Spring Boot More Spring, Less Configuration



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Spring: Toward Simpler Configuration

Spring 1.0: XML configuration (DTD)

Spring 1.1: value and ref attributes

Spring 2.0: XML namespaces

Spring 2.5: @Component / @Autowired

Spring 3.0: Java configuration

Spring 3.1: Profiles

Spring 3.2: –

Spring 4.0: Conditional beans

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No Configuration

Introducing Spring Boot

Takes away boilerplate configuration Heavily opinionated

(but allows you to override opinions)

Can run with Groovy at the command line Can build to JAR or WAR

Spring Boot: CLI

Runs Groovy apps from the command line
Starts an embedded Tomcat (or Jetty)
Heavily employs Spring Boot autoconfiguration

Spring Boot: Auto-Configuration

Automatically...

...creates beans as needed
...resolves dependencies (CLI)
...adds imports (CLI)

Under the covers: Conditional

```
@Configuration
public class MyConfig {

    @Bean
    @Conditional(MagicExistsCondition.class)
    public MagicBean magicBean() {
       return new MagicBean();
    }
}
```

```
public class MagicExistsCondition implements Condition {
   public boolean matches(ConditionContext context, AnnotatedTypeMetadata metadata) {
     Environment env = context.getEnvironment();
     return env.containsProperty("magic");
   }
}
```

(Spring 4.0.0.M I and up)

Under the covers: Conditional

```
@Configuration
                     public class MyConfig {
    ConditionContext offers access to...
    - The BeanFactory
    - The ClassLoader
                                   l(MagicExistsCondition.class)
     - The Environment
                                   cBean magicBean() {
     - The BeanDefinitionRegistry
                                     MagicBean();
     - The ResourceLoader
public class MagicExistsCondition implements Condition {
  public boolean matches(ConditionContext context, AnnotatedTypeMetadata metadata) {
    Environment env = context.getEnvironment();
    return env.containsProperty("magic");
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```
@Configuration
                     public class MyConfig {
                        @Bean
                                                        AnnotatedTypeMetadata offers access to...
                        @Conditional(MagicExistsCondi
                                                         - All annotation attributes
                                                         - Whether or not the underlying type has
                       public MagicBean magicBean()
                                                         been annotated with a given annotation
                         return new MagicBean();
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  public boolean matches(ConditionContext context, AnnotatedTypeMetadata metadata) {
    Environment env = context.getEnvironment();
    return env.containsProperty("magic");
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Spring Boot: Starters

Pre-baked POM files

Add a dependency in Maven or Gradle

Makes dependencies available

Spring Boot: Actuator

Reasonable error pages Endpoints for runtime metrics and info

/beans: All beans

/env: Configuration properties

/trace: Recent requests

/dump: Thread details

