

Message Translator

A Message Translator translates one application's message format into another.

Command Line:

call Translator <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <Transformation XSL File>

Example:

call Translator orderChannel orderEnrichedChannel Order2OrderItem.xsl



Content Enricher

A Content Enricher, a specialized transformer, augments a message with missing information either by accessing an external data source or by performing a computation on the message data. This kit comes with a pre-built Enricher that takes an Order Message and copies the Order ID and the number of items into each < Item> element:

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<Order OrderID="2">
  <Item>COFFEE</Item>
  <Item>LATTE</Item>
</Order>
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<Order>
  <Item OrderID="2" TotalItems="2">COFFEE</Item>
  <Item OrderID="2" TotalItems="2">LATTE</Item>
  </Order>
```

Command Line:

call Enricher <inputChannel> <outputChannel>

Example:

call Enricher orderChannel orderEnrichedChannel



Sequencer Tagger

A Sequence Tagger is a special Enricher that adds consecutive numbers to messages. The XPath argument specifies where to insert the number into the XML document.

Command Line:

call SequenceTagger <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <xPath>

Example:

call SequenceTagger orderChannel orderTaggedChannel "/Order/@OrderID"



Message Router

A Message Router consumes one Message from a Message Channel and republishes it to one of multiple potential Channels, depending on a set of conditions.

Command Line:

call Router <inputChannel> <outputCh1> <condition1> <outputCh2>

Example:

call Router itemChannel coldBevChannel "Item = 'FRAPPUCINO'" hotBevChannel



Delay

A Delay consumes a message and republishes it after waiting for a specified interval.

Command Line:

call Delay <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <delayInMilleseconds>

Example:

call Delay invoiceChannel completedOrderChannel 1000



Barista

The Barista processes messages from an input channel. When the Barista is done processing one message it forwards it to the output channel. Essentially, a Barista is a Delay component.

Command Line:

call Barista <inputChannel> <outputChannel>

Example:

call Barista orderChannel orderCompletedChannel



Tee (Wire Tap)

A Wire Tap publishes each incoming message to both the main channel and a secondary channel.

Command Line:

call Tee <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <secondaryOutputChannel>

Example:

call Tee orderChannel orderChannel2 logChannel



Logger

A Logger writes incoming messages to a log window. You can use it to manually inspect messages.

Command Line:

call Logger <inputChannel>

Example:

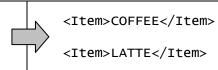
call Logger completedOrderChannel



Splitter

A Splitter breaks out a composite message into a series of individual messages, each containing data related to one item:

<Order OrderID="2">
 <Item>COFFEE</Item>
 <Item>LATTE</Item>
</Order>



Command Line:

call Splitter <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <XPath>

Example:

call Splitter orderChannel orderItemChannel "/Order/Item"



Aggregator

An Aggregator, a stateful filter, collects and store individual messages until a complete set of related messages has been received. Then, the Aggregator publishes a single message distilled from the individual messages. An Aggregator requires each message belonging to the same group to contain a correlation identifier with the same value. The correlationXPath specifies the location of this identifier within the message.

Command Line:

call Aggregator <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <correlationXPath>

Example:

call Aggregator completedItemChannel completedOrderChannel "/Item/@OrderID"



Resequencer

A Resequencer, a stateful filter, collects and re-orders messages so that they can be published to the output channel in a specified order. A Resequencer requires each message to be tagged with a consecutive message number. The XPath Expression has to point to the element that numbers each message.

Command Line:

call Resequencer <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <XPathExpression>

Example:

call Resequencer completedItemChannel completedOrderChannel "/Order/@OrderID"



Customer

The Customer component places orders in XML format on a channel. The format of an order is as follows:

<Order>

<Item>COFFEE</Item>

<Item>LATTE</Item>

<Item>FRAPPUCINO</Item>

</order>

Command Line:

call Customer <channel>

Example:

call Customer orderChannel



Manual Step

The Manual Step consumes messages and displays them in a list. The user can then inspect each message being held and release them in any arbitrary order. The Manual Step is a great tool to simulate out of order scenarios or to send a batch of messages at once. The message label argument is an optional XPath expression that determines what to display in the list for each message.

Command Line:

call ManualStep <inputChannel> <outputChannel> <MessageLabel>"

Example:

call ManualStep itemChannel completedChannel "concat('Order ', /Item/@OrderID)"

Prerequisites

Windows 2000, Widows XP or Windows Server 2003
Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1
The Message Queuing component of the Windows operating system. This component is part of the operating system, but is not installed by default. To install this component select Add or Remove Programs from the Control Panel. On the icon bar on the left select Add/Remove Windows Components. Select the checkbox next to Message Queuing. Since this toolkit uses only local queues, you do not have to install the Active Directory Integration subcomponent.
Optional: The Visualizer and Validator components require WinGraphViz: http://wingraphviz.sourceforge.net/wingraphviz/

Setup Instructions

- 1. Copy the ZIP file MessagingKitInstall.zip to a folder of your choice.
- 2. Extract the ZIP file (make sure to preserve the path name of the files)
- 3. Start the Message Queuing service:
 - a. Open a command prompt
 - b. Type net start "Message Queuing"
 - c. You should see "The Message Queuing service was started successfully." (or a message indicating that the service was already running).
- 4. Your working folder will be the folder "Exercises" that was created inside your folder.

Useful Tips

- If you create a batch script, remember use the keyword "call" before each component. This is required to allow the batch script to start a series of individual components.
- Beware of typos. If you mistype a channel name, messages will go into the ether.
- Remember to close all components after you complete an exercise. Lingering components might consume messages without your knowing.
- Use Tees and Loggers to see what is going on in your system. Remember to use a Tee so you can both log a message and pass it to a subsequent component.
- To see a real-time graphic display of your solution, change your working folder to ExercisesViz, run Visualizer.bat, open graph.htm and validation.html, and then do the exercises.
- You can click on the icons in the running components to see the pattern definition.
- To see all message channels defined on your computer and how many messages they hold, do the following:
 - 1. Right-click on "My Computer" and chose Manage
 - 2. Expand the node "Services and Applications"
 - 3. Expand the node "Message Queuing"
 - 4. Expand the node "Private Queues"