Spring Professional Exam Tutorial v5.0 Question 01

Question 01 - What is the concept of AOP? Which problem does it solve? What is a cross cutting concern? Name three typical cross cutting concerns. What two problems arise if you don't solve a cross cutting concern via AOP?

Question 01 - What is the concept of AOP?

AOP - Aspect Oriented Programming - A programming paradigm that complements Object-oriented Programming (OOP) by providing a way to separate groups of cross-cutting concerns from business logic code. This is achieved by ability to add additional behavior to the code without having to modify the code itself. This is achieved by specifying:

- Location of the code which behavior should be altered Pointcut is matched with Join point
- Code which should be executed that implements cross cutting concern Advice

Question 01 - Which problem does it solve?

Aspect Oriented Programming solves following challenges:

- Allows proper implementation of Cross-Cutting Concerns
- Solves Code Duplications by eliminating the need to repeat the code for functionalities across different layers, such functionalities may include logging, performance logging, monitoring, transactions, caching
- Avoids mixing unrelated code, for example mixing transaction logic code (commit, rollback) with business code makes code harder to read, by separating concerns code is easier to read, interpret, maintain

Question 01 - Name three typical cross cutting concerns.

Common cross-cutting concerns:

- Logging
- Performance Logging
- Caching
- Security
- Transactions
- Monitoring

Question 01 - What two problems arise if you don't solve a cross cutting concern via AOP?

Implementing cross-cutting concerns without using AOP, produces following challenges:

- Code duplications Before/After code duplicated in all locations when normally Advise would be applied, refactoring by extraction helps but does not fully solve the problem
- Mixing of concerns business logic code mixed with logging, transactions, caching makes code hard read and maintain