CS665 Final Project

API Gateway + Pipeline Pattern

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Project Introduction

Project Background
New Patterns and Goals

- New design patterns I used:
  - API Gateway
  - Pipeline
- Re-make of earlier project for CS622
- Original project was a Spring boot backend, with JS Chatbot front-end
- Still interesting problem to solve - ETL and big data processing is something I do at work

Overview

What was wrong with the original project?

- The original project was very messy
- Monolith class that handled most of the orchestration
- Data load and parsing was very hard to understand and debug
- Search methods were confusing

Goals

What was I solving for?

- Make the project more extensible
- Improve readability of the data load + parsing process
- Make it easier to implement different searching algorithms
- Loosen the coupling between databases and parsing

What does the application do?

XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
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```
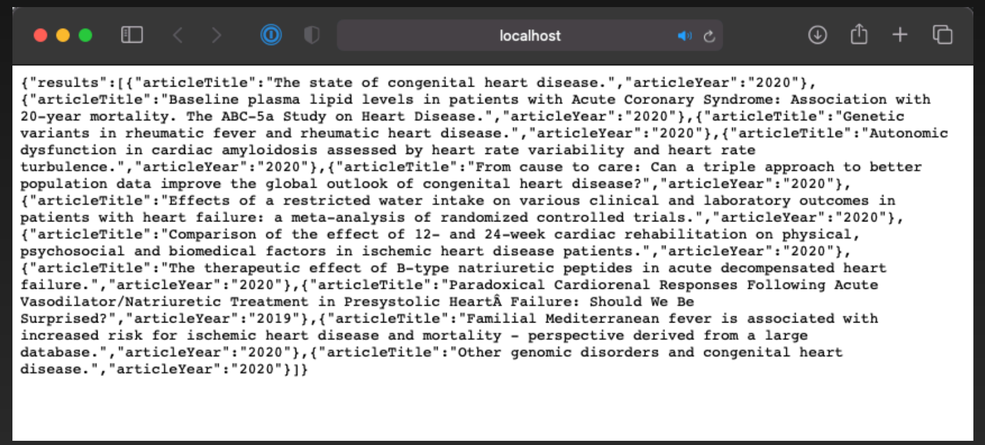
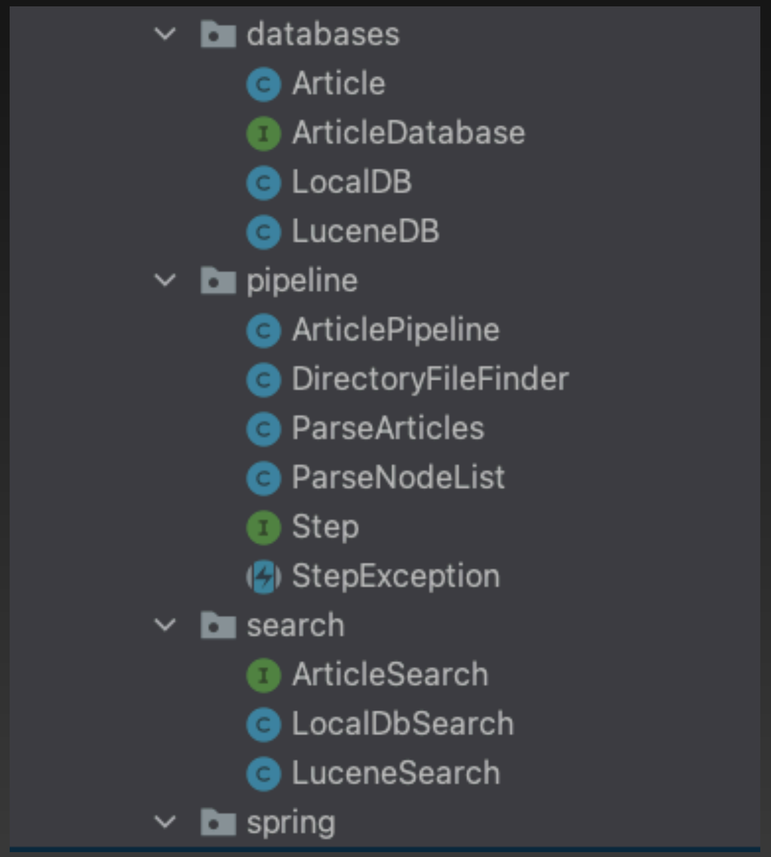

JSON Via REST API



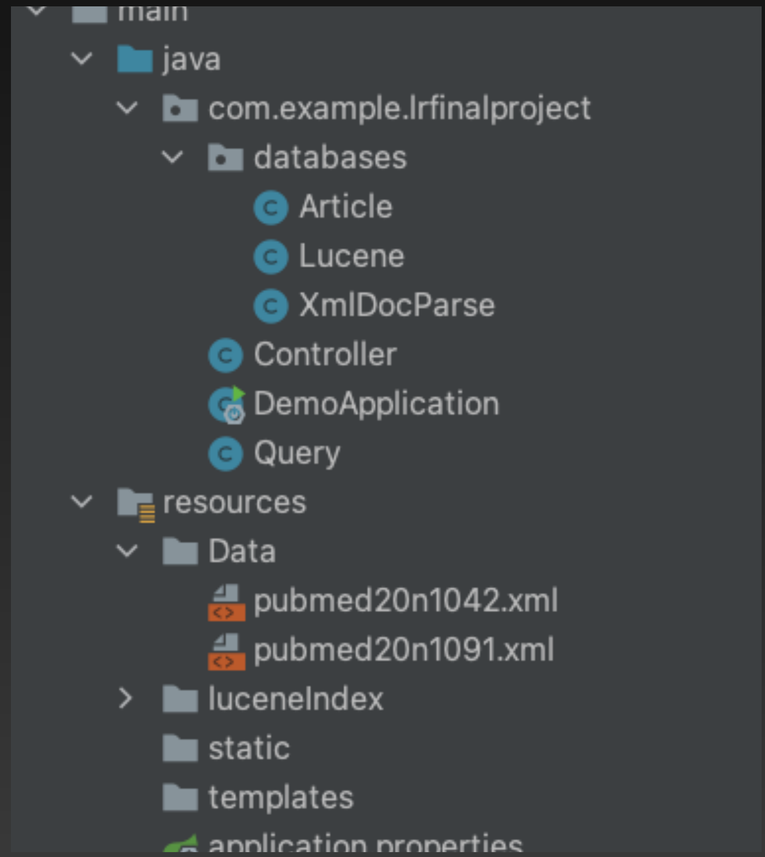
New

- More, but simpler and clearly defined classes
- Easy to understand how elements fit together



Orignal

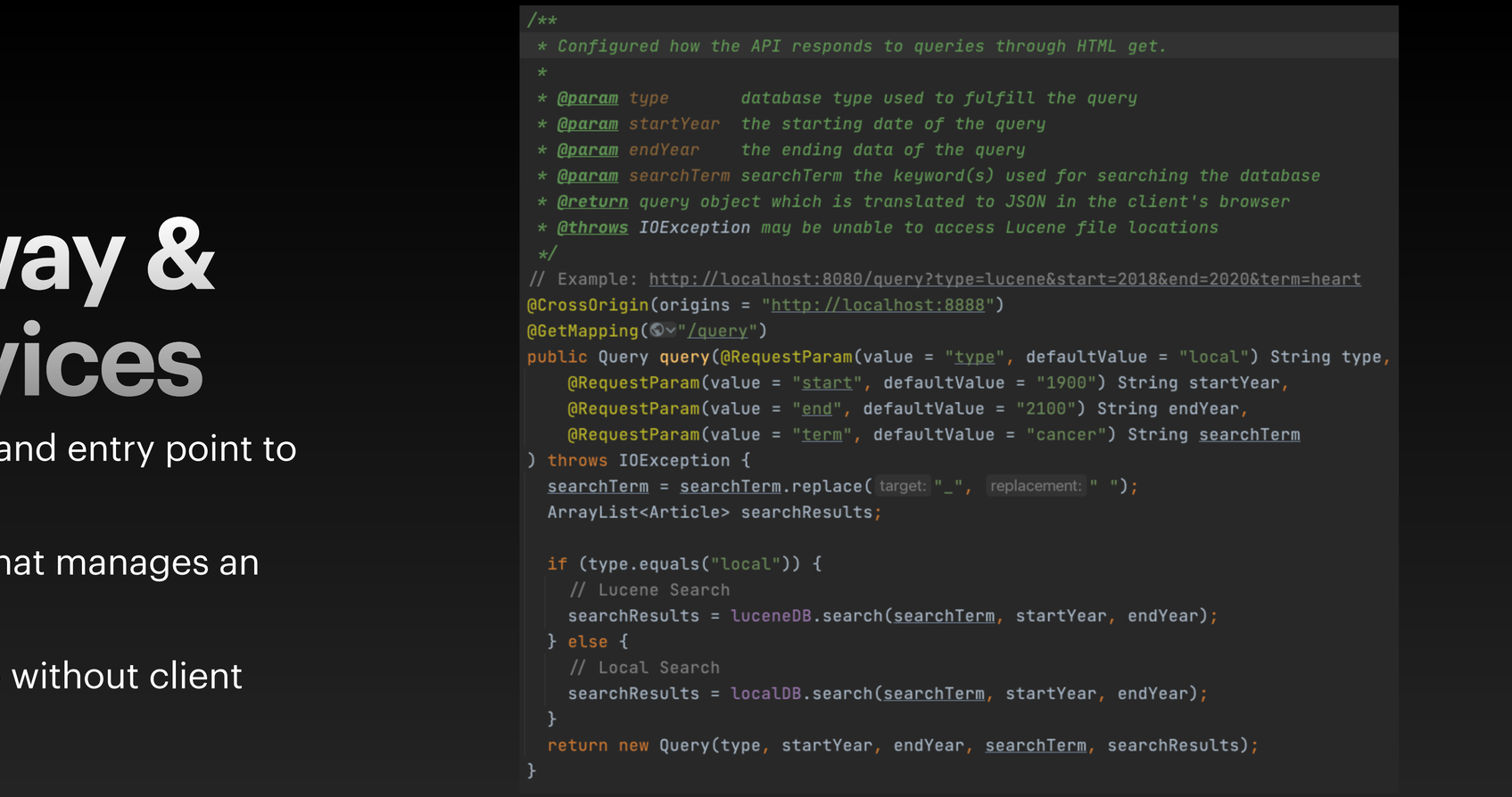
- Fewer, more complex classes
- Hard to understand how elements fit together



New Patterns

API Gateway & Microservices

- Provides overarching structure and entry point to application
- Simple endpoint for the client that manages an aggregation of microservices
- Allows microservices to change without client needing to change, too
- Utilizes Spring Boot
- **RE**presentational **S**tate **T**ransfer REST API
  - Stateless
  - Uniform
  - Client-server
  - Layered



```java
/**
 * Configured how the API responds to queries through HTML get.
 *
 * @param type       database type used to fulfill the query
 * @param startYear  the starting date of the query
 * @param endYear    the ending data of the query
 * @param searchTerm searchTerm the keyword(s) used for searching the database
 * @return query object which is translated to JSON in the client's browser
 * @throws IOException may be unable to access Lucene file locations
 */
// Example: http://localhost:8080/query?type=lucene&start=2018&end=2020&term=heart
@CrossOrigin(origins = "http://localhost:8888")
@GetMapping("/query")
public Query query(@RequestParam(value = "type", defaultValue = "local") String type,
    @RequestParam(value = "start", defaultValue = "1900") String startYear,
    @RequestParam(value = "end", defaultValue = "2100") String endYear,
    @RequestParam(value = "term", defaultValue = "cancer") String searchTerm
) throws IOException {
  searchTerm = searchTerm.replace( target: "_",  replacement: " ");
  ArrayList<Article> searchResults;

  if (type.equals("local")) {
    // Lucene Search
    searchResults = luceneDB.search(searchTerm, startYear, endYear);
  } else {
    // Local Search
    searchResults = localDB.search(searchTerm, startYear, endYear);
  }
  return new Query(type, startYear, endYear, searchTerm, searchResults);
}
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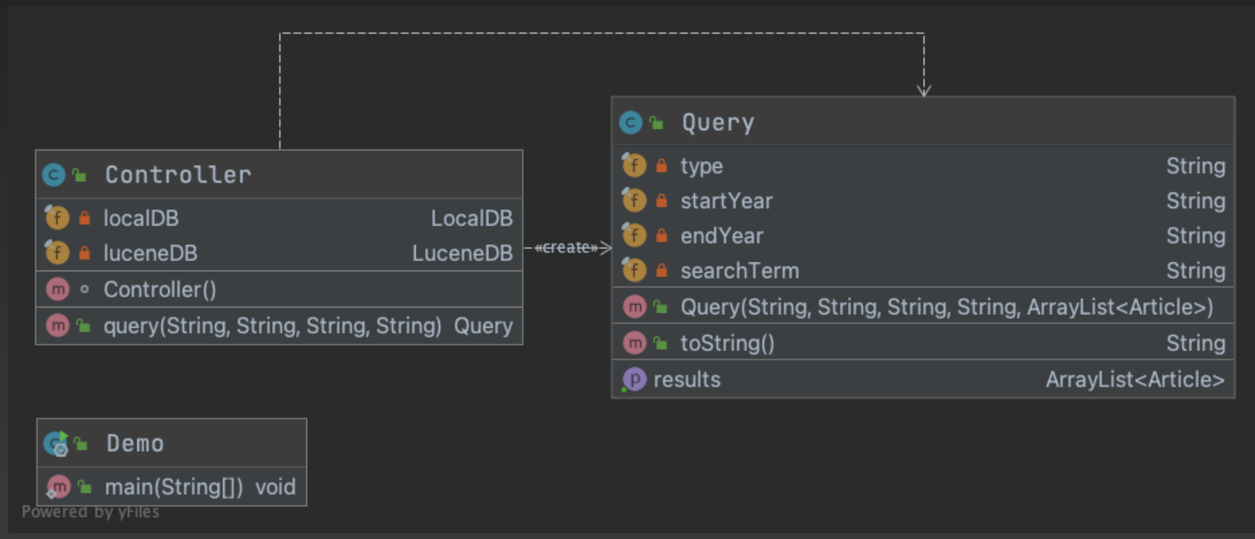

Pipeline
New Pattern

- Behavioral pattern
- Improves Modularity
- Functional Java
- Used for XML parsing data pipeline
- Enables processing of data in stages, with each step feeding directly to the next.

Benefits:

- Enhanced troubleshooting
- Readability of complex processes
- Supports the use of the Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

```java
/**
 * Cycle through the article pipeline.
 *
 * @param newStep new step that will be added to the end of the pipeline
 * @param <K>     output if the new step
 * @return creates new article pipeline with added step
 */
public <K> ArticlePipeline<I, K> addStep(Step<O, K> newStep) {
  return new ArticlePipeline<>(input -> newStep.process(currentStep.process(input)));
}
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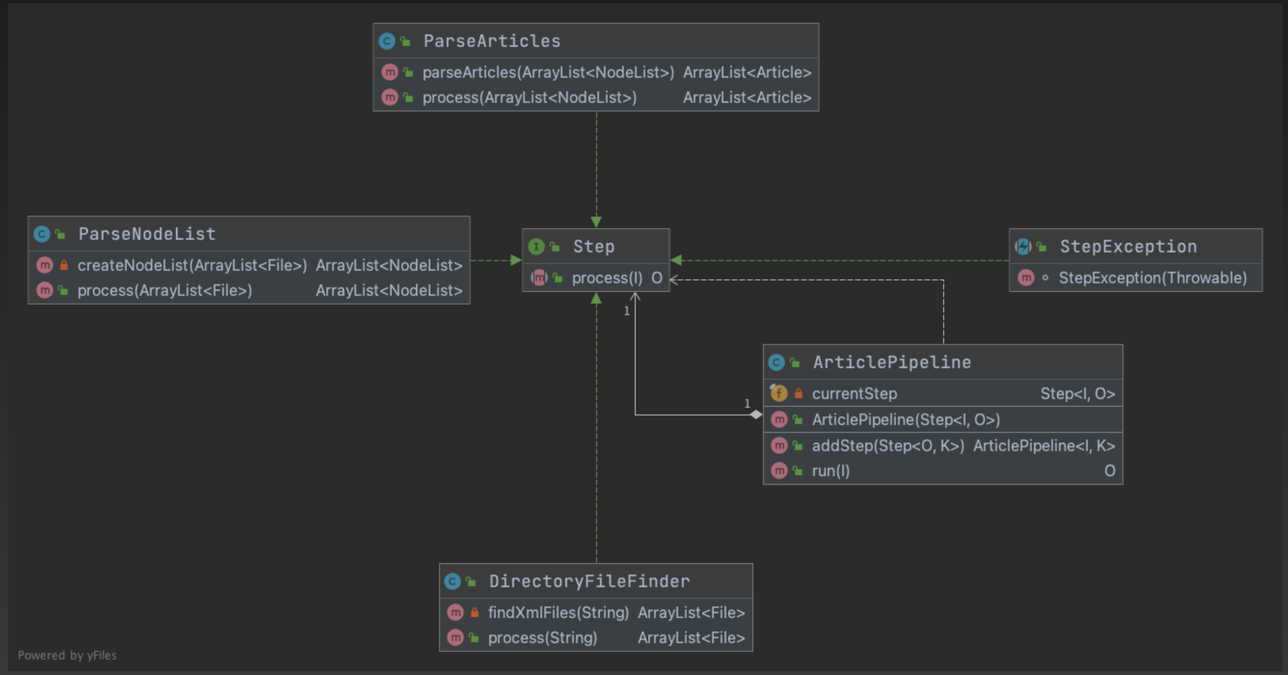
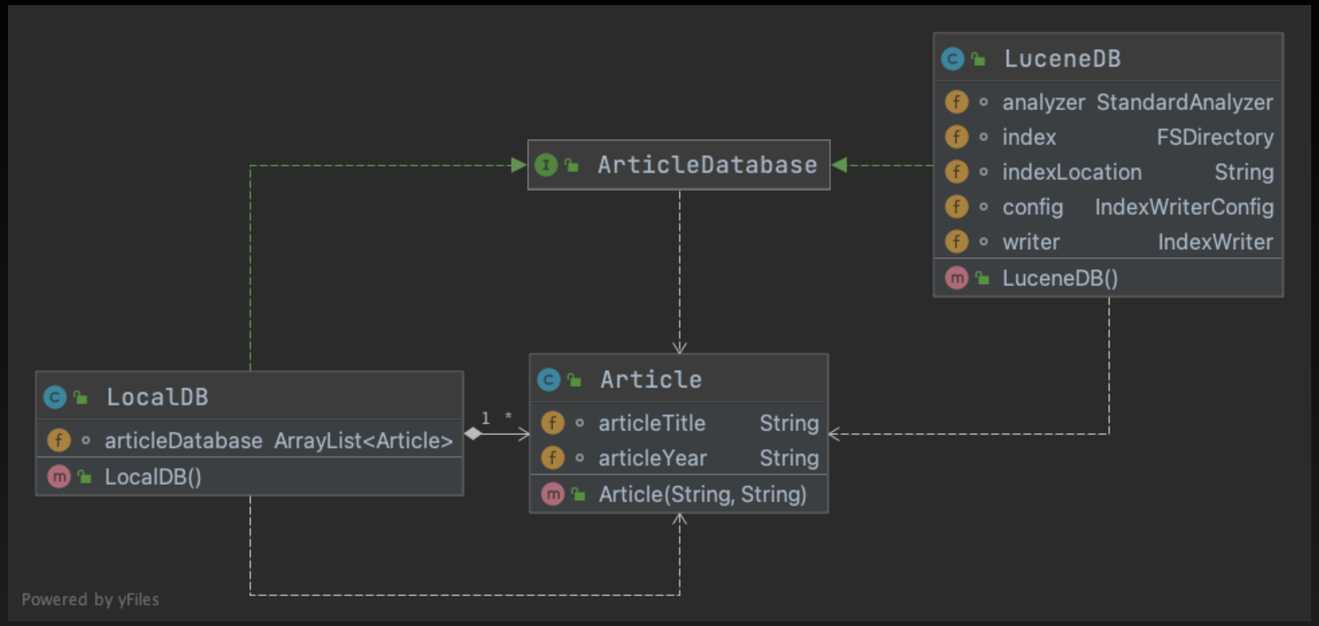
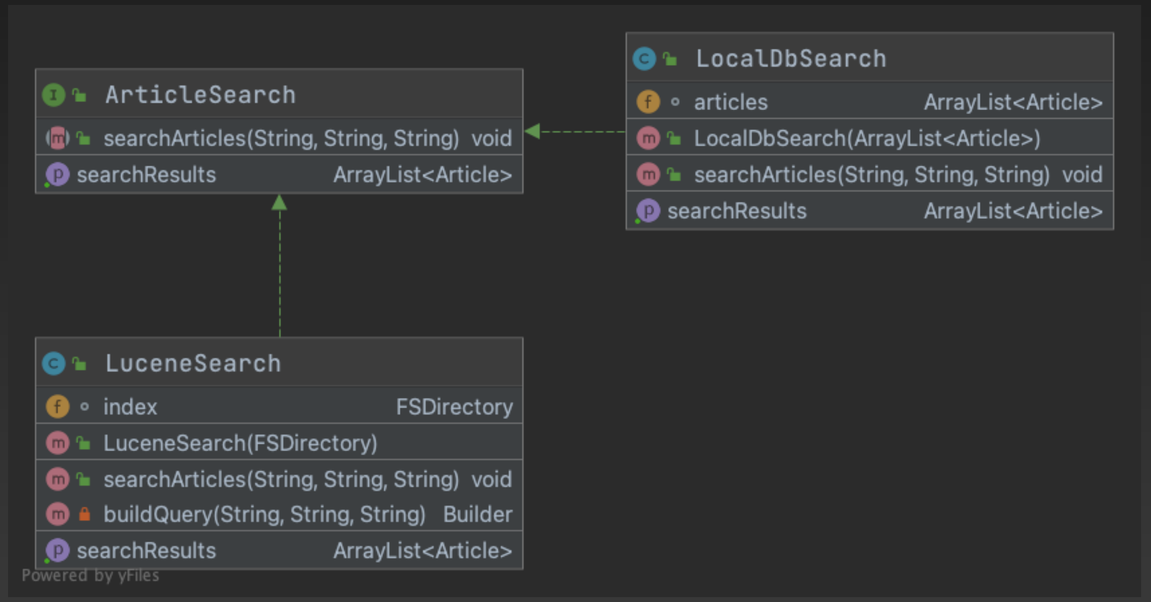


Other Patterns
Strategy + Facade

- The strategy pattern is used for different searching behaviors
- Database provides the context for the search strategy
- The database classes act as a facade for additional search complexity
- Where search items and indexes are passed to the search methods, which also utilize the Strategy pattern





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