



AOP

Declaring Pointcuts

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In Spring AOP (Aspect-Oriented Programming), pointcut expressions define the join points **where** advice (cross-cutting concerns like logging, security, etc.) should be applied. These expressions use AspectJ syntax and can be defined using annotations or XML configurations in Spring Boot.

Official doc: [here](#)

execution kind pointcut

This is the most widely used pointcut expression. It allows you to target method executions in your classes.

```
@Before("execution(* com.codingshuttle.aopApp.services.*.*(..))")  
public void beforeMethod() {  
    // Advice code  
}
```

within kind pointcut

Use `within()` when you want to limit the advice to a particular class or package, without focusing on specific methods. This pointcut applies to any join point within the `com.codingshuttle.aopApp.services` package, including methods, fields, and constructors.

```
@Before("within(com.codingshuttle.aopApp.services.*)")  
public void logWithinServicePackage() {  
    // Advice code  
}
```

annotation kind pointcut

Use `@annotation()` when you want to apply advice to methods annotated with a particular annotation. You can also create your custom annotations for this pointcut.

```
@Before("@annotation(org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional)"  
public void logTransactionalMethods() {  
    // Advice code  
}
```

Pointcut declaration

The pointcut is defined separately using @Pointcut and then referenced by the advice annotations.

```
@Pointcut("execution(* com.example.service.*(..))")  
public void serviceMethods() {}
```

```
// Advice using the pointcut  
@Before("serviceMethods()")  
public void logBeforeMethod(JoinPoint joinPoint) {  
    System.out.println("Logging before method: " + joinPoint.getSignature())  
}
```

