Spring

Spring is a framework that is powerful and flexible that is focused on building web applications in java

Spring regularly introduces features based on the needs of the Dev community – an example is spring boot

At the core of spring there is spring core:-

1. IOC inversion of control
2. DI dependency injection
3. Beans
4. Context
5. Spring expression language
6. IOC Container

IOC is the principle which states that instead of the programmer taking charge of the flow of the program, the framework takes control of the program flow

Dependency injection is the pattern thru which IOC is achieved.

Dependency injection shifts responsibility of object creation from the application to the IOC container.

Beans – object in java manged by the spring ioc container

Context – this is a memory location where we add the objects we want spring to manage

IOC Container is responsible for managing the beans that are placed in the spring context. It assembles the dependencies between the objects.

Heres an example

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Here, we are telling spring that we want these 2 beans to be created and placed in the context

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We also want this above bean of the Compo class to be placed in the context – it has to be assembled with a bean of type Integer – this assembly is done by the IOC container

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In the above, ${xxx.yyy.xxx} is called spring expression language

NoUniqueBeanDefinition Exception

This exception occurs when we tell the context that we want a bean, but we are ambiguous – lets say there are 2 beans of type String , and we tell the context that we want a bean of type String, and spring is confused which bean it should return.

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Ways to resolve this :

1. Give beans a name or use the @Primary annotation

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There is another way to create beans and that is the Component annotation

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Lets say we have 2 beans of type Byte

And we try to do this in the component below

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This wont work.

This is again nonuniquebeandefiniteion exception

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This will work – we use the @Qualifier to tell spring which bean we want exactly

Then we have stereotype annotations

@Component, @Service, @Reporisoty, @Controller, @RestController

These tell spring to create these beans automatically in the context

If you use @Bean, you can add many instances of the class to the context

If you use @Component, you can add only one instance of the class to the context

We can use the @PostConstruct annotation to configure our @Component beans

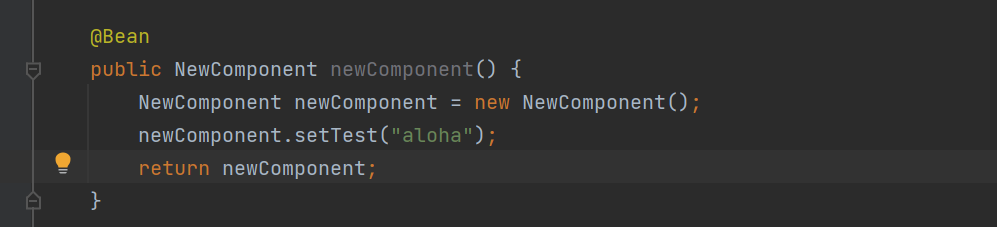
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Output on the console is what we have specified using the @PostConstruct annotation



Autowired annotation is best used as constructor injection

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In constructor injection for autowiring, you don’t need to use the @Autowired annotation.

Now we go on to bean scopes!

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The bean scope is prototype .. each time this bean is needed, a new instance will be created.

This scope is suitable for repository layer beans

Now we go on to eager and lazy

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Overview of a web app

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**Spring vs spring boot**

**Spring boot – easier dependency resolution**

When we use spring and we need for example hibernate

I need to find out all the dependencies I need and I also need to look out for version compatibility – we need to do all this ourselves

Then I will need to add it to my pom.xml

When we use spring boot and we create a web app using start.spring.io,

Then we just need to choose the dependencies we need, and spring boot will add starter dependencies, and will internally figure out things like version compatibility

**Spring boot – minimum configuration using autoconfiguration**

We need to add a lot of configurations in the .xml files

But in spring boot, we just need to add minimum configs in the application.properties files. Based on dependencies found in the classpath, spring boot auto configures the spring boot our application needs

**Spring boot – embedded server**

For spring, we need to download and install an external server like tomcat and then run the application on that external server

When we use spring boot, it has an embedded tomcat server

**Spring boot actuator – provides a pre defined list of endpoints for us to monitor our app**

**Spring boot starters**

**Autoconfiguration**

**Actuator**

**Embedded web server**

**@Springbootapplication**

* **Contains @EnableAutoConfiuguration**
* **Contains @ComponentScan**
* **Contains @Configuration**

**You can create beans in your main class**

**Example below**

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Validations

<dependency>  
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>  
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-validation</artifactId>  
</dependency>

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Here we forgot the @Valid annotation

@PostMapping("/add")  
public void test3(@Valid @RequestBody PojoAnother pojoAnother) {  
 System.*out*.println("all good!");  
}

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@PostMapping("/add")  
public void test3(@Valid @RequestBody PojoAnother pojoAnother, Errors errors) {  
  
 if (errors.hasErrors()) {  
 System.*out*.println("something is wrong");  
 return;  
 }  
  
 System.*out*.println("all good!");  
}

With the inclusion of Errors above, we can decide what to do in our code itself and a 400 bad request wont be thrown.

Spring security is something I need to study☹

@GetMapping("/purposelyError")  
public void doing() {  
 throw new RuntimeException();  
}

In the above, we purposely throw an error

This error will be caught by @RestControllerAdvice

@RestControllerAdvice  
public class AdviceExample {  
  
 @ExceptionHandler(Exception.class)  
 public String someStuffWentWrong() {  
 return "aiyo!";  
 }  
}

Now we go to spring boot and db operations.