

Introduction to Spring 5, Spring MVC, and Spring REST (5 Days)

Spring 5 provides an evolutionary advance of Spring's powerful capabilities. This course introduces these capabilities, as well as providing guidelines on when and how to use them. It includes coverage of the three main configuration styles: Java-based (@Configuration), annotation-based (@Component), and the traditional XML-based configuration that may still play an important role in existing and new projects.

The course starts with in-depth coverage of Spring's Core module to reduce coupling and increase the flexibility, ease of maintenance, and testing of your applications. It goes on to cover many of the most important capabilities of Spring, including easing configuration with Spring Boot, integrating Hibernate and JPA persistence layers with Spring and Spring Data, and using Spring's declarative transaction capabilities.

The course includes integration of Spring with Java EE Web applications, a solid introduction to Spring MVC, and coverage of building RESTful resources with Spring MVC. It also provides an overview of Springs reactive programming model for repositories and Web resources.

This course is hands on with labs to reinforce all the important concepts. It will enable you to build working Spring applications and give you an understanding of the important concepts and technology in a very short time.

Skills Gained:

- Understand the core principles of Spring, and of Dependency Injection (DI) / Inversion of Control
- Use the Spring Core module and DI to configure and wire application objects (beans) together
- Know the different types of metadata (XML, annotations/@Component, and Java Configuration/@Configuration), and how and when to use them
- Understand and use the complete capabilities of the Core module, such as lifecycle events, bean scopes, and the Spring API
- Use Spring Boot to simplify dependency management and configuration
- Work with the ORM (Object-Relational Mapping) module to integrate Spring with technologies such as Hibernate or JPA.
- Understand and use Spring's powerful AOP capabilities for programming cross-cutting concerns across multiple points in an application
- Learn safe and maintainable techniques for programming with AOP
- Understand and use Spring's transaction support, including the easy-to-use Java annotation support, as well as the tx/aop XML configuration elements
- Integrate Spring with Java EE Web applications
- Build Web applications with Spring MVC, including configuration using Java config and Servlet 3 capabilities
- Understand and use the core capabilities of Spring's Reactive programming support
- Understand REST, and use Spring MVC to build RESTful services
- Use Ajax-based front ends with Spring MVC / Spring REST

Course Outline:

Session 1: Introduction to Spring

- Overview of Spring Technology
 - Motivation for Spring, Spring Architecture
 - The Spring Framework
- Spring Introduction
 - Declaring and Managing Beans
 - ApplicationContext The Spring Container
 - XML and @Component/@Named Config
- Dependencies and Dependency Injection (DI)
 - Examining Dependencies
 - Dependency Inversion
 - Dependency Injection (DI) in Spring XML and @autowired

Session 2: Configuration in Depth

- Java Based Configuration (@Configuration)
 - Overview, @Configuration, @Bean
 - Dependency Injection
 - Resolving Dependencies
- Integrating Configuration Types
 - XML and @Component Pros/Cons
 - @Configuration Pros/Cons
 - Choosing a Configuration Style
 - Integrating with @Import and <import>
- Bean Scope and Lifecycle
 - Singleton, Prototype, and Other Scopes
 - Configuring Scope
 - Bean Lifecycle / Callbacks
- Externalizing Properties
 - Properties Files
 - @PropertySource, property-placeholder
 - Using @Value
 - SpEL
- Profiles
 - Overview and Configuration
 - Activating Profiles

Session 3: Spring Boot Overview

- maven and Spring
- Spring Boot Structure
- Spring POMs with Boot Parents
- Spring Boot Starters
- Other Capabilities

Session 4: Spring Testing

- Testing and JUnit Overview
 - Writing Tests Test Classes, asserts, Naming Conventions
 - Running Tests IDE, maven, ...
 - Test Fixtures setup and teardown
- Spring TestContext Framework
 - Overview
 - Configuration
 - Running Tests

Session 5: Spring and Spring Data with Hibernate/JPA

- Overview of Spring database support
- Configuring a DataSource
- Using Spring with Hibernate
 - High Level Hibernate Overview
 - SessionFactory configuration, LocalSessionFactoryBean
 - Contextual Sessions and Spring Integration
- Using Spring with JPA
 - Managing the EntityManager (EM)
 - LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean and Container-managed EMs
 - JEE and JNDI Lookup of the EM
 - Configuration and Vendor Adaptors
 - Creating a JPA Repository/DAO Bean @PersistenceUnit, @PersistenceContext
- Spring Data Overview
 - Overview and Architecture
 - Configuring Spring Data
 - Repositories and JPA Repositories
 - Using CrudRepository
- Using Spring Data
 - Naming Conventions for Querying
 - Creating more Complex Queries
 - Query Configuration

Session 6: Spring Transaction (TX) Management

- Overview
- Declarative TX Management (REQUIRED, etc.)
- TX Scope and Propagation
- Pointcut-based Configuration of Transactions

Session 7: Spring Web Integration and Intro to Spring MVC

- Java EE Web App Integration
- ContextLoaderListener and WebApplicationContext
- Web MVC Overview
- Spring MVC Basics
 - Configuration and the DispatcherServlet
 - @Controller, @RequestMapping (Handlers)

- @RequestParam and Parameter Binding
- View Resolvers
- Controller Details @RequestParam, @PathVariable
- Model Data and @ModelAttribute

Session 8: Additional Spring MVC Capabilities

- Reference Data with @ModelAttribute
- Forms and Binding, Spring Form Tags
- Sessions and @SessionAttributes
- Validation / JSR-303

Session 9: RESTful Services with Spring

- REST Overview and Principles
- REST and Spring MVC
 - Spring support for REST
 - @RequestMapping/@PathVariable, @RequestBody, @ResponseBody
 - URI Templates and @PathVariable
 - Controllers with @RestController
- Requests and Responses
- Ajax Overview

Session 10: Working with JSON and XML

- Generating JSON
 - JSON Overview
 - JSON Representations for Resources
 - Message Converters
- Generating XML
 - JAXB and Jackson Message Converters for XML
 - JAXB / @XmlRootElement
- Content Negotiation

Session 11: Java Clients for RESTful Services

- Client Requirements and Spring's RestTemplate
- getForObject() / getForEntity()
- Other RestTemplate Methods
- Accessing Headers / exchange()

Session 12: Reactive Programming with Spring

- Reactive Programming Overview
- Mono and Flux
- Creating Reactive Repositories
- Creating Reactive Controllers

Session 13: Common REST Patterns

GET: ReadPOST: CreatePUT: UpdateDELETE: Delete

Programming on server side, and client side (with RestTemplate)

Session 14: Additional New Features in Spring 5

Updates to Spring Core

WebFlux / Reactive Web Framework

Optional Session 15: XML Specific Configuration

- Collections lists, sets, etc.
- Additional Capabilities
 - Factory Classes and Factory Methods
 - Definition Inheritance (Parent Beans)
 - AutoWiring with XML
 - Inner Beans, Compound Names