Annotation-config vs Component-scan

<context:annotation-config>

 <context:annotation-config> is used to activate annotations in the project for beans already registered in the application context (For any beans, Either registered with XML or by package scanning).

<context:component-scan>

 By using <context:component-scan> and pointing the base package, Spring will auto-discover and registers the components(Beans) into Spring container. *By making use of <context:component-scan>, the annotations for the project get's auto activated.

Thanks for watching