

SPRING BEAN SCOPES

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- Understand the Spring Bean Scopes

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- Understand the different types of bean scopes in the Spring framework.

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- Apply the bean scopes in the Java Spring Projects

Section 1

Overview of Spring Bean Scopes

Overview of Spring Bean Scopes

- Spring Bean Scopes allows us to have more granular control of the bean instances creation.
- In Spring, the scope can be defined using spring bean **@Scope** annotation.

cope	Description
singleton (<i>default</i>)	Single bean instance per Spring IoC container.
prototype	A new bean instance is created every time a bean is requested.
request	Only a single instance will be created and available during the complete lifecycle of an HTTP request. Only valid in the context of a web-aware Spring ApplicationContext.
session	Only a single instance will be created and available during the complete lifecycle of an HTTP Session. Only valid in the context of a web-aware Spring ApplicationContext.
application	Only a single instance will be created and available during the complete lifecycle of ServletContext. Only valid in the context of a web-aware Spring ApplicationContext.
websocket	Only a single instance will be created and available during the complete lifecycle of WebSocket. Only valid in the context of a web-aware Spring ApplicationContext.

Singleton Scope

The *singleton* is default bean scope in the spring container. It tells the container to create and manage only one bean class instance per container.

- This single instance is stored in a cache of such singleton beans, and all subsequent requests and references for that named bean return the cached instance.
- **XML Configuration:**

```
<!-- To specify singleton scope is redundant -->  
<bean id="beanId" class="fa.training.entities.BeanClass" scope="singleton" />  
  
//or  
  
<bean id="beanId" class="fa.training.entities.BeanClass" />
```

Singleton Scope

■ Java Configuration:

```
@Configuration
public class AppConfig {
    @Bean
    @Scope("singleton") //This statement is redundant - singleton is default scope
    public BeanClass beanClass() {
        System.out.println("A new BeanClass instance created");
        return new BeanClass();
    }
}
```

```
@Entity
@Scope("singleton")
public class BeanClass {
    // ...
}
```

We can also use a constant instead of the *String* value in the following manner:

```
@Scope(value =
    ConfigurableBeanFactory.SCOPE_SINGLETON)
```

Singleton Scope

▪ XML Configuration:

```
AnnotationConfigApplicationContext ctx = new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext();
ctx.register(AppConfiguration.class);
ctx.refresh();

Person instance1 = ctx.getBean(BeanClass.class);
System.out.println(instance1.hashCode());

BeanClass instance2 = ctx.getBean(BeanClass.class);
System.out.println(instance2.hashCode());

ctx.close();
```

▪ Result:

```
1932274274
1932274274
```


The **prototype** scope results in the creation of a **new bean instance every time** a request for the bean is made by the application code.

- In contrast to the other scopes, Spring does **not manage the complete lifecycle of a prototype bean**.
 - ✓ We should know that **destruction bean lifecycle methods** are **not called prototype scoped beans**; only initialization callback methods are called.
 - ✓ So as a developer, we are responsible for cleaning up prototype-scoped bean instances and any resources they hold using the bean post-processor methods.
- XML Configuration:

```
<bean id="beanId" class="fa.training.entities.BeanClass" scope="prototype" />
```

Prototype Scope

▪ Java Configuration:

```
@Bean
@Scope("prototype")
public BeanClass beanClass() {
    System.out.println("A new BeanClass instance created");
    return new BeanClass();
}
```

▪ Result:

```
A new BeanClass instance created
A new BeanClass instance created
324234234
756757767
```

Singleton vs Prototype Scope



A common question is that when to use singleton and prototype scope in Spring?

*As a rule, we should use the **prototype scope** for **all stateful beans** and the **singleton scope** for **stateless beans**.*

- The remaining four scopes i.e. *request*, *session*, *application* and *websocket* are only available in web applications.
- In the case of **non-web applications**, an *IllegalStateException* is thrown with a message for an unknown bean scope.
- **Request Scope**

The Web Container creates a new instance for each and every HTTP request

- ✓ If the server is currently handling **50 requests**, then the **container can have at most 50 individual instances of the bean class**. Any state change to one instance, will not be visible to other instances
- ✓ **A bean instance is destructed as soon as the request is completed.**

▪ Request Scope

✓ Java Configuration

```
@Bean
@Scope("request")
public BeanClass beanClass() {
    System.out.println("A new BeanClass instance created for current request");
    return new BeanClass();
}
//or

@Component
@RequestScope
public class BeanClass {

}
```

✓ XML Configuration

```
<bean id="beanId" class="fa.training.BeanClass" scope="request" />
```

▪ Request Scope

The application context creates a new instance for each and every HTTP session.

- ✓ If the server has **20 active sessions**, then the container can have at most 20 individual instances of the bean class.
- ✓ All HTTP requests within a single session lifetime will have access to the same single bean instance in that session scope.
- ✓ Any state change to one instance will not be visible to other instances
- ✓ **A bean instance is destructed as soon as the session is completed.**

▪ Session Scope

✓ Java Configuration

```
@Bean
@Scope("session")
public BeanClass beanClass() {
    System.out.println("A new BeanClass instance created for current request");
    return new BeanClass();
}
//or

@Component
@SessionScope
public class BeanClass {

}
```

✓ XML Configuration

```
<bean id="beanId" class="fa.training.BeanClass" scope="session" />
```

▪ Application Scope

In application scope, the container creates one instance per web application runtime.

- It is almost similar to singleton scope with only two differences i.e:
 - ✓ The **application** scoped bean is singleton per **ServletContext**, whereas **singleton** scoped bean is singleton per **ApplicationContext**. Please note that there can be multiple application contexts within a single application.
 - ✓ The **application** scoped bean is visible as a **ServletContext** attribute.

▪ Session Scope

✓ Java Configuration

```
@Bean
@Scope("application")
public BeanClass beanClass() {
    System.out.println("A new BeanClass instance created for current request");
    return new BeanClass();
}
//or

@Component
@ApplicationScope
public class BeanClass {

}
```

✓ XML Configuration

```
<bean id="beanId" class="fa.training.BeanClass" scope="application" />
```

■ WebSocket Scope

The WebSocket Protocol enables two-way communication between a client and a remote host that has opted-in to communicate with the client.

- ✓ WebSocket Protocol provides a single TCP connection for traffic in both directions
 - ✓ This is especially useful for multi-user applications with simultaneous editing and multi-user games.
- When first accessed, *WebSocket* scoped beans are stored in the *WebSocket* session attributes. The same bean instance is then returned during the entire *WebSocket* session.

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THANK YOU!

