Spring Framework

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Introduction

Java/Java EE Development requirements:

- ✓ Separation of concerns
- ✓ Development productivity
- ✓ Platform independence
- ✓ Tests (costly and hard to realize in JEE environments)

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JEE Development Issues

Standardization Processes take too long!

Before:

✓ In case of problems: development of "Home Made" solutions

Currently:

✓ A problem => A Framework

Issues:

- ✓ Proliferation of frameworks
- ✓ Requires integration efforts

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Spring Response

- ✓ Notion of *Lightweight Container*
- ✓ **AOP** (Aspect Oriented Programming) Support
- ✓ Integration with other frameworks (Struts, Hibernate, etc.)

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Notion of Lightweight Container

Management of Application's Components

- ✓ Configuration via XML
- ✓ Management of components life cycles
- ✓ Management of dependencies between components

No specific infrastructure requirements

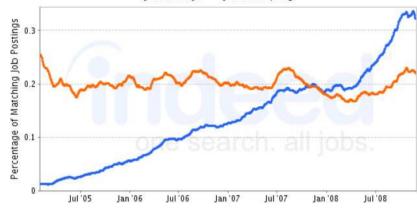
✓ Just a JVM

Use of Spring in the Industry wrt to EJBs

- Claims to compile data from most major jobs sites
 - Data through 12/2008







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AOP Support

Focuses on the resolution of transversal problems, sometimes hard to realize with traditional OO programming

Allows offering services similar to EJB without the complexity of using EJBs and EJB containers

Advantages:

- ✓ Separation of Concerns
- ✓ Less code duplication

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AOP Support

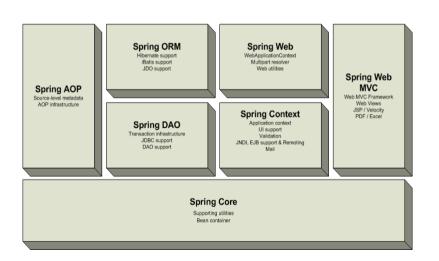
Spring uses massively AOP for its internal machinery

Spring provides a set of predefined ready-to-use aspects (performance monitoring, transaction management, etc.)

Spring provides an infrastructure for developing its own aspects using either Spring AOP or AspectJ

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Spring Global Architecture



Integration with other frameworks

Eases the use of specific technologies while taking in charge repetitive code (example : JdbcTemplate, HibernateTemplate, JmsTemplate)

Exporting POJOs (rmi, webservices, jmx...) without modifying the POJO code.

Integration with other frameworks JUnit, Struts, Struts 2, DWR (Direct Web Remoting), apache Wicket

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Installing the Development Environment

Eclipse

- ✓ Eclipse JEE IDE
- ✓ Spring IDE for Eclipse (optional)
- ✓ Plugin Maven (optional)

Tomcat

✓ Web Container

Framework Spring

✓ Mainly .Jars!

tiers Framework that can be integrated to Spring

✓ Struts, Hibernate, JUnit, ...

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In this Course

Spring covers many aspects!!

In this course we will focus on:

- IoC (Inversion of Control) and Dependency Injection
- Spring AOP
- Spring Integration with Hibernate

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The dependency issue in nowadays applications

The naïve approach

The Service Locator approach

The Inversion of Control approach

Spring Framework, the foundations

- IoC (Inversion of Control)
 - Dependency Injection
 - Lightweight Containers

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The Naïve Approach

Example



- Easy to understand/realize

- Strong Coupling (dependency)

- Requires the knowledge of how to assemble dependent components (and their own dependencies)
- Need to have access to the code in order to modify the application behavior
- Hard to test=> need to test also all the dependencies. Impossibility to use Mocks.

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Service Locator: Approach

Example

```
public class Foo {
    private IBar bar;
    private ISaz baz;
    private IServiceLocator locator;

    public Foo(IServiceLocator locator_) {
        locator = locator_;
        bar = (IBar)locator.Get(ServiceNames.BAR);
        baz = (IBaz)locator.Get(ServiceNames.BAZ);
    }
}

- Easy to understand/realize
    - Testable, Flexible, Extensible
    - Forces the separation between the interface and the implementation

- Still a dependency to the Service Locator
        Need to get an instance of the Service Locator (in a static class for instance)
        - Less coupling but still a coupling !!
```

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The IoC Approach

Example

```
public class Foo {
          private IBar bar;
          private IBaz baz;
          public Foo(IBar bar_, IBaz baz_) {
               bar = bar_; baz = baz_;
          }
}
```

- -The code is easy to understand/realize
- -Testable, Flexible, Extensible
- Forces the separation between the interface and the implementation
- We still need to create the dependencies but outside the application

 This where SPRING comes into the play!!

Questions

How can we break this dependency?

How can we ensure that **Foo** works **with any implementation of IBar or IBaz**? Even if we don't now them in advance (the implementations)

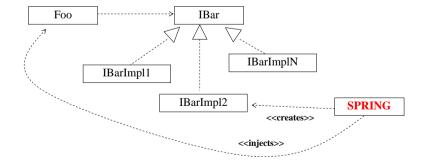
How to ensure that instances of the given implementations are **injected/reported inside** the Foo class?

But in this case, who is deciding/controlling the execution of the application? It is an external application => Inversion of Control by Dependency

Injection

The IoC Approach

Dependency Injection



Principle: instantiation of the appropriate components, management of the dependencies and the injections

Inversion of Control within Lightweight Containers

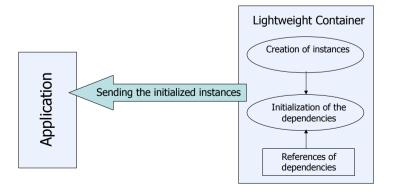
Spring as a lightweight container takes in charge IoC with Dependency injection

Spring:

- Manages complex inter dependencies between components
- Manages component life cycles: use of the singleton or prototype instantiation patterns

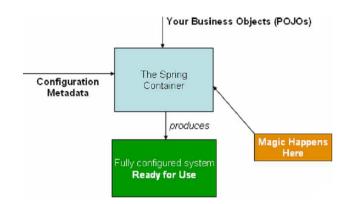
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Spring: Dependency Injection



Inversion of Control within Lightweight Containers

IoC within the Spring container



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Spring Framework, the foundations

- IoC (Inversion of Control)
 - Dependency Injection
- Lightweight Containers

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Spring: Lightweight Container

Bean Definition

- ✓ Basic data
- ✓ Injection methods
- ✓ Injection of properties
- ✓ Injection of collaborators

Bean factory & Application context

Interactions with the container

- ✓ Access to the *Bean Factory* or to the *Application Context*
- ✓ Post-processors

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Bean Definition: Example

Bean Definition

Class name => Bean's implementation class

✓ If the bean is built from a factory's class static method, give the name of this factory

Configuration of the bean's behavior within the container

✓ (i.e. *prototype* or *singleton*, autowiring mode, dependency checking mode, initialization & destruction methods)

Constructor arguments of the bean as well as its properties

Other beans required by a given bean to execute

✓ i.e. collaborators => dependencies

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The Bean Definition File

- Within a file named **applicationContext.xml** (standard) or name defined by the user (beanDefinition.xml for instance)

IMPORTANT:

- In the context of Java Desktop application, the file should be placed at the root of the project
- In the context of a web application (eg. JSP/Servlet) the file should be placed in the WEB-INF folder (i.e. WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml)

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In the context of a web application

We need to define Listeners

ContextLoaderListener

- This listener runs when the app is first started. It instantiates the ApplicationContext (from WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml) and places a reference to it in the ServletContext
- You can retrieve this reference with the static getRequiredWebApplicationContext method of WebApplicationContextUtils

• RequestContextListener

 This listener is needed if you declare any of your beans to be request-scoped or session-scoped (i.e., Web scopes eg. session instead of the usual Spring scopes of singleton or prototype)

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Bean Definition: Instantiation

Two modes:

- ✓ Singleton (a unique instance). By default
- ✓ Prototype a new instance for each new request

<bean id="exampleBean" class="examples.ExampleBean" singleton="false"/>
<bean name="yetAnotherExample" class="examples.ExampleBeanTwo" singleton="true"/>

In the context of a web application

These Listeners are configured in the Web.xml

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Bean Definition: other options

Attributes of the 'bean' element:

lazy: lazy loading / instant loading

parent: the 'parent' of the bean from whom we can reuse injections

name : alias

autowire: automatic resolution of dependencies (by type, by name).

init-method: method called automatically at bean's creation time

destroy-method: method called automatically at bean's destruction time

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Spring's Dependency Injection

Two Ways:

Injection using Setters (i.e. setXXX();)

Injection using the class's constructor

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Dependency Injection: the Setters way

Injection of values 'constants':

Dependency Injection: the Setters way

public void setBeanOne(AnotherBean beanOne) {this.beanOne = beanOne; }
public void setBeanTwo(YetAnotherBean beanTwo) { this.beanTwo = beanTwo; }

public void setIntegerProperty(int i) { this.i = i; }

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Dependency Injection: the *Constructor* way

• The Java Class

```
public class ExampleBean {
    private AnotherBean beanOne;
    private YetAnotherBean beanTwo;
    private int i;

public ExampleBean(AnotherBean anotherBean,
YetAnotherBean yetAnotherBean, int i) {
    this.beanOne = anotherBean;
    this.beanTwo = yetAnotherBean;
    this.i = i;
}
```

Dependency Injection: the *Constructor* way

Bean Definition

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Bean's Life Cycle: Initialization

Bean Initialization

- After initializing bean's properties using either the Setter or Constructor way, there is a mean to initialize the behavior/properties of the bean
- ✓ Two ways:
 - a) with « init-method »

Dependency Injection: the *Constructor* way

An Example

```
<bean id="dataSource" class="org.apache.commons.dbcp.BasicDataSource">
  property name="driverClassName" value="... "/>
  cproperty name="url" value="..."/>
 cproperty name="username" value="...">
 property name="password" value="..."/>
</bean>
<bean id="itemDao"</pre>
class="org.springframework.samples.jpetstore.dao.ibatis.SqlMapItemDao">
 cproperty name="dataSource" ref="dataSource"/>
 cproperty name="sqlMap" ref="sqlMap"/>
</bean>
<bean id="petStore"</pre>
class="org.springframework.samples.jpetstore.domain.logic.PetStoreImpl">
 <constructor-arg ref="orderDao"/>
 <constructor-arg ref=\"itemDao"/>
</bean>
```

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Bean's Life Cycle: Finalization

Finalisation du Bean

✓ Possibilité d'exécuter un comportement

✓ Two ways:

· a) using the « destroy-method »

Property Definitions

For a property it is possible to inject:

A constant value : value

A reference to another bean: ref

A list: **list** (with multiple values or references to other beans)

A set : **set** (with multiple values or references to other beans)

A map: map (with entries like: value/reference to another bean)

Properties: props

The name of the bean: idref

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Collaborator Definitions

Property Definitions: Example

```
<beans>
   <bean id="beanFoo" class="some.package.Foo">
       roperty name="someRef" ref="beanBar"/>
      cproperty name="someList">
             <list>
                          <ref bean="bean1"/>
              <ref bean = "bean2"/>
             </list>
      </property>
      property name="someMap">
           <map>
                 <entry key="key1" value-ref="bean1"/>
                 <entry key="key2" value-ref="bean2"/>
           </map>
      </property>
   </bean>
</beans>
```

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Inheritance

Bean Factory & Application Context

The *Bean Factory* defines the interface used by the application in order to interact with the Lightweight Container (Spring in our case)

The *Application Context* is also an interface, which extends the Bean Factory with some additional functionalities

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Bean Factory & Application Context

Instantiation of Spring lightweight container:

Bean Factory & Application Context

Application Context adds the following functionalities wrt the Bean Factory

- ✓ Support of messages and internationalization
- ✓ Advanced support of resources loading
- ✓ Support of events publishing
- ✓ A possibility to define a hierarchy of contexts

The context can be accessed through the ApplicationContext interface and uses the XML configuration files

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Bean Factory & Application Context

Instantiation of Spring lightweight container in the context of a WEB Application:

```
ApplicationContext context =
WebApplicationContextUtils.getWebApplicationContext(getServletContext());
IFoo foo =(IFoo)context.getBean("foo");

Id of the bean defined in the XML file
```

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Interactions with the Container

Writing post-processors

Accessing the *Bean Factory* or the *Application Context* and modifying the context in a programmatic way

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Interactions avec le conteneur

Advanced option: manipulation of the context

ConfigurableApplicationContext ctx = new ClassPathXmlApplicationContext("appCtx.xml");

DefaultListableBeanFactory factory = ((DefaultListableBeanFactory) ctx.getBeanFactory());

// Creation of a bean in a programmatic way

BeanDefinitionBuilder = BeanDefinitionBuilder.rootBeanDefinition(String.class);

builder.addConstructorArg("Hello world");

// saving the new bean in the factory context

factory.registerBeanDefinition("bean1", builder.getBeanDefinition());

System.out.println(ctx.getBean("bean1"));

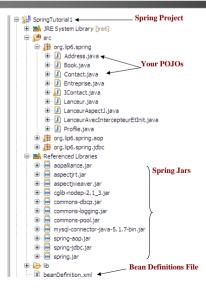
Interactions with the Container

Post processing

- ✓ Post-processor of beans : BeanPostProcessor
 - Allows the inclusion of behavior before and after property initializations
- ✓ Post-processor of Bean Factories : BeanFactoryPostProcessor
 - Allows modifying the bean factory configuration after its creation

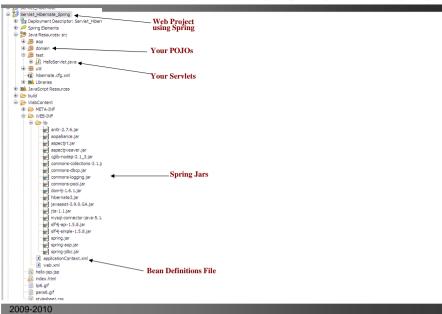
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Example of a Spring project: Packaging



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Example of a Web Project using Spring: Packaging



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AOP (Aspect Oriented Programming)

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AOP

Introduction to AOP

AspectJ AOP

Spring AOP

Integration of Spring with AspectJ

AOP: Introduction

Cross-cutting issues

- ✓ Functionalities which their implementation cross-cuts different modules
- ✓ Multiple examples: traces and logging, transaction management, security, caching, exception handling, performance monitoring

AOP

✓ A way of programming in order to handle cross-cutting concerns.

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AOP: Basic Concepts

Joinpoint

✓ An Identifiable point in the execution of a program (Constructor, a method invocation, etc.). In Spring AOP it always represents the execution of a method

Pointcut

✓ A programmatic expression that selects the *Joinpoints* where to apply the aspect

Advice

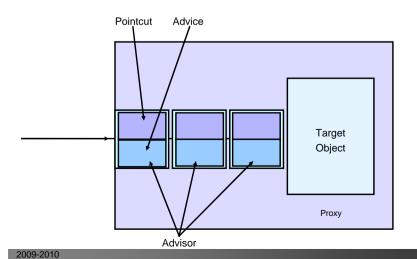
✓ Code to be executed before/after/around a *Joinpoint* expressed by a *Pointcut*

Target

✓ The main class for which the aspects have to be woven. The caller does not see the difference between the target class and the proxy class (the proxy class implements the same interfaces as the target class

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Spring AOP



Coupling of Spring and AspectJ

2 possible approaches:

- ✓ Declarative weaving of aspects: in the XML file
- ✓ Aspect weaving using annotations.

Aspects are applied:

- ✓ At compilation time : aspects + source -> class
- ✓ Over the binary files : aspects + binaries -> binaries
- ✓ At loading time : modification of classes when they are loaded in the JVM

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Weaving of Aspects: the Declarative Way

Explanation: The *log* method is invocated *before* all the calls to methods called "*send*" and having 4 parameters with the first parameter and the forth one are Strings. The first and the forth parameters are forwarded to the *log* method

Weaving of Aspects: the Declarative Way

```
public class EmailLogger {
    public void log(String zipcode, String address) {
        System.out.println("hello");
    }
}
```

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Weaving of Aspects: the Declarative Way

```
public class EmailLogger {
    public void log(ProceedingJoinPoint pjp, String zipcode, String address) throws
    Throwable {
        if(Calendar.getInstance().get(Calendar.HOUR_OF_DAY)>12)
        {
            //Continue the normal execution
            pjp.proceed();
        }
        else
        {
            // do nothing
        }
    }
}
```

Weaving of Aspects: the Declarative Way

Explanation: the *log* method is called *in place* of all the calls to methods called 'send' and having 4 parameters with the first parameter and the forth one are Strings. The first and the forth parameters are forwarded to the *log* method with an additional parameter, the *pjp* (ProceedingJoinPoint) which represents the execution context

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Definition of a Pointcut

```
When a method is executed:
    execution(void Point.setX(int))
    here the code of the class that contains the method is advised by an aspect

When a method is called:
    call(void Point.setX(int))
    here the code of the client that call the method is advised by an aspect

When the executing object ('this') is of a certain type
    this(SomeType)

When the target of an object is of a certain type:
    target(SomeType)

When the code being executed belongs to a class:
    within(MyClass)
```

Weaving of Aspects: using annotations @AspectJ

```
\boldsymbol{package} \; \text{example}; \\
```

```
@Aspect
public class EmailLogger {
    @Before("execution(* send(String, *, *,String)) && args(address, *,*,zipcode)")
    public void log(String zipcode, String address)
    {
      }
}
```

The pointcut is written similarly as in the declarative weaving way

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Spring AOP or AspectJ?

Use Spring AOP when:

- ✓ Method Interceptions is enough
- ✓ We don't want to use a specific compiler
- \checkmark The pointcuts relate only to objects defined within the Spring context

Use AspectJ:

✓ For all the rest

Tissage par annotations: @AspectJ

You must add in the XML file the line above even if you are using annotations

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Conclusions

Spring AOP is a simple yet very powerful mean to deal with cross-cutting concerns

AspectJ integration within Spring brings all the advantages of AOP in the same environment

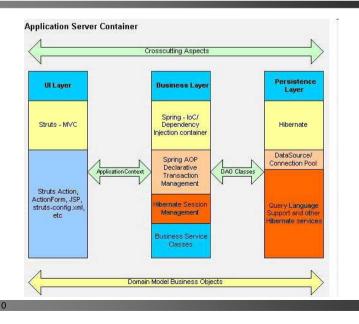
The choice of using AOP or not can be taken at any time: not a strategic decision

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Coupling Spring and Hibernate

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Spring Integration with Hibernate



The Hibernate framework

The Hibernate framework

✓ See the Hibernate course

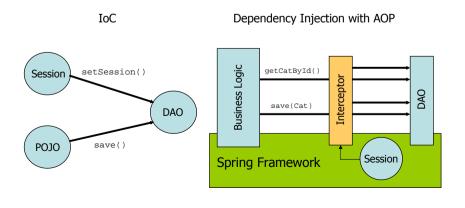
Integration with Spring

- ✓ Advantages
 - Resource management
 - Session management via IoC and AOP
 - Extended transaction management JTA and/or JDBC
 - Use of an Hibernate Template provided by Spring

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Spring Integration with Hibernate

Session management with IoC and POA



Spring Integration with Hibernate

Use of the Hibernate template

with Hibernate only

Using the Hibernate template within Spring

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Spring Integration with Hibernate

Setting up a sessionFactory

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Setting up a datasource

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Setting up a transactionManager

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Spring Integration with Hibernate

Your DAO class must extends the HibernateDaoSupport class

- ✓ Contains the methods: get/setSessionFactory
- ✓ Then, you can use the *getHibernateTemplate* () method within your DAO class in order to bring Hibernate facilities to you class/application
- ✓ The 'HibernateTemplate' allows you to access all Hibernate functions (find, delete, save, update, get...) without manipulating sessions, transactions, etc.

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Spring Integration with Hibernate

Using the HibernateTemplate

Spring Integration with Hibernate

Using the HibernateTemplate

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Declarative management of transactions

Handling transactions by Spring supposes that you declare a bean 'transactionManager'. Many types are provided:

HibernateTransactionManager

JpaTransactionManager JdoTransactionManager TopLinkTransactionManager JtaTransactionManager

Declarative management of transactions

Using an aspect

Setting up transaction management using AOP requires 2 steps:

- Definition of a transactional strategy (tx:advice)
- Application of this strategy to a set of joinpoints

```
<tx:advice id="txAdvice">
    <tx:attributes>
    <tx:method name="get*" read-only="true" timeout="-1" />
    <tx:method name="sav*" propagation="REQUIRED" />
    <tx:method name="find*" read-only="true" />
    </tx:attributes>
</tx:advice>

<aop:config>
    <aop:advisor pointcut="execution(* eg.domain.service.*.*(..))"
    advice-ref="txAdvice"/>
</aop:config>
```

<u>Important</u>: this is a standard block, just use it as it is. Just modify the eg.domain.service line to point the package where you have your DAOs

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To-Do list for Hibernate Integration with Spring

Prepare a <u>datasource</u> bean

Prepare a <u>sessionFactory</u> (or <u>entityManagerFactory</u> in case of JPA) bean that references the datasource bean

Prepare a <u>transactionManager</u> bean that references the sessionFactory bean (or entityManagerFactory)

Declare the AOP part that handles transactions within the XML file or by using annotations inside your code i.e. @Transactionnal

Declarative management of transactions

Using annotation

Setting up transaction management using annotations is ensured by adding the annotation @Transactionnal over every method that requires a transactional context

Advantage: readable code

Inconvenient: dependency of your classes towards spring, becomes a burden in case of large number of methods.

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Readings/Sources

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