

System Design Document

VAMPZ - Stock Market Simulator

1. High-Level Description Using CRC Cards

CRC Card Template

AppUser

Class	AppUser
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Represents a user entity in the system- Implements UserDetails interface for Spring Security- Stores user information (firstName, lastName, email, password, role)- Manages account state (enabled, locked)- Provides authentication-related methods
Collaborators	UserRepository, AppUserService, Spring Security framework

AppUserService

Class	AppUserService
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implements UserDetailsService for Spring Security- Handles user authentication (loadUserByUsername)- Manages user registration (signUpUser)- Performs password encoding using BCrypt- Validates user existence and credentials- Provides login functionality (loginUser)
Collaborators	UserRepository, BCryptPasswordEncoder, AppUser

UserRepository

Class	UserRepository
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provides data access layer for AppUser entities- Extends JpaRepository for CRUD operations- Finds users by email address- Persists user data to PostgreSQL database
Collaborators	AppUser, PostgreSQL Database

RegistrationController

Class	RegistrationController
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handles HTTP POST requests for user registration- Receives registration requests from frontend- Delegates registration logic to RegistrationService- Returns registration status and messages
Collaborators	RegistrationService, RegistrationRequest

RegistrationService

Class	RegistrationService
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Validates email format using EmailValidator- Creates new AppUser instances- Delegates user creation to AppUserService- Returns registration results with status messages
Collaborators	EmailValidator, AppUserService, RegistrationRequest

LoginController

Class	LoginController
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handles HTTP POST requests for user login- Manages HTTP sessions for authenticated users- Validates user credentials- Creates and manages user sessions- Handles logout requests- Provides endpoint to check current user (/me)
Collaborators	UserRepository, BCryptPasswordEncoder, HttpSession

EmailValidator

Class	EmailValidator
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Validates email address format- Implements Predicate interface for email validation- Uses regex pattern matching to validate emails
Collaborators	RegistrationService

WebSecurityConfig

Class	WebSecurityConfig
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Configures Spring Security filter chain- Sets up CORS configuration for frontend communication- Configures authentication provider- Manages session creation policy- Disables CSRF for API endpoints
Collaborators	AppUserService, BCryptPasswordEncoder, CorsConfigurationSource

AuthContext (Frontend)

Class	AuthContext
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Manages user authentication state in React application- Provides authentication methods (login, signup, logout, checkAuth)- Maintains user session state- Handles API communication with backend- Provides authentication context to all components
Collaborators	React components, Backend API endpoints

Dashboard (Frontend)

Class	Dashboard

Class	- Displays user dashboard interface - Shows portfolio statistics and data
Responsibilities	- Manages user authentication checks - Handles logout functionality - Renders portfolio, activity, and featured stocks
Collaborators	AuthContext, useNavigate, React Router

2. System Interaction with Environment

Dependencies and Assumptions

Operating System

- *Assumption:* The system runs on any OS that supports Java 21 and Node.js 18+
- *Supported Platforms:* Windows, macOS, Linux

Backend Dependencies

- *Java Version:* Java 21 (as specified in pom.xml)
- *Framework:* Spring Boot 3.4.10
- *Build Tool:* Apache Maven
- *Database:* PostgreSQL 13+ (configured in application.properties)
- *Database Connection:*
 - URL: jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/stockdb
 - Username and password configured in application.properties
- *Spring Security:* For authentication and authorization
- *Spring Data JPA:* For database operations
- *Hibernate:* As JPA implementation (configured with PostgreSQL dialect)
- *Lombok:* For reducing boilerplate code
- *BCrypt:* For password encryption

Frontend Dependencies

- *Node.js:* Version 18+
- *Package Manager:* npm
- *Framework:* React 19.1.1
- *Build Tool:* Vite 7.1.7
- *Routing:* React Router DOM 6.28.0
- *Styling:* Tailwind CSS 4.1.16, Custom CSS
- *Icons:* Lucide React
- *Animations:* Framer Motion

Network Configuration

- *Backend Server:* Runs on <http://localhost:8080> (default Spring Boot port)
- *Frontend Server:* Runs on <http://localhost:5173> (Vite default) or <http://localhost:3000>
- *CORS Configuration:*
 - Allowed origins: <http://localhost:5173>, <http://localhost:3000>
 - Allowed methods: GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, OPTIONS
 - Credentials: Enabled (for session management)
- *Session Management:* Uses HTTP session cookies with 1-hour timeout
- *API Communication:* RESTful API with JSON payloads

Database Configuration

- *Database Name:* stockdb (configurable via application.properties)
- *Hibernate DDL:* create-drop (for development - will be changed for production)
- *SQL Logging:* Enabled for development (spring.jpa.show-sql=true)

Assumptions

- PostgreSQL database is running and accessible on localhost:5432
- Database user has sufficient privileges to create/drop tables
- Frontend and backend are running on the same machine or network during development
- Browser supports modern JavaScript features (ES6+)
- Browser supports session cookies and CORS with credentials

Note: The configurations above reflect the development setup of the VAMPZ system (localhost-based). For deployment, the backend will be hosted on a cloud platform (e.g., AWS/Render) with a managed PostgreSQL database, and the frontend will be hosted on a static site platform (e.g., Vercel/Netlify). CORS, HTTPS, and environment variables will be adjusted accordingly for secure production communication.

3. System Architecture

Architecture Overview

The VAMPZ system follows a *three-tier architecture* pattern:

1. *Presentation Tier* (Frontend - React)
2. *Application Tier* (Backend - Spring Boot)
3. *Data Tier* (PostgreSQL Database)

Component Relationships

1. *Frontend → Backend:*
 - React components make HTTP requests to Spring Boot REST endpoints
 - Uses fetch API with credentials for session management
 - Communication via JSON
2. *Backend Controllers → Services:*
 - Controllers handle HTTP requests and delegate business logic to services
 - Services return Map<String, String> or Map<String, Object> for responses
3. *Services → Repositories:*
 - Services use repositories for data persistence
 - Repositories extend JpaRepository for CRUD operations
4. *Repositories → Database:*
 - JPA/Hibernate handles SQL generation and execution
 - Direct connection via JDBC to PostgreSQL
5. *Security Layer:*
 - WebSecurityConfig wraps all requests
 - AppUserService implements UserDetailsService for authentication
 - Session management via HttpSession

4. System Decomposition

Component Breakdown

Frontend Components (React)

Authentication Module

- AuthContext.jsx: Global authentication state management
- LoginPage.jsx: User login interface
- SignupPage.jsx: User registration interface
- ForgotPasswordPage.jsx: Password recovery interface

Main Application Module

- App.jsx: Main application router and layout
- Dashboard.jsx: User dashboard with portfolio, stats, and activity

UI Components

- Navbar.jsx: Navigation bar
- Hero.jsx: Hero section with featured content
- DataWidget.jsx: Reusable stock data display widget
- Features.jsx, Pricing.jsx, CTA.jsx, Footer.jsx: Marketing pages

Role in Architecture: Presentation layer - handles user interaction and displays data

Backend Components (Spring Boot)

Controller Layer (REST API Endpoints)

- RegistrationController: /api/signup - Handles user registration
- LoginController: /api/login, /api/login/me, /api/login/logout - Handles authentication

Service Layer (Business Logic)

- RegistrationService: Validates registration requests and creates users
- AppUserService: Manages user authentication and registration logic
- EmailValidator: Validates email format

Data Access Layer

- UserRepository: JPA repository for AppUser entity

- AppUser: JPA entity representing users in database

Security Layer

- WebSecurityConfig: Configures Spring Security
- PasswordEncoder: BCrypt password encoding configuration

Role in Architecture: Application layer - handles business logic, authentication, and data access

Database Schema

app_user Table

- id (Long, Primary Key, Auto-generated)
- firstName (String)
- lastName (String)
- email (String, Unique)
- password (String, Encrypted)
- role (Enum: USER, ADMIN)
- enabled (Boolean)
- locked (Boolean)

Role in Architecture: Data persistence layer - stores user information

Interaction Flow

Registration Flow:

1. User submits registration form → SignupPage
2. AuthContext.signup() → HTTP POST to /api/signup
3. RegistrationController → RegistrationService
4. EmailValidator validates email
5. RegistrationService → AppUserService.signupUser()
6. AppUserService → UserRepository.save()
7. UserRepository → PostgreSQL (via JPA)
8. Response flows back through layers

Login Flow:

1. User submits login form → LoginPage
2. AuthContext.login() → HTTP POST to /api/login
3. LoginController → UserRepository.findByEmail()
4. Password verification with BCryptPasswordEncoder
5. Session creation (HttpSession)
6. Response with user data → AuthContext updates state
7. Redirect to Dashboard

Authentication Check Flow:

1. Component mounts → AuthContext.checkAuth()
2. HTTP GET to /api/login/me
3. LoginController checks session
4. Returns user data if authenticated
5. AuthContext updates user state

5. Error Handling and Exception Strategy

Error Handling Approach

Backend Error Handling

1. User Registration Errors

- *Invalid Email Format:*
 - Detected by: EmailValidator
 - Response: {"status": "error", "message": "Invalid email address"}
 - HTTP Status: 200 (business logic error, not HTTP error)
- *Duplicate Email:*
 - Detected by: AppUserService.signupUser() checking UserRepository.findByEmail()
 - Response: {"status": "error", "message": "User with email already exists!"}
 - HTTP Status: 200

2. User Authentication Errors

- *Invalid Credentials:*
 - Detected by: LoginController or AppUserService.loginUser()
 - Response: {"status": "error", "message": "Invalid email or password"}
 - HTTP Status: 401 (UNAUTHORIZED) for login endpoint
 - HTTP Status: 200 for service layer (with error status in body)

- *User Not Found*
 - Detected by: `UserRepository.findByEmail()` returns empty `Optional`
 - Response: `{ "status": "error", "message": "Invalid email or password" }`
 - HTTP Status: 401 (UNAUTHORIZED)

3. Session Management Errors

- *No Active Session*
 - Detected by: `LoginController.me()` checking `HttpSession`
 - Response: `{ "status": "error", "message": "Not authenticated" }`
 - HTTP Status: 401 (UNAUTHORIZED)

4. Database Errors

- *Connection Failures:*
 - Handled by: Spring Data JPA exception handling
 - Expected Behavior: Application fails to start or throws runtime exceptions
 - Mitigation: Ensure database is running and accessible
- *Data Integrity Violations:*
 - Handled by: JPA constraint violations
 - Expected Behavior: Transaction rollback, exception thrown
 - Response: HTTP 500 (Internal Server Error) - should be caught and handled

5. General Exception Handling

- *Unhandled Exceptions:*
 - Currently: No global exception handler implemented
 - Expected Behavior: Spring Boot default error handling
 - Recommendation: Implement `@ControllerAdvice` for centralized exception handling

Frontend Error Handling

1. Network Errors

- *Connection Failures:*
 - Detected by: `fetch()` throws error
 - Handling: catch blocks in `AuthContext` methods
 - User Experience: Returns `{ success: false, message: "Login failed. Please try again." }`
 - Display: Error messages shown in UI components

2. Authentication Errors

- *Failed Login:*
 - Detected by: Response contains status: "error"
 - Handling: `AuthContext.login()` returns `{ success: false, message: data.message }`
 - User Experience: Error message displayed on login page

3. Invalid Input

- *Form Validation:*
 - Currently: Basic HTML5 validation
 - Recommendation: Implement client-side validation for better UX

4. Session Expiration

- *Expired Session:*
 - Detected by: `/api/login/me` returns error
 - Handling: `AuthContext.checkAuth()` sets user to null
 - User Experience: Redirect to login page (via `Dashboard useEffect`)

Error Response Format

Standard Success Response: `json { "status": "success", "message": "Operation successful", "user": { ... } // Optional, for user data }`

Standard Error Response: `json { "status": "error", "message": "Error description" }`

Exception Handling Strategy Summary

Current Implementation:

- ❌ Business logic errors return error status in response body
- ❌ HTTP status codes used appropriately (401 for unauthorized)
- ❌ Frontend catches network errors and displays user-friendly messages
- ❌ No global exception handler for unexpected server errors
- ❌ No validation framework for request validation
- ❌ Limited client-side input validation

Recommended Improvements:

1. Implement `@ControllerAdvice` for centralized exception handling
2. Add request validation using `@Valid` and validation annotations
3. Implement proper logging for errors
4. Add client-side form validation
5. Implement retry logic for network failures

- 6. Add timeout handling for API calls
- 7. Implement proper error boundaries in React

Security Considerations

Current Security Measures:

- ✓ Password encryption using BCrypt
- ✓ Session-based authentication
- ✓ CORS configuration for allowed origins
- ✓ SQL injection prevention (via JPA parameterized queries)
- ⚠ CSRF disabled (acceptable for API-only backend)
- ⚠ No rate limiting (should be added for production)

Error Information Disclosure:

- Current: Error messages are user-friendly and don't expose system internals
- Recommendation: Implement different error messages for development vs. production

Document Revision History

Version	Date	Author	Changes
1.0	Sprint 1	Team	Initial system design document

Notes

- This document reflects the current state of the system as of Sprint 1
- The architecture may evolve as additional features are implemented (portfolio management, stock trading, etc.)
- Database schema is currently minimal (users only) and will expand with new features
- Error handling strategy should be enhanced as the system matures
- Security considerations should be reviewed before production deployment

