



Hibernate & Spring Data JPA

Beginner to Guru

Java Bean Validation



JSR 303 - Java Bean Validation

- JSR 303 Introduced Java Bean Validation (Version 1.0)
 - Set of annotations used to validate Java Bean properties
- Approved on November 16th, 2009.
- Part of JEE v6 and above
- JSR 303 Supported by Spring since version 3
- Primary focus was to define annotations for data validation
 - Largely field level properties





JSR 349 Bean Validation 1.1

- JSR 349 - Java Bean Validation 1.1 released on April 10th, 2013.
 - JEE v7, Spring Framework 4
- Builds upon 1.0 specification
- Expanded to method level validation
 - To validate input parameters
- Includes dependency injection for bean validation components





JSR 380 - Bean Validation 2.0

- Approved August 2017
- Added to Spring Framework 5.0 RC2
- Available in Spring Boot 2.0.0 +
- Uses Hibernate Validator 6.0 + (Implementation of Bean Validation 2.0)
- Primary goal of Bean Validation 2.0 is Java 8 language features
- Added ~11 new built in validation annotations
- Remainder of presentation will focus on Bean Validation 2.0





Built In Constraint Definitions

- **@Null** - Checks value is null
- **@NotNull** - Checks value is not null
- **@AssertTrue** - Value is true
- **@AssertFalse** - Value is false
- **@Min** - Number is equal or higher
- **@Max** - Number is equal or less



Built In Constraint Definitions

- **@DecimalMin** - Value is larger
- **@DecimalMax** - Value is less than
- **@Negative** - Value is less than zero. Zero invalid.
- **@NegativeOrZero** - Value is zero or less than zero
- **@Positive** - Value is greater than zero. Zero invalid.
- **@PositiveOrZero** - Value is zero or greater than zero.
- **@Size** - checks if string or collection is between a min and max





Built In Constraint Definitions

- **@Digits** - check for integer digits and fraction digits
- **@Past** - Checks if date is in past
- **@PastOrPresent** - Checks if date is in past or present
- **@Future** - Checks if date is in future
- **@FutureOrPresent** - Checks if date is present or in future
- **@Pattern** - checks against RegEx pattern





Built In Constraint Definitions

- **@NotEmpty** - Checks if value is not null nor empty (whitespace characters or empty collection)
- **@NotBlank** - Checks string is not null or not whitespace characters
- **@Email** - Checks if string value is an email address



Hibernate Validator Constraints

- **@ScriptAssert** - Class level annotation, checks class against script
- **@CreditCardNumber** - Verifies value is a credit card number
- **@Currency** - Valid currency amount
- **@DurationMax** - Duration less than given value
- **@DurationMin** - Duration greater than given value
- **@EAN** - Valid EAN barcode
- **@ISBN** - Valid ISBN value



Hibernate Validator Constraints

- **@Length** - String length between given min and max
- **@CodePointLength** - Validates that code point length of the annotated character sequence is between min and max included.
- **@LuhnCheck** - Luhn check sum
- **@Mod10Check** - Mod 10 check sum
- **@Mod11Check** - Mod 11 check sum



Hibernate Validator Constraints

- **@Range** - checks if number is between given min and max (inclusive)
- **@SafeHtml** - Checks for safe HTML
- **@UniqueElements** - Checks if collection has unique elements
- **@Url** - checks for valid URL



Hibernate Validator Constraints

- **@CNPJ** - Brazilian Corporate Tax Payer Registry Number
- **@CPF** - Brazilian Individual Taxpayer Registry Number
- **@TituloEleitoral** - Brazilian voter ID
- **@NIP** - Polish VAR ID
- **@PESEL** - Polish National Validation Number
- **@REGON** - Polish Taxpayer ID



Validation and Spring Framework

- Spring Framework has robust support for bean validation
- Validation support can be used in controllers, and services, and other Spring managed components
- Focus in this course will be on support with in **Spring Data JPA**
- Annotated entities will be validated before persistence operations
- Runtime exception is thrown if there is a validation constraint error



Spring Boot and Validation

- Spring Boot will auto-configure validation when the validation implementation is found on classpath
 - If API is only on classpath (with no implementation) you can use the annotations, BUT validation will **NOT** occur
- Prior to Spring Boot 2.3, validation was included in starter dependencies
 - After Spring Boot 2.3, you must include the Spring Boot validation starter



What to Validate?

- Generally, validation constraints should reflect the database constraints
 - Validation Constraint Errors are much more friendly than database constraint errors
 - Also, you will receive info on all constraint errors (vs DB which is just first error)
- If a database string has a max length of 50, the entity should also reflect this
- Use @NotEmpty or @NotBlank for required String properties - a space is a valid string
- Generally DO NOT validate Hibernate managed properties
 - ie requiring a database managed id property or version property could cause errors



