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Fundamentals – Review++

WT 1-1 Import a basic Mule project into Anypoint Studio

Import the starter project

- 1. Start Anypoint Studio
- 2. Create a new workspace
- 3. Import the apdw2-flights-starter.jar project under the studentFiles/mod01

Create new project

4. Create a new project

Creating a new project and copying only the files you minimally need for the class helps in containing the "noise" that is introduced with the starter project. Additionally, there is the extra benefit of not having to deal with students who are having compilation issues with the starter project.

- 5. Create a new project and call it dataweave
- 6. From the apdw2-flights-starter copy the following files over to the new project:
 - (a) src/main/resources/airportInfoTiny.csv to src/main/resources
 - (b) src/main/resources/examples/mockdata/deltaSoapResponsesToAllDestinations.xml to src/test/resources
 - (c) src/test/resources/flight-example.json to src/test/resources

WT 1-2 Fundamentals review++

In this WT the goal is to attempt (I am saying attempt because often enough we have participants who don't meet the prerequisites) to bring everyone at the same level by (1) reviewing fundamentals and (2) illustrating features of DW that we will be using throughout the class

Create the flow, set the metadata

- 1. Rename the dataweave.xml to mod1.xml
- 2. Create a new flow named mod1-review++

The reason for prefixing the flow name with the name of the flow is a best-practice one. Such a convention will improve the readability of your flows by identifying the Mule Configuration file a flow is defined under by just looking at a Flow Reference's display name.

- 3. Drop a DW (aka Transform Message) to the process area of the flow
- 4. Define the payload input metadata to the src/test/resources/flight-example.json, set the name of the type to flight_json
- 5. Edit the sample data
- 6. Turn on the preview
- 7. Change the output to JSON

Construction

- 8. What are the semantics of {} in DW?
 - (a) Object creation
- 9. What are the semantics of [] in DW?
 - (a) Array creation

Fields

- 10. Three different ways of accessing the field airline out of the payload. What are they?
 - (a) payload.airline
 - (b) payload["airline"]
 - (c) payload[0]

Let me let you in a secret: Objects internally are represented as arrays—field access is a façade

- 11. Why DW stores objects as arrays?
 - (a) Because DW is the only language I know of that allows the creation of objects with duplicate field names...

```
{
    a: 1,
    a: 2,
    a: 3
}
```

... and the only way I can access the second and third field is through an index access. But now we have more questions that need to be answered.

- (b) Why would a language allow for such a feature? That is duplicate fields within an object.
 - i. Because of XML, how else you expect to be able to generate XML with tags that repeat:

```
%dw 2.0

output application/xml

"as": {
    a: 1,
    a: 2,
    a: 3
}
```

String concatenation

- 12. Two ways to concatenate strings
 - (a) "The flight is operated by " ++ payload.airline
 - (b) "The flight is operated by \${payload.airline}"
- 13. You have to be careful that the expression inside the \${} returns a string, otherwise you will be getting type missmatch errors.

Conditional expressions

- 14. if then else conditional
 - (a) if (true) 1 else 0
 - (b) if (false) 1 else 0
- 15. Nullity conditional
 - (a) Istinlinenull default "Other value"
 - (b) lstinline"The value" default "Other value"

16. Conditional elements

Array access and Ranges

- 17. Array access
 - (a) [2,6,4,1,7][0] evaluates to 2
 - (b) [2,6,4,1,7][-1] evaluates to 7
- 18. Ranges
 - (a) 0 to 5 evaluates to the [0,1,2,3,4,5] array
 - (b) 5 to 0 evaluates to the [5,4,3,2,1,0] array
- 19. Ranges, Arrays, and Strings
 - (a) [2,6,4,1,7] [1 to -2] evaluates to the [6,4,1,7] sub-array
 - (b) [2,6,4,1,7] [-1 to 0 reverses the array
 - (c) payload.airline[-3 to -1] evaluates to the last characters in the string
 - (d) payload.airline[-1 to 0] reverses the string

Common functions

20. typeOf

This is a great function for debugging-again and it will help us identify the types of data we are working with. We will use it a few times to gain clarity when all else has failed.

- (a) typeOf([])
- (b) typeOf()
- $21. \, {\tt sizeOf}$
 - (a) sizeOf()
 - (b) sizeOf(a: 1)
 - (c) sizeOf(0 to 100)
 - (d) sizeOf("ABC")
- 22. contains
 - (a) [2,6,4] contains 2
 - (b) "ABCD" contains "BC"
- 23. is
 - (a) is Object
 - (b) [] is Array

Expression chaining

- 24. Create an array of integers
 - (a) Do you know what expression chaining is?
 - i. [2,5,3,7,8] map +1map-1
 - (b) We learned all about expression chains in elementary math!
 - i. 1 + 2 3
- 25. This is a good opportunity to briefly talk about the map function
 - (a) Do you know what the map semantics are?
 - i. map is a function
 - ii. map is invoked using infix notation
 - iii. map takes two argments and evaluates to a value
 - A. Left: an array
 - B. Right: a λ (lambda) Expression (aka Anonymous Function). A λ function is a function that you define and apply in a specific context, very similar to an anonymous class (in OOP) that you define and instantiate once.
 - C. Returns: another array whereby every element from the input array has been passed as an argument to the λ function.

Transform XML to JSON

- 26. Create a new flow and name it mod1-xml2json
- 27. Set the input payload metadata to src/test/resources/deltaSoapResponsesToAllDestinations.xml, name the new type flights_xml
- 28. Edit the sample data
- 29. Turn on the preview
- 30. change the output to JSON
- 31. Replace {} to payload
- 32. Explore the structure in the Preview and focus on the objects created with return fields repeating
- 33. Is this a valid JSON data structure?

According to the JSON specification this is a valid JSON. But it is not appropriate. Transform the XML into a JSON collection containing the objects found under return tags

34. Use the ..* selector to perform a recursive search and find fields named return

- 35. Go to the first element in the sample data under the return tag
- 36. Add another return tag with a simple value

```
<return>
 <airlineName>Delta</airlineName>
 <code>A1B2C3</code>
 <departureDate>2018/03/20</departureDate>
 <destination>SFO</destination>
 <emptySeats>40</emptySeats>
 <origin>MUA</origin>
 <planeType>Boing 737</planeType>
 <price>400.0</price>
 <return>10</return>
</return>
```

- 37. Illustrate that ..* performs a breadth-first search and the output contains an extra result all the way to the bottom.
- 38. Use the .* selector to perform a search at the right level—no longer do we receive the next return result.

```
payload.findflightResponse.*return
```

- 39. Restore your sample data by removing the additional nested <return>10</return> XML tag.
- 40. Ensure you make use of the namespace from the input data. Ignoring namespaces is not advised unless you are certain the data will always look the same, you will never have another findFlightResponse tag with a different meaning

```
ns ns2 http://soap.training.mulesoft.com/
payload.ns2#findFlightResponse.*return
```

- 41. Copy all the data from the preview
- 42. Create a new file under src/test/resources and call it flights.json

Transform JSON to XML

- 43. Create a new flow and name it mod1-json2xml
- 44. Drop a DW to the process area
- 45. Set the input payload metadata to src/test/resources/flights.json
- 46. Edit the sample data
- 47. Turn on the preview
- 48. Change the output to XML
- 49. Replace {} to payload
- 50. The error error says Cannot coarse an array ... to a String
 - (a) The problem lies with XML not having any knowledge of arrays but just repeating elements to indicate sequences. No other format that I know of has such semantics, other formats have knowledge and serialization of the array type.
 - (b) We need to proceed by eliminating the arrays
- 51. Create an appropriate XML for just two elements of the inputs

- 52. Set the output to application/dw and identify the internal data structure we must aim for when generating XML
- 53. We need to generate XML for all elements not just the first two, change the code so that we now iterate over the collection of data in the payload

```
%dw 2.0

output application/dw

flights: payload map {
 flight: $
}
```

- 54. Switch the output back to XML results in errors because we are still having an array in our data structure
- 55. Change the output yet again to application/dw
- 56. Eliminate the array by enclosing the map in $\{()\}$

```
%dw 2.0

output application/dw

flights: {(payload map {
   flight: $
})}
```

The semantics of () are the usual precedence operators, however the semantics of parenthesis change when they appear on their own within {} enclosing (i) objects or (ii) arrays of objects to the following: Break every single object into pairs of keys and values. The outer {} are there to construct a new object from all the pairs of keys and values. Hence why we end up with single object containing all the keys and their associated values for each object in the collection.

57. So far we solved this transformation by following a top-to-bottom solution. You can also solve this transformation by following a bottom-up approach.

Change the expression back to just payload and eliminate the array first!

```
%dw 2.0
output application/dw
flights: {(payload)}
```

58. Organize the records around their own tag before we destroy the array and collapse the first level of containing objects.

```
%dw 2.0

output application/dw

flights: {(payload map flight: $)}
```

Note that objects with a single field can have the {} omitted

59. Finally, change the output back to XML

Variables, Functions, Modules

WT 2-1 Organize DataWeave code with variables and functions

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