

Spring XD Guide

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Part I. Reference Guide

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

Spring XD is a unified, distributed, and extensible service for data ingestion, real time analytics, batch processing, and data export. The Spring XD project is an open source Apache 2 License licenced project whose goal is to tackle big data complexity. Much of the complexity in building real-world big data applications is related to integrating many disparate systems into one cohesive solution across a range of use-cases. Common use-cases encountered in creating a comprehensive big data solution are

- High throughput distributed data ingestion from a variety of input sources into big data store such as HDFS or Splunk
- Real-time analytics at ingestion time, e.g. gathering metrics and counting values.
- Workflow management via batch jobs. The jobs combine interactions with standard enterprise systems (e.g. RDBMS) as well as Hadoop operations (e.g. MapReduce, HDFS, Pig, Hive or Cascading).
- High throughput data export, e.g. from HDFS to a RDBMS or NoSQL database.

The Spring XD project aims to provide a one stop shop solution for these use-cases.

2. Getting Started

3. Requirements

To get started, make sure your system has as a minimum <u>Java JDK 6</u> or newer installed. **Java JDK** 7 is recommended.

3.1 Download Spring XD

If you want to try out Spring XD, we'd recommend downloading a snapshot build, since things are changing quite fast. A snapshot distribution can be downloaded from the spring snapshots repository. You can also build the project from source if you wish. The wiki content should also be kept up to date with the current snapshot so if you are reading this on the github website, things may have changed since the last milestone.

Unzip the distribution which will unpack to a single installation directory. All the commands below are executed from this directory, so change into it before proceeding.

If you are sure you want the previous milestone release, you can also download the distribution **springxd-1.0.0.M5-dist.zip** and <u>its accompanying documentation</u>.

```
$ cd spring-xd-1.0.0.M5
```

Set the environment variable XD_HOME to the installation directory <root-install-dir>\spring-xd\xd

3.2 OSX Homebrew installation

If you are on a Mac and using homebrew, all you need to do to install Spring XD is:

```
$ brew tap pivotal/tap
$ brew install springxd
```

Homebrew will install springxd to /usr/local/bin. Now you can jump straight into using **Spring XD**:

```
$ xd-singlenode
```

3.3 Install Spring XD

Spring XD can be run in two different modes. There's a single-node runtime option for testing and development, and there's a distributed runtime which supports distribution of processing tasks across multiple nodes. This document will get you up and running quickly with a single-node runtime. See Running Distributed Mode for details on setting up a distributed runtime.

3.4 Start the Runtime and the XD Shell

The single node option is the easiest to get started with. It runs everything you need in a single process. To start it, you just need to cd to the xd directory and run the following command

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-singlenode
```

In a separate terminal, cd into the shell directory and start the XD shell, which you can use to issue commands.

The shell is a more user-friendly front end to the REST API which Spring XD exposes to clients. The URL of the currently targeted Spring XD server is shown at startup.



Note

If the server could not be reached, the prompt will read

```
server-unknown:>
```

You should now be able to start using Spring XD.

3.5 Create a Stream

In Spring XD, a basic stream defines the ingestion of event driven data from a source to a sink that passes through any number of processors. You can create a new stream by issuing a stream create command from the XD shell. Stream definitions are built from a simple DSL. For example, execute:

```
xd:> stream create --definition "time | log" --name ticktock
```

This defines a stream named ticktock based off the DSL expression time | log. The DSL uses the "pipe" symbol |, to connect a source to a sink. The stream server finds the time and log definitions in the modules directory and uses them to setup the stream. In this simple example, the time source simply sends the current time as a message each second, and the log sink outputs it using the logging framework at the WARN logging level. In the shell where you started the server, you will see log output similar to that listed below

```
13:09:53,812 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-1 module.SimpleModule:109 - started module: Module [name=log, type=sink]
13:09:53,813 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-1 module.ModuleDeployer:111 - launched sink module: ticktock:log:1
13:09:53,911 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-1 module.SimpleModule:109 - started module: Module [name=time, type=source]
13:09:53,912 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-1 module.ModuleDeployer:111 - launched source module: ticktock:time:0
13:09:53,945 WARN task-scheduler-1 logger.ticktock:141 - 2013-06-11 13:09:53
13:09:54,948 WARN task-scheduler-1 logger.ticktock:141 - 2013-06-11 13:09:55
```

To stop the stream, and remove the definition completely, you can use the stream destroy command:

```
xd:>stream destroy --name ticktock
```

It is also possibly to stop and restart the stream instead, using the undeploy and deploy commands. The shell supports command completion so you can hit the tab key to see which commands and options are available.

3.6 Explore Spring XD

Learn about the modules available in Spring XD in the <u>Sources</u>, <u>Processors</u>, and <u>Sinks</u> sections of the documentation.

Don't see what you're looking for? Create a custom module: <u>source</u>, <u>processor</u> or <u>sink</u> (and then consider <u>contributing</u> it back to Spring XD).

Want to add some analytics to your stream? Check out the Taps and Analytics sections.

4. Running in Distributed Mode

4.1 Introduction

The Spring XD distributed runtime (DIRT) supports distribution of processing tasks across multiple nodes. See <u>Getting Started</u> for information on running Spring XD as a single node.

Spring XD can use several middlewares when running in distributed mode. At the time of writing, **Redis** and **RabbitMQ** are available options.

Let's see how to install those first, before diving into the specifics of running Spring XD. Again, those are alternatives when it comes to transport middleware used, so you need only one (although practically, Redis may be required for other purposes, for example storage of definitions or <u>Analytics</u>).

Redis is actually the default when it comes to running in distributed mode, so let's start with that.

4.2 Using Redis

Installing Redis

If you already have a running instance of **Redis** it can be used for Spring XD. By default Spring XD will try to use a *Redis* instance running on **localhost** using **port 6379**. You can change that in the redis.properties file residing in the config/ directory.

If you don't have a pre-existing installation of *Redis*, you can use the *Spring XD* provided instance (For Linux and Mac). Inside the *Spring XD* installation directory (spring-xd) do:

```
$ cd redis/bin
$ ./install-redis
```

This will compile the *Redis* source tar and add the *Redis* executables under redis/bin:

- redis-check-dump
- redis-sentinel
- · redis-benchmark
- · redis-cli
- · redis-server

You are now ready to start Redis by executing

```
$ ./redis-server
```



Tip

For further information on installing *Redis* in general, please checkout the <u>Redis Quick Start</u> guide. If you are using *Mac OS*, you can also install *Redis* via <u>Homebrew</u>

Troubleshooting

Redis on Windows

Presently, *Spring XD* does not ship *Windows* binaries for *Redis* (See <u>XD-151</u>). However, *Microsoft* is actively working on supporting *Redis* on *Windows*. You can download *Windows Redis* binaries from:

https://github.com/MSOpenTech/redis/tree/2.6/bin/release

Redis is not running

If you try to run Spring XD and Redis is NOT running, you will see the following exception:

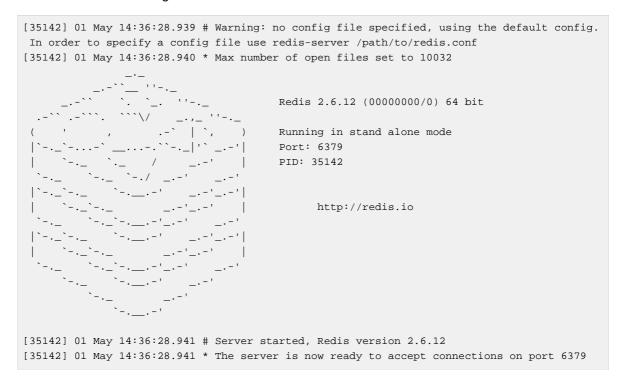
```
11:26:37,830 ERROR main launcher.RedisContainerLauncher:85 - Unable to connect to Redis on localhost:6379; nested exception is com.lambdaworks.redis.RedisException: Unable to connect
```

Redis does not seem to be running. Did you install and start Redis? Please see the Getting Started section of the guide for instructions.

Starting Redis

```
$ redis-server
```

You should see something like this:



4.3 Using RabbitMQ

Installing RabbitMQ

If you already have a running instance of *RabbitMQ* it can be used for Spring XD. By default Spring XD will try to use a *Rabbit* instance running on **localhost** using **port 5674**. The default account credentials of **guest/guest** are assumed. You can change that in the rabbit.properties file residing in the config/ directory.

If you don't have a *RabbitMQ* installation already, head over to http://www.rabbitmq.com and follow the instructions. Packages are provided for Windows, Mac and various flavor of unix/linux.

Launching RabbitMQ

Start the **RabbitMQ** broker by running the rabbitmq-server script:

```
$ rabbitmq-server
```

You should see something similar to this:

```
RabbitMQ 3.1.1. Copyright (C) 2007-2013 VMware, Inc.

## ## Licensed under the MPL. See http://www.rabbitmq.com/

## ##

########## Logs: /usr/local/var/log/rabbitmq/rabbit@localhost.log

###########

Starting broker... completed with 7 plugins.
```

4.4 Starting Spring XD in Distributed Mode

Spring XD consists of two servers

- · XDAdmin controls deployment of modules into containers
- XDContainer executes modules

You can start the xd-container and xd-admin servers individually as follows:

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container
```

Choosing a Transport

Spring XD uses two types of transports: control and data. The control transport is used for sending control messages between the admin server and container nodes while the data transport is used for sending data between container nodes. Since the admin server only uses the control transport, you can use either the command line argument --transport or --controlTransport to specify which transport to use. For the container nodes, if you specify only the --transport option then the specified transport will be used for both control and data. If you want to set them to different values, then use the --transport option to set the data transport and --controlTransport to set the control transport.

Since Redis is the default transport, the previous example is equivalent to passing in the --transport option with redis as the value.

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --transport redis
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container --transport redis
```

To run using RabbitMQ, simply issue the following commands:

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --transport rabbit
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container --transport rabbit
```

To run using RabbitMQ as your control transport and Redis as your data transport, simply issue the following commands:

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --controlTransport rabbit
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container --transport redis --controlTransport rabbit
```

One could have also used the --transport option the admin node, but when mixing control and data transports it is recommended to be more explicit in your settings.



Note

If you have multiple XD instances running that use different Redis instances for storage but share a single RabbitMQ server for transport, you may encounter issues if each system contains streams of the same name. We recommend using a different RabbitMQ virtual host for each system. Update the <code>spring.rabbitmq.virtual_host</code> property in <code>\$XD_HOME/config/rabbit.properties</code> to point XD at the correct virtual host.

Choosing a Store

By default, the xd-admin server stores stream definitions and other information in Redis, using the connection parameters specified in redis.properties. Use the --store option to specify another storage type. Currently, only "redis" and "memory" are available.

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --store memory
```

Choosing an Analytics provider

By default, the xd-container will store Analytics data in redis. At the time of writing, this is the only supported option (when running in distributed mode). Use the --analytics option to specify another backing store for Analytics data.

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container --analytics redis
```

Other Options

There are additional configuration options available for these scripts:

To specify the location of the Spring XD install,

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --xdHomeDir <xd-install-directory>
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container --xdHomeDir <xd-install-directory>
```

To specify the http port of the XDAdmin server,

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --server.port <httpPort>
```

The XDContainer nodes by default start up with --server.port 0 (which means they will scan for an available HTTP port). You can disable the HTTP endpoints for the XDContainer by setting --server.port=-1. Note that in this case HTTP source support will not work in a PaaS environment because typically it would require XD to bind to a specific port. Both the XDAdmin and XDContainer processes bind to --server.port \$PORT (i.e. an environment variable if one is available, as is typical in a PaaS).



Note

If you have multiple XD systems (i.e. an xd-admin server and 0+ containers), you will need to configure the containers' hsqldb host to point to the admin server. These instructions can be found here.

4.5 Using Hadoop

Spring XD supports the following Hadoop distributions:

- hadoop12 Apache Hadoop 1.2.1 (default)
- hadoop22 Apache Hadoop 2.2.0
- phd1 Pivotal HD 1.1
- cdh4 Cloudera CDH 4.3.1
- hdp13 Hortonworks Data Platform 1.3

To specify the distribution to use for Hadoop client connections,

```
xd/bin>$ ./xd-shell --hadoopDistro <distribution>
xd/bin>$ ./xd-admin --hadoopDistro <distribution>
xd/bin>$ ./xd-container --hadoopDistro <distribution>
```

Pass in the --help option to see other configuration properties.

4.6 XD-Shell in Distributed Mode

If you wish to use a XD-Shell that is on a different machine than where you deployed your admin server.

1) Open your shell

```
shell/bin>$ ./xd-shell
```

2) From the xd shell use the "admin config server" command i.e.

```
admin config server <yourhost>:9393
```

5. Application Configuration

5.1 Introduction

To change the configuration of the server components you can use environment variables or make changes to the \$XD_HOME/config/xd-config.yml YAML file. Alternatively, you can set the environment variable XD_CONFIG to point to a file (use a file:// URL). and that file will then be used instead. The values in this configuration file will overwrite the values of the default application.yml file that is embedded in the XD jar file.

The use of YAML is an alternative to using property files. The support for processing YAML files comes from the underlying use of Spring Boot as the basis for the XD server implementation.

To change the configuration of properties used in modules, look into the module definition file and locate the property file that is being referenced. The file will often reside in the directory \$XD_HOME/config.

In this section we will walk through configuring some of the more common properties of Spring XD servers.

Configuring the Job Repository database

Spring XD saves the state of the batch job workflows in a relational database. By default XD starts an embedded HSQLDB. The HSQLDB should only be used for development and learning. But when it comes time to deploy to production, you will need to select another database. Spring XD is actively tested on 3 databases: HSQLDB (Version: 2.3.0), MySql (Version: 5.1.23) and Postgres (Version 9.2-1002), though many others are supported such as Oracle.

The file xd-config.yml located in \$XD_HOME/config has commented out sections that you can uncomment and edit for your database environment. The JDBC driver jars for the HSQLDB, MySql, and Postgres are already on the XD classpath.

In cases where you are referencing a database that has not been initialized with the batch tables, Spring XD will automatically create and initialize the tables necessary to store job workflow information.

HSQLDB

The default values for the datasource as taken from the default <u>application.yml</u> file that is embedded in the XD jar file are:

```
spring:
   profiles:
    active: default,hsqldb
   datasource:
     url: jdbc:hsqldb:hsql://${hsql.server.host:localhost}:${hsql.server.port:9101}/
${hsql.server.dbname:xdjob}
     username: sa
    password:
     driverClassName: org.hsqldb.jdbc.JDBCDriver
```

The expression \${hsql.server.host:localhost} means that if there is a <u>PropertySource</u> that has the key name *hsql.server.host*, the value associated with that key will be used, otherwise the value localhost will be used.

Spring XD maintains an ordered list of PropertySources that are searched through to resolve a property name. System properties and OS environment properties have higher precedence over values in xd-config.yml. In the above example, if you set the environment variable hsql_server_host, the environment variable's value will be used instead of localhost.

There is also a <u>profile</u> named *hsqldb* that is enabled as part of setting this datasource. This allows for grouping together components of the application and loading only if they are associated with an enabled profile. This useful if you are developing custom modules for Spring XD.

MySql

To configure MySql, uncomment the following lines of configuration in xd-config.yml and edit to use relevant values for your environment.

```
spring:
  datasource:
    url: jdbc:mysql://yourDBhost:3306/yourDB
    username: yourUsername
    password: yourPassword
    driverClassName: com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
    profiles:
    active: default,mysql
```

These values can be overridden using environment variables of the form spring_datasource_url etc.

Postgres

To configure Postgres, uncomment the following lines of configuration in xd-config.yml and edit to use relevant values for your environment.

```
spring:
  datasource:
    url: jdbc:postgresql://yourDBhost:5432/yourDB
    username: yourUsername
    password: yourPassword
    driverClassName: org.postgresql.Driver
    profiles:
    active: default,postgresql
```

These values can be overridden using environment variables of the form spring_datasource_url etc.

Redis

When you are running in distributed mode where the admin server or containers are on different machines than the Redis server, you need to configure XD to reference the redis instance. In the application.yml file, update the redis settings with appropriate host and port.

```
spring:
  redis:
  port: 6379
  host: localhost
```

These values can be overridden using environment variables of the form spring_redis_port etc.

RabbitMQ

When you are running in distributed mode where the admin server or containers are on different machines than the RabbitMQ server, you need to configure XD to reference the rabbit instance. In the xd-config.yml file, update the rabbit settings with appropriate host and port.

```
spring:
  rabbitmq:
  host: localhost
  port: 5672
  username: guest
  password: guest
  virtual_host: /
```

These values can be overridden using environment variables of the form spring_rabbitmq_port etc.

Server Port

The port for the admin sever UI, RESTful API, and general health/monitoring endpoints is set via the configuration section. See <u>Spring Boot Management Endpoints</u> for more information about the variety of common non-functional features that help with supporting applications in production.

```
server:
port: 9393
```

This value can be overridden using an environment variable of the form server_port.

Batch Jobs accessing JDBC

The provided batch jobs that read from or write to JDBC use a separate <code>batch-jdbc.properties</code> file to configure the JDBC connection for the data that the jobs process. You can find this file in the <code>\$XD_HOME/config</code> directory. This file is configured to write to the HSQL database that is started by default. If you change to use another database configuration, remember to change this <code>batch-jdbc.properties</code> file as well since it doesn't automatically reflect the changes made for storing the batch jobs' metadata (this should change in the next XD release).

6. Architecture

6.1 Introduction

Spring XD is a unified, distributed, and extensible service for data ingestion, real time analytics, batch processing, and data export. The foundations of XD's architecture are based on the over 100+ man years of work that have gone into the Spring Batch, Integration and Data projects. Building upon these projects, Spring XD provides servers and a configuration DSL that you can immediately use to start processing data. You do not need to build an application yourself from a collection of jars to start using Spring XD.

Spring XD has two modes of operation - single and multi-node. The first is a single process that is responsible for all processing and administration. This mode helps you get started easily and simplifies the development and testing of your application. The second is a distributed mode, where processing tasks can be spread across a cluster of machines and an administrative server sends commands to control processing tasks executing on the cluster.

Runtime Architecture

The key components in Spring XD are the XD Admin and XD Container Servers. Using a high-level DSL, you post the description of the required processing tasks to the Admin server over HTTP. The Admin server then maps the processing tasks into processing modules. A module is a unit of execution and is implemented as a Spring ApplicationContext. A simple distributed runtime is provided that will assign modules to execute across multiple XD Container servers. A single XD Container server can run multiple modules. When using the single node runtime, all modules are run in a single XD Container and the XD Admin server is run in the same process.

DIRT Runtime

A simple distributed runtime, called Distributed Integration Runtime, aka DIRT, will distribute the processing tasks across multiple XD Container instances. The XD Admin server breaks up a processing task into individual module definitions and publishes them to a shared queue (backed by Redis or RabbitMQ depending upon the provided *transport* option). Each container picks up a module definition off the queue, in a round-robin like manner, and creates a Spring ApplicationContext to run that module.

To reduce the number of hops across messaging middleware between them, multiple modules may be composed into larger deployment units that act as a single module. To learn more about that feature, refer to the Composing Modules section.

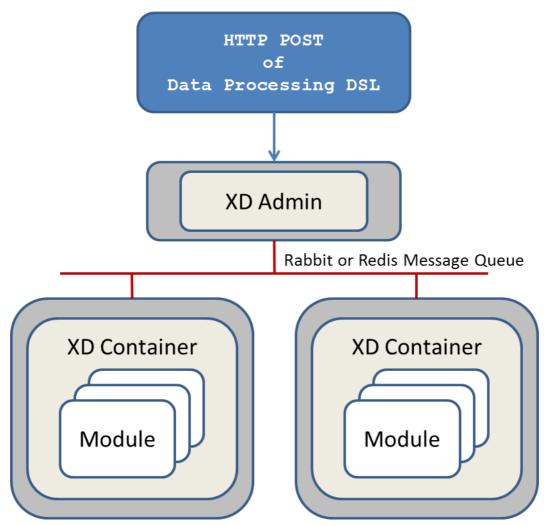


Figure 6.1. The XD Admin Server sending module definitions to each XD Container

How the processing task is broken down into modules is discussed in the section <u>Container Server</u> Architecture.

Support for other distributed runtimes

In the 1.0 release, you are responsible for starting up a single XD Admin server and one or more XD Containers. The 1.1 release will support running XD on top of other distributed runtime environments such as Hadoop's YARN architecture and CloudFoundry.

Single Node Runtime

For testing and development purposes, a single node runtime is provided that runs the Admin and Container servers in the same process. The communication to the XD Admin server is over HTTP and the XD Admin server communicates to an in-process XD Container using an in-memory queue.

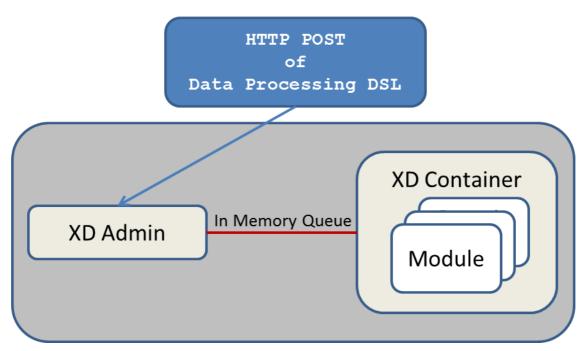


Figure 6.2. Single Node Runtime

Admin Server Architecture

The Admin Server uses an embedded servlet container and exposes two endpoints for creating and deleting the modules required to perform data processing tasks as declared in the DSL. The Admin Server is implemented using Spring's MVC framework and the Spring HATEOAS library to create REST representations that follow the HATEOAS principle. The Admin Server communicates with the Container Servers using a pluggable transport based, the default uses Redis queues.

Container Server Architecture

The key components of data processing in Spring XD are

- Streams
- Jobs
- Taps

Streams define how event driven data is collected, processed, and stored or forwarded. For example, a stream might collect syslog data, filter, and store it in HDFS.

Jobs define how coarse grained and time consuming batch processing steps are orchestrated, for example a job could be be defined to coordinate performing HDFS operations and the subsequent execution of multiple MapReduce processing tasks.

Taps are used to process data in a non-invasive way as data is being processed by a Stream or a Job. Much like wiretaps used on telephones, a Tap on a Stream lets you consume data at any point along the Stream's processing pipeline. The behavior of the original stream is unaffected by the presence of the Tap.

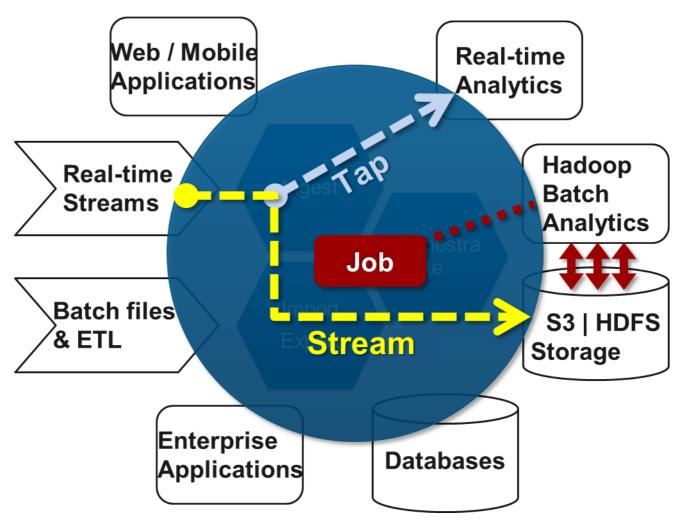


Figure 6.3. Taps, Jobs, and Streams

Streams

The programming model for processing event streams in Spring XD is based on the well known Enterprise Integration Patterns as implemented by components in the Spring Integration project. The programming model was designed to be easy to test components.

Streams consist of the following types of modules: * Input sources * Processing steps * Output sinks

Input sources produce messages from a variety of sources, e.g. syslog, tcp, http. A message contains a payload of data and a collection of key-value headers. Messages flow through message channels from the source, through optional processing steps, to the output sink. The output sink will often write the message to a file system, such as HDFS, but may also forward the message over tcp, http, or another type of middleware.

A stream that consists of a input source and a output sink is shown below

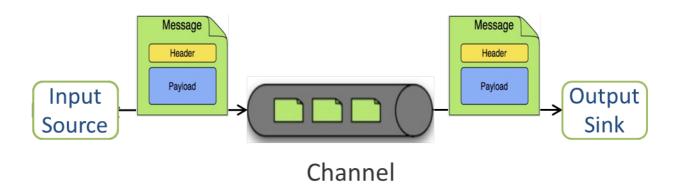


Figure 6.4. Foundational components of the Stream processing model

A stream that incorporates processing steps is shown below

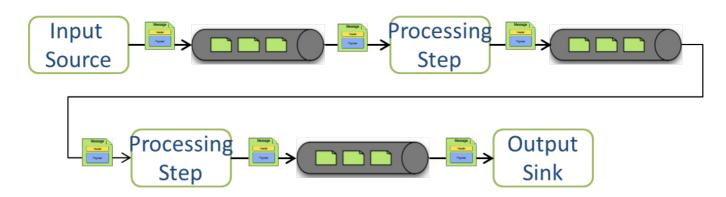


Figure 6.5. Stream processing with multiple steps

For simple linear processing streams, an analogy can be made with the UNIX pipes and filters model. Filters represent any component that produces, processes or consumes events. This corresponds to sources, processing steps, and sinks in a stream. Pipes represent the way data is transported between the Filters. This corresponds to the Message Channel that moves data through a stream.

A simple stream definition using UNIX pipes and filters syntax that takes data sent via a HTTP post and writes it to a file (with no processing done in between) can be expressed as

```
http | file
```

The pipe symbol represents a message channel that passes data from the HTTP source to the File sink. The message channel implementation can either be backed with a local in-memory transport, Redis queues, or RabbitMQ. Future releases will support backing the message channel with other transports such as JMS.

Note that the UNIX pipes and filter syntax is the basis for the DSL that Spring XD uses to describe simple linear flows, but we will significantly extend the syntax to cover non-linear flow in a subsequent release.

The programming model for processing steps in a stream comes from the Spring Integration project. The central concept is one of a Message Handler class, which relies on simple coding conventions to Map incoming messages to processing methods. For example, using an http source you can process the body of an HTTP POST request using the following class

```
public class SimpleProcessor {

public String process(String payload) {
   return payload.toUpperCase();
}
```

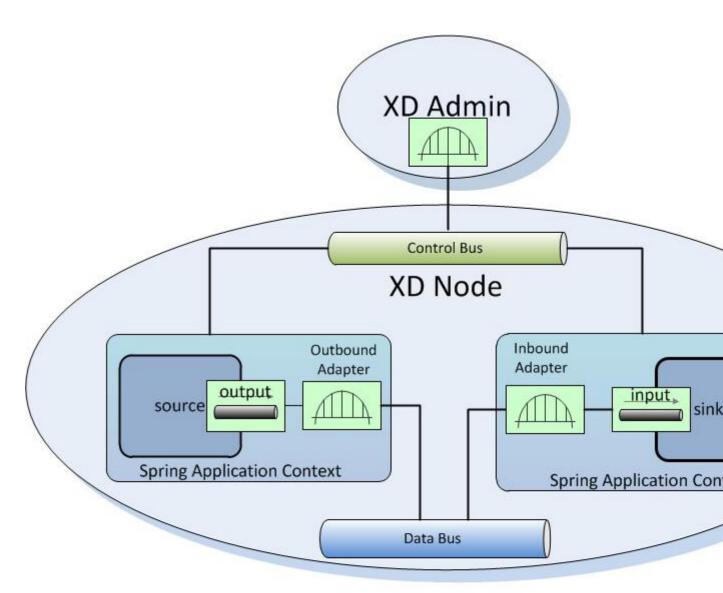
The payload of the incoming Message is passed as a string to the method process. The contents of the payload is the body of the http request as we are using a http source. The non-void return value is used as the payload of the Message passed to the next step. These programming conventions make it very easy to test your Processor component in isolation. There are several processing components provided in Spring XD that do not require you to write any code, such as a filter and transformer that use the Spring Expression Language or Groovy. For example, adding a processing step, such as a transformer, in a stream processing definition can be as simple as

```
http | transformer --expression=payload.toUpperCase() | file
```

For more information on processing modules, refer to the <u>Processors</u> section.

Stream Deployment

The Container Server listens for module deployment requests sent from the Admin Server via the control bus. When the container node receives a module deployment request, it connects the module's input and output channels to the data bus used to transport messages during stream processing. In a single node configuration, both the control bus and data bus use in-memory direct channels. In a distributed configuration, control bus and data bus communications are backed by the configured transport middleware. Redis and Rabbit are both provided with the Spring XD distrubution, but other transports are envisioned for future releases. Currently, the control bus and the data bus use the same transport middleware. Future releases will allow separate configuration of the control bus and data bus (e.g., Redis for control and Rabbit for data).



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Figure 6.6. A Stream Deployed in a single node server

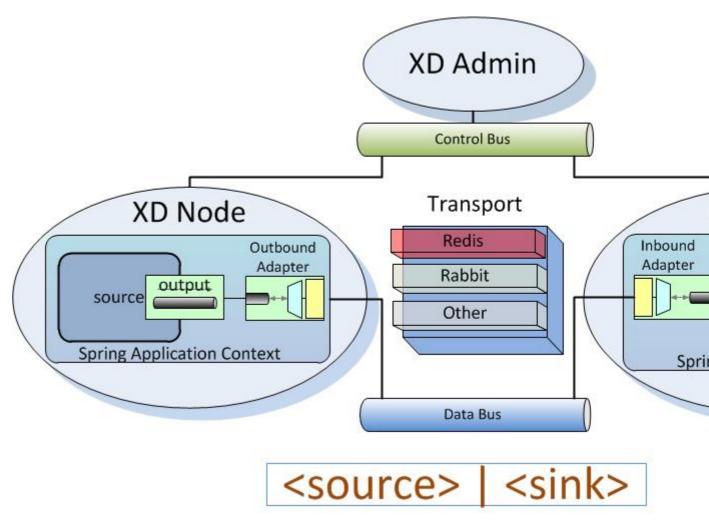


Figure 6.7. A Stream Deployed in a distributed runtime

In the http | file example, a module deployment request sent for the http module and another request is sent for the file module. The definition of a module is stored in a Module Registry, which is a Spring XML configuration file. The module definition contains variable placeholders that allow you to customize the behavior of the module. For example, setting the http listening port would be done by passing in the option --port, e.g. http --port=8090 | file, which is in turn used to substitute a placeholder value in the module definition.

The Module Registry is backed by the filesystem and corresponds to the directory <xd-install-directory>/modules. When a module deployment request is processed by the Container, the module definition is loaded from the registry and a Spring ApplicationContext is created.

Using the DIRT runtime, the http | file example would map onto the following runtime architecture

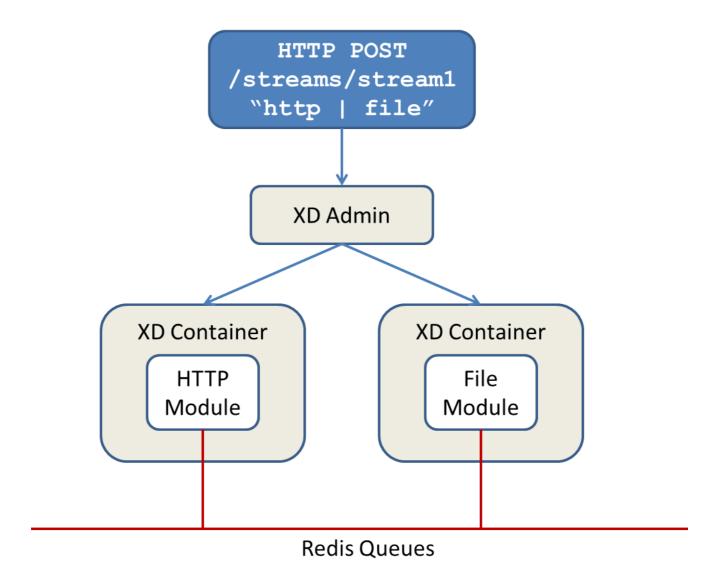


Figure 6.8. Distributed HTTP to File Stream

Data produced by the HTTP module is sent over a Redis Queue and is consumed by the File module. If there was a filter processing module in the steam definition, e.g $http \mid filter \mid file$ that would map onto the following DIRT runtime architecture.

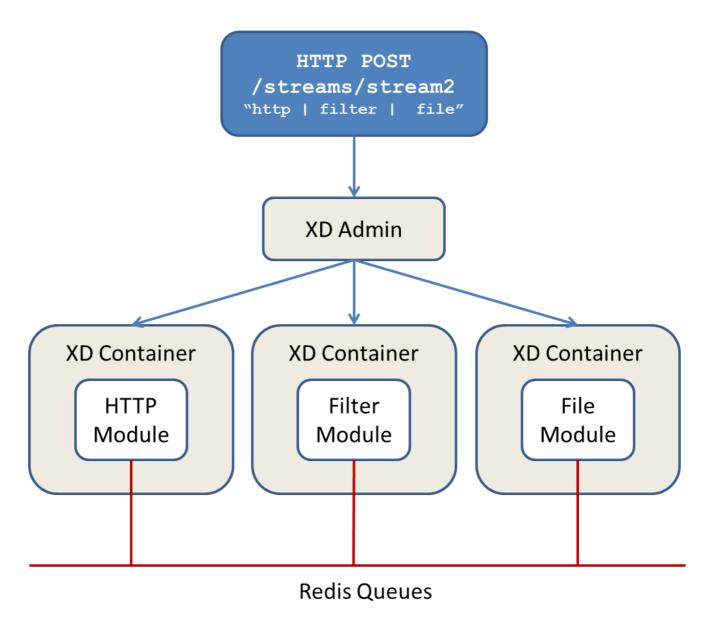


Figure 6.9. Distributed HTTP to Filter to File Stream

6.2 Jobs

The creation and execution of Batch jobs builds upon the functionality available in the Spring Batch and Spring for Apache Hadoop projects. See the <u>Batch Jobs</u> section for more information.

6.3 Taps

Taps provide a non-invasive way to consume the data that is being processed by either a Stream or a Job, much like a real time telephone wire tap lets you eavesdrop on telephone conversations. Taps are recommended as way to collect metrics and perform analytics on a Stream of data. See the section Taps for more information.

7. Streams

7.1 Introduction

In Spring XD, a basic stream defines the ingestion of event driven data from a *source* to a *sink* that passes through any number of *processors*. Stream processing is performed inside the XD Containers and the deployment of stream definitions to containers is done via the XD Admin Server. The <u>Getting Started</u> section shows you how to start these servers and how to start and use the Spring XD shell

Sources, sinks and processors are predefined configurations of a *module*. Module definitions are found in the xd/modules directory. ¹. Modules definitions are standard Spring configuration files that use existing Spring classes, such as <u>Input/Output adapters</u> and <u>Transformers</u> from Spring Integration that support general <u>Enterprise Integration Patterns</u>.

A high level DSL is used to create stream definitions. The DSL to define a stream that has an http source and a file sink (with no processors) is shown below

```
http | file
```

The DSL mimics a UNIX pipes and filters syntax. Default values for ports and filenames are used in this example but can be overriden using -- options, such as

```
http --port=8091 | file --dir=/tmp/httpdata/
```

To create these stream definitions you make an HTTP POST request to the XD Admin Server. More details can be found in the sections below.

7.2 Creating a Simple Stream

The XD Admin server ⁵ exposes a full RESTful API for managing the lifecycle of stream definitions, but the easiest way to use the XD shell. Start the shell as described in the <u>Getting Started</u> section

New streams are created by posting stream definitions. The definitions are built from a simple DSL. For example, let's walk through what happens if we execute the following shell command

```
xd:> stream create --definition "time | log" --name ticktock
```

This defines a stream named ticktock based off the DSL expression time | log. The DSL uses the "pipe" symbol |, to connect a source to a sink. The stream server finds the time and log definitions in the modules directory and uses them to setup the stream. In this simple example, the time source simply sends the current time as a message each second, and the log sink outputs it using the logging framework.

```
processing module 'Module [name=log, type=sink]' from group 'ticktock' with index: 1 processing module 'Module [name=time, type=source]' from group 'ticktock' with index: 0 17:26:18,774 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.ticktock:141 - Thu May 23 17:26:18 EDT 2013
```

¹Using the filesystem is just one possible way of storing module definitions. Other backends will be supported in the future, e.g. Redis.

 $^{^5}$ The server is implemented by the <code>AdminMain</code> class in the <code>spring-xd-dirt</code> subproject

7.3 Deleting a Stream

You can delete a stream by issuing the stream destroy command from the shell:

```
xd:> stream destroy --name ticktock
```

7.4 Deploying and Undeploying Streams

Often you will want to stop a stream, but retain the name and definition for future use. In that case you can undeploy the stream by name and issue the deploy command at a later time to restart it.

```
xd:> stream undeploy --name ticktock
xd:> stream deploy --name ticktock
```

7.5 Other Source and Sink Types

Let's try something a bit more complicated and swap out the time source for something else. Another supported source type is http, which accepts data for ingestion over HTTP POSTs. Note that the http source accepts data on a different port (default 9000) from the Admin Server (default 8080).

To create a stream using an http source, but still using the same log sink, we would change the original command above to

```
xd:> stream create --definition "http | log" --name myhttpstream
```

which will produce the following output from the server

```
processing module 'Module [name=log, type=sink]' from group 'myhttpstream' with index: 1
processing module 'Module [name=http, type=source]' from group 'myhttpstream' with index:
0
```

Note that we don't see any other output this time until we actually post some data (using shell command)

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "hello"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "goodbye"
```

and the stream will then funnel the data from the http source to the output log implemented by the log sink

```
15:08:01,676 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.myhttpstream:141 - hello 15:08:12,520 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.myhttpstream:141 - goodbye
```

Of course, we could also change the sink implementation. You could pipe the output to a file (file), to hadoop (hdfs) or to any of the other sink modules which are provided. You can also define your own modules.

7.6 Simple Stream Processing

As an example of a simple processing step, we can transform the payload of the HTTP posted data to upper case using the stream definitions

```
http | transform --expression=payload.toUpperCase() | log
```

To create this stream enter the following command in the shell

```
xd:> stream deploy --definition "http | transform --expression=payload.toUpperCase() |
log" --name myprocstrem
```

Posting some data (using shell command)

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "hello"
```

Will result in an uppercased hello in the log

```
15:18:21,345 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.myprocstream:141 - HELLO
```

See the <u>Processors</u> section for more information.

7.7 DSL Syntax

In the examples above, we connected a source to a sink using the pipe symbol |. You can also pass parameters to the source and sink configurations. The parameter names will depend on the individual module implementations, but as an example, the http source module exposes a port setting which allows you to change the data ingestion port from the default value. To create the stream using port 8000, we would use

```
xd:> stream create --definition "http --port=8000 | log" --name myhttpstream
```

If you know a bit about Spring configuration files, you can inspect the module definition to see which properties it exposes. Alternatively, you can read more in the <u>source</u> and <u>sink</u> documentation.

7.8 Advanced Features

In the examples above, simple module definitions are used to construct each stream. However, modules may be grouped together in order to avoid duplication and/or reduce the amount of chattiness over the messaging middleware. To learn more about that feature, refer to the Composing Modules section.

If directed graphs are needed instead of the simple linear streams described above, two features are relevant. First, named channels may be used as a way to combine multiple flows upstream and/or downstream from the channel. The behavior of that channel may either be queue-based or topic-based depending on what prefix is used ("queue:myqueue" or "topic:mytopic", respectively). To learn more, refer to the Named Channels section. Second, you may need to determine the output channel of a stream based on some information that is only known at runtime. To learn about such content-based routing, refer to the Dynamic Router section.

8. Modules

8.1 Introduction

The XD runtime environment supports data ingestion by allowing users to define <u>streams</u>. Streams are composed of *modules* which encapsulate a unit of work into a reusable component.

Modules are categorized by type, typically representing the role or function of the module. Current XD module types include *source*, *sink*, and *processor* which indicate how they modules may be composed in a stream. Specifically, a source polls an external resource, or is triggered by an event and only provides an output. The first module in a stream is always a source. A processor performs some type of transformation or business logic and provides an input and one or more outputs. A sink provides only an input and outputs data to an external resource to terminate the stream.

XD comes with a number of modules used for assembling streams which perform common input and/or output operations with files, HDFS, http, twitter, syslog, GemFire, and more. Users can easily assemble these into streams to build complex big data applications without having to know the underlying Spring products on which XD is built.

However, if you are interested in extending XD with your own modules, some knowledge of Spring, Spring Integration, and Spring Batch is essential. The remainder of this document assumes the reader has some familiarity with these topics.

8.2 Creating a Module

This section provides details on how to write and register custom modules. For a quick start, dive into the examples of creating <u>source</u>, <u>processor</u>, and <u>sink</u> modules.

A Module has the following required attributes:

- name the name of the component, normally a single word representing the purpose of the module. Examples are *file*, *http*, *syslog*.
- type the module type, current XD module types include source, sink, and processor
- instance id This represents a named instance of a module with a given name and type, with a specific configuration.

Modules and Spring

At the core, a module is any component that may be implemented using a Spring application context. In this respect, the concept may be extended for purposes other than data ingestion. The types mentioned above (source, processor,sink) are specific to XD and constructing streams. But other module types are envisioned.

A module is typically configured using property placeholders which are bound to the module's attributes. Attributes may be required or optional and this coincides with whether a default value is provided for the placeholder.

For example, here is part of the Spring configuration for a *twittersearch* source that runs a query against Twitter:

```
<beans>
      <int:inbound-channel-adapter id="results" auto-startup="false"</pre>
   ref="twitterSearchMessageSource" method="getTweets">
   <int:poller fixed-delay="${fixedDelay:5000}"/>
      </int:inbound-channel-adapter>
      <bean id="twitterSearchMessageSource" class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource" class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource." class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource." class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource." class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource." class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource." class="org.springframework.integration.x.twitter.TwitterSearchMessageSource." class="org.springframework.x.twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twitter.Twi
   <constructor-arg ref="oauth2Template"/>
   <constructor-arg value="${query}"/>
      </bean>
      <bean id="oauth2Template" class="org.springframework.social.oauth2.OAuth2Template">
   <constructor-arg index="0" value="${consumerKey:${twitter.oauth.consumerKey}}" />
   <constructor-arg index="1" value="${consumerSecret:${twitter.oauth.consumerSecret}}" />
   <constructor-arg index="2" value="http://notused" />
   <constructor-arg index="3" value="http://notused" />
   <constructor-arg index="4" value="https://api.twitter.com/oauth2/token" />
      </bean>
</beans>
```

Note the property placeholders for *query*, *fixedDelay*, *consumerKey* and *consumerSecret*. The *query* property defines no default value, so it is a required attribute for this module. *fixedDelay* defaults to 5000, so it is an optional attribute. Note the defaults for *consumerKey* and *consumerSecret*. The property names prefixed by *twitter* are globally defined for the entire XD system in *config/twitter.properties*. So if the user does not specify a *consumerKey* or *consumerSecret* when creating the stream, XD's twitter configuration will be used instead.

The XD server will substitute values for all of these properties as configured for each module instance. For example, we can create two streams each creating an instance of the *twittersearch* module with a different configuration.

```
xd:> stream create --name tweettest --definition "twittersearch --query='java' | file"

Or

xd:> stream create --name tweettest2 --definition "twittersearch --query-'java' --
consumerKey='mykey' --consumerSecret='mysecret' | file"
```

In addition to properties, modules may reference Spring beans which are defined externally such that each module instance may inject a different implementation of a bean. The ability to configure each module instance differently is only possible if each module is created in its own application context. The module may be configured with a parent context, but this should be done with care. In the simplest case, the module context is completely separate. This results in some very useful features, such as being able to create multiple bean instances with the same id, possibly with different configurations. More generally, this allows modules to adhere to the KISS principle.

Integration Modules

In Spring Integration terms,

• A *source* is a valid message flow that contains a direct channel named *output* which is fed by an inbound adapter, either configured with a poller, or triggered by an event.

- A processor is a valid message flow that contains a direct channel named input and a subscribable channel named output (direct or publish subscribe). It should perform some type of transformation on the message. (TBD: Describe multiple outputs, routing, etc.)
- A *sink* is a valid message flow that contains a direct channel named *input* and an outbound adapter, or service activator used to consume a message payload.

Modules of type source, processor, and sink are built with Spring Integration and are typically very finegrained.

For example, take a look at the <u>file source</u> which simply polls a directory using a file inbound adapter and <u>file sink</u> which appends incoming message payloads to a file using a file outbound adapter. On the surface, there is nothing special about these components. They are plain old Spring XML bean definition files.

Upon closer inspection, you will notice that modules adhere to some important conventions. For one thing, the file name is the module name. Also note the channels named *input* and *output*, in keeping with the KISS principle (let us know if you come up with some simpler names). These names are by convention what XD uses to discover a module's input and/or output channels which it wires together to compose streams. Another thing you will observe is the use of property placeholders with sensible defaults where possible. For example, the file source requires a directory. An appropriate strategy is to define a common root path for XD input files (At the time of this writing it is /tmp/xd/input/. This is subject to change, but illustrates the point). An instance of this module may specify the directory by providing *name* property. If not provided, it will default to the stream name, which is contained in the *xd.stream.name* property defined by the XD runtime. By convention, XD defined properties are prefixed with *xd*

```
directory="/tmp/xd/input/${name:${xd.stream.name}}"
```

8.3 Registering a Module

XD provides a strategy interface ModuleRegistry which it uses to find a module of a given name and type. Currently XD provides RedisModuleRegistry and FileModuleRegistry, The ModuleRegistry is a required component for the XD Server. By default the XD Server is configured with the FileModuleRegistry which looks for modules in \${xd.home:..}/modules. Where xd.home is a Java System Property or may be passed as a command line argument to the container launcher. So out of the box, the modules are contained in the XD modules directory. The modules directory organizes module types in sub-directories. So you will see something like:

```
modules/processor
modules/sink
modules/source
```

Using the default server configuration, you simply drop your module file into the modules directory and deploy a stream to the server.

Modules with isolated classpath

In addition to the simple format described above, where you would have a foo source module implemented as a modules/source/foo.xml file, there is also preliminary support for modules that wish to bring their own library dependencies, in an isolated fashion.

This is accomplished by creating a *folder* named after your module name and moving the xml file to a config subdirectory. As an example, the foo.xml file would then reside in

```
modules/source/foo/config/foo.xml
```

Additional jar files can then be added to a sibling lib directory, like so:

```
modules/source/foo/

config/
foo.xml
lib/
commons-foo.jar
foo-ext.jar
```

Classes will first be loaded from any of the aforementioned jar files and, only if they're not found will they be loaded from the parent, global ClassLoader that Spring XD normally uses. Still, there are a couple of caveats that one should be aware of:

- 1. refrain from putting into the lib/ folder jar files that are also part of Spring XD, or you'll likely end up with ClassCastExceptions
- 2. any class that is directly or indirectly referenced from the payload type of your messages (*i.e.* the types that transit from module to module) must not belong to a particular module lib/ folder but should rather be loaded by the global Spring XD classloader

8.4 Composing Modules

As described above, a stream is defined as a sequence of modules, minimally a source module followed by a sink module. One or more processor modules may be added in between the source and sink, but they are not mandatory. Sometimes streams are similar for a subset of their modules. For example, consider the following two streams:

```
stream1 = http | filter --expression=payload.contains('foo') | file
stream2 = file | filter --expression=payload.contains('foo') | file
```

Other than the source module, the definitions of those two streams are the same. It would be better to avoid this degree of duplication. This is the first problem that composed modules address.

Each module within a stream represents a unit of deployment. Therefore, in each of the streams defined above, there would be 3 such units (the source, the processor, and the sink). In a singlenode runtime, it doesn't make much of a difference since the communication between each module would be a bridge between in-memory channels. When deploying a stream to a distributed runtime environment, however, the communication between each module occurs over messaging middleware. That decoupling between modules is useful in that it promotes loose-coupling and thus enables load-balancing and buffering of messages when the consuming module(s) are temporarily busy or down. Nevertheless, at times the individual module boundaries are more fine-grained than necessary for these middleware "hops". Overhead may be avoided by reducing the overall number of deployment units and therefore the number of hops. In such cases, it's convenient to be able to wrap multiple modules together so that they act as a single "black box" unit for deployment. In other words, if "foo | bar" are composed together as a new module named "baz", the input and/or output to "baz" would still occur as a hop over the middleware, but the communication from foo to bar would occur directly, in-process. This is the second problem that composed modules address.

Now let's look at an example. Returning to the two similar streams above, the filter processor and file sink could be combined into a single module. In the shell, the following command would take care of that:

```
xd:> module compose foo --definition "filter --expression=payload.contains('foo') | file"
```

Then, to verify the new module composition was successful, check if it exists:

Notice that the composed module shows up in the list of **sink** modules. That is because logically, it has the structure of a sink: it provides an input channel (which is bridged to the filter processor's input channel), but it provides no output channel (since the file sink has no output).

If a module were composed of two processors, it would be classified as a processor itself:

```
xd:> module compose myprocessor --definition "splitter | filter --
expression=payload.contains('foo')"
```

If a module were composed of a source and a processor, it would be classified as a source itself:

```
xd:> module compose mysource --definition "http | filter --
expression=payload.contains('foo')"
```

Based on the logical type of the composed module, it may be used in a stream as if it were a simple module instance. For example, to redefine the two streams from the first problem case above, now that the "foo" sink module has been composed, you would issue the following shell commands:

```
xd:> stream create httpfoo --definition "http | foo"
xd:> stream create filefoo --definition "file --outputType=text/plain | foo"
```

To test the "httpfoo" stream, try the following:

```
xd:> http post --data hi
xd:> http post --data hifoo
```

The first message should have been ignored due to the filter, but the second one should exist in the file:

```
xd:> ! cat /tmp/xd/output/httpfoo.out
command is:cat /tmp/xd/output/httpfoo.out
hifoo
```

To test the "filefoo" stream, echo "foo" to a file in the /tmp/xd/input/filefoo directory, then verify:

```
xd:> ! cat /tmp/xd/output/filefoo.out
command is:cat /tmp/xd/output/filefoo.out
foo
```

When you no longer need a composed module, you may delete it with the "module delete" command in the shell. However, if that composed module is currently being used by one or more streams, the deletion will fail as shown below:

```
xd:> module delete --name foo --type sink
16:51:37,349 WARN Spring Shell client.RestTemplate:566 - DELETE request for "http://
localhost:9393/modules/sink/foo" resulted in 500 (Internal Server Error); invoking error
handler
Command failed org.springframework.xd.rest.client.impl.SpringXDException: Cannot delete
module sink:foo because it is used by [stream:filefoo, stream:httpfoo]
```

As you can see, the failure message shows which stream(s) depend upon the composed module you are trying to delete.

If you destroy both of those streams and try again, it will work:

```
xd:> stream destroy --name filefoo
Destroyed stream 'filefoo'
xd:> stream destroy --name httpfoo
Destroyed stream 'httpfoo'
xd:> module delete --name foo --type sink
Successfully destroyed module 'foo' with type sink
```

When creating a module, if you duplicate the name of an existing module for the same type, you will receive an error. In the example below the user tried to compose a tcp module, however one already exists:

```
xd:>module compose tcp --definition "filter --expression=payload.contains('foo') | file"
14:52:27,781 WARN Spring Shell client.RestTemplate:566 - POST request for "http://
ec2-50-16-24-31.compute-1.amazonaws.com:9393/modules" resulted in 409 (Conflict); invoking
error handler
Command failed org.springframework.xd.rest.client.impl.SpringXDException: There is already
a module named 'tcp' with type 'sink'
```

However, you can create a module for a given type even though a module of that name exists but as a different type. For example: I can create a sink module named filter, even though a filter module exists already as a processor.

Finally, it's worth mentioning that in some cases duplication may be avoided by reusing an actual stream rather than a composed module. That is possible when named channels are used in the source and/or sink position of a stream definition. For example, the same overall functionality as provided by the two streams above could also be achieved as follows:

```
xd:> stream create foofilteredfile --definition "queue:foo > filter --
expression=payload.contains('foo') | file"
xd:> stream create httpfoo --definition "http > queue:foo"
xd:> stream create filefoo --definition "file > queue:foo"
```

This approach is more appropriate for use-cases where individual streams on either side of the named channel may need to be deployed or undeployed independently. Whereas the queue typed channel will load-balance across multiple downstream consumers, the "topic:" prefix may be used if broadcast behavior is needed instead. For more information about named channels, refer to the Named Channels section.

8.5 Listing Modules

To view the available modules use the the module list command. To filter the module result set you can use the --type option. For example:

To get information about a particular module (such as what options it accepts), use the module info ---<module type>:<module name> command. For example:

```
xd:>module info --name source:file
Information about source module 'file':
 Option Name
               Description
      Default Type
 dir
                  the absolute path to the directory to monitor for files
      <none> String
                a filter expression (Ant style) to accept only files that match the
 pattern
pattern *
               String
 outputType
                 how this module should emit messages it produces
      <none> MediaType
 preventDuplicates whether to prevent the same file from being processed twice
      true boolean
                  set to true to output the File object itself
 ref
      false boolean
 fixedDelay
               the fixed delay polling interval specified in seconds
       5
              int
```

To display the actual definition file of a module use the module display --name <module type>:<module name> command. For example:

```
xd:>module display --name tcp --type source
Configuration file contents for module definiton 'tcp' (source):
   <int-ip:tcp-connection-factory id="connectionFactory"</pre>
       type="server"
        port="${port:1234}"
        lookup-host="${reverse-lookup:false}"
        so-timeout="${socket-timeout:120000}"
        using-nio="${nio:false}"
        using-direct-buffers="${nio:false}"
        deserializer="${decoder:CRLF}"/>
    <int-ip:tcp-inbound-channel-adapter id="adapter" channel="toString"</pre>
           auto-startup="false"
            connection-factory="connectionFactory"/>
   <!-- Binary payloads are not currently supported; see XD-145 -->
<!-- <int:router input-channel="toStringIfNeeded" expression="${binary:false} ?</pre>
'output' : 'toString'"/> -->
    <int:transformer input-channel="toString" output-channel="output" expression="new</pre>
String(payload, '${charset:UTF-8}')"/>
   <int:channel id="output"/>
```

9. Sources

9.1 Introduction

In this section we will show some variations on input sources. As a prerequisite start the XD Container as instructed in the <u>Getting Started</u> page.

The Sources covered are

- HTTP
- Tail
- File
- Mail
- Twitter Search
- Twitter Stream
- Gemfire
- Gemfire CQ
- Syslog
- TCP
- TCP Client
- JMS
- RabbitMQ
- Time
- MQTT

Future releases will provide support for other currently available Spring Integration Adapters. For information on how to adapt an existing Spring Integration Adapter for use in Spring XD see the section Creating a Source Module.

The following sections show a mix of Spring XD shell and plain Unix shell commands, so if you are trying them out, you should open two separate terminal prompts, one running the XD shell and one to enter the standard commands for sending HTTP data, creating directories, reading files and so on.

9.2 HTTP

To create a stream definition in the server using the XD shell

```
xd:> stream create --name httptest --definition "http | file"
```

Post some data to the http server on the default port of 9000

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "hello world"
```

See if the data ended up in the file

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/httptest
```

HTTP with options

The http source has one option

port

The http port where data will be posted (default: 9000)

Here is an example

```
xd:> stream create --name httptest9020 --definition "http --port=9020 | file"
```

Post some data to the new port

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9020 --data "hello world"

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/httptest9020
```

9.3 Tail

Make sure the default input directory exists

```
$ mkdir -p /tmp/xd/input
```

Create an empty file to tail (this is not needed on some platforms such as Linux)

```
touch /tmp/xd/input/tailtest
```

To create a stream definition using the XD shell

```
xd:> stream create --name tailtest --definition "tail | file"
```

Send some text into the file being monitored

```
$ echo blah >> /tmp/xd/input/tailtest
```

See if the data ended up in the file

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tailtest
```

Tail with options

The tail source has 3 options:

name

the absolute path to the file to tail (default: /tmp/xd/input/<streamName>)

lines

the number of lines from the end of an existing file to tail (default: 0)

fileDelay

on platforms that don't wait for a missing file to appear, how often (ms) to look for the file (default: 5000)

Here is an example

```
xd:> stream create --name tailtest --definition "tail --name=/tmp/foo | file --name=bar"

$ echo blah >> /tmp/foo

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/bar
```

Tail Status Events

Some platforms, such as linux, send status messages to stderr. The tail module sends these events to a logging adapter, at WARN level; for example...

```
[message=tail: cannot open `/tmp/xd/input/tailtest' for reading: No such file or
  directory, file=/tmp/xd/input/tailtest]
[message=tail: `/tmp/xd/input/tailtest' has become accessible, file=/tmp/xd/input/tailtest]
```

9.4 File

The file source provides the contents of a File as a byte array by default but may be configured to provide the file reference itself.

To log the contents of a file create a stream definition using the XD shell

```
xd:> stream create --name filetest --definition "file | log"
```

The file source by default will look into a directory named after the stream, in this case /tmp/xd/input/ filetest

Note the above will log the raw bytes. For text files, it is normally desirable to output the contents as plain text. To do this, set the *outputType* parameter:

```
xd:> stream create --name filetest --definition "file --outputType=text/plain | log"
```

For more details on the use of the *outputType* parameter see <u>Type Conversion</u>

Copy a file into the directory / tmp/xd/input/filetest and observe its contents being logged in the XD Container.

File with options

The file source has 5 options

dir

The absolute path to the directory to monitor for files (default: /tmp/xd/input/<streamName>)

preventDuplicates

Default value is true to prevent the same file from being processed twice.

pattern

A filter expression (Ant style) that accepts only files that match the pattern.

fixedDelay

The fixed delay polling interval specified in seconds (default: 5)

ref

Set to true to output the File object itself. This is useful in some cases in which the file contents are large and it would be more efficient to send the file path across the network than the contents. This option requires that the file be in a shared file system.

9.5 Mail sources

Spring XD provides two modules for receiving emails. Both have very similar options so they'll be described together here. The first one is named imap and only supports the imap protocol, using the IDLE command. As such, it does not use polling. Instead messages are pushed as soon as they arrive. The other module is named mail and supports all protocols (pop & imap), but it uses polling.

Let's see an example:

```
xd:> stream create --name mailstream --definition "mail --host=imap.gmail.com --
username=your.user@gmail.com --password=secret | file"
```

Then send an email to yourself and you should see it appear inside a file at /tmp/xd/output/mailstream

The full list of options for the mail and imap sources is below (most of them can be configured once and for all in the mail.properties file):

protocol

the protocol to use amongst pop3, pop3s, imap, imaps (only imap variants for the imap module). (default: imaps)

username

the username to use to connect to the mail server (no default)

password

the password to use to connect to the mail server (no default)

host

the hostname of the mail server (default: localhost)

port

the port of the mail server (default: none, use the default port according to the protocol used)

folder

the folder to take emails from (default: INBOX)

markAsRead

whether to mark emails as read once they've been fetched by the module (default: false)

delete

whether to delete the emails once they've been fetched by the module (default: true)

fixedDelay

Does not apply to the imap source, the polling interval used for looking up messages, expressed in seconds. (default: 60)

charset

the charset used to transform the body of the incoming emails to Strings. (default: UTF-8)



Warning

Of special attention are the markAsRead and delete options, which by default will **delete** the emails once they are consumed. It is hard to come up with a sensible default option for this (please refer to the Spring Integration documentation section on mail handling for a discussion about this), so just be aware that the default for XD is to delete incoming messages.

9.6 Twitter Search

The twittersearch source has four parameters

query

The query that will be run against Twitter **(required)** For information on how to construct a query, visit <u>Using Search</u>.

consumerKey

An application consumer key issued by twitter

consumerSecret

The secret corresponding to the consumerKey

fixedDelav

The fixed delay polling interval specified in miliseconds (default: 5000)

To get a consumerKey and consumerSecret you need to register a twitter application. If you don't already have one set up, you can create an app at the <u>Twitter Developers</u> site to get these credentials.

To create a stream definition in the server using the XD shell

```
xd:> stream create --name springone2gx --definition "twittersearch -- consumerKey=<your_key> --consumerSecret=<your_secret> --query='#springone2gx' | file"
```

Make sure the default output directory for the file sink exists

```
$ mkdir -p /tmp/xd/output/
```

Let the twittersearch run for a little while and then check to see if some data ended up in the file

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/springone2gx
```



Tip

For both twittersearch and twitterstream you can fill in in the <code>conf/twitter.properties</code> file instead of using the DSL parameters to supply keys and secrets.



Note

twittersearch by default emits <u>Spring Social Tweet</u> objects. You may easily configure twittersearch to emit JSON by setting --output=application/json. This will cause XD to transform the objects JSON internally, resulting in properties corresponding to the Java type. This yields a format slightly different than the native Twitter JSON emitted by twitterstream. While logically identical, property names and types, notably dates, are different. Thus the JSON strings produced by twittersearch and twitterstream are generally incompatible.

9.7 Twitter Stream

This source ingests data from Twitter's <u>streaming</u> API. It uses the <u>sample and filter</u> stream endpoints rather than the full "firehose" which needs special access. The endpoint used will depend on the parameters you supply in the stream definition (some are specific to the filter endpoint).

You need to supply all keys and secrets (both consumer and accessToken) to authenticate for this source, so it is easiest if you just add these to the XD_HOME/config/twitter.properties file. Stream creation is then straightforward:

```
xd:> stream create --name tweets --definition "twitterstream | file"
```

The parameters available are pretty much the same as those listed in the <u>API docs</u> and unless otherwise stated, the accepted formats are the same.

delimited

set to true to get length delimiters in the stream data (defaults to false)

stallWarnings

set to true to enable stall warnings (defaults to false)

filterLevel

controls which tweets make it through to the stream (defaults to null)

language

comma delimited set of languages to retain (defaults to null)

follow

comma delimited set of user ids whose tweets should be sent to the stream (defaults to null)

track

which terms to look for in tweets (defaults to null)

locations

a comma-separated list of longitude, latitude pairs specifying a set of bounding boxes to filter Tweets (defaults to null)



Note

twitterstream emits JSON in a native Twitter format. This format is incompatible with content produced by twittersearch (see note above regarding twittersearch)

9.8 GemFire

This source configures a cache and replicated region in the XD container process along with a Spring Integration GemFire inbound channel adapter, backed by a CacheListener that outputs messages triggered by an external entry event on the region. By default the payload contains the updated entry value, but may be controlled by passing in a SpEL expression that uses the EntryEvent as the evaluation context.

Options

The Gemfire CacheListener source has the following options

regionName

The name of the region for which events are to be monitored (required, String)

cacheEventExpression

An optional SpEL expression referencing the event. (default: newValue)

Example

Use of the gemfire source requires an external process that creates or updates entries in a GemFire region. Such events may trigger an XD process. For example, suppose a sales application creating and updating orders in a replicated GemFire region named orders. To trigger an XD stream, the XD container must join the GemFire distributed system and create a replica of the region, to which a cache listener is bound via the GemFire inbound channel adapter.

```
xd:>stream create --name orderStream --definition "gemfire --regionName=orders | file --inputType=application/json"
```

In the above example, it is presumed the cache entries are Order POJOs. In this case, it may be convenient to convert to JSON before writing to the file.

9.9 GemFire Continuous Query (CQ)

Continuous query allows client applications to create a GemFire query using Object Query Language(OQL) and register a CQ listener which subscribes to the query and is notified every time the query 's result set changes. The *gemfire_cq* source registers a CQ which will post CQEvent messages to the stream.

Launching the XD GemFire Server

This source requires a cache server to be running in a separate process and its host and port must be known (NOTE: GemFire locators are not supported yet). The XD distribution includes a GemFire server executable suitable for development and test purposes. This is a Java main class that runs with a Spring configured cache server. The configuration is passed as a command line argument to the server's main method. The configuration includes a cache server port and one or more configured region. XD includes a sample cache configuration called <u>cq-demo</u>. This starts a server on port 40404 and creates a region named *Stocks*. A Logging cache listener is configured for the region to log region events.

Run Gemfire cache server by changing to the gemfire/bin directory and execute

```
$ ./gemfire-server ../config/cq-demo.xml
```

Options

The qemfire-cq source has the following options

query

The query string in Object Query Language(OQL) (required, String)

host

The host on which the GemFire server is running. (default: localhost)

port

The port on which the GemFire server is running. (default: 40404)

Here is an example. Create two streams: One to write http messages to a Gemfire region named *Stocks*, and another to execute the CQ.

```
xd:> stream create --name stocks --definition "http --port=9090 | gemfire-json-server --
regionName=Stocks --keyExpression=payload.getField('symbol')"
xd:> stream create --name cqtest --definition "gemfire-cq --query='Select * from /Stocks
where symbol=''VMW''' | file"
```

Now send some messages to the stocks stream.

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":73}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":78}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":80}"
```

Please do not put spaces when separating the JSON key-value pairs, only a comma.

The *cqtest* stream is now listening for any stock quote updates for VMW. Presumably, another process is updating the cache. You may create a separate stream to test this (see <u>GemfireServer</u> for instructions).

As updates are posted to the cache you should see them captured in the output file:

```
$cat /tmp/xd/output/cqtest

{"symbol":"VMW","price":73}
{"symbol":"VMW","price":78}
{"symbol":"VMW","price":80}
```

9.10 Syslog

Three syslog sources are provided: syslog-udp, syslog-tcp and reactor-syslog. The reactor-syslog adapter uses tcp and builds upon the functionality available in Reactor project and provides improved throughput over the syslog-tcp adapter. They all support the following option:

port

the port on which the system will listen for syslog messages (default: 11111)

To create a stream definition (using shell command)

```
xd:> stream create --name syslogtest --definition "syslog-udp --port=1514 | file"
```

or

```
xd:> stream create --name syslogtest --definition "syslog-tcp --port=1514 | file"
```

Send a test message to the syslog

```
logger -p local3.info -t TESTING "Test Syslog Message"
```

See if the data ended up in the file

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/syslogtest
```

Refer to your syslog documentation to configure the syslog daemon to forward syslog messages to the stream; some examples are:

UDP - Mac OSX (syslog.conf) and Ubuntu (rsyslog.conf)

```
*.* @localhost:11111
```

TCP - Ubuntu (rsyslog.conf)

```
$ModLoad omfwd
*.* @@localhost:11111
```

Restart the syslog daemon after reconfiguring.

9.11 TCP

The top source acts as a server and allows a remote party to connect to XD and submit data over a raw top socket.

To create a stream definition in the server, use the following XD shell command

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest --definition "tcp | file"
```

This will create the default TCP source and send data read from it to the tcptest file.

TCP is a streaming protocol and some mechanism is needed to frame messages on the wire. A number of decoders are available, the default being *CRLF* which is compatible with Telnet.

```
$ telnet localhost 1234
Trying ::1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
foo
^]
telnet> quit
Connection closed.
```

See if the data ended up in the file

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest
```

TCP with options

The TCP source has the following options

port

the port on which to listen (default: 1234)

reverseLookup

perform a reverse DNS lookup on the remote IP Address (default: false)

socketTimeout

the timeout (ms) before closing the socket when no data received (default: 120000)

nio

whether or not to use NIO. NIO is more efficient when there are many connections. (default: false)

decoder

how to decode the stream - see below. (default: CRLF)

binary

whether the data is binary (true) or text (false). (default: false)

charset

the charset used when converting text to String. (default: UTF-8)

Available Decoders

Text Data

CRLF (default)

text terminated by carriage return (0x0d) followed by line feed (0x0a)

LF

text terminated by line feed (0x0a)

NULL

text terminated by a null byte (0x00)

STXETX

text preceded by an STX (0x02) and terminated by an ETX (0x03)

Text and Binary Data

RAW

no structure - the client indicates a complete message by closing the socket

L1

data preceded by a one byte (unsigned) length field (supports up to 255 bytes)

L2

data preceded by a two byte (unsigned) length field (up to 2¹⁶-1 bytes)

L4

data preceded by a four byte (signed) length field (up to 2³¹-1 bytes)

Examples

The following examples all use echo to send data to netcat which sends the data to the source.

The echo options -en allows echo to interpret escape sequences and not send a newline.

CRLF Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest --definition "tcp | file"
```

This uses the default (CRLF) decoder and port 1234; send some data

```
$ echo -en 'foobar\r\n' | netcat localhost 1234
```

See if the data ended up in the file

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest
```

LF Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest2 --definition "tcp --decoder=LF --port=1235 | file"

$ echo -en 'foobar\n' | netcat localhost 1235

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest2
```

NULL Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest3 --definition "tcp --decoder=NULL --port=1236 | file"

$ echo -en 'foobar\x00' | netcat localhost 1236

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest3
```

STXETX Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest4 --definition "tcp --decoder=STXETX --port=1237 | file"

$ echo -en '\x02foobar\x03' | netcat localhost 1237

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest4
```

RAW Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest5 --definition "tcp --decoder=RAW --port=1238 | file"

$ echo -n 'foobar' | netcat localhost 1238

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest5
```

L1 Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest6 --definition "tcp --decoder=L1 --port=1239 | file"

$ echo -en '\x06foobar' | netcat localhost 1239

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest6
```

L2 Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest7 --definition "tcp --decoder=L2 --port=1240 | file"

$ echo -en '\x00\x06foobar' | netcat localhost 1240

$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest7
```

L4 Decoder.

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest8 --definition "tcp --decoder=L4 --port=1241 | file"

$ echo -en '\x00\x00\x00\x00foobar' | netcat localhost 1241
```

```
$ cat /tmp/xd/output/tcptest8
```

Binary Data Example

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest9 --definition "tcp --decoder=L1 --port=1242 | file --
binarv=true"
```

Note that we configure the file sink with binary=true so that a newline is not appended.

```
$ hexdump -C /tmp/xd/output/tcptest9
00000000 66 6f 6f 00 62 61 72 0b
                                     |foo.bar.|
00000008
```

9.12 TCP Client

The top-client source module uses raw top sockets, as does the top module but contrary to the top module, acts as a client. Whereas the top module will open a listening socket and wait for connections from a remote party, the tcp-client will initiate the connection to a remote server and emit as messages what that remote server sends over the wire. As an optional feature, the tcp-client can itself emit messages to the remote server, so that a simple conversation can take place.

TCP Client options

```
The following options are supported:
host
   the host to connect to (default: localhost)
port
   the port to connect to (default: 1234)
reverseLookup
   whether to attempt to resolve the host address (default: false)
nio
   whether to use NIO (default: false)
encoder
   the encoder to use when sending messages (default: LF, see TCP module)
decoder
   the decoder to use when receiving messages (default: LF, see TCP module)
charset
```

the charset to use when converting bytes to String (default: UTF-8)

bufferSize

the size of the emitting/receiving buffers (default: 2048, i.e. 2KB)

fixedDelay

the rate at which stimulus messages will be emitted (default: 5 seconds)

script

reference to a script that should transform the counter stimulus to messages to send (default: use expression)

expression

```
a SpEL expression to convert the counter stimulus to a message (default: payload.toString(), i.e. emit "1", "2", "3", etc.)
```

Implementing a simple conversation

That "stimulus" counter concept bears some explanation. By default, the module will emit (at interval set by fixedDelay) an incrementing number, starting at 1. Given that the default is to use an expression of payload.toString(), this results in the module sending 1, 2, 3, ... to the remote server.

By using another expression, or more certainly a script, one can implement a simple conversation, assuming it is time based. As an example, let's assume we want to join some kind of chat server where one first needs to authenticate, then specify which rooms to join. Lastly, all clients are supposed to send some keepalive commands to make sure that the connection is open.

The following groovy script could be used to that effect:

```
def commands = ['', // index 0 is not used
'LOGIN user=johndoe', // first command sent
'JOIN weather',
'JOIN news',
'JOIN gossip'
]

// payload will contain an incrementing counter, starting at 1
if (commands.size > payload)
   return commands[payload] + "\n"
else
   return "PING\n" // send keep alive after 4th 'real' command
```

9.13 RabbitMQ

The "rabbit" source enables receiving messages from RabbitMQ.

The following example shows the default settings.

Configure a stream:

```
xd:> stream create --name rabbittest --definition "rabbit | file --binary=true"
```

This receives messages from a queue named rabbittest and writes them to the default file sink (/ tmp/xd/output/rabbittest.out). It uses the default RabbitMQ broker running on localhost, port 5672.

The queue(s) must exist before the stream is deployed. We do not create the queue(s) automatically. However, you can easily create a Queue using the RabbitMQ web UI. Then, using that same UI, you can navigate to the "rabbittest" Queue and publish test messages to it.

Notice that the file sink has --binary=true; this is because, by default, the data emitted by the source will be bytes. This can be modified by setting the content_type property on messages to

text/plain. In that case, the source will convert the message to a String; you can then omit the -- binary=true and the file sink will then append a newline after each message.

To destroy the stream, enter the following at the shell prompt:

```
xd:> stream destroy --name rabbittest
```

RabbitMQ with Options

The RabbitMQ Source has the following options

username

the username to connect to the RabbitMQ broker (default: guest unless spring.rabbitmq.username has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

password

the password to connect to the RabbitMQ broker (default: guest unless spring.rabbitmq.password has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

host

the host (or IP Address) to connect to (default: localhost unless spring.rabbitmq.host has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

port

the port on the host (default: 5672 unless spring.rabbitmq.port has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

vhost

the virtual host (default: / unless spring.rabbitmq.virtual_host has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

queues

the queue(s) from which messages will be received; use a comma-delimited list to receive messages from multiple queues (default: the stream name)

Note: the rabbit.properties file referred to above is located within the XD_HOME/config directory.

9.14 JMS

The "jms" source enables receiving messages from JMS.

The following example shows the default settings.

Configure a stream:

```
xd:> stream create --name jmstest --definition "jms | file"
```

This receives messages from a queue named jmstest and writes them to the default file sink (/tmp/xd/output/jmstest). It uses the default ActiveMQ broker running on localhost, port 61616.

To destroy the stream, enter the following at the shell prompt:

```
xd:> stream destroy --name jmstest
```

To test the above stream, you can use something like the following...

```
public class Broker {

public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {

BrokerService broker = new BrokerService();

broker.setBrokerName("broker");

String brokerURL = "tcp://localhost:61616";

broker.addConnector(brokerURL);

broker.start();

ConnectionFactory cf = new ActiveMQConnectionFactory(brokerURL);

JmsTemplate template = new JmsTemplate(cf);

while (System.in.read() >= 0) {

template.convertAndSend("jmstest", "testFoo");

}

}
```

and tail -f /tmp/xd/output/jmstest

Run this as a Java application; each time you hit <enter> in the console, it will send a message to queue jmstest.

JMS with Options

The JMS Source has the following options

provider

the JMS provider (default: activemq)

destination

the destination name (a queue by default) from which messages will be received (default: [stream name])

pubSub

when true, indicates that the destination is a topic (default: false)

durableSubScription

when true, indicates the subscription to a topic is durable (default: false)

subscriptionName

a name that will be assigned to the topic subscription (default: [none])

clientId

an identifier for the client, to be associated with a durable topic subscription (default: [none])

Note: the selected broker requires an infrastructure configuration file <code>jms-<provider>-infrastructure-context.xml</code> in <code>modules/common</code>. This is used to declare any infrastructure beans needed by the provider. See the default (<code>jms-activemq-infrastructure-context.xml</code>) for an example. Typically, all that is required is a <code>ConnectionFactory</code>. The activemq provider uses a properties file <code>jms-activemq.properties</code> which can be found in the <code>config</code> directory. This contains the broker URL.

9.15 Time

The time source will simply emit a String with the current time every so often. It supports the following options:

fixedDelay

how often to emit a message, expressed in seconds (default: 1 second)

format

how to render the current time, using SimpleDateFormat (default: 'yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss')

9.16 MQTT

The mqtt source connects to an mqtt server and receives telemetry messages.

Configure a stream:

```
xd:> stream create tcptest --definition "mqtt --url='tcp://localhost:1883' --
topics='xd.mqtt.test' |log"
```

If you wish to use the MQTT Source defaults you can execute the command as follows:

```
xd:> stream create tcptest --definition "mqtt | log"
```

Options

The following options are configured in mqtt.properties in XD_HOME/config

```
mqtt.url=tcp://localhost:1883
mqtt.default.client.id=xd.mqtt.client.id
mqtt.username=guest
mqtt.password=guest
mqtt.default.topics=xd.mqtt.test
```

The defaults are set up to connect to the RabbitMQ MQTT adapter on localhost.

Note that the client id must be no more than 19 characters; this is because .src is added and the id must be no more than 23 characters.

The mgtt module accepts the following options, which override the defaults defined above

clientId

Identifies the client

topics

The topic(s) to which the source will subscribe

url

Location of the mqtt broker

username

The username to use when connecting to the broker

password

The password to use when connecting to the broker

10. Processors

10.1 Introduction

This section will cover the processors available out-of-the-box with Spring XD. As a prerequisite, start the XD Container as instructed in the <u>Getting Started</u> page.

The Processors covered are

- Filter
- JSON Field Value Filter
- Transform
- JSON Field Extractor
- Script
- Splitter
- Aggregator

See the section <u>Creating a Processor Module</u> for information on how to create custom processor modules.

10.2 Filter

Use the filter module in a <u>stream</u> to determine whether a Message should be passed to the output channel.

Filter with SpEL expression

The simplest way to use the filter processor is to pass a SpEL expression when creating the stream. The expression should evaluate the message and return true or false. For example:

```
xd:> stream create --name filtertest --definition "http | filter --
expression=payload=='good' | log"
```

This filter will only pass Messages to the log sink if the payload is the word "good". Try sending "good" to the HTTP endpoint and you should see it in the XD log:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "good"
```

Alternatively, if you send the word "bad" (or anything else), you shouldn't see the log entry.

As part of the SpEL expression you can make use of the pre-registered JSON Path function. Here is some example usage

```
filter --expression=#jsonPath(payload,'$.entities.hashTags[*].text').contains('obama')
```

This is an example that is operating on a JSON payload of tweets as consumed from the twitter search module.

Filter with Groovy Script

For more complex filtering, you can pass the location of a Groovy script using the *script* attribute. If you want to pass variable values to your script, you can optionally pass the path to a properties file using the *properties-location* attribute. All properties in the file will be made available to the script as variables.

Note that an implicit variable named *payload* is available to give you access to the data contained in a message.

```
xd:> stream create --name groovyfiltertest --definition "http --port=9001 | filter --
script=custom-filter.groovy --properties-location=custom-filter.properties | log"
```

By default, Spring XD will search the classpath for *custom-filter.groovy* and *custom-filter.properties*. You can place the script in *\${xd.home}/modules/processor/scripts* and the properties file in *\${xd.home}/config* to make them available on the classpath. Alternatively, you can prefix the *script* and *properties-location* values with *file*: to load from the file system.

10.3 JSON Field Value Filter

Use this filter to only pass messages to the output channel if they contain a specific JSON field matching a specific value.

```
xd:> stream create --name jsonfiltertest --definition "http --port=9002 | json-field-value-filter --fieldName=firstName --fieldValue=John | log"
```

This filter will only pass Messages to the log sink if the JSON payload contains the *firstName* "John". Try sending this payload to the HTTP endpoint and you should see it in the XD log:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9002 --data "{\"firstName\":\"John\", \"lastName \":\"Smith\"}"
```

Alternatively, if you send a different *firstName*, you shouldn't see the log entry.

10.4 Transform

Use the transform module in a <u>stream</u> to convert a Message's content or structure.

Transform with SpEL expression

The simplest way to use the transform processor is to pass a SpEL expression when creating the stream. The expression should return the modified message or payload. For example:

```
xd:> stream create --name transformtest --definition "http --port=9003 | transform -- expression='F00' | log"
```

This transform will convert all message payloads to the word "FOO". Try sending something to the HTTP endpoint and you should see "FOO" in the XD log:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9003 --data "some message"
```

As part of the SpEL expression you can make use of the pre-registered JSON Path function. The syntax is #jsonPath(payload,<json path expression>)

Transform with Groovy Script

For more complex transformations, you can pass the location of a Groovy script using the *script* attribute. If you want to pass variable values to your script, you can optionally pass the path to a properties file using the *properties-location* attribute. All properties in the file will be made available to the script as variables.

```
xd:> stream create --name groovytransformtest --definition "http --port=9004 | transform --script=custom-transform.groovy --properties-location=custom-transform.properties | log"
```

By default, Spring XD will search the classpath for *custom-transform.groovy* and *custom-transform.properties*. You can place the script in $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{dt}{dt}$ and the properties file in $\frac{dt}{dt} = \frac{dt}{dt}$ and the properties file in $\frac{dt}{dt} = \frac{dt}{dt}$ and $\frac{dt}{dt} = \frac{dt}{d$

10.5 JSON Field Extractor

This processor converts a JSON message payload to the value of a specific JSON field.

```
xd:> stream create --name jsontransformtest --definition "http --port=9005 | json-field-extractor --fieldName=firstName | log"
```

Try sending this payload to the HTTP endpoint and you should see just the value "John" in the XD log:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9005 --data
"{"firstName":"John","lastName":"Smith"}"
```

Note: JSON fields should be separated by a comma without any spaces.

10.6 Script

The script processor contains a *Service Activator* that invokes a specified Groovy script. This is a slightly more generic way to accomplish processing logic, as the provided script may simply terminate the stream as well as transform or filter Messages.

To use the module, pass the location of a Groovy script using the *location* attribute. If you want to pass variable values to your script, you can optionally pass the path to a properties file using the *properties-location* attribute. All properties in the file will be made available to the script as variables.

```
xd:> stream create --name groovyprocessortest --definition "http --port=9006 | script -- location=custom-processor.groovy --properties-location=custom-processor.properties | log"
```

By default, Spring XD will search the classpath for *custom-processor.groovy* and *custom-processor.properties*. You can place the script in \${xd.home}/modules/processor/scripts and the properties file in \${xd.home}/config to make them available on the classpath. Alternatively, you can prefix the *location* and *properties-location* values with *file*: to load from the file system.

10.7 Splitter

The splitter module builds upon the concept of the same name in Spring Integration and allows the splitting of a single message into several distinct messages.

The splitter module accepts the following options:

expression

a SpEL expression which should evaluate to an array or collection. Each element will then be emitted as a separate message (default: payload, which actually does not split, unless the message is already a collection)

As part of the SpEL expression you can make use of the pre-registered JSON Path function. The syntax is #jsonPath(payload,<json path expression>)2

10.8 Aggregator

The aggregator module does the opposite of the splitter, and builds upon the concept of the same name found in Spring Integration. By default, it will consider all incoming messages from a stream to belong to the same group:

```
xd:> stream create --name aggregates --definition "http | aggregator --count=3 --
aggregation=T(org.springframework.util.StringUtils).collectionToDelimitedString(#this.!
[payload],' ') | log"
```

This uses a SpEL expression that will basically concatenate all payloads together, inserting a space character in between. As such.

```
xd:> http post --data Hello
xd:> http post --data World
xd:> http post --data !
```

would emit a single message whose contents is "Hello World!". This is because we set the aggregator release strategy to accumulate 3 messages.

The aggregator modules comes with many more options, as shown below:

correlation

a SpEL expression to be evaluated against all incoming message and that should evaluate to the "key" used to group messages together (default: <streamname>, which means that all messages from the same stream are actually considered correlated)

release

a SpEL expression to be evaluated against a group of messages accumulated so far (a collection) and that should return true when such a group is ready to be released. Using this overrides the *count* option. (default: use the 'count' approach)

count

the number of messages to group together before emitting a group (default: 50)

aggregation

a SpEL expression, to be evaluated against the list of accumulated messages. This should return what the new message will be made of. (default: #this.![payload], which uses the list of message payloads to form the new message)

timeout

the delay (in milliseconds) after which messages should be released and aggregated, even though the completion criteria was not met. Due to the way this is implemented (see MessageGroupStoreReaper in the Spring Integration documentation), the actual observed delay may vary between timeout and 2xtimeout. (default: 60000, i.e. one minute)

Additionally, the message store used to retain messages can be configured using the store option. Valid options are memory (the default), redis and jdbc.

- When using redis, additional options are available: hostname, port and password with defaults pointing to the default redis install on localhost.
- When using jdbc, one must configure the datasource access, using driverClass, url, username and password with no defaults. On first use, the database tables must be created. To that effect, one can use set the initdb option to true. The database kind should be auto-detected, but one can always provide dbkind to override.

11. Sinks

11.1 Introduction

In this section we will show some variations on output sinks. As a prerequisite start the XD Container as instructed in the <u>Getting Started</u> page.

The Sinks covered are

- Log
- File
- HDFS
- Avro
- JDBC
- TCP
- Mail
- RabbitMQ
- GemFire Server
- Splunk Server
- MQTT
- <u>Dynamic Router</u>

See the section <u>Creating a Sink Module</u> for information on how to create sink modules using other Spring Integration Adapters.

11.2 Log

Probably the simplest option for a sink is just to log the data. The log sink uses the application logger to output the data for inspection. The log level is set to WARN and the logger name is created from the stream name. To create a stream using a log sink you would use a command like

```
xd:> stream create --name mylogstream --definition "http --port=8000 | log"
```

You can then try adding some data. We've used the http source on port 8000 here, so run the following command to send a message

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:8000 --data "hello"
```

and you should see the following output in the XD container console.

```
13/06/07 16:12:18 WARN logger.mylogstream: hello
```

The logger name is the sink name prefixed with the string "logger.". The sink name is the same as the stream name by default, but you can set it by passing the --name parameter

```
xd:> stream create --name myotherlogstream --definition "http --port=8001 | log -- name=mylogger"
```

11.3 File Sink

Another simple option is to stream data to a file on the host OS. This can be done using the file sink module to create a <u>stream</u>.

```
xd:> stream create --name myfilestream --definition "http --port=8000 | file"
```

We've used the http source again, so run the following command to send a message

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:8000 --data "hello"
```

The file sink uses the stream name as the default name for the file it creates, and places the file in the /tmp/xd/output/ directory.

```
$ less /tmp/xd/output/myfilestream
hello
```

You can cutomize the behavior and specify the name and dir properties of the output file. For example

```
xd:> stream create --name otherfilestream --definition "http --port=8000 | file --name=myfile --dir=/some/custom/directory"
```

File with Options

The file sink, by default, will add a newline at the end of each line; the actual newline will depend on the operating system.

This can be disabled by using --binary=true.

11.4 Hadoop (HDFS)

If you do not have Hadoop installed, you can install Hadoop 1.2.1 as described in our <u>separate guide</u>. Spring XD supports 4 Hadoop distributions, see <u>using Hadoop</u> for more information on how to start Spring XD to target a specific distribution.

Once Hadoop is up and running, you can then use the hdfs sink when creating a stream

```
xd:> stream create --name myhdfsstream1 --definition "time | hdfs"
```

In the above example, we've scheduled time source to automatically send ticks to hdfs once in every second. If you wait a little while for data to accumuluate you can then list can then list the files in the hadoop filesystem using the shell's built in hadoop fs commands. Before making any access to HDFS in the shell you first need to configure the shell to point to your name node. This is done using the hadoop config command.

```
xd:>hadoop config fs --namenode hdfs://localhost:8020
```

In this example the hdfs protocol is used but you may also use the webhdfs protocol. Listing the contents in the output directory (named by default after the stream name) is done by issuing the following command.

While the file is being written to it will have the tmp suffix. When the data written exceeds the rollover size (default 1GB) it will be renamed to remove the tmp suffix. There are several options to control the in use file file naming options. These are --inUsePrefix and --inUseSuffix set the file name prefix and suffix respectfully.

When you destroy a stream

```
xd:>stream destroy --name myhdfsstream1
```

and list the stream directory again, in use file suffix doesn't exist anymore.

```
xd:>hadoop fs ls /xd/myhdfsstream1
Found 1 items
-rw-r--r- 3 jvalkealahti supergroup 380 2013-12-18 18:10 /xd/myhdfsstream1/
myhdfsstream1-0.txt
```

To list the list the contents of a file directly from a shell execute the hadoop cat command.

```
xd:>hadoop fs cat /xd/myhdfsstream1/myhdfsstream1-0.txt
2013-12-18 18:10:07
2013-12-18 18:10:08
2013-12-18 18:10:09
...
```

In the above examples we didn't yet go through why the file was written in a specific directory and why it was named in this specific way. Default location of a file is defined as /xd/<stream name>/ <stream name>-<rolling part>.txt. These can be changed using options --directory and --fileName respectively. Example is shown below.

```
xd:>stream create --name myhdfsstream2 --definition "time | hdfs --directory=/xd/tmp --
fileName=data"
xd:>stream destroy --name myhdfsstream2
xd:>hadoop fs ls /xd/tmp
Found 1 items
-rw-r--r-- 3 jvalkealahti supergroup 120 2013-12-18 18:31 /xd/tmp/data-0.txt
```

It is also possible to control the size of a files written into HDFS. The --rollover option can be used to control when file currently being written is rolled over and a new file opened by providing the rollover size in bytes, kilobytes, megatypes, gigabytes, and terabytes.

```
xd:>stream create --name myhdfsstream3 --definition "time | hdfs --rollover=100"
xd:>stream destroy --name myhdfsstream3
xd:>hadoop fs ls /xd/myhdfsstream3
Found 3 items
-rw-r--r- 3 jvalkealahti supergroup 100 2013-12-18 18:41 /xd/myhdfsstream3/
myhdfsstream3-0.txt
-rw-r--r- 3 jvalkealahti supergroup 100 2013-12-18 18:41 /xd/myhdfsstream3/
myhdfsstream3-1.txt
-rw-r--r- 3 jvalkealahti supergroup 100 2013-12-18 18:41 /xd/myhdfsstream3/
myhdfsstream3-2.txt
```

Shortcuts to specify sizes other than bytes are written as --rollover=64M, --rollover=512G or --rollover=1T.

The stream can also be compressed during the write operation. Example of this is shown below.

```
xd:>stream create --name myhdfsstream4 --definition "time | hdfs --codec=gzip"
xd:>stream destroy --name myhdfsstream4
xd:>hadoop fs ls /xd/myhdfsstream4
Found 1 items
-rw-r--r- 3 jvalkealahti supergroup 80 2013-12-18 18:48 /xd/myhdfsstream4/
myhdfsstream4-0.txt.gzip
```

From a native os shell we can use hadoop's fs commands and pipe data into gunzip.

```
# bin/hadoop fs -cat /xd/myhdfsstream4/myhdfsstream4-0.txt.gzip | gunzip 2013-12-18 18:48:10 2013-12-18 18:48:11 ...
```

Often a stream of data may not have a high enough rate to roll over files frequently, leaving the file in an opened state. This prevents users from reading a consistent set of data when running mapreduce jobs. While one can alleviate this problem by using a small rollover value, a better way is to use the idleTimeout option that will automatically close the file if there was no writes during the specified period of time. This feature is also useful in cases where burst of data is written into a stream and you'd like that data to become visible in HDFS.

```
xd:> stream create --name myhdfsstream5 --definition "http --port=8000 | hdfs -- rollover=20 --idleTimeout=10000"
```

In the above example we changed a source to http order to control what we write into a hdfs sink. We defined a small rollover size and a timeout of 10 seconds. Now we can simply post data into this stream via source end point using a below command.

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:8000 --data "hello"
```

If we repeat the command very quickly and then wait for the timeout we should be able to see that some files are closed before rollover size was met and some were simply rolled because of a rollover size.

HDFS with Options

The HDFS Sink has the following options:

directory

Where to output the files in the Hadoop FileSystem (default: /xd/<streamname>)

fileName

The base filename to use for the created files (a counter will be appended before the file extension).

(default: <streamname>)

fileExtension

The file extension to use (default: txt)

rollover

When to roll files over, expressed in bytes. Option can also expressed with a pattern as, 1M, 1G, 512G, 1T (default: 1G)

codec

If compression is used for stream. Possible values are gzip, snappy, bzip2, 1zo. (default: no compression)

idleTimeout

Idle timeout in millis when Hadoop file resource is automatically closed. (default: 0, no timeout)

inUseSuffix

Temporary file suffix indicating that file is currently written and in use. (default: .tmp)

inUsePrefix

Temporary file prefix indicating that file is currently written and in use. (default: none)

overwrite

Flag indicating if file resources in Hadoop is allowed to be overwritten. (default: false)

11.5 Hadoop Dataset (Avro)

The Hadoop Dataset Avro sink is used to store Java classes that are sent as the payload on the stream. It uses the <u>Kite SDK Data Module</u>'s Dataset implementation to store the payload data serialized in Avro format. The Avro schema is generated from the Java class that is persisted.

The Hadoop Dataset Avro sink requires that you have a Hadoop installation that is based on Hadoop v2 (Hadoop 2.2.0, Pivotal HD 1.0, Cloudera CDH4 or Hortonworks HDP 2.0), see <u>using Hadoop</u> for more information on how to start Spring XD to target a specific distribution.

Once Hadoop is up and running, you can then use the avro sink when creating a stream

```
xd:>stream create --name mydataset --definition "time | avro --batchSize=20"
```

In the above example, we've scheduled time source to automatically send ticks to the avro sink once every second. The data will be stored in a directory named /xd/<streamname> by default, so in this example it will be /xd/mydataset. You can change this by supplying a ##directory parameter. The Avro data files are stored in a sub-directory named after the payload Java class, in this example the stream payload is a String so the name of the data sub-directory is string. If you have multiple Java classes as payloads, each class will get its own sub-directory.

Let the stream run for a minute or so. You can then list the contents of the hadoop filesystem using the shell's built in hadoop fs commands. You will first need to configure the shell to point to your name node using the hadoop config command. We use the hdfs protocol is to access the hadoop name node.

```
xd:>hadoop config fs --namenode hdfs://localhost:8020
```

Then list the contents of the stream's data directory.

You can see that the sink has created two files containing the first two batches of 20 stream payloads each. There is also a .metadata directory created that contains the metadata that the Kite SDK Dataset implementation uses as well as the generated Avro schema for the persisted type.

Now destroy the stream.

```
xd:>stream destroy --name mydataset
```

Avro with Options

The Avro Sink has the following options:

batchSize

The number of payload objects that will be stored in each write operation. (default: 10000)

directory

Where the files will be written in the Hadoop FileSystem (default: /xd/<streamname>)

idleTimeout

Idle timeout in milliseconds for when the aggregated batch of payload objects will be written even if the batchSize has not been reached. (**default: -1, no timeout)**

11.6 JDBC

The JDBC sink can be used to insert message payload data into a relational database table. By default it inserts the entire payload into a table named after the stream name in the HSQLDB database that XD uses to store metadata for batch jobs. To alter this behavior you should modify the *config/jdbc.properties* file with the connection parameters you want to use. There is also a *config/init_db.sql* file that contains the SQL statements used to initialize the database table. You can modify this file if you'd like to create a table with your specific layout when the sink starts. You should also change the *initializeDatabase* property to *true* to have this script execute when the sink starts up.

The payload data will be inserted as-is if the *names* option is set to *payload*. This is the default behavior. If you specify any other column names the payload data will be assumed to be a JSON document that will be converted to a hash map. This hash map will be used to populate the data values for the SQL insert statement. A matching of column names with underscores like *user_name* will match onto camel

case style keys like *userName* in the hash map. There will be one insert statement executed for each message.

To create a stream using a jdbc sink relying on all defaults you would use a command like

```
xd:> stream create --name mydata --definition "time | jdbc --initializeDatabase=true"
```

This will insert the time messages into a *payload* column in a table named *mydata*. Since the default is using the XD batch metadata HSQLDB database we can connect to this database instance from an external tool. After we let the stream run for a little while, we can connect to the database and look at the data stored in the database.

You can query the database with your favorite SQL tool using the following database URL: jdbc:hsqldb:hsql://localhost:9101/xdjob with sa as the user name and a blank password. You can also use the HSQL provided SQL Tool (download from HSQLDB) to run a quick query from the command line:

```
$ java -cp ~/Downloads/hsqldb-2.3.0/hsqldb/lib/sqltool.jar org.hsqldb.cmdline.SqlTool
--inlineRc url=jdbc:hsqldb:hsql://localhost:9101/xdjob,user=sa,password= --sql "select
payload from mydata;"
```

This should result in something similar to the following output:

```
2014-01-06 09:33:25

2014-01-06 09:33:26

2014-01-06 09:33:27

2014-01-06 09:33:28

2014-01-06 09:33:30

2014-01-06 09:33:31

2014-01-06 09:33:32

2014-01-06 09:33:33

2014-01-06 09:33:35

2014-01-06 09:33:35

2014-01-06 09:33:35

2014-01-06 09:33:36
```

Now we can destroy the stream using:

```
xd:> stream destroy --name mydata
```

JDBC with Options

The JDBC Sink has the following options:

configProperties

base name of properties file (in the config directory) containing configuration options for the sink. This file should contain the usual JDBC properties - driverClass, url, username, password (default: jdbc)

initializeDatabase

whether to initialize the database using the initializer script (the default property file jdbc.properties has this set to true) (default: false)

initializerScript

the file name for the script containing SQL statements used to initialize the database when the sink starts (will search config directory for this file) (default: init_db.sql)

tableName

the name of the table to insert payload data into (default: <streamname>)

names

comma separated list of column names to include in the insert statement. Use *payload* to include the entire message payload into a payload column. (**default**: payload)

11.7 TCP

The TCP Sink provides for outbound messaging over TCP.

The following examples use netcat (linux) to receive the data; the equivalent on Mac OSX is nc.

First, start a netcat to receive the data, and background it

```
$ netcat -1 1234 &
```

Now, configure a stream

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest --definition "time --interval=3 | tcp"
```

This sends the time, every 3 seconds to the default tcp Sink, which connects to port 1234 on localhost.

```
$ Thu May 30 10:28:21 EDT 2013
Thu May 30 10:28:24 EDT 2013
Thu May 30 10:28:27 EDT 2013
Thu May 30 10:28:30 EDT 2013
Thu May 30 10:28:33 EDT 2013
```

TCP is a streaming protocol and some mechanism is needed to frame messages on the wire. A number of encoders are available, the default being *CRLF*.

Destroy the stream; netcat will terminate when the TCP Sink disconnects.

```
http://localhost:8080> stream destroy --name tcptest
```

TCP with Options

The TCP Sink has the following options

host

the host (or IP Address) to connect to (default: localhost)

port

the port on the host (default 1234)

reverse-lookup

perform a reverse DNS lookup on IP Addresses (default: false)

nio

whether or not to use NIO (default: false)

encoder

how to encode the stream - see below (default: CRLF)

```
close
    whether to close the socket after each message (default: false)
charset
    the charset used when converting text from String to bytes (default: UTF-8)
Retry Options
retry-max-attempts
    the maximum number of attempts to send the data (default: 5 - original request and 4 retries)
retry-initial-interval
    the time (ms) to wait for the first retry (default: 2000)
retry-multiplier
    the multiplier for exponential back off of retries (default: 2)
With the default retry configuration, the attempts will be made after 0, 2, 4, 8, and 16 seconds.
Available Encoders
Text Data
CRLF (default)
    text terminated by carriage return (0x0d) followed by line feed (0x0a)
LF
    text terminated by line feed (0x0a)
NULL
    text terminated by a null byte (0x00)
STXETX
    text preceded by an STX (0x02) and terminated by an ETX (0x03)
Text and Binary Data
RAW
    no structure - the client indicates a complete message by closing the socket
L1
    data preceded by a one byte (unsigned) length field (supports up to 255 bytes)
L2
    data preceded by a two byte (unsigned) length field (up to 2<sup>16</sup>-1 bytes)
L4
    data preceded by a four byte (signed) length field (up to 2<sup>31</sup>-1 bytes)
```

An Additional Example

Start netcat in the background and redirect the output to a file foo

```
$ netcat -1 1235 > foo &
```

Create the stream, using the L4 encoder

```
xd:> stream create --name tcptest --definition "time --interval=3 | tcp --encoder=L4 --port=1235"
```

Destroy the stream

```
http://localhost:8080> stream destroy --name tcptest
```

Check the output

```
$ hexdump -C foo
00000000 00 00 1c 54 68 75 20 4d 61 79 20 33 30 20 31 |....Thu May 30 1|
00000010 30 3a 34 37 3a 30 33 20 45 44 54 20 32 30 31 33 |0:47:03 EDT 2013|
00000020 00 00 00 1c 54 68 75 20 4d 61 79 20 33 30 20 31 |....Thu May 30 1|
00000030 30 3a 34 37 3a 30 36 20 45 44 54 20 32 30 31 33 |0:47:06 EDT 2013|
00000040 00 00 00 1c 54 68 75 20 4d 61 79 20 33 30 20 31 |....Thu May 30 1|
00000050 30 3a 34 37 3a 30 39 20 45 44 54 20 32 30 31 33 |0:47:06 EDT 2013|
```

Note the 4 byte length field preceding the data generated by the L4 encoder.

11.8 Mail

The "mail" sink allows sending of messages as emails, leveraging Spring Integration mail-sending channel adapter. Please refer to Spring Integration documentation for the details, but in a nutshell, the sink is able to handle String, byte[] and MimeMessage messages out of the box.

Here is a simple example of how the mail module is used:

```
xd:> stream create mystream --definition "http | mail --to='"your.email@gmail.com"' --
host=your.imap.server --subject=payload+' world'"
```

Then,

```
xd:> http post --data Hello
```

You would then receive an email whose body contains "Hello" and whose subject is "Hellow world". Of special attention here is the way you need to escape strings for most of the parameters, because they're actually SpEL expressions (so here for example, we used a String literal for the to parameter).

The full list of options available to the mail module is below (note that most of these options can be set once and for all in the mail.properties file):

to

The primary recipient(s) of the email. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

from

The sender address of the email. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

subject

The email subject. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

CC

The recipient(s) that should receive a carbon copy. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

bcc

The recipient(s) that should receive a blind carbon copy. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

replyTo

The address that will become the recipient if the original recipient decides to "reply to" the email. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

contentType

The content type to use when sending the email. (default: null, SpEL Expression)

host

The hostname of the sending server to use. (default: localhost)

port

The port of the sending server. (default: 25)

username

The username to use for authentication against the sending server. (default: none)

password

The password to use for authentication against the sending server. (default: none)

11.9 RabbitMQ

The "rabbit" sink enables outbound messaging over RabbitMQ.

The following example shows the default settings.

Configure a stream:

```
xd:> stream create --name rabbittest --definition "time --interval=3 | rabbit"
```

This sends the time, every 3 seconds to the default (no-name) Exchange for a RabbitMQ broker running on localhost, port 5672.

The routing key will be the name of the stream by default; in this case: "rabbittest". Since the default Exchange is a direct-exchange to which all Queues are bound with the Queue name as the binding key, all messages sent via this sink will be passed to a Queue named "rabbittest", if one exists. We do not create that Queue automatically. However, you can easily create a Queue using the RabbitMQ web UI. Then, using that same UI, you can navigate to the "rabbittest" Queue and click the "Get Message(s)" button to pop messages off of that Queue (you can choose whether to requeue those messages).

To destroy the stream, enter the following at the shell prompt:

```
xd:> stream destroy --name rabbittest
```

RabbitMQ with Options

The RabbitMQ Sink has the following options

username

the username to connect to the RabbitMQ broker (default: guest unless spring.rabbitmq.username has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

password

the password to connect to the RabbitMQ broker (default: guest unless spring.rabbitmq.password has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

host

the host (or IP Address) to connect to (default: localhost unless spring.rabbitmq.host has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

port

the port on the host (default: 5672 unless spring.rabbitmq.port has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

vhost

the virtual host (default: / unless spring.rabbitmq.virtual_host has been overridden in rabbit.properties)

exchange

the Exchange on the RabbitMQ broker to which messages should be sent (default: " (empty: therefore, the default no-name Exchange))

routingKey

the routing key to be passed with the message. Note: If the routing key is not passed with the message and simply be a string literal (like the queue name), please make sure to specify it as SpEL literal. (default: <streamname>)

Note: the rabbit.properties file referred to above is located within the XD_HOME/config directory.

11.10 GemFire Server

Currently XD supports GemFire's client-server topology. A sink that writes data to a GemFire cache requires at least one cache server to be running in a separate process and may also be configured to use a Locator. While Gemfire configuration is outside of the scope of this document, details are covered in the GemFire Product documentation. The XD distribution includes a standalone GemFire server executable suitable for development and test purposes and bootstrapped using a Spring configuration file provided as a command line argument. The GemFire jar is distributed freely under GemFire's development license and is subject to the license's terms and conditions. Sink modules provided with the XD distribution that write data to GemFire create a client cache and client region. No data is cached on the client.

Launching the XD GemFire Server

To start the GemFire cache server GemFire Server included in the Spring XD distribution, go to the XD install directory:

```
$cd gemfire/bin
$./gemfire-server ../config/cq-demo.xml
```

The command line argument is the path of a Spring Data Gemfire configuration file with including a configured cache server and one or more regions. A sample cache configuration is provided cq-demo.xml located in the config directory. Note that Spring interprets the path as a relative path unless it is explicitly preceded by file:.. The sample configuration starts a server on port 40404 and creates a region named Stocks.

Gemfire sinks

There are 2 implementation of the gemfire sink: *gemfire-server* and *gemfire-json-server*. They are identical except the latter converts JSON string payloads to a JSON document format proprietary to GemFire and provides JSON field access and query capabilities. If you are not using JSON, the gemfire-server module will write the payload using java serialization to the configured region. Either of these modules accepts the following attributes:

regionName

the name of the GemFire region. This must be the name of a region configured for the cache server. This module creates the corresponding client region. (default: <streamname>)

keyExpression

A SpEL expression which is evaluated to create a cache key. Typically, the key value is derived from the payload. **(default: <streamname>**, which will overwrite the same entry for every message received on the stream)

gemfireHost

The host name or IP address of the cache server or locator (default: localhost)

gemfirePort

The TCP port number of the cache server or locator (default: 40404)

useLocator

A boolean flag indicating that the above host and port refer to a locator (default: false)



Note

The locator option is mostly intended for integration with an existing GemFire installation in which the cache servers are configured to use locators in accordance with best practice. While GemFire supports configuration of multiple locators for failover, this is currently not supported in XD. However, using a single virtual IP backed by hardware routers for failover has proven to be an effective and simpler alternative.

Example

Suppose we have a JSON document containing a stock price:

```
{"symbol":"VMW", "price":73}
```

We want this to be cached using the stock symbol as the key. The stream definition is:

```
http | gemfire-json-server --regionName=Stocks --keyExpression=payload.getField('symbol')
```

The keyExpression is a SpEL expression that depends on the payload type. In this case, com.gemstone.org.json.JSONObject. JSONObject which provides the getField method. To run this example:

```
xd:> stream create --name stocks --definition "http --port=9090 | gemfire-json-server --
regionName=Stocks --keyExpression=payload.getField('symbol')"

xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":73}"
```

This will write an entry to the GemFire *Stocks* region with the key *VMW*. Please do not put spaces when separating the JSON key-value pairs, only a comma.

You should see a message on STDOUT for the process running the GemFire server like:

```
INFO [LoggingCacheListener] - updated entry VMW
```

11.11 Splunk Server

A Splunk sink that writes data to a TCP Data Input type for Splunk.

Splunk sinks

The Splunk sink converts an object payload to a string using the object's toString method and then converts this to a SplunkEvent that is sent via TCP to Splunk. The module accepts the following attributes:

host

The host name or IP address of the Splunk server *(default: localhost)

port

The TCP port number of the Splunk Server (default: 8089)

username

The login name that has rights to send data to the tcp-port (default: admin)

password

The password associated with the username (default: password)

owner

The owner of the tcp-port (default: admin1)

tcp-port

The TCP port number to where XD will send the data (default: 9500)

Setup Splunk for TCP Input

- 1. From the Manager page select Manage Inputs link
- 2. Click the Add data Button
- 3. Click the From a TCP port link
- 4. TCP Port enter the port you want Splunk to monitor
- 5. Set Source Type select Manual
- 6. Source Type enter tcp-raw
- 7. Click Save

Example

An example stream would be to take data from a twitter search and push it through to a splunk instance.

```
xd:> stream create --name springone2gx --definition "twittersearch --consumerKey= --consumerSecret= --query='#LOTR' | splunk"
```

11.12 MQTT

The mqtt sink connects to an mqtt server and publishes telemetry messages.

Options

The following options are configured in mqtt.properties in XD_HOME/config

```
mqtt.url=tcp://localhost:1883
mqtt.default.client.id=xd.mqtt.client.id
mqtt.username=guest
mqtt.password=guest
mqtt.default.topic=xd.mqtt.test
```

The defaults are set up to connect to the RabbitMQ MQTT adapter on localhost.

Note that the client id must be no more than 19 characters; this is because <code>.snk</code> is added and the id must be no more than 23 characters.

clientId

Identifies the client - overrides the default above.

topic

The topic to which the sink will publish - overrides the default above.

qos

The Quality of Service (default: 1)

retained

Whether the retained flag is set (default: false)

11.13 Dynamic Router

The Dynamic Router support allows for routing Spring XD messages to **named channels** based on the evaluation of SpEL expressions or Groovy Scripts.

SpEL-based Routing

In the following example, 2 streams are created that listen for message on the **foo** and the **bar** channel. Furthermore, we create a stream that receives messages via HTTP and then delegates the received messages to a router:

```
xd:>stream create f --definition "queue:foo > transform --expression=payload+'-foo' | log"
Created new stream 'f'

xd:>stream create b --definition "queue:bar > transform --expression=payload+'-bar' | log"
Created new stream 'b'

xd:>stream create r --definition "http | router --
expression=payload.contains('a')?'queue:foo':'queue:bar'"
Created new stream 'r'
```

Now we make 2 requests to the HTTP source:

```
xd:>http post --data "a"
> POST (text/plain;Charset=UTF-8) http://localhost:9000 a
> 200 OK
xd:>http post --data "b"
> POST (text/plain;Charset=UTF-8) http://localhost:9000 b
> 200 OK
```

In the server log you should see the following output:

```
11:54:19,868 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.f:145 - a-foo
11:54:25,669 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.b:145 - b-bar
```

For more information, please also consult the Spring Integration Reference manual: http://static.springsource.org/spring-integration/reference/html/messaging-routing-chapter.html#router-namespace particularly the section "Routers and the Spring Expression Language (SpEL)".

Groovy-based Routing

Instead of SpEL expressions, Groovy scripts can also be used. Let's create a Groovy script in the file system at "/my/path/router.groovy"

```
println("Groovy processing payload '" + payload +"'");
if (payload.contains('a')) {
  return ":foo"
}
else {
  return ":bar"
}
```

Now we create the following streams:

```
xd:>stream create f --definition ":foo > transform --expression=payload+'-foo' | log"
Created new stream 'f'
xd:>stream create b --definition ":bar > transform --expression=payload+'-bar' | log"
Created new stream 'b'
xd:>stream create g --definition "http | router --script='file:/my/path/router.groovy'"
```

Now post some data to the HTTP source:

```
xd:>http post --data "a"
> POST (text/plain;Charset=UTF-8) http://localhost:9000 a
> 200 OK

xd:>http post --data "b"
> POST (text/plain;Charset=UTF-8) http://localhost:9000 b
> 200 OK
```

In the server log you should see the following output:

```
Groovy processing payload 'a'
11:29:27,274 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.f:145 - a-foo
Groovy processing payload 'b'
11:34:09,797 WARN ThreadPoolTaskScheduler-1 logger.b:145 - b-bar
```



Note

You can also use Groovy scripts located on your classpath by specifying:

--script='org/my/package/router.groovy'

For more information, please also consult the Spring Integration Reference manual: "Groovy support" http://static.springsource.org/spring-integration/reference/html/messaging-endpoints-chapter.html#groovy

Options

expression

The SpEL expression to use for routing

script

Indicates that Groovy Script based routing is used. If this property is set, then the "Expression" attribute will be ignored. The groovy script is checked for updates every 60 seconds. The script can be loaded from the classpath or from the file system e.g. "--script=org/springframework/springxd/samples/batch/router.groovy" or "--script=file:/my/path/router.groovy"

properties-location

Will be made available as script variables for Groovy Script based routing. Will only be evaluated once at initialization time. By default the following script variables will be made available: "payload" and "headers".

12. Taps

12.1 Introduction

A Tap allows you to "listen in" to data from another stream and process the data separately from the original stream definition. The original stream is unaffected by the tap and isn't aware of its presence, similar to a phone wiretap (<u>WireTaps</u> are part of the standard catalog of EAI patterns and <u>are part of</u> the Spring Integration EAI framework used by Spring XD).

A tap acts like a source in that it occurs as the first module within a stream and can pipe its output to a sink (and/or one or more processors added to a chain before the ultimate sink), but for a tap the messages are actually those being processed by some other stream.

Taps are specified as <u>named channels</u> in a stream definition, where the channel name always begins with tap:.

To create a tap using the shell, use the following command (assuming you want to tap into the "foo1" stream, which we'll create first):

```
xd:> stream create --name fool --definition "time | log"
xd:> stream create --name tapname --definition "tap:stream:fool > log"
```

A tap can consume data from any point along the target stream's processing pipeline. For example, if you have a stream called mystream, defined as

```
source | filter | transformer | sink
```

Then creating a tap using

```
tap:stream:mystream.<filter module name> > sink2
```

would tap into the stream's data after the filter has been applied but before the transformer. So the untransformed data would be sent to sink2.

A primary use case is to perform realtime analytics at the same time as data is being ingested via its primary stream. For example, consider a Stream of data that is consuming Twitter search results and writing them to HDFS. A tap can be created before the data is written to HDFS, and the data piped from the tap to a counter that correspond to the number of times specific hashtags were mentioned in the tweets.

Creating a tap on a named channel, a stream whose source is a named channel, or a label is not yet supported. This is planned for a future release.

You'll find specific examples of creating taps on existing streams in the Analytics section.

12.2 Tap Lifecycle

A side effect of a stream being unaware of any taps on its pipeline is that deleting the stream will not automatically delete the taps. The taps have to be deleted separately. However if the tapped stream is re-created, the existing tap will continue to function.

13. Type Conversion

13.1 Introduction

XD allows you to declaratively specify type conversion within processing streams using *inputType* and *outputType* parameters on module definitions. Currently, XD supports the following type conversions commonly used in streams:

- JSON to/from org.springframework.xd.tuple.Tuple
- Object to JSON String: JSON to Object is supported. NOTE: It is not possible to convert a JSON string to an arbitrary object without knowing the target class
- **Object** to/from **byte[]**: Either the raw bytes used for remote transport or converted to bytes using Java serialization this requires the object to be Serializable
- JSON to/from java.util.Map
- Object to plain text (invokes the object's toString() method)

Where JSON represents JSON content in the form of a String. Registration of custom type converters will likely be supported in a future release.

13.2 MIME media types

inputType and outputType values are parsed as media types, e.g., application/json or text/plain;charset=UTF-8. Media types are especially useful for indicating how to interpret String or byte[] content. XD also uses standard media type format to represent Java types, using the general type application/x-java-object with a type parameter. For example, application/x-java-object;type=java.util.Map or application/x-java-object;type=com.bar.Foo . For convenience, you can specify the class name by itself and XD will map it to the corresponding media type. In addition, XD provides a namespace for internal types, notably, application/x-xd-tuple to specify a Tuple.

Stream Definition examples

```
twittersearch --query='#springone2gx' --outputType=application/json | file
```

The *twittersearch* module produces <u>Tweet</u> objects. Producing a domain object is useful in many cases, however writing a Tweet directly to a file would produce something like:

org.springframework.social.twitter.api.Tweet@6e878e7c

Arguably, this output is not as useful as the JSON representation. Setting the outputType to application/ json causes XD to convert the default type to a JSON string before piping it to the next module. This is almost equivalent to:

```
twittersearch --query='#springone2gx' | file --inputType=application/json
```

There are some technical differences: In the first case, the transformation is done before the object is marshalled (serialized) for remote transport. In the second case, the transformation follows unmarshalling. Perhaps a more significant difference is that a tap created on the file sink would consume JSON in the first case, and Tweets in the second.

```
twittersearch --query='#springone2gx' --outputType=application/json | transform --
inputType=application/x-xd-tuple ...
```

The above example illustrates a combination of outputType and inputType conversion. the Tweet is converted to a JSON string which is then converted to a Tuple. XD does not know how to convert an arbitrary type to a Tuple, but it can write an object to JSON and read JSON into a Tuple, so we have effectively performed an Object to Tuple conversion. In many cases, combining conversion this way is not necessary, and care must be taken since XD does not validate that such combinations are possible.

The following serializes a java.io. Serializable object to a file. Presumably the *foo* module outputs a Serializable type. If not, this will result in an exception. If remote transport is configured, the output of *foo* will be marshalled using XD's internal serialization mechanism. The object will be reconstituted in the *file* module's local JVM and then converted to a byte array using Java serialization.

```
foo | --inputType=application/x-java-serialized-object file
```

13.3 Media types and Java types

Internally, XD implements type conversion using Spring Integration's [datatype channels](http://docs.spring.io/spring-integration/docs/latest-ga/reference/htmlsingle/#channel-configuration). The data type channel converts payloads to the configured datatype using Spring's [conversion service] (http://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/htmlsingle/#core-convert). When XD processes a module with a declared type conversion, it modifies the module's input and/or output channel definition to set the required Java type and register Converters targeting the corresponding Java type to the channels conversion service. This requires that the Java type be determined from the specified media type, as shown below.

Media Type	Java Type	Comments
application/json	String	may include a charset parameters
text/plain	String	may include a charset parameter
application/x-java-serialized- object	byte[]	uses Java serialization
application/x-java- object;type= <fullyqualifiedclassi< td=""><td>The Specified Class Name></td><td></td></fullyqualifiedclassi<>	The Specified Class Name>	
application/x-xd-tuple	org.springframework.xd.tuple.DefaultTuple	
other	not supported	Will throw a ModuleConfigurationException when the module is deployed

Caveats

Note that that inputType and outputType parameters only apply to payloads that require type conversion. For example, if a module produces an XML string and outputType=application/json, the payload will not be converted from XML to JSON. This is because the payload at the module's output channel is already a String so no conversion will be applied at runtime.

14. Batch Jobs

14.1 Introduction

One of the features that XD offers is the ability to launch and monitor batch jobs based on <u>Spring Batch</u>. The Spring Batch project was started in 2007 as a collaboration between SpringSource and Accenture to provide a comprehensive framework to support the development of robust batch applications. Batch jobs have their own set of best practices and domain concepts which have been incorporated into Spring Batch building upon Accenture's consulting business. Since then Spring Batch has been used in thousands of enterprise applications and is the basis for the recent JSR standardization of batch processing, <u>JSR-352</u>.

Spring XD builds upon Spring Batch to simplify creating batch workflow solutions that span traditional use-cases such as moving data between flat files and relational databases as well as Hadoop use-cases where analysis logic is broken up into several steps that run on a Hadoop cluster. Steps specific to Hadoop in a workflow can be MapReduce jobs, executing Hive/Pig scripts or HDFS operations.

14.2 Workflow

The concept of a workflow translates to a Job, not to be confused with a MapReduce job. A Job is a directed graph, each node of the graph is a processing Step. Steps can be executed sequentially or in parallel, depending on the configuration. Jobs can be started, stopped, and restarted. Restarting jobs is possible since the progress of executed steps in a Job is persisted in a database via a JobRepository. The following figures shows the basic components of a workflow.

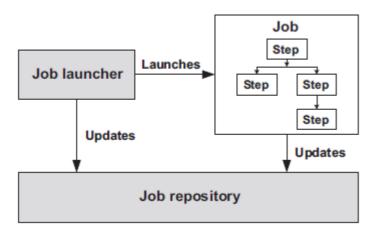


Figure 14.1.

A Job that has steps specific to Hadoop is shown below.

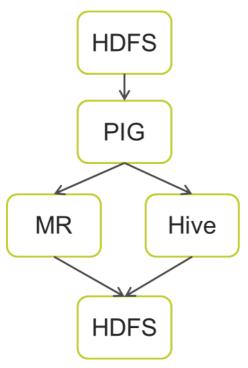


Figure 14.2.

A JobLauncher is responsible for starting a job and is often triggered via a scheduler. Other options to launch a job are through Spring XD's RESTful administration API, the XD web application, or in response to an external event from and XD stream defintion, e.g file polling using the file source.

14.3 Features

Spring XD allows you to create and launch jobs. The launching of a job can be trigger using a cron expression or in reaction to data on a stream. When jobs are executing, they are also a souce of event data that can be subscribed to by a stream. There are several type of events sent during a job's execution, the most common being the status of the job and the steps taken within the job. This bidirection communication between stream processing and batch processing allows for more complex chains of processing to be developed.

As a starting point, jobs for the following cases are provided to use out of the box

- Poll a Directory and import CSV files to HDFS
- Import CSV files to JDBC
- HDFS to JDBC Export
- JDBC to HDFS Import
- HDFS to MongoDB Export

These are described in the section below.

This purpose of this section is to show you how to create, schedule and monitor a job.

14.4 Developing your Job

The Jobs definitions provided as part of the Spring XD distribution as well as those included in the <u>Spring XD Samples</u> repository can be used a basis for building your own custom Jobs. The development of a Job largely follows the development of a Spring Batch job, for which there are several references.

- Spring Batch home page
- Spring Batch In Action Manning
- Pro Spring Batch APress

For help developing Job steps specific to Hadoop, e.g. HDFS, Pig, Hive, the <u>Spring XD Samples</u> is useful as wella s the following resources

- Spring for Apache Hadoop home page
- Spring Data O'Reilly Chapter 13

Once your Jobs have been developed and unit tested, they are integrated into Spring XD by copying the resulting .jar file and Job XML definition to \$XD_HOME/lib and \$XD_HOME/modules/jobs.

14.5 Creating a Job

To describe the creation of a job we will use the job definition that is part of the <u>batch-simple example</u>.

To create a job in the XD shell, execute the job create command composed of:

- name the "name" that will be associated with the Job
- · definition the name of the context file that describes the tasklet.

So using our example above where we have a myjob.xml job definiton file in the \$XD_HOME/modules/jobs directory, this will look like:

```
xd:> job create --name helloSpringXD --definition "myjob"
```

In the logging output of the XDContainer you should see the following:

```
14:17:46,793 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-5 job.JobPlugin:87 - Configuring module with the following properties: {numberFormat=, dateFormat=, makeUnique=true, xd.stream.name=helloSpringXD}
14:17:46,837 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-5 module.SimpleModule:140 - initialized module: SimpleModule [name=myjob, type=job, group=helloSpringXD, index=0]
14:17:46,840 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-5 module.SimpleModule:154 - started module: SimpleModule [name=job, type=job, group=helloSpringXD, index=0]
14:17:46,840 INFO http-bio-8080-exec-5 module.ModuleDeployer:152 - launched job module: helloSpringXD:myjob:0
```

Creating Jobs - Additional Options

When creating jobs, the following options are available:

deploy

If true, depploys the stream immediately (default: true)

dateFormat

The optional date format for job parameters (default: yyyy/MM/dd)

numberFormat

```
Defines the numberformat when parsing numeric parameters (default: NumberFormat.getInstance(Locale.US))
```

makeUnique

Shall job parameters be made unique? (default: true)

14.6 Launching a job

XD uses triggers as well as regular event flow to launch the batch jobs. So in this section we will cover how to:

- · Launch the Batch Job Ad-hoc
- · Launch the Batch Job using a named Cron-Trigger
- · Launch the Batch Job as sink.

Ad-hoc

To launch a job one time, use the launch option of the job command. So going back to our example above, we've created a job module instance named helloSpringXD. Launching that Job Module Instance would look like:

```
xd:> job launch helloSpringXD
```

In the logging output of the XDContainer you should see the following

```
16:45:40,127 INFO http-bio-9393-exec-1 job.JobPlugin:98 - Configuring module with the following properties: {numberFormat=, dateFormat=, makeUnique=true, xd.stream.name=myjob} 16:45:40,185 INFO http-bio-9393-exec-1 module.SimpleModule:140 - initialized module: SimpleModule [name=job, type=job, group=myjob, index=0 @3a9ecb9d] 16:45:40,198 INFO http-bio-9393-exec-1 module.SimpleModule:161 - started module: SimpleModule [name=job, type=job, group=myjob, index=0 @3a9ecb9d] 16:45:40,199 INFO http-bio-9393-exec-1 module.ModuleDeployer:161 - deployed SimpleModule [name=job, type=job, group=myjob, index=0 @3a9ecb9d] Hello Spring XD!
```

To re-launch the job just execute the launch command. For example:

```
xd:> job launch helloSpringXD
```

Launch the Batch using Cron-Trigger

To launch a batch job based on a cron scheduler is done by creating a stream using the trigger source.

```
xd:> stream create --name cronStream --definition "trigger --cron='0/5 * * * * * * * queue:job:myCronJob"
```

A batch job can receive parameters from a source (in this case a trigger) or process. A trigger uses the --payload expression to declare its payload.

```
xd:> stream create --name cronStream --definition "trigger --cron='0/5 * * * * * * -- payload='{"paraml":"Kenny"}' > queue:job:myCronJob"
```



Note

The payload content must be in a JSON-based map representation.

To pause/stop future scheduled jobs from running for this stream, the stream must be undeployed for example:

```
xd:> stream undeploy --name cronStream
```

Launch the Batch using a Fixed-Delay-Trigger

A fixed-delay-trigger is used to launch a Job on a regular interval. Using the --fixedDelay parameter you can set up the number of seconds between executions. In the example below we are running myXDJob every 10 seconds and passing it a payload containing a single attribute.

```
xd:> stream create --name fdStream --definition "trigger --
payload='{"param1":"fixedDelayKenny"}' --fixedDelay=10 > queue:job:myXDJob"
```

To pause/stop future scheduled jobs from running for this stream, you must undeploy the stream for example:

```
xd:> stream undeploy --name cronStream
```

Launch job as a part of event flow

A batch job is always used as a sink, with that being said it can receive messages from sources (other than triggers) and processors. In the case below we see that the user has created a http source (http source receives http posts and passes the payload of the http message to the next module in the stream) that will pass the http payload to the "myHttpJob".

```
stream create --name jobStream --definition "http > queue:job:myHttpJob"
```

To test the stream you can execute a http post, like the following:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "{"param1":"fixedDelayKenny"}"
```

14.7 Retrieve job notifications

Spring XD offers the facilities to capture the notifications that are sent from the job as it is executing.

Notifications include:

- Job Execution Listener
- · Chunk Listener
- Item Listener
- Step Execution Listener
- Skip Listener

In the following example, we setup a Batch Job called *myHttpJob*. Afterwards we create a stream that will tap into the *notifications* channel that was implicitly generated when the *myHttpJob* job was created. The stream receives the notifications and sends those notifications to the log.

```
job create --name myHttpJob --definition "httpJob"
stream create --name jobNotifications --definition "queue:job:myHttpJob-notifications
>log"
```

In the logging output of the container you should see something like the following when the job completes:

```
15:26:30,029 WARN task-scheduler-5 logger.jobNotifications:145 - JobExecution: id=1, version=2, startTime=Wed Aug 28 15:26:30 EDT 2013, endTime=Wed Aug 28 15:26:30 EDT 2013, lastUpdated=Wed Aug 28 15:26:30 EDT 2013, status=COMPLETED, exitStatus=exitCode=COMPLETED;exitDescription=, job=[JobInstance: id=1, version=0, Job=[myHttpJob.job]], jobParameters=[{random=0.49881213192780494}]
```

Spring XD provides a series of pre-defined Batch listeners in order to send job notifications:

- xdChunkListener
- xdltemListener
- xdJobExecutionListener
- xdStepExecutionListener
- xdSkipListener

You can directly reference those Spring beans from within your Batch jobs. If you need to further customize the provided behavior you can of course create your own Batch listeners and directly inject a reference to the *notifications* message channel.

For a complete example, please see the <u>Batch Notifications Sample</u> which is part of the <u>Spring XD Samples</u> repository.

14.8 Removing Batch Jobs

Batch Jobs can be deleted by executing:

```
xd:> job destroy helloSpringXD
```

Alternatively, one can just undeploy the job, keeping its definition for a future redeployment:

```
xd:> job undeploy helloSpringXD
```

14.9 Pre-Packaged Batch Jobs

Spring XD comes with several batch import and export modules. You can run them out of the box or use them as a basis for building your own custom modules.

Poll a Directory and Import CSV Files to HDFS (filepollhdfs)

This module is designed to be driven by a stream polling a directory. It imports data from CSV files and requires that you supply a list of named columns for the data using the names parameter. For example:

```
xd:> job create myjob --definition "filepollhdfs --names=forename,surname,address"
```

You would then use a stream with a file source to scan a directory for files and drive the job. A separate file will be started for each job found:

```
xd:> stream create csvStream --definition "file --ref=true --dir=/mycsvdir --pattern=*.csv
> queue:job:myjob"
```

Import CSV Files to JDBC (filejdbc)

A module which loads CSV files into a JDBC table using a single batch job. By default it uses the file <code>config/batch-jdbc.properties</code> to configure the module and stores data in the internal HSQL DB which is used by Spring Batch. The job should be defined with the <code>resources</code> parameter defining the files which should be loaded. It also requires a <code>names</code> parameter (for the CSV field names) and these should match the database column names into which the data should be stored. You can either precreate the database table or the module will create it for you if you use --initializeDatabase=true when the job is created. The table intitialization is configured in a similar way to the JDBC sink and uses the same parameters. The default table name is the job name and can be customized by setting the tableName parameter. As an example, if you run the command

```
xd:> job create myjob --definition "filejdbc --resources=file:///mycsvdir/*.csv -- names=forename,surname,address --tableName=people --initializeDatabase=true"
```

it will create the table "people" in the database with three varchar columns called "forename", "surname" and "address". When you launch the job it will load the files matching the resources pattern and write the data to this table.

Launch the job using:

```
xd:> job launch myjob
```

HDFS to JDBC Export (hdfsjdbc)

This module functions very similarly to the filejdbc one except that the resources you specify should actually be in HDFS, rather than the OS filesystem.

```
xd:> job create myjob --definition "hdfsjdbc --resources=/xd/data/*.csv --
names=forename,surname,address --tableName=people --initializeDatabase=true"
```

Launch the job using:

```
xd:> job launch myjob
```

JDBC to HDFS Import (jdbchdfs)

Performs the reverse of the previous module. The database configuration is the same as for filejdbc but without the initialization options since you need to already have the data to import into HDFS. When creating the job, you must either supply the select statement by setting the sql parameter, or you can supply both tableName and columns options (which will be used to build the SQL statement).

To import data from the database table some_table, you could use

```
xd:> job create myjob --definition "jdbchdfs --sql='select col1,col2,col3 from
some_table'"
```

You can customize how the data is written to HDFS by supplying the options directory (defaults to $/xd/(job\ name)$), fileName (defaults to job name), rollover (in bytes, default 1000000) and fileExtension (defaults to csv).

Launch the job using:

xd:> job launch myjob

HDFS to MongoDB Export (hdfsmongodb)

Exports CSV data from HDFS and stores it in a MongoDB collection which defaults to the stream name. This can be overridden with the collectionName parameter. The job is configured using the file config/batch-mongo.properties. Once again, the field names should be defined by supplying the names parameter. The data is converted internally to a Spring XD Tuple and the collection items will have an id matching the tuple's UUID. You can override this by setting the idField parameter to one of the field names if desired.

An example:

xd:> job create myjob --definition "hdfsmongodb --resources=/data/*.log -names=employeeId,forename,surname,address --idField=employeeId --collectionName=people"

15. Analytics

15.1 Introduction

Spring XD Analytics provides support for real-time analysis of data using metrics such as counters and gauges. Spring XD intends to support a wide range of these metrics and analytical data structures as a general purpose class library that works with several backend storage technologies.

We'll look at the following metrics

- Counter
- Field Value Counter
- Aggregate Counter
- Gauge
- Rich Gauge

An in memory implementation and a Redis implementation are provided in **Spring XD 1.0.0.M3**. Other metrics that will be provided in a future release are Rate Counters and Histograms.

Metrics can be used directly in place of a sink just as if you were creating any other <u>stream</u>, but you can also analyze data from an existing stream using a <u>tap</u>. We'll look at some examples of using metrics with taps in the following sections. As a prerequisite start the XD Container as instructed in the <u>Getting Started</u> page.

15.2 Counter

A counter is a Metric that associates a unique name with a long value. It is primarily used for counting events triggered by incoming messages on a target stream. You create a counter with a unique name and optionally an initial value then set its value in response to incoming messages. The most straightforward use for counter is simply to count messages coming into the target stream. That is, its value is incremented on every message. This is exactly what the *counter* module provided by Spring XD does.

Here's an example:

Start by creating a data ingestion stream. Something like:

```
xd:> stream create --name springtweets --definition "twittersearch --
consumerKey=<your_key> --consumerSecret=<your_secret> --query=spring | file --dir=/
tweets/"
```

Next, create a tap on the springtweets stream that sets a message counter named tweetcount

```
xd:> stream create --name tweettap --definition "tap:stream:springtweets > counter --
name=tweetcount"
```

The results are written to redis under the key counter.\${name}. To retrieve the count:

```
$ redis-cli
redis 127.0.0.1:6379> get counters.tweetcount
```

15.3 Field Value Counter

A field value counter is a Metric used for counting occurrences of unique values for a named field in a message payload. XD Supports the following payload types out of the box:

- · POJO (Java bean)
- Tuple
- JSON String

For example suppose a message source produces a payload with a field named user:

```
class Foo {
   String user;
   public Foo(String user) {
       this.user = user;
   }
}
```

If the stream source produces messages with the following objects:

```
new Foo("fred")
new Foo("sue")
new Foo("dave")
new Foo("sue")
```

The field value counter on the field user will contain:

```
fred:1, sue:2, dave:1
```

Multi-value fields are also supported. For example, if a field contains a list, each value will be counted once:

```
users:["dave","fred","sue"]
users:["sue","jon"]
```

The field value counter on the field users will contain:

```
dave:1, fred:1, sue:2, jon:1
```

field_value_counter has the following options:

fieldName

The name of the field for which values are counted (required)

counterName

A key used to access the counter values. (default: \${fieldName})

To try this out, create a stream to ingest twitter feeds containing the word *spring* and output to a file:

```
xd:> stream create --name springtweets --definition "twittersearch --
consumerKey=<your_key> --consumerSecret=<your_secret> --query=spring | file"
```

Now create a tap for a field value counter:

```
xd:> stream create --name tweettap --definition "tap:stream:springtweets > field-value-counter --fieldName=fromUser"
```

The *twittersearch* source produces JSON strings which contain the user id of the tweeter in the *fromUser* field. The *field_value_counter* sink parses the tweet and updates a field value counter named *fromUser* in Redis. To view the counts:

```
$ redis-cli
redis 127.0.0.1:6379>zrange fieldvaluecounters.fromUser 0 -1 withscores
```

15.4 Aggregate Counter

The aggregate counter differs from a simple counter in that it not only keeps a total value for the count, but also retains the total count values for each minute, hour day and month of the period for which it is run. The data can then be queried by supplying a start and end date and the resolution at which the data should be returned.

Creating an aggregate counter is very similar to a simple counter. For example, to obtain an aggregate count for our spring tweets stream:

```
xd:> stream create --name springtweets --definition "twittersearch --query=spring | file"
```

you'd simply create a tap which pipes the input to aggregatecounter:

```
xd:> stream create --name tweettap --definition "tap:stream:springtweets >
aggregatecounter --name=tweetcount"
```

The Redis back-end stores the aggregate counts in buckets prefixed with aggregatecounters. \${name}. The rest of the string contains the date information. So for our tweetcount counter you might see something like the following keys appearing in Redis:

```
redis 127.0.0.1:6379> keys aggregatecounters.tweetcount*
1) "aggregatecounters.tweetcount"
2) "aggregatecounters.tweetcount.years"
3) "aggregatecounters.tweetcount.2013"
4) "aggregatecounters.tweetcount.201307"
5) "aggregatecounters.tweetcount.20130719"
6) "aggregatecounters.tweetcount.2013071914"
```

The general format is

- 1. One total value
- 2. One years hash with a field per year eg. { 2010: value, 2011: value }
- 3. One hash per year with a field per month { 01: value, ...}
- 4. One hash per month with a field per day
- One hash per day with a field per hour
- 6. One hash per hour with a field per minute

15.5 Gauge

A gauge is a Metric, similar to a counter in that it holds a single long value associated with a unique name. In this case the value can represent any numeric value defined by the application.

The *gauge* sink provided with XD stores expects a numeric value as a payload, typically this would be a decimal formatted string, and stores its values in Redis. The gauge includes the following attributes:

name

The name for the gauge (default: <streamname>)

Here is an example of creating a tap for a gauge:

Simple Tap Example

Create an ingest stream

```
xd:> stream create --name test --definition "http --port=9090 | file"
```

Next create the tap:

```
xd:> stream create --name simplegauge --definition "tap:stream:test > gauge"
```

Now Post a message to the ingest stream:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "10"
```

Check the gauge:

```
$ redis-cli
redis 127.0.0.1:6379> get gauges.simplegauge
"10"
```

15.6 Rich Gauge

A rich gauge is a Metric that holds a double value associated with a unique name. In addition to the value, the rich gauge keeps a running average, along with the minimum and maximum values and the sample count.

The *richgauge* sink provided with XD expects a numeric value as a payload, typically this would be a decimal formatted string, and keeps its value in a store. The richgauge includes the following attributes:

name

The name for the gauge (default: <streamname>)

alpha

A smoothing factor between 0 and 1, that if set will compute an <u>exponential moving average</u> (default:

```
-1, simple average)
```

When stored in Redis, the values are kept as a space delimited string, formatted as *value alpha mean* max min count

Here are some examples of creating a tap for a rich gauge:

Simple Tap Example

Create an ingest stream

```
xd:> stream create --name test --definition "http --port=9090 | file"
```

Next create the tap:

```
xd:> stream create --name testgauge --definition "tap:stream:test > richgauge"
```

Now Post some messages to the ingest stream:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "10"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "13"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "16"
```

Check the gauge:

```
$ redis-cli
redis 127.0.0.1:6379> get richgauges.testgauge
"16.0 -1 13.0 16.0 10.0 3"
```

Stock Price Example

In this example, we will track stock prices, which is a more practical example. The data is ingested as JSON strings like

```
{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.04}
```

Create an ingest stream

```
xd:> stream create --name stocks --definition "http --port=9090 | file"
```

Next create the tap, using the json-field-extractor to extract the stock price from the payload:

```
xd:> stream create --name stockprice --definition "tap:stream:stocks > json-field-
extractor --fieldName=price | richgauge"
```

Now Post some messages to the ingest stream:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.04}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.06}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.08}"
```

Note: JSON fields should be separated by a comma without any spaces.

Check the gauge:

```
$ redis-cli
redis 127.0.0.1:6379> get richgauges.stockprice
"72.08 -1 72.04 72.08 72.02 3"
```

Improved Stock Price Example

In this example, we will track stock prices for selected stocks. The data is ingested as JSON strings like

```
{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.04}
{"symbol":"EMC","price":24.92}
```

The previous example would feed these prices to a single gauge. What we really want is to create a separate tap for each ticker symbol in which we are interested:

Create an ingest stream

```
xd:> stream create --name stocks --definition "http --port=9090 | file"
```

Next create the taps, using the json-field-extractor to extract the stock price from the payload:

```
xd:> stream create --name vmwprice --definition "tap:stream:stocks > json-field-value-
filter --fieldName=symbol --fieldValue=VMW | json-field-extractor --fieldName=price |
    richgauge"
xd:> stream create --name emcprice --definition "tap:stream:stocks > json-field-value-
filter --fieldName=symbol --fieldValue=EMC | json-field-extractor --fieldName=price |
    richgauge"
```

Now Post some messages to the ingest stream:

```
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.04}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.06}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"VMW","price":72.08}"

xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"EMC","price":24.92}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"EMC","price":24.90}"
xd:> http post --target http://localhost:9090 --data "{"symbol":"EMC","price":24.96}"
```

Check the gauge:

15.7 Accessing Analytics Data over the RESTful API

Spring XD has a discoverable RESTful API based on the Spring HATEAOS library. You can discover the resources available by making a GET request on the root resource of the Admin server. Here is an example where navigate down to find the data for a counter named *httptap* that was created by these commands

```
xd:>stream create --name httpStream --definition "http | file"
xd:>stream create --name httptap --definition "tap:stream:httpStream > counter"
xd:>http post --target http://localhost:9000 --data "helloworld"
```

The root resource returns

```
xd:>! wget -q -S -O - http://localhost:9393/
  "links":[
    {},
      "rel":"jobs",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/jobs"
    },
      "rel": "modules",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/modules"
    },
      "rel": "runtime/modules",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/runtime/modules"
    },
      "rel": "runtime/containers",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/runtime/containers"
    },
      "rel": "counters",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/metrics/counters"
    },
      "rel": "field-value-counters",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/metrics/field-value-counters"
    },
      "rel": "aggregate-counters",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/metrics/aggregate-counters"
    },
      "rel": "gauges",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/metrics/gauges"
    },
      "rel": "richgauges",
      "href": "http://localhost:9393/metrics/richgauges"
    }
  ]
}
```

Following the resource location for the counter

```
xd:>! wget -q -S -O - http://localhost:9393/metrics/counters
  "links":[
 ],
  "content":[
   {
     "links":[
       {
         "rel":"self",
         "href": "http://localhost:9393/metrics/counters/httptap"
      }
     ],
     "name": "httptap"
   }
 ],
  "page":{
   "size":0,
   "totalElements":1,
   "totalPages":1,
   "number":0
 }
}
```

And then the data for the counter itself

```
xd:>! wget -q -S -O - http://localhost:9393/metrics/counters/httptap
{
    "links":[
        {
             "rel":"self",
             "href":"http://localhost:9393/metrics/counters/httptap"
        }
        l,
        "name":"httptap",
        "value":2
}
```

16. DSL Reference

16.1 Introduction

Spring XD provides a DSL for defining a stream. Over time the DSL is likely to evolve significantly as it gains the ability to define more and more sophisticated streams as well as the steps of a batch job.

16.2 Pipes and filters

A simple linear stream consists of a sequence of modules. Typically an Input Source, (optional) Processing Steps, and an Output Sink. As a simple example consider the collection of data from an HTTP Source writing to a File Sink. Using the DSL the stream description is:

```
http | file
```

A stream that involves some processing:

```
http | filter | transform | file
```

The modules in a stream definition are connected together using the pipe symbol |.

16.3 Module parameters

Each module may take parameters. The parameters supported by a module are defined by the module implementation. As an example the http source module exposes port setting which allows the data ingestion port to be changed from the default value.

```
http --port=1337
```

It is only necessary to quote parameter values if they contain spaces or the | character. Here the transform processor module is being passed a SpEL expression that will be applied to any data it encounters:

```
transform --expression='new StringBuilder(payload).reverse()'
```

If the parameter value needs to embed a single quote, use two single quotes:

```
// Query is: Select * from /Customers where name='Smith'
scan --query='Select * from /Customers where name=''Smith'''
```

16.4 Named channels

Instead of a source or sink it is possible to use a named channel. Normally the modules in a stream are connected by anonymous internal channels (represented by the pipes), but by using explicitly named channels it becomes possible to construct more sophisticated flows. In keeping with the unix theme, sourcing/sinking data from/to a particular channel uses the > character. A named channel is specified by using a channel type, followed by a : followed by a name. The channel types available are:

```
queue - this type of channel has point-to-point (p2p) semantics

topic - this type of channel has pub/sub semantics
```

Here is an example that shows how you can use a named channel to share a data pipeline driven by different input sources.

```
queue:foo > file

http > queue:foo

time > queue:foo
```

Now if you post data to the http source, you will see that data intermingled with the time value in the file.

The opposite case, the fanout of a message to multiple streams, is planned for a future release. However, taps are a specialization of named channels that do allow publishing data to multiple sinks. For example:

```
tap:stream:mystream > file

tap:stream:mystream > log
```

Once data is received on mystream, it will be written to both file and log.

Support for routing messages to different streams based on message content is also planned for a future release.

16.5 Labels

Labels provide a means to alias or group modules. Labels are simply a name followed by a: When used as an alias a label can provide a more descriptive name for a particular configuration of a module and possibly something easier to refer to in other streams.

```
mystream = http | obfuscator: transform --expression=payload.replaceAll('password','*') |
file
```

A module may have multiple labels:

```
mystream = http | foo: bar: transform --expression=payload.replaceAll('password','*') |
file
```

When used for grouping a series of modules might share the same label:

```
mystream = http | group1: filter | group1: transform | file
```

Referring to the label group1 then effectively refers to all the labeled modules. This is not yet exploited in XD but in future may be used for something like configuring deployment options:

```
// Ensure all modules in group1 are on the same machine
group1.colocation = true
```

17. Tuples

17.1 Introduction

The Tuple class is a central data structure in Spring XD. It is an ordered list of values that can be retrieved by name or by index. Tuples are created by a TupleBuilder and are immutable. The values that are stored can be of any type and null values are allowed.

The underlying Message class that moves data from one processing step to the next can have an arbitrary data type as its payload. Instead of creating a custom Java class that encapsulates the properties of what is read or set in each processing step, the Tuple class can be used instead. Processing steps can be developed that read data from specific named values and write data to specific named values.

There are accessor methods that perform type conversion to the basic primitive types as well as BigDecimal and Date. This avoids you from having to cast the values to specific types. Insteam you can rely on the Tuple's type conversion infastructure to perform the conversion.

The Tuple's types conversion is performed by Spring's <u>Type Conversion Infrastructure</u> which supports commonly encountered type conversions and is extensible.

There are several overloads for getters that let you provide default values for primitive types should the field you are looking for not be found. Date format patterns and Locale aware NumberFormat conversion are also supported. A best effort has been made to preserve the functionality available in Spring Batch's Fieldset class that has been extensively used for parsing String based data in files.

Creating a Tuple

The TupleBuilder class is how you create new Tuple instances. The most basic case is

```
Tuple tuple = TupleBuilder.tuple().of("foo", "bar");
```

This creates a Tuple with a single entry, a key of *foo* with a value of *bar*. You can also use a static import to shorten the syntax.

```
import static org.springframework.xd.tuple.TupleBuilder.tuple;
Tuple tuple = tuple().of("foo", "bar");
```

You can use the of method to create a Tuple with up to 4 key-value pairs.

```
Tuple tuple2 = tuple().of("up", 1, "down", 2);
Tuple tuple3 = tuple().of("up", 1, "down", 2, "charm", 3 );
Tuple tuple4 = tuple().of("up", 1, "down", 2, "charm", 3, "strange", 4);
```

To create a Tuple with more then 4 entries use the fluent API that strings together the put method and terminates with the build method

To customize the underlying type conversion system you can specify the DateFormat to use for converting String to Date as well as the NumberFormat to use based on a Locale. For more advanced customization of the type conversion system you can register an instance of a FormattingConversionService. Use the appropriate setter methods on TupleBuilder to make these customizations.

You can also create a Tuple from a list of String field names and a List of Object values.

```
Object[] tokens = new String[]
   { "TestString", "true", "C", "10", "-472", "354224", "543", "124.3", "424.3", "1,3245",
        null, "2007-10-12", "12-10-2007", "" };
String[] nameArray = new String[]
   { "String", "Boolean", "Char", "Byte", "Short", "Integer", "Long", "Float", "Double",
        "BigDecimal", "Null", "Date", "DatePattern", "BlankInput" };
List<String> names = Arrays.asList(nameArray);
List<Object> values = Arrays.asList(tokens);
tuple = tuple().ofNamesAndValues(names, values);
```

Getting Tuple values

There are getters for all the primitive types and also for BigDecimal and Date. The primitive types are

- Boolean
- Byte
- Char
- Double
- Float
- Int
- Long
- Short
- String

Each getter has an overload for providing a default value. You can access the values either by field name or by index.

The overloaded methods for asking for a value to be converted into an integer are

- int getInt(int index)
- int getInt(String name)
- int getInt(int index, int defaultValue)
- int getInt(String name, int defaultValue)

There are similar methods for other primitive types. For Boolean there is a special case of providing the String value that represents a trueValue.

- boolean getBoolean(int index, String trueValue)
- boolean getBoolean(String name, String trueValue)

If the value that is stored for a given field or index is null and you ask for a primitive type, the standard Java defalt value for that type is returned.

The getString method will remove and leading and trailing whitespace. If you want to get the String and preserve whitespace use the methods getRawString

There is extra functionality for getting `Date`s. The are overloaded getters that take a String based date format

- Date getDateWithPattern(int index, String pattern)
- Date getDateWithPattern(int index, String pattern, Date defaultValue)
- Date getDateWithPattern(String name, String pattern)
- Date getDateWithPattern(String name, String pattern, Date defaultValue)

There are a few other more generic methods available. Their functionality should be obvious from their names

- size()
- getFieldCount()
- getFieldNames()
- getFieldTypes()
- getTimestamp() the time the tuple was created milliseconds since epoch
- getId() the UUID of the tuple
- Object getValue(int index)
- Object getValue(String name)
- T getValue(int index, Class<T> valueClass)
- T getValue(String name, Class<T> valueClass)
- List<Object> getValues()
- List<String> getFieldNames()
- boolean hasFieldName(String name)

Using SpEL expressions to filter a tuple

SpEL provides support to transform a source collection into another by selecting from its entries. We make use of this functionalty to select a elements of a the tuple into a new one.

To select the first match use the ^ operator

```
selectedTuple = tuple.select("^[key.startsWith('b')]");
assertThat(selectedTuple.size(), equalTo(1));
assertThat(selectedTuple.getFieldNames().get(0), equalTo("brown"));
assertThat(selectedTuple.getString(0), equalTo("braun"));
```

18. Samples

18.1 Syslog ingestion into HDFS

In this section we will show a simple example on how to setup syslog ingestion from multiple hosts into HDFS.

Create the streams with syslog as source and HDFS as sink (Please refer to source and sink)

```
xd:> stream create --definition "syslog-udp --port=<udp-port> | hdfs" --name <stream-name>
xd:> stream create --definition "syslog-tcp --port=<tcp-port> | hdfs" --name <stream-name>
```

Please note for hdfs sink, set rollover parameter to a smaller value to avoid buffering and to see the data has made to HDFS (incase of smaller volume of log).

Configure the external hosts' syslog daemons forward their messages to the xd-container host's UDP/TCP port (where the syslog-udp/syslog-tcp source module is deployed).

A sample configuration using syslog-ng

Edit syslog-ng configuration (for example: /etc/syslog-ng/syslog-ng.conf):

1) Add destination

```
destination <destinationName> {
    tcp("<host>" port("<tcp-port>"));
};
```

or,

```
destination <destinationName> {
    udp("<host>" port("<udp-port>"));
};
```

where "host" is the container(launcher) host where the syslog module is deployed.

2) Add log rule to log message sources:

```
log {
  source(<message_source>); destination(<destinationName>);
};
```

3) Make sure to restart the service after the change:

```
sudo service syslog-ng restart
```

Now, the syslog messages from the syslog message sources are written into HDFS /xd/<stream-name>/

19. Admin UI

19.1 Introduction

Spring XD provides a browser-based GUI which currently allows you to perform Batch Job related tasks. Upon starting Spring XD, the Admin UI is available at:

http://localhost:9393/admin-ui/index.html

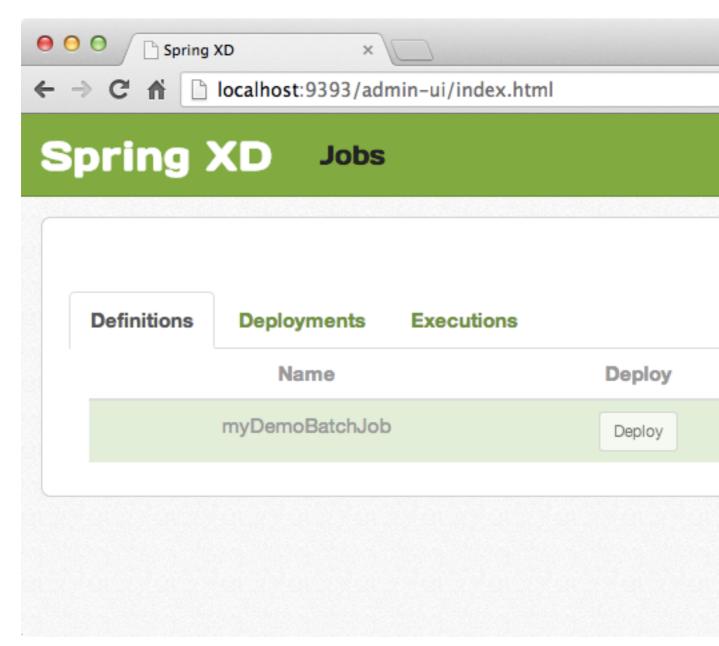


Figure 19.1.

By selecting the provided tabs you can

- View created Job Definitions and deploy or un-deploy those Jobs using the Definitions tab
- Under *Deplopyments* you can see the deployed jobs. By selecting *Launch*, you can start individual Jobs.

• The Executions tab provides an overview of launched Jobs and their respective execution status

19.2 Launching a Batch Job

Once a Job has been deployed, they can be launched through the Admin UI as well. Navigate to the *Deployments* tab. Select the job you want to launch and press Launch. The following modal dialog should appear:

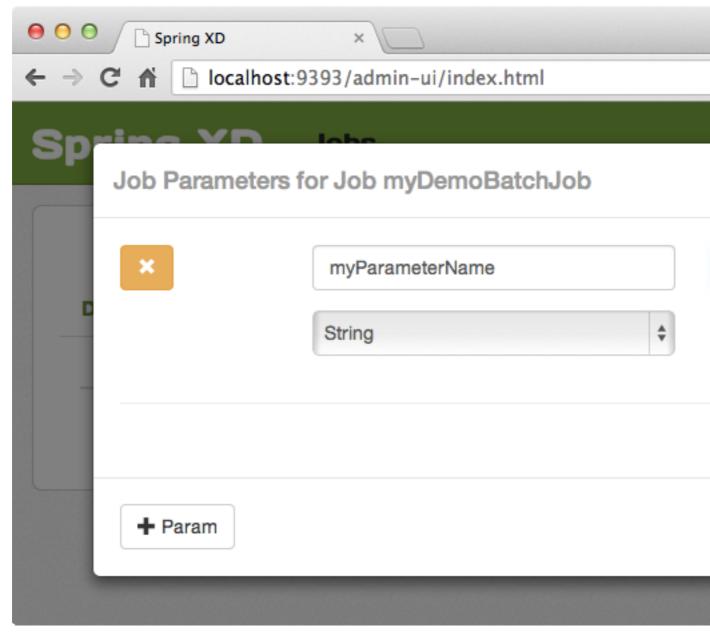


Figure 19.2.

Using this screen, you can define one or more job parameters. Job parameters can be typed and the following data types are available:

- String (The default)
- Date (The default date format is: yyyy/MM/dd)
- Long

• Double

Part II. Appendices

Appendix A. Installing Hadoop

A.1 Installing Hadoop

If you don't have a local *Hadoop* cluster available already, you can do a local <u>single node installation</u> (v1.2.1) and use that to try out *Hadoop* with *Spring XD*.



Tip

This guide is intended to serve as a quick guide to get you started in the context of *Spring XD*. For more complete documentation please refer back to the documentation provided by your respective *Hadoop* distribution.

Download

First, <u>download an installation archive</u> and unpack it locally. Linux users can also install *Hadoop* through the system package manager and on Mac OS X, you can use <u>Homebrew</u>. However, the manual installation is self-contained and it's easier to see what's going on if you just unpack it to a known location.

If you have wget available on your system, you can also execute:

```
$ wget http://archive.apache.org/dist/hadoop/common/hadoop-1.2.1/hadoop-1.2.1.tar.gz
```

Unpack the distribution with:

```
$ tar xzf hadoop-1.2.1.tar.gz
```

Change into the directory and have a look around

The bin directory contains the start and stop scripts as well as the hadoop script which allows us to interact with *Hadoop* from the command line. The next place to look at is the conf directory.

Java Setup

Make sure that you set <code>JAVA_HOME</code> in the <code>conf/hadoop-env.sh</code> script, or you will get an error when you start <code>Hadoop</code>. For example:

```
# The java implementation to use. Required.
# export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/j2sdk1.5-sun
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jdk1.6.0_45
```



Tip

When using $Mac\ OS\ X$ you can determine the $Java\ 6$ home directory by executing \$\frac{1}{2} \ Java_home -v 1.6

Important

When using MAC OS X (Other systems possible also) you may still encounter Unable to load realm info from SCDynamicStore (For details see Hadoop-7489). In that case, please also add to conf/hadoop-env.sh the following line: export HADOOP_OPTS="-Djava.security.krb5.realm= -Djava.security.krb5.kdc=".

Setup SSH

As described in the installation guide, you also need to set up <u>SSH</u> login to localhost without a passphrase. On Linux, you may need to install the ssh package and ensure the sshd daemon is running. On Mac OS X, ssh is already installed but the sshd daemon isn't usually running. To start it, you need to enable "Remote Login" in the "Sharing" section of the control panel. Then you can carry on and setup SSH keys as described in the installation guide:

```
$ ssh-keygen -t dsa -P '' -f ~/.ssh/id_dsa
$ cat ~/.ssh/id_dsa.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
```

Make sure you can log in at the command line using ssh localhost before trying to start Hadoop:

```
$ ssh localhost
Last login: Thu May 30 12:52:47 2013
```

You also need to decide where in your local filesystem you want *Hadoop* to store its data. Let's say you decide to use /data.

First create the directory and make sure it is writeable:

```
$ mkdir /data
$ chmod 777 /data
```

Now edit conf/core-site.xml and add the following property:

```
<name>hadoop.tmp.dir</name>
     <value>/data</value>
```

You're then ready to format the filesystem for use by HDFS

```
$ bin/hadoop namenode -format
```

Setting the Namenode Port

By default Spring XD will use a *Namenode* setting of hdfs://localhost:8020 which is defined in \${xd.home}/config/hadoop.properties, depending on the used *Hadoop* distribution and version the by-default-defined port 8020 may be different, e.g. port 9000. Therefore, please ensure you have the following setting in conf/core-site.xml:

Further Configuration File Changes

In conf/hdfs-site.xml add:

In conf/mapred-site.xml add:

A.2 Running Hadoop

You should now finally be ready to run Hadoop. Run the start-all.sh script

```
$ bin/start-all.sh
```

You should see five Hadoop Java processes running:

```
$ jps
4039 TaskTracker
3713 NameNode
3802 DataNode
3954 JobTracker
3889 SecondaryNameNode
4061 Jps
```

Try a few commands with hadoop dfs to make sure the basic system works

Lastly, you can also browse the web interface for NameNode and JobTracker at:

• NameNode: http://localhost:50070/

• JobTracker: http://localhost:50030/

At this point you should be good to create a Spring XD stream using a Hadoop sink.

Appendix B. Creating a Source Module

B.1 Introduction

As outlined in the <u>modules</u> document, XD currently supports 3 types of modules: source, sink, and processor. This document walks through creation of a custom source module.

The first module in a <u>stream</u> is always a source. Source modules are built with Spring Integration and are typically very fine-grained. A module of type *source* is responsible for placing a message on a channel named *output*. This message can then be consumed by the other processor and sink modules in the stream. A source module is typically fed data by an inbound channel adapter, configured with a poller.

Spring Integration provides a number of adapters out of the box to support various transports, such as JMS, File, HTTP, Web Services, Mail, and more. You can typically create a source module that uses these inbound channel adapters by writing just a single Spring application context file.

These steps will demonstrate how to create and deploy a source module using the Spring Integration Feed Inbound Channel Adapter.

B.2 Create the module Application Context file

Create the Inbound Channel Adapter in a file called feed.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:int="http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration"
xmlns:int-feed="http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/feed"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/spring-integration.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/feed
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/feed/spring-integration-feed.xsd">
<int-feed:inbound-channel-adapter channel="output" url="http://feeds.bbci.co.uk/news/</pre>
 <int:poller fixed-rate="5000" max-messages-per-poll="100" />
</int-feed:inbound-channel-adapter>
<int:channel id="output"/>
</beans>
```

The adapter is configured to poll the BBC News Feed every 5 seconds. Once an item is found, it will create a message with a SyndEntryImpl domain object payload and write it to a message channel called *output*. The name *output* should be used by convention so that your source module can easily be combined with any processor and sink module in a stream.

Make the module configurable

Users may want to pull data from feeds other than BBC News. Spring XD will automatically make a PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer available to your application context. You can simply reference property names and users can then pass in values when creating a <u>stream</u> using the DSL.

```
<int-feed:inbound-channel-adapter channel="output" url="${url:http://feeds.bbci.co.uk/
news/rss.xml}">
    <int:poller fixed-rate="5000" max-messages-per-poll="100" />
    </int-feed:inbound-channel-adapter>
```

Now users can optionally pass a *url* property value on stream creation. If not present, the specified default will be used.

B.3 Test the module locally

This section covers setup of a local project containing some code for testing outside of an XD container. This step can be skipped if you prefer to test the module by <u>deploying to Spring XD</u>.

Create a project

The module can be tested by writing a Spring integration test to load the context file and validate that news items are received. In order to write the test, you will need to create a project in an IDE such as STS, Eclipse, or IDEA. Eclipse will be used for this example.

Create a *feed* directory and add *feed.xml* to *src/main/resources*. Add the following *build.gradle* (or an equivalent *pom.xml*) to the root directory:

```
description = 'Feed Source Module'
group = 'org.springframework.xd.samples'
repositories {
 maven { url "http://repo.springsource.org/libs-snapshot" }
 maven { url "http://repo.springsource.org/plugins-release" }
apply plugin: 'java'
apply plugin: 'eclipse'
apply plugin: 'idea'
ext {
   junitVersion = '4.11'
   springVersion = '3.2.2.RELEASE'
   springIntegrationVersion = '3.0.0.M2'
dependencies {
   compile("org.springframework:spring-core:$springVersion")
   compile "org.springframework:spring-context-support:$springVersion"
   compile "org.springframework.integration:spring-integration-feed:
$springIntegrationVersion"
   // Testing
   testCompile "junit:junit:$junitVersion"
   testCompile "org.springframework:spring-test:$springVersion"
defaultTasks 'build'
```

Run gradle eclipse to generate the Eclipse project. Import the project into Eclipse.

Create the Spring integration test

The main objective of the test is to ensure that news items are received once the module's Application Context is loaded. This can be tested by adding an Outbound Channel Adapter that will direct items to a POJO that can store them for validation.

Add the following src/test/resources/org/springframework/xd/samples/test-context.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:int="http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration"
xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context.xsd
http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration
http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/spring-integration.xsd">
<context:property-placeholder/>
<int:outbound-channel-adapter channel="output" ref="target" method="add" />
<bean id="target" class="org.springframework.xd.samples.FeedCache" />
</beans>
```

This context creates an Outbound Channel Adapter that will subscribe to all messages on the *output* channel and pass the message payload to the *add* method of a *FeedCache* object. The context also creates the PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer that is ordinarily provided by the XD container.

Create the src/test/java/org/springframework/xd/samples/FeedCache class:

```
package org.springframework.xd.samples;
import ...

public class FeedCache {

   final BlockingDeque<SyndEntry> entries = new LinkedBlockingDeque<SyndEntry>(99);

   public void add(SyndEntry entry) {
      entries.add(entry);
   }
}
```

The FeedCache places all received SyndEntry objects on a BlockingDeque that our test can use to validate successful routing of messages.

Lastly, create and run the src/test/java/org/springframework/xd/samples/FeedSourceModuleTest.

```
package org.springframework.xd.samples;
import ...

@RunWith(SpringJUnit4ClassRunner.class)
@ContextConfiguration(locations={"classpath:feed.xml", "test-context.xml"})
public class FeedSourceModuleTest {

    @Autowired
    FeedCache feedCache;

    @Test
    public void testFeedPolling() throws Exception {
        assertNotNull(feedCache.entries.poll(5, TimeUnit.SECONDS));
    }
}
```

The test will load an Application Context using our feed and test context files. It will fail if a item is not placed into the FeedCache within 5 seconds.

You now have a way to build and test your new module independently. Time to deploy to Spring XD!

B.4 Deploy the module

Spring XD looks for modules in the \${xd.home}/modules directory. The modules directory organizes module types in sub-directories. So you will see something like:

```
modules/processor
modules/sink
modules/source
```

Simply drop *feed.xml* into the *modules/source* directory and add the dependencies to the lib directory. For now, all module dependencies need to be added to \${xd.home}/lib. Future versions of Spring XD will provide a more elegant module packaging approach. Copy the following jars from your gradle cache to \${xd.home}/lib:

```
spring-integration-feed-3.0.0.M2.jar
jdom-1.0.jar
rome-1.0.0.jar
rome-fetcher-1.0.0.jar
```

Now fire up the server. See Getting Started to learn how to start the Spring XD server.

B.5 Test the deployed module

Once the XD server is running, create a stream to test it out. This stream will write SyndEntry objects to the XD log:

```
xd:> stream create --name feedtest --definition "feed | log"
```

You should start seeing messages like the following in the container console window:

```
WARN logger.feedtest: SyndEntryImpl.contributors=[]
SyndEntryImpl.contents=[]
SyndEntryImpl.updatedDate=null
SyndEntryImpl.link=http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-22850006#sa-
ns_mchannel=rss&ns_source=PublicRSS20-sa
SyndEntryImpl.titleEx.value=VIDEO: Queen visits Prince Philip in hospital
...
```

As you can see, the *SyndEntryImpl* toString is fairly verbose. To make the output more concise, create a <u>processor</u> module to further transform the SyndEntry or consider converting the entry to JSON and using the <u>JSON Field Extractor</u> to send a single attribute value to the output channel.

Appendix C. Creating a Processor Module

C.1 Introduction

As outlined in the <u>modules</u> document, XD currently supports 3 types of modules: source, sink, and processor. This document walks through creation of a custom processor module.

One or more processors can be included in a <u>stream</u> definition to modifythe data as it passes between the inital source and the destination sink. The <u>architecture</u> section covers the basics of processors modules provided out of the box are covered in the <u>processors</u> section.

Here we'll look at how to create and deploy a custom processor module to transform the input from an incoming twittersearch. The steps are essentially the same for any source though. Rather than using built-in functionality, we'll write a custom processor implementation class and wire it up using Spring Integration.

C.2 Write the Transformer Code

The tweet messages from twittersearch contain quite a lot of data (id, author, time and so on). The transformer we'll write will discard everything but the text content and output this as a string. The output messages from the twittersearch source are also strings, containing the tweet data as JSON. We first parse this into a map using Jackson library code, then extract the "text" field from the map.

```
package custom;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.util.Map;

import org.codehaus.jackson.map.ObjectMapper;
import org.codehaus.jackson.type.TypeReference;
import org.springframework.integration.transformer.MessageTransformationException;

public class TweetTransformer {
    private ObjectMapper mapper = new ObjectMapper();

    public String transform(String payload) {
        try {
            Map<String, Object> tweet = mapper.readValue(payload, new TypeReference<Map<String, Object>>() {});
        return tweet.get("text").toString();
        } catch (IOException e) {
            throw new MessageTransformationException("Unable to transform tweet: " +
            e.getMessage(), e);
        }
    }
}
```

C.3 Create the module Application Context File

Create the following file as tweettransformer.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<beans:beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:beans="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
    http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
    http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration
    http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/spring-integration.xsd">
    <channel id="input"/>
    <beans:bean class="custom.TweetTransformer" />
    </transformer>
    <channel id="output"/>
    </beans:beans>
```

C.4 Deploy the Module

To deploy the module, you need to copy the *tweettransformer.xml* file to the $\{xd.home\}/modules/processors$ directory. We also need to make the custom module code available. Currently Spring XD looks for code in the jars it finds in the $\{xd.home\}/lib$ directory. So create a jar with the TweetTransformer class in it (and the correct package structure) and drop it into lib.

C.5 Test the deployed module

Start the XD server and try creating a stream to test your processor:

```
xd:> stream create --name javatweets --definition "twittersearch --query=java --consumerKey=<your_key> --consumerSecret=<your_secret> | tweettransformer | file"
```

If you haven't already used twittersearch, read the <u>sources</u> section for more details. This command should stream tweets to the file /tmp/xd/output/javatweets but, unlike the normal twittersearch output, you should just see the plain tweet text there, rather than the full JSON data.

Appendix D. Creating a Sink Module

D.1 Introduction

As outlined in the <u>modules</u> document, XD currently supports 3 types of modules: source, sink, and processor. This document walks through creation of a custom sink module.

The last module in a <u>stream</u> is always a sink. Sink modules are built with Spring Integration and are typically very fine-grained. A module of type *sink* listens on a channel named *input* and is responsible for outputting received messages to an external resource to terminate the stream.

Spring Integration provides a number of adapters out of the box to support various transports, such as JMS, File, HTTP, Web Services, Mail, and more. You can typically create a sink module that uses these outbound channel adapters by writing just a single Spring application context file.

These steps will demonstrate how to create and deploy a sink module using the Spring Integration RedisStore Outbound Channel Adapter.

D.2 Create the module Application Context file

Create the Outbound Channel Adapter in a file called redis-store.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:int="http://
www.springframework.org/schema/integration"
xmlns:int-redis="http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/redis"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/spring-integration.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/redis
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/redis/spring-integration-redis.xsd">
 <int:channel id="input" />
 <int-redis:store-outbound-channel-adapter</pre>
 id="redisListAdapter" collection-type="LIST" channel="input" key="myCollection" />
<bean id="redisConnectionFactory"</pre>
 class="org.springframework.data.redis.connection.lettuce.LettuceConnectionFactory">
 <constructor-arg index="0" value="${localhost}" />
  <constructor-arg index="1" value="${6379}" />
 </bean>
</beans>
```

The adapter is configured to listen on a channel named *input*. The name *input* should be used by convention so that your sink module will receive all messages sent in the stream. Once a message is received, it will write the payload to a Redis list with key *myCollection*. By default, the RedisStore Outbound Channel Adapter uses a bean named *redisConnectionFactory* to connect to the Redis server.



Note

By default, the adapter uses a *StringRedisTemplate*. Therefore, this module will store all payloads directly as Strings. Create a custom *RedisTemplate* with different value Serializers to serialize other forms of data like Java objects to the Redis collection.

D.3 Make the module configurable

Users may want to specify a different Redis server or key to use for storing data. Spring XD will automatically make a PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer available to your application context. You can simply reference property names and users can then pass in values when creating a <u>stream</u> using the DSL

Now users can optionally pass *key*, *hostname*, and *port* property values on stream creation. If not present, the specified defaults will be used.

D.4 Test the module locally

This section covers setup of a local project containing some code for testing outside of an XD container. This step can be skipped if you prefer to test the module by <u>deploying to Spring XD</u>.

Create a project

The module can be tested by writing a Spring integration test to load the context file and validate that messages are stored in Redis. In order to write the test, you will need to create a project in an IDE such as STS, Eclipse, or IDEA. Eclipse will be used for this example.

Create a *redis-store* directory and add *redis-store.xml* to *src/main/resources*. Add the following *build.gradle* (or an equivalent *pom.xml*) to the root directory:

```
description = 'Redis Store Sink Module'
group = 'org.springframework.xd.samples'
repositories {
 maven { url "http://repo.springsource.org/libs-snapshot" }
 maven { url "http://repo.springsource.org/plugins-release" }
apply plugin: 'java'
apply plugin: 'eclipse'
apply plugin: 'idea'
ext {
   junitVersion = '4.11'
   lettuceVersion = '2.3.2'
   springVersion = '3.2.2.RELEASE'
   springIntegrationVersion = '3.0.0.M2'
   springSocialVersion = '1.0.1.RELEASE'
   springDataRedisVersion = '1.0.4.RELEASE'
dependencies {
   compile("org.springframework:spring-core:$springVersion")
   compile "org.springframework:spring-context-support:$springVersion"
   compile "org.springframework.integration:spring-integration-core:
$springIntegrationVersion"
   compile "org.springframework.integration:spring-integration-redis:
$springIntegrationVersion"
   compile "org.springframework.data:spring-data-redis:$springDataRedisVersion"
   // Testing
   testCompile "junit:junit:$junitVersion"
   testCompile "org.springframework:spring-test:$springVersion"
   testCompile "com.lambdaworks:lettuce:$lettuceVersion"
defaultTasks 'build'
```

Run gradle eclipse to generate the Eclipse project. Import the project into Eclipse.

Create the Spring integration test

The main objective of the test is to ensure that messages are stored in a Redis list once the module's Application Context is loaded. This can be tested by adding an Inbound Channel Adapter that will direct test messages to the *input* channel.

Add the following src/test/resources/org/springframework/xd/samples/test-context.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:int="http://
www.springframework.org/schema/integration"
xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/integration/spring-integration.xsd">
<context:property-placeholder />
<int:inbound-channel-adapter channel="input" expression="'TESTING'">
 <int:poller fixed-rate="1000" />
</int:inbound-channel-adapter>
<bean id="redisTemplate" class="org.springframework.data.redis.core.StringRedisTemplate">
 connectionFactory" ref="redisConnectionFactory" />
</bean>
</beans>
```

This context creates an Inbound Channel Adapter that will generate messages with the payload "TESTING". The context also creates the PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer that is ordinarily provided by the XD container. The *redisTemplate* is configured for use by the test to verify that data is placed in Redis.

Lastly, create and run the src/test/java/org/springframework/xd/samples/RedisStoreSinkModuleTest.

```
package org.springframework.xd.samples;
import ...

@RunWith(SpringJUnit4ClassRunner.class)
@ContextConfiguration(locations={"classpath:redis-store.xml", "test-context.xml"})
public class RedisStoreSinkModuleTest {

@Autowired
RedisTemplate<String,String> redisTemplate;

@Test
public void testTweetSearch() throws Exception {
    assertNotNull(redisTemplate.boundListOps("myCollection").leftPop(5,
    TimeUnit.SECONDS));
}
```

The test will load an Application Context using our redis-store and test context files. It will fail if an item is not placed in the Redis list within 5 seconds.

Run the test

The test requires a running Redis server. See <u>Getting Started</u> for information on installing and starting Redis.

You now have a way to build and test your new module independently. Time to deploy to Spring XD!

D.5 Deploy the module

Spring XD looks for modules in the \${xd.home}/modules directory. The modules directory organizes module types in sub-directories. So you will see something like:

```
modules/processor
modules/sink
modules/source
```

Simply drop *redis-store.xml* into the *modules/sink* directory and fire up the server. See <u>Getting Started</u> to learn how to start the Spring XD server.

D.6 Test the deployed module

Once the XD server is running, create a stream to test it out. This stream will write tweets containing the word "java" to Redis as a JSON string:

```
xd:> stream create --name javasearch --definition "twittersearch --consumerKey=<your_key>
--consumerSecret=<your_secret> --query=java | redis-store --key=javatweets"
```

Note that you need to have a consumer key and secret to use the twittersearch module. See the description in the <u>streams</u> section for more information.

Fire up the redis-cli and verify that tweets are being stored:

```
$ redis-cli
redis 127.0.0.1:6379> lrange javatweets 0 -1
1) {\"id\":342386150738120704,\"text\":\"Now Hiring: Senior Java Developer\",\"createdAt
\":1370466194000,\"fromUser\":\"jencompgeek\",...\"}"
```

Appendix E. Providing Module Options Metadata

E.1 Introduction

Each available module can expose metadata about the options it accepts. This is useful to enhance the user experience, and is the foundation to advanced features like contextual help and code completion.

For example, provided that the file source module has been enriched with options metadata (and it has), one can use the module info command in the shell to get information about the module:

```
xd:> module info source:file
Information about source module 'file':
               Description
 Option Name
       Default Type
                   the absolute path to the directory to monitor for files
       <none> String
              a filter expression (Ant style) to accept only files that match the
 pattern
pattern *
                 String
                 how this module should emit messages it produces
 outputType
       <none> MediaType
 preventDuplicates whether to prevent the same file from being processed twice
                   set to true to output the File object itself
 fixedDelay
                   the fixed delay polling interval specified in seconds
```

For this to be available, module authors have to provide a little bit of extra information, known as "Module Options Metadata". That metadata can take two forms, depending on the needs of the module: one can either use the "simple" approach, or the "POJO" approach. If one does not need advanced features like profile activation, validation or options encapsulation, then the "simple" approach is sufficient.

E.2 Using the "Simple" approach

To use the simple approach, simply create a file named <module>.properties right next to the <module>.xml file for your module.

Declaring and documenting an option

In that file, each option <option> is declared by adding a line of the form

```
options.<option>.description = the description
```

The description for the option is the only required part, and is a very important piece of information for the end user, so pay special attention to it (see also <u>Style remarks</u>)

That sole line in the properties file makes a --<option>= construct available in the definition of a stream using your module.



For the time being

Until XD-1050 is implemented, you will need to copy/paste lines to document the inputType/outputType (depending on whether your module is a source, processor or a sink). This requirement will be lifted in a future version.

Advertising default values

In addition to this, one can also provide a default value for the option, using

```
options.<option>.default = SomeDefault
```

Doing this, the default value should **not** be used in the placeholder syntax in the xml file. Assuming this is the contents of foo.properties:

```
options.bar.description = a very useful option
options.bar.default = 5
```

then in foo.xml:

```
<!-- this is correct -->
<feature the-bar="${bar}"" />
<!-- this is incorrect/not needed -->
<feature the-bar="${bar:5}" />
```

The only case(s) where using a default in the \${} construct is necessary are

- 1. when the default is computed from a value known only at deployment time. This is typically the case of \${xd.stream.name}
- 2. when the default should be sourced from some configuration file. There will then typically be a PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer defined in the module and the default will read like \${<option>:<key-in-thefile>}

Exposing the option type

Lastly, one can document the option type using a construct like

```
options.<option>.type = fully.qualified.class.Name
```

For simple "primitive" types, one can use short names, like so:

```
options.<option>.type = String
or
options.<option>.type = boolean
or
options.<option>.type = Integer
```

Note that there is support for both wrapper types (e.g. Integer) and primitive types (e.g. int). Although this is used for documentation purposes only, the primitive type would typically be used to indicate a **required** option (null being prohibited).

E.3 Using the "POJO" approach

To use advanced features such as profile activation driven by the values provided by the end user, one would need to leverage the "POJO" approach.

Instead of writing a properties file, you will need to write a custom java class that will hold the values at runtime. That class is also introspected to derive metadata about your module.

Declaring options to the module

For the simplest cases, the class you need to write does not need to implement or inherit from anything. The only thing you need to do is to reference it in a properties file named after your module (the same file location you would have used had you been leveraging the "simple" approach):

```
options_class = fully.qualified.name.of.your.Pojo
```

Note that the key is options_class, with an s and an underscore (not to be confused with option.<optionname> that is used in the "simple" approach)

For the time being

Until XD-1050 is implemented, you would typically have your POJO inherit from one of SourceModuleOptionsMetadataSupport, ProcessorModuleOptionsMetadataSupport or SinkModuleOptionsMetadataSupport. This requirement will be lifted in a future version.

For each option you want available using the --<option>= syntax, you must write a public setter annotated with @ModuleOption, providing the option description in the annotation.

The type accepted by that setter will be used as the documented type.

That setter will typically be used to store the value in a private field. How the module application can get ahold of the value is the topic of the next section.

Exposing values to the context

For a provided value to be used in the module definition (using the foo) syntax), your POJO class needs to expose a getFoo() getter.

At runtime, an instance of the POJO class will be created (it requires a no-arg constructor, by the way) and values given by the user will be bound (using setters). The POJO class thus acts as an intermediate PropertySource to provide values to foo constructs.

Providing defaults

To provide default values, one would most certainly simply store a default value in the backing field of a getter/setter pair. That value (actually, the result of invoking the matching getter to a setter on a newly instanciated object) is what is advertised as the default.

Encapsulating options

Although one would typically use the combination of a foo field and a getFoo(), setFoo(x) pair, one does not have to.

In particular, if your module definition requires some "complex" (all things being relative here) value to be computed from "simpler" ones (e.g. a suffix value would be computed from an extension option, that would take care of adding a dot, depending on whether it is blank or not), then you'd simply do the following:

```
1 public class MyOptions {
    private String extension;

@ModuleOption("the file extension to use")
5 public void setExtension(String extension) {
        this.extension = extension;
    }

    public String getSuffix() {
10     return extension == null ? null : "." + extension;
    }
}
```

This would expose a --extension= option, being surfaced as a \${suffix} placeholder construct.

The astute reader will have realized that the default can not be computed then, because there is no <code>getExtension()</code> (and there should not be, as this could be mistakenly used in \${extension}). To provide the default value, you should use the <code>defaultValue</code> attribute of the <code>@ModuleOption</code> annotation.

Using profiles

The real benefit of using a POJO class for options metadata comes with advanced features though, one of which is dynamic profile activation.

If the set of beans (or xml namespaced elements) you would define in the module definition file depends on the value that the user provided for one or several options, then you can make your POJO class implement ProfileNamesProvider. That interface brings one contract method, profilesToActivate() that you must implement, returning the names of the profiles you want to use (this method is invoked after user option values have been bound, so you can use any logic involving those to compute the list of profile names).

As an example of this feature, see e.g. TriggerSourceOptionsMetadata.

Using validation

Your POJO class can optionally bear JSR303 annotations. If it does, then validation will occur after values have been successfully bound (understand that injection can fail early due to type incoherence by the way. This comes for free and does not require JSR303 annotations).

This can be used to validate a set of options passed in (some are often mutually exclusive) or to catch misconfiguration earlier than deployment time (e.g. a port number cannot be negative).

E.4 Metadata style remarks

To provide a uniform user experience, it is better if your options metadata information adheres to the following style:

option names should follow the camelCase syntax, as this is easier with the POJO approach. If we
later decide to switch to a more unix-style, this will be taken care of by XD itself, with no change
to the metadata artifacts described here

- · description sentences should be concise
- descriptions should start with a **lowercase** letter and should **not** end with a dot
- use primitive types for required numbers
- descriptions should mention the unit for numbers (e.g ms)
- descriptions should **not** describe the default value, to the best extent possible (this is surfaced thru the actual *default* metadata awareness)
- options metadata should know about the default, rather than relying on the \${foo:default} construct

Appendix F. Building Spring XD

F.1 Instructions

Here are some useful steps to build and run Spring XD.

To build all sub-projects and run tests for Spring XD:

```
./gradlew build
```

To build and bundle the distribution of Spring XD

```
./gradlew dist
```

The above gradle task creates spring-xd-<version>.zip binary distribution archive and spring-xd-<version>-docs.zip documentation archive files under *build/distributions*. This will also create a *build/dist/spring-xd* directory which is the expanded version of the binary distribution archive.

To just create the Spring XD expanded binary distribution directory

```
./gradlew copyInstall
```

The above gradle task creates the distribution directory under build/dist/spring-xd.

Once the binary distribution directory is created, please refer to **Getting Started** on how to run Spring XD.

F.2 IDE support

If you would like to work with the Spring XD code in your IDE, please use the following project generation depending on the IDE you use:

For Eclipse/Spring Tool Suite

```
./gradlew eclipse
```

For IntelliJ IDEA

```
./gradlew idea
```

Then just import the project as an existing project.

F.3 Running JavaScript UI Tests

In order to run the UI tests, phantomjs must be installed on your system. On a Mac using brew execute:

```
brew install phantomjs
```

Alternatively, you can also install phantomis using the Node Package Manager:

```
npm install -g phantomjs
```

Afterwards, execute:

```
./gradlew jsTest
```

As a result you should see console output similar to the following:

Appendix G. XD Shell Command Reference

G.1 Base Commands

admin config server

Configure the XD admin server to use.

```
admin config server [[--uri] <uri>]
```

uri

the location of the XD Admin REST endpoint. (default: http://localhost:9393/)

admin config info

Show the XD admin server being used.

admin config info

G.2 Runtime Commands

runtime containers

List runtime containers.

runtime containers

runtime modules

List runtime modules.

```
runtime modules [[--containerId] <containerId>]
```

containerId

to filter by container id.

G.3 Stream Commands

stream create

Create a new stream definition.

```
stream create [--name] <name> --definition <definition> [--deploy <deploy>]
```

name

the name to give to the stream. (required)

definition

a stream definition, using XD DSL (e.g. "http --port=9000 | hdfs"). (required)

deploy

whether to deploy the stream immediately. (default: true)

stream destroy

Destroy an existing stream.

```
stream destroy [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the stream to destroy. (required)

stream all destroy

Destroy all existing streams.

```
stream all destroy [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

stream deploy

Deploy a previously created stream.

```
stream deploy [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the stream to deploy. (required)

stream all deploy

Deploy all previously created stream.

```
stream all deploy [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

stream undeploy

Un-deploy a previously deployed stream.

```
stream undeploy [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the stream to un-deploy. (required)

stream all undeploy

Un-deploy all previously deployed stream.

```
stream all undeploy [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

stream list

List created streams.

stream list

G.4 Job Commands

job create

Create a job.

name

the name to give to the job. (required)

definition

job definition using xd dsl . (required)

deploy

whether to deploy the stream immediately. (default: true)

dateFormat

the optional date format for job parameters.

numberFormat

the optional number format for job parameters.

makeUnique

shall job parameters be made unique?. (default: true)

job list

List all jobs.

job list

job execution list

List all job executions.

job execution list

job execution step list

List all step executions for the provided job execution id.

```
job execution step list [--id] <id>
```

id

the id of the job execution. (required)

job execution step progress

Get the progress info for the given step execution.

```
job execution step progress [--id] <id> --jobExecutionId <jobExecutionId>
```

id

the id of the step execution. (required)

jobExecutionId

the job execution id. (required)

job execution display

Display the details of a Job Execution.

```
job execution display [--id] <id>
```

id

the id of the job execution. (required)

job execution all stop

Stop all the job executions that are running.

```
job execution all stop [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

job execution stop

Stop the job execution that is running.

```
job execution stop [--id] <id>
```

id

the id of the job execution. (required)

job deploy

Deploy a previously created job.

```
job deploy [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the job to deploy. (required)

job all deploy

Deploy previously created job(s).

```
job all deploy [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

job launch

Launch previously deployed job.

```
job launch [[--name] <name>] [--params <params>]
```

name

the name of the job to deploy.

params

the parameters for the job. (default: ")

job undeploy

Un-deploy an existing job.

```
job undeploy [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the job to un-deploy. (required)

job all undeploy

Un-deploy all existing jobs.

```
job all undeploy [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

job destroy

Destroy an existing job.

```
job destroy [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the job to destroy. (required)

job all destroy

Destroy all existing jobs.

```
job all destroy [--force [<force>]]
```

force

bypass confirmation prompt. (default: false, or true if --force is specified without a value)

G.5 Module Commands

module display

Display the configuration file of a module.

```
module display [--name] <name>
```

name

name of the module to display, in the form type:name. (required)

module info

Get information about a module.

```
module info [--name] <name>
```

name

name of the module to query, in the form type:name. (required)

module compose

Create a virtual module.

```
module compose [--name] <name> --definition <definition>
```

name

the name to give to the module. (required)

definition

module definition using xd dsl. (required)

module delete

Delete a virtual module.

```
module delete [--name] <name>
```

name

name of the module to delete, in the form type:name. (required)

module list

List all modules.

```
module list [--type <type>]
```

type

retrieve a specific type of module.

G.6 Metrics Commands

counter list

List all available counter names.

counter list

counter delete

Delete the counter with the given name.

```
counter delete [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the counter to delete. (required)

counter display

Display the value of a counter.

```
counter display [--name] <name> [--pattern <pattern>]
```

name

the name of the counter to display. (required)

pattern

the pattern used to format the value (see DecimalFormat). (default: <use platform locale>)

fieldvaluecounter list

List all available field-value-counter names.

```
fieldvaluecounter list
```

fieldvaluecounter delete

Delete the field-value-counter with the given name.

```
fieldvaluecounter delete [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the field-value-counter to delete. (required)

fieldvaluecounter display

Display the value of a field-value-counter.

```
fieldvaluecounter display [--name] <name> [--pattern <pattern>] [--size <size>]
```

name

the name of the field-value-counter to display. (required)

pattern

the pattern used to format the field-value-counter's field count (see DecimalFormat). (default: <use platform locale>)

size

the number of values to display. (default: 25)

aggregatecounter list

List all available aggregate counter names.

```
aggregatecounter list
```

aggregatecounter delete

Delete an aggregate counter.

```
aggregatecounter delete [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the aggregate counter to delete. (required)

aggregatecounter display

Display aggregate counter values by chosen interval and resolution(minute, hour).

```
aggregatecounter display [--name] <name> [--from <from>] [--to <to>] [--lastHours <lastHours>] [--pattern <pattern>]
```

name

the name of the aggregate counter to display. (required)

from

start-time for the interval. format: yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.

to

end-time for the interval. format: yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss. defaults to now.

lastHours

set the interval to last *n* hours.

lastDays

set the interval to last *n* days.

resolution

the size of the bucket to aggregate (minute, hour, day, month). (default: hour)

pattern

the pattern used to format the count values (see DecimalFormat). (default: <use platform locale>)

gauge list

List all available gauge names.

```
gauge list
```

gauge delete

Delete a gauge.

```
gauge delete [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the gauge to delete. (required)

gauge display

Display the value of a gauge.

```
gauge display [--name] <name> [--pattern <pattern>]
```

name

the name of the gauge to display. (required)

pattern

the pattern used to format the value (see DecimalFormat). (default: <use platform locale>)

richgauge list

List all available richgauge names.

```
richgauge list
```

richgauge delete

Delete the richgauge.

```
richgauge delete [--name] <name>
```

name

the name of the richgauge to delete. (required)

richgauge display

Display Rich Gauge value.

```
richgauge display [--name] <name> [--pattern <pattern>]
```

name

the name of the richgauge to display value. (required)

pattern

the pattern used to format the richgauge value (see DecimalFormat). (default: <use platform locale>)

G.7 Http Commands

http post

POST data to http endpoint.

```
http post [[--target] <target>] [--data <data>] [--file <file>] [--contentType
<contentType>]
```

target

the location to post to. (default: http://localhost:9000)

data

the text payload to post. exclusive with file. embedded double quotes are not supported if next to a space character.

file

filename to read data from, exclusive with data.

contentType

the content-type to use. file is also read using the specified charset. (default: text/plain; Charset=UTF-8)

http get

Make GET request to http endpoint.

```
http get [[--target] <target>]
```

target

the URL to make the request to. (default: http://localhost:9393)

G.8 Hadoop Configuration Commands

hadoop config props set

Sets the value for the given Hadoop property.

property

what to set, in the form <name=value>. (required)

hadoop config props get

Returns the value of the given Hadoop property.

```
hadoop config props get [--key] <key>
```

key

property name. (required)

hadoop config info

Returns basic info about the Hadoop configuration.

```
hadoop config info
```

hadoop config load

Loads the Hadoop configuration from the given resource.

```
hadoop config load [--location] <location>
```

location

configuration location (can be a URL). (required)

hadoop config props list

Returns (all) the Hadoop properties.

```
hadoop config props list
```

hadoop config fs

Sets the Hadoop namenode.

```
hadoop config fs [--namenode] <namenode>
```

namenode

namenode address - can be local|<namenode:port>. (required)

hadoop config jt

Sets the Hadoop job tracker.

```
hadoop config jt [--jobtracker] <jobtracker>
```

jobtracker

job tracker address - can be local|<jobtracker:port>. (required)

G.9 Hadoop FileSystem Commands

hadoop fs mkdir

Create a new directory.

```
hadoop fs mkdir [--dir] <dir>
```

dir

directory name. (required)

hadoop fs get

Copy files to the local file system.

```
hadoop fs get --from <from> --to <to> [--ignoreCrc [<ignoreCrc>]] [--crc [<crc>]]
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

ignoreCrc

whether ignore CRC. (default: false, or true if --ignoreCrc is specified without a value)

crc

whether copy CRC. (default: false, or true if --crc is specified without a value)

hadoop fs put

Copy single src, or multiple srcs from local file system to the destination file system.

```
hadoop fs put --from <from> --to <to>
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

hadoop fs count

Count the number of directories, files, bytes, quota, and remaining quota.

```
hadoop fs count [--quota [<quota>]] --path <path>
```

quota

whether with quta information. (default: false, or true if --quota is specified without a value)

path

path name. (required)

hadoop fs tail

Display last kilobyte of the file to stdout.

```
hadoop fs tail [--file] <file> [--follow [<follow>]]
```

file

file to be tailed. (required)

follow

whether show content while file grow. (default: false, or true if --follow is specified without a value)

hadoop fs Is

List files in the directory.

```
hadoop fs ls [[--dir] <dir>] [--recursive [<recursive>]]
```

dir

directory to be listed. (default: .)

recursive

whether with recursion. (default: false, or true if --recursive is specified without a value)

hadoop fs cat

Copy source paths to stdout.

```
hadoop fs cat [--path] <path>
```

path

file name to be shown. (required)

hadoop fs chgrp

Change group association of files.

```
hadoop fs chgrp [--recursive [<recursive>]] --group <group> [--path] <path>
```

recursive

whether with recursion. (default: false, or true if --recursive is specified without a value)

group

group name. (required)

path

path of the file whose group will be changed. (required)

hadoop fs chown

Change the owner of files.

```
hadoop fs chown [--recursive [<recursive>]] --owner <owner> [--path] <path>
```

recursive

whether with recursion. (default: false, or true if --recursive is specified without a value)

owner

owner name. (required)

path

path of the file whose ownership will be changed. (required)

hadoop fs chmod

Change the permissions of files.

```
hadoop fs chmod [--recursive [<recursive>]] --mode <mode> [--path] <path>
```

recursive

whether with recursion. (default: false, or true if --recursive is specified without a value)

mode

permission mode. (required)

path

path of the file whose permissions will be changed. (required)

hadoop fs copyFromLocal

Copy single src, or multiple srcs from local file system to the destination file system. Same as put.

```
hadoop fs copyFromLocal --from <from> --to <to>
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

hadoop fs moveFromLocal

Similar to put command, except that the source localsrc is deleted after it's copied.

```
hadoop fs moveFromLocal --from <from> --to <to>
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

hadoop fs copyToLocal

Copy files to the local file system. Same as get.

```
hadoop fs copyToLocal --from <from> --to <to> [--ignoreCrc [<ignoreCrc>]] [--crc [<crc>]]
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

ianoreCro

whether ignore CRC. (default: false, or true if --ignoreCrc is specified without a value)

crc

whether copy CRC. (default: false, or true if --crc is specified without a value)

hadoop fs copyMergeToLocal

Takes a source directory and a destination file as input and concatenates files in src into the destination local file.

```
hadoop fs copyMergeToLocal --from <from> --to <to> [--endline [<endline>]]
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

endline

whether add a newline character at the end of each file. (default: false, or true if --endline is specified without a value)

hadoop fs cp

Copy files from source to destination. This command allows multiple sources as well in which case the destination must be a directory.

```
hadoop fs cp --from <from> --to <to>
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

hadoop fs mv

Move source files to destination in the HDFS.

```
hadoop fs mv --from <from> --to <to>
```

from

source file names. (required)

to

destination path name. (required)

hadoop fs du

Displays sizes of files and directories contained in the given directory or the length of a file in case its just a file.

```
hadoop fs du [[--dir] <dir>] [--summary [<summary>]]
```

dir

directory to be listed. (default: .)

summary

whether with summary. (default: false, or true if --summary is specified without a value)

hadoop fs expunge

Empty the trash.

```
hadoop fs expunge
```

hadoop fs rm

Remove files in the HDFS.

```
hadoop fs rm [[--path] <path>] [--skipTrash [<skipTrash>]] [--recursive [<recursive>]]
```

path

path to be deleted. (default: .)

skipTrash

whether to skip trash. (default: false, or true if --skipTrash is specified without a value)

recursive

whether to recurse. (default: false, or true if --recursive is specified without a value)

hadoop fs setrep

Change the replication factor of a file.

```
hadoop fs setrep --path <path> --replica <replica> [--recursive [<recursive>]] [--waiting [<waiting>]]
```

path

path name. (required)

replica

source file names. (required)

recursive

whether with recursion. (default: false, or true if --recursive is specified without a value)

waiting

whether wait for the replic number is eqal to the number. (default: false, or true if --waiting is specified without a value)

hadoop fs text

Take a source file and output the file in text format.

```
hadoop fs text [--file] <file>
```

file

file to be shown. (required)

hadoop fs touchz

Create a file of zero length.

```
hadoop fs touchz [--file] <file>
```

file

file to be touched. (required)