

CPAN-252 WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT FOR
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**BUILDING FIRST SIMPLE APP USING
SPRING WEB AND THYMELEAF**

SPRING WEB APPLICATION

- ▶ We will start with a small addition to the Tekken Reborn application by adding a simple home controller
- ▶ It will be annotated with `@Controller` annotation, annotation similar to `@Component` but with additional "sauce"

```
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;

@Controller
public class HomeController {

    @GetMapping("/")
    public String index() {
        return "home";
    }
}
```

CONTROLLER ANNOTATION

- ▶ Essentially to make Spring class a Spring Bean, you need to annotate it with `@Component` annotation, `@Controller` is just a meta annotation that includes `@Component` in itself and provides more semantic clarity on the role of the class.
- ▶ So you can use `@Component`, but there are more descriptive options like `@Service`, `@Repository`, `@Controller` that serve same purpose

CONTROLLER ANNOTATION

```
 */
@Target(ElementType.TYPE)
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Documented
@Component
public @interface Controller {

    /**
     * The value may indicate a suggestion for a logical component name,
     * to be turned into a Spring bean in case of an autodetected component.
     * @return the suggested component name, if any (or empty String otherwise)
     */
    @AliasFor(annotation = Component.class)
    String value() default "";

}
```



HOME CONTROLLER

- ▶ So we defined `@GetMapping()` index method that returns String "home".
- ▶ Let's decompose it:
- ▶ So when we run our Application and receive get request on the root path, it will search for a view called 'home.html' and will display it on the page. Let's create the view using Thymeleaf

WHAT IS THYMELEAF

- ▶ Thymeleaf is a template engine that can provide integrated view experience with html core and enriched features like using custom paths, calling Java class methods and providing validations
- ▶ It's similar to JSP which was a standard in Java EE apps, but it's overall more versatile and just more to my liking :)
- ▶ So let's define our first template

TEKKEN TEMPLATE

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">
<head>
|   <title>Home</title>
</head>
<body>
|   <h1>Welcome to the Tekken Reborn application</h1>
|   
</body>
</html>
```



CONTROLLER TEST AND SPRING ACTIONS IN SIMPLE TERMS

- ▶ When we start our Spring Boot application and open localhost:8080, GET request is executed towards / path.
- ▶ Then Spring checks for controller with / GET Mapping available
- ▶ It finds our HomeController and sees that we return "home" string
- ▶ It understands that it needs to find that template in `templates` folder
- ▶ It finds home page and displays it

LET'S WRITE A TEST

```
package com.cpan252.tekkenreborn.controller;

import static org.hamcrest.Matchers.containsString;
import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.request.MockMvcRequestBuilders.get;
import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.result.MockMvcResultMatchers.content;
import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.result.MockMvcResultMatchers.status;
import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.result.MockMvcResultMatchers.view;

import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.boot.test.autoconfigure.web.servlet.WebMvcTest;
import org.springframework.test.web.servlet.MockMvc;

@WebMvcTest
public class HomeControllerTest {

    @Autowired
    private MockMvc mockMvc;

    @Test
    public void testHomePage() throws Exception {
        mockMvc.perform(get(urlTemplate: "/"))
            .andExpect(content().string(containsString("Home")))
            .andExpect(status().isOk())
            .andExpect(view().name(expectedViewName: "home"));
    }
}
```

A black and white photograph of three wind turbines against a cloudy sky. The largest turbine is in the foreground on the left, with two smaller ones behind it to the right.

QUESTIONS?

On the lab we going to add some logic to our app and dive deeper into templating