Aspect Oriented Programming and MVC with Spring Framework

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Introduzione
Spring origin

2003: Spring is a layered J2EE application framework based on code published in

“Expert One-on-One J2EE Design and Development” by Rod Johnson.”
Spring core

The core of the Spring Framework is based on the principle of Inversion of Control (IoC). Applications that follow the IoC principle use configuration that describes the dependencies between its components. It is then up to the IoC framework to satisfy the configured dependencies.

IoC, also known as the Hollywood Principle - "Don't call us, we'll call you"

http://martinfowler.com/bliki/InversionOfControl.html
Spring overview

**DAO**
Spring JDBC
Transaction management

**ORM**
- Hibernate
- JPA
- TopLink
- JDO
- iBatis

**AOP**
- Spring AOP
- AspectJ integration

**Core**
The IoC container

**JEE**
- JMX
- JMS
- JCA
- Remoting
- EJBs
- Email

**Web**
- Spring Web MVC
- Framework Integration
- Struts
- WebWork
- Tapestry
- JSF
- Rich View Support
- JSPs
- Velocity
- FreeMarker
- PDF
- Jasper Reports
- Excel
- Spring Portlet MVC
Spring XML configuration

```xml
<?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:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
      xmlns:aop="http://www.springframework.org/schema/aop"
      xmlns:tx="http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx"
      xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
      xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
                        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-2.5.xsd
                        http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
                        http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context-2.5.xsd">
  <context:component-scan base-package="it.freshfruits" />
  <context:property-placeholder location="WEB-INF/conf/spring/config.properties" />


  <bean name="dataSource" class="org.springframework.jndi.JndiObjectFactoryBean" p:jndiName="java:comp/env/jdbc/sffs" />

  <bean id="sqlMapClient" class="org.springframework.orm.ibatis.SqlMapClientFactoryBean" p:dataSource-ref="dataSource" p:configLocation="WEB-INF/conf/ibatis/sffs-sqlMapConfig.xml" />

  <bean id="transactionManager" class="org.springframework.jdbc.datasource.DataSourceTransactionManager" p:dataSource-ref="dataSource" />

  <tx:advice id="txAdvice" transaction-manager="transactionManager">
    <tx:attributes>
      <tx:method name="save*" propagation="REQUIRED" rollback-for="Exception" />
      <tx:method name="insertOrder" propagation="REQUIRED" rollback-for="OrderItemsException" />
      <tx:method name="insert*" propagation="REQUIRED" rollback-for="DataAccessException" />
      <tx:method name="update*" propagation="REQUIRED" rollback-for="DataAccessException" />
      <tx:method name="delete*" propagation="REQUIRED" rollback-for="DataAccessException" />
      <tx:method name="disable*" propagation="REQUIRED" rollback-for="DataAccessException" />
      <tx:method name="*" read-only="true" />
    </tx:attributes>
  </tx:advice>

  <aop:config>
    <aop:pointcut id="repoOperations" expression="execution(* it.freshfruits.application.repository.*(*(..))" />
    <aop:advisor advice-ref="txAdvice" pointcut-ref="repoOperations" />
  </aop:config>
</beans>
```
AOP

The Aspect Oriented Programming supports the Object Oriented Programming in the implementation phase, where it presents weak spots.
The AOP is complementary to OOP in the implementation phase. The AOP must be used with wisdom.
OOP limits

Code scattering, when a feature is implemented in different modules.

Two types:

- Blocks of duplicated code (for instance identical implementation of an interface in different classes)
- Complementary blocks of code of the same feature, located in different modules.
  
  (for instance in an ACL, a module executes the authentication and another one the authorization)
OOP limits

Code tangling: a module has too many tasks at the same time.

public ModelAndView list(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) throws Exception {

    log(req); // logging
    
    if(req.isUserInRole("admin")){ // authorization

        List users;
        try { // exception handling
            String username = req.getRemoteUser();
            users = cache.get(Integer.valueOf(conf.getValue("numberOfUsers")), username); // cache with authorization
        } catch (Exception e) {
            users = usersManager.getUsers();
        }

        return new ModelAndView("usersTemplate", "users", users);
    }

    return new ModelAndView("notAllowed");
}

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Consequences

- Difficult evolution
- Poor quality
- Code not reusable
- Traceability
- Low productivity

Moreover, it's written in an Object Oriented language: the implementation, not the language, is the problem!
The source of the problem

The classes have to implement transversal features.

The problem now is not a class that must have only one task/aim/responsibility/feature, the problem now is how that task is called to be used.
AOP Solution

The AOP provides the constructs and tools to centralize these features that cross the application transversal (crosscutting concerns).
Thus, the AOP permits to centralise the duplicated code and apply it according to predetermined rules in the requested places, during the execution flow.
AOP elements

**Aspect:** it corresponds to the class in the OOP; it contains the transversal feature (crosscutting concern).

**Joinpoint:** point of execution of the code (for instance a constructor's invocation, a method's execution or the management of an Exception).

**Advice:** the action to be performed in the joinpoint.

**Pointcut:** it contains the expression that permits to locate the joinpoint to which we want to apply the advice.
AOP elements

**Introduction:** it allows to add interfaces and the implementation in runtime to predetermined objects.

**Target:** class on which the aspect works with the advice

**Weaving:** This is the linking action between the aspect and the objects to which advices must be applied.
AOP diagram

How the AOP works

Flow With Object Oriented

Object A

methodA

Flow With Aspect Oriented

Object B

methodB

joinpoint = method invocation

advice

poincut = methodB

Aspect

Target Object = Object B
Spring AOP

To allow a simplified use of AOP, Spring uses the execution of the methods as joinpoint. This means that we can act before, after, around a method, at the raise of an exception, whatever the result may be (finally). We use normal Java classes with annotations or XML.

Who works in the shadow to allow this simplicity?

```
java.lang.reflect.Proxy  or CGLIB
```
Spring AOP: take it easy

We only have to decide:

-what to centralise ?
-when does it have to come into action ?

What I can obtain:

-support to the Domain Driven Design
-less code
-code that is manageable and can be maintained
-less excuses to use really the OOP, and not to move data containers...
@Aspect() @Order(0)
public class ConcurrentAspect {

    private final ReadWriteLock lock =
        new ReentrantReadWriteLock();
    private final Lock rLock = lock.readLock();
    private final Lock wLock = lock.writeLock();

    @Pointcut("execution (* isAvailable(..))")
    private void isAvailable() {}

    @Pointcut("execution (* retainItem(..))")
    private void retainItem() {}

    @Pointcut("execution (* release(..))")
    private void release() {}

    @Pointcut("release() || retainItem()")
    private void releaseOrRetain() {}

First part of the class:

- create some locks for reading and writing
- put @Aspect on the class
- define with the annotation @Pointcut the expressions that indicate when the Aspect has to operate.
Spring AOP - Concurrence

@Before("isAvailable()")
public void setReadLock() {
    rLock.lock();
}

@After("isAvailable()")
public void releaseReadLock() {
    rLock.unlock();
}

@Before("releaseOrRetain()")
public void setWriteLock() {
    wLock.lock();
}

@After("releaseOrRetain()")
public void releaseWriteLock() {
    wLock.unlock();
}

Second part of the class:
I define reusing the names of the methods on which I've annotated the @Pointcut the logic to execute with locks

With the following annotations I declare when I want it to be executed

@Before
@After
@AfterReturning
@Around
@AfterThrowing
Spring AOP – Advice Type

@Before

@After

@AfterReturning

@Around

@AfterThrowing

Advises let us not only execute logic in the points defined by pointcuts, but even to obtain informations about execution (target class, method called, argument passed, return value)

With some kind of advices (around) even to have control on the execution flow.

The calling class of course doesn't know anything about what happens, it just sees a simple class ....
Spring AOP – Pointcut

- execution
- within
- this
- target
- args
- @target
- @args
- @within
- @annotation
- bean

In the previous pointcuts we've seen how the expression to define the application point was the execution of a method with a certain name.

We have at our disposal other pointcut designators as well to have the maximum control.
Spring AOP – JMX

@ManagedResource("freshfruitstore:type=TimeExecutionManagedAspect")
@Aspect() @Order(2)
public class TimeExecutionManagedAspect {

    @ManagedAttribute
    public long getAverageCallTime() {
        return (this.callCount > 0
                 ? this.accumulatedCallTime / this.callCount : 0);
    }

    @ManagedOperation
    public void resetCounters() {
        this.callCount = 0;
        this.accumulatedCallTime = 0;
    }

    @ManagedAttribute
    public long getAverageCallTime() {
        return (this.callCount > 0
                 ? this.accumulatedCallTime / this.callCount : 0);
    }

    ...

besides being able to act in the execution flow, I can manage the Aspect with JMX as well, exposing as attributes or operations, the normal methods of Aspect which is always a Java class
Using JMX

I can change the behaviour of the Aspect at runtime

```java
@Around("within(it.mypackage.service.*Impl)")
public Object invoke(ProceedingJoinPoint joinPoint)
    throws Throwable {
    if (this.isTimeExecutionEnabled) {
        StopWatch sw = new StopWatch(joinPoint.toString());
        sw.start("invoke");
        try {
            return joinPoint.proceed();
        } finally {
            sw.stop();
            synchronized (this) {
                this.accumulatedCallTime += sw.getTotalTimeMillis();
            }
            logger.info(sw.prettyPrint());
        }
    } else {
        return joinPoint.proceed();
    }
}
...
Spring AOP – Introductions

An introduction allows to decorate an object with interfaces and its implementation. That allows us both to avoid the duplication of an implementation, and to simulate the multiple inheritance that Java doesn't have.

```java
@Aspect
public class ParallelepipedIntroduction {

    @DeclareParents(value = "org.springaop.chapter.four.introduction.Box",
                    defaultImpl = Titanium.class)
    public Matter matter;

    @DeclareParents(value = "org.springaop.chapter.four.introduction.Box",
                    defaultImpl = Cube.class)
    public GeometricForm geometricForm;
}
```
The annotations we've seen so far included pointcuts syntax are provided by AspectJ.

import org.aspectj.lang.annotation.*

but they're completely inside Spring's “context” and on Spring's beans. Now let's look at what we can use of Spring (IoC) outside Spring's “context” through AspectJ.

We'll have to accept some compromise...
Domain-Driven Design is a way of thinking applications.
Suggesting to focus the attention on the problem domain, inviting to think by objects and not with procedural style design.
In the entities it is concentrated the business logic, not in the services that execute “procedures”...

In this way our objects have data and behaviours...
SpringAOP +DDD +AspectJ

@Configurable(dependencyCheck = true, autowire=Autowire.BY_TYPE)
public class CustomerImpl implements Customer, Serializable {

    @Autowired
    public void setCustomerRepository(@Qualifier("customerRepository") CustomerRepository customerRepo) {
        this.customerRepository = customerRepository;
    }

    @Autowired
    public void setOrderRepository(@Qualifier("orderRepository") OrderRepository orderRepo) {
        this.orderRepository = orderRepo;
    }

    public Boolean createOrder() {
        Boolean result = false;
        if (order == null) {
            order = new OrderImpl.Builder(Defaults.ID_NEW, new Date(), id.toString()).build();
            result = true;
        }
        return result;
    }

    public Boolean saveCustomer() {
        return customerRepository.saveCustomer(this);
    }

    ...

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SpringAOP + AspectJ

With `@Configurable` we have declared that some dependencies will be injected to the class even if it isn't a Spring bean.

Spring `ApplicationContext` knows the class just as a bean prototype.

In order to have this feature we need to pass to the JVM the Spring's jar to use for the Load Time Weaving:

```
-javaagent:<path>spring-agent.jar
```

or to configure tomcat in this way to do it in our stead:

```
<Loader
loaderClass="org.springframework.instrument.classloading.tomcat.TomcatInstrumentableClassLoader"
useSystemClassLoaderAsParent="false"/>
```
Spring AOP + AspectJ Weaver

Using AspectJ Weaver implies a different approach compared with SpringAOP's simplicity see so far.
Annotating classes as @Aspect and making create them by Spring, means staying anyway into the IoC Container, like defining pointcuts on methods executions by beans of Spring.
With LTW we're telling to Spring to work outside its “context, to inject dependencies on objects not created by the IoC container.
In order to use LTW we define in a file for AspectJ the classes on which it has to operate and which Aspects it has to create, Aspects that are not beans created by Spring...
LTW - aop.xml

100% AspectJ

```xml
<aspectj>
<weaver options="-showWeaveInfo
-XmessageHandlerClass:org.springframework.aop.aspectj.AspectJWeaverMessageHandler">
   <!-- only weave classes in our application-specific packages -->
   <include within="it.freshfruits.domain.entity.*"/>
   <include within="it.freshfruits.domain.factory.*"/>
   <include within="it.freshfruits.domain.service.*"/>
   <include within="it.freshfruits.domain.vo.*"/>
   <include within="it.freshfruits.application.repository.*"/>
   <exclude within="it.freshfruits.aspect.*"/>
</weaver>
<aspects>
   <aspect name="it.freshfruits.aspect.ConcurrentAspect" />
   <aspect name="it.freshfruits.aspect.LogManagedAspect" />
   <aspect name="it.freshfruits.aspect.TimeExecutionManagedAspect" />
</aspects>
</aspectj>
```
Spring AOP + AspectJ Weaver

Once we have the dependencies in an entity of the domain (with LTW or constructor arguments), we see the result on the User Interface.
The controllers will be completely stateless and without dependencies, with a simple call on the entity.
Handler Interceptor which puts into the HttpServletRequest the entity customer used by the Customer Controller

```java
public class CustomerInterceptor extends HandlerInterceptorAdapter {

    @Override
    public boolean preHandle(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res, Object handler) throws Exception {
        req.setAttribute(Constants.CUSTOMER, customerFactory.getCurrentCustomer());
        return true;
    }

    @Autowired
    private CustomerFactory customerFactory;
}
```
Benefits

OOP + AOP + DDD =
  clean code
  elegant code
Spring MVC

1. Dispatcher Servlet
2. Handler Mapping
3. ModelAndView
4. Controller
5. ViewResolver
6. View

Request → 1 → Dispatcher Servlet → 2 → Handler Mapping → 3 → ModelAndView → 4 → Controller → 5 → ViewResolver → 6 → View → Response
Form Controller

@Controller("fruitController") @RequestMapping("/fruit.edit.admin") @SessionAttributes("fruit")
public class FruitController {

    @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.POST)
    public String processSubmit(@ModelAttribute("fruit") FruitMap fruit, BindingResult result,
        SessionStatus status) {

        validator.validate(fruit, result);
        if (result.hasErrors()) {
            return "userForm";
        } else {
            fruit.save();
            status.setComplete();
            return "redirect:role.list.admin";
        }
    }

    @InitBinder()
    public void initBinder(WebDataBinder binder) throws Exception {
        binder.registerCustomEditor(String.class, new StringTrimmerEditor(false));
    }

    @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public String setupForm(@RequestParam(required = false, value = "id") Integer id, ModelMap model) {
        model.addAttribute(Constants.FRUIT, id == null ? new FruitMap() : fruitRepository.getFruitType(id));
        return "role/form";
    }

    @Autowired @Qualifier("fruitRepository")
    private FruitTypeRepository fruitRepository;
    @Autowired @Qualifier("fruitValidator")
    private FruitValidator validator;
}
MultiAction Controller

@Controller("customerController")
public class CustomerController {

    @RequestMapping("/customer.create.page")
    public ModelAndView create(HttpServletRequest req) {
        return new ModelAndView("customer/create", "result", UiUtils.getCustomer(req).createOrder());
    }

    @RequestMapping("/customer.save.page")
    public ModelAndView save(HttpServletRequest req) {
        return new ModelAndView("customer/save", "result", UiUtils.getCustomer(req).saveOrder());
    }

    @RequestMapping("/customer.show.page")
    public ModelAndView show(HttpServletRequest req) {
        return new ModelAndView("customer/show", "customer", UiUtils.getCustomer(req));
    }

    @RequestMapping("/customer.order.page")
    public ModelAndView order(HttpServletRequest req) {
        return new ModelAndView("customer/order", "order", UiUtils.getOrder(req));
    }

    @RequestMapping("/customer.items.page")
    public ModelAndView items(HttpServletRequest req) {
        return new ModelAndView("customer/items", "items", UiUtils.getOrder(req).getOrderItems());
    }

    @RequestMapping("/customer.remove.page")
    public ModelAndView remove(@RequestParam("id") String id, HttpServletRequest req) throws Exception {
        Order order = UiUtils.getOrder(req);
        return order.removeOrderItem(order.getId().toString(), id) ?
            new ModelAndView("customer/items", "items", order.getOrderItems()) :
            new ModelAndView("customer/remove", "result", false);
    }
}
**Configuration**

```xml
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
      xmlns:context="http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
      xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
      http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-2.5.xsd
      http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
      http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context-2.5.xsd">

  <context:component-scan base-package="it.freshfruits.ui"/>

  <bean name="urlMapping" class="org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc.annotation.DefaultAnnotationHandlerMapping">
    <property name="interceptors">
      <list>
        <ref bean="customerInterceptor"/>
      </list>
    </property>
  </bean>

  <bean name="customerInterceptor" class="it.freshfruits.ui.interceptor.CustomerInterceptor"/>

</beans>
```
Spring Security

```xml
  <sec:http>
    <sec:intercept-url pattern="/log*.jsp" filters="none" />
    <sec:intercept-url pattern="//*.page" access="ROLE_USER" />
    <sec:intercept-url pattern="//*.admin" access="ROLE_ADMIN" />
    <sec:form-login login-page="/login.jsp" default-target-url="/" login-processing-url="/j_security_check"
        authentication-failure-url="/LoginError.jsp" />
    <sec:logout logout-url="/logout.jsp" invalidate-session="true" logout-success-url="/login.jsp" />
  </sec:http>

  <sec:authentication-provider user-service-ref="sffsUserDetailsService">
    <sec:password-encoder hash="sha" />
  </sec:authentication-provider>

  <bean id="accessDecisionManager" class="org.springframework.security.permission.intercept.PermissClearingInterceptor">
    <property name="decisionVoters">
      <list>
        <bean class="org.springframework.security.vote.RoleVoter" />
        <bean class="org.springframework.security.vote.AuthenticatedVoter" />
      </list>
    </property>
  </bean>

  <bean id="sffsUserDetailsService" class="it.freshfruits.security.AuthenticationJdbcDaoImpl">
    <p:rolePrefix>ROLE_</p:rolePrefix>
    <p:dataSource-ref="dataSource" />
    <p:usersByUsernameQuery>SELECT username, password, enabled FROM authentication WHERE username = ?</p:usersByUsernameQuery>
    <p:authoritiesByUsernameQuery>SELECT username, authority FROM roles WHERE username = ?</p:authoritiesByUsernameQuery>
  </bean>

  <sec:global-method-security access-decision-manager-ref="accessDecisionManager">
    <sec:protect-pointcut expression="execution(* it.freshfruits.domain.entity.*.*(..))" access="ROLE_USER,ROLE_ADMIN" />
  </sec:global-method-security>

</beans>
```
WEB.XML

...<context-param>
   <param-name>webAppRootKey</param-name>
   <param-value>springFreshFruitsStore.root</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
   <param-name>contextConfigLocation</param-name>
   <param-value>/WEB-INF/conf/spring/sffs-*.xml</param-value>
</context-param>
<listener>
   <listener-class>org.springframework.web.context.ContextLoaderListener</listener-class>
</listener>
<filter>
   <filter-name>springSecurityFilterChain</filter-name>
   <filter-class>org.springframework.web.filter.DelegatingFilterProxy</filter-class>
</filter>
<servlet>
   <servlet-name>sffs</servlet-name>
   <servlet-class>org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet</servlet-class>
   <load-on-startup>0</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
   <servlet-name>sffs</servlet-name>
   <url-pattern>*.page</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
   <servlet-name>sffs</servlet-name>
   <url-pattern>*.edit</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
   <servlet-name>sffs</servlet-name>
   <url-pattern>*.admin</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
   <servlet-name>sffs</servlet-name>
   <url-pattern>*.htm</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
...
Jsp paginated list

```jsp
<%@ include file="/WEB-INF/jsp/taglibs.jsp" %>
<tag:pager href="user.list.page"/>
<div align="center">
    <div>
        <span><spring:message code="ui.users" /></span>
    </div>
</div>
    <c:if test=""${msg ne ''}"">
        ${msg}
    </c:if>
<table class="list">
    <thead><tr><th align="left"><spring:message code="ui.user.username" /></th></tr></thead>
    <tbody>
        <c:forEach var="user" items="${users}" varStatus="status">
            <c:choose>
                <c:when test="${status.count % 2 == 0}">
                    <tr class="table-row-dispari"></tr>
                </c:when>
                <c:otherwise>
                    <tr class="table-row-pari"></tr>
                </c:otherwise>
            </c:choose>
            <td align="left">${user.username}</td>
            <td align="center">
                <a href="user.roles.page?sid=${user.id}"
                    title="<spring:message code="ui.action.view"/>">
                    <img border="0" title="<spring:message code="ui.action.view"/>
                        src="img/view.png" /></a>
            </td>
            <td align="center">
                <a href="user.detail.page?sid=${user.id}"
                    title="<spring:message code="ui.action.edit"/>">
                    <img border="0" title="<spring:message code="ui.action.edit"/>
                        src="img/edit.png" /></a>
            </td>
        </c:forEach>
    </tbody>
</table>
<br/>
<tag:pager href="user.list.page"/>
<div align="center">
    <input type="image" src="img/add.png" title="<spring:message code="ui.action.user.new"/>
        alt="<spring:message code="ui.action.user.new"/>
        onclick="location.href = 'user.edit.page'" value="<spring:message code="ui.action.user.new"/>" />
</div>
```
Spring AOP Book

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