Design and design decisions

Design diagram

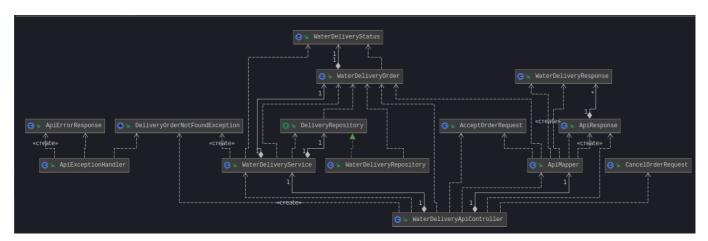


Figure 1: Class diagram

Some design decisions

Representation of dates

Dates across the entire system is Java's LocalDateTime and when printed or serialized is represented in ISO-8601 format.

Water delivery status

WaterDeliveryStatus is represented as an enum with an allowCancel attribute. This attribute indicates which statues can be cancelled, taking away the complexities of if/else conditional statements. It also makes it easy to add new delivery statues without having to change business logic.

Error handling

Maintained a centralised copy of the list of possible errors known to the application aimed at reducing error code duplication. Each error object contains a code and the description of the error can be easily retrieved across the entire system without having to duplicate error descriptions. This can also be used as a customer reference code for back-office investigation in the event that an error occurred while trying to interact with the APIs.

Bulk placing of orders

In the event that one or more entries is invalid while performing bulk placing/cancelling of orders, those valid entries before the rejected entry would be accepted and processed.

Orders in REQUESTED state but past delivery end date

When the application starts up, those orders which are in a WaterDeliveryStatus.REQUESTED state but are past DeliveryTimeWindow.endDate are automatically marked as WaterDeliveryStatus.CANCELLED

Orders in REQUESTED state but are within DeliveryTimeWindow

When the application starts up and during execution, those orders which are in a WaterDeliveryStatus.REQUESTED state but are within the DeliveryTimeWindow are automatically marked as WaterDeliveryStatus.IN_PROGRESS. For example, if the system is actively running from 27-Dec-2019 @ 10:45am to 30-Dec-2019 @ 09:10am, those orders which are active within that time frame is marked as WaterDeliveryStatus.IN_PROGRESS

Batch Date

When developing state machines or systems that are clock/time dependent. There's the notion of a configurable BatchDate. The reasoning behind this is to make delivery order batch processing to be independent of the application clock. In the event that the system/application fails you still want to process those delivery backlogs that couldn't be processed because of system downtime.