

Spring

Spring is a lightweight framework. It comprises several modules such as IOC, AOP, DAO, context, ORM, MVC etc.

- Inversion of control (IOC) & dependency injection
There are design patterns that are used to remove dependency from programming code.
In Spring, IOC is responsible for injecting the dependencies. We provide metadata to the IOC container through XML or annotations.
 - makes the code loosely coupled
 - easy maintenance
 - easy to test

Advantages of Spring

- predefined templates - less code
 - loose coupling - because of dependency injection
 - Easy to test - no servers required
 - Light-weight - no need to inherit class or implement interface
 - Fast development
 - Abstraction
 - declarative support for caching, validation, transaction and formatting
- Data access framework
allows the developer to use persistent APIs such as JDBC, Hibernate, solves problems connecting with JDBC, deal with exceptions, implement transaction management

- spring mvc

Allows to build web apps based on mvc architecture. All the request made by a user first go through the controller then to different views, (jsp, pages or servlets), forms validation, handling.

- Transaction management

this provides Java Transaction API (JTA) for global transaction managed by application server & local transaction managed by jdbc, hibernate or other data access APIs.

- spring web service

provide layered based approaches managed by xml parsing. spring provides effective mapping of transmitting incoming xml message request to an object and the developer to easily distribute xml message between 2 machines.

- JDBC abstraction layer

it helps the user in handling errors in easy and efficient manner. the JDBC code can be reduced handles exception such as driver not found. All SQL exceptions are translated into the data access exception class.

- spring test context framework

provides unit & integration testing

spring core

provides the ioc container,

- two types of implementation
- 1) Bean factory & Application context

defined by org.springframework.beans

Beanfactory interface and acts as a container for Beans. It allows to configure and specification of dependencies from program logic. Beanfactory is responsible for instantiating the object. It also configures and assembles dependencies b/w objects. XML bean factory class is most common implementation of Beanfactory interface.

Spring AOP

AOP breaks down the program into aspects or concerns. The aspects are regular spring beans or classes annotated with @Aspect. Then aspects helps in transaction management and logging & failure monitoring of a system.

Spring Boot

Spring boot makes it easy to create standalone "product" grade spring based apps you can just run

- opinionated
- convention over configuration
- stand alone
- production ready