

Training: Spring Framework

Workbook

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Exercise Specifications

Virtual Machine Properties

IMAGE_SOURCE_LOCATION	spring31.ova
VM_NAME	jva-spring
GUEST_OS_TYPE	Linux/Ubuntu
GUEST_OS_RAM	>1Gb
GUEST_LOGIN	user
GUEST PASS	user

Exercise Properties for the Virtual Machine

ECLIPSE_HOME	~/bin/eclipse
LABS_WORKSPACE	~/Documents/labs
SOLUTIONS_WORKSPACE	~/Documents/solutions
TOMCAT_HOME	~/bin/tomcat
SPRING_HOME	~/bin/spring-framework-2.5.5
SPRING3_HOME	~/bin/spring-framework-3.1.1.RELEASE
SPRING3_HOME_SLINK	~/bin/spring
HSQL_HOME	~/bin/hsqldb/lib/hsqldb.jar

Exercise 1 Installing and adjusting runtime environment

Duration

30 min

Objectives

Install and adjust runtime environment.

Description

The runtime implementation is based on *virtual machine* concept. Virtual machine is an emulation of comprehensive PC (machine) within the framework of preinstalled OS. The most popular software products that implement above-mentioned virtual machines are Microsoft VirtualPC, VMWare (Server and Player) and Oracle Virtual Box. Oracle Virtual Box is used in the present runtime.

The virtual machine as well as a usual one shall be equipped with OS. The operating system of physical computer on which the virtual machine was installed is called *Host operating system*. The operating system running inside the virtual machine is called *Guest operating system*. Multiple guest systems can be run on a host system. Their number is only limited by the resource of the host system.

The virtual machine, as well as usual one, uses HDD for storing data and installed software. However, virtual machine's HDD serves as an *image* and the host system treats it as a single file. For Oracle VirtualBox this is the file with ova (vdi) extension.

The image can be set up by installing OS, necessary software and by copying data required. After that, HDD image is copied to the required host systems and virtual machines are configured to use this image.

In this course the runtime is implemented as HDD image for Oracle VirtualBox. To install the runtime, start Oracle VirtualBox and create new virtual machine. The virtual machine is a set of parameters. One can create multiple virtual machines. These settings include machine name, allocated memory and HDD image location.

After setting up new virtual machine, it can be started. Its window will be represented as the usual window of the host system. Switching to full-screen mode and vice versa can be done by pressing key combination RightCtrl+F.

Minimizing the virtual machine window will not turn it off. When the virtual machine is not in use, press RightCtrl+P, to save processor time.

To stop the virtual machine one of the following can be done:

- Send shutdown signal to guest operating system (the machine will shutdown properly);
- Tough shutdown (emulating power off);
- Shutdown with saving the machine state (at the next start the state will be the same as it was left).

Tasks

- 1. Copy virtual disk image to local machine, if required *.
- 2. If the file is archived, unpack it*.
- 3. Configure new virtual machine using the virtual disk.
- 4. Launch the virtual machine.
- 5. Freeze it.

Detailed guidelines

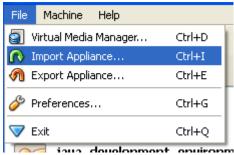
Part 1: Importing virtual machine

Necessary software:

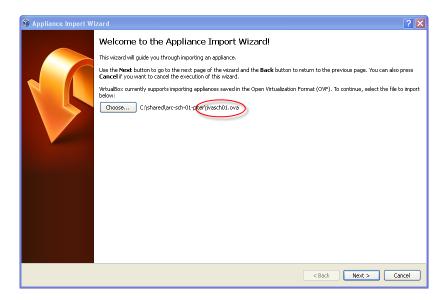
Oracle VirtualBox 4.1.* or higher (www.virtualbox.org)

Installation:

- 1. Launch VirtualBox
- 2. On menu {File}, choose {Import Appliance...};



3. By clicking [Choose...], select relevant image and click Next>];



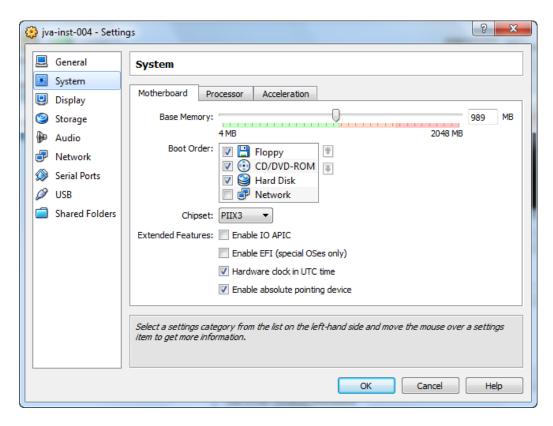
4. Specify virtual machine name that will be used by VirtualBox manager (by default, jva-spring) and click [Import] button;

Launch virtual machine and verify its operability.

^{*} Optional

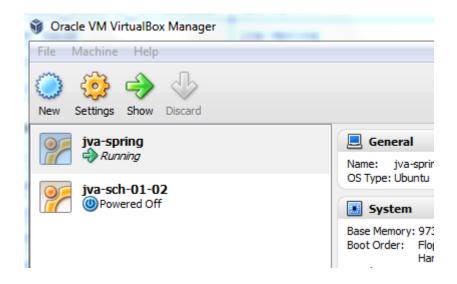
Part 2: Configuring virtual machine parameters

Enter System section (without launching virtual machine) and check that scroll box Base Memory is at the maximum of green area. It is desirable that you could allocate not less than 1GB for guest operating system. Click [OK].



Part 3: Launching virtual machine

1. Launch Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager. In the left part of the window select required virtual machine and click [Start]. Wait until your virtual machine is loaded.



Exercise 2 Adjusting auxiliary services

Duration

20 min

Objectives

Get acquainted with auxiliary development tools.

Description

Eclipse is used as a development environment. Practical exercises are in LABS_WORKSPACE. Solutions are in SOLUTIONS_WORKSPACE.

HSQL is used as DBMS. To demonstrate Spring-based data handling, an existing database is needed. All actions will be done on it.

We will use Apache Tomcat as a container.

Tasks

- 1. Get acquainted with Eclipse development environment.
- 2. Get acquainted with HSQL DBMS.

Detailed guidelines

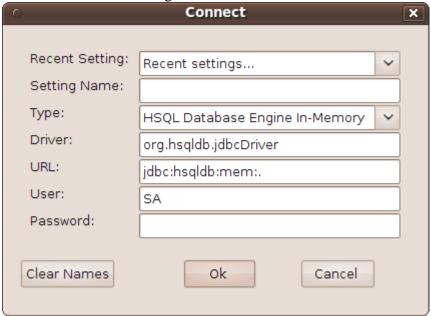
Part 1: Eclipse development environment

- 1. Launch ECLIPSE HOME/eclipse
- 2. Study template projects and solutions by switching the workspace (File -> Switch Workspace).
- 3. Check switching between Java EE and Java perspectives (Window -> Open Perspective).

Part 2: HSQL DBMS.

4. Launch text client java -cp ~/bin/hsqldb/lib/hsqldb.jar org.hsqldb.util.DatabaseManagerSwing

5. You will see the following window:



Please remember these parameters, because you will need them in future to configure DataSource. Pay attention to url:jdbc:hsqldb:mem as well. The url indicates that a temporary [.] database will be created in RAM. It will be deleted after ending the work; this is especially useful during the testing.

Exercise 3 HelloWorld Application

Project

lab-3-core

Duration

Practice: 20-25 min Discussion: 5 min

Objectives

Find out more about Spring IoC using the simplest application as an example. Understand basics of dependency injection and creation of application context.

Get acquainted with an application, core entities and relationship between them.

Description

Spring allows for declarative dependency injection between classes, and creation of common application context. Spring allows declaring usual java classes as beans (POJO).

Tasks

- 1. Understand basics of application context definition in xml file.
- 2. Understand dependency injection and population of bean fields' values.
- 3. Analyze how application context is created from xml file.
- 4. Analyze the existing entities and their relationship.

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: Basics of context definition in xml file.

- 1. Open the project lab-3-core;
- 2. Open the file {lab-3-core}/resources/applicationcontext.xml.
- 3. Analyze xml file structure.

Part 2: Dependency Injection. Populating the field values

- 4. Pay attention to definition of person and country beans.
- 5. How fields of the person bean are populated? Compare bean definition and the Person class.
- 6. How the person and country beans are related?
- 7. Open the HelloWorldTest test. Compare retrieving reference object (getExpectedPerson () method) and its definition in xml file.

Part 3: Retrieving the context from xml file.

- 8. Open the HelloWorldTest class, the setUp() method.
- 9. How the context is retrieved from xml file? Where should this file be located?
- 10. Open the HelloWorldTest test and launch it using jUnit 4 testing framework*.

Part 4: Analyzing the entities.

- 11. Open package model. Which classes and interfaces are defined there? How are they related?
- 12. Study other packages and applications. What are the purposes of various entities?

Part 5: Analyzing libraries connected to the project.

- 13. Enter the lib directory. Which libraries are located there?
- 14. What products are they related to?
- 15. Why not all libraries from SPRING3_HOME/dist were included in this project?

Exercise 4 Developing primitive application

Project

lab-4-core

Duration

30 min

Objectives

- Learn to develop primitive applications using Spring.
- Learn how to use basics of dependency injection and bean wiring using Spring IoC container.
- Learn to define and create application context.
- Learn to use autowiring.

Description

Spring allows for declarative dependency injection between classes, and creation of common application context. Spring allows declaring usual java classes as beans (POJO). It is possible to automatically wire beans by type or name.

Tasks

- 1. Define and create application context for existing model classes UsualPerson, Country and Contact.
- 2. Specify all fields' values for all classes, so that the SimpleAppTest test would be executed properly.
- 3. Define all necessary dependencies by any means in accordance with the SimpleAppTest test.
- 4. Create application context.
- 5. Implement the situation: a man lives in a particular country. He has several contacts. Specify all initial values for all parameters and render all information about this person. Use the SimpleAppTest test for checking.

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: Creating application context

- 1. Open the project lab-4-core;
- 2. Open the file {lab-4-core}/resources/application-context.xml. It already contains initial definition of the country and person beans.
- 3. Open the SimpleAppTest test, the getExpectedPerson() method. Which definitions are missing in existing xml file to comply with reference class?

Part 2: Specifying fields' values

- 4. Specify the height and isProgrammer fields for the UsualPerson class.

6. Specify the Contacts contact list. For that in the property tag, along with name=contacts, the list tag is created. Inside this tag you create value tags and define one contact for each tag.

Part 3: Dependency Injection

- 7. Along with simple property it is necessary to specify references to other classes. What are the ways of doing so?
- 9. Another way to wire them is autowire (autowire, do not forget to add <context:annotation-config/>) either by type or by name. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the approach?

Part 4: Creating application context

- 10. Open the @Before setUp() method.
- 11. There is a variable like AbstractApplicationContext. The ClassPathXmlApplicationContext value is specified for it. Its parameter is a disk path to file with context definition.
- 12. What is the difference between this declaration and one from previous example?

Part 4: Implementing test situation

- 13. Open the SimpleAppTest test, the testInitPerson() method.
- 14. Retrieve a bean responsible for the UsualPerson class from the context context.getBean(bean name). Not that this method will return object of Object type. It shall be rendered to the UsualPerson type.

- 15. Pay attention to alternative features of bean retrieval from the context. For that, enter the documentation for AbstractApplicationContext class: {SPRING3-HOME}/docs/javadoc-api/index.html and study its API.
- 16. Invoke the toString() method for object from just-retrieved bean.
- 17. Execute test. If everything is correct, the test will be executed without errors and information about the man will be rendered on console.

Part 5: Using Spring TestContext Framework

- 18. Open the SpringTCFAppTest class;
- 19. Compare it with previous test (SimpleAppTest). What is the cardinal difference between these classes?
- 20. What library the @RunWith annotation belongs to?
- 21. Examine documentation for the @ContextConfiguration annotation (see 10.3.5.2 Context management, Spring Reference v.3.1.1). What other variants and application context definitions does it support?

Exercise 5 Using Spring AOP. @AspectJ style

Project

lab-5-aop

Duration

40 min

Objectives

Learn how to use Spring AOP with @AspectJ style approach through the example of Before, After, and Around advices.

Description

There are two basic approaches in using AOP in Spring: @AspectJ style and Schema-based. The @AspectJ approach can be used beginning with JDK 5. When using this approach, all definitions are made through annotations, i.e. are embedded into the code. In such cases one cannot use classes from external libraries as advices or pointcuts.

Tasks

- 1. Through the example of Before advice and After returning advice (Politeness class), create other After advices types for the sellSquishee(...) method from the ApuBar class using the @AspectJ approach. Verify whether it runs correctly or not using the AopAspectJTest test.
- 2. Create Around advice for the sellSquishee(...) method using the @AspectJ approach. Verify whether it runs correctly or not using the AopAspectJTest test.

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: Creating after advices.

- 1. Open the project lab-5-aop;
- 2. Open the file with the application-context.xml configuration. Add the <aop:aspectj-autoproxy/> string. It indicates that all object definitions will be located in declarations.
- 3. Open the Politeness class. What is the meaning of parameters in sayHello and askOpinion methods' annotations? How the name of the drink sold is retrieved in the askOpinion method?
- 4. Create advice based on the sayGoodBye method that will be executed after an attempt to sell the drink anyway. (After). For that, add the @After("execution(* sellSquishee(..))") string before method declaration.

5. Launch the AopAspectJTest test for various Customer configurations (whether he has money or not: parameter broke). Specify the conditions for executing each of the testAfterReturningAdvice tests correctly.

Part 2: Creating around advices.

- 6. Create Around advice for the sellSquishee method, so that it included the invocation of the target method. Take the sayPoliteWordsAndSell method as a reference. For that, add the @Around("execution(* sellSquishee(..))") string before method declaration.
- 7. Launch the testAroundAdvice test for check.
- 8. Can you avoid invoking the target method in around advice?

Part 3: Creating after throwing advices.

- 9. Create advice on the basis of the sayYouAreNotAllowed method that will be executed if the customer is broke that is when the exception CustomerBrokenException (After throwing) will be thrown. For that, add the @AfterThrowing("execution(* sellSquishee(..))") string before method declaration;
- 10. Open the application-context.xml and modify it so that the customer would be "broke";
- 11. Open the AopAspectJExceptionTest class and execute the unit test;

Exercise 6 Using JDBC in Spring when handling data

Project

lab-6-jdbc

Duration

1 hour

Objectives

Learn how to use JDBC with Spring. Learn to perform basic JDBC operations (SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE) via Spring.

Description

Spring offers auxiliary API to work with JDBC.

To work with JDBC via Spring, it is necessary to configure DataSource. This is done through application-context.xml.

The HSQLDB is used as a database.

Objectives

- 1. Retrieve and print complete country list using CountryDao. All fields of the Country class are filled correctly? To check, use the JdbcTest test, the testCountryList method.
- 2. Correct the CountryRowMapper so that all the Country fields would be filled.
- 3. Retrieve and print complete list of countries whose names begin with A letter. To check, use the JdbcTest test, the testCountryListStartsWithA method.
- 4. Change the name of any country in the database. To check, use the JdbcTest test, the testCountryChange method (the reference country shall be changed in this test).

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: Retrieving the complete country list

- 1. Open the project lab-6-jdbc;
- 2. Open the directory {lab-6-jdbc}/lib. Which libraries have been added to this project? Why?
- 3. Open the file with the application-countext.xml configuration. Analyze configuration of every bean.
- 4. Open the CountryDao class. Implement the getCountryList() method so that it would return the complete country list. Use the existing methods as an example.

- 5. For that, retrieve JdbcTemplate and invoke the query(String s, RowMapper rowMapper) method.
- 6. As a sql query the GET ALL COUNTRIES SQL can be used.
- 7. As a RowMapper: COUNTRY ROW MAPPER.
- 8. Open the JdbcTest test, execute the testCountryList method.
- 9. Did the test run correctly? Why?

Part 2: Correcting RowMapper

- 10. Open the CountryRowMapper class. What has to be done in order to have all the Country fields filled?
- 11. Specify codeName for Country in the mapRow method, similarly to id and name.
- 12. Again, execute the JdbcTest test, the testCountryList method.

Part 2: Retrieving list of countries whose name begin with A letter.

- 13. Open the CountryDao class, the getCountryListStartWith() method. What is NamedParameterJdbcTemplate? How does it differ from JdbcTemplate?
- 14. Open the JdbcTest test, the testCountryListStartsWithA method. *Test runs correctly?*
- 15. Now, try to annotate the @DirtiesContext annotation for some tests (mixing it up). How tests run now? Why?

Part 3: Changing the country name

- 16. Open the CountryDao class.
- 17. Implement the method for changing country names with known codename: updateCountryName. You can use UPDATE_COUNTRY_NAME_SQL_1, UPDATE COUNTRY NAME SQL 2 as a SQL query.

You are going to have the following:

```
getJdbcTemplate().execute(
UPDATE_COUNTRY_NAME_SQL_1 + newCountryName + "'" +
UPDATE COUNTRY NAME SQL 2 + codeName + "'");
```

- 18. To execute the JdbcTest test, the testCountryChange method, create a country with new name and known codeName.
- 19. How can you avoid invoking countryDao.loadCountries(); in the @Before method by changing the application-context.xml and JdbcTest? What are the advantages of this approach? (Additional information needed for answering the question: p. 13.8 Embedded database support, Spring Reference);

Exercise 7 Using ORM in Spring when handling data

Project

lab-7-orm

Duration

45 min

Objectives

Learn how to use ORM via Spring through the example of JPA (Hibernate v.4).

Description

Spring supports various ORM using one approach. Using ORM via Spring facilitates testing, exceptions handling, and resource management. Spring supports following ORM: JPA, Hibernate, JDO, iBATIS SQL Maps, and others.

We will use Entity classes annotated through javax.persistence (JPA v.2.0: JSR-317; JPA v.2.1: JSR-338) in the example.

Tasks

- Create and configure LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean on the basis of existing DataSource. Specify lab.model.Country as @Entity.
- 2. Create mapping for the Country class.
- 3. Implement the country save method save(Country country) in the CountryJpaDaoImpl class. Save the country in the database. Check with the CountryDaoImplTest test, testSaveCountry().
- 4. Implement the method of retrieving all countries, the getAllCountries() method, in the CountryJpaDaoImpl class. Retrieve the list of all countries. Check using the CountryDaoImplTest test, testGetAllCountries().
- 5. Implement the method of retrieving country by its name in the CountryJpaDaoImpl class. Retrieve a country by its name. Check using the CountryDaoImplTest test, testGetCountryByName (String name).

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: Creating and configuring LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean.

- 1. Open the file with the application-context.xml configuration.
- 2. Create the lcemf bean. Indicate LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean.as the bean class.

3. Specify for the bean dataSource, persistenceUnitName, persistenceProviderClass.

You are going to have following configuration:

Specify in which packages Spring Framework shall lookup for components (@Entity, @Repository, etc.). For that, add the following string in the application-context.xml:

```
<context:component-scan base-package="lab.model, lab.dao" />
```

Part 2: Creating mapping of the Country class.

- 4. Open the Country class. Add the @Entity and the @Table(name = "COUNTRY") annotations before class declaration.
- 5. Add the

```
@Id
@Column(nullable = false)
annotations before defining the getId() method.
```

- 6. Add the @Column annotation before defining the getName () method.
- 7. Add the @Column(name="code_name") annotation before defining the getCodeName() method.
- 8. At the end you are going to have the code with following strings:

```
@Entity
@Table(name = "COUNTRY")
public class Country implements Serializable {
    private int id;
    private String name;
    private String codeName;

    public Country() { }

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)
    public int getId() {
        return id;
    }
}
```

```
public void setId(int id) {this.id = id;}

@Column(name = "NAME")
public String getName() {
    return name;
}
...

@Column(name = "CODE_NAME")
public String getCodeName() {
    return codeName;
}
...
```

Part 3: Saving a country

- 9. Open the CountryJpaDaoImpl class. Why this class inherits AbstractJpaDao and implements the CountryDao interface?
- 10. Where from and in what way the EntityManagerFactory (emf variable) is obtained?
- 11. In the save method retrieve EntityManager, the emf.createEntityManager() method.
- 12. In entityManager invoke the persist() method within programmatic transactions, and define the saved object as a parameter.
- 13. Verify whether the implementation is correct or not using the CountryDaoImplTest, testSaveCountry() test.

Part 4: Retrieving the list of all countries

- 14. Open the getAllCountries () method in the CountryJpaDaoImpl class.
- 15. Retrieve EntityManager, invoke the createQuery method. Define query row and Country.class as a parameter. Verify whether the implementation is correct or not using the CountryDaoImplTest, testGetAllCountries () test.

16. You are going to have a code like that:

```
List<Country> countryList = null;
EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();
if (em != null) {
    countryList =
        em.createQuery("from Country", Country.class)
        .getResultList();
    em.close();
}
return countryList;
```

Part 5: Retrieving a country by its name

- 17. Open the getCountryByName(String name) method in the CountryJpaDaoImpl class.
- 18. Create a query for lookup and pass it to the retrieved EntityManager as follows:

```
Country country = em
    .createQuery("SELECT c FROM Country c WHERE c.name LIKE :name",
    Country.class).setParameter("name", name)
    .getSingleResult();
```

- 19. Verify whether the implementation is correct or not using the CountryDaoImpTest, testGetCountryByName() test.
- 20. As a result, you will have a code like that:

Additional questions:

- 21. What other strategies for retrieving primary key can be used for entities? (@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO))
- 22. Switch root logger to the DEBUG mode (for that, edit the file log4j.properties)
- 23. Try out various strategies for retrieving primary key. What is the difference between them?

Exercise 8 Transaction management in Spring

Project

lab-8-tx

Duration

30 min

Objectives

Learn how to use declarative and programmatic transaction management in Spring.

Description

Spring allows for declarative and programmatic transaction management. It is also possible in Spring to integrate with abstractions for accessing data via ORM or JDBC. Here, transaction management is exemplified through JDBC.

Objectives

- 1. Create TransactionManager based on DataSource. Using annotations define declarative transactions support.
- 2. Define the countryService bean. Make all CountryServiceImpl class' methods transactional. Specify different values of propagation for methods according to methods names (for example, for the getAllCountriesRequired() method the Propagation.REQUIRED value should be specified).
- 3. Test different propagation variants for the CountryService methods using the DeclarativeTransactionTestTest test. Compare behavior of methods that have been invoked within and out of the transaction at different propagation methods.

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: Creating TransactionManager

- 1. Open the file with the application-context.xml configuration.
- 2. Add following configuration:

```
<context:annotation-config/>
<context:component-scan base-package="lab.service" />
```

What is the purpose of each string?

3. Create the transactionManager bean for the org.springframework.jdbc.datasource class.

DataSourceTransactionManager. Specify the reference to DataSource.

4. Add the <tx:annotation-driven /> string that activates annotation-based declarative transaction management.

Part 2: Configuring CountryServiceImpl

- 5. Create the countryService bean for the CountryServiceImpl class. Specify a reference to dao.
- 6. Open the CountryServiceImpl class. Add the @Transactional string before class definition. All the class methods will become transactional with default settings.
- 7. To change settings of specific methods, it is necessary to add the @Transactional(readOnly = false, propagation = Propagation.REQUIRED) definition before method declaration. Specify relevant definitions for all methods like getAllCountriesRequired(), changing only propagation value according to method name.

Part 3: Testing declarative transaction definition

- 8. How should method behave with propagation REQUIRED that was invoked within and out of the transaction? With propagation MANDATORY?
- 9. Verify whether the implementation is correct or not using the DeclarativeTransactionTest test.

Exercise 9 Developing primitive application with Spring 3 MVC

Project

lab-9-mvc

Duration

1 hour

Code base

lab-9-mvc

Objectives

Develop the simplest working application using Spring 3 MVC.

Description

Any application that runs on Spring MVC should have several mandatory elements. In application descriptor, it is necessary to register at least one DispatcherServlet and define the requests it handles. It is also essential to register a listener like ContextLoaderListener for initialization of Spring context.

To see how the application works one has to create the controllers and views. Specify handled requests for each controller. For views, specify mapping between row names and views.

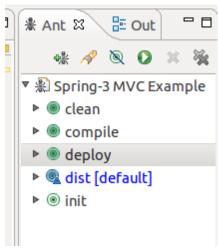
Objectives

- 1. Study the application, single out all components and examine them.
- 2. Rework the application so that it could execute similar operations for the Country entity (see previous exercises).

Detailed guidelines

Part 1

- 1. Make sure that the \$CATALINA_HOME system variable is defined and indicates the directory with pre-installed servlet container TomCat. For that, enter following command in the line of command: echo \$CATALINA_HOME. Displaying command shall indicate ~/bin/tomcat.
- 2. Open the application assembly control panel in Eclipse: Window → Show view -> Ant



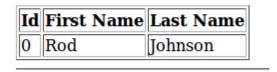
- 3. Select the deploy target and execute it;
- 4. If application assembly is successful, start the TomCat servlet container;
- 5. Open the browser and indicate in address bar following url: http://localhost:8080/lab-9-mvc/adduser.form
- 6. If you do everything correctly, you will see the following form

Add User Form:

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Save Changes	

- 7. Fill the form and click [Save Changes]
- 8. If you do everything correctly, you will see the following screen:

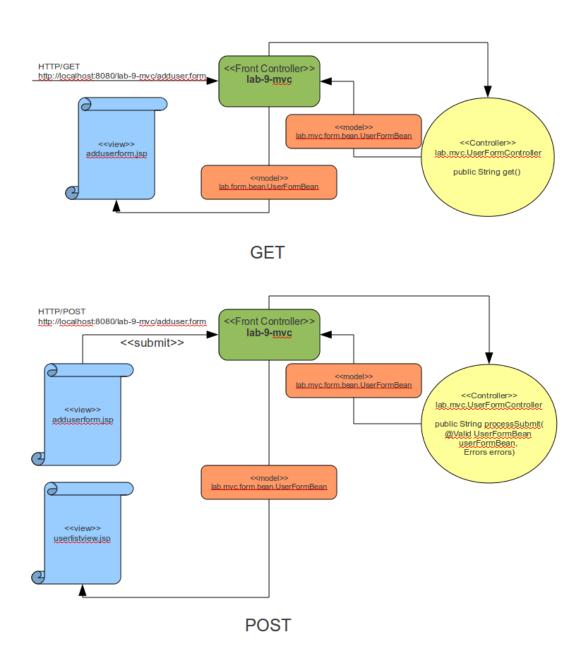
Users List:



Add User Form

9. Repeat steps 6 and 7 leaving the fields blank and with less than 2 symbols. What is the result?

10. Thoroughly study all the project artifacts and MVC components dependency diagram:



Answer following questions:

- 1. Which artifact describes all beans of the given application?
- 2. To which controller the control is transferred, when handling the address http://localhost:8080/lab-9-mvc/adduser.form? Why?
- 3. How the address http://localhost:8080/lab-9-mvc/ is handled at the moment? How can you change this behavior?

- 4. When a browser request is done through the GET method, the execution is passed to adduserform.jsp, but if using the POST method, the control can return both to adduserform.jsp and userlistview.jsp. Why?
- 5. How do you verify whether the form was filled correctly or not?

Part 2

Develop the following artifacts:

- 1. lab.dao.CountryDao
- 2. lab.dao.HsqlCountryDao
- 3. lab.domain.Country
- 4. lab.mvc.form.bean.CountryFormBean
- 5. lab.mvc.CountryFormController
- 6. web/WEB-INF/views/addcountryform.jsp
- 7. web/WEB-INF/views/countrylistview.jsp

Detailed guidelines

- 1. Using the code base from the previous part of the exercise and developing above-listed artifacts, assemble the application.
- 2. Start the TomCat servlet container and enter http://localhost:8080/lab-9-mvc/addcountry.form in a browser address bar
- 3. Make sure that application saves added information about country in the database.

Exercise 10 Using task scheduling

Project

lab-10-quartz

Duration

30 min

Objectives

Learn how to launch tasks by timer using Quartz scheduler in Spring.

Description

Spring offers auxiliary API for work with timers and allows configuring them through configuration files.

Quartz scheduler is third-party software (http://www.quartz-scheduler.org/). It can run tasks in specified time intervals. Moreover, it makes it possible to run a task at some point in future (e.g., specific date or day of week).

Spring makes it possible for these schedulers to be configured via configuration files. It disposes of difficulty to start and stop the timer as well.

Objectives

- 1. Change configuration of the schedulerFactoryBean bean from application-context.xml and add necessary parameters for reportTrigger, so that the PrintingJob task would be executed every second, beginning with the fifth second after the start. To check, use the QuartzJobTest test, the testRepeatableJob method.
- 2. Change configuration of the schedulerFactoryBean bean from application-context.xml and add necessary parameters for reportTrigger, so that the PrintingJob task would be executed every three seconds only during the current hour, current day of week, current month. To check, use the QuartzJobTest test, the testCronJob method.

Detailed guidelines

Part 1: New features of Spring 3.1 that facilitate the testing

- 1. Open the file with the application-context.xml configuration.
- 2. Note that in this exercise some updates appear in the application—context.xml file: some beans are declared in blocks: <beans profile="interval">, and unit test classes are additionally annotated @ActiveProfiles("interval"). Therefore, when executing specific unit tests, only beans declared within the specific profile are loaded.

- 3. Analyze the context! How do you think, why we waited so long before we represented this feature?
- 4. Thoroughly study annotations to bean declarations: Spring 3.1 supports Quartz 2.* whose API underwent significant modifications.

Part 2: Configuring PrintingJob with SimpleTriggerFactoryBean.

- 5. Open the PrintingJob class. Analyze it. Which class it inherits from? Which methods were redefined?
- 6. Find bean declaration block for the interval profile.
- 7. Add following property for the schedulerFactoryBean bean

8. Configure the reportTrigger bean by adding necessary properties:

- 9. What is the meaning of each property?
- 10. Execute the QuartzJobTest test, the testRepeatableJob method.

Part 3: Configuring PrintingJob with CronReportTrigger via Quartz Scheduler.

11. Find bean declaration block for the cron profile.

Configure the reportTrigger bean by adding necessary properties:

- 12. Substitute m for the month number, dw for the day of week number (where 1 is Sunday, 2 is Monday and so on).
- 13. What is the meaning of each property?
- 14. What is the meaning of each cronExpression parameter?
- 15. Execute the QuartzCronJobTest test.

Part 4: Using annotations in task scheduling

- 1. Open the application-context-ad.xml and examine the configuration and new features offered by Spring for annotation-based task scheduling.
- 2. Open the ScheduledTask class, examine the code. How Spring knows that the doSomething () method shall be executed by scheduler?
- 3. Execute the ScheduledTest test, the testRepeatableJob() method.