

DEV Challenge

Thanks for considering my application for this position. This document highly recorded my effort to play with the interview coding challenge.

1. Overview

In this exercise, these technologies would be applied:

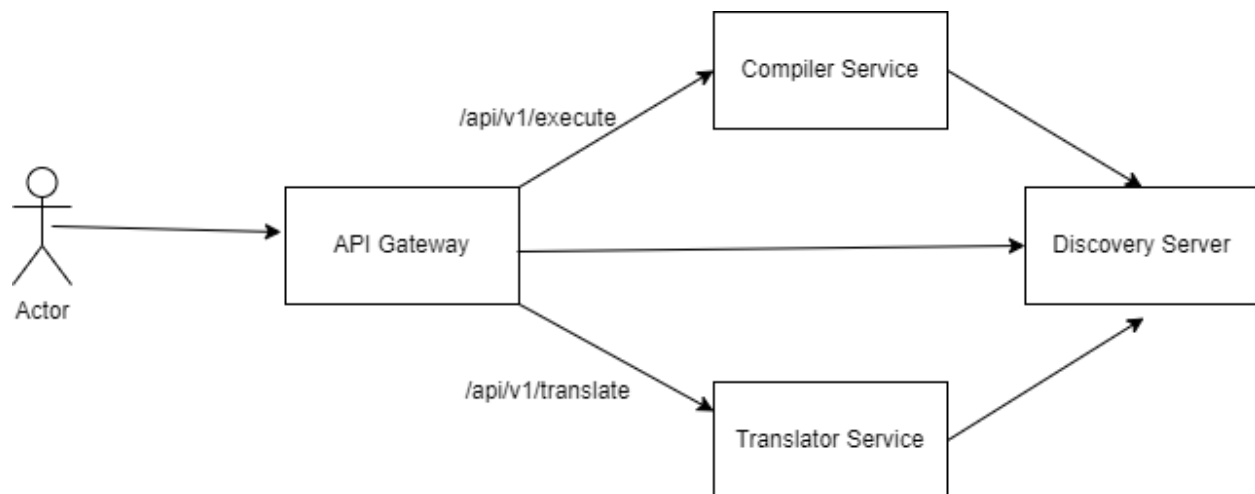
- Backend: Java Spring Boot.
- Frontend: ReactJS.

The microservice pattern also be provided in this assignment.

The port numbers for each service:

Service	Port
API-GATEWAY	8080
COMPILER-SERVICE	8081
TRANSLATOR-SERVICE	8082
Web UI	3000 (in development) 80 (run with docker-compose)

Here is the backend architecture:



Here, the API Gateway acts as a gatekeeper and also be the entry point to access our services. Therefore we can access both compiler service and translator service via port 8080.

To run the application on your machine, please navigate to **backend/dev-challenge** folder and run these commands:

- mvn compile jib:dockerBuild
- docker-compose up -d

2. Code Interpreter

For the code interpreter, we can utilize the existed API to request for code execution.

For further details, please navigate to this repo: <https://github.com/Jaagrav/CodeX-API> and the issue link: <https://github.com/Jaagrav/CodeX-API/issues/55>

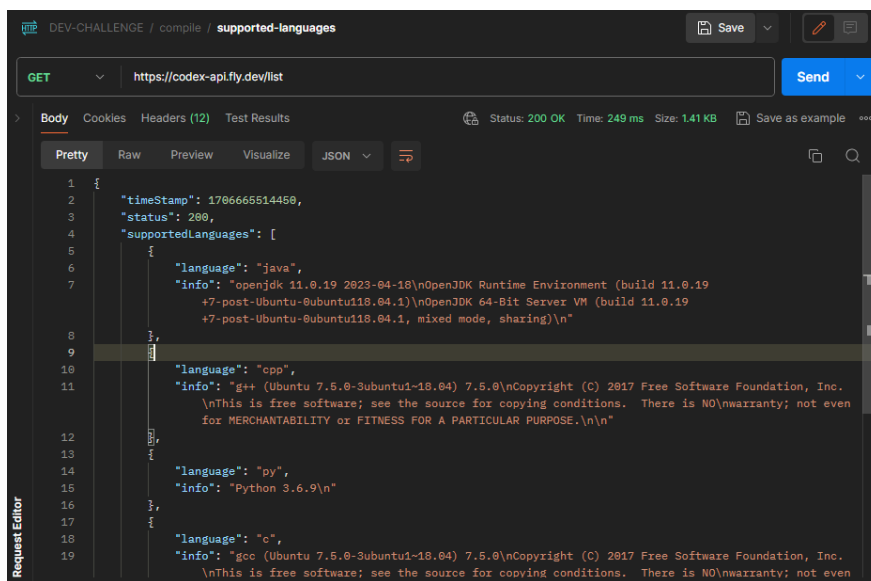
So, besides Java or Kotlin, other languages like C++, Python, Golang or JavaScript are also be supported. Therefore, we can expand the diversity of our code editor.

Before deep diving into writing code for compiler-service, let explore what we can get from this API repo.

Due to the issue “API stopped working” so the API endpoint we use to investigate is: <https://codex-api.fly.dev/>

2.1. Exploring third-party APIs

- Get all languages supported



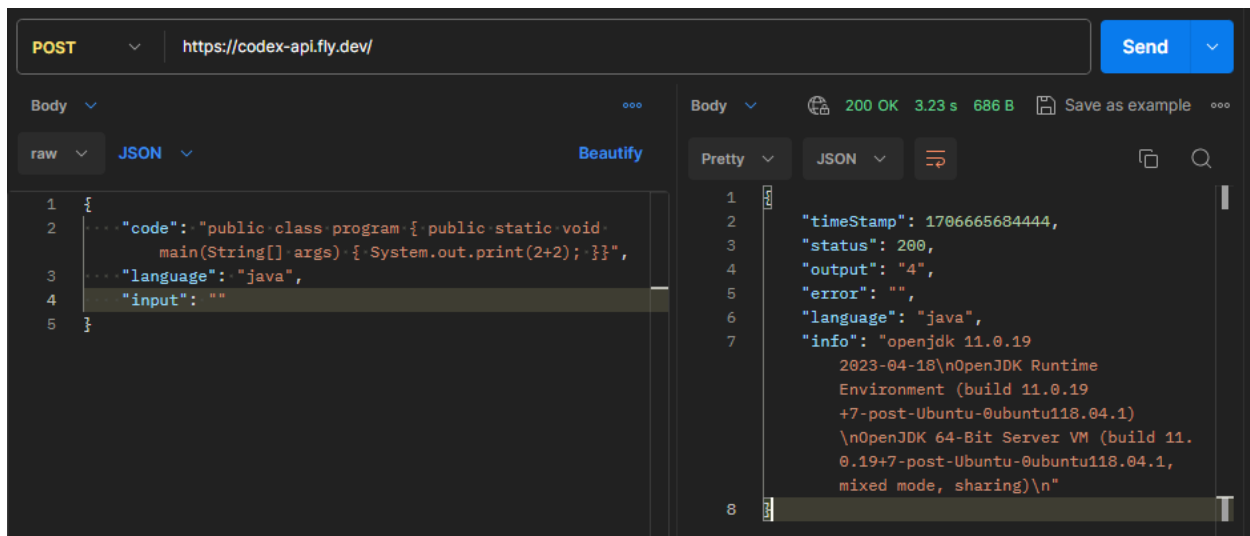
```

1 {
2   "timestamp": 1706665514450,
3   "status": 200,
4   "supportedLanguages": [
5     {
6       "language": "java",
7       "info": "openjdk 11.0.19 2023-04-18\nOpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 11.0.19
+7-post-Ubuntu-0ubuntu118.04.1)\nOpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 11.0.19
+7-post-Ubuntu-0ubuntu118.04.1, mixed mode, sharing)\n"
8     },
9     {
10      "language": "cpp",
11      "info": "g++ (Ubuntu 7.5.0-3ubuntu1-18.04) 7.5.0\nCopyright (C) 2017 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
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for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.\n\n"
12     },
13     {
14      "language": "py",
15      "info": "Python 3.6.9\n"
16     },
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18      "language": "c",
19      "info": "gcc (Ubuntu 7.5.0-3ubuntu1-18.04) 7.5.0\nCopyright (C) 2017 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
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```

Here, we can see many languages are supported including C, C++, Java, Python and so on.

- Execute code

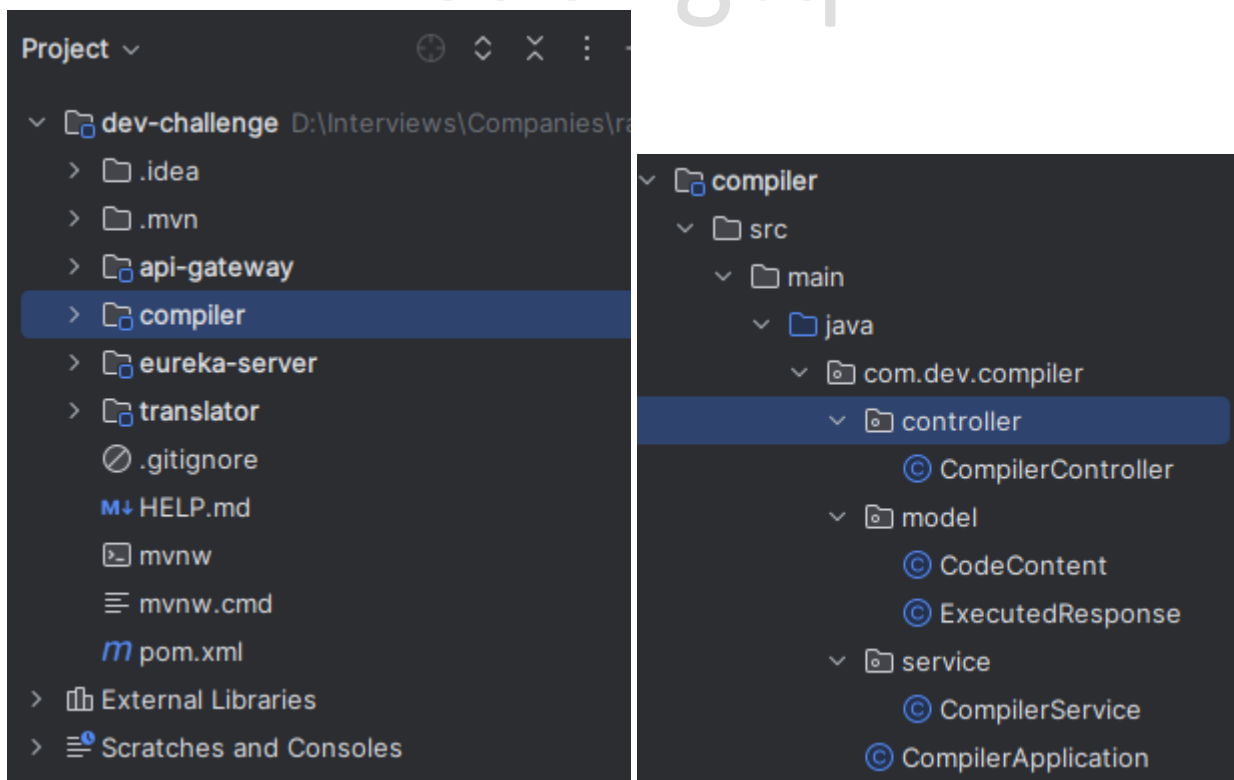


We can try the provided simple lines of code, in this case, we use Java and try to calculate the sum of 2 + 2. The output is 4 in the response.

After exploring these APIs we now can build our service to consume them and return response for clients.

2.2. Build Backend Spring Boot service

We will build the microservice project including API Gateway, Discovery server and some of our services. To use the interpreter/compiler, we build the **compiler** service



Definition of application configuration:

```
application.executing-endpoint=https://codex-api.fly.dev/

spring.application.name=compiler-service
server.port=8081

eureka.client.service-url.defaultZone=http://localhost:8761/eureka
eureka.client.fetch-registry=true
eureka.client.register-with-eureka=true
eureka.client.enabled=true
eureka.instance.hostname=localhost
eureka.instance.prefer-ip-address=true
```

Inside the compiler, we have:

Packages	Functionality
controller	Listens to requests and return responses
model	Contains request and response DTOs
service	Encapsulates the business logic – utilize CodeX APIs to excuted code

The snippet codes for the data transferred objects:

```
@AllArgsConstructor
@NoArgsConstructor
@Data
@Builder
public class CodeContent {
    private String code;
    private String language;
    private String input;
}
```

```
@AllArgsConstructor
@NoArgsConstructor
@Data
@Builder
public class ExecutedResponse {
    private String timeStamp;
    private Integer status;
    private String output;
    private String error;
    private String language;
    private String info;
}
```

Then, define the service class to use CodeX Apis with the supported OkHttp library:

```
@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public class CompilerService {
    private final ObjectMapper mapper;

    @Value("${application.executing-endpoint}")
    private String endpoint;

    public ExecutedResponse execute(CodeContent codeContent) throws
IOException {
```

```

OkHttpClient client = new OkHttpClient().newBuilder()
    .build();
MediaType mediaType = MediaType.parse("application/json");

String codeContentJson = mapper.writeValueAsString(codeContent);
RequestBody body = RequestBody.create(mediaType, codeContentJson);
Request request = new Request.Builder()
    .url(endpoint)
    .method("POST", body)
    .addHeader("Content-Type", "application/json")
    .build();

String result;
try (Response response = client.newCall(request).execute()) {
    assert response.body() != null;
    result = response.body().string();
}

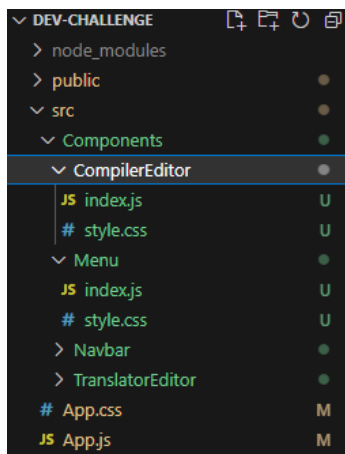
return mapper.readValue(result, ExecutedResponse.class);
}

```

2.3. Build user interface

We can applied react library to build the website UI contains 2 separate fields to excute code and get back the results.

We organize the React app into multiple components. In this section, we build the CompileEditor component.



```
const CompilerEditor = () => {
  const [userCode, setUserCode] = useState('');
  const [userLang, setUserLang] = useState("java");
  const [userTheme, setUserTheme] = useState("vs-light");
  const [fontSize, setFontSize] = useState(16);
  const [userInput, setUserInput] = useState("");
  const [userOutput, setUserOutput] = useState("");
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(false);

```

And we also manage the states of this component, which would be user code, user input, language that user uses (default is Java) and so on.

The key point here is that applying Axios library can help us make request to backend to execute the code and then get the result to be the user's output:

```
// Function to call the compile endpoint
function compile() {
  setLoading(true);
  if (userCode === '') {
    return;
  }

  // Post request to compile endpoint
  Axios.post(`http://localhost:8080/api/v1/execute`, {
    code: userCode,
    language: userLang,
    input: userInput
  }).then((res) => {
    let result = res.data.output;
    if (result) {
      setUserOutput(res.data.output);
    }
    else {
      setUserOutput(res.data.error);
    }
  }).then(() => {
    setLoading(false);
  })
}
```

3. Language Translator

For language translation, beside translate between English and German, we can translate more languages to each other thanks for **LibreTranslate**:

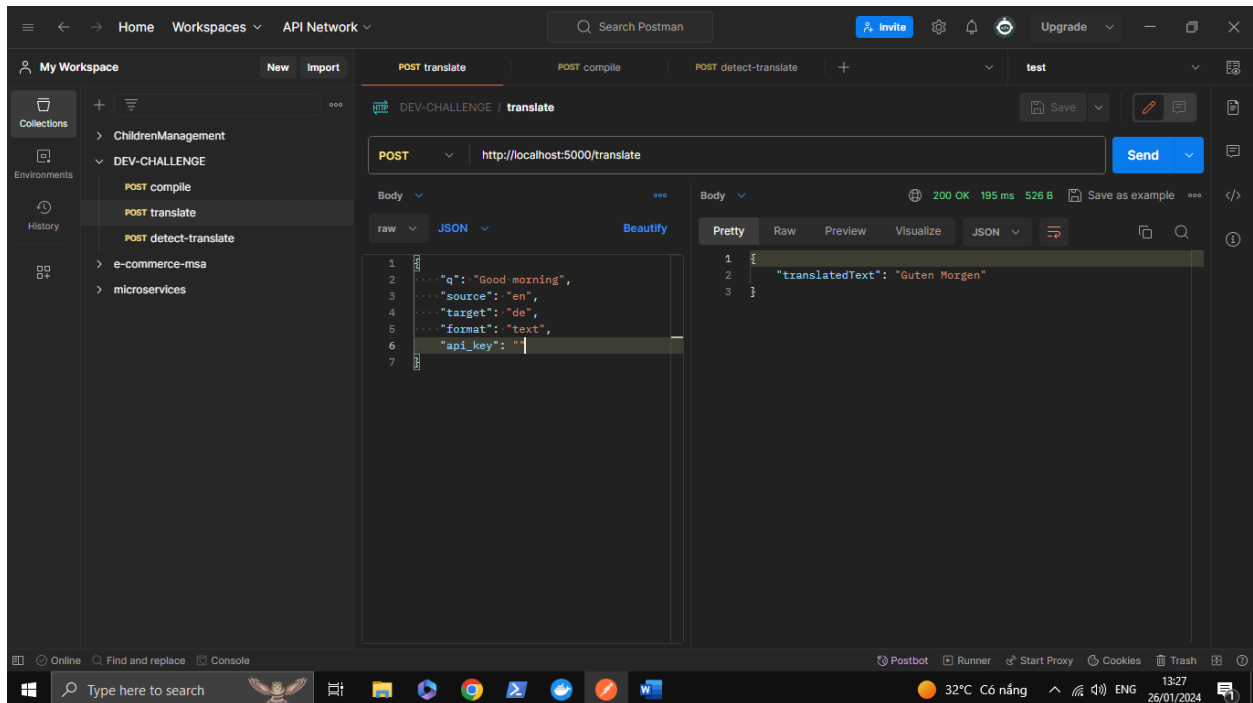
<https://github.com/cmoooredev/LibreTranslate/tree/main>

LibreTranslate also gives us a bunch of APIs to get supported languages and translate languages.

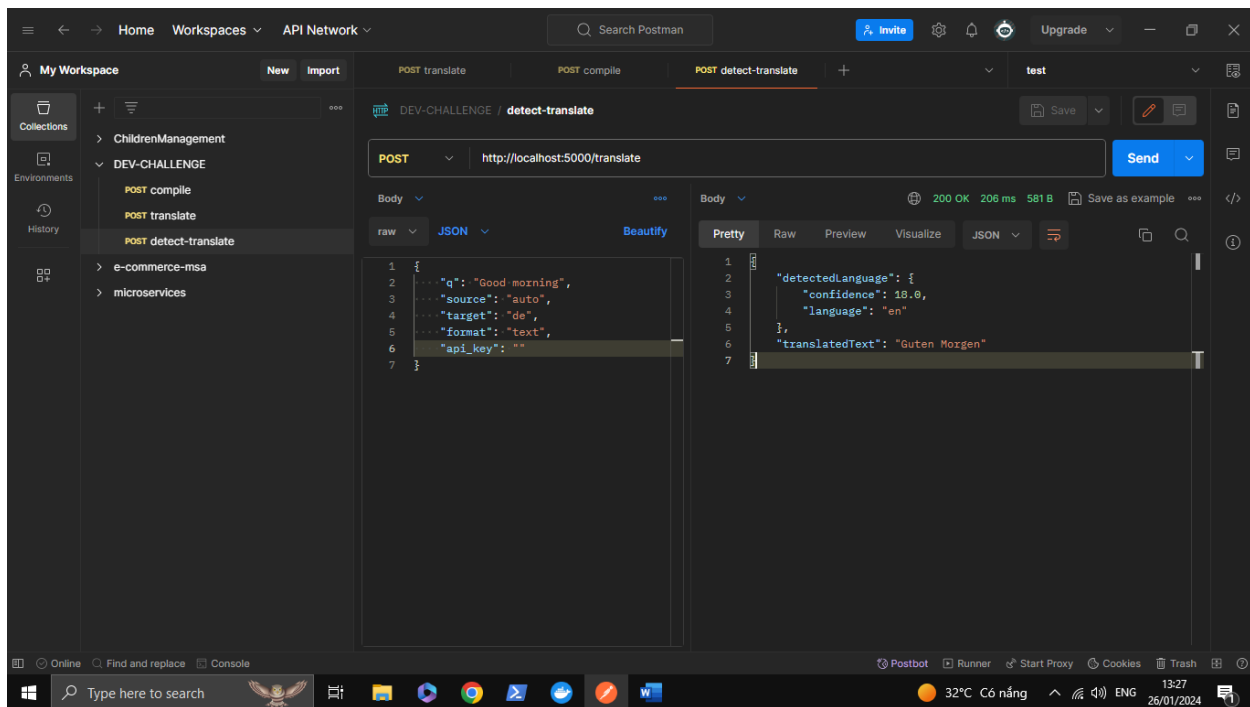
We can use this endpoint `https://libretranslate.de/` for the simplicity for making API call. However, if this endpoint sometimes faced with timeout exception, we call run docker container locally via command **`docker run -ti --rm -p 5000:5000 libretranslate/libretranslate`** and make request calls to this container.

3.1. Explore APIs

3.1.1. Use translator with defined source language:

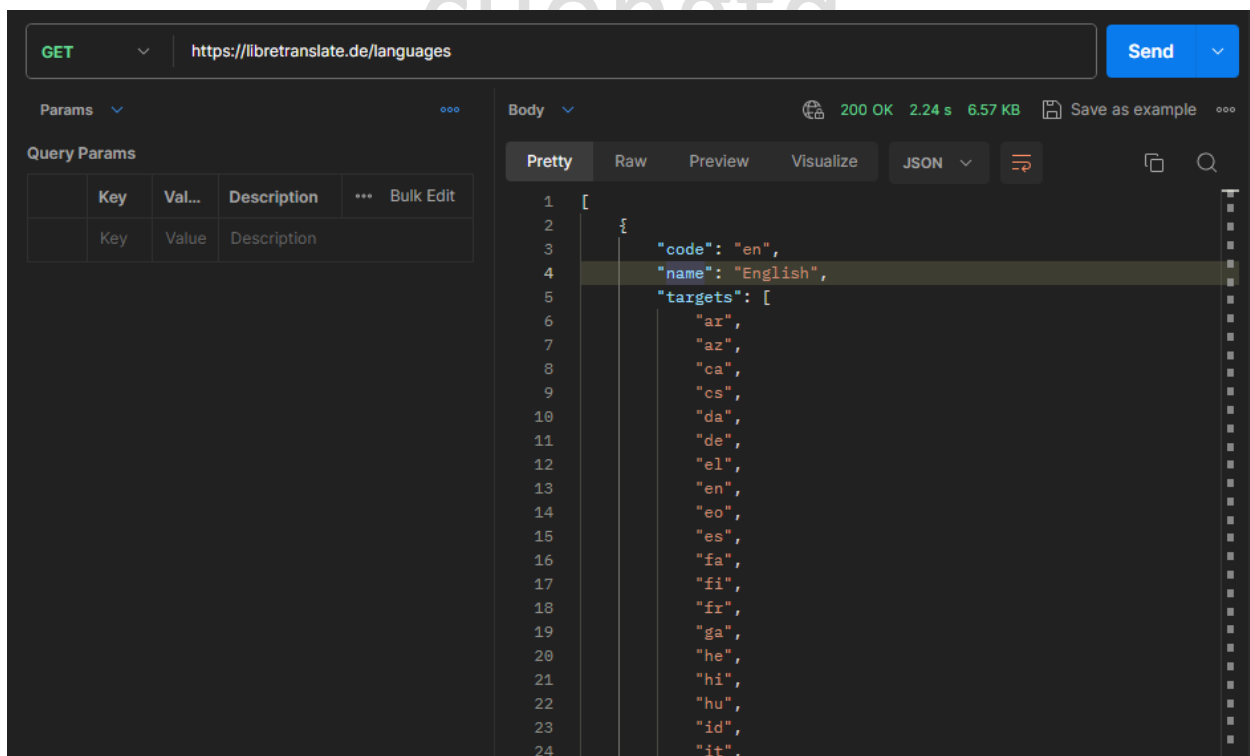


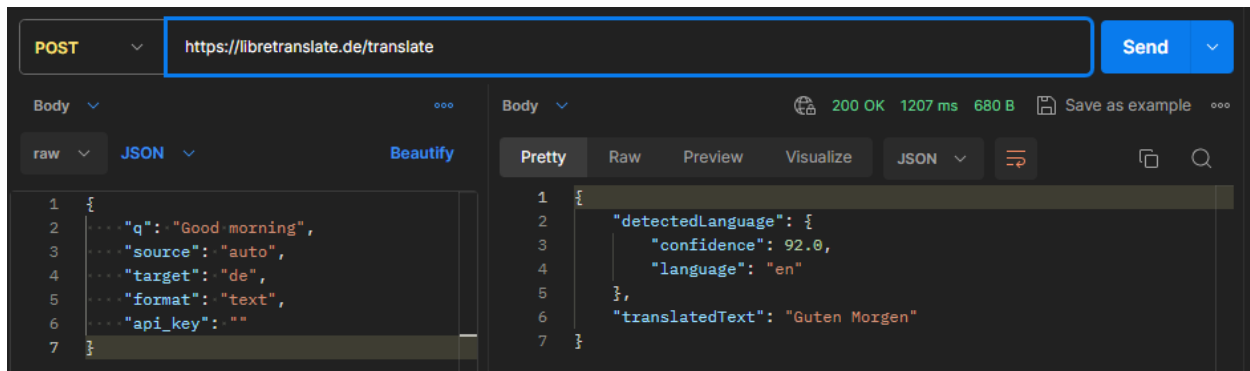
3.1.2. Use translator API with auto-detect source language:



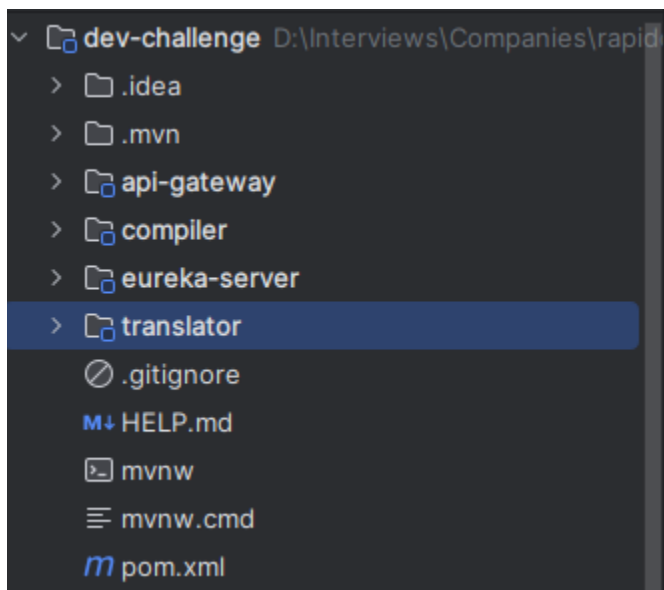
We can also receive the detected language information in the response.

In addition, <https://libretranslate.de> can also be used for simplicity.





3.2. Build Backend Spring Boot service



The **translator** service will take responsibility for translating languages.

Definitions of application configurations:

```

#application.executing-endpoint=https://libretranslate.de

# Sometimes, the above endpoint will be down, start docker and use this
# endpoint as alternative approach
application.executing-endpoint=http://localhost:5000

spring.application.name=translate-service
server.port=8082

eureka.client.service-url.defaultZone=http://localhost:8761/eureka
eureka.client.fetch-registry=true
eureka.client.register-with-eureka=true
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eureka.instance.hostname=localhost
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```

Similar to the compile service, we also structure our service into the layers like controller, service and model:

Packages	Functionality
controller	Listens to requests and return responses
model	Contains request and response DTOs
service	Encapsulates the business logic – utilize LibreTranslate APIs to excuted code

The snippet codes for the data transferred objects:

```
@NoArgsConstructor
@Data
@Builder
public class ContentTranslation {
    private String q;
    private String source;
    private String target;
    private String format;
    private String apiKey;
}

@NoArgsConstructor
@Data
@Builder
public class DetectedLanguage {
    private float confidence;
    private String language;
}

@NoArgsConstructor
@Data
@Builder
public class TranslatedResponse {
    private DetectedLanguage detectedLanguage;
    private String translatedText;
}
```

Let define the translate method inside **TranslateService** class to consume LibreTranslate API and process translation:

```
public TranslatedResponse translate(ContentTranslation contentTranslation)
throws IOException {
    String translateUrl = endpoint + "/translate";
    MediaType mediaType = MediaType.parse("application/json");

    String codeContentJson = mapper.writeValueAsString(contentTranslation);
    RequestBody body = RequestBody.create(mediaType, codeContentJson);
    Request request = new Request.Builder()
        .url(translateUrl)
        .method("POST", body)
        .addHeader("Content-Type", "application/json")
```

```

        .build();

String result;
try (Response response = client.newCall(request).execute()) {
    assert response.body() != null;
    result = response.body().string();
}

return mapper.readValue(result, TranslatedResponse.class);
}

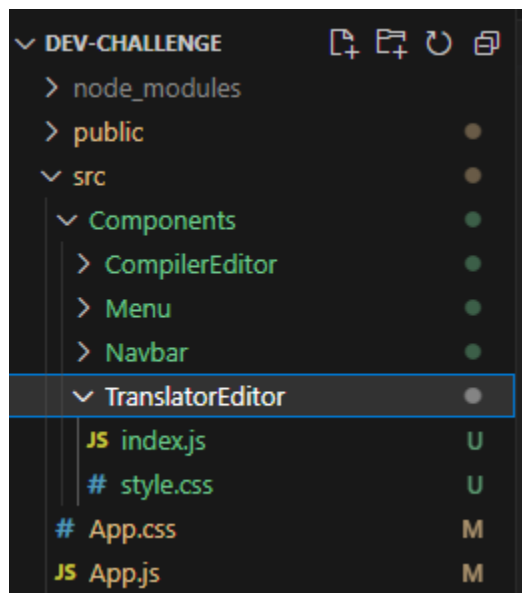
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We can also define a similar method for getting all supported languages.

3.3. Build user interface

We can applied react library to build the website UI contains 2 separate fields to input source text and translate it to the target language.

We organize the React app into multiple components. In this section, we build the **TranslatorEditor** component.



And we also manage the states of this component, which would be input, output text, source language, target language and so on.

```
const TranslateEditor = () => {
  const [input, setInput] = useState('');
  const [output, setOutput] = useState('');
  const [languageList, setLanguageList] = useState([]);
  const [options, setOptions] = useState([]);
  const [availableTargetLanguageList, setAvailableTargetLanguageList] = useState([]);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(false);
  const [sourceLanguageCode, setSourceLanguageCode] = useState('auto');
  const [targetLanguageCode, setTargetLanguageCode] = useState('');
  const [detectedLanguage, setDetectedLanguage] = useState(null);

```

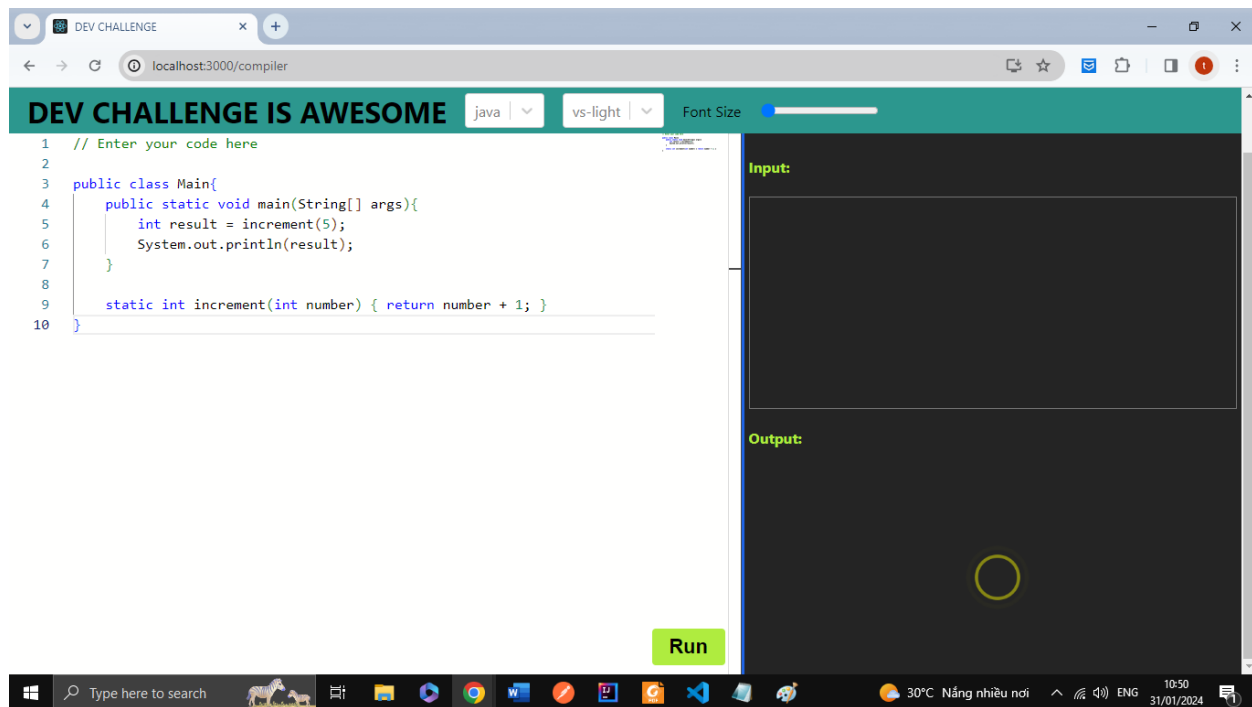
By making use of Axios library, we can simply make request to backend to execute the code and then get the result to be the translated text:

```
const translate = (text) => {
  if (text) {
    setLoading(true);
    Axios.post(`http://localhost:8080/api/v1/translate`, {
      q: input,
      source: sourceLanguageCode,
      target: targetLanguageCode,
      format: "text",
      api_key: ""
    }).then((res) => {
      let result = res.data.translatedText;
      setOutput(result);
      let detectedLanguage = res.data.detectedLanguage;
      if(detectedLanguage){
        setDetectedLanguage(res.data.detectedLanguage);
      }
    }).then(() => {
      setLoading(false);
    })
  }
}

```

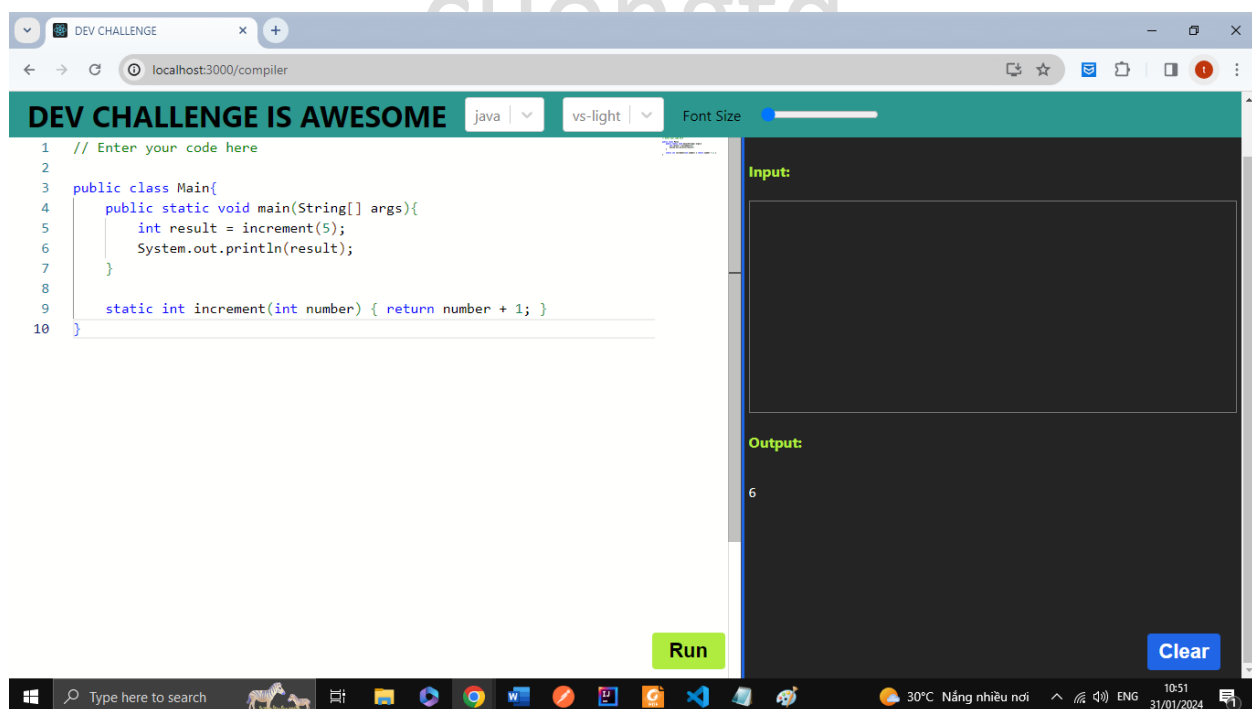
4. Demo

4.1. Code Interpreted/Compiled:

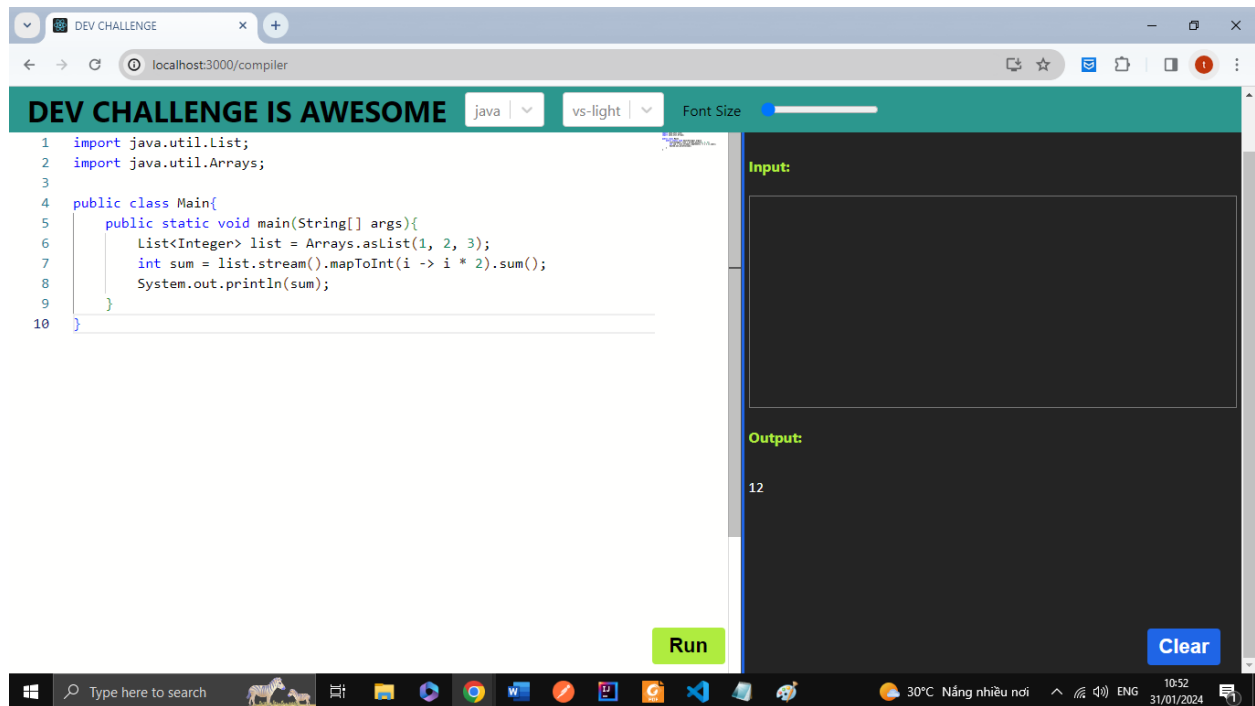
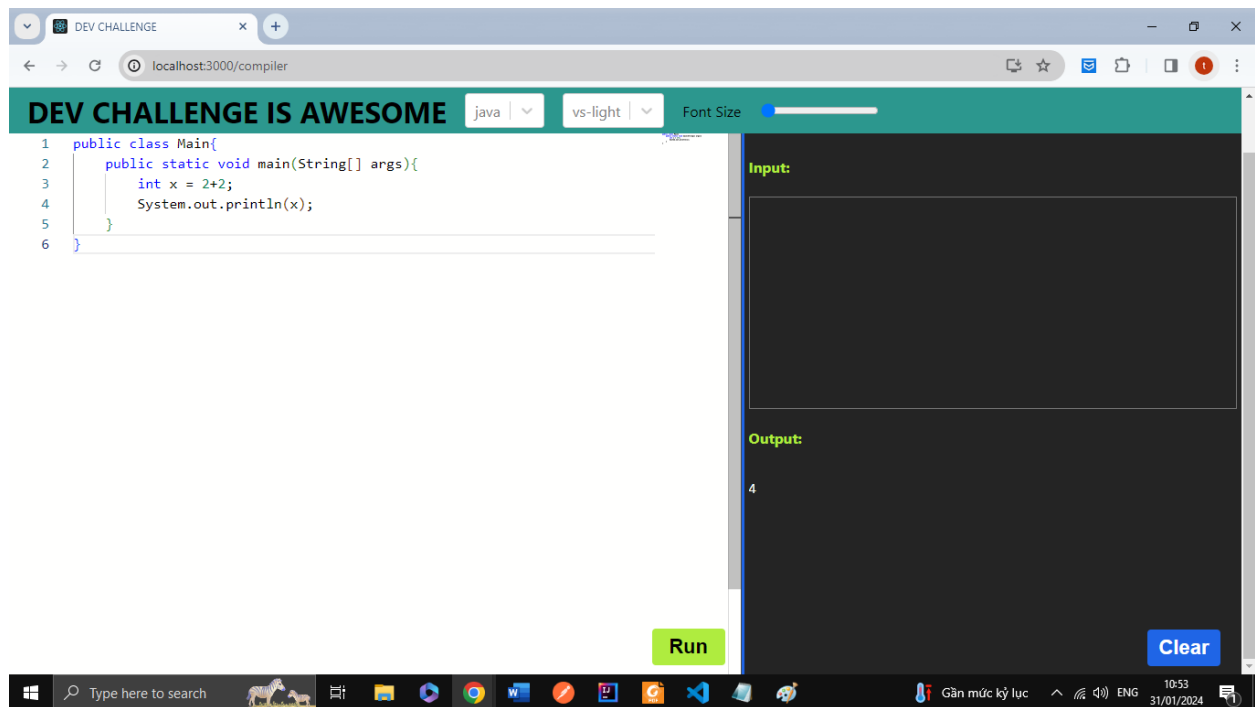


Hit the Run button, it appears the waiting screen in the right side and then the result will be given.

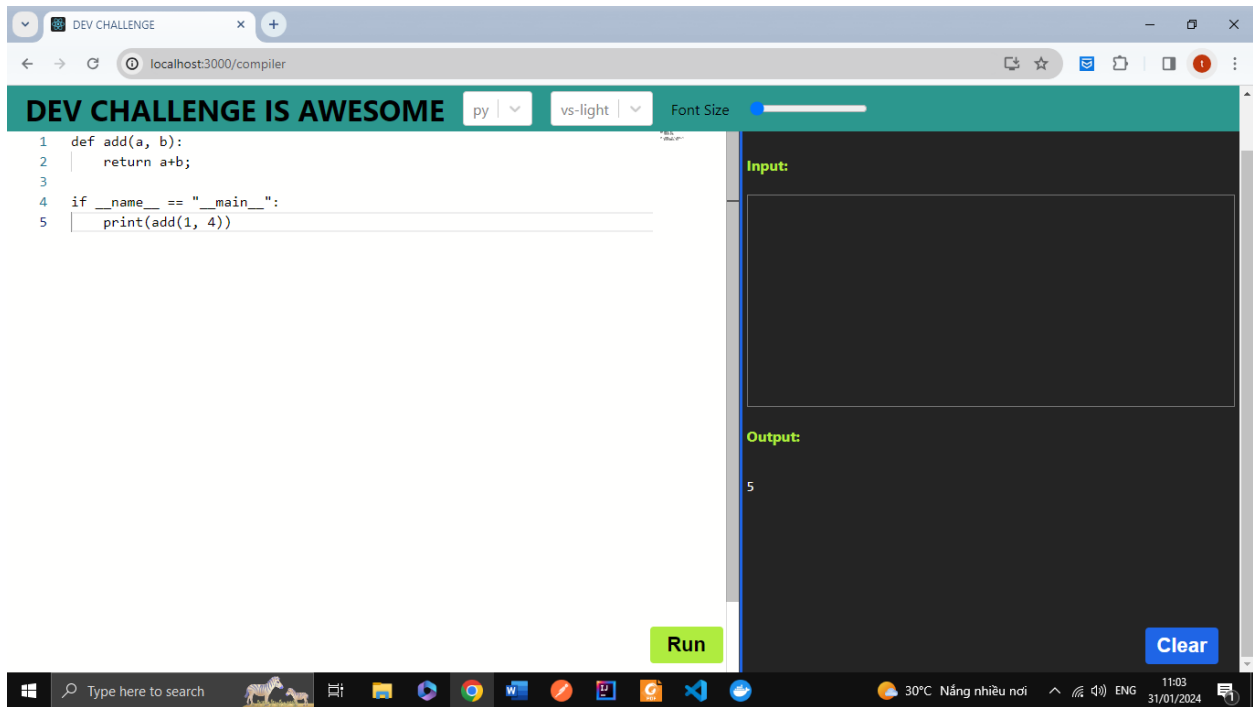
The result of this program is 6:



We can try more methods:

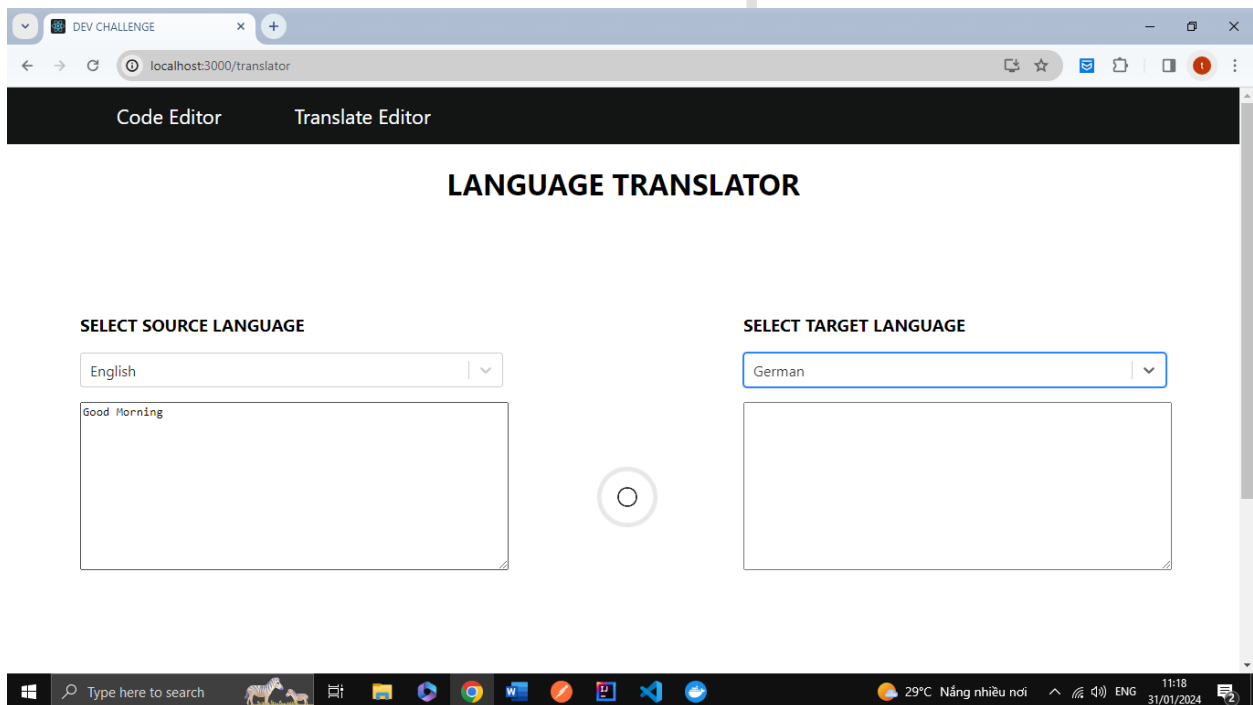


We can even try with another language. Let try with Python as a typical example:

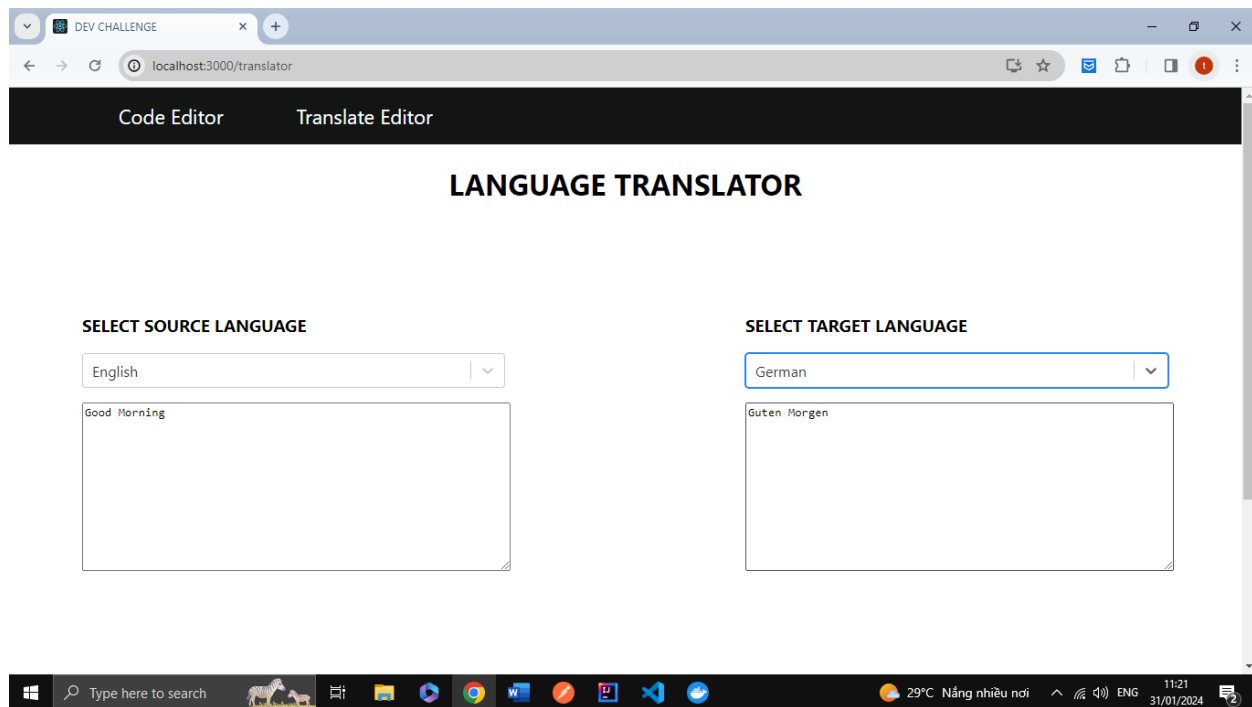


4.2. Language Translator

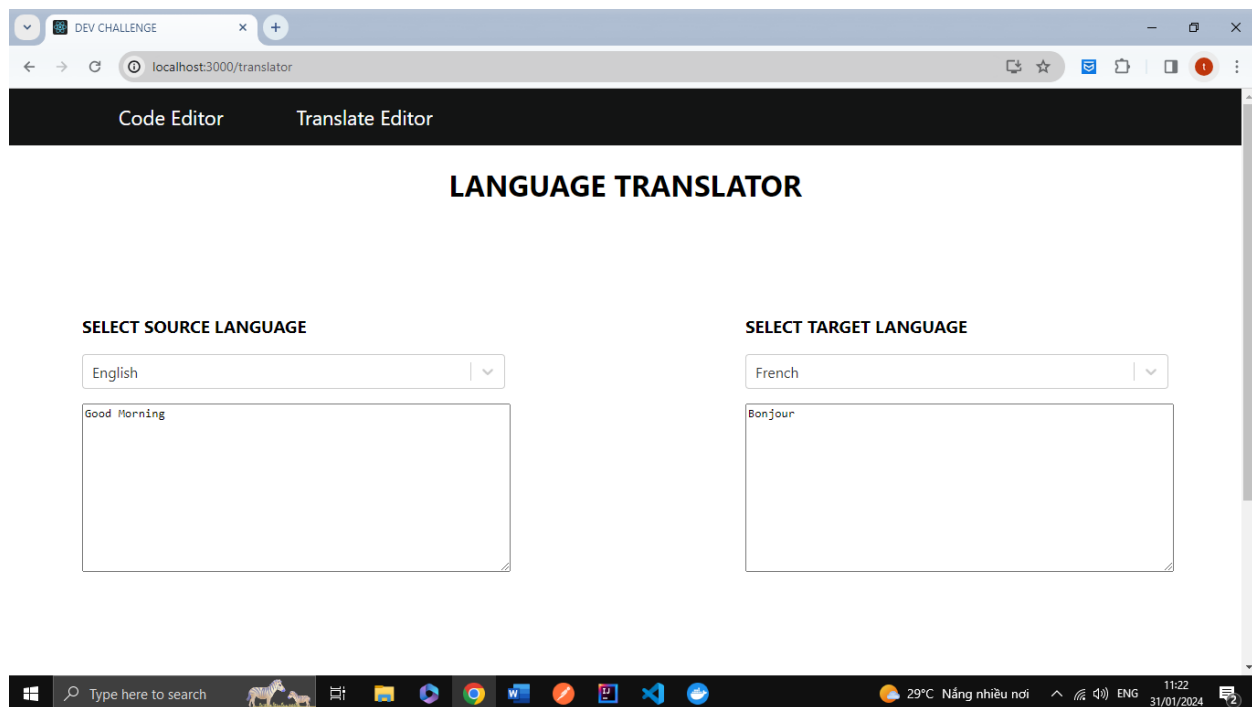
4.2.1. Translate with chosen source language



When we type a text and choose the source and target languages, the waiting screen will appear and then we can get the translated text:

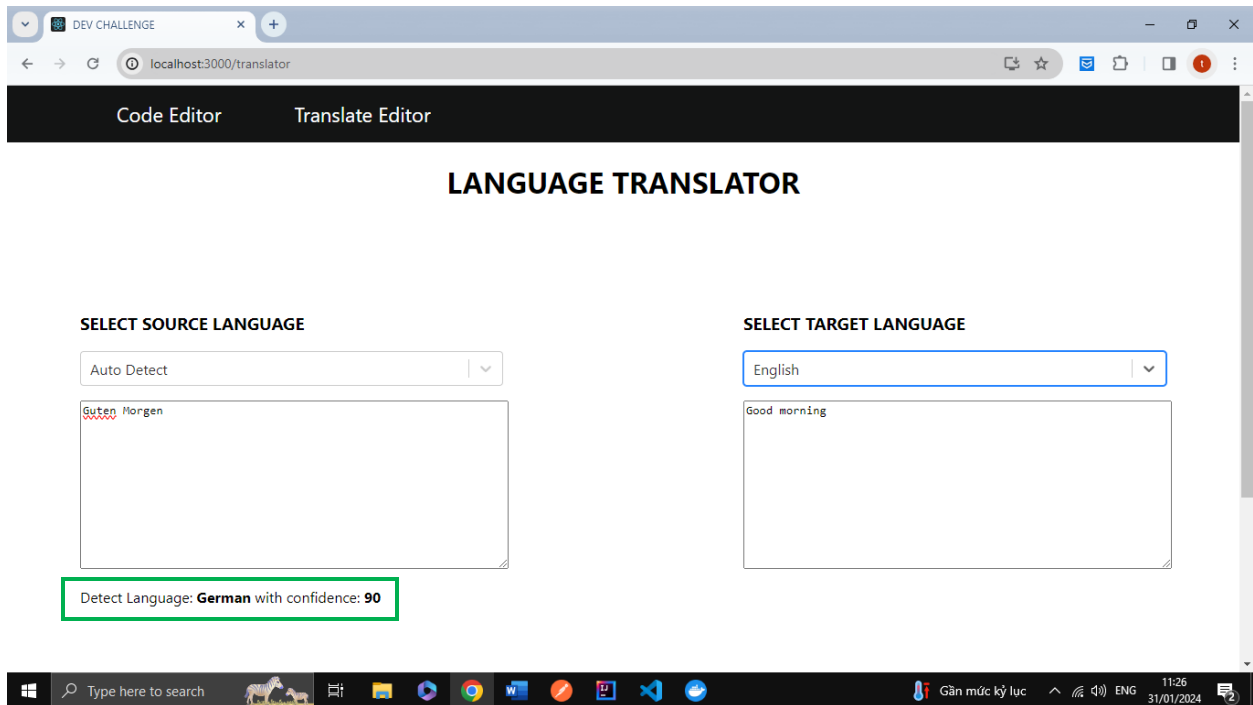


We can also try to translate from English to another language like French:



4.2.2. Translate with auto-detect source language

Rather than choose specific language, we can choose the “Auto Detect” option in the Source language select:



In this case, we choose auto detect a source language and translate it to English. After that we can also see the detected language information and its confidence of detection.

5. Dockerized the application

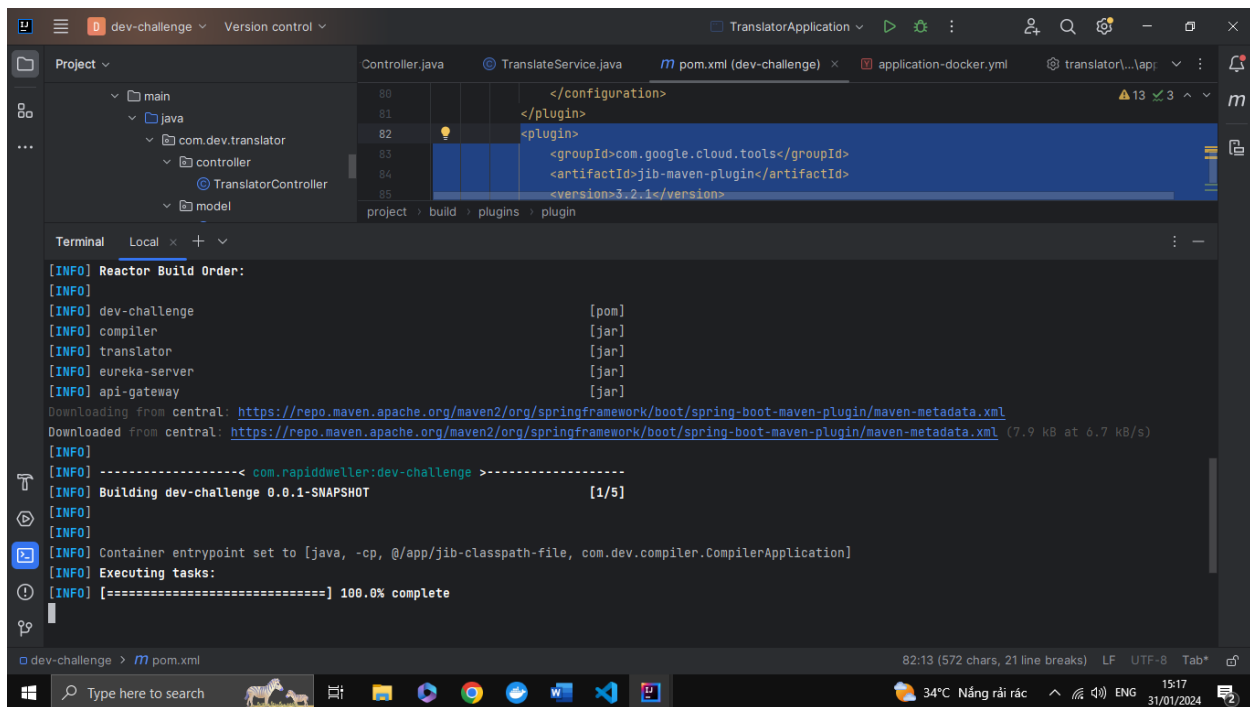
For Spring Boot project, we can use jib plugin from Google to build our service images:

<https://cloud.google.com/java/getting-started/jib>

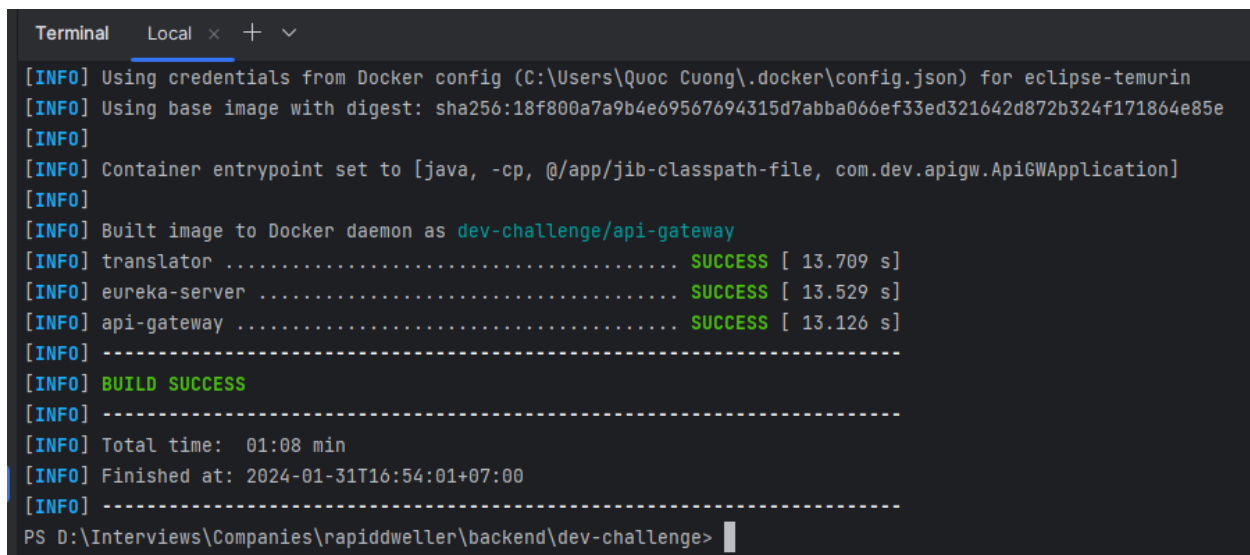
Add this plugin into the global pom.xml:

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>com.google.cloud.tools</groupId>
  <artifactId>jib-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <version>3.2.1</version>
  <configuration>
    <from>
      <image>eclipse-temurin</image>
    </from>
    <to>
      <image>dev-challenge/${project.artifactId}</image>
    </to>
  </configuration>
  <executions>
    <execution>
      <phase>package</phase>
      <goals>
        <goal>dockerBuild</goal>
      </goals>
    </execution>
  </executions>
</plugin>
```

To build the image locally, use this command: **mvn clean compile jib:dockerBuild**



Wait till the build success:



Then, we can run docker compose file:

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Container CPU usage ⓘ

3.30% / 400% (4 cores allocated)

Container memory usage ⓘ

1.03GB / 3.67GB

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Image	Status	CPU (%)	Port(s)	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	dev-challenge		Running (5/5)	3.3%		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	translator-service bac3304ae7ec	dev-challenge/translator:latest	Running	0.18%		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ui-service c9a8de3cfbc0	dev-challenge/ui	Running	0.01%	80:3000	
<input type="checkbox"/>	compiler-service 516cd6b3cfe9	dev-challenge/compiler:latest	Running	1.25%		

Now we can send the requests as usual but this time we can use localhost without explicitly specify port number:

Eureka

DEV CHALLENGE

localhost

DEV CHALLENGE IS AWESOME

java

vs-light

Font Size

```

1 // Enter your code here
2
3
4 import java.util.List;
5 import java.util.Arrays;
6
7 public class Main{
8     public static void main(String[] args){
9         List<Integer> list = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3);
10        int sum = list.stream().mapToInt(i -> i * 2).sum();
11        System.out.println(sum);
12    }
13 }

```

Input:

Output:

12

Run

Clear

And kindly check our services registered in discovery server:

Renews (last min) 12

DS Replicas

localhost

Instances currently registered with Eureka

Application	AMIs	Availability Zones	Status
API-GATEWAY	n/a (1)	(1)	UP (1) - 7279ddb046:api-gateway
COMPILER-SERVICE	n/a (1)	(1)	UP (1) - 516cd6b3cf9:compiler-service:8081
TRANSLATE-SERVICE	n/a (1)	(1)	UP (1) - bac3304ae7ec:translate-service:8082

General Info

Name	Value
total-avail-memory	72mb
num-of-cpus	4
current-memory-usage	57mb (79%)
server-uptime	00:04
registered-replicas	http://localhost:8761/eureka/

Everything works perfectly!

We can now make use of this docker compose file for deployment somewhere else.

Thanks for reading my solution. If you have any comments or feedbacks as well as ideas to enhance my solution, do not hesitate to let me know.

Have a nice day!