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Inversion of Control (IoC) and Dependency Injection (DI) in Spring

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Where to Find the Demo Code?

Introduction to Spring 5 demos and examples are available @ GitHub:

https://github.com/iproduct/course-spring5



Agenda for This Session

- Lookup vs. injection
- Constructor, setter and field-based DI
- Instantiating the container
- Beans and BeanFactory implementations
- Configuring ApplicationContext basic configuration, classpath scanning and filters, component declaring metaannotations.
- XML-based configuration: GenericXmlApplicationContext
- Java annotations configuration (@Bean, @Configuration, @ComponentScan)
- AnnotationConfigApplicationContext



Agenda for This Session

- Mixing XML & Java @Import, @ImportResource
- Instantiating beans using constructor and static/instance factory methods
- Dependency resolution process
- Dependencies and configuration in detail values, bean references, inner beans, collections, maps, null handling, pand c-namespaces, compound property names, dependson, lazy initialization, autowiring
- Excluding a bean from autowiring
- Limitations and disadvantages of autowiring



Component Oriented Engineering

- RalphJohnson: Do Components Exist? [http://www.c2.com/cgi/wiki?DoComponentsExist]
- They have to exist. Sales and marketing people are talking about them. Components are not a technology. Technology people seem to find this hard to understand. Components are about how customers want to relate to software. They want to be able to buy their software a piece at a time, and to be able to upgrade it just like they can upgrade their stereo. They want new pieces to work seamlessly with their old pieces, and to be able to upgrade on their own schedule, not the manufacturer's schedule. They want to be able to mix and match pieces from various manufacturers. This is a very reasonable requirement. It is just hard to satisfy.

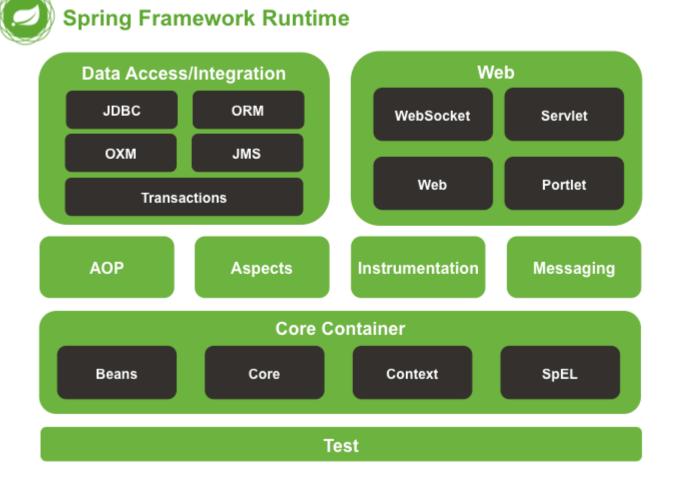


Injection vs. Construction vs. Lookup

- Dependency Injection (DI) is mechanism for provisioning component dependencies and managing these dependencies throughout their life cycles
- DI is a process whereby objects define their dependencies, (the other objects they work with), only through: A) constructor arguments; B) arguments to a factory method; C) properties or fields that are set on the object instance; after it is constructed or returned from a factory method.
- ❖ The container then injects those dependencies when it creates the bean – inverse (Inversion of Control – IoC) of the bean itself controlling the instantiation or location of its dependencies by direct construction of classes, or a mechanism such as the Service Locator pattern (e.g. JNDI).



Spring Framework 4.2 Main Modules



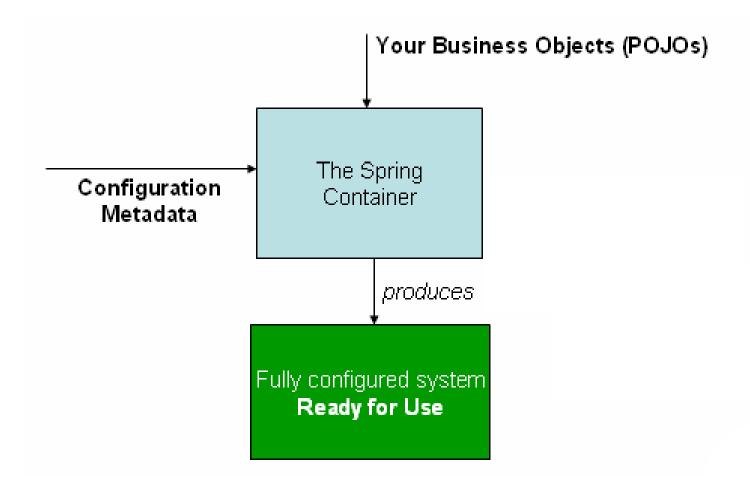


Advantages of DI

- Decoupling between components dependency only from interface (contract), not from implementation
- Easy switching between different implementations
- Better program modularity every module has single purpose, easy replacing of modules
- Easier testing of components by isolating the component, and mocking its dependencies



How Dependency Injection Works?





Spring Beans and Bean Factories

- Spring Beans are POJOs managed (instantiated, assembled, etc.) by the Spring IoC container
- Beans, and the dependencies among them, are reflected in the configuration metadata used by a container.
- Spring Framework's IoC container base packages: org.springframework.beans, org.springframework.context
- BeanFactory interface provides an advanced configuration mechanism capable of managing any type of object.
- ApplicationContext is a sub-interface of BeanFactory adds integration with Spring's AOP features; message resource handling (for use in internationalization); event publication; and app-layer specific contexts e.g. WebApplicationContext



Interface BeanDefinition - I

- getBeanClassName()
- getConstructorArgumentValues()
- getDependsOn()
- getDescription()
- getFactoryBeanName()
- getFactoryMethodName()
- getOriginatingBeanDefinition()
- getParentName()
- getPropertyValues()
- getResourceDescription()



Interface BeanDefinition - II

- getRole()
- getScope()
- isAbstract()
- isAutowireCandidate()
- isLazyInit()
- isPrimary()
- isPrototype()
- isSingleton()
- setBeanClassName(String beanClassName)
- ***** ...



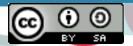
Beans and BeanFactory Implementations

- BeanFactory responsible for containing and otherwise managing the beans, provides the underlying basis for Spring's IoC functionality but it is only used directly in integration with other third-party frameworks, historical. Common implementation: DefaultListableBeanFactory (XmlBeanFactory is deprecated).
- BeanFactory related interfaces: BeanFactoryAware, InitializingBean, DisposableBean, are still present in Spring for the purposes of backward compatibility with the large number of third-party frameworks that integrate with Spring.
- Often third-party components that can not use more modern equivalents such as @PostConstruct or @PreDestroy in order to avoid a dependency on JSR-250.



BeanFactory Lifecycle Initialization - I

- 1. BeanNameAware's setBeanName
- 2. BeanClassLoaderAware's setBeanClassLoader
- 3. BeanFactoryAware's setBeanFactory
- 4. ResourceLoaderAware's setResourceLoader (application context only)
- 5. ApplicationEventPublisherAware's setApplicationEventPublisher (application context only)
- 6. MessageSourceAware's setMessageSource (app context)
- 7. ApplicationContextAware's setApplicationContext
- 8. ServletContextAware's setServletContext (web application context only)



BeanFactory Lifecycle - II

- 9. BeanPostProcessors' postProcessBeforeInitialization method
- 10. InitializingBean's afterPropertiesSet (or @PostConstruct)
- 11. a custom init-method definition
- 12. BeanPostProcessors' postProcessAfterInitialization method of
- On BeanFactory shutdown:
- 1. DisposableBean's destroy (or @PreDestroy)
- 2. a custom destroy-method definition



Types of IoC Lookup

Dependencies Pull (service locator pattern) – e.g. JNDI API for programmatic lookup for EJB components in J2EE. Spring also supports dependencies lookup – for example:

```
ArticlePresenter presenter =
    ctx.getBean("presenter", ArticlePresenter.class);
```

Contextualized Dependencies Lookup – the lookup is performed against specific container (context) managing the resource, not from a single centralized registry



Types of IoC DI

```
Constructor-based DI:
@Autowired // or @Inject
public ConsoleArticlePresenter(ArticleProvider provider) {
    this.provider = provider;
<bean id="provider" class="org.iproduct.MockArticleProvider"/>
<bean id="presenter" name="presenter" class="...">
     <constructor-arg type="ArticleProvider">
         <ref bean="provider" />
     </constructor-arg>
</bean>
OR
<constructor-arg type="ArticleProvider" index="0"</pre>
                 name="provider" ref="provider" /> OR
<bean id="presenter" name="presenter" class="..."</pre>
      c:provider-ref="provider" />
```

Types of IoC DI

Static factory method-based DI:

```
<bean id="provider" factory-method="createInstance"

class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.MockArticleProvider"/>
```

Instance factory method-based DI:

```
<bean id="presenterFactory" name="presenterFactory"
    class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.ArticlePresenterFactory"
    c:provider-ref="provider"/>
    <bean id="presenter" name="presenter" factory-
        bean="presenterFactory" factory-method="createPresenter" />
```



Types of IoC DI

```
Property (setter) -based DI:
@Autowired //@Inject //@Resource
public void setArticleProvider(ArticleProvider provider) {
    this.provider = provider;
<bean id="presenter" name="presenter"</pre>
  class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.ConsoleArticlePresenter"
       p:articleProvider-ref="provider"/>
Field-based DI
@Autowired //@Inject or @Resource
private ArticleProvider provider;
```



Application Context Implementations

- FileSystemXmlApplicationContext loads the bean definitions from an XML file using provided full path of the XML bean configuration file in the constructor argument.
- ClassPathXmlApplicationContext loads the bean definitions from an XML file using provided configuration file available on the java CLASSPATH
- XmlWebApplicationContext loads the XML file with bean definitions from within a web application
- AnnotationConfigApplicationContext with bean definitions based on annotation configuration
- GenericApplicationContext allows to programmatically register beans, and then call ctx.refresh();



Basic XML-Based Config Example

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xmlns:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
       xmlns:c="http://www.springframework.org/schema/c"
    xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context.xsd">
  <bean id="provider"</pre>
    class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.MockArticleProvider"/>
  <bean id="presenter" name="presenter"</pre>
    class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.ConsoleArticlePresenter"
    c:provider-ref="provider" />
</beans>
```



XML Config Example using Factories

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xmlns:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
       xmlns:c="http://www.springframework.org/schema/c"
  xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
  http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-
context.xsd">
<bean id="provider" factory-method="createInstance"</pre>
  class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.MockArticleProvider"/>
<bean id="presenterFactory" name="presenterFactory"</pre>
  class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.ArticlePresenterFactory"
  c:provider-ref="provider"/>
<bean id="presenter" name="presenter" factory-bean=</pre>
 "presenterFactory" factory-method="createPresenter" /></beans>
```



XML Config - Inner Beans



Bean Definition Inheritance & Prop Merging

```
<bean id="parent" abstract="true"</pre>
class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.Author">
   cproperty name="emails">
       props>
           prop key="administrator">fiona@example.com</prop>
           prop key="support">support@example.com</prop>
       </props>
   </property>
</bean>
<bean id="author" parent="parent">
   cproperty name="emails">
       <!-- merge specified on child collection definition
       cprops merge="true">
           prop key="sales">f.apple@gmail.com</prop>
           </props>
   </property>
</bean>
```



Annotation-Based Configuration

```
@Configuration
@PropertySource("classpath:articles.properties")
@ComponentScan (basePackages ="org.iproduct.spring.programmatic")
public class SpringProgrammaticAnnotationConfig {
    @Value("${listOfValues}")
    private String[] articleTitles;
    @Bean
    public ArticleProvider provider() {
        return new MockArticleProvider(articleTitles);
    @Bean
    public ArticlePresenter presenter() {
        ArticlePresenter presenter =
            new ConsoleArticlePresenter();
        presenter.setArticleProvider(provider());
        return presenter;
```

Classpath Scanning and Filters

Annotation-based configuration:

```
@Configuration
@PropertySource("classpath:articles.properties")
@ComponentScan(basePackages = "org.example",
    includeFilters = @ComponentScan.Filter(

    type = FilterType.REGEX, pattern = ".*Stub.*Repository"),
    excludeFilters = @ComponentScan.Filter(Repository.class))
public class SpringProgrammaticAnnotationConfig {
...
```

XML-based configuration:



Source: https://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/

Problem 1 - Comments: Annotation DI

We want to develop a simple comments handling service and client, capable of storing comments in memory and listing them on the console. Please, implement the following artifacts:

- 1. A Comments model class with 3 attributes 1) comment text, 2) author email, 3) comment date and time
- 2. CommentsService interface with three business methods:
 - void addComment(Comment comment)
 - 2. List<Comment> getAllComments()
 - 3. List<Comment> getCommentsByEmail(String email)
- 3. CommentsServiceImpl class implemeting the above methods (preferably using Java 8 Stream API and lambdas)



Problem 1 - Comments: Annotation DI

- (-continues-)
- 4. CommentsLoggerService interface with following methods:
 - void dumpAllComments()
 - 2. void dumpCommentsByAuthor(String authorEmail)
- 5. CommentsConsoleLoggerImpl class implementing CommentsLoggerService interface
- 6. Class CommentsDemoAnnotationDI wiring the above services using Spring 5 AppricationContext and property-based annotation DI. The main method should add 5 comments by 2 authors and dump to console: 1) all comments, 2) comments of the first author only.



We need tools to cope with all that complexity inherent in robotics and IoT domains.

Simple solutions are needed – cope with problems through divide and concur on different levels of abstraction:

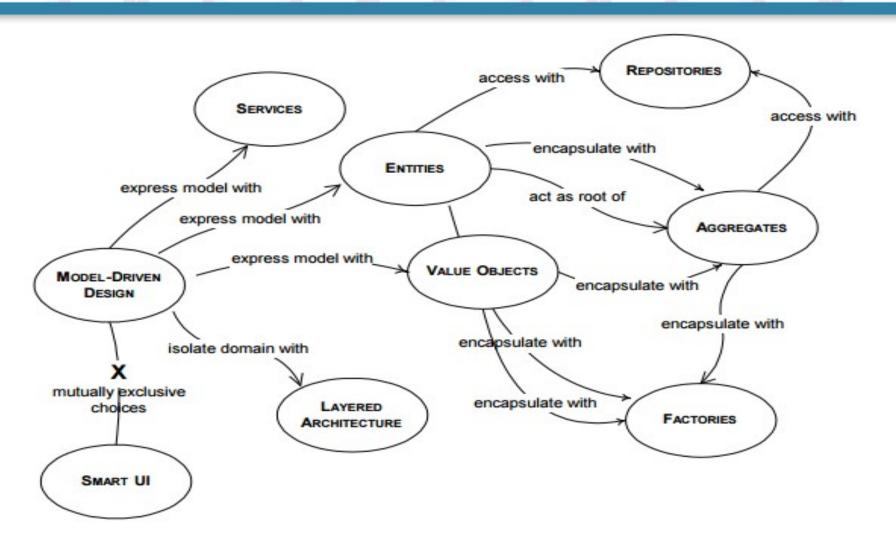
Domain Driven Design (DDD) – back to basics: domain objects, data and logic.

Described by Eric Evans in his book: Domain Driven Design: Tackling Complexity in the Heart of Software, 2004



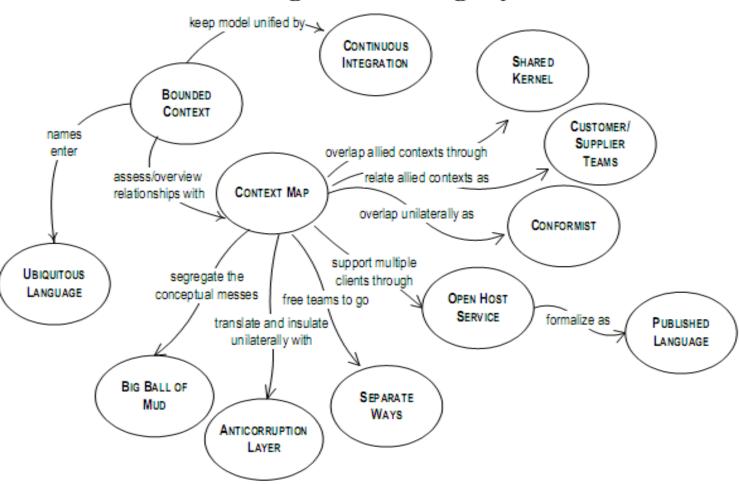
Main concepts:

- Entities, value objects and modules
- Aggregates and Aggregate Roots [Haywood]:
- value < entity < aggregate < module < BC
- * Repositories, Factories and Services:
- application services <-> domain services
- Separating interface from implementation





Maintaining Model Integrity



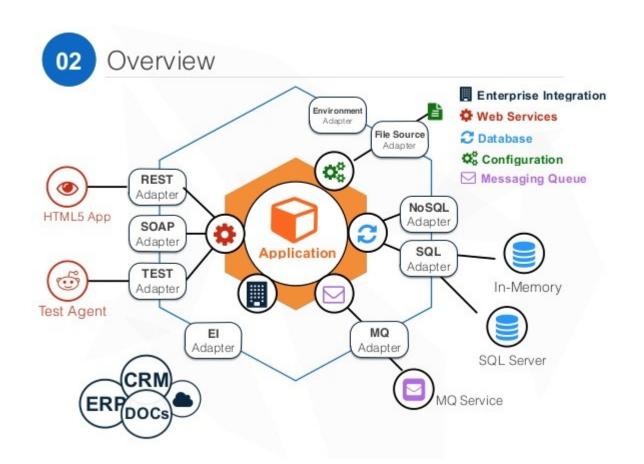


- Ubiquitous language and Bounded Contexts
- DDD Application Layers:
 Infrastructure, Domain, Application, Presentation
- Hexagonal architecture :
 OUTSIDE <-> transformer <->
 (application <-> domain)
 [A. Cockburn]





Hexagonal Architecture



Hexagonal Architecture Principles

- Allows an application to equally be driven by users, programs, automated test or batch scripts, and to be developed and tested in isolation from its eventual runtime devices and databases.
- As events arrive from the outside world at a port, a technology-specific adapter converts it into a procedure call or message and passes it to the application
- Application sends messages through ports to adapters, which signal data to the receiver (human or automated)
- The application has a semantically sound interaction with all the adapters, without actually knowing the nature of the things on the other side of the adapters



Bean Stereotype Annotations

- Component generic annotation, ensuring that the class will be found during classpath scanning and that it will be registered in the context as a bean
- Service business logic of the application (domain service in DDD terms)
- Repository DAO, data access layer, automatic persistence exception translation (DataAccessExeption, PersistenceExceptionTranslationPostProcessor)
- Controller marks class as Spring MVC controller
- Meta annotations for example:
 @RestController = @Controller + @ResponseBody



Bean Scopes

- singleton (Default) Scopes a single bean definition to a single object instance per Spring IoC container.
- prototype Scopes a single bean definition to any number of object instances
- request scopes a single bean definition to the lifecycle of a single HTTP request; Only valid in the context of a webaware Spring ApplicationContext.
- session scopes a single bean toan HTTP Session
- application scopes bean to a ServletContext
- websocket scopes a single bean definition to the lifecycle of a WebSocket.



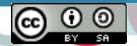
Dependency Resolution Process

- The ApplicationContext is created and initialized with configuration metadata describing all beans. This metadata can be specified using XML, Java code, or annotations.
- For each bean, its dependencies are expressed in the form of properties, constructor arguments, or arguments to the static-factory method (if used instead of constructor).
- Each property or constructor argument is an actual definition of the value to set, or a reference to another bean.
- Each property or constructor argument which is a value is converted from its specified format to the actual type of that property or constructor argument. Spring can convert a supplied string value to all built-in types: int, long, String, etc.



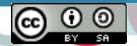
Lazy Bean Instantiation

- Using XML config:
- <bean id="provider" factory-method="createInstance"
 class="org.iproduct.MockArticleProvider" lazy-init="true"/>
- Using Java annotation config: @Lazy
 - May be used on any class annotated with @Component or on methods annotated with @Bean
 - If this annotation is not present on a @Component or @Bean definition, eager initialization will occur.
 - If present on a @Configuration class, this indicates that all @Bean methods within that should be lazily initialized.
 - If placed on @Autowired or @Inject injection points it leads to creation of a lazy-resolution proxy (as an alternative of using ObjectFactory or Provider).



Autowiring

- Autowiring = allowing Spring to resolve collaborators (other beans) automatically for your bean by inspecting the contents of the ApplicationContext
- Autowiring can significantly reduce the need to specify properties or constructor arguments.
- Autowiring can update a configuration as your objects evolve – e.g. if you need to add a dependency to a class, that dependency can be satisfied automatically without you needing to modify the configuration.
- Autowiring can be especially useful during development, without negating the option of switching to explicit wiring when the code base becomes more stable.



Autowiring – How To

- When using XML-based configuration metadata, you specify autowire mode for a bean definition with the autowire attribute of the <bean/> element.
- Example:

```
<bean id="articleProvider" factory-method="createInstance"
    class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.MockArticleProvider"
    autowire-candidate="true"/>

<bean id="presenter" name="presenter"
    class="org.iproduct.spring.xmlconfig.ConsoleArticlePresenter"
    autowire="byName"/>
```



Types of Autowiring - I

- no This option is default for spring framework and it means that autowiring is OFF. You have to explicitly set the dependencies using property> tags in bean definitions.
- byName This option enables the dependency injection based on bean names. When autowiring a property in bean, property name is used for searching a matching bean definition in configuration file. If such bean is found, it is injected in property. Otherwise an error is thrown.
- byType This option enables the dependency injection based on bean types. When autowiring a property in bean, property's class type is used for searching a matching bean definition in configuration file. If such bean is found, it is injected in property. Otherwise an error is thrown.



Types of Autowiring - II

- constructor similar to byType, but applies to constructor arguments. In autowire enabled bean, it will look for class type of constructor arguments, and then do a autowire by type on all constructor arguments. If there isn't exactly one bean of the constructor argument type in the container, an error is thrown.
- autodetect uses either of two modes i.e. constructor or byType modes. First it will try to look for valid constructor with arguments, If found the constructor mode is chosen. If there is no constructor defined in bean, or explicit default noargs constructor is present, the autowire byType mode is chosen.



Autowiring Annotations

- @Autowired marks a constructor, field, setter method or config method as to be autowired by Spring's dependency injection facilities. Has a required parameter (true by default) If field/parameter is of Collection or Map, the container autowires all beans matching the declared type @Order or @Priority annotations can be used to define order. Exact match sequence is: 1) by Type; 2) by Qualifier; 3) by Name
- ②Inject part of JSR-330 Java standard, similar to
 ②Autowired, has no 'required' parameter.
- Resource part of JSR-250. Injection by bean name is preferred – there is a 'name' parameter. The sequence of matching is: 1) by Name; 2) by Type; 3) by Qualifier



Autowiring Circular Dependencies

- ❖ The circular injection problem: Bean A → Bean B → Bean A
- If Bean A → Bean B → Bean C Spring will create bean C, then bean B (injecting bean C into it), then create bean A (injecting bean B into it). But, when having a circular dependency, Spring cannot decide which should be created first BeanCurrentlyInCreationException is raised.
- This happens when using constructor injection. If using other types of injection, there is no problem since dependencies will be injected when they are needed and not on loading.
- Solutions: 1) Redesign; 2) using @Lazy; 3) using setters; 4) using @PostConstruct; 5) using ApplicationContextAware and InitializingBean + manual bean lookup in init method



Disadvantages of Autowiring

- Explicit dependencies in property and constructor-arg settings always override autowiring. You cannot autowire socalled simple properties such as primitives, Strings, and Classes (and arrays of such simple properties)
- Autowiring is less exact than explicit wiring.
- Wiring information may not be available to tools that may generate documentation from a Spring container.
- Multiple bean definitions within the container may match the type specified by the setter method or constructor argument to be autowired. For arrays, collections, or Maps, this is not a problem. When expected a single value, this ambiguity is not arbitrarily resolved, but an exception is thrown.



Additinal Examples

Learning Spring 5 book examples are available @ GitHub:

https://github.com/PacktPublishing/Learning-Spring -5.0

Spring 5 Core Reference Documentation:Learning https://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-fra mework-reference/core.html

Spring 5 @Configuration annotation Javadoc: https://docs.spring.io/spring-framework/docs/current/javadoc-api/org/springframework/context/annotation/Configuration.html



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