

# KNOX-177: Simplify service deployment contributor implementation

This design is intended to address the following issues:

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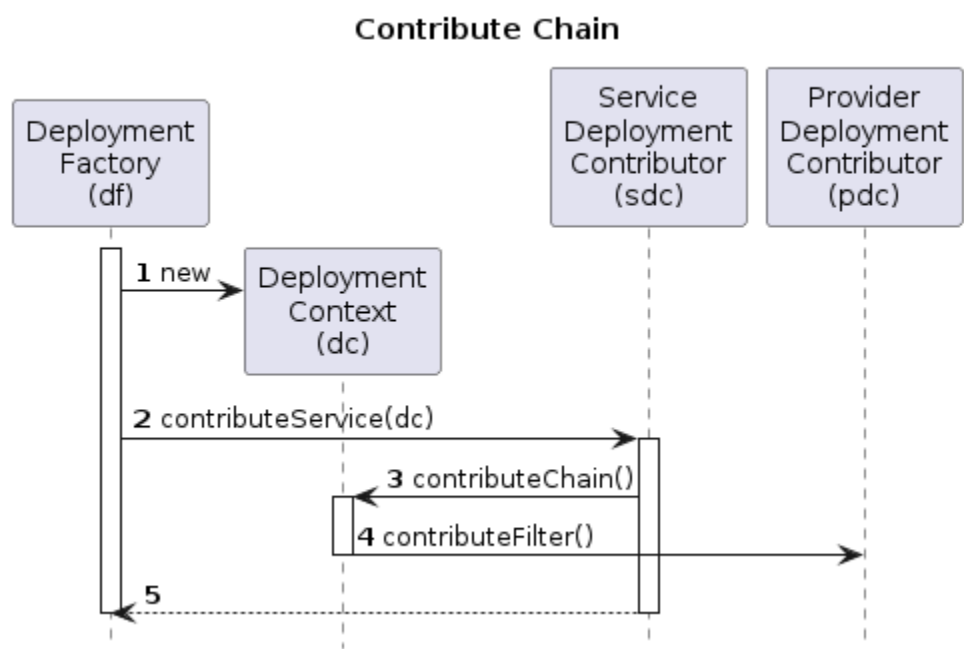
This issue stems from what is currently expected of a `ServiceDeploymentContributor` in its `contributeService` method. Basically each service deployment contributor is expected to build its own filter chain. This is currently done by making calls to `DeploymentContext.contributeFilter`. While this provides a great deal of flexibility for each service to define a custom chain we have found that this isn't commonly necessary. Furthermore it makes it very difficult if not impossible to introduce new provider/filters without impacting all services. This design will provide an abstraction to the service deployment contributors that can create either a default or specifically configured chain of providers/filters.

The goal is to support a pattern in service deployment contributors that looks like this:

ServiceDeploymentContributor.contributeService

```
public void contributeService( DeploymentContext context, Service service ) throws Exception {
    List<ServiceParamDescriptor> params = null; // Default if null, otherwise map of per provider role map of
    name/value pairs.
    ResourceDescriptor resource = context.addResource()
    resource.role( "WEBHDFS" );
    resource.pattern( "webhdfs/v1/**?**" );
    context.contributeChain( service, resource, params );
}
```

The over all context into which the method above fits into the deployment infrastructure is shown in the sequence diagram below.



The method below shows a more complete example of a `contributeService` method as it might be implemented for WebHDFS.

## WebHdfsDeploymentContributor.contributeService

```
public void contributeService( DeploymentContext context, Service service ) throws Exception {
    UrlRewriteRulesDescriptor serviceRules = loadRulesFromClassPath();
    UrlRewriteRulesDescriptor clusterRules = context.getDescriptor( "rewrite" );
    clusterRules.addRules( serviceRules );

    ResourceDescriptor resource;
    List<ServiceParamDescriptor> params;

    resource = context.getGatewayDescriptor().addResource();
    resource.role( "WEBHDFS" );
    resource.pattern( "webhdfs/v1/?*" );
    resource.pattern( "webhdfs/v1/**?*" );
    params = new ArrayList<ServiceParamDescriptor>();
    params.add( resource.createParam().role( "rewrite", "request.url", "/webhdfs/namenode/inbound/path" );
    params.add( resource.createParam().role( "rewrite", "response.headers", "/webhdfs/namenode/outbound
/headers" );
    context.contributeChain( service, resource, params );

    resource = context.getGatewayDescriptor().addResource();
    resource.role( "WEBHDFS" );
    resource.pattern( "webhdfs/data/v1/**?*" );
    params = new ArrayList<ServiceParamDescriptor>();
    params.add( resource.createParam().role( "rewrite", "request.url", "/webhdfs/datanode/inbound/path" );
    context.contributeChain( service, resource, params );
}
```

This is a sketch of how topology files would need to be extended to support the external chain definitions.

See table below for details on the new elements introduced.

Note: I don't really like the names for provider-ref and chain-ref but I can't come up with anything better.

## Sample Topology Descriptor

```
<topology>

  <gateway>

    <provider>
      <role>...</role>
      <name>...</name>
      <param><name>...</name><value>...</value></param>
    </provider>

    <chain>
      <name>...</name>
      <provider-ref>
        <role>...</role>
        <name>...</name>
        <param><name>...</name><value>...</value></param>
      </provider-ref>
      <provider-ref>...</provider-ref>
    </chain>
    <chain>...</chain>

  </gateway>

  <service>
    <role>...</role>
    <url>...</url>
    <chain-ref>
      <name>...</name>
      <param><role></role><name></name><value></value></param>
    </chain-ref>
    <param><name></name><value></value></param>
  </service>

</topology>
```

Details on the new elements within the topology are described below.

Path	Description
topology/gateway/chain	This defines a new chain structure and configuration for use by services. There will be a "built-in" chain named "default".
topology/gateway/chain/name	Specifies the name of the chain so that it can be referenced by services.
topology/gateway/chain/provider-ref	References a configured or default provider. May repeat.
topology/gateway/chain/provider-ref/role	A required role of a provider to be included in the chain.
topology/gateway/chain/provider-ref/name	An optional name of a specific provider for the given role.
topology/gateway/chain/provider-ref/param	Optional config parameters to augment the provider's configuration.
topology/service/chain-ref	Selects a specific chain to use for the service. May repeat.
topology/service/chain-ref/name	Specifies the name of the chain to use for the service. Default is "default"
topology/service/chain-ref/param	Optional parameters to augment the chain and provider configuration.
topology/service/chain-ref/param/role	A role name to disambiguate which provider the param is intended.
topology/service/param	Configuration parameters used by the service. May repeat.

This shows the new method `contributeChain()` that would be added to the `DeploymentContext` interface. The existing `contributeFilter` method would be deprecated. This is actually a point worth further discussion. Is there a use case where a service might want to define a chain this way?

#### DeploymentContext

```
public interface DeploymentContext {
    ...
    @Deprecated
    void contributeFilter(
        Service service,
        ResourceDescriptor resource,
        String role,
        String name,
        List<FilterParamDescriptor> params );

    void contributeChain(
        Service service,
        ResourceDescriptor resource,
        List<ServiceParamDescriptor> params );
    ...
}
```

This shows the relevant portions of the existing, unmodified `ServiceDeploymentContributor` interface.

#### ServiceDeploymentContributor

```
public interface ServiceDeploymentContributor {
    ...
    // Called per service based on the service's role.
    void contributeService( DeploymentContext context, Service service ) throws Exception;
    ...
}
```

This shows the relevant portions of the existing, unmodified `ProviderDeploymentContributor` interface.

#### ProviderDeploymentContributor

```
public interface ProviderDeploymentContributor {
    ...
    // This will be called indirectly by a ServiceDeploymentContributor when it asks
    // for a chain to be contributed via DeploymentContext.contributeChain.
    void contributeFilter(
        DeploymentContext context,
        Provider provider,
        Service service,
        ResourceDescriptor resource,
        List<FilterParamDescriptor> params );
    ...
}
```