EVENTLETS - Containers for Generic Event-driven Tasks



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Reactive Applications

- Reactive applications integrate already available data (persistent data) with data just coming into existence (streams of events)
- Persistent data is accessed in a pull-based fashion:
 - Services query databases (request/reply)
- Services are combined in service-oriented architectures (SOA)

Eventlets

- Eventlets encapsulate application logic for groups of events that are associated with real world entities, e.g., persons
- Design paradigm
 - Write application logic for "*An Entity*" (Eventlet Prototype)
 - Eventlet middleware applies application logic for *"Each Entity"* when necessary (Eventlet Instance)

- Streams of events are push-based:
 - Eventlets receive relevant events
 - Eventlets are combined in event-driven architectures (EDA)



Generic Event-driven Tasks

- Eventlets are containers for generic event-driven tasks that encapsulate application logic invoked by events
- Tasks are generic in the sense that the same actions can apply to multiple entities and events, e.g., the application logic for a room temperature control can be reused for other rooms



Eventlet Middleware

- Distributed framework for scalability
- Based upon Java Message Service (JMS)
- Registration of Eventlet prototype triggers creation of Eventlet monitor
- Eventlet monitors are responsible to create Eventlet instances
- Eventlet instances follow lifecycle: application logic upon instantiation, removal, expiration, and event arrival
- Asynchronous event handling for high performance





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