public abstract class AbstractBeanFactorv

However, these will only result in null under very specific circumstances: such as a user-declared

factory method returning null or a user-provided FactoryBean.getObject() returning null, without



// Implementation of BeanFactory interface

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package org.springframework.beans.factory.support
  /** Parent bean factory, for bean inheritance support */
                                                                                                     public Object getBean
 private BeanFactory parentBeanFactory;
  ^{\prime**} ClassLoader to resolve bean class names with, if necessary ^{*}/
 private ClassLoader beanClassLoader = ClassUtils.getDefaultClassLoader();
                                                                                                    return doGetBean(name, null, null, false);
  ** ClassLoader to temporarily resolve bean class names with, if necessary */
private ClassLoader tempClassLoader:
                                                                                                     public <T>T getBean
(String name, @Nullable Class<T> requiredType) throws BeansException {
  ^{\prime**} Whether to cache bean metadata or rather reobtain it for every access ^{*\prime}
 private boolean cacheBeanMetadata = true;
                                                                                                    return doGetBean(name, requiredType, null, false);
     Resolution strategy for expressions in bean definition values ^*/
 private BeanExpressionResolver beanExpressionResolver;
                                                                                                   public Object getBean

(String name, Object... args) throws BeansException {
return doGetBean(name, null, args, false);
     Spring ConversionService to use instead of PropertyEditors */
 private ConversionService conversionService;
/** Custom PropertyEditorRegistrars to apply to the beans of this factory */
private final Set<PropertyEditorRegistrar> propertyEditorRegistrars = new
   LinkedHashSet<>(4);
                                                                                                      Return an instance, which may be shared or independent, of the specified bean.
 /** Custom PropertyEditors to apply to the beans of this factory */
private final Map<Class<?>, Class<? extends PropertyEditor>> customEditors = new
                                                                                                      Oparam name the name of the bean to retrieve
                                                                                                       Oparam requiredType the required type of the bean to retrieve
                                                                                                       Oparam args arguments to use when creating a bean instance using explicit
                                                                                                       arguments (only applied when creating a new instance)
  ** A custom TypeConverter to use, overriding the default PropertyEditor mechanism
                                                                                                       Oreturn an instance of the bean
                                                                                                      Athrows BeansException if the bean could not be created
                                                                                                  public <T> T getBean
(String name, @Nullable Class<T> requiredType, @Nullable Object... args)
throws BeansException {
private TypeConverter typeConverter:
 /** String resolvers to apply e.g. to annotation attribute values */
private final List<StringValueResolver> embeddedValueResolvers = new
  LinkedList<>();
                                                                                                    return doGetBean(name, requiredType, args, false);
  ** BeanPostProcessors to apply in createBean */
 private final List<BeanPostProcessor> beanPostProcessors = new ArrayList<>();
    'Indicates whether any InstantiationAwareBeanPostProcessors have been
                                                                                                      Return an instance, which may be shared or independent, of the specified bean.
                                                                                                      Aparam name the name of the bean to retrieve
 private boolean hasInstantiationAwareBeanPostProcessors;
                                                                                                       param requiredType the required type of the bean to retrieve
     Indicates whether any DestructionAwareBeanPostProcessors have been registered
                                                                                                       Oparam args arguments to use when creating a bean instance using explicit
                                                                                                       arguments (only applied when creating a new instance)
                                                                                                       param typeCheckOnly whether the instance is obtained for a type check,
private boolean hasDestructionAwareBeanPostProcessors;
                                                                                                      not for actual use
/** Map from scope identifier String to corresponding Scope */
private final Map<String, Scope> scopes = new LinkedHashMap<>(8);
                                                                                                      Mreturn an instance of the bean
                                                                                                      Athrows BeansException if the bean could not be created
                                                                                                   ຟີSuppressWarnings("unchecked")
  /** Security context used when running with a SecurityManager */
                                                                                                   protected <T> T doGetBean
 private SecurityContextProvider securityContextProvider;
/** Map from bean name to merged RootBeanDefinition */
private final Map<String, RootBeanDefinition> mergedBeanDefinitions = new
ConcurrentHashMap<>(256);
                                                                                                      (final String name, @Nullable final Class<T> requiredType,
    @Nullable final Object[] args, boolean typeCheckOnly) throws BeansException {
                                                                                                    final String beanName = transformedBeanName(name):
 /** Names of beans that have already been created at least once */
private final Set<String> alreadyCreated = Collections.newSetFromMap(new ConcurrentHashMap<>>(256));
                                                                                                    ^{**} Names of beans that are currently in creation ^*/
 private final ThreadLocal<Object> prototypesCurrentlyInCreation =
   new NamedThreadLocal<>("Prototype beans currently in creation");
                                                                                                      if (isSingletonCurrentlyInCreation(beanName))
                                                                                                       logger.debug("Returning eagerly cached instance of singleton bean '" + beanName + "' that is not fully initialized yet - circular reference");
  * Create a new AbstractBeanFactory.
                                                                                                      else {
    logger.debug("Returning cached instance of bean '" + beanName + "'");
 public AbstractBeanFactory
                                                                                                      bean = getObjectForBeanInstance(sharedInstance, name, beanName, null);
                                                                                                        Fail if we're already creating this bean instance: We're assumably within a circular reference,
  * Create a new AbstractBeanFactory with the given parent.

* param parentBeanFactory parent bean factory, or {@code null} if none
                                                                                                     if (isPrototypeCurrentlyInCreation(beanName))
                                                                                                       throw new BeanCurrentlyInCreationException(beanName);
public AbstractBeanFactory
                                                                                                     // Check if bean definition exists in this factory.
BeanFactory parentBeanFactory = getParentBeanFactory();
if (parentBeanFactory != null && !containsBeanDefinition(beanName)) {
   (@Nullable BeanFactory parentBeanFactory) {
                                                                                                      // Not found → check parent.
String nameToLookup = originalBeanName(name);
if (parentBeanFactory instanceof AbstractBeanFactory) {
  this.parentBeanFactory = parentBeanFactory;
                                                                                                       return ((AbstractBeanFactory) parentBeanFactory).doGetBean(
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nameToLookup, requiredType, args, typeCheckOnly);

else if (args != null) {

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if (!typeCheckOnly) {
  markBeanAsCreated(beanName);
 if (dependsOn != null) {
   getBean(dep);
   Create bean instance
   f (mbd.isSingleton())
    catch (BeansException ex) {
     destroySingleton(beanName);
    throw ex;
 else if (mbd.isPrototype()) {
  if (scope == null)
catch (BeansException ex) {
 throw ex;
   return declarations are technically violating the non-null policy for the getBean methods:
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extends FactoryBeanRegistrySupport
                                                                                                      any custom post-processing of such null values. We will pass them on as null to corresponding
  // Delegation to parent with explicit args.
return (T) parentBeanFactory.getBean(nameToLookup, args);
                                                                                                      injection points in that exceptional case but do not expect user-level getBean callers to deal with
                                                                                                      such null values. In the end, regular getBean callers should be able to assign the outcome to non-null
variables/arguments without being compromised by rather esoteric corner cases, in particular in
                                                                                                      functional configuration and Kotlin scenarios. A future Spring generation might eventually forbid
   return parentBeanFactory.getBean(nameToLookup, requiredType);
                                                                                                      null values completely and throw IllegalStateExceptions instead of leniently passing them through.
                                                                                                      if (requiredType != null && bean != null && !requiredType.isInstance(bean)) {
                                                                                                        return getTypeConverter().convertIfNecessary(bean, requiredType);
                                                                                                       catch (TypeMismatchException ex) {
  if (logger.isDebugEnabled()) {
                                                                                                          logger.debug("Failed to convert bean '" + name + "' to required type '" + ClassUtils.getQualifiedName(requiredType) + "'", ex);
 final RootBeanDefinition mbd = getMergedLocalBeanDefinition(beanName);
checkMergedBeanDefinition(mbd, beanName, args);
                                                                                                         throw new BeanNotOfRequiredTypeException(name, requiredType, bean.getClass())
 // Guarantee initialization of beans that the current bean depends on.
String[] dependsOn = mbd.getDependsOn();
                                                                                                      // For the nullability warning, see the elaboration in the comment above; // in short: This is never going to be null unless user-declared code enforces
  for (String dep : dependsOn) {
  if (isDependent(beanName, dep))
    throw new BeanCreationException(mbd.getResourceDescription(), beanName, "Circular relationship between '" + beanName + "' and '" + dep + "'");
                                                                                                      return (T) bean:
    registerDependentBean(dep, beanName);
                                                                                                        public boolean containsBean
                                                                                                      String beanName = transformedBeanName(name);
if (containsSingleton(beanName) || containsBeanDefinition(beanName))
   sharedInstance = getSingleton(beanName, () \rightarrow {
                                                                                                       return (!BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name) || isFactoryBean(name));
     return createBean(beanName, mbd, args);
                                                                                                       // Not found \rightarrow check parent.
                                                                                                      BeanFactory parentBeanFactory = getParentBeanFactory(); return (parentBeanFactory != null && parentBeanFactory.
       / Explicitly remove instance from singleton cache: It might have been put / there eagerly by the creation process, to allow for circular reference / resolution. Also remove any beans that received a temporary reference to
                                                                                                        containsBean(originalBeanName(name)));
                                                                                                        public boolean is Singleton
                                                                                                            (String name) throws NoSuchBeanDefinitionException
   bean = getObjectForBeanInstance(sharedInstance, name, beanName, mbd);
                                                                                                      String beanName = transformedBeanName(name);
                                                                                                      Object beanInstance = getSingleton(beanName, false);
if (beanInstance != null) {
  // It's a prototype → create a new instance.
Object prototypeInstance = null;
                                                                                                       if (beanInstance instance of FactoryBean)
                                                                                                        return (BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name) ||
    beforePrototypeCreation(beanName);
                                                                                                           ((FactoryBean<?>) beanInstance).isSingleton());
   prototypeInstance = createBean(beanName, mbd, args);
                                                                                                         return !BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name);
   afterPrototypeCreation(beanName):
   bean = getObjectForBeanInstance(prototypeInstance, name, beanName, mbd);
                                                                                                      else if (containsSingleton(beanName)) {
  String scopeName = mbd.getScope();
                                                                                                       // No singleton instance found \rightarrow check bean definition.
   final Scope scope = this.scopes.get(scopeName);
                                                                                                      BeanFactory parentBeanFactory = getParentBeanFactory();
if (parentBeanFactory != null && !containsBeanDefinition(beanName)) {
    throw new IllegalStateException("No Scope for '" + scopeName + "'"):
                                                                                                        // No bean definition found in this factory → delegate to parent.
                                                                                                       return parentBeanFactory.isSingleton(originalBeanName(name));
   Object scopedInstance = scope.get(beanName, () → { beforePrototypeCreation(beanName);
                                                                                                      RootBeanDefinition mbd = getMergedLocalBeanDefinition(beanName);
      return createBean(beanName, mbd, args);
                                                                                                       // In case of FactoryBean, return singleton status of created object if not a
                                                                                                      if (mbd.isSingleton()) -
      afterPrototypeCreation(beanName);
                                                                                                       if (isFactoryBean(beanName, mbd)) {
  if (BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name)) {
                                                                                                          return true;
    bean = getObjectForBeanInstance(scopedInstance, name, beanName, mbd);
                                                                                                        FactoryBean<?> factoryBean =
    (FactoryBean<?>) getBean(FACTORY_BEAN_PREFIX + beanName);
  catch (IllegalStateException ex) {
  throw new BeanCreationException(beanName,
    "Scope '" + scopeName + "' is not active for the current thread; " +
    "define a scoped proxy for this bean to refer to it from a singleton", ex);
                                                                                                        return factoryBean.isSingleton();
                                                                                                        return !BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name);
                                                                                                      else {
 cleanupAfterBeanCreationFailure(beanName);
                                                                                                       return false;
                                                                                                         public boolean is Prototype
  Check if required type matches the type of the actual bean instance. Note that the following
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(String name) throws NoSuchBeanDefinitionException {

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implements ConfigurableBeanFactory
  String beanName = transformedBeanName(name);
 BeanFactory parentBeanFactory = getParentBeanFactory(); if (parentBeanFactory != null && !containsBeanDefinition(beanName)) { // No bean definition found in this factory → delegate to parent.
     return parentBeanFactory.isPrototype(originalBeanName(name));
  RootBeanDefinition mbd = getMergedLocalBeanDefinition(beanName);
       In case of FactoryBean, return singleton status of created object if not a
   return (!BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name) || isFactoryBean(beanName, mbd));
   // Singleton or scoped - not a prototype.
// However, FactoryBean may still produce a prototype object...
if (BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name)) {
    return false;
   if (isFactoryBean(beanName, mbd)) {
  final FactoryBean<?> fb =
      (FactoryBean<?>) getBean(FACTORY_BEAN_PREFIX + beanName);
  return ((fb instanceof SmartFactoryBean && ((SmartFactoryBean<?>) fb).
   isPrototype()) ||
  !fb.isSingleton());
   else {
    return false;
public boolean is Type Match
          (String name, ResolvableType typeToMatch)
throws NoSuchBeanDefinitionException {
  String beanName = transformedBeanName(name);
     / Check manually registered singletons.
  Object beanInstance = getSingleton(beanName, false);
if (beanInstance != null) {
    if (beanInstance instance of FactoryBean) {
     if (!BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name)) {
      Class<?> type = getTypeForFactoryBean((FactoryBean<?>) beanInstance);
return (type != null && typeToMatch.isAssignableFrom(type));
       return typeToMatch.isInstance(beanInstance);
    else if (!BeanFactoryUtils.isFactoryDereference(name)) {
   if (typeToMatch.isInstance(beanInstance)) {
       // Direct match for exposed instance?
     else if (typeToMatch.hasGenerics() && containsBeanDefinition(beanName)) {
    // Generics potentially only match on the target class, not on the proxy...
    RootBeanDefinition mbd = getMergedLocalBeanDefinition(beanName);
    Class<?> targetType = mbd.getTargetType();
    if (targetType != null && targetType != ClassUtils.getUserClass(beanInstance)
        && typeToMatch.isAssignableFrom(targetType)) {
        // Check raw class match as well, making sure it's exposed on the proxy.
        Class<?> classToMatch = typeToMatch.resolve();
        return (classToMatch == null || classToMatch.isInstance(beanInstance));
    }
     return false;
   else if (containsSingleton(beanName) && !containsBeanDefinition(beanName)) {
     // null instance registered
     return false;
     / No singleton instance found \rightarrow check bean definition.
  BeanFactory parentBeanFactory = getParentBeanFactory();
if (parentBeanFactory != null && !containsBeanDefinition(beanName)) {
    // No bean definition found in this factory → delegate to parent.
    return parentBeanFactory.isTypeMatch(originalBeanName(name), typeToMatch);
   // Retrieve corresponding bean definition.
RootBeanDefinition mbd = getMergedLocalBeanDefinition(beanName);
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Class<?> classToMatch = typeToMatch.resolve();