

Tutorial: Spring Dynamic Modules

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Agenda

- What is Spring Dynamic Modules?
- Spring Dynamic Modules in Action
- Server-side Applications
- RCP Applications
- Summary



What is Spring Dynamic Modules?

- Project Objectives
- Introduction to key Spring concepts
- Bundles and module contexts
- Application design
- The extender pattern
- Who's using it?



Spring Dynamic Modules is...

- A open source project in the Spring portfolio
 - led by SpringSource
 - committers from BEA and Oracle
 - many non-code contributions from the community and from the OSGi EEG and CPEG

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Spring Dynamic Modules for OSGi(tm) Service Platforms

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Introduction

The Spring Dynamic Modules for OSGi(tm) Service Platforms project makes it easy to build Spring applications that run in an OSGi framework. A Spring application written in this way provides better separation of modules, the ability to dynamically add, remove, and update modules in a running system, the ability to deploy multiple versions of a module simultaneously (and have clients automatically bind to the appropriate one), and a dynamic service model.

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Downloads

GA release - 1.0.1

- Download
- Reference Documentation
- FAC
- Known Issues
- Javadocs
- Changelog

http://www.springframework.org/osgi



Project Objectives

- Bring the benefits of OSGi:
 - modularity
 - versioning
 - lifecycle support
- To enterprise application development



Design considerations (raw OSGi)

- Platform dynamics
 - services may come and go at any time
 - ServiceTracker
- Asynchronous activation
 - service dependency management
- Testing
- Concurrency and thread management



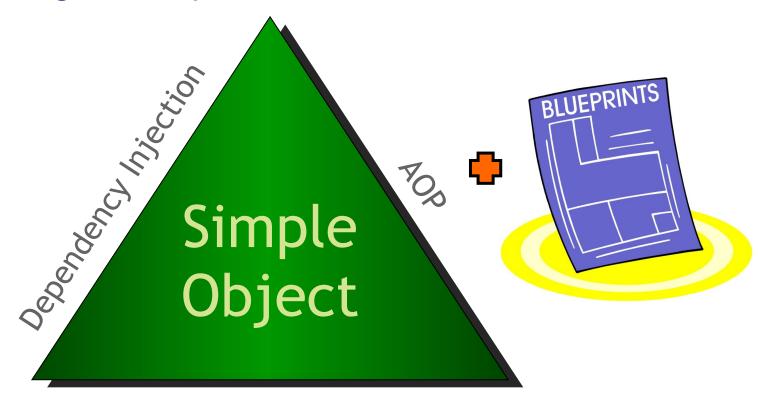
Project Objectives

- The simplicity and power of Spring...
 - with the dynamic module system of OSGi
- Modules need instantiating, configuring, decorating, assembling, ...
- Need an easy way to manage service references between modules
- Easy unit and integration testing

Bring the benefits of OSGi to enterprise applications



Key Spring Concepts



Portable Service Abstractions



The Heart of Spring

- Lightweight container
 - Full stack, simple object based application development
- Works in any environment
 - web-app, ejb, integration test, standalone
- Provides...
 - a powerful object factory that manages the instantiation, configuration, decoration and assembly of business objects

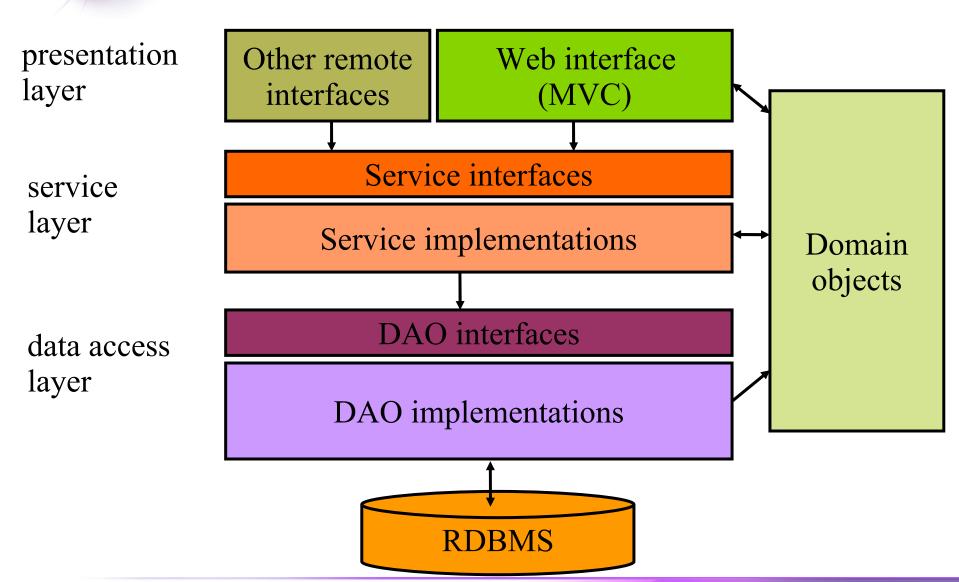


Spring-based development

- View application as a set of components
 - with clear layering
- Each component is a simple object
 - Testable in isolation
- Container manages component configuration and assembly
- Container decorates your components at runtime

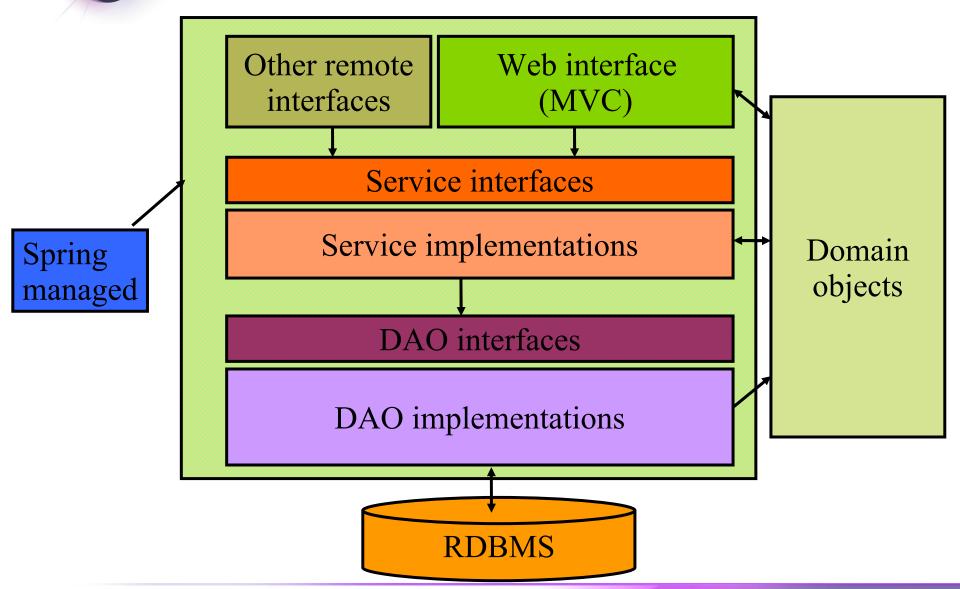


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Spring Framework

- Dependency injection
- Integration with persistence technologies (JDBC, Hibernate)
- Web application support Spring MVC, JSF and Struts
- Enterprise service abstractions
 - Transactions
 - Messaging
- Aspect Oriented Programming support



Without dependency injection

```
public class TransferServiceImpl implements TransferService {
    private AccountRepository accountRepository;

    public TransferServiceImpl() {
        DataSource ds = (DataSource)
            ctx.lookup("myAppserverDS");
        accountRepository = new JdbcAccountRepository(ds);
    }
    ...
}
```

Tied to Jdbc implementation Tied to application server JNDI Hard to test. Hard to reuse



Dependency Injection

```
public class JdbcAccountRepository implements
AccountRepository {
...
Implements a service interface
```

```
public class TransferServiceImpl implements TransferService {
   private final AccountRepository accountRepository;

   public TransferServiceImpl(AccountRepository ar) {
        this.accountRepository = ar;
    }
    Depends on service interface;
        conceals complexity of implementation;
        allows for swapping out implementation
```



Spring Blueprint

```
<bean id="transferService" class="app.impl.TransferServiceImpl">
    <constructor-arg ref="accountRepository"/>
  </bean>
  <bean id="accountRepository" class="app.impl.JdbcAccountRepository">
    <constructor-arg ref="dataSource" />
  </bean>
  <bean id="dataSource" class="com.oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource">
    property name="URL" value="jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:BANK" />
    property name="user" value="moneytransfer-app" />
  </bean>
</beans>
```



Bundles and Module Contexts

- OSGi bundle <==> Spring Application Context
 - we call it a module context
- Module context created when bundle is started
- destroyed when bundle is stopped
- Module components <==> Spring beans
 - instantiated, configured, decorated, assembled by Spring
- Components can be imported / exported from OSGi service registry

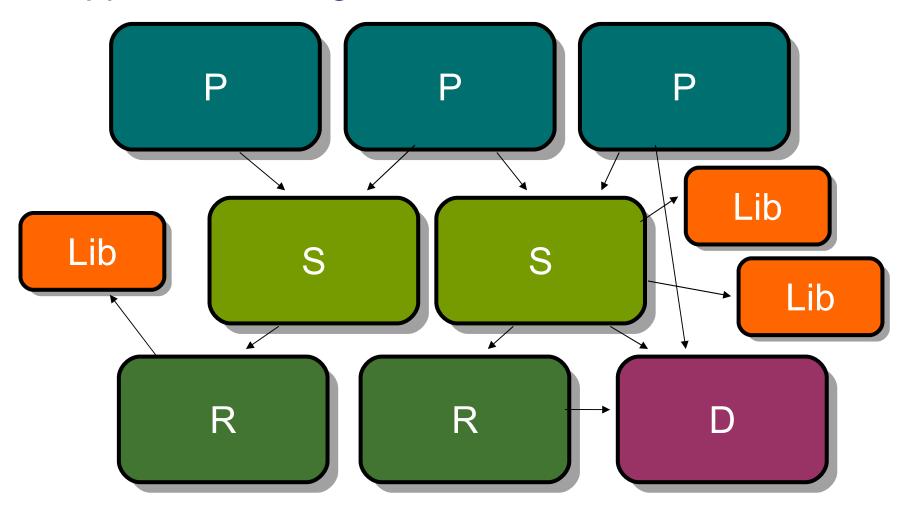


Application Design

- Application becomes a set of co-operating bundles
 - vertical decomposition first
 - then horizontal
- Communication via service registry

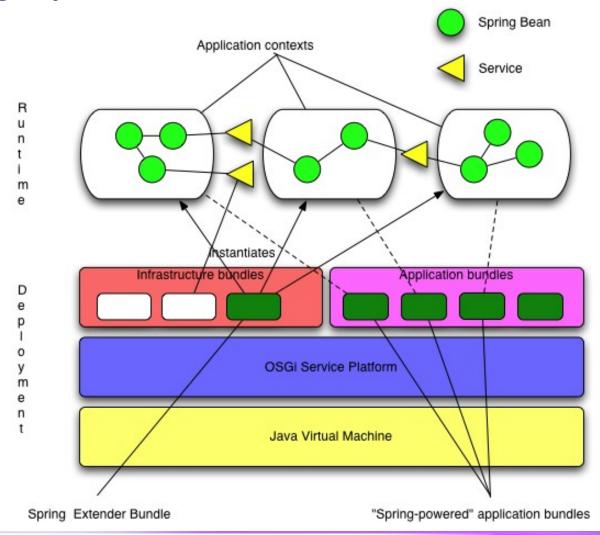


Application wiring





Spring Dynamic Modules





The Extender pattern

- "The OSGi Extender Model"
 - Peter Kriens, Feb. 2007
 - http://www.osgi.org/blog/2007/02/osgi-extender-model.html
- [A]synchronous bundle listener
 - listen to install, update, uninstall events
 - inspect bundle content
 - Take appropriate action on behalf of the bundle
- Spring Dynamic Modules extender bundle:
 - org.springframework.osgi.bundles.extender
 - must be installed and active for module contexts to be created



Spring Dynamic Modules Users

- Oracle
 - building next generation middleware platform on OSGi and Spring DM
- BEA
 - WebLogic Event Server 2.0 built on Spring Dynamic Modules
- Over 1000 subscribers on mailing list



http://groups.google.com/group/spring-osgi



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- Importing and exporting services
- The whiteboard pattern
- Dynamics
- Startup and shutdown

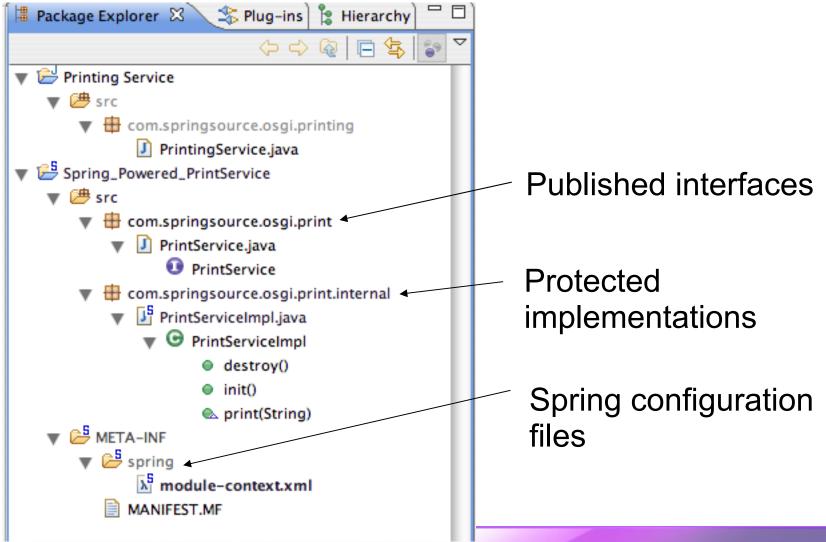


Spring-powered bundles

- Spring module context (app context) per bundle (module)
 - created automatically for you by Spring extender bundle
 - no need to depend on any OSGi APIs
- META-INF/spring/*.xml
- or Spring-Context header in MANIFEST.MF



Demo: Spring-powered bundle





Getting log output

- Spring uses Jakarta Commons Logging
- Commons logging doesn't behave well under OSGi
 - Use SLF4J binding instead
 - Simple Logging Facade for Java (http://www.slf4j.org/)
- Bundles:
 - jcl104.over.slf4j (static binding of jcl to slf4j)
 - slf4j.api (the slf4j API)
 - slf4j.log4j12 (implementation of slf4j over log4j)



Getting log output

osgi> log4j:WARN No appenders could be found for logger (org.springframework.util.ClassUtils).

log4j:WARN Please initialize the log4j system properly.

- Where to put log4j.properties?
 - which bundle is it that looks for this file?
 - how do we make it visible to that bundle?



Getting log output

- Use a Fragment Bundle
 - "Fragments are bundles that are attached to a host bundle by the Framework." - OSGi Core Specification, 3.14

```
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: Logging Configuration Fragment
Bundle-SymbolicName: com.springsource.logging.config
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
Bundle-Vendor: SpringSource
Fragment-Host: org.springframework.osgi.log4j.osgi;
bundle-version="1.2.15.SNAPSHOT"
Bundle-RequiredExecutionEnvironment: J2SE-1.5
```

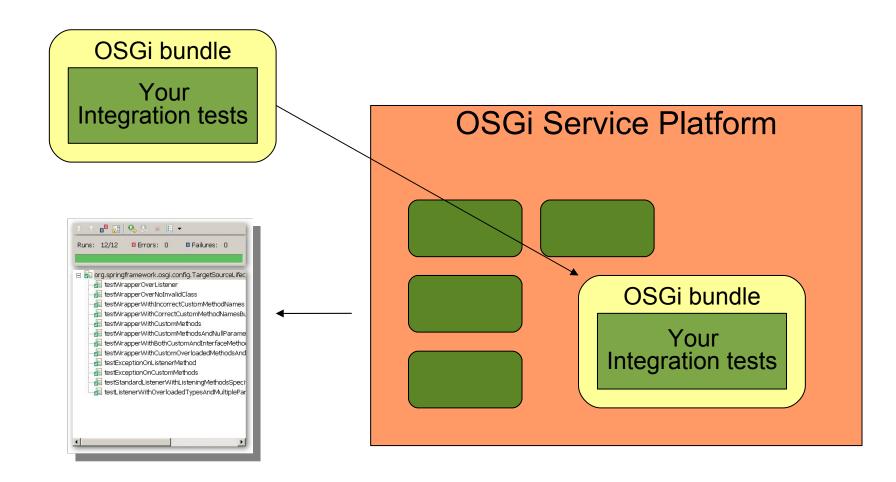


Testing

- Unit testing is easy...
- Integration testing
 - verify module behaves as expected
 - running inside OSGi Service Platform
 - kick-off tests in standard fashion
 - JUnit: IDE, ant, maven, ...
- Spring Dynamic Modules integration test support...



Integration test support





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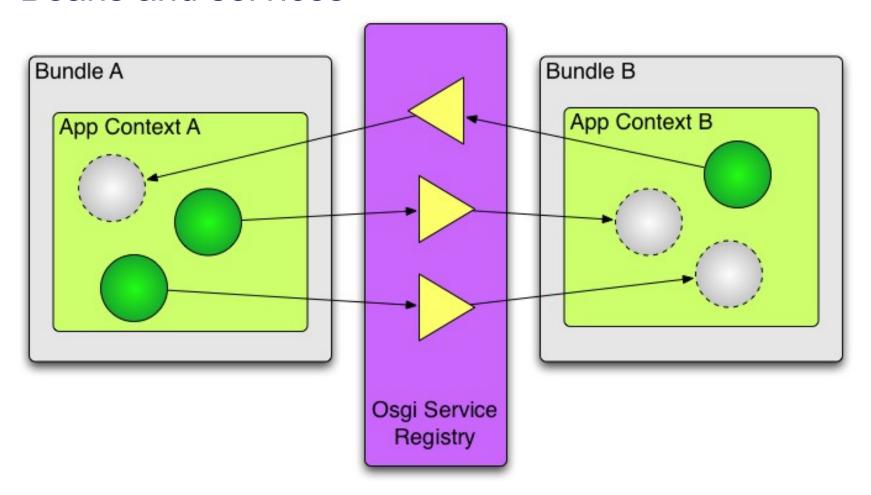


Services

- Your application is constructed as a set of bundles, each with their own module context
- How do we reference beans in other modules?
 - use the OSGi Service Registry
 - advertise public services
 - import references to external services



Beans and services





Demo: service import/export

Exporting context:

```
<bean id="printService"
    class="com.springsource.osgi.print.internal.PrintServiceImpl"
    init-method="init"
    destroy-method="destroy"/>

<osgi:service ref="printService"
        interface="com.springsource.osgi.print.PrintService"/>
```

Importing context:

```
<bean id="printClient"
    class="com.springsource.osgi.print.client.Client"
    init-method="init">
        <property name="printService" ref="printService"/>
        </bean>

<osgi:reference id="printService"
        interface="com.springsource.osgi.print.PrintService"/>
```



Exporting a service

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```

- any Spring bean can be exported as OSGi service
- offers access to the ServiceRegistration object



Importing a service

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<bean id="printClient"
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    init-method="init">
        <property name="printService" ref="printService"/>
        </bean>

<osgi:reference id="printService"
        interface="com.springsource.osgi.print.PrintService"/>
```

- locates the best OSGi service that matches the description
- handles the service dynamics internally



Controlling Service Exporting

- Which interface(s) should the service be registered under?
 - a single interface, use the interface attribute
 - multiple interfaces, use the nested interfaces element
 - Or... have Spring Dynamic Modules calculated the exported interface set for you automatically.

```
<osgi:reference id="printService" auto-export="interfaces"/>
```

auto-export values are interfaces, class-hierarchy, or all-classes.



Controlling Service Exporting

- Service always has service property
 - org.springframework.osgi.bean.name
 - (set to bean name)
- Specify additional service properties explicitly if needed



Controlling Service Importing

- Use filter expressions
 - ◆ RFC 1960: A String representation of LDAP Search Filters

```
<osgi:reference id="printService"
  interface="com.springsource.osgi.print.PrintService"
  filter="(colour=true)"/>
```

- Special attribute bean-name matches on org.springframework.osgi.bean.name property
 - condition anded with filter expression if present
- Can specify multiple interfaces using nested interfaces element.



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The Whiteboard Pattern

- "Listeners Considered Harmful: The Whiteboard Pattern"
 - OSGi Alliance Technical Whitepaper, 2004
 - http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/Links/whiteboard.pdf
- Lifecycle issues around listener registration
- Solution: whiteboard
 - event source is not registered as a service
 - listeners register as services using well-known interface
 - event source uses a tracker to track listener services



Importing a set of services

```
<bean id="printClient"
    class="com.springsource.osgi.print.client.Client"
    init-method="init">
        <property name="printService" ref="printService"/>
        </bean>

<osgi:set id="printService"
        interface="com.springsource.osgi.print.PrintService"/>
```

- locates all OSGi services that match the description
- handles the service dynamics internally
- See also: <osgi:list... />



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Dealing with dynamics

A service bundle...

Service interface types exported [with version information]

Export-Package: a.b.c

private implementation packages

Service implementation – locked away

"Passive" contribution

- types added to type space
- bundles see new version on resolution after install/refresh

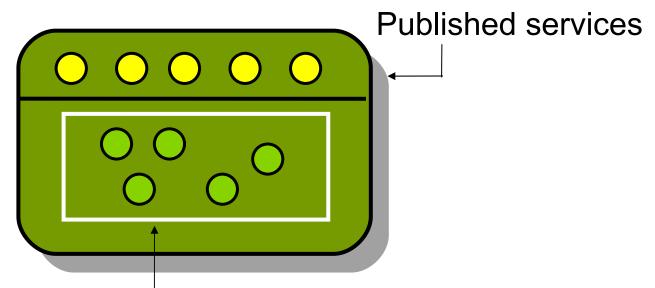


Demo: update vs. refresh



Dealing with dynamics

A service bundle...



Private implementation objects

"Active" contribution

- services published in registry
- bundles see service changes immediately

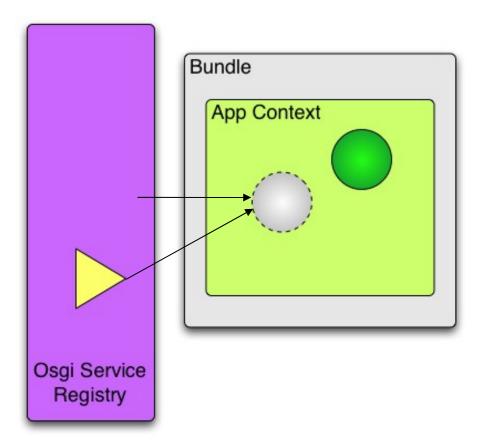


Service Dynamics

- What happens when a service goes away?
 - osgi:reference cardinality="0..1"
 - track replacement and retarget proxy when suitable target found
 - ServiceUnavailableException after timeout if invoked
 - osgi:reference cardinality="1..1"
 - as above, plus
 - unregister any exported services that depend on the unsatisfied reference



Cardinality (single reference)





Registration management

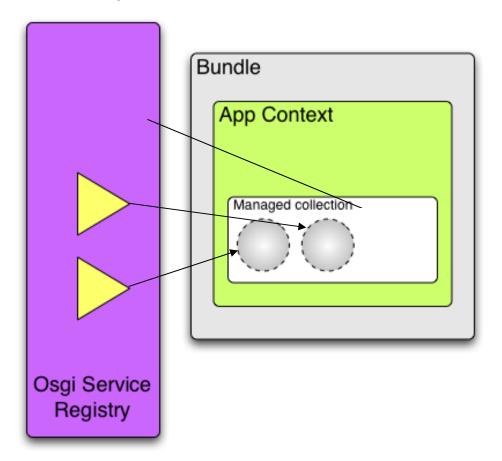


Service Dynamics

- What happens when a service goes away?
 - osgi:set/list cardinality="0..n"
 - service is removed from the set
 - Iterator contract is honored
 - osgi:set/list cardinality="1..n"
 - as above, plus
 - unregister any exported services that depend on the unsatisfied service reference



Cardinality - many





Listening

- You work with a constant reference
 - Proxy / Set / List
- Spring Dynamic Modules manages the target backing service(s) for you
- You can optionally listen to bind / unbind events
- You can optionally listen to register / unregister events



Reference listeners

```
class MyCustomListener {
  public void onBind(PrintService service, Map serviceProperties) {...}
  public void onBind(FastPrintService service, Map serviceProps) {...}
  public void onUnbind(ColorPrintService service, Map props) {...}
}
```



Registration listeners

```
<osgi:service id="printService"
    interface="com.springsource.osgi.print.PrintService">
    <osgi:registration-listener
        registration-method="registered"
        unregistration-method="unregistered"
        ref="printServiceListener"/>
    </osgi:service>
```

```
class MyCustomListener {
  public void registered(PrintService service, Map serviceProps) {...}
  public void unregistered(PrintService service, Map serviceProps) {...}
}
```



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Startup

- Context creation
 - blocks until all mandatory service references are satisfied
 - simply start your bundles and let Spring Dynamic Modules figure it out
- Control via Spring-Context manifest header directives
 - wait-for-dependencies:=[true|false]
 - timeout:=[seconds]
- E.g.
 - Spring-Context: *;wait-for-dependencies:=false



Shutdown

- Module contexts disposed when bundle is stopped
- Stopping the extender bundle disposes of all module contexts created by it
 - First those bundles that do not export any referenced services (in reverse bundle id order)
 - Cycles broken first by ranking, then by service id



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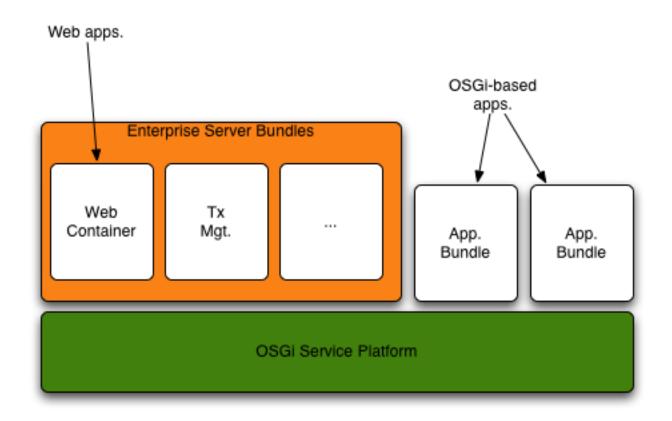


Server-side Applications

- Options for using OSGi on the server-side
- Enterprise library "gotchas"
- Context class loader management
- Petclinic application

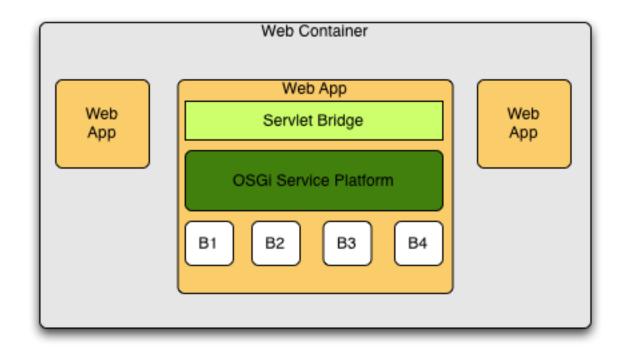


OSGi as a server platform



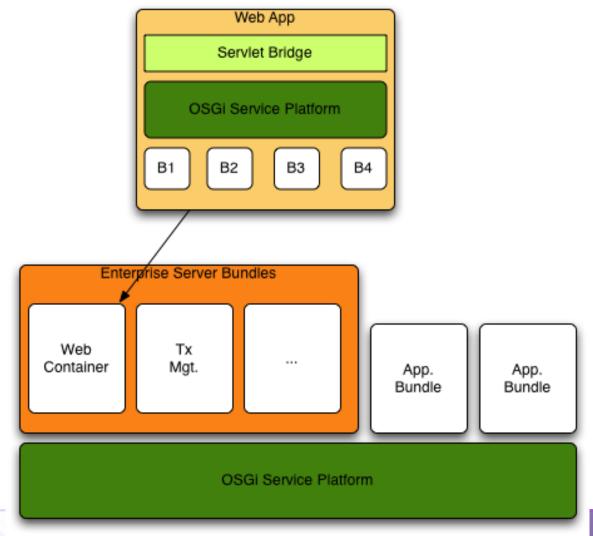


Embedded OSGi





Nested OSGi



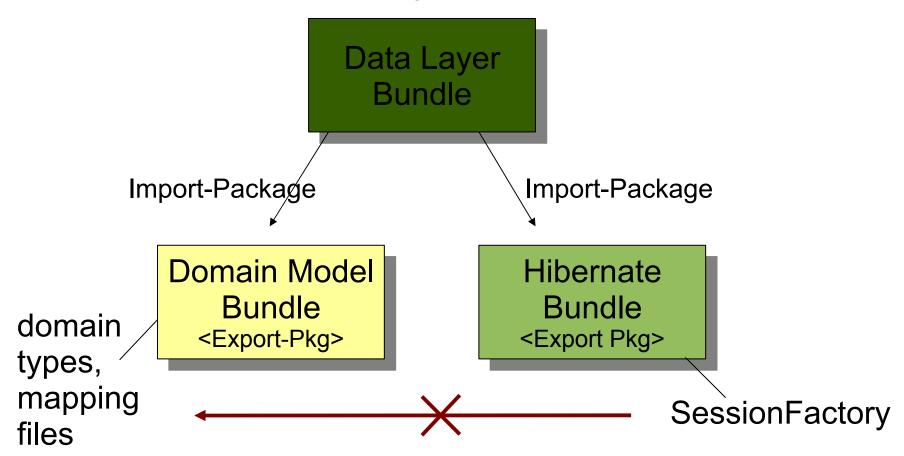


Enterprise Libraries under OSGi

- class and resource-loading problems
 - class visibility
 - Class.forName
 - context class loader
- Good news: Spring 2.5 is OSGi-ready
 - modules shipped as bundles
 - all class loading behaves correctly under OSGi



Example: Class visibility





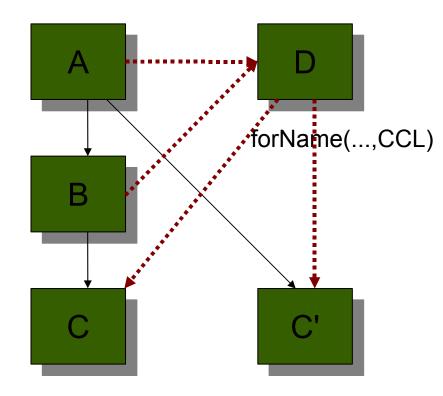
Class visibility solutions

- Dynamic-ImportPackage
 - a last resort, too broad a scope
 - does not affect module resolution
- Equinox Buddy Policy
 - In Hibernate bundle manifest:
 - Eclipse-BuddyPolicy: registered
 - In domain model bundle manifest:
 - Eclipse-RegisterBuddy : org.hibernate
 - Import-Package: org.hibernate
- Attach a Fragment Bundle
 - With required Import-Package headers



Class.forName

- Caches the returned class in the initiating class loader
 - native, vm-level cache
- Can cause class loading errors
- Prefer
 ClassLoader.loadClass





Context Class Loader

- Heavily used in enterprise Java
- Expected to have visibility of application types + classpath
- ContextClassLoader is undefined in OSGi!
 - No notion of "context"; No notion of "application"
- Solutions:
 - Eclipse Equinox: Context Finder
 - Spring Dynamic Modules: CCL management



Context ClassLoader Management

- Context ClassLoader guaranteed to have visibility of bundle classpath when the module context for a bundle is created
- Control CCL on service invocation:
 - client-side (attribute of reference element)
 - context-class-loader="client|service-provider|unmanaged"
 - service-side (attribute of service element)
 - context-class-loader="service-provider|unmanaged"



Web Applications

- OSGi HttpService (Servlet 2.1 1998)
 - registerServlets and resources under aliases
 - programmatic configuration
- Equinox Http Registry bundle
 - register servlets and resources using eclipse extension registry
- OPS4J
 - (http://wiki.ops4j.org/confluence/display/ops4j/Pax)
 - Pax Web (Servlet 2.5, based on Jetty)
 - Pax Web Extender War
- Focus of Spring Dynamic Modules v1.1



Extension Registry

```
<plugin>
 <extension point="org.eclipse.equinox.http.registry.resources">
  <resource
   alias="/files"
   base-name="/web files"/>
 </extension>
 <extension point="org.eclipse.equinox.http.registry.servlets">
  <servlet
   alias="/test"
   class="com.example.servlet.MyServlet"/>
 </extension>
</plugin>
```



Case Study: Petclinic



Petclinic under OSGi

- Spring Framework 2.5 petclinic sample
- Database: hsqldb
- Persistence: JPA (Toplink Essentials)
- Middle-tier
 - context:load-time weaving
- Web-tier: JSP, Spring-MVC
 - annotation-driven approach
- Web container: Jetty



Bundles

- database bundle
 - starts hsqldb
 - exports DataSource
- application bundle
 - exports Clinic
 - uses JPA, load-time weaving
- web bundle
 - registers DispatcherServlet



Demo: db layer



Demo: middle-tier

```
<!-- pull in dataSource from db bundle -->
<osgi:reference id="dataSource" interface="javax.sql.DataSource"/>
<!-- JPA EntityManagerFactory -->
<bean id="entityManagerFactory" class=</pre>
      "org.springframework.orm.jpa.LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean"
      p:dataSource-ref="dataSource">
  property name="jpaVendorAdapter">
    <bean class="org.springframework.orm.jpa.vendor.TopLinkJpaVendorAdapter"</pre>
       p:databasePlatform="${jpa.databasePlatform}"
       p:showSql="${jpa.showSql}"/>
  </property>
  property name="persistenceXmlLocation"
           value="classpath:org/springframework/.../jpa/persistence.xml"/>
</hean>
```



JPA class-visibility

- TopLink entity manager bundle can't see the Petclinic types
- In petclinic bundle:
 - Eclipse-RegisterBuddy:
 oracle.toplink.essentials
- In TopLink Essentials bundle:
 - Eclipse-BuddyPolicy: registered



Import what you Export

- IncompatibleClassChangeError
 - TopLink Essentials bundles javax.persistence inside its jar
- Version seen by TopLink classes different to version used by Petclinic bundle
- Solution: (in TopLink Bundle)
 - Import-Package: javax.persistence, javax.persistence.spi



Load-time weaving agent

TopLink needs instrumentation agent

```
<!--
Activates a load-time weaver for the context. Any bean within the context that
implements LoadTimeWeaverAware (such as LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean)
will receive a reference to the autodetected load-time weaver.
-->
<context:load-time-weaver/>
```

- -javaagent:spring-agent.jar
- Must configure Eclipse to delegate to application classpath first

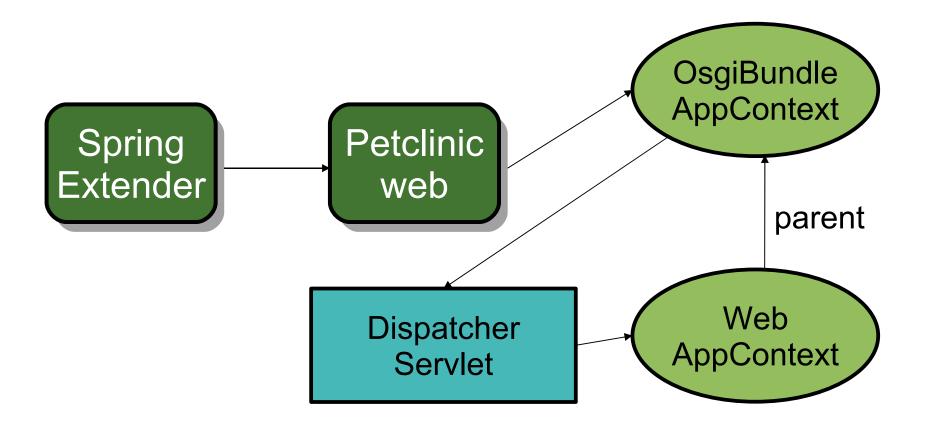


Demo: web-tier

```
<osqi:reference id="clinic"</pre>
  interface="org.springframework.samples.petclinic.Clinic"/>
<osgi:reference id="httpService" interface="org.osgi.service.http.HttpService"/>
<bean id="servletRegistration"</pre>
   class="org.springframework...registration.ServletRegistration"
   init-method="register" destroy-method="unregister">
  roperty name="httpService" ref="httpService"/>
  cproperty name="alias" value="petclinic"/>
  roperty name="jspLocation" value="/WEB-INF/jsp"/>
  roperty name="resourceAliases">
    <map>
      <entry key="images" value="/WEB-INF/images"/>
      <entry key="styles" value="/WEB-INF/styles"/>
      <entry key="html" value="/WEB-INF/html"/>
      <entry key="docs" value="/WEB-INF/docs"/>
    </map>
  </property>
</bean>
```



Web application context





Supporting JSPs

- Register JasperServlet with HttpService
- Bundles:
 - org.eclipse.equinox.jsp.jasper
 - org.apache.jasper
 - org.apache.commons.el
 - java.servlet.jsp



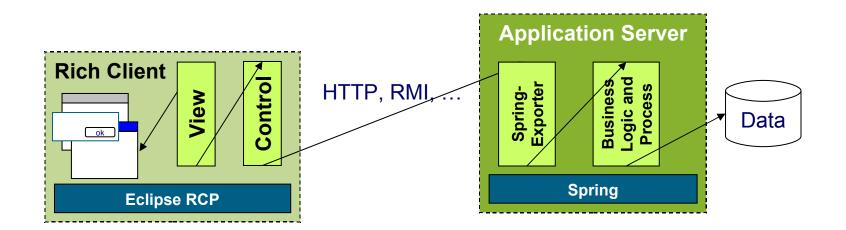
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Pure RCP Client for a Spring Backend

- Server provides REST/SOAP services, client consumes via HTTP
- Server provides services via RMI, client consumes via RMI





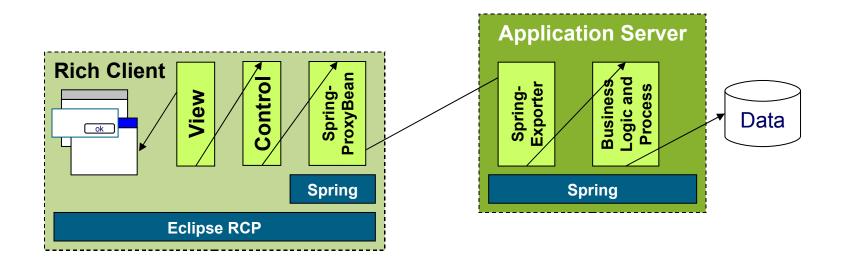
Evaluation

- + Unrestricted usage of Spring on the server
- + Unrestricted usage of RCP on the client
- Different deployment and programming models (OSGi bundles on the client, typical WAR/EAR files on the server)
 - Good for highly decoupled systems
 - Difficult for more integrated systems



RCP & Spring on the Client, Spring Backend

- Uses Spring/Remoting for remote communication
- With all the possible variations (RMI, HTTPInvoker, Hessian, Burlap, etc.)





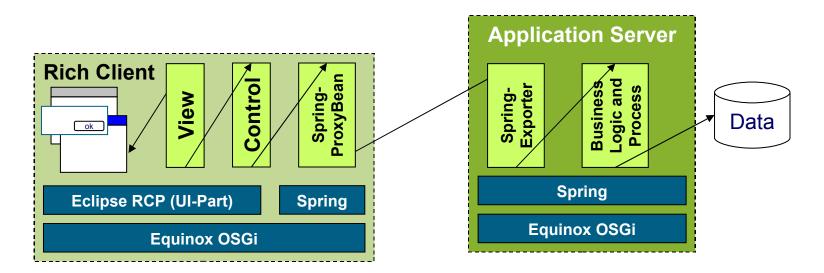
Evaluation

- + Unrestricted usage of Spring on the client **and** the server
- + Unrestricted usage of RCP on the client
- + Easy remote communication via Spring/Remoting
- Still different deployment and programming models (OSGi bundles on the client, typical WAR/EAR files on the server)
 - Although most likely classes are shared between client and server



Spring & OSGi everywhere

- Equinox/OSGi can be used to implement middle-tiers
 - Same component model on both sides
 - Same extensibility for both sides
- Client and server shares components





Evaluation

- + Full OSGi power on client and server
- + Full Spring power on client and server
- Homogeneous programming model for client and server



More Spring on the Rich Client

- Dependency injection and all other technology abstractions usable as well
 - Just straight forward using Spring Dynamic Modules
- How to incorporate this with the Extension-Registry?
 - For example, inject dependencies into views and editors?



Alternative 1: Views with dependencies

- Define the View in the Spring context
 - Using Spring for dependency injection
- Define the Extension using an extension factory
 - Which delegates the creation to the Spring context
- + Dependency injection for general extensions
- Cumbersome manual programming for each extension



Alternative 2: Auto wiring

- Define the View in the Spring context
 - Using Spring for dependency injection
- Add a call to the auto wiring factory from the views constructor
- + Dependency injection for general extensions
- Still some manual extra code for each extension



Alternative 3: @Configurable

- Define the View in the Spring context
 - Using Spring for dependency injection
- Add the @Configurable annotation to the view implementation
- + Dependency injection for general extensions
- No additional code necessary
- Does not work out of the box
- Adds load-time weaving overhead



Summary



Summary

- Spring Dynamic Modules brings the familiar Spring model to the OSGi platform
- Associates module context with a bundle
- Import and export of services with management of dynamics
- A new approach for constructing enterprise applications
- ... and Rich Client Platform applications

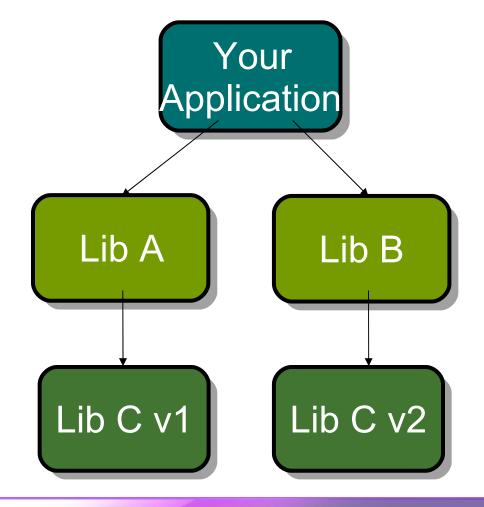


Backup Materials



Versioning

- Packages are imported
 - optionally with version information
- Can have multiple versions of same package concurrently





Try it: versioning

Demo

Versioning Import-Package: org.osgi.framework; version="1.3.0", _com.springsource.printing.lib; version="2.0", com.springsource.datetime ▶

Printing Lib v2

Date/ Time

Export-Package:

com.springsource.datetime

Import-Package:

com.springsource.printing.lib; *version*="[1.0.0,2.0.0)"

Export-Package:

com.springsource.printing.lib; version="2.0"

Printing Lib v1

Export-Package:

com.springsource.printing.lib; version="1.0"



Compendium Services

- supported by the "osgix" namespace
- currently only Configuration Admin service

Support will be extended in future releases