

# @PostConstruct

<https://www.baeldung.com/spring-postconstruct-predestroy#:~:text=Spring%20calls%20the%20methods%20annotated,it%20can't%20be%20static>

The `@PostConstruct` annotation is a callback annotation in Java that allows you to specify a method to be invoked immediately after a bean has been constructed and before any other initialization methods are called. In the context of Spring Framework, `@PostConstruct` is commonly used to perform initialization tasks on a bean after its dependencies have been injected and before it's put into service.

Here are some common use cases for `@PostConstruct`:

1. **Initialization of resources**: You can use `@PostConstruct` to initialize resources such as database connections, file handles, or network connections that your bean depends on.
2. **Setup tasks**: Perform setup tasks or configuration after the bean has been constructed. This could include initializing properties, configuring third-party libraries, or performing other initialization logic.
3. **Validation**: Validate the state of the bean after it has been constructed and before it's used. This can help ensure that the bean is in a valid state before it starts processing requests.
4. **Logging**: Perform logging or auditing tasks to track the initialization process of the bean.

Here's an example of how to use `@PostConstruct` in a Spring bean:

```
```java
import javax.annotation.PostConstruct;

public class MyBean {

    private String message;

    @PostConstruct
    public void init() {
        // Initialization logic goes here
        message = "Hello, world!";
        System.out.println("Bean initialized: " + message);
    }
}
```

```
// Other methods and properties
}
...
```

In this example, the `init()` method annotated with `@PostConstruct` will be automatically invoked by the Spring container after the bean has been instantiated, but before any other initialization methods or lifecycle callbacks are called.

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In Spring Framework, if you prefer not to use the JSR-250 annotations like `@PostConstruct` and `@PreDestroy` but still want to achieve initialization and destruction of beans without coupling them to Spring-specific interfaces or annotations, you can use the `init-method` and `destroy-method` attributes in your bean definitions.

Here's how you can configure initialization and destruction methods using XML bean definitions:

```
```.xml
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
                           http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-
                           beans.xsd">

    <!-- Define bean MyBean with custom init and destroy methods -->
    <bean id="myBean" class="com.example.MyBean"
          init-method="customInit" destroy-method="customDestroy">
    </bean>

</beans>
```.
```

In this configuration:

- The `init-method` attribute specifies the name of the method to be invoked for bean initialization. This method should be public and take no arguments.
- The `destroy-method` attribute specifies the name of the method to be

invoked for bean destruction. This method should also be public and take no arguments.

Here's an example of a bean class `MyBean` with custom initialization and destruction methods:

```
```java
public class MyBean {

    public void customInit() {
        // Custom initialization logic
        System.out.println("Bean initialization logic executed.");
    }

    public void customDestroy() {
        // Custom destruction logic
        System.out.println("Bean destruction logic executed.");
    }

    // Other methods and properties
}
```
```

With this configuration, when the Spring container initializes the `myBean` bean, it will automatically call the `customInit()` method after instantiation, and when the bean is destroyed (e.g., when the application context is shut down), it will call the `customDestroy()` method.

This approach allows you to specify custom initialization and destruction methods for your beans without introducing coupling to Spring-specific annotations or interfaces, providing a more flexible and decoupled way to manage bean lifecycle.