

SP: Render WalkThrough



1. Spring Boot Project Setup (Maven)



Option A: Use Spring Initializr

Choose:

- **Project:** Maven
- **Language:** Java
- **Spring Boot Version:** Latest stable
- **Dependencies:**
 - Spring Web
 - Spring Boot DevTools
 - Spring Data JPA
 - PostgreSQL Driver
 - Spring Security (optional if adding auth handling)
 - Lombok (optional for reducing boilerplate)
 - Apache Commons FileUpload (manual later)
 - Quartz (for reminders, optional)

Click **Generate**, unzip the project, and open it in IntelliJ / VSCode.



Directory Structure (Important Bits)

```
src/  
├── main/  
│   ├── java/  
│   │   └── com/example/studypilot/  
│   │       ├── StudyPilotApplication.java  
│   │       └── controller/
```

```
| | | — service/
| | | — model/
| | | — repository/
| | — resources/
| — application.properties
```

2. Configure **application.properties**

```
# Server
server.port=8080

# PostgreSQL (Supabase or external DB for now)
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/studypilot
spring.datasource.username=YOUR_DB_USER
spring.datasource.password=YOUR_DB_PASSWORD
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update
spring.jpa.show-sql=true

# CORS (allowing frontend to access)
spring.web.cors.allowed-origins=http://localhost:3000
spring.web.cors.allowed-methods=GET,POST,PUT,DELETE
```

3. Test Locally

1. Create a simple REST controller:

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/test")
public class TestController {

    @GetMapping
    public String ping() {
        return "Hello from StudyPilot!";
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

1. Run the app:

```
./mvnw spring-boot:run
```

1. Go to <http://localhost:8080/api/test>

You should see: [Hello from StudyPilot!](#)

4. Deploy to Render

Step-by-Step Guide:

A. Create [render.yaml](#) (optional, for Infrastructure as Code)

```
services:  
  - type: web  
    name: studypilot-backend  
    env: java  
    buildCommand: "./mvnw clean install"  
    startCommand: "java -jar target/*.jar"  
    plan: free  
    envVars:  
      - key: SPRING_DATASOURCE_URL  
        value: YOUR_REMOTE_DB_URL  
      - key: SPRING_DATASOURCE_USERNAME  
        value: YOUR_DB_USER  
      - key: SPRING_DATASOURCE_PASSWORD  
        value: YOUR_DB_PASSWORD
```

B. Set up on Render:

1. Go to <https://render.com>

2. Click **New Web Service**
3. Connect your GitHub repo
4. Choose:
 - **Environment:** Java
 - **Build Command:** `./mvnw clean install`
 - **Start Command:** `java -jar target/*.jar`
 - **Instance Type:** Free or Starter
5. Add **Environment Variables** in Render UI:
 - `SPRING_DATASOURCE_URL`
 - `SPRING_DATASOURCE_USERNAME`
 - `SPRING_DATASOURCE_PASSWORD`

💡 You can also point this to a Supabase PostgreSQL DB if using Supabase only for storage and auth.

🔄 5. Enable CORS for Frontend Access (Axios from Next.js)

Add this to your Spring config:

```
@Configuration
public class WebConfig implements WebMvcConfigurer {
    @Override
    public void addCorsMappings(CorsRegistry registry) {
        registry.addMapping("/**")
            .allowedOrigins("https://your-frontend-url.com", "http://localhost:3000")
            .allowedMethods("GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE");
    }
}
```

6. Connect From Next.js

Install Axios:

```
npm install axios
```

Sample call in your React component:

```
const res = await axios.get('https://your-render-url.onrender.com/api/test');  
console.log(res.data); // Should log "Hello from StudyPilot!"
```

Optional: Add `.renderignore` File

Exclude build files or local configs you don't want deployed.

```
.idea/  
target/  
*.log  
.env
```

You're Done!

Once deployed:

- Your Spring Boot backend is live
- It's communicating with your frontend via Axios
- You can now begin building out endpoints like `/api/syllabus/upload` , `/api/study-plan/generate` , etc.

Would you like me to:

- Scaffold a boilerplate Spring Boot repo for you?
- Show how to parse PDFs and return topic lists?
- Help you configure Google Calendar API for reminder sync?

Let me know how deep you wanna go next!