

# Understanding Scope Annotations in Spring

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## Simple Explanation with Example (Using Interfaces)

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### ◆ Step 1: Interface (Address.java)

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package in.sp.beans;

public interface Address {
    String getAddressDetails();
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### ◆ Step 2: Implementing Address (Two Beans)



**HomeAddress.java** (Singleton)

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import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;

@Component("homeAddress")
@Scope("singleton") // Only ONE instance shared across the container
public class HomeAddress implements Address {
    @Override
    public String getAddressDetails() {
        return "Home Address: #101, Bangalore -560001";
    }
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### **OfficeAddress.java (Prototype)**

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@Component("officeAddress")
@Scope("prototype") // A NEW instance created every time
public class OfficeAddress implements Address {
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        return "Office Address: #202, Mumbai -400001";
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### ◆ Step 3: **Student.java** (Injecting Address)

```
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package in.sp.beans;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Qualifier;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;

@Component
public class Student {
    private Address address;

    @Autowired
    public Student(@Qualifier("officeAddress") Address address) {
        this.address = address;
    }

    public void display() {
        System.out.println("Student Address: " + address.getAddressDetails());
    }
}
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### ◆ Step 4: **MainApp.java** (Running the Code)

```
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package in.sp.main;
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import in.sp.beans.Student;
import in.sp.beans.OfficeAddress;
import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContext;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext;

public class MainApp {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ApplicationContext context = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext("in.sp.beans");

        Student student1 = context.getBean(Student.class);
        student1.display();

        // Checking Scope of OfficeAddress
        OfficeAddress address1 = context.getBean(OfficeAddress.class);
        OfficeAddress address2 = context.getBean(OfficeAddress.class);

        System.out.println("Are OfficeAddress objects same? " + (address1 == address2)); // Should print false
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