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Phase 3 — Backend with Java (Spring Boot)

Duration: 4 Months (± 16 Weeks)



Master **enterprise-grade backend development** using **Java + Spring Boot**, clean architecture, JPA/Hibernate, security, testing, and build a **production-ready E-commerce Backend**.

This phase focuses on **scalability, structure, and robustness** — how real backend systems are built in companies.



Roadmap Phase 3 — Weekly Breakdown



Month 1 — Java & Spring Boot Foundations



Week 1: Java for Backend Engineers



1. Review **core Java concepts**:

- OOP principles (encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism)
- Interfaces vs abstract classes

- Exception handling (`try/catch`)

2. Learn **Java collections**:

- `List`, `Set`, `Map`

3. Understand **immutability & best practices**.

4. Learn **Java project structure** for backend systems.

5. Write clean, readable Java code.

Week 2: Spring Boot Fundamentals

1. Understand **Spring ecosystem**:

- Spring Boot vs Spring Framework

2. Learn Spring Boot project structure.

3. Learn:

- `@RestController`
- `@RequestMapping`
- `@GetMapping`, `@PostMapping`, etc.

4. Understand:

- Dependency Injection (DI)
- Inversion of Control (IoC)

5. Build a simple REST API endpoint.

Week 3: Layered Architecture & Design

1. Learn **backend layering**:

- Controller
- Service
- Repository

2. Understand why business logic **must not** be in controllers.

3. Learn:

- DTO (Data Transfer Object)

- Mapper (Entity ↔ DTO)
4. Structure code for **maintainability**.
 5. Refactor API using layered architecture.
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Week 4: JPA & Hibernate ORM

1. Understand ORM concepts deeply.
 2. Learn JPA annotations:
 - `@Entity`
 - `@Id`
 - `@GeneratedValue`
 3. Relationships:
 - One-to-Many
 - Many-to-Many
 4. Learn:
 - Lazy vs eager loading
 - N+1 query problem
 5. Connect Spring Boot to PostgreSQL.
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Month 2 — Database, Validation & Error Handling

Week 5: Advanced JPA & Database Design

1. Write complex queries:
 - JPQL
 - Native queries
2. Pagination & sorting with Spring Data.
3. Learn indexing strategy.
4. Handle transactions:
 - `@Transactional`
5. Optimize query performance.

Week 6: Validation & Error Handling

1. Learn request validation:
 - `@NotNull`, `@Size`, `@Email`
 2. Handle validation errors cleanly.
 3. Create **global exception handler**:
 - `@ControllerAdvice`
 4. Design **consistent error response format**.
 5. Improve API reliability.
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Week 7: Authentication & Authorization

1. Implement **JWT authentication** in Spring Security.
 2. Understand:
 - Authentication filter
 - Authorization filter
 3. Role-based access control:
 - `ADMIN`
 - `USER`
 4. Protect routes properly.
 5. Secure password storage.
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Week 8: Security Best Practices

1. Learn common backend attacks:
 - SQL Injection
 - XSS
 - CSRF
2. Configure:
 - CORS
 - CSRF protection

3. Implement rate limiting (basic).
 4. Secure application configuration.
 5. Review security checklist.
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Month 3 — Project: E-commerce Backend

Week 9: Project Setup & Design

1. Create Spring Boot project repository.
 2. Design ERD for:
 - User
 - Product
 - Category
 - Cart
 - Order
 - Order Item
 3. Define API contracts.
 4. Setup database migrations.
 5. Initialize documentation.
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Week 10: Core Business Logic

1. Implement User CRUD.
 2. Implement Product & Category CRUD.
 3. Implement cart logic:
 - Add item
 - Remove item
 4. Implement checkout logic.
 5. Handle business rules carefully.
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Week 11: Order & History System

1. Create order processing flow.
 2. Save order history.
 3. Ensure data consistency using transactions.
 4. Handle edge cases:
 - Empty cart
 - Invalid product
 5. Test business workflows.
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Week 12: API Quality & Performance

1. Add pagination to product listing.
 2. Implement filtering & sorting.
 3. Improve API response design.
 4. Optimize slow queries.
 5. Refactor code for clarity.
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Month 4 — Testing, Documentation & Readiness

Week 13: Backend Testing

1. Unit testing:
 - Service layer
 2. Integration testing:
 - Repository & controller
 3. Mock dependencies using Mockito.
 4. Test authentication & authorization.
 5. Ensure test reliability.
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Week 14: Documentation & Standards

1. Write API documentation:
 - Swagger / OpenAPI

2. Improve README:

- Setup
- Architecture

3. Document database schema.

4. Prepare demo scenarios.



Week 15: Refactoring & Best Practices ✨

1. Refactor duplicated code.
 2. Improve naming & readability.
 3. Enforce clean architecture rules.
 4. Review logs & error messages.
 5. Polish project for presentation.
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Week 16: Final Review & Evaluation 🏁

1. Full system testing.
 2. Review security & performance.
 3. Validate business logic.
 4. Prepare project explanation:
 - Architecture
 - Design decisions
 5. Final submission.
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Phase 3 Summary ✨

- **Month 1:** Java + Spring Boot + JPA foundations
 - **Month 2:** Security, validation, transactions, auth
 - **Month 3:** Full E-commerce backend implementation
 - **Month 4:** Testing, documentation, production readiness
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Phase 3 Exit Criteria (Very Important)

You are **Phase-3 complete** if you can:

- Design enterprise backend architecture
 - Write clean Spring Boot APIs
 - Implement secure JWT authentication
 - Handle real business logic
 - Optimize database performance
 - Explain *why* your design works
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After Phase 3, You Are:

- **Strong Backend Engineer (Mid-level)**
- Ready for:
 - Advanced backend concepts (Phase 4)
 - DevOps & deployment
 - Large-scale systems