

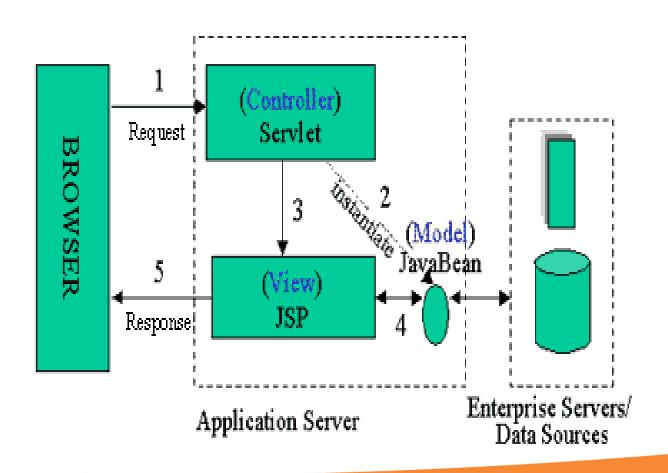
Spring Framework Module 8 – Spring 3 MVC

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Spring:: MVC:: Introduction



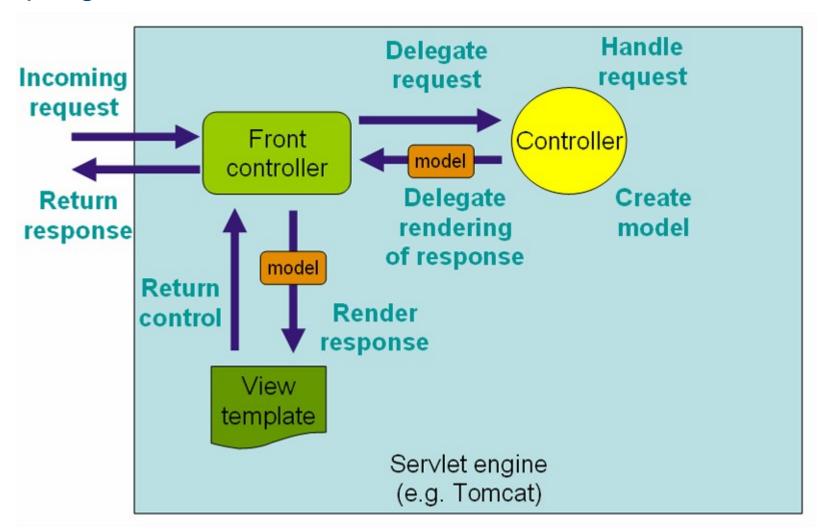
Spring provides powerful and highly configurable MVC web framework raze different from classic model:



Spring:: MVC:: Introduction



Spring model is more flexible:



Spring:: MVC:: Comparison with Struts



- Spring MVC model is similar to Struts model, though it does not inherit from Struts. Spring Controller is analogous to Struts Action in a way that it is multi-threaded service object with one instance executed by all clients. However, is has some benefits over Struts. For example:
 - Spring offers *clear separation* between controllers, JavaBean models and views.
 - Spring MVC is flexible. As opposed to Struts, that demands from Action and Form to inherit specific classes and prevent you from inheriting your own classes, Spring MVC is fully interface-based. Moreover, you can substitute any Spring MVC part for your implementation of required interface. For this purpose Spring offers out-of-the-box implementations of all necessary interfaces.

Spring:: MVC:: Comparison with Struts



- Along with controllers Spring provides interceptors that are useful when you want to implement logic common to all requests.
- Spring is really independent from a specific view technology. You don't have to write JSPs if you don't want to. You can use Velocity, XSLT or any other view technology. If you're going to use your own technology, for example a template language, you can do that by simply implementing the SpringView interface as you need.
- Spring controllers are configured via loC as any other object. That
 facilitates testing and integration with other Spring-controlled objects.
- Generally, Spring MVC Web layer is easy testable, as long as inheriting specific classes is not required, and controller is not tied to dispatcher servlet.

Spring:: MVC:: Comparison with Struts



- Web layer is a thin layer over business objects, which is a good practice. Struts and other web-oriented frameworks are useless when you are implementing your business objects, whereas Spring provides a complex framework for all application layers.
- In Spring MVC you can have as many dispatcher servlets as you need, like in Struts v.1.1 or higher.
- The following example shows how simple Spring controller can access business objects defined in the same application context. This controller looks up Order object and returns it through handleRequest() method:



```
public class OrderController implements Controller {
  private OrderRepository repo;
  @Autowired
  public OrderController(OrderRepository orderRepository) {
      repo = orderRepository;
  public ModelAndView handleRequest(
      HttpServletRequest request,
      HttpServletResponse response)
      throws ServletException, IOException
      String id = request.getParameter("id");
      Order order = repo.getOrderById(id);
      return new ModelAndView("orderView", "order", order);
```



```
@Controller
public class OrderController {
  @Autowired
  private OrderRepository repo;
  public OrderController(OrderRepository orderRepository) {
      repo = orderRepository;
  @RequestMapping("/viewOrder")
  public String viewOrder(int orderId, Model model)
      Order order = repo.getOrderById(id);
      model.put(order);
      return "orderView";
```



- Spring IoC isolates this controller from OrderRepository implementation, which can work on the basis of JDBC in the same manner as on the basis of web service.
- An interface can be implemented with:
 - POJO,
 - Stub,
 - Proxy
 - Remote object.
- Controller doesn't include anything related to searching resources; what it includes is a code needed for web interaction.



Spring MVC supports data binding, forms, 'masters' and more complex approaches.

Binding: binding and charting parameters of HTTP requests for objects properties (Java beans) and vice versa. Useful when interacting with user input.

Resolver, mapping: an object implementing mapping (for example, URL requests and views)





WebApplicationContext: ApplicationContext adapted for work in Web.

DispatcherServlet: a servlet used in intercepting all user's requests. It implements "FrontController" pattern.

Model: java.util.Map

Stores data as key-value pair

View: interface View

When this interface is implemented the data is viewed

Controller: interface Controller

When this interface is implemented user's requests are handled

Spring:: MVC



«Open for extension, closed for modification»

http://objectmentor.com/resources/articles/ocp.pdf

Is request-driven.

DispatcherServlet serves as "input"

Based in Inversion of Control (IoC): maintains flexibility in terms of components modification.

Can be used jointly with any web framework.

Spring:: MVC



Clear separation of object roles (controller, validator, form object, model object, view and so on).

The only model is java.util.Map. This guarantees easy integration with any view technology.

Reusable code: business objects can be model objects.



- Several default controller's subclasses used for different purposes.
- Binding and validation strategies (exceptions: application-level; property: not String-only).
- Strategies for searching (resolvers) responsible controllers and necessary views.



- This is an extension of **ApplicationContext** that has some extra features necessary for web applications (for example, association with **ServletContext**).
- Adds three scopes of bean lifecycle that are only available in web context (request, scope, global).
- Special bean types can only exist in WebApplicationContext.



- Special bean types
 - Controllers
 - HandlerMapping
 - ViewResolver
 - LocaleResolver
 - ThemeResolver
 - MultipartResolver
 - HandlerExceptionResolver



- Configuration
 - To initialize a context, add
 ContextLoaderListener to web.xml
 - During context initialization, beans defined in files applicationContext.xml and [servlet-name]-servlet.xml (except for lazy-init beans) are instantiated (for each DispatcherServlet)
 - File set used in beans instantiation can be changed by specifying **contextConfigLocation** parameter in application descriptor.

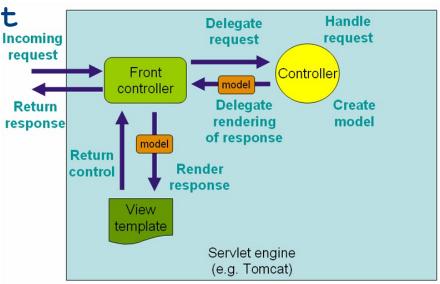


Example:

```
<listener>
    <listener-class>
        org.springframework.web.context.ContextLoaderListener
    </listener-class>
</listener>
<context-param>
    <param-name>contextConfigLocation</param-name>
    <param-value>
        /WEB-INF/context.xml
        /WEB-INF/handlers.xml
        /WEB-INF/myContext.xml
        /WEB-INF/validators.xml
        /WEB-INF/commonBeans.xml
    </param-value>
</context-param>
```



- This is HttpServlet
- Implements "Front Controller" pattern.
- Serves as "input" dispatching requests to handlers.
- Has its own WebApplicationContext and hides the underlying logic.
- Inherits root context.
- Is aware of ServletContext



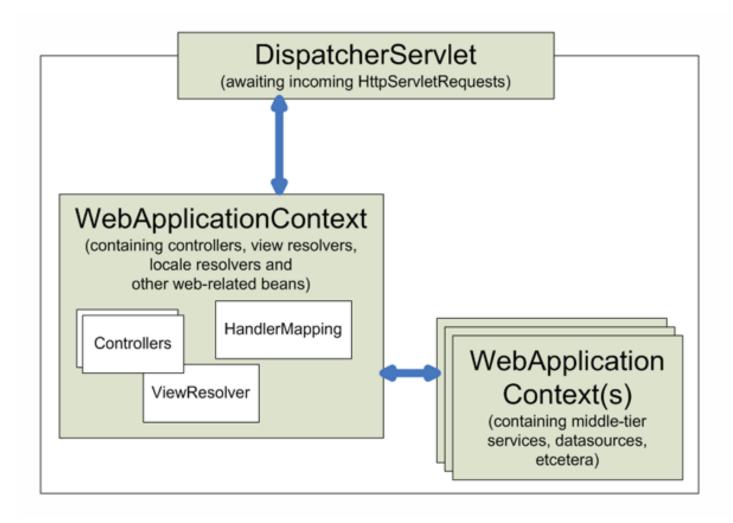


Configuration:

```
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>viewer</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>
     org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet
    </servlet-class>
    <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>viewer</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>*.do</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
```



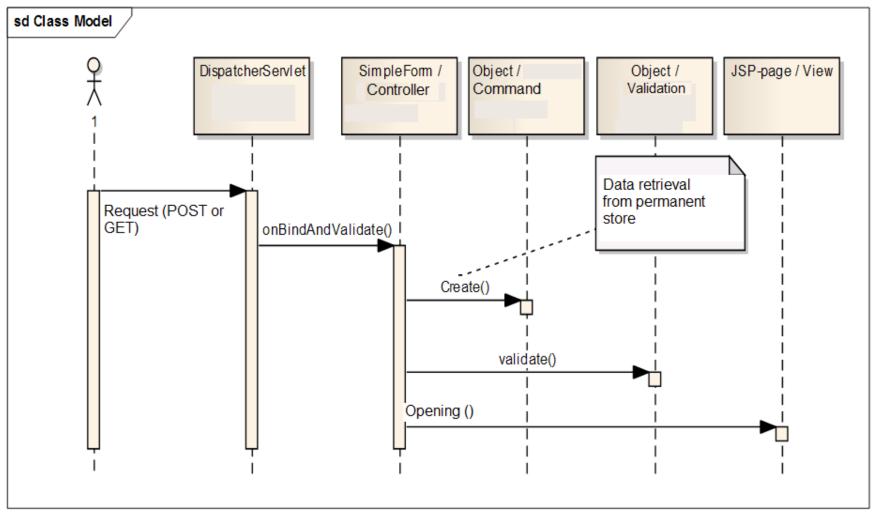
Context hierarchy:





- Request handling:
 - WebApplicationContext is bound in the request so that controllers can use it.
 - The locale and theme resolver are bound to the request as well.
 - A handler is searched for. The execution chain is executed (interceptors and controllers).
 - If a model is returned, the view is searched for and rendered.





Spring:: MVC:: Web & RESTful service controllers



- Do the following:
 - Interpret user inputs (requests)
 - Create model
 - Pass model to view for rendering

Spring:: MVC:: Web & RESTful service controllers



Basic interface:

```
package org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.ModelAndView;
public interface Controller {
    ModelAndView handleRequest(
        HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response
    ) throws Exception;
```

Spring:: MVC:: Web & RESTful service controllers



- AbstractController:
 - Provides access to ServletContext and ApplicationContext
 - Undertakes work with some HTTP headers
 - Manages caching and synchronization
 - Is a superclass for all other implementations

Spring:: MVC :: Web & RESTful service controllers



- AbstractController properties:
 - supportedMethods: supported HTTP methods (by default, GET,POST)
 - requiresSession: if no session is found while processing the request, an exception will be thrown
 - synchronizeOnSession: indicates whether the call to main method should be synchronized around the session
 - 4 properties managing depreciation and caching policy

Spring:: MVC:: AbstractController



- Workflow (and that defined by interface):
 - handleRequest() will be called by the DispatcherServlet;
 - Inspection of supported methods (ServletException if request method is not support);
 - If session is required, try to get it (ServletException if not found);
 - Set caching headers if needed according to the cacheSeconds property;
 - Call abstract method handleRequestInternal()
 (optionally synchronizing around the call on the
 HttpSession), which should be implemented by
 extending classes to provide actual functionality to
 return ModelAndView objects.

Spring:: MVC:: AbstractController



Example of using AbstractController:

```
package samples;
public class SampleController extends AbstractController {
    public ModelAndView handleRequestInternal(
        HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response
    ) throws Exception {
        ModelAndView mav = new ModelAndView("hello");
        mav.addObject("message", "Hello World!");
        return mav;
```

.xml:

Spring:: MVC:: @Controller



- With @Controller annotation
- Don't forget about context instruction:

```
<context:component-scan base-package=foo.bar.web"/>
 @Controller
 public class HelloWorldController {
     @RequestMapping("/helloWorld")
     public ModelAndView helloWorld() {
         ModelAndView mav = new ModelAndView();
         mav.setViewName("helloWorld");
         mav.addObject("message", "Hello World!");
         return mav;
```

Spring:: MVC:: @Controller



A common pitfall when working with annotated controllers is using AOP, on the whole, and declarative transaction management, in particular.

Standard JDK Dynamic Proxies only work with interfaces.

To use it with controllers you have to move the @RequestMappings annotations to the interface (as far as mapping mechanism can "see" **proxy**), which is notably uncomfortable.

Alternatively, activate - proxy-target-class="true" and use CGLib

Therefore (think of AOP and TX), when working with web applications, do everything DIRECTLY on classes

Spring:: MVC :: @RequestMapping



Configuring mapping with @RequestMapping annotations:

Specified for:

- Controller (class):
 - absolute path;
- Controller's methods:
 - If class path is specified then the path is relative;
 - Absolute path if not specified for class;

Spring:: MVC:: Mapping, URL Patterns



- URL patterns are supported;
- @PathVariable is used to bind variable (argument) to the value of URL template;
- Used in implementing RESTful services;

Spring:: MVC:: Mapping, URL Patterns



Examples:

```
@RequestMapping(value="/owners/{ownerId}/pets/{petId}")
public String findPet(@PathVariable String ownerId,
  @PathVariable String petId, Model model) {
 // implementation
@Controller
@RequestMapping("/owners/{ownerId}")
public class RelativePathUriTemplateController {
  @RequestMapping("/pets/{petId}")
  public void findPet(@PathVariable String ownerId,
  @PathVariable String petId, Model model) {
    // implementation
```

Spring:: MVC :: @RequestMapping



value: specifies URL pattern . Supports:

- parameterized (/somepath/{someVar}) URL patterns
- Ant-style (/somepath/*.do)
- their combinations (/owners/*/pets/{petId})
- If there is no argument, method name is used in mapping

method: binding to request type:

- RequestMethod.POST
- RequestMethod.GET

params: indicates whether some specific parameters for the request are needed

- "myParam = myValue": parameter with specified value
- "myParam": parameter with arbitrary value
- "!myParam": no parameter in the request
- headers: narrowing to request header (for example, "contenttype=text/*»)

Spring:: MVC :: @RequestMapping, @RequestParam



- Binding to request parameters is made through @RequestParam annotation
- By default, such parameters are mandatory, but could be turned to optional with required=false command.
- Example:

```
@RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.GET)
public String setupForm(
    @RequestParam("petId") int petId,
    ModelMap model)

@RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.GET)
public String showItem(
    @RequestParam(value="id", required=false) int id,
    ModelMap model)
```

Spring:: MVC:: @RequestMapping



Supported arguments of handler methods:

- Request / Response objects (Servlet API). Subtypes can be used (for example, ServletRequest or HttpServletRequest);
- Servlet API Session object (HttpSession). An argument of this type enforces the presence of a corresponding session when it is absent;
- WebRequest and NativeWebRequest (org.springframework.web.context.request package) allows for request parameters access without ties to Servlet/Portlet API;
- Java.util.Locale for the current request locale;
- InputStream / Reader for access to the request's content;
- OutputStream / Writer for generating the response's content;
- java.security.Principal containing the currently authenticated user;
- @PathVariable annotated parameters for access to URI template variables;
- @RequestParam annotated parameters for access to request parameters;

Spring:: MVC :: @RequestMapping



Supported arguments of handler methods:

- @RequestHeader annotated parameters for access to specific request headers;
- @RequestBody for access to the request body;
- java.util.Map / org.springframework.ui.Model / org.springframework.ui.ModelMap for access to model that is exposed to the web view;
- org.springframework.validation.Errors / org.springframework.validation.BindingResult : for access/validation results for an object. This argument shall follow the validated object immediately, as each object is validated and tied to validation result separately;
- org.springframework.web.bind.support.SessionStatus for controlling session state and session closing (it triggers cleanup of session attributes);

Spring:: MVC:: @RequestMapping



Supported method return type:

- ModelAndView: for returning model and View name;
- Model: for returning model. View name will be determined through RequestToViewNameTranslator;
- Map is analogous to Model;
- View is a view object. Model will be automatically inserted (changes introduced to model with handler argument will be inserted);
- String is a logical view name that is handled by ViewResolver;
- void: if method handles a response itself or if view name is determined through RequestToViewNameTranslator;
- If the method is annotated through @ResponseBody, the return type is written to the response HTTP body;
- Any other return type is considered to be a single model attribute using name specified through @ModelAttribute at the method level or automatically generated based on the return type;

Spring:: MVC:: @ModelAttribute



Two use cases:

- Annotation on method is used to populate the model with needed attributes;
- Annotation on method argument indicates that model attribute shall be bound to corresponding parameter. It is a common way to access data inputted to the field by user, for example:

Invoking @ModelAttribute methods is done **before** invoking handler that populates the model.

Best Practices: in @ModelAttribute methods check for populated model attribute and return the given one

Spring:: MVC :: @SessionAttribute



@SessionAttribute is specified at the level of controller class;

Declares which model attributes should be stored in session for transferring between requests;





```
@Controller
@RequestMapping("/owners/{ownerId}/pets/{petId}/edit")
@SessionAttributes("pet")
public class EditPetForm {
    @ModelAttribute("types")
   public Collection<PetType> populatePetTypes() {
        return this.clinic.getPetTypes();
    @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.POST)
    public String processSubmit(
            @ModelAttribute("pet") Pet pet,
            BindingResult result, SessionStatus status) {
        new PetValidator().validate(pet, result);
        if (result.hasErrors()) {
            return "petForm";
        else {
            this.clinic.storePet(pet);
            status.setComplete();
            return "redirect:owner.do?ownerId=" + pet.getOwner().getId();
```

Spring:: MVC:: Exceptions



- Handling exceptions:
 - HandlerExceptionResolver interface and one ready SimpleMappingExceptionResolver implementation.
 - Mapping between exception classes and view names based on the Properties.
 - Catches exceptions thrown by handlers and passes them via model.
 - More flexible mechanism as compared to **web.xml**, as far as its own implementation can be done.

Spring:: MVC:: Exceptions



Handling exceptions. Example:

```
<bean id="exceptionResolver"</pre>
      class="org.springframework.web.servlet.
             handler.SimpleMappingExceptionResolver">
    cproperty name="exceptionMappings">
        <value>
            java.lang.Throwable=error
            java.lang.SecurityException=error403
        </value>
    </property>
</bean>
```

Spring:: MVC:: @ExceptionHandler



- Within a controller you can specify which method is invoked when an exception of a specific type is thrown during the execution of controller methods
- Method arguments are equal to handler arguments

```
@Controller
public class SimpleController {
  @ExceptionHandler(IOException.class)
  public String handleIOException (
  IOException ex,
  HttpServletRequest request)
    return ClassUtils.getShortName(ex.getClass());
```

Spring:: MVC:: View: Basic Concepts



- Render model built in controller;
- Out of the box, Spring enables you to use JSPs, Velocity templates, XSLT views, View/Tiles interface implementations;
- Interface implementations of ViewResolver are used for mapping between view names (with locales) and view objects;
- Currently, the popular view is Tiles



ViewResolver is used for resolving views based on the results of invoking controller handlers

Must resolve view either explicitly (e.g., by returning view name, view or ModelAndView) or implicitly (i.e., based on conventions)

Standard resolvers:

- InternalResourceViewResolver: mapping between view names and internal application resource, e.g., JSP;
- XmlViewResolver, ResourceBundleViewResolver mapping based on .xml- or .property files (latter supports i18n);
- BeanNameViewResolver: mapping based on bean name. Doing so requires that all views should be created as beans in the contexts;
- UrlBasedViewResolver: direct resolution of view name to URL;



Resolvers for different view technologies:

- FreeMarkerViewResolver
- VelocityViewResolver
- VelocityLayoutViewResolver
- JasperReportsViewResolver
- XsltViewResolver



Configuration example:



- All default resolvers of ViewResolver cache view
- It is possible to turn off the cache by setting the cache property to false.
- On a single occasion you can enforce a certain view resolution by using removeFromCache (String viewName, Locale loc) method.



- All view resolvers implement Ordered interface. This allows to have several resolvers that work in a certain sequence.
- For this reason order property should be set. If not specified explicitly, such a resolver will work the last.
- This may be necessary in some cases to redefine certain views if a single resolver doesn't support all View implementations used.



- Example:
 - applicationContext.xml:

```
<bean id="jspViewResolver"</pre>
class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.
  InternalResourceViewResolver">
    property name="viewClass"
value="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.JstlView"/>
    cproperty name="prefix" value="/WEB-INF/jsp/"/>
    cproperty name="suffix" value=".jsp"/>
</bean>
<bean id="excelViewResolver"</pre>
  class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.
 XmlViewResolver">
    cproperty name="order" value="1"/>
    cproperty name="location" value="/WEB-INF/views.xml"/>
</bean>
```

Spring:: MVC :: I10n



- For JSP, use spring:message custom tag. As a substitute for entries, you specify entry keys stored in properties files;
- Define MessageSource in a context;
- Entries text should be carried to properties files named according to supported locales;
- Specify locale resolution, a **LocaleResolver** implementation, in the context (this is optional, because there is a default resolver);

Spring:: MVC :: I10n



```
<%@ taglib prefix="spring"
          uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags" %>
<html>
    <head>
        <title>
            <spring:message code="error.page"/>
        </title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1><spring:message code="exception.thrown"/></h1>
    </body>
</html>
```

Spring:: MVC:: I10n



applicationContext.xml:

messages_ru_RU.properties:

```
exception.thrown error.page
```

Spring:: MVC:: I10n:: LocaleResolver



- AcceptHeaderLocaleResolver (default resolver): inspects "accept-language" header in the HTTP request;
- CookieLocaleResolver: inspect a cookie to retrieve locale;
- SessionLocaleResolver: retrieves locales from the sessions;
- FixedLocaleResolver: retrieves locale specified when bean is configured;

Spring:: MVC:: I10n:: LocaleResolver



You can:

- Customize browser (if AcceptHeader resolver is used);
- Invoke method
 RequestContextUtils.getLocaleResolver(request).setLocale(request, response, locale). A cookie or session attribute will be created;
- Directly in controller code through Locale
- Specify for HandlerMapping interceptor like LocaleChangeInterceptor. Specify locale as request parameter (the easiest way of language switch support);

Spring:: MVC:: I10n:: LocaleResolver



```
<bean id="localeChangeInterceptor"</pre>
class="org.springframework.web.servlet.i18n.LocaleChangeInterceptor">
    cproperty name="paramName" value="siteLanguage"/>
</bean>
<bean id="localeResolver"</pre>
class="org.springframework.web.servlet.i18n.CookieLocaleResolver"/>
<bean id="urlMapping"</pre>
class="org.springframework.web.servlet.handler.SimpleUrlHandlerMapping">
    property name="interceptors">
        <1ist>
            <ref bean="localeChangeInterceptor"/>
        </list>
    </property>
    property name="mappings">
        <value>/**/*.view=someController</value>
    </property>
</bean>
```



A theme is a collection of static resources that affect the visual style of the application.

Generally, it is images and style sheets (CSS).



You can:

- Use spring: theme tag in pages instead of hard links to resources;
- Specify ThemeSource in the context;
- Carry links to different resource (images, style sheets) to properties files that are named in accordance with themes;
- Define theme resolution in the context: **ThemeResolver** implementation;



Example of JSP file:

```
<%@ taglib prefix="spring"</pre>
  uri=http://www.springframework.org/tags %>
< html>
    <head>
        <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"</pre>
               href="<spring:theme code="css"/>" />
    </head>
    <body background="<spring:theme code="bg"/>">
    </body>
</html>
```



Example:

```
applicationContext.xml:
```

```
<bean id="themeSource"

class="org.springframework.ui.context.support.Res
  ourceBundleThemeSource"/>
```

cool.properties:

```
css=/themes/cool/style.css
bg=/themes/cool/img/bg.jpg
```



- CookieThemeResolver: theme name is retrieved from cookie;
- SessionThemeResolver: theme name is retrieved from session;
- **FixedThemeResolver**: retrieves theme name specified during bean configuration;



One-time theme change:

- Invoke
 RequestContextUtils.getThemeResolver(request).setThemeName(themeName) method. A
 cookie or session attribute will be created;
- Directly in controller code;
- Specify for HandlerMapping an interceptor like
 ThemeChangeInterceptor. Specify theme name as request parameter;

Spring:: MVC:: Themes:: ThemeResolver



```
<bean id="themeChangeInterceptor"</pre>
class="org.springframework.web.servlet.theme.ThemeChangeInterceptor">
    property name="paramName" value="lookAndFeel"/>
</bean>
<bean id="themeResolver"</pre>
    class="org.springframework.web.servlet.theme.CookieThemeResolver"/>
<bean id="urlMapping"</pre>
class="org.springframework.web.servlet.handler.SimpleUrlHandlerMapping>
    property name="interceptors">
        < list>
            <ref bean="themeChangeInterceptor"/>
        </list>
    </property>
    cproperty name="mappings">
        <value>/**/*.view=someController</value>
    </property>
</bean>
```

Spring:: MVC :: Themes + I10n



Sometimes in the themes you want images to have text.

It is enough to create additional properties files that are named according to locales for each theme, for example:

```
cool.properties
cool_ru_RU.properties
cool_en_US.properties
dark.properties
dark_ru_RU.properties
dark_en_US.properties
```



- Multipart support handles file uploads from html forms
- Form attribute enctype shall be placed to multipart/formdata
- Files uploaded from

 By default, Spring does no multipart handling (some developers want to do it themselves)



org.springframework.web.multipart package:

- MultipartResolver interface
- CommonsMultipartResolver and CosMultipartResolver implementations
- Necessary libraries:
 - commons-io.jar and commons-fileupload.jar;
 - or cos.jar;



- In application context create bean: MultipartResolver implementation;
- Each request is inspected for multiparts; if multipart is found the request is wrapped in a MultipartHttpServletRequest

Example:

```
<bean id="multipartResolver"

class="org.springframework.web.multipart.
    commons.CommonsMultipartResolver">

    cproperty name="maxUploadSize" value="100000"/>
</bean>
```

Spring:: MVC:: Multipart:: MultipartResolver



- maxInMemorySize: set the maximum allowed size before uploads are written to disk (by default, 10KB);
- maxUploadSize: set the maximum total size (by default, it is not limited);
- uploadTempDir: set the temporary directory where uploaded files get stored. By default, container's temporary directory;
- defaultEncoding: set encoding to use for parsing headers of individual parts. Has less priority than one explicitly specified in request;



Form example:



Controller example:

```
@Controller
public class FileUpoadController {
    @RequestMapping(value = "/form", method = RequestMethod.POST)
    public String handleFormUpload(@RequestParam("name") String name,
        @RequestParam("file") MultipartFile file) {
        if (!file.isEmpty()) {
            byte[] bytes = file.getBytes();
            // store the bytes somewhere
           return "redirect:uploadSuccess";
       } else {
           return "redirect:uploadFailure";
```



There are 2 libraries:

- Spring
- Spring-form

Their main purpose is to facilitate binding of given API JSPs, form objects and form elements and vice versa;

Almost every tag has an attribute htmlEscape that allows to control HTTP/JS code shielding.

defaultHtmlEscape parameter from **web.xml** is taken into account as well.



Connection is done as follows

```
<%@ taglib prefix="form"
    uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags/spring-form"%>

<%@ taglib prefix="spring"
    uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags/spring"%>
```



Themes and locales:

theme tag: using ThemeResolver and ThemeSource substitutes itself for resource path whose name is specified in code attribute.

message tag: using LocaleResolver and MessageSource substitutes itself for localized message whose name is specified in code attribute.



bind tag:

- path attribute is the path to property of bean in dot notation that is to be bound;
- Attempts to perform binding, provides BindStatus object for further analysis;
- Properties error, errors, errorCodes, errorsMessage, expression, path;
- value, valueType ;



hasBindErrors tag:

- name attribute is the name of the bean whose fields were bound previously;
- If binding errors are available the tag content will be rendered.
 Inside the tag, errors are available through Errors object.



Example of bind, hasBindErrors tags:

```
<form method="post" action="testPage.html">
    <spring:bind path="commandBean.fieldOne">
        <input type="text" name="fieldOne" value="${status.value}"/>
        <c:if test="${status.error}"> ... </c:if>
    </spring:bind>
    <spring:bind path="commandBean.fieldTwo">
        <input type="text" name="fieldTwo" value="${status.value}" />
        <c:if test="${status.error}">
            <c:forEach items="${status.errorMessages}" var="msq">${msq}<br/>
            </c:forEach>
        </c:if>
    </spring:bind>
    <spring:hasBindErrors name="commandBean">
         There were ${errors.errorCount} error(s) in total:
         <c:forEach var="errMsqObj" items="${errors.allErrors}">
             <spring:message code="${errMsgObj.code}"</pre>
                             text="${errMsqObj.defaultMessage}"/><br/>
```



Transform tag:

value attribute: object you want to have transformed.

Transforms the object to string using **PropertyEditors**, so that the reverse transformation will be available when sending the form.

Can be only used inside bind tag.



Example of transform tag:

```
<form method="post">
  <spring:bind path="contract.contractType">
    <select name="<c:out value="${status.expression}"/>">
      <c:forEach items="${contractTypes}" var="type">
        <spring:transform value="${type}" var="typeString"/>
        <option value="<c:out value="${typeString}"/>"
          <c:if test="${status.value == typeString}"/> selected</c:if>>
          <c:out value="${typeString}"/>
        </option>
      </c:forEach>
    </select>
 </spring:bind>
</form>
```



form tag:

- Has attribute **commandName**: name of the form object. When describing paths of form elements, the first element (this is the name) is omitted..
- Generates html element <form>



errors tag:

Has attributes:

- commandName: property for which binding errors are rendered (* = all errors);
- cssClass: css class bound to block;
- Generates html element that renders binding errors through
 ;
- You can create several of them in different page areas for rendering binding errors of specific properties;



Example of errors tag:



Input field:

- input tag
- hidden tag
- textarea tag
- password tag
- Generate input of specific type;
- value attribute indicates property value of form object, which
 is specified in path attribute;
- name attribute indicates property path so that binding is available during sending;



Example of input field tags:



Radiobuttons:

- radiobutton tag
- checkbox tag
- Generates corresponding html element;
- Used more than once with constant **path** value, but with different **value**. Once bound, the one whose property value specified in **path** matches **value** field, is selected.



Example of the radiobutton tags:

```
<form:form action="someRequest.do" commandName="user">
    Intrests:
         <form:checkbox path="prefs.interests"</pre>
                value="pets"/>
    Games <form:checkbox path="prefs.interests"</pre>
                value="games"/>
    Gender:
    <form:radiobutton path="sex" value="M"/>
    <form:radiobutton path="sex" value="F"/>
<form:form>
```



Radiobutton groups:

- radiobuttons tag
- checkboxes tag

Attributes:

- path: path to property of form object;
- items: java.util.Map, model element;

Generate corresponding html elements

key from Map is used as value element. value from Map is used as a text. The one whose property value specified in path matches value field, is selected.



Example of the radiobutton groups tags:



The list:

- select tag
- options tag
- option tag

Binding logic is equal to radio button logic.





Examples of list tags:

```
<form:form action="someRequest.do" commandName="user">
       Gender:
       <form:select path="sex" />
            <form:options items="${availGenders}"/>
       </form:select>
<form:form>
<form:form action="someRequest.do" commandName="user">
       Gender:
       <form:select path="sex" />
            <form:option value="M">Male</form:option>
            <form:option value="F">Female</form:option>
       </form:select>
<form:form>
```

Exercises



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- 45 min for practice;
- 15 min for discussion;

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Any questions!?

