Introduction to Spring MVC

What is Spring MVC?

- A web framework built around the principles of Spring
- POJO based and Interface driven
- Based on a Dispatcher Servlet / Front Controller pattern
 - □ MVC stands for Model-View-Controller
- Very lightweight and unobtrusive compared to other frameworks
- Built from the shortcomings of Struts 1
- Support for:
 - Themes
 - □ Locales/i18n
 - Restful services
 - Annotation based configuration
 - Seamless integration with other Spring Services/Beans

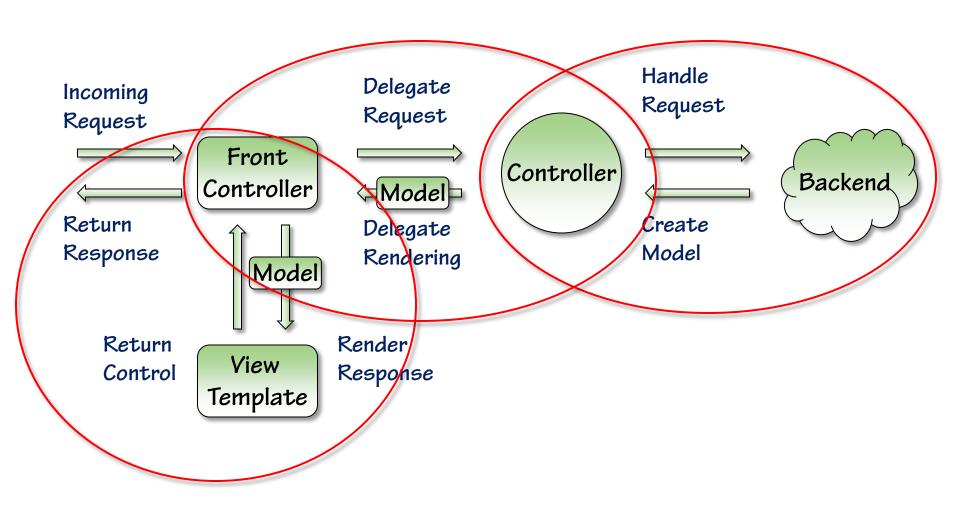
Architecture

Custom App

Spring MVC/ Spring

Java Servlets/JEE

Request / Response Lifecycle



Vocabulary

- DispatcherServlet The entry / configuration point for the Application
- Controller Command pattern object that handles the request and determines which view to route to
- RequestMapping The url and request type that a method is tied to
- ViewResolver Used to locate JSP pages or whatever view we are using
- Servlet-config Configuration file per DispatcherServlet
- POJO Plain Old Java Object
- Bean A Spring configured POJO

App Features

- Allow for entering minutes exercising
- Show total minutes
- Set goal for the day
- Notify when goal is reached

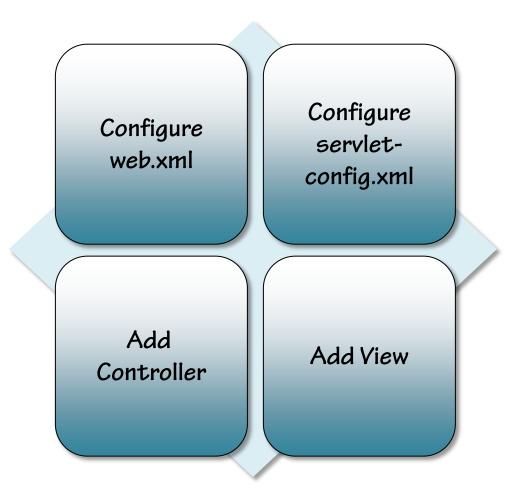




- Using Maven we only need three dependencies
- Dependencies:
 - spring-webmvc
 - servlet-api
 - □ jstl

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.springframework
   <artifactId>spring-webmvc</artifactId>
   <version>3.1.2.RELEASE
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>javax.servlet
   <artifactId>servlet-api</artifactId>
   <version>2.5</version>
   <scope>provided</scope>
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>javax.servlet
   <artifactId>istl</artifactId>
   <version>1.2</version>
   <scope>provided</scope>
</dependency>
```

Spring MVC Configuration



Tomcat

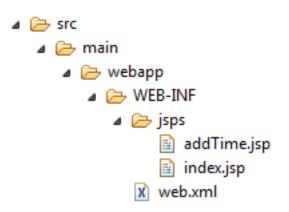
FitnessTracker.war

Tomcat Web Container



Apache Tomcat

Views



InternalResourceViewResolver

addTime.jsp = http://localhost:8080/fitness/addTime

Controllers

- Annotation Based
 - @Controller
- Named whatever you want
 - Typically named around business domain
- Path set using annotation
 - @RequestMapping
- TimeController.java



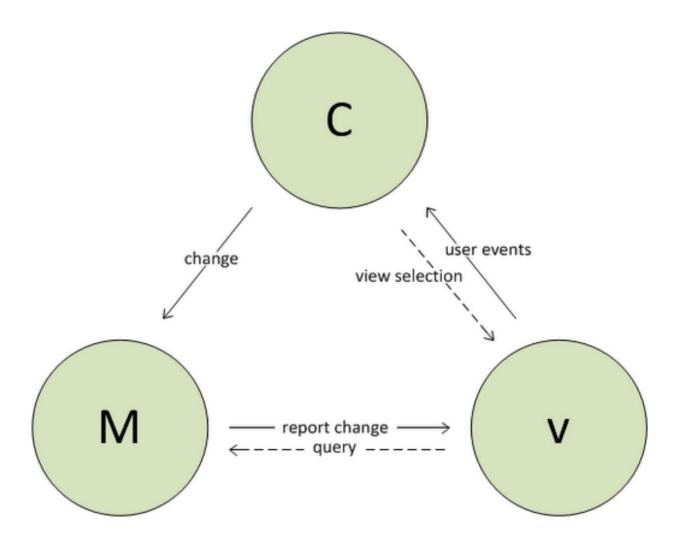
Namespace

```
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
   xmlns:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
   xmlns:aop="http://www.springframework.org/schema/aop"
   xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
   xmlns:jee="http://www.springframework.org/schema/jee"
   xmlns: tx= "http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx"
   xmlns:mvc= http://www.springframework.org/schema/mvc"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
   http://www.springframework.org/schema/aop/http://www.springframework.org/schema/aop/spring-aop-3.0.5.xsd
   http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans-3.0.xsd
   http://www.springframework.org/schema/context http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context-3.0.xsd
   http://www.springframework.org/schema/jee http://www.springframework.org/schema/jee/spring-jee-3.0.xsd
   http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx/spring-tx-3.0.xsd
    http://www.sprinaframework.ora/schema/task http://www.sprinaframework.ora/schema/task/sprina-task.xsd
    http://www.springframework.org/schema/mvc http://www.springframework.org/schema/mvc/spring-mvc-3.0.xsd">
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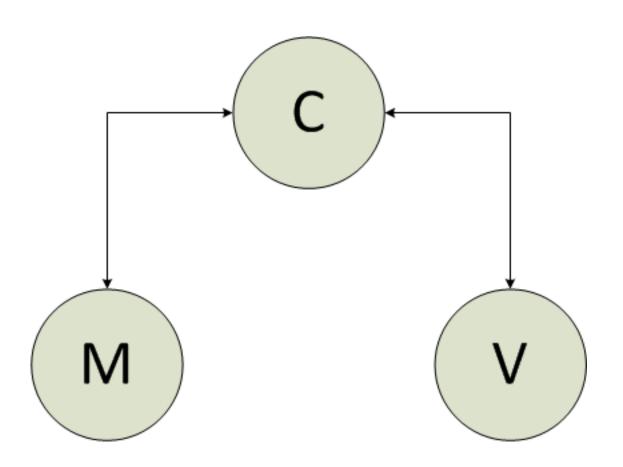
```
<mvc:annotation-driven />
<context:component-scan base-package="com.training.controller"/>
```

<bean class="org.springframework.web.servlet.view.BeanNameViewResolver"/>

MVC

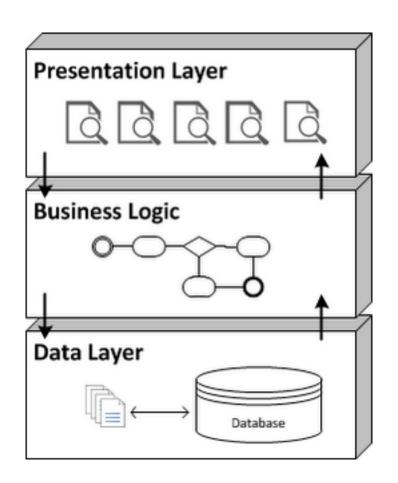


MVC Web



Tiered Architectures

- Separation of concerns
- Reusable layers
- Maintenance



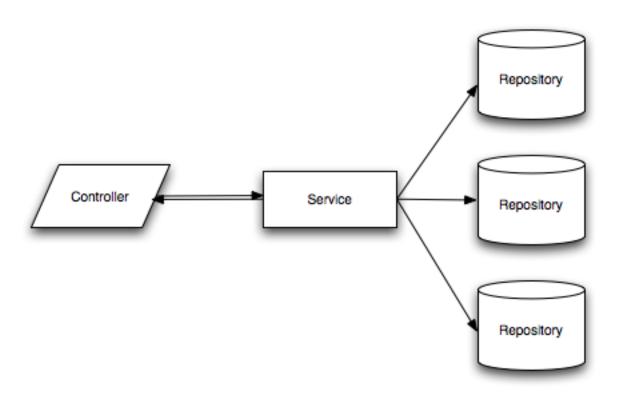
Layers

View (JSPs)

Controller (@Controller)

Data Model / Database (Model Object)

Components



Controller

- Handles incoming requests and building the response
- Business logic should not be handled here
- Works with the Service and Repository tier for business logic and data gathering
- Annotated with @Controller
- Handles Exceptions and routes the view accordingly



Service

- Annotated with @Service
- The Service tier describes the verbs (actions) of a system
- Where the business logic resides
- Ensures that the business object is in a valid state
- Where transactions often begin (two phase commits)
- Often has the same methods as the Repository, but different focus



Repository

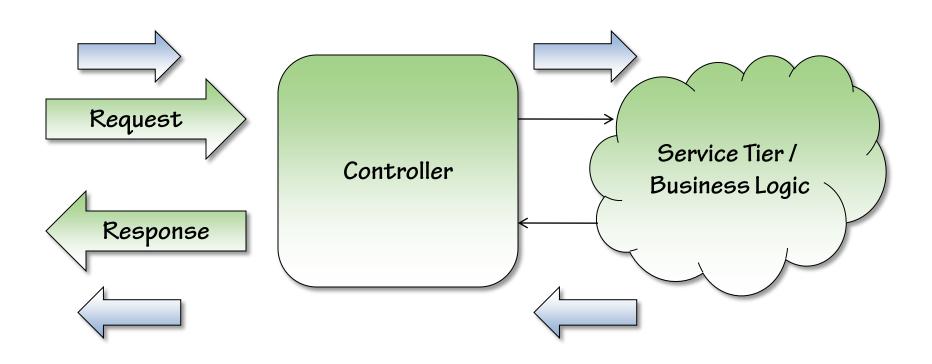
- Annotated with @Repository
- The Repository tier describes the nouns (data) of a system
- Focused on persisting and interacting with the database
- One-to-one mapping with an Object
- Often a one-to-one mapping with a database table



What is a Controller?



What is a Controller?



Responsibilities

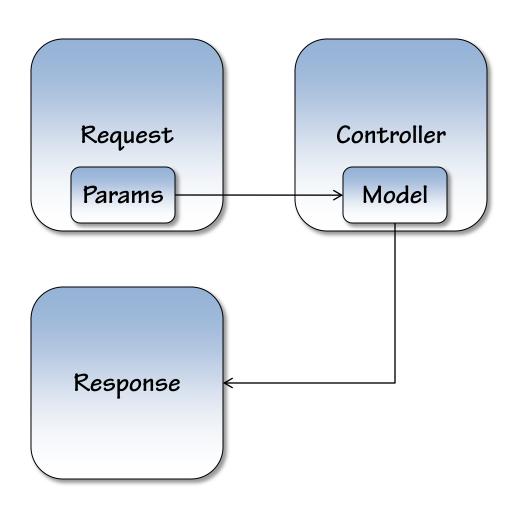
- Interpret user input and transform to input to a model
- Provide access to business logic
- Determines view based off of logic
- Interprets Exceptions from the business logic / service tier



@Controller

```
@Controller
public class HelloController {
     @RequestMapping(value ="/greeting")
     public String sayHello (Model model) {
```

Passing Params



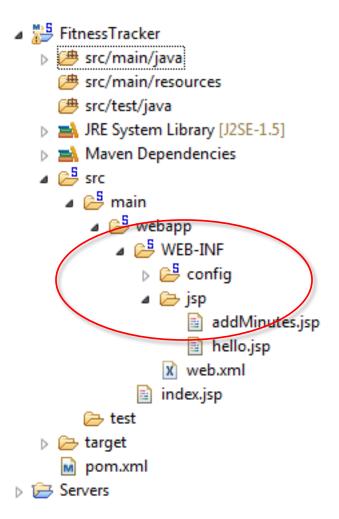
@ModelAttribute

- Used with an HTTP GET
- Used with an HTTP POST
- Works with POJOs
- Can be validated with a Binding Result

Views



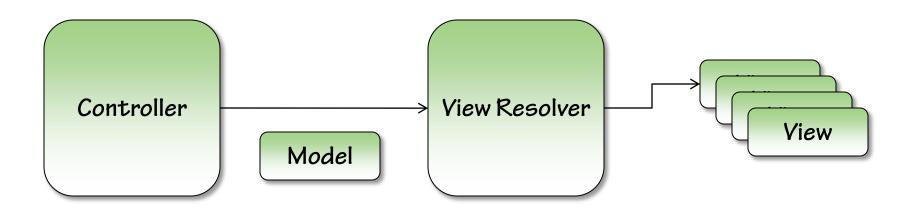
Conventions



Resolving a View

```
@Controller
public class MinutesController {
    @RequestMapping(value = "/addMinutes")
    public String addMinutes(@ModelAttribute ("exercise") Exercise exercise) {
        System.out.println("exercise: " + exercise.getMinutes());
        return "addMinutes";
    }
}
```

Resolving a View



View Resolvers (some)

BeanNameViewResolver

ContentNegotiatingViewResolver

FreeMarkerViewResolver

InternalResourceViewResolver

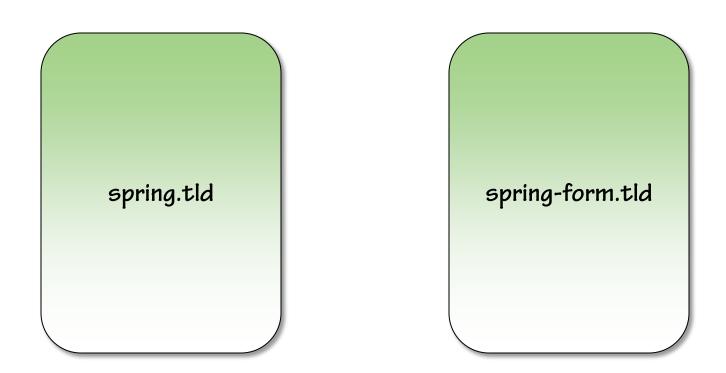
JasperReportsViewResolver

ResourceBundleViewResolver

TilesViewResolver

UrlBasedViewResolver

Spring Tag Libraries



http://static.springsource.org/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/html/spring.tld.html

http://static.springsource.org/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/html/spring-form.tld.html

spring.tld

bind escapeBody hasBindErrors htmlEscape message nestedPath theme transform url

Interceptors

- Registered and part of the request lifecycle
- Have the ability to pre-handle and post-handle web requests
- Callback methods used to override or change values
- Commonly used for Locale Changing

spring-form.tld (some)

checkbox checkboxes hidden option password

Tags

- All of the form tags have an error class associated with them
- There is a specific errors tag for displaying validation errors

```
<form:form>
   First Name:
       <form:input path="firstName" />
       <d><d><form:errors path="firstName" /> /td>
     Last Name:
       <form:input path="lastName" />
       <form:errors path="lastName" />
     <input type="submit" value="Save Changes" />
       </form:form>
```

Validator Interface

- Validator Interface
- ValidationUtils class
- BindingResult class
- SimpleFormController



JSR-303

- Standard for validation
- Annotation based
- Hibernate Validator
- POJO based



REST



Verbs

- What does CRUD stand for?
- POST
- GET
- PUT
- DELETE



ContentNegotiatingViewResolver

- Accepts
 - □ XML
 - □ JSON
 - HTML
- Mutliple View Resolvers
- Additional JARs needed for the Marshaller

web.xml

- Dispatcher Servlet needs to open allow access for various request types.
- HTML
- PDFs
- JSON
- XML

JQuery

- Javascript framework with multiple plugins
- Easily consumes JSON
- Download JQuery from http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading_jQuery

