

JAX-RS 2.0 with Apache CXF

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Apache CXF Overview

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- Ships production-quality WS and RS modules
- Common runtime, transports, interceptors, features
- Runs in Servlet and OSGi containers
- Blueprint, Spring, CDI (in progress)
- CXF 3.0: JAX-RS 2.0, OAuth2, WSSec Streaming, WebSocket
- Major Focus on Security, Interoperability, Compatibility
- SubProjects: Fediz SSO, DOSGi CXF
- Philosophy: what works best for the user wins

Brief History of JAX-RS

- Server and client HTTP services made easy
- Great for REST and HTTP applications in general
- JAX-RS 1.0: Oct 2008, Paul Sandoz, Mark Hadley, Sun
- JAX-RS 1.1: Nov 2009
- Jersey: RI. RestEasy (Bill Burke). Apache CXF catches up.
- Apache Clereza, Apache Wink; other projects adopt JAX-RS
- Oracle acquires Sun, Paul and Mark leave, is JAX-RS dead?
- JAX-RS 2.0: Marec Potociar and Santiago Pericas-Geertsen
- JAX-RS 2.0: May 2013, major improvements
- Next: 2.1 planning is under way, 3.0 will follow



JAX-RS 1.0 features

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- Root and subresource service resources
- Annotations mark resource methods
- URI, headers, payloads captured as method parameters
- Message Body providers handle reads/writes
- Injected contexts help with the request processing
- Response: beans or beans and headers
- Very good support for conditional HTTP requests
- Basic server streaming and link builder support
- Code example...

Typical JAX-RS API terms

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- @Path("root"), @Path("/book/{id}/{type}")
- @GET, @POST, @PUT, @DELETE, custom HTTP methods
- @PathParam, @QueryParam, @HeaderParam
- @Produces, @Consumes, MediaType
- UriInfo context, UriBuilder, URI
- EntityTag, CacheControl, Cookie, NewCookie, Variant
- SecurityContext, HttpHeaders, Request, UriInfo contexts
- ResponseBuilder, Response
- MessageBodyWriter, MessageBodyReader, Providers

JAX-RS 2.0 features

- Client API: sync and async calls, fluent style
- Top class support for asynchronous servers
- Server and client in/out filters and interceptors
- Targeted and dynamic binding of filters
- Extended exception hierarchy
- Injection support for sub-resources
- Support for grouping and converting parameters
- Link header builder
- Matching algorithm improvements



Typical 2.0 API terms

- ClientBuilder, Client, WebTarget
- ClientRequestFilter, ClientResponseFilter
- ContainerRequestFilter, ContainerResponseFilter
- WriterInterceptor, ReaderInterceptor
- @NameBinding, @Priority
- Feature, Configuration, DynamicFeature
- ParamConverterProvider, BeanParam, Form
- Link, Link.Builder
- AsyncResponse, RequestInfo, RequestContext



2.0: Client API

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- ClientBuilder → Client → WebTarget → Invoker
- SyncInvoker, AsyncInvoker (Future, InvocationCallback)
- JAX-RS 1.0 Response is reused on the client side (+1)
- Type-safe reads: Response.readEntity(Book.class), etc
- Client in/out filters and interceptors
- Support for setting SSL properties
- Sophisticated configuration and features support
- Nice mapping of error statuses to exceptions
- Code Example...

2.0: Server Filters

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- In/out filters and reader/writer interceptors
- Advanced customization of requests and responses
- In filters can block requests, interceptors reads/writes
- Global or method-specific filters (@NameBinding)
- Priority-ordered chains (@Priority)
- Bound statically or dynamically (DynamicFeature)
- Normal and exceptional responses go via out chains
- Code example...

2.0: Suspended requests

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- The complexity is hidden by simple API
- The request can be suspended once or many times
- TimeoutHandler controls the number of suspensions
- Suspended requests can be resumed or canceled
- Requests resumed with responses or exceptions
- Notifications of the responses being sent
- Notifications of the disconnected clients (write time only)
- Code example...

2.0: Miscellaneous

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- User-friendly exception hierarchy
- NotFoundException = new WebApplicationException(404)
- ResourceInfo Context: current resource class and method
- ResourceContext Context: injection into subresources
- HTTP Link Header Builder
- Matching across multiple roots with the same Path
- Server and client parameter conversion support
- Capturing of request parameters and contexts into beans
- Features and configuration
- Code example...

My JAX-RS favourites

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- All of JAX-RS is cool, but the following shines:
- 1.0: Request Context and Conditional HTTP real gem
- 2.0: Asynchronous/suspended invocations top design

JAX-RS 2.0 Compliance

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- CXF tested against jaxrstck-2.0_26-Feb-2013
- Final 2.0 TCK is not available to Apache =>
- Technically complete but no 'formal compliance' tag
- Apache projects working with JCP specifications may be affected by the TCK unavailability

Links

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- CXF JAX-RS: cxf.apache.org/docs/jax-rs.html
- Examples: github.com/sberyozkin/jaxrs20examples
- JAX-RS: https://jax-rs-spec.java.net/

Questions?

