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**API Gateway Configuration - Every Line Explained**

**🎯 What is This File?**

This is a **configuration file** written in **YAML** (a human-readable data format) that tells your API Gateway how to behave. Think of it as the instruction manual for your gateway.

**📡 SERVER SECTION**

server:

port: 8086

**Explanation:**

* server: - This section defines server-level settings
* port: - The network port number where your gateway listens for incoming requests
* 8086 - Your gateway will run on port 8086 (like an apartment number where clients can reach your gateway)
* **Real-world analogy:** Like setting your shop's street address to "8086 Main Street"

**🏷️ SPRING APPLICATION SECTION**

spring:

application:

name: api-gateway

**Explanation:**

* spring: - All Spring Framework configurations go under this
* application: - Application-level settings
* name: - The unique identifier for this service
* api-gateway - This service will be known as "api-gateway" in your microservices network
* **Why it matters:** Other services will use this name to communicate with your gateway

**🗄️ REDIS SECTION**

**What is Redis?**

Redis is an **in-memory database** used here for storing rate limiting information (tracking how many requests each user makes).

spring:

redis:

host: localhost

port: 6379

timeout: 2000ms

**Line-by-line:**

* redis: - Redis database configuration
* host: localhost - Redis is running on the same computer (localhost = this computer)
* port: 6379 - Redis listens on port 6379 (Redis's default port)
* timeout: 2000ms - If Redis doesn't respond within 2000 milliseconds (2 seconds), give up
* ms = milliseconds (1000ms = 1 second)

**Connection Pool**

lettuce:

pool:

max-active: 8

max-idle: 8

min-idle: 0

**Explanation:**

* lettuce: - Lettuce is the **Redis client library** (the software that connects to Redis)
* pool: - A "pool" is a collection of reusable connections (like having multiple phone lines)
* max-active: 8 - Maximum of 8 simultaneous connections to Redis
* max-idle: 8 - Keep up to 8 connections open even when not in use (ready to use)
* min-idle: 0 - Minimum idle connections (0 = can close all connections when not needed)

**Analogy:** Like having 8 checkout lanes at a store - all can be open (max-active), 8 can stay ready when slow (max-idle), or all can close when empty (min-idle: 0)

**🌥️ CLOUD GATEWAY SECTION**

**Service Discovery**

spring:

cloud:

gateway:

discovery:

locator:

enabled: true

lower-case-service-id: true

**Explanation:**

* cloud: - Spring Cloud features
* gateway: - API Gateway specific settings
* discovery: - Service discovery settings
* locator: - The component that finds other services
* enabled: true - Turn on automatic service discovery
  + **What this means:** Gateway can automatically find and route to services registered in Eureka
* lower-case-service-id: true - Convert all service names to lowercase
  + **Example:** "USER-SERVICE" becomes "user-service" in URLs

**HTTP Client Configuration**

httpclient:

connect-timeout: 5000

response-timeout: 30s

**Explanation:**

* httpclient: - Configuration for the HTTP client (how gateway makes requests)
* connect-timeout: 5000 - Wait maximum 5000 milliseconds (5 seconds) to establish a connection
  + **What happens:** If a service doesn't respond within 5 seconds when connecting, give up
* response-timeout: 30s - Wait maximum 30 seconds for a complete response
  + s = seconds
  + **What happens:** If a service takes more than 30 seconds to respond, timeout

**🛤️ ROUTES SECTION**

**What is a Route?**

A **route** is a rule that says: "When a request comes in with this pattern, send it to this service"

routes:

- id: user-service

**Explanation:**

* routes: - List of routing rules
* - - This dash means "start of a list item" in YAML
* id: user-service - Unique name for this route (identifier)

**URI (Destination)**

uri: lb://USER-SERVICE

**Explanation:**

* uri: - Uniform Resource Identifier (where to send the request)
* lb:// - "Load Balancer" protocol
  + **What this means:** Distribute requests across multiple instances
* USER-SERVICE - Name of the target service in Eureka
* **Full meaning:** Send requests to USER-SERVICE using load balancing

**Predicates (Conditions)**

predicates:

- Path=/auth/\*\*

- Method=GET,POST,PUT,DELETE

**Explanation:**

* predicates: - Conditions that must be true for this route to match
* Path=/auth/\*\* - URL path must start with /auth/
  + \*\* = wildcard meaning "anything after /auth/"
  + **Examples:** /auth/login, /auth/register, /auth/user/profile all match
* Method=GET,POST,PUT,DELETE - Only these HTTP methods are allowed
  + GET = Retrieve data
  + POST = Create new data
  + PUT = Update data
  + DELETE = Delete data

**🔧 FILTERS SECTION**

**What are Filters?**

**Filters** modify requests and responses as they pass through the gateway. Think of them as checkpoints or processing stations.

**Request Headers**

filters:

- AddRequestHeader=X-Gateway-Route, user-service

- AddRequestHeader=X-Gateway-Timestamp, "${spring.application.name}"

**Explanation:**

* filters: - List of processing steps
* AddRequestHeader= - Add a new header to the incoming request
* X-Gateway-Route, user-service - Add header named "X-Gateway-Route" with value "user-service"
  + **Why:** The target service knows which route was used
* X-Gateway-Timestamp, "${spring.application.name}" - Add header with gateway name
  + ${spring.application.name} = "api-gateway" (SpEL expression that reads the config)
  + **Why:** For tracking and debugging

**Rate Limiting**

- name: RequestRateLimiter

args:

redis-rate-limiter:

replenishRate: 10

burstCapacity: 20

requestedTokens: 1

**Explanation:**

* RequestRateLimiter - Filter that limits how many requests a user can make
* args: - Arguments (settings) for this filter
* redis-rate-limiter: - Use Redis to track request counts
* replenishRate: 10 - Give user 10 "tokens" per second
  + **Tokens** = permission to make a request
  + User gets 10 requests per second continuously
* burstCapacity: 20 - User can accumulate up to 20 tokens
  + **Why:** Allows short bursts (20 rapid requests) even if they haven't used their tokens
* requestedTokens: 1 - Each request costs 1 token

**Real-world analogy:** Like a coffee shop punch card that gets 10 new punches per second, can hold max 20 punches, and each coffee costs 1 punch.

key-resolver: "#{@userKeyResolver}"

deny-empty-key: false

empty-key-status: "TOO\_MANY\_REQUESTS"

**Explanation:**

* key-resolver: - How to identify users (for separate rate limits)
* "#{@userKeyResolver}" - Use a custom bean named "userKeyResolver"
  + #{} = SpEL (Spring Expression Language)
  + @userKeyResolver = Reference to a Java bean
  + **This bean determines:** Should we limit by IP? By user ID? By API key?
* deny-empty-key: false - Allow requests even if we can't identify the user
* empty-key-status: "TOO\_MANY\_REQUESTS" - If no key found, return 429 status

**Circuit Breaker**

- name: CircuitBreaker

args:

name: userServiceCB

fallbackUri: forward:/fallback/user-service

**Explanation:**

* CircuitBreaker - Protects your system from cascading failures
* **How it works:** If a service keeps failing, stop sending requests temporarily
* name: userServiceCB - Identifier for this circuit breaker
  + CB = Circuit Breaker
* fallbackUri: forward:/fallback/user-service - Where to send requests when circuit is open
  + forward: - Send to another endpoint in the gateway itself
  + /fallback/user-service - Your custom fallback endpoint

**Analogy:** Like a circuit breaker in your house - if there's too much electrical load, it cuts power to prevent fire.

**Retry Mechanism**

- name: Retry

args:

retries: 3

series: SERVER\_ERROR

methods: GET,POST

**Explanation:**

* Retry - Automatically retry failed requests
* retries: 3 - Try up to 3 times (original + 2 retries = 3 total attempts)
* series: SERVER\_ERROR - Only retry on 5xx errors
  + **5xx errors** = Server errors (500, 502, 503, etc.)
  + **Not retried:** 4xx errors (client errors like 404, 400)
* methods: GET,POST - Only retry these HTTP methods
  + **Why not all?** DELETE is dangerous to retry (might delete twice)

backoff:

firstBackoff: 100ms

maxBackoff: 1000ms

factor: 2

**Explanation:**

* backoff: - Wait time between retries (don't retry immediately)
* firstBackoff: 100ms - Wait 100 milliseconds before first retry
* maxBackoff: 1000ms - Maximum wait time is 1000ms (1 second)
* factor: 2 - Multiply wait time by 2 each retry (exponential backoff)
  + **Pattern:** Wait 100ms, then 200ms, then 400ms (doubles each time)
  + **Why:** Gives service time to recover

**Response Headers**

- AddResponseHeader=X-Response-Processed-By, api-gateway

- AddResponseHeader=X-Response-Version, v1.0

**Explanation:**

* AddResponseHeader= - Add header to outgoing response
* X-Response-Processed-By, api-gateway - Marks response as processed by gateway
* X-Response-Version, v1.0 - API version information
* **Why:** For debugging, monitoring, and API versioning

**🛡️ RESILIENCE4J SECTION**

**What is Resilience4j?**

A library for making your application resilient (fault-tolerant). It implements the circuit breaker pattern.

resilience4j:

circuitbreaker:

instances:

userServiceCB:

**Explanation:**

* resilience4j: - Resilience4j library configuration
* circuitbreaker: - Circuit breaker settings
* instances: - List of circuit breaker instances
* userServiceCB: - Settings for the "userServiceCB" circuit breaker (matches the filter name)

**Circuit Breaker Settings**

register-health-indicator: true

sliding-window-size: 10

minimum-number-of-calls: 5

**Explanation:**

* register-health-indicator: true - Include circuit breaker state in health checks
  + **Shows:** Is circuit open/closed/half-open in /actuator/health
* sliding-window-size: 10 - Track the last 10 requests
  + **How:** Keeps a rolling window of the most recent 10 calls
* minimum-number-of-calls: 5 - Need at least 5 calls before calculating failure rate
  + **Why:** Don't open circuit based on 1-2 failures; need statistically significant data

permitted-number-of-calls-in-half-open-state: 3

automatic-transition-from-open-to-half-open-enabled: true

wait-duration-in-open-state: 10s

**Explanation:**

* permitted-number-of-calls-in-half-open-state: 3 - Allow 3 test calls when recovering
  + **Half-open state:** Circuit is testing if service recovered
  + If 3 test calls succeed → Close circuit (service is healthy)
  + If test calls fail → Reopen circuit (service still broken)
* automatic-transition-from-open-to-half-open-enabled: true - Automatically test recovery
  + **Alternative:** Manual intervention required
* wait-duration-in-open-state: 10s - Keep circuit open for 10 seconds before testing
  + **Why:** Give the service time to recover

failure-rate-threshold: 50

event-consumer-buffer-size: 10

**Explanation:**

* failure-rate-threshold: 50 - Open circuit if 50% of requests fail
  + **Example:** If 5 out of 10 requests fail, open the circuit
* event-consumer-buffer-size: 10 - Store last 10 circuit breaker events
  + **Events:** State transitions, errors, successful calls
  + **Use:** Monitoring and debugging

**Circuit Breaker States:**

1. **CLOSED** = Normal operation (circuit is working)
2. **OPEN** = Too many failures; stop all requests
3. **HALF\_OPEN** = Testing if service recovered

**🔍 EUREKA CLIENT SECTION**

**What is Eureka?**

**Eureka** is a service registry - like a phone book for microservices. Services register themselves and discover other services.

eureka:

client:

register-with-eureka: true

fetch-registry: true

**Explanation:**

* eureka: - Eureka client configuration
* client: - Client-side settings
* register-with-eureka: true - Register this gateway with Eureka server
  + **What happens:** Gateway says "Hi Eureka, I'm api-gateway at localhost:8086"
* fetch-registry: true - Download list of all services from Eureka
  + **What happens:** Gateway gets addresses of USER-SERVICE, ORDER-SERVICE, etc.

service-url:

defaultZone: http://localhost:8761/eureka/

registry-fetch-interval-seconds: 5

**Explanation:**

* service-url: - Where to find Eureka server
* defaultZone: - Default Eureka server location
* http://localhost:8761/eureka/ - Eureka server address
  + 8761 = Default Eureka port
* registry-fetch-interval-seconds: 5 - Update service list every 5 seconds
  + **Why:** Keep service list fresh; detect new services or removed services

**Eureka Instance Settings**

instance:

prefer-ip-address: true

lease-renewal-interval-in-seconds: 5

lease-expiration-duration-in-seconds: 10

**Explanation:**

* instance: - Settings for this gateway's registration
* prefer-ip-address: true - Register using IP address instead of hostname
  + **Example:** Register as "192.168.1.10" instead of "my-computer"
  + **Why:** More reliable in cloud environments
* lease-renewal-interval-in-seconds: 5 - Send heartbeat every 5 seconds
  + **Heartbeat:** "I'm alive" message to Eureka
* lease-expiration-duration-in-seconds: 10 - Mark as down if no heartbeat for 10 seconds
  + **What happens:** If gateway crashes, Eureka removes it after 10 seconds

**📊 MANAGEMENT ENDPOINTS SECTION**

**What are Management Endpoints?**

REST APIs that expose information about your application's health, metrics, and configuration.

management:

endpoints:

web:

exposure:

include: health,info,metrics,gateway

enabled-by-default: true

**Explanation:**

* management: - Spring Boot Actuator configuration
* endpoints: - Actuator endpoints settings
* web: - Web-based endpoints
* exposure: - Which endpoints to expose
* include: health,info,metrics,gateway - Make these endpoints accessible:
  + health - /actuator/health (is app healthy?)
  + info - /actuator/info (app information)
  + metrics - /actuator/metrics (performance metrics)
  + gateway - /actuator/gateway (gateway routes and filters)
* enabled-by-default: true - Enable all endpoints

**Health Endpoint Details**

endpoint:

health:

show-details: always

show-components: always

gateway:

enabled: true

**Explanation:**

* endpoint: - Individual endpoint settings
* health: - Health endpoint configuration
* show-details: always - Always show detailed health information
  + **Shows:** Database status, disk space, circuit breaker states
  + **Alternative:** when-authorized (only for authenticated users)
* show-components: always - Show health of each component separately
  + **Example:** Redis health, Eureka health, circuit breaker health
* gateway: enabled: true - Enable gateway actuator endpoint

**Metrics Configuration**

metrics:

export:

prometheus:

enabled: true

distribution:

percentiles-histogram:

http.server.requests: true

**Explanation:**

* metrics: - Metrics system configuration
* export: - How to export metrics
* prometheus: enabled: true - Export metrics in Prometheus format
  + **Prometheus:** Monitoring system that collects metrics
* distribution: - Statistical distribution of metrics
* percentiles-histogram: - Generate histogram data
* http.server.requests: true - Track detailed HTTP request statistics
  + **Tracks:** Response times, percentiles (50th, 95th, 99th)
  + **Example:** "95% of requests complete in under 200ms"

**📝 LOGGING SECTION**

logging:

level:

com.example.gateway: INFO

org.springframework.cloud.gateway: INFO

org.springframework.web: WARN

com.netflix.eureka: INFO

com.netflix.discovery: INFO

**Explanation:**

* logging: - Logging configuration
* level: - Log levels for different packages
* Log levels (from most to least verbose):
  + TRACE - Most detailed
  + DEBUG - Detailed debugging
  + INFO - General information
  + WARN - Warning messages
  + ERROR - Error messages
* com.example.gateway: INFO - Your gateway code logs at INFO level
* org.springframework.cloud.gateway: INFO - Spring Gateway framework logs
* org.springframework.web: WARN - Only show warnings from Spring Web
* com.netflix.eureka: INFO - Eureka client logs
* com.netflix.discovery: INFO - Service discovery logs

**Log Pattern**

pattern:

console: "%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} - %logger{36} - %msg%n"

**Explanation:**

* pattern: - Log message format
* console: - Format for console output
* %d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} - Date and time
  + **Example:** "2025-10-03 14:30:45"
* %logger{36} - Logger name (truncated to 36 characters)
  + **Example:** "com.example.gateway.UserController"
* %msg - The actual log message
* %n - New line

**Example output:**

2025-10-03 14:30:45 - com.example.gateway.UserController - User login successful

**🎯 COMPLETE FLOW EXAMPLE**

**Scenario:** User makes a request to login

1. **Request arrives:** POST http://localhost:8086/auth/login
2. **Predicates check:**
   * Path matches /auth/\*\* ✅
   * Method is POST ✅
   * → Route to USER-SERVICE
3. **Filters apply (in order):**
   * Add headers (X-Gateway-Route, X-Gateway-Timestamp)
   * Check rate limit (has user exceeded 10 requests/second?)
   * Circuit breaker check (is USER-SERVICE healthy?)
   * If fails → Retry up to 3 times with exponential backoff
4. **Load balancer:** Find a healthy USER-SERVICE instance from Eureka
5. **Forward request:** Send to http://user-service-ip:port/auth/login
6. **Response comes back:** Add response headers and return to user
7. **Metrics recorded:** Log request time, success/failure, update circuit breaker stats

**🎓 KEY CONCEPTS SUMMARY**

* **Gateway:** Entry point for all client requests
* **Route:** Rule for forwarding requests to services
* **Predicate:** Condition that must be true for routing
* **Filter:** Processing step that modifies requests/responses
* **Circuit Breaker:** Prevents cascading failures
* **Rate Limiter:** Controls request frequency per user
* **Load Balancer:** Distributes requests across service instances
* **Service Discovery:** Automatically finding service locations
* **Resilience:** Making system fault-tolerant