



Spring Platform

Internet Services Architectures

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Spring refers to an entire family of projects built on top of a Spring Framework project:

- Spring Boot,
- Spring Framework,
- Spring Data,
- Spring Cloud,
- Spring Cloud Data Flow,
- Spring Security,
- Spring Session,
- Spring Integration,
- Spring HATEOAS,
- Spring REST Docs,
- Spring Batch,
- Spring AMQP,
- Spring for Android,
- Spring CredHub,
- Spring Flo,
- Spring for Apache Kafka,
- Spring LDAP,
- Spring Mobile,
- Spring Roo,
- Spring Shell,
- Spring Statemachine,
- Spring Vault,
- Spring Web Flow,
- Spring Web Services.



Spring Framework - a framework that allows to create complex web and enterprise-class applications running on a Java virtual machine:

- supports container based dependency injection (DI),
- supports container based Inversion of Control (IoC),
- can be use to create desktop applications,
- name suggests fresh approach to business applications development,
- considered as competition to Java EE.



Spring Framework history:

- 2002 *Expert One-on-One J2EE Design and Development* book by Rod Johnson,
- 2003 Spring first release,
- 2004 Spring 1.0,
- 2007 Spring 2.5,
- 2012 Spring 3.2,
- 2014 Spring 4.0,
- 2017 Spring 5.0.

Spring Framework is developed in a modular architecture:

- each modules is responsible for different scope of haviours,
- some of them can be used independently.

Some of the modules:

- **spring-core** - contains mainly core utilities and common stuff,
- **spring-context** - provides Application Context, that is Spring's DI container,
- **spring-mvc** - model-view-controller framework with requests to handlers dispatcher,
- **spring-data** - access to various data sources (SQL databases, NoSQL databases, etc.),
- **spring-security** - authorization and authentication mechanisms.



Spring Boot - a mechanism facilitating the development of applications based on the Spring platform:

- simplifies projects configuration,
- matches compatible platform (and not only) elements (controls libraries versions),
- simplifies distribution package preparation:
 - web application require to be launched within web server in order to support HTTP requests,
 - allows to uses embedded Tomcat server configured on the project level.



Instead of creating new projects from scratch and adding dependencies manually we can:

1. use Spring Initializr: <http://start.spring.io/>,
2. set GroupId i ArtifactId,
3. select desired modules (dependencies):
 - Web,
 - JPA,
 - Derby (database),
 - ...
4. generate projects,
5. download ZIP archive and unpack,
6. open project in favorite IDE.

Main entry point:

```
@SpringBootApplication
public class SimpleRpgApplication {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(SimpleRpgApplication.class, args);
    }

}
```

Application can be started simply by:

```
java -jar simple-rpg.jar
```

It starts embedded Tomcat server and deploys the application.

Basic component types managed by the Spring container:

- **@Component** - most basic, generic component managed by the container,
- **@Controller** - specialized component to be used as controller in MVC framework,
- **@Repository** - DAO (data access object) in persistence layer,
- **@Service** - specialized component responsible for business logic.

By default all of those are realized as singletons (only one global instance in the container).



There are three methods for dependency injection:

- using constructor arguments,
- using setters,
- directly into class field.

```
public class UserService {  
    private UserRepository repository;  
  
    public UserService(UserRepository repository) {  
        this.repository = repository;  
    }  
  
}
```

```
UserRepository repository = //create notifier  
UserService service = new UserService(repository);
```

Injection with constructor:

- immutable objects (no setters and final fields) can be created,
- construction and injection in single step.

```
public class UserService {  
    private UserRepository repository;  
  
    public void setRepository(UserRepository repository) {  
        this.repository = repository;  
    }  
}
```

```
UserService service = new UserService();  
UserRepository repository = //create notifier  
service.setRepository(repository);
```

Injection with setters:

- the default constructor is present,
- dependency can be replaced after injection,
- setters is required (no immutable objects with final fields).

```
public class UserService {  
    private UserRepository repository;  
}
```

```
UserService service = new UserService();  
Field field = service.getClass().getDeclaredField("repository");  
field.setAccessible(true);  
UserRepository repository = //create notifier  
field.set(service, repository);
```

Field injection:

- no additional methods,
- requires reflection mechanism.



Dependency Injection in Spring Container:

- supports all three methods,
- declared with `@Autowired` annotation.

```
public class UserService {  
  
    private UserRepository repository;  
  
    @Autowired  
    public UserService(UserRepository repository) {  
        this.repository = repository;  
    }  
  
}
```

```
public class UserService {  
  
    private UserRepository repository;  
  
    @Autowired  
    public void setRepository(UserRepository repository) {  
        this.repository = repository;  
    }  
  
}
```

```
public class UserService {  
  
    @Autowired  
    private UserRepository repository;  
  
}
```

In case of container controlled beans there is possibility to act on creation or destroy event.

```
@Component
public class DataStoreComponent {

    @PostConstruct
    public void init() throws Exception {
        //..
    }

    @PreDestroy
    public void clean() throws Exception {
        //..
    }

}
```

Initialization:

- constructor should be used only for creating object, no logic initialization,
- **@PostConstruct** methods are called after object creation and after all dependencies injection.

Command line applications in Spring Boot can be achieved with components implementing `CommandLineRunner` interface:

```
@Component
public class CommandLine implements CommandLineRunner {

    private UserService service;

    @Autowired
    public CommandLine(UserService service) {
        this.service = service;
    }

    @Override
    public void run(String... args) throws Exception {
        service.findAll().forEach(System.out::println);
    }

}
```



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