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# Exception Handling in Spring MVC



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Spring MVC provides several complimentary approaches to exception handling but, when teaching Spring MVC, I often find that my students are confused or not comfortable with them.

Today I'm going to show you the various options available. Our goal is to not handle exceptions explicitly in Controller methods where possible. They are a cross-cutting concern better handled separately in dedicated code.

There are three options: per exception, per controller or globally.



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A demonstration application that shows the points discussed here can be found at

<http://github.com/paulc4/mvc-exceptions>.

See [Sample Application](#) below for details.

**NOTE:** The demo applications has been revamped and updated (October 2014) to use Spring Boot 1.1.8 and is (hopefully) easier to use and understand.

## Using HTTP Status Codes

Normally any unhandled exception thrown when processing a web-request causes the server to return an HTTP 500 response. However, any exception that you write yourself can be annotated with the

`@ResponseStatus` annotation (which supports all the HTTP status codes defined by the HTTP specification). When an annotated exception is thrown from a controller method, and not handled elsewhere, it will automatically cause the appropriate HTTP response to be returned with the specified status-code.

For example, here is an exception for a missing order.

```
@ResponseStatus(value=HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND, reason="No such Order") // 404
public class OrderNotFoundException extends RuntimeException {
    // ...
}
```

And here is a controller method using it:

```
@RequestMapping(value="/orders/{id}", method=GET)
public String showOrder(@PathVariable("id") long id, Model model) {
    Order order = orderRepository.findById(id);
    if (order == null) throw new OrderNotFoundException(id);
    model.addAttribute(order);
    return "orderDetail";
}
```

A familiar HTTP 404 response will be returned if the URL handled by this method includes an unknown order id.

## Controller Based Exception Handling

## Using @ExceptionHandler

You can add extra ( `@ExceptionHandler` ) methods to any controller to specifically handle exceptions thrown by request handling ( `@RequestMapping` ) methods in the same controller. Such methods can:

1. Handle exceptions without the `@ResponseStatus` annotation (typically predefined exceptions that you didn't write)
2. Redirect the user to a dedicated error view
3. Build a totally custom error response

The following controller demonstrates these three options:

```
@Controller
public class ExceptionHandlingController {

    // @RequestMapping methods
    ...

    // Exception handling methods

    // Convert a predefined exception to an HTTP Status code
```

```

    @ResponseStatus(value=HttpStatus.CONFLICT, reason="Data integrity violation") // 409
    @ExceptionHandler(DataIntegrityViolationException.class)
    public void conflict() {
        // Nothing to do
    }

    // Specify the name of a specific view that will be used to
    display the error:
    @ExceptionHandler({SQLException.class, DataAccessException.class})
    public String databaseError() {
        // Nothing to do. Returns the logical view name of an error page, passed to
        // the view-resolver(s) in usual way.
        // Note that the exception is _not_ available to this view (it is not added to
        // the model) but see "Extending ExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver" below.
        return "databaseError";
    }

    // Total control - setup a model and return the view name yourself. Or consider
    // subclassing ExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver (see below).
    @ExceptionHandler(Exception.class)
    public ModelAndView handleError(HttpServletRequest req, Exc

```

```

    eption exception) {
        logger.error("Request: " + req.getRequestURL() + " raised
" + exception);

        ModelAndView mav = new ModelAndView();
        mav.addObject("exception", exception);
        mav.addObject("url", req.getRequestURL());
        mav.setViewName("error");
        return mav;
    }
}

```

In any of these methods you might choose to do additional processing - the most common example is to log the exception.

Handler methods have flexible signatures so you can pass in obvious servlet-related objects such

as `HttpServletRequest`, `HttpServletResponse`, `HttpSession` and/or

`Principal`. **Important Note:** the

`Model` may **not** be a parameter of any `@ExceptionHandler` method.

Instead, setup a model inside the method

using a `ModelAndView` as shown by `handleError()` above.

## Exceptions and Views

Be careful when adding exceptions to the model. Your users do not want to see web-pages containing Java exception details and stack-traces. However, it can be useful to put exception details in the page source as a comment, to assist your support people. If using JSP, you could do something like this to output the exception and the corresponding stack-trace (using a hidden `<div>` is another option).

```
<h1>Error Page</h1>
<p>Application has encountered an error. Please contact support on ...</p>

<!--
Failed URL: ${url}
Exception:  ${exception.message}
    <c:forEach items="${exception.stackTrace}" var="ste">
${ste}
    </c:forEach>
-->
```

For the Thymeleaf equivalent see [support.html](#)

in the demo application. The result looks like this.

**Example Support Error Page**

Application has encountered an error. Please contact support on ...

Support may ask you to right click to view page source

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html SYSTEM "http://www.thymeleaf.org/dtd/xhtml1-strict-thymeleaf-spring3-3.dtd">
2 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
3     xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">
4 <head>
5 <title>Exception Blog Demo Code</title>
6 <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
7 </head>
8 <!--
9  An error page with hidden stack-trace suitable for tech support.
10 -->
11 <body>
12 <h1>Example Support Error Page</h1>
13 <p>Application has encountered an error. Please contact support on
14 ...</p>
15
16
17
18
19
20
21 <p>Support may ask you to right click to view page source</p>
22
23 <!--
24 Failed URL: /customException
25 Exception: Custom exception occurred
26     demol.web.ControllerWithoutExceptionHandler.throwCustomException(ControllerWithoutExceptionHandler.java:175)
27     sun.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke0(Native Method)
28     sun.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:39)
29     sun.reflect.DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.java:25)
30     java.lang.reflect.Method.invoke(Method.java:597)
31     org.springframework.web.method.support.InvocableHandlerMethod.invoke(InvocableHandlerMethod.java:220)
32     org.springframework.web.method.support.InvocableHandlerMethod.invokeForRequest(InvocableHandlerMethod.java:133)
33     org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc.method.annotation.ServletInvocableHandlerMethod.invokeAndHandle(ServletInvocableHandlerMethod.java:104)
34     org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc.method.annotation.RequestMappingHandlerAdapter.invokeHandleMethod(RequestMappingHandlerAdapter.java:746)
35     org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc.method.annotation.RequestMappingHandlerAdapter.handleInternal(RequestMappingHandlerAdapter.java:687)
36     org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc.method.AbstractHandlerMethodAdapter.handle(AbstractHandlerMethodAdapter.java:83)
37     org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet.doDispatch(DispatcherServlet.java:925)
38     org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet.doService(DispatcherServlet.java:856)
39     org.springframework.web.servlet.FrameworkServlet.processRequest/FrameworkServlet.java:94)
40 -->
```

## Global Exception Handling

### Using @ControllerAdvice Classes

A controller advice allows you to use exactly the same exception handling techniques but apply them



across the whole application, not just to an individual controller. You can think of them as an annotation driven interceptor.

Any class annotated with `@ControllerAdvice` becomes a controller-advice and three types of method are supported:

- Exception handling methods annotated with `@ExceptionHandler`.
- Model enhancement methods (for adding additional data to the model) annotated with `@ModelAttribute`. Note that these attributes are not available to the exception handling views.
- Binder initialization methods (used for configuring form-handling) annotated with `@InitBinder`.

We are only going to look at exception handling - see the online manual for more on

`@ControllerAdvice` methods.

Any of the exception handlers you saw above can be defined on a controller-advice class - but now they

apply to exceptions thrown from any controller. Here is a simple example:

```
@ControllerAdvice
class GlobalControllerExceptionHandler {
    @ResponseStatus(HttpStatus.CONFLICT)    // 409
    @ExceptionHandler(DataIntegrityViolationException.class)
    public void handleConflict() {
        // Nothing to do
    }
}
```

If you want to have a default handler for any exception, there is a slight wrinkle. You need to ensure annotated exceptions are handled by the framework. The code looks like this:

```
@ControllerAdvice
class GlobalDefaultExceptionHandler {
    public static final String DEFAULT_ERROR_VIEW = "error";

    @ExceptionHandler(value = Exception.class)
    public ModelAndView defaultErrorHandler(HttpServletRequest req, Exception e) throws Exception {
        // If the exception is annotated with @ResponseStatus
        rethrow it and let
```

```
// the framework handle it - like the OrderNotFoundException example
// at the start of this post.
// AnnotationUtils is a Spring Framework utility class.

if (AnnotationUtils.findAnnotation(e.getClass(), ResponseStatus.class) != null)
    throw e;

// Otherwise setup and send the user to a default error-view.
ModelAndView mav = new ModelAndView();
mav.addObject("exception", e);
mav.addObject("url", req.getRequestURL());
mav.setViewName(DEFAULT_ERROR_VIEW);
return mav;
}
}
```

## Going Deeper

### HandlerExceptionHandlerResolver

Any Spring bean declared in the `DispatcherServlet`'s application context that implements

`HandlerExceptionResolver` will be used to intercept and process any exception raised in the MVC system and not handled by a Controller. The interface looks like this:

```
public interface HandlerExceptionResolver {  
    ModelAndView resolveException(HttpServletRequest request,  
  
        HttpServletResponse response, Object handler, Exc  
    eption ex);  
}
```

The `handler` refers to the controller that generated the exception (remember that `@Controller` instances are only one type of handler supported by Spring MVC.

For example: `HttpInvokerExporter` and the WebFlow Executor are also types of handler).

Behind the scenes, MVC creates three such resolvers by default. It is these resolvers that implement the behaviours discussed above:

- `ExceptionHandlerExceptionResolver` matches uncaught exceptions

against for  
suitable `@ExceptionHandler` methods on both the handler  
(controller) and on any controller-advice.

- `ResponseStatusExceptionHandler` looks for uncaught exceptions annotated by `@ResponseStatus` (as described in Section 1)
- `DefaultHandlerExceptionHandler` converts standard Spring exceptions and converts them to HTTP Status Codes (I have not mentioned this above as it is internal to Spring MVC).

These are chained and processed in the order listed (internally Spring creates a dedicated bean - the `HandlerExceptionHandlerComposite` to do this).

Notice that the method signature of `resolveException` does not include the `Model`. This is why

`@ExceptionHandler` methods cannot be injected with the model.

You can, if you wish, implement your own `HandlerExceptionHandler` to setup your own custom exception handling system. Handlers typically implement Spring's `Ordered` interface so you can define the order that the handlers run in.

## SimpleMappingExceptionHandlerResolver

Spring has long provided a simple but convenient implementation of

`HandlerExceptionHandlerResolver`

that you may well find being used in your application already - the

`SimpleMappingExceptionHandlerResolver`.

It provides options to:

- Map exception class names to view names - just specify the classname, no package needed.
- Specify a default (fallback) error page for any exception not handled anywhere else
- Log a message (this is not enabled by default).
- Set the name of the `exception` attribute to add to the Model so it can be used inside a View (such as a JSP). By default this attribute is named `exception`. Set to `null` to disable. Remember that views returned from `@ExceptionHandler` methods do not have access to the exception but views defined to `SimpleMappingExceptionHandlerResolver` do.

Here is a typical configuration using XML:

```

<bean id="simpleMappingExceptionHandler"
      class="org.springframework.web.servlet.handler.SimpleMappingExceptionHandler">
    <property name="exceptionMappings">
        <map>
            <entry key="DatabaseException" value="databaseError"/>
            <entry key="InvalidCreditCardException" value="creditCardError"/>
        </map>
    </property>
    <!-- See note below on how this interacts with Spring Boot -->
    <property name="defaultErrorView" value="error"/>
    <property name="exceptionAttribute" value="ex"/>

    <!-- Name of logger to use to log exceptions. Unset by default, so logging disabled -->
    <property name="warnLogCategory" value="example.MvcLogger"/>
</bean>

```

Or using Java Configuration:

```

@Configuration
@EnableWebMvc    // Optionally setup Spring MVC defaults if yo

```

u aren't doing so elsewhere

```
public class MvcConfiguration extends WebMvcConfigurerAdapter
{
    @Bean(name="simpleMappingExceptionHandler")
    public SimpleMappingExceptionHandler createSimpleMapping
ExceptionHandler() {
        SimpleMappingExceptionHandler r =
            new SimpleMappingExceptionHandler();

        Properties mappings = new Properties();
        mappings.setProperty("DatabaseException", "databaseEr
ror");
        mappings.setProperty("InvalidCreditCardException", "c
reditCardError");

        r.setExceptionMappings(mappings); // None by default
        r.setDefaultErrorView("error"); // No default
        r.setExceptionHandler("ex"); // Default is "exc
eption"
        r.setWarnLogCategory("example.MvcLogger"); // No
default
        return r;
    }
    ...
}
```

The defaultErrorView property is especially useful as it ensures any



uncaught exception generates a suitable application defined error page. (The default for most application servers is to display a Java stack-trace - something your users should never see).

## Extending SimpleMappingExceptionHandler

It is quite common to extend `SimpleMappingExceptionHandler` for several reasons:

- Use the constructor to set properties directly - for example to enable exception logging and set the logger to use
- Override the default log message by overriding `buildLogMessage`. The default implementation always returns this fixed text:

Handler execution resulted in exception

- To make additional information available to the error view by overriding `doResolveException`

For example:

```
public class MyMappingExceptionHandler extends SimpleMappingExceptionHandler {  
    public MyMappingExceptionHandler() {  
        // Enable logging by providing the name of the logger to use  
        setWarnLogCategory(MyMappingExceptionHandler.class.getName());  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public String buildLogMessage(Exception e, HttpServletRequest req) {  
        return "MVC exception: " + e.getLocalizedMessage();  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    protected ModelAndView doResolveException(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response, Object handler, Exception exception) {  
        // Call super method to get the ModelAndView  
        ModelAndView mav = super.doResolveException(request, response, handler, exception);  
  
        // Make the full URL available to the view - note ModelAndView uses addObject()  
        // but Model uses addAttribute(). They work the same.
```

```
        mav.addObject("url", request.getRequestURL());  
        return mav;  
    }  
}
```

This code is in the demo application as

[ExampleSimpleMappingExceptionHandlerResolver](#)

## Extending `ExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver`

It is also possible to extend `ExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver` and override its

`doResolveHandlerMethodException` method in the same way. It has almost the same signature (it just takes the new `HandlerMethod` instead of a `Handler`).

To make sure it gets used, also set the inherited order property (for example in the constructor of your new class) to a value less than `MAX_INT` so it runs before the default

`ExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver` instance (it is easier to create your own handler instance than try to modify/replace the one created by Spring). See

[ExampleExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver](#)

in the demo app for more.

## Errors and REST

RESTful GET requests may also generate exceptions and we have already seen how we can return standard HTTP

Error response codes. However, what if you want to return information about the error? This is very easy to do.

Firstly define an error class:

```
public class ErrorInfo {  
    public final String url;  
    public final String ex;  
  
    public ErrorInfo(String url, Exception ex) {  
        this.url = url;  
        this.ex = ex.getMessage();  
    }  
}
```

Now we can return an instance from a handler as the `@ResponseBody` like this:

```
@ResponseStatus(HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST)  
@ExceptionHandler(MyBadDataException.class)
```

```
@ResponseBody ErrorInfo handleBadRequest (HttpServletRequest req,
Exception ex) {
    return new ErrorInfo (req.getRequestURL(), ex);
}
```

## What to Use When?

As usual, Spring likes to offer you choice, so what should you do? Here are some rules of thumb.

However if you have a preference for XML configuration or Annotations, that's fine too.

- For exceptions you write, consider adding `@ResponseStatus` to them.
- For all other exceptions implement an `@ExceptionHandler` method on a `@ControllerAdvice` class or use an instance of `SimpleMappingExceptionHandler`. You may well have `SimpleMappingExceptionHandler` configured for your application already, in which case it may be easier to add new exception classes to it than implement a `@ControllerAdvice`.
- For Controller specific exception handling add `@ExceptionHandler` methods to your controller.
- Warning: Be careful mixing too many of these options in the same

application. If the same exception can be handled in more than one way, you may not get the behavior you wanted. `@ExceptionHandler` methods on the Controller are always selected before those on any `@ControllerAdvice` instance. It is undefined what order controller-advicees are processed.

## Sample Application

A demonstration application can be found at [github](#).

It uses Spring Boot and Thymeleaf to build a simple web application.

The application was revised (Oct 2014) and is (hopefully) better and easier to understand. The fundamentals stay the same. It uses Spring Boot V1.1.8 and Spring 4.1 but the code is applicable to Spring 3.x also.

The demo is running on Cloud Foundry at <http://mvc-exceptions-v2.cfapps.io/>.

## About the Demo

The application leads the user through 5 demo pages, highlighting different exception handling techniques:

1. A controller with `@ExceptionHandler` methods to handle its own

## exceptions

2. A controller that throws exceptions for a global ControllerAdvice to handle
3. Using a `SimpleMappingExceptionHandler` to handle exceptions
4. Same as demo 3 but with the `SimpleMappingExceptionHandler` disabled for comparison
5. Shows how Spring Boot generates its error page

A description of the most important files in the application and how they relate to each demo can be found in the project's [README.md](#).

The home web-page is

[index.html](#)

which:

- Links to each demo page
- Links (bottom of the page) to Spring Boot endpoints for those interested in Spring Boot.

Each demo page contains several links, all of which deliberately raise

exceptions. You will need to use the back-button on your browser each time to return to the demo page.

Thanks to Spring Boot, you can run this demo as a Java application (it runs an embedded Tomcat container). To run the application, you can use one of the following (the second is thanks to the Spring Boot maven plugin):

- `mvn exec:java`
- `mvn spring-boot:run`

Your choice. The home page URL will be <http://localhost:8080>.

## Spring Boot and Error Handling

**Spring Boot** allows a Spring project to be setup with minimal configuration. Spring Boot creates sensible defaults automatically when it detects certain key classes and packages on the classpath. For example if it sees that you are using a Servlet environment, it sets up Spring MVC with the most commonly used view-resolvers, handler mappings and so forth. If it sees JSP and/or Thymeleaf, it sets up these view-technologies.



Spring MVC offers no default (fall-back) error page out-of-the-box. The most common way to set a default error page has always been the `SimpleMappingExceptionHandler` (since Spring V1 in fact). However Spring Boot also provides for a fallback error-handling page.

At start-up, Spring Boot tries to find a mapping for `/error`. By convention, a URL ending in `/error` maps to a logical view of the same name: `error`. In the demo application this view maps in turn to the `error.html` Thymeleaf template. (If using JSP, it would map to `error.jsp` according to the setup of your `InternalResourceViewResolver`).

If no mapping from `/error` to a View can be found, Spring Boot defines its own fall-back error page - the so-called “Whitelabel Error Page” (a minimal page with just the HTTP status information and any error details, such as the message from an uncaught exception). If you rename the `error.html` template to, say, `error2.html` then restart, you will see it being used.

By defining a Java configuration `@Bean` method called `defaultErrorView()` you can return your own error `View` instance. (see

Spring Boot's `ErrorMvcAutoConfiguration` class for more information).

What if you are already using `SimpleMappingExceptionResolver` to setup a default

error view? Simple, make sure the `defaultErrorView` defines the same view that Spring Boot uses: `error`. Or you can disable Spring boot's error page by setting the property

`error.whitelabel.enabled` to `false`. Your container's default error page is used instead.

There are examples of setting Spring Boot properties in the constructor of

`Main`.

Note that in the demo, the `defaultErrorView` property of the

`SimpleMappingExceptionResolver` is deliberately set not to `error` but to `defaultErrorPage` so you can see when the handler is generating the error page and when Spring Boot is responsible. Normally both would be set to `error`.

Also in the demo application I show how to create a support-ready error page with a stack-trace hidden in the HTML source (as a comment).

Ideally support should get this information from the logs, but life isn't always ideal. Regardless, what this page does show is how the underlying

error-handling method `handleError` creates its own `ModelAndView` to provide extra information in the error page. See:

\* `ExceptionHandlerController.handleError()` on [github](#)

\* `GlobalExceptionHandler.handleError()` on [github](#)

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**Jesper de Jong** · 7 months ago

I have a remark, or question, about the `@ResponseStatus` annotation.

With this annotation you can specify the HTTP status code and message when a specific type of exception occurs. I find it a bit inflexible that you can or have something like this:

```
@ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND)
public class OrderNotFoundException {
```

```
super("There is no order with id: " + orderId);  
}  
}
```

Instead of specifying a fixed message string with 'reason = ...' in the exception message, which is in this case "There is no order with id: ... status code = 404, message string = "There is no order with id: ...".

Is this currently possible? If not, then is it a reasonable feature request

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**Thomas Jarnot** ↗ Jesper de Jong · 4 months ago

As you might have noticed from the javadoc of `@ExceptionHandler` allowed to return various types. Returning an instance of `Response` (message) should meet your flexibility requirements.

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**Jan Štátný** · a year ago

Hi,

thanks a lot for a nice post.

I have used the technique of handling generic Exception in my `@Controller` exceptions annotated with `@ResponseStatus` annotation as proposed if `(AnnotationUtils.findAnnotation(e.getClass(), ResponseStatus.class) != null)` throw e;

However, using this technique causes an error message with text:

"Failed to invoke @ExceptionHandler method ..." to appear in the log. "

ExceptionHandlerExceptionHandlerResolver:

```
try {
```

```
if (logger.isDebugEnabled()) {
```

```
logger.debug("Invoking @ExceptionHandler method: " + exceptionHan
```

---

see more

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**Jan Šťastný** → Brian Clozel • a year ago

Ok, Thanks Brian. I have created a new question for thi  
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**Kirandeep Rana** • a year ago

Very good and comprehensive explanation..great JOB. I would surly re

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Never reveal information about your implementation to outside entities

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**Guest** • a year ago

I've implemented a convenient exception handler (extends AbstractHandler) that meets the IETF draft Problem Details for HTTP APIs.

It's very easy to handle custom exceptions without repeating yourself, customize error responses and even localize them. Also solves some pitfalls in Spring MVC with a content negotiation when producing an error response.

You can find it on GitHub under jirutka/spring-rest-exception-handler and it will be useful for others.

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nice explanation.

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**JAEHYUNG cho** • a month ago

thank so much

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**Mattias Severson** • 9 months ago

Nice! I discovered this post when I was working on my latest blog post. I have written similar blog posts before, for example about a [custom error handler](#) (above), and one about [generalizing error responses](#) (by using the @ControllerAdvice annotation).

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**Franjo Markovic** • 10 months ago

Very nice article, well explained, thanks!

I agree with bblain7 that posting stack trace (even as hidden div) is a p someone too many details about your configuration. The intended use stack trace) is also inappropriate - support should have access to the information.

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**Gareth Barnard** • a year ago

Thank you Paul for this illuminating post.

In 'Using @ExceptionHandler' you have 'Handle exceptions without the predefined exceptions that you didn't write)' but the example in the san

```
@ResponseStatus(value=HttpStatus.CONFLICT, reason="Data integ
@ExceptionHandler(DataIntegrityViolationException.class)
```

So, should the 'without' be 'with'?

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**Kumar** • a year ago

Thank you for the awesome post.

Very good article about best practices.

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**alienacidtechno** · a year ago

Hi

Thanks for the tutorial. I have one concern though. Please don't post `s.r.setWarnLogCategory("example.MvcLogger");` or `mav.setViewName(resolver or modelAndView,` but it encourages good naming practices & brain cycles to process it). A lot of people copy-paste code from such one letter variables everywhere.

Thank you.

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**Paul Chapman** → alienacidtechno · a year ago

Fair point, no argument from me there. In my defence, I have to fit lines in code-snippets short enough to fit on the page and be easy on the eyes (no horizontal bars annoying).

Anyway, I hope you found the blog useful and thanks for taking

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**SolrWind** · a year ago

Thanks, this was a thorough explanation and walkthrough. I needed `modelAndView` defined in XML for `SimpleMappingExceptionResolver`. I ended up implementing it as advised so I could handle exceptions on a more granular basis depending on the exception. There's an entire section of my app that communicates with the client to send a custom JSON structure back. I now get to clean up a lot of my

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