

Spring Boot Getting Started

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Estimated time: 25 minutes

Requirements

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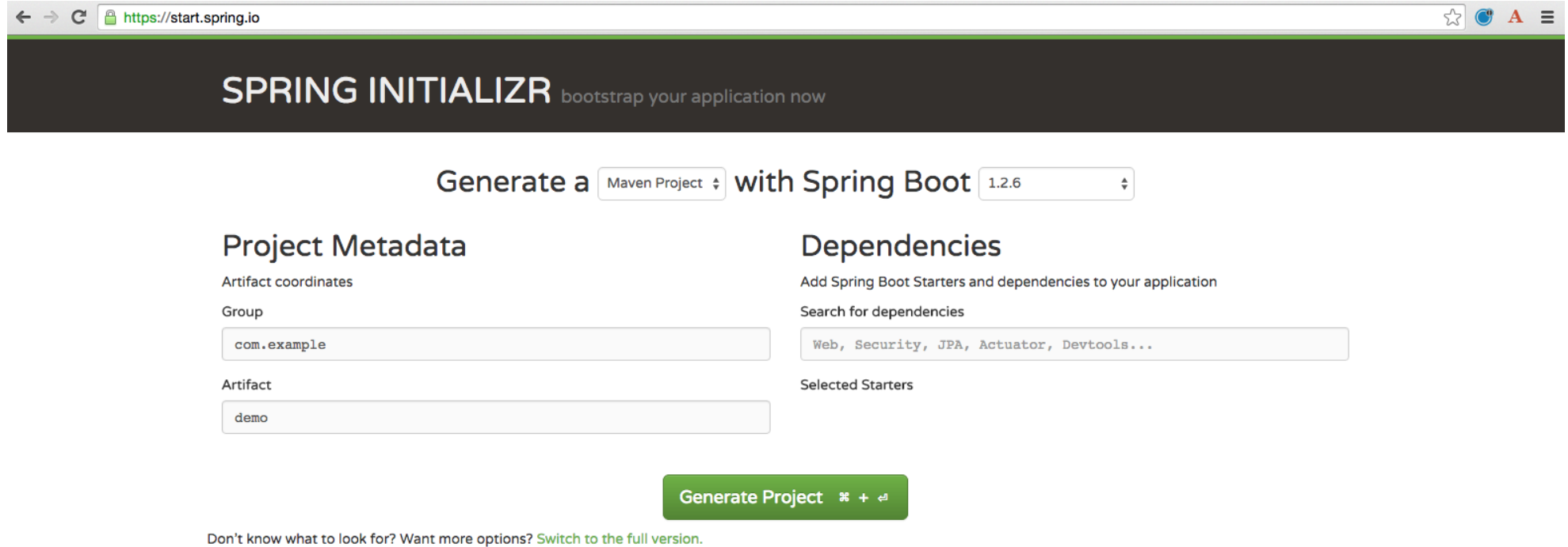
What You Will Learn

- How to create a Spring Boot Project
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Exercises

Create A Spring Boot Project

1) Browse to <https://start.spring.io/> (<https://start.spring.io/>)



The screenshot shows the Spring Initializr web application in a browser. The address bar shows `https://start.spring.io`. The page has a dark header with the text "SPRING INITIALIZR bootstrap your application now". Below the header, there is a form to generate a project. At the top, it says "Generate a" followed by a dropdown menu showing "Maven Project", then "with Spring Boot" followed by a dropdown menu showing "1.2.6". Below this, there are two main sections: "Project Metadata" and "Dependencies".

Project Metadata

Artifact coordinates

Group

`com.example`

Artifact

`demo`

Dependencies

Add Spring Boot Starters and dependencies to your application

Search for dependencies

`Web, Security, JPA, Actuator, Devtools...`

Selected Starters

Generate Project [icon] [icon] [icon]

Don't know what to look for? Want more options? [Switch to the full version.](#)

Fill Out the Form Accordingly:

2) Generate a Maven Project with Spring Boot 1.3 (if this version is unavailable then get the latest 1.3.X version, but no SNAPSHOTs).

3) In the **Project Metadata** section, add the following:

Group

`io.pivotal`

Artifact

hello-spring-boot

4) In the **Dependencies** section, add the following:

- Web

Completed Form:

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Generate Project

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5) Click the Generate Project button. Your browser will download a zip file. Unpack that zip file into the repos directory (`$REPOS_HOME`). If you don't know what `$REPOS_HOME` is then go back and do the setup (`../labs-setup`).

6) Import the project's `pom.xml` into your editor/IDE of choice.

STS Import Help:

Select File > Import... Then select Maven > Existing Maven Projects. On the Import Maven Projects page, browse to your `$REPOS_HOME/hello-spring-boot` (e.g. `~/repos/hello-spring-boot`).

Add an Endpoint

1) Add a `@RestController` annotation to the class `io.pivotal.HelloSpringBootApplication` (`$REPOS_HOME/hello-spring-boot/src/main/java/io/pivotal/HelloSpringBootApplication.java`).

```
package io.pivotal;

import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@SpringBootApplication
@RestController
public class HelloSpringBootApplication {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(HelloSpringBootApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```

STS Shortcut Help:

Need help adding an import?

Use the `organize imports` command:

- **PC:** Ctrl + Shift + O
- **Mac:** Cmd + Shift + O

Not sure how to resolve the problem STS is reporting?

Try the `quick-fix` (magic shortcut) command:

- **PC:** Ctrl + 1
- **Mac:** Cmd + 1

Other helpful shortcuts (<https://blog.codecentric.de/en/2012/08/my-top-10-shortcuts-for-eclipse-on-mac-os-x-and-windows-and-how-you-survive-the-change-from-windows-to-mac/>).

2) Add the following request handler to the class `io.pivotal.HelloSpringBootApplication` (`$REPOS_HOME/hello-spring-boot/src/main/java/io/pivotal/HelloSpringBootApplication.java`).

```
@RequestMapping("/")
public String hello() {
    return "Hello World!";
}
```

Completed:

```
package io.pivotal;

import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@SpringBootApplication
@RestController
public class HelloSpringBootApplication {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(HelloSpringBootApplication.class, args);
    }

    @RequestMapping("/")
    public String hello() {
        return "Hello World!";
    }
}
```

Run the hello-spring-boot Application

1) Open a terminal window and change to hello-spring-boot directory:


```
$ cd $REPOS_HOME/hello-spring-boot
```

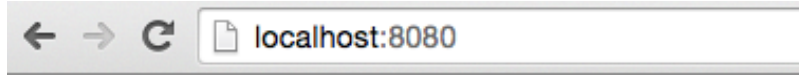
2) Run the application

```
mvn clean spring-boot:run
```

3) You should see the application start up an embedded Apache Tomcat server on port 8080 (review terminal output):

```
2015-10-02 13:26:59.264 INFO 44749 --- [lication.main()] s.b.c.e.t.TomcatEmbeddedServletCon  
tainer : Tomcat started on port(s): 8080 (http)  
2015-10-02 13:26:59.267 INFO 44749 --- [lication.main()] io.pivotal.hello.HelloSpringBootAp  
plication : Started HelloSpringBootApplication in 2.541 seconds (JVM running for 9.141)
```

4) Browse to: <http://localhost:8080/> (<http://localhost:8080/>)



5) Stop the `hello-spring-boot` application. In the terminal window: `Ctrl + C`

Congratulations! You've just completed your first Spring Boot application.

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