

# Spring Boot and React Project Configuration Guide

## 1. Spring Boot Project Setup

### Q1: How to set up a Spring Boot project?

- **Step 1:** Install Java Development Kit (JDK) 11 or later.
  - Download and install from [Oracle JDK](https://www.oracle.com/in/java/technologies/javase-downloads.html).
  - Set `JAVA_HOME` and `PATH` environment variables.
- **Step 2:** Create a Spring Boot project using Spring Initializr or Spring Tools.
  - Open Spring Initializr: <https://start.spring.io/>
  - Select:
    - Project: Maven Project
    - Language: Java
    - Spring Boot Version: Latest stable version
    - Group: `com.example`
    - Artifact: `studentapp`
    - Dependencies: Spring Web, Spring Data JPA, MySQL Driver, Spring Boot DevTools, Lombok
  - Click "Generate" to download the project and unzip it.
- **Step 3:** Open the project in your IDE (e.g., VS Code, IntelliJ IDEA).

### Q2: How to configure MySQL database in Spring Boot?

- **Step 1:** Install MySQL and create a new database (`studentdb`).
  - **Step 2:** Add MySQL configuration in `application.properties`:
    - Set `spring.datasource.url`, `spring.datasource.username`, and `spring.datasource.password` to connect to your MySQL database.
  - **Step 3:** Install necessary dependencies like `spring-boot-starter-data-jpa` and `mysql-connector-java` in your `pom.xml` (if not already added by Spring Initializr).
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## 2. Frontend (React) Project Setup

### Q3: How to set up a React project for the frontend?

- **Step 1:** Install Node.js and npm (Node Package Manager) from <https://nodejs.org/>.
  - Verify installation by running the following commands:

```
bash
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node -v
npm -v
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- **Step 2:** Create a new React app using `create-react-app`:

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npx create-react-app student-frontend
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- **Step 3:** Install Axios to make HTTP requests to the Spring Boot backend:

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npm install axios
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- **Step 4:** Navigate to the project folder:

```
bash
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cd student-frontend
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### 3. Spring Boot Backend API Development

#### Q4: How to implement API endpoints in Spring Boot for student management?

- **Step 1:** Create a `Student` model class with required fields like `id`, `name`, `email`, and `age`.
  - **Step 2:** Create a repository interface extending `JpaRepository` for CRUD operations.
  - **Step 3:** Create a `StudentController` to handle HTTP requests for `GET`, `POST`, `PUT`, and `DELETE` operations.
  - **Step 4:** Configure CORS in the backend to allow requests from the React frontend running on `http://localhost:3000`.
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### 4. React Frontend Development

#### Q5: How to interact with the Spring Boot API from the React frontend?

- **Step 1:** Create a `StudentApp` component in React for listing, adding, and deleting student records.
  - **Step 2:** Use Axios to make API calls to the backend for the following actions:
    - Fetch all students (`GET` request)
    - Add a new student (`POST` request)
    - Delete a student (`DELETE` request)
  - **Step 3:** Display student records in a list and provide form inputs to add a new student.
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### 5. CORS Configuration

## Q6: How to handle CORS in Spring Boot for a React frontend?

- **Step 1:** Add CORS mapping in Spring Boot to allow `http://localhost:3000` (React frontend) to make requests to `http://localhost:8080` (Spring Boot backend).
  - **Step 2:** Ensure that the backend sends appropriate headers like `Access-Control-Allow-Origin`, `Access-Control-Allow-Methods`, and `Access-Control-Allow-Headers`.
  - **Step 3:** Test the application in the browser to ensure CORS is properly handled.
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## 6. Running the Application

### Q7: How to run the Spring Boot backend?

- **Step 1:** Navigate to the backend directory and run the Spring Boot application using the following command:

```
bash
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mvn spring-boot:run
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- **Step 2:** The Spring Boot application will start on `http://localhost:8080`.
- **Step 3:** Open Postman or the browser to test API endpoints.

### Q8: How to run the React frontend?

- **Step 1:** Navigate to the frontend directory (`student-frontend`) and run:

```
bash
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npm start
```

- **Step 2:** The React app will be served at `http://localhost:3000`.
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## 7. Common Errors and Troubleshooting

### Q9: How to fix CORS issues between Spring Boot and React?

- **Fix 1:** Ensure that `allowedOrigins` in the `CorsRegistry` of the backend is correctly set to `http://localhost:3000`.
- **Fix 2:** Allow the necessary HTTP methods like `GET`, `POST`, `PUT`, and `DELETE` in the CORS configuration.
- **Fix 3:** If the error persists, ensure the Spring Boot backend is running, and the React app is correctly making HTTP requests to `http://localhost:8080`.

### Q10: How to resolve Axios errors?

- **Fix 1:** Ensure that the correct API endpoint is being called with the correct HTTP method.
  - **Fix 2:** Check if the backend is running and accessible by testing the endpoints with Postman.
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## 8. Build and Deployment

### Q11: How to build the React app for production?

- **Step 1:** Run the following command to create a production build:

```
bash
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npm run build
```

- **Step 2:** Deploy the `build/` folder to your preferred hosting service, such as Netlify, Vercel, or a custom server.

### Q12: How to package the Spring Boot app for production?

- **Step 1:** Run the following command to create a production-ready JAR file:

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bash
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mvn clean package
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- **Step 2:** Deploy the JAR file to your server, ensuring MySQL is properly configured.
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