

# **Spring Internals**

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It's just  
annotations... how  
hard can it be?



to the code...

**@ComponentScan**

@Component

Scan



@Component

Scan

@Service

@Repository

@Controller

@RestController



Scan



```
class HelloUtils
```



```
@Service
```

```
class HelloService
```



```
@RestController
```

```
class HelloController
```



```
class MyOtherUtils
```



Scan



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class HelloUtils
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@Service
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class HelloService
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@RestController
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class HelloController
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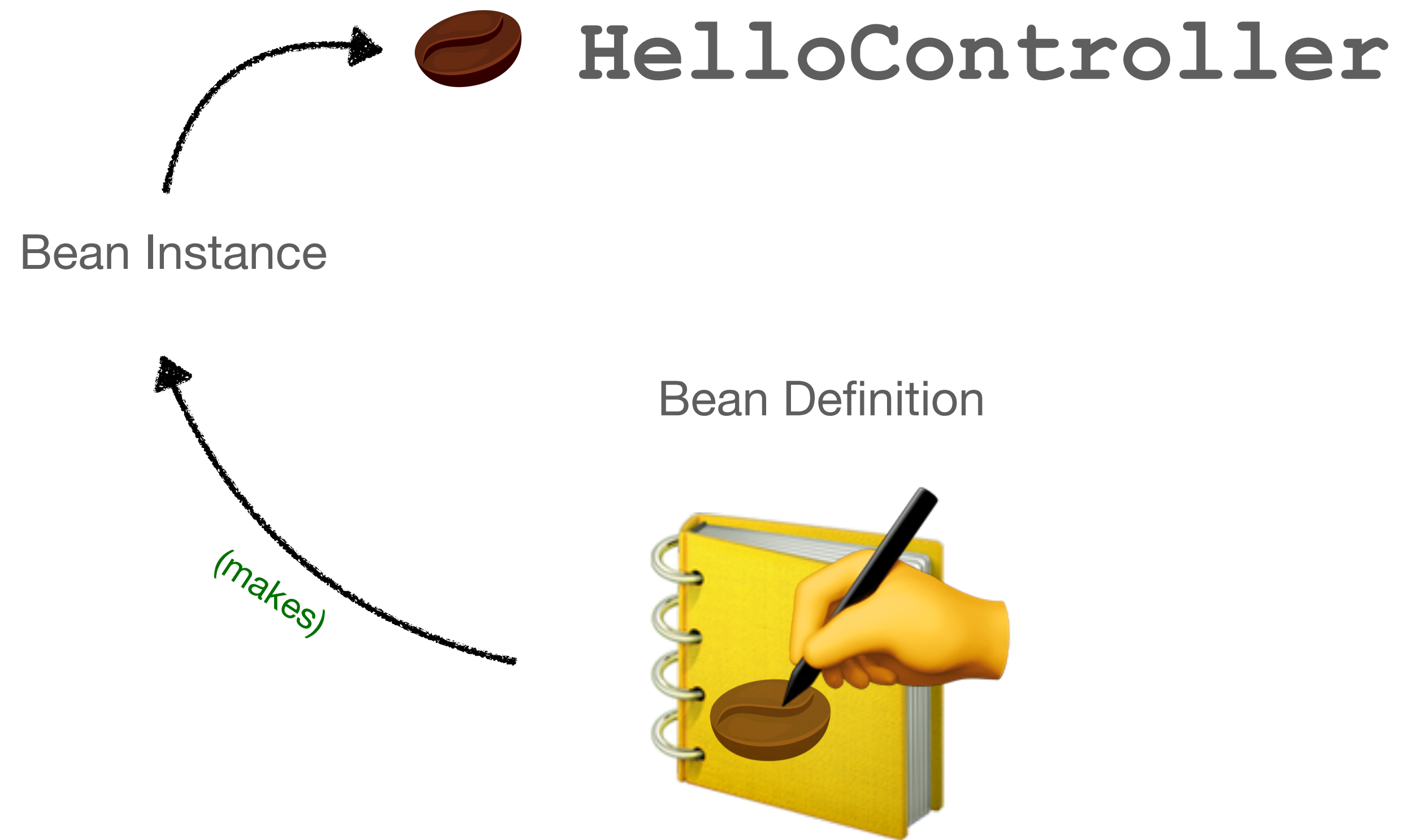


```
class MyOtherUtils
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```
@RestController  
class HelloController
```



# BeanDefinition

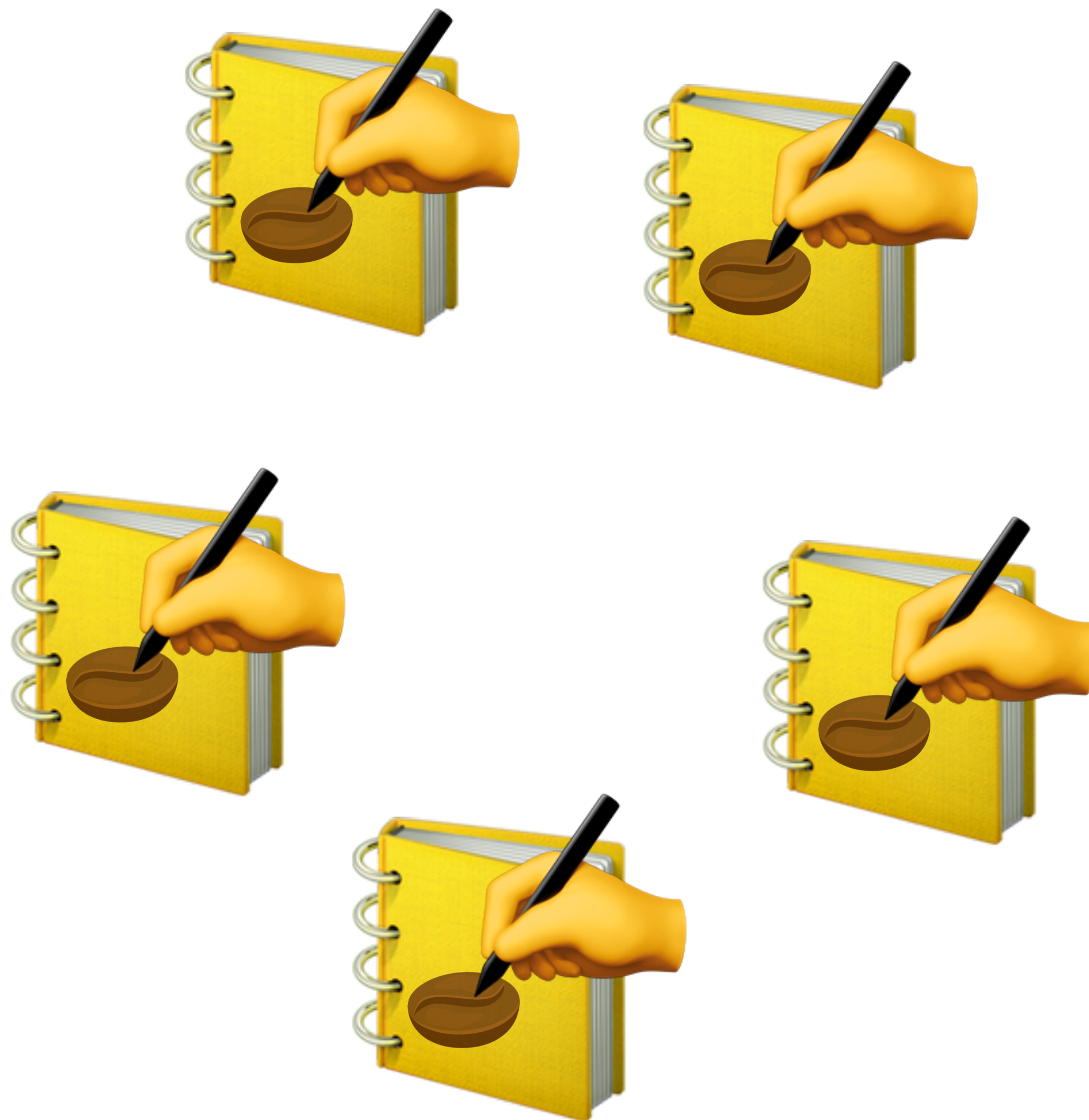
Bean Definition



- Lazy
- Primary
- Scope
- Type
- Factory Method Name
- Init Method Name
- Destroy Method Name

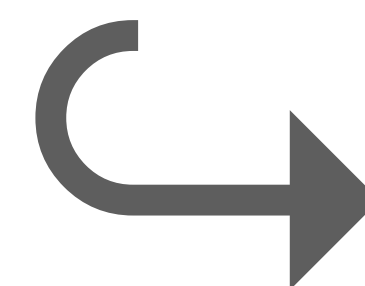
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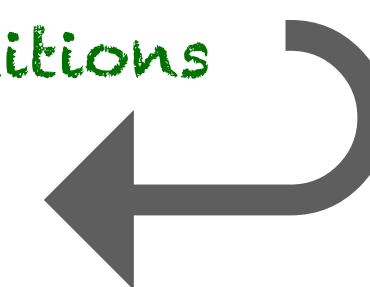
# BeanFactory

Let me get beans



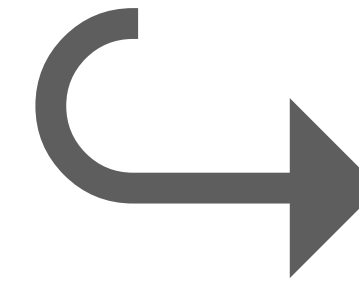
# BeanDefinitionRegistry

Let me register bean definitions



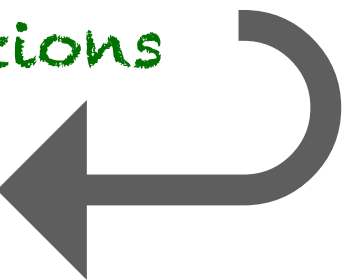
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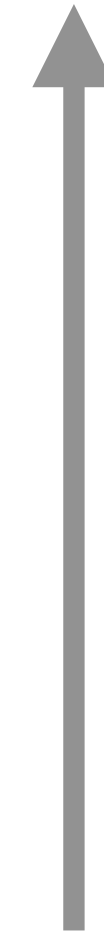


BeanFactory

Let me get beans

BeanDefinitionRegistry

Let me register bean definitions



DefaultListableBeanFactory

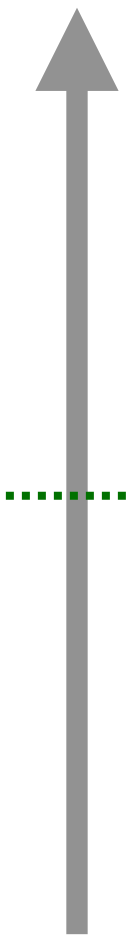


# DefaultListableBeanFactory

- The ❤️ of Spring
- Manages Bean Definitions
- Manages Bean Instances
- Part of spring-beans.jar

to the code...

BeanFactory



ApplicationContext

ApplicationEvent

Environment

@Configuration

MessageSource

ApplicationContext



AbstractApplicationContext



Basic implementation that detects special Beans

GenericApplicationContext



Contains a DefaultListableBeanFactory

AnnotationConfigApplicationContext

Provides @Configuration support

to the code...

# AnnotationConfigApplicationContext

This is also a @Component

→ @Configuration  
class ApplicationConfiguration {

    @Bean  
    public HelloMessageProvider messageProvider() {  
        return new HelloMessageProvider();  
    }

}

Turns the method signature into a BeanDefinition

Invoked when the bean instance is needed



type = HelloMessageProvider  
factoryBean = "applicationConfiguration"  
factoryMethodName = "messageProvider"

## AnnotationConfigApplicationContext

### DefaultListableBeanFactory

type = HelloController

type = HelloMessageProvider  
factoryBean = "applicationConfiguration"  
factoryMethodName = "messageProvider"

type = ApplicationConfiguration



Get me the HelloController Bean



OK, let me get that BeanDefinition



Wait... its constructor needs a HelloMessageProvider



OK, let me get that BeanDefinition



Wait it needs an 'applicationConfiguration' factory bean



<sigh> OK, let me get that BeanDefinition



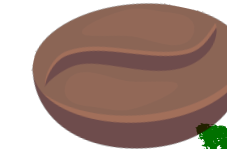
Create ApplicationConfiguration Bean instance



Invoke messageProvider() method to create  
HelloMessageProvider Bean instance



Create HelloController Bean instance  
injecting HelloMessageProvider





BeanFactoryPostProcessor

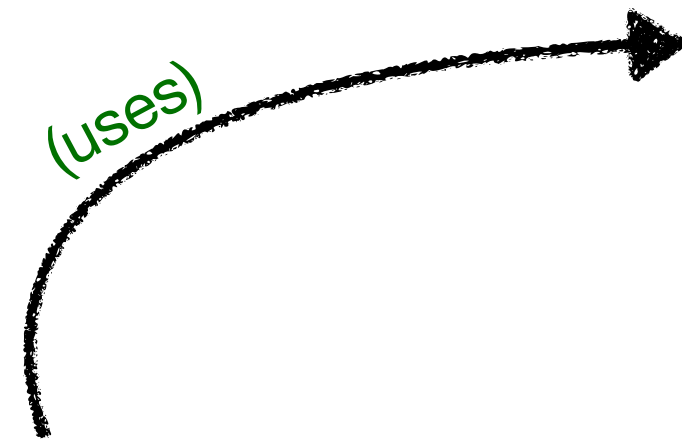


BeanDefinitionRegistryPostProcessor



ConfigurationClassPostProcessor

(uses)



AnnotationConfigApplicationContext



to the code...

# GraalVM



main



SpringApplication.run



@ComponentScan @Configuration @Bean



Add reflection hints



Write better code



Make this...

```
@Configuration
class ApplicationConfiguration {

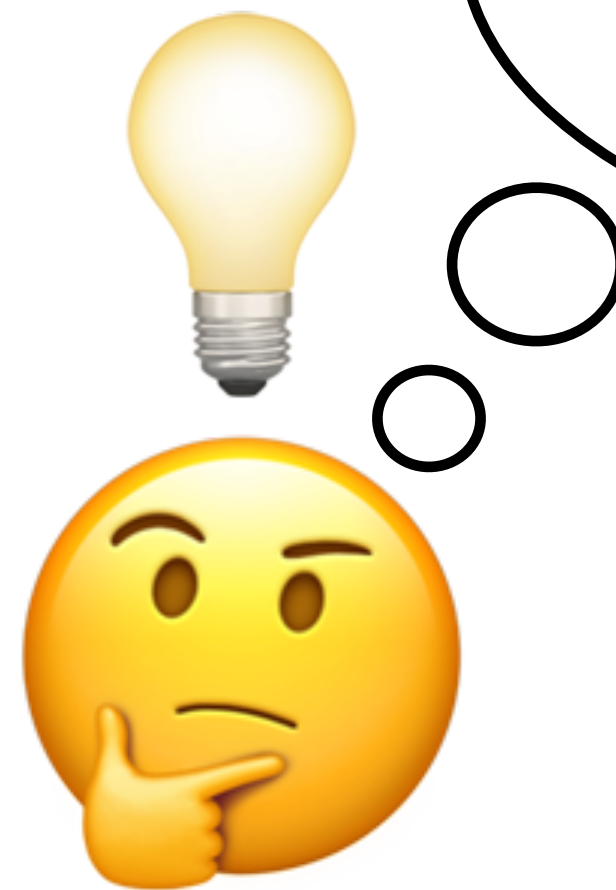
    @Bean
    public HelloMessageProvider messageProvider() {
        return new HelloMessageProvider();
    }

}
```

Into something more like this...

```
BeanDefinition bd = new RootBeanDefinition(HelloMessageProvider.class,
    HelloMessageProvider::new);
registry.registerBeanDefinition("helloMessageProvider", bd);
```

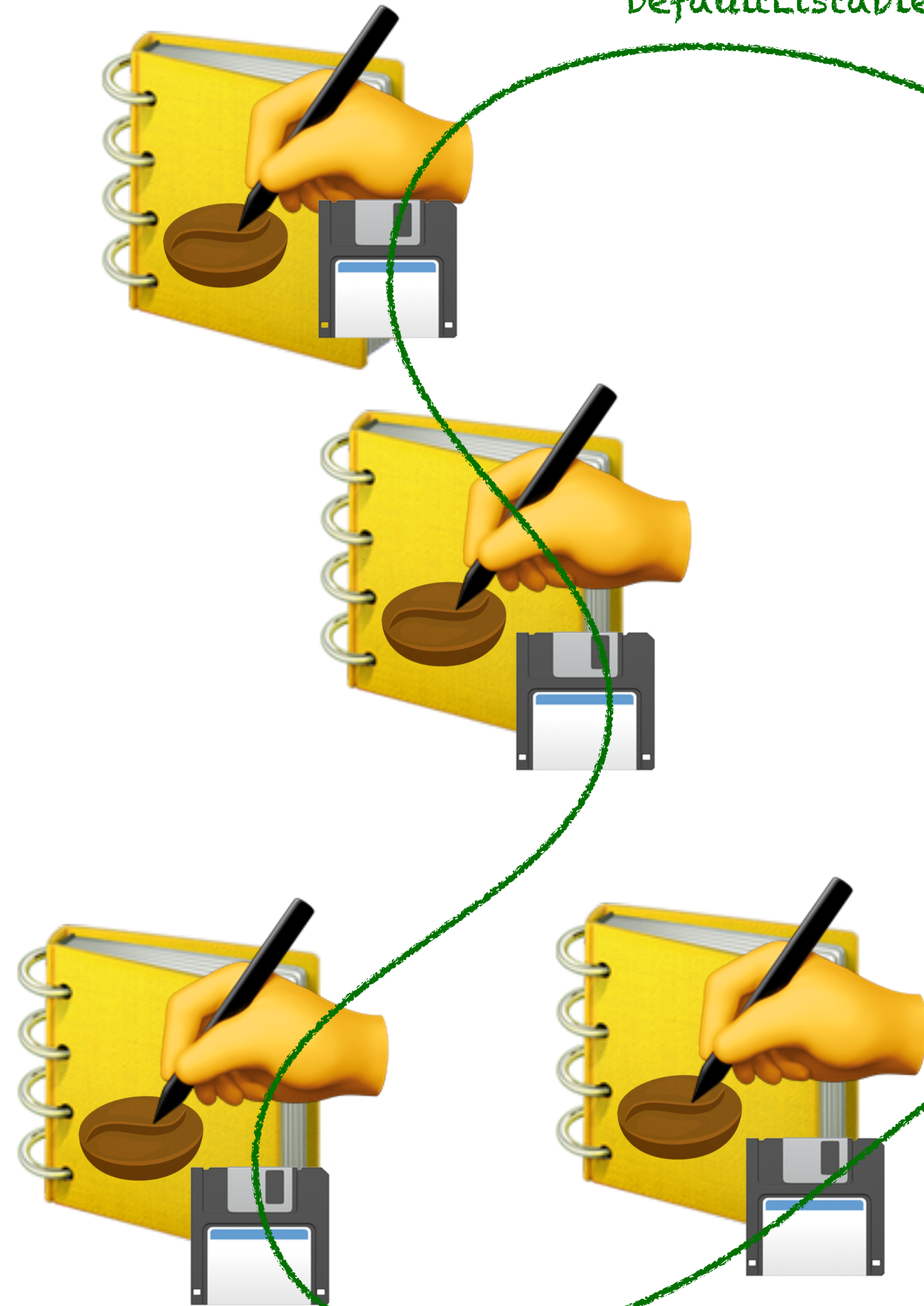
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AnnotationConfigApplicationContext

DefaultListableBeanFactory



Run the app so we have bean definitions



Stop before we create the bean instances



Create code that can recreate the bean definitions \*



Let GraalVM do its thing



\* There's a little more to it than that

to the code...

# Checkpoint

**Everyone understands more about Spring internals**