



# What you will learn in Topic 2

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## Topic 2: Introduction to Spring MVC

- Spring MVC - Building Spring Web Apps
- Spring MVC - Creating Controllers and Views
- Spring MVC - Request Params and Request Mappings
- Spring MVC - Form Tags and Data Binding
- Spring MVC Form Validation - Applying Built-In Validation Rules
- Spring MVC Form Validation - Validating Number Ranges and Regular Expressions
- Spring MVC Form Validation - Creating Custom Validation Rules



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## What is Spring MVC? ?

### Spring MVC in a Nutshell

- Framework for building web applications in Java
- Based on Model-View-Controller design pattern
- Leverages features of the Core Spring Framework (IoC, DI)

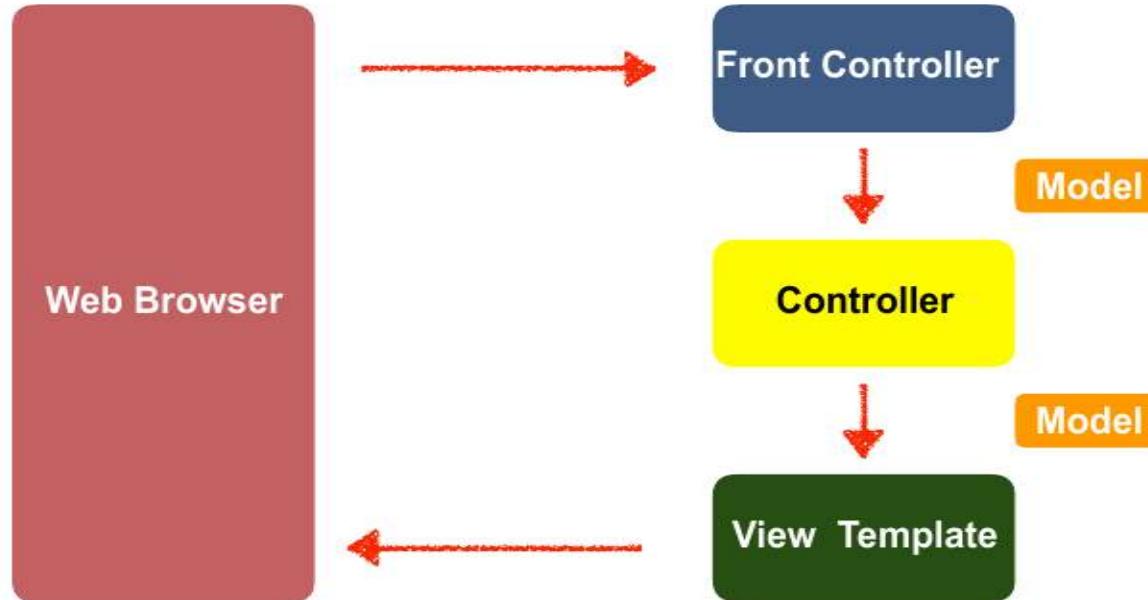


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## Model-View-Controller (MVC)





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## Spring MVC Benefits

- The Spring way of building web app UIs in Java
- Leverage a set of reusable UI components
- Help manage application state for web requests
- Process form data: validation, conversion etc
- Flexible configuration for the view layer



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## Spring MVC Documentation

<https://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/web.html#mvc>



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### Spring MVC Behind the Scenes



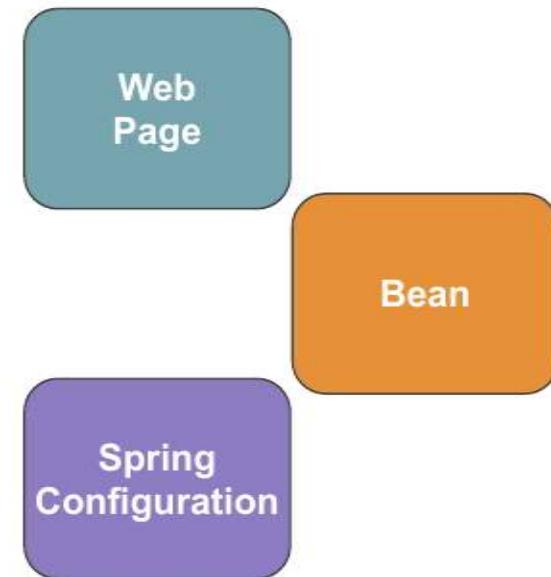
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### Components of a Spring MVC Application

- A set of web pages to layout UI components
- A collection of Spring beans (controllers, services, etc...)
- Spring configuration (XML, Annotations or Java)



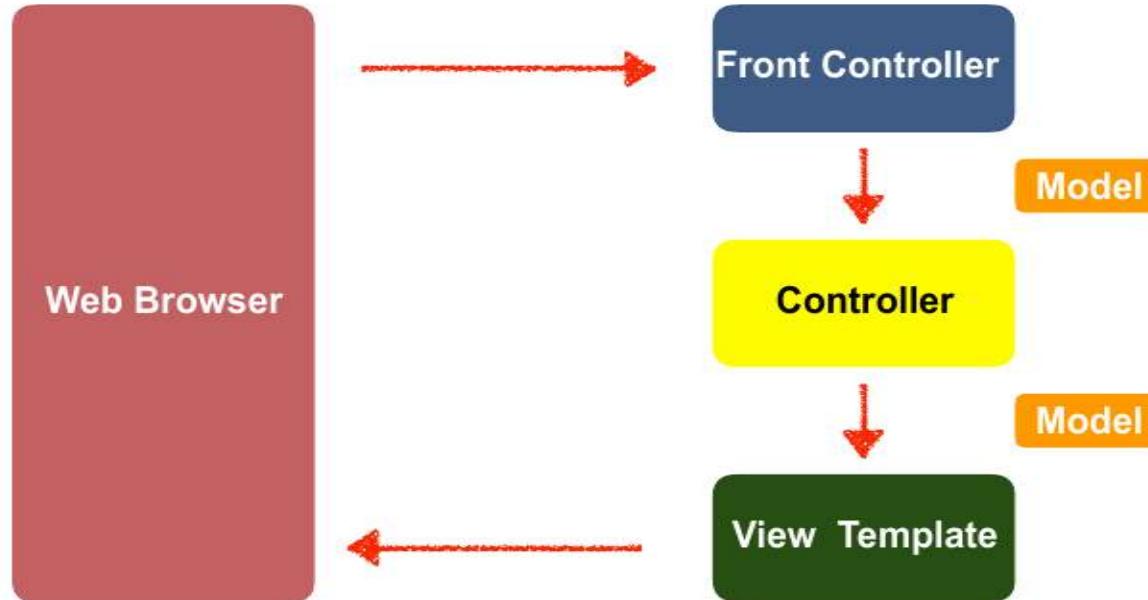


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## How Spring MVC Works Behind the Scenes





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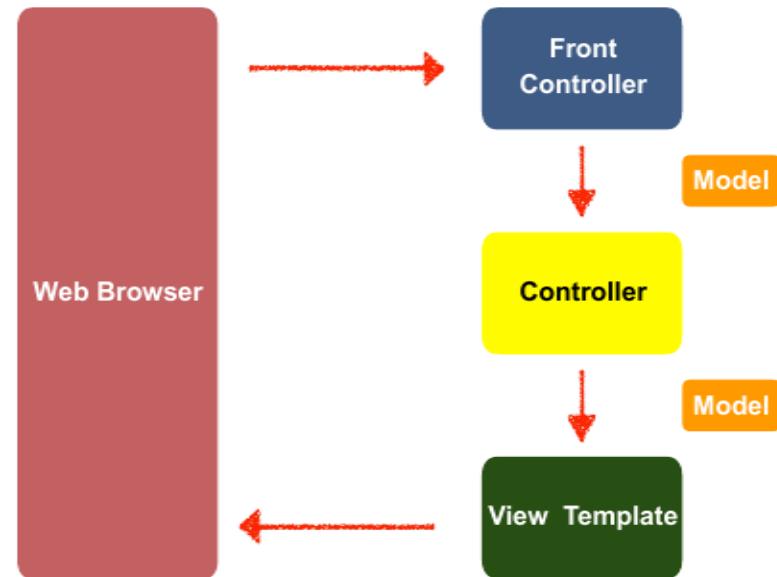
## Spring MVC Front Controller

Front controller known as DispatcherServlet

- Part of the Spring Framework
- Already developed by Spring Dev Team

You will create

- Model objects (orange)
- View templates (dark green)
- Controller classes (yellow)





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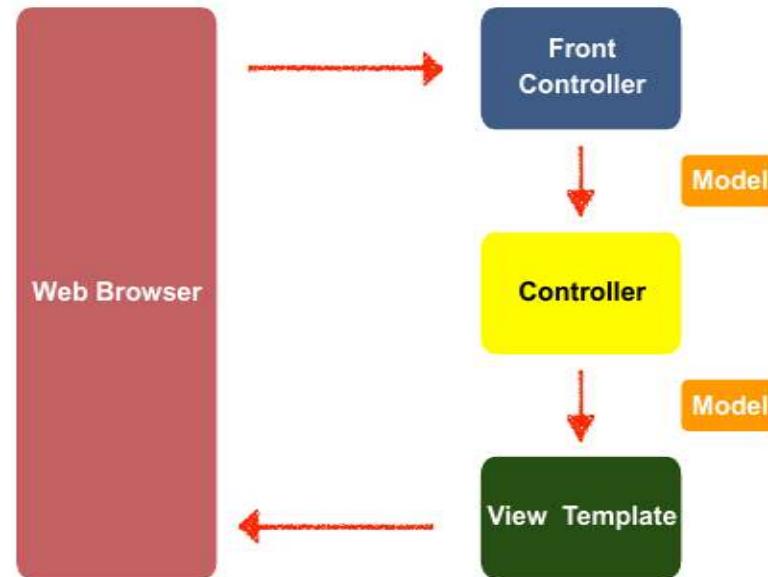
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### Controller

Code created by developer

- Contains your business logic
- Handle the request
- Store/retrieve data (db, web service...)
- Place data in model
- Send to appropriate view template





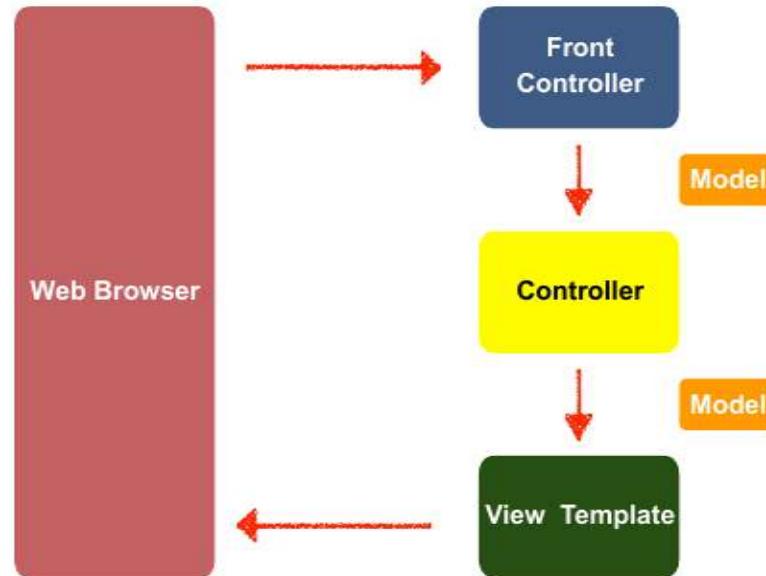
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### Model

- Model: contains your data
- Store/retrieve data via backend systems
  - database, web service, etc...
  - Use a Spring bean if you like
- Place your data in the model
  - Data can be any Java object/collection





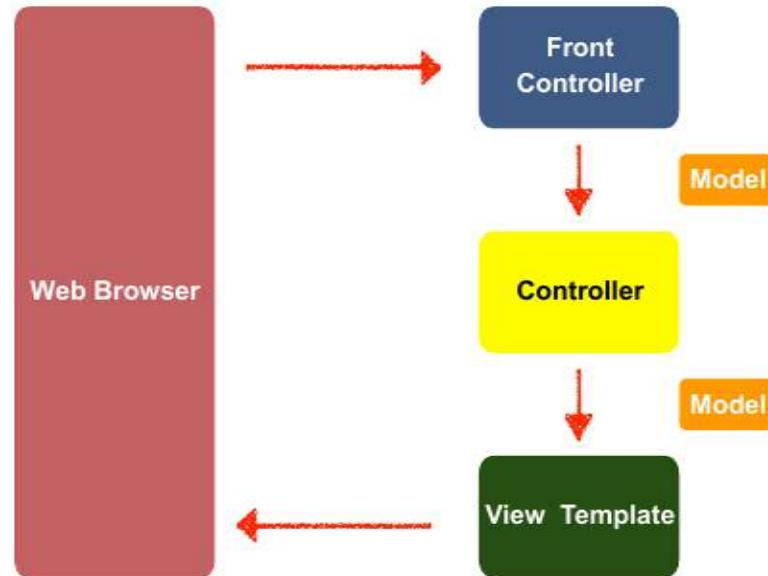
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### View Template

- Spring MVC is flexible
  - Supports many view templates
- Most common is **JSP + JSTL**
- Developer creates a page
  - Displays data





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## View Template (more)

- Other view templates supported
  - Thymeleaf, Groovy
  - Velocity, Freemarker, etc...
- For details, see:

<https://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/web.html#mvc-view>



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### Dev Environment Check Point

At this point of the course you should have installed:

- Apache Tomcat 8.0.3
- Eclipse (Java EE version)
- Connected Eclipse to Tomcat



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### Dev Environment Check Point

Additional Things To Do:

- Download the **Jars** necessary for annotations, and validation from Github



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### Spring MVC Configuration



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### Spring MVC Configuration Process - Part 1

Add configurations to file: **WEB-INF/web.xml**

1. Configure Spring MVC Dispatcher Servlet
2. Set up URL mappings to Spring MVC Dispatcher Servlet

*Step by Step*



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## Spring MVC Configuration Process - Part 2

Add configurations to file: **WEB-INF/spring-mvc-servlet.xml**

3. Add support for Spring component scanning
4. Add support for conversion, formatting and validation
5. Configure Spring MVC View Resolver

*Step by Step*



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## Step 1: Configure Spring DispatcherServlet

File: web.xml

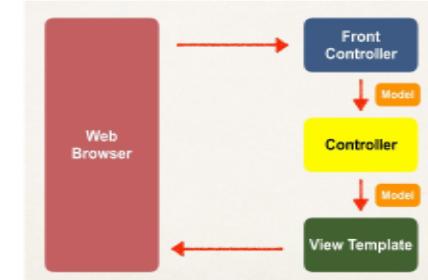
```
<web-app>
```

```
  <servlet>
    <servlet-name>dispatcher</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet</servlet-class>

    <init-param>
      <param-name>contextConfigLocation</param-name>
      <param-value>/WEB-INF/spring-mvc-servlet.xml</param-value>
    </init-param>

    <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
  </servlet>

</web-app>
```





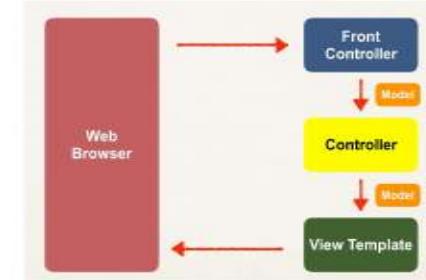
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## Step 2: Set up URL mappings to Spring MVC Dispatcher Servlet

File: web.xml

```
<web-app>  
  <servlet>  
    <servlet-name>dispatcher</servlet-name>  
    <servlet-class>org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet</servlet-class>  
    ...  
  </servlet>  
  
  <servlet-mapping>  
    <servlet-name>dispatcher</servlet-name>  
    <url-pattern>/</url-pattern>  
  </servlet-mapping>  
  
</web-app>
```





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### Step 3: Add support for Spring component scanning

File: spring-mvc-servlet.xml

```
<beans>  
    <!-- Step 3: Add support for component scanning -->  
    <context:component-scan base-package="edu.javaweb.spring.mvc" />  
  
</beans>
```



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## Step 4: Add support for conversion, formatting and validation

File: spring-mvc-servlet.xml

```
<beans>

    <!-- Step 3: Add support for component scanning -->
    <context:component-scan base-package="edu.javaweb.spring.mvc" />

    <!-- Step 4: Add support for conversion, formatting and validation support -->
    <mvc:annotation-driven/>

</beans>
```



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## Step 5: Configure Spring MVC View Resolver

File: spring-mvc-servlet.xml

```
<beans>

    <!-- Step 3: Add support for component scanning -->
    <context:component-scan base-package="edu.javaweb.spring.mvc" />

    <!-- Step 4: Add support for conversion, formatting and validation support -->
    <mvc:annotation-driven/>

    <!-- Step 5: Define Spring MVC view resolver -->
    <bean
        class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.InternalResourceViewResolver">
        <property name="prefix" value="/WEB-INF/view/" />
        <property name="suffix" value=".jsp" />
    </bean>
</beans>
```



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## View Resolver Configs - Explained

When your app provides a “view” name, Spring MVC will

- prepend the prefix
- append the suffix

```
<bean
    class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.InternalResourceViewResolver">
    <property name="prefix" value="/WEB-INF/view/" />
    <property name="suffix" value=".jsp" />
</bean>
```



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## View Resolver Configs - Explained

```
<bean
    class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.InternalResourceViewResolver">
    <property name="prefix" value="/WEB-INF/view/" />
    <property name="suffix" value=".jsp" />
</bean>
```

/WEB-INF/view/show-student-list.jsp





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### Summary of Spring Config:

- Two steps in **WEB-INF/web.xml**
- Three steps in our xml config

Check **spring-mvc- demo1-config-files**



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### Assignment 8

Configure the Spring Dispatcher Servlet using all Java Code (no xml).html



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**Creating Controllers and Views**

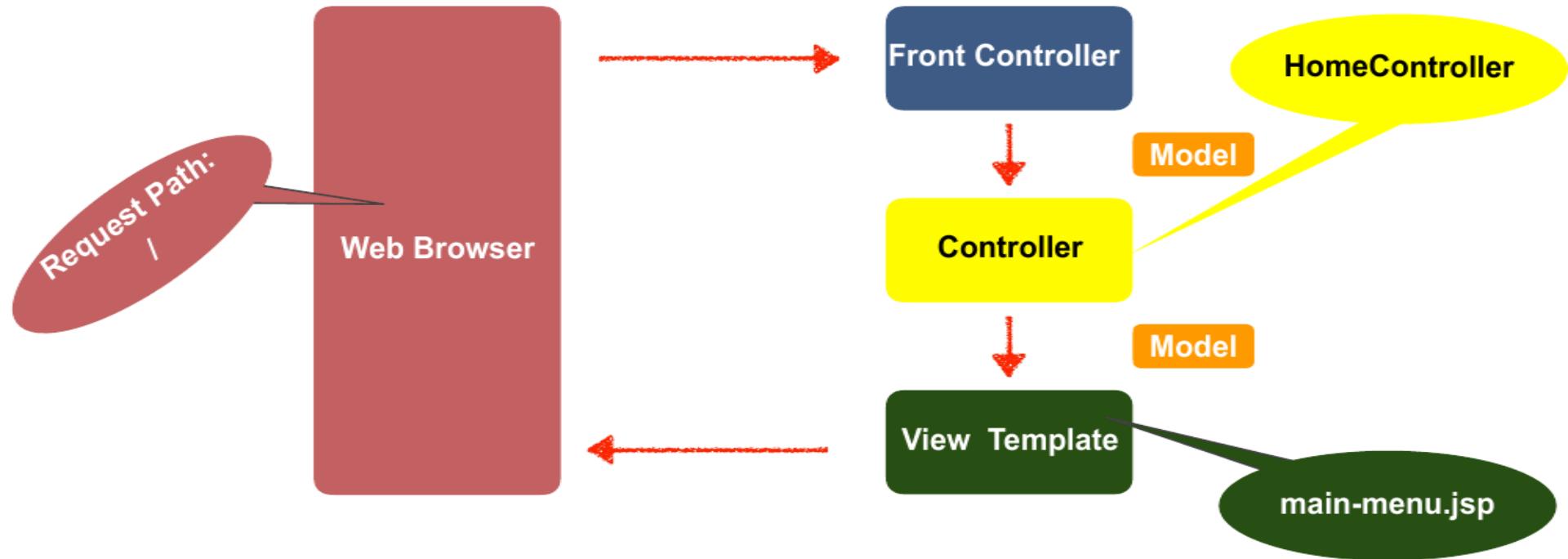


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## Our First Spring MVC Example





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### Development Process

- 1.Create Controller class
- 2.Define Controller method
- 3.Add Request Mapping to Controller method
- 4.Return View Name
- 5.Develop View Page

*Step by Step*



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## Step 1: Create Controller class

Annotate class with **@Controller**

- **@Controller** inherits from **@Component** ... supports scanning

```
@Controller
public class HomeController {
```

```
}
```



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## Step 2: Define Controller method

```
@Controller  
public class HomeController {  
  
    public String showMyPage() {  
  
        ...  
  
    }  
}
```



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## Step 3: Add Request Mapping to Controller method

```
@Controller
public class HomeController {
    @Request Mapping("/")
    public String showMyPage() {
        ...
    }
}
```



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## Step 4: Return View Name

```
@Controller  
public class HomeController {  
  
    @RequestMapping("/")  
    public String showMyPage() {  
        return "main-menu";  
    }  
}
```



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## Finding the View Page

```
<bean  
    class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.InternalResourceViewResolver">  
    <property name="prefix" value="/WEB-INF/view/" />  
    <property name="suffix" value=".jsp" />  
</bean>
```

/WEB-INF/view/main-menu.jsp



```
@Controller  
public class HomeController {  
  
    @RequestMapping("/")  
    public String showMyPage() {  
        return "main-menu";  
    }  
}
```



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## Step 5: Develop View Page

File: /WEB-INF/view/main-menu.jsp

```
<html>
  <body>
    <h2>Spring MVC Demo - Home Page</h2>
  </body>
</html>
```



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## Recap - Development Process

- 1.Create Controller class
- 2.Define Controller method
- 3.Add Request Mapping to Controller method
- 4.Return View Name
- 5.Develop View Page

*Step by Step*

Check [spring-mvc-demo2-create-home-controller-and-view](#)



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## Assignment 9

Use CSS, JavaScript and Images in Spring MVC Web App.html



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## Reading Form Data with Spring MVC



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## High Level View

helloworld-form.jsp

What's your name?	Submit Query
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helloworld.jsp

Hello World of Spring!  
Student name: John Doe

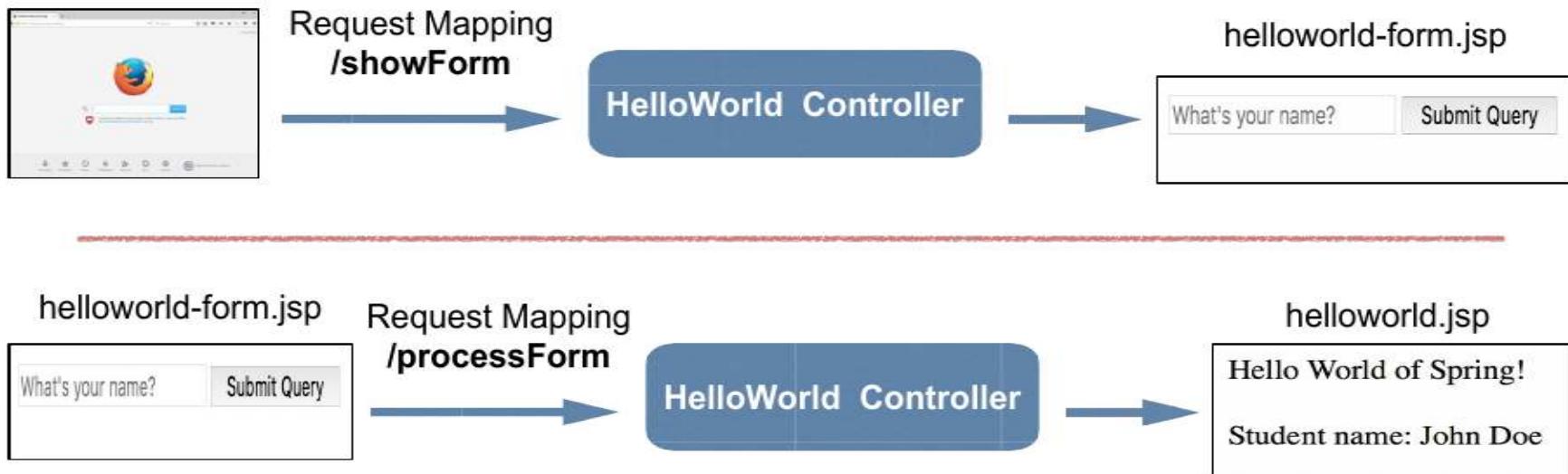


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## Application Flow





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## Controller Class

```
@Controller
public class HelloWorldController {
    // need a controller method to show the initial HTML form
    @RequestMapping("/showForm")
    public String showForm() {
        return "helloworld-form";
    }
    // need a controller method to process the HTML form
    @RequestMapping("/processForm")
    public String processForm() {
        return "helloworld";
    }
}
```



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## Development Process

- 1. Create Controller class**
  
- 2. Show HTML form**
  - a. Create controller method to show HTML Form
  - b. Create View Page for HTML form
  
- 3. Process HTML Form**
  - a. Create controller method to process HTML Form
  - b. Develop View Page for Confirmation

*Step by Step*

Check [spring-mvc- demo3-reading-html-form-data](#)



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## Adding Data to Spring Model

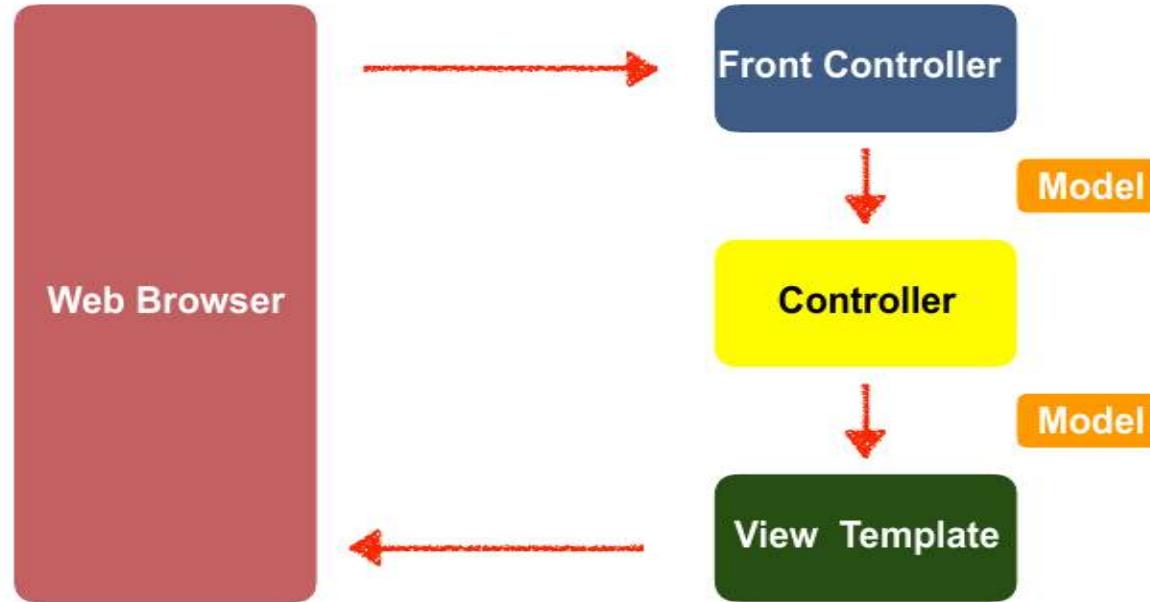


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## Focus on the Model



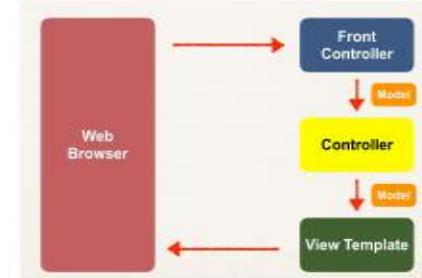


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## Spring Model

- The **Model** is a container for your application data
- In your Controller
  - You can put anything in the **model**
  - strings, objects, info from database, etc...
- Your View page (JSP) can access data from the **model**





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## Code Example

- We want to create a new method to process form data
- Read the form data: student's name
- Convert the name to uppercase
- Add the uppercase version to the model



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## Passing Model to your Controller

```
@RequestMapping("/processFormVersionTwo")
public String letsShoutDude(HttpServletRequest request, Model model) {

    // read the request parameter from the HTML form
    String theName = request.getParameter("studentName");
    // convert the data to all caps
    theName = theName.toUpperCase();
    // create the message
    String result = "Yo! " + theName;
    // add message to the model
    model.addAttribute("message", result);

    return "helloworld";
}
```



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## View Template - JSP

```
<html>
  <body>

    Hello World of Spring!
    ...
    The message: ${message}

  </body>
</html>
```

Check [spring-mvc- demo4-adding-data-to-the-spring-model](#)



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## Adding more data to your Model

```
// get the data
//
String result = ...
List<Student> theStudentList = ...
ShoppingCart theShoppingCart = ...

// add data to the model
//
model.addAttribute("message", result);
model.addAttribute("students", theStudentList);
model.addAttribute("shoppingCart", theShoppingCart);
```



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## Assignment 10

Add a shoppingcart class, with at least two attributes: item name and its price

Add a form text that has at least three text inputs then submit them using the the HttpServletRequest

Finally, display your shopping items, and the sum of the items.



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Reading HTML Form Data with **@RequestParam** Annotation



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### Instead of using HttpServletRequest

```
@RequestMapping("/processFormVersionTwo")
public String letsShoutDude(HttpServletRequest request, Model model) {

    // read the request parameter from the HTML form
    String theName = request.getParameter("studentName");

    ...
}
```



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## Bind variable using @RequestParam Annotation

```
@RequestMapping("/processFormVersionTwo")
public String letsShoutDude(
    @RequestParam("studentName") String theName, Model model) {

    // now we can use the variable: theName
}
```

### Behind the scenes:

- Spring will read param from request: studentName
- Bind it to the variable: theName

Check [spring-mvc- demo5-binding-request-params](#)



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Add **@RequestMapping** to Controller



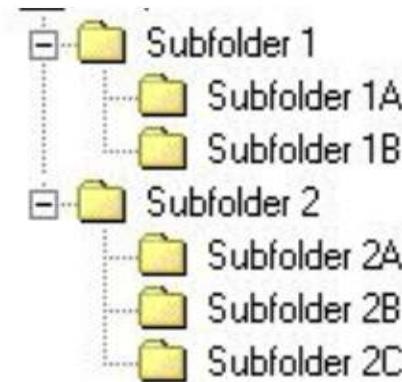
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## Adding Request Mappings to Controller

- Serves as parent mapping for controller
- All request mappings on methods in the controller are relative
- Similar to folder directory structures





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### Controller Request Mapping

```
@RequestMapping("/funny")
public class FunnyController {
    ...
    @RequestMapping("/showForm")
    public String showForm() {
        ...
    }
    @RequestMapping("/processForm")
    public String process(HttpServletRequest request, Model model) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Controller  
Mapping

/funny/showForm

/funny/processForm

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### Spring MVC Form Tags



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## Review HTML Forms

- HTML Forms are used to get input from the user

### Sign In

Email Address:

Password:

Remember me

**Sign In**



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### Spring MVC Form Tags

- Spring MVC Form Tags are the building block for a web page
- Form Tags are configurable and reusable for a web page



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### Data Binding

- Spring MVC Form Tags can make use of data binding
- Automatically setting / retrieving data from a Java object / bean



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## Spring MVC Form Tags

- Form tags will generate HTML for you :-)

Form Tag	Description
form:form	Main form container
form:input	Text field
form:textarea	Multi-line text filed
form:checkbox	Check box
form:radiobutton	Radio buttons
Form:select	Drop down list
more....	



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### Web Page Structure

- JSP page with special Spring MVC Form tags

```
<html>  
    ... regular html ...  
  
    ... Spring MVC form tags ...  
  
    ... more html ...  
  
</html>
```



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## How To Reference Spring MVC Form Tags

- Specify the Spring namespace at beginning of JSP file

```
<%@ taglib prefix="form" uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags/form" %>
```



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### Spring MVC Form Tag - Text Field



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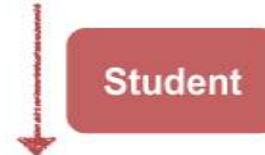
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## Big Picture

**student-form.jsp**

First name:

Last name:



**student-confirmation.jsp**

The student is confirmed: John Doe



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## Showing Form

In your Spring Controller

- Before you show the form, you must add a **model attribute**
- This is a bean that will hold form data for the **data binding**



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## Show Form - Add Model Attribute

Code snippet from Controller

```
@RequestMapping("/showForm")
public String showForm(Model theModel) {
    theModel.addAttribute("student", new Student());
    return "student-form";
}
```



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## Setting up HTML Form - Data Binding

```
<form:form action="processForm" modelAttribute="student">
```

```
First name: <form:input path="firstName" />
```

```
<br><br>
```

```
Last name: <form:input path="lastName" />
```

```
<br><br>
```

```
<input type="submit" value="Submit" />
```

```
</form:form>
```

First name:

Last name:



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## When Form is Loaded ... fields are populated

```
<form:form action="processForm" modelAttribute="student">

    First name: <form:input path="firstName" />

    <br><br>

    Last name: <form:input path="lastName" />

    <br><br>

    <input type="submit" value="Submit" />

</form:form>
```

When form is **loaded**, Spring MVC will call:

**student.getFirstName()**

**student.getLastName**



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## When Form is submitted ... calls setter methods

```
<form:form action="processForm" modelAttribute="student">

    First name: <form:input path="firstName" />

    <br><br>

    Last name: <form:input path="lastName" />

    <br><br>

    <input type="submit" value="Submit" />

</form:form>
```

When form is **submitted**, Spring MVC will call:

**student.setFirstName(...)**

**student.setLastName(...)**



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## Handling Form Submission in the Controller

Code snippet from Controller

```
@RequestMapping("/processForm")
public String processForm(@ModelAttribute("student") Student theStudent) {

    // log the input data
    System.out.println("theStudent: " + theStudent.getFirstName()
    + " " + theStudent.getLastName());

    return "student-confirmation";
}
```



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### Confirmation page

```
<html>
  <body>

    The student is confirmed: ${student.firstName} ${student.lastName}

  </body>
</html>
```

The student is confirmed: John Doe

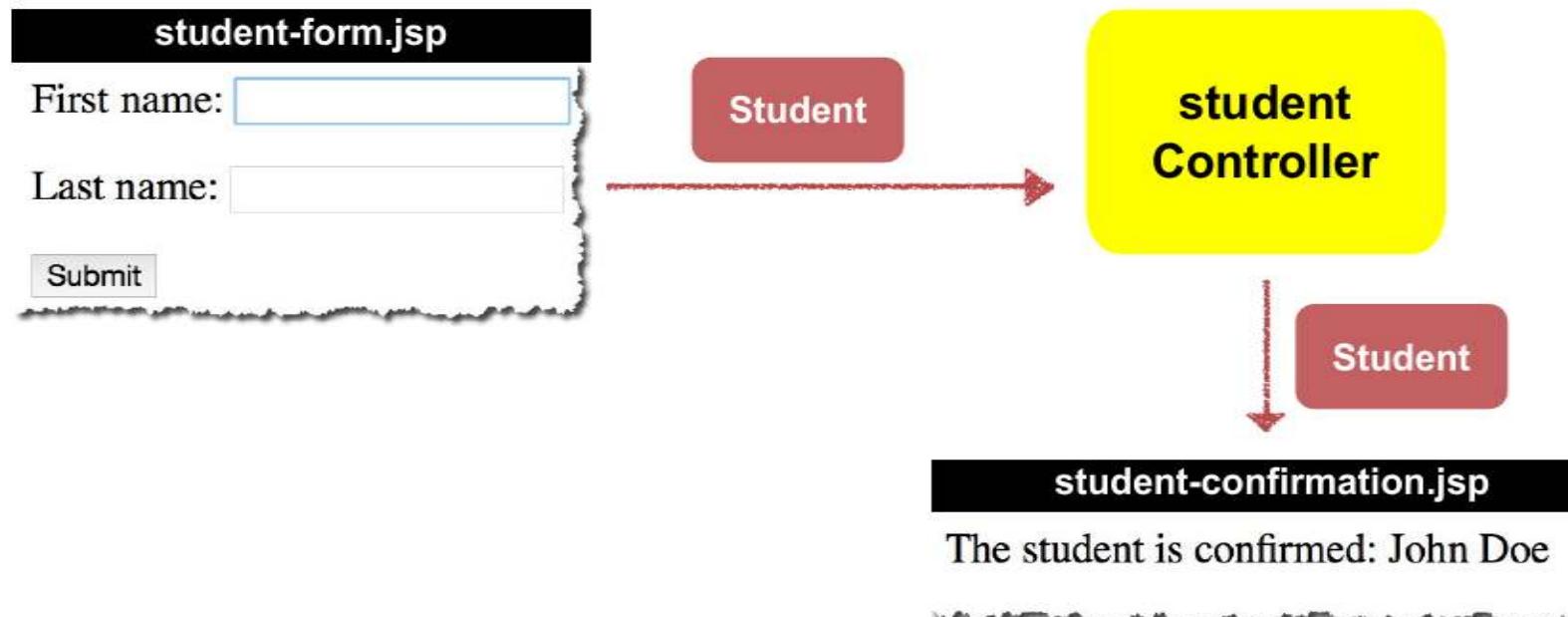


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## Development Process

1.Create Student class

2.Create Student controller class

3.Create HTML form

4.Create form processing code

5.Create confirmation page

Check [spring-mvc- demo7-form-tags-text-fields](#)

*Step by Step*



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**Spring MVC Form Tag - Drop Down List**



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## Review of HTML <select> Tag

First name:

Last name:

Country:

```
<select name="country">
    <option>Brazil</option>
    <option>France</option>
    <option>Germany</option>
    <option>India</option>
    ...
</select>
```



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## Spring MVC Tag

Drop-Down List is represented by the tag

**<form:select>**



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## Code Snippet

File: /WEB-INF/view/....jsp

```
<form:select path="country">  
  
    <form:option value="Brazil" label="Brazil" />  
    <form:option value="France" label="France" />  
    <form:option value="Germany" label="Germany" />  
    <form:option value="India" label="India" />  
  
</form:select>
```

First name:

Last name:

Country:

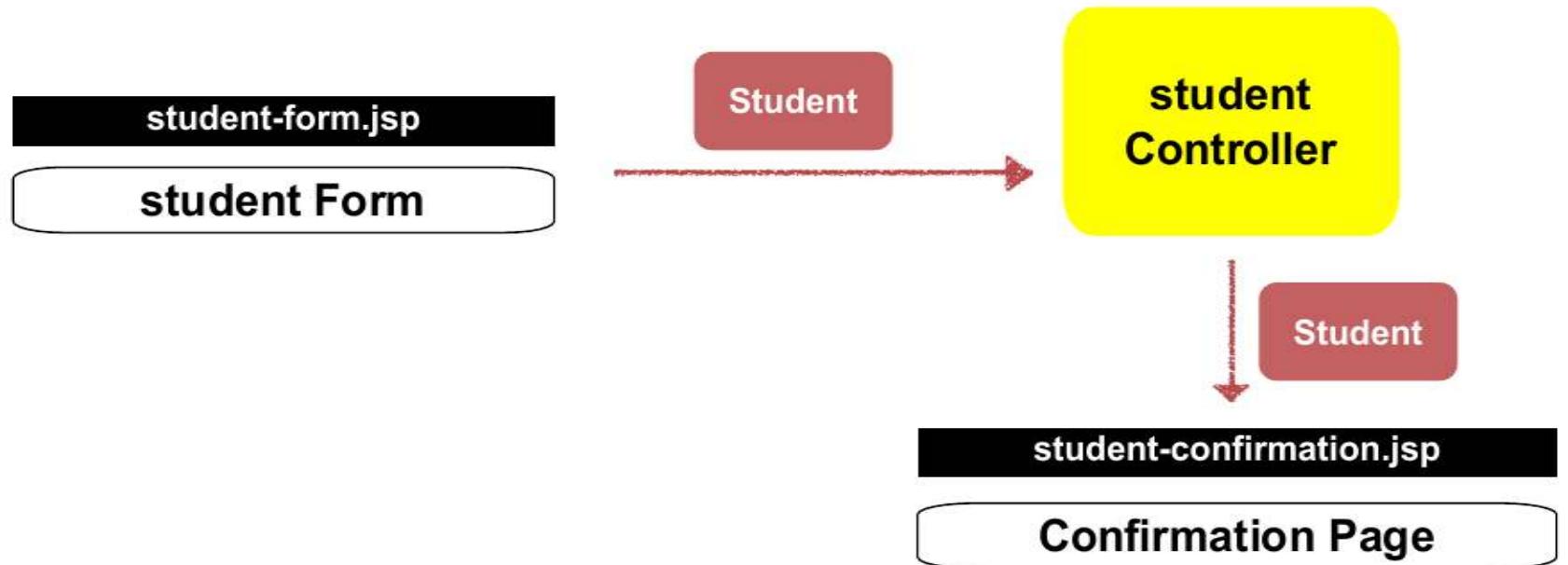


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## Development Process

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2. Update Student class - add getter/setter for new property

3. Update confirmation page

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### Spring MVC Form Tag - Radio Buttons



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## Radio Button Demo

First name:

Last name:

Favorite Programming Languages:

- Java
- C#
- PHP
- Ruby



Submit



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### Spring MVC Tag

A Radio Button is represented by the tag

**<form:radioButton>**



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### Code Example

File: /WEB-INF/view/....jsp

```
Java <form:radioButton path="favoriteLanguage" value="Java" />
C# <form:radioButton path="favoriteLanguage" value="C#" />
PHP <form:radioButton path="favoriteLanguage" value="PHP" />
Ruby <form:radioButton path="favoriteLanguage" value="Ruby" />
```

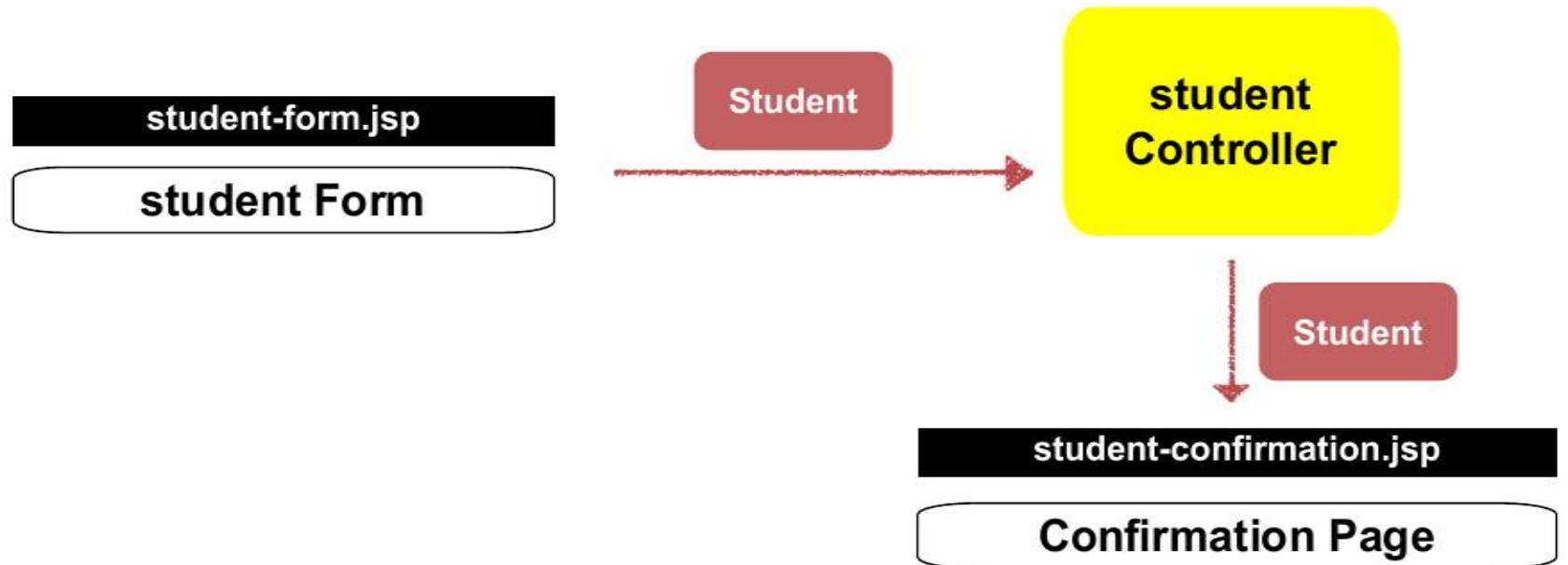


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Populate radiobuttons with items from Java class



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**Spring MVC Form Tag - Check Box**



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## Check Box - Pick Your Favorite OS

Operating Systems: Linux  Mac OS  MS Windows

Submit



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### Spring MVC Tag

A Check Box is represented by the tag

**<form:checkbox>**



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## Code Example

File: /WEB-INF/view/....jsp

```
Linux <form:checkbox path="operatingSystems" value="Linux" />
Mac OS <form:checkbox path="operatingSystems" value="Mac OS" />
MS Windows <form:checkbox path="operatingSystems" value="MS Windows" />
```

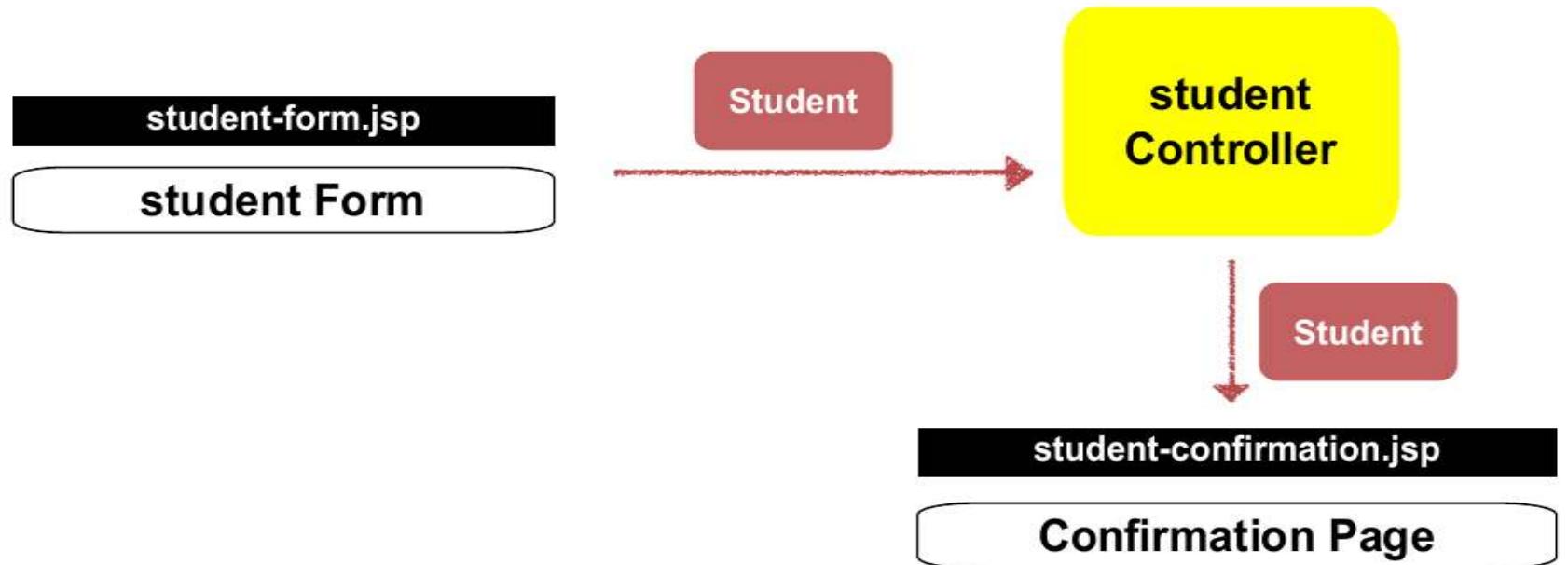


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### Development Process

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*Step by Step*



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### Assignment 12

Add checkbox to [spring-mvc-demo9-form-tags-radio-buttons](#)



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### Spring MVC Form Validation



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### The Need for Validation

- Check the user input form for
- Required fields
- Valid numbers in a range
- Valid format (postal code)
- Custom business rule



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### Java's Standard Bean Validation API

- Java has a standard Bean Validation API
- Defines a metadata model and API for entity validation
- Not tied to either the web tier or the persistence tier
- Available for server-side apps and also client-side JavaFX/Swing apps

<http://www.beanvalidation.org>



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## Spring and Validation

- Spring version 4 and higher supports Bean Validation API
- Preferred method for validation when building Spring apps
- Simply add Validation JARs to our project



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## Bean Validation Features

Validation Feature
required
validate length
validate numbers
validate with regular expressions
custom validation



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## Validation Annotations

Annotation Description	
@NotNull	Checks that the annotated value is not null
@Min	Must be a number $\geq$ value
@Max	Must be a number $\leq$ value
@Size	Size must match the given size
@Pattern	Must match a regular expression pattern
@Future / @Past	Date must be in future or past of given date
others ...	



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## Our Road Map

1. set up our development environment
2. required field
3. validate number range: min, max
4. validate using regular expression (regexp)
5. Custom validation



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### Setting Up Development Environment



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## Java's Standard Bean Validation API

- Java's standard Bean Validation API (JSR-303/309)
- Only a specification ... vendor independent ... portable
- BUT we still need an implementation ...



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## The Hibernate Team to the rescue!

- Hibernate started as an ORM project
- But in recent years, they have expanded into other areas
- They have a fully compliant JSR-303/309 implementation
- Not tied to ORM or database work ... separate project



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The Hibernate Team to the rescue!

The screenshot shows the official website for Hibernate Validator. The header features the "HIBERNATE" logo with a globe icon, followed by a navigation bar with links for "ORM", "Search", "Validator" (which is highlighted in red), "OGM", "Tools", "Others", "Blog", "Community", and "Follow Us". On the left, there's a sidebar with a "Validator" icon and links for "About", "Downloads", "Documentation", "Tooling", "Paid support", "FAQ", "Roadmap", "Contribute", and "Wiki". The main content area has a large title "Hibernate Validator" and a subtext explaining its purpose: "Express validation rules in a standardized way using annotation-based constraints and benefit from transparent integration with a wide variety of frameworks." Below this are two buttons: "Getting started" and a green "Download (5.2.4.Final)" button.

<http://www.hibernate.org>



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### Development Process

1. Download Validation JAR files from Hibernate website, I already uploaded them to the github account.

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2. Add JAR files to project



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### Spring MVC Form Validation Required Fields



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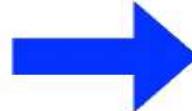
### Required Fields

Fill out the form. Asterisk (\*) means required.

First name:

Last name (\*):

Submit



Fill out the form. Asterisk (\*) means required.

First name:

Last name (\*):

is required

Submit

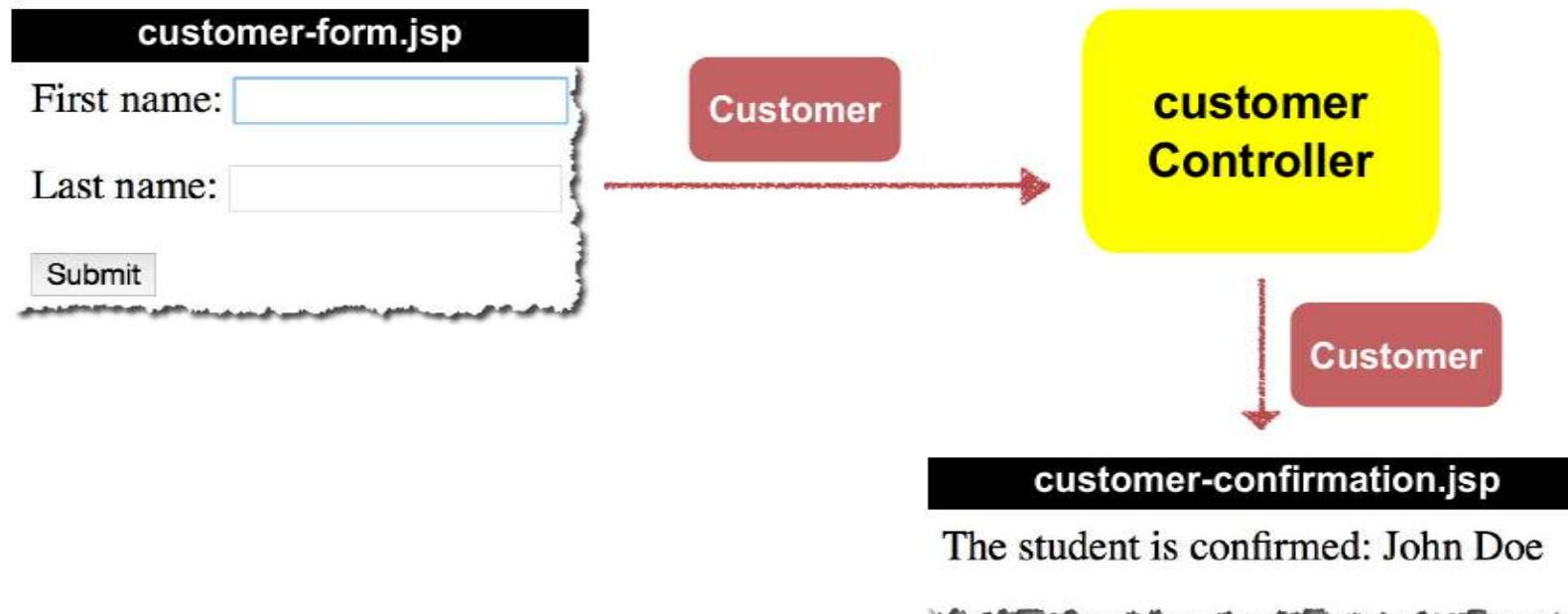


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### Development Process

1. Add validation rule to Customer class
2. Display error messages on HTML form
3. Perform validation in the Controller class
4. Update confirmation page

*Step by Step*



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## Step 1: Add validation rule to Customer class

```
import javax.validation.constraints.NotNull;
import javax.validation.constraints.Size;

public class Customer {

    private String firstName;

    @NotNull(message="is required")
    @Size(min=1, message="is required")
    private String lastName;

    // getter/setter methods
}
```



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## Step 2: Display error message on HTML form

### customer-form.jsp

```
<form:form action="processForm" modelAttribute="customer">

    First name: <form:input path="firstName" />
    <br><br>

    Last name (*): <form:input path="lastName" />
    <form:errors path="lastName" cssClass="error" />

    <br><br>

    <input type="submit" value="Submit" />

</form:form>
```

First name:

Last name (\*):  is required

Submit



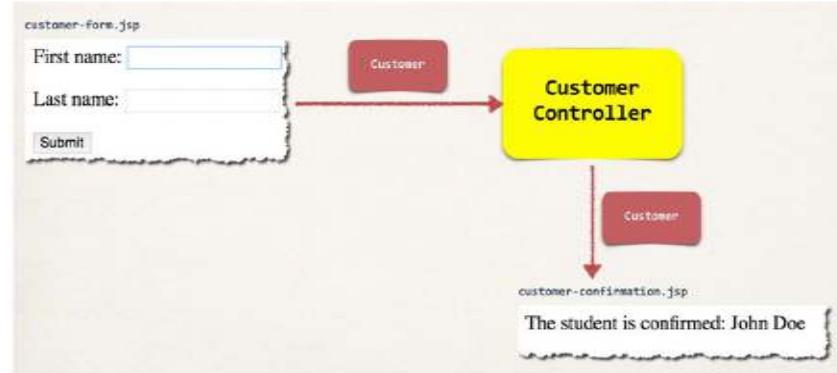
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## Step 3: Perform validation in Controller class

```
@RequestMapping("/processForm")
public String processForm(@Valid @ModelAttribute("customer") Customer theCustomer,
BindingResult theBindingResult) {

    if (theBindingResult.hasErrors()) {
        return "customer-form";
    }
    else {
        return "customer-confirmation";
    }
}
```





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### Step 4: Update confirmation page

```
<html>

    <body>

        The customer is confirmed: ${customer.firstName} ${customer.lastName}

    </body>

</html>
```



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### Assignment 13

Make an implementation of the Built-in validation rules using the sides code



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**Spring MVC Validation @InitBinder**



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### White Space

- After your implementation you will figure out that our previous example had a problem with white space
  - Last name field with all whitespace **passed** ... YIKES!
  - Should have **failed**!
- We need to trim whitespace from input fields



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### @InitBinder

- **@InitBinder** annotation works as a pre-processor
- It will pre-process each web request to our controller
- Method annotated with **@InitBinder** is executed



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## @InitBinder

- We will use this to trim Strings
  - Remove leading and trailing whitespace
- If String only has white spaces ... trim it to **null**
- Will resolve our validation problem ... whew :-)



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## Register Custom Editor in Controller

### CustomerController.java

```
...
@InitBinder
public void initBinder(WebDataBinder dataBinder) {
    StringTrimmerEditor stringTrimmerEditor = new StringTrimmerEditor(true);
    dataBinder.registerCustomEditor(String.class, stringTrimmerEditor);
}
```

Check [spring-mvc- demo10-form-initBinder](#)



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**Spring MVC Validation Number Range: @Min and @Max**



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## Validate a Number Range

- Add a new input field on our form for: Free Passes
- User can only enter a range: 0 to 10

*Fill out the form. Asterisk (\*) means required.*

First name:

Last name (\*):

Free passes:



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## Development Process

1. Add validation rule to Customer class
2. Display error messages on HTML form
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4. Update confirmation page

*Step by Step*



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### Step 1: Add validation rule to Customer class

```
import javax.validation.constraints.Min;
import javax.validation.constraints.Max;
public class Customer {

    @Min(value=0, message="must be greater than or equal to zero")
    @Max(value=10, message="must be less than or equal to 10")
    private int freePasses;

    // getter/setter methods

}
```



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## Assignment 14

Make an implementation of the number ranges validation rules using the sides code



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**Spring MVC Validation Regular Expressions**



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## Regular Expressions

- A sequence of characters that define a search pattern
  - This pattern is used to find or match strings
- Regular Expressions is like its own language
  - I will assume you already know about regular expressions
- If not, then plenty of free tutorials available
  - <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/regex/>



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## Validate a Postal Code

- Add a new input field on our form for: **Postal Code**
- User can only enter 5 chars / digits
- Apply **Regular Expression**

*Fill out the form. Asterisk (\*) means required.*

First name:

Last name (\*):  I

Free passes:  0

Postal Code:



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## Development Process

1. Add validation rule to Customer class
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*Step by Step*



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### Step 1: Add validation rule to Customer class

```
import javax.validation.constraints.Pattern;  
  
public class Customer {  
  
    @Pattern(regexp="^a-zA-Z0-9{5}", message="only 5 chars/digits")  
    private String postalCode;  
  
    // getter/setter methods  
  
}
```

Check [spring-mvc- demo11-regexp](#)



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## Assignment 15

Use @pattern to reproduce the same result of [spring-mvc- demo10-initBinder](#)



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**Spring MVC Validation: Custom Validation**



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## Custom Validation Demo

First name:

Last name:

Course Code:



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## Custom Validation

- Perform custom validation based on your business rules
  - Our example:
    - Course Code must start with “EDU”
- Spring MVC calls our custom validation
- Custom validation returns boolean value for pass/fail (true/false)



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## Create a custom Java Annotation ... from scratch

- So far, we've used predefined validation rules: @Min, @Max, ...
- For custom validation ... we will create a **Custom Java Annotation**
  - **@CourseCode**

### Java class

```
@CourseCode(value="EDU", message="must start with EDU")
private String courseCode;
```



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## Development Process

1. Create custom validation rule
2. Add validation rule to Customer class
3. Display error messages on HTML form
4. Update confirmation page

*Step by Step*



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## Development Process - Drill Down

1. Create custom validation rule
  - a. Create **@CourseCode** annotation
  - b. Create **CourseCodeConstraintValidator**

*Step by Step*



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## Step 1a: Create @CourseCode annotation

**Usage example:**

```
@CourseCode(value="EDU", message="must start with EDU")
private String courseCode;
```



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## Step 1a: Create @CourseCode annotation

```
@Constraint(validatedBy = CourseCodeConstraintValidator.class)
@Target( { ElementType.METHOD, ElementType.FIELD } )
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
public @interface CourseCode {

    ....
}
```



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## Step 1a: Create @CourseCode annotation

```
@Constraint(validatedBy = CourseCodeConstraintValidator.class)
@Target( { ElementType.METHOD, ElementType.FIELD } )
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
public @interface CourseCode {

    // define default course code
    public String value() default "EDU";
    // define default error message
    public String message() default "must start with EDU";
    // define default groups
    public Class<?>[] groups() default {};
    // define default payloads
    public Class<? extends Payload>[] payload() default {};
}
```



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## Rules

### Step 1b: Create CourseCodeConstraintValidator

```
import javax.validation.ConstraintValidator;
import javax.validation.ConstraintValidatorContext;

public class CourseCodeConstraintValidator implements ConstraintValidator<CourseCode, String> {
    private String coursePrefix;
    @Override
    public void initialize(CourseCode theCourseCode) { coursePrefix = theCourseCode.value(); }
    @Override
    public boolean isValid(String theCode, ConstraintValidatorContext theConstraintValidatorContext) {
        boolean result;
        if (theCode != null) result = theCode.startsWith(coursePrefix);
        else result = true;
        return result;
    }
}
```



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Make an implementation of custom validation rules using the sides code



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