CHAPTER 12

Configuration, Deployment, and Running the Bot

We are now all set to put the bot into action. All that remains before pressing the button is the configuration and deployment. Configuration of the bot involves the following steps:

- Spring configuration of the core services and API, i.e., tradingbot-app.xml.
- Property file for the core Spring configuration, i.e., tradingbot.properties.
- Spring configuration of the runtime provider (OANDA in our case), i.e., tradingbot-oanda.xml.
- Property file for the runtime provider Spring configuration, i.e., tradingbot-oanda.properties.

Just like the JAR files, we also have a separate configuration file for the runtime provider. As we will see later in the chapter, the name of the provider configuration file is passed in as a program argument in order to easily pick the provider at runtime. Without further ado, let's jump into the configuration of the bot.

Configuring the Trading Bot

We start by creating the main configuration file in the tradingbot-app project in the src/main/resources folder, which is automatically included in the build and as a result ends up inside the tradingbot-app.jar file. The name of the file is tradingbot-app.xml. We also create the properties file, called tradingbot.properties, that has the values for various placeholders referenced in this Spring configuration file.

We also use the cool $SpEL^1$ in our configuration, the reason for which will become clear as we progress through this chapter.

http://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/html/
expressions.html

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Core Beans Configuration

In this section, we configure all the core beans that are part of the core API except the services which we will configure later. These beans include e-mail, queues, trading config, etc. which are central to the functioning of the bot.

Since all our dependency beans are <code>@Autowired</code>, we switch on annotation processing by including <code><context:annotation-config/></code> in the configuration file. This will ensure that all the dependencies we have injected via <code>@Autowired</code> will be processed correctly. We also switch on property file processing by including the following in the configuration file and also specify where to find the properties file:

The trading.properties has the following properties. We added some sample values to demonstrate how they look:

- 1 mail.to=tradingbot@gmail.com
- 2 mail.host=smtp.gmail.com
- 3 mail.port=465
- 4 mail.user=foobar@gmail.com
- 5 mail.password=foobar123
- 6 twitter.consumerKey=veJerryUYUDHUliDXjlC6o4KR
- 7 twitter.consumerSecret=L5iFptFbLKMyUoH8NB3yAodEe0EQMukriUt3mnNICEKy Np20Ih
- 8 twitter.accessToken=0123456789-LISP3Y00mLgDOSw44vgdV0Rr7313Zy
 PrAt0X3iU
- 9 twitter.accessTokenSecret=5IrbOYUlGOLd7UPeG6GPxFjVNWHREj4MN2
 TaoTL2kmVTT

We have already discussed the Twitter integration properties in Chapter 8. The mail properties are used to configure the JavaMailSender bean in the Spring configuration except mail.to, which actually is the TO address of the user who gets all the notifications generated by the bot.

We now turn our attention to the configuration of the core *beans* that make up the bot. The first is the configuration of the TradingConfig class. This class must be configured correctly for other services to work. We must also be careful to configure some of the values as they might affect the orders that are placed. For example, the maxAllowedQuantity is the maximum size of an order placed. In our case, it is just 5, but changing this value to, say, 50000 will place a huge order, which might lead to a margin call if the trade goes in the opposite direction.

Let's briefly discuss each of the config params in the TradingConfig class:

• minReserveRatio is the ratio of the amount available to trade to the total amount in the account. A value of 0.1 stipulates that if this amount falls below 10%, the bot stops putting in new orders.

- maxAllowedNetContracts is the maximum net the bot will go
 long or short on a given currency. This setting was inspired by the
 event on Jan 15, 2015, when SNB² unexpectedly ended the CHF
 peg versus EUR of 1.2 and CHF soured by nearly 30%. Anyone
 who was massively short CHF ended up losing huge amounts of
 money.
- minAmountRequired is the minimum balance in the designated currency of the account required to allow the bot to place orders. If the balance falls below this threshold, no further order placement is possible.
- max10yrWmaOffset defines the safe zone of a currency pair. We discussed it in detail while discussing PreOrderValidationService.
- fadeTheMovePriceExpiry is the time in minutes, the observation interval, for the FadeTheMove strategy.
- fadeTheMoveJumpReqdToTrade is the net jump in pips required during the fadeTheMovePriceExpiry that will create a scenario to place limit orders in the opposite direction of the market move.
- fadeTheMoveDistanceToTrade is the distance from the current price in pips when the limit order placed by the FadeTheMoveStrategy will be filled.
- fadeTheMovePipsDesired is the profit desired in pips for the FadeTheMove strategy.

```
<bean id="tradingConfig"</pre>
1
2
            class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.tradingbot.TradingConfig">
 3
                    cproperty name="minReserveRatio" value="0.1"/>
                    cproperty name="maxAllowedQuantity" value="10"/>
4
 5
                    cproperty name="maxAllowedNetContracts" value="5"/>
6
                    cproperty name="minAmountRequired" value="10.0"/>
                    cproperty name="mailTo" value="${mail.to}"/>
7
                    cproperty name="max10yrWmaOffset" value="0.1"/>
8
                    cproperty name="fadeTheMoveJumpReqdToTrade" value="45"/>
9
                    10
                    cproperty name="fadeTheMovePipsDesired" value="10"/>
11
                    cproperty name="fadeTheMovePriceExpiry" value="15"/>
12
    </bean>
13
```

Next we configure the Google EventBus and all the callback handlers that use the EventBus to disseminate the event payloads. We also configure the bean post processor FindEventBusSubscribers, which we discussed in the first chapter. It finds all

²https://www.snb.ch/en/mmr/reference/pre 20150115/source/pre 20150115.en.pdf

classes with methods annotated by @Subscriber and registers them with the EventBus automatically.

```
<bean id="eventBus" class="com.google.common.eventbus.EventBus"/>
     <bean id="findEventBusSubscribers"</pre>
 2
       class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.tradingbot.spring.
 3
       FindEventBusSubscribers"/>
     <bean id="eventCallback'</pre>
 4
       class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.events.EventCallbackImpl">
 5
       <constructor-arg index="0" ref="eventBus"/>
 6
 7
     </bean>
 ጸ
     <bean id="heartBeatCallback"</pre>
        class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.heartbeats.HeartBeatCallbackImpl">
9
        <constructor-arg index="0" ref="eventBus"/>
10
     </bean>
11
     <bean id="marketEventCallback"</pre>
12
13
        class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.marketdata.MarketEventHandlerImpl">
        <constructor-arg index="0" ref="eventBus"/>
14
15
     </bean>
```

For the JavaMailSender bean, the configuration looks like this:

```
<bean id="mailSender" class="org.springframework.mail.javamail.</pre>
    JavaMailSenderImpl">
           cproperty name="host" value="${mail.host}"/>
2
           cproperty name="port" value="${mail.port}"/>
3
           cproperty name="username" value="${mail.user}"/>
4
           5
           cproperty name="javaMailProperties">
6
7
            ops>
8
                key="mail.transport.protocol">smtps</prop>
                kev="mail.smtp.auth">true
9
                key="mail.smtp.starttls.enable">true
10
                key="mail.smtp.socketFactory.class">javax.net.ssl.
11
                SSLSocketFactory</prop>
12
                key="mail.debug">false
                key="mail.smtp.socketFactory.fallback">false
13
14
            </props>
15
           </property>
16
       </bean>
```

The placeholders for this bean are defined in the tradingbot.properties file. A related service that uses the JavaMailSender bean to send out notifications is configured as follows:

The orderOueue is used to place orders and has a very simple configuration.

We use the built-in Spring Task Scheduler [^sprsched] to schedule our jobs. An example job is polling new tweets for our configured Twitter accounts.

1 <task:scheduler id="taskScheduler" pool-size="5"/>

Twitter-Related Beans Configuration

We first configure TwitterTemplate, which enables all interaction with Twitter and is part of Spring Social.

```
<bean id="twitter" class="org.springframework.social.twitter.api.impl.</pre>
1
    TwitterTemplate">
                      <constructor-arg index="0" value="${twitter.</pre>
2
                      consumerKey}"/>
                      <constructor-arg index="1" value="${twitter.</pre>
3
                      consumerSecret}"/>
                      <constructor-arg index="2" value="${twitter.</pre>
4
                      accessToken}"/>
                      <constructor-arg index="3" value="${twitter.</pre>
5
                      accessTokenSecret}"/>
6
    </bean>
```

The placeholders for the configuration are all defined in the tradingbot.properties file, which we discussed in the previous section. It's pretty self-explanatory.

Next we configure a bean that is a list of all Twitter accounts for which we want to process the tweets. Although not a dependency for other beans, it is used by SpEL to inject values. For example:

```
<bean id="fxTweeterList" class="java.util.ArrayList">
                       <constructor-arg index="0">
 2
                                t>
 3
                                         <value>SignalFactory</value>
 4
                                         <value>Forex EA4U</value>
 5
 6
                                </list>
 7
                       </constructor-arg>
 8
     </bean>
     <util:map id="tweetHandlerMap">
 9
             <entry key="#{fxTweeterList[0]}">
10
                       <bean class=</pre>
11
     "com.precioustech.fxtrading.tradingbot.social.twitter.tweethandler.
12
     SignalFactoryFXTweetHandler">
```

```
<constructor-arg index="0" value="#{fxTweeter</pre>
13
                                 List[0]}"/>
14
                        </heans
              </entry>
15
              <entry key="#{fxTweeterList[1]}">
16
17
                        <bean class=</pre>
18
            "com.precioustech.fxtrading.tradingbot.social.twitter.
            tweethandler.ZuluTrader101FXTweetHandler">
                                 <constructor-arg index="0" value="#{fxTweeter</pre>
19
                                 List[1]}"/>
                        </bean>
20
              </entry>
21
22
     </util:map>
```

The SpEL enables us to define all the Twitter accounts in once place and then reference the list via expressions and inject the value of these expressions into other beans.

If we need to listen to more Twitter accounts for tweets, we just create or reuse existing handlers (if applicable) and configure them here.

Provider Beans Configuration

In this section, we configure all the beans that implement the Provider interfaces and are provider-specific. Since our discussion throughout the book has been based on the OANDA REST API, we define it inside its own configuration called tradingbot-oanda.xml and which has all its properties defined in the tradingbot-oanda.properties file.

It is important that the ID given to the beans in this OANDA config file be reused in other provider implementations, since the main configuration references this ID to configure the core services bean.

We begin by looking at the properties file:

- 1 oanda.url=https://api-fxtrade.oanda.com
- 2 oanda.accessToken=7d741c1234f25d9f5a094e53a356789b-2c9a7b49578904 e177210af8e111c2f6
- 3 oanda.userName=foo
- 4 oanda.accountId=123456
- 5 oanda.streaming.url=https://stream-fxtrade.oanda.com
 - oanda.url is the URL we want to point our trading bot to.
 Remember we have the live, practice, and sandbox environments provided by OANDA.
 - oanda.streaming.url is the streaming URL for tick data and platform events.
 - oanda.accessToken is the token that was generated in the environment pointed by oanda.url.

- oanda.userName is a valid username in the environment pointed by oanda.url.
- oanda.accountId is a valid account belonging to the value configured for oanda.userName in the environment pointed by oanda.url. A valid account ID is required to start a market data stream, for example.

We provide the location of this properties file, as usual as a *classpath* location, and turn on the annotation processing, like we did for the main configuration file.

We now list the configurations for all the OANDA provider services.

AccountDataProviderService

ProviderHelper

InstrumentDataProvider

CurrentPriceInfoProvider

HistoricMarketDataProvider

OrderManagementProvider

TradeManagementProvider

PositionManagementProvider

EventStreamingService

```
<bean id="eventsStreamingService"</pre>
1
      class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.streaming.events.
2
      OandaEventsStreamingService">
                     <constructor-arg index="0" value="${oanda.streaming.</pre>
3
                     url}"/>
                     <constructor-arg index="1" value="${oanda.</pre>
4
                     accessToken}"/>
                     <constructor-arg index="2" ref="accountDataProvider"/>
5
                     <constructor-arg index="3" ref="eventCallback"/>
6
7
                     <constructor-arg index="4" ref="heartBeatCallback"/>
                     <constructor-arg index="5" value="EVENTSTREAM"/>
8
9
    </bean>
```

We assign the source ID EVENTSTREAM as a heartbeat source ID, since the same class is responsible for handling the event heartbeats.

Platform Event Handlers

```
<bean id="orderEventHandler"</pre>
2
      class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
      OrderFilledEventHandler">
            <constructor-arg index="0" ref="tradeInfoService"/>
3
4
    </bean>
5
    ⟨bean id="tradeEventHandler"
6
      class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
      TradeEventHandler">
            <constructor-arg index="0" ref="tradeInfoService"/>
7
ጸ
    </bean>
```

These event handlers need to be assigned to platform events that they will handle:

```
1
     <util:map id="eventEmailContentGeneratorMap" key-type="com.</pre>
     precioustech.fxtrading.events.Event">
 2
             <entry
       key="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
 3
       OrderEvents).MARKET ORDER CREATE}"
       value-ref="orderEventHandler"/>
 4
 5
             <entry</pre>
 6
       kev="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
       OrderEvents).LIMIT ORDER CREATE}"
       value-ref="orderEventHandler"/>
 7
 8
             <entrv
       key="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
 9
       OrderEvents).ORDER CANCEL}"
       value-ref="orderEventHandler"/>
10
11
             <entry
       key="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
12
       OrderEvents).ORDER FILLED}"
13
       value-ref="orderEventHandler"/>
14
             <entry
15
       key="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
       TradeEvents).TRADE CLOSE}"
       value-ref="tradeEventHandler"/>
16
17
             <entrv
18
       key="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
       TradeEvents).STOP LOSS FILLED}"
       value-ref="tradeEventHandler"/>
19
20
             <entry
       key="#{T(com.precioustech.fxtrading.oanda.restapi.events.
21
       TradeEvents).TAKE PROFIT FILLED}"
       value-ref="tradeEventHandler"/>
22
23
     </util:map>
```

We configure the eventEmailContentGeneratorMap map to express interest in notifications that we want the bot to generate when the platform event is generated. The corresponding handlers are responsible for generating the content for the e-mail. as discussed in the previous chapter.

MarketDataStreamingService

```
<constructor-arg index="1" value="${oanda.</pre>
4
                      accessToken}"/>
                      <constructor-arg index="2" value="${oanda.accountId}"/>
 5
6
                      <constructor-arg index="3" ref="tradeableInstrument</pre>
                      List"/>
                      <constructor-arg index="4" ref="marketEventCallback"/>
7
                      <constructor-arg index="5" ref="heartBeatCallback"/>
8
9
                      <constructor-arg index="6" value="MKTDATASTREAM"/>
10
     </bean>
```

We assign the source ID MKTDATASTREAM as a heartbeat source ID, since the same class is responsible to tick data heartbeats.

The tradeableInstrumentList is the list of instruments for which we want to subscribe tick data from the OANDA platform. The list is configured as follows:

```
<bean id="tradeableInstrumentList" class="java.util.ArrayList">
 1
 2
              <constructor-arg index="0">
                        tsts
 3
                                 <bean class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.</pre>
 4
                                 instrument.TradeableInstrument">
 5
              <constructor-arg index="0" value="USD CAD"/>
 6
            </bean>
 7
                                 <bean class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.</pre>
                                 instrument.TradeableInstrument">
 8
              <constructor-arg index="0" value="GBP USD"/>
            </bean>
 9
                                 ⟨bean class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.
10
                                 instrument.TradeableInstrument">
              <constructor-arg index="0" value="AUD JPY"/>
11
12
            </bean>
13
                                 <bean class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.
                                 instrument.TradeableInstrument">
              <constructor-arg index="0" value="EUR_NZD"/>
14
            </bean>
15
                                 <bean class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.</pre>
16
                                 instrument.TradeableInstrument">
              <constructor-arg index="0" value="GBP CHF"/>
17
18
            </bean>
19
                                 <bean class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.</pre>
                                 instrument.TradeableInstrument">
              <constructor-arg index="0" value="EUR JPY"/>
20
21
            </bean>
22
                        </list>
23
              </constructor-arg>
24
     </bean>
```

This concludes our discussion of the configuration of all the provider beans for the OANDA implementation.

Strategies Configuration

In this book we discussed a couple of strategies that happen to get activated via a scheduler-based invocation. In this section we configure them and show how they are invoked.

The configuration is fairly straightforward. The FadeTheMove strategy has an additional constructor dependency that gets injected with a list of instruments to observe and place an order if the given conditions are met.

Now we look at the scheduler configuration that invokes a given strategy bean method after every time interval T:

The scheduler invokes every 60000ms the analysePrices() method of the fadeTheMoveStrategy bean. It also invokes every 300000ms the harvestAndTrade() method of the copyTwitterStrategy bean.

Services Configuration

In this concluding section on configuration, we discuss how to configure the core services of the bot. These services could be considered the public API of the bot if there were a GUI client or for that matter any other client interacting with the bot. Most of the demo programs in this book directly interact with these services.

AccountInfoService

InstrumentService

```
thean id="instrumentService"
class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.instrument.InstrumentService">
class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.instrument.InstrumentService">
class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.instrument.InstrumentService">
constructor-arg index="0" ref="instrumentDataProvider"/>
c/bean>
```

MovingAverageCalculationService

OrderInfoService

TradeInfoService

PreOrderValidationService

```
class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.order.PreOrderValidationService">
class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.order.PreOrderValidationService">
constructor-arg index="0" ref="tradeInfoService"/>
constructor-arg index="1" ref="movingAverageCalculationService"/>
```

OrderExecutionService

```
<bean id="orderExecutionService"</pre>
1
2
        class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.order.OrderExecutionService">
3
            <constructor-arg index="0" ref="orderQueue"/>
            <constructor-arg index="1" ref="accountInfoService"/>
4
5
            <constructor-arg index="2" ref="orderManagementProvider"/>
            <constructor-arg index="3" ref="tradingConfig"/>
6
7
            <constructor-arg index="4" ref="preOrderValidationService"/>
            <constructor-arg index="5" ref="currentPriceInfoProvider"/>
8
9
    </bean>
```

DefaultHeartBeatService

```
<bean id="heartBeatService"</pre>
1
        class="com.precioustech.fxtrading.heartbeats.
2
        DefaultHeartBeatService">
3
            <constructor-arg index="0">
                      tst>
4
5
                                  <ref bean="eventsStreamingService"/>
                                  <ref bean="marketDataStreamingService"/>
6
7
                      </list>
8
            </constructor-arg>
9
    </bean>
```

Building the Bot

The bot can easily be built using maven. Since there are three projects that need to be built in a given order, we can script the actions, instead of having to remember the build order. If you have cloned the code repository from GitHub, there is a buildbot.bsh file in the <repo-code>/java directory that will build the bot using maven. Figure 12-1 shows my bash terminal after having cloned the repository.

```
[ShekharMacBook:java shekhar$ pwd
//Oolumes/05/git/book-code/java
[ShekharMacBook:java shekhar$ ls -1
total 8
-rwxr-xr-x   1 shekhar staff  324 31 Jan 16:43 buildbot.bsh
drwxr-xr-x   9 shekhar staff  306 31 Jan 17:32 oanda-restapi
drwxr-xr-x   11 shekhar staff  374 31 Jan 17:32 tradingbot-app
drwxr-xr-x   9 shekhar staff  306 31 Jan 17:32 tradingbot-core
drwxr-xr-x   10 shekhar staff  340 27 Jan 20:10 tradingbot-demo-programs
ShekharMacBook:java shekhar$
```

Figure 12-1. Code repo structure

Before running the code, it is assumed that maven and Java 1.7 are installed and configured. When you type the mvn --version is typed command on the command line, you'll see output similar to what's shown in Figure 12-2.

```
ShekharMacBook:java shekhar$ mvn --version
Apache Maven 3.2.5 (12a6b3acb947671f89b81f49094c53f426d8cea1; 2014-12-14T18:29:23+01:00)
Maven home: /usr/local/Cellar/maven/3.2.5/libexec
Java version: 1.7.0_71, vendor: Oracle Corporation
Java home: /Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk1.7.0_71.jdk/Contents/Home/jre
Default locale: en_US, platform encoding: UTF-8
OS name: "mac os x", version: "10.11", arch: "x86_64", family: "mac"
ShekharMacBook:java shekhar$
```

Figure 12-2. mvn -version output

If this is not the case, make sure maven is properly installed³.

We are now ready to run the buildbot.bsh script. Before that, let's take a quick look at the script code:

```
function buildmodule {
 1
 2
         cd $SCRIPT DIR/$1
 3
         mvn clean install
 4
         if [[ "$?" -ne 0 ]]; then
 5
           echo "ERROR: $1 project build failed. BUILD FAILED"; exit -1;
 6
         fi
 7
     SCRIPT DIR=`pwd`
 8
 9
     buildmodule tradingbot-core
10
     buildmodule oanda-restapi
11
     buildmodule tradingbot-app
12
     echo "TRADING BOT built successfully"
13
```

³https://maven.apache.org/install.html

```
drwxr-xr-x 10 shekhar staff 340 27 Jan 20:10 tradingbot-demo-programs
urwar-xr-x iw snekhar staff 340 27 Jan 20:
ShekharMacBook:java shekhar$ ./buildbot.bsh .
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[WARNING]
 [URANING] Some problems were encountered while building the effective model for com.precioustech:tradingbot-core:jar:1.8
[URANING] 'build.plugins.plugin.version' for org.apache.maven.plugins:maven-compiler-plugin is missing. @ line 70, colum
 VARNING!
 [VARNING] It is highly recommended to fix these problems because they threaten the stability of your build.
[VARNING]
 VARNING For this reason, future Maven versions might no longer support building such malformed projects.
  INFO
   INFO] Building tradingbot-core 1.0
   MARNING] The artifact org.apache.commons:commons-10:jar:1.3.2 has been relocated to commons-10:commons-10:jar:1.3.2
  INFO] --- maven-clean-plugin:2.5:clean (default-clean) @ tradingbot-core ---
INFO] Deleting /Volumes/85/git/book-code/java/tradingbot-core/target
  | IMPO] --- maven-resources-plugin:2.6:resources (default-resources) @ tradingbot-core --- | IMPO] Using 'UTF-8' encoding to copy filtered resources. | IMPO] Using non existing resources/rectory //Olumes/95/git/book-code/java/tradingbot-core/src/main/resources
  IMFO] --- maven-compiler-plugin:3.1:compile (default-compile) @ tradingbot-core ---
IMFO] Changes detected - recompiling the module!
IMFO] Compiling SB source files to 'Volumes/DS/git/book-code/java/tradingbot-core/target/classes
 INFO | --- maven-resources-plugin:2.6:testResources (default-testResources) @ tradingbot-core --- IMFO | Using 'UTF-8' encoding to copy filtered resources.
                  maven-compiler-plugin:3.1:testCompile (default-testCompile) @ tradingbot-core
[INPO] --- Baven-complier-plug.missate-based
[INPO] Changes detected - recomplising the Bodule!
[INFO] Compiling 11 source files to /Yolumes/05/git/book-code/java/tradingbot-core/target/test-classes
[INFO] --- maven-surefire-plugin:2.12.4:test (default-test) @ tradingbot-core ---
[[INFO] Surefire report directory: /Yolumes/85/git/book-code/java/tradingbot-core/target/surefire-reports
  TESTS
```

Figure 12-3. Start build at the command line

We call the function buildmodule for each of the three modules we want to build. The function first does a cd to the appropriate source code directory and then issues a mvn clean install command to build the artifacts (i.e., the *jar* file). If there are unit tests failure or compilation issues, mvn clean install will exit with a non-zero code. We check this code set in the \$? variable, and if it's non-zero, we exit the script straightaway. See Figure 12-4.

Figure 12-4. Build failure

If the build succeeds, we should see the output in Figure 12-5.

Figure 12-5. Build success

Running the Bot

■ Warning Serious losses can be incurred if some of the configuration values used to run the bot are extremely high. The author has taken every opportunity to highlight those throughout the book. In no event is the author liable for any consequential damages arising from the configuration values the user deems fit for his/her risk appetite.

Now that the bot is fully built, we are ready to run it. But before we really push the button, we need to make sure the following config params have been adapted and a build is done so that these changes are in the JAR file for the given user. Here is the full checklist of changes:

- All OANDA-specific parameters in tradingbot-oanda.
 properties belong to the user of a valid live or practice account.
- All Twitter-specific access tokens in tradingbot.properties
 are correctly populated. These valid tokens are generated for a
 Twitter app or for a Twitter account to which the user has full
 access.

- Double-check that the values for the TradingConfig bean are within comfortable limits, especially maxAllowedQuantity, minReserveRatio, and maxAllowedNetContracts.
- Configure a valid mail account in tradingbot.properties. The credentials are used to send e-mail notifications to the mail.to e-mail address.
- Configure log4j.properties in the tradingbot-app resources directory if required.
- Execute buildbot.sh again to rebuild the bot with the new set of parameters.

To run the bot with the strategies discussed in the book and OANDA implementation, we simply do the following

1 \$./runbot-oanda.bsh

If all goes well, you should see the output shown in Figure 12-6 coming from the bot.



Figure 12-6. Running the bot

While the bot is running, we should see it harvesting the tweet shown in Figure 12-7 from time to time.

INFO 2016-01-25 17:20:00,887 [pool-1-thread-1] com.precioustech.fxtrading.tradingbot.strategies.CopyTvitterStrategy(harvestNevTradeTveets): found 1 new tweets for user SignaTractory

Figure 12-7. New tweet harvested

That is it. Our bot is now fully up and running. We should see that FadeTheMove strategy is very busy, especially around market moving currency events such as FOMC decision or GDP data from various countries. One point to bear in mind is that this strategy maintains an internal cache for the last 15 minutes. The more instruments you configure for subscription to tick the data stream, the more memory footprint you will have. Therefore, it may be imperative to run with a higher memory value. Since the bot runs inside maven, you would have to change the MAVEN_OPTS params.