

A Taste of Guice

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An email filter

```
class Filter {
    private Whitelist whitelist = new MysqlWhitelist();
    private SpamClassifier classifier = new FarmdSpamClassifier();
    private OutboundQueue queue = new SmtplibOutboundQueue();

    public void filter(Message msg) {
        int score = classifier.getScore(msg);

        if (whitelist.contains(msg.getSender()) ||
            classifier.getScore(msg) < 50) {
            queue.put(msg);
        }
    }
}
```

Issues?

- Coupling
- How do we unit test that class?
 - We need a Farmd cluster, a mysql instance for the whitelist, an smtp server
 - If we're not careful, we'll be sending email out every time the test runs!

Improvement (?): static factories

```
class Filter {  
    private Whitelist whitelist = WhitelistFactory.get();  
    private SpamClassifier classifier = SpamClassifier.get();  
    private OutboundQueue queue = OutboundQueue.get();  
  
    public void filter(Message msg) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Factories

- For each service...

```
class WhitelistFactory {  
    private static Whitelist instance;  
  
    public static synchronized Whitelist get() {  
        if (instance == null) {  
            instance = new MysqlWhitelist();  
        }  
        return instance;  
    }  
  
    public static synchronized void set(Whitelist whitelist) {  
        instance = whitelist;  
    }  
}
```

Issues?

- “decoupling”. Compile-time dependency between Filter and MysqlWhitelist, etc.
- Need to look at Filter implementation to know it depends on quarantine, outbound queue, etc
- Hard to reuse Filter in different contexts.
- Lots of boilerplate: same factory code for every dependency
 - ... and in tests

Testing with factories

```
void testWhitelistPrecedence () {
    Whitelist previousWhitelist = WhitelistFactory.get();
    SpamClassifier previousClassifier = SpamClassifierFactory.get();
    OutboundQueue previousQueue = OutboundQueueFactory.get();

    try {
        MockWhitelist whitelist = new InWhiteList();
        MockClassifier classifier = new MockClassifier();
        MockOutboundQueue queue = new MockOutboundQueue();

        WhitelistFactory.set(whitelist);
        ClassifierFactory.set(classifier);
        OutboundQueueFactory.set(queue);

        Message msg = new Message("sender@proofpoint.com", "recipient@proofpoint.com", ...);
        whitelist.add(msg.getSender());
        classifier.setScore(msg, 100);

        Filter filter = new Filter();
        filter.filter(msg);

        assertTrue(queue.contains(msg));
    }
    finally {
        WhitelistFactory.set(previousWhitelist);
        ClassifierFactory.set(previousClassifier);
        OutboundQueueFactory.set(previousQueue);
    }
}
```

Dependency Injection

```
class Filter {
    private final Whitelist whitelist;
    private final SpamClassifier classifier;
    private final OutboundQueue queue;

    public Filter(Whitelist whitelist, SpamClassifier classifier,
                  OutboundQueue queue) {
        this.whitelist = whitelist;
        this.classifier = classifier;
        this.queue = queue;
    }

    public void filter(Message msg) {
        int score = classifier.getScore(msg);

        if (whitelist.contains(msg.getSender()) ||
            classifier.getScore(msg) < 10) {
            queue.put(msg);
        }
    }
}
```


Testing with Dependency Injection

```
void testWhitelistPrecedence() {  
    MockWhitelist whitelist = new InWhiteList();  
    MockClassifier classifier = new MockClassifier();  
    MockOutboundQueue queue = new MockOutboundQueue();  
  
    Message msg = new Message("sender@proofpoint.com",  
                              "recipient@proofpoint.com", ...);  
    whitelist.add(msg.getSender());  
  
    classifier.setScore(msg, 100); // very spammy  
  
    Filter filter = new Filter();  
    filter.filter(msg);  
  
    assertTrue(queue.contains(msg));  
}
```

DI advantages

- Testability
 - Easier to mock dependent services, less boilerplate
- Modularity
 - Filter depends only on interfaces
 - Implementation of dependent services can be packaged and developed independently
- Explicit dependencies
 - Just look at the public interface of the class

What is Guice?

A dependency injection framework

Questions?

DI with Guice

```
class Filter {  
    private final Whitelist whitelist;  
    private final SpamClassifier classifier;  
    private final OutboundQueue queue;  
  
    @Inject  
    public Filter(Whitelist whitelist, SpamClassifier classifier,  
                  OutboundQueue queue) {  
        this.whitelist = whitelist;  
        this.classifier = classifier;  
        this.queue = queue;  
    }  
  
    public void filter(Message msg) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

DI with Guice

```
public class FilterModule extends AbstractModule {
    protected void configure() {
        bind(Whitelist.class)
            .to(MySqlWhitelist.class);

        bind(SpamClassifier.class)
            .to(FarmdSpamClassifier.class);

        bind(OutboundQueue.class)
            .to(SmtpOutboundQueue.class);
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Injector injector = Guice.createInjector(new FilterModule());

    Filter filter = injector.getInstance(Filter.class);
    ...
}
```

Some benefits of using Guice

- Declarative
 - Bindings can be defined in any order. Guice will figure out who depends on what and construct objects accordingly
- Meaningful errors
 - e.g., missing binding

Exception in thread "main" com.google.inject.ConfigurationException: Guice configuration errors:

1) No implementation for SpamClassifier was bound.
while locating SpamClassifier
for parameter 1 at Filter.<init>(Filter.java:7)
while locating Filter

1 error

at com.google.inject.InjectorImpl.getProvider(InjectorImpl.java:784)
at com.google.inject.InjectorImpl.getProvider(InjectorImpl.java:743)
at com.google.inject.InjectorImpl.getInstance(InjectorImpl.java:793)
at Main.main(Main.java:20)

More benefits of using Guice

- Type safety (compared to frameworks such as Spring)

```
// doesn't compile!  
bind(Whitelist.class).to(SmtputboundQueue.class)
```

```
FilterModule:10: cannot find symbol  
symbol : method to(java.lang.Class<SmtputboundQueue>)  
location: interface com.google.inject.binder.AnnotatedBindingBuilder<Whitelist>  
    bind(Whitelist.class).to(SmtputboundQueue.class);  
                        ^
```

1 error

- Modularity

```
Guice.createInjector(new DatabaseModule(),  
                    new FilterModule(),  
                    new LoggingModule(),  
                    ...);
```

Handling multiple implementations

```
class LocallyCachedWhitelist {  
    private final Database remote;  
    private final Database local;  
  
    @Inject  
    public LocallyCachedWhitelist(Database remote,  
                                   Database local) {  
        this.remote = remote;  
        this.local = local;  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```


Handling multiple implementations

- Can't have more than one binding!

```
bind(Whitelist.class).to(LocallyCachedWhiteList.class);  
bind(Database.class).to(LocalDatabase.class);  
bind(Database.class).to(RemoteDatabase.class);
```

Exception in thread "main" com.google.inject.CreationException: Guice creation errors:

1) A binding to Database was already configured at FilterModule.configure(FilterModule.java:14).
at FilterModule.configure(FilterModule.java:15)

1 error

```
at com.google.inject.internal.Errors.throwCreationExceptionIfErrorsExist(Errors.java:354)  
at com.google.inject.InjectorBuilder.initializeStatically(InjectorBuilder.java:152)  
at com.google.inject.InjectorBuilder.build(InjectorBuilder.java:105)  
at com.google.inject.Guice.createInjector(Guice.java:92)  
at com.google.inject.Guice.createInjector(Guice.java:69)  
at com.google.inject.Guice.createInjector(Guice.java:59)
```

...

Binding Annotations

- “Tagged” dependencies

```
class LocallyCachingWhitelist {  
    @Inject  
    public LocallyCachingWhitelist(@Remote Database remote,  
                                    @Local Database local) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
void configure() {  
    bind(Database.class)  
        .annotatedWith(Local.class)  
        .to(LocalDatabase.class);  
  
    bind(Database.class)  
        .annotatedWith(Remote.class)  
        .to(RemoteDatabase.class);  
}
```

Binding Annotations

```
@Target({ ElementType.PARAMETER })  
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)  
@BindingAnnotation  
public @interface Local  
{  
}
```

Providers

```
bind(Database.class)
    .toProvider(MysqlDatabaseProvider.class);
```

```
class MysqlDatabaseProvider implements Provider<Database>  
    private final Configuration config;  
  
    @Inject  
    public MysqlDatabaseProvider(Configuration config) {  
        this.config = config;  
    }  
  
    public Database get() {  
        return new MysqlDatabase(config.getUrl(),  
                                   config.getUser(),  
                                   config.getPassword());  
    }  
}
```

Provider methods

[illegible]

Scopes

- Policy for reusing objects
 - Default: no scope
 - A new instance is created for every injection site
 - Built-in: singleton
 - One instance per type within an injector
 - Extensions: RequestScope, SessionScope
 - Custom scopes

Scopes

```
class FilterModule extends AbstractModule
{
    protected void configure() {
        bind(OutboundQueue.class)
            .to(SmtpOutboundQueue.class)
            .in(Scopes.SINGLETON);
    }
}
```

Method injection

```
class Filter
{
    private Whitelist whitelist;
    private OutboundQueue queue;
    private SpamClassifier classifier;

    @Inject
    public void setWhitelist(Whitelist whitelist) {
        this.whitelist = whitelist;
    }

    @Inject
    public void setOutboundQueue(OutboundQueue queue) {
        this.queue = queue;
    }

    ...
}
```


Constructor vs method injection

- In general, try to use constructor injection
 - Internal references can be marked as final
 - Immutability (remember the Java Concurrency talk?)
- Use method injection when
 - Don't want subclass to know about parent's dependencies
 - Guice can't create your object (e.g., it already exists)
 - Optional injection

Optional injection

```
class Filter
{
    private final Whitelist whitelist;
    private final OutboundQueue queue;
    private final SpamClassifier classifier;

    private Logger logger = Logger.NULL;

    @Inject
    public Filter(Whitelist whitelist, SpamClassifier classifier,
                  OutboundQueue queue) {
        ...
    }

    @Inject(optional = true)
    public void setLogger(Logger logger) {
        this.logger = logger;
    }

    ...
}
```

Binding instances

```
void configure() {  
    bind(Database.class)  
        .toInstance(new MySQLDatabase(...));  
  
    ...  
}  
  
class MySQLDatabase implements Database {  
    private Logger logger = Logger.NULL;  
  
    public MySQLDatabase(String url, String user,  
                        String password) {  
        ...  
    }  
  
    @Inject  
    public void setLogger(Logger logger) {  
        this.logger = logger;  
    }  
}
```

Binding constants

```
bindConstant()  
    .annotatedWith(HttpPort.class)  
    .to(System.getProperty("http.port"));
```

```
class HttpListener {  
    @Inject  
    public HttpListener(@HttpPort int port) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Advanced features

- Type literals, keys
- Injecting providers
- Multibindings
- Private modules
- Integration with other frameworks
 - Jersey
 - Servlets
- Extensions and SPI

Resources

- Project home
 - <http://code.google.com/p/google-guice/>
- Google Guice book
 - <http://www.apress.com/book/view/1590599977>
- Dependency Injection book
 - <http://manning.com/prasanna/>

Questions?