**EXPLORE JAVA ANNOTATIONS VS XML CONFIGURATION**

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| **HEADING** | **ANNOTATIONS** | **XML CONFIGURATION** |
| **Ease of use** | Very Easy (defined close to source - class, method and/or variable) | Cumbersome |
| **Short and concise** | Yes | No |
| **Clean POJOs** | No. POJOs are polluted with Spring Annotations | Yes. No change in Java code. |
| **Easy to Maintain** | Yes | No |
| **Usage Frequency** | Almost all recent projects | Rarely |
| **Recommendation** | Either of them is fine BUT be consistent | Do not mix both |
| **Debugging difficulty** | Hard | Medium |