

Spring Boot makes it easy to create stand-alone, production-grade Spring based Applications that we can "just run".

Spring Boot is an opinionated, convention over configuration focused addition to the Spring platform – highly useful to get started with minimum effort and create stand-alone, production-grade applications.

We can use Spring Boot to create Java applications that can be started using java - jar or more traditional war deployments. We also provide a command line tool that runs "spring scripts".

Spring Boot primary goals are:

- ✓ Provide a radically faster and widely accessible getting started experience for all Spring development.
- ✓ Be opinionated out of the box, but get out of the way quickly as requirements start to diverge from the defaults.
- ✓ Provide a range of non-functional features that are common to large classes of projects (e.g. embedded servers, security, metrics, health checks, externalized configuration).
- ✓ Absolutely no code generation and no requirement for XML configuration.

Spring Boot follows "Opinionated Defaults Configuration" Approach to reduce Developer effort. Due to opinionated view of spring boot, what is required to get started but also we can get out if not suitable for application.

- Spring Boot uses sensible defaults, "opinions", mostly based on the classpath contents.
- For example
- Sets up a JPA Entity Manager Factory if a JPA implementation is on the classpath.
- Creates a default Spring MVC setup, if Spring MVC is on the classpath.
- Everything can be overridden easily
- But most of the time not needed

Spring Boot Auto-configuration

- Auto-configuration works by analysing the class path
- If you forget a dependency, Spring Boot can't configure it
- A dependency management tool is recommended
- Spring Boot parent and starters make it much easier
- Spring Boot works with Maven, Gradle, Ant

Adding classpath dependencies

Spring Boot provides a number of "Starters" that make easy to add jars to your classpath.

The **spring-boot-starter-parent** is a special starter that provides useful Maven defaults. It also provides a dependency-management section so that we can omit version tags.

Other "Starters" simply provide dependencies that we are likely to need when developing a specific type of application. Since we are developing a web application, we will add a **spring-boot-starter-web** dependency — but before that, let's look at what we currently have.

The **mvn dependency:tree** command prints a tree representation of your project dependencies.

Writing the code

```
import org.springframework.boot.*;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.*;
import org.springframework.stereotype.*;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;
@RestController
@EnableAutoConfiguration
public class Example {
  @RequestMapping("/")
  String home() {
    return "Hello World!";
  public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    SpringApplication.run(Example.class, args);
```

The @RestController and @RequestMapping annotations are Spring MVC annotations

@EnableAutoConfiguration is used to configure Spring, based on the jar dependencies that we have added. Since spring-boot-starter-web added Tomcat and Spring MVC, the auto-configuration will assume that we are developing a web application and setup Spring accordingly.

@EnableAutoConfiguration(exclude={DataSourceAutoConfiguration.class})

When using SpringBootApplication, the auto-configuration of the context is automatically enabled and adding this annotation has therefore no additional effect.

@SpringBootApplication

Indicates a configuration class that declares one or more @Bean methods and also triggers auto-configuration and component scanning.

This is a convenience annotation that is equivalent to declaring @Configuration, @EnableAutoConfiguration and @ComponentScan.

Understanding auto-configured beans

Under the hood, auto-configuration is implemented with standard @Configuration classes.

Additional @Conditional annotations are used to constrain when the auto-configuration should apply. Usually auto-configuration classes use @ConditionalOnClass and @ConditionalOnMissingBean annotations.

This ensures that auto-configuration only applies when relevant classes are found and when we have not declared your own @Configuration.

We can browse the source code of spring-boot-autoconfigure to see the @Configuration classes that we provide (see the META-INF/spring.factories file).

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      > # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure
                                                         org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.logging.AutoConfigurationReportLoggingInitializer
      > # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.admin
      > # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.amgp
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      > # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.aop
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       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.batch
                                                         org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.BackgroundPreinitializer
       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.cache
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       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.cloud
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       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.dao
       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.data
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       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.data.couchb
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       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.data.elastics
                                                         org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.aop.AopAutoConfiguration,\
       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.data.jpa
                                                         org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.amqp.RabbitAutoConfiguration,\
       # org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.data.ldap
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          spring-autoconfigure-metadata.properties
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The "main" method

The final part of the application is the main method. This is just a standard method that follows the Java convention for an application entry point.

The main method delegates to Spring Boot's **SpringApplication** class by calling **run**. SpringApplication will bootstrap our application, starting Spring which will in turn start the auto-configured Tomcat web server.

We need to pass Example.class as an argument to the run method to tell SpringApplication which is the primary Spring component. The args array is also passed through to expose any command-line arguments.

Type **mvn spring-boot:run** from the root project directory to start the application.

Spring Initializer

Spring Initializer

It is a web tool which is provided by Spring on official site. We can create Spring Boot project by providing project details. Select Maven project and dependencies, Fill other details and click on generate project.

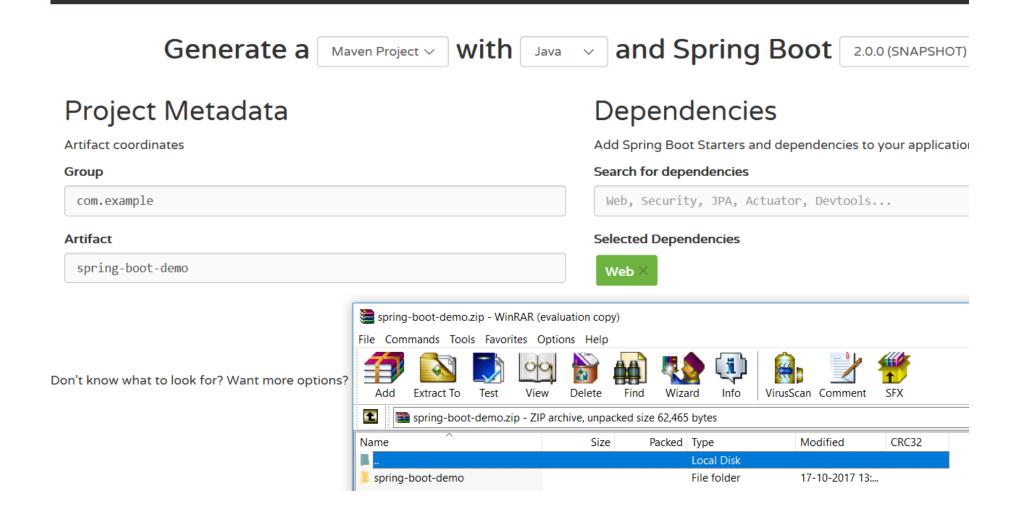
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Artifact	Selected Dependencies
spring-boot-demo	Web ×

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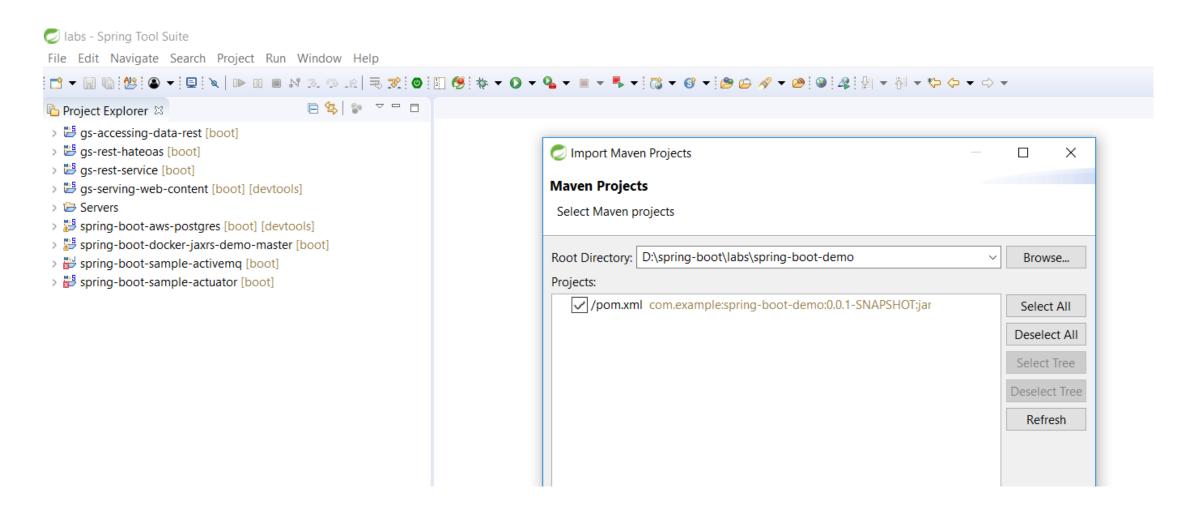
Select Generate Project

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Save project and extract it.

Now import this project by using import option from the STS (Spring Tool Suite) IDE.



Steps to execute the demo lab:

Refer to pom.xml file -> It contains all the dependencies and configuration for the project.

Refer to generated Java file in the src/main/java directory.

Run this project by selecting Java Application from run options

Note: If the below error comes

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError: org/springframework/core/env/EnvironmentCapable at java.lang.ClassLoader.defineClass1(Native Method) at java.lang.ClassLoader.defineClass(ClassLoader.java:763)

Change to

Observe the server started log

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ng Boot ::
                  (v1.5.7.RELEASE)
17 20:22:15.611 INFO 23508 ---
                                           mainl c.e.s.SpringBootDemoApplication
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17 20:22:15.618 INFO 23508 ---
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17 20:22:15.780 INFO 23508 ---
17 20:22:19.845 INFO 23508 ---
                                           main] s.b.c.e.t.TomcatEmbeddedServletContainer : Tomcat initialized with port(s): 8080 (http)
17 20:22:19.871 INFO 23508 ---
                                           main] o.apache.catalina.core.StandardService
                                                                                         : Starting service [Tomcat]
17 20:22:19.873 INFO 23508 ---
                                           main] org.apache.catalina.core.StandardEngine : Starting Servlet Engine: Apache Tomcat/8.5.20
17 20:22:20.081 INFO 23508 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.a.c.c.C.[Tomcat].[localhost].[/]
                                                                                          : Initializing Spring embedded WebApplicationContext
17 20:22:20.081 INFO 23508 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.s.web.context.ContextLoader
                                                                                          : Root WebApplicationContext: initialization completed in 4307 ms
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17 20:22:21.129 INFO 23508 ---
                                           main] s.w.s.m.m.a.RequestMappingHandlerMapping : Mapped "{[/error]}" onto public org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity<java.util.Mar
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17 20:22:21.256 INFO 23508 ---
                                                                                         : Mapped URL path [/**/favicon.ico] onto handler of type [class org.springframework.wel
17 20:22:21.292 INFO 23508 ---
                                           main] oConfiguration$WelcomePageHandlerMapping : Adding welcome page: class path resource [static/index.html]
17 20:22:21.448 INFO 23508 ---
                                           main] o.s.j.e.a.AnnotationMBeanExporter
                                                                                          : Registering beans for JMX exposure on startup
                                           main] s.b.c.e.t.TomcatEmbeddedServletContainer : Tomcat started on port(s): 8080 (http)
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17 20:22:21.540 INFO 23508 ---
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17 20:22:22.051 INFO 23508 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.a.c.c.C.[Tomcat].[localhost].[/]
                                                                                          : Initializing Spring FrameworkServlet 'dispatcherServlet'
17 20:22:22.051 INFO 23508 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.s.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet
                                                                                          : FrameworkServlet 'dispatcherServlet': initialization started
17 20:22:22.083 INFO 23508 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.s.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet
                                                                                          : FrameworkServlet 'dispatcherServlet': initialization completed in 32 ms
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From browser access the url http://localhost:8080
HTTP 404 Not Found Error-> add static/index.html file

The **mvn dependency:tree** command prints a tree representation of your project dependencies.

What is Spring Boot Starter Parent?

All Spring Boot projects typically use spring-boot-starter-parent as the parent in pom.xml.

Parent-pom allow us to manage the following things for multiple child projects and modules:

Configuration - Java Version and Other Properties
Depedency Management - Version of dependencies
Default Plugin Configuration

What is inside Spring Boot Starter Parent?

First of all - Spring Boot Starter Parent defines spring-boot-dependencies as the parent pom. It inherits dependency management from spring-boot-dependencies.

Default java version is 1.6. A project can override this by specifying a property <java.version>1.8</java.version> in the project pom.

A few other settings related to encoding and source, target version are also set in the parent pom.

<java.version>1.6</java.version>
<resource.delimiter>@</resource.delimiter> <!-- delimiter that doesn't clash with Spring
\${} placeholders --> <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
<project.reporting.outputEncoding>UTF-8</project.reporting.outputEncoding>
<maven.compiler.source>\${java.version}</maven.compiler.source>
<maven.compiler.target>\${java.version}</maven.compiler.target>

Spring Boot Starter Parent specifies the default configuration for a host of plugins including maven-failsafe-plugin, maven-jar-plugin and maven-surefire-plugin.

What does Spring Boot Starter Parent inherit from spring-boot-dependencies?

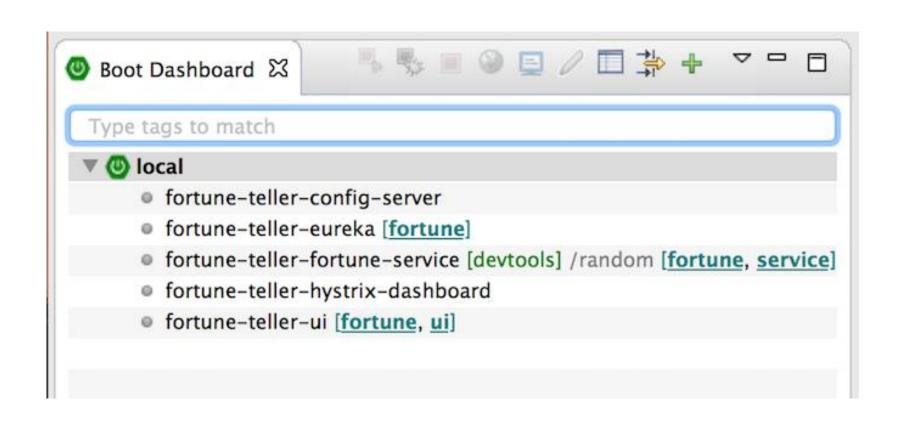
Spring Boot Dependencies defines the default dependency management for all Spring Boot projects. If we would want to use a new version of a specific dependency, we can override the version by specifying a new property in the project pom.

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[INFO] +- org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web:jar:1.5.7.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter:jar:1.5.7.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework.boot:spring-boot:jar:1.5.7.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-autoconfigure:jar:1.5.7.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-logging:jar:1.5.7.RELEASE:compile
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[INFO] | | +- org.slf4i:jcl-over-slf4j:jar:1.7.25:compile
[INFO] | | +- org.slf4j:jul-to-slf4j:jar:1.7.25:compile
[INFO] | | \- org.slf4j:log4j-over-slf4j:jar:1.7.25:compile
[INFO] | \- org.yaml:snakeyaml:jar:1.17:runtime
[INFO] | +- org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-tomcat:jar:1.5.7.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-core:jar:8.5.20:compile
[INFO] | +- org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-el:jar:8.5.20:compile
[INFO] | \- org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-websocket:jar:8.5.20:compile
[INFO] | +- org.hibernate:hibernate-validator:jar:5.3.5.Final:compile
[INFO] | +- javax.validation:validation-api:jar:1.1.0.Final:compile
[INFO] | +- org.jboss.logging:jboss-logging:jar:3.3.1.Final:compile
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[INFO] | +- com.fasterxml.jackson.core:jackson-annotations:jar:2.8.0:compile
[INFO] | \-com.fasterxml.jackson.core:jackson-core:jar:2.8.10:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework:spring-web:jar:4.3.11.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework:spring-aop:jar:4.3.11.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | +- org.springframework:spring-beans:jar:4.3.11.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | \- org.springframework:spring-context:jar:4.3.11.RELEASE:compile
[INFO] | \- org.springframework:spring-webmvc:jar:4.3.11.RELEASE:compile
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The Spring Boot Dashboard

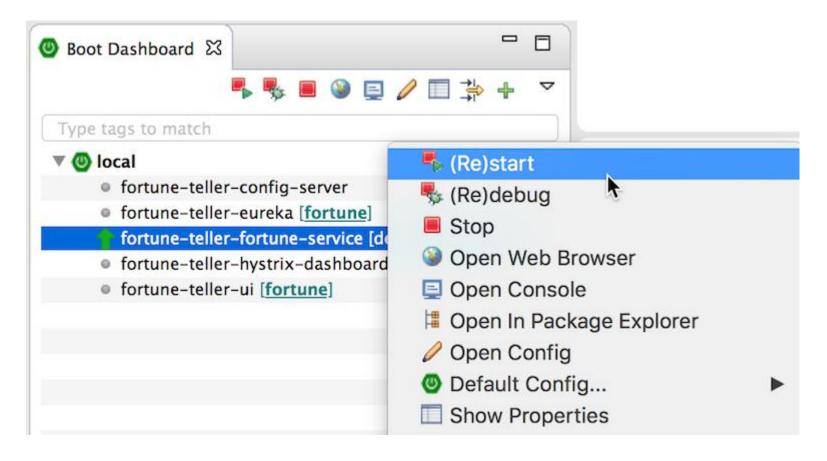
Starting small and incrementally, the Spring Boot Dashboard comes as an additional view in STS/Eclipse.

We can open it by pressing the Spring Boot button in your main toolbar. It opens up a simple view that is in sync with your workspace projects, showing those projects of your workspace that are Spring Boot projects.

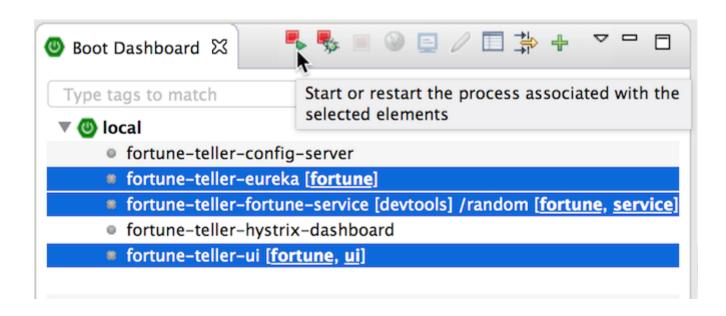


The main purpose of the Boot Dashboard is to give us quick access to the things that we do every day, every hour, or even more frequently.

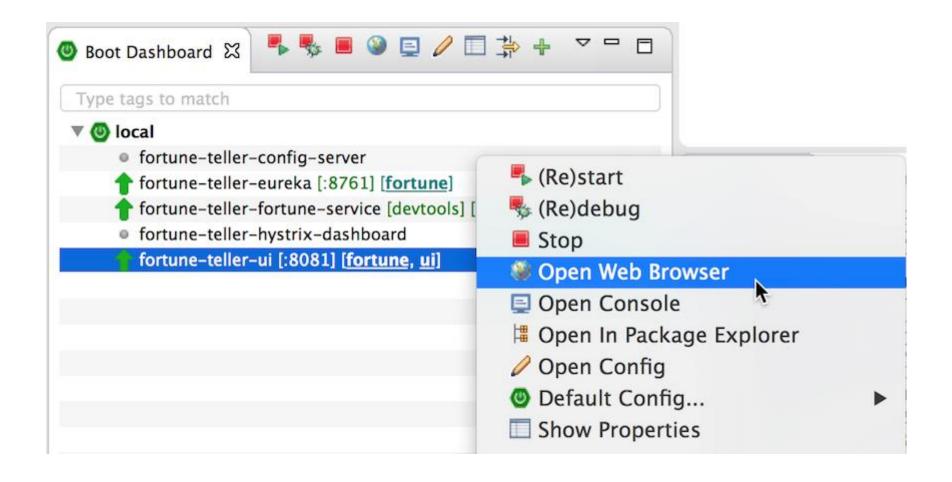
We can quickly start your boot apps (in run or debug mode) by selecting them in the boot dashboard and pressing the "run" or "debug" action in the toolbar



If We want to start or stop a bunch of boot apps at the same time, for example to startup a set of collaborating services, just select them all in the dashboard and press "run".

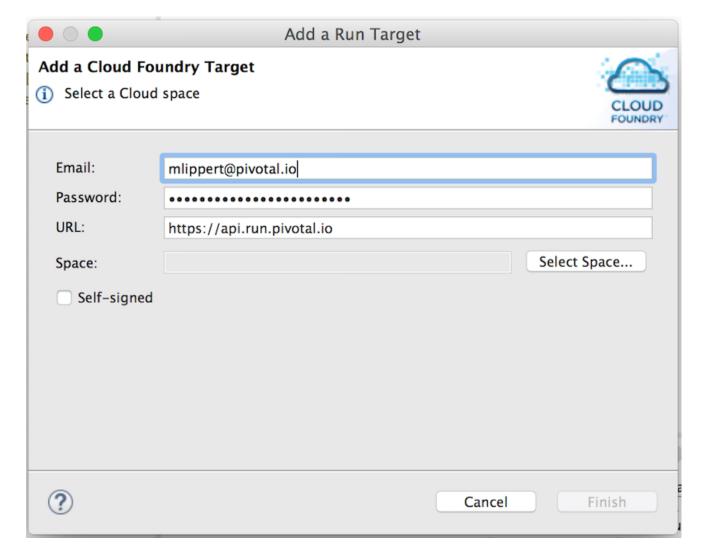


Open a browser tab for the app



Cloud runtime support

We can add a Cloud Foundry section to the boot dashboard using the big plus icon in the toolbar.

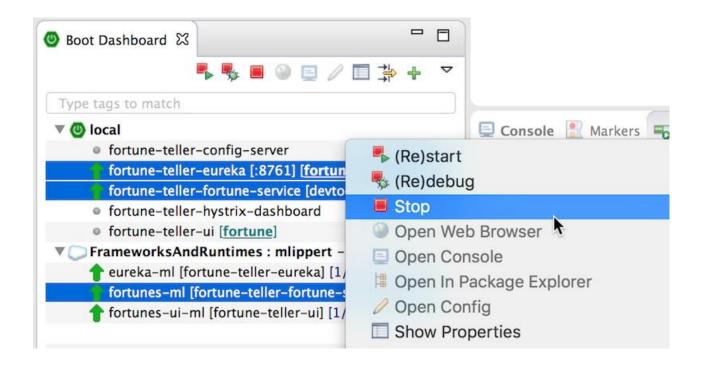


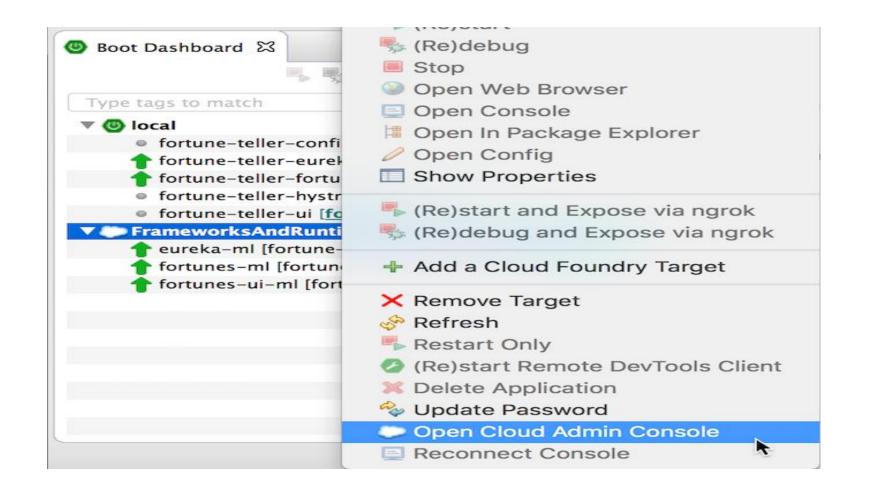
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Spring Project name must be small

** The route is invalid: host must be no more than 63 characters

We can select multiple entries in the boot dashboard across those target sections.

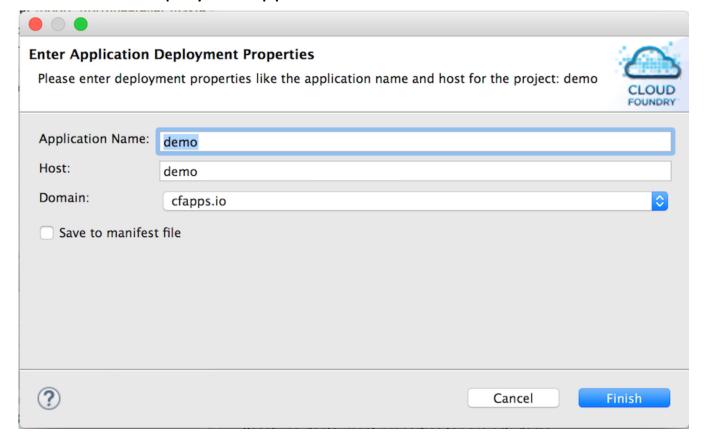




Deploying to Cloud Foundry

If application contains a manifest.yml file, this will be used to configure the application for Cloud Foundry. This typically contains the name of the app, the domain, memory settings, number of instances, and potentially a lot more.

If we don't have a manifest.yml file in our project, the deploy action will prompt you in a dialog for the basic information it needs to deploy the app



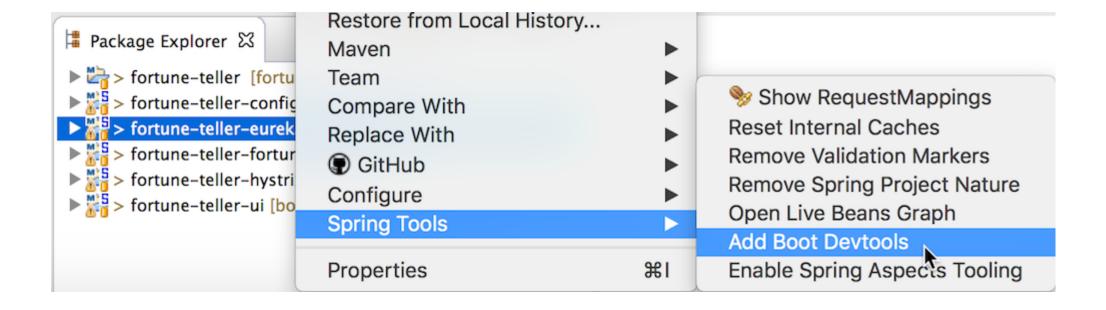
Quickly deploy code changes

For local apps, using the Spring Boot Devtools is extremely easy and straightforward.

As soon as we add the Spring Boot Devtools to our project as a dependency (Project Explorer->select Project->Spring Tools->Add Spring Project Nature->then select Spring Tools->Add Boot Devtools) and start your app, it will listen for local changes to configuration and class files and kick a restart of the app for you automatically.

We don't even need to restart the app yourself, the Spring Boot Devtools will do that for us automatically.

Project Explorer->select Project->Spring Tools->Add Spring Project Nature ->then select Spring Tools->Add Boot Devtools

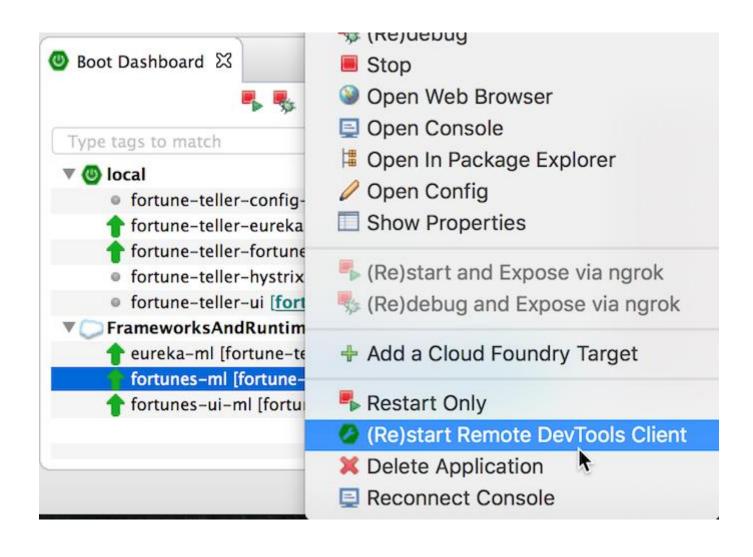


(Re)start Remote DevTools Client:

Once the devtools-enabled boot app is running on Cloud Foundry, you can easily start the boot devtools remote client application for it.

This client application runs locally on your machine and connects to the remote application on Cloud Foundry.

It watches for file changes, uploads them to the app on Cloud Foundry and triggers a restart of the app on Cloud Foundry.

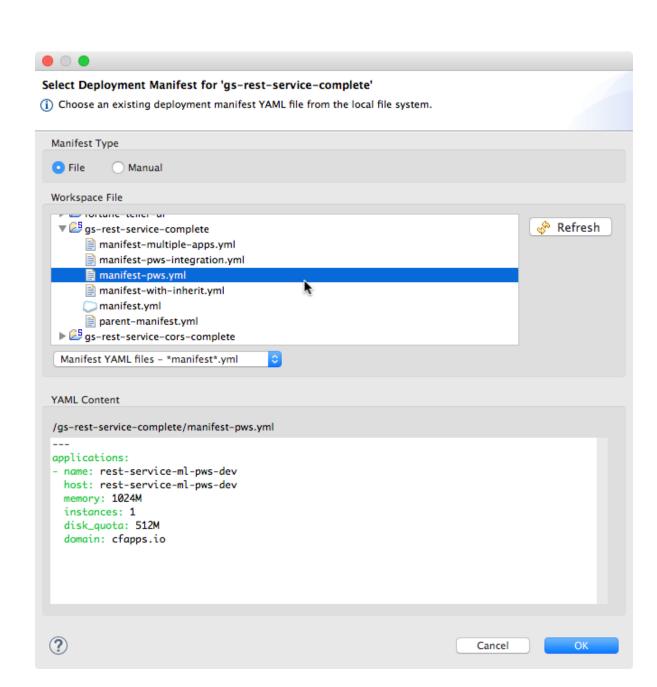


Choose a manifest file when deploying an app(manifest.yml)

Spring Boot Dashboard supports Cloud Foundry manifest files as a first-class citizen.

This starts to show up when you deploy an application from within the Boot Dashboard to a Cloud Foundry target for the first time.

A dialog comes up and asks you which manifest file should be used for this deployment operation.

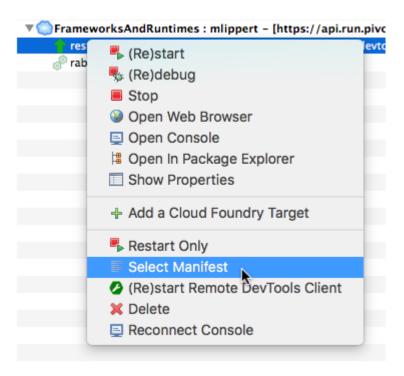


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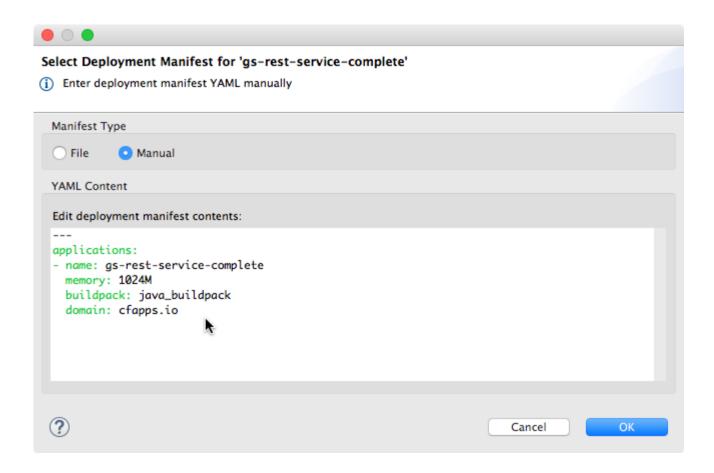
We can change our mind and decide to choose a different manifest file.

An action in the context menu allows us to open the same "choose the manifest file" dialog and make a different choice.

The next redeploy of the app will take that change into account.



Deploying without a manifest file



Spring Boot application starters

Name	Description
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spring-boot-starter Core starter, including auto-configuration

support, logging and YAML

spring-boot-starter-activemq Starter for JMS messaging using Apache

ActiveMQ

spring-boot-starter-amqp Starter for using Spring AMQP and Rabbit MQ

spring-boot-starter-aop Starter for aspect-oriented programming with

Spring AOP and AspectJ

Spring Boot production starters

Name Description

spring-boot-starter-actuator Starter for using Spring Boot's

Actuator which provides

production ready features to help

you monitor and manage your

application

spring-boot-starter-remote-shell Starter for using the CRaSH remote

shell to monitor and manage your

application over SSH. Deprecated

since 1.5

Spring Boot technical starters

Name Description

spring-boot-starter-jetty Starter for using Jetty as the embedded

servlet container. An alternative to

spring-boot-starter-tomcat

spring-boot-starter-log4j2 Starter for using Log4j2 for logging. An

alternative to spring-boot-starter-

logging

spring-boot-starter-logging Starter for logging using Logback.

Default logging starter

spring-boot-starter-tomcat Starter for using Tomcat as the

embedded servlet container. Default

servlet container starter used by

spring-boot-starter-web

spring-boot-starter-undertow Starter for using Undertow as the

embedded servlet container. An alternative to spring-boot-starter-

tomcat

Structuring your code

Spring Boot does not require any specific code layout to work, however, there are some best practices that help.

Using the "default" package

When a class doesn't include a package declaration it is considered to be in the "default package".

The use of the "default package" is generally discouraged, and should be avoided.

It can cause particular problems for Spring Boot applications that use @ComponentScan, @EntityScan or @SpringBootApplication annotations, since every class from every jar, will be read.

Locating the main application class

It is recommend that the main application class is in a root package above other classes.

The @EnableAutoConfiguration annotation is often placed on the main class, and it implicitly defines a base "search package" for certain items. For example, if you are writing a JPA application, the package of the

@EnableAutoConfiguration annotated class will be used to search for @Entity items.

Using a root package also allows the @ComponentScan annotation to be used without needing to specify a basePackage attribute.

We can also use the @SpringBootApplication annotation if the main class is in the root package.

Here is a typical layout:

```
com
+- example
     +- myproject
         +- Application.java
         +- domain
             +- Customer.java
            +- CustomerRepository.java
         +- service
            +- CustomerService.java
         +- web
            +- CustomerController.java
```

SpringApplication

The SpringApplication class provides a convenient way to bootstrap a Spring application that will be started from a main() method.

In many situations we can just delegate to the static SpringApplication.run method:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    SpringApplication.run(MySpringConfiguration.class, args);
}
```

By default INFO logging messages will be shown, including some relevant startup details such as the user that launched the application.

Startup failure

If the application fails to start, registered FailureAnalyzers get a chance to provide a dedicated error message and a concrete action to fix the problem. For instance if you start a web application on port 8080 and that port is already in use, we should see something similar to the following:

APPLICATION FAILED TO START

Description:

Embedded servlet container failed to start. Port 8080 was already in use.

Action:

Identify and stop the process that's listening on port 8080 or configure this application to listen on another port.

<u>FailureAnalyzer</u>

FailureAnalyzer is a great way to intercept an exception on startup and turn it into a human-readable message, wrapped into a FailureAnalysis. Spring Boot provides such analyzer for application context related exceptions, JSR-303 validations and more.

AbstractFailureAnalyzer is a convenient extension of FailureAnalyzer that checks the presence of a specified exception type in the exception to handle. We can extend that to handle the exception only when it is actually present.

FailureAnalyzer implementations are to be registered in a META-INF/spring.factories: the following registers ProjectConstraintViolationFailureAnalyzer:

org.springframework.boot.diagnostics.FailureAnalyzer=\com.example.ProjectConstraintViolationFailureAnalyzer

Customize the Environment or ApplicationContext before it starts

A SpringApplication has ApplicationListeners and ApplicationContextInitializers that are used to apply customizations to the context or environment. Spring Boot loads a number of such customizations for use internally from META-INF/spring.factories.

There is more than one way to register additional ones:

Programmatically per application by calling the addListeners and addInitializers methods on SpringApplication before you run it.

Declaratively per application by setting context.initializer.classes or context.listener.classes.

Declaratively for all applications by adding a META-INF/spring.factories and packaging a jar file that the applications all use as a library.

The SpringApplication sends some special ApplicationEvents to the listeners, and then registers the listeners for events published by the ApplicationContext as well.

An ApplicationStartingEvent is sent at the start of a run, but before any processing except the registration of listeners and initializers.

An ApplicationEnvironmentPreparedEvent is sent when the Environment to be used in the context is known, but before the context is created.

An ApplicationPreparedEvent is sent just before the refresh is started, but after bean definitions have been loaded.

An ApplicationReadyEvent is sent after the refresh and any related callbacks have been processed to indicate the application is ready to service requests.

An ApplicationFailedEvent is sent if there is an exception on startup.

Externalize the configuration of SpringApplication

SpringApplication properties can be set using Java API or externalize the configuration using properties

<u>application.properties</u>:

spring.main.web-environment=false spring.main.banner-mode=off

Using Java API:

new SpringApplicationBuilder()
.bannerMode(Banner.Mode.OFF)
.sources(demo.MyApp.class)
.run(args);

Using 'short' command line arguments

We can define --port=9000 instead of --server.port=9000 to set configuration properties on the command line.

We can easily enable this by using placeholders in application.properties

e.g.,
server.port=\${port:8080}

Use YAML for external properties

YAML is a superset of JSON and as such is a very convenient syntax for storing external properties in a hierarchical format. E.g.

```
spring:
  application:
    name: cruncher
  datasource:
    driverClassName: com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
    url: jdbc:mysql://localhost/test
server:
  port: 9000
The example YAML above corresponds to an application.properties file:
spring.application.name=cruncher
spring.datasource.driverClassName=com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost/test
server.port=9000
```

Profiles

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

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

In the normal Spring way, we can use a spring.profiles.active Environment property to specify which profiles are active. We can specify the property in any of the usual ways, for example you could include it in your application.properties:

spring.profiles.active=dev,hsqldb

Change configuration depending on the environment

A YAML file is actually a sequence of documents separated by --- lines, and each document is parsed separately to a flattened map.

If a YAML document contains a spring.profiles key, then the profiles value (commaseparated list of profiles) is fed into the Spring Environment.acceptsProfiles() and if any of those profiles is active that document is included in the final merge (otherwise not). For Example:

```
server:
  port: 9000
spring:
  profiles: development
server:
  port: 9001
spring:
  profiles: production
server:
  port: 0
```

"spring-boot-autoconfigure" module

The following auto-configuration classes are from the spring-boot-autoconfigure module:

ActiveMQAutoConfiguration
AopAutoConfiguration
CacheAutoConfiguration
CassandraAutoConfiguration
WebMvcAutoConfiguration
HibernateJpaAutoConfiguration
ValidationAutoConfiguration
etc.,

Note: We can autoconfigure everything except ActiveMQ, you would use @EnableAutoConfiguration(exclude=ActiveMQAutoConfiguration.class)

@EnableAutoConfiguration -> what has been configured?

The main feature of Spring Boot is its ability to automatically configuration the Spring application based on its included jar files. So the first thing you may want to look at is what have been configured for you. This can be done by running the application JVM argument "-Ddebug". We will then see the "Auto Configuration Report" displayed in your console like below:

AUTO-CONFIGURATION REPORT

Positive matches:

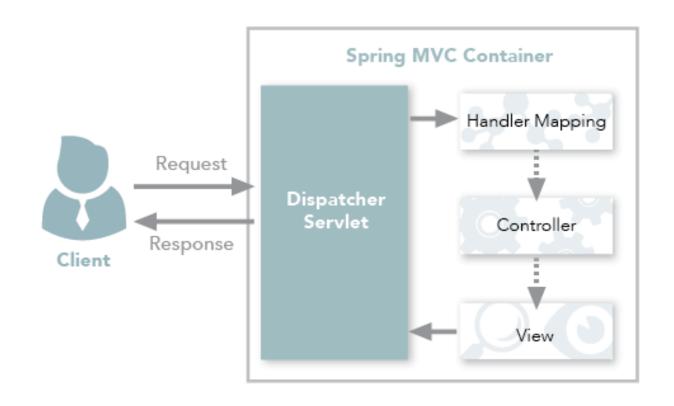
AopAutoConfiguration

– @ConditionalOnClass classes found:

Spring Framework: @RestController vs @Controller

The traditional MVC controller relies on the View technology, the RESTful web service controller simply returns the object and the object data is written directly to the HTTP response as JSON/XML.



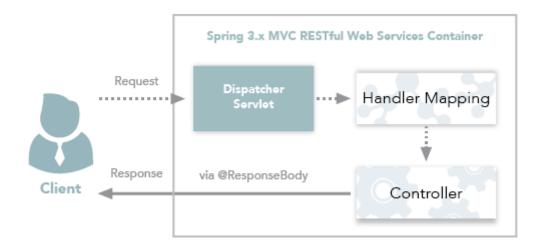




Using the @ResponseBody Annotation

When we use the @ResponseBody annotation on a method, Spring converts the return value and writes it to the http response automatically.

Each method in the Controller class must be annotated with @ResponseBody.



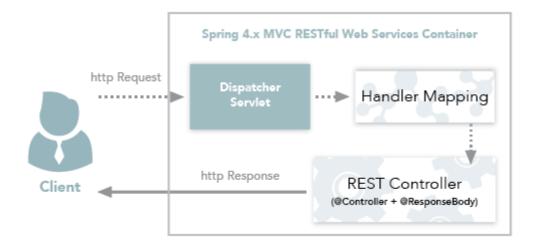


Using the @RestController Annotation

Spring 4.0 introduced @RestController, a specialized version of the controller which is a convenience annotation that does nothing more than add the @Controller and @ResponseBody annotations.

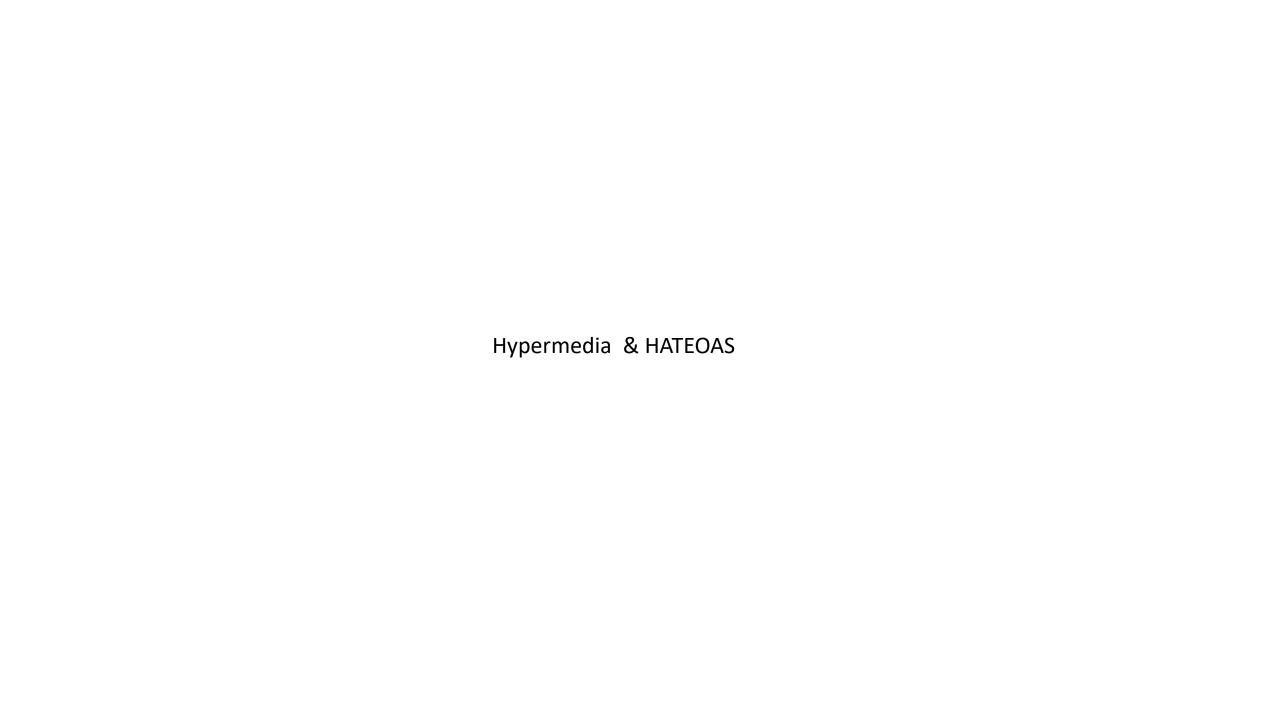
By annotating the controller class with @RestController annotation, we no longer need to add @ResponseBody to all the request mapping methods.

The @ResponseBody annotation is active by default.



Spring 4.3 onwards:

- @GetMapping is a composed annotation that acts as a shortcut for @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.GET)
- @PostMapping is a composed annotation that acts as a shortcut for
 @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.POST)
- @PutMapping is a composed annotation that acts as a shortcut for @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.PUT)
- @DeleteMapping is a composed annotation that acts as a shortcut for @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.DELETE)



Hypermedia is an extension to what is known as hypertext, or the ability to open new Web pages by clicking text links on a Web browser.

Hypermedia extends upon this by allowing the user to click images, movies, graphics and other media apart from text to create a nonlinear network of information

HATEOAS (Hypermedia as the Engine of Application State) is a constraint of the REST application architecture.

A hypermedia-driven site provides information to navigate the site's REST interfaces dynamically by including hypermedia links with the responses.

Spring HATEOAS provides some APIs to ease creating REST representations that follow the HATEOAS principle when working with Spring and especially Spring MVC.

<dependency> <groupId>org.springframework.hateoas</groupId>
<artifactId>spring-hateoas</artifactId> <version>0.23.0.RELEASE</version>
</dependency>

```
A HATEOAS-based response would look like this:

{
    "name": "Alice",
    "links": [ {
        "rel": "self",
        "href": "http://localhost:8080/customer/1"
    } ]
}
```

This response not only has the person's name, but includes the self-linking URL where that person is located.

rel means relationship. In this case, it's a self-referencing hyperlink.

More complex systems might include other relationships. For example, an order might have a "rel": "customer" relationship, linking the order to its customer (/customer/order/...)

href is a complete URL that uniquely defines the resource.



Spring Data

Spring Data's mission is to provide a familiar and consistent, Spring-based programming model for data access while still retaining the special traits of the underlying data store.

It makes it easy to use data access technologies, relational and non-relational databases, map-reduce frameworks, and cloud-based data services

Features

☐ Powerful repository and custom object-mapping abstractions ☐ Dynamic query derivation from repository method names ☐ Support for transparent auditing (created, last changed) ☐ Possibility to integrate custom repository code ☐ Easy Spring integration via JavaConfig and custom XML namespaces ☐ Advanced integration with Spring MVC controllers ☐ Experimental support for cross-store persistence

Main modules

Spring Data Commons - Core Spring concepts underpinning every Spring Data project.

Spring Data JPA - Makes it easy to implement JPA-based repositories.

Spring Data KeyValue - Map-based repositories and SPIs to easily build a Spring Data module for key-value stores.

Spring Data LDAP - Provides Spring Data repository support for Spring LDAP.

Spring Data MongoDB - Spring based, object-document support and repositories for MongoDB.

Spring Data REST - Exports Spring Data repositories as hypermedia-driven RESTful resources.

Spring Data for Apache Cassandra - Spring Data module for Apache Cassandra.

org.springframework.data.repository

Interface Repository<T,ID>

Type Parameters:

T - the domain type the repository manages

ID - the type of the id of the entity the repository manages

All Known Subinterfaces:

CrudRepository<T,ID>, PagingAndSortingRepository<T,ID>, ReactiveCrudRepository<T,ID>, ReactiveSortingRepository<T,ID>, RevisionRepository<T,ID,N>, RxJava2CrudRepository<T,ID>, RxJava2SortingRepository<T,ID>

CrudRepository Methods:

```
count()
Returns the number of entities available.
delete(T entity)
Deletes a given entity.
deleteAll(Iterable<? extends T> entities)
Deletes the given entities.
deleteById(ID id)
Deletes the entity with the given id.
save(S entity)
Saves a given entity.
saveAll(Iterable<S> entities)
Saves all given entities.
```

org.springframework.data.repository
Interface PagingAndSortingRepository<T,ID>

public interface PagingAndSortingRepository<T,ID>
extends CrudRepository<T,ID>

Extension of CrudRepository to provide additional methods to retrieve entities using the pagination and sorting abstraction.

PagingAndSortingRepository methods are:

findAll(Pageable pageable)
Returns a Page of entities meeting the paging restriction provided in the Pageable object.

findAll(Sort sort)
Returns all entities sorted by the given options.

public @interface RepositoryRestResource
Annotate a Repository with this to customize export mapping and rels.

Simplifies building hypermedia-driven REST web services on top of Spring Data repositories.

Examples

The following code represents a Customer object.

```
class Customer
{
    String name;
}
```

A simple JSON presentation is traditionally rendered as:

```
{
    "name" : "Great"
}
```

The customer data is there, but the data contains nothing about its relevant links.

A HATEOAS-based response would look like this:

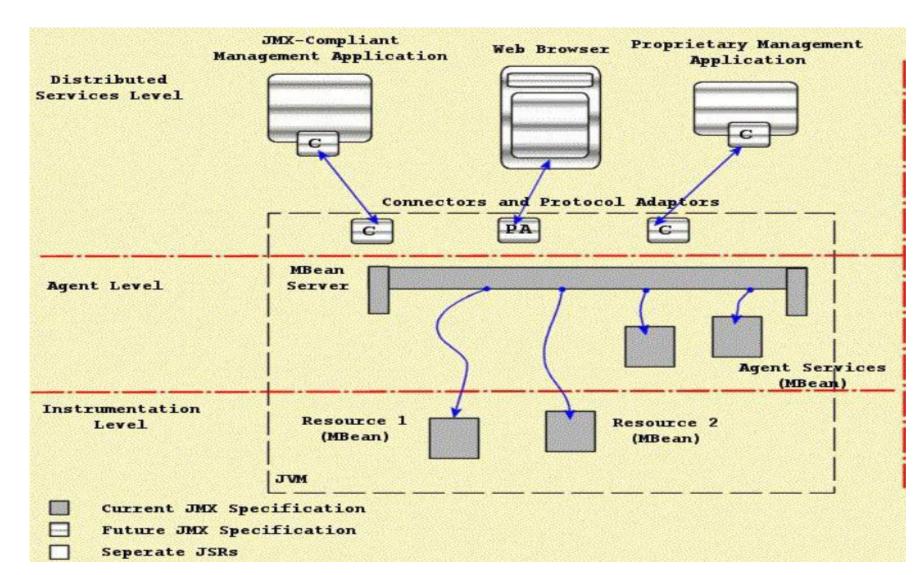
```
{
    "name": "Great",
    "links": [ {
        "rel": "self",
        "href": "http://localhost:8080/customer/1"
    } ]
}
```

This response not only has the person's name, but includes the self-linking URL where that person is located.

rel means relationship. In this case, it's a self-referencing hyperlink.

More complex systems might include other relationships. For example, an order might have a "rel": "customer" relationship, linking the order to its customer. href is a complete URL that uniquely defines the resource.

Note: XML is also accepted as a standard response format



JMX Architecture



Spring Boot ships with a module called actuator which enables things like metrics and statistics about the application.

For example, we can collect logs, view metrics, perform thread dumps, show environment variables, understand garbage collection, and show what beans are configured in the BeanFactory.

We can expose this information via HTTP, JMX, or we can even log in directly to the process via SSH.

Enable actuator

To start using the existing actuators in Boot – we'll just need to add the spring-boot-actuator dependency to the pom:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-actuator</artifactId>
  <version>1.4.2.RELEASE</version>
  </dependency>
```

Customizing the management server port

Exposing management endpoints using the default HTTP port is a sensible choice for cloud based deployments.

However, we can expose a separate management HTTP port.

The management.port property can be used to change the HTTP port.

management.port=8081

Security

Most of the times, the details exposed via the endpoints are sensitive and requires authorized user to view the details. We can add spring security to secure your endpoints.

Just add the dependency, when the spring security files are available in the classpath, it will be automatically configured.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-security</artifactId>
  </dependency>
```

application.properties

management.security.enabled=true security.basic.enabled=true security.user.name=admin security.user.password=admin

Actuator Endpoint

<u>Provides a hypermedia-based "discovery page" for the other endpoints.</u> Requires Spring HATEOAS to be on the classpath.

```
<dependency>
     <groupId>org.springframework.hateoas</groupId>
     <artifactId>spring-hateoas</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

Actuator Endpoints

Here are some of the most common endpoints Boot provides out of the box:

/health – Shows application health information (a simple 'status' when accessed over an unauthenticated connection or full message details when authenticated). It is not sensitive by default.

/info – Displays arbitrary application info. Not sensitive by default.

/metrics – Shows 'metrics' information for the current application. It is also sensitive by default.

/trace – Displays trace information (by default the last few HTTP requests). We can find the full list of existing endpoints over on the official docs.

Metrics Endpoint

The metrics endpoint is one of the more important endpoints as it gathers and publishes information about OS, JVM and Application level metrics; out of the box, we get things like:

memory, heap, processors, threads, classes loaded, classes unloaded, thread pools along with some HTTP metrics as well.