

# Annotation-based Configuration

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- Qualifier
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- JSR 330 (Dependency Injection for Java)
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- *@Component and further stereotyped annotations*
  - > `@Service, @Repository, @Controller`
- Auto scanning
  - > `@ComponentScan`

# Topics (page 2)

- Java-based Spring configuration (instead of XML configuration file)
  - > *@Configuration, @Bean*
- Profile
  - > *@Profile*
- Spring Boot
  - > *@SpringBootApplication*
  - > *@EnableAutoConfiguration*

# Annotation-based Dependency Injection (DI)

# Annotation-based DI specification

- An alternative to XML based DI specification
  - > Bean definitions and wiring are specified in the Java source code
- You can use both XML and annotation-based DI specifications
  - > Annotation-based injection is performed before XML-based injection
  - > XML-based injection will override Annotation-based injection
  - > XML-based DI specification is no longer supported from Spring 5
- Annotation-based DI specification is usually preferred over XML-based DI specification
  - > Typing checking is possible at compile time
  - > No need to have separate XML-file

# DI related Annotations Introduced in Spring

- Spring 2.5
  - > `@Autowired`
  - > JSR-250 (Common Annotation for Java Platform 1.0) annotations:  
`@Resource`, `@PostConstruct`, `@PreDestroy`
- Spring 3.0
  - > JSR 330 (Dependency Injection for Java) annotations: `@Inject`,  
`@Qualifier`, `@Named`, and `@Provider`
  - > `@Configuration`, `@Bean`, `@Value`
- Spring 3.1
  - > `@ComponentScan`, `@Profile`
- Spring 4
  - > `@SpringBootApplication`
  - > `@EnableAutoConfiguration`
  - > `@Conditional`

# @Autowired

# @Autowired

- Can be used in the Java source code for specifying DI requirement
- Places where `@Autowired` can be used
  - > Fields (field injection)
  - > Constructor methods (constructor injection)
  - > Setter methods (setter injection)
  - > Arbitrary methods

# @Autowired at Field (field injection)

```
public class MovieRecommender {  
    @Autowired // used at the field  
    private MovieCatalog movieCatalog;  
    // ...  
}
```

# @Autowired at Constructor method

```
public class MovieRecommender {  
    private CustomerPreferenceDao customerPreferenceDao;  
  
    @Autowired // used at the constructor – automatically applied from Spring 4.3  
    public MovieRecommender(CustomerPreferenceDao customerPreferenceDao) {  
        this.customerPreferenceDao = customerPreferenceDao;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

# @Autowired at Setter method

```
public class SimpleMovieLister {  
    private MovieFinder movieFinder;  
  
    // MovieFinder object gets created and injected by Spring DI container  
    @Autowired  
    public void setMovieFinder(MovieFinder movieFinder) {  
        this.movieFinder = movieFinder;  
    }  
    // ...  
}
```

# @Autowired at arbitrary methods

- You can also apply @Autowired annotation to methods with arbitrary names and/or multiple arguments:

```
public class MovieRecommender {  
  
    private MovieCatalog movieCatalog;  
    private CustomerPreferenceDao customerPreferenceDao;  
  
    // MovieCatalog and CustomerPreferenceDao objects are  
    // injected automatically  
    @Autowired  
    public void prepare(MovieCatalog movieCatalog,  
                        CustomerPreferenceDao customerPreferenceDao) {  
        this.movieCatalog = movieCatalog;  
        this.customerPreferenceDao = customerPreferenceDao;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

# Lab:

Exercise 1: Autowiring with  
"@Autowired" annotation  
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@Qualifier

# Fine-tuning @Autowired with Qualifiers

- Because autowiring by type may lead to multiple candidates, it is often necessary to have more control over the selection process
- One way to accomplish this is with Spring's `@Qualifier` annotation

```
public class MovieRecommender {  
  
    // Among the multiple candidates of MovieCatalog type, select  
    // the one that has the bean name "main".  
    @Autowired  
    @Qualifier("main")  
    private MovieCatalog movieCatalog;  
  
    // ...  
}
```

# Fine-tuning @Autowired with @Qualifier

- The @Qualifier annotation can also be specified on individual constructor arguments or method arguments

```
public class MovieRecommender {  
  
    private MovieCatalog movieCatalog;  
    private CustomerPreferenceDao customerPreferenceDao;  
  
    @Autowired  
    public void prepare(  
        @Qualifier("main") MovieCatalog movieCatalog,  
        CustomerPreferenceDao customerPreferenceDao) {  
        this.movieCatalog = movieCatalog;  
        this.customerPreferenceDao = customerPreferenceDao;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

# Qualifier name is usually bean name

```
@Configuration  
public class BeanConfiguration {  
  
    @Bean(name = "myaddress")  
    public AddressInterface getMyAddress() {  
        AddressInterface address = new MyAddress();  
        return address;  
    }  
  
    @Bean(name = "youraddress")  
    public AddressInterface getYourAddress() {  
        AddressInterface address = new YourAddress();  
        return address;  
    }  
  
    @Bean  
    public Person getPerson() {  
        Person person = new Person();  
        return person;  
    }  
}
```

There are two candidates to AddressInterface type: MyAddress and YourAddress.

Give name to these candidates so that they can be specified in the selection process

# Custom Qualifier

# Creating Custom Qualifier Annotation

- You can create your own custom qualifier annotations.

```
// Create custom qualifier annotation called "Genre"
@Target({ElementType.FIELD, ElementType.PARAMETER})
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Qualifier
public @interface Genre {
    String value();
}
```

# @Autowired with Custom Qualifier

- Then you can provide the custom qualifier annotation on autowired fields and parameters:

```
public class MovieRecommender {  
  
    @Autowired  
    @Genre("Action")  
    private MovieCatalog actionCatalog;  
  
    private MovieCatalog comedyCatalog;  
  
    @Autowired  
    public void setComedyCatalog(  
        @Genre("Comedy") MovieCatalog comedyCatalog) {  
        this.comedyCatalog = comedyCatalog;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

# Lab:

Exercise 2: Fine-tuning with @Qualifier  
annotation and custom annotation  
[4939\\_spring4\\_di\\_annotation.zip](#)



**@PostConstruct &  
@PreDestroy**

# @PostConstruct and @PreDestroy

- Offers an post-initialization callback and an pre-destruction callback

```
public class CachingMovieLister {  
  
    @PostConstruct  
    public void populateMovieCache() {  
        // populates the movie cache upon initialization...  
    }  
  
    @PreDestroy  
    public void clearMovieCache() {  
        // clears the movie cache upon destruction...  
    }  
}
```

Invoked after object creation

Invoked before object destruction

# Lab:

Exercise 4: JSR 250 annotations -  
@PostConstruct, @PreDestroy, @Resource  
[4939\\_spring4\\_di\\_annotation.zip](#)



@Profile

# @Profile

- Spring Profiles provide a way to segregate parts of your application configuration and make it only available in certain environments
- Any @Component or @Configuration can be marked with @Profile to limit when it is loaded

```
@Configuration  
{@Profile("production")  
public class ProductionConfiguration {  
  
    // ...  
}}
```

- You can then set a `spring.profiles.active` Environment property to specify which profiles are active
  - You can also specify the property in *application.properties* file
- ```
spring.profiles.active=production,mysql
```

# Lab:

Exercise 7: @Profile  
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`@SpringBootApplication`  
`@EnableAutoConfiguration`

# @SpringBootApplication

- Composite annotation (Stereo annotation)
- Introduced as part of Spring Boot

```
@Target(ElementType.TYPE)
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Documented
@Inherited
@Configuration
@EnableAutoConfiguration
@ComponentScan
public @interface SpringBootApplication {

    /**
     * Exclude specific auto-configuration classes such that they will never be applied.
     * @return the classes to exclude
     */
    Class<?>[] exclude() default {};
}
```

# @EnableAutoConfiguration

- Enable auto-configuration of the Spring Application Context, attempting to guess and configure beans that you are likely to need
- Introduced as part of Spring Boot
- Auto-configuration classes are usually applied based on your classpath and what beans you have defined
  - > If you have tomcat-embedded.jar on your classpath, you are likely to want a TomcatEmbeddedServletContainerFactory (unless you have defined your own EmbeddedServletContainerFactory bean)
- Auto-configuration tries to be as intelligent as possible and will back-away as you define more of your own configuration
  - > You can always manually exclude() any configuration that you never want to apply
  - > Auto-configuration is always applied after user-defined beans have been registered.

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