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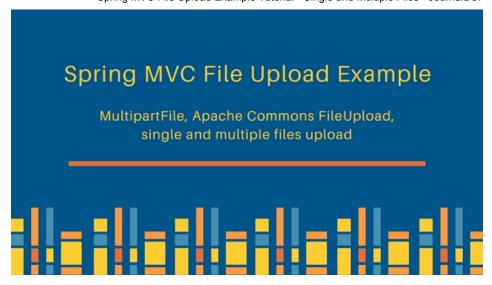
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File Uploading is a very common task in any web application. We have earlier seen how to upload files in Servlet and Struts2 File Uploading. Today we will learn about Spring File upload, specifically Spring MVC File Upload for single and multiple files.

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Spring MVC File Upload



Spring MVC framework provide support for uploading files by integrating Apache Commons FileUpload API. The process to upload files is very easy and requires simple configurations. We will create a simple Spring MVC project in STS that will look like below image.

Most of the part is the boiler-plate code generated by STS tool, we will focus into the changes that are required to utilize Spring file upload integration.

Maven Dependencies for Apache Commons FileUpload

First of all we need to add Apache Commons FileUpload dependencies in our pom.xml file, so that required jar files are part of the web application. Below is the dependency snippet from my pom.xml file.

Spring File Upload Form Views

We will create two JSP pages to allow single and multiple file uploads in spring web application.

upload.jsp view code:

```
taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
 <%@ page session="false" %>
 <html>
 <head>
 <title>Upload File Request Page</title>
 </head>
 <body>
         <form method="POST" action="uploadFile" enctype="multipart/form-data">
                  File to upload: <input type="file" name="file"><br />
                  Name: <input type="text" name="name"><br /> <br />
                  <input type="submit" value="Upload"> Press here to upload the file!
         </form>
 </body>
 </html>
uploadMultiple.jsp view code:
 <%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
 <%@ page session="false" %>
 <html>
 <head>
 <title>Upload Multiple File Request Page</title>
 </head>
 <body>
         <form method="POST" action="uploadMultipleFile" enctype="multipart/form-data">
                  File1 to upload: <input type="file" name="file"><br />
                  Name1: <input type="text" name="name"><br /> <br />
                  File2 to upload: <input type="file" name="file"><br />
```

Notice that these files are simple HTML files, I am not using any JSP or Spring tags to avoid complexity. The important point to note is that form **enctype** should be **multipart/form-data**, so that Spring web application knows that the request contains file data that needs to be processed.

Also note that for multiple files, the form field "file" and "name" are same in the input fields, so that the data will be sent in the form of array. We will take the input array and parse the file data and store it in the given file name.

Spring MVC Multipart Configuration

To utilize Apache Commons FileUpload for handling multipart requests, all we need to do is configure multipartResolver bean with class as org.springframework.web.multipart.commons.CommonsMultipartResolver.

Our final Spring configuration file looks like below.

servlet-context.xml code:

```
<annotation-driven />
<!-- Handles HTTP GET requests for /resources/** by efficiently serving
          up static resources in the ${webappRoot}/resources directory -->
<resources mapping="/**" location="/" />
```

Notice that I am setting maximum upload size limit by providing the *maxUploadSize* property value for *multipartResolver* bean. If you will look into the source code of DispatcherServlet class, you will see that a MultipartResolver variable with name multipartResolver is defined and initialized in below method.

```
private void initMultipartResolver(ApplicationContext context)
{
    try
    {
        this.multipartResolver =
    ((MultipartResolver)context.getBean("multipartResolver", MultipartResolver.class));
        if (this.logger.isDebugEnabled()) {
            this.logger.debug("Using MultipartResolver [" + this.multipartResolver + "]");
        }
    }
    catch (NoSuchBeanDefinitionException ex)
    {
        this.multipartResolver = null;
        if (this.logger.isDebugEnabled())
            this.logger.debug("Unable to locate MultipartResolver with name
'multipartResolver': no multipart request handling provided");
    }
}
```

With this configuration, any request with encrype as multipart/form-data will be handled by multipartResolver before passing on to the Controller class.

Spring File Upload Controller Class

Controller class code is very simple, we need to define handler methods for the *uploadFile* and *uploadMultipleFile* URIs.

FileUploadController.java code:

```
package com.journaldev.spring.controller;
import java.io.BufferedOutputStream;
```

```
import java.io.File;
import java.io.FileOutputStream;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Controller;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestParam;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ResponseBody;
import org.springframework.web.multipart.MultipartFile;
/**
 * Handles requests for the application file upload requests
*/
@Controller
public class FileUploadController {
        private static final Logger logger = LoggerFactory
```

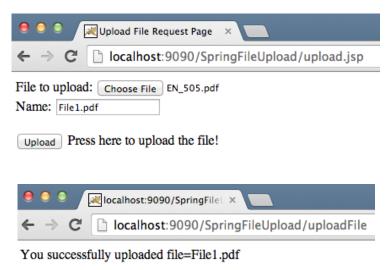
Notice the use of Spring annotations that make our life easier and code looks more readable.

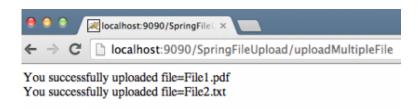
uploadFileHandler method is used to handle single file upload scenario whereas uploadMultipleFileHandler method is used to handle multiple files upload scenario. Actually we could have a single method to handle both the scenarios.

Now export the application as WAR file and deploy it into Tomcat servlet container.

When we run our application, below images shows us the request and responses.

Spring MVC File Upload Example





You can check the server logs to know the location where the files have been stored.

Download the project from above link and play around with it to learn more.

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APRIL 18, 2018 AT 1:53 PM

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Getting status 400-Required String Parameter 'name' is not present

Reply

Cristian says

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 10:10 PM

hi could you explain how to run it with apache tompcat 8.5 thanks

Reply

Sujata says

FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 4:21 AM

I am getting the error "Application download did not succeed. Check network connection.". Upto Server File Creation Program works fine. But the folder is not created at specified location. Plz reply.

Reply

Pankaj says

FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 9:03 AM

If folder is not getting created, then it could be the issue that your user account don't have required privileges.

Reply

Jam says

NOVEMBER 20, 2017 AT 12:35 PM

Did any one faces MVC Portlet Mode mappings conflict between method and type level: [uploadFile] versus [VIEW]

Reply

kalantary says

OCTOBER 3, 2017 AT 5:27 AM

i have a program than submit things to db . i want to add submit file to my code. i want help code in controller

@RequestMapping(value = "/rest/add-new-record/{tableName}", method = RequestMethod.POST)
public String addNewRecord(@PathVariable String tableName, @RequestParam Map allRequestParams,

```
HttpServletRequest request)
throws SQLException {
tableContentService.addNewRow(allRequestParams, tableName);
TableMetaData metaData=getTableMetaData(tableName);
metaData.getColumnMetaData();
ColumnMetaData columnMetaData=new ColumnMetaData();
return "content-manager";
}
code in service
public void addNewRow(Map recordData, String tableName) throws SQLException {
tableContentDAO.addNewRecord(recordData,tableName, null);
}
//class java
public void addNewRecord(Map recordData, String tableName, String id) throws SQLException {
OracleConnection connection = (OracleConnection) getConnection();
Statement statement:
Set columnNames = recordData.keySet();
List listValues = new ArrayList();
ResultSet resultSet = null;
String pk_column = null;
DatabaseMetaData databaseMetaData = connection.getMetaData();
resultSet = databaseMetaData.getPrimaryKeys(null, connection.getUserName(), tableName);
while (resultSet.next()) {
pk_column = resultSet.getString("COLUMN_NAME");
}
// System.out.println("pk_column======"+ pk_column);
for (Map.Entry stringStringEntry: recordData.entrySet()) {
String help = null;
if (!stringStringEntry.getKey().equals(pk_column)) {
if (isValidDate((String) stringStringEntry.getValue())) {
help = " TO_DATE(' " + stringStringEntry.getValue() + " ', 'YYYY/MM/DD')";
listValues.add(help);
}//if is file
else {
listValues.add((String) stringStringEntry.getValue());
}
}
StringJoiner columnNameJoiner = new StringJoiner(",");
columnNameJoiner.add(pk_column);
// System.out.println("columnNameJoiner======"+ columnNameJoiner);
for (String columnName: columnNames) {
if (columnName != null && !columnName.equals(pk_column) && !columnName.equals("username")) {
```

```
columnNameJoiner.add(columnName):
}
// System.out.println("columnNameJoiner======"+ columnNameJoiner);
StringJoiner recordDataJoiner = new StringJoiner(",");
for (String value: listValues) {
if (value.contains("TO_DATE")) {
recordDataJoiner.add(value);
} else {
recordDataJoiner.add(""" + value + """);
}
String query;
// columnNameJoiner.toString() ID,ID,NAME
/*if (id == null) {
query = String.format("Insert into %s (%s) values" +
" ((SELECT COALESCE(MAX(%s)+1,1) FROM %s) ,%s)",
tableName, columnNameJoiner.toString(),
pk_column, tableName, recordDataJoiner.toString());
} else {
query = String.format("Insert into %s (%s) values (%s, %s)",
tableName, columnNameJoiner.toString(), id, recordDataJoiner.toString());
}
}*/
query = String.format("Insert into %s (%s) values" +
" ((SELECT COALESCE(MAX(%s)+1,1) FROM %s) ,%s)",
tableName, columnNameJoiner.toString(),
pk_column, tableName, recordDataJoiner.toString());
System.out.println(query);
statement = connection.createStatement();
statement.executeQuery(query);
JdbcUtils.closeConnection(connection);
}
code in is
function createFile(field) {
var required = field.required? "required": "";
var html="";
//todo AliMohamadi: readable writable difference
// var disabled = field.
html +="";
html +="";
html += field.comment;
html += "";
```

return html;
}
Reply

Sahas says

JUNE 22, 2017 AT 12:22 AM

Hi Pankaj,

Could you please also explain how we can return file content from spring controller.

Reply

Angelica says

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 2:13 PM

Hi, your tutorial it's really helpfull, but I have a question. Where can I locate the files? because where you are saving them they are erase every time you deploy the application, and place the into de project it's not an option, Do you have any advise? thanks

Reply

Prabhat says

DECEMBER 29, 2016 AT 12:00 PM

How can I get the progress while uploading the file?

Reply

Surakshar says

NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AT 6:08 AM

Very helpful tutorial. Also thanks for the webpage face lift.

Reply

Abhijeet Kale says

MAY 7, 2016 AT 3:09 AM

I tried this tutorial but I get follwing exception

java.lang.ClassNotFoundException:

org.spring framework.web.multipart.commons. Commans Multipart Resolver

I doensn't able to understand why this exception comes Please help me how to resolve this exception.

Reply

Surendra says

NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AT 3:10 AM

Add two jar as mentioned in pom.xml

1.commons-fileupload-1.3.1.jar

2. commons-io-2.4.jar

Reply

anderson brito sousa says

APRIL 22, 2016 AT 5:12 AM

I receive the return message on the same page?

Reply

pj_zhong says

APRIL 8, 2016 AT 5:50 AM

Thanks for this example

But I deploy this example in tomcat and upload file.

It show me "You failed to upload => E:\apache-tomcat-8.0.26-2\tmpFiles (Access is denied)";

I have used both "catalina.home" and "catalina.base", but it doesn't work......

Could you give me some advices?

Sorry for poor English....

Reply

vinita singh says

JANUARY 12, 2017 AT 11:31 PM

plz. some one answer the about mention problem. as i am too getting the same error Reply

psd says

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AT 2:20 AM

I tried many times with different file storage location folders but I got same error as Access is Denied

..

Someone suggest me the way to get rid of it.

Regards

Reply

Luciano says

DECEMBER 9, 2015 AT 1:32 AM

Hi, Thanks for the tutorial.

Can U show me how to override the MVC multipart resolver to customize it?

Reply

Jayshree says

OCTOBER 12, 2015 AT 12:21 AM

I am getting the 400-bad-request when uploading the file with more than 2 MB size.

Can you please help me?

Reply

Pankaj says

OCTOBER 12, 2015 AT 4:38 AM

It's because of maxUploadSize configuration in spring context file, increase the size as per your requirement.

Reply

nishi says

AUGUST 8, 2015 AT 12:44 AM

Hi Pankaj,

This tutorial is helped me lot to understand the file upload in spring MVC. In this example after submitting the POST request, it displays the status(Success/filure).

I wanted to show the message in the same jsp page which contains other fields(it gets data from db) also.

I have implemented controller same way, what I can do changes so I can get the same jsp page with other fields data and upload message in same page. Please help me on this.

my jsp page:

File to upload:

Server Name

0){

for(VmclassObj vm:vms){

%>

<input type="checkbox" name='devices' id='' onClick="toggleSelectAll(false)">
Reply

Kiran says

JULY 5, 2015 AT 1:50 AM

I have this task to upload a CSV to 2 different tables(user- having userid, username, userhobby, userhealth status, userlocation-having Country, city, pincode) in the database using a single multipart form which only provides values for only a few columns(say - username, userhobby, pincode) in those 2 tables. Could you please help show how this can be achieved. Reply

David says

JUNE 18, 2015 AT 6:06 AM

Hi.

Everything works great!!!.

Just one question: If I use the original file name with is called like this: myFilé.txt the file uploaded is stored like this: myFilÁ©.txt

Do you know how to fix this??

Thanks anyway!!!

Reply

Mariana says

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 AT 10:52 AM

problably is your pageEncoding, try changing ISO-8859-1 or UTF-8

Reply

abhishek kumar says

APRIL 16, 2017 AT 7:51 AM

// Create the file on server

File serverFile = new File(dir.getAbsolutePath()

+ File.separator + file.getOriginalFilename());

This line code change will work for you.

Reply

asit says

JUNE 17, 2015 AT 1:31 AM

Can you provide a RestTemplate client example to call the rest service

Reply

sudeep says

MAY 5, 2015 AT 1:43 PM

Sir, Its really good tutorial. But can you explain how to retrieve file from this folder? I tried but it give me Not allowed to load local resource error. please response.

Reply

Saurav says

APRIL 9, 2015 AT 3:36 AM

Can you explain, how could I update or replace a ("multipart file") defined as ("lob" in model) to the mysql database.

Reply

Prabal Singh says

MARCH 31, 2015 AT 11:52 AM

sir i want to upload files on server but also want to create thumbnails of the image please help me Reply

Ravish says

FEBRUARY 25, 2015 AT 11:08 PM

Hi.

How can i upload larger file like 200 and 300 MB file?

Reply

Ivan says

APRIL 6, 2015 AT 7:10 AM

Just increase value of maxUploadSize in servlet-context.xml

Reply

Binoy KB says

FEBRUARY 14, 2015 AT 10:35 PM

Hey Pankaj, I am able to upload file if I use one file upload option but when I use multiplefile upload option then in controller I always see one file even if I upload 2 images. I had seen one image in controller using debug option in eclipse. Can you please let me know what I am missing? I will really appreciate your help. Thanks, binoy.

Reply

Binoy KB says

FEBRUARY 15, 2015 AT 3:42 AM

Never mind my last request. I have solved it myself by upgrading spring 3.0.1 to spring 4.1.4. That was a bug in spring 3.0.1 and that is resolved by spring 3.1.0.

Reply

Binoy KB says

FEBRUARY 14, 2015 AT 2:35 AM

Thanks Pankaj. Your tutorial helped me a lot.

Reply

Aravinthan.K says

FEBRUARY 12, 2015 AT 5:43 AM

I have Successfully saved my files into particular folder . Thanks. How to update images and Files ? Reply

Akhil says

FEBRUARY 12, 2015 AT 4:19 AM

Can you tell me how to do the same thing if i have to select the file from a remote server?? Reply

Aravinthan.K says

FEBRUARY 5, 2015 AT 2:55 AM

Thanks for this Great Tutorial. Working Fine !!!!.

Reply

suresh says

FEBRUARY 2, 2015 AT 1:33 AM

hi

trying to run the application in tomcat but it is throwing below exception.

HTTP Status 400 – Required String parameter 'name' is not present can you explain what it is.

Reply

Parag says

JANUARY 27, 2015 AT 10:09 PM

I want to read the data of that excel file

please share the example

Reply

deepak says

JANUARY 15, 2015 AT 7:18 AM

how do we upload multiple image file in database using spring mvc.Please share some idea about this one.

Reply

sekhar says

JANUARY 18, 2015 AT 10:28 PM

Hi,I have one problem .i want to edit existed image. how could i do that

Reply

Renan says

DECEMBER 12, 2014 AT 5:58 AM

Thanks for this post!

A question: where should i put my uploaded images so i can show it on my site?

For example: I upload a file.jpg and put it where, so i can then show i dinamically page with a

Thanks!

Reply

Pankaj says

DECEMBER 12, 2014 AT 9:59 AM

You can create a folder for images and then use "img" HTML tag to embed images from the server location.

Reply

Arvie says

NOVEMBER 25, 2014 AT 3:23 AM

Thanks for this example. I have a question regarding the file path. Do you know how I am able to put the file path in a database? But before this, how to get the file path in the first place?

Reply

Pankaj says

NOVEMBER 25, 2014 AT 6:23 AM

Use File.getCanonicalPath() or File.getAbsolutePath() to get the path details. You can save it as String in database column.

Reply

Shekar says

OCTOBER 7, 2014 AT 6:42 AM

It's really great example Mr. Pankaj.. Thanks for this post

Anyways I am not able to upload large file with the above code. Actually I am trying to upload a movie of size 3 GB. The file is not getting uploaded and the control is entering into Catch block with Null exception message. Means not able to see any exception also. When I choose the movie and click on upload it is keep waiting for around 2 mins and showing an error message saying "You failed to upload mm => null" Even I have increased the value for CommonsMultipartResolver's maxUploadSize (in the spring configuration file).

Can anybody please help me out on this...

Thanks in advance.. \square \square

Reply

Akshay says

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 AT 6:36 AM

thanku sooooooooo much for ur awesome code! it helpd us a lottttttt.... $\square \ \square \ \square \ \square$

Reply

AKRICK says

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 AT 6:07 AM

Very nice tutorial......

But, What changes do i make fori want to store with same name for file that of orignal name where its get browsed...means if i browsed file named "abc.txt"....so how can i store with that abc(same name)...

Reply

Shubham Chaurasia says

SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 AT 11:47 PM

In controller, use get OriginalFilename() through MultipartFile's instance. Here

file.getOriginalFilename(); returns the name of original file as string.

Reply

Shubham Chaurasia says

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 AT 4:46 AM

It shows me "You failed to upload => D:\shubhamTmp (Access is denied)".

At any given location it shows me "Access is denied".

What should I do now?

Reply

Shubham Chaurasia says

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 AT 4:54 AM

Sorry my mistake.

The issue is resolved now.

Thanks for a great tutorial.

Reply

Hareesh Alil Vedurajan says

NOVEMBER 2, 2014 AT 1:25 PM

Hi,

Even I'm getting the same error you mentioned (Access is denied). Please tell me how you resolved the issue.

Reply

Anurag Dikshit says

JANUARY 23, 2015 AT 1:57 AM

use catalina.base instead of catalina.home

String rootPath = System.getProperty("catalina.home");

String rootPath = System.getProperty("catalina.base);

Reply

santu says

DECEMBER 27, 2014 AT 4:59 AM

hi shubham, i am facing same issue can you please tell me how you resolved the issue Reply

Chris Wong says

AUGUST 29, 2014 AT 2:29 AM

Nice tutorial. Thanks

Reply

Kumar says

JULY 30, 2014 AT 11:16 AM

Good one. thanks...

Reply

Rizzo7 says

JULY 16, 2014 AT 10:38 AM

Got this tutorial working in one shot. Thanks for the clear explanation!!!

Reply

CrAfTy says

MARCH 25, 2014 AT 11:18 AM

Thanks for this example.

I had a problem with iexplorer 8, i don't know why @ResponseBody don't like it and i have to add

"produces = "text/plain"" in RequestMapping:

@RequestMapping(value = "/uploadFile", method = RequestMethod.POST

,produces = "text/plain")

public @ResponseBody

String uploadFileHandler(@RequestParam("name") String name,

@RequestParam("file") MultipartFile file) {

...

...

...

Sorry for my english and thank you one more time for this good example.

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