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

Generic Event-driven Tasks

- 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)

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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