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A question lead guide to prepare Spring certification



Testing

When using @SpringBootTest with webEnvironment=RANDOM_PORT, how can you inject the port number into a field at runtime in a Spring Boot application? (select 2)

- → Use @Value("\${local.server.port}") annotation on a field in the test class.
- → Use @LocalServerPort annotation on a field in the test class.
- → Use @Autowired annotation on a field in the test class.
- → Use @ConfigurationProperties annotation on a field in the test class.

answer

Correct answers:

- Use @Value("\${local.server.port}") annotation on a field in the test class.
 This will inject the port number value into the annotated field.
- Use @LocalServerPort annotation on a field in the test class. This will inject the
 actual local port number used for the test server.

Incorrect answers:

- Use @Autowired annotation on a field in the test class. This will not inject the port number value into the annotated field.
- 2. Use @ConfigurationProperties annotation on a field in the test class. This is not related to injecting the port number value into the annotated field.



Configuration

What is one way to modify the behavior of a Spring Boot application for a specific profile? (select 2)

- → Create a properties file named application-{profileName}.properties or application-{profileName}.yml, and specify the desired configuration properties for the given profile.
- Annotate a configuration class with @Profile("profileName") and define the beans or settings specific to the profile.
- → Add a new endpoint to the application's REST API.
- → Modify the main method of the application's entry point class.

answer

Two correct answers:

- 1. Create a properties file named application-{profileName}.properties or application-{profileName}.yml, and specify the desired configuration properties for the given profile.
- 2. Annotate a configuration class with @Profile("profileName") and define the beans or settings specific to the profile.

Spring Profiles let you load config/beans only in certain environments.

Mark beans/config with @Profile("prod") to include them only when that profile is active.

Activate profiles via spring.profiles.active (properties/env var/CLI:

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--spring.profiles.active=dev,hsqldb).
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Spring Boot adds profile-specific files: application-{profile}.properties|yml.

It always loads application.properties, then overrides with the active profile file(s).

Example: application-dev uses H2; application-production uses MySQL.

This cleanly separates per-env credentials, URLs, and tuning.

Since Boot 2.4, you cannot activate a profile from inside another profile file; set active profiles externally.

Therefore, "Create application-{profile}.properties|yml with the needed settings" is correct.

And "Annotate config with @Profile("profileName") to wire profile-specific beans" is also correct.



Testing

Which components are automatically configured when using the @WebMvcTest annotation in a Spring Boot application? (select 2)

- **→** Jackson ObjectMapper
- → @Component
- **→** Datasource configurations
- → Controller

answer

When working with JSON payloads, Spring Boot auto-configures a Jackson **ObjectMapper** bean. This bean is responsible for converting Java objects to and from JSON.

public @interface WebMvcTest

Annotation that can be used for a Spring MVC test that focuses **only** on Spring MVC components.

Using this annotation will disable full auto-configuration and instead apply only configuration relevant to MVC tests (i.e. @Controller, @ControllerAdvice, @JsonComponent, Converter/GenericConverter, Filter, WebMvcConfigurer and HandlerMethodArgumentResolver beans but not @Component, @Service or @Repository beans).

By default, tests annotated with <code>@WebMvcTest</code> will also auto-configure Spring Security and <code>MockMvc</code> (include support for HtmlUnit WebClient and Selenium WebDriver). For more fine-grained control of MockMVC the <code>@AutoConfigureMockMvc</code> annotation can be used.

Typically @WebMvcTest is used in combination with <u>@MockBean</u> or <u>@Import</u> to create any collaborators required by your @Controller beans.

If you are looking to load your full application configuration and use MockMVC, you should consider @SpringBootTest combined with @AutoConfigureMockMvc rather than this annotation.

When using JUnit 4, this annotation should be used in combination with @RunWith(SpringRunner.class). https://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/2.5.2/api/org/springframework/boot/test/autoconfigure/web/servlet/WebMvcTest.html



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