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# Spring JMS

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Simplifying Messaging Applications

## Objectives

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After completing this lesson, you should be able to

- Explain the basic Concepts behind JMS
- Configure JMS Resources with Spring
- Use Spring's *JmsTemplate* to send & receive Messages
- Implement Asynchronous Messaging using a Listener Container

# Agenda

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# Java Message Service (JMS)

- The JMS API provides an abstraction for accessing Message Oriented Middleware
  - Avoid vendor lock-in
  - Increase portability of your code
- JMS does *not* enable different MOM vendors to communicate
  - Need a bridge (expensive)
  - Or use AMQP (standard msg protocol, like SMTP)
    - See RabbitMQ

# JMS Core Components

- Message
- Destination
- Connection
- Session
- MessageProducer
- MessageConsumer

# JMS Message Types

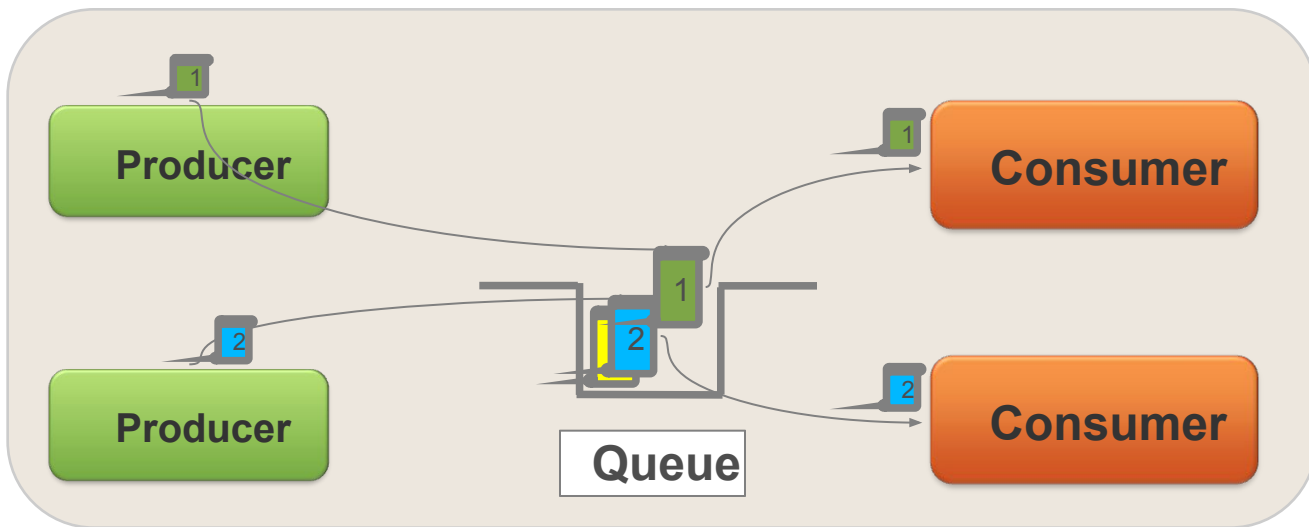
- Implementations of the *Message* interface
  - TextMessage
  - ObjectMessage
  - MapMessage
  - BytesMessage
  - StreamMessage

# JMS Destination Types

- Implementations of the Destination interface
  - Queue
    - Point-to-point messaging
  - Topic
    - Publish/subscribe messaging
- Both support *multiple* producers and consumers
  - Messages are different
  - Let's take a closer look ...

# JMS Queues: Point-to-point

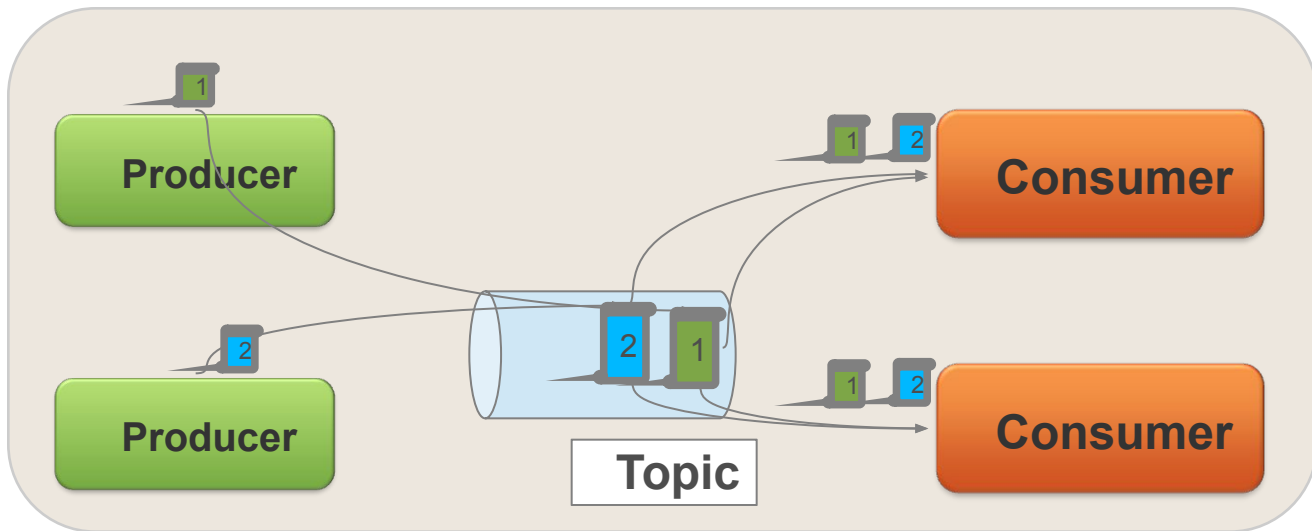
1. Message sent to queue
2. Message queued
3. Message consumed by *single* consumer





# JMS Topics: Publish-subscribe

1. Message sent to topic
2. Message optionally stored
3. Message distributed to *all* subscribers



# The JMS Connection

- A JMS Connection is obtained from a factory

```
Connection conn = connectionFactory.createConnection();
```

- Typical enterprise application:
  - *ConnectionFactory* is a managed resource bound to JNDI

```
Properties env = new Properties();  
// provide JNDI environment properties  
Context ctx = new InitialContext(env);  
ConnectionFactory connectionFactory =  
    (ConnectionFactory) ctx.lookup("connFactory");
```

# The JMS Session

- A Session is created from the Connection
  - Represents a unit-of-work
  - Provides transactional capability

```
Session session = conn.createSession(  
    boolean transacted, int acknowledgementMode);  
  
// use session  
if (everythingOkay) {  
    session.commit();  
} else {  
    session.rollback();  
}
```

# Creating Messages

- The *Session* is responsible for the creation of various JMS Message types

```
session.createTextMessage("Some Message Content");  
  
session.createObjectMessage(someSerializableObject);  
  
MapMessage message = session.createMapMessage();  
message.setInt("someKey", 123);  
  
BytesMessage message = session.createBytesMessage();  
message.writeBytes(someByteArray);
```

# Producers and Consumers

- The *Session* is also responsible for creating instances of *MessageProducer* and *MessageConsumer*

```
producer = session.createProducer(someDestination);  
  
consumer = session.createConsumer(someDestination);
```

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# JMS Providers

- Most providers of Message Oriented Middleware (MoM) support JMS
  - WebSphere MQ, Tibco EMS, Oracle EMS, JBoss AP, SwiftMQ, ...
  - Some are Open Source, some commercial
  - Some are implemented in Java themselves
- *The lab for this module uses Apache ActiveMQ*

# Apache ActiveMQ

- Open source message broker written in Java
- Supports JMS and many other APIs
  - Including non-Java clients!
- Can be used stand-alone in production environment
  - 'activemq' script in download starts with default config
- Can also be used *embedded* in an application
  - Configured through ActiveMQ or Spring configuration
  - *What we use in the labs*



# Apache ActiveMQ Features

- Many cross language clients & transport protocols
  - Incl. excellent Spring integration
- Flexible & powerful deployment configuration
  - Clustering incl. load-balancing & failover, ...
- Advanced messaging features
  - Message groups, virtual & composite destinations, wildcards, etc.
- Enterprise Integration Patterns when combined with Spring Integration or Apache Camel
  - from the book by Gregor Hohpe & Bobby Woolf

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# Configuring JMS Resources with Spring

- Spring enables decoupling of your application code from the underlying infrastructure
  - Container provides the resources
  - Application is simply coded against the API
- Provides deployment flexibility
  - use a standalone JMS provider
  - use an application server to manage JMS resources



See: [Spring Framework Reference – Using Spring JMS](https://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/integration.html#remoting-jms)

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# Configuring a ConnectionFactory

- *ConnectionFactory* may be standalone

```
@Bean
public ConnectionFactory connectionFactory() {
    ActiveMQConnectionFactory cf = new ActiveMQConnectionFactory();
    cf.setBrokerURL("tcp://localhost:60606");
    return cf;
}
```

- Or retrieved from JNDI

```
@Bean
public ConnectionFactory connectionFactory() throws Exception {
    Context ctx = new InitialContext();
    return (ConnectionFactory) ctx.lookup("jms/ConnectionFactory");
}
```

```
<jee:jndi-lookup id="connectionFactory" jndi-name="jms/ConnectionFactory"/>
```

# Configuring Destinations

- Destinations may be standalone

```
@Bean
public Destination orderQueue() {
    return new ActiveMQQueue( "order.queue" );
}
```

- Or retrieved from JNDI

```
@Bean
public Destination orderQueue() throws Exception {
    Context ctx = new InitialContext();
    return (Destination) ctx.lookup("jms/OrderQueue");
}
```

```
<jee:jndi-lookup id="orderQueue" jndi-name="jms/OrderQueue"/>
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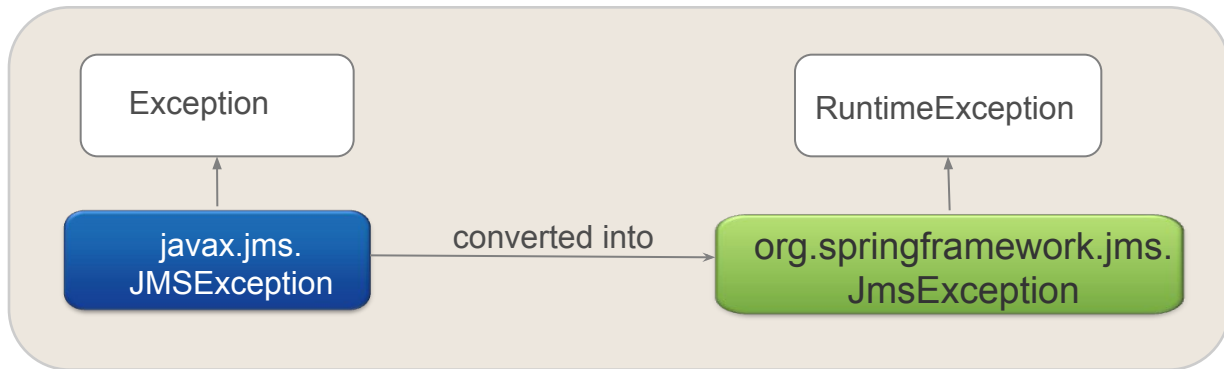
# Spring's JmsTemplate

- The template simplifies usage of the API
  - Reduces boilerplate code
  - Manages resources transparently
  - Converts checked exceptions to runtime equivalents
  - Provides convenience methods and callbacks

**NOTE:** The *AmqpTemplate* (used with RabbitMQ) has an almost identical API to the *JmsTemplate* – they offer similar abstractions over very different products

# Exception Handling

- Exceptions in JMS are checked by default
- *JmsTemplate* converts checked exceptions to runtime equivalents





# JmsTemplate configuration

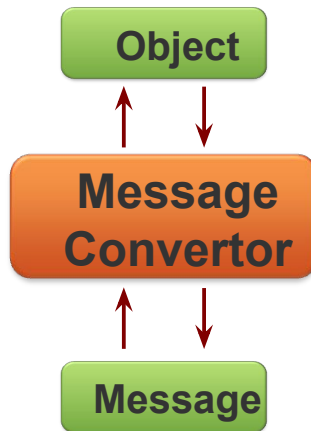
- *Must* provide reference to *ConnectionFactory*
  - via either constructor or setter injection
- Optionally provide other facilities
  - *setMessageConverter* <sup>(1)</sup>
  - *setDestinationResolver* <sup>(2)</sup>
  - *setDefaultDestination* or *setDefaultDestinationName* <sup>(3)</sup>

```
@Bean
public JmsTemplate jmsTemplate () {
    JmsTemplate template = new JmsTemplate( connectionFactory() );
    template.setMessageConverter ( ... );
    template.setDestinationResolver ( ... );
    return template;
}
```

(1), (2), (3) – see next few slides

# (1) MessageConverter

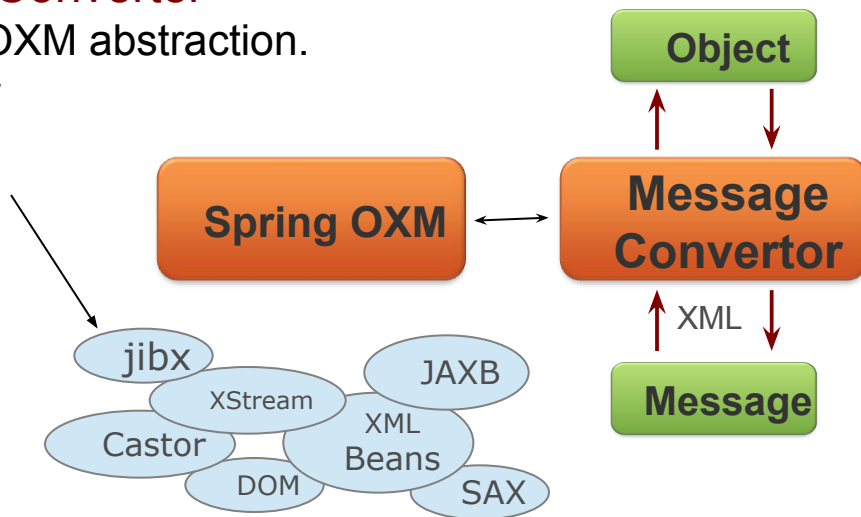
- The *JmsTemplate* uses a **MessageConverter** to convert between objects and messages
  - You only send and receive objects
- The default **SimpleMessageConverter** handles basic types
  - String to TextMessage
  - Map to MapMessage
  - byte[] to BytesMessage
  - Serializable to ObjectMessage



**NOTE:** It is possible to implement custom converters by implementing the *MessageConverter* interface

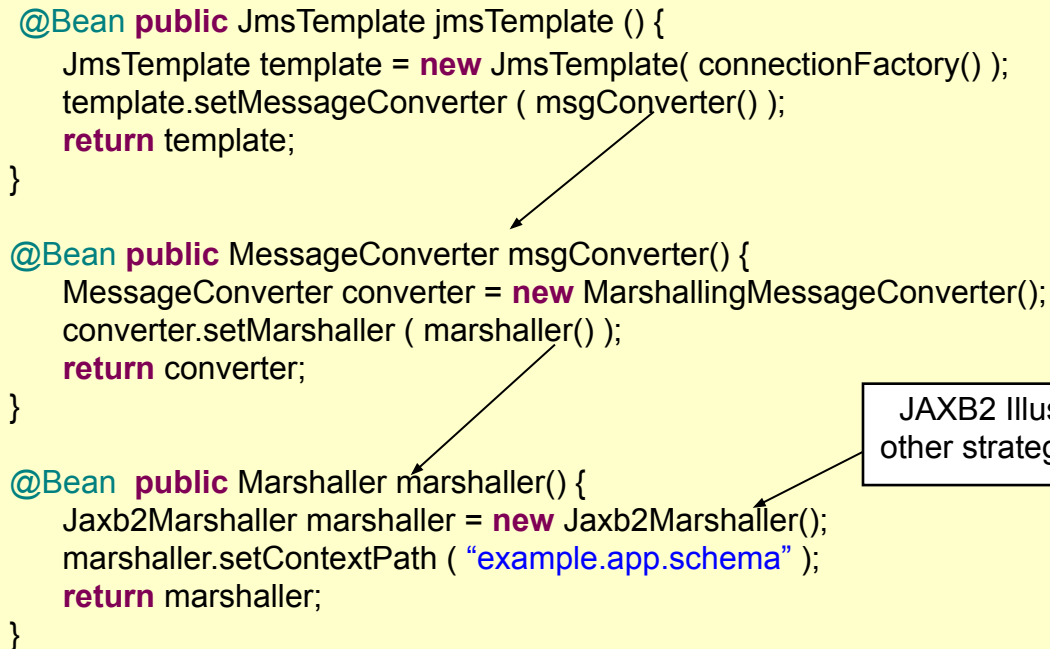
# XML MessageConverter

- XML is a common message payload
  - ...but there is no “XmlMessage” in JMS
  - Use *TextMessage* instead
- **MarshallingMessageConverter**
  - Plugs into Spring's OXM abstraction.
  - You choose strategy



# MarshallingMessageConverter Example

```
@Bean public JmsTemplate jmsTemplate () {  
    JmsTemplate template = new JmsTemplate( connectionFactory() );  
    template.setMessageConverter ( msgConverter() );  
    return template;  
}  
  
@Bean public MessageConverter msgConverter() {  
    MessageConverter converter = new MarshallingMessageConverter();  
    converter.setMarshaller ( marshaller() );  
    return converter;  
}  
  
@Bean public Marshaller marshaller() {  
    Jaxb2Marshaller marshaller = new Jaxb2Marshaller();  
    marshaller.setContextPath ( "example.app.schema" );  
    return marshaller;  
}
```



JAXB2 Illustrated here,  
other strategies available.

## (2) DestinationResolver

- Convenient to use destination names at runtime
- DynamicDestinationResolver used by default
  - Resolves topic and queue names
  - *Not* their Spring bean names
- JndiDestinationResolver also available



```
Destination resolveDestinationName(Session session,  
    String destinationName,  
    boolean pubSubDomain)   
throws JMSException;
```

publish-subscribe?  
*true* → Topic  
*false* → Queue

### (3) Default Destination

- Used by default when sending *or* receiving messages

Specify by Object

```
@Bean
public JmsTemplate orderTemplate () {
    JmsTemplate template = new JmsTemplate ( connectionFactory() );
    template.setDefaultDestination ( orderQueue() );
    return template;
}
```

Specify by Name

```
@Bean public JmsTemplate orderTemplate () {
    JmsTemplate template = new JmsTemplate ( connectionFactory() );
    template.setDefaultDestinationName ("order.queue");
    return template;
}
```

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# Sending Messages

- The template provides options
  - Simple methods to send a JMS message
  - One line methods that leverage the template's `MessageConverter`
  - Callback-accepting methods that reveal more of the JMS API
- Use the simplest option for the task at hand



# Sending POJO

- A message can be sent in one single line

```
public class JmsOrderManager implements OrderManager {  
    @Autowired JmsTemplate jmsTemplate;  
    @Autowired Destination orderQueue;  
  
    public void placeOrder(Order order) {  
        String stringMessage = "New order " + order.getNumber();  
        jmsTemplate.convertAndSend("message.queue", stringMessage );  
                                // use destination resolver and message converter  
  
        jmsTemplate.convertAndSend(orderQueue, order); // use message converter  
  
        jmsTemplate.convertAndSend(order); // use converter and default destination  
    }  
}
```

No @Qualifier so Destination is wired by *name*

# Sending JMS Messages

- Useful when you need to access JMS API
  - eg. set expiration, redelivery mode, reply-to ...

```
public void sendMessage(final String msg) {
```

```
    this.jmsTemplate.send( (session) -> {
```

```
        TextMessage message = session.createTextMessage(msg);
```

```
        message.setJMSExpiration(2000); // 2 seconds
```

```
        return message;
```

```
    });
```

```
}
```

Lambda syntax

```
public interface MessageCreator {  
    public Message createMessage(Session session)  
        throws JMSException;  
}
```

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# Receiving Objects

- JmsTemplate can also *receive* data
  - Automatically converted using MessageConverter
  - Underlying messages hidden

```
public void receiveData() {  
  
    // use message converter and destination resolver  
    String s = (String) jmsTemplate.receiveAndConvert("message.queue");  
    // use message converter  
    Order order1 = (Order) jmsTemplate.receiveAndConvert(orderQueue);  
    // use message converter and default destination  
    Order order2 = (Order) jmsTemplate.receiveAndConvert(\);  
}
```

# Receiving Messages

- Or you may access the underlying message
  - Gives you access to message properties

```
public void receiveMessages() {  
  
    // handle JMS native message from default destination  
    ObjectMessage orderMessage = (ObjectMessage) jmsTemplate.receive();  
    Order order2 = (Order) orderMessage.getObject();  
  
    // receive(destination) and receive(destinationName) also available  
}
```

# Synchronous Message Exchange

- JmsTemplate also implements a request/reply pattern
  - Using `sendAndReceive()`
  - Sending a message and blocking until a reply has been received (also uses `receiveTimeout`)
  - Manage a temporary reply queue automatically by default

```
public void processMessage(String msg) {  
  
    Message reply = jmsTemplate.sendAndReceive("message.queue",  
        (session) -> {  
            return session.createTextMessage(msg);  
        });  
    // handle reply  
}
```

# Asynchronous or Synchronous

Sync  
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Async

- Sending messages is asynchronous
  - The send methods return immediately
    - Even if the message takes time to be delivered
    - Recall the acknowledgement modes in `createSession()`
- But `receive()` and `receiveAndConvert()` are blocking
  - Synchronous – will wait for ever for a new message
    - optional timeout: `setReceiveTimeout()`
- How can we receive data asynchronously?
  - JMS defines *Message Driven Beans*
  - But you normally need a full JEE container to use them

# Spring's MessageListener Containers

- Spring provides containers for asynchronous JMS reception
  - *SimpleMessageListenerContainer*
    - Uses plain JMS client API
    - Creates a fixed number of Sessions
  - *DefaultMessageListenerContainer*
    - Adds transactional capability
- Many configuration options available for each container type



# Quick Start

## Steps for Asynchronous Message Handling

- (1) Define POJO / Bean to process Message
- (2) Define JmsListenerContainerFactory / Enable Annotations
- (3) Annotate POJO to be message-driven

# Step (1)

## Define POJO / Bean to Process Message

- Define a POJO to process message
  - Note: No references to JMS

```
public class OrderServiceImpl {  
    @JmsListener(destination="queue.order")  
    @SendTo("queue.confirmation")  
    public OrderConfirmation order(Order o) { ... }  
}
```

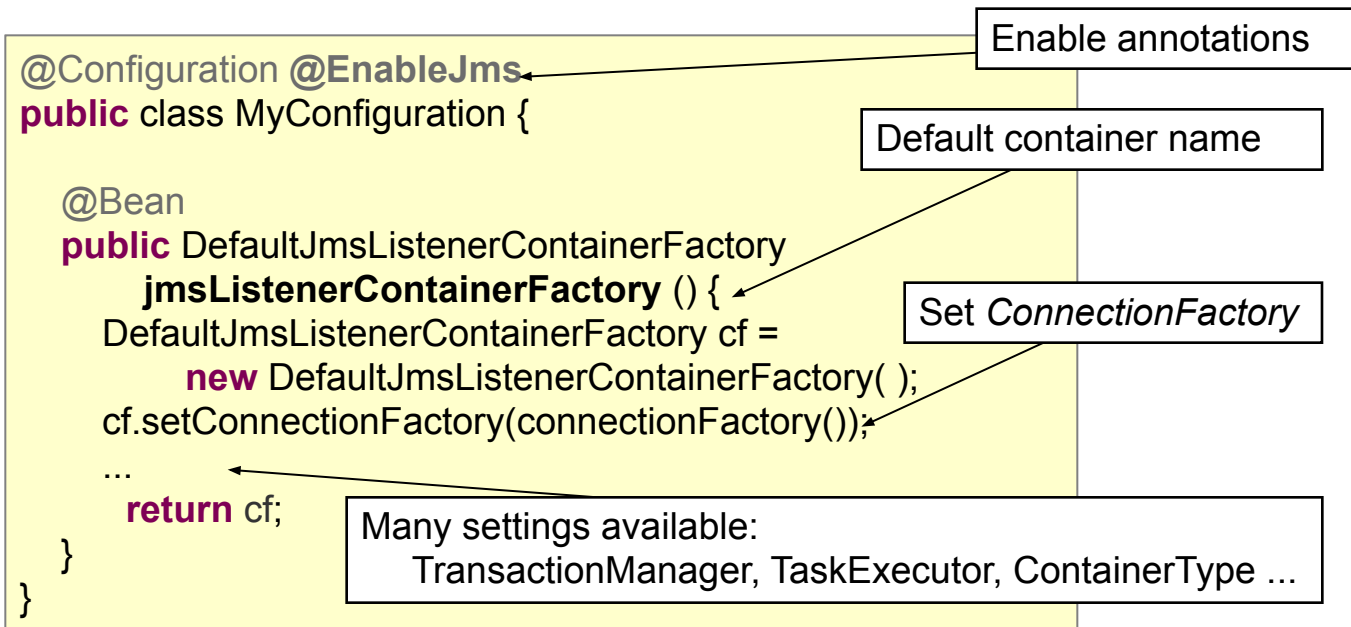
- Define as a Spring bean using XML, JavaConfig, or annotations as preferred
- `@JmsListener` enables a JMS message consumer for the method
- `@SendTo` defines response destination (optional)

## Step (2)

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### Define JmsListenerContainerFactory to use

- JmsListenerContainerFactory
  - Separates JMS API from your POJO:



## Step (3)

### Define Receiving Method with @JmsListener

- Container with name **jmsListenerContainerFactory** is used by default

```
public class OrderServiceImpl {  
    @JmsListener(containerFactory="myFactory",  
        destination="orderConfirmation")  
    public void process(OrderConfirmation o) { ... }  
}
```

- Can also set a custom concurrency or a payload selector

```
public class OrderServiceImpl {  
    @JmsListener(selector="type = 'Order'",  
        concurrency="2-10", destination = "order")  
    public OrderConfirmation order(Order o) { ... }  
}
```

# Using JMS: Pros and Cons

- Advantages
  - Application freed from messaging concerns
    - Resilience, guaranteed delivery (compare to REST)
  - Asynchronous support built-in
  - Interoperable – languages, environments
- Disadvantages
  - Requires additional third-party software
    - Can be expensive to install and maintain
  - More complex to use – *but not with JmsTemplate!*

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# ***Lab: Sending and Receiving Messages in a Spring Application***

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**Lab project:**  
**62-jms-spring**

**Anticipated Lab time:**  
**30 Minutes**