This Spring Boot E-Commerce Web Application is a comprehensive online shopping platform designed to provide to both administrators and customers. This application leverages the Spring Boot framework for the backend, while the frontend is built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Its primary goal is to provide a user-friendly shopping experience for customers while equipping administrators with the tools needed to manage categories, products, and orders efficiently. The application is role-based, with distinct functionalities for Admin, Editor, Salesperson, and Shipper roles.

# Key Components and Features:

### **User Roles:**

- Admin: Holds complete control over the e-commerce platform. Admins can perform CRUD operations on categories and products, and so on. In a word Admin can manage everything.
- Editor: Responsible for managing categories and products, brands, articles and menus.
- Salesperson: manages product price, customers, shipping, orders and sales report.
- Shipper: View products, view orders and update order status.

### **Customer Experience:**

- User Registration and Authentication: Customers can create accounts, log in, and securely manage their personal information.
- Browsing and Searching: Users can explore categories, search for products, and access product details, including descriptions and images.
- Shopping Cart: Customers can add, remove, and adjust product quantities in their cart before proceeding to checkout.
- Checkout and Payment: A secure checkout process integrated with popular payment gateways ensures seamless transactions.
- Product Reviews and Ratings: Customers can leave reviews and ratings for products, enhancing the shopping experience.

## Technology Stack:

- Backend: Spring Boot is used for creating a robust and scalable server-side application.
- Frontend: HTML, CSS, and JavaScript are employed to create a responsive and interactive user interface.
- Database: A relational database system (MySQL) stores product, user, categories, brands etc.

- Authentication: User authentication and authorization are implemented using Spring Security.
- Payment Gateway Integration: Integration with popular payment gateways (e.g., PayPal, Stripe) for secure online payments.
- Deployment: The application is deployed on a cloud platform (e.g., AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud) for scalability and reliability.

### Data Access Layer:

- Data Models: This layer defines the structure of the application's data, including entities like Category, Product, User, Brand and etc.. These models are typically represented as Java classes and mapped to the database using JPA (Java Persistence API).
- Repositories: Data repositories use Spring Data JPA to provide CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations for data models. These repositories interact with the database and allow for data retrieval and manipulation.
- **Database**: The application uses a relational database (MySQL) to store product information, user details, and order history. Entity-relationship mappings are defined here.

#### Service Layer:

- **Service Classes**: The service layer contains business logic and services that are essential for the application's functionality. Key services include:
  - CategoryService: Handles CRUD operations for product categories.
  - ProductService: Manages CRUD operations for products.
  - BrandService: Provides brand processing and monitoring functionality.
  - UserService: Manages user-related operations, including authentication and authorization.

#### **Controller Layer:**

- Controllers: Spring MVC controllers are responsible for handling incoming HTTP requests and directing them to the appropriate services. Key controllers include:
  - UserController: Manages user-related actions, such as user registration and authentication.
  - ProductController: Handles product browsing and shopping cart operations for customers.
  - BrandController: Facilitates the brand checkout process for customers.
  - CategoryController: Manages CRUD operations for categories and products and monitors order history for admins, editors.

### View Layer:

- HTML, CSS, and JavaScript: The view layer is primarily composed of HTML templates, CSS stylesheets, and JavaScript code to render the user interface. It is responsible for creating a responsive and interactive user experience. Customer-facing pages include product listings, brand listing, category listing shopping cart, and order history. Admin-facing pages include category and product management, as well as order monitoring.
- **Thymeleaf**: These engines are used to dynamically generate HTML pages by embedding data from the backend into the HTML templates.

### Security Layer:

- **Spring Security**: This layer is responsible for authentication and authorization. It ensures that only authorized users can access certain features. Admins, editors, salespersons, and shippers have role-based access to different parts of the application.
- **Secure Communication**: Encryption and secure protocols are used to protect sensitive information during data transmission, especially during payment processing.

# Integration Layer:

- **Payment Gateway Integration**: This layer integrates with external payment gateways (e.g., PayPal, Stripe) to facilitate secure online payments.
- Database Interaction: The application communicates with the database using JDBC or an Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) framework such as Hibernate.

### **Deployment Layer:**

- **Cloud Hosting**: The application is deployed to a cloud platform (e.g., AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud) for scalability, reliability, and ease of management.
- **Server Configuration**: Configuration settings are managed to ensure optimal performance, security, and scalability.

In summary, this Spring Boot E-Commerce Web Application offers a seamless shopping experience for customers while providing administrators with the tools required to efficiently manage products, categories, and etc The role-based system ensures that each user has access to the specific features and functionalities relevant to their responsibilities, making it a versatile and powerful e-commerce solution