

Developing REST Services with Spring

Course Summary

Description

This course enables the experienced Java developer to use the Spring MVC framework to create RESTful web services. We learn the annotation-driven MVC system for REST controllers. We consider persistence techniques and unit testing to round out the week.

Objectives

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Use Spring MVC annotations to map request URLs, methods, content types, and parameters to Java methods, and to bind request data to method parameters.
- Validate input via HTTP requests, and use exception handlers to produce appropriate HTTP error responses.
- Build REST clients using Spring's "REST template."
- Connect REST controllers to persistent stores using Spring for JDBC or JPA.
- Control transactions either programmatically with TransactionTemplate or declaratively with @Transaction annotations.
- Use the Spring testing framework for tests of core components, REST controllers, and persistence components.

Topics

- REST Basics
- The Web Module
- Handling Requests
- Producing Responses
- Entities and Complex Content
- Generic Services
- Error Handling and Validation
- REST Clients
- Persistence with JPA
- Testing

Audience

This course is designed for Java programmers with some experience in Core Spring.

Prerequisites

Before taking this course, students should have the following skills and experience:

- Strong Java programming skills are essential.
- Prior experience with the Spring framework – especially contexts and configuration.

Duration

Three days

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Course Outline

- I. REST Basics**
 - A. The REST Vision
 - B. Use of HTTP
 - C. Use of URIs
 - D. Use of Content Types
 - E. CRUD Operations and Business Operations
 - F. Hypermedia, and the Richardson Maturity Model
- II. The Web Module**
 - A. Servlets and JSPs: What's Missing
 - B. The MVC Pattern
 - C. The Front Controller Pattern
 - D. DispatcherServlet
 - E. A Request/Response Cycle
 - F. The Strategy Pattern
 - G. Web Application Contexts
 - H. Annotation-Based Handler Mappings
 - I. @Controller and @RequestMapping
 - J. "Creating" a Model
 - K. Entities, Not Views
- III. Handling Requests**
 - A. Matching URLs
 - B. Matching Methods
 - C. Matching Content Types
 - D. Path Variables
 - E. Request Parameters
 - F. Headers and Cookies
 - G. Injectable Method Parameters
 - H. Command Objects vs. Entities
 - I. @RequestBody and @ResponseBody
 - J. @RestController
 - K. HttpEntity<T> and ResponseEntity<T>
- IV. Producing Responses**
 - A. Return Types
 - B. Default Content Types
 - C. Default Status Codes
 - D. @ResponseStatus and HttpStatus
 - E. The produces Element
 - F. ResponseEntity<T>
 - G. Binary Content
- V. Entities and Complex Content**
 - A. Converters and Formatters
 - B. HttpMessageConverter
 - C. Using <mvc:annotation-driven />
 - D. Built-In HttpMessageConverters
 - E. Working with XML
 - F. Working with JSON
 - G. Custom Message Converters
- VI. Generic Services**
 - A. Applying Patterns
 - B. Generic Service Methods
 - C. Annotation Inheritance
 - D. Separation of Concerns
 - E. CRUD, Sub-Resource, and Business Methods
 - F. Entity Representations
 - G. Entity Relationships
- VII. Error Handling and Validation**
 - A. Error Handling for REST Services
 - B. HandlerException Resolver
 - C. @ExceptionHandler
 - D. @ControllerAdvice for Global Handling
 - E. Validation in Spring MVC
 - F. Java-EE Bean Validation
 - G. Configuration
 - H. Support for @Valid
 - I. Message Sources and Localization
 - J. Resolving Error Codes
- VIII. REST Clients**
 - A. RestTemplate
 - B. Sending HTTP Requests
 - C. Translating Entities
 - D. Reading Responses
 - E. Error Handlers
- IX. Persistence with JPA**
 - A. Object/Relational Mapping
 - B. The Java Persistence API
 - C. JpaDaoSupport and JpaTemplate
 - D. @PersistenceUnit and @PersistenceContext

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Course Outline (cont'd)

- E. Shared Entity Managers
- F. Using <tx:annotation-driven>
- G. The @Transaction Annotation
- H. Isolation and Propagation
- I. A Limitation of @Transactional
- J. Understanding Entity States
- K. Bean Validation in JPA
- L. Optimistic Locking
- M. Bi-Directional Associations and Serialization
- N. Using @XmlTransient
- O. Using @JsonView

X. Testing

- A. Testability of Spring Applications
- B. Dependency Injection
- C. Mocking
- D. SpringJUnit4ClassRunner
- E. TestContext
- F. @ContextConfiguration
- G. Mocking Spring MVC
- H. Building Requests
- I. Checking Content
- J. xpath() and jsonPath()
- K. Profiles
- L. Testing Persistence Components