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2 Bean Lifecycle

2.1 Overview

From a bird's eye, everything that happens before a bean is ready to use can be assigned to one of three phases (see fig. 1):

- Loading and maybe modifying bean definitions
- Instantiating beans
- Initializing beans

Figure 2 focuses on pre-initialization.
On the other hand, fig. 4 zooms in on post-instantiation.
See https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/spring-bean-life-cycle for code to display the order of invocations.

2.1.1 Load bean definitions, creating an ordered graph

In this step, all the configuration files – @Configuration classes or XML files – are processed. For annotation-based configuration, all the classes annotated with @Components are scanned to load the bean definitions.

Bean definitions are passed to a BeanFactory, each under its id and type. For example, ApplicationContext is a BeanFactory.

Then, BeanFactoryPostProcessors are run.

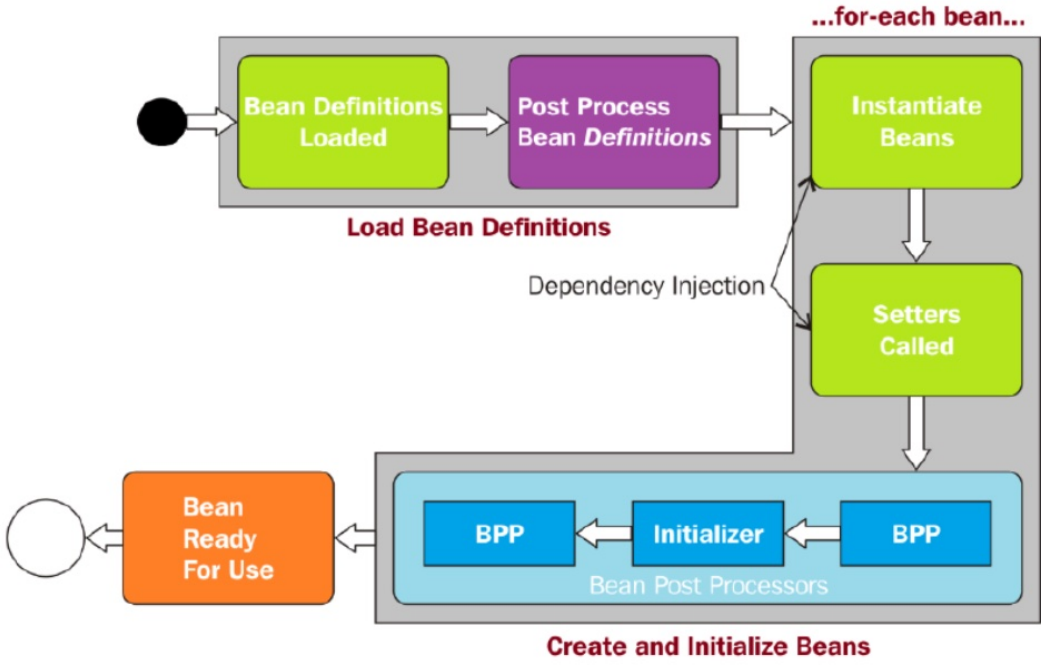


Figure 1: Lifecycle overview

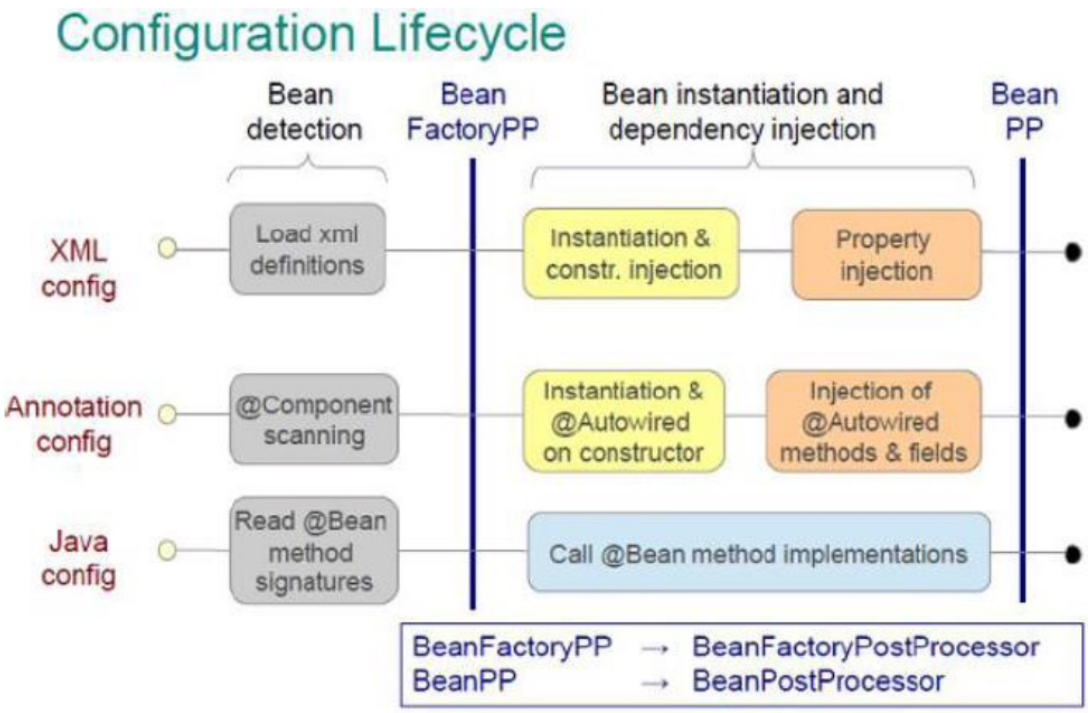


Figure 2: Zooming in on pre-instantiation

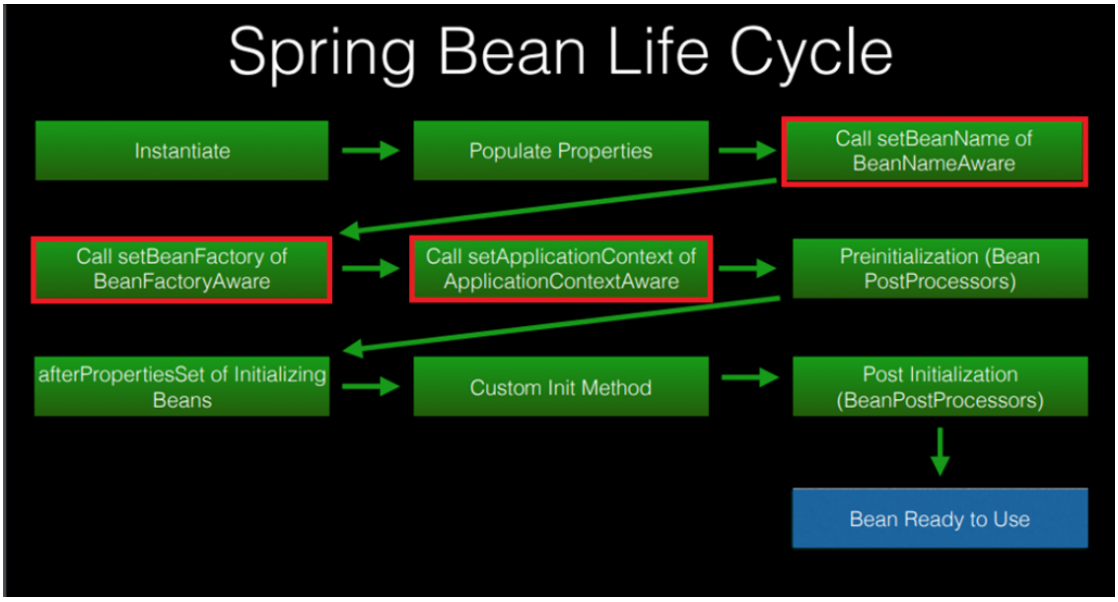


Figure 3: Zooming in on post-instantiation

2.1.2 Instantiate and run BeanFactoryPostProcessors

In a Spring application, a BeanFactoryPostProcessor can modify the definition of any bean. The BeanFactory object is passed as an argument to the postProcess() method of the BeanFactoryPostProcessor. BeanFactoryPostProcessor then works on the bean definitions or the configuration metadata of the bean before the beans are actually created. Spring provides several useful implementations of BeanFactoryPostProcessor, such as reading properties and registering a custom scope. We can write your own implementation of the BeanFactoryPostProcessor interface. To influence the order in which bean factory post processors are invoked, their bean definition methods may be annotated with the @Order annotation. If you are implementing your own bean factory post processor, the implementation class can also implement the Ordered interface.

2.1.3 Instantiate beans

Injects values and bean references into beans' properties.

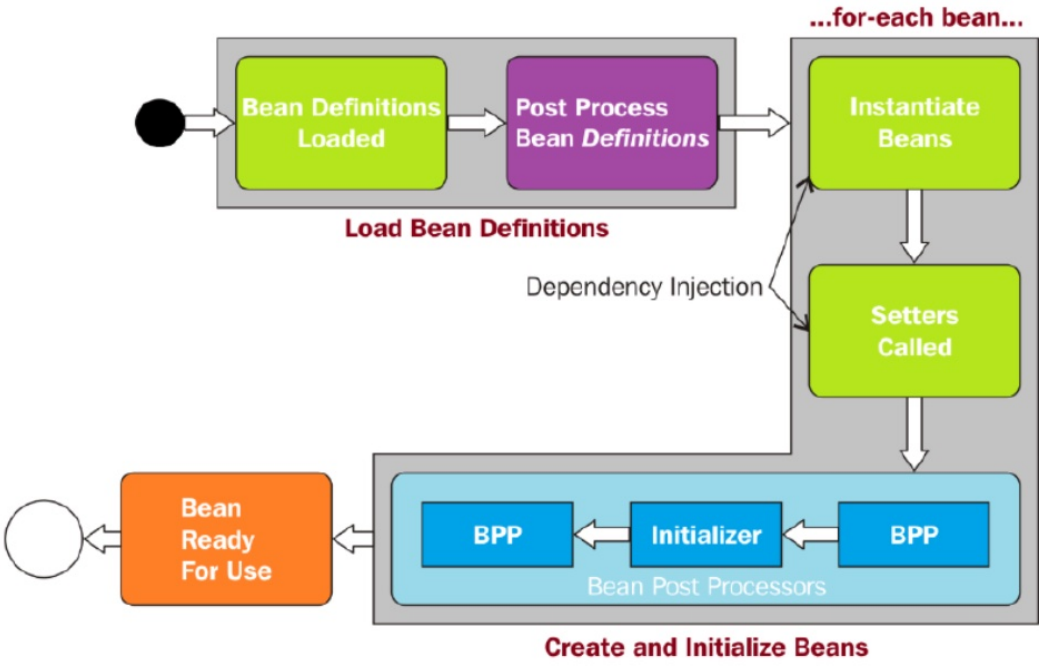


Figure 4:

2.1.4 Call BeanNameAware's setBeanName() for each bean implementing it

2.1.5 Call BeanFactoryAware's setBeanFactory() passing the bean factory for each bean implementing it

2.1.6 Call ApplicationContextAware's setApplicationContext for each bean implementing it

2.1.7 Before initialization: Run pre-initialization BeanPostProcessors

The Application context calls postProcessBeforeInitialization() for each bean implementing BeanPostProcessor.

```
1   public interface BeanPostProcessor {
2
3       /**
4       * Apply this {@code BeanPostProcessor} to the given
            new bean instance before any bean's
            initialization callbacks (like InitializingBean's
            afterPropertiesSet
5       * or a custom init-method).
6       **/
7       @Nullable
```

```
8         default Object
             postProcessBeforeInitialization(Object bean,
             String beanName) throws BeansException {
9             return bean;
10        }
11
12        /**
13        * Apply this {@code BeanPostProcessor} to the given
             new bean instance after any bean initialization
             callbacks (like InitializingBean's
             afterPropertiesSet
14        * or a custom init-method).
15        */
16        @Nullable
17        default Object postProcessAfterInitialization(Object
             bean, String beanName) throws BeansException {
18            return bean;
19        }
20    }
```

In postProcessBeforeInitialization and postProcessAfterInitialization, a bean implementing BeanPostProcessor can return anything it wants - even something completely different!

Figure 5 shows a no-op implementation.

2.1.8 Initialization: Call InitializingBean's afterPropertiesSet()

If a bean implements the InitializingBean interface, Spring calls its afterPropertiesSet() method. Used to initialize processes, load resources, etc. This approach is simple to use but it's not recommended because it will create tight coupling with the Spring framework in our bean implementations.

```
1 public interface InitializingBean {
2
3     /**
4     * Invoked by the containing BeanFactory after it has
         set all bean properties.
5     * This method allows the bean instance to perform
         validation of its overall configuration and final
         initialization when all bean properties have been
         set.
6     */
7     void afterPropertiesSet() throws Exception;
8
```

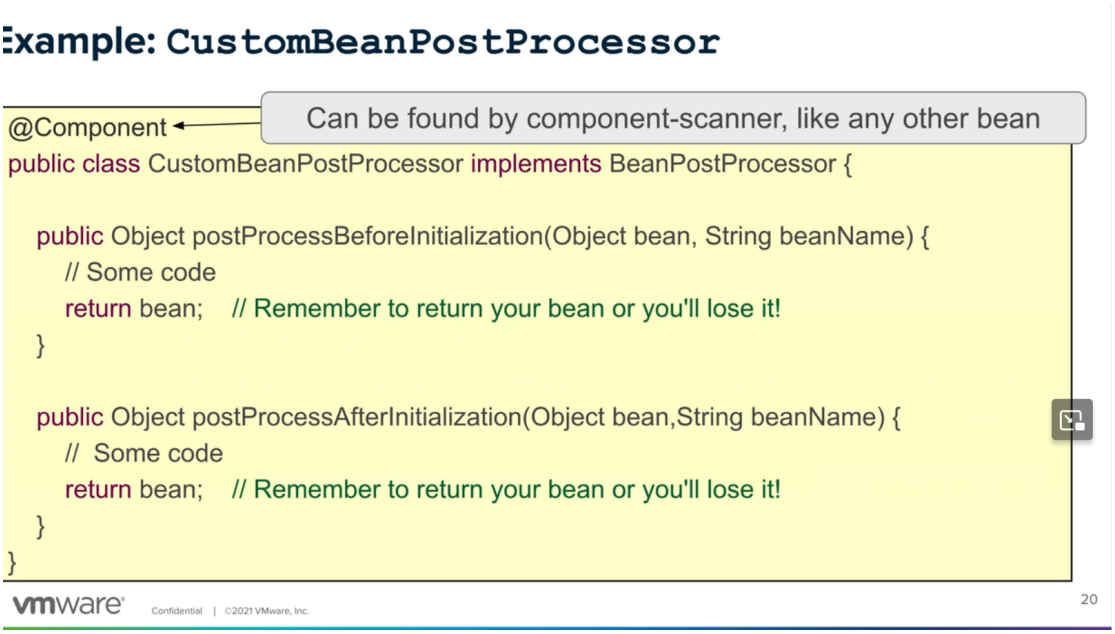


Figure 5: Custom bean postprocessor

```
9 }
```

2.1.9 Initialization: Init Method, @PostConstruct

Instead of implementing InitializingBean, you can use the init-method of the bean tag, the initMethod attribute of the @Bean annotation, and JSR 250's @PostConstruct annotation. Here we use the init-method attribute:

```
1     <bean name="myEmployeeService"
         class="com.journaldev.spring.service.MyEmployeeService"
2     init-method="init" destroy-method="destroy">
3     <property name="employee" ref="employee"></property>
4     </bean>
```

Using init-method is a solution when you don't own the class (and so, can't annotate it).

And here, the @PostConstruct annotation.

```
1     @PostConstruct
2     public void init(){
3         System.out.println("MyService init method called");
```

```
4     }
```

@PostConstruct and init-method are enabled by Spring's CommonAnnotationBeanPostProcessor. This is a BeanPostProcessor implementation that supports common Java annotations out of the box, in particular the JSR-250 annotations in the javax.annotation package.

It includes support for the javax.annotation.PostConstruct and javax.annotation.PreDestroy annotations - as init annotation and destroy annotation, respectively - through inheriting from InitDestroyAnnotationBeanPostProcessor with pre-configured annotation types.

```
1     public class CommonAnnotationBeanPostProcessor extends
          InitDestroyAnnotationBeanPostProcessor
2     implements InstantiationAwareBeanPostProcessor,
          BeanFactoryAware, Serializable {...}
```

2.1.10 After initialization: Run post-initialization BeanPostProcessors

The application context calls postProcessAfterInitialization() for each bean implementing BeanPostProcessor.

2.1.11 Bean ready to use

Your beans remain live in the application context until it is closed by calling the close() method of the application context.

2.1.12 Custom destruction

If a bean implements the DisposableBean interface, Spring calls its destroy() method to destroy any process or clean up the resources of your application. There are other methods to achieve this step-for example, you can use the destroy-method of the tag, the destroyMethod attribute of the '@Bean' annotation, and JSR 250's '@PreDestroy' annotation.

3 Dependency injection

Note: In addition to bean definitions that contain information on how to create a specific bean, the ApplicationContext implementations also permit the registration of existing objects that are created outside the container (by users).

This is done by accessing the ApplicationContext's BeanFactory through the `getBeanFactory()` method, which returns the `DefaultListableBeanFactory` implementation.

DefaultListableBeanFactory supports this registration through the `registerSingleton(..)` and `registerBeanDefinition(..)` methods.

3.1 Constructor-based

In the case of constructor-based dependency injection, the container will invoke a constructor with arguments each representing a dependency we want to set. This is the recommended way.

```
@Configuration
public class AppConfig {
    @Bean
    public Item item1() {
        return new ItemImpl1();
    }
    @Bean
    public Store store() {
        return new Store(item1());
    }
}
```

Resp.

```
<bean id="item1"
   class="org.baeldung.store.ItemImpl1" />
<bean id="store" class="org.baeldung.store.Store">
<constructor-arg type="ItemImpl1" index="0"
   name="item" ref="item1" />
</bean>
```

3.2 Method-based

For setter-based DI, the container will call setter methods of our class after invoking a no-argument constructor or no-argument static factory method to instantiate the bean.

```
@Bean
public Store store() {
    Store store = new Store();
    store.setItem(item1());
    return store;
}
```

Resp.

```
<bean id="store" class="org.baeldung.store.Store">
<property name="item" ref="item1" />
```

```
        </bean>
```

3.3 Field-based

In field-based DI, we can inject the dependencies by marking them with an @Autowired annotation. (This even works for private fields.) Field-based injection is not recommended - e.g., it makes testing harder.

```
public class Store {
    @Autowired // deprecated
    private Item item;
}
```

4 Configuration: Implicit vs. Explicit

Also referred to as Java-based (decoupled) and annotation-based.
with both types, bean naming works differently - see 7.

4.1 Java-based

Takes place completely in @Configuration classes. E.g.,

```
@Configuration
public class MyConfig {
@Bean
public AccountRepo AccountRepo(){}
}
```

4.2 Annotation-based

Bean definition and wiring take place completely in POJOs. For this to work, we need to enable component scanning.

```
@Configuration
@ComponentScan
public class MyConfig {}

@Component
public class AccountRepo {}
```

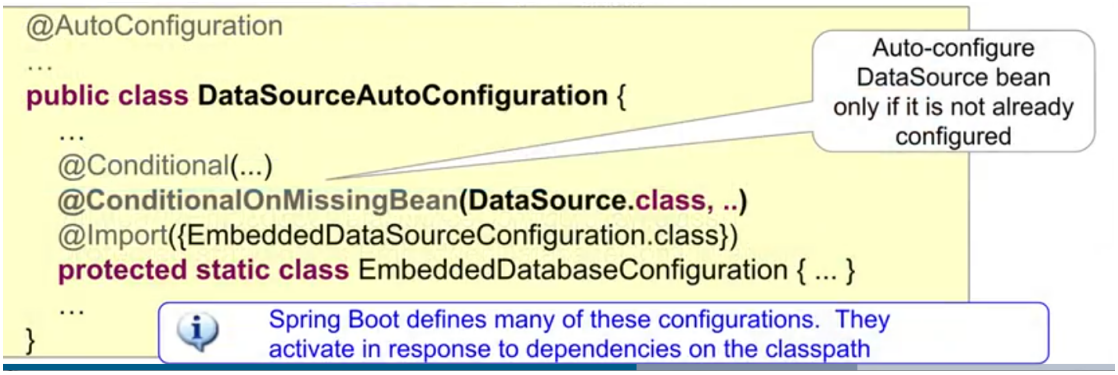


Figure 6: Spring's DataSourceAutoConfiguration class.

4.3 Spring Boot Auto-Configuration

When @EnableAutoConfiguration is present, beans annotated with @AutoConfiguration will be configured.

In spring-boot-autoconfigure.jar, /META-INF/spring/org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.AutoConf lists the classes by default autoconfigured by Spring.

Spring's DataSourceAutoConfiguration class is one example. See fig. 6.

5 Annotations

5.1 Annotations for dependency injection

5.1.1 @Autowired

@Autowired marks a dependency which Spring is going to resolve and inject. We can use this annotation with constructor, setter, or field injection. E.g.,

```
1         class Car {
2             @Autowired
3             Engine engine;
4         }
```

Starting with version 4.3, we don't need to annotate constructors with @Autowired explicitly unless we declare at least two constructors.

@Autowired matches by type. If there are several classes matching the required type (e.g., implementing the same interface), @Autowired needs to be supplemented by @Qualifier:

```
1         @Component("Repo1")
2         class Repo1 implements Repo {}
3
```

```
4          @Component("Repo2")
5          class Repo2 implements Repo {}
6
7          @Component
8          public class Service1 implements ServiceX {
9              public Service1(@Qualifier("Repo2") Repo){}
10
11         }
```

If there is no @Qualifier given, @Autowired looks for a bean annotated with @Primary. If none exists, Spring will match by bean name (= bean id).

Here, Spring will look for a bean named x:

```
1          // constructor injection
2          @Autowired
3          public MyBean(X x){}
4
5         // method injection
6         @Autowired
7         public setX(X x){}
8
9         // field injection
10        @Autowired
11        private X x;
```

5.1.2 @Bean

@Bean marks a factory method which instantiates a Spring bean.

```
1          @Bean
2          Engine engine() {
3              return new Engine();
4          }
```

Spring calls these methods when a new instance of the return type is required. All methods annotated with @Bean must be in @Configuration classes.

5.1.3 @Resource

The @Resource annotation matches by name, type, or qualifier (in this order). It is applicable to setter and field injection. Here's an example injecting a field. Note that the bean id and the corresponding reference attribute value must match:

```
    @Configuration
    public class MyAppContext {
        @Bean(name="namedFile")
        public File namedFile() {
            File namedFile = new File("namedFile.txt");
            return namedFile;
        }
    }

    @ContextConfiguration(
    loader=AnnotationConfigContextLoader.class,
    classes= MyAppContext.class)
    public class Xxx {
        @Resource(name="namedFile")
        private File defaultFile;
    }
```

5.1.4 @Inject

The @Inject annotation matches by type, qualifier, or name (in this order). It is applicable to setter and field injection. With @Inject, the class reference variable's name and the bean name don't have to match.

To use the @Inject annotation, declare the javax.inject library as a Gradle or Maven dependency.

```
    public class MyAppContext {
        @Bean
        // no bean name specified - method name is used
        public File getSomeFile() {
            File namedFile = new File("namedFile.txt");
            return namedFile;
        }
    }

    @ContextConfiguration(
    loader=AnnotationConfigContextLoader.class,
    classes= MyAppContext.class)
    public class Xxx {
        @Inject
        private File defaultFile;
    }
```

5.1.5 @Value

We can use @Value for injecting property values into beans. It's compatible with constructor, setter, and field injection. E.g.,

```
1         Engine(@Value("8") int cylinderCount) {
2             this.cylinderCount = cylinderCount;
3         }
```

This is an alternative to making explicit use of Spring's Environment bean. E.g.

```
1        public DataSource dataSource(
2         @Value("${db.driver}") String driver,
3         ...
4         )
5         }
```

5.1.6 @DependsOn

We can use this annotation to make Spring initialize other beans before the annotated one. Usually, this behavior is automatic, based on the explicit dependencies between beans. We only need this annotation when the dependencies are implicit, for example, JDBC driver loading or static variable initialization. E.g.,

```
1         @Bean
2         @DependsOn("fuel")
3         Engine engine() {
4             return new Engine();
5         }
```

5.1.7 @Lazy

This annotation behaves differently depending on where exactly we place it.

- In an @Bean-annotated bean factory method, it is used to delay the method call (hence the bean creation)
- With an @Configuration class, all contained @Bean methods will be affected
- For all other @Component classes, they will be initialized lazily when so annotated.
- @Autowired constructors, setters, and fields will be loaded lazily (via proxy).

```
@Configuration
@Lazy
class VehicleFactoryConfig {

    @Bean
    @Lazy(false)
    Engine engine() {
        return new Engine();
    }
}
```

5.1.8 @Scope

@Scope is used to define the scope of a @Component class or a @Bean definition. It can be either singleton, prototype, request, session, globalSession or some cust@Component.

5.2 Context Configuration Annotations

5.2.1 @Import

With @import, we can use specific @Configuration classes without component scanning.

```
@Import(VehiclePartSupplier.class)
class VehicleFactoryConfig {}
```

5.2.2 @ImportResource

We can import XML configurations with @ImportResource. We can specify the XML file locations with the locations argument, or with its alias, the value argument:

```
@Configuration
@ImportResource("classpath:/annotations.xml")
class VehicleFactoryConfig {}
```

5.2.3 @PropertySource

With this annotation, we define property files for application settings.

```
@Configuration
@PropertySource("classpath:/annotations.properties")
@PropertySource("classpath:/vehicle-factory.properties")
```

```
4         class VehicleFactoryConfig {}
```

These properties can be used by Spring's Environment bean, in addition to environment variables and Java system properties.

Allowed prefixes are classpath:, file:, and http:.

5.3 Bean annotations

5.3.1 @Profile

Profiles are a way to group bean definitions, for example:

- dev, test, prod environment
- jdbc, jpa [implementations]

The @Profile annotation may be used in any of the following ways:

- At class level in @Configuration classes.
- At class level in classes annotated with @Component or annotated with any other annotation that in turn is annotated with @Component.
- On methods annotated with the @Bean annotation.

To define alternative beans with different profile conditions, use distinct Java method names pointing to the same bean name via the @Bean name attribute:

```
1         @Bean("dataSource")
2         @Profile("development")
3         public DataSource standaloneDataSource(){
4
5         @Bean("dataSource")
6         @Profile("production")
7         public DataSource jndiDataSource() throws Exception
             {}
```

Spring uses two separate properties when determining which profiles are active, spring.profiles.active and spring.profiles.default:

- If spring.profiles.active is set, then its value determines which profiles are active.
- If spring.profiles.active isn't set, then Spring looks to spring.profiles.default.
- If neither spring.profiles.active nor spring.profiles.default is set, only those beans that aren't defined as being in a profile are created.

These properties can be set on the command line:

```
-Dspring.profiles.active=embedded.jpa
```

, programmatically:

```
System.setProperty("spring.profiles.active",
   "embedded.jpa");
```

, or via an annotation (@ActiveProfiles; integration tests only).

5.3.2 @ComponentScan

The @ComponentScan annotation is used together with @Configuration.

@ComponentScan can be used with and without arguments.

Without arguments, @ComponentScan tells Spring to scan the current package and all of its sub-packages.

With arguments, @ComponentScan tells which packages or classes to scan. E.g., specifying packages:

```
@Configuration
@ComponentScan(basePackages =
   "com.baeldung.annotations")
class VehicleFactoryConfig {}
```

Or else, specifying classes:

```
@Configuration
@ComponentScan(basePackageClasses =
   VehicleFactoryConfig.class)
class VehicleFactoryConfig {}
```

We can specify multiple package names, using spaces, commas, or semicolons as a separator.

```
@ComponentScan(basePackages =
   "springapp.animals;springapp.flowers")
@ComponentScan(basePackages =
   "animals,springapp.flowers")
@ComponentScan(basePackages = "springapp.animals
   springapp.flowers")
```

We could also apply a filter, choosing from a range of filter types. For example:

```
@ComponentScan(excludeFilters =
@ComponentScan.Filter(type=FilterType.REGEX,
pattern="com\\.baeldung\\.componentscan\\.springapp\\.flowers\\..*
```

Or:

```
@ComponentScan(excludeFilters =
@ComponentScan.Filter(type =
   FilterType.ASSIGNABLE\_TYPE, value = Rose.class))
```

5.3.3 @Component

@Component is a class-level annotation. During component scan, Spring automatically detects classes annotated with @Component.

```
@Component
class CarUtility {
    // ...
}
```

@Repository, @Service, @Configuration, and @Controller are all meta-annotations of (i.e., themselves annotated with) @Component. E.g.,

```
@Component
public @interface Service {}
```

Spring also automatically picks them up during the component scanning process.

5.3.4 @Repository

```
@Repository
class VehicleRepository {
    // ...
}
```

5.3.5 @Service

```
@Service
public class VehicleService {
    // ...
}
```

5.3.6 @Controller

```
@Controller
public class VehicleController {
    // ...
}
```

5.3.7 @Configuration

Configuration classes can contain bean definition methods annotated with @Bean.

```
@Configuration
class VehicleFactoryConfig {

    @Bean
    Engine engine() {
        return new Engine();
    }

}
```

5.4 Spring Boot Annotations

5.4.1 @SpringBootApplication

This is a combination of three annotations:

```
@Configuration
@EnableAutoConfiguration
@ComponentScan
```

5.4.2 @ConfigurationProperties

Helps keep configuration clean (see 7).

This annotation has to be enabled via one of:

- @EnableConfigurationProperties on the application class

```
@SpringBootApplication
@EnableConfigurationProperties(
   ConnectionSettings.class)
public class App {
    // ...
}
```

- @ConfigurationPropertiesScan on the application class

```
@SpringBootApplication
@ConfigurationPropertiesScan
public class App {
    // ...
}
```

- @Component on the configuration class

```
@Component
@ConfigurationProperties(prefix="...")
public class ConnectionSettings {
    // ...
}
```

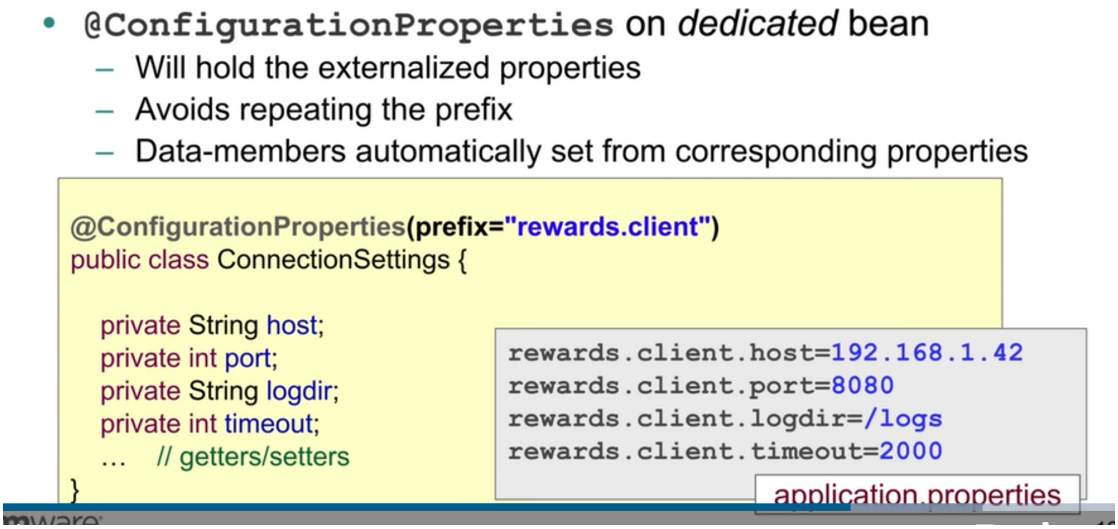
5.4.3 @ConditionalOnX

Determine what auto configuration does. For example: @ConditionalOnBean, @ConditionalOnMissingBean, @ConditionalOnClass, @ConditionalOnMissingClass, @ConditionalOnProperty.

For example, @Profile is such a condition.

5.4.4 RestController

Includes @Controller and @ResponseBody.



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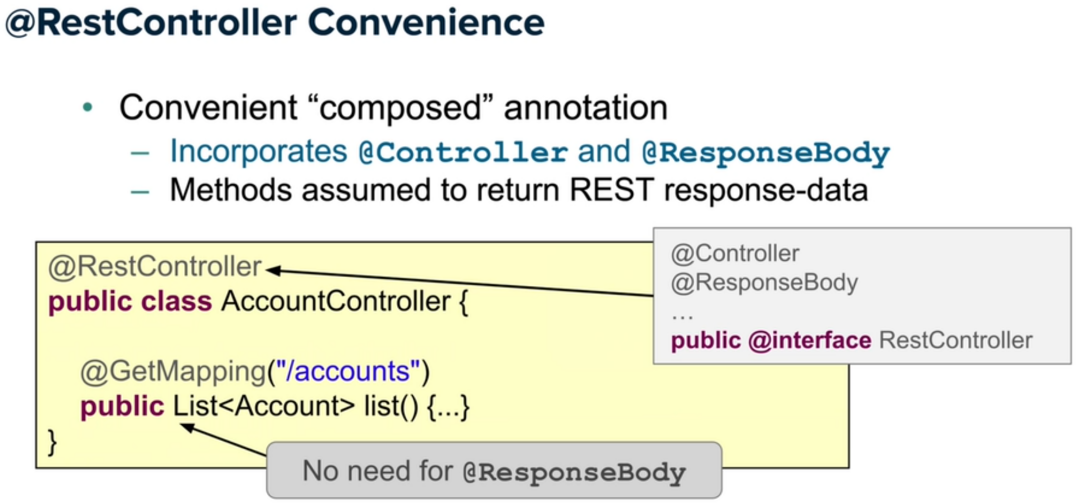

Figure 8: RestController convenience annotation.

5.4.5 Request URI Decomposition: @RequestParam, @PathVariable

Do implicit type conversion of arguments.

```
1     // localhost:8080/account?userid=12345
2     @GetMapping("/account")
3     public List<Account> list(@RequestParam("userid"} int
          userid) {}
4
5     // localhost:8080/accounts/12345
6     @GetMapping("/accounts/{accountId}")
7     public Account find (@PathVariable("accountId"} long
          id) {}
8
9     // if argument name is missing, will take from the
          mapping
10    // could also have
11
12    // localhost:8080/account?overdrawn=12345
13    @GetMapping("/account")
14    public List<Account> list(@RequestParam int overdrawn)
          {}
15
16    // localhost:8080/accounts/12345
17    @GetMapping("/accounts/{accountId}")
18    public Account find (@PathVariable long id) {}
19
20    // localhost:8080/accounts/12345?overdrawn=true
21    @GetMapping("/accounts/{accountId}")
22    public Account find (
23        @PathVariable long accountId,
24        @RequestParam boolean overdrawn
25    ) {}
```

5.4.6 @ResponseBody

Causes Java objects returned by the Controller to be processed by HttpMessageConverters in order to return information to the client in the form requested in the Accept header.

5.4.7 @ResponseStatus

Used to return a status other than 200.

```
        @ResponseStatus(HttpStatus.NO_CONTENT)
        public void updateOrder(...){}
```

5.4.8 @RequestBody

Used to extract the request body.

6 Aware Interfaces

Indicates that the bean is eligible to be notified by the Spring container through the callback methods. A typical use case for BeanNameAware could be acquiring the bean name for logging or wiring purposes. For the BeanFactoryAware it could be the ability to use a spring bean from legacy code. In most cases, we should avoid using any of the Aware interfaces, unless we need them. Implementing these interfaces will couple the code to the Spring framework.

6.1 BeanNameAware

Makes the object aware of the bean name defined in the container.

```
public class MyBeanName implements BeanNameAware {
    @Override
    public void setBeanName(String beanName) {
        System.out.println(beanName);
    }
}
@Configuration
public class Config {
    @Bean(name = "myCustomBeanName")
    public MyBeanName getMyBeanName() {
        return new MyBeanName();
    }
}
AnnotationConfigApplicationContext context
= new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext(Config.class);
MyBeanName myBeanName =
   context.getBean(MyBeanName.class);
```

6.2 BeanFactoryAware

Provides access to the BeanFactory which created the object.

```
1         public class MyBeanFactory implements
             BeanFactoryAware {
2             private BeanFactory beanFactory;
3             @Override
4             public void setBeanFactory(BeanFactory
                 beanFactory) throws BeansException {
5                 this.beanFactory = beanFactory;
6             }
7             public void getMyBeanName() {
8                 MyBeanName myBeanName =
                     beanFactory.getBean(MyBeanName.class);
9                 System.out.println(beanFactory.isSingleton("myCustomBeanNa
10            }
11        }
12        MyBeanFactory myBeanFactory =
             context.getBean(MyBeanFactory.class);
13        myBeanFactory.getMyBeanName();}
```

6.3 ApplicationContextAware

```
1         public class ApplicationContextAwareImpl implements
             ApplicationContextAware {
2             @Override
3             public void
                 setApplicationContext(ApplicationContext
                 applicationContext) throws BeansException {
4                 User user = (User)
                     applicationContext.getBean("user");
5                 System.out.println("User Id: " +
                     user.getUserId() + " User Name :" +
                     user.getName());}}
```

7 Bean Naming

7.1 Default Bean Naming

7.1.1 Class-level ("Annotation-based configuration")

For an annotation used at the class level (@Component, @Service, @Controller), Spring uses the class name and converts the first letter to lowercase. Custom names may be configured in the annotation's value attribute.

The type is determined from the annotated class, typically resulting in the actual implementation class.

```
1         @Service
2         public class LoggingService { // bean name =
              loggingService
3
4         }
```

7.1.2 Method-level ("Java configuration")

When in a @Configuration class we use the @Bean annotation on a method, Spring uses the method name for the bean name.

```
1         @Configuration
2         public class AuditConfiguration {
3             @Bean
4             public AuditService audit() {
5                 return new AuditService();
6             }
7         }
```

7.2 Custom naming

```
1         @Component("myBean")
2         public class MyCustomComponent {
3         }
```

Custom names may be configured in @Bean's value attribute.
The type is determined from the method return type, typically resulting in an interface.

7.3 Naming Beans With @Bean and @Qualifier

7.3.1 @Bean With Value

The @Bean annotation is applied at the method level, and by default, Spring uses the method name as a bean name. We can override this using the @Bean annotation.

```
1         @Configuration
2         public class MyConfiguration {
3             @Bean("beanComponent")
4             public MyCustomComponent myComponent() {
```

```
5                 return new MyCustomComponent();
6             }
7         }
```

7.3.2 @Qualifier With Value

We can also use the @Qualifier annotation to name the bean.

```
1         @Component
2         @Qualifier("cat")
3         public class Cat implements Animal {
4             @Override
5             public String name() {
6                 return "Cat";
7             }
8         }
9         @Component
10        @Qualifier("dog")
11        public class Dog implements Animal {
12            @Override
13            public String name() {
14                return "Dog";
15            }
16        }
17        @Service
18        public class PetShow {
19            private final Animal dog;
20            private final Animal cat;
21
22            public PetShow (@Qualifier("dog")Animal dog,
                 @Qualifier("cat")Animal cat) {
23                this.dog = dog;
24                this.cat = cat;
25            }
26            public Animal getDog() {
27                return dog;
28            }
29            public Animal getCat() {
30                return cat;
31            }
32        }
```

8 Spring Expression Language vs. Property Evaluation

Expressions in @Value annotations are of two types:

- Expressions starting with $. Such expressions reference a property name in the application's environment. These expressions are evaluated by the PropertySourcesPlaceholderConfigurer BeanFactoryPostProcessor prior to bean creation and can only be used in @Value annnotations.
- Expressions starting with #. These expressions are parsed by a SpEL expression parser, and are evaluated by a SpEL expression instance.

In some cases, both can be used. For example, property values by default are Strings, but may be converted to primitives implicitly. So, both of these work:

```
1         @Value("${daily.limit}")
2         int limit;
3
4         @Value("#{environment['daily.limit']}")
5         int limit;
```

But if computations are to be performed, or object types are required, SpEL has to be used:

```
1         // NO
2         @Value("${daily.limit} * 2")
3
4         // instead, do
5         @Value("#{new Integer(environment['daily.limit'])
             * 2")
```

To provide defaults, use a colon with property evaluation, and ?: in SpEL.

```
1         @Value("${daily.limit}: 1000")
2         int limit;
3
4         @Value("#{environment['daily.limit']} ?: 1000")
5         int limit;
```

In addition to application-defined beans, SpEL can make use of beans implicitly provided by Spring, namely environment, systemProperties, and systemEnvironment.

9 AOP in Spring

9.1 Core AOP Concepts

9.1.1 Join Point

A point during the execution of a program, such as the execution of a method or the handling of an exception.

In Spring AOP, a join point always represents a method execution.

9.1.2 Point Cut

An expression that selects one or more join points.

Although Spring supports various AspectJ pointcut designators, the most commonly used one is `execution`.

For this designator, the syntax pattern is as follows:

```
1     execution(
2     modifiers-pattern?
3     ret-type-pattern
4     declaring-type-pattern.?name-pattern(param-pattern)
5     throws-pattern?
6     )
```

All parts except the returning type pattern (ret-type-pattern in the preceding snippet), the name pattern, and the parameters pattern are optional.

- The returning type pattern determines what the return type of the method must be in order for a join point to be matched. * is most frequently used as the returning type pattern. It matches any return type. A fully-qualified type name matches only when the method returns the given type.
- The name pattern matches the method name. You can use the * wildcard as all or part of a name pattern. If you specify a declaring type pattern, include a trailing . to join it to the name pattern component.
- The parameters pattern is slightly more complex: () matches a method that takes no parameters, whereas (..) matches any number (zero or more) of parameters. The (*) pattern matches a method that takes one parameter of any type. (*,String) matches a method that takes two parameters. The first can be of any type, while the second must be a String.

Examples:

```
1 // The execution of any public method:
2 execution(public * *(..))
3
```

```
4 // The execution of any method with a name that begins with
      set:
5 execution(* set*(..))
6
7 // The execution of any method defined by the
      AccountService interface:
8 execution(* com.xyz.service.AccountService.*(..))
9
10 // The execution of any method defined in the service
      package:
11 execution(* com.xyz.service.*.*(..))
12
13 //The execution of any method defined in the service
      package or one of its sub-packages:
14 execution(* com.xyz.service..*.*(..))
15
16 // There is one directory between rewards and restaurant.
17 execution(* rewards.*.restaurant.*.*(..))
18
19 // There are 0 or more directories between rewards and
      restaurant.
20 execution(* rewards..restaurant.*.*(..))
21
22 // There must be at least 1 directory before restaurant.
23 // omitting the star is not allowed
24 execution(* *..restaurant.*.*(..))
25
26 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
      within the service package:
27 within(com.xyz.service.*)
28
29 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
      within the service package or one of its sub-packages:
30 within(com.xyz.service..*)
31
32 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
      where the proxy implements the AccountService interface:
33 this(com.xyz.service.AccountService)
34
35 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
      where the target object implements the AccountService
      interface:
36 target(com.xyz.service.AccountService)
37
```

```
38 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
       that takes a single parameter and where the argument
       passed at runtime is Serializable:
39 args(java.io.Serializable)
40
41 // Note that the pointcut given in this example is
       different from execution(* *(java.io.Serializable)). The
       args version matches if the argument passed at runtime
       is Serializable, and the execution version matches if
       the method signature declares a single parameter of type
       Serializable.
42
43 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
       where the target object has a @Transactional annotation:
44 @target(org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional)
45
46 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
       where the declared type of the target object has an
       @Transactional annotation:
47 @within(org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional)
48
49 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
       where the executing method has an @Transactional
       annotation:
50 @annotation(org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional)
51
52 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP)
       which takes a single parameter, and where the runtime
       type of the argument passed has the @Classified
       annotation:
53 @args(com.xyz.security.Classified)
54
55 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP) on
       a Spring bean named tradeService:
56 bean(tradeService)
57
58 // Any join point (method execution only in Spring AOP) on
       Spring beans having names that match the wildcard
       expression *Service:
59 bean(*Service)
```

9.1.3 Advice

Code to be executed at a particular join point. Types:

- Before-advice is executed before calling the target method.

```
1         @Before("execution(void set*(*))
```

- After-advice is executed after the target method, whatever its outcome.

```
1         @Before("execution(void set*(*))
```

- After-returning: executed after the target returns successfully. This advice will never execute if the target throws any exception. The return parameter also gives access to the returned object.

```
1         @AfterReturning(value="execution(*
             service..*(..))", return="reward")
2         public void audit(Join Point jp, Reward reward)
             {
3           auditService.logEvent(jp.getSignature() +
               ": " + reward.toString());
4         }
```

- After-throwing: executed after the target throws an exception. Also gives access to the exception.

```
1         // Repositories in any package
2         @AfterThrowing(value="execution(*
             *..Repository.*(..))", throwing="e")
3         // also have to match the type of the exception
4         public void report(JoinPoint jp,
             DataAccessException e) {
5         mailService.mailFailure(jp.getSignature(), e);
6         }
```

  While this advice cannot prevent an exception to be thrown, it can throw a more user-friendly exception instead:

```
1         @AfterThrowing(value="execution(*
             *..Repository.*(..))", throwing"e")
```

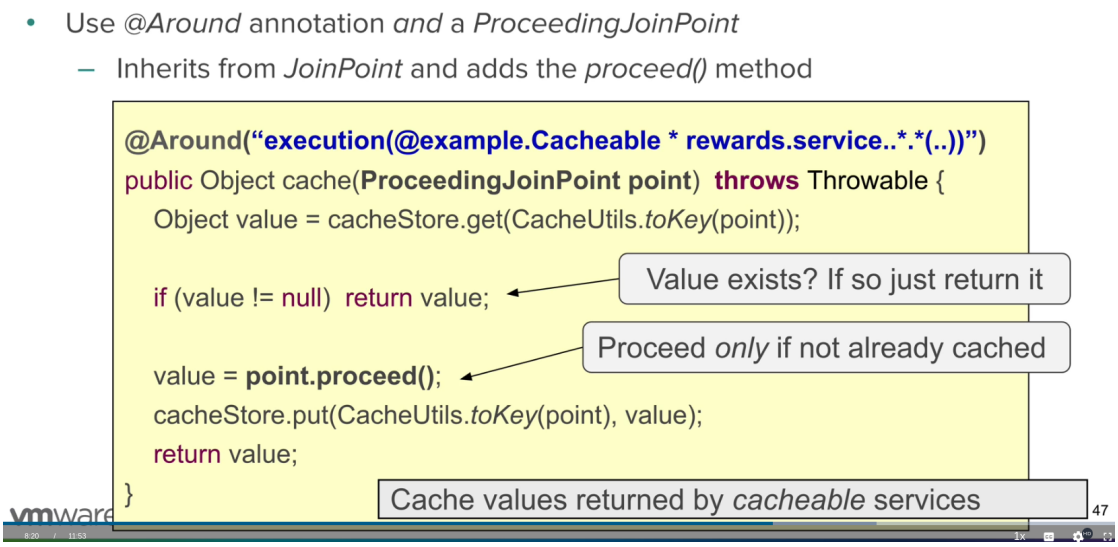

Figure 9: Around Advice

```
2         public void report(JoinPoint jp,
              DataAccessException e) {
3             mailService.mailFailure(jp.getSignature(),
                  e);
4             throw new RewardsException();
5         }
```

- Around: executed two times, before and after invocation of the target method. Must call proceed() to delegate to the target. See 9.

9.1.4 Aspect

The combination of point cut and advice. The @aspect annotation needs to be explicitly enabled by @EnableAspectJConfiguration set in the context (Config) class.

This will cause an extension of AbstractAutoProxyCreator to run, a BeanPostProcessor that wraps a bean with an AOP proxy. See 10.

An aspect can get context information by injecting the JoinPoint into the advice. See fig. 11.

```
1     public abstract class AbstractAutoProxyCreator extends
          ProxyProcessorSupport
2     implements SmartInstantiationAwareBeanPostProcessor,
          BeanFactoryAware {
3         //...
```

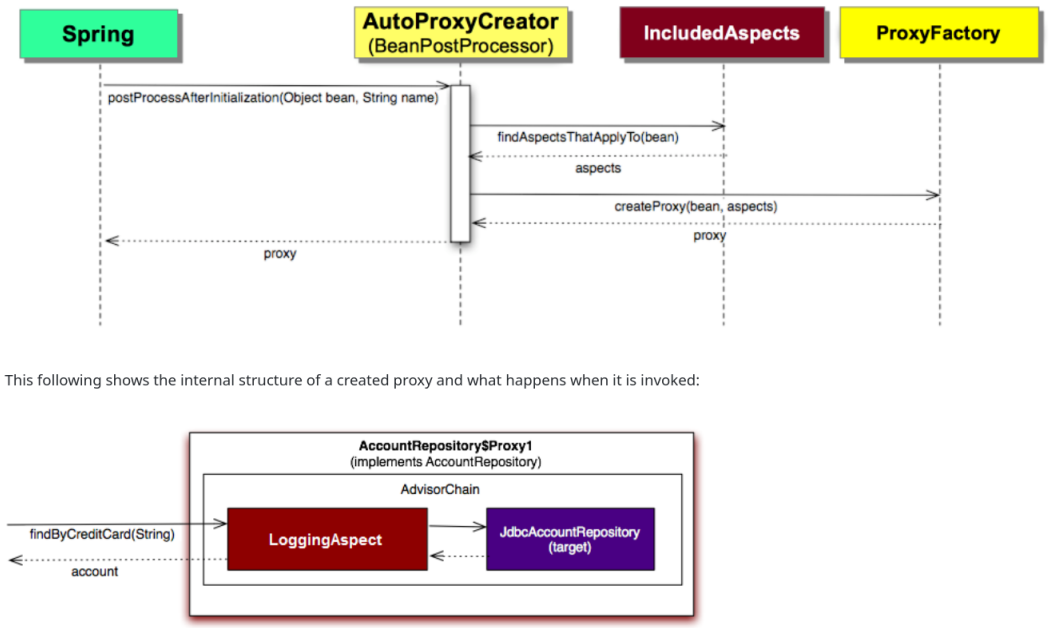

Figure 10: Proxy Creation.

Tracking Property Changes – With Context

```
@Aspect @Component
public class PropertyChangeTracker {
   private Logger logger = Logger.getLogger(getClass());

   @Before("execution(void set*(*))")
   public void trackChange(JoinPoint point) {
      String methodName = point.getSignature().getName();
      Object newValue = point.getArgs()[0];
      logger.info(methodName + " about to change to " +
                  newValue + " on " +
                  point.getTarget());
   }
}
```

`JoinPoint` parameter provides context about the intercepted point

toString() returns bean-name

Figure 11: Automatic JoinPoint injection

```
4
5           @Override
6           public Object
               postProcessBeforeInstantiation(Class<?>
               beanClass, String beanName) {
7               Object cacheKey = getCacheKey(beanClass,
                   beanName);
8
9               if (!StringUtils.hasLength(beanName) ||
                   !this.targetSourcedBeans.contains(beanName))
                   {
10                  if
                       (this.advisedBeans.containsKey(cacheKey))
                       {
11                      return null;
12                  }
13                  if (isInfrastructureClass(beanClass) ||
                       shouldSkip(beanClass, beanName)) {
14                      this.advisedBeans.put(cacheKey,
                           Boolean.FALSE);
15                      return null;
16                  }
17              }
18          }
19
20          @Override
21          public Object
               postProcessAfterInitialization(@Nullable Object
               bean, String beanName) {
22              if (bean != null) {
23                  Object cacheKey =
                       getCacheKey(bean.getClass(), beanName);
24                  if
                       (this.earlyProxyReferences.remove(cacheKey)
                       != bean) {
25                      return wrapIfNecessary(bean, beanName,
                           cacheKey);
26                  }
27              }
28              return bean;
29          }
30      }
```

9.1.5 More Terminology

Introduction Declaring additional methods or fields on behalf of a type. Spring AOP lets you introduce new interfaces (and a corresponding implementation) to any advised object. For example, you could use an introduction to make a bean implement an IsModified interface, to simplify caching. (An introduction is known as an inter-type declaration in the AspectJ community.)

Target object An object being advised by one or more aspects. Also referred to as the "advised object". Since Spring AOP is implemented by using runtime proxies, this object is always a proxied object.

AOP proxy An object created by the AOP framework in order to implement the aspect contracts (advice method executions and so on). In the Spring Framework, an AOP proxy is a JDK dynamic proxy or a CGLIB proxy.

Weaving Linking aspects with other application types or objects to create an advised object. This can be done at compile time (using the AspectJ compiler, for example), load time, or at runtime. *Spring AOP, like other pure Java AOP frameworks*, performs weaving at *runtime*.

9.2 AOP Proxies

Spring AOP defaults to using standard *JDK dynamic proxies* for AOP proxies. This enables any interface (or set of interfaces) to be proxied.

Spring AOP can also use CGLIB proxies. This is necessary to proxy classes rather than interfaces. By default, CGLIB is used if a business object does not implement an interface.

If the target object to be proxied implements at least one interface, a JDK dynamic proxy is used, and all of the interfaces implemented by the target type are proxied. If the target object does not implement any interfaces, a CGLIB proxy is created which is a runtime-generated subclass of the target type.

9.3 Implications of Using a Proxy

Here, we create an object instance that calls a method on itself (using this).

```
1     public class SimplePojo implements Pojo {
2
3         public void foo() {
4             // this next method invocation is a direct call
                  on the 'this' reference
5             this.bar();
6         }
7
8         public void bar() {
9             // some logic...
10        }
```

```
11      }
12
13      public class Main {
14
15          public static void main(String[] args) {
16              Pojo pojo = new SimplePojo();
17              // this is a direct method call on the 'pojo'
                    reference
18              pojo.foo();
19          }
20      }
```

When SimplePojo is proxied, the same call will not result in bar() being intercepted, since bar() is not called on the proxy, but the `this` reference the object has to itself.

```
1       public class Main {
2
3           public static void main(String[] args) {
4               ProxyFactory factory = new ProxyFactory(new
                    SimplePojo());
5               factory.addInterface(Pojo.class);
6               factory.addAdvice(new RetryAdvice());
7
8               Pojo pojo = (Pojo) factory.getProxy();
9               // this is a method call on the proxy!
10              pojo.foo();
11          }
12      }
```

9.4 Programmatic Creation of @AspectJ Proxies

In addition to declaring aspects in your xml configuration by using either aop:config or aop:aspectj-autoproxy, it is also possible to programmatically create proxies that advise target objects.

You can use the org.springframework.aop.aspectj.annotation.AspectJProxyFactory class to create a proxy for a target object that is advised by one or more @AspectJ aspects.

```
1       // create a factory that can generate a proxy for the
            given target object
2       AspectJProxyFactory factory = new
            AspectJProxyFactory(targetObject);
3
4       // add an aspect, the class must be an @AspectJ aspect
```

```
5     // you can call this as many times as you need with
          different aspects
6     factory.addAspect(SecurityManager.class);
7
8     // you can also add existing aspect instances, the type
          of the object supplied
9     // must be an @AspectJ aspect
10    factory.addAspect(usageTracker);
11
12    // now get the proxy object...
13    MyInterfaceType proxy = factory.getProxy();
```

10 JPA

10.1 Repository Query Language

Example (see https://docs.spring.io/spring-data/commons/reference/repositories/query-methods-details.html):

```
1   interface PersonRepository extends Repository<Person,
        Long> {
2
3       List<Person>
            findByEmailAddressAndLastname(EmailAddress
            emailAddress, String lastname);
4
5       // Enables the distinct flag for the query
6       List<Person>
            findDistinctPeopleByLastnameOrFirstname(String
            lastname, String firstname);
7       List<Person>
            findPeopleDistinctByLastnameOrFirstname(String
            lastname, String firstname);
8
9       // Enabling ignoring case for an individual property
10      List<Person> findByLastnameIgnoreCase(String
            lastname);
11      // Enabling ignoring case for all suitable properties
12      List<Person>
            findByLastnameAndFirstnameAllIgnoreCase(String
            lastname, String firstname);
13
14      // Enabling static ORDER BY for a query
```

```
15        List<Person>
             findByLastnameOrderByFirstnameAsc(String
             lastname);
16        List<Person>
             findByLastnameOrderByFirstnameDesc(String
             lastname);
17    }
```

10.2 Reserved Method Names

Reserved methods like CrudRepository.findById (or just findById) are targeting the identifier property regardless of the actual property name used in the declared method. Example:

```
1     class User {
2         //The identifier property (primary key).
3         @Id Long pk;
4
5         // A property named id, but not the identifier.
6         Long id;
7     }
8
9     interface UserRepository extends Repository<User, Long>
         {
10
11        // Targets the pk property (the one marked with @Id
             which is considered to be the identifier) as it
             refers to a CrudRepository base repository
             method.
12        Optional<User> findById(Long id);
13
14        // Targets the pk property by name as it is a
             derived query.
15        Optional<User> findByPk(Long pk);
16
17        // Targets the id property by using the descriptive
             token between find and by to avoid collisions
             with reserved methods.
18        Optional<User> findUserById(Long id);
19    }
```

10.3 Paging, Iterating Large Results, Sorting and Limiting

Spring recognizes certain specific types like Pageable, Sort and Limit, to apply pagination, sorting and limiting to your queries dynamically. Example:

```
1    Page<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Pageable
        pageable);
2
3    Slice<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Pageable
        pageable);
4
5    List<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Sort sort);
6
7    List<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Sort sort,
        Limit limit);
8
9    List<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Pageable
        pageable);
```

10.4 Repository Query Keywords

```
1    // General query method returning typically the
        repository type, a Collection or Streamable subtype
        or a result wrapper such as Page, GeoResults or any
        other store-specific result wrapper. Can be used as
        findBy..., findMyDomainTypeBy... or in combination
        with additional keywords.
2    find...By, read...By, get...By, query...By,
        search...By, stream...By
3
4    // Exists projection, returning typically a boolean
        result.
5    exists...By
6
7    // Count projection returning a numeric result.
8    count...By
9
10   //  Delete query method returning either no result
        (void) or the delete count.
11   delete...By, remove...By
12
13   //  Limit the query results to the first <number> of
        results. This keyword can occur in any place of the
```

```
        subject between find (and the other keywords) and by.
14      ...First<number>..., ...Top<number>...
15
16      //  Use a distinct query to return only unique results.
            Consult the store-specific documentation whether
            that feature is supported. This keyword can occur in
            any place of the subject between find (and the other
            keywords) and by.
17      ...Distinct...
```

10.5 Supported query method predicate keywords and modifiers

Logical keyword	Keyword expressions
AND	And
OR	Or
AFTER	After, IsAfter
BEFORE	Before, IsBefore
CONTAINING	Containing, IsContaining, Contains
BETWEEN	Between, IsBetween
ENDING_WITH	EndingWith, IsEndingWith, EndsWith
EXISTS	Exists
FALSE	False, IsFalse
GREATER_THAN	GreaterThan, IsGreaterThan
GREATER_THAN_EQUALS	GreaterThanEqual, IsGreaterThanEqual
IN	In, IsIn
IS	Is, Equals, (or no keyword)
IS_EMPTY	IsEmpty, Empty
IS_NOT_EMPTY	IsNotEmpty, NotEmpty
IS_NOT_NULL	NotNull, IsNotNull
IS_NULL	Null, IsNull
LESS_THAN	LessThan, IsLessThan
LESS_THAN_EQUAL	LessThanEqual, IsLessThanEqual
LIKE	Like, IsLike
NEAR	Near, IsNear
NOT	Not, IsNotNOT_INNotIn, IsNotIn
NOT_LIKE	NotLike, IsNotLike
REGEX	Regex, MatchesRegex, Matches
STARTING_WITH	StartingWith, IsStartingWith, StartsWith
TRUE	True, IsTrue
WITHIN	Within, IsWithin

In addition to filter predicates, the following list of modifiers is supported:

- IgnoreCase, IgnoringCase
- AllIgnoreCase, AllIgnoringCase
- OrderBy... (e. g. OrderByFirstnameAscLastnameDesc).

11 Programmatic Transaction Management

Instead of using the @Transaction annotation, transactions can be managed programmatically using TransactionTemplate.

To be used, it needs to be initialized it with a PlatformTransactionManager.

Example:

```
1   class ManualTransactionIntegrationTest {
2
3       @Autowired
4       private PlatformTransactionManager
           transactionManager;
5
6       private TransactionTemplate transactionTemplate;
7
8       @BeforeEach
9       void setUp() {
10          transactionTemplate = new
               TransactionTemplate(transactionManager);
11      }
12
13      // omitted
14  }
```

When using Spring Boot, an appropriate bean of type PlatformTransactionManager will be automatically registered, so we just need to inject it. Otherwise, we have to manually register a PlatformTransactionManager bean.

The correct order of operations when using TransactionTemplate in programmatic transaction management is:

- begin transaction
- execute callback (which contains the transactional code)
- commit transaction if the callback executes successfully
- rollback transaction if an exception occurs during callback execution

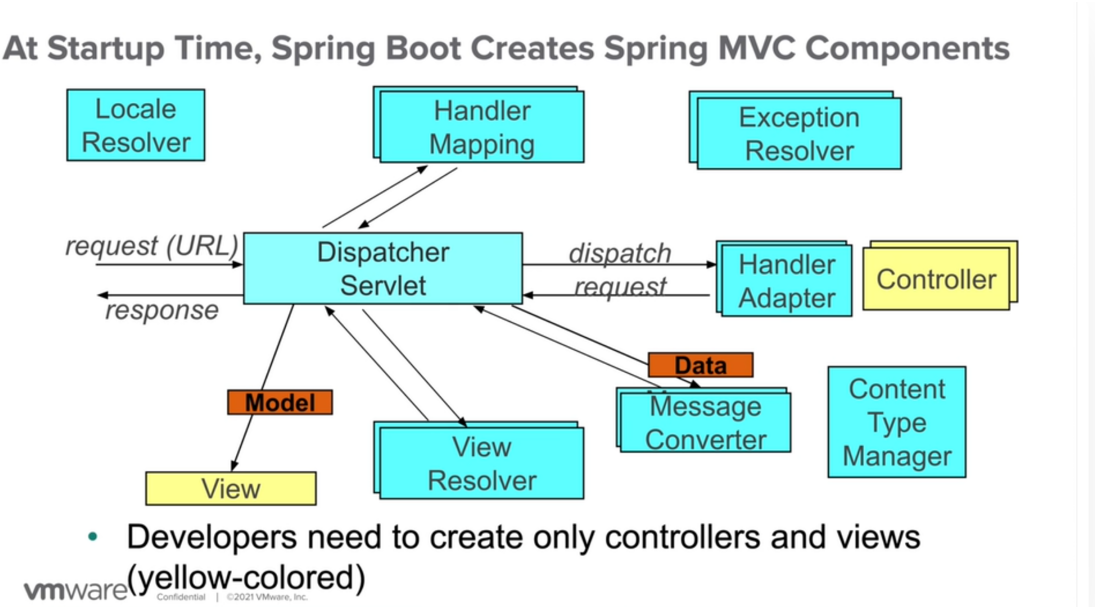

Figure 12: Spring Boot Web Architecture Overview

12 Spring Boot Web

Architecture Overview (see 12):

13 Spring Security

13.1 Overview

Architecture Overview (see 13):

13.2 Filter Chain

Overview (see 14):
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13.3 Authentication

Overview (see 16):

13.4 Authorization

All Authentication implementations store a list of GrantedAuthority objects. These represent the authorities that have been granted to the principal. The GrantedAuthority objects are inserted into the Authentication object by the AuthenticationManager and are later read by AuthorizationManager instances when making authorization decisions.

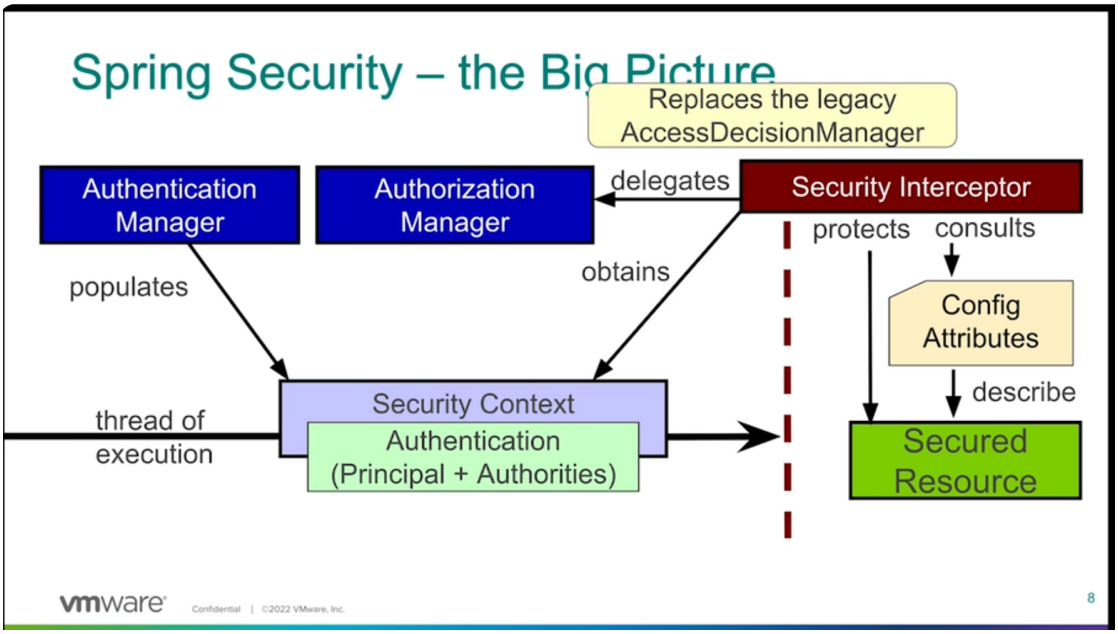

Figure 13: Spring Security Architecture Overview

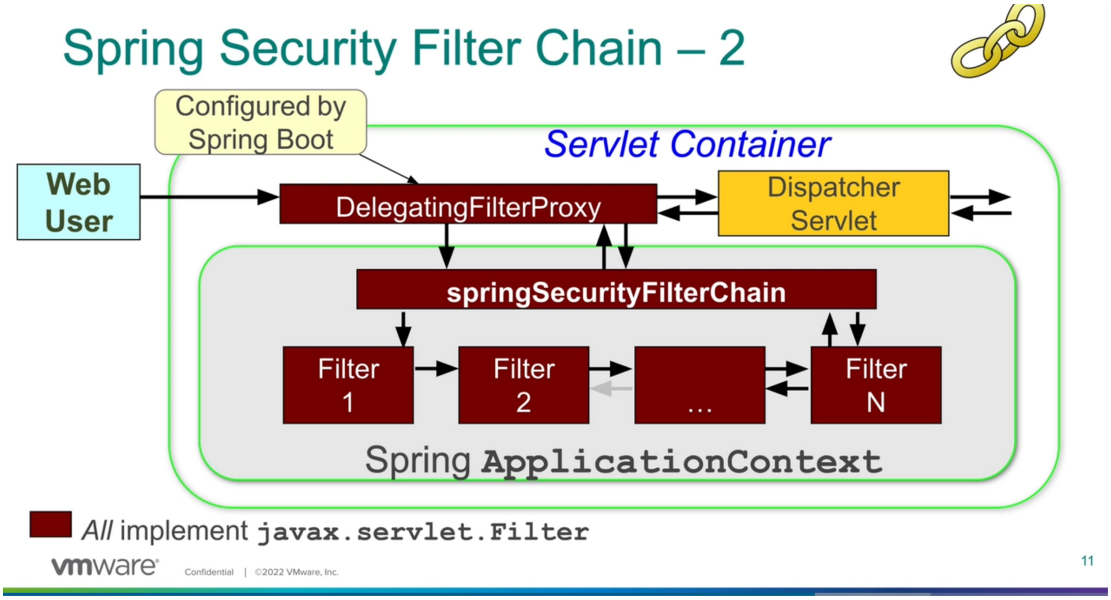

Figure 14: Spring Security Filter Chain

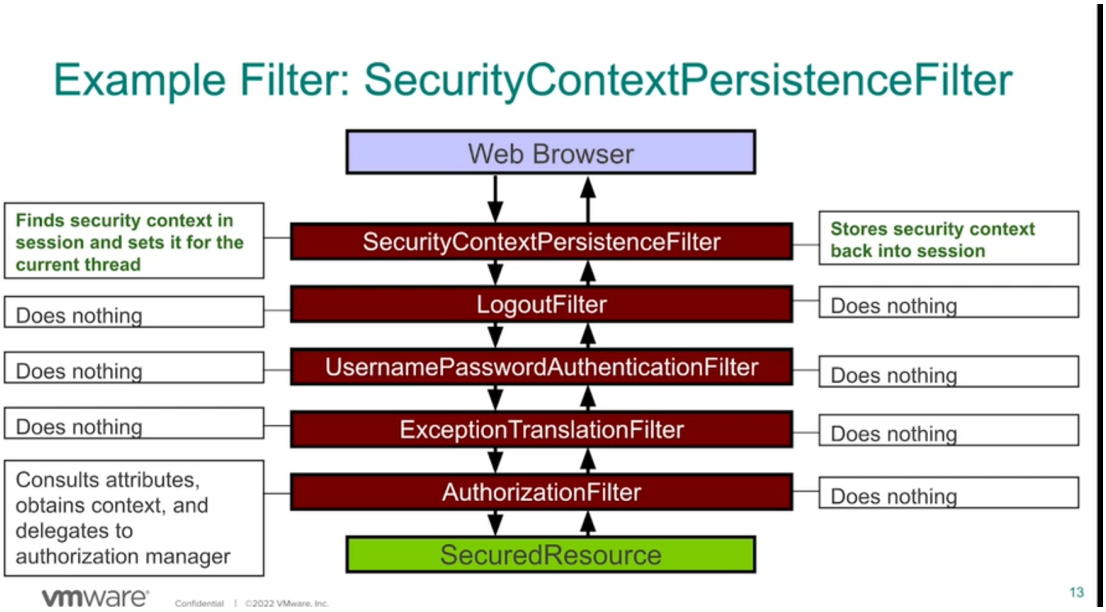

Figure 15: Example Filter Chain

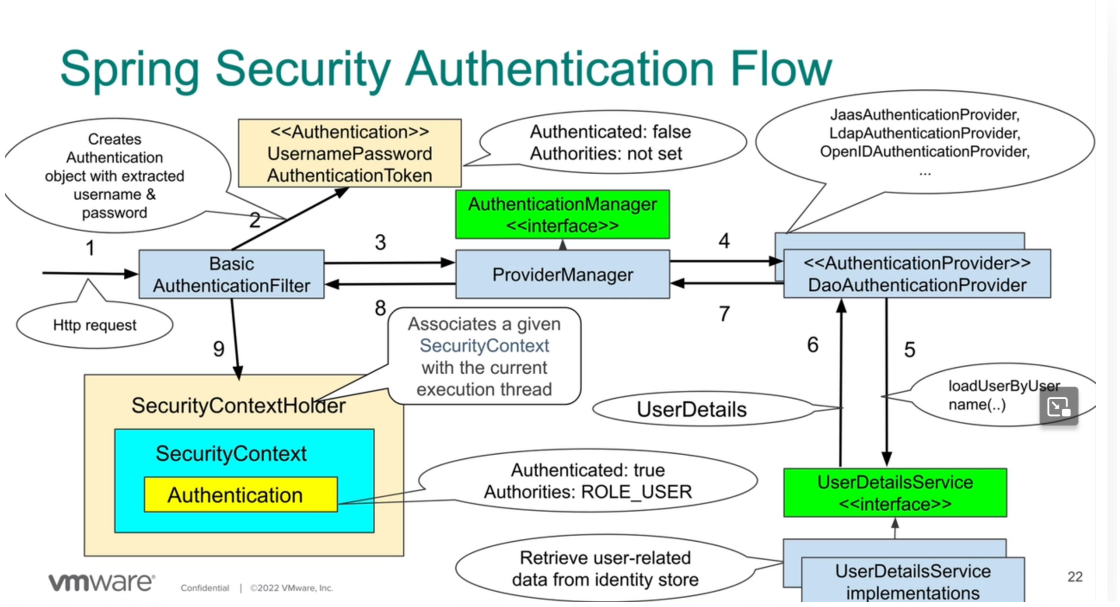

Figure 16: Spring Security Filter Chain

The GrantedAuthority interface has only one method:

```
String getAuthority();
```

String getAuthority();

This method is used by an AuthorizationManager instance to obtain a precise String representation of the GrantedAuthority.

Spring Security includes one concrete GrantedAuthority implementation: SimpleGrantedAuthority. All AuthenticationProvider instances included with the security architecture use SimpleGrantedAuthority to populate the Authentication object.

By default, role-based authorization rules include ROLE_ as a prefix. You can customize this with GrantedAuthorityDefaults.

You can configure the authorization rules to use a different prefix by exposing a GrantedAuthorityDefaults bean, like so:

```
@Bean
static GrantedAuthorityDefaults
   grantedAuthorityDefaults() {
    return new GrantedAuthorityDefaults("MYPREFIX_");
}
```

You expose GrantedAuthorityDefaults using a static method to ensure that Spring publishes it before it initializes Spring Security's method security @Configuration classes.

13.4.1 Invocation Handling

Spring Security provides interceptors that control access to secure objects, such as method invocations or web requests. A pre-invocation decision on whether the invocation is allowed to proceed is made by AuthorizationManager instances. Also post-invocation decisions on whether a given value may be returned is made by AuthorizationManager instances.

AuthorizationManagers are called by Spring Security's request-based, method-based, and message-based authorization components and are responsible for making final access control decisions.

The AuthorizationManager interface contains two methods:

```
AuthorizationDecision check(Supplier<Authentication>
   authentication, Object secureObject);

default void verify(Supplier<Authentication>
   authentication, Object secureObject)
throws AccessDeniedException {
    // ...
```

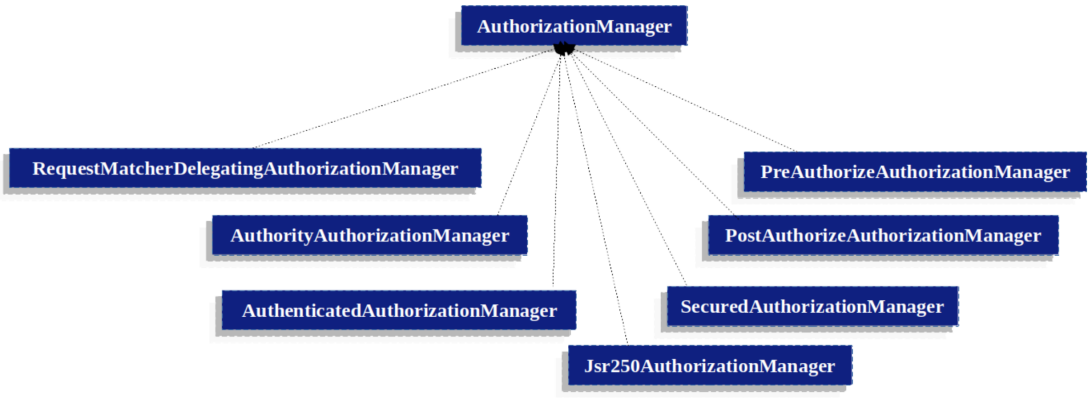

Figure 17: Spring Security Filter Chain

```
6       }
```

The AuthorizationManager's check method is passed all the relevant information it needs in order to make an authorization decision. In particular, passing the secure Object enables those arguments contained in the actual secure object invocation to be inspected. For example, let's assume the secure object was a MethodInvocation. It would be easy to query the MethodInvocation for any Customer argument, and then implement some sort of security logic in the AuthorizationManager to ensure the principal is permitted to operate on that customer. Implementations are expected to return a positive AuthorizationDecision if access is granted, negative AuthorizationDecision if access is denied, and a null AuthorizationDecision when abstaining from making a decision.

verify calls check and subsequently throws an AccessDeniedException in the case of a negative AuthorizationDecision.

Here is an overview of AuthorizationManager implementations: see 17.

13.4.2 Method Security

Spring Security also supports modeling at the method level.

You can activate it in your application by annotating any @Configuration class with @EnableMethodSecurity or adding ¡method-security¿ to any XML configuration file. (Note: Spring Boot Starter Security does not activate method-level authorization by default.)

Then, you are immediately able to annotate any Spring-managed class or method with @PreAuthorize, @PostAuthorize, @PreFilter, and @PostFilter to authorize method invocations, including the input parameters and return values.

Spring Security's method authorization support is handy for:

- Extracting fine-grained authorization logic; for example, when the method parameters and return values contribute to the authorization decision.

- Enforcing security at the service layer.
- Stylistically favoring annotation-based over HttpSecurity-based configuration.

And since Method Security is built using Spring AOP, you have access to all its expressive power to override Spring Security's defaults as needed.

Example:

```
1   @Service
2   public class MyCustomerService {
3       @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('permission:read')")
4       @PostAuthorize("returnObject.owner ==
            authentication.name")
5       public Customer readCustomer(String id) { ... }
6   }
```

14 Spring Testing: MockMvc

The Spring MVC Test framework, also known as MockMvc, aims to provide more complete testing for Spring MVC controllers without a running server. It does that by invoking the DispatcherServlet and passing "mock" implementations of the Servlet API from the spring-test module which replicates the full Spring MVC request handling without a running server.

14.1 Implications

As opposed to @SpringBootTest, MockMvc is built on Servlet API mock implementations from the spring-test module and does not rely on a running container.

MockMvc starts out with a blank MockHttpServletRequest. Whatever is added to it is what the request becomes. There is no jsessionid cookie; no forwarding, error, or async dispatches; and no JSP rendering. Instead, "forwarded" and "redirected" URLs are saved in the MockHttpServletResponse and can be *asserted with expectations*.

This means that, if you use JSPs, you can verify the JSP page to which the request was forwarded, but no HTML is rendered. In other words, the JSP is not invoked. Note, however, that all other rendering technologies that do not rely on forwarding, such as Thymeleaf and Freemarker, render HTML to the response body as expected. The same is true for rendering JSON, XML, and other formats through @ResponseBody methods.

14.2 Static imports

When using MockMvc directly to perform requests, the following static imports are needed:

- MockMvcBuilders.*

- MockMvcRequestBuilders.*
- MockMvcResultMatchers.*
- MockMvcResultHandlers.*

14.3 Setup

MockMvc can be setup in one of two ways. One is to point directly to the controllers you want to test and programmatically configure Spring MVC infrastructure. Example:

```
1   class MyWebTests {
2
3       MockMvc mockMvc;
4
5       @BeforeEach
6       void setup() {
7           this.mockMvc =
               MockMvcBuilders.standaloneSetup(new
               AccountController()).build();
8       }
9
10      // ...
11
12  }
```

The second is to point to Spring configuration with Spring MVC and controller infrastructure in it.

```
1   @SpringJUnitWebConfig(locations =
       "my-servlet-context.xml")
2   class MyWebTests {
3
4       MockMvc mockMvc;
5
6       @BeforeEach
7       void setup(WebApplicationContext wac) {
8           this.mockMvc =
               MockMvcBuilders.webAppContextSetup(wac).build();
9       }
10
11      // ...
12
13  }
```

14.4 Queries with MockMvc

Example queries using MockMvc:

```
1   mockMvc.perform(post("/hotels/{id}",
        42).accept(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON));
2
3   // a file upload request that internally uses
        MockMultipartHttpServletRequest
4   mockMvc.perform(multipart("/doc").file("a1",
        "ABC".getBytes("UTF-8")));
5
6   // specifying query parameters in URI template style
7   mockMvc.perform(get("/hotels?thing={thing}",
        "somewhere"));
8
9   // adding Servlet request parameters that represent
        either query or form parameters
10  mockMvc.perform(get("/hotels").param("thing",
        "somewhere"));
```

15 Testing with Spring Boot

Test support is provided by two modules: spring-boot-test contains core items, and spring-boot-test-autoconfigure supports auto-configuration for tests.

spring-boot-starter-test imports both Spring Boot test modules as well as JUnit Jupiter, AssertJ, Hamcrest, and a number of other useful libraries. Precisely:

- JUnit 5: The de-facto standard for unit testing Java applications.
- Spring Test and Spring Boot Test: Utilities and integration test support for Spring Boot applications.
- AssertJ: A fluent assertion library.
- Hamcrest: A library of matcher objects (also known as constraints or predicates).
- Mockito: A Java mocking framework.
- JSONassert: An assertion library for JSON.
- JsonPath: XPath for JSON.
- Awaitility: A library for testing asynchronous systems.

By default, @SpringBootTest will not start a server. You can use the webEnvironment attribute of @SpringBootTest to further refine how your tests run:

- MOCK(Default) : Loads a web ApplicationContext and provides a mock web environment. Embedded servers are not started when using this annotation. If a web environment is not available on your classpath, this mode transparently falls back to creating a regular non-web ApplicationContext. It can be used in conjunction with @AutoConfigureMockMvc or @AutoConfigureWebTestClient for mock-based testing of your web application.
- RANDOM_PORT: Loads a WebServerApplicationContext and provides a real web environment. Embedded servers are started and listen on a random port.
- DEFINED_PORT: Loads a WebServerApplicationContext and provides a real web environment. Embedded servers are started and listen on a defined port (from your application.properties) or on the default port of 8080.
- NONE: Loads an ApplicationContext by using SpringApplication but does not provide any web environment (mock or otherwise).

15.1 Test Configuration

In Spring testing in general, we use @ContextConfiguration(classes=...) in order to specify which Spring @Configuration to load. When testing Spring Boot applications, this is often not required. Spring Boot's @*Test annotations search for the primary configuration automatically.

The search algorithm works up from the package that contains the test until it finds a class annotated with @SpringBootApplication or @SpringBootConfiguration.

To customize the primary configuration, one can use a nested @TestConfiguration class. Unlike a nested @Configuration class, which would be used instead of the application's primary configuration, a nested @TestConfiguration class is used in addition to the primary configuration.

15.2 Testing With a Mock Environment

By default, @SpringBootTest does not start the server but instead sets up a mock environment for testing web endpoints.

With Spring MVC, we can query our web endpoints using MockMvc or WebTestClient, as shown in the following example:

```
1     @SpringBootTest
2     @AutoConfigureMockMvc
3     class MyMockMvcTests {
4
5         @Test
```

```
6         void testWithMockMvc(@Autowired MockMvc mvc) throws
              Exception {
7             mvc.perform(get("/")).andExpect(status().isOk()).andExpect(con
                  World"));
8         }
9
10        // If Spring WebFlux is on the classpath, you can
              drive MVC tests with a WebTestClient
11        @Test
12        void testWithWebTestClient(@Autowired WebTestClient
              webClient) {
13            webClient
14            .get().uri("/")
15            .exchange()
16            .expectStatus().isOk()
17            .expectBody(String.class).isEqualTo("Hello
                  World");
18        }
19
20    }
```

15.3 Auto-configured Spring MVC Tests

To test whether Spring MVC controllers are working as expected, use the @WebMvcTest annotation.

@WebMvcTest auto-configures the Spring MVC infrastructure and limits scanned beans to @Controller, @ControllerAdvice, @JsonComponent, Converter, GenericConverter, Filter, HandlerInterceptor, WebMvcConfigurer, WebMvcRegistrations, and HandlerMethodArgumentResolver.

Regular @Component and @ConfigurationProperties beans are not scanned when the @WebMvcTest annotation is used. @EnableConfigurationProperties can be used to include @ConfigurationProperties beans.

Often, @WebMvcTest is limited to a single controller and is used in combination with @MockBean to provide mock implementations for required collaborators.

@WebMvcTest also auto-configures MockMvc.

16 Mocking in detail: @Mock vs. @MockBean

@Mock is an annotation provided by the Mockito library. It is used to create mock objects for dependencies that are not part of the Spring context.

The @Mock annotation is typically used in conjunction with the MockitoJUnitRunner or MockitoExtension to initialize the mock objects.

Example:

```
import static org.mockito.Mockito.*;

@RunWith(MockitoJUnitRunner.class)
public class UserServiceTest {

    @Mock
    private UserRepository userRepository;

    // inject mock objects into UserService
    @InjectMocks
    private UserService userService;

    @Test
    public void testGetUserById() {
        // Given
        User mockedUser = new User("John", "Doe", 25);
        when(userRepository.findById(1L)).thenReturn(
            Optional.of(mockedUser));

        // When
        User result = userService.getUserById(1L);

        // Then
        assertNotNull(result);
        assertEquals("John", result.getFirstName());

        // Verify that the findById method was called
        verify(userRepository).findById(1L);
    }
}
```

In contrast, @MockBean is a Spring Boot-specific annotation provided by the Spring Boot Test module. It is used to create mock objects for dependencies that are part of the Spring context. Example:

```
@SpringBootTest
public class UserServiceIntegrationTest {

    @Autowired
    private UserService userService;

    @MockBean
```

```
8         private UserRepository userRepository;
9
10        @Test
11        public void testGetUserById() {
12            // same as above
13        }
14    }
```

Key differences:

- @Mock can only be applied to fields and parameters, whereas @MockBean can only be applied to classes and fields.
- @Mock can be used to mock any Java class or interface while @MockBean only allows for mocking of Spring beans or creation of mock Spring beans. It can be used to mock existing beans, but also to create new beans that will belong to the Spring application context.
- To be able to use the @MockBean annotation, the Spring runner (@RunWith(SpringRunner.class)) is used, whereas @Mock is used with MockitoJUnitRunner.
- @MockBean can be used to create custom annotations for specific, reoccurring, needs.

Both @Mock and @MockBean are included in spring-boot-starter-test.

17 Spring Boot Actuator

The recommended way to enable the features is to add a dependency on the spring-boot-starter-actuator starter.

17.1 Endpoints

Actuator endpoints let you monitor and interact with your application. Spring Boot includes a number of built-in endpoints and lets you add your own. For example, the health endpoint provides basic application health information.

You can enable or disable each individual endpoint and expose them (make them remotely accessible) over HTTP or JMX. An endpoint is considered to be available when it is *both enabled and exposed*.

The built-in endpoints are auto-configured only when they are available. Most applications choose exposure over HTTP, where the ID of the endpoint and a prefix of /actuator is mapped to a URL. For example, by default, the health endpoint is mapped to /actuator/health.

By default, *all endpoints except for shutdown are enabled*. To configure the enablement of an endpoint, use its management.endpoint.¡id¿.enabled property. The following example enables the shutdown endpoint:

```
management.endpoint.shutdown.enabled=true
```

If you prefer endpoint enablement to be opt-in rather than opt-out, set the management.endpoints.enabled by-default property to false and use individual endpoint enabled properties to opt back in. The following example enables the info endpoint and disables all other endpoints:

```
management.endpoints.enabled-by-default=false
management.endpoint.info.enabled=true
```

Disabled endpoints are removed entirely from the application context. If you want to change only the technologies over which an endpoint is exposed, use the include and exclude properties instead.

By default, only the health endpoint is *exposed* over HTTP and JMX.

To change which endpoints are exposed, use the following technology-specific include and exclude properties: management.endpoints.jmx.exposure.exclude, management.endpoints.jmx.exposure.include; management.endpoints.web.exposure.exclude, management.endpoints.web.exposure.include.

The include property lists the IDs of the endpoints that are exposed. The exclude property lists the IDs of the endpoints that should not be exposed. The exclude property takes precedence over the include property. You can configure both the include and the exclude properties with a list of endpoint IDs.

For example, to only expose the health and info endpoints over JMX, use the following property:

```
management.endpoints.jmx.exposure.include=health,info
```

* can be used to select all endpoints. For example, to expose everything over HTTP except the env and beans endpoints, use the following properties:

```
management.endpoints.web.exposure.include=*
management.endpoints.web.exposure.exclude=env,beans
```

17.2 Configuration

```
// base for all endpoints
management.endpoints.web.base-path=

// for a specific endpoint
```

```
5     management.endpoints.web.path-mapping.<actuator>
6     // e.g.
7     management.endpoints.web.path-mapping.health=custom-health
```

```
1     management.endpoint.shutdown.enabled=true
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