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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



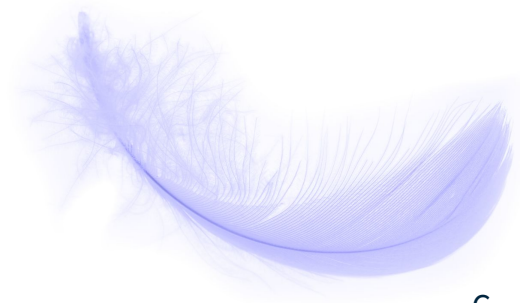
- Spring binary and source code are freely available
- Apache 2 licence
- Code is available at:
 - <https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-framework>
- Binaries available at Maven Central
 - <http://mvnrepository.com/artifact/org.springframework>
- Documentation available at:
 - <http://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/htmlsingle>



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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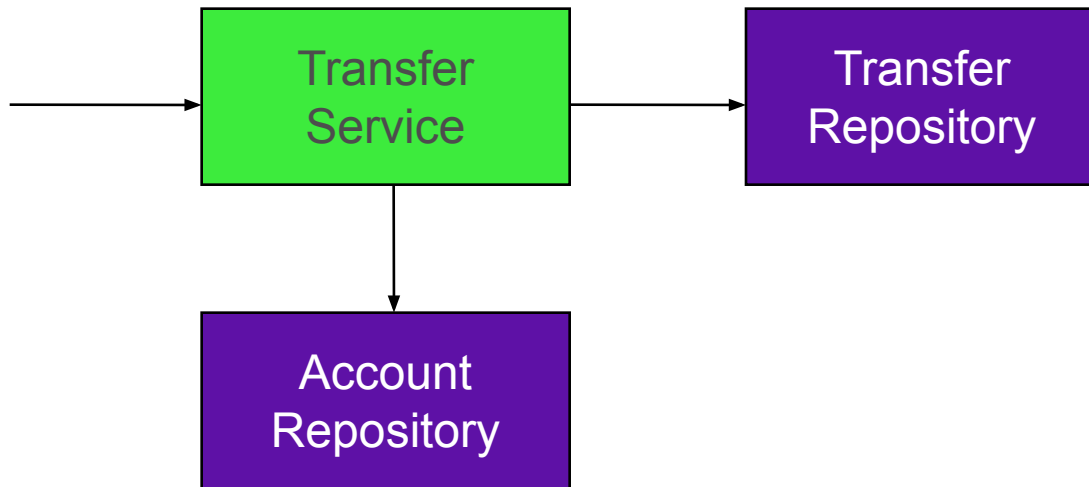
Goal of the Spring Framework

- 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

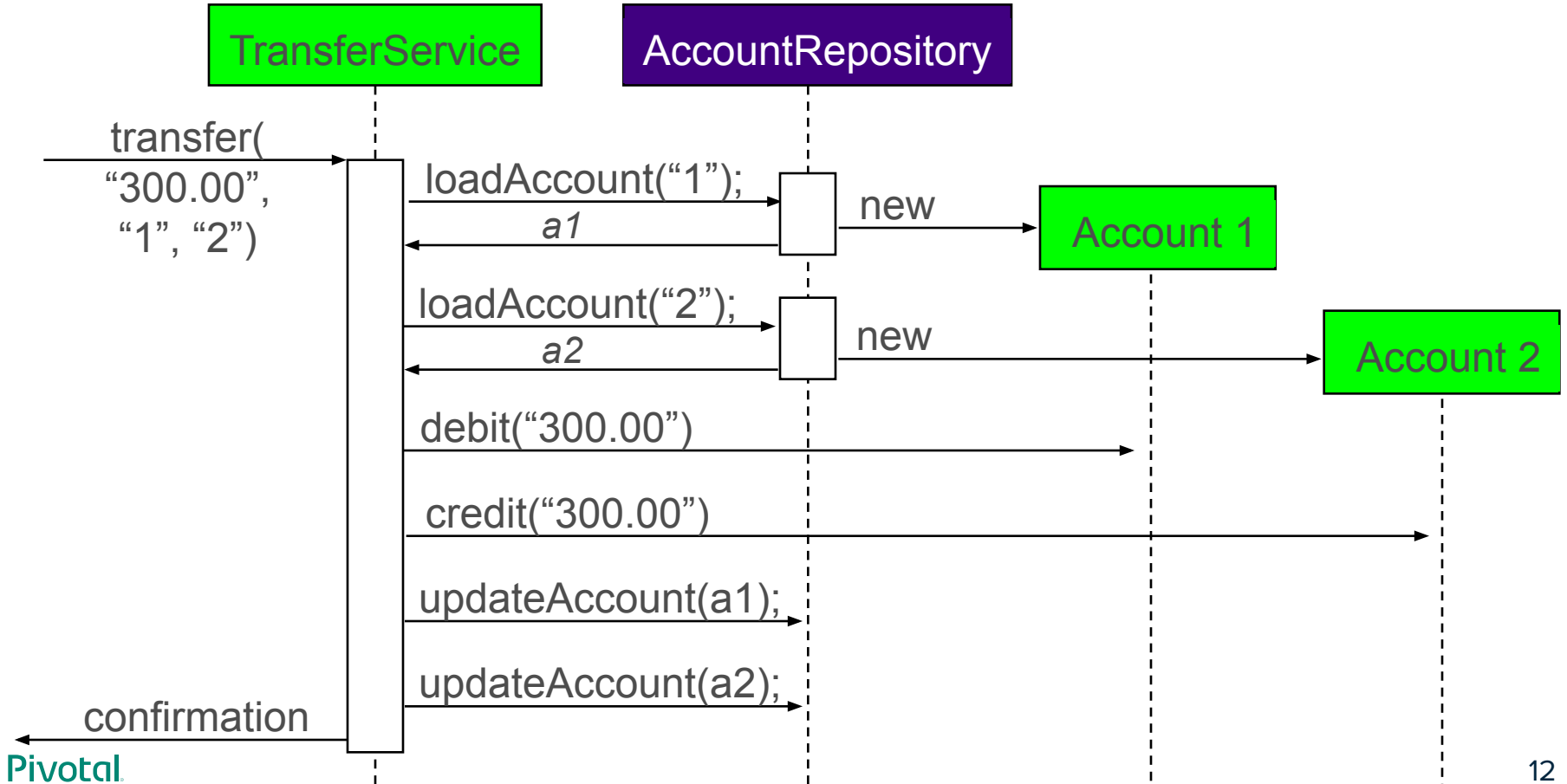


Example: Banking Application Configuration

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



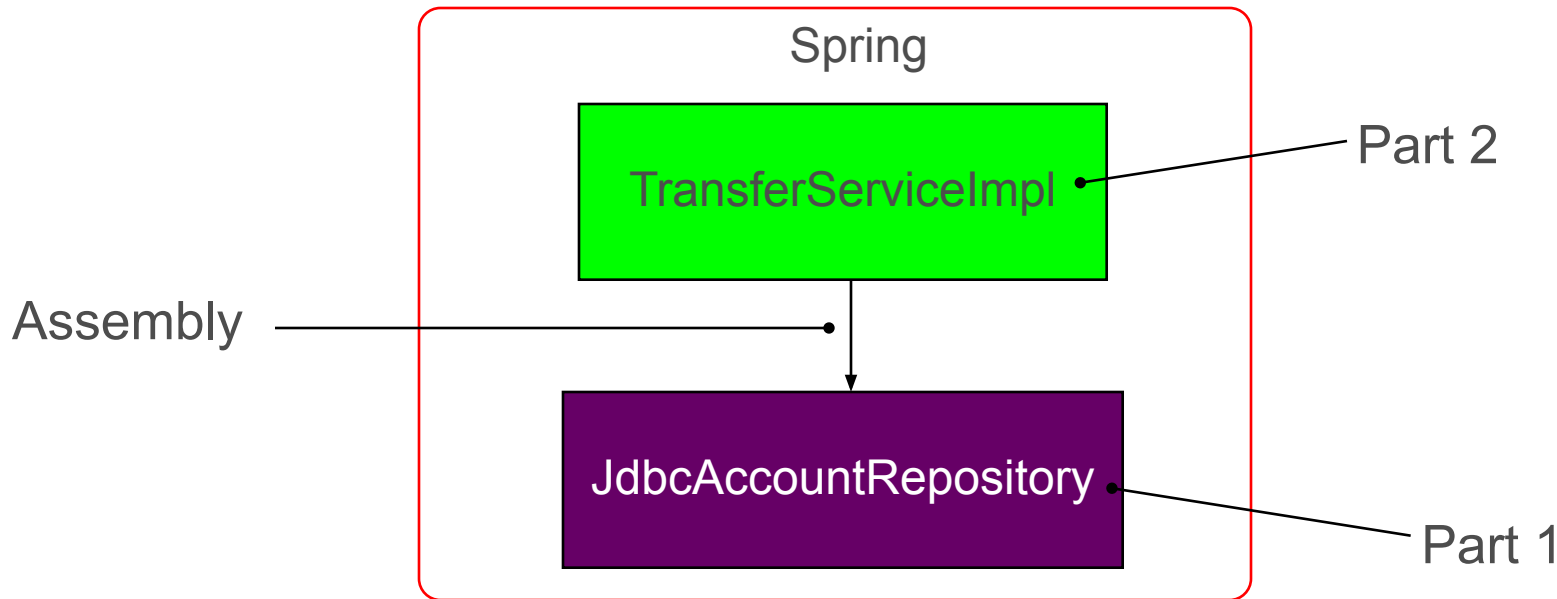
Example: Do Money Transfer



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

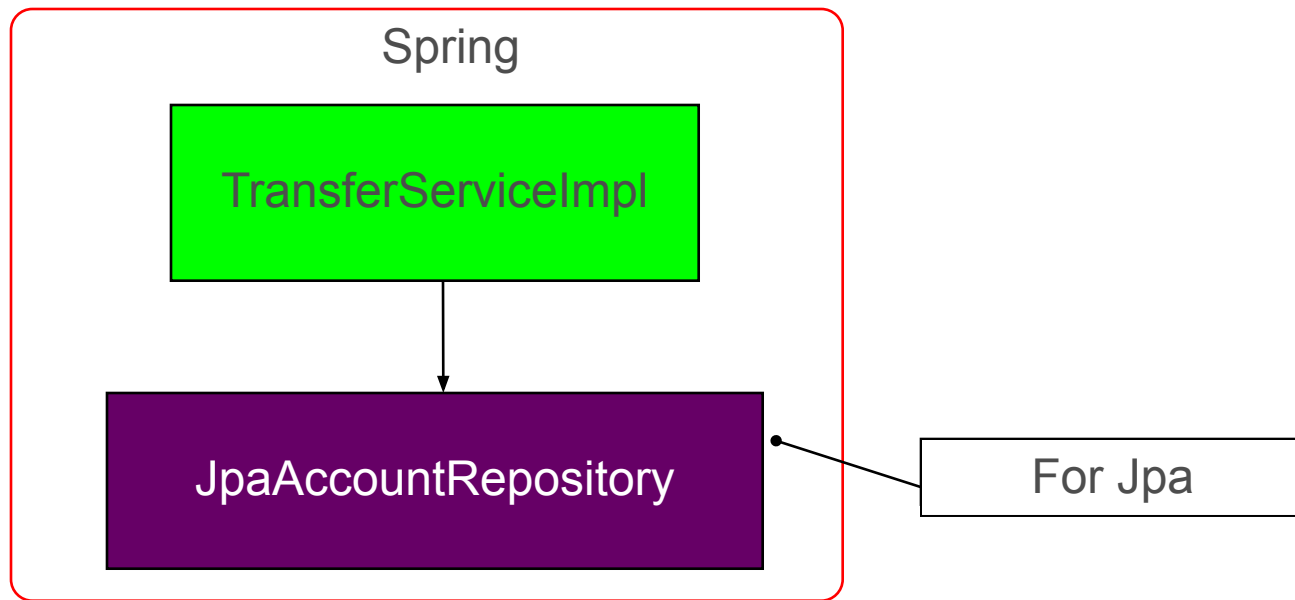
```
public class TransferServiceImpl implements TransferService {  
    private AccountRepository accountRepository;  
  
    public void setAccountRepository(AccountRepository ar) {  
        accountRepository = ar;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Depends on an *interface*:

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

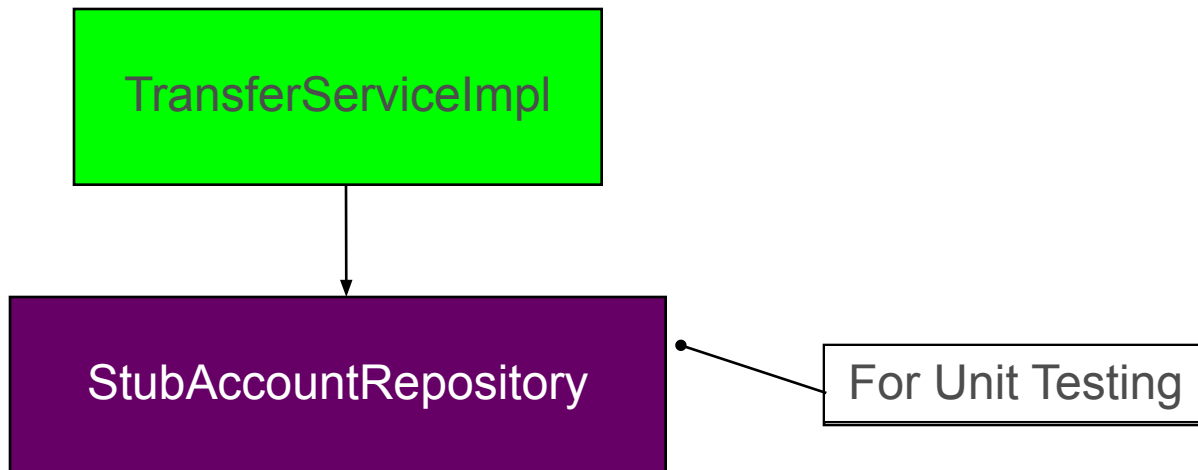
Part 2

Swapping Out Part Implementations



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


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:



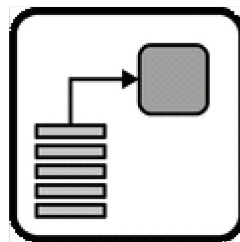
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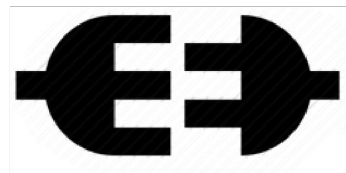
Messaging



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>



A man with a beard and a woman are sitting at a desk, looking at a computer monitor. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They are both looking at the screen with interest. The background is slightly blurred, showing other office equipment and a person in the distance.

Lab: Developing an Application from Plain Old Java Objects

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

**Anticipated Lab time:
30 Minutes**