

# 6 - OpenFeign with RestTemplate

## Feign VS OpenFeign

Let's compare the similarities and differences between Feign and OpenFeign.

### Same point

Feign and OpenFeign have the following similarities:

- Feign and OpenFeign are both remote calls and load balancing components under Spring Cloud.
- Feign and OpenFeign can do the same role to realize remote calls and load balancing of services.
- Both Feign and OpenFeign integrate Ribbon, use Ribbon to maintain the list of available services, and realize the load balancing of the client through Ribbon.
- Feign and OpenFeign both define the service binding interface in the service consumer (client) and configure it through annotation to realize the call of remote services.

### Different points

Feign and OpenFeign have the following differences:

- Unlike the dependencies of Feign and OpenFeign, Feign's dependency is spring-cloud-starter-feign, while OpenFeign's dependency is spring-cloud-starter-openfeign.
- Unlike annotations supported by Feign and OpenFeign, Feign supports Feign annotation and JAX-RS annotation, but not Spring MVC annotations; OpenFeign supports Feign annotations and J In addition to AX-RS annotation, Spring MVC annotation is also supported.

## OpenFeign implements remote service calls

Next, let's demonstrate how to implement remote service calls through OpenFeign through an example.

(1) Create a Spring Boot module called micro-service-cloud-consumer-dept-feign under DataEngineSwarm and add it to pom.xml The following dependencies.

```
1 <? xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"? >
2 <project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
3     xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
  http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
4     <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
5     <parent>
6         <groupId>com.luxbp</groupId>
7         <artifactId>DataEngineSwarm</artifactId>
```

```
8     <version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>
9 </parent>
10 <groupId>com.luxbp</groupId>
11 <artifactId>micro-service-cloud-consumer-dept-feign</artifactId>
12 <version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>
13 <name>micro-service-cloud-consumer-dept-feign</name>
14 <description>Demo project for Spring Boot</description>
15 <properties>
16     <java.version>1.8</java.version>
17 </properties>
18 <dependencies>
19     <dependency>
20         <groupId>com.luxbp</groupId>
21         <artifactId>micro-service-cloud-api</artifactId>
22         <version>${project.version}</version>
23     </dependency>
24     <dependency>
25         <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
26         <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
27     </dependency>
28     <dependency>
29         <groupId>org.projectlombok</groupId>
30         <artifactId>lombok</artifactId>
31         <optional>true</optional>
32     </dependency>
33     <dependency>
34         <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
35         <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-test</artifactId>
36         <scope>test</scope>
37     </dependency>
38     <!--Eureka Client Dependency-->
39     <dependency>
40         <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
41         <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-netflix-eureka-client</artifactId>
42     </dependency>
43     <!-- Ribbon Dependency-->
44     <dependency>
45         <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
46         <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-netflix-ribbon</artifactId>
47     </dependency>
48     <!--Add OpenFeign dependency-->
49     <dependency>
50         <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
51         <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-openfeign</artifactId>
52     </dependency>
53 </dependencies>
54 <build>
55     <plugins>
56         <plugin>
57             <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
58             <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
```

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59     <configuration>
60         <excludes>
61             <exclude>
62                 <groupId>org.projectlombok</groupId>
63                 <artifactId>lombok</artifactId>
64             </exclude>
65         </excludes>
66     </configuration>
67 </plugin>
68 </plugins>
69 </build>
70 </project>

```

(2) Under the class path under micro-service-cloud-consumer-dept-feign (i.e. /resources directory), add an application.yml, which is configured below.

```

1 server:
2   port: 80
3 eureka:
4   client:
5     register-with-eureka: false
6     service-url:
7       defaultZone:
http://eureka7001.com:7001/eureka/,http://eureka7002.com:7002/eureka/,http://eureka7003.com:
7003/eureka/
8     fetch-registry: true

```

(3) Create an interface named DeptFeignService under the com.luxbp.service package, and bind the service interface with @FeignClient annotation on this interface, as follows.

```

1 package com.luxbp.service;
2 import com.luxbp.entity.Dept;
3 import org.springframework.cloud.openfeign.FeignClient;
4 import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
5 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
6 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
7 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;
8 import java.util.List;
9 // Add as a component in the container
10 @Component
11 // The name of the service provided by the service provider, that is, application.name
12 @FeignClient(value = "MICROSERVICECLOUDPROVIDERDEPT")
13 public interface DeptFeignService {
14     // Method defined in the corresponding service provider (8001, 8002, 8003) Controller
15     @RequestMapping(value = "/dept/get/{id}", method = RequestMethod.GET)
16     public Dept get(@PathVariable("id") int id);
17     @RequestMapping(value = "/dept/list", method = RequestMethod.GET)
18     public List<Dept> list();
19 }

```

When writing the service binding interface, you need to pay attention to the following 2 points:

- In the `@FeignClient` annotation, the value attribute is: the service name of the service provider, that is, the value of `spring.application.name` in the service provider profile (`application.yml`).
- Each method defined in the interface corresponds to the service method defined by Controller in the service provider (i.e. `micro-service-cloud-provider-dept-8001`, etc.).

(4) Under the `com.luxbp.controller` package, create a Controller class named `DeptController_Consumer`, as follows.

```
1 package com.luxbp.controller;
2 import com.luxbp.entity.Dept;
3 import com.luxbp.service.DeptFeignService;
4 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
5 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
6 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
7 import javax.annotation.Resource;
8 import java.util.List;
9 @RestController
10 public class DeptController_Consumer {
11
12     @Resource
13     private DeptFeignService deptFeignService;
14     @RequestMapping(value = "/consumer/dept/get/{id}")
15     public Dept get(@PathVariable("id") Integer id) {
16         return deptFeignService.get(id);
17     }
18     @RequestMapping(value = "/consumer/dept/list")
19     public List<Dept> list() {
20         return deptFeignService.list();
21     }
22 }
```

(5) Add `@EnableFeignClients` annotation to the main startup class to turn on the OpenFeign function, the code is as follows.

```
1 package com.luxbp;
2 import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
3 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
4 import org.springframework.cloud.openfeign.EnableFeignClients;
5 @SpringBootApplication
6 @EnableFeignClients // Turn on the OpenFeign function
7 public class MicroServiceCloudConsumerDeptFeignApplication {
8     public static void main(String[] args) {
9         SpringApplication.run (MicroServiceCloudConsumerDeptFeignApplication.class, args);
10    }
11 }
```

When the Spring Cloud application starts up, OpenFeign scans the interface generation agent marked with @FeignClient annotation and annotates the person into the Spring container.

(6) Start the service registry cluster, service provider and micro-service-cloud-consumer-dept-feign in turn. After startup, use the browser to visit <http://eureka7001.com/consumer/dept/list>,

(7) Visits to <http://eureka7001.com/consumer/dept/list> several times in a row

**Note: Open-feign has the ability to do time-out control. Time out control in open-feign is actually realize by Ribbon. And as mentioned in the previous chapter, we are going to use an independent component to do this. so we are not going to explain how to do this here, for the time being. More doc about how to do these with ribbon will be updated if Xianchen really get some time. Now he'll focus on upgrading the project to Java 17.**