Event {
 public Pong()
 {
 }
}
```

PongPort

```
package sandbox.manual.example2a;

import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.PortType;

public class PongPort extends PortType {

 {
  positive(Pong.class);
 }
```

```
 }
```

Root Component

```
package sandbox.manual.example2a;

import sandbox.manual.example1.Ping;
import sandbox.manual.example1.PingPort;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Component;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.ComponentDefinition;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Handler;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Kompics;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Start;

public class Root extends ComponentDefinition {

 public static void  main(String[] args)
 {
  Kompics.createAndStart(Root.class);
 }
 public Root() {
  subscribe(handleStart,control);
 }

 private Handler<Start> handleStart = new Handler<Start>() {
  public void handle(Start event) {
   Component hostComponent = create(Host.class);
   subscribe(handlePong, hostComponent.getPositive(PongPort.class));
   trigger(new Ping(), hostComponent.getPositive(PingPort.class));
  }
 };

 private Handler<Pong> handlePong = new Handler<Pong>() {
  public void handle(Pong event) {
   System.out.println("Pong received.");
  }
 };
}
```

Host Component

```
  package sandbox.manual.example2a;

import sandbox.manual.example1.Ping;
import sandbox.manual.example1.PingPort;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.ComponentDefinition;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Handler;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Negative;
```

```
public class Host extends ComponentDefinition {

 Negative<PingPort> negPing = negative(PingPort.class);
 Negative<PongPort> negPong = negative(PongPort.class);

 public Host() {
  subscribe(handlePing, negPing);
 }

 private Handler<Ping> handlePing = new Handler<Ping>() {
  public void handle(Ping event) {
   System.out.println("Received ping, sending Pong..");
   trigger(new Pong(), negPong);
  }
 };
}
```

Ping-Pong with a Single Port (Example 3a)

We now refactor the section called “Ping-Pong with 2 Ports (Example 2a)” so that `Host` only has a single `PingPong Port`, instead of two ports. This example demonstrates the concept of "two-way event interfaces" (where events flow in and come out of a component).

In the examples directory for this manual, you will find a reworking of this example (Example 3b), where we reverse the event directions in a port called `PingPongPortReversed`.

Figure 3.3. Ping-Pong component with one Port inside a Root component.

PingPongPort

```
package sandbox.manual.example3a;

import sandbox.manual.example1.Ping;
import sandbox.manual.example2a.Pong;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.PortType;

public class PingPongPort extends PortType {

 {
  negative(Ping.class);
  positive(Pong.class);
 }
}
```

Root Component

```
package sandbox.manual.example3a;
```

```
import sandbox.manual.example1.Ping;
import sandbox.manual.example2a.Pong;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Component;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.ComponentDefinition;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Handler;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Kompics;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Start;

public class Root extends ComponentDefinition {

 private Component hostComponent;

 public static void  main(String[] args)
 {
  Kompics.createAndStart(Root.class);
 }
 public Root() {
  hostComponent = create(Host.class);
  subscribe(handleStart,control);
  subscribe(handlePong, hostComponent.getPositive(PingPongPort.class));
 }

 private Handler<Start> handleStart = new Handler<Start>() {
  public void handle(Start event) {
   trigger(new Ping(), hostComponent.getPositive(PingPongPort.class));  }
 };

 private Handler<Pong> handlePong = new Handler<Pong>() {
  public void handle(Pong event) {
   System.out.println("Pong received.");
  }
 };
}
```

Host Component

```
package sandbox.manual.example3a;

import sandbox.manual.example1.Ping;
import sandbox.manual.example2a.Pong;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.ComponentDefinition;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Handler;
import sandbox.se.sics.kompics.Negative;

public class Host extends ComponentDefinition {

 Negative<PingPongPort> negPingPong = negative(PingPongPort.class);

 public Host() {
  subscribe(handlePing, negPingPong);
```

```
 }

 private Handler<Ping> handlePing = new Handler<Ping>() {
  public void handle(Ping event) {
   System.out.println("Received ping, sending Pong..");
   trigger(new Pong(), negPingPong);
  }
 };
}
```

Ping-Pong with a HostPing and a HostPong component (Example 4)

The diagram in Figure 3.4, “A PingComponent and a PongComponent with two Ports each, inside a parent Root component.” shows the same Ping-Pong example factored as two different components, `HostPing` and `HostPong`. The application starts by `Root` sending a start event to `HostPong`, which then sends a `Ping` event to `HostPing`, which then replies to `HostPong` with a `Pong` event.

In the code fragment below, we connect the *positive side* of `PingPort` on `pingHost` to the *negative side* of `PingPort` on `pongHost`, which returns a *Channel* object `x1`.

The code for this example can be found in the examples directory for this manual.

```
Positive<PingPort> pingPosPort = pingHost.getPositive(PingPort.class);
Negative<PingPort> pingNegPort = pongHost.getNegative(PingPort.class);
Channel<PingPort> x1 = connect(pingNegPort, pingPosPort);
```

Figure 3.4. A PingComponent and a PongComponent with two Ports each, inside a parent Root component.

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