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Overview of the Spring Framework



Module Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following

- Define the Spring Framework
- Explain what Spring is used for
- Discuss why Spring is successful
- Explain where it fits in your world

Agenda

- **What is the Spring Framework?**
- Spring is a Container
- What is Spring Used For?



What is the Spring Framework?

Spring is an Open Source, Lightweight, Container and Framework for building Java enterprise applications



- ☒ Open Source
- ☒ Lightweight
- ☒ Container
- ☒ Framework

Spring Framework is Open Source



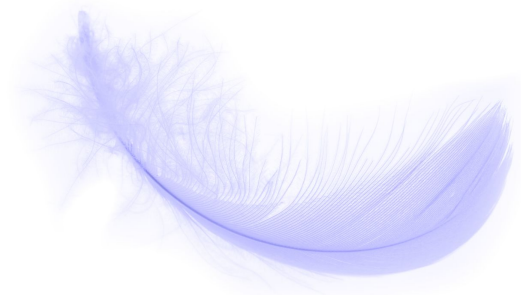
- Spring binary and source code are freely available
- Apache 2 licence
- Code is available at:
 - <https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-framework>
- Binaries available at Maven Central
 - <http://mvnrepository.com/artifact/org.springframework>
- Documentation available at:
 - <http://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/htmlsingle>



The use of a transitive dependency management system (Maven, Gradle, Ant/Ivy) is recommended for any Java application

The Spring Framework is Lightweight

- Spring applications do not require a Java EE application server
 - But - they can be deployed on one
- Spring is not *invasive*
 - Does not require you to extend framework classes or implement framework interfaces for most usage
 - You write your code as POJOs
- Low overhead
 - Spring jars are relatively small
 - JARs used in this course are < 8MB



The Spring Framework Provides a Container

- Spring serves as a container for your application objects
 - Your objects do not have to worry about finding / connecting to each other
- Spring instantiates and dependency injects your objects
 - Serves as a lifecycle manager



Spring Framework: More Than Just a Container

- Enterprise applications must deal with a wide variety of technologies / resources
 - JDBC, JMS, AMQP, Transactions, ORM / JPA, NoSQL, Security, Web, Tasks, Scheduling, Mail, Files, XML/JSON Marshalling, Remoting, REST services, SOAP services, Mobile, Social, ...
- Spring provides framework classes to simplify working with lower-level technologies



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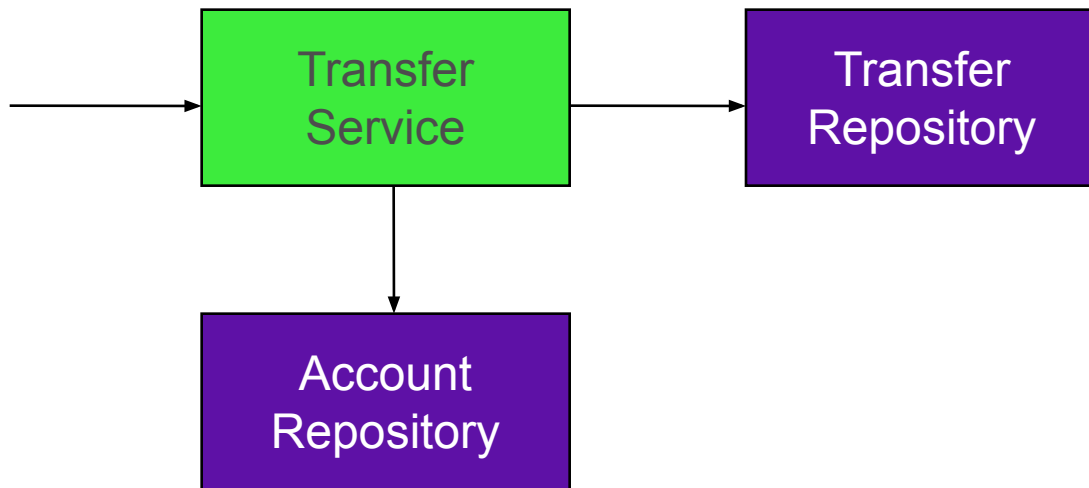
Goal of the Spring Framework

- Provide comprehensive infrastructural support for developing enterprise Java™ applications
 - Spring deals with the plumbing
 - You can focus on solving the domain problem
- *Key Principles*
 - **DRY** - Don't Repeat Yourself
 - **SoCs** - Separation of Concerns

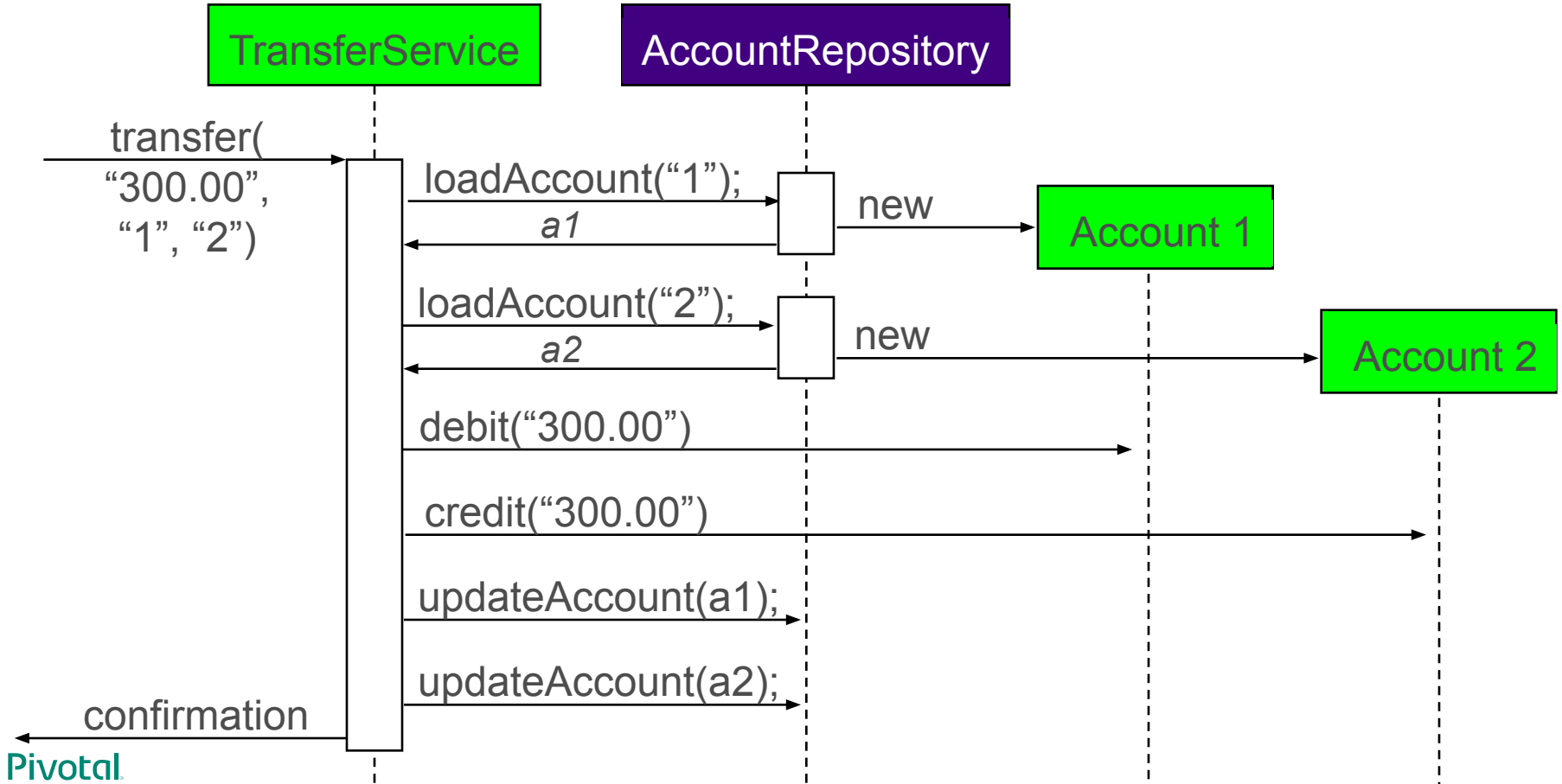


Example: Banking Application Configuration

- A typical application consists of several parts working together to carry out a use case



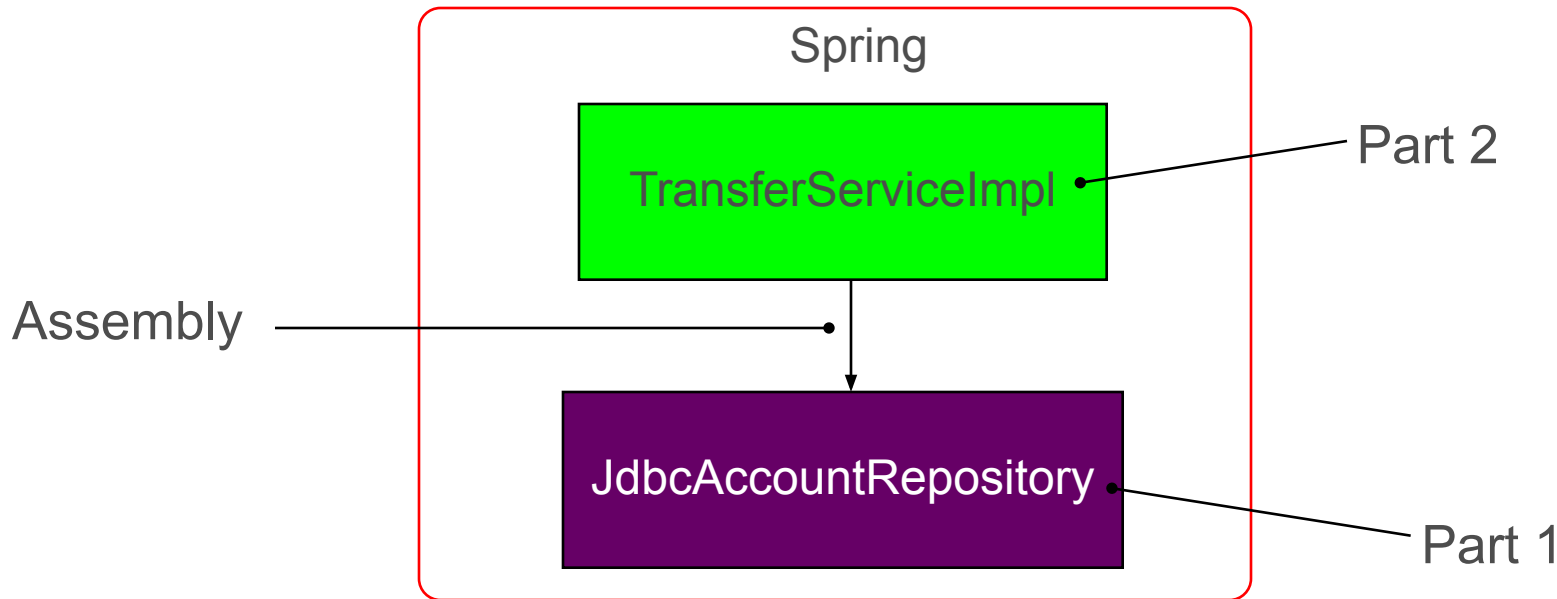
Example: Do Money Transfer



Questions to Consider

- How would we configure the application to ensure all components are assembled correctly?
- How can we easily swap out an implementation without re-writing the application?

Money Transfer System Assembly



```
(1) repository = new JdbcAccountRepository(...);  
(2) service = new TransferServiceImpl();  
(3) service.setAccountRepository(repository);
```

Parts are Just Plain Old Java Objects (POJOs)

```
public class JdbcAccountRepository implements AccountRepository {  
    ...  
}
```

Implements an interface

Part 1

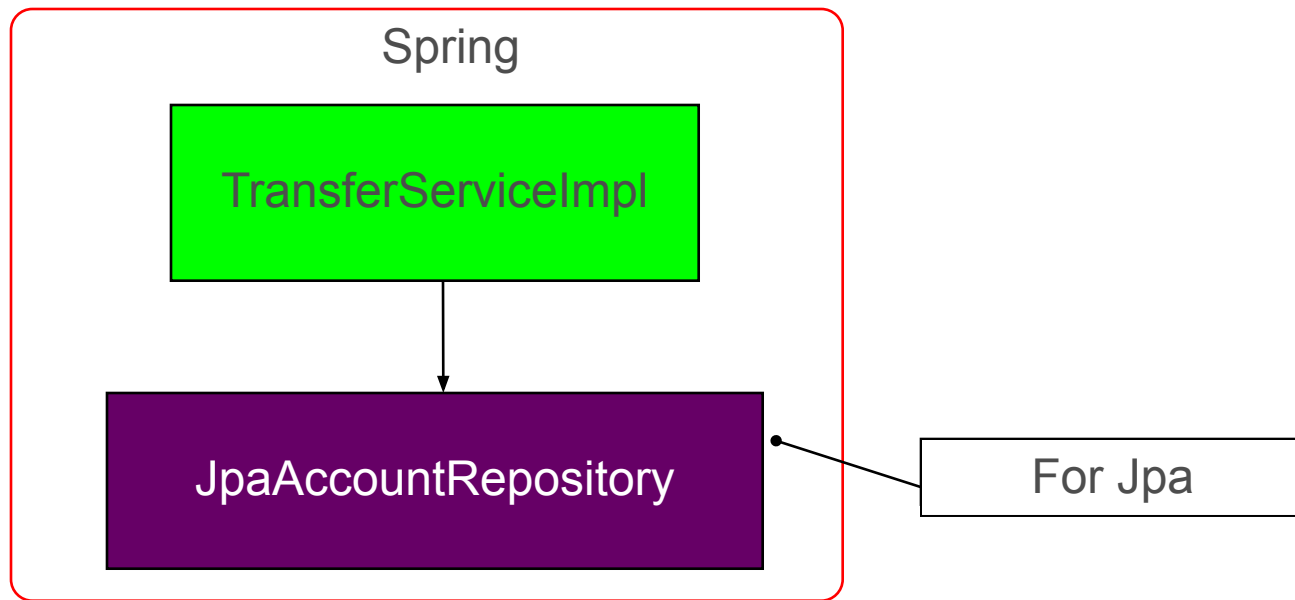
```
public class TransferServiceImpl implements TransferService {  
    private AccountRepository accountRepository;  
  
    public void setAccountRepository(AccountRepository ar) {  
        accountRepository = ar;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Depends on an *interface*:

- conceals complexity of implementation;
- allows for swapping out implementation

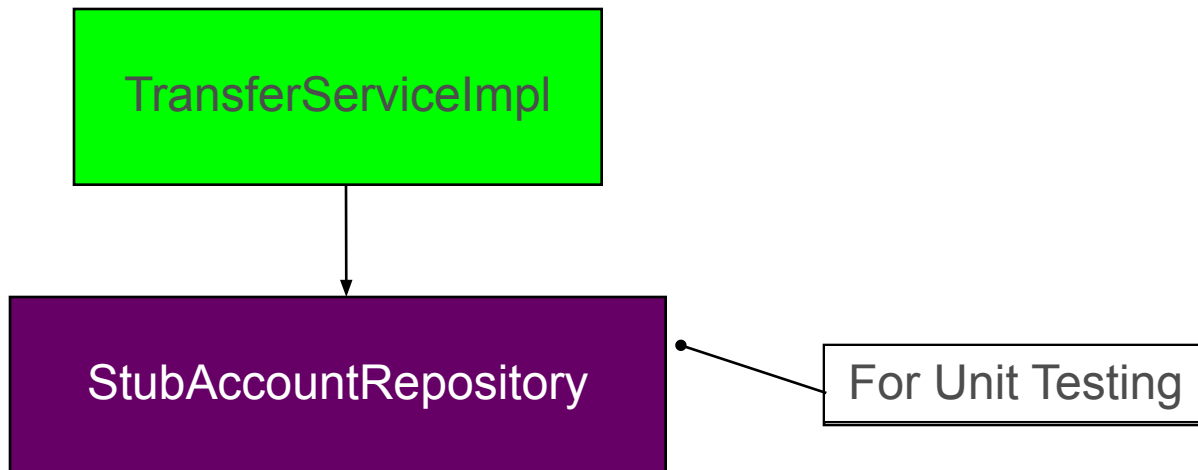
Part 2

Swapping Out Part Implementations



```
(1) repository = new JpaAccountRepository(...);  
(2) service = new TransferServiceImpl();  
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```


Swapping Out Part Implementations



```
(1) repository = new StubAccountRepository();  
(2) service = new TransferServiceImpl();  
(3) service.setAccountRepository(repository);
```

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What is Spring Used For?

- Spring provides comprehensive infrastructural support for developing enterprise Java™ applications
 - Spring deals with the plumbing
 - So you can focus on solving the business domain
- Spring used to build enterprise applications dealing with:



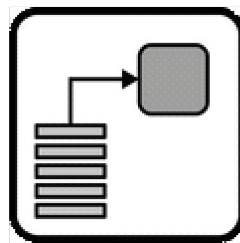
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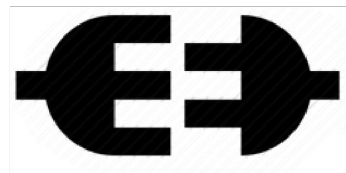
Messaging



Persistence



Batch



Integration

The Current World

- Spring is not simply an alternative to Java EE/EJB
 - Modern application development are different today than 2000
- Spring continues to innovate
 - **Web:** AJAX, WebSockets, REST, Mobile, Reactive
 - **Data:** NoSQL, Big Data, Stream processing
 - **Cloud:** Distributed systems, Cloud, Microservices
 - **Productivity:** Spring Boot, Spring Cloud Data Flow
 - And many more

More on Spring's Ecosystem



- Visit <http://spring.io/projects>



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Lab: Developing an Application from Plain Old Java Objects

**Lab project:
10-spring-intro**

**Anticipated Lab time:
30 Minutes**