Crnk Cheatsheet

This documents gives a quick overview of the most important Crnk features. The document is work in progress. Please provide feedback what is desired to see.

Make sure to have read the JSON API specification to understand the concepts of resource-oriented APIs and the standards established by JSON API. Also have a look at its additional recommendations.

1. Setup

Crnk integrates with well with many libraries and frameworks. As such every setup might be a bit different. Have a loot at the integration examples and documentation for detailed information. In general it is easiest to setup Crnk with Spring Boot due to its auto configurations. In Gradle it can look like (see spring-boot-minimal-example):

build.gradle

```
buildscript {
    dependencies {
        classpath "io.spring.gradle:dependency-management-plugin:1.0.6.RELEASE"
    }
}
wrapper {
    gradleVersion = '4.10'
}
apply plugin: 'io.spring.dependency-management'
dependencyManagement {
    imports {
        mavenBom 'org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-dependencies:${SPRING_VERSION}'
        mavenBom "io.crnk:crnk-bom:${CRNK_VERSION}"
    }
}
apply plugin: 'java'
mainClassName = "io.crnk.example.service.ExampleApplication"
dependencies {
    compile "io.crnk:crnk-spring"
    compile "io.crnk:crnk-home"
    compile 'org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web'
    testCompile 'org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-test'
    testCompile "io.crnk:crnk-client"
    testCompile 'com.squareup.okhttp3:okhttp:3.4.1'
}
```

2. Resource

A basic resource:

```
@JsonApiResource(type = "tasks")
public class Task {

    @JsonApiId
    private Long id;

    public Long getId(){return id;}
    public void setId(Long id){this.id = id;}

...
}
```

To rename a field:

```
@JsonProperty("alternativeName")
private String name;
```

To ignore a field:

```
@JsonIgnore
private String name;
```

To restrict access to a field:

```
@JsonApiField(sortable=false, filterable=false, postable=false, patchable=false,
readable=true)
private String name;
```

To inherit from another resource (omit resourcePath = "task" to let SpecialTask have its own url):

```
@JsonApiResource(type = "task", subTypes = SpecialTask.class)
public class Task {
    ...
}

@JsonApiResource(type = "specialTask", resourcePath = "task")
public class SpecialTask extends Task{
    ...
}
```

3. Repositories

For more information see here.

To implement a basic repository with in-memory filter using querySpec.apply (or directly use InMemoryResourceRepository):

```
public class TaskRepository extends ResourceRepositoryBase<Task, Long> {
    private Map<Long, Task> tasks = new ConcurrentHashMap<>();
    public TaskRepositoryImpl() {
        super(Task.class);
    }
    @Override
    public ResourceList<Task> findAll(QuerySpec querySpec) {
        return querySpec.apply(tasks.values());
    }
    @Override
    public <S extends Task> S create(S task) {
        task.setId(tasks.size());
        tasks.put(task.getId(), task);
        return task;
    }
    @Override
    public <S extends Task> S save(S task) {
        tasks.put(task.getId(), task);
        return task;
    }
    @Override
    public void delete(Long id) {
        tasks.remove(id);
    }
}
```

4. Client

To query a remote JSON API repository:

```
CrnkClient client = new CrnkClient("http://localhost:8080");
ResourceRepositoryV2<Task, Serializable> taskRepo = client.getRepositoryForType(Task.class);
QuerySpec querySpec = new QuerySpec(Task.class);
querySpec.addFilter(
    new FilterSpec(PathSpec.of("task.assignee.name"), FilterOperator.NEQ, "Joe")
);
querySpec.addSort(new SortSpec(PathSpec.of("task.assignee.name"), Direction.DESC));
querySpec.setLimit(10L);
ResourceList<Task> list = taskRepo.findAll(querySpec);
```

5. Relationships

More information available here

The subsequent example establishes a relationship to Project with the project field. It is backed by a primitive relationship identifier projectId. projectId is always written to the response (SerializeType.ONLY_ID). The project relationship is looked up in the project repository with projectId if an inclusion has been requested and the task repository did not initialize project (LookupIncludeBehavior.AUTOMATICALLY_WHEN_NULL):

```
@JsonApiRelationId
private Long projectId;

@JsonApiRelation(lookUp = LookupIncludeBehavior.AUTOMATICALLY_WHEN_NULL, serialize =
SerializeType.ONLY_ID)
private Project project;
```

An eager project relationship where the project is always returned together with the task as inclusion:

```
@JsonApiRelation(serialize = SerializeType.EAGER)
private Project project;
```

To setup a relationship that is served by querying the opposite side (to get all tasks of a project, all tasks are searched for this project):

```
public class Project{
    @JsonApiRelation(
        lookUp = LookupIncludeBehavior.AUTOMATICALLY_WHEN_NULL, opposite = "project",
        repositoryBehavior = RelationshipRepositoryBehavior.FORWARD_OPPOSITE)
    private List<Tasks> tasks;
}
```

If neither a RelationshipRepositoryBehavior nor @JsonApiRelationId is applicable,

RelationshipRepositoryV2 or rather BulkRelationshipRepositoryV2 can implement arbitrary custom logic to lookup relationships.

6. Information

To attach additional (typically not persisted) information to a resource:

```
class Task{
    ...
    @JsonApiMetaInformation
    private TaskMeta meta;
}

public class TaskMeta implements MetaInformation {
    public String value;
}
```

To add additional links to resources next to the default self link:

```
class Task{
    ...
    @JsonApiLinksInformation
    private TaskLinks links;
}

public static class TaskLinks implements SelfLinksInformation, LinksInformation {
    private String value;
    private String self;
    ...
}
```

To attach links and meta information to lists:

```
class TaskList extends ResourceListBase<Task, TaskListMeta, TaskListLinks> {
}
class TaskListLinks implements LinksInformation {
    public String name = "value";
}
class TaskListMeta implements MetaInformation {
    public String name = "value";
}
class TaskRepository implements ... {
    @Override
    public TaskList findAll(QuerySpec querySpec){
        TaskList list = new TaskList();
        list.setMeta(...)
        list.setLinks(...)
        list.add(...)
        return list;
    }
}
```

7. Exception Mapping

For more information see here.

Mapped Exceptions:

- 400 BAD_REQUEST: BadRequestException
- 401 UNAUTHORIZED: UnauthorizedException
- 403 FORBIDDEN: ForbiddenException
- 404 NOT_FOUND: ResourceNotFoundException
- 405 METHOD_NOT_ALLOWED: MethodNotAllowedException
- 409 CONFLICT: OptimisticLockException
- 422 UNPROCESSABLE_ENTITY: ValidationException and ConstraintViolationException
- 500 INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR: InternalServerErrorException
- 504 GATEWAY_TIMEOUT: TimeoutException

To implement a custom mapping:

TestExceptionMapper.java

```
package io.crnk.test.mock;
import io.crnk.core.engine.document.ErrorData;
import io.crnk.core.engine.error.ErrorResponse;
import io.crnk.core.engine.error.ExceptionMapper;
import io.crnk.core.repository.response.JsonApiResponse;
import java.util.List;
public class TestExceptionMapper implements ExceptionMapper<TestException> {
    public static final int HTTP_ERROR_CODE = 499;
    @Override
    public ErrorResponse toErrorResponse(TestException cve) {
        ErrorData error = ErrorData.builder().setDetail(cve.getMessage()).build();
        return ErrorResponse.builder().setStatus(HTTP_ERROR_CODE).setSingleErrorData
(error).build();
   }
    @Override
    public TestException fromErrorResponse(ErrorResponse errorResponse) {
        JsonApiResponse response = errorResponse.getResponse();
        List<ErrorData> errors = (List<ErrorData>) response.getEntity();
        StringBuilder message = new StringBuilder();
        for (ErrorData error : errors) {
            String title = error.getDetail();
            message.append(title);
        return new TestException(message.toString());
    }
    @Override
    public boolean accepts(ErrorResponse errorResponse) {
        return errorResponse.getHttpStatus() == HTTP_ERROR_CODE;
    }
}
```

8. Filters/Interceptors

- DocumentFilter to intercept the response Document.
- ResourceModificationFilter to intercept changes to a resource.
- ResourceFilter to filter access to resources, e.g. to implement access control policies.
- RepositoryDecoratorFactory to intercept/decorate calls to repositories.

• JpaRepositoryFilter and the specialized JpaCriteriaRepositoryFilter, QuerydslRepositoryFilter to intercept requests to JPA repositories.

Implementations can be available to service discovery or be registered with a Module through Module.setupModule(\cdots).

9. Security

- Setup authentication by providing a SecurityProvider. JAX-RS, Spring and Servlet integration already come with an implementation out-of-the-box.
- Setup access control by using the SecurityModule from crnk-security or implement custom logic with a ResourceFilter. Spring Boot sets up the module automatically if found on the classpath and SecurityConfigurer allows its customization.

See here, a longer topic, no shortcuts here...

10. Data Access

There are a number of ready-to-use repository implementation that can greatly speed up development.

- Use crnk-jpa to access JPA entities.
- Use crnk-activity to access Activiti workflow and tasks.
- Use crnk-meta to get information about resources and repositories themselves.

For more information see here.