**Ways of Running Spring Boot Application**

* Jar File….. which has a war application, tomcat and Java embedded. Just click the jar to run application
* Jar File… which has shell script to begin.

*<!-- Add typical dependencies for a web application -->*

<dependencies>

<dependency>

<groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>

<artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>

</dependency>

</dependencies>

*<!-- Package as an executable jar -->*

<build>

<plugins>

<plugin>

<groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>

<artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>

</plugin>

</plugins>

</build>

**@EnableAutoConfiguration:** This annotation tells Spring Boot to “guess” how you will want to configure Spring, based on the jar dependencies that you have added. Since spring-boot-starter-web added Tomcat and Spring MVC, the auto-configuration will assume that you are developing a web application and setup Spring accordingly.

The application entry point is a class containing main method and it is annotated with @SpringBootApplication annotation:

@SpringBootApplication annotation is a convenience annotation that is equivalent to declaring@Configuration, @EnableAutoConfiguration and @ComponentScan and it is new to Spring Boot 1.2.