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Spring WebFlux

Reactive web programming



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Spring WebFlux

- Why it is needed?
 - Non-blocking web stack to handle concurrency with a small number of threads
 - Scale with fewer hardware resources
 - Non-blocking apps getting more popular
 - CompletableFuture
 - ReactiveX
 - Functional programming
 - See Java 8 additions



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Building blocks

- Reactive?
 - Non-blocking
 - Supports Reactive Stream back pressure

WebFlux Building blocks

- Project Reactor
 - Mono and Flux as Publishers
- Specific back end web server implementation

@Controller, @RequestMapping

Router Functions

spring-webmvc

spring-webflux

Servlet API

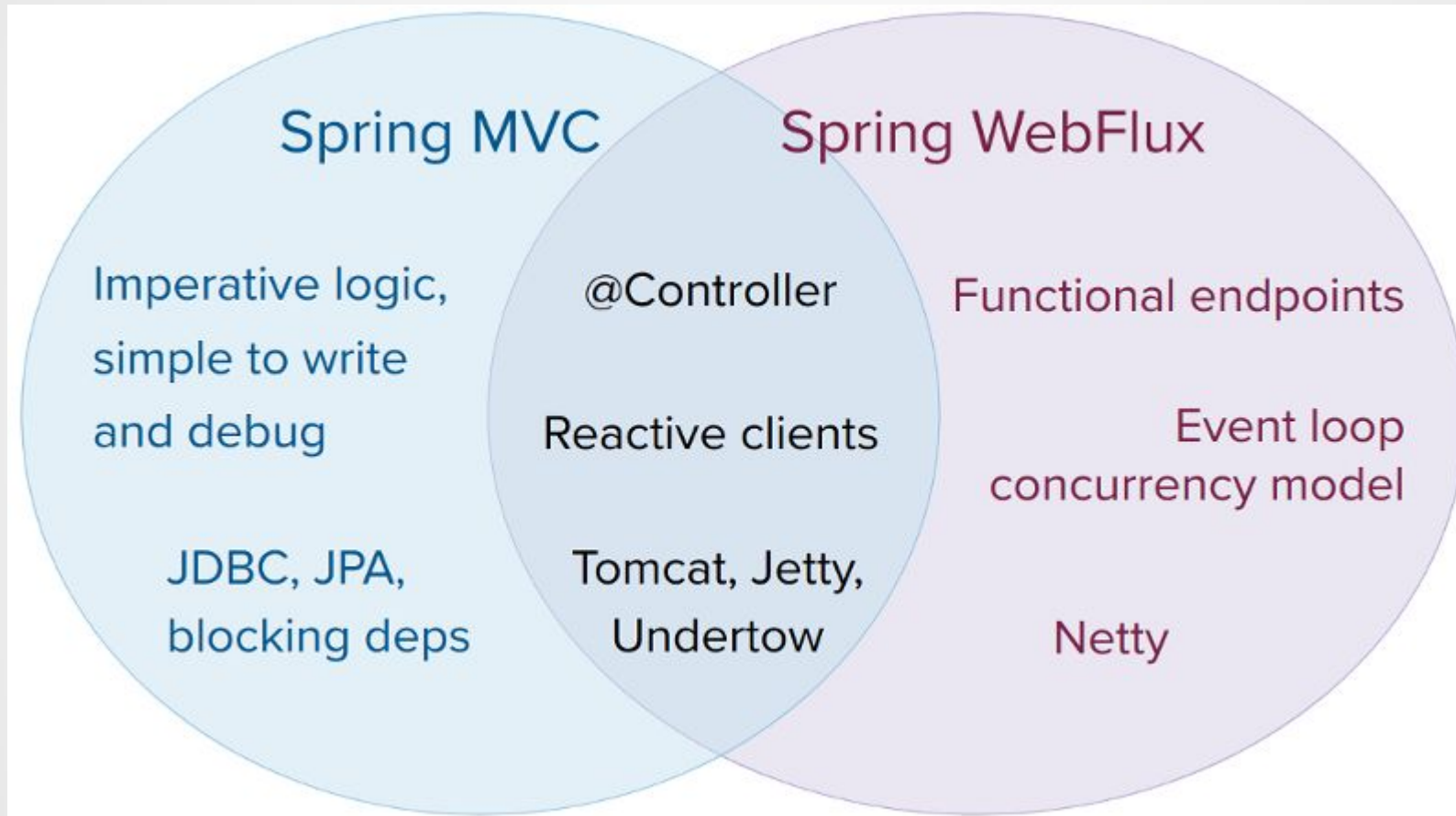
HTTP / Reactive Streams

Servlet Container

Tomcat, Jetty, Netty, Undertow

Building blocks

- Built over project Reactor - reactive streams



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Programming models

- Annotated controllers
 - Consistent with Spring MVC and based on the same annotations from the spring-web module
- Functional Controllers
 - Lambda based and functional programming models

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/person")
public class PersonController {
    @GetMapping
    public List<Person> findAll() {
        return Arrays.asList(
            new Person("John", "Doe"),
            new Person("Jane", "Doe"));
    }
}

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/person")
public class PersonController {
    @GetMapping
    public Flux<Person> findAll() {
        return Flux.just(
            new Person("John", "Doe"),
            new Person("Jane", "Doe"));
    }
}
```



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Functional Style

- RouterFunction

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface RouterFunction<T extends ServerResponse> {
    Mono<HandlerFunction<T>> route(ServerRequest var1);
}
```

- HandlerFunction

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface RouterFunction<T extends ServerResponse> {
    Mono<HandlerFunction<T>> route(ServerRequest var1);
}
```

```
HandlerFunction<ServerResponse> helloWorld = request -> ServerResponse.ok().body(fromObject("Hello World"));
```

```
RouterFunction<ServerResponse> helloWorldRoute =
    RouterFunctions.route(RequestPredicates.path("/hello-world"),
        request -> Response.ok().body(fromObject("Hello World")));
```

```
RouterFunction<ServerResponse> helloWorldRoute2 =
    RouterFunctions.route(RequestPredicates.path("/hello-world"),
        this::helloWorld);
```



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References

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