```
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
    http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd">
</beans>
```

- xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans" defines a default namespace for tags
- xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" standard namespace used to validate that an XML file is following the schema appropriately
- xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
 http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd"> used by the validator parser to validate if an XML is according to the schema (every tag in beans namespace validate against spring-beans.xsd)

XML	Java
<pre><bean class="org.springframework.jdbc.datasource.SimpleDriverDat aSource" id="dataSource"></bean></pre>	<pre>@Bean public DataSource dataSource() { return new SimpleDriverDataSource(); }</pre>
<pre><context:component-scan base-package="rs.saga.businessobject"></context:component-scan></pre>	<pre>@ComponentScan(basePackages = {"rs.saga.businessobject"})</pre>

Injecting Non Beans Dependency

```
<bean id="player" class="rs.saga.businessobject.Player">
        <constructor-arg name="age" value="20"/>
        <constructor-arg name="firstName" value="John"/>
        <constructor-arg name="lastName" value="Doe"/>
        </bean>
```

• The Spring container knows how to convert all primitive types and their reference wrapper types. String values, booleans, and numeric types are supported by default.

```
<constructor-arg name="dateOfBirth" value="1998/10/10"/>
```

• Spring container can convert any the value of the attribute to the type using property editor.

```
<bean id="numberFormat" class="java.text.NumberFormat" factory-method="getCurrencyInstance"/>
```

Bean element support creation using Factory Beans

- Advantages:
 - For some libraries the only configuration option
 - Namespaces offer shortcuts that are simpler than annotation or Java config
- Disadvantages:
 - Tedious
 - No compile time check
 - Complex when it comes to factory objects