

Summary

- `@Component` is a generic stereotype for any Spring-managed component or bean.
- `@Repository` is a stereotype for the persistence layer.
- `@Service` is a stereotype for the service layer.
- `@Controller` is a stereotype for the presentation layer (spring-MVC).
- All of them are used to auto-detect Spring beans when context scanning is enabled and essentially provide the same functionality with respect to dependency injection.
- Their only difference comes in their Specific purpose i.e. `@Controller` is used in Spring MVC to define controller, which are first Spring bean and then the controller. `@Repository` is used in the Data Access layer.



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@Repository

- It is a class-level annotation.
- It is a specialization of @Component.
- The repository is a DAOs (Data Access Object) that access the database directly. The repository does all the operations related to the database.
- Here also we can use @component but it's always a good idea to choose the annotation based on their layer conventions because In most typical applications, we have distinct layers like data access, presentation, service, business, etc.
- Here also By using a specialized annotation we hit two birds with one stone. First, they are treated as Spring bean, and second, you can put special behavior required by that layer.
- @Repository's not only helping in annotation based configure but also catch Platform-specific exceptions and re-throw them as one of Spring's unified unchecked exception.

@Service

- It is also used at class level.
- It is a specialization of @Component.
- It tells the Spring that class contains the business logic.
- But at the end The main task of this annotation is also to mark the class capable to become a bean in Spring container similar to component. We can use @component also and it will work the same as this annotation does. They are technically the same

What will happen if we replace `@Controller` with `@Component`

- By using `@Controller` annotation we do two things,
 - We declare that this class is a Spring bean and should be created and maintained by Spring `ApplicationContext`,
 - We indicate that its a controller in MVC setup. This latter property is used by web-specific tools and functionalities.
- `DispatcherServlet` will look for `@RequestMapping` on classes that are annotated using `@Controller` but not with `@Component`.
- This means `@Component` and `@Controller` are the same with respect to bean creation and dependency injection but `@Controller` is a specialized form of `@Component`. Even if you replace `@Controller` annotation with `@Component`, Spring can automatically detect and register the controller class but it may not work as you expect with respect to request mapping.

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@Component

- How will container autowire the required bean in dependent bean at runtime ? It first need to create beans during startup so that it can provide beans at later stage.
- How will container know who POJO / java class should be considered as bean and whom to ignore ?
- @Component: It is a class-level annotation.
- It is used to mark a Java class as a bean.
- A Java class annotated with @Component is found during the classpath.
- The Spring Framework pick it up and configure it in the application context as a Spring Bean.
- It is a generic stereotype for any Spring-managed component. The specializations are @Controller, @Service, @Repository

@Autowired

- It's the way to implement Dependency Injection in spring / spring boot application.
- Container will provide the required bean to dependent bean at runtime
- Spring provides annotation-based auto-wiring by providing @Autowired annotation.
- It is used to autowire spring bean on setter methods, instance variable, and constructor.
- When we use @Autowired annotation, the spring container auto-wires the bean by matching data-type.

What is Transaction?

- Every operation should be atomic in nature either do or die that means either commit or rollback.

