

Smooks Example - xml-to-xml

This tutorial illustrates how Smooks (in conjunction with [FreeMarker](#)) can be used to perform an XML to XML transformation on a huge message (GBs).

It should be noted however that this tutorial can be used as the basis for an character based transformation e.g. EDI to XML, CSV to XML, XML to EDI etc. It's just a matter of defining the stream parser for the Source (e.g. the CSV Parser), and modifying the templates for the output.

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To Build: "mvn clean install"

To Run: "mvn exec:java"

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Overview

[FreeMarker](#) is an extremely powerful templating engine. One really useful feature is the ability to create and use a **NodeModel** as the domain model in a templating operation. Smooks adds the ability to perform fragment based templating transforms, as well as the ability to use this model on huge messages (GBs).

Source and Target Message Formats

Source:

```
<order id='332'>
  <header>
    <customer number="123">Joe</customer>
  </header>
  <order-items>
    <order-item id='1'>
      <product>1</product>
      <quantity>2</quantity>
      <price>8.80</price>
    </order-item>

    <!-- etc etc -->

  </order-items>
</order>
```

Target:

```

<salesorder>
  <details>
    <orderid>332</orderid>
    <customer>
      <id>123</id>
      <name>Joe</name>
    </customer>
  </details>
  <itemList>
    <item>
      <id>1</id>
      <productId>1</productId>
      <quantity>2</quantity>
      <price>8.80</price>
    </item>

    <!-- etc etc -->

  </itemList>
</salesorder>

```

So the basic structure is the same. We just need to rearrange things a little.

Smooks Configuraton

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<smooks-resource-list xmlns="http://www.milyn.org/xsd/smooks-1.1.xsd"

xmlns:ftl="http://www.milyn.org/xsd/smooks/freemarker-1.1.xsd">

  <!--
  Filter the message using the SAX Filter (i.e. not DOM, so no
  intermediate DOM for the "complete" message - there are "mini" DOMs
  for the NodeModels below)....
  -->
  <params>
    <param name="stream.filter.type">SAX</param>
    <param name="default.serialization.on">false</param>
  </params>

  <!--
  Create 2 NodeModels. One high level model for the "order"
  (header etc) and then one per "order-item".

  These models are used in the FreeMarker templating resources
  defined below. You need to make sure you set the selector such
  that the total memory footprint is as low as possible. In this
  example, the "order" model will contain everything except the
  <order-item> data (the main bulk of data in the message). The

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"order-item" model only contains the current <order-item> data (i.e. there's max 1 order-item in memory at any one time).

-->

```
<resource-config selector="order,order-item">
  <resource>org.milyn.delivery.DomModelCreator</resource>
</resource-config>
```

<!--

Apply the first part of the template when we reach the start of the <order-items> element. Apply the second part when we reach the end.

Note the <?TEMPLATE-SPLIT-PI?> Processing Instruction in the template. This tells Smooks where to split the template, resulting in the order-items being inserted at this point.

-->

```
<ftl:freemarker applyOnElement="order-items">
  <ftl:template><!--<salesorder>
<details>
  <orderid>${order.@id}</orderid>
  <customer>
    <id>${order.header.customer.@number}</id>
    <name>${order.header.customer}</name>
  </customer>
</details>
<itemList>
  <?TEMPLATE-SPLIT-PI?>
</itemList>
</salesorder>--></ftl:template>
</ftl:freemarker>
```

<!--

Output the <order-items> elements. This will appear in the output message where the <?TEMPLATE-SPLIT-PI?> token appears in the order-items template.

-->

```
<ftl:freemarker applyOnElement="order-item">
  <ftl:template><!--      <item>
    <id>${.vars["order-item"].@id}</id>
    <productId>${.vars["order-item"].product}</productId>
    <quantity>${.vars["order-item"].quantity}</quantity>
    <price>${.vars["order-item"].price}</price>
  </item>
  --></ftl:template>
</ftl:freemarker>
```

```
</smooks-resource-list>
```

Executing the Transform

```
Smooks smooks = new Smooks("smooks-config.xml");
try {
    smooks.filter(new StreamSource(new
FileInputStream("input-message.xml")), new StreamResult(System.out));
} finally {
    smooks.close();
}
```