Regions in Virgo (v0.3)

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The aim is to model how Virgo divides the OSGi framework into a connected graph of regions.

The model will inform the work on **Bug 330776** "Re-implement user region using framework hooks instead of nested framework".

1 Introduction

The Virgo kernel is isolated from applications by the use of *regions*. The kernel runs in its own region and applications run in a *user region*.

Virgo 2.1.0 implemented the user region as a nested framework, but Equinox has deprecated the nested framework support in favour of *framework hooks* which are being defined for OSGi 4.3. **Bug 330776** re-implements the user region using the OSGi framework and service registry hooks.

Framework hooks are used to limit which bundles can 'see' particular bundles and exported packages, and service registry hooks are used to limit which bundles can 'see' particular services. 'Seeing' includes both finding and being notified via lifecycle events.

Rather than allowing arbitrary hook behaviour, we limit the hooks to operate on regions which are connected together with filters.

A region is then a set of bundles and a region can see bundles, exported packages, and services from another region via a connection. Each connection has a filter which may limit what can be seen across the connection. Hence regions and connections form a directed graph decorated by filters.

For example, Figure 1 shows three regions connected by three connections. Each connection has a filter which limits what bundles, exported packages, and services are visible across the connection.

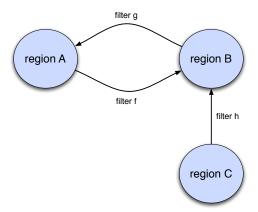


Figure 1: Connected Regions

A connection may be thought of as an import. So region C imports from region B. The imports are filtered, so filter h may limit what region C sees from region B. Similarly region A imports from region B through filter f and region B imports from region A through filter g.

Unlike OSGi package imports between bundles, imports between regions are transitive. So region C can see bundles, exported packages, and services from region A, subject to filters g and h.

1.1 Resolver Hook

The resolver hook limits the exported packages that the bundles in a given region may wire to, depending on the region containing the bundle that exports each candidate exported package and the filters between the regions.

For example, Figure 1.1 shows a bundle Z being resolved which imports packages p and q. Bundle X in region B exports both p and q while bundle Y in region B exports only p.

Region A is connected to region B with a filter that allows only package p to be seen by region A. The net effect is that the import of p may be satisfied by either bundle X or Y but the import of package q may not be satisfied by bundle X since q is filtered out.

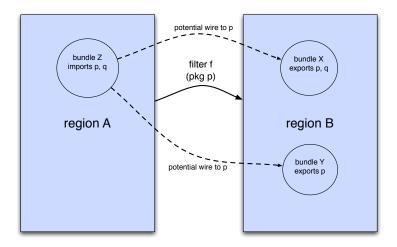


Figure 2: Package Filtering

Another example in Figure 1.1 shows a package p transitively visible through two filters via an intermediate region.

Bundle Z may wire to bundle X or bundle Y for package p, but not for packages q and r which are both filtered out on the way from C to A.

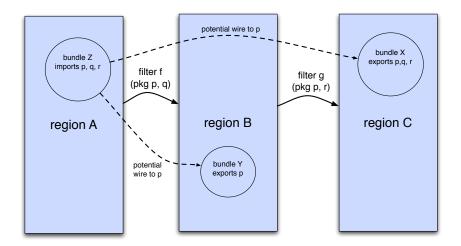


Figure 3: Transitive Package Filtering

2 Basic Types

Some basic types need defining.

Bundles

Bundles are identified by a bundle symbolic name and bundle version, but uniquely identified in the OSGi framework by a bundle location.

```
[BSN, BVer, BLoc]
```

Packages

We abstract the notion of package version and the attributes associated with package imports and exports.

```
[Package]
```

Services

We abstract all the details of services.

```
[Service]
```

Regions

Regions are identified by a region identifer.

[RId]

3 Bundle

A bundle has a bundle symbolic name and bundle version, exports zero or more packages, and publishes zero or more services.

Bundle $_$ name: BSN version: BVer location: BLoc $exportedPackages: \mathbb{P}\ Package$ $publishedServices: \mathbb{P}\ Service$

It is unusual, and usually bad practice, to include the primary key (in this case the location) of an entity in the entity's schema. We do it here to ensure that all bundles are distinct and use this property later when determining which region a bundle belongs to.

We define a helper function for extracting a pair consisting of the bundle symbolic name and bundle version from a bundle.

4 Region

We build up to a definition of a region in several small steps.

4.1 Proto-Region

A proto-region contains a set of bundles.

```
\_ProtoRegion\_
bundles: \mathbb{P} Bundle
```

4.2 Indexed Region

An indexed region adds some indices, and thereby some constraints, to a protoregion.

An indexed region contains a set of bundles each of which is uniquely identified within the region by its bundle symbolic name and bundle version and by its location.

The indices are a function identifying the bundles in the region by symbolic name and version and a function identifying the bundles in the region by location.

```
Indexed Region \\ Proto Region \\ nv: BSN \times BVer \nrightarrow Bundle \\ l: BLoc \nrightarrow Bundle \\ nv = \{b: bundles \bullet (bid\ b) \mapsto b\} \\ l = \{b: bundles \bullet b.location \mapsto b\}
```

4.3 OpenRegion

An open region is an indexed region with some derived sets of packages exported by bundles in the region and services published by bundles in the region.

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\begin{array}{c} OpenRegion \\ IndexedRegion \\ localPkg: \mathbb{P}\ Package \\ localSvc: \mathbb{P}\ Service \\ \\ localPkg = \bigcup \{b: bundles \bullet b. exportedPackages\} \\ localSvc = \bigcup \{b: bundles \bullet b. publishedServices\} \end{array}
```

4.4 LinkedRegion

A linked region is an indexed region with additional sets of imported packages and services.

```
\_LinkedRegion \_
OpenRegion
importedPkg: \mathbb{P}\ Package
importedSvc: \mathbb{P}\ Service
```

4.5 Region

A region is a linked region with derived sets of all packages and all services.

```
Region \_
LinkedRegion
pkg: \mathbb{P}\ Package
svc: \mathbb{P}\ Service
pkg = localPkg \cup importedPkg
svc = localSvc \cup importedSvc
```

A bundle can be added to a region provided the region does not already contain a bundle with the given bundle's symbolic name and bundle version or a bundle with the given bundle's location.

We define some helper functions.

We define a nil region.

```
NIL: Region \\ \hline NIL.bundles = \varnothing \\ NIL.importedPkg = \varnothing \\ NIL.importedSvc = \varnothing
```

Regions with consistent indexing may be combined to produce a composite region using the infix \sqcup operator.

The precondition of \sqcup is that the input regions have consistent bundle spaces, that is no bundle in one region has the same symbolic name and version as a bundle in the other region. Also, no bundle in one region has the same location as a bundle in the other region.

 \sqcup is idempotent, commutative, and associative and NIL acts as a zero.

```
 \vdash \forall \, r, s, t : Region \mid \{(r, s), (s, t), (t, r)\} \subseteq \operatorname{dom}(\_ \sqcup \_) \bullet   (r, r) \in \operatorname{dom}(\_ \sqcup \_) \land r \sqcup r = r \land   (s, r) \in \operatorname{dom}(\_ \sqcup \_) \land r \sqcup s = s \sqcup r \land   (r, s \sqcup t) \in \operatorname{dom}(\_ \sqcup \_) \land (r \sqcup s, t) \in \operatorname{dom}(\_ \sqcup \_) \land r \sqcup (s \sqcup t) = (r \sqcup s) \sqcup t \land   (r, NIL) \in \operatorname{dom}(\_ \sqcup \_) \land r \sqcup NIL = NIL
```

We define the set of all pairwise consistent regions

```
ConsistentRegionPairs == dom(\_ \sqcup \_)
```

and the set of all pairwise consistent finite sets of regions.

```
ConsistentRegionSets == \{f : \mathbb{F} \ Region \mid \forall \ r, s : f \bullet (r, s) \in ConsistentRegionPairs \}
```

Since \sqcup is commutative and associative, so we define a distributed form.

5 Multiple Regions

A system of multiple regions has an indexed collection of regions, a set of bundles known to the system, a set of exported packages, and a set of services. The regions partition the set of all known bundles, the exported packages, and the services. Bundles in the system of multiple regions are uniquely identified by their location.

The system also have a convenience function for determining a bundle's region identifier and a convenience set containing all the valid region identifiers.

Each bundle in the system has an associated region.

```
Regions \vdash dom breg = allBundles
```

This follows easily from $(regionBundles \circ reg)$ partition allBundles.

We expose the convenience function as an operation for determining a bundle's region. This function is well defined thanks to the preceding theorem.

```
GetRegionOk
\Xi Regions
b?: Bundle
r!: Region
b? \in allBundles
r! = reg(breg b?)
```

6 Filters

A filter specifies sets of bundles, exported packages, and services.

```
Filter
bf: \mathbb{P}(BSN \times BVer)
pf: \mathbb{P} \ Package
sf: \mathbb{P} \ Service
```

We define some helper functions to perform filtering.

```
xb : Bundle \times Filter \rightarrow Bundle
xb = (\lambda b : Bundle; f : Filter \bullet
(\mu Bundle \mid
name = b.name \land
version = b.version \land
location = b.location \land
exportedPackages = b.exportedPackages \cap f.pf \land
publishedServices = b.publishedServices \cap f.sf))
fb : \mathbb{P} Bundle \times Filter \rightarrow \mathbb{P} Bundle
fb = (\lambda bs : \mathbb{P} Bundle; f : Filter \bullet \{b : bs \mid (bid \ b) \in f.bf \bullet xb(b, f)\})
fp : \mathbb{P} Package \times Filter \rightarrow \mathbb{P} Package
fp = \{ps : \mathbb{P} Package; f : Filter \bullet ((ps, f), ps \cap f.pf)\}
fs : \mathbb{P} Service \times Filter \rightarrow \mathbb{P} Service
fs = \{ss : \mathbb{P} Service; f : Filter \bullet ((ss, f), ss \cap f.sf)\}
```

We also define the most permissive filter.

```
TOP: Filter
TOP.bf = BSN \times BVer
TOP.pf = Package
TOP.sf = Service
```

We define an infix \wr operator to apply a filter to a region and produce another region.

```
 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline - \wr - : Region \times Filter \rightarrow Region \\ \hline \hline (- \wr -) = (\lambda \ r : Region; \ f : Filter \bullet \\ & (\mu \ Region \ | \\ & bundles = \{b : r.bundles \ | \ (bid \ b) \in f.bf \bullet xb(b,f)\} \land \\ & nv = f.bf \lhd r.nv \land \\ & l = nv \circ bid \circ r.l \land \\ & pkg = r.pkg \cap f.pf \land \\ & svc = r.svc \cap f.sf) \\ \hline \end{array}
```

 \wr is total since packages and services not filtered out which are exported or published by a bundle which is filtered out end up in the resultant region's imported packages and imported services sets, respectively.

The most permissive filter can be applied to any region without effect.

$$\vdash \forall \, r : Region \bullet r \wr \, TOP = r$$

Filters can be applied in any order with the same effect.

$$\vdash \forall \, r : Region; \, f,g : Filter \bullet (r \wr f) \wr g = (r \wr g) \wr f$$

7 Connected Regions

Regions are connected by filters. Every region is connected to itself by the most permissive filter. So the bundles in a region can see all the bundles, exported packages, and services in that region.

8 Hooks

BundleFindHook

We now describe the behaviour of the hooks in terms of the system of connected regions.

```
\Xi {\it Connected Regions}
finder?: Bundle
candidates?: \mathbb{P} \ Bundle
found! : \mathbb{P} Bundle
\mathit{finder?} \in \mathit{allBundles}
found! = candidates? \cap (squash(breg finder?)).bundles
\_BundleEventHook \_
\Xi {\it Connected Regions}
listeners? : \mathbb{P} Bundle
eb?: Bundle
f!!: \mathbb{P} Bundle
\mathit{listeners}? \subseteq \mathit{allBundles}
f!! = \{l : listeners? \mid eb? \in (squash(breg l)).bundles\}
Resolve Hook Filter Matches \_
\Xi {\it Connected Regions}
requirer?: Bundle
candidates?: \mathbb{P} \ Package
filtered! : \mathbb{P} Package
requirer? \in \mathit{allBundles}
filtered! = candidates? \cap (squash(breg\ requirer?)).pkg
ServiceFindHook
\Xi {\it Connected Regions}
finder?: Bundle
candidates?: \mathbb{P} \ Service
found! : \mathbb{P} Service
finder? \in allBundles
found! = candidates? \cap (squash(breg finder?)).svc
ServiceEventHook _
\Xi {\it Connected Regions}
listeners?: \mathbb{P} \ Bundle
es?: Service
f!!: \mathbb{P} Bundle
\mathit{listeners}? \subseteq \mathit{allBundles}
f!! = \{l : listeners? \mid es? \in (squash(breg l)).svc\}
```

9 Z Notation

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\mathbb{N} Natural numbers \{0,1,\ldots\}
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Propositional logic and the schema calculus:

\	And	$\langle\!\langle\dots\rangle\!\rangle$	Free type injection
V	Or	[]	Given sets
$\ldots \Rightarrow \ldots$	Implies	$', ?, !,_0 \dots_9$	Schema decorations
∀ •	For all	⊢	theorem
∃ •	There exists	$ heta\dots$	Binding formation
\	Hiding	$\lambda \dots$	Function definition
≘	Schema definition	$\mu \dots$	Mu-expression
==	Abbreviation	$\Delta \dots$	State change
:=	Free type definition	Ξ	Invariant state change

Sets and sequences:

$\{\ldots\}$	Set	\	Set difference
$\{\mid\bullet\}$	Set comprehension	U	Distributed union
$\mathbb{P}\dots$	Set of subsets of	#	Cardinality
Ø	Empty set	⊆	Subset
×	Cartesian product	$\dots \subset \dots$	Proper subset
$\dots \in \dots$	Set membership	partition	Set partition
∉	Set non-membership	seq	Sequences
∪	Union	$\langle \ldots \rangle$	Sequence
∩	Intersection	disjoint	Disjoint sequence of sets

Functions and relations:

```
\ldots \leftrightarrow \ldots \quad \texttt{Relation}
                                                       \ldots \mapsto \ldots \quad \mathtt{maplet}
\dots \rightarrow \dots Partial function
                                                                     Relational inverse
\ldots 	o \ldots Total function
                                                                     Reflexive-transitive closure
\dots \rightarrowtail \dots Partial injection
                                                       ...(...) Relational image
\ldots \rightarrowtail \ldots Injection
                                                       \ldots \oplus \ldots Functional overriding
\operatorname{dom}\dots
             Domain
                                                       \dots \lhd \dots
                                                                     Domain restriction
ran...
             Range
                                                       Domain subtraction
```

Axiomatic descriptions:

Declaration
Predicates

Schema definitions:

```
__SchemaName ______
Declaration
Predicates
```