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Spring REST using Spring Boot

Create a Spring Web Project using Maven

Follow steps below to create a project:

- Go to <https://start.spring.io/>
- Change Group as “com.cognizant”
- Change Artifact Id as “spring-learn”
- Select Spring Boot DevTools and Spring Web
- Create and download the project as zip
- Extract the zip in root folder to Eclipse Workspace
- Build the project using ‘mvn clean package -Dhttp.proxyHost=proxy.cognizant.com -Dhttp.proxyPort=6050 -Dhttps.proxyHost=proxy.cognizant.com -Dhttps.proxyPort=6050 -Dhttp.proxyUser=123456’ command in command line
- Import the project in Eclipse "File > Import > Maven > Existing Maven Projects > Click Browse and select extracted folder > Finish"
- Include logs to verify if main() method of SpringLearnApplication.
- Run the SpringLearnApplication class.

SME to walk through the following aspects related to the project created:

- src/main/java - Folder with application code
- src/main/resources - Folder for application configuration
- src/test/java - Folder with code for testing the application
- SpringLearnApplication.java - Walkthrough the main() method.
- Purpose of @SpringBootApplication annotation
- pom.xml
 - Walkthrough all the configuration defined in XML file
 - Open 'Dependency Hierarchy' and show the dependency tree.

Here's a step-by-step guide and walk-through to create and understand a **Spring Web Project using Maven** with the specified configurations.

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PART 1: Create Spring Boot Project

1. Go to Spring Initializer

- URL: <https://start.spring.io>

2. Project Metadata:

- **Group:** `com.cognizant`
- **Artifact:** `spring-learn`
- **Name:** `spring-learn`
- **Dependencies:**
 - Spring Boot DevTools
 - Spring Web

3. Download the project

- Click **Generate**, and a ZIP will be downloaded.

4. Extract ZIP

- Extract into Eclipse workspace (e.g., `C:\Users\<your-user>\eclipse-workspace\spring-learn`)

PART 2: Build Project via Command Line

Navigate to project folder in command line and execute:

```
mvn clean package \
  -Dhttp.proxyHost=proxy.cognizant.com \
  -Dhttp.proxyPort=6050 \
  -Dhttps.proxyHost=proxy.cognizant.com \
  -Dhttps.proxyPort=6050 \
  -Dhttp.proxyUser=123456
```

Replace 123456 with your employee ID (or actual proxy credentials if required).

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✓ PART 3: Import Project in Eclipse

Steps:

- Open Eclipse
- Go to **File** → **Import**
- Select **Maven** → **Existing Maven Projects**
- Click **Browse**, select the extracted folder
- Click **Finish**

✓ PART 4: Run and Verify

1. Open `SpringLearnApplication.java` (under `src/main/java/com/cognizant/springlearn`)
2. Add a **log statement** in `main()` method to verify the application is starting:

```
@SpringBootApplication
public class SpringLearnApplication {

    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(SpringLearnApplication.class);

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LOGGER.info("START");
        SpringApplication.run(SpringLearnApplication.class,
args);
        LOGGER.info("END");
    }
}
```

3. Right-click on `SpringLearnApplication.java` → **Run** As → **Java Application**

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✓ PART 5: Project Structure Walkthrough

src/main/java

- Contains application **Java source code**
- Default package: `com.cognizant.springlearn`

src/main/resources

- Contains configuration files:
 - `application.properties` or `application.yml`
 - Static files, templates, or custom config

src/test/java

- Contains **unit and integration tests**

✓ Understanding **SpringLearnApplication.java**

@SpringBootApplication

- Combination of:
 - `@Configuration`: Marks class as source of bean definitions
 - `@EnableAutoConfiguration`: Automatically configures Spring based on dependencies
 - `@ComponentScan`: Scans `com.cognizant.springlearn` and sub-packages for Spring components

main() method

- Entry point to run the Spring Boot application
- Uses `SpringApplication.run()` to bootstrap application

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✓ Understanding pom.xml

Key Sections:

- `<groupId>: com.cognizant`
- `<artifactId>: spring-learn`
- `<dependencies>:`
 - Spring Boot Starter Web: Adds REST and web support
 - Spring Boot DevTools: Adds hot reload
- `<build>:` Contains plugin configuration (like `spring-boot-maven-plugin`)

Example snippet:

```
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-devtools</artifactId>
    <scope>runtime</scope>
    <optional>true</optional>
  </dependency>
  <!-- Add other dependencies if needed -->
</dependencies>
```

✓ Dependency Hierarchy in Eclipse

- Right-click on project → Maven → Show Dependency Hierarchy
- Use it to:
 - Check **transitive dependencies**
 - Identify **version conflicts**
 - Understand what each starter brings in

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Summary

Component	Description
SpringLearnApplication.java	Entry point of the application
@SpringBootApplication	Enables auto-configuration, scanning, and config
pom.xml	Project dependencies and build config
src/main/java	Main source code
src/main/resources	Properties/configuration files
src/test/java	Test source code
Dependency Hierarchy	View and resolve Maven dependency tree

Spring Core – Load Country from Spring Configuration XML

An airlines website is going to support booking on four countries. There will be a drop down on the home page of this website to select the respective country. It is also important to store the two-character ISO code of each country.

Code	Name
US	United States
DE	Germany
IN	India
JP	Japan

Above data has to be stored in spring configuration file. Write a program to read this configuration file and display the details.

Steps to implement

- Pick any one of your choice country to configure in Spring XML configuration named **country.xml**.
- Create a bean tag in spring configuration for country and set the property and values

```
<bean id="country" class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
    <property name="code" value="IN" />
    <property name="name" value="India" />
</bean>
```

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- Create **Country** class with following aspects:
 - Instance variables for **code** and **name**
 - Implement empty parameter constructor with inclusion of debug log within the constructor with log message as “**Inside Country Constructor.**”
 - Generate getters and setters with inclusion of debug with relevant message within each setter and getter method.
 - Generate **toString()** method
- Create a method **displayCountry()** in **SpringLearnApplication.java**, which will read the country bean from spring configuration file and display the country details. **ClassPathXmlApplicationContext**, **ApplicationContext** and **context.getBean(“beanId”, Country.class)**. Refer sample code for displayCountry() method below.

```
ApplicationContext context = new
ClassPathXmlApplicationContext("country.xml");

Country country = (Country) context.getBean("country", Country.class);

LOGGER.debug("Country : {}", country.toString());
```

- Invoke **displayCountry()** method in **main()** method of **SpringLearnApplication.java**.
- Execute main() method and check the logs to find out which constructors and methods were invoked.

SME to provide more detailing about the following aspects:

- bean tag, id attribute, class attribute, property tag, name attribute, value attribute
- ApplicationContext, ClassPathXmlApplicationContext
- What exactly happens when context.getBean() is invoked

Here's a complete guide to implement the **Spring Core – Load Country from Spring Configuration XML** functionality as per your requirements:



Step-by-Step Implementation

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1. Create the **Country** class

Location: com.cognizant.springlearn.Country

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn;

import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;

public class Country {

    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(Country.class);

    private String code;
    private String name;

    public Country() {
        LOGGER.debug("Inside Country Constructor.");
    }

    public String getCode() {
        LOGGER.debug("Inside getCode()");
        return code;
    }

    public void setCode(String code) {
        LOGGER.debug("Inside setCode()");
        this.code = code;
    }

    public String getName() {
        LOGGER.debug("Inside getName()");
        return name;
    }

    public void setName(String name) {
        LOGGER.debug("Inside setName()");
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```


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```
@Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Country [code=" + code + ", name=" + name +
    " ]";
    }
}
```

2. Create the Spring XML configuration file

File: country.xml

Location: src/main/resources

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
        xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
        xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/
schema/beans
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-
beans.xsd">

    <bean id="country"
class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
        <property name="code" value="IN" />
        <property name="name" value="India" />
    </bean>

</beans>
```

3. Update **SpringLearnApplication.java**

Add the **displayCountry()** method:

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn;

import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContext;
import
org.springframework.context.support.ClassPathXmlApplicationCo
ntext;
```

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```
public class SpringLearnApplication {

    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(SpringLearnApplication.class);

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LOGGER.info("START");
        displayCountry();
        LOGGER.info("END");
    }

    public static void displayCountry() {
        ApplicationContext context = new
ClassPathXmlApplicationContext("country.xml");
        Country country = context.getBean("country",
Country.class);
        LOGGER.debug("Country : {}", country.toString());
    }
}
```

Expected Console Log Output

When you run the application, the log will show messages like:

```
DEBUG com.cognizant.springlearn.Country - Inside Country
Constructor.
DEBUG com.cognizant.springlearn.Country - Inside setCode()
DEBUG com.cognizant.springlearn.Country - Inside setName()
DEBUG com.cognizant.springlearn.Country - Inside getCode()
DEBUG com.cognizant.springlearn.Country - Inside getName()
DEBUG com.cognizant.springlearn.SpringLearnApplication -
Country : Country [code=IN, name=India]
```

SME Notes and Concepts

bean tag (Spring XML)

- **<bean>**: Used to define a Spring-managed object.
 - **id**: Unique identifier for the bean.
 - **class**: Fully qualified name of the Java class.

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- `<property>`: Used to inject values into the bean's properties.
 - `name`: Matches the Java property (e.g., `setName ()`)
 - `value`: The actual value to inject.

ApplicationContext and ClassPathXmlApplicationContext

- **ApplicationContext**: Central interface for Spring's IoC container.
- **ClassPathXmlApplicationContext**: Loads configuration from XML in the classpath.
- Creates and manages beans defined in XML (`country.xml` in this case).

What happens on `context.getBean ("country")`

- Spring:
 1. Reads the XML configuration
 2. Instantiates the `Country` class
 3. Injects the `code` and `name` via `setCode ()` and `setName ()`
 4. Returns the fully initialized bean

At this point, constructor and setters will be invoked and debug logs generated accordingly.

Summary Table

Concept	Description
<code>@SpringBootApplication</code>	Entry point annotation for Spring Boot
<code>country.xml</code>	Spring XML file to configure and inject dependencies
<code>ApplicationContext</code>	Spring container to manage beans
<code>ClassPathXmlApplicationContext</code>	Loads Spring XML files from classpath
<code>context.getBean ()</code>	Instantiates and returns the bean configured in XML
<code>LOGGER.debug ()</code>	Logs each method invocation for traceability

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Hello World RESTful Web Service

Write a REST service in the spring learn application created earlier, that returns the text "Hello World!!" using Spring Web Framework. Refer details below:

Method: GET

URL: /hello

Controller: com.cognizant.spring-learn.controller.HelloController

Method Signature: public String sayHello()

Method Implementation: return hard coded string "Hello World!!"

Sample Request: http://localhost:8083/hello

Sample Response: Hello World!!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Don't forget to include start and end log in the sayHello() method.

Try the URL http://localhost:8083/hello in both chrome browser and postman.

SME to explain the following aspects:

- In network tab of developer tools show the HTTP header details received
- In postman click on "Headers" tab to view the HTTP header details received

Here's how to create a **Hello World RESTful Web Service** using Spring Boot Web in your spring-learn application, step-by-step.



Step-by-Step Implementation

1. Ensure Spring Web is in your pom.xml

If you already added Spring Web via Spring Initializr, skip this. Otherwise, add:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

2. Create the HelloController class

Location: com.cognizant.springlearn.controller.HelloController

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn.controller;
```

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```
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import
org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
public class HelloController {

    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(HelloController.class);

    @GetMapping("/hello")
    public String sayHello() {
        LOGGER.info("START");
        String response = "Hello World!!";
        LOGGER.info("END");
        return response;
    }
}
```

3. Run Your Application

- Go to `SpringLearnApplication.java`
- Right-click → Run As → Java Application

Make sure your `application.properties` (in `src/main/resources`) sets the correct port:

```
server.port=8083
```

If the file doesn't exist, create it and add this line.

4. Test the Endpoint

Using Browser:

- Open Chrome
- Visit: <http://localhost:8083/hello>
- You'll see:
Hello World!!

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Using Postman:

- Method: GET
- URL: `http://localhost:8083/hello`
- Click **Send**
- You'll get the response:
`Hello World!!`

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Network Tab in Browser Dev Tools

1. Press **F12** or **Ctrl+Shift+I** in Chrome → Go to **Network** tab
2. Reload `http://localhost:8083/hello`
3. Click on the `/hello` request
4. In **Headers** tab, you'll see:

Request Headers:

- **Host**: `localhost:8083`
- **User-Agent**: Chrome user agent string
- **Accept**: `text/html, application/xhtml+xml, etc.`
- **Accept-Encoding**: `gzip, deflate, br`
- **Connection**: `keep-alive`

Response Headers:

- **Content-Type**: `text/plain; charset=UTF-8`
- **Content-Length**: `14`
- **Date**: Current timestamp
- **Keep-Alive**: timeout value

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Headers Tab in Postman

1. Send the request to `http://localhost:8083/hello`
2. Click on the "**Headers**" tab below the response



Request Headers (automatically set by Postman):

- `User-Agent: PostmanRuntime`
- `Accept: /`
- `Host: localhost:8083`
- `Connection: keep-alive`



Response Headers:

- `Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8`
- `Content-Length: 14`
- `Date: Current server time`



Summary

Aspect	Description
URL	<code>http://localhost:8083/hello</code>
Method	GET
Controller	HelloController
Response	"Hello World!!"
Logging	START and END logged with SLF4J
Browser Dev Tools	Check headers under Network tab
Postman Headers Tab	View both request and response headers

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REST - Country Web Service

Write a REST service that returns India country details in the earlier created spring learn application.

URL: /country

Controller: com.cognizant.spring-learn.controller.CountryController

Method Annotation: @RequestMapping

Method Name: getCountryIndia()

Method Implementation: Load India bean from spring xml configuration and return

Sample Request: http://localhost:8083/country

Sample Response:

```
{
  "code": "IN",
  "name": "India"
}
```

SME to explain the following aspects:

- What happens in the controller method?
- How the bean is converted into JSON response?
- In network tab of developer tools show the HTTP header details received
- In postman click on "Headers" tab to view the HTTP header details received

Here's how to implement the **REST - Country Web Service** that returns **India's country details** using a Spring bean loaded from an XML file, and explain the internals as an SME would.



Step-by-Step Implementation



1. XML Configuration

Ensure your `country.xml` (in `src/main/resources`) contains the India bean:

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


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```
<bean id="country"
class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
    <property name="code" value="IN" />
    <property name="name" value="India" />
</bean>

</beans>
```

◆ 2. Country POJO (Country.java)

Already created in previous step. Ensure it has:

- code, name
- getters, setters, toString()
- Debug logs in constructor and methods

◆ 3. Create CountryController

Location: com.cognizant.springlearn.controller.CountryController

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn.controller;
```

```
import com.cognizant.springlearn.Country;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContext;
import
org.springframework.context.support.ClassPathXmlApplicationCo
ntext;
import
org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import
org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
```

```
@RestController
public class CountryController {
```

```
    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(CountryController.class);
```

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```
@RequestMapping("/country")
public Country getCountryIndia() {
    LOGGER.info("START");

    ApplicationContext context = new
ClassPathXmlApplicationContext("country.xml");
    Country country = context.getBean("country",
Country.class);

    LOGGER.info("END");
    return country;
}
}
```

4. Run the Application

Ensure your `application.properties` contains:

```
server.port=8083
```

Then run `SpringLearnApplication.java`.

Try It Out

Request

- URL: <http://localhost:8083/country>
- Method: GET

Sample Response

```
{
  "code": "IN",
  "name": "India"
}
```

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SME Explanation

◆ What happens in the controller method?

1. `ApplicationContext` is initialized with `country.xml`.
2. Spring parses the XML and instantiates the `Country` bean.
3. The bean is returned from `getCountryIndia()`.
4. Spring Boot (via Jackson library) automatically **serializes the Java object to JSON**.

◆ How is the bean converted into JSON?

- Spring Boot uses **Jackson** (a JSON library).
- `@RestController` implies `@ResponseBody`, which tells Spring to:
 - Call `getCountryIndia()`
 - Take the returned `Country` object
 - Use Jackson to convert it to JSON
 - Return the JSON as HTTP response



No need to manually write JSON conversion logic.

◆ HTTP Headers in Browser Dev Tools

1. Open Chrome
2. Visit `http://localhost:8083/country`
3. Press F12 → Go to **Network** → Click `/country`

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Response Headers:

Header	Value
Content-Type	application/json
Content-Length	e.g., 33
Date	Current timestamp

HTTP Headers in Postman

1. Open Postman
2. Send GET request to `http://localhost:8083/country`
3. Click on "**Headers**" tab

Response Headers in Postman:

Header	Value
Content-Type	application/json
Content-Length	33
Server	Apache Tomcat or embedded

Summary

Aspect	Description
Endpoint	/country
Controller	CountryController
Bean Source	Loaded from <code>country.xml</code>
Output Format	JSON (via Jackson auto-serialization)
Headers (browser/postman)	Content-Type: application/json
Framework Magic	@RestController + Jackson = JSON for POJO

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REST - Get country based on country code

Write a REST service that returns a specific country based on country code. The country code should be case insensitive.

Controller: com.cognizant.spring-learn.controller.CountryController

Method Annotation: @GetMapping("/countries/{code}")

Method Name: getCountry(String code)

Method Implementation: Invoke countryService.getCountry(code)

Service Method: com.cognizant.spring-learn.service.CountryService.getCountry(String code)

Service Method Implementation:

- Get the country code using @PathVariable
- Get country list from country.xml
- Iterate through the country list
- Make a case insensitive matching of country code and return the country.
- Lambda expression can also be used instead of iterating the country list

Sample Request: http://localhost:8083/country/in

Sample Response:

```
{
  "code": "IN",
  "name": "India"
}
```

Here's how to implement the **REST API to get a country by country code** in the **spring-learn** project using Spring Boot and XML bean configuration:

Step-by-Step Implementation

1. Update **country.xml** to include a list of countries

Location: src/main/resources/country.xml

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

    <!-- Individual Country Beans -->
    <bean id="country1"
class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
        <property name="code" value="IN"/>
        <property name="name" value="India"/>
    </bean>

    <bean id="country2"
class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
        <property name="code" value="US"/>
        <property name="name" value="United States"/>
    </bean>

    <bean id="country3"
class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
        <property name="code" value="DE"/>
        <property name="name" value="Germany"/>
    </bean>

    <bean id="country4"
class="com.cognizant.springlearn.Country">
        <property name="code" value="JP"/>
        <property name="name" value="Japan"/>
    </bean>

    <!-- List of Countries -->
    <bean id="countryList" class="java.util.ArrayList">
        <constructor-arg>
            <list>
                <ref bean="country1"/>
                <ref bean="country2"/>
                <ref bean="country3"/>
                <ref bean="country4"/>
            </list>
        </constructor-arg>
    </bean>
```

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</beans>

◆ 2. Create the **CountryService** class

Location: com.cognizant.springlearn.service.CountryService

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn.service;

import com.cognizant.springlearn.Country;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContext;
import
org.springframework.context.support.ClassPathXmlApplicationCo
ntext;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import java.util.List;

@Service
public class CountryService {

    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(CountryService.class);

    public Country getCountry(String code) {
        LOGGER.info("START - getCountry()");

        ApplicationContext context = new
ClassPathXmlApplicationContext("country.xml");
        List<Country> countryList = (List<Country>)
context.getBean("countryList");

        Country country = countryList.stream()
            .filter(c ->
c.getCode().equalsIgnoreCase(code))
            .findFirst()
            .orElse(null);

        LOGGER.info("END - getCountry()");
        return country;
    }
}
```

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◆ 3. Update the **CountryController** class

Location: `com.cognizant.springlearn.controller.CountryController`

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn.controller;

import com.cognizant.springlearn.Country;
import com.cognizant.springlearn.service.CountryService;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
import
org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;

@RestController
public class CountryController {

    private static final Logger LOGGER =
LoggerFactory.getLogger(CountryController.class);

    @Autowired
    private CountryService countryService;

    @GetMapping("/countries/{code}")
    public Country getCountry(@PathVariable String code) {
        LOGGER.info("START - getCountry()");
        Country country = countryService.getCountry(code);
        LOGGER.info("END - getCountry()");
        return country;
    }
}
```

◆ 4. Test the Endpoint

✓ URL:

`http://localhost:8083/countries/in`

✓ Sample Response:

```
{
  "code": "IN",
  "name": "India"
}
```


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SME Explanation

◆ What happens in the controller method?

- The controller receives the request at `/countries/{code}`
- `@PathVariable` binds the `{code}` value to the method parameter
- It calls `CountryService.getCountry(code)`
- The service loads `countryList` from `country.xml`
- It searches for a matching country using `equalsIgnoreCase()`
- Returns the matching country object, which Spring converts to JSON

◆ How is the Java object converted to JSON?

- Spring Boot includes **Jackson**, which auto-converts Java objects into JSON.
- Because the controller is annotated with `@RestController`, the return object is automatically serialized.

◆ Network Tab (Dev Tools)

1. Open Chrome → F12 → Network tab
2. Visit `http://localhost:8083/countries/in`
3. Click the `/countries/in` request

HTTP Response Headers:

Header	Value
Content-Type	application/json
Content-Length	33
Date	Current time

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◆ Headers Tab in Postman

1. Send a GET request to `http://localhost:8083/countries/in`
2. Click on "**Headers**" tab

You'll see:

 **Response Headers:**

- `Content-Type: application/json`
- `Content-Length: ~33`
- `Date:` Server response time

✓ Summary

Component	Description
XML File	<code>country.xml</code> stores list of countries
Service Class	<code>CountryService.getCountry(code)</code>
REST Endpoint	<code>/countries/{code}</code>
Case Insensitive Match	Uses <code>equalsIgnoreCase()</code>
Output Format	JSON (auto-converted by Spring)
Dev Tools / Postman	View <code>Content-Type: application/json</code>

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Create authentication service that returns JWT

As part of first step of JWT process, the user credentials needs to be sent to authentication service request that generates and returns the JWT.

Ideally when the below curl command is executed that calls the new authentication service, the token should be responded. Kindly note that the credentials are passed using -u option.

Request

```
curl -s -u user:pwd http://localhost:8090/authenticate
```

Response

```
{"token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJlc2VyIiwiaWF0IjoxNTcwMzc5NDc0LCJleHAiOjE1NzAzODA2NzR9.t3LRv1CV-hwKfoqZYlaVQqEUiBloWcWn0ft3tgv0dL0"}
```

This can be incorporated as three major steps:

- Create authentication controller and configure it in SecurityConfig
- Read Authorization header and decode the username and password
- Generate token based on the user retrieved in the previous step

Let incorporate the above as separate hands on exercises.

Great! You're about to build a **JWT authentication service** in Spring Boot. Let's begin with **Step 1: Create the authentication controller and configure it in the SecurityConfig**.

Step 1: Authentication Controller + Security Configuration

1. Add Dependencies in pom.xml

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>io.jsonwebtoken</groupId>
    <artifactId>jjwt</artifactId>
    <version>0.9.1</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-security</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

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◆ 2. Create the **AuthenticationController**

Location:

com.cognizant.springlearn.controller.AuthenticationController

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn.controller;
```

```
import io.jsonwebtoken.Jwts;
import io.jsonwebtoken.SignatureAlgorithm;
import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;
```

```
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import java.util.Base64;
import java.util.Date;
```

```
@RestController
```

```
public class AuthenticationController {
```

```
    private final String SECRET_KEY = "mySecretKey"; // move
    to env or config in real apps
```

```
    @GetMapping("/authenticate")
    public ResponseEntity<?> authenticate(HttpServletRequest
    request) {
        String authHeader =
    request.getHeader("Authorization");
```

```
        if (authHeader == null || !
    authHeader.startsWith("Basic ")) {
            return ResponseEntity.status(401).body("Missing
    or invalid Authorization header");
        }
```

```
        String base64Credentials =
    authHeader.substring("Basic ".length()).trim();
        byte[] decodedBytes =
    Base64.getDecoder().decode(base64Credentials);
        String credentials = new String(decodedBytes);
        String[] values = credentials.split(":", 2);
```

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```
String username = values[0];
String password = values[1];

// Dummy check (replace with actual DB/userService
validation)
    if (!username.equals("user") || !
password.equals("pwd")) {
        return ResponseEntity.status(401).body("Invalid
credentials");
    }

String token = Jwts.builder()
    .setSubject(username)
    .setIssuedAt(new Date())
    .setExpiration(new
Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + 10 * 60 * 1000)) // 10 mins
    .signWith(SignatureAlgorithm.HS256,
SECRET_KEY)
    .compact();

return ResponseEntity.ok().body("{\"token\":\"" +
token + "\"}");
}
```

◆ 3. Create **SecurityConfig** to Permit /authenticate

Location: com.cognizant.springlearn.config.SecurityConfig

```
package com.cognizant.springlearn.config;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import
org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.H
ttpSecurity;
import
org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.configurat
ion.*;

@EnableWebSecurity
@Configuration
public class SecurityConfig extends
WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
```

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```
@Override
    protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws
Exception {
    http
        .csrf().disable() // Disable CSRF for testing
        .authorizeRequests()
        .antMatchers("/authenticate").permitAll()
        .anyRequest().authenticated()
        .and()
        .httpBasic(); // Allows basic auth header
    }
}
```

◆ 4. Run the Application and Test

✓ **Curl command:**

```
curl -s -u user:pwd http://localhost:8090/authenticate
```

✓ **Expected Response:**

```
{
  "token": "<jwt-token>"
}
```

🧠 What's Happening?

Step	Description
1. -u user:pwd	Sends Authorization: Basic <base64> header
2. Controller	Decodes base64, extracts user/pass
3. Auth check	Validates hardcoded creds
4. Token creation	Uses JWT to sign a token with subject = user
5. Response	Returns the token in JSON format

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