Example

In this lesson, we'll introduce a Netflix stack coding example.

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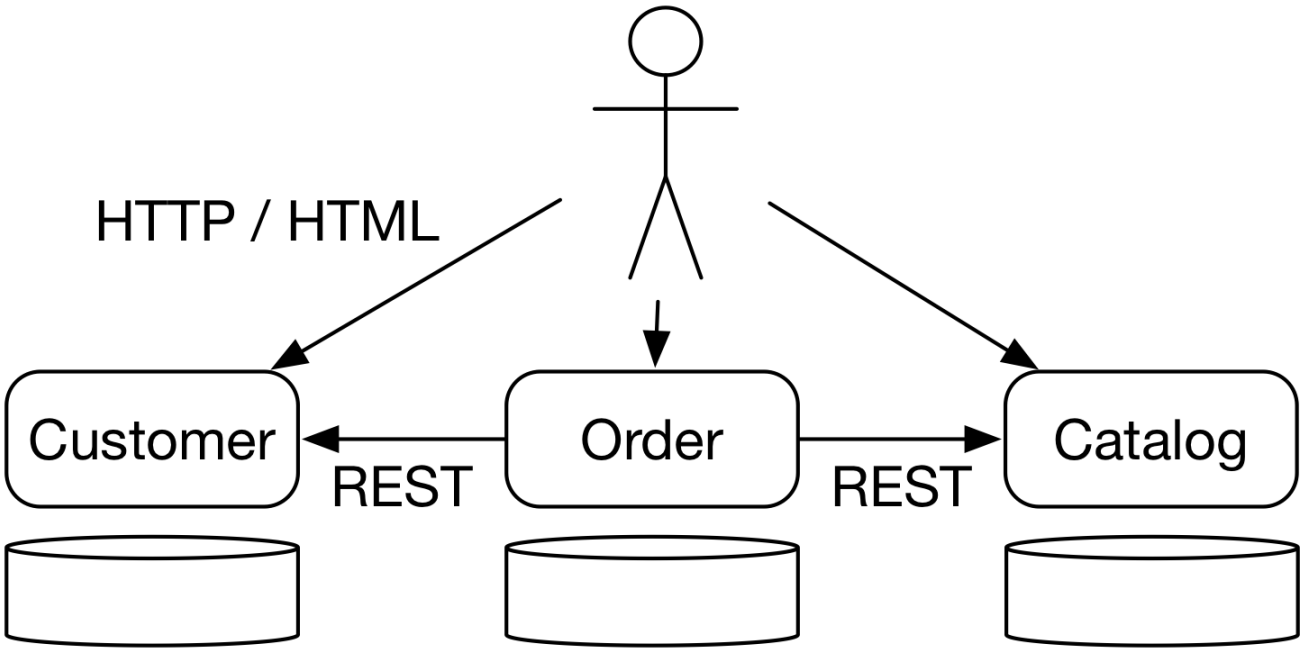
Introduction

The example for this chapter can be found at https://github.com/ewolff/microservice. It consists of **three** microservices:

- The **catalog** microservice that manages the information about the items.
- The **customer** microservice that stores the data of the customers.
- The **order** microservice that can accept new orders by using the catalog and the customer microservice.

Architecture of the example



Architecture of the Netflix Example

- Each of the microservices has its own web interface with which users can interact.
- Among each other, the microservices communicate via REST.
- The order microservice requires information about customers and items from the other two microservices.

In addition to the microservices, there is a **Java application** that displays the **Hystrix dashboard** where monitoring the Hystrix circuit breakers is visualized.

The drawing in the section Docker containers and ports shows the entire example at the level of the Docker containers.

Running the example

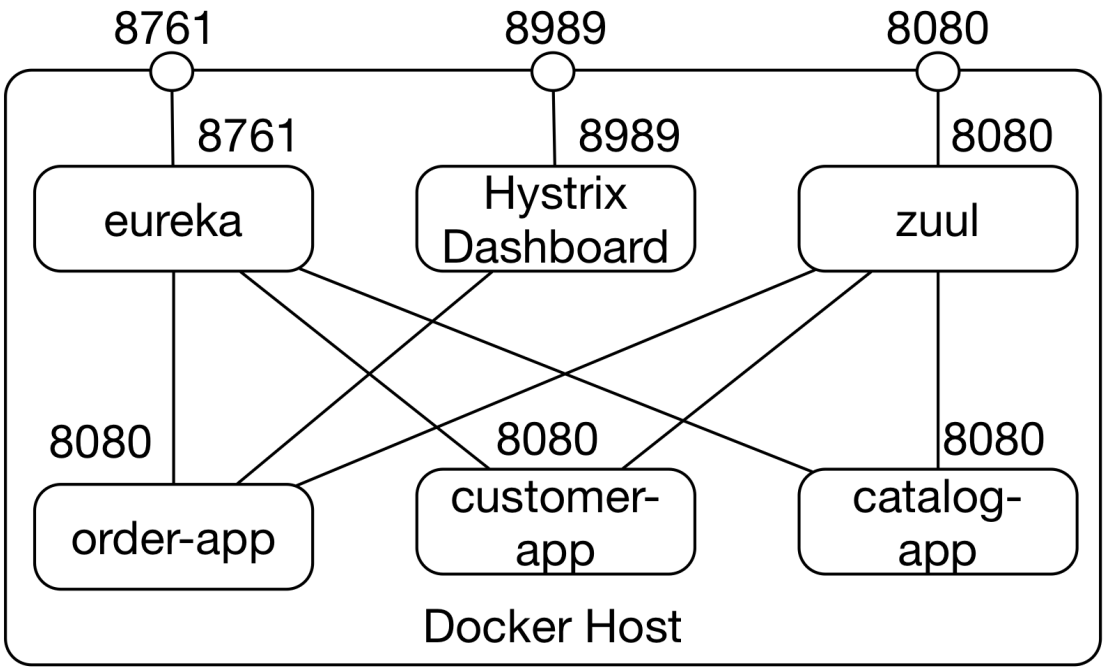
First, the code has to be downloaded with `git clone https://github.com/ewolff/microservice.git`. Then the code has to be compiled with `./mvnw clean package` (macOS, Linux) or `mvnw.cmd clean package` (Windows) in the directory `microservice-demo`. See this lesson in the appendix for more details on Maven and how to troubleshoot the build. Afterwards, the Docker containers can be built with `docker-compose build` in the directory `docker` and started with `docker-compose up -d`. See this lesson

and the one after in the appendix for more details on Docker, docker-compose

and how to troubleshoot them. Subsequently, the Docker containers are available on the Docker host.

https://github.com/ewolff/microservice/blob/master/HOW-TO-RUN.md in detail explains the steps that need to be performed to build and run the example.

Docker containers and ports



Docker Containers in the Netflix Example

The Docker containers communicate via an **internal network**. Some Docker containers can also be used via a port on the Docker host. The Docker host is the computer on which the Docker containers run.

The three microservices **order**, **customer**, and **catalog** each run in their own Docker containers. Access to the Docker containers is only possible *within* the Docker network.

Routing via Zuul

In order to be able to use the services from the outside, **Zuul** provides routing.

- The Zuul container can be accessed from outside under port `8080` and

forwards requests to the microservices.

- If the Docker containers are running **locally**, the URL is http://localhost:8080.
- At this URL, there is also a web page available which includes links to all microservices, Eureka, and the Hystrix dashboard.

Service discovery via Eureka

Eureka serves as a **service discovery** solution.

- The dashboard is available at port `8761`.
- This port is also accessible at the Docker host.
- For a **local Docker installation**, the URL is http://localhost:8761.

Hystrix dashboard

Finally, the **Hystrix dashboard** runs in its own Docker container that can also be accessed under port `8989` on the Docker host, for example at http://localhost:8989.

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In the next lesson, we'll discuss service discovery with Eureka in more detail.