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Chapter 1. REST Clients

The Spring Framework provides the following choices for making calls to REST endpoints:

- WebClient non-blocking, reactive client w fluent API.
- RestTemplate synchronous client with template method API.
- HTTP Interface annotated interface with generated, dynamic proxy implementation.

1.1. WebClient

WebClient is a non-blocking, reactive client to perform HTTP requests. It was introduced in 5.0 and offers an alternative to the RestTemplate, with support for synchronous, asynchronous, and streaming scenarios.

WebClient supports the following:

- Non-blocking I/O.
- Reactive Streams back pressure.
- High concurrency with fewer hardware resources.
- Functional-style, fluent API that takes advantage of Java 8 lambdas.
- Synchronous and asynchronous interactions.
- Streaming up to or streaming down from a server.

See WebClient for more details.

1.2. RestTemplate

The RestTemplate provides a higher level API over HTTP client libraries. It makes it easy to invoke REST endpoints in a single line. It exposes the following groups of overloaded methods:



RestTemplate is in maintenance mode, with only requests for minor changes and bugs to be accepted. Please, consider using the WebClient instead.

Table 1. RestTemplate methods

Method group	Description
getForObject	Retrieves a representation via GET.
getForEntity	Retrieves a ResponseEntity (that is, status, headers, and body) by using GET.
headForHeaders	Retrieves all headers for a resource by using HEAD.
postForLocation	Creates a new resource by using POST and returns the Location header from the response.

Method group	Description
postForObject	Creates a new resource by using POST and returns the representation from the response.
postForEntity	Creates a new resource by using POST and returns the representation from the response.
put	Creates or updates a resource by using PUT.
patchForObject	Updates a resource by using PATCH and returns the representation from the response. Note that the JDK HttpURLConnection does not support PATCH, but Apache HttpComponents and others do.
delete	Deletes the resources at the specified URI by using DELETE.
optionsForAllow	Retrieves allowed HTTP methods for a resource by using ALLOW.
exchange	More generalized (and less opinionated) version of the preceding methods that provides extra flexibility when needed. It accepts a RequestEntity (including HTTP method, URL, headers, and body as input) and returns a ResponseEntity.
	These methods allow the use of ParameterizedTypeReference instead of Class to specify a response type with generics.
execute	The most generalized way to perform a request, with full control over request preparation and response extraction through callback interfaces.

1.2.1. Initialization

The default constructor uses <code>java.net.HttpURLConnection</code> to perform requests. You can switch to a different HTTP library with an implementation of <code>ClientHttpRequestFactory</code>. There is built-in support for the following:

- Apache HttpComponents
- Netty
- OkHttp

For example, to switch to Apache HttpComponents, you can use the following:

```
RestTemplate template = new RestTemplate(new
HttpComponentsClientHttpRequestFactory());
```

Each ClientHttpRequestFactory exposes configuration options specific to the underlying HTTP client library — for example, for credentials, connection pooling, and other details.



Note that the java.net implementation for HTTP requests can raise an exception when accessing the status of a response that represents an error (such as 401). If this is an issue, switch to another HTTP client library.

URIs

Many of the RestTemplate methods accept a URI template and URI template variables, either as a String variable argument, or as Map<String,String>.

The following example uses a String variable argument:

The following example uses a Map<String, String>:

Keep in mind URI templates are automatically encoded, as the following example shows:

```
restTemplate.getForObject("https://example.com/hotel list", String.class);
// Results in request to "https://example.com/hotel%20list"
```

You can use the uriTemplateHandler property of RestTemplate to customize how URIs are encoded. Alternatively, you can prepare a java.net.URI and pass it into one of the RestTemplate methods that accepts a URI.

For more details on working with and encoding URIs, see URI Links.

Headers

You can use the exchange() methods to specify request headers, as the following example shows:

You can obtain response headers through many RestTemplate method variants that return

1.2.2. Body

Objects passed into and returned from RestTemplate methods are converted to and from raw content with the help of an HttpMessageConverter.

On a POST, an input object is serialized to the request body, as the following example shows:

```
URI location = template.postForLocation("https://example.com/people", person);
```

You need not explicitly set the Content-Type header of the request. In most cases, you can find a compatible message converter based on the source <code>Object</code> type, and the chosen message converter sets the content type accordingly. If necessary, you can use the <code>exchange</code> methods to explicitly provide the <code>Content-Type</code> request header, and that, in turn, influences what message converter is selected.

On a GET, the body of the response is describlized to an output <code>Object</code>, as the following example shows:

```
Person person = restTemplate.getForObject("https://example.com/people/{id}",
Person.class, 42);
```

The Accept header of the request does not need to be explicitly set. In most cases, a compatible message converter can be found based on the expected response type, which then helps to populate the Accept header. If necessary, you can use the exchange methods to provide the Accept header explicitly.

By default, RestTemplate registers all built-in message converters, depending on classpath checks that help to determine what optional conversion libraries are present. You can also set the message converters to use explicitly.

1.2.3. Message Conversion

WebFlux

The spring-web module contains the HttpMessageConverter contract for reading and writing the body of HTTP requests and responses through InputStream and OutputStream. HttpMessageConverter instances are used on the client side (for example, in the RestTemplate) and on the server side (for example, in Spring MVC REST controllers).

Concrete implementations for the main media (MIME) types are provided in the framework and are, by default, registered with the RestTemplate on the client side and with RequestMappingHandlerAdapter on the server side (see Configuring Message Converters).

The implementations of HttpMessageConverter are described in the following sections. For all converters, a default media type is used, but you can override it by setting the supportedMediaTypes bean property. The following table describes each implementation:

 $Table\ 2.\ HttpMessageConverter\ Implementations$

MessageConverter	Description
StringHttpMessageConve rter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write String instances from the HTTP request and response. By default, this converter supports all text media types (text/*) and writes with a Content-Type of text/plain.
FormHttpMessageConvert er	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write form data from the HTTP request and response. By default, this converter reads and writes the application/x-www-form-urlencoded media type. Form data is read from and written into a MultiValueMap <string, string="">. The converter can also write (but not read) multipart data read from a MultiValueMap<string, object="">. By default, multipart/form-data is supported. As of Spring Framework 5.2, additional multipart subtypes can be supported for writing form data. Consult the javadoc for FormHttpMessageConverter for further details.</string,></string,>
ByteArrayHttpMessageCo nverter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write byte arrays from the HTTP request and response. By default, this converter supports all media types (*/*) and writes with a Content-Type of application/octet-stream. You can override this by setting the supportedMediaTypes property and overriding getContentType(byte[]).
MarshallingHttpMessage Converter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write XML by using Spring's Marshaller and Unmarshaller abstractions from the org.springframework.oxm package. This converter requires a Marshaller and Unmarshaller before it can be used. You can inject these through constructor or bean properties. By default, this converter supports text/xml and application/xml.
MappingJackson2HttpMes sageConverter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write JSON by using Jackson's ObjectMapper. You can customize JSON mapping as needed through the use of Jackson's provided annotations. When you need further control (for cases where custom JSON serializers/deserializers need to be provided for specific types), you can inject a custom ObjectMapper through the ObjectMapper property. By default, this converter supports application/json.
MappingJackson2XmlHttp MessageConverter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write XML by using Jackson XML extension's XmlMapper. You can customize XML mapping as needed through the use of JAXB or Jackson's provided annotations. When you need further control (for cases where custom XML serializers/deserializers need to be provided for specific types), you can inject a custom XmlMapper through the ObjectMapper property. By default, this converter supports application/xml.
SourceHttpMessageConve rter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write javax.xml.transform.Source from the HTTP request and response. Only DOMSource, SAXSource, and StreamSource are supported. By default, this converter supports text/xml and application/xml.

MessageConverter	Description
BufferedImageHttpMessa geConverter	An HttpMessageConverter implementation that can read and write
,	<pre>java.awt.image.BufferedImage from the HTTP request and response. This converter reads and writes the media type supported by the Java I/O API.</pre>

1.2.4. Jackson JSON Views

You can specify a Jackson JSON View to serialize only a subset of the object properties, as the following example shows:

```
MappingJacksonValue value = new MappingJacksonValue(new User("eric", "7!jd#h23"));
value.setSerializationView(User.WithoutPasswordView.class);

RequestEntity<MappingJacksonValue> requestEntity =
    RequestEntity.post(new URI("https://example.com/user")).body(value);

ResponseEntity<String> response = template.exchange(requestEntity, String.class);
```

1.2.5. Multipart

To send multipart data, you need to provide a MultiValueMap<String, Object> whose values may be an Object for part content, a Resource for a file part, or an HttpEntity for part content with headers. For example:

```
MultiValueMap<String, Object> parts = new LinkedMultiValueMap<>();

parts.add("fieldPart", "fieldValue");
parts.add("filePart", new FileSystemResource("...logo.png"));
parts.add("jsonPart", new Person("Jason"));

HttpHeaders headers = new HttpHeaders();
headers.setContentType(MediaType.APPLICATION_XML);
parts.add("xmlPart", new HttpEntity<>(myBean, headers));
```

In most cases, you do not have to specify the Content-Type for each part. The content type is determined automatically based on the HttpMessageConverter chosen to serialize it or, in the case of a Resource based on the file extension. If necessary, you can explicitly provide the MediaType with an HttpEntity wrapper.

Once the MultiValueMap is ready, you can pass it to the RestTemplate, as show below:

```
MultiValueMap<String, Object> parts = ...;
template.postForObject("https://example.com/upload", parts, Void.class);
```

If the MultiValueMap contains at least one non-String value, the Content-Type is set to multipart/form-data by the FormHttpMessageConverter. If the MultiValueMap has String values the Content-Type is

defaulted to application/x-www-form-urlencoded. If necessary the Content-Type may also be set explicitly.

1.3. HTTP Interface

The Spring Framework lets you define an HTTP service as a Java interface with annotated methods for HTTP exchanges. You can then generate a proxy that implements this interface and performs the exchanges. This helps to simplify HTTP remote access which often involves a facade that wraps the details of using the underlying HTTP client.

One, declare an interface with <code>@HttpExchange</code> methods:

```
interface RepositoryService {
    @GetExchange("/repos/{owner}/{repo}")
    Repository getRepository(@PathVariable String owner, @PathVariable String repo);
    // more HTTP exchange methods...
}
```

Two, create a proxy that will perform the declared HTTP exchanges:

```
WebClient client = WebClient.builder().baseUrl("https://api.github.com/").build();
HttpServiceProxyFactory factory =
WebClientAdapter.createHttpServiceProxyFactory(client);
factory.afterPropertiesSet();
RepositoryService service = factory.createClient(RepositoryService.class);
```

<code>@HttpExchange</code> is supported at the type level where it applies to all methods:

1.3.1. Method Parameters

Annotated, HTTP exchange methods support flexible method signatures with the following method parameters:

Method argument	Description
URI	Dynamically set the URL for the request, overriding the annotation's url attribute.
HttpMethod	Dynamically set the HTTP method for the request, overriding the annotation's method attribute
@RequestHeader	Add a request header or mutliple headers. The argument may be a Map <string, ?=""> or MultiValueMap<string, ?=""> with multiple headers, a Collection<? > of values, or an individual value. Type conversion is supported for non-String values.</string,></string,>
@PathVariable	Add a variable for expand a placeholder in the request URL. The argument may be a Map <string, ?=""> with multiple variables, or an individual value. Type conversion is supported for non-String values.</string,>
@RequestBody	Provide the body of the request either as an Object to be serialized, or a Reactive Streams Publisher such as Mono, Flux, or any other async type supported through the configured ReactiveAdapterRegistry.
@RequestParam	Add a request parameter or mutliple parameters. The argument may be a Map <string, ?=""> or MultiValueMap<string, ?=""> with multiple parameters, a Collection<? > of values, or an individual value. Type conversion is supported for non-String values. When "content-type" is set to "application/x-www-form-urlencoded", request parameters are encoded in the request body. Otherwise, they are added as URL query parameters.</string,></string,>
@CookieValue	Add a cookie or mutliple cookies. The argument may be a Map <string, ?=""> or MultiValueMap<string, ?=""> with multiple cookies, a Collection<? > of values, or an individual value. Type conversion is supported for non-String values.</string,></string,>

1.3.2. Return Values

Annotated, HTTP exchange methods support the following return values:

Method return value	Description
void, Mono <void></void>	Perform the given request, and release the response content, if any.
HttpHeaders, Mono <httpheaders></httpheaders>	Perform the given request, release the response content, if any, and return the response headers.

Method return value	Description
<t>, Mono<t></t></t>	Perform the given request and decode the response content to the declared return type.
<t>, Flux<t></t></t>	Perform the given request and decode the response content to a stream of the declared element type.
ResponseEntity <void>, Mono<responseentity<void>></responseentity<void></void>	Perform the given request, and release the response content, if any, and return a ResponseEntity with the status and headers.
ResponseEntity <t>, Mono<responseentity<t>></responseentity<t></t>	Perform the given request, decode the response content to the declared return type, and return a ResponseEntity with the status, headers, and the decoded body.
Mono <responseentity<flux<t>></responseentity<flux<t>	Perform the given request, decode the response content to a stream of the declared element type, and return a ResponseEntity with the status, headers, and the decoded response body stream.



You can also use any other async or reactive types registered in the ReactiveAdapterRegistry.

1.3.3. Exception Handling

By default, WebClient raises WebClientResponseException for 4xx and 5xx HTTP status codes. To customize this, you can register a response status handler that applies to all responses performed through the client:

```
WebClient webClient = WebClient.builder()
        .defaultStatusHandler(HttpStatusCode::isError, resp -> ...)
        .build();

HttpServiceProxyFactory proxyFactory =
        WebClientAdapter.createHttpServiceProxyFactory(webClient);
```

For more details and options, such as suppressing error status codes, see the Javadoc of defaultStatusHandler in WebClient.Builder.

Chapter 2. JMS (Java Message Service)

Spring provides a JMS integration framework that simplifies the use of the JMS API in much the same way as Spring's integration does for the JDBC API.

JMS can be roughly divided into two areas of functionality, namely the production and consumption of messages. The JmsTemplate class is used for message production and synchronous message reception. For asynchronous reception similar to Jakarta EE's message-driven bean style, Spring provides a number of message-listener containers that you can use to create Message-Driven POJOs (MDPs). Spring also provides a declarative way to create message listeners.

The org.springframework.jms.core package provides the core functionality for using JMS. It contains JMS template classes that simplify the use of the JMS by handling the creation and release of resources, much like the JdbcTemplate does for JDBC. The design principle common to Spring template classes is to provide helper methods to perform common operations and, for more sophisticated usage, delegate the essence of the processing task to user-implemented callback interfaces. The JMS template follows the same design. The classes offer various convenience methods for sending messages, consuming messages synchronously, and exposing the JMS session and message producer to the user.

The org.springframework.jms.support package provides JMSException translation functionality. The translation converts the checked JMSException hierarchy to a mirrored hierarchy of unchecked exceptions. If any provider-specific subclasses of the checked jakarta.jms.JMSException exist, this exception is wrapped in the unchecked UncategorizedJmsException.

The org.springframework.jms.support.converter package provides a MessageConverter abstraction to convert between Java objects and JMS messages.

The org.springframework.jms.support.destination package provides various strategies for managing JMS destinations, such as providing a service locator for destinations stored in JNDI.

The org.springframework.jms.annotation package provides the necessary infrastructure to support annotation-driven listener endpoints by using <code>@JmsListener</code>.

The org.springframework.jms.config package provides the parser implementation for the jms namespace as well as the java config support to configure listener containers and create listener endpoints.

Finally, the org.springframework.jms.connection package provides an implementation of the ConnectionFactory suitable for use in standalone applications. It also contains an implementation of Spring's PlatformTransactionManager for JMS (the cunningly named JmsTransactionManager). This allows for seamless integration of JMS as a transactional resource into Spring's transaction management mechanisms.

As of Spring Framework 5, Spring's JMS package fully supports JMS 2.0 and requires the JMS 2.0 API to be present at runtime. We recommend the use of a JMS 2.0 compatible provider.



If you happen to use an older message broker in your system, you may try upgrading to a JMS 2.0 compatible driver for your existing broker generation. Alternatively, you may also try to run against a JMS 1.1 based driver, simply putting the JMS 2.0 API jar on the classpath but only using JMS 1.1 compatible API against your driver. Spring's JMS support adheres to JMS 1.1 conventions by default, so with corresponding configuration it does support such a scenario. However, please consider this for transition scenarios only.

2.1. Using Spring JMS

This section describes how to use Spring's JMS components.

2.1.1. Using JmsTemplate

The JmsTemplate class is the central class in the JMS core package. It simplifies the use of JMS, since it handles the creation and release of resources when sending or synchronously receiving messages.

Code that uses the JmsTemplate needs only to implement callback interfaces that give them a clearly defined high-level contract. The MessageCreator callback interface creates a message when given a Session provided by the calling code in JmsTemplate. To allow for more complex usage of the JMS API, SessionCallback provides the JMS session, and ProducerCallback exposes a Session and MessageProducer pair.

The JMS API exposes two types of send methods, one that takes delivery mode, priority, and time-to-live as Quality of Service (QOS) parameters and one that takes no QOS parameters and uses default values. Since JmsTemplate has many send methods, setting the QOS parameters have been exposed as bean properties to avoid duplication in the number of send methods. Similarly, the timeout value for synchronous receive calls is set by using the setReceiveTimeout property.

Some JMS providers allow the setting of default QOS values administratively through the configuration of the ConnectionFactory. This has the effect that a call to a MessageProducer instance's send method (send(Destination destination, Message message)) uses different QOS default values than those specified in the JMS specification. In order to provide consistent management of QOS values, the JmsTemplate must, therefore, be specifically enabled to use its own QOS values by setting the boolean property isExplicitQosEnabled to true.

For convenience, JmsTemplate also exposes a basic request-reply operation that allows for sending a message and waiting for a reply on a temporary queue that is created as part of the operation.



Instances of the JmsTemplate class are thread-safe, once configured. This is important, because it means that you can configure a single instance of a JmsTemplate and then safely inject this shared reference into multiple collaborators. To be clear, the JmsTemplate is stateful, in that it maintains a reference to a ConnectionFactory, but this state is not conversational state.

As of Spring Framework 4.1, JmsMessagingTemplate is built on top of JmsTemplate and provides an integration with the messaging abstraction—that is, org.springframework.messaging.Message. This lets you create the message to send in a generic manner.

2.1.2. Connections

The JmsTemplate requires a reference to a ConnectionFactory. The ConnectionFactory is part of the JMS specification and serves as the entry point for working with JMS. It is used by the client application as a factory to create connections with the JMS provider and encapsulates various configuration parameters, many of which are vendor-specific, such as SSL configuration options.

When using JMS inside an EJB, the vendor provides implementations of the JMS interfaces so that they can participate in declarative transaction management and perform pooling of connections and sessions. In order to use this implementation, Jakarta EE containers typically require that you declare a JMS connection factory as a resource-ref inside the EJB or servlet deployment descriptors. To ensure the use of these features with the JmsTemplate inside an EJB, the client application should ensure that it references the managed implementation of the ConnectionFactory.

Caching Messaging Resources

The standard API involves creating many intermediate objects. To send a message, the following 'API' walk is performed:

ConnectionFactory->Connection->Session->MessageProducer->send

Between the ConnectionFactory and the Send operation, three intermediate objects are created and destroyed. To optimize the resource usage and increase performance, Spring provides two implementations of ConnectionFactory.

Using SingleConnectionFactory

Spring provides an implementation of the ConnectionFactory interface, SingleConnectionFactory, that returns the same Connection on all createConnection() calls and ignores calls to close(). This is useful for testing and standalone environments so that the same connection can be used for multiple JmsTemplate calls that may span any number of transactions. SingleConnectionFactory takes a reference to a standard ConnectionFactory that would typically come from JNDI.

Using CachingConnectionFactory

The CachingConnectionFactory extends the functionality of SingleConnectionFactory and adds the caching of Session, MessageProducer, and MessageConsumer instances. The initial cache size is set to 1. You can use the sessionCacheSize property to increase the number of cached sessions. Note that the

number of actual cached sessions is more than that number, as sessions are cached based on their acknowledgment mode, so there can be up to four cached session instances (one for each acknowledgment mode) when sessionCacheSize is set to one. MessageProducer and MessageConsumer instances are cached within their owning session and also take into account the unique properties of the producers and consumers when caching. MessageProducers are cached based on their destination. MessageConsumers are cached based on a key composed of the destination, selector, noLocal delivery flag, and the durable subscription name (if creating durable consumers).



MessageProducers and MessageConsumers for temporary queues and topics (TemporaryQueue/TemporaryTopic) will never be cached. Unfortunately, WebLogic JMS happens to implement the temporary queue/topic interfaces on its regular destination implementation, mis-indicating that none of its destinations can be cached. Please use a different connection pool/cache on WebLogic, or customize CachingConnectionFactory for WebLogic purposes.

2.1.3. Destination Management

Destinations, as ConnectionFactory instances, are JMS administered objects that you can store and retrieve in JNDI. When configuring a Spring application context, you can use the JNDI JndiObjectFactoryBean factory class or <jee:jndi-lookup> to perform dependency injection on your object's references to JMS destinations. However, this strategy is often cumbersome if there are a large number of destinations in the application or if there are advanced destination management features unique to the JMS provider. Examples of such advanced destination management include the creation of dynamic destinations or support for a hierarchical namespace of destinations. The JmsTemplate delegates the resolution of a destination name to a JMS destination object that implements the DestinationResolver interface. DynamicDestinationResolver is the default implementation used by JmsTemplate and accommodates resolving dynamic destinations. A JndiDestinationResolver is also provided to act as a service locator for destinations contained in JNDI and optionally falls back to the behavior contained in DynamicDestinationResolver.

Quite often, the destinations used in a JMS application are only known at runtime and, therefore, cannot be administratively created when the application is deployed. This is often because there is shared application logic between interacting system components that create destinations at runtime according to a well-known naming convention. Even though the creation of dynamic destinations is not part of the JMS specification, most vendors have provided this functionality. Dynamic destinations are created with a user-defined name, which differentiates them from temporary destinations, and are often not registered in JNDI. The API used to create dynamic destinations varies from provider to provider since the properties associated with the destination are vendor-specific. However, a simple implementation choice that is sometimes made by vendors is to disregard the warnings in the JMS specification and to use the method TopicSession createTopic(String topicName) or the QueueSession createQueue(String queueName) method to create a new destination with default destination properties. Depending on the vendor implementation, DynamicDestinationResolver can then also create a physical destination instead of only resolving one.

The boolean property pubSubDomain is used to configure the JmsTemplate with knowledge of what JMS domain is being used. By default, the value of this property is false, indicating that the point-to-point domain, Queues, is to be used. This property (used by JmsTemplate) determines the behavior of

dynamic destination resolution through implementations of the DestinationResolver interface.

You can also configure the JmsTemplate with a default destination through the property defaultDestination. The default destination is with send and receive operations that do not refer to a specific destination.

2.1.4. Message Listener Containers

One of the most common uses of JMS messages in the EJB world is to drive message-driven beans (MDBs). Spring offers a solution to create message-driven POJOs (MDPs) in a way that does not tie a user to an EJB container. (See Asynchronous reception: Message-Driven POJOs for detailed coverage of Spring's MDP support.) Since Spring Framework 4.1, endpoint methods can be annotated with @JmsListener — see Annotation-driven Listener Endpoints for more details.

A message listener container is used to receive messages from a JMS message queue and drive the MessageListener that is injected into it. The listener container is responsible for all threading of message reception and dispatches into the listener for processing. A message listener container is the intermediary between an MDP and a messaging provider and takes care of registering to receive messages, participating in transactions, resource acquisition and release, exception conversion, and so on. This lets you write the (possibly complex) business logic associated with receiving a message (and possibly respond to it), and delegates boilerplate JMS infrastructure concerns to the framework.

There are two standard JMS message listener containers packaged with Spring, each with its specialized feature set.

- SimpleMessageListenerContainer
- DefaultMessageListenerContainer

Using SimpleMessageListenerContainer

This message listener container is the simpler of the two standard flavors. It creates a fixed number of JMS sessions and consumers at startup, registers the listener by using the standard JMS MessageConsumer.setMessageListener() method, and leaves it up the JMS provider to perform listener callbacks. This variant does not allow for dynamic adaption to runtime demands or for participation in externally managed transactions. Compatibility-wise, it stays very close to the spirit of the standalone JMS specification, but is generally not compatible with Jakarta EE's JMS restrictions.



While SimpleMessageListenerContainer does not allow for participation in externally managed transactions, it does support native JMS transactions. To enable this feature, you can switch the sessionTransacted flag to true or, in the XML namespace, set the acknowledge attribute to transacted. Exceptions thrown from your listener then lead to a rollback, with the message getting redelivered. Alternatively, consider using CLIENT_ACKNOWLEDGE mode, which provides redelivery in case of an exception as well but does not use transacted Session instances and, therefore, does not include any other Session operations (such as sending response messages) in the transaction protocol.



The default AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE mode does not provide proper reliability guarantees. Messages can get lost when listener execution fails (since the provider automatically acknowledges each message after listener invocation, with no exceptions to be propagated to the provider) or when the listener container shuts down (you can configure this by setting the acceptMessagesWhileStopping flag). Make sure to use transacted sessions in case of reliability needs (for example, for reliable queue handling and durable topic subscriptions).

Using DefaultMessageListenerContainer

This message listener container is used in most cases. In contrast to SimpleMessageListenerContainer, this container variant allows for dynamic adaptation to runtime demands and is able to participate in externally managed transactions. Each received message is registered with an XA transaction when configured with a JtaTransactionManager. As a result, processing may take advantage of XA transaction semantics. This listener container strikes a good balance between low requirements on the JMS provider, advanced functionality (such as participation in externally managed transactions), and compatibility with Jakarta EE environments.

You can customize the cache level of the container. Note that, when no caching is enabled, a new connection and a new session is created for each message reception. Combining this with a non-durable subscription with high loads may lead to message loss. Make sure to use a proper cache level in such a case.

This container also has recoverable capabilities when the broker goes down. By default, a simple BackOff implementation retries every five seconds. You can specify a custom BackOff implementation for more fine-grained recovery options. See ExponentialBackOff for an example.



Like its sibling (SimpleMessageListenerContainer), DefaultMessageListenerContainer supports native JMS transactions and allows for customizing the acknowledgment mode. If feasible for your scenario, This is strongly recommended over externally managed transactions—that is, if you can live with occasional duplicate messages in case of the JVM dying. Custom duplicate message detection steps in your business logic can cover such situations—for example, in the form of a business entity existence check or a protocol table check. Any such arrangements are significantly more efficient than the alternative: wrapping your entire processing with an XA transaction (through configuring your DefaultMessageListenerContainer with an JtaTransactionManager) to cover the reception of the JMS message as well as the execution of the business logic in your message listener (including database operations, etc.).



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2.1.5. Transaction Management

Spring provides a JmsTransactionManager that manages transactions for a single JMS ConnectionFactory. This lets JMS applications leverage the managed-transaction features of Spring, as described in Transaction Management section of the Data Access chapter. The JmsTransactionManager performs local resource transactions, binding a JMS Connection/Session pair from the specified ConnectionFactory to the thread. JmsTemplate automatically detects such transactional resources and operates on them accordingly.

In a Jakarta EE environment, the ConnectionFactory pools Connection and Session instances, so those resources are efficiently reused across transactions. In a standalone environment, using Spring's SingleConnectionFactory result in a shared JMS Connection, with each transaction having its own independent Session. Alternatively, consider the use of a provider-specific pooling adapter, such as ActiveMQ's PooledConnectionFactory class.

You can also use JmsTemplate with the JtaTransactionManager and an XA-capable JMS ConnectionFactory to perform distributed transactions. Note that this requires the use of a JTA transaction manager as well as a properly XA-configured ConnectionFactory. (Check your Jakarta EE server's or JMS provider's documentation.)

Reusing code across a managed and unmanaged transactional environment can be confusing when using the JMS API to create a Session from a Connection. This is because the JMS API has only one factory method to create a Session, and it requires values for the transaction and acknowledgment modes. In a managed environment, setting these values is the responsibility of the environment's transactional infrastructure, so these values are ignored by the vendor's wrapper to the JMS Connection. When you use the JmsTemplate in an unmanaged environment, you can specify these values through the use of the properties sessionTransacted and sessionAcknowledgeMode. When you use a PlatformTransactionManager with JmsTemplate, the template is always given a transactional JMS Session.

2.2. Sending a Message

The JmsTemplate contains many convenience methods to send a message. Send methods specify the destination by using a jakarta.jms.Destination object, and others specify the destination by using a String in a JNDI lookup. The send method that takes no destination argument uses the default destination.

The following example uses the MessageCreator callback to create a text message from the supplied Session object:

```
import jakarta.jms.ConnectionFactory;
import jakarta.jms.JMSException;
import jakarta.jms.Message;
import jakarta.jms.Queue;
import jakarta.jms.Session;
import org.springframework.jms.core.MessageCreator;
import org.springframework.jms.core.JmsTemplate;
public class JmsQueueSender {
    private JmsTemplate jmsTemplate;
    private Queue queue;
    public void setConnectionFactory(ConnectionFactory cf) {
        this.jmsTemplate = new JmsTemplate(cf);
    }
    public void setQueue(Queue queue) {
        this.queue = queue;
    }
    public void simpleSend() {
        this.jmsTemplate.send(this.queue, new MessageCreator() {
            public Message createMessage(Session session) throws JMSException {
                return session.createTextMessage("hello queue world");
       });
   }
}
```

In the preceding example, the JmsTemplate is constructed by passing a reference to a ConnectionFactory. As an alternative, a zero-argument constructor and connectionFactory is provided and can be used for constructing the instance in JavaBean style (using a BeanFactory or plain Java code). Alternatively, consider deriving from Spring's JmsGatewaySupport convenience base class, which provides pre-built bean properties for JMS configuration.

The send(String destinationName, MessageCreator creator) method lets you send a message by using the string name of the destination. If these names are registered in JNDI, you should set the destinationResolver property of the template to an instance of JndiDestinationResolver.

If you created the JmsTemplate and specified a default destination, the send(MessageCreator c) sends a message to that destination.

2.2.1. Using Message Converters

To facilitate the sending of domain model objects, the JmsTemplate has various send methods that take a Java object as an argument for a message's data content. The overloaded methods convertAndSend() and receiveAndConvert() methods in JmsTemplate delegate the conversion process

to an instance of the MessageConverter interface. This interface defines a simple contract to convert between Java objects and JMS messages. The default implementation (SimpleMessageConverter) supports conversion between String and TextMessage, byte[] and BytesMessage, and java.util.Map and MapMessage. By using the converter, you and your application code can focus on the business object that is being sent or received through JMS and not be concerned with the details of how it is represented as a JMS message.

The sandbox currently includes a MapMessageConverter, which uses reflection to convert between a JavaBean and a MapMessage. Other popular implementation choices you might implement yourself are converters that use an existing XML marshalling package (such as JAXB or XStream) to create a TextMessage that represents the object.

To accommodate the setting of a message's properties, headers, and body that can not be generically encapsulated inside a converter class, the MessagePostProcessor interface gives you access to the message after it has been converted but before it is sent. The following example shows how to modify a message header and a property after a java.util.Map is converted to a message:

```
public void sendWithConversion() {
    Map map = new HashMap();
    map.put("Name", "Mark");
    map.put("Age", new Integer(47));
    jmsTemplate.convertAndSend("testQueue", map, new MessagePostProcessor() {
        public Message postProcessMessage(Message message) throws JMSException {
            message.setIntProperty("AccountID", 1234);
            message.setJMSCorrelationID("123-00001");
            return message;
        }
    });
});
```

This results in a message of the following form:

```
MapMessage={
    Header={
        ... standard headers ...
        CorrelationID={123-00001}
    }
    Properties={
        AccountID={Integer:1234}
    }
    Fields={
        Name={String:Mark}
        Age={Integer:47}
    }
}
```

2.2.2. Using SessionCallback **and** ProducerCallback

While the send operations cover many common usage scenarios, you might sometimes want to perform multiple operations on a JMS Session or MessageProducer. The SessionCallback and ProducerCallback expose the JMS Session and Session / MessageProducer pair, respectively. The execute() methods on JmsTemplate run these callback methods.

2.3. Receiving a Message

This describes how to receive messages with JMS in Spring.

2.3.1. Synchronous Reception

While JMS is typically associated with asynchronous processing, you can consume messages synchronously. The overloaded receive(..) methods provide this functionality. During a synchronous receive, the calling thread blocks until a message becomes available. This can be a dangerous operation, since the calling thread can potentially be blocked indefinitely. The receiveTimeout property specifies how long the receiver should wait before giving up waiting for a message.

2.3.2. Asynchronous reception: Message-Driven POJOs



Spring also supports annotated-listener endpoints through the use of the @JmsListener annotation and provides an open infrastructure to register endpoints programmatically. This is, by far, the most convenient way to setup an asynchronous receiver. See Enable Listener Endpoint Annotations for more details.

In a fashion similar to a Message-Driven Bean (MDB) in the EJB world, the Message-Driven POJO (MDP) acts as a receiver for JMS messages. The one restriction (but see Using MessageListenerAdapter) on an MDP is that it must implement the jakarta.jms.MessageListener interface. Note that, if your POJO receives messages on multiple threads, it is important to ensure that your implementation is thread-safe.

The following example shows a simple implementation of an MDP:

```
import jakarta.jms.JMSException;
import jakarta.jms.Message;
import jakarta.jms.MessageListener;
import jakarta.jms.TextMessage;
public class ExampleListener implements MessageListener {
    public void onMessage(Message message) {
        if (message instanceof TextMessage textMessage) {
            try {
                System.out.println(textMessage.getText());
            catch (JMSException ex) {
                throw new RuntimeException(ex);
            }
        }
        else {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Message must be of type TextMessage");
        }
   }
}
```

Once you have implemented your MessageListener, it is time to create a message listener container.

The following example shows how to define and configure one of the message listener containers that ships with Spring (in this case, DefaultMessageListenerContainer):

See the Spring javadoc of the various message listener containers (all of which implement MessageListenerContainer) for a full description of the features supported by each implementation.

2.3.3. Using the SessionAwareMessageListener Interface

The SessionAwareMessageListener interface is a Spring-specific interface that provides a similar contract to the JMS MessageListener interface but also gives the message-handling method access to the JMS Session from which the Message was received. The following listing shows the definition of the SessionAwareMessageListener interface:

```
package org.springframework.jms.listener;
public interface SessionAwareMessageListener {
    void onMessage(Message message, Session session) throws JMSException;
}
```

You can choose to have your MDPs implement this interface (in preference to the standard JMS MessageListener interface) if you want your MDPs to be able to respond to any received messages (by using the Session supplied in the onMessage(Message, Session) method). All of the message listener container implementations that ship with Spring have support for MDPs that implement either the MessageListener or SessionAwareMessageListener interface. Classes that implement the SessionAwareMessageListener come with the caveat that they are then tied to Spring through the interface. The choice of whether or not to use it is left entirely up to you as an application developer or architect.

Note that the onMessage(..) method of the SessionAwareMessageListener interface throws JMSException. In contrast to the standard JMS MessageListener interface, when using the SessionAwareMessageListener interface, it is the responsibility of the client code to handle any thrown exceptions.

2.3.4. Using MessageListenerAdapter

The MessageListenerAdapter class is the final component in Spring's asynchronous messaging support. In a nutshell, it lets you expose almost any class as an MDP (though there are some constraints).

Consider the following interface definition:

```
public interface MessageDelegate {
    void handleMessage(String message);
    void handleMessage(Map message);
    void handleMessage(byte[] message);
    void handleMessage(Serializable message);
}
```

Notice that, although the interface extends neither the MessageListener nor the SessionAwareMessageListener interface, you can still use it as an MDP by using the MessageListenerAdapter class. Notice also how the various message handling methods are strongly typed according to the contents of the various Message types that they can receive and handle.

Now consider the following implementation of the MessageDelegate interface:

```
public class DefaultMessageDelegate implements MessageDelegate {
    // implementation elided for clarity...
}
```

In particular, note how the preceding implementation of the MessageDelegate interface (the DefaultMessageDelegate class) has no JMS dependencies at all. It truly is a POJO that we can make into an MDP through the following configuration:

The next example shows another MDP that can handle only receiving JMS TextMessage messages. Notice how the message handling method is actually called receive (the name of the message handling method in a MessageListenerAdapter defaults to handleMessage), but it is configurable (as you can see later in this section). Notice also how the receive(..) method is strongly typed to receive and respond only to JMS TextMessage messages. The following listing shows the definition of the TextMessageDelegate interface:

```
public interface TextMessageDelegate {
    void receive(TextMessage message);
}
```

The following listing shows a class that implements the TextMessageDelegate interface:

```
public class DefaultTextMessageDelegate implements TextMessageDelegate {
    // implementation elided for clarity...
}
```

The configuration of the attendant MessageListenerAdapter would then be as follows:

Note that, if the messageListener receives a JMS Message of a type other than TextMessage, an IllegalStateException is thrown (and subsequently swallowed). Another of the capabilities of the MessageListenerAdapter class is the ability to automatically send back a response Message if a handler method returns a non-void value. Consider the following interface and class:

```
public interface ResponsiveTextMessageDelegate {
    // notice the return type...
    String receive(TextMessage message);
}
```

```
public class DefaultResponsiveTextMessageDelegate implements
ResponsiveTextMessageDelegate {
    // implementation elided for clarity...
}
```

If you use the DefaultResponsiveTextMessageDelegate in conjunction with a MessageListenerAdapter, any non-null value that is returned from the execution of the 'receive(..)' method is (in the default configuration) converted into a TextMessage. The resulting TextMessage is then sent to the Destination (if one exists) defined in the JMS Reply-To property of the original Message or the default Destination set on the MessageListenerAdapter (if one has been configured). If no Destination is found, an InvalidDestinationException is thrown (note that this exception is not swallowed and propagates up the call stack).

2.3.5. Processing Messages Within Transactions

Invoking a message listener within a transaction requires only reconfiguration of the listener container.

You can activate local resource transactions through the sessionTransacted flag on the listener container definition. Each message listener invocation then operates within an active JMS transaction, with message reception rolled back in case of listener execution failure. Sending a response message (through SessionAwareMessageListener) is part of the same local transaction, but any other resource operations (such as database access) operate independently. This usually

requires duplicate message detection in the listener implementation, to cover the case where database processing has committed but message processing failed to commit.

Consider the following bean definition:

```
<bean id="jmsContainer"
class="org.springframework.jms.listener.DefaultMessageListenerContainer">
        <property name="connectionFactory" ref="connectionFactory"/>
        <property name="destination" ref="destination"/>
        <property name="messageListener" ref="messageListener"/>
        <property name="sessionTransacted" value="true"/>
    </bean>
```

To participate in an externally managed transaction, you need to configure a transaction manager and use a listener container that supports externally managed transactions (typically, DefaultMessageListenerContainer).

To configure a message listener container for XA transaction participation, you want to configure a <code>JtaTransactionManager</code> (which, by default, delegates to the Jakarta EE server's transaction subsystem). Note that the underlying JMS <code>ConnectionFactory</code> needs to be XA-capable and properly registered with your JTA transaction coordinator. (Check your Jakarta EE server's configuration of JNDI resources.) This lets message reception as well as (for example) database access be part of the same transaction (with unified commit semantics, at the expense of XA transaction log overhead).

The following bean definition creates a transaction manager:

```
<bean id="transactionManager"
class="org.springframework.transaction.jta.JtaTransactionManager"/>
```

Then we need to add it to our earlier container configuration. The container takes care of the rest. The following example shows how to do so:

① Our transaction manager.

2.4. Support for JCA Message Endpoints

Beginning with version 2.5, Spring also provides support for a JCA-based MessageListener container. The JmsMessageEndpointManager tries to automatically determine the ActivationSpec class name from the provider's ResourceAdapter class name. Therefore, it is typically possible to provide Spring's

generic JmsActivationSpecConfig, as the following example shows:

Alternatively, you can set up a JmsMessageEndpointManager with a given ActivationSpec object. The ActivationSpec object may also come from a JNDI lookup (using <jee:jndi-lookup>). The following example shows how to do so:

Using Spring's ResourceAdapterFactoryBean, you can configure the target ResourceAdapter locally, as the following example shows:

The specified WorkManager can also point to an environment-specific thread pool — typically through a SimpleTaskWorkManager instance's asyncTaskExecutor property. Consider defining a shared thread pool for all your ResourceAdapter instances if you happen to use multiple adapters.

In some environments (such as WebLogic 9 or above), you can instead obtain the entire ResourceAdapter object from JNDI (by using <jee:jndi-lookup>). The Spring-based message listeners can then interact with the server-hosted ResourceAdapter, which also use the server's built-in WorkManager.

See the javadoc for JmsMessageEndpointManager, JmsActivationSpecConfig, and ResourceAdapterFactoryBean for more details.

Spring also provides a generic JCA message endpoint manager that is not tied to JMS: org.springframework.jca.endpoint.GenericMessageEndpointManager. This component allows for using any message listener type (such as a JMS MessageListener) and any provider-specific ActivationSpec object. See your JCA provider's documentation to find out about the actual capabilities of your connector, and see the GenericMessageEndpointManager javadoc for the Spring-specific configuration details.



JCA-based message endpoint management is very analogous to EJB 2.1 Message-Driven Beans. It uses the same underlying resource provider contract. As with EJB 2.1 MDBs, you can use any message listener interface supported by your JCA provider in the Spring context as well. Spring nevertheless provides explicit "convenience" support for JMS, because JMS is the most common endpoint API used with the JCA endpoint management contract.

2.5. Annotation-driven Listener Endpoints

The easiest way to receive a message asynchronously is to use the annotated listener endpoint infrastructure. In a nutshell, it lets you expose a method of a managed bean as a JMS listener endpoint. The following example shows how to use it:

```
@Component
public class MyService {

   @JmsListener(destination = "myDestination")
   public void processOrder(String data) { ... }
}
```

The idea of the preceding example is that, whenever a message is available on the jakarta.jms.Destination myDestination, the processOrder method is invoked accordingly (in this case, with the content of the JMS message, similar to what the MessageListenerAdapter provides).

The annotated endpoint infrastructure creates a message listener container behind the scenes for each annotated method, by using a <code>JmsListenerContainerFactory</code>. Such a container is not registered against the application context but can be easily located for management purposes by using the <code>JmsListenerEndpointRegistry</code> bean.



<code>@JmsListener</code> is a repeatable annotation on Java 8, so you can associate several JMS destinations with the same method by adding additional <code>@JmsListener</code> declarations to it.

2.5.1. Enable Listener Endpoint Annotations

To enable support for <code>@JmsListener</code> annotations, you can add <code>@EnableJms</code> to one of your <code>@Configuration</code> classes, as the following example shows:

```
@Configuration
@EnableJms
public class AppConfig {

    @Bean
    public DefaultJmsListenerContainerFactory jmsListenerContainerFactory() {
        DefaultJmsListenerContainerFactory factory = new

DefaultJmsListenerContainerFactory();
        factory.setConnectionFactory(connectionFactory());
        factory.setDestinationResolver(destinationResolver());
        factory.setSessionTransacted(true);
        factory.setConcurrency("3-10");
        return factory;
    }
}
```

By default, the infrastructure looks for a bean named <code>jmsListenerContainerFactory</code> as the source for the factory to use to create message listener containers. In this case (and ignoring the JMS infrastructure setup), you can invoke the <code>processOrder</code> method with a core poll size of three threads and a maximum pool size of ten threads.

You can customize the listener container factory to use for each annotation or you can configure an explicit default by implementing the <code>JmsListenerConfigurer</code> interface. The default is required only if at least one endpoint is registered without a specific container factory. See the javadoc of classes that implement <code>JmsListenerConfigurer</code> for details and examples.

If you prefer XML configuration, you can use the <jms:annotation-driven> element, as the following example shows:

2.5.2. Programmatic Endpoint Registration

JmsListenerEndpoint provides a model of a JMS endpoint and is responsible for configuring the container for that model. The infrastructure lets you programmatically configure endpoints in

addition to the ones that are detected by the JmsListener annotation. The following example shows how to do so:

In the preceding example, we used SimpleJmsListenerEndpoint, which provides the actual MessageListener to invoke. However, you could also build your own endpoint variant to describe a custom invocation mechanism.

Note that you could skip the use of @JmsListener altogether and programmatically register only your endpoints through JmsListenerConfigurer.

2.5.3. Annotated Endpoint Method Signature

So far, we have been injecting a simple String in our endpoint, but it can actually have a very flexible method signature. In the following example, we rewrite it to inject the Order with a custom header:

```
@Component
public class MyService {

   @JmsListener(destination = "myDestination")
   public void processOrder(Order order, @Header("order_type") String orderType) {
        ...
   }
}
```

The main elements you can inject in JMS listener endpoints are as follows:

- The raw jakarta.jms.Message or any of its subclasses (provided that it matches the incoming message type).
- The jakarta.jms.Session for optional access to the native JMS API (for example, for sending a custom reply).

- The org.springframework.messaging.Message that represents the incoming JMS message. Note that this message holds both the custom and the standard headers (as defined by JmsHeaders).
- <code>@Header-annotated</code> method arguments to extract a specific header value, including standard JMS headers.
- A <code>@Headers-annotated</code> argument that must also be assignable to <code>java.util.Map</code> for getting access to all headers.
- A non-annotated element that is not one of the supported types (Message or Session) is considered to be the payload. You can make that explicit by annotating the parameter with <code>@Payload</code>. You can also turn on validation by adding an extra <code>@Valid</code>.

The ability to inject Spring's Message abstraction is particularly useful to benefit from all the information stored in the transport-specific message without relying on transport-specific API. The following example shows how to do so:

```
@JmsListener(destination = "myDestination")
public void processOrder(Message<Order> order) { ... }
```

Handling of method arguments is provided by DefaultMessageHandlerMethodFactory, which you can further customize to support additional method arguments. You can customize the conversion and validation support there as well.

For instance, if we want to make sure our Order is valid before processing it, we can annotate the payload with OValid and configure the necessary validator, as the following example shows:

```
@Configuration
@EnableJms
public class AppConfig implements JmsListenerConfigurer {

    @Override
    public void configureJmsListeners(JmsListenerEndpointRegistrar registrar) {
        registrar.setMessageHandlerMethodFactory(myJmsHandlerMethodFactory());
    }

    @Bean
    public DefaultMessageHandlerMethodFactory myHandlerMethodFactory() {
        DefaultMessageHandlerMethodFactory factory = new

DefaultMessageHandlerMethodFactory();
        factory.setValidator(myValidator());
        return factory;
    }
}
```

2.5.4. Response Management

The existing support in MessageListenerAdapter already lets your method have a non-void return type. When that is the case, the result of the invocation is encapsulated in a jakarta.jms.Message,

sent either in the destination specified in the JMSReplyTo header of the original message or in the default destination configured on the listener. You can now set that default destination by using the @SendTo annotation of the messaging abstraction.

Assuming that our processOrder method should now return an OrderStatus, we can write it to automatically send a response, as the following example shows:

```
@JmsListener(destination = "myDestination")
@SendTo("status")
public OrderStatus processOrder(Order order) {
    // order processing
    return status;
}
```



If you have several <code>@JmsListener-</code>annotated methods, you can also place the <code>@SendTo</code> annotation at the class level to share a default reply destination.

If you need to set additional headers in a transport-independent manner, you can return a Message instead, with a method similar to the following:

If you need to compute the response destination at runtime, you can encapsulate your response in a JmsResponse instance that also provides the destination to use at runtime. We can rewrite the previous example as follows:

Finally, if you need to specify some QoS values for the response such as the priority or the time to live, you can configure the JmsListenerContainerFactory accordingly, as the following example

```
@Configuration
@EnableJms
public class AppConfig {

    @Bean
    public DefaultJmsListenerContainerFactory jmsListenerContainerFactory() {
        DefaultJmsListenerContainerFactory factory = new

DefaultJmsListenerContainerFactory();
        factory.setConnectionFactory(connectionFactory());
        QosSettings replyQosSettings = new QosSettings();
        replyQosSettings.setPriority(2);
        replyQosSettings.setTimeToLive(10000);
        factory.setReplyQosSettings(replyQosSettings);
        return factory;
    }
}
```

2.6. JMS Namespace Support

Spring provides an XML namespace for simplifying JMS configuration. To use the JMS namespace elements, you need to reference the JMS schema, as the following example shows:

① Referencing the JMS schema.

The namespace consists of three top-level elements: <annotation-driven/>, stener-container/> and <jca-listener-container/>. <annotation-driven/> enables the use of annotation-driven listener endpoints. listener-container/> and <jca-listener-container/> define shared listener container configuration and can contain listener/> child elements. The following example shows a basic configuration for two listeners:

The preceding example is equivalent to creating two distinct listener container bean definitions and two distinct MessageListenerAdapter bean definitions, as shown in Using MessageListenerAdapter. In addition to the attributes shown in the preceding example, the listener element can contain several optional ones. The following table describes all of the available attributes:

Table 3. Attributes of the JMS <listener> element

Attribute	Description	
id	A bean name for the hosting listener container. If not specified, a bean name is automatically generated.	
destination (required)	The destination name for this listener, resolved through the DestinationResolver strategy.	
ref (required)	The bean name of the handler object.	
method	The name of the handler method to invoke. If the ref attribute points to a MessageListener or Spring SessionAwareMessageListener, you can omit this attribute.	
response- destination	The name of the default response destination to which to send response messages. This is applied in case of a request message that does not carry a JMSReplyTo field. The type of this destination is determined by the listener-container's response-destination-type attribute. Note that this applies only to a listener method with a return value, for which each result object is converted into a response message.	
subscription	The name of the durable subscription, if any.	
selector	An optional message selector for this listener.	
concurrency	The number of concurrent sessions or consumers to start for this listener. This value can either be a simple number indicating the maximum number (for example, 5) of a range indicating the lower as well as the upper limit (for example, 3-5). Note that specified minimum is only a hint and might be ignored at runtime. The default is the value provided by the container.	

The customization of the various strategies (for example, taskExecutor and destinationResolver) as well as basic JMS settings and resource references. By using these attributes, you can define highly-customized listener containers while still benefiting from the convenience of the namespace.

You can automatically expose such settings as a JmsListenerContainerFactory by specifying the id of

the bean to expose through the factory-id attribute, as the following example shows:

The following table describes all available attributes. See the class-level javadoc of the AbstractMessageListenerContainer and its concrete subclasses for more details on the individual properties. The javadoc also provides a discussion of transaction choices and message redelivery scenarios.

Table 4. Attributes of the JMS < listener-container > element

Attribute	Description	
container- type	The type of this listener container. The available options are default, simple, default102, or simple102 (the default option is default).	
container- class	A custom listener container implementation class as a fully qualified class name. The default is Spring's standard DefaultMessageListenerContainer or SimpleMessageListenerContainer, according to the container-type attribute.	
factory-id	Exposes the settings defined by this element as a JmsListenerContainerFactory with the specified id so that they can be reused with other endpoints.	
connection- factory	A reference to the JMS ConnectionFactory bean (the default bean name is connectionFactory).	
task- executor	A reference to the Spring TaskExecutor for the JMS listener invokers.	
destination- resolver	A reference to the DestinationResolver strategy for resolving JMS Destination instances.	
message- converter	A reference to the MessageConverter strategy for converting JMS Messages to listener method arguments. The default is a SimpleMessageConverter.	
error- handler	A reference to an ErrorHandler strategy for handling any uncaught exceptions that may occur during the execution of the MessageListener.	
destination- type	The JMS destination type for this listener: queue, topic, durableTopic, sharedTopic, or sharedDurableTopic. This potentially enables the pubSubDomain, subscriptionDurable and subscriptionShared properties of the container. The default is queue (which disables those three properties).	

Attribute	Description	
response- destination- type	The JMS destination type for responses: queue or topic. The default is the value of the destination-type attribute.	
client-id	The JMS client ID for this listener container. You must specify it when you use durable subscriptions.	
cache	The cache level for JMS resources: none, connection, session, consumer, or auto. By default (auto), the cache level is effectively consumer, unless an external transaction manager has been specified — in which case, the effective default will be none (assuming Jakarta EE-style transaction management, where the given ConnectionFactory is an XA-aware pool).	
acknowledge	The native JMS acknowledge mode: auto, client, dups-ok, or transacted. A value of transacted activates a locally transacted Session. As an alternative, you can specify the transaction-manager attribute, described later in table. The default is auto.	
transaction- manager	A reference to an external PlatformTransactionManager (typically an XA-based transaction coordinator, such as Spring's JtaTransactionManager). If not specified, native acknowledging is used (see the acknowledge attribute).	
concurrency	The number of concurrent sessions or consumers to start for each listener. It can either be a simple number indicating the maximum number (for example, 5) or a range indicating the lower as well as the upper limit (for example, 3-5). Note that a specified minimum is just a hint and might be ignored at runtime. The default is 1. You should keep concurrency limited to 1 in case of a topic listener or if queue ordering is important. Consider raising it for general queues.	
prefetch	The maximum number of messages to load into a single session. Note that raising this number might lead to starvation of concurrent consumers.	
receive- timeout	The timeout (in milliseconds) to use for receive calls. The default is 1000 (one second)1 indicates no timeout.	
back-off	Specifies the BackOff instance to use to compute the interval between recovery attempts. If the BackOffExecution implementation returns BackOffExecution#STOP, the listener container does not further try to recover. The recovery-interval value is ignored when this property is set. The default is a FixedBackOff with an interval of 5000 milliseconds (that is, five seconds).	
recovery- interval	Specifies the interval between recovery attempts, in milliseconds. It offers a convenient way to create a FixedBackOff with the specified interval. For more recovery options, consider specifying a BackOff instance instead. The default is 5000 milliseconds (that is, five seconds).	
phase	The lifecycle phase within which this container should start and stop. The lower the value, the earlier this container starts and the later it stops. The default is Integer . MAX_VALUE, meaning that the container starts as late as possible and stops as soon as possible.	

Configuring a JCA-based listener container with the ${\sf jms}$ schema support is very similar, as the following example shows:

The following table describes the available configuration options for the JCA variant:

Table 5. Attributes of the JMS <jca-listener-container/> element

Attribute	Description
factory-id	Exposes the settings defined by this element as a JmsListenerContainerFactory with the specified id so that they can be reused with other endpoints.
resource- adapter	A reference to the JCA ResourceAdapter bean (the default bean name is resourceAdapter).
activation- spec-factory	A reference to the JmsActivationSpecFactory. The default is to autodetect the JMS provider and its ActivationSpec class (see DefaultJmsActivationSpecFactory).
destination- resolver	A reference to the DestinationResolver strategy for resolving JMS Destinations.
message- converter	A reference to the MessageConverter strategy for converting JMS Messages to listener method arguments. The default is SimpleMessageConverter.
destination- type	The JMS destination type for this listener: queue, topic, durableTopic, sharedTopic. or sharedDurableTopic. This potentially enables the pubSubDomain, subscriptionDurable, and subscriptionShared properties of the container. The default is queue (which disables those three properties).
response- destination- type	The JMS destination type for responses: queue or topic. The default is the value of the destination-type attribute.
client-id	The JMS client ID for this listener container. It needs to be specified when using durable subscriptions.
acknowledge	The native JMS acknowledge mode: auto, client, dups-ok, or transacted. A value of transacted activates a locally transacted Session. As an alternative, you can specify the transaction-manager attribute described later. The default is auto.
transaction- manager	A reference to a Spring JtaTransactionManager or a jakarta.transaction.TransactionManager for kicking off an XA transaction for each incoming message. If not specified, native acknowledging is used (see the acknowledge attribute).

Attribute	Description
concurrency	The number of concurrent sessions or consumers to start for each listener. It can either be a simple number indicating the maximum number (for example 5) or a range indicating the lower as well as the upper limit (for example, 3-5). Note that a specified minimum is only a hint and is typically ignored at runtime when you use a JCA listener container. The default is 1.
prefetch	The maximum number of messages to load into a single session. Note that raising this number might lead to starvation of concurrent consumers.

Chapter 3. JMX

The JMX (Java Management Extensions) support in Spring provides features that let you easily and transparently integrate your Spring application into a JMX infrastructure.

JMX?

This chapter is not an introduction to JMX. It does not try to explain why you might want to use JMX. If you are new to JMX, see Further Resources at the end of this chapter.

Specifically, Spring's JMX support provides four core features:

- The automatic registration of any Spring bean as a JMX MBean.
- A flexible mechanism for controlling the management interface of your beans.
- The declarative exposure of MBeans over remote, JSR-160 connectors.
- The simple proxying of both local and remote MBean resources.

These features are designed to work without coupling your application components to either Spring or JMX interfaces and classes. Indeed, for the most part, your application classes need not be aware of either Spring or JMX in order to take advantage of the Spring JMX features.

3.1. Exporting Your Beans to JMX

The core class in Spring's JMX framework is the MBeanExporter. This class is responsible for taking your Spring beans and registering them with a JMX MBeanServer. For example, consider the following class:

```
package org.springframework.jmx;
public class JmxTestBean implements IJmxTestBean {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    private boolean isSuperman;
    public int getAge() {
        return age;
    public void setAge(int age) {
        this.age = age;
    }
    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
    public int add(int x, int y) {
        return x + y;
    public void dontExposeMe() {
        throw new RuntimeException();
    }
}
```

To expose the properties and methods of this bean as attributes and operations of an MBean, you can configure an instance of the MBeanExporter class in your configuration file and pass in the bean, as the following example shows:

The pertinent bean definition from the preceding configuration snippet is the exporter bean. The beans property tells the MBeanExporter exactly which of your beans must be exported to the JMX MBeanServer. In the default configuration, the key of each entry in the beans Map is used as the ObjectName for the bean referenced by the corresponding entry value. You can change this behavior, as described in Controlling ObjectName Instances for Your Beans.

With this configuration, the testBean bean is exposed as an MBean under the ObjectName bean:name=testBean1. By default, all public properties of the bean are exposed as attributes and all public methods (except those inherited from the Object class) are exposed as operations.



MBeanExporter is a Lifecycle bean (see Startup and Shutdown Callbacks). By default, MBeans are exported as late as possible during the application lifecycle. You can configure the phase at which the export happens or disable automatic registration by setting the autoStartup flag.

3.1.1. Creating an MBeanServer

The configuration shown in the preceding section assumes that the application is running in an environment that has one (and only one) MBeanServer already running. In this case, Spring tries to locate the running MBeanServer and register your beans with that server (if any). This behavior is useful when your application runs inside a container (such as Tomcat or IBM WebSphere) that has its own MBeanServer.

However, this approach is of no use in a standalone environment or when running inside a container that does not provide an MBeanServer. To address this, you can create an MBeanServer instance declaratively by adding an instance of the org.springframework.jmx.support.MBeanServerFactoryBean class to your configuration. You can also ensure that a specific MBeanServer is used by setting the value of the MBeanExporter instance's server property to the MBeanServer value returned by an MBeanServerFactoryBean, as the following example shows:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="mbeanServer"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.support.MBeanServerFactoryBean"/>
    <!--
   this bean needs to be eagerly pre-instantiated in order for the exporting to
occur;
    this means that it must not be marked as lazily initialized
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        cproperty name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean1" value-ref="testBean"/>
        </property>
        <property name="server" ref="mbeanServer"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        cproperty name="name" value="TEST"/>
        property name="age" value="100"/>
    </hean>
</beans>
```

In the preceding example, an instance of MBeanServer is created by the MBeanServerFactoryBean and is supplied to the MBeanExporter through the server property. When you supply your own MBeanServer instance, the MBeanExporter does not try to locate a running MBeanServer and uses the supplied MBeanServer instance. For this to work correctly, you must have a JMX implementation on your classpath.

3.1.2. Reusing an Existing MBeanServer

If no server is specified, the MBeanExporter tries to automatically detect a running MBeanServer. This works in most environments, where only one MBeanServer instance is used. However, when multiple instances exist, the exporter might pick the wrong server. In such cases, you should use the MBeanServer agentId to indicate which instance to be used, as the following example shows:

For platforms or cases where the existing MBeanServer has a dynamic (or unknown) agentId that is retrieved through lookup methods, you should use factory-method, as the following example shows:

3.1.3. Lazily Initialized MBeans

If you configure a bean with an MBeanExporter that is also configured for lazy initialization, the MBeanExporter does not break this contract and avoids instantiating the bean. Instead, it registers a proxy with the MBeanServer and defers obtaining the bean from the container until the first invocation on the proxy occurs.

3.1.4. Automatic Registration of MBeans

Any beans that are exported through the MBeanExporter and are already valid MBeans are registered as-is with the MBeanServer without further intervention from Spring. You can cause MBeans to be automatically detected by the MBeanExporter by setting the autodetect property to true, as the following example shows:

```
<bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        <property name="autodetect" value="true"/>
    </bean>
<bean name="spring:mbean=true"
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.TestDynamicMBean"/>
```

In the preceding example, the bean called spring:mbean=true is already a valid JMX MBean and is automatically registered by Spring. By default, a bean that is autodetected for JMX registration has its bean name used as the ObjectName. You can override this behavior, as detailed in Controlling ObjectName Instances for Your Beans.

3.1.5. Controlling the Registration Behavior

Consider the scenario where a Spring MBeanExporter attempts to register an MBean with an MBeanServer by using the ObjectName bean:name=testBean1. If an MBean instance has already been registered under that same ObjectName, the default behavior is to fail (and throw an InstanceAlreadyExistsException).

You can control exactly what happens when an MBean is registered with an MBeanServer. Spring's JMX support allows for three different registration behaviors to control the registration behavior when the registration process finds that an MBean has already been registered under the same ObjectName. The following table summarizes these registration behaviors:

Table 6. Registration Behaviors

Registration behavior	Explanation
FAIL_ON_EXISTING	This is the default registration behavior. If an MBean instance has already been registered under the same ObjectName, the MBean that is being registered is not registered, and an InstanceAlreadyExistsException is thrown. The existing MBean is unaffected.
IGNORE_EXISTING	If an MBean instance has already been registered under the same ObjectName, the MBean that is being registered is not registered. The existing MBean is unaffected, and no Exception is thrown. This is useful in settings where multiple applications want to share a common MBean in a shared MBeanServer.
REPLACE_EXISTING	If an MBean instance has already been registered under the same ObjectName, the existing MBean that was previously registered is unregistered, and the new MBean is registered in its place (the new MBean effectively replaces the previous instance).

The values in the preceding table are defined as enums on the RegistrationPolicy class. If you want to change the default registration behavior, you need to set the value of the registrationPolicy property on your MBeanExporter definition to one of those values.

The following example shows how to change from the default registration behavior to the REPLACE_EXISTING behavior:

3.2. Controlling the Management Interface of Your Beans

In the example in the preceding section, you had little control over the management interface of your bean. All of the public properties and methods of each exported bean were exposed as JMX attributes and operations, respectively. To exercise finer-grained control over exactly which properties and methods of your exported beans are actually exposed as JMX attributes and operations, Spring JMX provides a comprehensive and extensible mechanism for controlling the management interfaces of your beans.

3.2.1. Using the MBeanInfoAssembler Interface

Behind the scenes, the MBeanExporter delegates to an implementation of the org.springframework.jmx.export.assembler.MBeanInfoAssembler interface, which is responsible for defining the management interface of each bean that is exposed. The default implementation, org.springframework.jmx.export.assembler.SimpleReflectiveMBeanInfoAssembler, defines a management interface that exposes all public properties and methods (as you saw in the examples in the preceding sections). Spring provides two additional implementations of the MBeanInfoAssembler interface that let you control the generated management interface by using either source-level metadata or any arbitrary interface.

3.2.2. Using Source-level Metadata: Java Annotations

By using the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler, you can define the management interfaces for your beans by using source-level metadata. The reading of metadata is encapsulated by the org.springframework.jmx.export.metadata.JmxAttributeSource interface. Spring JMX provides a default implementation that uses Java annotations, namely org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.AnnotationJmxAttributeSource. You must configure the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler with an implementation instance of the JmxAttributeSource interface

for it to function correctly (there is no default).

To mark a bean for export to JMX, you should annotate the bean class with the ManagedResource annotation. You must mark each method you wish to expose as an operation with the ManagedOperation annotation and mark each property you wish to expose with the ManagedAttribute annotation. When marking properties, you can omit either the annotation of the getter or the setter to create a write-only or read-only attribute, respectively.



A ManagedResource-annotated bean must be public, as must the methods exposing an operation or an attribute.

The following example shows the annotated version of the JmxTestBean class that we used in Creating an MBeanServer:

```
package org.springframework.jmx;
import org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.ManagedResource;
import org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.ManagedOperation;
import org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.ManagedAttribute;
@ManagedResource(
        objectName="bean:name=testBean4",
        description="My Managed Bean",
        log=true,
        logFile="jmx.log",
        currencyTimeLimit=15,
        persistPolicy="OnUpdate",
        persistPeriod=200,
        persistLocation="foo",
        persistName="bar")
public class AnnotationTestBean implements IJmxTestBean {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    @ManagedAttribute(description="The Age Attribute", currencyTimeLimit=15)
    public int getAge() {
        return age;
    }
    public void setAge(int age) {
        this.age = age;
    }
    @ManagedAttribute(description="The Name Attribute",
            currencyTimeLimit=20,
            defaultValue="bar",
            persistPolicy="OnUpdate")
    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
```

```
@ManagedAttribute(defaultValue="foo", persistPeriod=300)
public String getName() {
    return name;
}

@ManagedOperation(description="Add two numbers")
@ManagedOperationParameters({
      @ManagedOperationParameter(name = "x", description = "The first number"),
      @ManagedOperationParameter(name = "y", description = "The second number")})
public int add(int x, int y) {
    return x + y;
}

public void dontExposeMe() {
    throw new RuntimeException();
}
```

In the preceding example, you can see that the JmxTestBean class is marked with the ManagedResource annotation and that this ManagedResource annotation is configured with a set of properties. These properties can be used to configure various aspects of the MBean that is generated by the MBeanExporter and are explained in greater detail later in Source-level Metadata Types.

Both the age and name properties are annotated with the ManagedAttribute annotation, but, in the case of the age property, only the getter is marked. This causes both of these properties to be included in the management interface as attributes, but the age attribute is read-only.

Finally, the add(int, int) method is marked with the ManagedOperation attribute, whereas the dontExposeMe() method is not. This causes the management interface to contain only one operation (add(int, int)) when you use the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler.

The following configuration shows how you can configure the MBeanExporter to use the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        <property name="assembler" ref="assembler"/>
        <property name="namingStrategy" ref="namingStrategy"/>
        <property name="autodetect" value="true"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="jmxAttributeSource"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.AnnotationJmxAttributeSource"/>
    <!-- will create management interface using annotation metadata -->
    <bean id="assembler"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.assembler.MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler">
        cproperty name="attributeSource" ref="jmxAttributeSource"/>
    </bean>
    <!-- will pick up the ObjectName from the annotation -->
    <bean id="namingStrategy"</pre>
            class="org.springframework.jmx.export.naming.MetadataNamingStrategy">
        cproperty name="attributeSource" ref="jmxAttributeSource"/>
    </hean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.AnnotationTestBean">
        cproperty name="name" value="TEST"/>
        cproperty name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
</beans>
```

In the preceding example, an MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler bean has been configured with an instance of the AnnotationJmxAttributeSource class and passed to the MBeanExporter through the assembler property. This is all that is required to take advantage of metadata-driven management interfaces for your Spring-exposed MBeans.

3.2.3. Source-level Metadata Types

The following table describes the source-level metadata types that are available for use in Spring JMX:

Table 7. Source-level metadata types

Purpose	Annotation	Annotation Type
Mark all instances of a Class as JMX managed resources.	@ManagedResource	Class
Mark a method as a JMX operation.	@ManagedOperation	Method

Purpose	Annotation	Annotation Type
Mark a getter or setter as one half of a JMX attribute.	@ManagedAttribute	Method (only getters and setters)
Define descriptions for operation parameters.	@ManagedOperationParameter and @ManagedOperationParameters	Method

The following table describes the configuration parameters that are available for use on these source-level metadata types:

Table 8. Source-level metadata parameters

Parameter	Description	Applies to
ObjectName	Used by MetadataNamingStrategy to determine the ObjectName of a managed resource.	ManagedResource
description	Sets the friendly description of the resource, attribute or operation.	ManagedResource, ManagedAttribute, ManagedOperation, or ManagedOperationPa rameter
currencyTimeLimit	Sets the value of the currencyTimeLimit descriptor field.	ManagedResource or ManagedAttribute
defaultValue	Sets the value of the defaultValue descriptor field.	ManagedAttribute
log	Sets the value of the log descriptor field.	ManagedResource
logFile	Sets the value of the logFile descriptor field.	ManagedResource
persistPolicy	Sets the value of the persistPolicy descriptor field.	ManagedResource
persistPeriod	Sets the value of the persistPeriod descriptor field.	ManagedResource
persistLocation	Sets the value of the persistLocation descriptor field.	ManagedResource
persistName	Sets the value of the persistName descriptor field.	ManagedResource
name	Sets the display name of an operation parameter.	ManagedOperationPa rameter
index	Sets the index of an operation parameter.	ManagedOperationPa rameter

3.2.4. Using the AutodetectCapableMBeanInfoAssembler Interface

To simplify configuration even further, Spring includes the AutodetectCapableMBeanInfoAssembler interface, which extends the MBeanInfoAssembler interface to add support for autodetection of MBean resources. If you configure the MBeanExporter with an instance of AutodetectCapableMBeanInfoAssembler, it is allowed to "vote" on the inclusion of beans for exposure to JMX.

The only implementation of the AutodetectCapableMBeanInfo interface is the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler, which votes to include any bean that is marked with the

ManagedResource attribute. The default approach in this case is to use the bean name as the ObjectName, which results in a configuration similar to the following:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        <!-- notice how no 'beans' are explicitly configured here -->
        <property name="autodetect" value="true"/>
        <property name="assembler" ref="assembler"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        property name="name" value="TEST"/>
        property name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="assembler"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.assembler.MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler">
        property name="attributeSource">
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.AnnotationJmxAttributeSource"/>
        </property>
    </bean>
</beans>
```

Notice that, in the preceding configuration, no beans are passed to the MBeanExporter. However, the JmxTestBean is still registered, since it is marked with the ManagedResource attribute and the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler detects this and votes to include it. The only problem with this approach is that the name of the JmxTestBean now has business meaning. You can address this issue by changing the default behavior for ObjectName creation as defined in Controlling ObjectName Instances for Your Beans.

3.2.5. Defining Management Interfaces by Using Java Interfaces

In addition to the MetadataMBeanInfoAssembler, Spring also includes the InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssembler, which lets you constrain the methods and properties that are exposed based on the set of methods defined in a collection of interfaces.

Although the standard mechanism for exposing MBeans is to use interfaces and a simple naming scheme, InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssembler extends this functionality by removing the need for naming conventions, letting you use more than one interface and removing the need for your beans to implement the MBean interfaces.

Consider the following interface, which is used to define a management interface for the JmxTestBean class that we showed earlier:

```
public interface IJmxTestBean {
   public int add(int x, int y);
   public long myOperation();
   public int getAge();
   public void setAge(int age);
   public void setName(String name);
   public String getName();
}
```

This interface defines the methods and properties that are exposed as operations and attributes on the JMX MBean. The following code shows how to configure Spring JMX to use this interface as the definition for the management interface:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        cproperty name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean5" value-ref="testBean"/>
            </map>
        </property>
        cproperty name="assembler">
            <bean
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.assembler.InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssembler">
                property name="managedInterfaces">
                    <value>org.springframework.jmx.IJmxTestBean</value>
                </property>
            </bean>
        </property>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        cproperty name="name" value="TEST"/>
        cproperty name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
</beans>
```

In the preceding example, the InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssemble is configured to use the IJmxTestBean interface when constructing the management interface for any bean. It is important to understand that beans processed by the InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssemble are not required to

implement the interface used to generate the JMX management interface.

In the preceding case, the <code>IJmxTestBean</code> interface is used to construct all management interfaces for all beans. In many cases, this is not the desired behavior, and you may want to use different interfaces for different beans. In this case, you can pass <code>InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssembler</code> a <code>Properties</code> instance through the <code>interfaceMappings</code> property, where the key of each entry is the bean name and the value of each entry is a comma-separated list of interface names to use for that bean.

If no management interface is specified through either the managedInterfaces or interfaceMappings properties, the InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssembler reflects on the bean and uses all of the interfaces implemented by that bean to create the management interface.

3.2.6. Using MethodNameBasedMBeanInfoAssembler

MethodNameBasedMBeanInfoAssembler lets you specify a list of method names that are exposed to JMX as attributes and operations. The following code shows a sample configuration:

In the preceding example, you can see that the add and myOperation methods are exposed as JMX operations, and getName(), setName(String), and getAge() are exposed as the appropriate half of a JMX attribute. In the preceding code, the method mappings apply to beans that are exposed to JMX. To control method exposure on a bean-by-bean basis, you can use the methodMappings property of MethodNameMBeanInfoAssembler to map bean names to lists of method names.

3.3. Controlling ObjectName Instances for Your Beans

Behind the scenes, the MBeanExporter delegates to an implementation of the ObjectNamingStrategy to obtain an ObjectName instance for each of the beans it registers. By default, the default implementation, KeyNamingStrategy uses the key of the beans Map as the ObjectName. In addition, the KeyNamingStrategy can map the key of the beans Map to an entry in a Properties file (or files) to resolve the ObjectName. In addition to the KeyNamingStrategy, Spring provides two additional ObjectNamingStrategy implementations: the IdentityNamingStrategy (which builds an ObjectName based on the JVM identity of the bean) and the MetadataNamingStrategy (which uses source-level

3.3.1. Reading ObjectName Instances from Properties

You can configure your own KeyNamingStrategy instance and configure it to read ObjectName instances from a Properties instance rather than use a bean key. The KeyNamingStrategy tries to locate an entry in the Properties with a key that corresponds to the bean key. If no entry is found or if the Properties instance is null, the bean key itself is used.

The following code shows a sample configuration for the KeyNamingStrategy:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        cproperty name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="testBean" value-ref="testBean"/>
            </map>
        </property>
        <property name="namingStrategy" ref="namingStrategy"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        cproperty name="name" value="TEST"/>
        cproperty name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="namingStrategy"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.naming.KeyNamingStrategy">
        cproperty name="mappings">
            <props>
                <prop key="testBean">bean:name=testBean1</prop>
            </props>
        </property>
        property name="mappingLocations">
            <value>names1.properties,names2.properties</value>
        </property>
    </bean>
</beans>
```

The preceding example configures an instance of KeyNamingStrategy with a Properties instance that is merged from the Properties instance defined by the mapping property and the properties files located in the paths defined by the mappings property. In this configuration, the testBean bean is given an ObjectName of bean:name=testBean1, since this is the entry in the Properties instance that has a key corresponding to the bean key.

If no entry in the Properties instance can be found, the bean key name is used as the ObjectName.

3.3.2. Using MetadataNamingStrategy

MetadataNamingStrategy uses the objectName property of the ManagedResource attribute on each bean to create the ObjectName. The following code shows the configuration for the MetadataNamingStrategy:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        property name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="testBean" value-ref="testBean"/>
        </property>
        <property name="namingStrategy" ref="namingStrategy"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        cproperty name="name" value="TEST"/>
        cproperty name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="namingStrategy"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.naming.MetadataNamingStrategy">
        <property name="attributeSource" ref="attributeSource"/>
    </bean>
    <bean id="attributeSource"</pre>
class="org.springframework.jmx.export.annotation.AnnotationJmxAttributeSource"/>
</beans>
```

If no objectName has been provided for the ManagedResource attribute, an ObjectName is created with the following format: [fully-qualified-package-name]:type=[short-classname],name=[bean-name]. For example, the generated ObjectName for the following bean would be com.example:type=MyClass,name=myBean:

```
<bean id="myBean" class="com.example.MyClass"/>
```

3.3.3. Configuring Annotation-based MBean Export

If you prefer to use the annotation-based approach to define your management interfaces, a convenience subclass of MBeanExporter is available: AnnotationMBeanExporter. When defining an instance of this subclass, you no longer need the namingStrategy, assembler, and attributeSource configuration, since it always uses standard Java annotation-based metadata (autodetection is always enabled as well). In fact, rather than defining an MBeanExporter bean, an even simpler syntax is supported by the @EnableMBeanExport @Configuration annotation, as the following example shows:

```
@Configuration
@EnableMBeanExport
public class AppConfig {
}
```

If you prefer XML-based configuration, the <context:mbean-export/> element serves the same purpose and is shown in the following listing:

```
<context:mbean-export/>
```

If necessary, you can provide a reference to a particular MBean server, and the defaultDomain attribute (a property of AnnotationMBeanExporter) accepts an alternate value for the generated MBean ObjectName domains. This is used in place of the fully qualified package name as described in the previous section on MetadataNamingStrategy, as the following example shows:

```
@EnableMBeanExport(server="myMBeanServer", defaultDomain="myDomain")
@Configuration
ContextConfiguration {
}
```

The following example shows the XML equivalent of the preceding annotation-based example:

```
<context:mbean-export server="myMBeanServer" default-domain="myDomain"/>
```



Do not use interface-based AOP proxies in combination with autodetection of JMX annotations in your bean classes. Interface-based proxies "hide" the target class, which also hides the JMX-managed resource annotations. Hence, you should use target-class proxies in that case (through setting the 'proxy-target-class' flag on <aop:config/>, <tx:annotation-driven/> and so on). Otherwise, your JMX beans might be silently ignored at startup.

3.4. Using JSR-160 Connectors

For remote access, Spring JMX module offers two FactoryBean implementations inside the org.springframework.jmx.support package for creating both server- and client-side connectors.

3.4.1. Server-side Connectors

To have Spring JMX create, start, and expose a JSR-160 JMXConnectorServer, you can use the following configuration:

```
<bean id="serverConnector"
class="org.springframework.jmx.support.ConnectorServerFactoryBean"/>
```

By default, ConnectorServerFactoryBean creates a JMXConnectorServer bound to service:jmx:jmxmp://localhost:9875. The serverConnector bean thus exposes the local MBeanServer to clients through the JMXMP protocol on localhost, port 9875. Note that the JMXMP protocol is marked as optional by the JSR 160 specification. Currently, the main open-source JMX implementation, MX4J, and the one provided with the JDK do not support JMXMP.

To specify another URL and register the JMXConnectorServer itself with the MBeanServer, you can use the serviceUrl and ObjectName properties, respectively, as the following example shows:

```
<bean id="serverConnector"
        class="org.springframework.jmx.support.ConnectorServerFactoryBean">
        <property name="objectName" value="connector:name=rmi"/>
        <property name="serviceUrl"

value="service:jmx:rmi://localhost/jndi/rmi://localhost:1099/myconnector"/>
        </bean>
```

If the ObjectName property is set, Spring automatically registers your connector with the MBeanServer under that ObjectName. The following example shows the full set of parameters that you can pass to the ConnectorServerFactoryBean when creating a JMXConnector:

Note that, when you use a RMI-based connector, you need the lookup service (tnameserv or rmiregistry) to be started in order for the name registration to complete.

3.4.2. Client-side Connectors

To create an MBeanServerConnection to a remote JSR-160-enabled MBeanServer, you can use the MBeanServerConnectionFactoryBean, as the following example shows:

3.4.3. JMX over Hessian or SOAP

JSR-160 permits extensions to the way in which communication is done between the client and the server. The examples shown in the preceding sections use the mandatory RMI-based implementation required by the JSR-160 specification (IIOP and JRMP) and the (optional) JMXMP. By using other providers or JMX implementations (such as MX4J) you can take advantage of protocols such as SOAP or Hessian over simple HTTP or SSL and others, as the following example shows:

```
<bean id="serverConnector"
class="org.springframework.jmx.support.ConnectorServerFactoryBean">
        <property name="objectName" value="connector:name=burlap"/>
        <property name="serviceUrl" value="service:jmx:burlap://localhost:9874"/>
    </bean>
```

In the preceding example, we used MX4J 3.0.0. See the official MX4J documentation for more information.

3.5. Accessing MBeans through Proxies

Spring JMX lets you create proxies that re-route calls to MBeans that are registered in a local or remote MBeanServer. These proxies provide you with a standard Java interface, through which you can interact with your MBeans. The following code shows how to configure a proxy for an MBean running in a local MBeanServer:

```
<bean id="proxy" class="org.springframework.jmx.access.MBeanProxyFactoryBean">
        <property name="objectName" value="bean:name=testBean"/>
        <property name="proxyInterface" value="org.springframework.jmx.IJmxTestBean"/>
        </bean>
```

In the preceding example, you can see that a proxy is created for the MBean registered under the <code>ObjectName</code> of <code>bean:name=testBean</code>. The set of interfaces that the proxy implements is controlled by the <code>proxyInterfaces</code> property, and the rules for mapping methods and properties on these interfaces to operations and attributes on the MBean are the same rules used by the <code>InterfaceBasedMBeanInfoAssembler</code>.

The MBeanProxyFactoryBean can create a proxy to any MBean that is accessible through an MBeanServerConnection. By default, the local MBeanServer is located and used, but you can override this and provide an MBeanServerConnection that points to a remote MBeanServer to cater for proxies that point to remote MBeans:

In the preceding example, we create an MBeanServerConnection that points to a remote machine that uses the MBeanServerConnectionFactoryBean. This MBeanServerConnection is then passed to the MBeanProxyFactoryBean through the server property. The proxy that is created forwards all invocations to the MBeanServer through this MBeanServerConnection.

3.6. Notifications

Spring's JMX offering includes comprehensive support for JMX notifications.

3.6.1. Registering Listeners for Notifications

Spring's JMX support makes it easy to register any number of NotificationListeners with any number of MBeans (this includes MBeans exported by Spring's MBeanExporter and MBeans registered through some other mechanism). For example, consider the scenario where one would like to be informed (through a Notification) each and every time an attribute of a target MBean changes. The following example writes notifications to the console:

```
package com.example;
import javax.management.AttributeChangeNotification;
import javax.management.NotificationFilter;
import javax.management.NotificationFilter;
import javax.management.NotificationListener;

public class ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener
    implements NotificationListener, NotificationFilter {

    public void handleNotification(Notification notification, Object handback) {
        System.out.println(notification);
        System.out.println(handback);
    }

    public boolean isNotificationEnabled(Notification notification) {
        return

AttributeChangeNotification.class.isAssignableFrom(notification.getClass());
    }
}
```

The following example adds ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener (defined in the preceding example) to notificationListenerMappings:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        cproperty name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean1" value-ref="testBean"/>
            </map>
        </property>
        cproperty name="notificationListenerMappings">
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean1">
                    <bean class="com.example.ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener"/>
                </entry>
            </map>
        </property>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        property name="name" value="TEST"/>
        cproperty name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
</beans>
```

With the preceding configuration in place, every time a JMX Notification is broadcast from the target MBean (bean:name=testBean1), the ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener bean that was registered as a listener through the notificationListenerMappings property is notified. The ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener bean can then take whatever action it deems appropriate in response to the Notification.

You can also use straight bean names as the link between exported beans and listeners, as the following example shows:

```
<beans>
    <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
        property name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean1" value-ref="testBean"/>
            </map>
        </property>
        cproperty name="notificationListenerMappings">
            <map>
                <entry key="testBean">
                    <bean class="com.example.ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener"/>
                </entry>
            </map>
        </property>
    </bean>
    <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
        property name="name" value="TEST"/>
        property name="age" value="100"/>
    </bean>
</beans>
```

If you want to register a single NotificationListener instance for all of the beans that the enclosing MBeanExporter exports, you can use the special wildcard (*) as the key for an entry in the notificationListenerMappings property map, as the following example shows:

If you need to do the inverse (that is, register a number of distinct listeners against an MBean), you must instead use the notificationListeners list property (in preference to the notificationListenerMappings property). This time, instead of configuring a NotificationListener for

a single MBean, we configure NotificationListenerBean instances. A NotificationListenerBean encapsulates a NotificationListener and the ObjectName (or ObjectNames) that it is to be registered against in an MBeanServer. The NotificationListenerBean also encapsulates a number of other properties, such as a NotificationFilter and an arbitrary handback object that can be used in advanced JMX notification scenarios.

The configuration when using NotificationListenerBean instances is not wildly different to what was presented previously, as the following example shows:

```
<beans>
   <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
       cproperty name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean1" value-ref="testBean"/>
            </map>
       </property>
       cproperty name="notificationListeners">
            st>
                <bean class="org.springframework.jmx.export.NotificationListenerBean">
                    <constructor-arg>
                        <bean class="com.example.ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener"/>
                    </constructor-arg>
                    cproperty name="mappedObjectNames">
                        st>
                            <value>bean:name=testBean1</value>
                        </list>
                    </property>
                </bean>
            </list>
       </property>
   </bean>
   <bean id="testBean" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
       cproperty name="name" value="TEST"/>
       coperty name="age" value="100"/>
   </bean>
</beans>
```

The preceding example is equivalent to the first notification example. Assume, then, that we want to be given a handback object every time a Notification is raised and that we also want to filter out extraneous Notifications by supplying a NotificationFilter. The following example accomplishes these goals:

```
<beans>
   <bean id="exporter" class="org.springframework.jmx.export.MBeanExporter">
       property name="beans">
            <map>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean1" value-ref="testBean1"/>
                <entry key="bean:name=testBean2" value-ref="testBean2"/>
            </map>
       </property>
       cproperty name="notificationListeners">
            st>
                <bean class="org.springframework.jmx.export.NotificationListenerBean">
                    <constructor-arg ref="customerNotificationListener"/>
                    cproperty name="mappedObjectNames">
                        t>
                            <!-- handles notifications from two distinct MBeans -->
                            <value>bean:name=testBean1
                            <value>bean:name=testBean2</value>
                        </list>
                    </property>
                    cproperty name="handback">
                        <bean class="java.lang.String">
                            <constructor-arg value="This could be anything..."/>
                        </bean>
                    </property>
                    property name="notificationFilter"
ref="customerNotificationListener"/>
                </bean>
           </list>
       </property>
   </bean>
   <!-- implements both the NotificationListener and NotificationFilter interfaces
-->
   <bean id="customerNotificationListener"</pre>
class="com.example.ConsoleLoggingNotificationListener"/>
   <bean id="testBean1" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
       property name="name" value="TEST"/>
       cproperty name="age" value="100"/>
   </bean>
   <bean id="testBean2" class="org.springframework.jmx.JmxTestBean">
       <property name="name" value="ANOTHER TEST"/>
       cproperty name="age" value="200"/>
   </bean>
</beans>
```

(For a full discussion of what a handback object is and, indeed, what a NotificationFilter is, see the

3.6.2. Publishing Notifications

Spring provides support not only for registering to receive Notifications but also for publishing Notifications.



This section is really only relevant to Spring-managed beans that have been exposed as MBeans through an MBeanExporter. Any existing user-defined MBeans should use the standard JMX APIs for notification publication.

The key interface in Spring's JMX notification publication support is the NotificationPublisher interface (defined in the org.springframework.jmx.export.notification package). Any bean that is going to be exported as an MBean through an MBeanExporter instance can implement the related NotificationPublisherAware interface to gain access to a NotificationPublisher instance. The NotificationPublisherAware interface supplies an instance of a NotificationPublisher to the implementing bean through a simple setter method, which the bean can then use to publish Notifications.

As stated in the javadoc of the NotificationPublisher interface, managed beans that publish events through the NotificationPublisher mechanism are not responsible for the state management of notification listeners. Spring's JMX support takes care of handling all the JMX infrastructure issues. All you need to do, as an application developer, is implement the NotificationPublisherAware interface and start publishing events by using the supplied NotificationPublisher instance. Note that the NotificationPublisher is set after the managed bean has been registered with an MBeanServer.

Using a NotificationPublisher instance is quite straightforward. You create a JMX Notification instance (or an instance of an appropriate Notification subclass), populate the notification with the data pertinent to the event that is to be published, and invoke the sendNotification(Notification) on the NotificationPublisher instance, passing in the Notification.

In the following example, exported instances of the JmxTestBean publish a NotificationEvent every time the add(int, int) operation is invoked:

```
package org.springframework.jmx;
import org.springframework.jmx.export.notification.NotificationPublisherAware;
import org.springframework.jmx.export.notification.NotificationPublisher;
import javax.management.Notification;
public class JmxTestBean implements IJmxTestBean, NotificationPublisherAware {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    private boolean isSuperman;
    private NotificationPublisher publisher;
    // other getters and setters omitted for clarity
    public int add(int x, int y) {
        int answer = x + y;
        this.publisher.sendNotification(new Notification("add", this, 0));
        return answer;
    }
    public void dontExposeMe() {
        throw new RuntimeException();
    public void setNotificationPublisher(NotificationPublisher notificationPublisher)
{
        this.publisher = notificationPublisher;
    }
}
```

The NotificationPublisher interface and the machinery to get it all working is one of the nicer features of Spring's JMX support. It does, however, come with the price tag of coupling your classes to both Spring and JMX. As always, the advice here is to be pragmatic. If you need the functionality offered by the NotificationPublisher and you can accept the coupling to both Spring and JMX, then do so.

3.7. Further Resources

This section contains links to further resources about JMX:

- The JMX homepage at Oracle.
- The JMX specification (JSR-000003).
- The JMX Remote API specification (JSR-000160).
- The MX4J homepage. (MX4J is an open-source implementation of various JMX specs.)

Chapter 4. Email

This section describes how to send email with the Spring Framework.

Library dependencies

The following JAR needs to be on the classpath of your application in order to use the Spring Framework's email library:

• The JavaMail / Jakarta Mail 1.6 library

This library is freely available on the web—for example, in Maven Central as com.sun.mail:jakarta.mail. Please make sure to use the latest 1.6.x version rather than Jakarta Mail 2.0 (which comes with a different package namespace).

The Spring Framework provides a helpful utility library for sending email that shields you from the specifics of the underlying mailing system and is responsible for low-level resource handling on behalf of the client.

The org.springframework.mail package is the root level package for the Spring Framework's email support. The central interface for sending emails is the MailSender interface. A simple value object that encapsulates the properties of a simple mail such as from and to (plus many others) is the SimpleMailMessage class. This package also contains a hierarchy of checked exceptions that provide a higher level of abstraction over the lower level mail system exceptions, with the root exception being MailException. See the javadoc for more information on the rich mail exception hierarchy.

The org.springframework.mail.javamail.JavaMailSender interface adds specialized JavaMail features, such as MIME message support to the MailSender interface (from which it inherits). JavaMailSender also provides a callback interface called org.springframework.mail.javamail.MimeMessagePreparator for preparing a MimeMessage.

4.1. Usage

Assume that we have a business interface called OrderManager, as the following example shows:

```
public interface OrderManager {
    void placeOrder(Order order);
}
```

Further assume that we have a requirement stating that an email message with an order number needs to be generated and sent to a customer who placed the relevant order.

4.1.1. Basic MailSender and SimpleMailMessage Usage

The following example shows how to use MailSender and SimpleMailMessage to send an email when someone places an order:

```
import org.springframework.mail.MailException;
import org.springframework.mail.MailSender;
import org.springframework.mail.SimpleMailMessage;
public class SimpleOrderManager implements OrderManager {
    private MailSender mailSender;
    private SimpleMailMessage templateMessage;
    public void setMailSender(MailSender mailSender) {
        this.mailSender = mailSender;
    }
    public void setTemplateMessage(SimpleMailMessage templateMessage) {
        this.templateMessage = templateMessage;
    }
    public void placeOrder(Order order) {
        // Do the business calculations...
       // Call the collaborators to persist the order...
        // Create a thread safe "copy" of the template message and customize it
        SimpleMailMessage msg = new SimpleMailMessage(this.templateMessage);
        msg.setTo(order.getCustomer().getEmailAddress());
        msq.setText(
            "Dear " + order.getCustomer().getFirstName()
                + order.getCustomer().getLastName()
                + ", thank you for placing order. Your order number is "
                + order.getOrderNumber());
        try {
            this.mailSender.send(msg);
        catch (MailException ex) {
            // simply log it and go on...
            System.err.println(ex.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

The following example shows the bean definitions for the preceding code:

4.1.2. Using JavaMailSender **and** MimeMessagePreparator

This section describes another implementation of OrderManager that uses the MimeMessagePreparator callback interface. In the following example, the mailSender property is of type JavaMailSender so that we are able to use the JavaMail MimeMessage class:

```
import jakarta.mail.Message;
import jakarta.mail.MessagingException;
import jakarta.mail.internet.InternetAddress;
import jakarta.mail.internet.MimeMessage;
import jakarta.mail.internet.MimeMessage;
import org.springframework.mail.MailException;
import org.springframework.mail.javamail.JavaMailSender;
import org.springframework.mail.javamail.MimeMessagePreparator;
public class SimpleOrderManager implements OrderManager {
    private JavaMailSender mailSender;
    public void setMailSender(JavaMailSender mailSender) {
        this.mailSender = mailSender;
    }
    public void placeOrder(final Order order) {
        // Do the business calculations...
        // Call the collaborators to persist the order...
        MimeMessagePreparator preparator = new MimeMessagePreparator() {
            public void prepare(MimeMessage mimeMessage) throws Exception {
                mimeMessage.setRecipient(Message.RecipientType.TO,
                        new InternetAddress(order.getCustomer().getEmailAddress()));
                mimeMessage.setFrom(new InternetAddress("mail@mycompany.example"));
                mimeMessage.setText("Dear " + order.getCustomer().getFirstName() + " "
+
                        order.getCustomer().getLastName() + ", thanks for your order.
" +
                        "Your order number is " + order.getOrderNumber() + ".");
       };
        try {
            this.mailSender.send(preparator);
        catch (MailException ex) {
            // simply log it and go on...
            System.err.println(ex.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```



The mail code is a crosscutting concern and could well be a candidate for refactoring into a custom Spring AOP aspect, which could then be run at appropriate joinpoints on the OrderManager target.

The Spring Framework's mail support ships with the standard JavaMail implementation. See the relevant javadoc for more information.

4.2. Using the JavaMail MimeMessageHelper

A class that comes in pretty handy when dealing with JavaMail messages is org.springframework.mail.javamail.MimeMessageHelper, which shields you from having to use the verbose JavaMail API. Using the MimeMessageHelper, it is pretty easy to create a MimeMessage, as the following example shows:

```
// of course you would use DI in any real-world cases
JavaMailSenderImpl sender = new JavaMailSenderImpl();
sender.setHost("mail.host.com");

MimeMessage message = sender.createMimeMessage();
MimeMessageHelper helper = new MimeMessageHelper(message);
helper.setTo("test@host.com");
helper.setText("Thank you for ordering!");
sender.send(message);
```

4.2.1. Sending Attachments and Inline Resources

Multipart email messages allow for both attachments and inline resources. Examples of inline resources include an image or a stylesheet that you want to use in your message but that you do not want displayed as an attachment.

Attachments

The following example shows you how to use the MimeMessageHelper to send an email with a single JPEG image attachment:

```
JavaMailSenderImpl sender = new JavaMailSenderImpl();
sender.setHost("mail.host.com");

MimeMessage message = sender.createMimeMessage();

// use the true flag to indicate you need a multipart message
MimeMessageHelper helper = new MimeMessageHelper(message, true);
helper.setTo("test@host.com");

helper.setText("Check out this image!");

// let's attach the infamous windows Sample file (this time copied to c:/)
FileSystemResource file = new FileSystemResource(new File("c:/Sample.jpg"));
helper.addAttachment("CoolImage.jpg", file);
sender.send(message);
```

Inline Resources

The following example shows you how to use the MimeMessageHelper to send an email with an inline image:

```
JavaMailSenderImpl sender = new JavaMailSenderImpl();
sender.setHost("mail.host.com");

MimeMessage message = sender.createMimeMessage();

// use the true flag to indicate you need a multipart message
MimeMessageHelper helper = new MimeMessageHelper(message, true);
helper.setTo("test@host.com");

// use the true flag to indicate the text included is HTML
helper.setText("<html><body><img src='cid:identifier1234'></body></html>", true);

// let's include the infamous windows Sample file (this time copied to c:/)
FileSystemResource res = new FileSystemResource(new File("c:/Sample.jpg"));
helper.addInline("identifier1234", res);
sender.send(message);
```



Inline resources are added to the MimeMessage by using the specified Content-ID (identifier1234 in the above example). The order in which you add the text and the resource are very important. Be sure to first add the text and then the resources. If you are doing it the other way around, it does not work.

4.2.2. Creating Email Content by Using a Templating Library

The code in the examples shown in the previous sections explicitly created the content of the email message, by using methods calls such as message.setText(..). This is fine for simple cases, and it is okay in the context of the aforementioned examples, where the intent was to show you the very basics of the API.

In your typical enterprise application, though, developers often do not create the content of email messages by using the previously shown approach for a number of reasons:

- Creating HTML-based email content in Java code is tedious and error prone.
- There is no clear separation between display logic and business logic.
- Changing the display structure of the email content requires writing Java code, recompiling, redeploying, and so on.

Typically, the approach taken to address these issues is to use a template library (such as FreeMarker) to define the display structure of email content. This leaves your code tasked only with creating the data that is to be rendered in the email template and sending the email. It is definitely a best practice when the content of your email messages becomes even moderately complex, and, with the Spring Framework's support classes for FreeMarker, it becomes quite easy to do.

Chapter 5. Task Execution and Scheduling

The Spring Framework provides abstractions for the asynchronous execution and scheduling of tasks with the TaskExecutor and TaskScheduler interfaces, respectively. Spring also features implementations of those interfaces that support thread pools or delegation to CommonJ within an application server environment. Ultimately, the use of these implementations behind the common interfaces abstracts away the differences between Java SE 5, Java SE 6, and Jakarta EE environments.

Spring also features integration classes to support scheduling with the Timer (part of the JDK since 1.3) and the Quartz Scheduler (https://www.quartz-scheduler.org/). You can set up both of those schedulers by using a FactoryBean with optional references to Timer or Trigger instances, respectively. Furthermore, a convenience class for both the Quartz Scheduler and the Timer is available that lets you invoke a method of an existing target object (analogous to the normal MethodInvokingFactoryBean operation).

5.1. The Spring TaskExecutor Abstraction

Executors are the JDK name for the concept of thread pools. The "executor" naming is due to the fact that there is no guarantee that the underlying implementation is actually a pool. An executor may be single-threaded or even synchronous. Spring's abstraction hides implementation details between the Java SE and Jakarta EE environments.

Spring's TaskExecutor interface is identical to the java.util.concurrent.Executor interface. In fact, originally, its primary reason for existence was to abstract away the need for Java 5 when using thread pools. The interface has a single method (execute(Runnable task)) that accepts a task for execution based on the semantics and configuration of the thread pool.

The TaskExecutor was originally created to give other Spring components an abstraction for thread pooling where needed. Components such as the ApplicationEventMulticaster, JMS's AbstractMessageListenerContainer, and Quartz integration all use the TaskExecutor abstraction to pool threads. However, if your beans need thread pooling behavior, you can also use this abstraction for your own needs.

5.1.1. TaskExecutor Types

Spring includes a number of pre-built implementations of TaskExecutor. In all likelihood, you should never need to implement your own. The variants that Spring provides are as follows:

- SyncTaskExecutor: This implementation does not run invocations asynchronously. Instead, each invocation takes place in the calling thread. It is primarily used in situations where multithreading is not necessary, such as in simple test cases.
- SimpleAsyncTaskExecutor: This implementation does not reuse any threads. Rather, it starts up a new thread for each invocation. However, it does support a concurrency limit that blocks any invocations that are over the limit until a slot has been freed up. If you are looking for true pooling, see ThreadPoolTaskExecutor, later in this list.
- ConcurrentTaskExecutor: This implementation is an adapter for a java.util.concurrent.Executor

instance. There is an alternative (ThreadPoolTaskExecutor) that exposes the Executor configuration parameters as bean properties. There is rarely a need to use ConcurrentTaskExecutor directly. However, if the ThreadPoolTaskExecutor is not flexible enough for your needs, ConcurrentTaskExecutor is an alternative.

- ThreadPoolTaskExecutor: This implementation is most commonly used. It exposes bean properties for configuring a java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor and wraps it in a TaskExecutor. If you need to adapt to a different kind of java.util.concurrent.Executor, we recommend that you use a ConcurrentTaskExecutor instead.
- DefaultManagedTaskExecutor: This implementation uses a JNDI-obtained ManagedExecutorService in a JSR-236 compatible runtime environment (such as a Jakarta EE application server), replacing a CommonJ WorkManager for that purpose.

5.1.2. Using a TaskExecutor

Spring's TaskExecutor implementations are used as simple JavaBeans. In the following example, we define a bean that uses the ThreadPoolTaskExecutor to asynchronously print out a set of messages:

```
import org.springframework.core.task.TaskExecutor;
public class TaskExecutorExample {
    private class MessagePrinterTask implements Runnable {
        private String message;
        public MessagePrinterTask(String message) {
            this.message = message;
        }
        public void run() {
            System.out.println(message);
        }
    }
    private TaskExecutor taskExecutor;
    public TaskExecutorExample(TaskExecutor taskExecutor) {
        this.taskExecutor = taskExecutor;
    }
    public void printMessages() {
        for(int i = 0; i < 25; i++) {
            taskExecutor.execute(new MessagePrinterTask("Message" + i));
        }
    }
}
```

As you can see, rather than retrieving a thread from the pool and executing it yourself, you add

your Runnable to the queue. Then the TaskExecutor uses its internal rules to decide when the task gets run.

To configure the rules that the TaskExecutor uses, we expose simple bean properties:

5.2. The Spring TaskScheduler Abstraction

In addition to the TaskExecutor abstraction, Spring 3.0 introduced a TaskScheduler with a variety of methods for scheduling tasks to run at some point in the future. The following listing shows the TaskScheduler interface definition:

```
public interface TaskScheduler {
    ScheduledFuture schedule(Runnable task, Trigger trigger);
    ScheduledFuture schedule(Runnable task, Instant startTime);
    ScheduledFuture scheduleAtFixedRate(Runnable task, Instant startTime, Duration period);
    ScheduledFuture scheduleAtFixedRate(Runnable task, Duration period);
    ScheduledFuture scheduleWithFixedDelay(Runnable task, Instant startTime, Duration delay);
    ScheduledFuture scheduleWithFixedDelay(Runnable task, Duration delay);
```

The simplest method is the one named schedule that takes only a Runnable and an Instant. That causes the task to run once after the specified time. All of the other methods are capable of scheduling tasks to run repeatedly. The fixed-rate and fixed-delay methods are for simple, periodic execution, but the method that accepts a Trigger is much more flexible.

5.2.1. Trigger Interface

The Trigger interface is essentially inspired by JSR-236 which, as of Spring 3.0, was not yet officially implemented. The basic idea of the Trigger is that execution times may be determined based on

past execution outcomes or even arbitrary conditions. If these determinations do take into account the outcome of the preceding execution, that information is available within a TriggerContext. The Trigger interface itself is quite simple, as the following listing shows:

```
public interface Trigger {
    Date nextExecutionTime(TriggerContext triggerContext);
}
```

The TriggerContext is the most important part. It encapsulates all of the relevant data and is open for extension in the future, if necessary. The TriggerContext is an interface (a SimpleTriggerContext implementation is used by default). The following listing shows the available methods for Trigger implementations.

```
public interface TriggerContext {
    Date lastScheduledExecutionTime();
    Date lastActualExecutionTime();
    Date lastCompletionTime();
}
```

5.2.2. Trigger Implementations

Spring provides two implementations of the Trigger interface. The most interesting one is the CronTrigger. It enables the scheduling of tasks based on cron expressions. For example, the following task is scheduled to run 15 minutes past each hour but only during the 9-to-5 "business hours" on weekdays:

```
scheduler.schedule(task, new CronTrigger("0 15 9-17 * * MON-FRI"));
```

The other implementation is a PeriodicTrigger that accepts a fixed period, an optional initial delay value, and a boolean to indicate whether the period should be interpreted as a fixed-rate or a fixed-delay. Since the TaskScheduler interface already defines methods for scheduling tasks at a fixed rate or with a fixed delay, those methods should be used directly whenever possible. The value of the PeriodicTrigger implementation is that you can use it within components that rely on the Trigger abstraction. For example, it may be convenient to allow periodic triggers, cron-based triggers, and even custom trigger implementations to be used interchangeably. Such a component could take advantage of dependency injection so that you can configure such Triggers externally and, therefore, easily modify or extend them.

5.2.3. TaskScheduler implementations

As with Spring's TaskExecutor abstraction, the primary benefit of the TaskScheduler arrangement is that an application's scheduling needs are decoupled from the deployment environment. This

abstraction level is particularly relevant when deploying to an application server environment where threads should not be created directly by the application itself. For such scenarios, Spring provides a TimerManagerTaskScheduler that delegates to a CommonJ TimerManager on WebLogic or WebSphere as well as a more recent DefaultManagedTaskScheduler that delegates to a JSR-236 ManagedScheduledExecutorService in a Jakarta EE environment. Both are typically configured with a JNDI lookup.

Whenever external thread management is not a requirement, a simpler alternative is a local ScheduledExecutorService setup within the application, which can be adapted through Spring's ConcurrentTaskScheduler. As a convenience, Spring also provides a ThreadPoolTaskScheduler, which internally delegates to a ScheduledExecutorService to provide common bean-style configuration along the lines of ThreadPoolTaskExecutor. These variants work perfectly fine for locally embedded thread pool setups in lenient application server environments, as well—in particular on Tomcat and Jetty.

5.3. Annotation Support for Scheduling and Asynchronous Execution

Spring provides annotation support for both task scheduling and asynchronous method execution.

5.3.1. Enable Scheduling Annotations

To enable support for @Scheduled and @Async annotations, you can add @EnableScheduling and @EnableAsync to one of your @Configuration classes, as the following example shows:

```
@Configuration
@EnableAsync
@EnableScheduling
public class AppConfig {
}
```

You can pick and choose the relevant annotations for your application. For example, if you need only support for <code>@Scheduled</code>, you can omit <code>@EnableAsync</code>. For more fine-grained control, you can additionally implement the <code>SchedulingConfigurer</code> interface, the <code>AsyncConfigurer</code> interface, or both. See the <code>SchedulingConfigurer</code> and <code>AsyncConfigurer</code> javadoc for full details.

If you prefer XML configuration, you can use the <task:annotation-driven> element, as the following example shows:

```
<task:annotation-driven executor="myExecutor" scheduler="myScheduler"/>
<task:executor id="myExecutor" pool-size="5"/>
<task:scheduler id="myScheduler" pool-size="10"/>
```

Note that, with the preceding XML, an executor reference is provided for handling those tasks that correspond to methods with the <code>@Async</code> annotation, and the scheduler reference is provided for managing those methods annotated with <code>@Scheduled</code>.



The default advice mode for processing <code>@Async</code> annotations is <code>proxy</code> which allows for interception of calls through the proxy only. Local calls within the same class cannot get intercepted that way. For a more advanced mode of interception, consider switching to <code>aspectj</code> mode in combination with compile-time or load-time weaving.

5.3.2. The @Scheduled annotation

You can add the <code>@Scheduled</code> annotation to a method, along with trigger metadata. For example, the following method is invoked every five seconds (5000 milliseconds) with a fixed delay, meaning that the period is measured from the completion time of each preceding invocation.

```
@Scheduled(fixedDelay = 5000)
public void doSomething() {
    // something that should run periodically
}
```

By default, milliseconds will be used as the time unit for fixed delay, fixed rate, and initial delay values. If you would like to use a different time unit such as seconds or minutes, you can configure this via the timeUnit attribute in @Scheduled.

For example, the previous example can also be written as follows.



```
@Scheduled(fixedDelay = 5, timeUnit = TimeUnit.SECONDS)
public void doSomething() {
    // something that should run periodically
}
```

If you need a fixed-rate execution, you can use the fixedRate attribute within the annotation. The following method is invoked every five seconds (measured between the successive start times of each invocation).

```
@Scheduled(fixedRate = 5, timeUnit = TimeUnit.SECONDS)
public void doSomething() {
    // something that should run periodically
}
```

For fixed-delay and fixed-rate tasks, you can specify an initial delay by indicating the amount of time to wait before the first execution of the method, as the following fixedRate example shows.

```
@Scheduled(initialDelay = 1000, fixedRate = 5000)
public void doSomething() {
    // something that should run periodically
}
```

If simple periodic scheduling is not expressive enough, you can provide a cron expression. The following example runs only on weekdays:

```
@Scheduled(cron="*/5 * * * * MON-FRI")
public void doSomething() {
    // something that should run on weekdays only
}
```



You can also use the zone attribute to specify the time zone in which the cron expression is resolved.

Notice that the methods to be scheduled must have void returns and must not accept any arguments. If the method needs to interact with other objects from the application context, those would typically have been provided through dependency injection.

As of Spring Framework 4.3, @Scheduled methods are supported on beans of any scope.



Make sure that you are not initializing multiple instances of the same <code>@Scheduled</code> annotation class at runtime, unless you do want to schedule callbacks to each such instance. Related to this, make sure that you do not use <code>@Configurable</code> on bean classes that are annotated with <code>@Scheduled</code> and registered as regular Spring beans with the container. Otherwise, you would get double initialization (once through the container and once through the <code>@Configurable</code> aspect), with the consequence of each <code>@Scheduled</code> method being invoked twice.

5.3.3. The @Async annotation

You can provide the <code>@Async</code> annotation on a method so that invocation of that method occurs asynchronously. In other words, the caller returns immediately upon invocation, while the actual execution of the method occurs in a task that has been submitted to a Spring <code>TaskExecutor</code>. In the simplest case, you can apply the annotation to a method that returns <code>void</code>, as the following example shows:

```
@Async
void doSomething() {
    // this will be run asynchronously
}
```

Unlike the methods annotated with the <code>@Scheduled</code> annotation, these methods can expect arguments, because they are invoked in the "normal" way by callers at runtime rather than from a scheduled task being managed by the container. For example, the following code is a legitimate application of the <code>@Async</code> annotation:

```
@Async
void doSomething(String s) {
    // this will be run asynchronously
}
```

Even methods that return a value can be invoked asynchronously. However, such methods are required to have a Future-typed return value. This still provides the benefit of asynchronous execution so that the caller can perform other tasks prior to calling <code>get()</code> on that <code>Future</code>. The following example shows how to use <code>@Async</code> on a method that returns a value:

```
@Async
Future<String> returnSomething(int i) {
    // this will be run asynchronously
}
```



@Async methods may not only declare a regular java.util.concurrent.Future return type but also Spring's org.springframework.util.concurrent.ListenableFuture or, as of Spring 4.2, JDK 8's java.util.concurrent.CompletableFuture, for richer interaction with the asynchronous task and for immediate composition with further processing steps.

You can not use <code>@Async</code> in conjunction with lifecycle callbacks such as <code>@PostConstruct</code>. To asynchronously initialize Spring beans, you currently have to use a separate initializing Spring bean that then invokes the <code>@Async</code> annotated method on the target, as the following example shows:



There is no direct XML equivalent for <code>@Async</code>, since such methods should be designed for asynchronous execution in the first place, not externally re-declared to be asynchronous. However, you can manually set up Spring's <code>AsyncExecutionInterceptor</code> with Spring AOP, in combination with a custom pointcut.

5.3.4. Executor Qualification with @Async

By default, when specifying <code>@Async</code> on a method, the executor that is used is the one configured when enabling async support, i.e. the "annotation-driven" element if you are using XML or your <code>AsyncConfigurer</code> implementation, if any. However, you can use the <code>value</code> attribute of the <code>@Async</code> annotation when you need to indicate that an executor other than the default should be used when executing a given method. The following example shows how to do so:

```
@Async("otherExecutor")
void doSomething(String s) {
    // this will be run asynchronously by "otherExecutor"
}
```

In this case, "otherExecutor" can be the name of any Executor bean in the Spring container, or it may be the name of a qualifier associated with any Executor (for example, as specified with the <qualifier> element or Spring's @Qualifier annotation).

5.3.5. Exception Management with @Async

When an <code>@Async</code> method has a <code>Future-typed</code> return value, it is easy to manage an exception that was thrown during the method execution, as this exception is thrown when calling <code>get</code> on the <code>Future</code> result. With a <code>void</code> return type, however, the exception is uncaught and cannot be transmitted. You can provide an <code>AsyncUncaughtExceptionHandler</code> to handle such exceptions. The following example shows how to do so:

```
public class MyAsyncUncaughtExceptionHandler implements AsyncUncaughtExceptionHandler
{
    @Override
    public void handleUncaughtException(Throwable ex, Method method, Object... params)
{
        // handle exception
    }
}
```

By default, the exception is merely logged. You can define a custom AsyncUncaughtExceptionHandler by using AsyncConfigurer or the <task:annotation-driven/> XML element.

5.4. The task Namespace

As of version 3.0, Spring includes an XML namespace for configuring TaskExecutor and TaskScheduler instances. It also provides a convenient way to configure tasks to be scheduled with a trigger.

5.4.1. The 'scheduler' Element

The following element creates a ThreadPoolTaskScheduler instance with the specified thread pool size:

```
<task:scheduler id="scheduler" pool-size="10"/>
```

The value provided for the id attribute is used as the prefix for thread names within the pool. The scheduler element is relatively straightforward. If you do not provide a pool-size attribute, the default thread pool has only a single thread. There are no other configuration options for the scheduler.

5.4.2. The executor Element

The following creates a ThreadPoolTaskExecutor instance:

```
<task:executor id="executor" pool-size="10"/>
```

As with the scheduler shown in the previous section, the value provided for the id attribute is used

as the prefix for thread names within the pool. As far as the pool size is concerned, the executor element supports more configuration options than the scheduler element. For one thing, the thread pool for a ThreadPoolTaskExecutor is itself more configurable. Rather than only a single size, an executor's thread pool can have different values for the core and the max size. If you provide a single value, the executor has a fixed-size thread pool (the core and max sizes are the same). However, the executor element's pool-size attribute also accepts a range in the form of min-max. The following example sets a minimum value of 5 and a maximum value of 25:

```
<task:executor
id="executorWithPoolSizeRange"
pool-size="5-25"
queue-capacity="100"/>
```

In the preceding configuration, a queue-capacity value has also been provided. The configuration of the thread pool should also be considered in light of the executor's queue capacity. For the full description of the relationship between pool size and queue capacity, see the documentation for ThreadPoolExecutor. The main idea is that, when a task is submitted, the executor first tries to use a free thread if the number of active threads is currently less than the core size. If the core size has been reached, the task is added to the queue, as long as its capacity has not yet been reached. Only then, if the queue's capacity has been reached, does the executor create a new thread beyond the core size. If the max size has also been reached, then the executor rejects the task.

By default, the queue is unbounded, but this is rarely the desired configuration, because it can lead to OutOfMemoryErrors if enough tasks are added to that queue while all pool threads are busy. Furthermore, if the queue is unbounded, the max size has no effect at all. Since the executor always tries the queue before creating a new thread beyond the core size, a queue must have a finite capacity for the thread pool to grow beyond the core size (this is why a fixed-size pool is the only sensible case when using an unbounded queue).

Consider the case, as mentioned above, when a task is rejected. By default, when a task is rejected, a thread pool executor throws a TaskRejectedException. However, the rejection policy is actually configurable. The exception is thrown when using the default rejection policy, which is the AbortPolicy implementation. For applications where some tasks can be skipped under heavy load, you can instead configure either DiscardPolicy or DiscardOldestPolicy. Another option that works well for applications that need to throttle the submitted tasks under heavy load is the CallerRunsPolicy. Instead of throwing an exception or discarding tasks, that policy forces the thread that is calling the submit method to run the task itself. The idea is that such a caller is busy while running that task and not able to submit other tasks immediately. Therefore, it provides a simple way to throttle the incoming load while maintaining the limits of the thread pool and queue. Typically, this allows the executor to "catch up" on the tasks it is handling and thereby frees up some capacity on the queue, in the pool, or both. You can choose any of these options from an enumeration of values available for the rejection-policy attribute on the executor element.

The following example shows an executor element with a number of attributes to specify various behaviors:

```
<task:executor
id="executorWithCallerRunsPolicy"
pool-size="5-25"
queue-capacity="100"
rejection-policy="CALLER_RUNS"/>
```

Finally, the keep-alive setting determines the time limit (in seconds) for which threads may remain idle before being stopped. If there are more than the core number of threads currently in the pool, after waiting this amount of time without processing a task, excess threads get stopped. A time value of zero causes excess threads to stop immediately after executing a task without remaining follow-up work in the task queue. The following example sets the keep-alive value to two minutes:

```
<task:executor
id="executorWithKeepAlive"
pool-size="5-25"
keep-alive="120"/>
```

5.4.3. The 'scheduled-tasks' Element

The most powerful feature of Spring's task namespace is the support for configuring tasks to be scheduled within a Spring Application Context. This follows an approach similar to other "method-invokers" in Spring, such as that provided by the JMS namespace for configuring message-driven POJOs. Basically, a ref attribute can point to any Spring-managed object, and the method attribute provides the name of a method to be invoked on that object. The following listing shows a simple example:

The scheduler is referenced by the outer element, and each individual task includes the configuration of its trigger metadata. In the preceding example, that metadata defines a periodic trigger with a fixed delay indicating the number of milliseconds to wait after each task execution has completed. Another option is fixed-rate, indicating how often the method should be run regardless of how long any previous execution takes. Additionally, for both fixed-delay and fixed-rate tasks, you can specify an 'initial-delay' parameter, indicating the number of milliseconds to wait before the first execution of the method. For more control, you can instead provide a cron attribute to provide a cron expression. The following example shows these other options:

```
<task:scheduled-tasks scheduler="myScheduler">
    <task:scheduled ref="beanA" method="methodA" fixed-delay="5000" initial-delay="1000"/>
    <task:scheduled ref="beanB" method="methodB" fixed-rate="5000"/>
    <task:scheduled ref="beanC" method="methodC" cron="*/5 * * * * MON-FRI"/>
    </task:scheduled-tasks>

<task:scheduler id="myScheduler" pool-size="10"/>
</task:scheduler id="myScheduler" pool-size="10"/>
```

5.5. Cron Expressions

All Spring cron expressions have to conform to the same format, whether you are using them in <code>@Scheduled annotations</code>, <code>task:scheduled-tasks elements</code>, or someplace else. A well-formed cron expression, such as * * * * * *, consists of six space-separated time and date fields, each with its own range of valid values:

```
second (0-59)

minute (0 - 59)

hour (0 - 23)

day of the month (1 - 31)

month (1 - 12) (or JAN-DEC)

day of the week (0 - 7)

day of the week (0 - 7)

(0 or 7 is Sunday, or MON-SUN)
```

There are some rules that apply:

- A field may be an asterisk (*), which always stands for "first-last". For the day-of-the-month or day-of-the-week fields, a question mark (?) may be used instead of an asterisk.
- Commas (,) are used to separate items of a list.
- Two numbers separated with a hyphen (-) express a range of numbers. The specified range is inclusive.
- Following a range (or *) with / specifies the interval of the number's value through the range.
- English names can also be used for the day-of-month and day-of-week fields. Use the first three letters of the particular day or month (case does not matter).
- The day-of-month and day-of-week fields can contain a L character, which has a different meaning
 - In the day-of-month field, L stands for *the last day of the month*. If followed by a negative offset (that is, L-n), it means nth-to-last day of the month.
 - In the day-of-week field, L stands for *the last day of the week*. If prefixed by a number or three-letter name (dL or DDDL), it means *the last day of week* (d or DDD) in the month.
- The day-of-month field can be nW, which stands for the nearest weekday to day of the month n. If n

falls on Saturday, this yields the Friday before it. If n falls on Sunday, this yields the Monday after, which also happens if n is 1 and falls on a Saturday (that is: 1W stands for the first weekday of the month).

- If the day-of-month field is LW, it means the last weekday of the month.
- The day-of-week field can be d#n (or DDD#n), which stands for the nth day of week d (or DDD) in the month.

Here are some examples:

Cron Expression	Meaning
0 0 * * * *	top of every hour of every day
*/10 * * * * *	every ten seconds
0 0 8-10 * * *	8, 9 and 10 o'clock of every day
0 0 6,19 * * *	6:00 AM and 7:00 PM every day
0 0/30 8-10 * * *	8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 and 10:30 every day
0 0 9-17 * * MON-FRI	on the hour nine-to-five weekdays
0 0 0 25 DEC ?	every Christmas Day at midnight
0 0 0 L * *	last day of the month at midnight
0 0 0 L-3 * *	third-to-last day of the month at midnight
0 0 0 * * 5L	last Friday of the month at midnight
0 0 0 * * THUL	last Thursday of the month at midnight
0 0 0 1W * *	first weekday of the month at midnight
0 0 0 LW * *	last weekday of the month at midnight
0 0 0 ? * 5#2	the second Friday in the month at midnight
0 0 0 ? * MON#1	the first Monday in the month at midnight

5.5.1. Macros

Expressions such as 0 0 * * * * are hard for humans to parse and are, therefore, hard to fix in case of bugs. To improve readability, Spring supports the following macros, which represent commonly used sequences. You can use these macros instead of the six-digit value, thus: <code>@Scheduled(cron = "@hourly")</code>.

Macro	Meaning
@yearly (or @annually)	once a year (0 0 0 1 1 *)
@monthly	once a month (0 0 0 1 * *)
@weekly	once a week (0 0 0 * * 0)
@daily (or @midnight)	once a day (0 0 0 * * *), or
@hourly	once an hour, (0 0 * * * *)

5.6. Using the Quartz Scheduler

Quartz uses Trigger, Job, and JobDetail objects to realize scheduling of all kinds of jobs. For the basic concepts behind Quartz, see https://www.quartz-scheduler.org/. For convenience purposes, Spring offers a couple of classes that simplify using Quartz within Spring-based applications.

5.6.1. Using the JobDetailFactoryBean

Quartz JobDetail objects contain all the information needed to run a job. Spring provides a JobDetailFactoryBean, which provides bean-style properties for XML configuration purposes. Consider the following example:

The job detail configuration has all the information it needs to run the job (ExampleJob). The timeout is specified in the job data map. The job data map is available through the JobExecutionContext (passed to you at execution time), but the JobDetail also gets its properties from the job data mapped to properties of the job instance. So, in the following example, the ExampleJob contains a bean property named timeout, and the JobDetail has it applied automatically:

```
package example;

public class ExampleJob extends QuartzJobBean {
    private int timeout;

    /**
     * Setter called after the ExampleJob is instantiated
     * with the value from the JobDetailFactoryBean (5)
     */
    public void setTimeout(int timeout) {
        this.timeout = timeout;
    }

    protected void executeInternal(JobExecutionContext ctx) throws
JobExecutionException {
        // do the actual work
    }
}
```

All additional properties from the job data map are available to you as well.



By using the name and group properties, you can modify the name and the group of the job, respectively. By default, the name of the job matches the bean name of the JobDetailFactoryBean (exampleJob in the preceding example above).

5.6.2. Using the MethodInvokingJobDetailFactoryBean

Often you merely need to invoke a method on a specific object. By using the MethodInvokingJobDetailFactoryBean, you can do exactly this, as the following example shows:

```
<bean id="jobDetail"
class="org.springframework.scheduling.quartz.MethodInvokingJobDetailFactoryBean">
        <property name="targetObject" ref="exampleBusinessObject"/>
        <property name="targetMethod" value="doIt"/>
        </bean>
```

The preceding example results in the doIt method being called on the exampleBusinessObject method, as the following example shows:

```
public class ExampleBusinessObject {
    // properties and collaborators
    public void doIt() {
        // do the actual work
    }
}
```

```
<bean id="exampleBusinessObject" class="examples.ExampleBusinessObject"/>
```

By using the MethodInvokingJobDetailFactoryBean, you need not create one-line jobs that merely invoke a method. You need only create the actual business object and wire up the detail object.

By default, Quartz Jobs are stateless, resulting in the possibility of jobs interfering with each other. If you specify two triggers for the same <code>JobDetail</code>, it is possible that, before the first job has finished, the second one starts. If <code>JobDetail</code> classes implement the <code>Stateful</code> interface, this does not happen. The second job does not start before the first one has finished. To make jobs resulting from the <code>MethodInvokingJobDetailFactoryBean</code> be non-concurrent, set the <code>concurrent</code> flag to <code>false</code>, as the following example shows:



By default, jobs will run in a concurrent fashion.

5.6.3. Wiring up Jobs by Using Triggers and SchedulerFactoryBean

We have created job details and jobs. We have also reviewed the convenience bean that lets you invoke a method on a specific object. Of course, we still need to schedule the jobs themselves. This is done by using triggers and a SchedulerFactoryBean. Several triggers are available within Quartz, and Spring offers two Quartz FactoryBean implementations with convenient defaults: CronTriggerFactoryBean and SimpleTriggerFactoryBean.

Triggers need to be scheduled. Spring offers a SchedulerFactoryBean that exposes triggers to be set as properties. SchedulerFactoryBean schedules the actual jobs with those triggers.

The following listing uses both a SimpleTriggerFactoryBean and a CronTriggerFactoryBean:

The preceding example sets up two triggers, one running every 50 seconds with a starting delay of 10 seconds and one running every morning at 6 AM. To finalize everything, we need to set up the SchedulerFactoryBean, as the following example shows:

More properties are available for the SchedulerFactoryBean, such as the calendars used by the job details, properties to customize Quartz with, and a Spring-provided JDBC DataSource. See the SchedulerFactoryBean javadoc for more information.



SchedulerFactoryBean also recognizes a quartz.properties file in the classpath, based on Quartz property keys, as with regular Quartz configuration. Please note that many SchedulerFactoryBean settings interact with common Quartz settings in the properties file; it is therefore not recommended to specify values at both levels. For example, do not set an "org.quartz.jobStore.class" property if you mean to rely Spring-provided DataSource, on or specify an org.springframework.scheduling.quartz.LocalDataSourceJobStore variant which is a replacement standard full-fledged for the org.quartz.impl.jdbcjobstore.JobStoreTX.

Chapter 6. Cache Abstraction

Since version 3.1, the Spring Framework provides support for transparently adding caching to an existing Spring application. Similar to the transaction support, the caching abstraction allows consistent use of various caching solutions with minimal impact on the code.

In Spring Framework 4.1, the cache abstraction was significantly extended with support for JSR-107 annotations and more customization options.

6.1. Understanding the Cache Abstraction

Cache vs Buffer

The terms, "buffer" and "cache," tend to be used interchangeably. Note, however, that they represent different things. Traditionally, a buffer is used as an intermediate temporary store for data between a fast and a slow entity. As one party would have to wait for the other (which affects performance), the buffer alleviates this by allowing entire blocks of data to move at once rather than in small chunks. The data is written and read only once from the buffer. Furthermore, the buffers are visible to at least one party that is aware of it.

A cache, on the other hand, is, by definition, hidden, and neither party is aware that caching occurs. It also improves performance but does so by letting the same data be read multiple times in a fast fashion.

You can find a further explanation of the differences between a buffer and a cache here.

At its core, the cache abstraction applies caching to Java methods, thus reducing the number of executions based on the information available in the cache. That is, each time a targeted method is invoked, the abstraction applies a caching behavior that checks whether the method has been already invoked for the given arguments. If it has been invoked, the cached result is returned without having to invoke the actual method. If the method has not been invoked, then it is invoked, and the result is cached and returned to the user so that, the next time the method is invoked, the cached result is returned. This way, expensive methods (whether CPU- or IO-bound) can be invoked only once for a given set of parameters and the result reused without having to actually invoke the method again. The caching logic is applied transparently without any interference to the invoker.



This approach works only for methods that are guaranteed to return the same output (result) for a given input (or arguments) no matter how many times they are invoked.

The caching abstraction provides other cache-related operations, such as the ability to update the content of the cache or to remove one or all entries. These are useful if the cache deals with data that can change during the course of the application.

As with other services in the Spring Framework, the caching service is an abstraction (not a cache implementation) and requires the use of actual storage to store the cache data—that is, the abstraction frees you from having to write the caching logic but does not provide the actual data

store. This abstraction is materialized by the org.springframework.cache.Cache and org.springframework.cache.CacheManager interfaces.

Spring provides a few implementations of that abstraction: JDK java.util.concurrent.ConcurrentMap based caches, Gemfire cache, Caffeine, and JSR-107 compliant caches (such as Ehcache 3.x). See Plugging-in Different Back-end Caches for more information on plugging in other cache stores and providers.



The caching abstraction has no special handling for multi-threaded and multi-process environments, as such features are handled by the cache implementation.

If you have a multi-process environment (that is, an application deployed on several nodes), you need to configure your cache provider accordingly. Depending on your use cases, a copy of the same data on several nodes can be enough. However, if you change the data during the course of the application, you may need to enable other propagation mechanisms.

Caching a particular item is a direct equivalent of the typical get-if-not-found-then-proceed-and-puteventually code blocks found with programmatic cache interaction. No locks are applied, and several threads may try to load the same item concurrently. The same applies to eviction. If several threads are trying to update or evict data concurrently, you may use stale data. Certain cache providers offer advanced features in that area. See the documentation of your cache provider for more details.

To use the cache abstraction, you need to take care of two aspects:

- Caching declaration: Identify the methods that need to be cached and their policies.
- Cache configuration: The backing cache where the data is stored and from which it is read.

6.2. Declarative Annotation-based Caching

For caching declaration, Spring's caching abstraction provides a set of Java annotations:

- @Cacheable: Triggers cache population.
- @CacheEvict: Triggers cache eviction.
- @CachePut: Updates the cache without interfering with the method execution.
- @Caching: Regroups multiple cache operations to be applied on a method.
- @CacheConfig: Shares some common cache-related settings at class-level.

6.2.1. The @Cacheable Annotation

As the name implies, you can use <code>@Cacheable</code> to demarcate methods that are cacheable—that is, methods for which the result is stored in the cache so that, on subsequent invocations (with the same arguments), the value in the cache is returned without having to actually invoke the method. In its simplest form, the annotation declaration requires the name of the cache associated with the annotated method, as the following example shows:

```
@Cacheable("books")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn) {...}
```

In the preceding snippet, the findBook method is associated with the cache named books. Each time the method is called, the cache is checked to see whether the invocation has already been run and does not have to be repeated. While in most cases, only one cache is declared, the annotation lets multiple names be specified so that more than one cache is being used. In this case, each of the caches is checked before invoking the method—if at least one cache is hit, the associated value is returned.



All the other caches that do not contain the value are also updated, even though the cached method was not actually invoked.

The following example uses <code>@Cacheable</code> on the <code>findBook</code> method with multiple caches:

```
@Cacheable({"books", "isbns"})
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn) {...}
```

Default Key Generation

Since caches are essentially key-value stores, each invocation of a cached method needs to be translated into a suitable key for cache access. The caching abstraction uses a simple KeyGenerator based on the following algorithm:

- If no params are given, return SimpleKey. EMPTY.
- If only one param is given, return that instance.
- If more than one param is given, return a SimpleKey that contains all parameters.

This approach works well for most use-cases, as long as parameters have natural keys and implement valid hashCode() and equals() methods. If that is not the case, you need to change the strategy.

To provide a different default key generator, you need to implement the org.springframework.cache.interceptor.KeyGenerator interface.



The default key generation strategy changed with the release of Spring 4.0. Earlier versions of Spring used a key generation strategy that, for multiple key parameters, considered only the hashCode() of parameters and not equals(). This could cause unexpected key collisions (see SPR-10237 for background). The new SimpleKeyGenerator uses a compound key for such scenarios.

If you want to keep using the previous key strategy, you can configure the deprecated org.springframework.cache.interceptor.DefaultKeyGenerator class or create a custom hash-based KeyGenerator implementation.

Custom Key Generation Declaration

Since caching is generic, the target methods are quite likely to have various signatures that cannot be readily mapped on top of the cache structure. This tends to become obvious when the target method has multiple arguments out of which only some are suitable for caching (while the rest are used only by the method logic). Consider the following example:

```
@Cacheable("books")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
```

At first glance, while the two boolean arguments influence the way the book is found, they are no use for the cache. Furthermore, what if only one of the two is important while the other is not?

For such cases, the <code>@Cacheable</code> annotation lets you specify how the key is generated through its key attribute. You can use <code>SpEL</code> to pick the arguments of interest (or their nested properties), perform operations, or even invoke arbitrary methods without having to write any code or implement any interface. This is the recommended approach over the <code>default generator</code>, since methods tend to be quite different in signatures as the code base grows. While the default strategy might work for some methods, it rarely works for all methods.

The following examples use various SpEL declarations (if you are not familiar with SpEL, do yourself a favor and read Spring Expression Language):

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", key="#isbn")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", key="#isbn.rawNumber")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", key="T(someType).hash(#isbn)")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
```

The preceding snippets show how easy it is to select a certain argument, one of its properties, or even an arbitrary (static) method.

If the algorithm responsible for generating the key is too specific or if it needs to be shared, you can define a custom keyGenerator on the operation. To do so, specify the name of the KeyGenerator bean implementation to use, as the following example shows:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", keyGenerator="myKeyGenerator")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
```



The key and keyGenerator parameters are mutually exclusive and an operation that specifies both results in an exception.

Default Cache Resolution

The caching abstraction uses a simple CacheResolver that retrieves the caches defined at the operation level by using the configured CacheManager.

To provide a different default cache resolver, you need to implement the org.springframework.cache.interceptor.CacheResolver interface.

Custom Cache Resolution

The default cache resolution fits well for applications that work with a single CacheManager and have no complex cache resolution requirements.

For applications that work with several cache managers, you can set the cacheManager to use for each operation, as the following example shows:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", cacheManager="anotherCacheManager") ①
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn) {...}
```

① Specifying anotherCacheManager.

You can also replace the CacheResolver entirely in a fashion similar to that of replacing key generation. The resolution is requested for every cache operation, letting the implementation actually resolve the caches to use based on runtime arguments. The following example shows how to specify a CacheResolver:

```
@Cacheable(cacheResolver="runtimeCacheResolver") ①
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn) {...}
```

① Specifying the CacheResolver.

Since Spring 4.1, the value attribute of the cache annotations are no longer mandatory, since this particular information can be provided by the CacheResolver regardless of the content of the annotation.



Similarly to key and keyGenerator, the cacheManager and cacheResolver parameters are mutually exclusive, and an operation specifying both results in an exception, as a custom CacheManager is ignored by the CacheResolver implementation. This is probably not what you expect.

Synchronized Caching

In a multi-threaded environment, certain operations might be concurrently invoked for the same argument (typically on startup). By default, the cache abstraction does not lock anything, and the same value may be computed several times, defeating the purpose of caching.

For those particular cases, you can use the sync attribute to instruct the underlying cache provider to lock the cache entry while the value is being computed. As a result, only one thread is busy computing the value, while the others are blocked until the entry is updated in the cache. The

following example shows how to use the sync attribute:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="foos", sync=true) ①
public Foo executeExpensiveOperation(String id) {...}
```

1 Using the sync attribute.



This is an optional feature, and your favorite cache library may not support it. All CacheManager implementations provided by the core framework support it. See the documentation of your cache provider for more details.

Conditional Caching

Sometimes, a method might not be suitable for caching all the time (for example, it might depend on the given arguments). The cache annotations support such use cases through the condition parameter, which takes a SpEL expression that is evaluated to either true or false. If true, the method is cached. If not, it behaves as if the method is not cached (that is, the method is invoked every time no matter what values are in the cache or what arguments are used). For example, the following method is cached only if the argument name has a length shorter than 32:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="book", condition="#name.length() < 32") ①
public Book findBook(String name)</pre>
```

① Setting a condition on @Cacheable.

In addition to the condition parameter, you can use the unless parameter to veto the adding of a value to the cache. Unlike condition, unless expressions are evaluated after the method has been invoked. To expand on the previous example, perhaps we only want to cache paperback books, as the following example does:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="book", condition="#name.length() < 32",
unless="#result.hardback") ①
public Book findBook(String name)</pre>
```

1 Using the unless attribute to block hardbacks.

The cache abstraction supports <code>java.util.Optional</code> return types. If an <code>Optional</code> value is <code>present</code>, it will be stored in the associated cache. If an <code>Optional</code> value is not present, <code>null</code> will be stored in the associated cache. <code>#result</code> always refers to the business entity and never a supported wrapper, so the previous example can be rewritten as follows:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="book", condition="#name.length() < 32",
unless="#result?.hardback")
public Optional<Book> findBook(String name)
```

Note that #result still refers to Book and not Optional < Book >. Since it might be null, we use SpEL's

safe navigation operator.

Available Caching SpEL Evaluation Context

Each SpEL expression evaluates against a dedicated context. In addition to the built-in parameters, the framework provides dedicated caching-related metadata, such as the argument names. The following table describes the items made available to the context so that you can use them for key and conditional computations:

Table 9. Cache SpEL available metadata

Name	Location	Description	Example
methodName	Root object	The name of the method being invoked	#root.methodName
method	Root object	The method being invoked	<pre>#root.method.name</pre>
target	Root object	The target object being invoked	#root.target
targetClass	Root object	The class of the target being invoked	<pre>#root.targetClass</pre>
args	Root object	The arguments (as array) used for invoking the target	<pre>#root.args[0]</pre>
caches	Root object	Collection of caches against which the current method is run	<pre>#root.caches[0].name</pre>
Argument name	Evaluation context	Name of any of the method arguments. If the names are not available (perhaps due to having no debug information), the argument names are also available under the #a<#arg> where #arg stands for the argument index (starting from 0).	#iban or #a0 (you can also use #p0 or #p<#arg>notation as an alias).

Name	Location	Description	Example
result	Evaluation context	The result of the	#result
		method call (the value	
		to be cached). Only	
		available in unless	
		expressions, cache put	
		expressions (to	
		compute the key), or	
		cache evict expressions	
		(when beforeInvocation	
		is false). For supported	
		wrappers (such as	
		Optional), #result	
		refers to the actual	
		object, not the wrapper.	

6.2.2. The @CachePut Annotation

When the cache needs to be updated without interfering with the method execution, you can use the <code>@CachePut</code> annotation. That is, the method is always invoked and its result is placed into the cache (according to the <code>@CachePut</code> options). It supports the same options as <code>@Cacheable</code> and should be used for cache population rather than method flow optimization. The following example uses the <code>@CachePut</code> annotation:

```
@CachePut(cacheNames="book", key="#isbn")
public Book updateBook(ISBN isbn, BookDescriptor descriptor)
```



Using <code>@CachePut</code> and <code>@Cacheable</code> annotations on the same method is generally strongly discouraged because they have different behaviors. While the latter causes the method invocation to be skipped by using the cache, the former forces the invocation in order to run a cache update. This leads to unexpected behavior and, with the exception of specific corner-cases (such as annotations having conditions that exclude them from each other), such declarations should be avoided. Note also that such conditions should not rely on the result object (that is, the <code>#result</code> variable), as these are validated up-front to confirm the exclusion.

6.2.3. The @CacheEvict annotation

The cache abstraction allows not just population of a cache store but also eviction. This process is useful for removing stale or unused data from the cache. As opposed to <code>@Cacheable</code>, <code>@CacheEvict</code> demarcates methods that perform cache eviction (that is, methods that act as triggers for removing data from the cache). Similarly to its sibling, <code>@CacheEvict</code> requires specifying one or more caches that are affected by the action, allows a custom cache and key resolution or a condition to be specified, and features an extra parameter (<code>allEntries</code>) that indicates whether a cache-wide eviction needs to be performed rather than just an entry eviction (based on the key). The following example evicts all entries from the <code>books</code> cache:

```
@CacheEvict(cacheNames="books", allEntries=true) ①
public void loadBooks(InputStream batch)
```

① Using the allEntries attribute to evict all entries from the cache.

This option comes in handy when an entire cache region needs to be cleared out. Rather than evicting each entry (which would take a long time, since it is inefficient), all the entries are removed in one operation, as the preceding example shows. Note that the framework ignores any key specified in this scenario as it does not apply (the entire cache is evicted, not only one entry).

You can also indicate whether the eviction should occur after (the default) or before the method is invoked by using the beforeInvocation attribute. The former provides the same semantics as the rest of the annotations: Once the method completes successfully, an action (in this case, eviction) on the cache is run. If the method does not run (as it might be cached) or an exception is thrown, the eviction does not occur. The latter (beforeInvocation=true) causes the eviction to always occur before the method is invoked. This is useful in cases where the eviction does not need to be tied to the method outcome.

Note that **void** methods can be used with <code>@CacheEvict</code> - as the methods act as a trigger, the return values are ignored (as they do not interact with the cache). This is not the case with <code>@Cacheable</code> which adds data to the cache or updates data in the cache and, thus, requires a result.

6.2.4. The @Caching Annotation

Sometimes, multiple annotations of the same type (such as <code>@CacheEvict</code> or <code>@CachePut</code>) need to be specified — for example, because the condition or the key expression is different between different caches. <code>@Caching</code> lets multiple nested <code>@Cacheable</code>, <code>@CachePut</code>, and <code>@CacheEvict</code> annotations be used on the same method. The following example uses two <code>@CacheEvict</code> annotations:

```
@Caching(evict = { @CacheEvict("primary"), @CacheEvict(cacheNames="secondary",
key="#p0") })
public Book importBooks(String deposit, Date date)
```

6.2.5. The @CacheConfig annotation

So far, we have seen that caching operations offer many customization options and that you can set these options for each operation. However, some of the customization options can be tedious to configure if they apply to all operations of the class. For instance, specifying the name of the cache to use for every cache operation of the class can be replaced by a single class-level definition. This is where <code>@CacheConfig</code> comes into play. The following examples uses <code>@CacheConfig</code> to set the name of the cache:

```
@CacheConfig("books") ①
public class BookRepositoryImpl implements BookRepository {
    @Cacheable
    public Book findBook(ISBN isbn) {...}
}
```

① Using <code>@CacheConfig</code> to set the name of the cache.

<code>@CacheConfig</code> is a class-level annotation that allows sharing the cache names, the custom <code>KeyGenerator</code>, the custom <code>CacheManager</code>, and the custom <code>CacheResolver</code>. Placing this annotation on the class does not turn on any caching operation.

An operation-level customization always overrides a customization set on <code>@CacheConfig</code>. Therefore, this gives three levels of customizations for each cache operation:

- Globally configured, available for CacheManager, KeyGenerator.
- At the class level, using @CacheConfig.
- At the operation level.

6.2.6. Enabling Caching Annotations

It is important to note that even though declaring the cache annotations does not automatically trigger their actions - like many things in Spring, the feature has to be declaratively enabled (which means if you ever suspect caching is to blame, you can disable it by removing only one configuration line rather than all the annotations in your code).

To enable caching annotations add the annotation <code>@EnableCaching</code> to one of your <code>@Configuration</code> classes:

```
@Configuration
@EnableCaching
public class AppConfig {
}
```

Alternatively, for XML configuration you can use the cache: annotation-driven element:

```
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:cache="http://www.springframework.org/schema/cache"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
https://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/cache
https://www.springframework.org/schema/cache/spring-cache.xsd">
        <cache:annotation-driven/>
    </beans>
```

Both the cache: annotation-driven element and the @EnableCaching annotation let you specify various options that influence the way the caching behavior is added to the application through AOP. The configuration is intentionally similar with that of @Transactional.



The default advice mode for processing caching annotations is proxy, which allows for interception of calls through the proxy only. Local calls within the same class cannot get intercepted that way. For a more advanced mode of interception, consider switching to aspectj mode in combination with compile-time or load-time weaving.



For more detail about advanced customizations (using Java configuration) that are required to implement CachingConfigurer, see the javadoc.

Table 10. Cache annotation settings

XML Attribute	Annotation Attribute	Default	Description
cache-manager	N/A (see the CachingConfigu rer javadoc)	cacheManager	The name of the cache manager to use. A default CacheResolver is initialized behind the scenes with this cache manager (or cacheManager if not set). For more fine-grained management of the cache resolution, consider setting the 'cacheresolver' attribute.
cache-resolver	N/A (see the CachingConfigurer javadoc)	A SimpleCacheRes olver using the configured cacheManager.	The bean name of the CacheResolver that is to be used to resolve the backing caches. This attribute is not required and needs to be specified only as an alternative to the 'cachemanager' attribute.
key-generator	N/A (see the CachingConfigurer javadoc)	SimpleKeyGener ator	Name of the custom key generator to use.

XML Attribute	Annotation Attribute	Default	Description
error-handler	N/A (see the CachingConfigurer javadoc)	SimpleCacheErr orHandler	The name of the custom cache error handler to use. By default, any exception thrown during a cache related operation is thrown back at the client.
mode	mode	ргоху	The default mode (proxy) processes annotated beans to be proxied by using Spring's AOP framework (following proxy semantics, as discussed earlier, applying to method calls coming in through the proxy only). The alternative mode (aspectj) instead weaves the affected classes with Spring's AspectJ caching aspect, modifying the target class byte code to apply to any kind of method call. AspectJ weaving requires spring-aspects.jar in the classpath as well as load-time weaving (or compile-time weaving) enabled. (See Spring configuration for details on how to set up load-time weaving.)
proxy-target- class	proxyTargetCla ss	false	Applies to proxy mode only. Controls what type of caching proxies are created for classes annotated with the <code>@Cacheable</code> or <code>@CacheEvict</code> annotations. If the <code>proxy-target-class</code> attribute is set to <code>true</code> , class-based proxies are created. If <code>proxy-target-class</code> is <code>false</code> or if the attribute is omitted, standard JDK interface-based proxies are created. (See <code>Proxying Mechanisms</code> for a detailed examination of the different proxy types.)
order	order	Ordered.LOWE ST_PRECEDEN CE	Defines the order of the cache advice that is applied to beans annotated with <code>@Cacheable</code> or <code>@CacheEvict</code> . (For more information about the rules related to ordering AOP advice, see Advice Ordering.) No specified ordering means that the AOP subsystem determines the order of the advice.



<cache:annotation-driven/> looks for @Cacheable/@CachePut/@CacheEvict/@Caching
only on beans in the same application context in which it is defined. This means
that, if you put <cache:annotation-driven/> in a WebApplicationContext for a
DispatcherServlet, it checks for beans only in your controllers, not your services.
See the MVC section for more information.

Method visibility and cache annotations

When you use proxies, you should apply the cache annotations only to methods with public visibility. If you do annotate protected, private, or package-visible methods with these annotations, no error is raised, but the annotated method does not exhibit the configured caching settings. Consider using AspectJ (see the rest of this section) if you need to annotate non-public methods, as it changes the bytecode itself.



Spring recommends that you only annotate concrete classes (and methods of concrete classes) with the <code>@Cache*</code> annotations, as opposed to annotating interfaces. You certainly can place an <code>@Cache*</code> annotation on an interface (or an interface method), but this works only if you use the proxy mode (<code>mode="proxy"</code>). If you use the weaving-based aspect (<code>mode="aspectj"</code>), the caching settings are not recognized on interface-level declarations by the weaving infrastructure.



In proxy mode (the default), only external method calls coming in through the proxy are intercepted. This means that self-invocation (in effect, a method within the target object that calls another method of the target object) does not lead to actual caching at runtime even if the invoked method is marked with <code>@Cacheable</code>. Consider using the <code>aspectj</code> mode in this case. Also, the proxy must be fully initialized to provide the expected behavior, so you should not rely on this feature in your initialization code (that is, <code>@PostConstruct</code>).

6.2.7. Using Custom Annotations

Custom annotation and AspectJ

This feature works only with the proxy-based approach but can be enabled with a bit of extra effort by using Aspect I.

The spring-aspects module defines an aspect for the standard annotations only. If you have defined your own annotations, you also need to define an aspect for those. Check AnnotationCacheAspect for an example.

The caching abstraction lets you use your own annotations to identify what method triggers cache population or eviction. This is quite handy as a template mechanism, as it eliminates the need to duplicate cache annotation declarations, which is especially useful if the key or condition are specified or if the foreign imports (org.springframework) are not allowed in your code base. Similarly to the rest of the stereotype annotations, you can use <code>@Cacheable</code>, <code>@CachePut</code>, <code>@CacheEvict</code>, and <code>@CacheConfig</code> as meta-annotations (that is, annotations that can annotate other annotations). In the following example, we replace a common <code>@Cacheable</code> declaration with our own custom annotation:

```
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Target({ElementType.METHOD})
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", key="#isbn")
public @interface SlowService {
}
```

In the preceding example, we have defined our own SlowService annotation, which itself is annotated with @Cacheable. Now we can replace the following code:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", key="#isbn")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
```

The following example shows the custom annotation with which we can replace the preceding code:

```
@SlowService public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
```

Even though <code>@SlowService</code> is not a Spring annotation, the container automatically picks up its declaration at runtime and understands its meaning. Note that, as mentioned <code>earlier</code>, annotation-driven behavior needs to be enabled.

6.3. JCache (JSR-107) Annotations

Since version 4.1, Spring's caching abstraction fully supports the JCache standard (JSR-107) annotations: <code>@CacheResult</code>, <code>@CachePut</code>, <code>@CacheRemove</code>, and <code>@CacheRemoveAll</code> as well as the <code>@CacheDefaults</code>, <code>@CacheKey</code>, and <code>@CacheValue</code> companions. You can use these annotations even without migrating your cache store to JSR-107. The internal implementation uses Spring's caching abstraction and provides default <code>CacheResolver</code> and <code>KeyGenerator</code> implementations that are compliant with the specification. In other words, if you are already using Spring's caching abstraction, you can switch to these standard annotations without changing your cache storage (or configuration, for that matter).

6.3.1. Feature Summary

For those who are familiar with Spring's caching annotations, the following table describes the main differences between the Spring annotations and their JSR-107 counterparts:

Table 11. Spring vs. JSR-107 caching annotations

Spring	JSR-107	Remark
@Cacheable	@CacheResult	Fairly similar. <code>@CacheResult</code> can cache specific exceptions and force the execution of the method regardless of the content of the cache.

Spring	JSR-107	Remark
@CachePut	@CachePut	While Spring updates the cache with the result of the method invocation, JCache requires that it be passed it as an argument that is annotated with <code>@CacheValue</code> . Due to this difference, JCache allows updating the cache before or after the actual method invocation.
@CacheEvict	@CacheRemove	Fairly similar. <code>@CacheRemove</code> supports conditional eviction when the method invocation results in an exception.
<pre>@CacheEvict(allEnt ries=true)</pre>	@CacheRemoveAll	See @CacheRemove.
@CacheConfig	@CacheDefaults	Lets you configure the same concepts, in a similar fashion.

JCache has the notion of <code>javax.cache.annotation.CacheResolver</code>, which is identical to the Spring's <code>CacheResolver</code> interface, except that JCache supports only a single cache. By default, a simple implementation retrieves the cache to use based on the name declared on the annotation. It should be noted that, if no cache name is specified on the annotation, a default is automatically generated. See the <code>javadoc</code> of <code>@CacheResult#cacheName()</code> for more information.

CacheResolver instances are retrieved by a CacheResolverFactory. It is possible to customize the factory for each cache operation, as the following example shows:

① Customizing the factory for this operation.



For all referenced classes, Spring tries to locate a bean with the given type. If more than one match exists, a new instance is created and can use the regular bean lifecycle callbacks, such as dependency injection.

Keys are generated by a <code>javax.cache.annotation.CacheKeyGenerator</code> that serves the same purpose as Spring's <code>KeyGenerator</code>. By default, all method arguments are taken into account, unless at least one parameter is annotated with <code>@CacheKey</code>. This is similar to Spring's <code>custom key generation</code> declaration. For instance, the following are identical operations, one using Spring's abstraction and the other using <code>JCache</code>:

```
@Cacheable(cacheNames="books", key="#isbn")
public Book findBook(ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
@CacheResult(cacheName="books")
public Book findBook(@CacheKey ISBN isbn, boolean checkWarehouse, boolean includeUsed)
```

You can also specify the CacheKeyResolver on the operation, similar to how you can specify the CacheResolverFactory.

JCache can manage exceptions thrown by annotated methods. This can prevent an update of the

cache, but it can also cache the exception as an indicator of the failure instead of calling the method again. Assume that InvalidIsbnNotFoundException is thrown if the structure of the ISBN is invalid. This is a permanent failure (no book could ever be retrieved with such a parameter). The following caches the exception so that further calls with the same, invalid, ISBN throw the cached exception directly instead of invoking the method again:

6.3.2. Enabling JSR-107 Support

You do not need to do anything specific to enable the JSR-107 support alongside Spring's declarative annotation support. Both <code>@EnableCaching</code> and the <code>cache:annotation-driven</code> XML element automatically enable the JCache support if both the JSR-107 API and the <code>spring-context-support</code> module are present in the classpath.



Depending on your use case, the choice is basically yours. You can even mix and match services by using the JSR-107 API on some and using Spring's own annotations on others. However, if these services impact the same caches, you should use a consistent and identical key generation implementation.

6.4. Declarative XML-based Caching

If annotations are not an option (perhaps due to having no access to the sources or no external code), you can use XML for declarative caching. So, instead of annotating the methods for caching, you can specify the target method and the caching directives externally (similar to the declarative transaction management advice). The example from the previous section can be translated into the following example:

In the preceding configuration, the bookService is made cacheable. The caching semantics to apply are encapsulated in the cache:advice definition, which causes the findBooks method to be used for putting data into the cache and the loadBooks method for evicting data. Both definitions work against the books cache.

The aop:config definition applies the cache advice to the appropriate points in the program by using the AspectJ pointcut expression (more information is available in Aspect Oriented Programming with Spring). In the preceding example, all methods from the BookService are considered and the cache advice is applied to them.

The declarative XML caching supports all of the annotation-based model, so moving between the two should be fairly easy. Furthermore, both can be used inside the same application. The XML-based approach does not touch the target code. However, it is inherently more verbose. When dealing with classes that have overloaded methods that are targeted for caching, identifying the proper methods does take an extra effort, since the method argument is not a good discriminator. In these cases, you can use the AspectJ pointcut to cherry pick the target methods and apply the appropriate caching functionality. However, through XML, it is easier to apply package or group or interface-wide caching (again, due to the AspectJ pointcut) and to create template-like definitions (as we did in the preceding example by defining the target cache through the cache:definitions cache attribute).

6.5. Configuring the Cache Storage

The cache abstraction provides several storage integration options. To use them, you need to declare an appropriate CacheManager (an entity that controls and manages Cache instances and that can be used to retrieve these for storage).

6.5.1. JDK ConcurrentMap-based Cache

The JDK-based Cache implementation resides under org.springframework.cache.concurrent package. It lets you use ConcurrentHashMap as a backing Cache store. The following example shows how to configure two caches:

The preceding snippet uses the SimpleCacheManager to create a CacheManager for the two nested ConcurrentMapCache instances named default and books. Note that the names are configured directly for each cache.

As the cache is created by the application, it is bound to its lifecycle, making it suitable for basic use cases, tests, or simple applications. The cache scales well and is very fast, but it does not provide any management, persistence capabilities, or eviction contracts.

6.5.2. Ehcache-based Cache

Ehcache 3.x is fully JSR-107 compliant and no dedicated support is required for it. See JSR-107 Cache for details.

6.5.3. Caffeine Cache

Caffeine is a Java 8 rewrite of Guava's cache, and its implementation is located in the org.springframework.cache.caffeine package and provides access to several features of Caffeine.

The following example configures a CacheManager that creates the cache on demand:

```
<bean id="cacheManager"
    class="org.springframework.cache.caffeine.CaffeineCacheManager"/>
```

You can also provide the caches to use explicitly. In that case, only those are made available by the manager. The following example shows how to do so:

The Caffeine CacheManager also supports custom Caffeine and CacheLoader. See the Caffeine documentation for more information about those.

6.5.4. GemFire-based Cache

GemFire is a memory-oriented, disk-backed, elastically scalable, continuously available, active (with built-in pattern-based subscription notifications), globally replicated database and provides fully-featured edge caching. For further information on how to use GemFire as a CacheManager (and more), see the Spring Data GemFire reference documentation.

6.5.5. JSR-107 Cache

Spring's caching abstraction can also use JSR-107-compliant caches. The JCache implementation is located in the org.springframework.cache.jcache package.

Again, to use it, you need to declare the appropriate CacheManager. The following example shows how to do so:

```
<bean id="cacheManager"
        class="org.springframework.cache.jcache.JCacheCacheManager"
        p:cache-manager-ref="jCacheManager"/>

<!-- JSR-107 cache manager setup -->
<bean id="jCacheManager" .../>
```

6.5.6. Dealing with Caches without a Backing Store

Sometimes, when switching environments or doing testing, you might have cache declarations without having an actual backing cache configured. As this is an invalid configuration, an exception is thrown at runtime, since the caching infrastructure is unable to find a suitable store. In situations like this, rather than removing the cache declarations (which can prove tedious), you can wire in a simple dummy cache that performs no caching — that is, it forces the cached methods to be invoked every time. The following example shows how to do so:

The CompositeCacheManager in the preceding chains multiple CacheManager instances and, through the fallbackToNoOpCache flag, adds a no-op cache for all the definitions not handled by the configured cache managers. That is, every cache definition not found in either jdkCache or gemfireCache (configured earlier in the example) is handled by the no-op cache, which does not store any information, causing the target method to be invoked every time.

6.6. Plugging-in Different Back-end Caches

Clearly, there are plenty of caching products out there that you can use as a backing store. For those that do not support JSR-107 you need to provide a CacheManager and a Cache implementation. This may sound harder than it is, since, in practice, the classes tend to be simple adapters that map the caching abstraction framework on top of the storage API, as the Caffeine classes do. Most CacheManager classes can use the classes in the org.springframework.cache.support package (such as AbstractCacheManager which takes care of the boiler-plate code, leaving only the actual mapping to be completed).

6.7. How can I Set the TTL/TTI/Eviction policy/XXX feature?

Directly through your cache provider. The cache abstraction is an abstraction, not a cache implementation. The solution you use might support various data policies and different topologies that other solutions do not support (for example, the JDK ConcurrentHashMap — exposing that in the cache abstraction would be useless because there would no backing support). Such functionality should be controlled directly through the backing cache (when configuring it) or through its native API.

Chapter 7. Appendix

7.1. XML Schemas

This part of the appendix lists XML schemas related to integration technologies.

7.1.1. The jee Schema

The jee elements deal with issues related to Jakarta EE (Enterprise Edition) configuration, such as looking up a JNDI object and defining EJB references.

To use the elements in the jee schema, you need to have the following preamble at the top of your Spring XML configuration file. The text in the following snippet references the correct schema so that the elements in the jee namespace are available to you:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:jee="http://www.springframework.org/schema/jee"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
https://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/jee
https://www.springframework.org/schema/jee/spring-jee.xsd">
    <!-- bean definitions here -->
</beans>
```

<jee:jndi-lookup/> (simple)

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up a data source without the jee schema:

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up a data source with the jee schema:

<jee:jndi-lookup/> (with Single JNDI Environment Setting)

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up an environment variable without jee:

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up an environment variable with jee:

```
<jee:jndi-lookup id="simple" jndi-name="jdbc/MyDataSource">
     <jee:environment>ping=pong</jee:environment>
</jee:jndi-lookup>
```

<jee:jndi-lookup/> (with Multiple JNDI Environment Settings)

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up multiple environment variables without jee:

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up multiple environment variables with jee:

```
<jee:jndi-lookup id="simple" jndi-name="jdbc/MyDataSource">
    <!-- newline-separated, key-value pairs for the environment (standard Properties format) -->
    <jee:environment>
        sing=song
        ping=pong
        </jee:environment>
        </jee:jndi-lookup>
```

<jee:jndi-lookup/> (Complex)

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up a data source and a number of different properties without jee:

The following example shows how to use JNDI to look up a data source and a number of different properties with jee:

```
<jee:jndi-lookup id="simple"
    jndi-name="jdbc/MyDataSource"
    cache="true"
    resource-ref="true"
    lookup-on-startup="false"
    expected-type="com.myapp.DefaultThing"
    proxy-interface="com.myapp.Thing"/>
```

<jee:local-slsb/> (Simple)

The <jee:local-slsb/> element configures a reference to a local EJB Stateless Session Bean.

The following example shows how to configures a reference to a local EJB Stateless Session Bean without jee:

The following example shows how to configures a reference to a local EJB Stateless Session Bean with jee:

```
<jee:local-slsb id="simpleSlsb" jndi-name="ejb/RentalServiceBean"
business-interface="com.foo.service.RentalService"/>
```

<jee:local-slsb/> (Complex)

The <jee:local-slsb/> element configures a reference to a local EJB Stateless Session Bean.

The following example shows how to configures a reference to a local EJB Stateless Session Bean and a number of properties without jee:

The following example shows how to configures a reference to a local EJB Stateless Session Bean and a number of properties with jee:

```
<jee:local-slsb id="complexLocalEjb"
    jndi-name="ejb/RentalServiceBean"
    business-interface="com.foo.service.RentalService"
    cache-home="true"
    lookup-home-on-startup="true"
    resource-ref="true">
```

<jee:remote-slsb/>

The <jee:remote-slsb/> element configures a reference to a remote EJB Stateless Session Bean.

The following example shows how to configures a reference to a remote EJB Stateless Session Bean without jee:

The following example shows how to configures a reference to a remote EJB Stateless Session Bean with jee:

```
<jee:remote-slsb id="complexRemoteEjb"
    jndi-name="ejb/MyRemoteBean"
    business-interface="com.foo.service.RentalService"
    cache-home="true"
    lookup-home-on-startup="true"
    resource-ref="true"
    home-interface="com.foo.service.RentalService"
    refresh-home-on-connect-failure="true">
```

7.1.2. The jms Schema

The jms elements deal with configuring JMS-related beans, such as Spring's Message Listener Containers. These elements are detailed in the section of the JMS chapter entitled JMS Namespace Support. See that chapter for full details on this support and the jms elements themselves.

In the interest of completeness, to use the elements in the jms schema, you need to have the following preamble at the top of your Spring XML configuration file. The text in the following snippet references the correct schema so that the elements in the jms namespace are available to you:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:jms="http://www.springframework.org/schema/jms"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
https://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/jms
https://www.springframework.org/schema/jms/spring-jms.xsd">
    <!-- bean definitions here -->
</beans>
```

7.1.3. Using <context:mbean-export/>

This element is detailed in Configuring Annotation-based MBean Export.

7.1.4. The cache Schema

You can use the cache elements to enable support for Spring's <code>@CacheEvict</code>, <code>@CachePut</code>, and <code>@Caching</code> annotations. It it also supports declarative XML-based caching. See Enabling Caching Annotations and <code>Declarative XML-based Caching</code> for details.

To use the elements in the cache schema, you need to have the following preamble at the top of your Spring XML configuration file. The text in the following snippet references the correct schema so that the elements in the cache namespace are available to you:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:cache="http://www.springframework.org/schema/cache"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
https://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/cache
https://www.springframework.org/schema/cache/spring-cache.xsd">
    <!-- bean definitions here -->
</beans>
```