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Service Mix 4 Topologies

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PROGRESS - Open Source Center of Competence
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Software used for the examples

- The examples are based on the **FUSE** releases of Apache ServiceMix and Apache ActiveMQ
- The FUSE community provides
 - Access to Committers** as many Apache committers are employed by the FUSE team
 - Enterprise support** – Open source adaption in the enterprise requires 24x7 reliable support
 - Increased testing** on a CI environment maintained by the FUSE team
 - Enterprise qualities of service** – Ensuring sensible Enterprise deployment and backwards compatibility
 - Documentation and training** for the Apache projects released under the FUSE brand
 - Backed by large, enterprise company**

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FUSE products

- FUSE ESB 3
Based on Apache Service Mix 3
- FUSE ESB 4
Based on Apache Service Mix 4
- FUSE Message Broker
Based on Apache ActiveMQ
- FUSE Services Framework
Based on Apache CXF
- FUSE Mediation Router
Based on Apache Camel
- FUSE Integration Designer
Eclipse tooling for implementing EIP flows
- FUSE HQ
Management and Monitoring of the FUSE infrastructure

Agenda

- Why look at topologies
- FUSE ESB 4 default topology
- Geographic distribution
- Scaling for large message volumes
- High Availability considerations
- Conclusion & References
- Q & A

Why do we look at topologies ?

- Topology – the physical layout of a FUSE ESB 4 deployment
- Requirements of scalability, fault tolerance and reach can be addressed by using multiple FUSE ESB 4 instances
- Patterns are required to achieve an extensible, maintainable and deployable topology
- The patterns involve naming conventions and required configuration elements

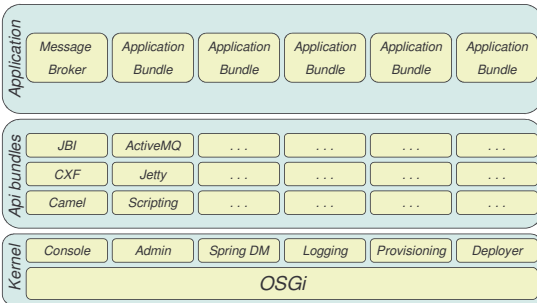
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FUSE ESB 4 default topology



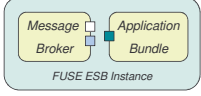
FUSE ESB 4 default topology

- OSGi Kernel with standard extensions for logging, Spring support, Administration, Provisioning, Deployment and an extensible shell
- API bundles can be installed if they are required by the applications on the node
 - Typically provide OSGi wrapped API libraries like Camel, CXF, ActiveMQ etc.
- API bundles are typically provided by a provisioning infrastructure based on Maven
- Application bundles contain the communication endpoints and integration flows
- The Message broker configuration is also placed in the application layer as this is one key element investigating different communication topologies

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FUSE ESB 4 default topology - simplified

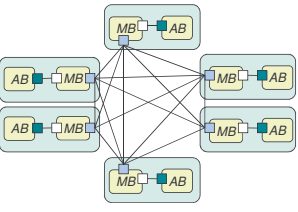


Symbol	Usage
□	The <i>Transport Connector</i> of the message brokers used by messaging clients
■	The <i>Network Connector</i> of the message brokers are used to interconnect brokers
■	The <i>Client Connectors</i> are JMS connections that provide JMS connectivity to the application bundles

We will concentrate on JMS topologies with the FUSE ESB

FUSE ESB 4 default topology – multiple nodes

Network of Nodes



- Most simple setup
- Established with a simple Multicast Network connector
- Requires a multicast connection for dynamic discovery

FUSE ESB 4 default topology – multiple nodes

Network of Nodes

Within broker configuration on each node

- define a *discoveryUri* for the *transportConnector*
- define a *multicast network connector* for that uri

```

<transportConnectors>
  <transportConnector
    uri="tcp://scrooged:61616"
    discoveryUri="multicast://default" />
</transportConnectors>
<networkConnectors>
  <networkConnector uri="multicast://default" />
</networkConnectors>

```

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FUSE ESB 4 default topology – multiple nodes

List of Nodes



- Requires a specific setup for each node to connect only to the peer broker
- Connector can be a normal tcp or multicast connection
- Requires a multicast connection for dynamic discovery

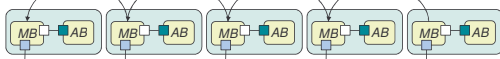
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FUSE ESB 4 default topology – multiple nodes

List of Nodes

Easiest to establish with static network connection from each successor to its predecessor in the list

Important to set the duplex property to true

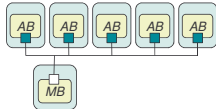


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<transportConnectors>
<transportConnector
  uri="tcp://scrooged:61616"/>
</transportConnectors>
<networkConnectors>
<networkConnector
  uri="tcp://donald:61616" duplex="true"/>
</networkConnectors>
```

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FUSE ESB 4 lean messaging set up

Lean Messaging



- Requires a message broker setup in only one node
- Application Bundle containers are not longer autonomous in terms of the communication infrastructure
- Does not require a network connector setup
- Is a classical "hub and spoke" topology

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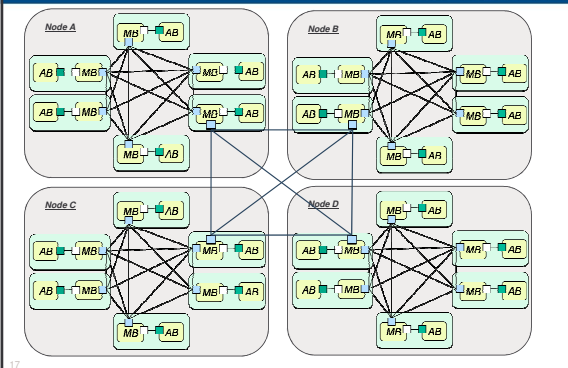
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Geographically distributing FUSE ESB Nodes



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Geographically distributed FUSE ESB nodes

- Within each node configure the brokers and restrict multicast discovery to a group corresponding to the node

```
<transportConnectors>
<transportConnector
  uri="tcp://scooged:61616"
  discoveryUri="multicast://224.1.2.3?group=NodeA" />
</transportConnectors>
<networkConnectors>
<networkConnector uri="multicast://224.1.2.3?group=NodeA" />
</networkConnectors>
```

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Geographically distributed FUSE ESB nodes

- Within the connecting Brokers add a transport connector with a global discoveryUri
- Also add a network connector connecting to that discoveryUri

```
<transportConnectors>  
<transportConnector  
  uri="tcp://scrooged:61616"  
  discoveryUri="multicast://224.1.2.3:6256?group=NodeA" />  
<transportConnector  
  uri="tcp://scrooged:61618"  
  discoveryUri="multicast://224.1.2.3:6255?group=Global" />  
</transportConnectors>  
  
<networkConnectors>  
<networkConnector  
  uri="multicast://224.1.2.3:6256?group=NodeA" />  
<networkConnector  
  uri="multicast://224.1.2.3:6255?group=Global" />  
</networkConnectors>
```

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Scaling Services

- Normally services can work as concurrent consumers on the same JMS queue
- The message brokers will distribute the messages across all service instances
- Message ordering might be important
 - For all messages within a given destination =>Only one service is allowed to be active at any given time
 - Only for groups of messages sent to a given queue =>Use JMS Message groups in that case

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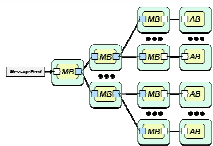
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Scaling the messaging layer

- A normal Network of Nodes or List of Nodes can be used to address the messaging throughput
- Messaging throughput and latency might be concurrent goals
- Normally a Network of Nodes yields in lower message latency
- A List of Nodes is more a bus like Architecture with a minimal number of connections and low message volumes

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Fan out strategy



- Used to push out a large number of events to a large number of consuming services
- A typical fan out factor is 1:50
- The configuration should be done using static routes from the successors to their predecessors
- The message broker in the last tree level is optional

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Highly available services

- Normally multiple instances of a service can be deployed to achieve fault tolerance
- Exclusive consumers may be used in cases where only a single Service is allowed at any point in time
- JMS Message groups will guarantee that all messages within one group are processed by the same Service instance

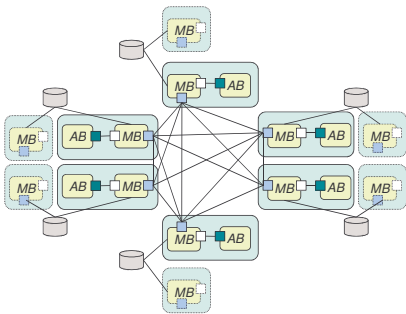
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High Availability in the messaging layer

- The topologies discussed provide a certain level of fault tolerance already
- Sometimes it is required that one broker can take over seamlessly from another broker
 - This can be achieved by configuring a master slave configuration
 - Master/Slave pairs can then be combined into a network of Master/Slave brokers
 - Network of Master/Slaves should be using multicast discovery for ease of configuration
 - Easiest configuration was a shared directory between the Master and the Slave

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Conclusion

- The FUSE ESB 4 default topology provides a quick start into the development and deployment of OSGi based Services
- We have shown patterns that address more throughput, message latency or fault tolerance
- Combining those patterns as shown in the geographic distribution sample allows for very flexible enterprise wide deployments
- It is important to sketch out the deployment and define naming conventions for all components deployed

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