

Dulanji Cooray -Full Stack Engineer Take Home Assessment Answers

System Architecture Overview

Your application will consist of three main components running in separate Docker containers:

Component	Technology Choice	Responsibilities
Database	PostgreSQL	Persist task data in a relational table
Backend API	Java with Spring Boot	Provide REST API endpoints for task operations
Frontend UI	HTML, CSS, Vanilla JavaScript	Single-Page Application for user interactions

The communication flow is as follows:

1. **User** interacts with the Frontend UI (clicks, forms)
2. **Frontend** sends HTTP requests to the Backend API (fetch, XMLHttpRequest)
3. **Backend** processes requests and interacts with the Database (JDBC, JPA)
4. **Database** stores and returns persistent task data

Database Design

You'll need a single task table. Here is the recommended schema:

Column Name	Data Type	Constraints	Description
id	BIGSERIAL or SERIAL	PRIMARY KEY	Unique auto-incrementing task identifier
title	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL	The main title/headline of the task
description	TEXT	-	Detailed description of the task (optional)
completed	BOOLEAN	NOT NULL DEFAULT FALSE	Completion status (TRUE if done)

created_at	TIMESTAMP	NOT NULL DEFAULT NOW()	Auto-recorded creation timestamp
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This design supports all user requirements: storing title/description, tracking completion status, and using created_at to fetch the most recent tasks.

Backend API Design (Java Spring Boot)

The backend will be a RESTful API with the following endpoints:

HTTP Method	Endpoint	Request Body	Description
GET	/api/tasks	-	Fetches the 5 most recent incomplete tasks
POST	/api/tasks	{"title": "string", "description": "string"}	Creates a new task
PUT	/api/tasks/{id}/complete	-	Marks a specific task as completed

Applying SOLID Principles in Your Backend Code

Following SOLID principles is a key evaluation criterion. Here's how to apply them in your Java code:

- **Single Responsibility Principle (SRP):** Each class has one reason to change.
 - TaskController: Handles HTTP requests and responses.
 - TaskService: Contains the core business logic (e.g., ensuring only 5 tasks are shown).
 - TaskRepository: Manages all data access and interaction with the database.
- **Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP):** Depend on abstractions, not concrete implementations.
 - **Create a TaskService interface:** Define methods like List<Task> getRecentIncompleteTasks(), Task createTask(Task task), etc.

- **Create a TaskServiceImpl class:** The concrete implementation of the interface.
- **Inject the interface:** Your TaskController should depend on the TaskService interface, not the TaskServiceImpl class. This makes your code more flexible and easier to test.

Project Run and Screenshots

The screenshot shows an IDE with the `TaskController.java` file open. The code defines a `TaskController` class with two methods: `list()` and `create()`. The `list()` method returns the latest five tasks, and the `create()` method creates a new task and returns it as a `ResponseEntity`.

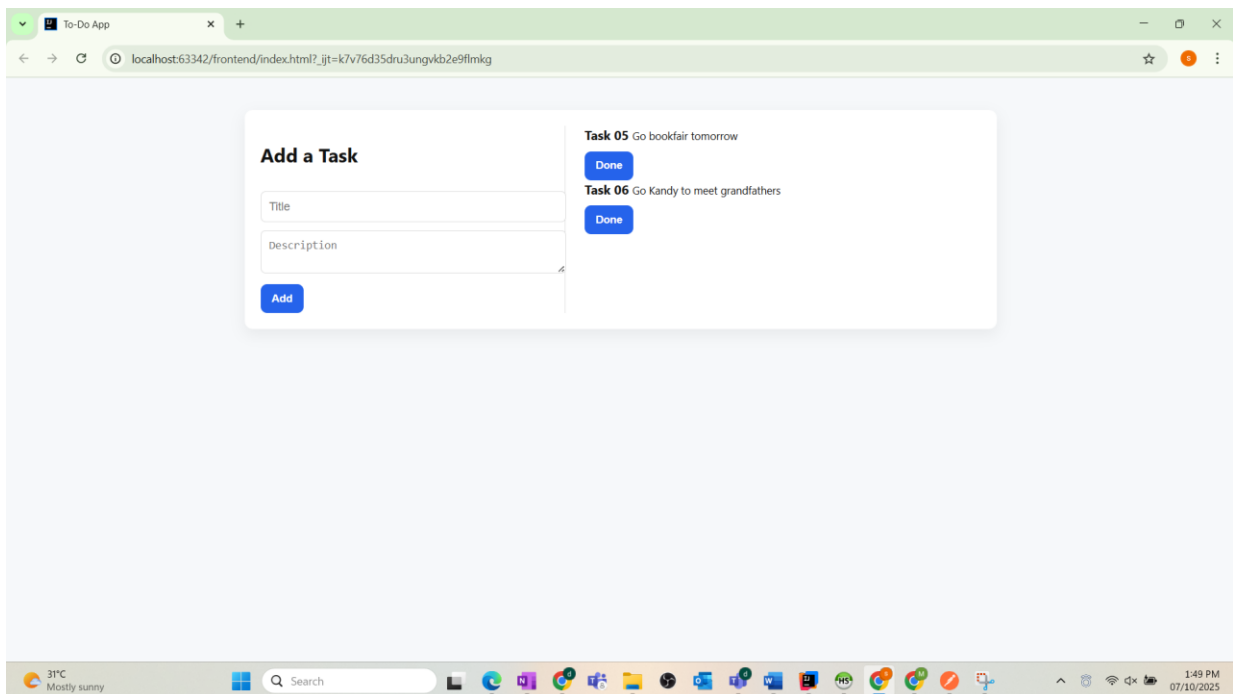
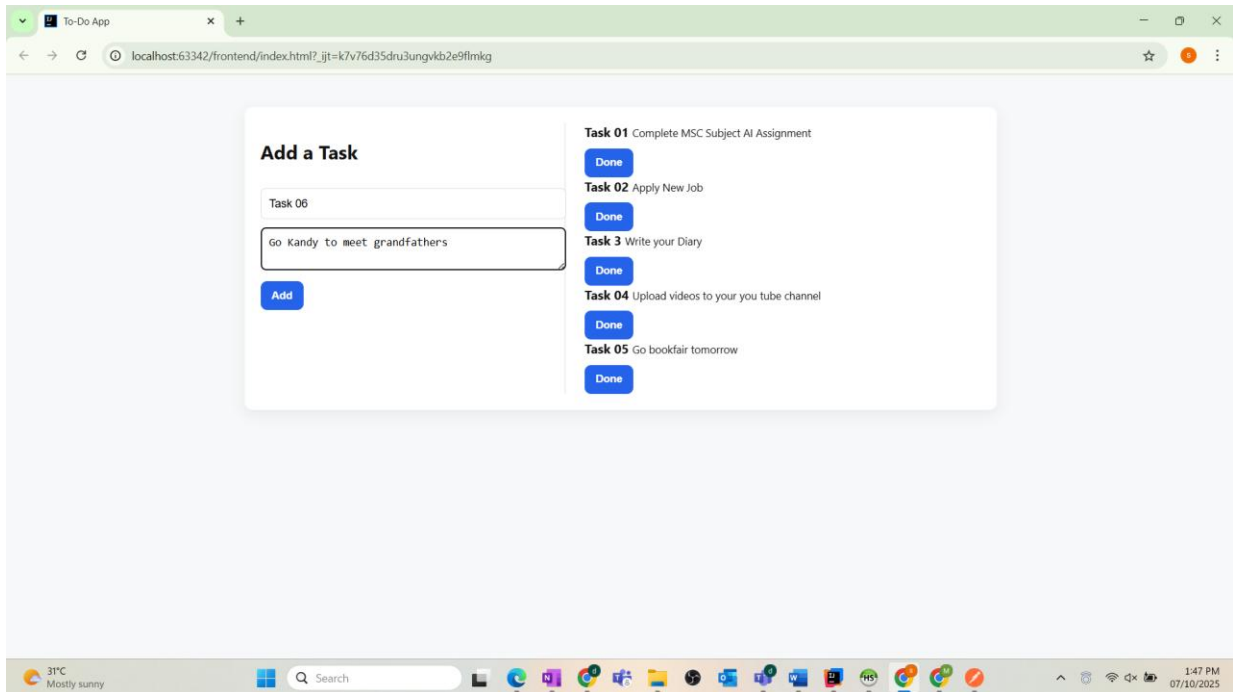
The console output shows the application starting successfully. Key log messages include:

- Processing PersistenceUnitInfo [name: default]
- Hibernate ORM core version 6.5.2.Final
- Second-level cache disabled
- No LoadTimeWeaver setup: ignoring JPA class transformer
- HikariPool-1 - Starting...
- HikariPool-1 - Added connection com.mysql.cj.jdbc.ConnectionImpl
- HikariPool-1 - Start completed.
- MySQLDialect does not need to be specified explicitly
- No JTA platform available (set 'hibernate.transaction' property to 'jta')
- create table task (id bigint not null auto_increment, completed bit not null, created_at datetime(6), description varchar(2000), title varchar(255), primary key (id))
- Initialized JPA EntityManagerFactory for persistence unit 'default'
- spring.jpa.open-in-view is enabled by default. Therefore, database access may cause requests to hang or timeouts (timeout due to config issue)
- Adding welcome page: class path resource [static/index.html]
- Tomcat started on port 8080 (http) with context path '/'
- Started Application in 16.591 seconds (process running for 17.89 seconds)
- HikariPool-1 - Thread starvation or clock leap detected (housekeeper)

The screenshot shows a database management tool displaying the structure of the `task` table. The table has the following columns:

#	Name	Data type	Length/Set	Unsigned	Allow Null	Zerofill	Default	Comment	Collation	Expression
1	id	BIGINT					AUTO INCREMENT			
2	completed	BIT	1							
3	created_at	DATETIME	6						utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci	
4	description	VARCHAR	2000						utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci	
5	title	VARCHAR	255						utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci	

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curl Commands for Your Task API

1. GET All Tasks

bash

```
curl -X GET http://localhost:8080/api/tasks \  
-H "Content-Type: application/json"
```

2. Create a New Task

bash

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:8080/api/tasks \  
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \  
-d '{  
  "title": "Learn cURL testing",  
  "description": "Test the POST endpoint using cURL"  
}'
```

3. Mark Task as Done

bash

Replace {id} with actual task ID from the create response

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:8080/api/tasks/1/done \  
-H "Content-Type: application/json"
```

Create Task

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface. On the left, the 'Team Workspace' sidebar lists various collections, with 'Assignment / http://localhost:8080/api/tasks' selected. The main panel displays a POST request to 'http://localhost:8080/api/tasks'. The request body is a JSON object:

```
{  "title": "Task 1",  "description": "Test Task 1"}
```

. The response tab shows a '201 Created' status with a JSON body:

```
{  "id": 2,  "title": "Task 1",  "description": "Test Task 1",  "completed": false,  "createdAt": "2025-10-07T07:44:17.776929580Z"}
```

. The bottom status bar indicates '201 Created · 51 ms · 398 B'.

The screenshot shows the HeidiSQL application interface. The left sidebar displays the database structure, with 'todo_db' expanded to show the 'task' table. The main panel shows the 'task' table with 1 row total. The table data is as follows:

#	id	completed	created_at	description	title
1	2	0	2025-10-07 07:44:17.776930	Test Task 1	Task 1

The bottom status bar shows the SQL query:

```
71 SELECT `id`, `completed`, `created_at`, LEFT(`description`, 256), `title` FROM `todo_db`.`task` LIMIT 1000;
```

Get Tasks list

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a GET request to `http://localhost:8080/api/tasks`. The response is a 200 OK status with a JSON body containing a list of tasks. The left sidebar shows the 'Team Workspace' with a collection of API endpoints. The bottom status bar shows the system clock as 1:15 PM on 07/10/2025.

Assignment / `http://localhost:8080/api/tasks`

GET `http://localhost:8080/api/tasks`

Params Authorization Headers (8) Body Scripts Settings

Query Params

Key	Value	Description
Key	Value	Description

Body Cookies Headers (8) Test Results

200 OK - 423 ms - 368 B

Save Response

```
{
  "id": 2,
  "title": "Task 1",
  "description": "Test Task 1",
  "completed": false,
  "createdAt": "2025-10-07T07:44:17.776938Z"
}
```

Mark Task as Done

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a POST request to `http://localhost:8080/api/tasks/1/done`. The response is a 204 No Content status. The left sidebar shows the 'Team Workspace' with a collection of API endpoints. The bottom status bar shows the system clock as 1:21 PM on 07/10/2025.

Assignment / `http://localhost:8080/api/tasks/1/done`

POST `http://localhost:8080/api/tasks/1/done`

Params Authorization Headers (6) Body Scripts Settings

none form-data x-www-form-urlencoded raw binary GraphQL

This request does not have a body

Body Cookies Headers (6) Test Results

204 No Content - 72 ms - 201 B

Raw

```
1
```

ToDo(todo_db/task) - HeidiSQL 12.8.0.6908

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Database filter

Table filter

ToDoDatabase: todo_dbTable: taskDataQuery*

ToDo

development_min9.0 MiB

development_min_content12.0 MiB

information_schema

mysql

performance_schema

sys16.0 KiB

todo_db16.0 KiB

task16.0 KiB

world784.0 KiB

todo_db.task 6 rows total (exact)

Next

Show all

Sorting

Columns (5/5)

Filter

#	id	completed	created_at	description	title
1	2	1	2025-10-07 07:44:17.776930	Test Task 1	Task 1
2	3	0	2025-10-07 07:47:49.090197	Milk, Eggs, Bread	Buy groceries
3	4	1	2025-10-07 07:49:13.671814	Milk, Eggs, Bread	Buy groceries
4	5	0	2025-10-07 07:49:38.490785	Milk, Eggs, Bread	Buy groceries
5	6	0	2025-10-07 07:49:57.360293	Milk, Eggs, Bread	Buy groceries
6	7	0	2025-10-07 07:50:37.931479	Milk, Eggs, Bread	Buy groceries

82SELECT `id`, `completed`, `created_at`, LEFT(`description`, 256), `title` FROM `todo_db`.`task` LIMIT 1000;

r3: c3

Connected: 00:28 h

MySQL 9.1.0

Uptime: 5 days, 06:25 h

Server time: 1:21 PM Idle.

31°CPartly sunny

Search

1:21 PM07/10/2025