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1. Using Spring Expression Language (SpEL)

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Overview of SpEL

- Spring Expression Language (SpEL) is a Java-like syntax that you can use in various places in Spring:
 - In beans, via @Value annotations on fields
 - On parameters in autowired methods
 - Within XML configuration files
 - Etc.



Simple SpEL Example

Here's a simple SpEL example in a Spring bean:

```
@Component
public class SpelBean {

    @Value("#{ 5 * 7.5 }")
    private double workingWeek;
    ...
}
SpelBean.java
```

- Literals you can use in SpEL:
 - Strings enclosed in single quotes
 - Dates, numbers, booleans
 - null



SpEL Scalar Expressions

You can create an object in a SpEL expression:

You can call a static method, using T to denote a type:

```
@Value("#{ T(java.lang.Math).random() * 100.0 }")
private int luckyNumber;
SpelBean.java
```



Using SpEL for Collections (1 of 2)

SpEL can access items in arrays, collections, and maps:

```
@Value("#{ info.cities[9] }")
private String city;

@Value("#{ info.currencies['UK'] }")
private String currency;

SpelBean.java
```



Using SpEL for Collections (2 of 2)

SpEL has operators for processing collection items:



Using SpEL for Parameters

You can use SpEL for autowired method parameters:

```
@Component
public class SpelBean {

    @Autowired
    public void setUserName(@Value("#{systemProperties['user.name'] }") String n) {
        ...
    }

        SpelBean.java
```



2. Working with Command-Line Arguments

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- Accessing command-line arguments



Overview of Command-Line Arguments

Here's a reminder of how to "run" a Spring Boot app:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ApplicationContext ctx = SpringApplication.run(Application.class, args);
    ...
}
```

- Note we've passed args into SpringApplication.run()
 - This makes the command-line args available to your components



Accessing Command-Line Arguments

You can autowire command-line args into a component:

```
@Component
public class MyBeanWithArgs {

    @Autowired
    public MyBeanWithArgs(ApplicationArguments args) {
         // You can access command-line arguments here...
    }
    ...
}

MyBeanWithArgs.java
```



Two Types of Command-Line Arguments

Spring Boot supports two types of command-line arguments:

Option arguments, prefixed by --

```
--target=windows --target=macOS --db=h2
```

Non-option arguments

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Passing Command-Line Arguments

- To pass command-line arguments using IntelliJ:
 - Click Run | Edit Configurations
 - Choose the project and class to run
 - Enter program arguments
 - Then run the configuration



Accessing Command-Line Arguments

- The ApplicationArguments class has various methods for accessing command-line arguments:
 - getSourceArgs()
 - getOptionNames()
 - getOptionValues(optionName)
 - getNonOptionArgs()

- Example:
 - See MyBeanWithArgs.java





Summary

- Using Spring Expression Language (SpEL)
- Working with command-line arguments