

Advanced/Enterprise Java

Agenda

- Spring Web MVC
 - Detailed Flow
 - Spring Boot JSP limitations
 - Using static resources
 - Spring form tags
 - @ModelAttribute
 - Spring validations
- REST web services

Spring Web MVC

Spring Boot - JSP limitations

- Spring boot runs with "embedded" web server like tomcat/jetty. With executable jar, JSP files are not accessible directly.
- JBoss Undertow web server does not support JSPs.
- Creating a custom error.jsp page does not override the default view for error handling. Custom error pages needs to be created and configured.

Spring MVC Navigation

- Control can be transferred from one request handler method to another request handler method by returning specialized urls as view names.
 - redirect:url
 - forward:url

redirect:url

- Sends a temporary response to the browser (status=302) that force browser to make new request to the given url.
- It internally does `response.sendRedirect("url")`.

- Can be used to redirect to another url in application or outside the application.

forward:url

- Transfers current request to the given url (request handler method).
- It internally does `requestDispatcher.forward(request, response)`.
- Can be used to redirect to another url in application only.

Using static resources

- Spring boot configures `ResourceHttpRequestHandler` to serve static resources like HTML pages, JS, CSS, images, etc.
- By default it search resources under
 - `/static`
 - `/public`
 - `/resources`
 - `/META-INF/resources`
- Default locations can be modified in `application.properties`.

```
spring.web.resources.static-locations=classpath:/files,file:/opt/files
```

- Default static url is `"/"` and it can be altered in `application.properties`.

```
spring.mvc.static-path-pattern=/content/**  
# access resources as http://localhost:8080/content/resource
```

- Reference: <https://www.baeldung.com/spring-mvc-static-resources>
- External CSS can be added directly (giving link).
 - `<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://stackpath.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.2.1/css/bootstrap.min.css"/>`

- View --> Request params --> Controller
 - FrontController accept req params and fill it in a object and send as argument to request handler method.

```
@RequestMapping("/login")
String validate(Credentials cred) {
    // ...
}
```

- index.jsp --> Req params (email and password) --> FrontController --> create object of Credentials and set req params in it --> call req handler validate() with Credentials as its argument.

- Controller --> Model attributes (Request attributes) --> View

```
@RequestMapping("/login")
String validate(Credentials cred, Model model) {
    // ...
    model.addAttribute("message", "login successful.");
}
```

```
@RequestMapping("/login")
String validate(@ModelAttribute("cr") Credentials cred, Model model) {
    // ...
    model.addAttribute("message", "login successful.");
}
```

- @ModelAttribute("cr") Credentials cred --> internally equivalent to model.addAttribute("cr", cred); + add BindingResult (errors) in model.

```
@RequestMapping("/url")
ModelAndView method() {
    Pojo obj = new Pojo();
    return new ModelAndView("viewName", "command", obj);
}
```

- return new ModelAndView("viewName", "command", obj); --> equivalent to --

```
model.addAttribute("command", obj);
return "viewName";
```

Spring form tag

- Must have a form backing bean/pojo to initialize/auto-fill the form -- given as attribute <sf:form modelAttribute="beanName" action="...">.
 - If `modelAttribute="beanName"` not given, default `modelAttribute="command"`.
 - Controller must send a pojo with name "beanName" in request/model scope.
 - Controller can send this using one of the following ways.
 - `model.addAttribute("command", obj);`
 - `@ModelAttribute Pojo obj` -- in argument or return value
 - `return ModelAndView from req handler method`
- <https://docs.spring.io/spring-framework/docs/4.2.x/spring-framework-reference/html/spring-form-tld.html#spring-form.tld.select>

Spring MVC/Boot Validations

- End user may enter wrong data while registration/sign in/data entry.
- In "general" there are two ways of Validations
 - Client side Validations
 - Server side Validations

Client side Validations

- HTML5 : `<input type="text" required>`
- JS or jQuery framework for validation.
- Client side validations are faster and gives better user experience.
- Client side validations can be compromised by the end user (disable JS, ...).

Server side Validations

- Spring MVC supports server side validations.
- It uses standard annotations for the data validations (JSR 303).
 - `@NotNull` -- should not be empty (primitive types and string)
 - `@NotEmpty` -- should not be empty (collections)
 - `@NotNull` -- should not be null
 - `@Min` and `@Max` -- numeric values like age.
 - `@Size` -- string length
 - `@DateTimeFormat` -- desired date format (`<input type="date">` -- format=yyyy-MM-dd)
 - `@Email` -- Email pattern check (internally use regex)
 - `@Pattern` -- Regular expression
- To process validations use `@Valid` on command/pojo object -- req handler method arg.
- In Spring MVC use `@ModelAttribute` to add the object into model.
- To collect the validation errors use `BindingResult` or `Errors` object as next argument (after command object).

Spring Boot + JSP Validation Steps

- In pom.xml add validation starter.

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-validation</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

- In Customer class, use appropriate validation annotations.

```
public class Customer {  
    private int id;  
    @NotEmpty  
    private String name;  
    @NotEmpty  
    @Email  
    private String email;  
    @NotEmpty  
    @Pattern(regexp = "[0-9]{10}")  
    private String mobile;  
    @NotEmpty  
    private String address;  
    @NotEmpty  
    @Size(min = 4)  
    private String password;  
    @DateTimeFormat(pattern="yyyy-MM-dd")  
    @NotNull  
    private Date birth;  
    // ...  
}
```

- In request handler method -- LoginControllerImpl.saveUser()
 - The command/model object should be marked as @Valid.
 - In Spring MVC project, also use @ModelAttribute("...").
 - Immediate next argument must be BindingResult to collect validation errors.
 - Check BindingResult object to see errors -- hasErrors(). Send user to current view if error is found.

```
@RequestMapping("/register")  
public String saveUser(@ModelAttribute("u") @Valid Customer user, BindingResult res, Model model) {  
    try {  
        if(res.hasErrors())  
            return "newuser";
```

```
// ...
userService.saveUser(user);
model.addAttribute("message", "Customer added successfully " + user.getId());
} catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
    model.addAttribute("message", "Customer add failed " + e.getMessage());
}
return "newuser";
}
```

- In newuser.jsp use sf:errors to render the errors.

```
<%@ taglib prefix="sf" uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags/form" %>
<sf:form action="/register">
    Name: <sf:input path="name"/> <sf:errors path="name" cssClass="error"/> <br/><br/>
    Email: <sf:input path="email"/> <sf:errors path="email" cssClass="error"/> <br/><br/>
    Password: <sf:password path="password"/> <sf:errors path="password" cssClass="error"/> <br/><br/>
    <input type="submit" value="Sign Up"/>
    <a href="/">Sign In</a> <br/><br/>
    ${message} <br/><br/>
    All validation errors <br/>
    <sf:errors path="*" cssClass="error"/>
</sf:form>
```

- Run application and check if validations are working.
- To provide custom error messages, in messages.properties add messages in a format like Annotation.command.field=message.

```
NotEmpty.u.name = name is mandatory
NotEmpty.u.mobile = mobile is mandatory
Pattern.u.mobile = mobile must be 10 digits
NotEmpty.u.email = email is mandatory
Email.u.email = email is invalid
```

```
NotEmpty.u.password = password is mandatory  
Size.u.password = password must be atleast {0} chars  
NotEmpty.u.address = address is mandatory  
NotNull.u.birth = birth date is mandatory
```

- Re-run application and check custom error messages.

Assignments

1. Complete Bookshop application using Spring Boot.
 - Add external css for showing error messages in red color.
 - Complete delete book and add book functionality.
 - Show "Hello, username" on each page.