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About the Tutorial

Spring Batch is a **lightweight framework** which is used to develop **Batch Applications** that are used in Enterprise Applications. This tutorial explains the fundamental concepts of Spring Batch and shows how you can use it in practical environment.

Audience

This tutorial is particularly going to be useful for all those professionals who are required to process large volumes of records involving repetitive actions such as transaction management, job processing statistics, resource management, etc. Spring Batch is a very effective framework for processing high-volume batch jobs.

Prerequisites

Spring Batch has been built upon Spring Framework, therefore you should have prior exposure to the features and functions of Spring. In case you are not familiar with Spring Framework, then you can start [here](#).

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1. Spring Batch – Overview

Batch processing is a processing mode which involves execution of series of automated complex jobs without user interaction. A batch process handles bulk data and runs for a long time.

Several Enterprise applications require to process huge data to perform operations involving:

- Time-based events such as periodic calculations.
- Periodic applications that are processed repetitively over large datasets.
- Applications that deals with processing and validation of the data available in a transactional manner.

Therefore, batch processing is used in enterprise applications to perform such transactions.

What is Spring Batch

Spring batch is a **lightweight framework** which is used to develop **Batch Applications** that are used in Enterprise Applications.

In addition to bulk processing, this framework provides functions for –

- Including logging and tracing
- Transaction management
- Job processing statistics
- Job restart
- Skip and Resource management

You can also scale spring batch applications using its portioning techniques.

Features of Spring Batch

Following are the notable features of Spring Batch –

- **Flexibility:** Spring Batch applications are flexible. You simply need to change an XML file to alter the order of processing in an application.
- **Maintainability:** Spring Batch applications are easy to maintain. A Spring Batch job includes steps and each step can be decoupled, tested, and updated, without effecting the other steps.
- **Scalability:** Using the portioning techniques, you can scale the Spring Batch applications. These techniques allow you to –
 - Execute the steps of a job in parallel.
 - Execute a single thread in parallel.

- **Reliability:** In case of any failure, you can restart the job from exactly where it was stopped, by decoupling the steps.
- **Support for multiple file formats:** Spring Batch provides support for a large set of readers and writers such as XML, Flat file, CSV, MYSQL, Hibernate, JDBC, Mongo, Neo4j, etc.
- **Multiple ways to launch a job:** You can launch a Spring Batch job using web applications, Java programs, Command Line, etc.

In addition to these, Spring Batch applications support –

- Automatic retry after failure.
- Tracking status and statistics during the batch execution and after completing the batch processing.
- To run concurrent jobs.
- Services such as logging, resource management, skip, and restarting the processing.

2. Spring Batch – Environment

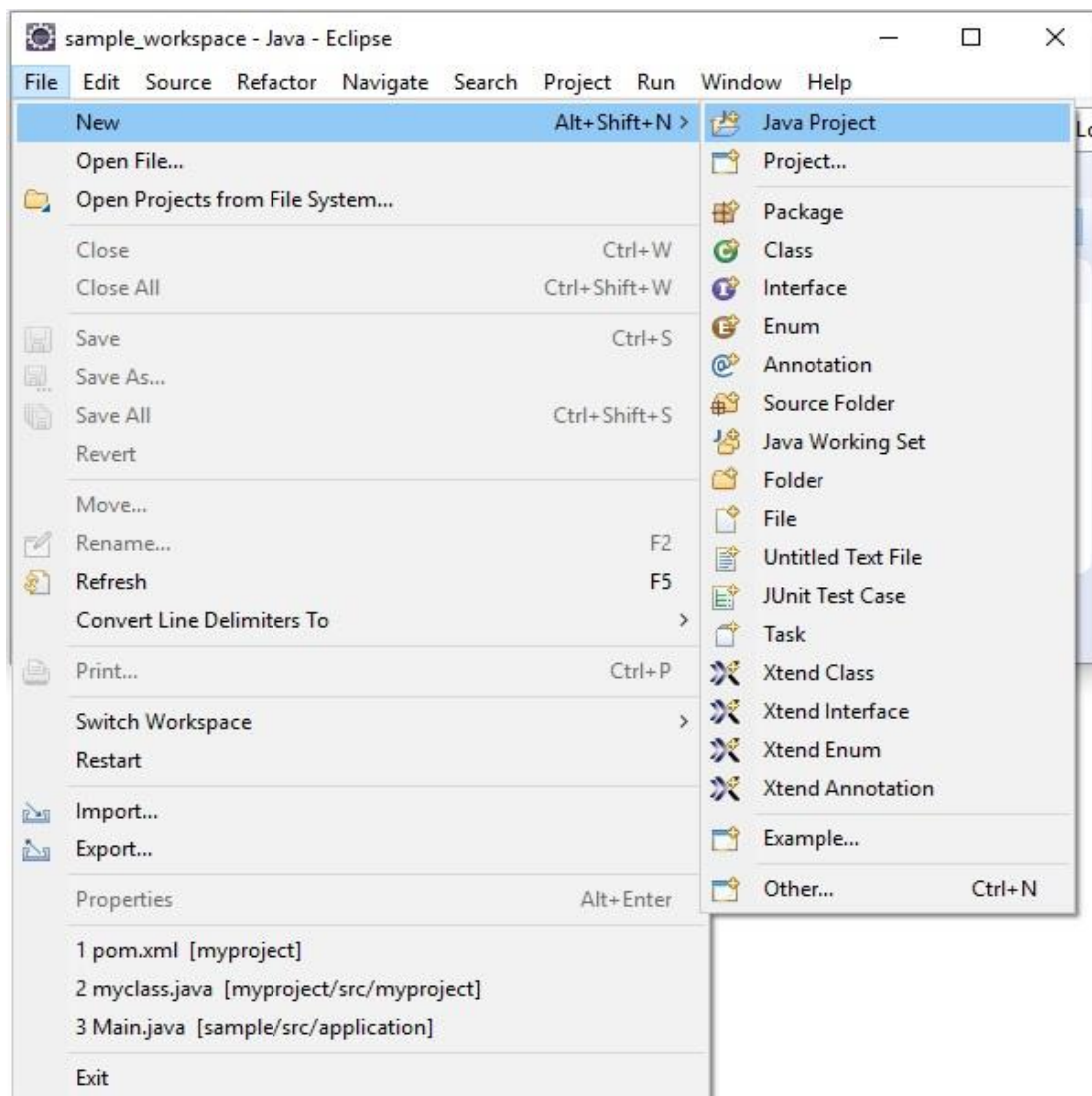
In this chapter, we will explain how to set Spring Batch environment in Eclipse IDE. Before proceeding with the installation, ensure that you have installed Eclipse in your system. If not, download and install Eclipse in your system.

For more information on Eclipse, please refer our [Eclipse Tutorial](#).

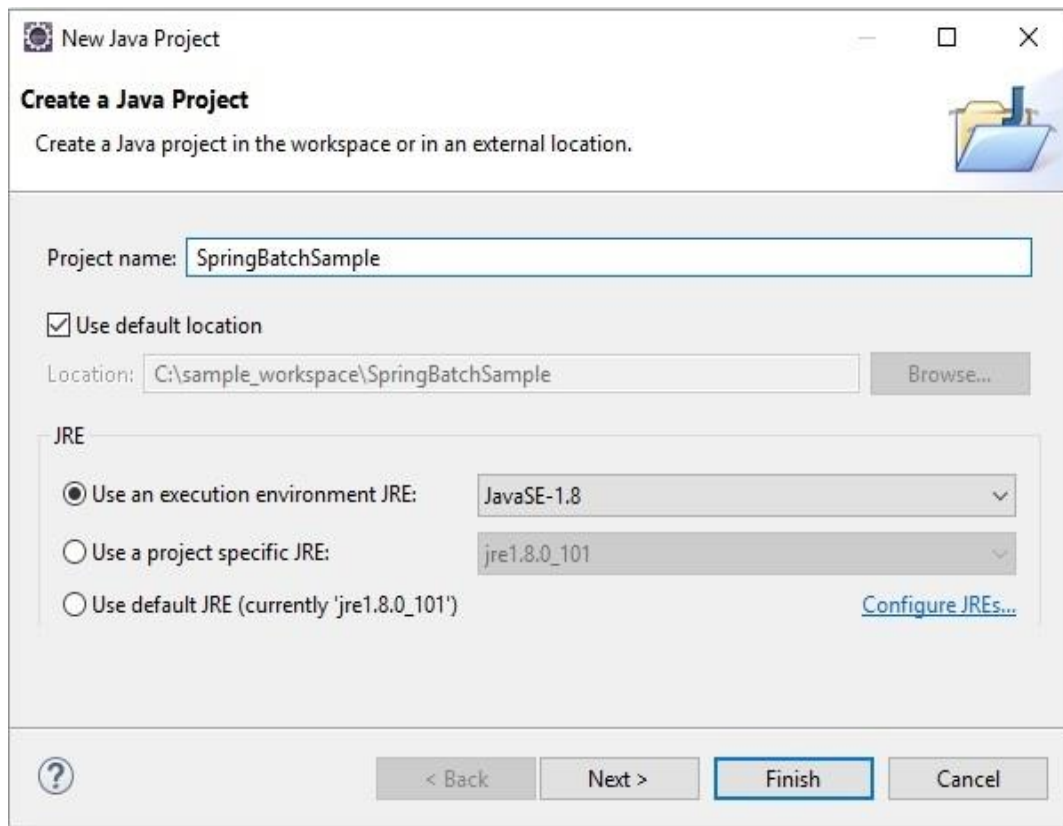
Setting Spring Batch on Eclipse

Follow the steps given below to set Spring Batch environment on Eclipse.

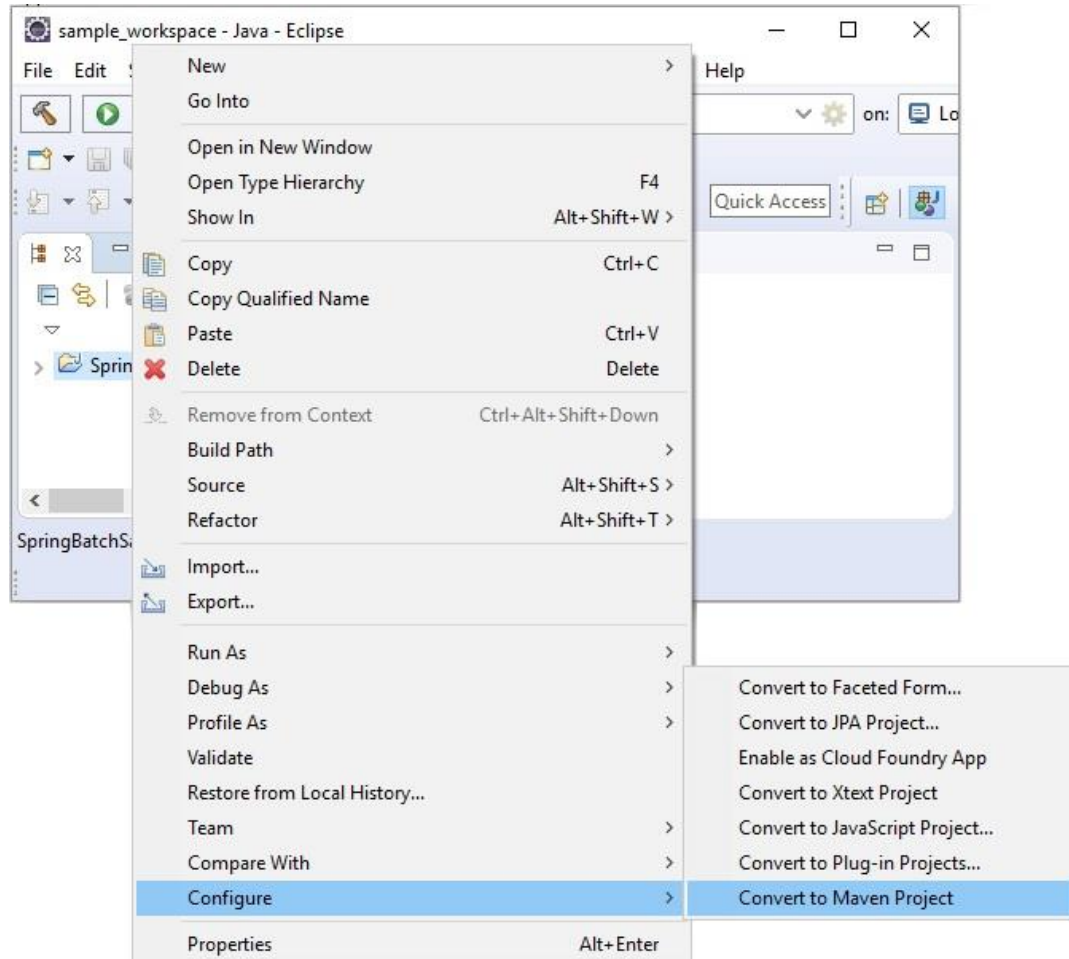
Step 1: Install Eclipse and open a New Project as shown in the following screenshot.



Step 2: Create a Sample Spring Batch project as shown below.



Step 3: Right-click on the project and convert it into a Maven project as shown below. Once you convert it into Maven project, it will give you a **Pom.xml** where you need to mention the required dependencies. Thereafter, the **jar** files of those will be automatically downloaded into your project.



Step4: Now, in the **pom.xml** of the project, copy and paste the following content (dependencies for spring batch application) and refresh the project.

```
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
  http://maven.apache.org/maven-v4_0_0.xsd">
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
  <groupId>com.tutorialspoint</groupId>
  <artifactId>SpringBatchSample</artifactId>
  <packaging>jar</packaging>
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <name>SpringBatchExample</name>
```

```
<url>http://maven.apache.org</url>

<properties>
  <jdk.version>1.8</jdk.version>
  <spring.version>4.3.8.RELEASE</spring.version>
  <spring.batch.version>3.0.7.RELEASE</spring.batch.version>
  <mysql.driver.version>5.1.25</mysql.driver.version>
  <junit.version>4.11</junit.version>
</properties>

<dependencies>
  <!-- Spring Core -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>
    <version>${spring.version}</version>
  </dependency>

  <!-- Spring jdbc, for database -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-jdbc</artifactId>
    <version>${spring.version}</version>
  </dependency>

  <!-- Spring XML to/back object -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-oxm</artifactId>
    <version>${spring.version}</version>
  </dependency>

  <!-- MySQL database driver -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>mysql</groupId>
    <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
    <version>${mysql.driver.version}</version>
```

```
</dependency>

<!-- Spring Batch dependencies -->
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.batch</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-batch-core</artifactId>
    <version>${spring.batch.version}</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.batch</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-batch-infrastructure</artifactId>
    <version>${spring.batch.version}</version>
</dependency>

<!-- Spring Batch unit test -->
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.batch</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-batch-test</artifactId>
    <version>${spring.batch.version}</version>
</dependency>

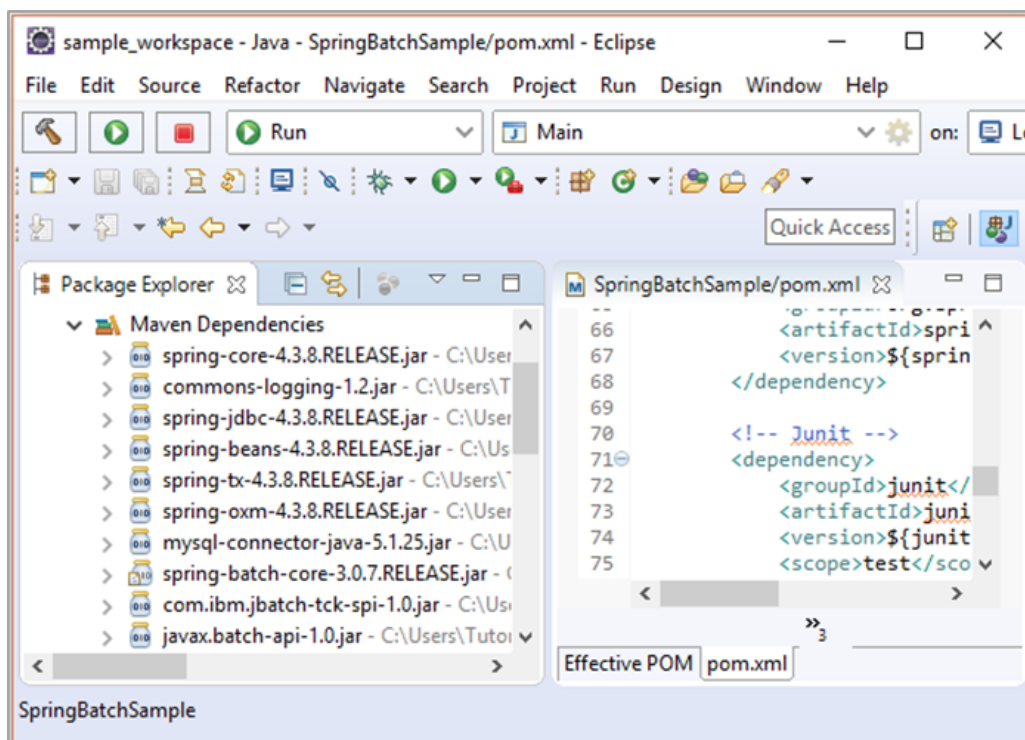
<!-- Junit -->
<dependency>
    <groupId>junit</groupId>
    <artifactId>junit</artifactId>
    <version>${junit.version}</version>
    <scope>test</scope>
</dependency>
</dependencies>
<build>
    <finalName>spring-batch</finalName>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-eclipse-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>2.9</version>
            <configuration>
```

```

        <downloadSources>true</downloadSources>
        <downloadJavadocs>>false</downloadJavadocs>
    </configuration>
</plugin>
<plugin>
    <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
    <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
    <version>2.3.2</version>
    <configuration>
        <source>${jdk.version}</source>
        <target>${jdk.version}</target>
    </configuration>
</plugin>
</plugins>
</build>
</project>

```

Finally, if you observe the Maven dependencies, you can observe that all the required **jar** files have been downloaded.



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