

Spring Controllers

Mapping HTTP Requests

The `@RequestMapping` annotation can be used at the method level or the class level to map an HTTP request to the appropriate controller method.

```
@RequestMapping("/sayhello")
public String sayHello() {
    return "Hello, world";
}
```

Base Path Mapping

When the `@RequestMapping` annotation is used at the class level, the specified `path` attribute becomes the base path for the class.

In the example code, `getAllRecipes` is called for every GET request to the `/foodierecipes` endpoint.

```
@RequestMapping("/foodierecipes")
public class FoodieRecipesController {

    private final RecipeRepository
recipeRepository;

    public
FoodieRecipesController(RecipeRepository
recipeRepo) {
        this.recipeRepository = recipeRepo;
    }

    @GetMapping()
    public Iterable<Recipe> getAllRecipes()
{
        return
this.recipeRepository.findAll();
    }
}
```

Common Request Types

Spring provides annotations that map to common request types. These methods include `@GetMapping`, `@PostMapping`, `@PutMapping`, and `@DeleteMapping`.

```
// Method parameters and bodies omitted
// for brevity

@RestController
public class FlowerController {

    @GetMapping("/flowers")
    public Iterable<Flower> getAllFlowers()
    {}

    @PostMapping("/flowers")
    public Flower addFlower() {}

    @PutMapping("/flowers/{id}")
    public Flower editFlower() {}

    @DeleteMapping("/flowers/{id}")
    public Flower deleteFlower() {}
}
```

Accessing Parameters in Methods

The `@RequestParam` annotation can be used at the method parameter level to allow the HTTP request parameters to be accessed in the method.

```
// Accepts GET requests to /fruit?
// fruitType=mango

@GetMapping("/fruit")
public fruit
isFruitAvailable(@RequestParam String
fruitType) {
    return fruit.find(fruitType);
}
```

REST Controllers

`@RestController` is a class level annotation used to combine the functionality of the `@Controller` and `@ResponseBody` annotations.

- `@Controller` designates the annotated class as a controller
- `@ResponseBody` allows returned objects to be automatically serialized into JSON and returned in the HTTP response body

```
@RestController
public class LocationController {

    @GetMapping("/{gpsCoordinates}")
    public City
    getByCoordinates(@PathVariable String
    gpsCoordinates) {
        return
    this.locations.findByCoordinates(gpsCoordi
    nates);
    }
}
```

Response Exceptions

Spring controllers can return a custom HTTP status code by throwing an instance of `ResponseStatusException`, which accepts an argument of type `HttpStatus`.

```
@GetMapping("/{id}")
public Book isBookAvailable(@PathVariable
    string id)
{
    if (id.isNumeric()) {
        int idAsInteger = Integer.parseInt(id)
        return book.findById(idAsInteger)
    }
    else {
        throw new
    ResponseStatusException(HttpStatus.BAD_REQ
    UEST, "The ID contained a non-numerical
    value.");
    }
}
```

HttpStatus Type

In Spring, the `HttpStatus` type can be used to represent different HTTP status codes.

```
HttpStatus.OK // 200 code

HttpStatus.MOVED_PERMANENTLY // 301 code

HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND // 404 code

HttpStatus.BAD_GATEWAY // 502 code
```

Spring Specifying HTTP Status Code

In Spring, we have the option of apply the `@ResponseStatus` annotation to a method to designate a specific `HttpStatus`.

```
@PostMapping("/book")
@ResponseStatus(HttpStatus.CREATED)
public void addNewBook(@RequestParam
string title) {
    this.library.add(title);
}
```

Deserializing to an Object

In Spring, applying the `@RequestBody` annotation to a controller's method enables automatic deserialization of the HTTP request body to an object bound to the method's argument.

```
@GetMapping("/book")
public Book isBookAvailable(@RequestBody
Book book) {
    return library.find(book);
}
```