Spring for Apache Kafka

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The Spring for Apache Kafka project applies core Spring concepts to the development of Kafka-based messaging solutions. We provide a "template" as a high-level abstraction for sending messages. We also provide support for Message-driven POJOs.

2. What’s new?

2.1 What’s new in 1.2 Since 1.1

This version uses the 0.10.2.x client.

2.2 What’s new in 1.1 Since 1.0

Kafka Client

This version uses the Apache Kafka 0.10.0.x or 0.10.1.x client.

Batch Listeners

Listeners can be configured to receive the entire batch of messages returned by the `consumer.poll()` operation, rather than one at a time.

Null Payloads

Null payloads are used to "delete" keys when using log compaction.

Initial Offset

When explicitly assigning partitions, you can now configure the initial offset relative to the current position for the consumer group, rather than absolute or relative to the current end.

Seek

You can now seek the position of each topic/partition. This can be used to set the initial position during initialization when group management is in use and Kafka assigns the partitions. You can also seek when an idle container is detected, or at any arbitrary point in your application’s execution. See the section called “Seeking to a Specific Offset” for more information.

3. Introduction

This first part of the reference documentation is a high-level overview of Spring for Apache Kafka and the underlying concepts and some code snippets that will get you up and running as quickly as possible.

3.1 Quick Tour for the Impatient

Introduction

This is the 5 minute tour to get started with Spring Kafka.

Prerequisites: install and run Apache Kafka Then grab the spring-kafka JAR and all of its dependencies - the easiest way to do that is to declare a dependency in your build tool, e.g. for Maven:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.kafka</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-kafka</artifactId>
  <version>1.2.0.RELEASE</version>
</dependency>
```

And for Gradle:

```
compile 'org.springframework.kafka:spring-kafka:1.2.0.RELEASE'
```

Compatibility

- Apache Kafka 0.10.2.0
- Tested with Spring Framework version dependency is 4.3.7 but it is expected that the framework will work with earlier versions of Spring.
- Annotation-based listeners require Spring Framework 4.1 or higher, however.
- Minimum Java version: 7.

Very, Very Quick

Using plain Java to send and receive a message:

```
@Test
public void testAutoCommit() throws Exception {
    logger.info("Start auto");
    ContainerProperties containerProps = new ContainerProperties("topic1", "topic2");
    final CountDownLatch latch = new CountDownLatch(4);
    containerProps.setMessageListener(new MessageListener<Integer, String>() {

        @Override
        public void onMessage(ConsumerRecord<Integer, String> message) {
            logger.info("received: " + message);
            latch.countDown();
        }

    });
    KafkaMessageListenerContainer<Integer, String> container = createContainer(containerProps);
    container.setBeanName("testAuto");
    container.start();
    Thread.sleep(1000); // wait a bit for the container to start
    KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> template = createTemplate();
    template.setDefaultTopic(topic1);
    template.sendDefault(0, "foo");
    template.sendDefault(2, "bar");
    template.sendDefault(0, "baz");
    template.sendDefault(2, "qux");
    template.flush();
    assertTrue(latch.await(60, TimeUnit.SECONDS));
    container.stop();
    logger.info("Stop auto");

}
```

```
private KafkaMessageListenerContainer<Integer, String> createContainer(
                        ContainerProperties containerProps) {
    Map<String, Object> props = consumerProps();
    DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<Integer, String> cf =
                            new DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<Integer, String>(props);
    KafkaMessageListenerContainer<Integer, String> container =
                            new KafkaMessageListenerContainer<>(cf, containerProps);
    return container;
}

private KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> createTemplate() {
    Map<String, Object> senderProps = senderProps();
    ProducerFactory<Integer, String> pf =
              new DefaultKafkaProducerFactory<Integer, String>(senderProps);
    KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> template = new KafkaTemplate<>(pf);
    return template;
}

private Map<String, Object> consumerProps() {
    Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, "localhost:9092");
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.GROUP_ID_CONFIG, group);
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.ENABLE_AUTO_COMMIT_CONFIG, true);
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.AUTO_COMMIT_INTERVAL_MS_CONFIG, "100");
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.SESSION_TIMEOUT_MS_CONFIG, "15000");
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.KEY_DESERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, IntegerDeserializer.class);
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.VALUE_DESERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, StringDeserializer.class);
    return props;
}

private Map<String, Object> senderProps() {
    Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
    props.put(ProducerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, "localhost:9092");
    props.put(ProducerConfig.RETRIES_CONFIG, 0);
    props.put(ProducerConfig.BATCH_SIZE_CONFIG, 16384);
    props.put(ProducerConfig.LINGER_MS_CONFIG, 1);
    props.put(ProducerConfig.BUFFER_MEMORY_CONFIG, 33554432);
    props.put(ProducerConfig.KEY_SERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, IntegerSerializer.class);
    props.put(ProducerConfig.VALUE_SERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, StringSerializer.class);
    return props;
}
```

With Java Configuration

A similar example but with Spring configuration in Java:

```
@Autowired
private Listener listener;

@Autowired
private KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> template;

@Test
public void testSimple() throws Exception {
    template.send("annotated1", 0, "foo");
    template.flush();
    assertTrue(this.listener.latch1.await(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS));
}

@Configuration
@EnableKafka
public class Config {

    @Bean
    ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<Integer, String>
                        kafkaListenerContainerFactory() {
        ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<Integer, String> factory =
                                new ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<>();
        factory.setConsumerFactory(consumerFactory());
        return factory;
    }

    @Bean
    public ConsumerFactory<Integer, String> consumerFactory() {
        return new DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<>(consumerConfigs());
    }

    @Bean
    public Map<String, Object> consumerConfigs() {
        Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
        props.put(ConsumerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, embeddedKafka.getBrokersAsString());
        ...
        return props;
    }

    @Bean
    public Listener listener() {
        return new Listener();
    }

    @Bean
    public ProducerFactory<Integer, String> producerFactory() {
        return new DefaultKafkaProducerFactory<>(producerConfigs());
    }

    @Bean
    public Map<String, Object> producerConfigs() {
        Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
        props.put(ProducerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, embeddedKafka.getBrokersAsString());
        ...
        return props;
    }

    @Bean
    public KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> kafkaTemplate() {
        return new KafkaTemplate<Integer, String>(producerFactory());
    }

}
```

```
public class Listener {

    private final CountDownLatch latch1 = new CountDownLatch(1);

    @KafkaListener(id = "foo", topics = "annotated1")
    public void listen1(String foo) {
        this.latch1.countDown();
    }

}
```

Even Quicker, with Spring Boot

The following Spring Boot application sends 3 messages to a topic, receives them, and stops.

Application.

```
@SpringBootApplication
public class Application implements CommandLineRunner {

    public static Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(Application.class);

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(Application.class, args).close();
    }

    @Autowired
    private KafkaTemplate<String, String> template;

    private final CountDownLatch latch = new CountDownLatch(3);

    @Override
    public void run(String... args) throws Exception {
        this.template.send("myTopic", "foo1");
        this.template.send("myTopic", "foo2");
        this.template.send("myTopic", "foo3");
        latch.await(60, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
        logger.info("All received");
    }

    @KafkaListener(topics = "myTopic")
    public void listen(ConsumerRecord<?, ?> cr) throws Exception {
        logger.info(cr.toString());
        latch.countDown();
    }

}
```

Boot takes care of most of the configuration; when using a local broker, the only properties we need are:

application.properties.

```
spring.kafka.consumer.group-id=foo
spring.kafka.consumer.auto-offset-reset=earliest
```

The first because we are using group management to assign topic partitions to consumers so we need a group, the second to ensure the new consumer group will get the messages we just sent, because the container might start after the sends have completed.

4. Reference

This part of the reference documentation details the various components that comprise Spring for Apache Kafka. The main chapter covers the core classes to develop a Kafka application with Spring.

4.1 Using Spring for Apache Kafka

Sending Messages

KafkaTemplate

The `KafkaTemplate` wraps a producer and provides convenience methods to send data to kafka topics. Both asynchronous and synchronous methods are provided, with the async methods returning a `Future`.

```
ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> sendDefault(V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> sendDefault(K key, V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> sendDefault(int partition, K key, V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> send(String topic, V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> send(String topic, K key, V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> send(String topic, int partition, V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> send(String topic, int partition, K key, V data);

ListenableFuture<SendResult<K, V>> send(Message<?> message);

Map<MetricName, ? extends Metric> metrics();

List<PartitionInfo> partitionsFor(String topic);

<T> T execute(ProducerCallback<K, V, T> callback);

// Flush the producer.

void flush();

interface ProducerCallback<K, V, T> {

    T doInKafka(Producer<K, V> producer);

}
```

The first 3 methods require that a default topic has been provided to the template.

The `metrics` and `partitionsFor` methods simply delegate to the same methods on the underlying `Producer`. The `execute` method provides direct access to the underlying `Producer`.

To use the template, configure a producer factory and provide it in the template's constructor:

```
@Bean
public ProducerFactory<Integer, String> producerFactory() {
    return new DefaultKafkaProducerFactory<>(producerConfigs());
}

@Bean
public Map<String, Object> producerConfigs() {
    Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
    props.put(ProducerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, "localhost:9092");
    ...
    return props;
}

@Bean
public KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> kafkaTemplate() {
    return new KafkaTemplate<Integer, String>(producerFactory());
}
```

The template can also be configured using standard `<bean/>` definitions.

Then, to use the template, simply invoke one of its methods.

When using the methods with a `Message<?>` parameter, topic, partition and key information is provided in a message header:

- `KafkaHeaders.TOPIC`
- `KafkaHeaders.PARTITION_ID`
- `KafkaHeaders.MESSAGE_KEY`

with the message payload being the data.

Optionally, you can configure the `KafkaTemplate` with a `ProducerListener` to get an async callback with the results of the send (success or failure) instead of waiting for the `Future` to complete.

```
public interface ProducerListener<K, V> {

    void onSuccess(String topic, Integer partition, K key, V value, RecordMetadata recordMetadata);

    void onError(String topic, Integer partition, K key, V value, Exception exception);

    boolean isInterestedInSuccess();

}
```

By default, the template is configured with a `LoggingProducerListener` which logs errors and does nothing when the send is successful.

`onSuccess` is only called if `isInterestedInSuccess` returns `true`.

For convenience, the abstract `ProducerListenerAdapter` is provided in case you only want to implement one of the methods. It returns `false` for `isInterestedInSuccess`.

Notice that the send methods return a `ListenableFuture<SendResult>`. You can register a callback with the listener to receive the result of the send asynchronously.

```
ListenableFuture<SendResult<Integer, String>> future = template.send("foo");
future.addCallback(new ListenableFutureCallback<SendResult<Integer, String>>() {

    @Override
    public void onSuccess(SendResult<Integer, String> result) {
        ...
    }

    @Override
    public void onFailure(Throwable ex) {
        ...
    }

});
```

The `SendResult` has two properties, a `ProducerRecord` and `RecordMetadata`; refer to the Kafka API documentation for information about those objects.

If you wish to block the sending thread, to await the result, you can invoke the future's `get()` method. You may wish to invoke `flush()` before waiting or, for convenience, the template has a constructor with an `autoFlush` parameter which will cause the template to `flush()` on each send. Note, however that flushing will likely significantly reduce performance.

Receiving Messages

Messages can be received by configuring a `MessageListenerContainer` and providing a Message Listener, or by using the `@KafkaListener` annotation.

Message Listeners

When using a Message Listener Container you must provide a listener to receive data. There are currently four supported interfaces for message listeners:

```
public interface MessageListener<K, V> {} ❶

    void onMessage(ConsumerRecord<K, V> data);

}

public interface AcknowledgingMessageListener<K, V> {} ❷

    void onMessage(ConsumerRecord<K, V> data, Acknowledgment acknowledgment);

}

public interface BatchMessageListener<K, V> {} ❸

    void onMessage(List<ConsumerRecord<K, V>> data);

}

public interface BatchAcknowledgingMessageListener<K, V> {} ❹

    void onMessage(List<ConsumerRecord<K, V>> data, Acknowledgment acknowledgment);

}
```

❶ Use this for processing individual `ConsumerRecord` s received from the kafka consumer `poll()` operation when using auto-commit, or one of the container-managed commit methods.

❷ Use this for processing individual `ConsumerRecord` s received from the kafka consumer `poll()` operation when using one of the manual commit methods.

❸ Use this for processing all `ConsumerRecord` s received from the kafka consumer `poll()` operation when using auto-commit, or one of the container-managed commit methods. `AckMode.RECORD` is not supported when using this interface since the listener is given the complete batch.

❹ Use this for processing all `ConsumerRecord` s received from the kafka consumer `poll()` operation when using one of the manual commit methods.

Message Listener Containers

Two `MessageListenerContainer` implementations are provided:

- `KafkaMessageListenerContainer`
- `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer`

The `KafkaMessageListenerContainer` receives all message from all topics/partitions on a single thread. The `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer` delegates to 1 or more `KafkaMessageListenerContainer` s to provide multi-threaded consumption.

KafkaMessageListenerContainer

The following constructors are available.

```
public KafkaMessageListenerContainer(ConsumerFactory<K, V> consumerFactory,
                   ContainerProperties containerProperties)

public KafkaMessageListenerContainer(ConsumerFactory<K, V> consumerFactory,
                   ContainerProperties containerProperties,
                   TopicPartitionInitialOffset... topicPartitions)
```

Each takes a `ConsumerFactory` and information about topics and partitions, as well as other configuration in a `ContainerProperties` object. The second constructor is used by the `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer` (see below) to distribute `TopicPartitionInitialOffset` across the consumer instances. `ContainerProperties` has the following constructors:

```
public ContainerProperties(TopicPartitionInitialOffset... topicPartitions)

public ContainerProperties(String... topics)

public ContainerProperties(Pattern topicPattern)
```

The first takes an array of `TopicPartitionInitialOffset` arguments to explicitly instruct the container which partitions to use (using the consumer `assign()` method), and with an optional initial offset: a positive value is an absolute offset by default; a negative value is relative to the current last offset within a partition by default. A constructor for `TopicPartitionInitialOffset` is provided that takes an additional `boolean` argument. If this is `true`, the initial offsets (positive or negative) are relative to the current position for this consumer. The offsets are applied when the container is started. The second takes an array of topics and Kafka allocates the partitions based on the `group.id` property - distributing partitions across the group. The third uses a regex `Pattern` to select the topics.

Refer to the JavaDocs for `ContainerProperties` for more information about the various properties that can be set.

ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer

The single constructor is similar to the first `KafkaListenerContainer` constructor:

```
public ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer(ConsumerFactory<K, V> consumerFactory,
                            ContainerProperties containerProperties)
```

It also has a property `concurrency`, e.g. `container.setConcurrency(3)` will create 3 `KafkaMessageListenerContainer` s.

For the first constructor, kafka will distribute the partitions across the consumers. For the second constructor, the `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer` distributes the `TopicPartition` s across the delegate `KafkaMessageListenerContainer` s.

If, say, 6 `TopicPartition` s are provided and the `concurrency` is 3; each container will get 2 partitions. For 5 `TopicPartition` s, 2 containers will get 2 partitions and the third will get 1. If the `concurrency` is greater than the number of `TopicPartitions`, the `concurrency` will be adjusted down such that each container will get one partition.

Committing Offsets

Several options are provided for committing offsets. If the `enable.auto.commit` consumer property is true, kafka will auto-commit the offsets according to its configuration. If it is false, the containers support the following `AckMode` s.

The consumer `poll()` method will return one or more `ConsumerRecords`; the `MessageListener` is called for each record; the following describes the action taken by the container for each `AckMode` :

- RECORD - commit the offset when the listener returns after processing the record.
- BATCH - commit the offset when all the records returned by the `poll()` have been processed.
- TIME - commit the offset when all the records returned by the `poll()` have been processed as long as the `ackTime` since the last commit has been exceeded.
- COUNT - commit the offset when all the records returned by the `poll()` have been processed as long as `ackCount` records have been received since the last commit.
- COUNT_TIME - similar to TIME and COUNT but the commit is performed if either condition is true.
- MANUAL - the message listener is responsible to `acknowledge()` the `Acknowledgment`; after which, the same semantics as `BATCH` are applied.
- MANUAL_IMMEDIATE - commit the offset immediately when the `Acknowledgment.acknowledge()` method is called by the listener.

> **Note**
>
> `MANUAL`, and `MANUAL_IMMEDIATE` require the listener to be an `AcknowledgingMessageListener` or a `BatchAcknowledgingMessageListener`; see Message Listeners.

The `commitSync()` or `commitAsync()` method on the consumer is used, depending on the `syncCommits` container property.

The `Acknowledgment` has this method:

```
public interface Acknowledgment {

    void acknowledge();

}
```

This gives the listener control over when offsets are committed.

@KafkaListener Annotation

The `@KafkaListener` annotation provides a mechanism for simple POJO listeners:

```
public class Listener {

    @KafkaListener(id = "foo", topics = "myTopic")
    public void listen(String data) {
        ...
    }

}
```

This mechanism requires an `@EnableKafka` annotation on one of your `@Configuration` classes and a listener container factory, which is used to configure the underlying `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer`: by default, a bean with name `kafkaListenerContainerFactory` is expected.

```
@Configuration
@EnableKafka
public class KafkaConfig {

    @Bean
    KafkaListenerContainerFactory<ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer<Integer, String>>
                        kafkaListenerContainerFactory() {
        ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<Integer, String> factory =
                                new ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<>();
        factory.setConsumerFactory(consumerFactory());
        factory.setConcurrency(3);
        factory.getContainerProperties().setPollTimeout(3000);
        return factory;
    }

    @Bean
    public ConsumerFactory<Integer, String> consumerFactory() {
        return new DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<>(consumerConfigs());
    }

    @Bean
    public Map<String, Object> consumerConfigs() {
        Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
        props.put(ProducerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, embeddedKafka.getBrokersAsString());
        ...
        return props;
    }
}
```

Notice that to set container properties, you must use the `getContainerProperties()` method on the factory. It is used as a template for the actual properties injected into the container.

You can also configure POJO listeners with explicit topics and partitions (and, optionally, their initial offsets):

```
@KafkaListener(id = "bar", topicPartitions =
        { @TopicPartition(topic = "topic1", partitions = { "0", "1" }),
          @TopicPartition(topic = "topic2", partitions = "0",
             partitionOffsets = @PartitionOffset(partition = "1", initialOffset = "100"))
        })
public void listen(ConsumerRecord<?, ?> record) {
    ...
}
```

Each partition can be specified in the `partitions` or `partitionOffsets` attribute, but not both.

When using manual `AckMode`, the listener can also be provided with the `Acknowledgment`; this example also shows how to use a different container factory.

```
@KafkaListener(id = "baz", topics = "myTopic",
          containerFactory = "kafkaManualAckListenerContainerFactory")
public void listen(String data, Acknowledgment ack) {
    ...
    ack.acknowledge();
}
```

Finally, metadata about the message is available from message headers:

```
@KafkaListener(id = "qux", topicPattern = "myTopic1")
public void listen(@Payload String foo,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_MESSAGE_KEY) Integer key,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_PARTITION_ID) int partition,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_TOPIC) String topic) {
    ...
}
```

Starting with *version 1.1*, `@KafkaListener` methods can be configured to receive the entire batch of consumer records received from the consumer poll. To configure the listener container factory to create batch listeners, set the `batchListener` property:

```
@Bean
public KafkaListenerContainerFactory<?> batchFactory() {
    ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<Integer, String> factory =
            new ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<>();
    factory.setConsumerFactory(consumerFactory());
    factory.setBatchListener(true);  // <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<
    return factory;
}
```

To receive a simple list of payloads:

```
@KafkaListener(id = "list", topics = "myTopic", containerFactory = "batchFactory")
public void listen(List<String> list) {
    ...
}
```

The topic, partition, offset etc are available in headers which parallel the payloads:

```
@KafkaListener(id = "list", topics = "myTopic", containerFactory = "batchFactory")
public void listen(List<String> list,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_MESSAGE_KEY) List<Integer> keys,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_PARTITION_ID) List<Integer> partitions,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_TOPIC) List<String> topics,
        @Header(KafkaHeaders.OFFSET) List<Long> offsets) {
    ...
}
```

Alternatively you can receive a List of `Message<?>` objects with each offset, etc in each message, but it must be the only parameter (aside from an optional `Acknowledgment` when using manual commits) defined on the method:

```
@KafkaListener(id = "listMsg", topics = "myTopic", containerFactory = "batchFactory")
public void listen14(List<Message<?>> list) {
    ...
}

@KafkaListener(id = "listMsgAck", topics = "myTopic", containerFactory = "batchFactory")
public void listen15(List<Message<?>> list, Acknowledgment ack) {
    ...
}
```

You can also receive a list of `ConsumerRecord<?, ?>` objects but it must be the only parameter (aside from an optional `Acknowledgment` when using manual commits) defined on the method:

```
@KafkaListener(id = "listCRs", topics = "myTopic", containerFactory = "batchFactory")
public void listen(List<ConsumerRecord<Integer, String>> list) {
    ...
}

@KafkaListener(id = "listCRsAck", topics = "myTopic", containerFactory = "batchFactory")
public void listen(List<ConsumerRecord<Integer, String>> list, Acknowledgment ack) {
    ...
}
```

Container Thread Naming

Listener containers currently use two task executors, one to invoke the consumer and another which will be used to invoke the listener, when the kafka consumer property `enable.auto.commit` is `false`. You can provide custom executors by setting the `consumerExecutor` and `listenerExecutor` properties of the container's `ContainerProperties`. When using pooled executors, be sure that enough threads are available to handle the concurrency across all the containers in which they are used. When using the `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer`, a thread from each is used for each consumer (`concurrency`).

If you don't provide executors, `SimpleAsyncTaskExecutor` s are used; these executors create threads with names `<beanName>-C-1` (consumer thread) and `<beanName>-L-1` (listener thread). For the `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer`, the `<beanName>` part of the thread name becomes `<beanName>-m`, where `m` represents the consumer instance. So, with a bean name of `container`, threads in this container will be named `container-0-C-1` and `container-0-L-1`, `container-1-C-1` etc. The trailing number is always `1` because a new executor is created each time the container is stopped/started.

Filtering Messages

In certain scenarios, such as rebalancing, a message may be redelivered that has already been processed. The framework cannot know whether such a message has been processed or not, that is an application-level function. This is known as the Idempotent Receiver pattern and Spring Integration provides an implementation thereof.

The Spring for Apache Kafka project also provides some assistance by means of the `FilteringMessageListenerAdapter` class, which can wrap your `MessageListener`. This class takes an implementation of `RecordFilterStrategy` where you implement the `filter` method to signal that a message is a duplicate and should be discarded.

A `FilteringAcknowledgingMessageListenerAdapter` is also provided for wrapping an `AcknowledgingMessageListener`. This has an additional property `ackDiscarded` which indicates whether the adapter should acknowledge the discarded record; it is `true` by default.

When using `@KafkaListener`, set the `RecordFilterStrategy` (and optionally `ackDiscarded`) on the container factory and the listener will be wrapped in the appropriate filtering adapter.

Finally, `FilteringBatchMessageListenerAdapter` and `FilteringBatchAcknowledgingMessageListenerAdapter` are provided, for when using a batch message listener.

Retrying Deliveries

If your listener throws an exception, the default behavior is to invoke the `ErrorHandler`, if configured, or logged otherwise.

> **Note**
>
> Two error handler interfaces are provided `ErrorHandler` and `BatchErrorHandler`; the appropriate type must be configured to match the Message Listener.

To retry deliveries, convenient listener adapters - `RetryingMessageListenerAdapter` and `RetryingAcknowledgingMessageListenerAdapter` are provided, depending on whether you are using a `MessageListener` or an `AcknowledgingMessageListener`.

These can be configured with a `RetryTemplate` and `RecoveryCallback<Void>` - see the spring-retry project for information about these components. If a recovery callback is not provided, the exception is thrown to the container after retries are exhausted. In that case, the `ErrorHandler` will be invoked, if configured, or logged otherwise.

When using `@KafkaListener`, set the `RetryTemplate` (and optionally `recoveryCallback`) on the container factory and the listener will be wrapped in the appropriate retrying adapter.

A retry adapter is not provided for any of the batch message listeners.

Detecting Idle Asynchronous Consumers

While efficient, one problem with asynchronous consumers is detecting when they are idle - users might want to take some action if no messages arrive for some period of time.

You can configure the listener container to publish a `ListenerContainerIdleEvent` when some time passes with no message delivery. While the container is idle, an event will be published every `idleEventInterval` milliseconds.

To configure this feature, set the `idleEventInterval` on the container:

```
@Bean
public KafKaMessageListenerContainer(ConnectionFactory connectionFactory) {
    ContainerProperties containerProps = new ContainerProperties("topic1", "topic2");
    ...
    containerProps.setIdleEventInterval(60000L);
    ...
    KafKaMessageListenerContainer<String, String> container = new KafKaMessageListenerContainer<>(...);
    return container;
}
```

Or, for a `@KafkaListener`...

```
@Bean
public ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory kafkaListenerContainerFactory() {
    ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<String, String> factory =
                new ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<>();
    ...
    factory.getContainerProperties().setIdleEventInterval(60000L);
    ...
    return factory;
}
```

In each of these cases, an event will be published once per minute while the container is idle.

Event Consumption

You can capture these events by implementing `ApplicationListener` - either a general listener, or one narrowed to only receive this specific event. You can also use `@EventListener`, introduced in Spring Framework 4.2.

The following example combines the `@KafkaListener` and `@EventListener` into a single class. It's important to understand that the application listener will get events for all containers so you may need to check the listener id if you want to take specific action based on which container is idle. You can also use the `@EventListener condition` for this purpose.

The events have 4 properties:

- `source` - the listener container instance
- `id` - the listener id (or container bean name)
- `idleTime` - the time the container had been idle when the event was published
- `topicPartitions` - the topics/partitions that the container was assigned at the time the event was generated

```
public class Listener {

    @KafkaListener(id = "qux", topics = "annotated")
    public void listen4(@Payload String foo, Acknowledgment ack) {
        ...
    }

    @EventListener(condition = "event.listenerId.startsWith('qux-')")
    public void eventHandler(ListenerContainerIdleEvent event) {
        this.event = event;
        eventLatch.countDown();
    }

}
```

> **Important**
>
> Event listeners will see events for all containers; so, in the example above, we narrow the events received based on the listener ID. Since containers created for the `@KafkaListener` support concurrency, the actual containers are named `id-n` where the `n` is a unique value for each instance to support the concurrency. Hence we use `startsWith` in the condition.

> **Caution**
>
> If you wish to use the idle event to stop the lister container, you should not call `container.stop()` on the thread that calls the listener - it will cause delays and unnecessary

> log messages. Instead, you should hand off the event to a different thread that can then stop the container. Also, you should not `stop()` the container instance in the event if it is a child container, you should stop the concurrent container instead.

Current Positions when Idle

Note that you can obtain the current positions when idle is detected by implementing `ConsumerSeekAware` in your listener; see `onIdleContainer()` in `the section called “Seeking to a Specific Offset”.

Topic/Partition Initial Offset

There are several ways to set the initial offset for a partition.

When manually assigning partitions, simply set the initial offset (if desired) in the configured `TopicPartitionInitialOffset` arguments (see the section called “Message Listener Containers”). You can also seek to a specific offset at any time.

When using group management where the broker assigns partitions:

- For a new `group.id`, the initial offset is determined by the `auto.offset.reset` consumer property (`earliest` or `latest`).
- For an existing group id, the initial offset is the current offset for that group id. You can, however, seek to a specific offset during initialization (or at any time thereafter).

Seeking to a Specific Offset

In order to seek, your listener must implement `ConsumerSeekAware` which has the following methods:

```
void registerSeekCallback(ConsumerSeekCallback callback);

void onPartitionsAssigned(Map<TopicPartition, Long> assignments, ConsumerSeekCallback callback);

void onIdleContainer(Map<TopicPartition, Long> assignments, ConsumerSeekCallback callback);
```

The first is called when the container is started; this callback should be used when seeking at some arbitrary time after initialization. You should save a reference to the callback; if you are using the same listener in multiple containers (or in a `ConcurrentMessageListenerContainer`) you should store the callback in a `ThreadLocal` or some other structure keyed by the listener `Thread`.

When using group management, the second method is called when assignments change. You can use this method, for example, for setting initial offsets for the partitions, by calling the callback; you must use the callback argument, not the one passed into `registerSeekCallback`. This method will never be called if you explicitly assign partitions yourself; use the `TopicPartitionInitialOffset` in that case.

The callback has one method:

```
void seek(String topic, int partition, long offset);
```

You can also perform seek operations from `onIdleContainer()` when an idle container is detected; see the section called “Detecting Idle Asynchronous Consumers” for how to enable idle container detection.

To arbitrarily seek at runtime, use the callback reference from the `registerSeekCallback` for the appropriate thread.

Serialization/Deserialization and Message Conversion

Apache Kafka provides a high-level API for serializing/deserializing record values as well as their keys. It is present with the `org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.Serializer<T>` and `org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.Deserializer<T>` abstractions with some built-in implementations. Meanwhile we can specify simple (de)serializer classes using Producer and/or Consumer configuration properties, e.g.:

```
props.put(ConsumerConfig.KEY_DESERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, IntegerDeserializer.class);
props.put(ConsumerConfig.VALUE_DESERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, StringDeserializer.class);
...
props.put(ProducerConfig.KEY_SERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, IntegerSerializer.class);
props.put(ProducerConfig.VALUE_SERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, StringSerializer.class);
```

for more complex or particular cases, the `KafkaConsumer`, and therefore `KafkaProducer`, provides overloaded constructors to accept `(De)Serializer` instances for `keys` and/or `values`, respectively.

To meet this API, the `DefaultKafkaProducerFactory` and `DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory` also provide properties to allow to inject a custom `(De)Serializer` to target `Producer`/`Consumer`.

For this purpose, Spring for Apache Kafka also provides `JsonSerializer`/`JsonDeserializer` implementations based on the Jackson JSON object mapper. The `JsonSerializer` is quite simple and just allows writing any Java object as a JSON `byte[]`, the `JsonDeserializer` requires an additional `Class<?> targetType` argument to allow the deserialization of a consumed `byte[]` to the proper target object.

```
JsonDeserializer<Bar> barDeserializer = new JsonDeserializer<>(Bar.class);
```

Both `JsonSerializer` and `JsonDeserializer` can be customized with an `ObjectMapper`. You can also extend them to implement some particular configuration logic in the `configure(Map<String, ?> configs, boolean isKey)` method.

Although the `Serializer`/`Deserializer` API is quite simple and flexible from the low-level Kafka `Consumer` and `Producer` perspective, you might need more flexibility at the Spring Messaging level, either when using `@KafkaListener` or Spring Integration. To easily convert to/from `org.springframework.messaging.Message`, Spring for Apache Kafka provides a `MessageConverter` abstraction with the `MessagingMessageConverter` implementation and its `StringJsonMessageConverter` customization. The `MessageConverter` can be injected into `KafkaTemplate` instance directly and via `AbstractKafkaListenerContainerFactory` bean definition for the `@KafkaListener.containerFactory()` property:

```
@Bean
public KafkaListenerContainerFactory<?> kafkaJsonListenerContainerFactory() {
    ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<Integer, String> factory =
        new ConcurrentKafkaListenerContainerFactory<>();
    factory.setConsumerFactory(consumerFactory());
    factory.setMessageConverter(new StringJsonMessageConverter());
    return factory;
}
...
@KafkaListener(topics = "jsonData",
               containerFactory = "kafkaJsonListenerContainerFactory")
public void jsonListener(Foo foo) {
...
}
```

When using a `@KafkaListener`, the parameter type is provided to the message converter to assist with the conversion.

> **Note**
>
> When using the `StringJsonMessageConverter`, you should use a `StringDeserializer` in the kafka consumer configuration and `StringSerializer` in the kafka producer configuration, when using Spring Integration or the `KafkaTemplate.send(Message<?> message)` method.

Log Compaction

When using Log Compaction, it is possible to send and receive messages with `null` payloads which identifies the deletion of a key.

Starting with *version 1.0.3*, this is now fully supported.

To send a `null` payload using the `KafkaTemplate` simply pass null into the value argument of the `send()` methods. One exception to this is the `send(Message<?> message)` variant. Since `spring-messaging` `Message<?>` cannot have a `null` payload, a special payload type `KafkaNull` is used and the framework will send `null`. For convenience, the static `KafkaNull.INSTANCE` is provided.

When using a message listener container, the received `ConsumerRecord` will have a `null` `value()`.

To configure the `@KafkaListener` to handle `null` payloads, you must use the `@Payload` annotation with `required = false`; you will usually also need the key so your application knows which key was "deleted":

```
@KafkaListener(id = "deletableListener", topics = "myTopic")
public void listen(@Payload(required = false) String value, @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_MESSAGE_KEY)
 String key) {
    // value == null represents key deletion
}
```

When using a class-level `@KafkaListener`, some additional configuration is needed - a `@KafkaHandler` method with a `KafkaNull` payload:

```
@KafkaListener(id = "multi", topics = "myTopic")
static class MultiListenerBean {

    private final CountDownLatch latch1 = new CountDownLatch(2);

    @KafkaHandler
    public void listen(String foo) {
        ...
    }

    @KafkaHandler
    public void listen(Integer bar) {
        ...
    }

    @KafkaHandler
    public void delete(@Payload(required = false) KafkaNull
 nul, @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_MESSAGE_KEY) int key) {
        ...
    }

}
```

4.2 Kafka Streams Support

Introduction

Starting with *version 1.1.4*, Spring for Apache Kafka provides first class support for Kafka Streams. For using it from a Spring application, the `kafka-streams` jar must be present on classpath. It is an optional dependency of the `spring-kafka` project and isn't downloaded transitively.

Basics

The reference Apache Kafka Streams documentation suggests this way of using the API:

```
// Use the builders to define the actual processing topology, e.g. to specify
// from which input topics to read, which stream operations (filter, map, etc.)
// should be called, and so on.

KStreamBuilder builder = ...;  // when using the Kafka Streams DSL
//
// OR
//
TopologyBuilder builder = ...; // when using the Processor API

// Use the configuration to tell your application where the Kafka cluster is,
// which serializers/deserializers to use by default, to specify security settings,
// and so on.
StreamsConfig config = ...;

KafkaStreams streams = new KafkaStreams(builder, config);

// Start the Kafka Streams instance
streams.start();

// Stop the Kafka Streams instance
streams.close();
```

So, we have two main components: `KStreamBuilder` (which extends `TopologyBuilder` as well) with an API to build `KStream` (or `KTable`) instances and `KafkaStreams` to manage their lifecycle. Note: all `KStream` instances exposed to a `KafkaStreams` instance by a single `KStreamBuilder` will be started and stopped at the same time, even if they have a fully different logic. In other words all our streams defined by a `KStreamBuilder` are tied with a single lifecycle control. Once a `KafkaStreams` instance has been closed via `streams.close()` it cannot be restarted, and a new `KafkaStreams` instance to restart stream processing must be created instead.

Spring Management

To simplify the usage of Kafka Streams from the Spring application context perspective and utilize the lifecycle management via container, the Spring for Apache Kafka introduces `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean`. This is an `AbstractFactoryBean` implementation to expose a `KStreamBuilder` singleton instance as a bean:

```
@Bean
public FactoryBean<KStreamBuilder> myKStreamBuilder(StreamsConfig streamsConfig) {
    return new KStreamBuilderFactoryBean(streamsConfig);
}
```

The `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean` also implements `SmartLifecycle` to manage lifecycle of an internal `KafkaStreams` instance. Similar to the Kafka Streams API, the `KStream` instances must be defined before starting the `KafkaStreams`, and that also applies for the Spring API for Kafka Streams.

Therefore we have to declare `KStream` s on the `KStreamBuilder` before the application context is refreshed, when we use default `autoStartup = true` on the `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean`. For example, `KStream` can be just as a regular bean definition, meanwhile the Kafka Streams API is used without any impacts:

```
@Bean
public KStream<?, ?> kStream(KStreamBuilder kStreamBuilder) {
    KStream<Integer, String> stream = kStreamBuilder.stream(STREAMING_TOPIC1);
    // Fluent KStream API
    return stream;
}
```

If you would like to control lifecycle manually (e.g. stop and start by some condition), you can reference the `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean` bean directly using factory bean (`&`) prefix. Since `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean` utilize its internal `KafkaStreams` instance, it is safe to stop and restart it again - a new `KafkaStreams` is created on each `start()`. Also consider using different `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean` s, if you would like to control lifecycles for `KStream` instances separately.

Configuration

To configure the Kafka Streams environment, the `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean` requires a `Map` of particular properties or a `StreamsConfig` instance. See Apache Kafka documentation for all possible options.

To avoid boilerplate code for most cases, especially when you develop micro services, Spring for Apache Kafka provides the `@EnableKafkaStreams` annotation, which should be placed alongside with `@Configuration`. Only you need is to declare `StreamsConfig` bean with the `defaultKafkaStreamsConfig` name. A `KStreamBuilder` bean with the `defaultKStreamBuilder` name will be declare in the application context automatically. Any additional `KStreamBuilderFactoryBean` beans can be declared and used as well.

Kafka Streams Example

Putting it all together:

```
@Configuration
@EnableKafka
@EnableKafkaStreams
public static class KafkaStreamsConfiguration {

    @Bean(name = KafkaStreamsDefaultConfiguration.DEFAULT_STREAMS_CONFIG_BEAN_NAME)
    public StreamsConfig kStreamsConfigs() {
        Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
        props.put(StreamsConfig.APPLICATION_ID_CONFIG, "testStreams");
        props.put(StreamsConfig.KEY_SERDE_CLASS_CONFIG, Serdes.Integer().getClass().getName());
        props.put(StreamsConfig.VALUE_SERDE_CLASS_CONFIG, Serdes.String().getClass().getName());
        props.put(StreamsConfig.TIMESTAMP_EXTRACTOR_CLASS_CONFIG,
 WallclockTimestampExtractor.class.getName());
        return new StreamsConfig(props);
    }

    @Bean
    public KStream<Integer, String> kStream(KStreamBuilder kStreamBuilder) {
        KStream<Integer, String> stream = kStreamBuilder.stream("streamingTopic1");
        stream
                .mapValues(String::toUpperCase)
                .groupByKey()
                .reduce((String value1, String value2) -> value1 + value2,
                  TimeWindows.of(1000),
                  "windowStore")
                .toStream()
                .map((windowedId, value) -> new KeyValue<>(windowedId.key(), value))
                .filter((i, s) -> s.length() > 40)
                .to("streamingTopic2");

        stream.print();

        return stream;
    }

}
```

4.3 Testing Applications

Introduction

The `spring-kafka-test` jar contains some useful utilities to assist with testing your applications.

JUnit

`o.s.kafka.test.utils.KafkaUtils` provides some static methods to set up producer and consumer properties:

```
/**
 * Set up test properties for an {@code <Integer, String>} consumer.
 * @param group the group id.
 * @param autoCommit the auto commit.
 * @param embeddedKafka a {@link KafkaEmbedded} instance.
 * @return the properties.
 */
public static Map<String, Object> consumerProps(String group, String autoCommit,
                                        KafkaEmbedded embeddedKafka) { ... }

/**
 * Set up test properties for an {@code <Integer, String>} producer.
 * @param embeddedKafka a {@link KafkaEmbedded} instance.
 * @return the properties.
 */
public static Map<String, Object> senderProps(KafkaEmbedded embeddedKafka) { ... }
```

A JUnit `@Rule` is provided that creates an embedded kafka server.

```
/**
 * Create embedded Kafka brokers.
 * @param count the number of brokers.
 * @param controlledShutdown passed into TestUtils.createBrokerConfig.
 * @param topics the topics to create (2 partitions per).
 */
public KafkaEmbedded(int count, boolean controlledShutdown, String... topics) { ... }

/**
 *
 * Create embedded Kafka brokers.
 * @param count the number of brokers.
 * @param controlledShutdown passed into TestUtils.createBrokerConfig.
 * @param partitions partitions per topic.
 * @param topics the topics to create.
 */
public KafkaEmbedded(int count, boolean controlledShutdown, int partitions, String... topics) { ... }
```

The embedded kafka class has a utility method allowing you to consume for all the topics it created:

```
Map<String, Object> consumerProps = KafkaTestUtils.consumerProps("testT", "false", embeddedKafka);
DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<Integer, String> cf = new DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<Integer, String>(
        consumerProps);
Consumer<Integer, String> consumer = cf.createConsumer();
embeddedKafka.consumeFromAllEmbeddedTopics(consumer);
```

The `KafkaTestUtils` has some utility methods to fetch results from the consumer:

```
/**
 * Poll the consumer, expecting a single record for the specified topic.
 * @param consumer the consumer.
 * @param topic the topic.
 * @return the record.
 * @throws org.junit.ComparisonFailure if exactly one record is not received.
 */
public static <K, V> ConsumerRecord<K, V> getSingleRecord(Consumer<K, V> consumer, String topic) { ... }

/**
 * Poll the consumer for records.
 * @param consumer the consumer.
 * @return the records.
 */
public static <K, V> ConsumerRecords<K, V> getRecords(Consumer<K, V> consumer) { ... }
```

Usage:

```
...
template.sendDefault(0, 2, "bar");
ConsumerRecord<Integer, String> received = KafkaTestUtils.getSingleRecord(consumer, "topic");
...
```

When the embedded server is started by JUnit, it sets a system property `spring.embedded.kafka.brokers` to the address of the broker(s). A convenient constant `KafkaEmbedded.SPRING_EMBEDDED_KAFKA_BROKERS` is provided for this property.

Hamcrest Matchers

The `o.s.kafka.test.hamcrest.KafkaMatchers` provides the following matchers:

```
/**
 * @param key the key
 * @param <K> the type.
 * @return a Matcher that matches the key in a consumer record.
 */
public static <K> Matcher<ConsumerRecord<K, ?>> hasKey(K key) { ... }

/**
 * @param value the value.
 * @param <V> the type.
 * @return a Matcher that matches the value in a consumer record.
 */
public static <V> Matcher<ConsumerRecord<?, V>> hasValue(V value) { ... }

/**
 * @param partition the partition.
 * @return a Matcher that matches the partition in a consumer record.
 */
public static Matcher<ConsumerRecord<?, ?>> hasPartition(int partition) { ... }
```

AssertJ Conditions

```
/**
 * @param key the key
 * @param <K> the type.
 * @return a Condition that matches the key in a consumer record.
 */
public static <K> Condition<ConsumerRecord<K, ?>> key(K key) { ... }

/**
 * @param value the value.
 * @param <V> the type.
 * @return a Condition that matches the value in a consumer record.
 */
public static <V> Condition<ConsumerRecord<?, V>> value(V value) { ... }

/**
 * @param partition the partition.
 * @return a Condition that matches the partition in a consumer record.
 */
public static Condition<ConsumerRecord<?, ?>> partition(int partition) { ... }
```

Example

Putting it all together:

```
public class KafkaTemplateTests {

    private static final String TEMPLATE_TOPIC = "templateTopic";

    @ClassRule
    public static KafkaEmbedded embeddedKafka = new KafkaEmbedded(1, true, TEMPLATE_TOPIC);

    @Test
    public void testTemplate() throws Exception {
        Map<String, Object> consumerProps = KafkaTestUtils.consumerProps("testT", "false",
 embeddedKafka);
        DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<Integer, String> cf =
                            new DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<Integer, String>(consumerProps);
        ContainerProperties containerProperties = new ContainerProperties(TEMPLATE_TOPIC);
        KafkaMessageListenerContainer<Integer, String> container =
                            new KafkaMessageListenerContainer<>(cf, containerProperties);
        final BlockingQueue<ConsumerRecord<Integer, String>> records = new LinkedBlockingQueue<>();
        container.setupMessageListener(new MessageListener<Integer, String>() {

         @Override
         public void onMessage(ConsumerRecord<Integer, String> record) {
                System.out.println(record);
                records.add(record);
            }

        });
        container.setBeanName("templateTests");
        container.start();
        ContainerTestUtils.waitForAssignment(container, embeddedKafka.getPartitionsPerTopic());
        Map<String, Object> senderProps =
 KafkaTestUtils.senderProps(embeddedKafka.getBrokersAsString());
        ProducerFactory<Integer, String> pf =
                             new DefaultKafkaProducerFactory<Integer, String>(senderProps);
        KafkaTemplate<Integer, String> template = new KafkaTemplate<>(pf);
        template.setDefaultTopic(TEMPLATE_TOPIC);
        template.sendDefault("foo");
        assertThat(records.poll(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS), hasValue("foo"));
        template.sendDefault(0, 2, "bar");
        ConsumerRecord<Integer, String> received = records.poll(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
        assertThat(received, hasKey(2));
        assertThat(received, hasPartition(0));
        assertThat(received, hasValue("bar"));
        template.send(TEMPLATE_TOPIC, 0, 2, "baz");
        received = records.poll(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
        assertThat(received, hasKey(2));
        assertThat(received, hasPartition(0));
        assertThat(received, hasValue("baz"));
    }

}
```

The above uses the hamcrest matchers; with `AssertJ`, the final part looks like this…

```
...
        assertThat(records.poll(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS)).has(value("foo"));
        template.sendDefault(0, 2, "bar");
        ConsumerRecord<Integer, String> received = records.poll(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
        assertThat(received).has(key(2));
        assertThat(received).has(partition(0));
        assertThat(received).has(value("bar"));
        template.send(TEMPLATE_TOPIC, 0, 2, "baz");
        received = records.poll(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
        assertThat(received).has(key(2));
        assertThat(received).has(partition(0));
        assertThat(received).has(value("baz"));
    }
}
```

5. Spring Integration

This part of the reference shows how to use the `spring-integration-kafka` module of Spring Integration.

5.1 Spring Integration Kafka

Introduction

This documentation pertains to versions 2.0.0 and above; for documentation for earlier releases, see the 1.3.x README.

Spring Integration Kafka is now based on the Spring for Apache Kafka project. It provides the following components:

- Outbound Channel Adapter
- Message-Driven Channel Adapter

These are discussed in the following sections.

Outbound Channel Adapter

The Outbound channel adapter is used to publish messages from a Spring Integration channel to Kafka topics. The channel is defined in the application context and then wired into the application that sends messages to Kafka. Sender applications can publish to Kafka via Spring Integration messages, which are internally converted to Kafka messages by the outbound channel adapter, as follows: the payload of the Spring Integration message will be used to populate the payload of the Kafka message, and (by default) the `kafka_messageKey` header of the Spring Integration message will be used to populate the key of the Kafka message.

The target topic and partition for publishing the message can be customized through the `kafka_topic` and `kafka_partitionId` headers, respectively.

In addition, the `<int-kafka:outbound-channel-adapter>` provides the ability to extract the key, target topic, and target partition by applying SpEL expressions on the outbound message. To that end, it supports the mutually exclusive pairs of attributes `topic`/`topic-expression`, `message-key`/`message-key-expression`, and `partition-id`/`partition-id-expression`, to allow the specification of `topic`,`message-key` and `partition-id` respectively as static values on the adapter, or to dynamically evaluate their values at runtime against the request message.

> **Important**
>
> The `KafkaHeaders` interface (provided by `spring-kafka`) contains constants used for interacting with headers. The `messageKey` and `topic` default headers now require a `kafka_` prefix. When migrating from an earlier version that used the old headers, you need to specify `message-key-expression="headers['messageKey']"` and `topic-expression="headers['topic']"` on the `<int-kafka:outbound-channel-adapter>`, or simply change the headers upstream to the new headers from `KafkaHeaders` using a `<header-enricher>` or `MessageBuilder`. Or, of course, configure them on the adapter using `topic` and `message-key` if you are using constant values.

NOTE : If the adapter is configured with a topic or message key (either with a constant or expression), those are used and the corresponding header is ignored. If you wish the header to override the configuration, you need to configure it in an expression, such as:

`topic-expression="headers['topic'] != null ? headers['topic'] : 'myTopic'"`.

The adapter requires a `KafkaTemplate`.

Here is an example of how the Kafka outbound channel adapter is configured with XML:

```
<int-kafka:outbound-channel-adapter id="kafkaOutboundChannelAdapter"
                                    kafka-template="template"
                                    auto-startup="false"
                                    channel="inputToKafka"
                                    topic="foo"
                                    message-key-expression="'bar'"
                                    partition-id-expression="2">
</int-kafka:outbound-channel-adapter>

<bean id="template" class="org.springframework.kafka.core.KafkaTemplate">
    <constructor-arg>
        <bean class="org.springframework.kafka.core.DefaultKafkaProducerFactory">
            <constructor-arg>
                <map>
                    <entry key="bootstrap.servers" value="localhost:9092" />
                    ... <!-- more producer properties -->
                </map>
            </constructor-arg>
        </bean>
    </constructor-arg>
</bean>
```

As you can see, the adapter requires a `KafkaTemplate` which, in turn, requires a suitably configured `KafkaProducerFactory`.

When using Java Configuration:

```
@Bean
@ServiceActivator(inputChannel = "toKafka")
public MessageHandler handler() throws Exception {
    KafkaProducerMessageHandler<String, String> handler =
            new KafkaProducerMessageHandler<>(kafkaTemplate());
    handler.setTopicExpression(new LiteralExpression("someTopic"));
    handler.setMessageKeyExpression(new LiteralExpression("someKey"));
    return handler;
}

@Bean
public KafkaTemplate<String, String> kafkaTemplate() {
    return new KafkaTemplate<>(producerFactory());
}

@Bean
public ProducerFactory<String, String> producerFactory() {
    Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
    props.put(ProducerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, this.brokerAddress);
    // set more properties
    return new DefaultKafkaProducerFactory<>(props);
}
```

Message Driven Channel Adapter

The `KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter` (`<int-kafka:message-driven-channel-adapter>`) uses a `spring-kafka` `KafkaMessageListenerContainer` or `ConcurrentListenerContainer`.

Starting with *spring-integration-kafka version 2.1*, the `mode` attribute is available (`record` or `batch`, default `record`). For `record` mode, each message payload is converted from a single `ConsumerRecord`; for mode `batch` the payload is a list of objects which are converted from all the `ConsumerRecord` s returned by the consumer poll. As with the batched `@KafkaListener`, the `KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_MESSAGE_KEY`, `KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_PARTITION_ID`, `KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_TOPIC` and `KafkaHeaders.OFFSET` headers are also lists with, positions corresponding to the position in the payload.

An example of xml configuration variant is shown here:

```
<int-kafka:message-driven-channel-adapter
        id="kafkaListener"
        listener-container="container1"
        auto-startup="false"
        phase="100"
        send-timeout="5000"
        mode="record"
        channel="nullChannel"
        error-channel="errorChannel" />

<bean id="container1" class="org.springframework.kafka.listener.KafkaMessageListenerContainer">
    <constructor-arg>
        <bean class="org.springframework.kafka.core.DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory">
            <constructor-arg>
                <map>
                <entry key="bootstrap.servers" value="localhost:9092" />
                ...
                </map>
            </constructor-arg>
        </bean>
    </constructor-arg>
    <constructor-arg>
        <bean class="org.springframework.kafka.listener.config.ContainerProperties">
            <constructor-arg name="topics" value="foo" />
        </bean>
    </constructor-arg>

</bean>
```

When using Java Configuration:

```
@Bean
public KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter<String, String>
            adapter(KafkaMessageListenerContainer<String, String> container) {
    KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter<String, String> kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter =
            new KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter<>(container, ListenerMode.record);
    kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter.setOutputChannel(received());
    return kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter;
}

@Bean
public KafkaMessageListenerContainer<String, String> container() throws Exception {
    ContainerProperties properties = new ContainerProperties(this.topic);
    // set more properties
    return new KafkaMessageListenerContainer<>(consumerFactory(), properties);
}

@Bean
public ConsumerFactory<String, String> consumerFactory() {
    Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<>();
    props.put(ConsumerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, this.brokerAddress);
    // set more properties
    return new DefaultKafkaConsumerFactory<>(props);
}
```

Message Conversion

A `StringJsonMessageConverter` is provided, see the section called “Serialization/Deserialization and Message Conversion” for more information.

When using this converter with a message-driven channel adapter, you can specify the type to which you want the incoming payload to be converted. This is achieved by setting the `payload-type` attribute (`payloadType` property) on the adapter.

```
<int-kafka:message-driven-channel-adapter
        id="kafkaListener"
        listener-container="container1"
        auto-startup="false"
        phase="100"
        send-timeout="5000"
        channel="nullChannel"
        message-converter="messageConverter"
        payload-type="com.example.Foo"
        error-channel="errorChannel" />

<bean id="messageConverter" class="org.springframework.kafka.support.converter.MessagingMessageConverter"/
>
```

```
@Bean
public KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter<String, String>
            adapter(KafkaMessageListenerContainer<String, String> container) {
    KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter<String, String> kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter =
            new KafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter<>(container, ListenerMode.record);
    kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter.setOutputChannel(received());
    kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter.setMessageConverter(converter());
    kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter.setPayloadType(Foo.class);
    return kafkaMessageDrivenChannelAdapter;
}
```

6. Other Resources

In addition to this reference documentation, there exist a number of other resources that may help you learn about Spring and Apache Kafka.

- Apache Kafka Project Home Page
- Spring for Apache Kafka Home Page
- Spring for Apache Kafka GitHub Repository
- Spring Integration Kafka Extension GitHub Repository

Appendix A. Change History