

# Spring Boot + Spring Core Notes



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# About

This file contains notes on Spring core and Spring Boot.

Next, I will be posting similar notes on other important spring modules like spring MVC, Spring Cloud, Spring Security etc.

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# Spring Core

- Spring Core technologies are absolutely integral to the spring framework
- The core technologies include
  - IoC : Inversion of Control or DI: Dependency Injection
  - Spring Beans
  - Spring Container
  - AOP: Aspect Oriented Programming

# Important terms

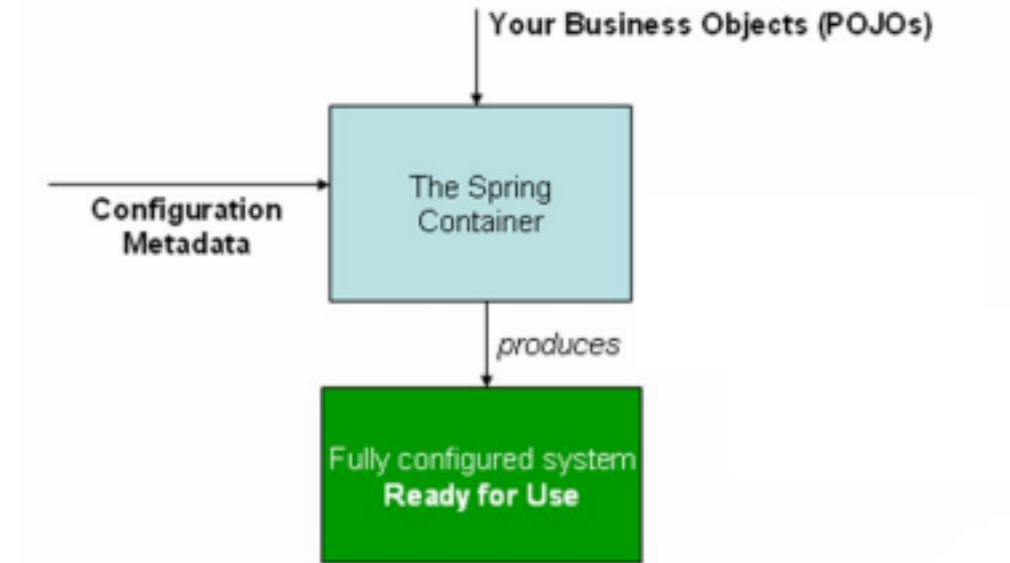
- **Dependency Injection or Inversion of Control** –  
It is a process in which the objects define their dependencies. The Spring container then creates and injects those dependencies when it creates beans.
- **Beans** – A bean is an object that is instantiated and managed by Spring IoC container

# Important terms

- **Spring Container** – A spring container creates, configures and assembles beans. It gets instructions on how to do that using configuration metadata. Configuration metadata could be in form of XML, annotations or Java code.

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## Spring Container

# Important terms

- **Spring AOP (Aspect Oriented Programming)** – It enables modularization of concerns that cut across multiple types and objects such as transaction management or logging.
  - AOP is proxy-based framework
  - Aspect is the unit of modularity in AOP just like a class is unit of modularity in OOP.

# Important classes and interfaces

- **BeanFactory** – Provides the configuration framework and basic spring functionality
- **ApplicationContext** – Child interface of BeanFactory. Provides more enterprise specific functionality
- Implementations of ApplicationContext
  - **ClassPathXmlApplicationContext**
  - **FileSystemApplicationContext**
  - **WebApplicationContext**



# Important annotations

## Annotations to inject

- **@Autowired** - Inject an object
- **@Value** – Inject a property value

## Stereotype annotations

- **@Component** – Generic stereotype
- **@Service** – For bean in service layer
- **@Repository** – For bean in database access layer
- **@Controller** – For bean in Controller layer

# Important annotations

## **@Scope**

Defines scope of bean from one of following:

- singleton(default)
- Prototype
- Request
- Session
- Application
- websocket

# Important annotations

## Configuration related

- **@Configuration** – Indicates a class declaring one or more beans
- **@Import** – Import a configuration class •
- @ImportResource** – Import spring configuration from a resource file e.g. XML
- **@PropertySource** – Load properties from a file and map onto a POJO class

# Important annotations

## Others

- **@Bean** – Method level annotation to create a spring bean •
- @Primary** – Mark a bean as primary in case of multiple autowire candidates
- **@Lazy** – Create bean on first access instead of startup
- **@DependsOn** – Make sure other beans are created before current bean
- **@Qualifier** – Give the name of the bean during autowiring used when there are multiple autowiring candidates
- **@Profile** – This is a way to segregate parts of your application configuration and make it available only in certain environment

# Spring Boot

- Spring Boot provides a quick way to create standalone, production ready, spring based application, that you can ‘just run’
  - Provides embedded server (tomcat/jetty/undertow) •
- Provides starter dependencies to simplify build configuration
- Provides prod-ready features like metrics, health checks and externalized configuration

# Important terms

- **Starters** – These are ‘one-stop-shop’ dependencies to include in your application. They will pull all the needed spring and non-spring dependencies without you having to search for them separately. They follow pattern like ‘spring-boot-starter-\*’ .

Example-

- spring-boot-starter-batch
- spring-boot-starter-data-mongodb
- Spring-boot-starter-tomcat

# Important terms

- **Configuration properties** – These are config data files packaged inside or outside your jar. Spring Boot will automatically find and load these files when application starts. Example:- application.properties or application-{profile}.properties or YAML equivalent .

# Important annotations

- **@SpringBootApplication** – 3 in 1 annotation for below annotations:
  1. **@ComponentScan** – Scan current package for spring bean candidates
  2. **@EnableAutoConfiguration** – Automatically configure beans based on added dependencies
  3. **@SpringBootConfiguration** – Enable registration of extra beans in the context or import other configuration



# Important class

- **SpringApplication** – This class provides a convenient way to start your spring boot application from the main method.

# Spring Boot features

- Provides **logging** library as per selected starter •
- Provides **internationalization** if 'messages' resource bundle is provided at root of classpath
- Provides integration with **JSON mapping** libraries (default is Jackson)
- 'spring-boot-starter-test' provides **testing** dependencies like junit, spring test, mockito etc.

# Starters for various uses

- **spring-boot-starter-web** :- Spring Boot for web application development including RESTful services •
  - **spring-boot-starter-batch** :- Spring Boot for Batch application
  - **spring-boot-starter-websocket** :- Starter for building websocket applications
- ...and many more

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