Speeding up Jackson 3x speedup

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Background - Norwegian Population Registry

Norwegian Population Registry

- 11 million people (JSONS)
- $\bullet \approx$ 6m active people
- > 60 000 JSONs pr hour

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- Distributor for \approx 1 000 customers
- $\bullet \approx 100$ full copies
- GDPR separate customer data
- > 6 000 000 JSONs pr hour.



Core Idea

OpenAPI-generator

OpenAPI generates Kotlin classes.

Jackson

Jackson uses reflection to create objects from JSON.

Reflection is slow.

Generate deserializer

OpenAPI Specification contains the info needed to generate deserializers.

Therefore we can generate the deserializer.

Jackson: 3 levels of parsing

JsonTokenizer

- Reads JSON as a stream, and divides into tokens
- FIELD, VALUE, START_OBJECT, ...

JsonNode

- Generic tree structure
- Primitives, List<JsonNode>, Map<String, JsonNode>

Custom Objects (Value)

- Primitives, MyObj, List<MyObj>, Map<String, MyObj>
- Uses reflection to map to Kotlin objects
- Reflection is slow

How OpenAPI generate classes

- Include Deserializer data_class.mustache
- Deserializer jackson_deserializer.mustache
- Value deserializer deserialize_value.mustache

Generate Code

```
# Delete old code
    rm -rf ./src/main/kotlin/im/kny/jacksonspeedup/offentligmedhjemmel
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    # Generate code
    java -jar openapi-generator-cli.jar generate \
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        -g kotlin \
        --global-property models, modelDocs=false \
        -c openapi-generator-config.yaml \
        --template-dir ./openapi-templates \
        -i src/main/resources/openapi/freg-api-offentlig-med-hjemmel.json \
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        --package-name im.kny.jacksonspeedup.offentligmedhjemmel
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    # Compile the project
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    mvn clean
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    mvn test
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Validation

Requirement

Reflection and generated deserializers should produce the same mapping.



Performance testing

Speedup

 $2.7 \le \text{speedup} \le 3.2$

Startup time

- \bullet Reflection 800-1400 ms
- Deserializers 250 350 ms

Thank you for your attention

Example-code: github.com/kny78/jackson-speedup/

OpenAPI-generator PR: github.com/OpenAPITools/openapi-generator/pull/13267