



Spring Boot



Spring Boot

- Spring was lightweight in terms of component code, but heavyweight in terms of configuration
- Spring 3.0 introduced a Java-based configuration as a type-safe and refactorable option to XML.



Simple Example

Developing a very simple Hello World web application with Spring

- A project structure, complete with a Maven or Gradle build file including required dependencies. At the very least, you'll need Spring MVC and the Servlet API expressed as dependencies.
- A web.xml file (or a `WebApplicationInitializer` implementation) that declares Spring's `DispatcherServlet`.
- A Spring configuration that enables Spring MVC.
- A controller class that will respond to HTTP requests with "Hello World".
- A web application server, such as Tomcat, to deploy the application to.



Simple Example in Spring Boot

Listing 1.1 A complete Groovy-based Spring application

```
@RestController
class HelloController {

    @RequestMapping("/")
    def hello() {
        return "Hello World"
    }
}
```

There's no configuration. No web.xml. No build specification. Not even an application server. This is the entire application. Spring Boot will handle the logistics of executing the application. You only need to bring the application code.



Examining Spring Boot essentials

Spring Boot brings a great deal of magic to Spring application development. But there are four core tricks that it performs:

- *Automatic configuration*—Spring Boot can automatically provide configuration for application functionality common to many Spring applications.
- *Starter dependencies*—You tell Spring Boot what kind of functionality you need, and it will ensure that the libraries needed are added to the build.
- *The command-line interface*—This optional feature of Spring Boot lets you write complete applications with just application code, but no need for a traditional project build.
- *The Actuator*—Gives you insight into what's going on inside of a running Spring Boot application.




Auto configuration

- Example java configuration in a Spring application:

```
@Bean
public JdbcTemplate jdbcTemplate(DataSource dataSource) {
    return new JdbcTemplate(dataSource);
}
```

```
@Bean
public DataSource dataSource() {
    return new EmbeddedDatabaseBuilder()
        .setType(EmbeddedDatabaseType.H2)
        .addScripts('schema.sql', 'data.sql')
        .build();
}
```



Spring Boot can automatically configure these common configuration scenarios. If Spring Boot detects that you have the H2 database library in your application's classpath, it will automatically configure an embedded H2 database. If JdbcTemplate is in the classpath, then it will also configure a JdbcTemplate bean for you.

Starter dependencies



- Example: for building a REST API with Spring MVC that works with JSON resource representations, you'll need at least the following eight dependencies in your Maven or Gradle build:

- `org.springframework:spring-core`
- `org.springframework:spring-web`
- `org.springframework:spring-webmvc`
- `com.fasterxml.jackson.core:jackson-databind`
- `org.hibernate:hibernate-validator`
- `org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-core`
- `org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-el`
- `org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-logging-juli`

On the other hand, if you were to take advantage of Spring Boot starter dependencies, you could simply add the Spring Boot “web” starter (`org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web`) as a build dependency.

The command-line interface (CLI)



- Although it provides tremendous power and simplicity for Spring development, it also introduces a rather unconventional development model.

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    }
}
```

Assuming that you have Spring Boot's command-line interface (CLI) installed, you can run `HelloController` at the command line like this:

```
$ spring run HelloController.groovy
```

You may have also noticed that it wasn't even necessary to compile the code. The Spring Boot CLI was able to run it from its uncompiled form.



The actuator

With the Actuator installed, you can inspect the inner workings of your application, including details such as

- What beans have been configured in the Spring application context
- What decisions were made by Spring Boot's auto-configuration
- What environment variables, system properties, configuration properties, and command-line arguments are available to your application
- The current state of the threads in and supporting your application
- A trace of recent HTTP requests handled by your application
- Various metrics pertaining to memory usage, garbage collection, web requests, and data source usage



Getting started

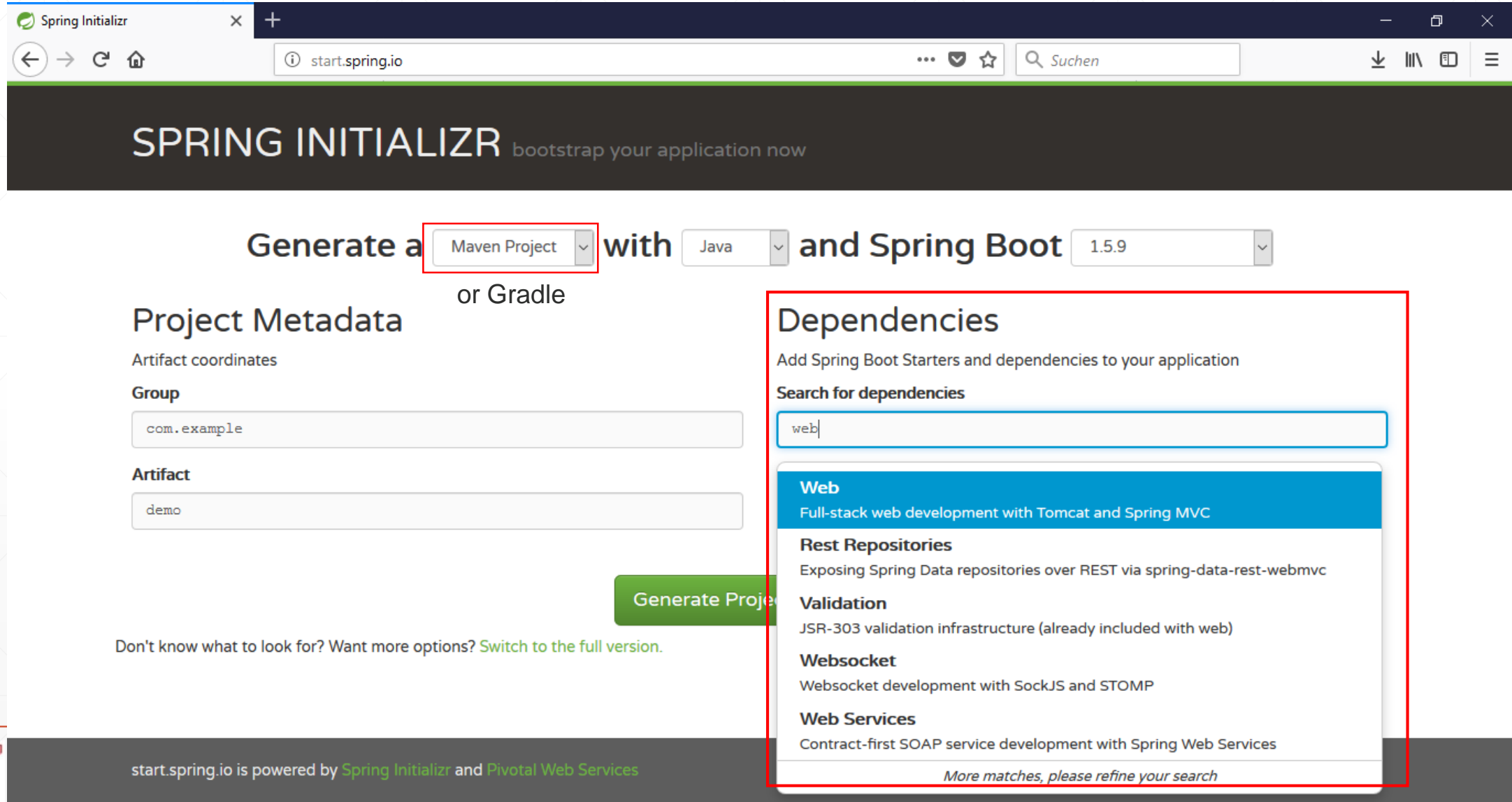
- There are several ways to install the Spring Boot CLI:
 - From a downloaded distribution
 - Using the Groovy Environment Manager
 - With OS X Homebrew
 - As a port using MacPorts



Spring Initializr

- Is used to create the Spring Boot project structure
- Spring Initializr can be used in several ways:
 - Through a web-based interface
 - Via Spring Tool Suite
 - Via IntelliJ IDEA
 - Using the Spring Boot CL

Using spring Initializr's web interface



The screenshot shows the Spring Initializr web interface in a browser window. The browser's address bar shows 'start.spring.io'. The page has a dark header with the text 'SPRING INITIALIZR bootstrap your application now'. Below the header, there's a form to generate a project. The form includes a dropdown menu for 'Generate a' (highlighted with a red box) with 'Maven Project' selected, a dropdown for 'with' (set to 'Java'), and a dropdown for 'and Spring Boot' (set to '1.5.9'). Below these are two input fields: 'Artifact coordinates' (containing 'com.example') and 'Artifact' (containing 'demo'). A green 'Generate Project' button is visible. To the right of the form, there's a 'Dependencies' section (also highlighted with a red box) titled 'Add Spring Boot Starters and dependencies to your application'. It has a search bar with 'web' entered. Below the search bar, a list of dependencies is shown: 'Web' (Full-stack web development with Tomcat and Spring MVC), 'Rest Repositories' (Exposing Spring Data repositories over REST via spring-data-rest-webmvc), 'Validation' (JSR-303 validation infrastructure (already included with web)), 'Websocket' (Websocket development with SockJS and STOMP), and 'Web Services' (Contract-first SOAP service development with Spring Web Services). At the bottom of the dependencies list, it says 'More matches, please refine your search'. The footer of the page says 'start.spring.io is powered by Spring Initializr and Pivotal Web Services'.

Spring Initializr

start.spring.io

SPRING INITIALIZR bootstrap your application now

Generate a **Maven Project** with **Java** and Spring Boot **1.5.9**

or Gradle

Project Metadata

Artifact coordinates

Group

com.example

Artifact

demo

Generate Project

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

Dependencies

Add Spring Boot Starters and dependencies to your application

Search for dependencies

web

- Web**
Full-stack web development with Tomcat and Spring MVC
- Rest Repositories**
Exposing Spring Data repositories over REST via spring-data-rest-webmvc
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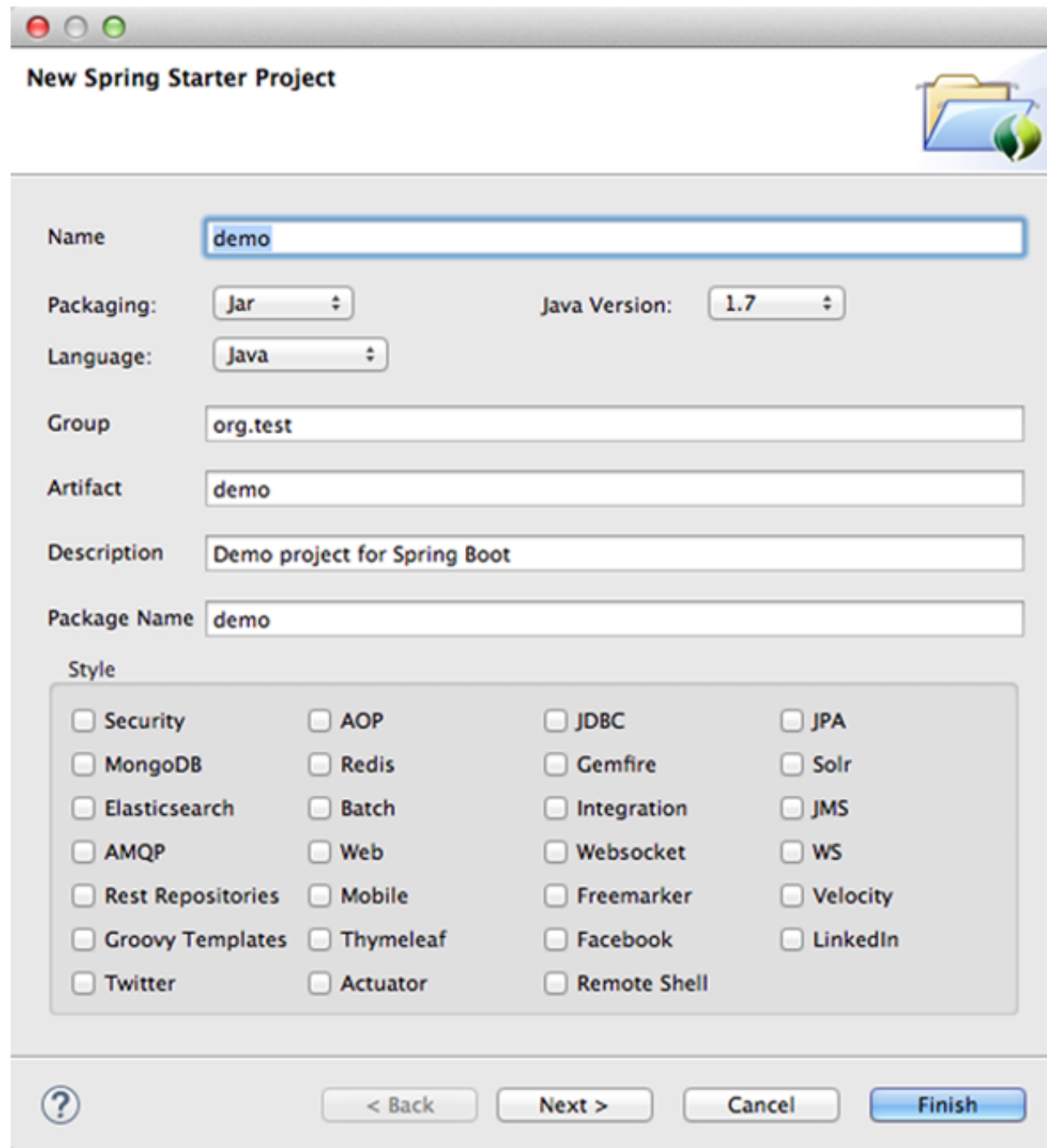
Using spring Initializr's web interface



- For example, suppose that you were to specify the following to Spring Initializr:
 - Artifact: myapp
 - Package Name: myapp
 - Type: Gradle Project
 - Dependencies: Web and JPA
- The downloaded project structure would look like the following:

```
├── build.gradle
├── src
│   ├── main
│   │   ├── java
│   │   │   └── myapp
│   │   │       └── Application.java
│   │   └── resources
│   │       ├── application.properties
│   │       ├── static
│   │       └── templates
│   └── test
│       ├── java
│       │   └── myapp
│       │       └── ApplicationTests.java
```

Creating Spring Boot projects in spring tool suite



New Spring Starter Project

Name: demo

Packaging: Jar Java Version: 1.7

Language: Java

Group: org.test

Artifact: demo

Description: Demo project for Spring Boot

Package Name: demo

Style

<input type="checkbox"/> Security	<input type="checkbox"/> AOP	<input type="checkbox"/> JDBC	<input type="checkbox"/> JPA
<input type="checkbox"/> MongoDB	<input type="checkbox"/> Redis	<input type="checkbox"/> Gemfire	<input type="checkbox"/> Solr
<input type="checkbox"/> Elasticsearch	<input type="checkbox"/> Batch	<input type="checkbox"/> Integration	<input type="checkbox"/> JMS
<input type="checkbox"/> AMQP	<input type="checkbox"/> Web	<input type="checkbox"/> Websocket	<input type="checkbox"/> WS
<input type="checkbox"/> Rest Repositories	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Freemarker	<input type="checkbox"/> Velocity
<input type="checkbox"/> Groovy Templates	<input type="checkbox"/> Thymeleaf	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn
<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Actuator	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Shell	

? < Back Next > Cancel Finish

Creating Spring Boot projects in Spring tool suite

A screenshot of the 'New Spring Starter Project' dialog box in Spring Tool Suite. The dialog has a title bar with standard window controls. Below the title, there's a folder icon. The main content area has several sections: 'Use default location' is checked; 'Location' is set to '/Users/habuma/Projects/Workspaces/SpringBootInAction/MyPro' with a 'Browse' button; 'Working sets' has an unchecked checkbox 'Add project to working sets' and a 'Select...' button; 'Site Info' has a 'Base Url' field containing 'http://start.spring.io/starter.zip' (highlighted with a red box) and a 'Full Url' field containing a long URL. At the bottom, there are buttons for '?', '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

New Spring Starter Project

☒ Use default location

Location: /Users/habuma/Projects/Workspaces/SpringBootInAction/MyPro Browse

Working sets

☐ Add project to working sets

Working sets: Select...

Site Info

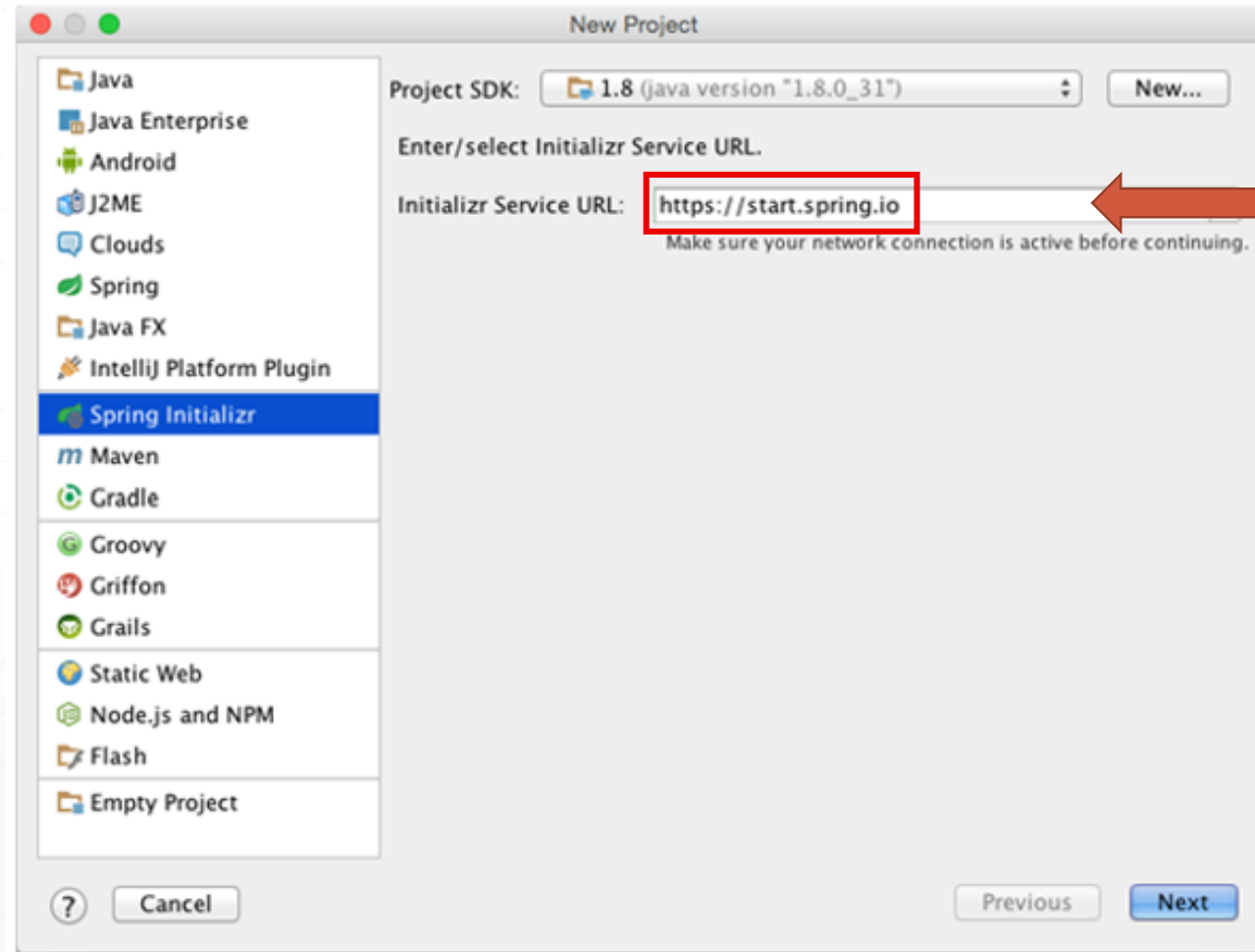
Base Url: http://start.spring.io/starter.zip

Full Url: http://start.spring.io/starter.zip?groupId=org.test&artifactId=demo&name=MyProject&description=Demo+project+for+Spring+Boot&packageName=demo&packaging=jar&javaVersion=1.7&language=java

? < Back Next > Cancel Finish

Spring Tool Suite integrates with Spring Initializr to create and directly import Spring Boot projects into the IDE.

Creating spring boot projects in IntelliJ idea



Same here



Using the Initializr from the Spring Boot CLI

The Spring Boot CLI includes an `init` command that acts as a client interface to the Initializr. The simplest use of the `init` command is to create a baseline Spring Boot project:

```
$ spring init
```

After contacting the Initializr web application, the `init` command will conclude by downloading a `demo.zip` file. If you unzip this project, you'll find a typical project structure with a Maven `pom.xml` build specification.

Putting Spring Boot to work



Generate a Gradle Project with Spring Boot 1.3.0 RC1

Project Metadata

Artifact coordinates

Group

com.manning

Artifact

readinglist

Name

Reading List

Description

Reading List Demo

Package Name

readinglist

Packaging

Jar

Java Version

1.8

Dependencies

Add Spring Boot Starters and dependencies to your application

Search for dependencies

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

Selected Starters

Web ×

Thymeleaf ×

JPA ×

H2 ×



Putting Spring Boot to work

On the other hand, if you're using the Spring Boot CLI to initialize the application, you can enter the following at the command line:

```
$ spring init -dweb,data-jpa,h2,thymeleaf --build gradle readinglist
```

Putting Spring Boot to work



```
readinglist
├── build.gradle
├── src
│   ├── main
│   │   ├── java
│   │   │   └── readinglist
│   │   │       └── ReadingListApplication.java
│   │   └── resources
│   │       ├── application.properties
│   │       ├── static
│   │       └── templates
│   └── test
│       └── java
│           └── readinglist
│               └── ReadingListApplicationTests.java
```

- build.gradle—The Gradle build specification
- ReadingListApplication.java—The application's bootstrap class and primary Spring configuration class
- application.properties—A place to configure application and Spring Boot properties
- ReadingListApplicationTests.java—A basic integration test class



Bootstrapping Spring

The ReadingListApplication class serves two purposes in a Spring Boot application: configuration and bootstrapping.

Listing 2.1 ReadingListApplication.java is both a bootstrap class and a configuration class

```
package readinglist;

import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;

@SpringBootApplication
public class ReadingListApplication {

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

← Enable component-scanning and auto-configuration

← Bootstrap the application



Testing Spring Boot applications

Listing 2.2 @SpringApplicationConfiguration loads a Spring application context

```
package readinglist;

import org.junit.Test;
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;
import org.springframework.boot.test.SpringApplicationConfiguration;
import org.springframework.test.context.junit4.SpringJUnit4ClassRunner;
import org.springframework.test.context.web.WebAppConfiguration;

import readinglist.ReadingListApplication;

@RunWith(SpringJUnit4ClassRunner.class)
@SpringApplicationConfiguration(
    classes = ReadingListApplication.class)
@WebAppConfiguration

public class ReadingListApplicationTests {

    @Test
    public void contextLoads() {

    }

}
```

Load context via
Spring Boot

Test that the
context loads

Dissecting a Spring Boot project build

Using Gradle plugin

Listing 2.3 Using the Spring Boot Gradle plugin

```
buildscript {
    ext {
        springBootVersion = `1.3.0.RELEASE`
    }
    repositories {
        mavenCentral()
    }
    dependencies {
        classpath("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-gradle-plugin:
            ↳ ${springBootVersion}")
    }
}

apply plugin: 'java'
apply plugin: 'eclipse'
apply plugin: 'idea'
apply plugin: 'spring-boot'

jar {
    baseName = 'readinglist'
    version = '0.0.1-SNAPSHOT'
}
sourceCompatibility = 1.7
targetCompatibility = 1.7

repositories {
    mavenCentral()
}
```

Depend on Spring Boot plugin

Apply Spring Boot plugin



Dissecting a Spring Boot project build



Using Gradle plugin

```
dependencies {  
    compile("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web")  
    compile("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-data-jpa")  
    compile("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-thymeleaf")  
    runtime("com.h2database:h2")  
    testCompile("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-test")  
}  
  
eclipse {  
    classpath {  
        containers.remove('org.eclipse.jdt.launching.JRE_CONTAINER')  
        containers 'org.eclipse.jdt.launching.JRE_CONTAINER/org.eclipse.jdt.internal.  
            ↳ debug.ui.launcher.StandardVMType/JavaSE-1.7'  
    }  
}  
  
task wrapper(type: Wrapper) {  
    gradleVersion = '1.12'  
}
```

Starter dependencies

Dissecting a Spring Boot project build



Using Maven plugin:

Listing 2.4 Using the Spring Boot Maven plugin and parent starter

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
    http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">

  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

  <groupId>com.manning</groupId>
  <artifactId>readinglist</artifactId>
  <version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <packaging>jar</packaging>

  <name>ReadingList</name>
  <description>Reading List Demo</description>
```



Dissecting a Spring Boot project build



```
<parent>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
  <version>{springBootVersion}</version>
  <relativePath/> <!-- lookup parent from repository -->
</parent>
```

Inherit versions
from starter parent

```
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
```

Starter
dependencies



Dissecting a Spring Boot project build



```
<artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jpa</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-thymeleaf</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.h2database</groupId>
  <artifactId>h2</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-test</artifactId>
  <scope>test</scope>
</dependency>
</dependencies>
```



Dissecting a Spring Boot project build



```
<properties>
  <project.build.sourceEncoding>
    UTF-8
  </project.build.sourceEncoding>
  <start-class>readinglist.Application</start-class>
  <java.version>1.7</java.version>
</properties>
```

```
<build>
  <plugins>
    <plugin>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
    </plugin>
  </plugins>
</build>
```

**Apply Spring
Boot plugin**



```
</project>
```



First project

- Define an entity class that represents a book:

Listing 2.5 The Book class represents a book in the reading list

```
package readinglist;

import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.GenerationType;
import javax.persistence.Id;

@Entity
public class Book {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy=GenerationType.AUTO)
    private Long id;
    private String reader;
    private String isbn;
    private String title;
    private String author;
    private String description;
```

→ Also create Getters and Setters



Defining the repository interface

```
package readinglist;

import java.util.List;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;

public interface ReadingListRepository extends JpaRepository<Book, Long> {

    List<Book> findByReader(String reader);

}
```

Spring Data provides a special magic of its own, making it possible to define a repository with just an interface. The interface will be implemented automatically at runtime when the application is started.

Creating the web interface



```
import java.util.List;

@Controller
@RequestMapping("/")
public class ReadingListController {

    private ReadingListRepository readingListRepository;

    @Autowired
    public ReadingListController(
        ReadingListRepository readingListRepository) {
        this.readingListRepository = readingListRepository;
    }

    @RequestMapping(value="/{reader}", method=RequestMethod.GET)
    public String readersBooks(
        @PathVariable("reader") String reader,
        Model model) {
```



Creating the web interface



```
List<Book> readingList =
    readingListRepository.findByReader(reader);
if (readingList != null) {
    model.addAttribute("books", readingList);
}
return "readingList";
}

@RequestMapping(value="/{reader}", method=RequestMethod.POST)
public String addToReadingList(
    @PathVariable("reader") String reader, Book book) {
    book.setReader(reader);
    readingListRepository.save(book);
    return "redirect:/{reader}";
}
}
```


Creating the web interface



```
<body>
  <h2>Your Reading List</h2>
  <div th:unless="${#lists.isEmpty(books)}">
    <dl th:each="book : ${books}">
      <dt class="bookHeadline">
        <span th:text="${book.title}">Title</span> by
        <span th:text="${book.author}">Author</span>
        (ISBN: <span th:text="${book.isbn}">ISBN</span>)
      </dt>
      <dd class="bookDescription">
        <span th:if="${book.description}"
          th:text="${book.description}">Description</span>
        <span th:if="${book.description eq null}">
          No description available</span>
        </dd>
      </dl>
    </div>
    <div th:if="${#lists.isEmpty(books)}">
      <p>You have no books in your book list</p>
    </div>
  <hr/>
```



Creating the web interface



```
<h3>Add a book</h3>
<form method="POST">
  <label for="title">Title:</label>
    <input type="text" name="title" size="50"></input><br/>
  <label for="author">Author:</label>
    <input type="text" name="author" size="50"></input><br/>
  <label for="isbn">ISBN:</label>
    <input type="text" name="isbn" size="15"></input><br/>
  <label for="description">Description:</label><br/>
    <textarea name="description" cols="80" rows="5">
      </textarea><br/>
  <input type="submit"></input>
</form>

</body>
```



Write your own conditions in Spring

```
package readinglist;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Condition;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.ConditionContext;
import org.springframework.core.type.AnnotatedTypeMetadata;

public class JdbcTemplateCondition implements Condition {
    @Override
    public boolean matches(ConditionContext context,
                          AnnotatedTypeMetadata metadata) {
        try {
            context.getClassLoader().loadClass(
                "org.springframework.jdbc.core.JdbcTemplate");
            return true;
        } catch (Exception e) {
            return false;
        }
    }
}
```



Conditional annotations used in auto-configuration

Conditional annotation	Configuration applied if...?
<code>@ConditionalOnBean</code>	...the specified bean has been configured
<code>@ConditionalOnMissingBean</code>	...the specified bean has not already been configured
<code>@ConditionalOnClass</code>	...the specified class is available on the classpath
<code>@ConditionalOnMissingClass</code>	...the specified class is not available on the classpath
<code>@ConditionalOnExpression</code>	...the given Spring Expression Language (SpEL) expression evaluates to true
<code>@ConditionalOnJava</code>	...the version of Java matches a specific value or range of versions





Conditional annotations used in auto-configuration

`@ConditionalOnJndi`

...there is a JNDI `InitialContext` available and optionally given JNDI locations exist

`@ConditionalOnProperty`

...the specified configuration property has a specific value

`@ConditionalOnResource`

...the specified resource is available on the classpath

`@ConditionalOnWebApplication`

...the application is a web application

`@ConditionalOnNotWebApplication`

...the application is not a web application