Belt monitor system with alarm generation

The Belt monitor system is a Java microservice (Spring Boot app) that monitors a conveyor belt controlled by beam sensors. Every time a sensor detects an item on the belt, it sends an event to the system that is processed by an EventEngine. Alarms are generated when:

- the number of items in transit on the belt is greater than the maximum allowed (10)
- an item is stuck between 2 consecutive sensors

Definitions

Model of a belt in segments



Clearance time = (segment length) / (belt motion speed)

- A belt is modelled as a series of adjacent segments each of them with a sensor in entrance and exit where items are carried at a constant motion speed
- A segment is a portion of the belt characterised by a length, a pair of controlling sensors and a counter for the number of events related to each sensor since monitoring starts
- A sensor is a device able to detect when an item transits on the belt and to send a measurement as an event
- An event from a sensor contains the originating sensor identifier and the timestamp (epoch)
- The clearance time for a segment is the time an item entering the segment will take to clear the segment length and is equal to its length divided by the belt motion speed
- An alarm is an anomalous condition detected on the belt when events are processed

Assumptions

- The motion speed of the belt never changes and keeps one direction only
- · The belt never stops
- Items are always introduced on the belt from the first segment of the belt
- Items are moving separately with no overlapping
- The number of items on a segment at any given time is the difference between the number of events at the exit sensor minus the number of events at the entry sensor for the segment
- The number of items transiting on the belt is the sum of the items on each segment of the belt

• An item is considered stuck on a segment if it does not clear the segment length within the expected clearance time

Architecture

The Belt monitoring system is a Spring Boot application that includes an EventCollector exposing a REST API to which sensors can submit events. The EventCollector has a PersistenceService that allows events to be stored in memory and an EventService that processes events generating alarms accordings to some rules. Alarm details are just logged at the moment.

Documentation

More documentation is available in the docs folder

- belt.png
- belt.postman collection.json
- README.pdf

How to build the project

./gradlew clean build

How to run the application

./gradlew bootrun