**Spring Boot and the Spring framework**

**If Spring is the cake, Spring Boot is the icing.**

Spring framework helps you build applications. It takes care of dependency injection, handles transactions, implements an MVC framework and provides foundation for the other Spring frameworks (including Spring Boot)

Spring Boot helps you get things done faster:

* simplifies your Spring dependencies, no more version collisions
* can be run straight from a command line without an application container
* build more with less code - no need for XML, not even web.xml, auto-configuration
* useful tools for [running in production](http://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/#production-ready-endpoints), [database initialization](http://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/#howto-database-initialization),  [environment](http://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/" \l "boot-features-profiles" \t "_blank)specific [config files](http://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/" \l "boot-features-external-config" \t "_blank), [collecting metrics](http://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/#production-ready-metrics)