

## Spring Boot Web MVC

### Introduction to Spring MVC:

#### MVC Architecture:

- It is an Enterprise Application Architectural design pattern.
- MVC demands layered application development.  
Eg: Constructing a building, managing a Restaurant, etc
- **M** stands for **Model Layer** which contains **Business logic** and **Persistence logics**.  
Eg: **Accountant**
- **V** stands for **View Layer** which contains only **Presentation Logic**.  
Eg: **Beautician or Make up man.**
- **C** stands for **Controller Layer** which contains **Integration Logic / Connectivity Logic**.  
Eg: **Team Lead**

### What is Spring MVC?

- It is designed based on the **MVC architectural design pattern**.

### Advantages of Spring MVC:

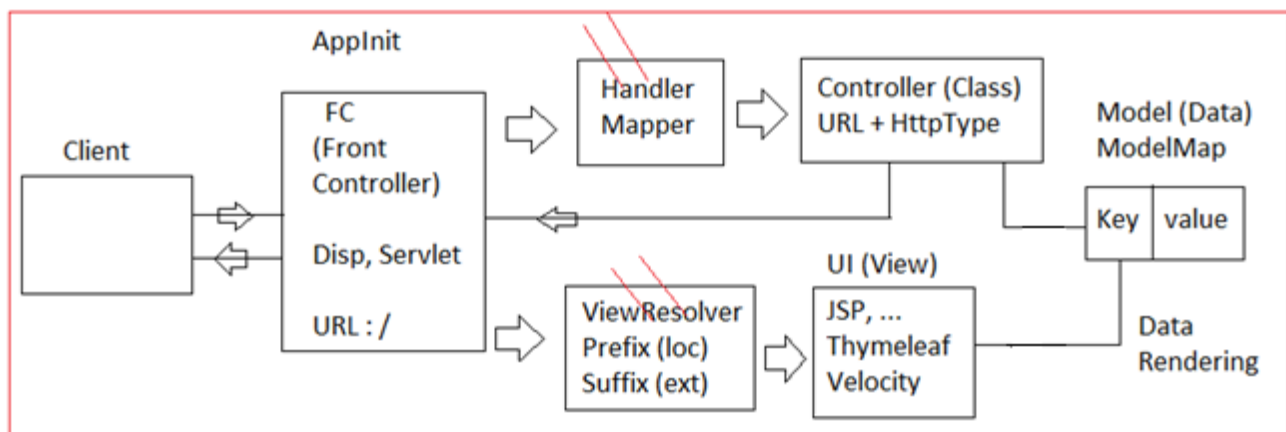
1. Support to develop MVC based web applications.
2. Supports Form backup support
3. Supports to plug with other MVC frameworks like **Struts, JSF, etc.**
4. Supports different view types like JSP, Velocity, XML, PDF, Tiles, etc.

### Front Controller:

- It is a **Java EE design pattern**.
- It is responsible for the following activities:
  1. It intercepts every request coming from client and then dispatches or forwards requests to an appropriate **controller**.
  2. It routes all the requests to corresponding controller.
  3. Load and map all urls to handle the requests.
- **DispatcherServlet** is act as front controller in spring mvc

**Spring Boot Web MVC:**

- Spring Boot has provided one starter for web application.
- It is similar to Spring WEB MVC execution process but reduces work done by programmer for,
  - a. Maven project creation and setup.
  - b. Pom.xml dependencies and plugins.
  - c. Writing common code (AppInit, AppConfig).
  - d. Handle Runtime Environment and creating JAR/WARs.
- Such process is taken care by spring boot and called as “**AutoConfiguration**”.
- Even coming to Handler Mapping is configured by **Front Controller**.
- **ViewResolver** needs not to be configured. But Programmer has to provide (Prefix and Suffix) using properties/yml file.
- Front Controller (**DispatcherServlet**) is configured by spring boot and mapped to URL = “/”



- **Front Controller, ViewResolver, and HandlerMapper** are taken care by **Spring Boot** where Controller and UI files should be defined by Programmer.
- Reading data from **Model (I)** or **ModelMap(C)** at runtime and send to UI is known as **Data Rendering** and it is implemented using **Expression Language Programming**.
- Programmer should provide inputs like **port number** and **view resolver** details using Properties or yml file.  
Example:

**application.properties**

```
server.port=8181
spring.mvc.view.prefix=/WEB-INF/views/
spring.mvc.view.suffix=.jsp
```

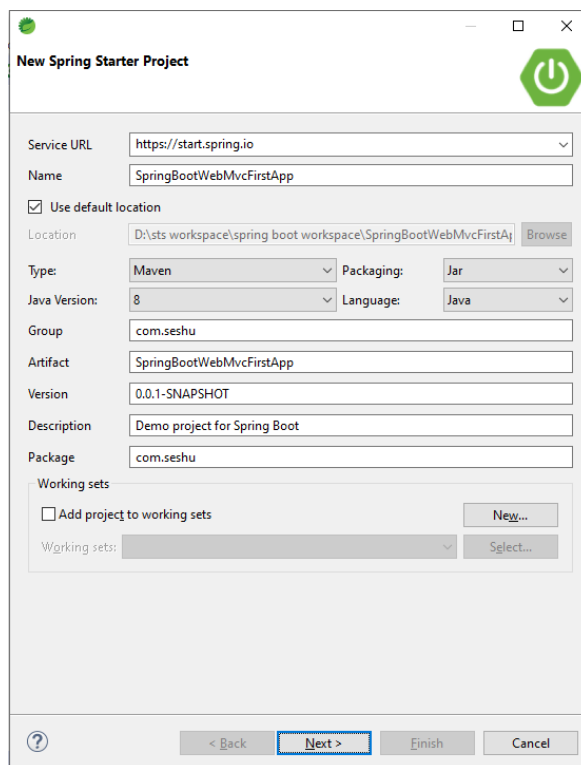
- Default port no mapped to '8080' by using key '**server.port**' and it can be changeable.
- Spring boot has provided 3 embedded servers. [No download and No install]  
Eg: Tomcat (default server), Jetty and Undertow.
  - Tomcat** provided by Apache.
  - Jetty** Provided by Eclipse.
  - Undertow** provided by JBoss.
- In general, Tomcat contains 2 engines **Servlet Engine (Catalina)** and **JSP Engine (JASPER)**.  
In Spring boot, tomcat comes with only **Servlet Engine**.  
That's why it is also called as light weight engine that works for "**DispatcherServlet**", nothing else.
- To work with JSP files in Spring Boot WEB apps, we need to add dependencies in pom.xml.  
Eg:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.apache.tomcat.embed</groupId>
    <artifactId>tomcat-embed-jasper</artifactId>
    <scope>provided</scope> //Version taken care by Spring boot (and Tomcat)
</dependency>
```
- To avoid/remove tomcat server (default server) from Boot application, we need to add <Exclusion> for Tomcat under web dependency. Given as,  
Eg:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
    <exclusions>
        <exclusion>
            <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-tomcat</artifactId>
        </exclusion>
    </exclusions>
</dependency>
```
- Default Static Resource Handler is added to folder **static** and **template** which are provided under **src/main/resources** folder.

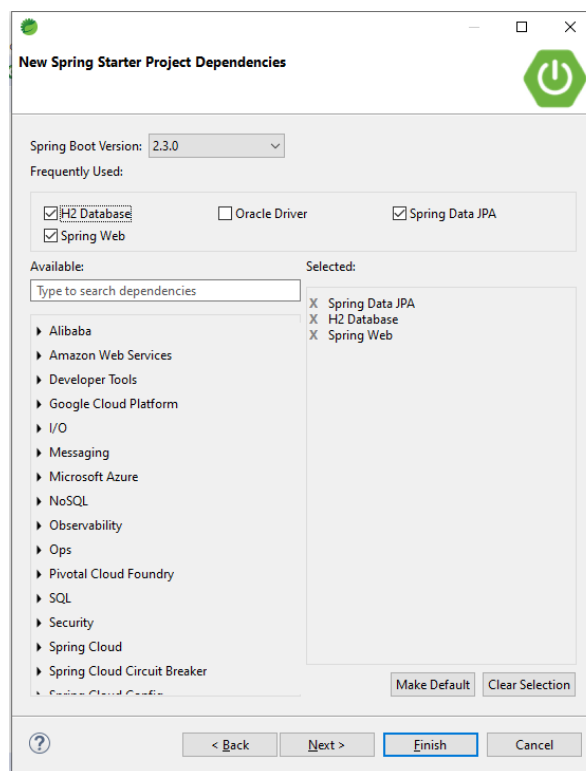
## First Spring Boot Web MVC Application

## Step 1: Create Spring Starter and add dependencies (Spring Web, Spring Data JPA, H2 Database)



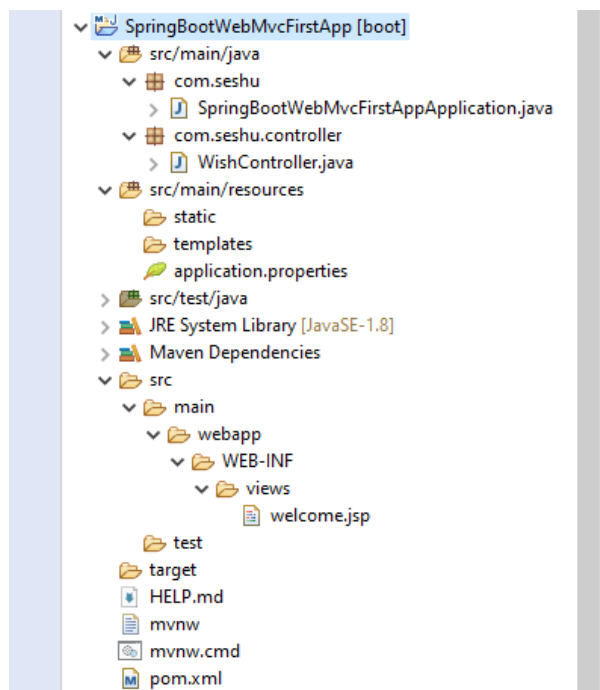
The 'New Spring Starter Project' dialog is shown. It contains the following fields and options:

- Service URL: `https://start.spring.io`
- Name: `SpringBootWebMvcFirstApp`
- ☒ Use default location
- Location: `D:\sts workspace\spring boot workspace\SpringBootWebMvcFirstApp`
- Type: `Maven`
- Packaging: `Jar`
- Java Version: `8`
- Language: `Java`
- Group: `com.seshu`
- Artifact: `SpringBootWebMvcFirstApp`
- Version: `0.0.1-SNAPSHOT`
- Description: `Demo project for Spring Boot`
- Package: `com.seshu`
- Working sets: ☐ Add project to working sets
- Buttons: `< Back`, `Next >` (highlighted), `Finish`, `Cancel`



The 'New Spring Starter Project Dependencies' dialog is shown. It contains the following fields and options:

- Spring Boot Version: `2.3.0`
- Frequently Used:
  - ☒ H2 Database
  - ☐ Oracle Driver
  - ☒ Spring Data JPA
  - ☒ Spring Web
- Available:
  - Type to search dependencies
  - Alibaba
  - Amazon Web Services
  - Developer Tools
  - Google Cloud Platform
  - I/O
  - Messaging
  - Microsoft Azure
  - NoSQL
  - Observability
  - Ops
  - Pivotal Cloud Foundry
  - SQL
  - Security
  - Spring Cloud
  - Spring Cloud Circuit Breaker
  - Spring Cloud Config
- Selected:
  - X Spring Data JPA
  - X H2 Database
  - X Spring Web
- Buttons: `Make Default`, `Clear Selection`
- Buttons: `< Back`, `Next >`, `Finish` (highlighted), `Cancel`

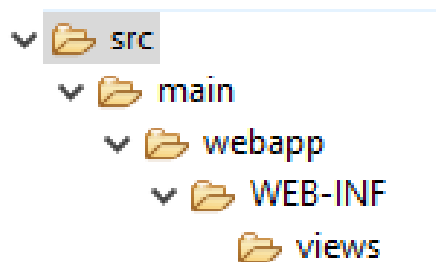


**Step 2:** Open pom.xml file and add below dependency to work with JSP pages only.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.apache.tomcat.embed</groupId>
  <artifactId>tomcat-embed-jasper</artifactId>
  <scope>provided</scope>
</dependency>
```

**Step 3:** Create following folder structure in src/main/

- webapp folder under main
- WEB-INF under webapp
- views under WEB-INF



**Step 4:** - Define WishController class under 'src/main/java'

```
package com.seshu.controller;

import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.ui.Model;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;

@Component
@RequestMapping("wish")
public class WishController {
    @RequestMapping("welcome")
    public String welcomePage(Model m) {
        m.addAttribute("msg", "Welcome to Spring Boot");
        return "welcome";
    }
}
```

**Step 5:-** Define welcome.jsp Page under 'views' folder

welcome.jsp

```
${msg}
```

**Step 6:** - Define application.properties given below

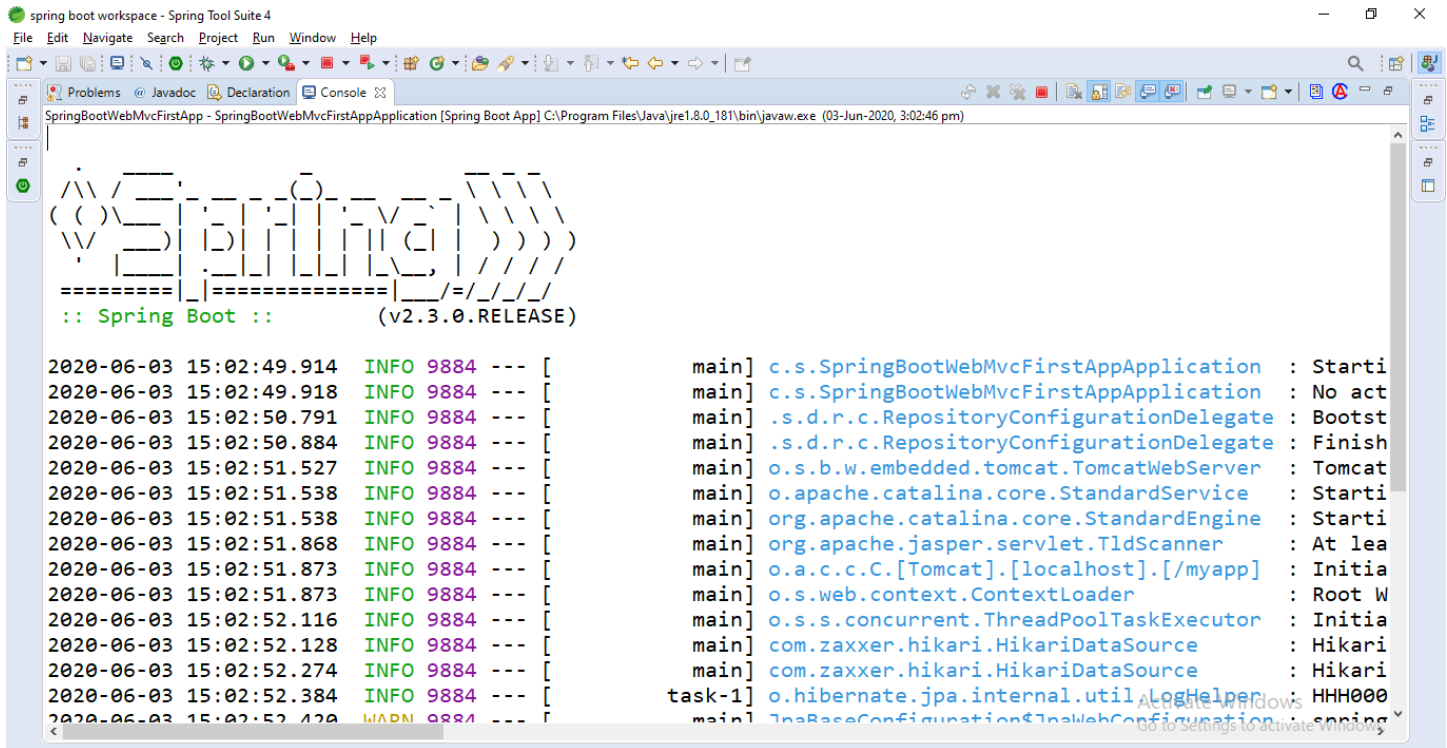
```
server.port=8181
server.servlet.context-path=/myapp
spring.mvc.view.prefix=/WEB-INF/views/
spring.mvc.view.suffix=.jsp
```

**Step 7:** Run Starter class

```
package com.seshu;

import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;

@SpringBootApplication
public class SpringBootWebMvcFirstAppApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(SpringBootWebMvcFirstAppApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```



The screenshot shows the Spring Tool Suite 4 IDE with the console window open. The console displays the Spring Boot logo and version information (v2.3.0.RELEASE). It then shows a series of log messages indicating the successful startup of the application. The logs include timestamps, log levels (INFO), and the names of the classes and methods being executed. The application is running on Tomcat, and the logs show the initialization of various components like the ServletContext, TomcatWebServer, StandardService, StandardEngine, TldScanner, ContextLoader, ThreadPoolTaskExecutor, HikariDataSource, and LogHelper. The application is running on port 8181.

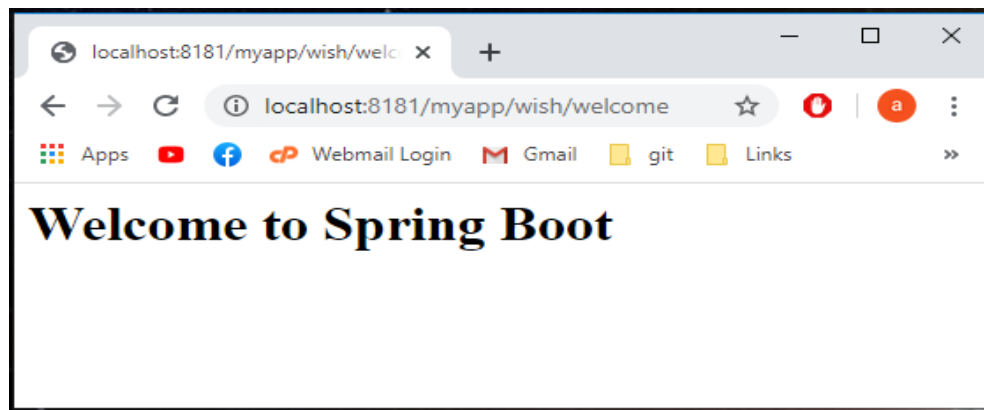
```
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2020-06-03 15:02:52.384 INFO 9884 --- [task-1] o.hibernate.jpa.internal.util.LogHelper : HHH000
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```

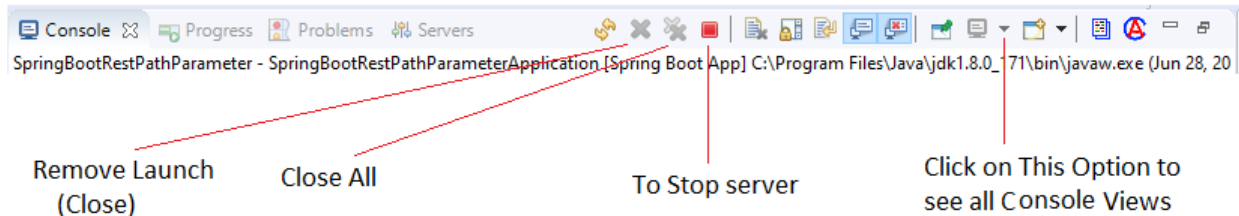
Step 8: Open the following url in browser.

<http://localhost:8181/myapp/wish/welcome>



**Note:**

- We can run Starter class only one time if type is web application with one port number. If we want to run again, then must stop last process which is already running. Otherwise we get error.
  - >Go to Console option.
  - >Look at Console Symbol.
  - >Click on DropDown (In case of multiple).
  - >Click on Red Color Box Symbol (Stop Symbol).



- If we want to run again, without stopping last process we will get error.

