

Java

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Jframe class

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javax.servlet

Object

```
class OrderService {  
    private PaymentService paymentService = new PaymentService(); // tightly coupled  
}
```

Spring web dependency for now on spring initialiser

Beans

A Spring Bean is simply a Java object that is:

- Instantiated by Spring
- Configured by Spring
- Managed throughout its lifecycle by Spring

Beans form the backbone of a Spring application and are the core building blocks that are wired together to create the application.

What is IoC?

- **Inversion of Control** means that instead of your code controlling object creation and dependency management, the framework (Spring) takes over that responsibility.
- This is achieved through **Dependency Injection (DI)** — objects declare their dependencies, and Spring injects them at runtime.

BeanFactory vs ApplicationContext

- **BeanFactory:**
 - The simplest container in Spring.
 - Provides basic DI functionality.
 - Lazily initializes beans (creates them only when requested).
- **ApplicationContext:**
 - A superset of BeanFactory.
 - Adds enterprise-level features like:
 - **Internationalization (i18n)**
 - **Event propagation**
 - **Bean lifecycle management**
 - **Automatic BeanPostProcessor registration**
 - Eagerly initializes singleton beans by default.

Why ApplicationContext is central?

- It acts as the **IoC container** that:
 - Loads bean definitions from configuration (XML, annotations, or Java config).

- Manages the lifecycle of beans.
- Resolves dependencies automatically.

Common Implementations of ApplicationContext

- ClassPathXmlApplicationContext – loads context from XML in classpath.
- AnnotationConfigApplicationContext – loads context from Java-based configuration.
- WebApplicationContext – specialized for web applications.

IoC means **your code does not create and manage dependencies directly**.

Instead, the **framework (Spring)** controls object creation and wiring. This is usually implemented via **Dependency Injection (DI)**.

Instead of doing:

Java

```
Engine engine = new Engine();
Car car = new Car(engine);
Show more lines
```

We let **Spring inject the dependency**:

XML

```
<!-- beans.xml -->
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
       http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd">
```

```
<bean id="engine" class="Engine"/>
<bean id="car" class="Car">
<constructor-arg ref="engine"/>
beans>
```

Show more lines



Absolutely! In Spring, you can create and manage beans in two primary ways:

1. **Using @Component and stereotype annotations** (automatically discovered via component scanning)
2. **Using @Bean methods inside a @Configuration class** (explicitly declared, great for fine-grained control or third-party classes)

Below are lucid explanations with runnable-style code samples for both.

1) Creating Beans with @Component (and Stereotype Annotations)

Spring will **auto-detect** classes annotated with `@Component` (or its specializations) during **component scanning** and register them as beans in the `ApplicationContext`.

Common Annotations

- `@Component` → generic Spring-managed bean
- `@Service` → business/service layer semantics
- `@Repository` → persistence/DAO semantics (adds exception translation)
- `@Controller` → MVC web controller (returns views)
- `@RestController` → REST controller (`@Controller + @ResponseBody`)
All of these are beans; the stereotypes add intent and extra behaviors (e.g., `@Repository` enables `@Repository` exception translation if `@EnableTransactionManagement` / persistence exception translation is configured).

Minimal Example (Component Scanning)

Package structure

```
com.example.app
├── config
│   └── AppConfig.java
└── domain
    ├── Engine.java
    ├── CarService.java
    ├── CarRepository.java
    ├── CarController.java
    └── CarRestController.java
```

Config enabling component scan

```
// com/example/app/config/AppConfig.java
package com.example.app.config;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.ComponentScan;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
@Configuration
@ComponentScan(basePackages = "com.example.app") // scan this package tree
public class AppConfig {}
```

Generic component

```
// com/example/app/domain/Engine.java
package com.example.app.domain;
```

```
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
@Component
public class Engine {
    public String start() {
        return "Engine started!";
    }
}
```

Service layer

```
// com/example/app/domain/CarService.java
package com.example.app.domain;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
@Service
public class CarService {
    private final Engine engine;
    // Prefer constructor injection (testable, immutable)
    public CarService(Engine engine) {
        this.engine = engine;
    }
    public String drive() {
        return engine.start() + " Car is driving...";
    }
}
```

Repository layer

```
// com/example/app/domain/CarRepository.java
package com.example.app.domain;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Repository;
@Repository
public class CarRepository {
    public String findById(Long id) {
        // pretend to hit DB
        return "Car#" + id;
    }
}
```

Spring MVC Controller (returns view names)

```
// com/example/app/domain/CarController.java
package com.example.app.domain;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Controller;
import org.springframework.ui.Model;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
@Controller
public class CarController {
    private final CarService carService;
    public CarController(CarService carService) {
        this.carService = carService;
    }
    @GetMapping("/car/view")
    public String viewCar(Model model) {
        model.addAttribute("status", carService.drive());
```

```
        return "carView"; // resolves to a template (e.g., Thymeleaf)
    }
}
```

REST Controller (returns JSON/text directly)

```
// com/example/app/domain/CarRestController.java
package com.example.app.domain;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
@RestController
public class CarRestController {
    private final CarService carService;
    private final CarRepository carRepository;
    public CarRestController(CarService carService, CarRepository carRepository) {
        this.carService = carService;
        this.carRepository = carRepository;
    }
    @GetMapping("/api/car/drive")
    public String drive() {
        return carService.drive();
    }
}
```

Bootstrapping (non-Boot app for demo)

```
// Main.java
import com.example.app.config.AppConfig;
import com.example.app.domain.CarService;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext;
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try (var ctx = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext(AppConfig.class)) {
            CarService carService = ctx.getBean(CarService.class);
            System.out.println(carService.drive());
        }
    }
}
```

Notes & Best Practices

- **Constructor injection** is recommended; Spring 4.3+ auto-wires single constructors even without @Autowired.
- Use @Qualifier if there are multiple beans of the same type:

```
public CarService(@Qualifier("sportEngine") Engine engine) { ... }
```
- Customize bean names:

```
@Component("engineV1")
public class Engine { ... }
```
- Control scope:

```
@Service
@Scope("prototype") // or "singleton" (default), "request", "session" in web contexts
public class CarService { ... }
```

2) Creating Beans with @Bean in a @Configuration Class

Use this when:

- You need **precise control** over construction, initialization, or destruction
- You are wiring **third-party classes** (not annotated with Spring stereotypes)
- You want to **conditionally** define beans or choose profiles
- You need to **override** component-scanned beans

Example: Pure Java Config with @Bean

```
// com/example/app/config/AppConfig.java
package com.example.app.config;
import com.example.app.domain.Engine;
import com.example.app.domain.CarService;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
@Configuration
public class AppConfig {
    // Simple bean
    @Bean
    public Engine engine() {
        return new Engine();
    }
    // Bean method DI via parameters (Spring resolves by type)
    @Bean
    public CarService carService(Engine engine) {
        return new CarService(engine);
    }
}
```

Main

```
import com.example.app.config.AppConfig;
import com.example.app.domain.CarService;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext;
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try (var ctx = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext(AppConfig.class)) {
            CarService carService = ctx.getBean(CarService.class);
            System.out.println(carService.drive());
        }
    }
}
```

Using @Bean for Third-Party Classes

```
// Suppose this is a third-party DataSource class not annotated with Spring
import javax.sql.DataSource;
import org.apache.commons.dbcp2.BasicDataSource;
@Configuration
public class DataConfig {
    @Bean
    public DataSource dataSource() {
        var ds = new BasicDataSource();
        ds.setUrl("jdbc:h2:mem:testdb");
        ds.setUsername("sa");
```

```
        ds.setPassword("");
        ds.setInitialSize(2);
        return ds;
    }
```

Initialization / Destruction Hooks

```
@Configuration
public class LifecycleConfig {
    @Bean(initMethod = "init", destroyMethod = "shutdown")
    public CacheManager cacheManager() {
        return new CacheManager();
    }
}
// Hypothetical class
class CacheManager {
    public void init() { System.out.println("Cache initialized"); }
    public void shutdown() { System.out.println("Cache shutdown"); }
```

Choosing Primary / Qualifiers / Profiles

```
@Configuration
public class EnginesConfig {
    @Bean
    @Primary
    public Engine defaultEngine() { return new Engine(); }
    @Bean(name = "sportEngine")
    public Engine sportEngine() { return new Engine(); }
}
// Usage:
public class CarService {
    private final Engine engine;
    public CarService(@Qualifier("sportEngine") Engine engine) {
        this.engine = engine;
    }
}
```

```
@Configuration
@Profile("prod")
public class ProdConfig {
    @Bean
    public DataSource prodDataSource() { /* prod settings */ }
}
```

```
@Configuration
@Profile("dev")
public class DevConfig {
    @Bean
    public DataSource devDataSource() { /* dev settings */ }
}
```

Activate a profile via properties or programmatically:

```
var ctx = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext();
ctx.getEnvironment(). setActiveProfiles("dev");
```

```
ctx.register(DevConfig.class, ProdConfig.class);
```

When to Use Which?

- **@Component / Stereotypes:** Best for your **own application classes** (services, repositories, controllers). Cleaner, less boilerplate, and aligns with layered architecture semantics.
- **@Bean in @Configuration:** Best for **third-party objects, explicit construction logic, conditional beans, profiles**, or when you need **fine-grained control** over lifecycle and wiring. In real projects, you'll often combine both: component scan for your layers + @Bean methods for infra and third-party integrations.

If you'd like, I can share a small **Spring Boot** version of the same examples (with `@SpringBootApplication`) to show how Boot auto-config + component scanning works out of the box.

You're right—let me walk you through the code step by step and **explain what each piece is doing** and **why** you would use it. I'll keep it crisp and lucid.

1) Beans via @Component & Stereotypes

What is happening conceptually?

- When you annotate classes with `@Component` (or `@Service`, `@Repository`, `@Controller`, `@RestController`), you're telling Spring: "**Please create and manage an instance of this class.**"
- Spring finds these classes using **component scanning** (enabled via `@ComponentScan`) and registers them as beans in the `ApplicationContext`.
- Dependencies are **injected automatically** (via constructor injection in our examples).

Code and Explanation

Configuration

```
@Configuration  
@ComponentScan(basePackages = "com.example.app")  
• @Configuration: Marks this class as a source of bean definitions.  
• @ComponentScan(...): Tells Spring where to look for annotated components. Any  
@Component, @Service, etc., under com.example.app will be discovered and registered.
```

A generic component: Engine

```
@Component
```

```

public class Engine {
    public String start() {
        return "Engine started!";
    }
}


- @Component: Registers Engine as a bean.
- start(): A simple method to prove the bean works.

```

A service with constructor injection: CarService

```

@Service
public class CarService {
    private final Engine engine;
    public CarService(Engine engine) {
        this.engine = engine;
    }
    public String drive() {
        return engine.start() + " Car is driving...";
    }
}


- @Service: Same as @Component but semantically indicates business logic layer.
- Constructor injection: Spring sees the constructor needs an Engine and injects the Engine bean it already created.
- drive(): Uses the injected dependency.



Why constructor injection? It makes the class immutable, easier to test, and ensures dependencies are available at creation time. Spring (4.3+) will autowire the only constructor without needing @Autowired.


```

Repository

```

@Repository
public class CarRepository {
    public String findById(Long id) {
        return "Car#" + id;
    }
}


- @Repository: Marks persistence/DAO components. It can enable exception translation (converting low-level persistence exceptions into Spring's DataAccessException).

```

MVC Controller

```

@Controller
public class CarController {
    private final CarService carService;
    public CarController(CarService carService) {
        this.carService = carService;
    }
    @GetMapping("/car/view")
    public String viewCar(Model model) {
        model.addAttribute("status", carService.drive());
        return "carView";
    }
}


- @Controller: A web controller that returns view names (e.g., Thymeleaf templates).
- @GetMapping("/car/view"): Maps HTTP GET /car/view to this method.
- Model: Adds attributes to be used in the rendered view.
- return "carView";: The name of the template to render.

```

REST Controller

```
@RestController
public class CarRestController {
    private final CarService carService;
    private final CarRepository carRepository;
    public CarRestController(CarService carService, CarRepository carRepository) {
        this.carService = carService;
        this.carRepository = carRepository;
    }
    @GetMapping("/api/car/drive")
    public String drive() {
        return carService.drive();
    }
}
```

- `@RestController`: Equivalent to `@Controller + @ResponseBody`. **Returns the response directly** (JSON/text) rather than rendering a view.
- Perfect for APIs returning data for clients.

Bootstrapping (non-Boot)

```
try (var ctx = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext(AppConfig.class)) {
    CarService carService = ctx.getBean(CarService.class);
    System.out.println(carService.drive());
}
```

- Creates an `ApplicationContext` using your configuration.
- Retrieves the `CarService` bean from the container.
- Calls `drive()` to see the wiring in action.
- Try-with-resources ensures the context is closed properly (calls `destroy` methods).

2) Beans via `@Bean` in a `@Configuration` Class

What is happening conceptually?

- You explicitly define bean creation **in Java methods** inside a `@Configuration` class.
- Useful for **third-party classes** or when you need **fine-grained control** (e.g., init/destroy methods, conditional beans, profiles).

Code and Explanation

Explicit bean definitions

```
@Configuration
public class AppConfig {
    @Bean
    public Engine engine() {
        return new Engine();
    }
    @Bean
    public CarService carService(Engine engine) {
        return new CarService(engine);
    }
}
```

- `@Bean`: Registers the returned object as a bean.

- carService(Engine engine): Spring resolves the parameter by type from the container and injects the engine() bean.
- This approach gives **complete control** over construction logic (you can pass custom parameters, conditionals, etc.).

Third-party class example (DataSource)

```
@Configuration
public class DataConfig {
    @Bean
    public DataSource dataSource() {
        var ds = new BasicDataSource();
        ds.setUrl("jdbc:h2:mem:testdb");
        ds.setUsername("sa");
        ds.setPassword("");
        ds.setInitialSize(2);
        return ds;
    }
}
```

- This is perfect when the class (e.g., BasicDataSource) is **not annotated** with Spring stereotypes and you still want it managed by the container.
- You configure properties in code before returning the bean.

Lifecycle hooks

```
@Configuration
public class LifecycleConfig {
    @Bean(initMethod = "init", destroyMethod = "shutdown")
    public CacheManager cacheManager() {
        return new CacheManager();
    }
}
class CacheManager {
    public void init() { System.out.println("Cache initialized"); }
    public void shutdown() { System.out.println("Cache shutdown"); }
    • initMethod runs after the bean is constructed and dependencies injected.
    • destroyMethod runs when the context is closing (e.g., graceful shutdown).
    • Great for resources like caches, thread pools, or connections.
```

Choosing which bean to inject (@Primary, @Qualifier)

```
@Configuration
public class EnginesConfig {
    @Bean
    @Primary
    public Engine defaultEngine() { return new Engine(); }
    @Bean(name = "sportEngine")
    public Engine sportEngine() { return new Engine(); }
}
```

- **@Primary:** If there are multiple beans of the same type, **this one wins by default**.
- **@Bean(name = "sportEngine"):** Gives a specific name for use with `@Qualifier("sportEngine")` in injection points.

Environment-specific beans with @Profile

```

@Configuration
@Profile("prod")
public class ProdConfig {
    @Bean
    public DataSource prodDataSource() { /* prod settings */ }
}

@Configuration
@Profile("dev")
public class DevConfig {
    @Bean
    public DataSource devDataSource() { /* dev settings */ }
}

```

- **@Profile:** Only registers these beans when the **profile** is active (e.g., "dev" vs "prod").
- Activate programmatically:

```

var ctx = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext();
ctx.getEnvironment().setActiveProfiles("dev");
ctx.register(DevConfig.class, ProdConfig.class);

```

When to Use Which (Summary)

- **@Component / Stereotypes:** Best for your **own application classes** (services, repos, controllers). Clean and automatic via scanning.
- **@Bean in @Configuration:** Best for **third-party objects**, complex construction, lifecycle control, conditional registration, or environment-specific configs.
In real-world apps, you **combine both**: use component scanning for your layers and @Bean methods for infrastructure.

Quick Visual Mental Model

- **Component Scanning:** "Find all annotated classes in these packages and create beans automatically."
- **@Bean methods:** "Create exactly these beans, with this construction logic."

If you want, I can convert these examples into a **Spring Boot** project structure and show how `@SpringBootApplication` automatically enables component scanning and simplifies bootstrapping. Or we can add **@Autowired, scopes, and qualifiers** examples inside controllers/services to see different DI flavors. What would you like next?