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Routing Your Microservices Traffic



Objective

Role of routing in microservices
Describing Spring Cloud Ribbon
Configuring Ribbon
Describing Spring Cloud Zuul
Creating a Zuul proxy
Zuul route Configurations

Role of routing in microservices

- Rapid Decision Making
- Developer - centric options for public ,private services
- Address cross-cutting concerns
- Offer data aggregation to limit chattiness

If there are failures in your microservices ecosystem, then you need to fail fast by opening the circuit. This ensures that no additional calls are made to the failing service, once the circuit breaker is open. So we return an exception immediately. This pattern also monitors the system for failures and once things are back to normal, the circuit is closed to allow normal functionality.

This is a very common pattern to avoid cascading failure in your microservice ecosystem.

You can use some popular third-party libraries to implement circuit breaking in your application, such as Polly and Hystrix.

Retry Design Pattern

This pattern states that you can retry a connection automatically which has failed earlier due to an exception. This is very handy in case of temporary issues with one of your services. A lot of times a simple retry might fix the issue. The load balancer might point you to a different healthy server on the retry, and your call might be a success.

Timeout Design Pattern

This pattern states that you should not wait for a service response for an indefinite amount of time — throw an exception instead of waiting too long. This will ensure that you are not stuck in a state of limbo, continuing to consume application

resources. Once the timeout period is met, the thread is freed up.

Spring Cloud Ribbon

Ribbon is a client-side load balancer that gives you a lot of control over the behavior of HTTP and TCP clients. Feign already uses Ribbon, so, if you use `@FeignClient`, this section also applies.

Each load balancer is part of an ensemble of components that work together to contact a remote server on demand, and the ensemble has a name that you give it as an application developer (for example, by using the `@FeignClient` annotation). On demand, Spring Cloud creates a new ensemble as an `ApplicationContext` for each named client by using `RibbonClientConfiguration`. This contains (amongst other things) an `ILoadBalancer`, a `RestClient`, and a `ServerListFilter`.

To include Ribbon in your project, use the starter with a group ID of `org.springframework.cloud` and an artifact ID of `spring-cloud-starter-netflix-ribbon`. See the [Spring Cloud Project](#) page for details on setting up your build system with the current Spring Cloud Release Train.

Key concepts –Spring Cloud Ribbon

Ribbon offers : storage of server addresses ("server list"),server freshness checks ("ping") and server selection criteria ("rules")

Activate in code with @LoadBalanced, @RibbonClient annotations

Extend or override by using configuration classes

Configuring Ribbon

Ribbon listed under
"Cloud Rounting" on start.spring.io
[Spring-cloud-starter—ribbon]

Provide list of servers in the code
,configuration or Eureka

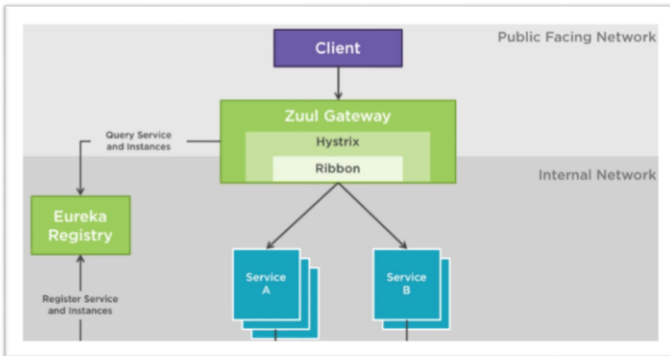
Directly access client,or use
@LoadBalanced RestTemplate

Built-in collection of behaviors
And rules to use or deactivate

Spring Cloud Zuul

Embedded proxy for routing traffic in a microservices architecture .

How Zuul Works :



Spring Cloud Zuul

Choosing a Spring Cloud Zuul Model

@ZuulProxy

Primed for reverse-proxy scenarios
Proxy filters automatically added
Can integrate with Eureka, Ribbon
Additional /routes endpoint

@EnableZuulServer

"Blank" Zuul server
Passthrough requests by default
No service discovery
Add filters manually

Creating Spring Zuul Proxy

Add actuator and
spring-cloud-starter-zuul
references

Optionally add Eureka
for discovery

Backend location can be
URL or service ID

Can ignore discovered
services

Fine-grained control over
path of route

Can trigger refresh of
route configuration

Steps for Creating Zuul proxy with Route

Create new project from Spring Initializr

Annotate class to turn into Zuul proxy

Set up with local URLs, no Eureka

Add Eureka with no whitelisting

Lock down allowable services and experiment with routes

Introduce prefix handling

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