Application Platform Services

User Guide

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Application Platform Services (APS)

Please note that this project have been going on for quite some time and have changed architecture on the way. This mostly due to limited time working on it, and partly to being a playground.

The documentation is put together from multiple sources in different maven sub modules. A lot of this documentation is currently quite out of date. There are for example code examples done before lambdas! There are also maven modules that will be removed due to no longer being relevant for the current architecture, like JPA (which I originally did just to have something that worked on any OSGi container, rather than a container specific integrated solution). JPA is not compatible with current architecture which mostly works with JSON data.

OSGi Application Platform Services - A "smorgasbord" of OSGi services that focuses on ease of use and good enough functionality for many but wont fit all. It can be seen as osgi-ee-light-and-easy. The services are of platform type: configuration, database, JPA, etc, with companion web applications for administration.

All services that require some form of administration have an admin web application for that, that plugs into the general apsadminweb admin web application.

All administrations web applications are WABs and thus require that the OSGi server supports WABs.

Another point of APS is to be as OSGi server independent as possible, but as said above the admin web applications do need support for WABs.

APS is made using basic OSGi functionality and is not using blueprint and other fancy stuff! Each bundle has an activator that does setup, creates trackers, loggers, and manually dependency injects them into the service providers it publishes.

Features

Current

- A far better service tracker that does a better job at handling services coming and going. Supports service availability wait and timeout and can be wrapped as a proxy to the service. Instead of returning null it throws an exception if no service becomes available within the timeout, and is thus much easier to handle.
- A configuration manager that extends deployed bundles by reading their configuration schema, their default configuration file, and their configuration id, and then loads and publishes an Apsconfiguration instance with the bundles configuration. All active configurations are stored in a cluster (vertx/hazelcast). There will be a config web to edit configurations.
- A filesystem service that provides a persistent filesystem outside of the OSGi server. The
 configuration service makes use of this to store configurations. Each client can get its own
 filesystem area, and can't access anything outside of its area.

Pre Setup

The Filesystem service is part of the core and used by other services. It should preferably have its filesystem root outside of the server installation. The BundleContext.getDataFile(String) returns a path within the deploy cache and is only valid for as long a a bundle is deployed. The point with the FilesystemService is to have a more permanent filesystem outside of the application server installation. To provide the FilesystemService root the following system property have to be set and available in the JVM instance:

aps.filesystem.root=<root>

How to do this differs between servers. In Glassfish you can supply system properties with its admin gui.

If this system property is not set the default root will be BundleContext.getFile(). This can work for development setup, but not for more serious installations!

After this path has been setup and the server started, all other configuration can be done in http://.../apsadminweb/.

The aps-apis bundle

This contains the general APIs for standard services that other bundles should implement. The APIs are actually one of the main points of APS. Its goal is to define trivially easy to use APIs for different things. Any needed complexity should be hidden within the API implementation and users should only have to deal with the simple API.

The project does provide a lot of implementations of the APIs. They are in 2 categories:

- 1. Intended to be deployed and used as is (ex: aps-vertx-provider).
- 2. A "default" implementation that can be copied and modified / configured to own need. Of course implementations can also be written from scratch.

For (1) there is of course nothing to stop it from being treated as (2):-).

The aps-apis bundle also contains some base functionallity like a better service tracker and a generic bundle activator that does depended injections. These were previously (<1.0.0) in a separate bundle called aps-tools-lib, but the relationships between that bundle and this finally became too circular so I merged aps-tools-lib into aps-apis.

Tools

APSServiceTracker

This does the same thing as the standard service tracker included with OSGi, but does it better with more options and flexibility. One of the differences between this tracker and the OSGi one is that this throws an *APSNoServiceAvailableException* if the service is not available. Personally I think this is easier to work with than having to check for a null result. I also think that trying to keep bundles and services up are better than pulling them down as soon as one dependency goes away for a short while, for example due to redeploy of newer version. This is why APSServiceTracker takes a timeout and waits for a service to come back before failing.

Note: that in previous version APSServiceTracker did all callbacks in a separate thread. This is no longer the case, and shouldn't have been from the beginning.

There are several variants of constructors, but here is an example of one of the most used ones within the APS services:

```
APSServiceTracker<Service> tracker =
   new APSServiceTracker<Service>(context, Service.class, "20 seconds");
tracker.start();
```

Note that the third argument, which is a timeout can also be specified as an int in which case it is always in miliseconds. The string variant supports the a second word of "sec[onds]" and "min[utes]" which indicates the type of the first numeric value. "forever" means just that and requires just one word. Any other second words than those will be treated as milliseconds. The APSServiceTracker also has a set of constants for the timeout string value:

```
public static final String SHORT_TIMEOUT = "3 seconds";
public static final String MEDIUM_TIMEOUT = "30 seconds";
public static final String LARGE_TIMEOUT = "2 minutes";
public static final String VERY_LARGE_TIMEOUT = "5 minutes";
public static final String HUGE_LARGE_TIMEOUT = "10 minutes";
public static final String NO_TIMEOUT = "forever";
```

On bundle stop you should do:

```
tracker.stop(context);
```

So that the tracker unregisters itself from receiving bundle/service events.

Services and active service

The tracker tracks all instances of the service being tracked. It however have the notion of an active service. The active service is the service instance that will be returned by allocateService() (which is internally used by all other access methods also). On startup the active service will be the first service instance received. It will keep tracking other instances comming in, but as long as the active service does not go away it will be the one used. If the active service goes away then the the one that is at the beginning of the list of the other tracked instances will become active. If that list is empty there will be no active, which will trigger a wait for a service to become available again if allocateService() is called.

Providing a logger

You can provide an APSLogger (see further down about APSLogger) to the tracker:

```
tracker.setLogger(apsLogger);
```

When available the tracker will log to this.

Tracker as a wrapped service

The tracker can be used as a wrapped service:

```
Service service = tracker.getWrappedService();
Service service = tracker.getWrappedService(boolean cacheCallsUntilServiceAvailable);
```

This gives you a proxied *service* instance that gets the real service, calls it, releases it and return the result. This handles transparently if a service has been restarted or one instance of the service has gone away and another came available. It will wait for the specified timeout for a service to become available and if that does not happen the *APSNoServiceAvailableException* will be thrown. This is of course a runtime exception which makes the service wrapping possible without loosing the possibility to handle the case where the service is not available.

The cacheCallsUntilServiceAvailable parameter means just that. This makes the service non blocking. Otherwise any call to a method when service is not available will result in a wait() on the thread until a service is available. When this parameter is true however any calls to the service before a service is available will be cached and executed later when a service is available. Do note that the tracker wrapper provides a java.lang.reflect.Proxy implementation of the service interface. Under the surface it will do an *invoke* on the actual service object and this invoke can be saved for later in a lambda. There is however a big **warning** with this: This feature will obviously only work for methods that don't provide a return value! Since method calls may possible be done in the future they cannot return any value. And no, *Future*<?> cannot be used since it blocks, and we are trying to avoid blocking here!

If you don't like this, don't use the *getWrappedService(true)*. The .onActiveServiceAvailable(callback) method can be used to receive the service instance when it is available.

Using the tracker in a similar way to the OSGi standard tracker

To get a service instance you do:

```
Service service = tracker.allocateService();
```

Note that if the tracker has a timeout set then this call will wait for the service to become available if it is currently not available until an instance becomes available or the timeout time is reached. It will throw *APSNoServiceAvailableException* on failure in any case.

When done with the service do:

```
tracker.releaseService();
```

Accessing a service by tracker callback

Note that the *onServiceAvailable*, *onServiceLeaving*, etc have historical reasons for the names, but do now accept multiple calls without overwriting previous callback. The reason for this is that **APSActivator** reuses a tracker instance for tracking the same service in different classes. This allow for each class to do an *onServiceAvailable(...)* and be called back when service is available. The easiest use of **APSServiceTracker & APSActivator** is to inject tracker as a proxied instance of the service API, by declaring its type to be the service interface. There are however times when you need to know when a service is available and this provides that.

There are a few variants to get a service instance by callback. When the callbacks are used the actual service instance will only be allocated during the callback and then released again.

onServiceAvailable

This will result in a callback when any instance of the service becomes available. If there is more than one service instance published then there will be a callback for each.

```
tracker.onServiceAvailable(new OnServiceAvailable<Service>() {
    @Override
    public void onServiceAvailable(
        Service service,
        ServiceReference serviceReference
    ) throws Exception {
        // Do something.
    }
});
```

onServiceLeaving

This will result in a callback when any instance of the service goes away. If there is more than one service instance published the there will be a callback for each instance leaving.

```
onServiceLeaving(new OnServiceLeaving<Service>() {
    @Override
    public void onServiceLeaving(
        ServiceReference service,
        Class serviceAPI
    ) throws Exception {
        // Handle the service leaving.
    }
});
```

Note that since the service is already gone by this time you don't get the service instance, only its reference and the class representing its API. In most cases both of these parameters are irellevant.

onActiveServiceAvailable

This does the same thing as onServiceAvailable() but only for the active service. It uses the same OnServiceAvailable interface.

onActiveServiceLeaving

This does the same thing as onServiceLeaving() but for the active service. It uses the same *OnServiceLeaving* interface.

withService

Runs the specified callback providing it with a service to use. This will wait for a service to become available if a timeout has been provided for the tracker.

Don't use this in an activator start() method! onActiveServiceAvailable() and onActiveServiceLeaving() are safe in a start() method, this is not!

```
tracker.withService(new WithService<Service>() {
    @Override
    public void withService(
        Service service,
        Object... args
    ) throws Exception {
        // do something here.
    }
}, arg1, arg2);
```

If you don't have any arguments this will also work:

```
tracker.withService(new WithService<Service>() {
    @Override
    public void withService(
        Service service
    ) throws Exception {
        // do something here
    }
});
```

withServiceIfAvailable

This does the same as withService(...) but without waiting for a service to become available. If the service is not available at the time of the call the callback will not be called. No exception is thrown by this!

withAllAvailableServices

This is used exactly the same way as with Service(...), but the callback will be done for each tracked service instance, not only the active.

onTimeout (since 0.9.3)

This allows for a callback when the tracker times out waiting for a service. This callback will be called just before the *APSNoServiceAvailableException* is about to be thrown.

```
tracker.onTimeout(new OnTimeout() {
    @Override
    public void onTimeout() {
        // do something here
    }
});
```

APSLogger

This provides logging functionality. The no args constructor will log to System.out by default. The OutputStream constructor will logg to the specified output stream by default.

The APSLogger can be used by just creating an instance and then start using the info(...), error(...), etc methods. But in that case it will only log to System.out or the provided OutputStream. If you however do this:

```
APSLogger logger = new APSLogger();
logger.start(context);
```

then the logger will try to get hold of the standard OSGi LogService and if that is available log to that. If the log service is not available it will fallback to the OutputStream.

If you call the setServiceRefrence(serviceRef); method on the logger then information about that service will be provied with each log.

APSActivator

This is a BundleActivator implementation that uses annotations to register services and inject tracked services. Any bundle can use this activator by just importing the se.natusoft.osgi.aps.activator and se.natusoft.osgi.aps.activator.annotation packages.

This is actually a rather trivial class that just scans the bundle for classes and inspects all classes for annotations and act on them.

Please note that it does *class.getDeclaredFields()* and *class.getDeclaredMethods()*! This means that it will only see the bottom class of an inheritance hiearchy!

The following annotations are available:

@OSGiServiceProvider - This should be specified on a class that implements a service interface and should be registered as an OSGi service. *Please note* that the first declared implemented interface is used as service interface unless you specify serviceAPIs={Svc.class, ...}.

```
public @interface OSGiProperty {
    String name();
    String value();
public @interface OSGiServiceInstance {
    /** Extra properties to register the service with. */
   OSGiProperty[] properties() default {};
     ^{\star} The service API to register instance with. If not specified the first
     * implemented interface will be used.
    Class[] serviceAPIs() default {};
public @interface OSGiServiceProvider {
    /** Extra properties to register the service with. */
    OSGiProperty[] properties() default {};
     * The service API to register instance with. If not specified the first
     * implemented interface will be used.
    Class[] serviceAPIs() default {};
     \mbox{\scriptsize {\tt *}} This can be used as an alternative to properties() and also supports
     * several instances.
    OSGiServiceInstance[] instances() default {};
     * An alternative to providing static information. This class will be
     * instantiated if specified and provideServiceInstancesSetup() will
     * be called to provide implemented service APIs, service properties,
     * and a service instance. In this last, it differs from
     * instanceFactoryClass() since that does not provide an instance.
     \mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}} This allows for more easy configuration of each instance.
    Class<? extends APSActivatorServiceSetupProvider>
        serviceSetupProvider()
        default APSActivatorServiceSetupProvider.class;
     * This can be used as an alternative and will instantiate the
     \ensuremath{^{*}} specified factory class which will deliver one set of
     * Properties per instance.
    Class<? extends APSActivator.InstanceFactory> instanceFactoryClass()
        default APSActivator.InstanceFactory.class;
     * If true this service will be started in a separate thread.
    * This means the bundle start will continue in parallel and
     * that any failures in startup will be logged, but will
```

```
* not stop the bundle from being started. If this is true
* it wins over required service dependencies of the service
* class. Specifying this as true allows you to do things that
* cannot be done in a bunde activator start method, like
* calling a service tracked by APSServiceTracker, without
* causing a deadlock.
*/
boolean threadStart() default false;
}
```

Do note that for the <code>serviceSetupProvider()</code> another solution is to use the <code>@BundleStart(see below)</code> and just create instances of your service and register them with the BundleContext. But if you use <code>@OSGiServiceProvider()</code> instantiate and register other "one instance" services, then using <code>serviceSetupProvider()</code> would look a bit more consistent.

@APSExternalizabe, @APSRemoteService - These 2 annotations are synonyms and have no properties. They should be used on a service implementation class. When either of these are specified the "aps-externalizable=true" property will be set when the service is registered with the OSGi container. The APSExternalProtocolExtender will react on this property and make the service externally accessible.

@OSGiService - This should be specified on a field having a type of a service interface to have a service of that type injected, and continuously tracked. Any call to the service will throw an APSNoServiceAvailableException (runtime) if no service has become available before the specified timeout. It is also possible to have APSServiceTracker as field type in which case the underlying configured tracker will be injected instead.

If required=true is specified and this field is in a class annotated with @OSGiServiceProvider then the class will not be registered as a service until the service dependency is actually available, and will also be unregistered if the tracker for the service does a timeout waiting for a service to become available. It will then be reregistered again when the dependent service becomes available again. Please note that unlike iPOJO the bundle is never stopped on dependent service unavailability, only the actual service is unregistered as an OSGi service. A bundle might have more than one service registered and when a dependency that is only required by one service goes away the other service is still available.

The non blocking variant of *APSServiceTracker.getWrappedService(true)* as described above can also be achieved with this annotation by setting *nonBlocking = true*.

```
public @interface OSGiService {
    * The timeout for a service to become available. Defaults
     * to 30 seconds.
    String timeout() default "30 seconds";
     * Any additional search criteria. Should start with
     * '(' and end with ')'. Defaults to none.
    String additionalSearchCriteria() default "";
     * This should specify a Class implementing
     * APSActivatorSearchCriteriaProvider. If specified it will
    * be used instead of additionalSearchCriteria() by
    * instantiating the Class and calling its method to get
     * a search criteria back. This allows for search criteria
     \ensuremath{^{\star}} coming from configuration, which a static annotation String
    * does not.
    Class<? extends APSActivatorSearchCriteriaProvider>
       searchCriteriaProvider()
        default APSActivatorSearchCriteriaProvider.class;
     * If set to true the service using this service will not
```

```
* be registered until the service becomes available.
boolean required() default false;
 * If this is set to true and a proxied implementation of the service is injected rather than
the tracker directly
 * then any call made to the proxy will be cached if the service is not available and then
later run when the
 * service becomes available. This of course means that methods returning a value will always
return null when
  service is not currently available since the real call will be made in the future.
Returning a Future instead
 * in this case does not work since 'Future's are blocking, and we try to avoid blocking here.
 * __YOU HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN SETTING THIS TO TRUE! NO CALLS RETURNING A VALUE!_
 \star The point of this is to be non blocking. By default with a proxied implementation
tracker.allocateService() will
 * be called, and this blocks waiting for the service to become available if it is not.
 * @return true or false (default).
boolean nonBlocking() default false;
```

@Managed - This will have an instance managed and injected. There will be a unique instance for each name specified with the default name of "default" being used if none is specified. There are 2 field types handled specially: BundleContext and APSLogger. A BundleContext field will get the bundles context injected. For an APSLogger instance the 'loggingFor' annotation property can be specified. Please note that any other type must have a default constructor to be instantiated and injected!

```
public @interface Managed {

    /**
    * The name of the instance to inject. If the same is used
    * in multiple classes the same instance will be injected.
    */
    String name() default "default";

    /**
    * A label indicating who is logging. If not specified the
    * bundle name will be used. This is only
    * relevant if the injected type is APSLogger.
    */
    String loggingFor() default "";
}
```

@ExecutorSvc - This should always be used in conjunction with @Managed! This also assumes that the annotated field is of type ExecutorService or ScheduledExecutorService. This annotation provides some configuration for the ExecutorService that will be injected.

```
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Target(ElementType.FIELD)
public @interface ExecutorSvc {

    enum ExecutorType {
        FixedSize,
        WorkStealing,
        Single,
        Cached,
        Scheduled,
        SingleScheduled
    }

    /** This is loosely the number of concurrent threads. */
    int parallelism() default 10;

    /** The type of ExecutorService wanted. */
    ExecutorType type() default ExecutorType.FixedSize;
```

```
/** If true the created ExecutorService will be wrapped with a delegate that disallows
configuration. */
boolean unConfigurable() default false;
}
```

@Schedule - Schedules a Runnable using a ScheduledExecutionService. Indifferent from @ExecutorSvc this does not require an @Managed also, but do work with @Managed if that is used to inject an instance of Runnable to be scheduled. @Schedule is handled after all injections have been done.

```
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Target(ElementType.FIELD)
public @interface Schedule {
    ^{*} The defined executor service to schedule this on. This should be the name of it. If left
   blank an internal
    * ScheduledExecutorService will be used.
    String on() default "";
    /** The amount of time to wait for the (first) execution. */
    long delay();
    /** If specified how long to wait between runs. */
   long repeat();
    /** The time unit used for the above values. Defaults to seconds. */
    TimeUnit timeUnit() default TimeUnit.SECONDS;
    /** Possibility to affect the size of the thread pool when such is created internally for
    this (on="..." not provided!). */
    int poolSize() default 2;
```

@BundleStart - This should be used on a method and will be called on bundle start. The method should take no arguments. If you need a BundleContext just inject it with @Managed The use of this annotation is only needed for things not supported by this activator. Please note that a method annotated with this annotation can be static (in which case the class it belongs to will not be instantiaded). You can provide this annotation on as many methods in as many classes as you want. They will all be called (in the order classes are discovered in the bundle).

```
public @interface BundleStart {
    /**
    * If true the start method will run in a new thread.
    * Any failures in this case will not fail
    * the bundle startup, but will be logged.
    */
    boolean thread() default false;
}
```

@BundleStop - This should be used on a method and will be called on bundle stop. The method should take no arguments. This should probably be used if **@BundleStart** is used. Please note that a method annotated with this annotation can be static!

```
public @interface BundleStop {}
```

TODO: Since APS is nowmore built on top of vertx, servlets no longer need to be supported. Vaadin (traditional) is not supported either due to requiring servlets. Vaadin web components that works with Angular and React is however supported.

Usage as BundleActivator

The *APSActivator* class has 2 constructors. The default constructor without arguments are used for BundleActivator usage. In this case you just specify this class as your bundles activator, and then

use the annotations described above. Thats it!

Other Usage

Since the activator usage will manage and create instances of all annotated classes this will not always work in all situations. One example is web applications where the web container is responsible for creating servlets. If you specifiy APSActivator as an activator for a WAB bundle and then use the annotations in a servlet then APSActivator will have a managed instance of the servlet, but it will not be the same instance as the web contatiner will run.

Therefore APSActivator has another constructor that takes a vararg of instances: public APSActivator(Object... instances). There is also a public void addManagedInstance(Object instance) method.

These allow you to add an already existing instance to be managed by APSActivator. In addition to the provided existing instances it will still scan the bundle for classes to manage. It will however not double manage any class for which an existing instance of has already been provided. Any annotated class for which existing instances has not been provided will be instantiated by APSActivator.

Please note that if you create an instance of APSActivator in a servlet and provide the servlet instance to it and start it (you still need to do *start(BundleContext)* and *stop(BundleContext)* when used this way!), then you need to catch the close of the servlet and do *stop* then.

There are 2 support classes:

- [APSVaadinWebTools]: APSVaadinOSGiApplication This is subclassed by your Vaading application.
- [APSWebTools]: APSOSGiSupport You create an instance of this in a servlet and let your servlet implement the *APSOSGiSupportCallbacks* interface which is then passed to the constructor of APSOSGiSupport.

Both of these creates and manages an APSActivator internally and catches shutdown to take it down. They also provide other utilities like providing the BundleContext. See *APSWebTools* for more information.

APSActivatorPlugin

Any implementing classes of this interface can be specified in

META-INF/services/se.natusoft.osgi.aps.tools.APSActivatorPlugin file, one per line. These are loaded by java.util.ServiceLoader. The implementation can be provided by another bundle which should then export the relevant packages which can then be imported in the using bundle.

The APSActivatorPlugin API looks like this:

```
public interface APSActivatorPlugin {
    interface ActivatorInteraction {
        void addManagedInstance(Object instance, Class forClass);
    }
    void analyseBundleClass(ActivatorInteraction activatorInteraction, Class bundleClass);
}
```

Be warned that this is currently very untested! No APS code uses this yet.

APSContextWrapper

This provides a static wrap(...) method:

```
Service providedService = APSContextWrapper.wrap(serviceProvider, Service.class);
```

where *serviceProvider* is an instance of a class that implements *Service*. The resulting instance is a java.lang.reflect.Proxy implementation of *Service* that ensures that the *serviceProvider* ClassLoader

is the context class loader during each call to all service methods that are annotated with @APSRunInBundlesContext annotation in *Service*. The wrapped instance can then be registered as the OSGi service provider.

Normally the threads context class loader is the original service callers context class loader. For a web application it would be the web containers context class loader. If a service needs its own bundles class loader during its execution then this wrapper can be used.

ID generators

There is one interface:

that have 2 implementations:

- IntID Produces int ids.
- UUID Produces java.util.UUID Ids.

Javadoc

The javadoc for this can be found at http://apidoc.natusoft.se/APSToolsLib/.

APSConfigManager

This bunlde listens for other bundles and checks for the following MANIFEST.MF entries:

- APS-Config-Id A unique id for a configuration to manage.
- APS-Config-Schema Points to a bundle relative JSON file containing an APS JSON schema, describing the configuration file. See aps-core-lib documentation for more information on the schema format.
- APS-Config-Default-Resource Points to a bundle relative JSON file following the schema and containing default configuration values.

For each bundle with an APS-Config-Id an instance of APSConfig is created loaded with current config from disk or cluster, or the default config file. If the config is new and has no previous configuration stored then the contents of the default configuration will be stored.

The created APSConfig is then published as an OSGi service and the following lookup property: (apsConfigId=<config id>).

There are 2 ways to get configuration:

Since the configuration is published as an OSGi "service", a service tracker can be used to look it up. The APSServiceTracker has some special features that makes it easier and it can also be provided by APSActivator:

```
@OSGiService( additionalSearchCriteria = "(apsConfigId=my-config-id)", nonBlocking = true )
private APSServiceTracker<APSConfig> configTracker

@Managed
private BundleContext context

private APSConfig config

@Initializer
void init() {
    this.configTracker.onActiveServiceAvailable { APSConfig config, ServiceReference configRef -> this.config = this.context.getService(configRef);
    ...
}

this.configTracker.onActiveServiceLeaving { ServiceReference configRef, Class type -> this.config = null
    ...
}
...
}
```

Note that the first argument which actually is the APSConfig instance you want, cannot be saved. It only exists within the callback block. Thereby we must allocate a new usage by using the OSGi BundleContext to get it. This should of course be released again when your code no longer needs the configuration object.

The other and easier way to get configuration is to let APSActivator give it to you:

```
private APSConfig config

@ConfigListener(apsConfigId = "my-config-id")
void config( APSConfig config ) {
    if (config != null) {
        this.config = config
        ...
    }
    else {
        this.config = null
    }
}
```

This is much easier, but actually does the same as the first example. The difference is that APSActivator does it for you. Note that the method will be called with a null value if the configuration is unpublished as an OSGi service! This will however only happen if the config is unpublished before aps-config-manager and the listening bundle shuts down. So basically your code must expect and handle a null, but cannot demand to allways get a null on shutdown.

Note that in both these cases you wait for the configuration to become available. The following would also be possible and can seem simpler:

```
@OSGiService
private APSConfig config
```

But in this case you will be blocking the thread if it is accessed before it is available. If this was done in code called from bundle activator then there would be a problem! The other two ways are completely non blocking and reactive in that you get it when it is available.

Whatever the code is doing, it can start doing it when the config is available. If it needs to do

something that isn't quick, then it should work in another thread since the config listener call made by APSActivator needs to return rather quickly. Here is a suggestion: APSExecutor.submit { ... }. This will then be submitted to a thread pool with as many threads as there are cores in the machine. APSActivator can also inject an ExecutionService that is backed by a thread pool for use by the bundle only. APSExecutor provides one thread pool for all bundles to share and are intended for shorter jobs.

MapJSON

Configurations are JSON documents. Apsconfigextends Map<string, Object> and can thus be used as a Map representation of the JSON data, but it also has lookup(string key) method that takes a structured key (implemented by StructMap from aps-core-lib) to lookup a value. There is also a provide(string structPath, Object value) method that is intended for configuration editors to use to update config values. An update of config value will update cluster and inform other nodes of the change. See documentation for StructMap in aps-core-lib for more information.

APSFilesystemService

This provides a filesystem for writing and reading files. This filesystem resides outside of the OSGi server and is for longterm storage, which differs from BundleContext.getDataFile() which resides within bundle deployment. The APSFilesystemService also does not return a File object! It priovides a file area for each unique owner name that is accessed through an API that cannot navigate nor access any files outside of this area. The "owner" name should be either an application name or a bundle name if it is only used by one bundle.

The APSConfigService uses the APSFilesystemService to store its configurations.

Setup

The aps.filesystem.root system property must be set to point to a root where this service provides its file areas. This is either passed to the JVM at server startup or configured withing the server. Glassfish allows you to configure properties within its admin gui. Virgo does not. If this is not provided the service will use BundleContext.getDataFile(".") as the root, which will work for testing and playing around, but should not be used for more serious purposes since this is not a path with a long term availability.

The service

The service allows you to create or get an APSFilesystem object. From that object you can create/read/delete directories (represented by APSDirectory) and files (represented by APSFile). You can get readers, writers, input streams and output streams from files. All paths are relative to the file area represented by the APSFilesystem object.

The javadoc for the APSFilesystemService.

The APIs for this service

public interface APSFile [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.api.core.filesystem.model] {

This represents a file in an *APSFilesystemService* provided filesystem. It provides most of the API of *java.io.File* but is not a *java.io.File*! It never discloses the full path in the host filesystem, only paths relative to its *APSFilesystem* root.

Use the createInputStream/OutputStream/Reader/Writer to read and write the file.

InputStream createInputStream() throws IOException

Creates a new InputStream to this file.

Throws

IOException- on failure

OutputStream createOutputStream() throws IOException

Creates a new OutputStream to this file.

Throws

IOException- on failure

Reader createReader() throws IOException

Creates a new Reader to this file.

Throws

IOException- on failure

Writer createWriter() throws IOException

Creates a new Writer to this file.

Throws

IOException- on failure

Properties loadProperties() throws IOException

If this file denotes a properties file it is loaded and returned.

Throws

IOException- on failure or if it is not a properties file.

void saveProperties(Properties properties) throws IOException

If this file denotes a properties file it is written with the specified properties.

Parameters

properties- The properties to save.

Throws

IOException- on failure or if it is not a properties file.

APSDirectory toDirectory()

If this *APSFile* represents a directory an *APSDirectory* instance will be returned. Otherwise *null* will be returned.

APSFile getAbsoluteFile()

See

java.io.File.getAbsoluteFile()

String getAbsolutePath()

Returns the absolute path relative to filesystem root.

APSFile getCanonicalFile() throws IOException

See

java.io.File.getCanonicalFile()

String getCanonicalPath() throws IOException

See

java.io.File.getCanonicalPath()

String getParent()

See

java.io.File.getParent()

APSDirectory getParentFile()

See

java.io.File.getParentFile() String getPath() See java.io.File.getPath() boolean renameTo(APSFile dest) See java.io.File.renameTo(File) String getName() See java.io.File.getName() boolean canRead() See java.io.File.canRead() boolean canWrite() See java.io.File.canWrite() boolean exists() See java.io.File.exists() boolean exists(String name) Checks if the named file/directory exists. Returns true or false. **Parameters** name- The name to check. boolean existsAndNotEmpty(String name) Checks if the named file exists and is not empty. Returns true or false. **Parameters** name- The name of the file to check.

boolean isDirectory()

See

java.io.File.isDirectory()

boolean isFile()

See

java.io.File.isFile()

boolean isHidden()

See

java.io.File.isHidden()

long lastModified()

See

java.io.File.lastModified()

long length()

See

java.io.File.length()

boolean createNewFile() throws IOException

See

java.io.File.createNewFile()

boolean delete()

See

java.io.File.delete()

void deleteOnExit()

See

java.io.File.deleteOnExit()

String toString()

Returns a string representation of this APSFile.

File toFile()

This API tries to hide the real path and don't allow access outside of its root, but sometimes you just need the real path to pass on to other code requiring it. This provides that. Use it only when needed!

Returns

A File object representing the real/full path to this file.

}

public interface APSFilesystem [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.api.core.filesystem.model] {

This represents an APSFilesystemService filesystem.

APSDirectory getDirectory(String path) throws IOException

Returns a folder at the specified path.

Parameters

path- The path of the folder to get.

Throws

IOException- on any failure, specifically if the specified path is not a folder or doesn't exist.

APSFile getFile(String path)

Returns the file or folder of the specified path.

Parameters

path- The path of the file.

APSDirectory getRootDirectory()

Returns the root directory.

}

public interface APSDirectory extends APSFile [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.api.core.filesystem.model] {

This represents a directory in an APSFilesystem.

Use this to create or get directories and files and list contents of directories.

Personal comment: I do prefer the term "folder" over "directory" since I think that is less ambiguous, but since Java uses the term "directory" I decided to stick with that name.

APSDirectory createDir(String name) throws IOException

Returns a newly created directory with the specified name.

Parameters

name- The name of the directory to create.

Throws

IOException- on any failure.

APSDirectory createDir(String name, String duplicateMessage) throws IOException

Returns a newly created directory with the specified name.

Parameters

name- The name of the directory to create.

duplicateMessage- The exception messaging if directory already exists.

Throws

IOException- on any failure.

APSFile createFile(String name) throws IOException

Creates a new file in the directory represented by the current APSDirectory.

Parameters

name- The name of the file to create.

Throws

IOException- on failure.

APSDirectory getDir(String dirname) throws FileNotFoundException

Returns the specified directory.

Parameters

dirname- The name of the directory to enter.

Throws

FileNotFoundException- on failure

APSFile getFile(String name)

Returns the named file in this directory.

Parameters

name- The name of the file to get.

void recursiveDelete() throws IOException

Performs a recursive delete of the directory represented by this *APSDirectory* and all subdirectories and files.

Throws

IOException- on any failure.

String[] list()

See

java.io.File.list()

APSFile[] listFiles()

See

}

java.io.File.listFiles()

public interface APSFilesystemService [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.api.core.filesystem.service] {

This provides a filesystem for use by services/applications. Each filesystem has its own root that cannot be navigated outside of.

Services or application using this should do something like this in their activators:

```
APSFilesystemService fss;
APSFilesystem fs;

fss.getFilesystem("my.file.system", (result) -> {
    if (result.success()) {
        fs = result.result();
    }
});
```

void getFilesystem(String owner, APSHandler<APSResult<APSFilesystem>> handler)

Returns the filesystem for the specified owner. If the filesystem does not exist it is created.

Parameters

owner- The owner of the filesystem or rather a unique identifier of it.

handler- Called with the filesystem.

Throws

APSIOException- on failure.

void deleteFilesystem(String owner, APSHandler<APSResult<Void>> handler)

Removes the filesystem and all files in it.

Parameters

owner- The owner of the filesystem to delete.

Throws

APSIOException- on any failure.

}

APSJSONLib

This is a library (exports all its packages and provides no service) for reading and writing JSON. It can also write a JavaBean object as JSON and take a JSON value or inputstream containing JSON and produce a JavaBean.

This basically provides a class representing each JSON type: JSONObject, JSONString, JSONNumber, JSONBoolean, JSONArray, JSONNull, and a JSONValue class that is the common base class for all the other. Each class knows how to read and write the JSON type it represents. Then there is a JavaToJSON and a JSONToJava class with static methods for converting back and forth. This mapping is very primitive. There has to be one to one between the JSON and the Java objects.

Changes

0.10.0

readJSON(...) in the **JSONValue** base class now throws JSONEOFException (extends IOException) on EOF. The reason for this is that internally it reads characters which cannot return -1 or any non JSON data valid char to represent EOF. Yes, it would be possible to replace *char* with *Character*, but that will have a greater effect on existing code using this lib. If an JSONEOFException comes and is not handled it is still very much more clear what happened than a NullPointerException would be!

APIs

Complete javadocs can be found at http://apidoc.natusoft.se/APSJSONLib/.

public class JSONConvertionException extends RuntimeException [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.json] {

This exception is thrown on failure to convert from JSON to Java or Java to JSON.

Almost all exceptions within the APS services and libraries extend either *APSException* or *APSRuntimeException*. I decided to just extend RuntimeException here to avoid any other dependencies for this library since it can be useful outside of APS and can be used as any jar if not deployed in OSGi container.

public JSONConvertionException(final String message)

Creates a new JSONConvertionException.

Parameters

message- The exception message

public JSONConvertionException(final String message, final Throwable cause)

Creates a new JSONConvertionException.

Parameters

```
message- The exception message cause- The cause of this exception.
```

public JSONArray()

Creates a new JSONArray for wrinting JSON output.

public JSONArray(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONArray for reading JSON input and writing JSON output.

Parameters

errorHandler- The error handler to use.

public void addValue(JSONValue value)

Adds a value to the array.

Parameters

value- The value to add.

}

public BeanInstance(Object modelInstance)

Creates a new ModelInstance.

Parameters

modelInstance- The model instance to wrap.

public Object getModelInstance()

Returns the test model instance held by this object.

public List<String> getSettableProperties()

Returns a list of settable properties.

public List<String> getGettableProperties()

Returns a list of gettable properties.

public void setProperty(String property, Object value) throws JSONConvertionException

Sets a property

Parameters

property- The name of the property to set.

value- The value to set with.

Throws

JSONConvertionException- on any failure to set the property.

public Object getProperty(String property) throws JSONConvertionException

Returns the value of the specified property.

Returns

The property value.

Parameters

property- The property to return value of.

Throws

JSONConvertionException- on failure (probably bad property name!).

public Class getPropertyType(String property) throws JSONConvertionException

Returns the type of the specified property.

Returns

The class representing the property type.

Parameters

property- The property to get the type for.

Throws

JSONConvertionException- if property does not exist.

}

public static void read(InputStream jsonIn, APSHandler<APSResult<JSONValue>> resultHandler)

Reads any JSON object from the specified InputStream.

Parameters

jsonIn- The InputStream to read from.

resultHandler- The handler to call with result.

public static void readToMap(InputStream jsonIn, APSHandler<APSResult<Map<String, Object>>> resultHandler)

Reads a JSON InputSteam and returns the JSON structure as a Map<String, Object>.

Parameters

isonIn- The JSON stream to read.

resultHandler- The handler to receive the result.

public static void resourceToMap(String resource, APSHandler<APSResult<Map<String, Object>>> resultHandler)

Reads a JSON classpath resource and returns the JSON structure as a Map<String,Object>.

Parameters

resource- The resource to read.

resultHandler- The handler to receive the result.

public static JSONValue read(InputStream jsonIn, JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Reads any JSON object from the specified InputStream.

Returns

A JSONValue subclass. Which depends on what was found on the stream.

Parameters

jsonIn- The InputStream to read from.

errorHandler- An implementation of this interface should be supplied by the user to handle any errors during JSON parsing.

Throws

APSIOException- on any IO failures.

public static void write(OutputStream jsonOut, JSONValue value) throws APSIOException

Writes a JSONValue to an OutputStream. This will write compact output by default.

Parameters

jsonOut- The OutputStream to write to.

value- The value to write.

Throws

APSIOException- on failure.

public static void write(OutputStream jsonOut, JSONValue value, boolean compact, APSHandler<APSResult<Void>> resultHandler)

Writes a JSONValue to an OutputStream. This will write compact output by default.

Parameters

jsonOut- The OutputStream to write to.

value- The value to write.

resultHandler- handler for result. only success() or failure() is relevant.

public static void write(OutputStream jsonOut, JSONValue value, boolean compact) throws APSIOException

Writes a JSONValue to an OutputStream.

Parameters

jsonOut- The OutputStream to write to.

value- The value to write.

compact- If true the written JSON is made very compact and hard to read but produce less data.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO problems.

public static byte[] jsonToBytes(JSONValue jsonValue) throws APSIOException

Converts a JSONValue into bytes.

Returns

A byte array.

Parameters

jsonValue- The JSONValue to convert.

Throws

APSIOException- on any IO failure.

public static JSONValue bytesToJson(byte[] bytes)

Converts a byte array into a JSONValue object. For this to work the byte array of course must contain valid JSON!

Parameters

bytes- The bytes to convert.

public static String jsonToString(JSONValue jsonValue) throws APSIOException

Converts a JSONValue to a String of JSON.

Returns

A String of JSON.

Parameters

jsonValue- The json value to convert.

Throws

APSIOException- on failure. Since the JSON is valid and we are writing to memory this is unlikely ...

public static JSONValue stringToJson(String jsonString) throws APSIOException

Converts a String with JSON into a JSONValue.

Returns

Whatever JSON object the string contained, as a base JSONValue.

Parameters

jsonString- The JSON String to convert.

Throws

APSIOException- on failure, like bad JSON in string.

This takes a JSONObject and returns a Map.

Returns

The converted Map.

Parameters

jsonObject- The JSONObject to convert to a Map.

public static JSONObject mapToJSONObject(Map<String, Object> map)

Converts a Map<String, Object> to a JSONObject.

Returns

A converted JSONObject.

Parameters

map- The Map to convert.

public static Map<String, Object> readJSONAsMap(InputStream jsonIn, JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

For consitency. The same as doing JSON.jsonObjectToMap(InputStream, JSONErrorHandler).

Returns

A Map\<String, Object\> of JSON data.

Parameters

jsonIn- The input stream to read.

errorHandler- The error handler to use.

public static Map<String, Object> stringToMap(String json)

Converts from String to JSON to Map.

Returns

A Map representation of the JSON.

Parameters

json- The JSON String to convert.

public static String mapToString(Map<String, Object> map)

Converts from Map to JSONObject to String.

Returns

A String containing JSON.

Parameters

map- The Map to convert.

public *class* **CollectingErrorHandler** implements JSONErrorHandler [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.json] { Utility implementation of JSONErrorHandler.

public CollectingErrorHandler(boolean printWarnings)

Parameters

printWarnings- If true warnings will be printed to stderr.

public boolean hasMessages()

Returns

true if there are any messages.

public String toString()

Returns

All messages as one string.

}

protected JSONValue()

Creates a new JSONValue.

protected JSONValue(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONValue

protected abstract void readJSON(char c, JSONReader reader) throws APSIOException

This will read the vale from an input stream.

Parameters

c- The first character already read from the input stream.

reader- The reader to read from.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failure.

protected abstract void writeJSON(JSONWriter writer, boolean compact) throws APSIOException

This will write the data held by this JSON value in JSON format on the specified stream.

Parameters

writer- A JSONWriter instance to write with.

compact- If true write the JSON as compact as possible. false means readable, indented.

Throws

APSIOException- On IO failure.

protected JSONErrorHandler getErrorHandler()

Returns

The user supplied error handler.

/*package*/

Reads and resolves what JSON type is the next in the input and returns it.

Returns

The read JSONValue.

Parameters

c- The first already read character.

reader- The reader to read from.

errorHandler- The user supplied error handler.

Throws

APSIOException- on IOFailure.

protected void fail(String message, Throwable cause)

Fails the job.

Parameters

message- The failure message.

cause- An eventual cause of the failure. Can be null.

protected void fail(String message)

Fails the job.

Parameters

message- The failure message.

public void readJSON(InputStream is) throws APSIOException

This will read the value from an input stream.

Parameters

is- The input stream to read from.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failure.

public void writeJSON(OutputStream os) throws APSIOException

This writes JSON to the specified OutputStream.

Parameters

os- The outoutStream to write to.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failure.

public void writeJSON(OutputStream os, boolean compact) throws APSIOException

This writes JSON to the specified OutputStream.

Parameters

os- The outoutStream to write to.

compact- If true write JSON as compact as possible. If false write it readable with indents.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failure.

/*package*/

Method for creating a JSONString instance.

Parameters

errorHandler- The user error handler.

/*package*/

Method for creating a JSONNumber instance.

Parameters

errorHandler- The user error handler.

/*package*/

Method for creating a JSONNull instance.

Parameters

errorHandler- The user error handler.

/*package*/

Method for creating a JSONBoolean instance.

Parameters

errorHandler- The user error handler.

/*package*/

Method for creating a JSONArray instance.

Parameters

errorHandler- The user error handler.

/*package*/

Method for creating a JSONObject instance.

Parameters

errorHandler- The user error handler.

protected JSONReader(PushbackReader reader, JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONReader instance.

Parameters

reader- The PushbackReader to read from.

errorHandler- The handler for errors.

protected char getChar() throws APSIOException

Returns the next character on the specified input stream, setting EOF state checkable with isEOF().

Throws

APSIOException- on IO problems.

protected static class JSONWriter [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.json] {

For subclasses to use in writeJSON(JSONWriter writer).

protected JSONWriter(Writer writer)

Creates a new JSONWriter instance.

Parameters

writer- The writer to write to.

protected void write(String json) throws APSIOException

Writes JSON output.

Parameters

json- The JSON output to write.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failure.

}

public JSONNumber(Number value)

Creates a new JSONNumber instance for writing JSON output.

Parameters

value- The numeric value.

public JSONNumber(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONNumber instance for reading JSON input or writing JSON output.

Parameters

errorHandler- The error handle to use.

public Number toNumber()

Returns the number as a Number.

public float toFloat()

Returns the number as a float value.

public int tolnt()

Returns the number as an int value.

public long toLong()

Returns the number as a long value.

public short toShort()

Returns the number as a short value.

public byte toByte()

Returns the number as a byte value.

public String toString()

Returns

number as String.

public Object to(Class type)

Returns the number as a value of the type specified by the type parameter.

Parameters

type- The type of the returned number.

}

public static JSONObject convertObject(Object javaBean) throws JSONConvertionException

Converts a JavaBean object into a JSONObject.

Returns

A JSONObject containing all values from the JavaBean.

Parameters

javaBean- The JavaBean object to convert.

Throws

JSONConvertionException- on converting failure.

public static JSONObject convertObject(JSONObject jsonObject, Object javaBean) throws JSONConvertionException

Converts a JavaBean object into a JSONObject.

Returns

A JSONObject containing all values from the JavaBean.

Parameters

jsonObject- The jsonObject to convert the bean into or null for a new JSONObject.

javaBean- The JavaBean object to convert.

Throws

JSONConvertionException- on converting failure.

public static JSONValue convertValue(Object value)

Converts a value from a java value to a JSONValue.

Returns

The converted JSONValue.

Parameters

value- The java value to convert. It can be one of String, Number, Boolean, null, JavaBean, or an array of those.

}

public JSONNull()

Creates a new JSONNull instance for writing JSON output.

public JSONNull(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONNull instance for reading JSON input or writing JSON output.

Parameters

errorHandler- The error handler to use.

public String toString()

Returns

as String.

}

public JSONObject()

Creates a JSONObject instance for writing JSON output.

public JSONObject(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONObject instance for reading JSON input or writing JSON output.

Parameters

errorHandler- The error handler to use.

public Set<JSONString> getValueNames()

Returns the names of the available properties.

public JSONValue getValue(JSONString name)

Returns the named property.

Parameters

name- The name of the property to get.

public JSONValue getValue(String name)

Returns the named property.

Parameters

name- The name of the property to get.

public void setValue(JSONString name, JSONValue value)

Adds a value to this JSONObject instance.

Parameters

name- The name of the value.

value- The value.

public void setValue(String name, String value)

Adds a string value.

Parameters

name- The name of the value.

value- The value.

public void setValue(String name, Number value)

Adds a numeric value.

Parameters

name- The name of the value.

value- The value.

public void setValue(String name, boolean value)

Adds a boolean vlaue.

Parameters

name- The name of the value.

value- The value.

public void fromMap(Map<String, Object> map)

populates this JSONObject from the specified Map.

Parameters

map- The Map to import.

public Map<String, Object> toMap()

Returns the JSONObject as a Map.

public void setValue(String name, JSONValue value)

Adds a property to this JSONObject instance.

Parameters

name- The name of the property.

value- The property value.

public JSONString(String value)

Creates a new JSONString for writing JSON output.

Parameters

value- The value of this JSONString.

public JSONString(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONString for reading JSON input and writing JSON output.

Parameters

errorHandler- The error handler to use.

}

public class JSONToJava [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.json] {

Creates a JavaBean instance and copies data from a JSON value to it.

The following mappings are made in addition to the expected ones:

- JSONArray only maps to an array property.
- Date properties in bean are mapped from JSONString "yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss".
- Enum properties in bean are mapped from JSONString which have to contain enum constant name.

public static <T> T convert(InputStream jsonStream, Class<T> javaClass) throws APSIOException, JSONConvertionException

Returns an instance of a java class populated with data from a json object value read from a stream.

Returns

A populated instance of javaClass.

Parameters

jsonStream- The stream to read from.

javaClass- The java class to instantiate and populate.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failures.

JSONConvertionException- On JSON to Java failures.

public static <T> T convert(String json, Class<T> javaClass) throws APSIOException, JSONConvertionException

Returns an instance of a java class populated with data from a json object value read from a String containing JSON.

Returns

A populated instance of javaClass.

Parameters

json- The String to read from.

javaClass- The java class to instantiate and populate.

Throws

APSIOException- on IO failures.

JSONConvertionException- On JSON to Java failures.

public static <T> T convert(JSONValue json, Class<T> javaClass) throws JSONConvertionException

Returns an instance of java class populated with data from json.

Returns

A converted Java object.

Parameters

ison- The ison to convert to java.

javaClass- The class of the java object to convert to.

Throws

JSONConvertionException- On failure to convert.

}

public class SystemOutErrorHandler implements JSONErrorHandler [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.json] {

A simple implementation of *JSONErrorHandler* that simply displays messages on System.out and throws a *RuntimeException* on fail. This is used by the tests. In a non test case another implementation is probably preferred.

}

Creates a new JSONBoolean instance for writing JSON output.

Parameters

value- The value for this boolean.

public JSONBoolean(JSONErrorHandler errorHandler)

Creates a new JSONBoolean instance for reading JSON input or writing JSON output.

Parameters

errorHandler- The error handler to use.

public void setBooleanValue(boolean value)

Sets the value of this boolean.

Parameters

value- The value to set.

public boolean getAsBoolean()

Returns the value of this boolean.

public String toString()

Returns the value of this boolean as a String.

public Boolean toBoolean()

Returns

this JSONBoolean as a Java boolean.

}

}

public interface JSONErrorHandler [se.natusoft.osgi.aps.json] {

This is called on warnings or failures.

@author Tommy Svensson

void warning(String message)

Warns about something.

Parameters

message- The warning message.

void fail(String message, Throwable cause) throws RuntimeException

Indicate failure.

Parameters

message- The failure message.

cause- The cause of the failure. Can be null!

Throws

RuntimeException- This method must throw a RuntimeException.

}

aps-core-lib

MapJsonDocValidator

This takes a schema (made up of a Map<String, Object> , see below) and another Map<String, Object> representing the JSON. So the catch here is that you need a JSON parser that allows you to get the content as a Map. The Vertx JSON parser does. This uses Map since it is generic, does not need to hardcode dependency on a specific parser, and maps are very easy to work with in Groovy.

Useage

```
private Map<String, Object> schema = [
        "header_?": "Contains meta data about the message.",
         "header_1": [
                 "type_?"
                               : "The type of the message. Currently only 'service'.",
                 "type_1" : "service",

"address_?" : "The address of the sender.",

"address_1" : "?aps\\.admin\\..*",
                 "type_1"
                 "classifier_1": "?public|private"
         "body_1" : [
                 "action_1": "get-webs"
         "reply_0": [
                 "webs_1": [
                                   "name_1": "?.*",
                                   "url_1": "?^https?://.*",
                                   "no1_0": "#1-100",
                                   "no2_0": "#<=10",
                                   "no3_0": "#>100",
                                   "no4_0": "#1.2-3.4"
                          ]
        ]
] as Map<String, Object>
private MapJsonDocValidator verifier = new MapJsonDocValidator( validStructure: schema )
verifier.validate(myJsonMap)
```

This will throw a runtime exception on validation failure, specifically APSValidationException.

Note that there is also a special feature for defining a simple dynamic key=>value map where the key is defined with a regexp and the value can be a regexp, string, number, or boolean. This is done be defining a map with only one entry. Example:

```
private Map<String, Object> schema = [
    "nameAddress": [
         "?([a-z]|[0-9]|_|-)+": "?[0-9,.]+"
]
]
```

In this case nameAdress can contain any number of entries as long as each entry have a key containging a-z or 0-9 or _ or - and there must be at least one character, and the value only contains numbers and dots.

Note that when the key is a regexp (starts with '?') then there can be no more rule for this submap!

Schema

Keys

```
<key>_0 - The key is optional.
```

<key> 1 - The key is required.

<key>_? - A description of the key. MapJsonSchemaMeta extracts this information. It is intended for editors editing data of a file validated by a schema. This should provide help information about the value. Since APS uses the MapJsonDocSchemaValidator for configurations and is intended to have web guis for editing configuration this is intended to provide information about configuration fields.

?regexp - special handling. See usage above.

Values

"?regexp"

The '?' indicates that the rest of the value is a regular expression. This regular expression will be applied to each value.

"<hash><range>"

This indicates that this is a number and defines the number range allowed. The following variants are available:

"#from-to": This specifies a range of allowed values, from lowest to highest.

"#<=num": This specifies that the numeric value must be less than or equal to the specified number.

"#>=num": This specifies that the numeric value must be larger than or equal to the specified number.

"#<num": This specifies that the numeric value must be less than the specified number.

"#>num": This specifies that the numeric value must be larger than the specified number.

Note: Both floating point numbers and integers are allowed.

"bla"

This requires values to be exactly "bla".

Example

MapJsonSchemaMeta

This class scans a MapJson schema as defined by MapJsonDocValidator and extracts a list of MapJsonEntryMeta instances for each value in a MapJson structure living up to the schema.

From these the following can be resolved:

- The name of a value.
- The type of a value.
- Is the value required?
- The constraints of the value. If this starts with '?' then the rest is a regular expression. If not the value is a constant, that is, the value has to be exactly as the constraint string.
- A description of the value.

This is not used by the MapJsonDocValidator when validating! This is intended for GUI configuration

editors to use to build a configuration GUI producing valid configurations.

Usage:

```
Map<String, Object> schema
...
new MapJsonSchemaMeta(schema).mapJsonEntryMetas.each { MapJsonEntryMeta mjem -> ... }
```

StructMap

This wraps a structured Map that looks like a JSON document, containing Map, List, and other 'Object's as values.

A key is a String containing branches separated by '.' characters for each sub structure.

It provides a method to collect all value referencing keys in the map structure with full key paths.

It provides a lookup method that takes a full value key path and returns a value.

Note that since this delegates to the wrapped Map the class is also a Map when compiled!

Here is an example (in Groovy) that shows how to lookup and how to use the keys:

```
StructMap smap = new StructMap<>(
                header: [
                        type : "service",
address : "aps.admin.web",
                        classifier: "public",
                        enabled : true
                body : [
                        action: "get-webs"
                reply : [
                        webs: [
                                        name: "ConfigAdmin",
                                        url : "http://localhost:8080/aps/ConfigAdminWeb",
                                [
                                        name: "RemoteServicesAdmin",
                                        url: "https://localhost:8080/aps/RemoteSvcAdmin"
        ] as Map<String, Object>
) as StructMap
assert smap.lookup( "header.type" ).toString() == "service"
assert smap.lookup( "header.address" ).toString() == "aps.admin.web"
assert smap.lookup( "header.classifier" ).toString() == "public"
assert smap.lookup( "body.action" ).toString() == "get-webs"
assert smap.lookup( "reply.webs.[0].name") == "ConfigAdmin"
assert smap.lookup( "reply.webs.[1].name") == "RemoteServicesAdmin"
assert smap.lookup( "reply.webs.[1].url") == "https://localhost:8080/aps/RemoteSvcAdmin"
smap.withAllKeys { String key ->
   println "${key}"
// will produce:
header.type
header.address
header.classifier
header.enabled
body.action
reply.webs.[2].name
reply.webs.[2].url
```

Note that the values are API-wise of type Object! This is because it can be anything, like a String,

Map, List, Number (if you stick to JSON formats) or any other type of value you put in there.

Also note the indexes in the keys in the example. It is not "webs[0]" but "webs.[0]"! The index is a reference name in itself. The keys returned by getAllKeys() have a number between the '[' and the ']' for List entries. This number is the number of entries in the list. The StructPath class (used by this class) can be used to provide array size of an array value.

Web Manager

Components

The components are mostly based on React-Bootstrap components. The APS components wrap other components to provide components that connect to a common bus. All relevant component events are are sent as messages on the bus. No code has to attach listeners to specific components. Any code that wants to react to a component being triggered does so by joining the bus and listen to messages. So the code reacting on messages really has no direct association with any component, they just react to messages.

All components has a listenTo and a sendTo property which points out and address to send or listen to. Most components only send messages.

This separation of component rendering code and event handler code makes it rather easy to render components after a JSON specification. That is what WebManager does. It listens for a JSON GUI spec on the bus, and when it sees such, it renders it. When a user interacts with the rendered GUI messges will be sent on the bus.

APSEventBus

On the frontend there is a local APSEVENTBUS that is used to send and receive messages. This is basically a wrapper. It does not do anything other than pass on to 'EventBusRouter's. There are 2 'EventBusRouter's: APSLocalEventBusRouter and APSVENTEDUSROUTER. These are both added to APSEVENTBUS.

APSLocalEventBusRouter

This looks at the header of a message and if *routing* contains *client* then it passes the message to all registered local subscribers. This never goes out on the network, it only works internatly in the client. This is used to communicate between different components locally.

APSVertxEventBusRouter

This looks at the header of a message and if *routing* contains *backend* it does a send on the Vert.x client event bus bridge. A send does a round robin to to listeners of specified address. If *routing* contains *cluster* it does a publish on the Vert.x client event bus bridge. This goes to all listeners of the address in the whole cluster, including other clients.

Messaging

A note: Vert.x uses Hazelcast by default to handle the cluster. Hazelcast by default manages a cluster on the same subnet only, by multicast. Hazelcast can of course be configured to create larger clusters. But that is a Hazelcast thing, not APS nor Vert.x.

Addresses

Each message must be addressed! An address is just a string. It can be anything. If you send to an address it will be received if there is something also listening to exactly the same address. See an address as a group name as is common in other messaging solutions.

As said above when a send is done on the Vert.x event bus it does a round robin between each listener of the "sent to" address. This to support load balancing.

Address Strategy

Note: (app) refers to a specific application as a wildcard, and (UUID) refers to a generated UUID value.

From client perspective:

Client

- "aps:(app):client:(UUID)"
 - Network: listen
 - · Local: listen, send
- Backend
 - "aps:(app):backend"
 - Network: send
- Cluster
 - "aps:(app):all": Every backend and client of (app).
 - Network: listen, send
 - "aps:(app):all:backend" : Every backend of (app).
 - Network: send
 - "aps:(app):all:client" : Every client of (app).
 - Network: listen, send

Note 1: Only clients have a unique address. They are the only ones that needs a unique address due to being the only unique thing.

Note 2: Vert.x does a round robin on "send" to same address. Only backend messages are delivered with a send. All cluster messages are delived with a "publish" and will always go to every subscriber.

Note 3: Both on client side and on backend, code is not interacting with the Vert.x bus, but local busses with message routers. So what messages are sent on the Vert.x bus and which message method is used is a routing question. Senders and receivers don't need to care.

Routing Strategy

My first though was to hide routing as much as possible, but that creates a lot of limitations.

Components have indirect routing information passed to them by the creater of the component, and in general all routing is handled by the APSComponent base class for the APS components. Individual components should ignore routing completely. They just send and possibly receive messages not caring about anything else than the message.

Some components need to talk to each other locally, and some need to reach a backend. It is up to the code that creates the components to determine that by supplying a routing property of:

```
{
   outgoing: "client/backend/all:backend/all:client/none",
   incoming: "client/all/all:client/none"
}
```

Both outgoing and incomming can have more than one route. Routes are comma separated within the string. No spaces.

Do note the "none" at the end! Its more relevant for incoming than outgoing. It means what the word says. If a component does not react to any incoming messages, then there is no point in listening to incoming messages and the messaging code does not need to make an unceccesary call to a component that will do nothing with the provided message.

Messages

When a message is sent, there is no from, there is only a to. My goal is that all code should only react to messages, and a reaction can possibly be a new message. But there should not be any specific reply message. A message might be reacted to by a client that updates something in a GUI, or it might be reacted to in the backend. Whatever sends the message sholdn't care. Where messages end upp is a routing question.

The content part can be missing or empty depending on type.

In the following specification any entry starting with '?' is optional.

General

--> Avail

Client tells a backend that it exists and are ready for a GUI JSON document.

This is not a requirement, components can be created and a gui built with client code like any other React GUI. There are 2 components that works together and use this message: APSPage and APSWebManager. They will as default inform the backend that they are upp and running and the backend will send a JSON document with components to create. APSWebManager can however also be used with a property that tells it to not send the message, and only act as container, but create and supplying a common event bus to all children.

```
{
    "aps": {
        "origin": "(address)"
        "app": "(app)",
        "type": "avail"
    }
}
```

<-- Gui

Client receives a gui, most probably from backend, but can really be send from anywhere including client itself.

```
{ "aps": { "origin": "(address)", "app": "(app)", "type": "gui" }, "content": { "id": "(comp id)", "name": "(comp name)", ?"group": "(name of group component belongs to if any.)", "type": "(comp type)", ?"class": "(class class ...)", ?"disabled": true/false, ?"enabled": "groupNotEmpty:(group)/namedComponentsNotEmpty:(names)" "collectGroups": "(space separated list of groups to listen to and collect data from.)", "(type specific)": "(...)", ..., "children": .... } }
```

--> Create

```
{
    "aps": {
        "origin": 'address'
        "app": 'app',
        "type": "create"
    }
    "content": {
    }
}
```

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