

The Spring Framework: Foundations

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Topics in This Section

- Motivation
- Spring Hello World
- POJO development
- Runtime environment
- Dependency injection
- Inversion of control

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Motivation

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Software Development Challenges

- Solutions are complex
- Requirements are constantly in flux
- Software architecture must be flexible
- Software components must be verifiable

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EJB 2.0 Approach

- Complex products
- Unmaintainable systems
- Non-portable, framework-committed business components
- Unpredictable systems

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Spring Approach

- Products based on simplicity
- Maintainable systems
- Framework-independent software
- Portable components
- Testable components
- Reliable and predictable systems

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Pure Java

- Founded on POJO-based development
 - Ordinary Java classes that follow no special APIs
- Non-invasive for pre-existing POJOs
- Rewards framework-independent business logic
- Encourages new software to be written as POJOs
- Results in highly portable, reusable, and verifiable software

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More With Less Custom Code

- Expand capabilities with less code
- Extensive and tested service abstractions
 - Email
 - JMS
 - JMX
 - JSF
 - JDBC
 - etc…
- Replaces generic corporate libraries
- Mitigates custom integration activities
- Consistency eases integration because spring platform is easy to use

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Modular

- · Helps only where needed
 - Modularity allows only relevant components to be introduced into the application
 - For instance choose one:
 - Spring BeanFactory
 - Spring JMX
 - Spring JDBC
 - Framework can be interfaced in deep or shallow layers.
 - Interfaces are consistent at each layer
- Turn-key solution
 - Spring components can be integrated quickly, with minimal effort and predictable results
 - Interfaces are clear and consistent

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Widely Available

- Spring is integrated into numerous frameworks
- Broad adoption possible because the container is portable and lightweight
 - The container itself is designed as a POJO
- Integration without third-party support
- Performance overhead is rarely a consideration

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Spring Jobs

- From indeed.com
 - Claims to compile data from most major job sites



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Spring Setup

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Spring Download

- http://www.springframework.org/download
 - Current version: 2.5.5 (6/2008)
 - Requires JDK 1.4+
 - spring-framework-2.5.5-with-dependencies.zip
 - · Spring Framework binaries and source
 - Third-party binaries
 - Documentation
 - API
 - HTML reference
 - Project samples
 - HOW-TO guides

Spring Blank Project

spring-blank.zip

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Path	Description
src	Empty applicationContext.xml. For new Java source files.
lib	Minimum Spring JARs for API and runtime access to the Spring IoC container
build.xml	Optional Apache ANT build configuration
pom.xml	Optional Maven 2 build configuration

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Spring Blank Project and Eclipse

- Download spring-blank.zip
 - http://courses.coreservlets.com/Course-Materials/spring.html
- Import archive as an existing project into the current workspace
 - From the Eclipse menu bar select File and Import
 - From the Import (Select) dialog, select Existing
 Projects into Workspace and Next
 - From the Import (Import Projects) dialog, select the radio button Select archive file and Browse
 - Locate and select spring-blank.zip and select Open
 - Verify the project entry, spring-blank, to be present in the project list
 - Select Finish

Spring Blank Project and Apache Ant

- Download and unpack spring-blank.zip
- Install Apache Ant, version 1.6.5+
- Execute various Ant build commands

Command	Description
clean	Removes the build directory target and all nested build artifacts
compile	Compiles production Java source contents under src/main/java and places class binaries into target/classes
test	Executes the compile command and compiles and executes tests found under src/test/java
package	Packages production Java source and resource contents into a jar file. The jar package is placed in the build directory, target

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Spring Blank Project and Maven 2

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See pom.xml configuration for additional dependency options

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Spring Documentation

Top-level documentation page

http://www.springframework.org/documentation

Wiki

– http://opensource.atlassian.com/confluence/spring

Forum

– http://forum.springframework.org

Books

- Spring Recipes. APress 2008
- Spring in Action. Manning 2007
- Agile Java Development with Spring, Hibernate and Eclipse. Sams 2006

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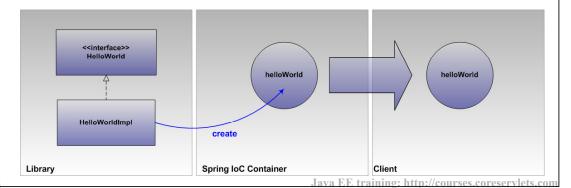


Spring Hello World

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Spring Hello World

- Code a plain Java class model
 - Use the interface pattern by coding a HelloWorld interface and a HelloWorldImpl implementation
- Configure the Spring IoC container
- Instantiate the Spring IoC container
- Acquire the object from the Spring IoC container
 - The client must only have knowledge of the interface, **HelloWorld**



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Plain Java Class Model

```
public interface HelloWorld {
   public void execute();
}

public class HelloWorldImpl
   implements HelloWorld {

   public void execute() {
      System.out.println("Hello World!");
   }
}

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```

Spring IoC Configuration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
 xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-2.5.xsd">
  <bean id="helloWorld"</pre>
         class="coreservlets.HelloWorldImpl" />
</beans>
```

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Executing Spring Hello World

```
import org.springframework.beans.factory.*;
import org.springframework.context.support.*;
public class Main{
 BeanFactory beanFactory =
     new ClassPathXmlApplicationContext(
                                         HelloWorld Interface
       "applicationContext.xml");
                                        Spring-managed bean name
   HelloWorld =
     (HelloWorld) beanFactory.getBean("helloWorld");
   helloWorld.execute();
  }
}
                                             Standard output
  Hello World!
```



Background: POJO Development

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Introduction

- Plain Old Java Object
- What is it?
 - Business logic
 - Framework independent
- What it's not
 - Limited to the value object pattern
 - Framework implementation software
- Features
 - Portable
 - Testable
 - Flexible

POJO Development Process

- Describe the system agents and interactions
 - POJO behavioral classes, domain model, and dependencies
- Determine component responsibilities
 - Methods
- Identify information items discovered during program execution
 - Method parameters
- Identify information available during initialization
 - Initialization parameters for constructor, setter, or factory

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POJO Development Process Example

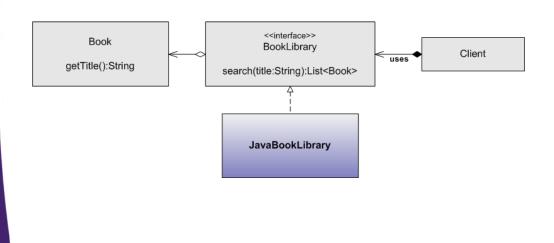


- Agents
 - BookLibrary and Client
- Interactions
 - Client uses BookLibrary
 - BookLibrary aggregates Book
- Responsibilities
 - BookLibrary must search for books by title
 - Clients must supply search parameters; i.e. title values

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POJO Development Process

Develop implementation

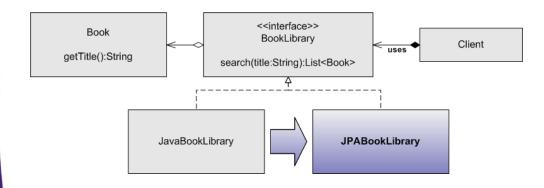


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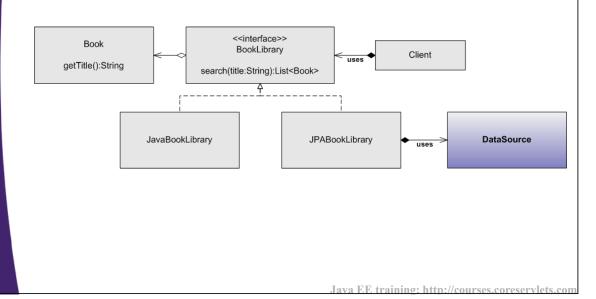
Plan for change



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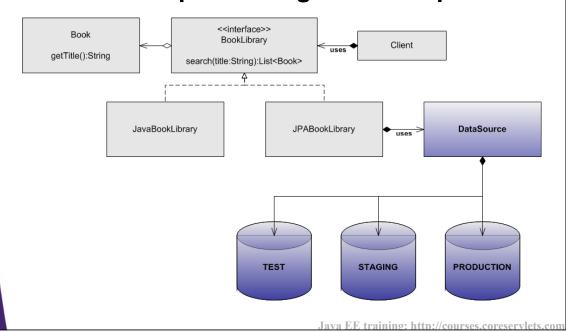
POJO Development Process

Plan for new and additional dependencies

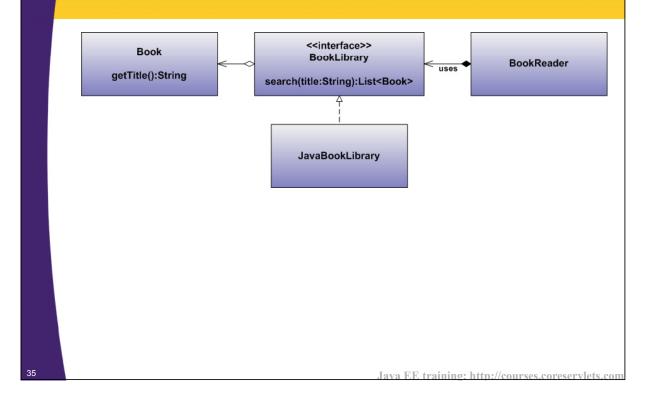


POJO Development Process

Plan for complex configuration requirements



POJO Implementation Example



Book Implementation

```
public class Book {
    private String title;
    public Book(String title) {
        this.title = title;
    }
    public String getTitle() {
        return title;
    }
    public String toString() {
        return title;
    }
    public String toString() {
        return title;
    }
}
```

BookLibrary Implementation

```
import java.util.List;

public interface BookLibrary {
   public List<Book> search(String title);
}

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```

BookLibrary Implementation

```
BookReader
public class JavaBookLibrary
                                              getTitle():String
                                                            search(title:String):List<Book>
    implements BookLibrary {
  private List<Book> books;
                                                               JavaBookLibrary
  public JavaBookLibrary() {
    this.books = Arrays.<Book>asList(
      new Book("Core Servlets and JavaServer Pages"),
      new Book("More Servlets and JavaServer Pages"));
  }
  public List<Book> search(String title) {
    List<Book>results = new ArrayList<Book>();
    for(Book book : books) {
       if(book.getTitle().contains(title)){
         results.add(book);
    return results;
  }
                                                   Java EE training: http://courses.coreservlets.com
```

Client Implementation

```
public class BookReader {
    private BookLibrary bookLibrary;
    public BookReader() {
        this.bookLibrary = new JavaBookLibrary();
    }
    public List read() {
        List<Book> books = bookLibrary.search("Java");
        for(Book book : books) {
            System.out.printf("Reading: %s%n", book);
        }
        return books;
    }
}
```

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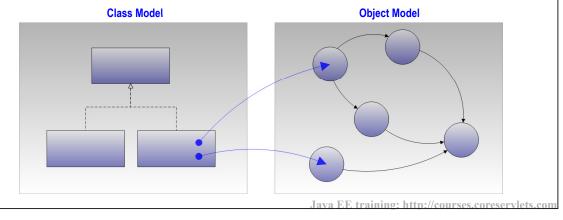
Runtime Environment

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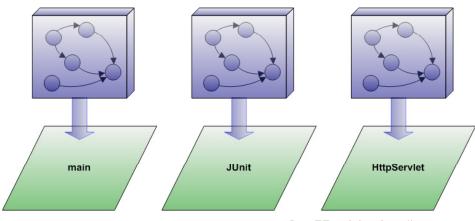
Runtime Model

- Transition from a class system to an object system
- An object model provides a unique and specific instantiation of the class specification



Runtime Context

- Multiple deployment contexts
- Complex object models should be portable
- Object models should be configurable to support changes between environments

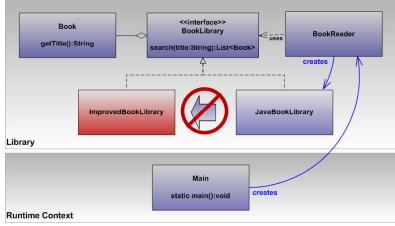


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Runtime Example

Model Analysis

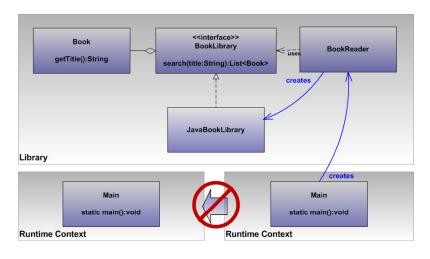
- Hard-coded implementation choices
 - Object model cannot be reconfigured
 - Future implementation types cannot be used without modifying and rebuilding BookReader



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Model Analysis

- Hard-coded model configuration
 - Object model is **not** portable



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Manual (Non-Spring) Dependency Injection

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Dependency Injection

- Delivers object dependencies at runtime
- Encourages the separation of responsibilities
- When used with the interface pattern
 - · Isolates implementations from clients
 - Minimizes the impact on clients when implementations evolve

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Dependency Injection Process

- Design depending types to receive implementations
 - Allow dependencies to be supplied using property setters or constructors
 - Other dependency injection methods are also available, such as field injection, but requires third-party or Java reflection support
- Avoid constructing objects from the client to fulfill dependencies
 - For example, do not use the **new** operator to manage services

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Dependency Injection Candidate

```
getTitle():String
public class BookReader {
                                                 search(title:String):List<Book>
  private BookLibrary bookLibrary;
                                                    JavaBookLibrary
  public BookReader() {
     this.bookLibrary = new JavaBookLibrary();
                                             Creates dependency
  public List read() {
     List<Book> books = bookLibrary.search("Java");
     for(Book book : books) {
       System.out.printf("Reading: %s%n", book);
     }
     return books;
  }
                                          Java EE training: http://courses.coreservlets.com
```

Dependency Injection Example

```
getTitle():String
public class BookReader {
                                                    search(title:String):List<Book
  private BookLibrary bookLibrary;
                                                      JavaBookLibrary
  public BookReader(BookLibrary bookLibrary) {
     this.bookLibrary = bookLibrary;
  }
                                                      Dependency injection interface
                                                Interface type
  public List read() {
                                           NOT the implementation type
     List<Book> books = bookLibrary.search("Java");
     for(Book book : books) {
        System.out.printf("Reading: %s%n", book);
     return books;
  }
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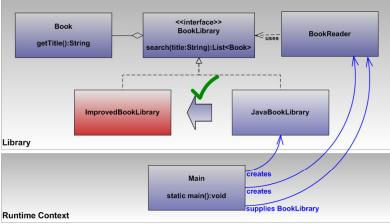
Runtime Example

```
public class Main {
                               Dependency creation moved out of BookReader
                                                            Dependency
  public static void main(String[] args) {
                                                             injection
    BookLibrary service = new JavaBookLibrary();
    BookReader client = new BookReader(service);
    List<Book>books = client.read();
    System.out.printf("Client read: %s books%n",
                          books.size());
  }
                                                           Standard output
}
   Reading: Core Servlets and JavaServer Pages
   Reading: More Servlets and JavaServer Pages
   Client read: 2 books
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```

Model Analysis

Dynamic implementation choices

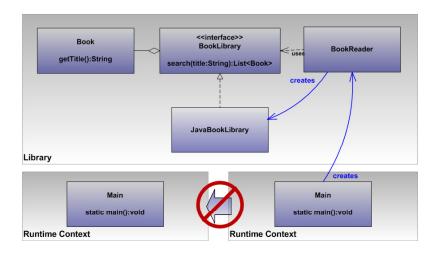
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Manual (Non-Spring) Inversion of Control

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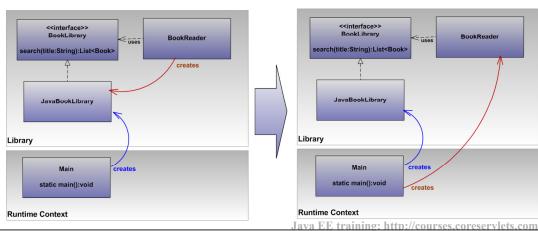
- Inversion of Control
- Separate program control responsibilities
 - Object instantiation
 - Dependency injection
- Dependency injection is a type of IoC

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Inversion of Control Example

- Previously used IoC
 - Dependency injection example demonstrated inversion of control
 - Moved JavaBookLibrary selection and instantiation out of BookReader and into Main



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IoC Framework

- Service provider or plugin framework
 - Interface
 - Providers
 - Registration system
 - Access API
 - -- Joshua Bloch from Effective Java
- Process
 - Framework uses supplied APIs
 - Framework handles creation
 - · Framework handles dependency injection
 - Runtime context uses framework

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IoC Framework Example

```
import coreservlets.BookReader;
import coreservlets.JavaBookLibrary;

public class ServiceProviderFramework {

   private BookReader bookReader;

   public ServiceProviderFramework() {
      this.bookReader =
           new BookReader(new JavaBookLibrary());
   }

   public BookReader getBookReaderInstance() {
      return this.bookReader;
   }
}
```

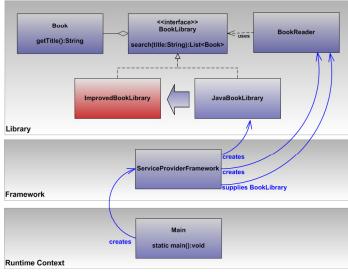
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IoC Framework Example

```
public class Main {
                                                Framework instantiation
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    ServiceProviderFramework framework =
                                                    Access API
      new ServiceProviderFramework();
    BookReader client = framework.getBookReaderInstance();
    List books = client.read();
    System.out.printf("Client read: %s books%n",
                         books.size());
  }
                                                         Standard output
   Reading: Core Servlets and JavaServer Pages
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```

Model Analysis

- Dynamic implementation choices
- Portable model configuration



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Wrapup

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Summary

Develop POJOs

- Avoid framework dependencies
- Capture business logic
- Avoid implementation commitments by using inversion of control and dependency injection patterns
- Create a new XML file, applicationContext.xml, based on spring-beans.xsd
 - Place applicationContext.xml in the classpath

Register POJOs

- Declare POJOs using XML bean elements
- Use bean attributes id and class for specifying the name and type, respectively

Summary (Continued)

Instantiate a Spring IoC container

- Use the BeanFactory implementation
 ClassPathXmlApplicationContext for integration with configuration files located in the classpath
 - See: org.springframework.context.support. ClassPathXmlApplicationContext

Access the Spring IoC container

- Retrieve objects from the Spring IoC container using the bean accessor methods
 - For example, BeanFactory#getBean(...):Object
- Specify the object name for the method parameter
 - beanFactory.getBean("bookLibrary");

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