Features in spring 4 and spring 5

1. New features in Spring 5

* JDK baseline update
* Core framework revision
* Core container updates
* Functional programming with Kotlin
* Reactive Programming Model
* Improved Testing
* Library support

Library Support

The new version has an upgraded library as well. These are the following upgraded library versions that are supported by Spring Framework 5.0:

* Jackson 2.6+
* EhCache 2.10+ / 3.0 GA
* Hibernate 5.0+
* JDBC 4.0+
* XmlUnit 2.x+
* OkHttp 3.x+
* Netty 4.1+

New features in Spring 4

* Java 8 is the minimum requirement to work with Spring framework 8
* JEE 7 support ( Servlet 3.1 , JMS 2.0, JPA 2.1 , JAX-RS 2.0 , Bean Validation 1.1)
* Reactive programming support
* Functional web framework
* Kotlin support

Dropped features :

* JasperReports
* XML Beans
* Guava