

Step-By-Step guide for creating a basic Spring Boot Rest API

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Step 1: Setup Development Environment

Install the following software:

- Java Development Kit (JDK)
- IDE: Eclipse/IntelliJ
- MariaDB

Step 2: Create a Spring Boot Project

1. Using STS's Eclipse
2. Or Spring boot of IntelliJ
3. Package name: **iuh.fit.se**
4. Add dependencies:
 - Spring Web
 - Rest Repository
 - Spring Data JPA
 - Validation
 - MariaDB Driver
 - Spring DevTools

Step 3: Setting configuration data-source

[src/main/resources/application.properties](#)

```
# Setting port
server.port=9998

# Setting mariaDB
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.mariadb.jdbc.Driver
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mariadb://localhost:3306/employees
spring.datasource.username=root
spring.datasource.password=Aa@123456
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=none
spring.jpa.show-sql=true

# Setting Spring Rest API
spring.data.rest.base-path=/api
```

Step 4: Create Entity Class

Right-click on the “**iuh.fit.se**” package and create a package called entities inside it.

- Enter “**Employee**” as the class name in the “**entities**” package and click on the “Finish” button.

```
package iuh.fit.se.entities;

@Entity
@Table(name = "employee")
public class Employee {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private int id;
```

```

@Column(name = "first_name")
@NotNull(message = "First Name must not be Null")
@NotEmpty(message = "First Name must not be Empty")
private String firstName;

@Column(name = "last_name")
@NotNull(message = "Last Name must not be Null")
@NotEmpty(message = "Last Name must not be Empty")
private String lastName;

private String gender;

@Column(name = "email")
@NotEmpty(message = "Email must not be Empty")
>Email(message = "Email should be valid")
private String emailAddress;

@Column(name = "phone_number")
@Pattern(regexp = "\\(\\d{3}\\)\\d{3}-\\d{4}", message = "Please input phone number with format: (NNN)NNN-NNNN")
private String phoneNumber;

@Past(message = "Date of birth must be less than today")
@DateTimeFormat(pattern = "yyyy-MM-dd")
private Date dob;

@CreationTimestamp
@Temporal(TemporalType.TIMESTAMP)
@Column(name = "created_date")
private Date createdAt;

@UpdateTimestamp
@Temporal(TemporalType.TIMESTAMP)
@Column(name = "modified_date")
private Date modifiedDate;

@OneToOne(fetch = FetchType.EAGER, cascade = CascadeType.ALL, orphanRemoval = true)
@JoinColumn(name = "address_id", referencedColumnName = "id")
@NotNull(message="addresses attributes are required")
@Valid
@JsonIgnore
private Address address;

public Employee() {
}

public Employee(String firstName, String lastName, String gender, String emailAddress, String phoneNumber, Date dob,
Address address) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
    this.lastName = lastName;
    this.gender = gender;
    this.emailAddress = emailAddress;
    this.phoneNumber = phoneNumber;
    this.dob = dob;
    this.address = address;
}

public int getId() {
    return id;
}

public void setId(int id) {
    this.id = id;
}

public String getFirstName() {
    return firstName;
}

public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
}

public String getLastName() {
    return lastName;
}

```

```

    public void setLastName(String lastName) {
        this.lastName = lastName;
    }

    public String getGender() {
        return gender;
    }

    public void setGender(String gender) {
        this.gender = gender;
    }

    public String getEmailAddress() {
        return emailAddress;
    }

    public void setEmailAddress(String emailAddress) {
        this.emailAddress = emailAddress;
    }

    public String getPhoneNumber() {
        return phoneNumber;
    }

    public void setPhoneNumber(String phoneNumber) {
        this.phoneNumber = phoneNumber;
    }

    public Date getDob() {
        return dob;
    }

    public void setDob(Date dob) {
        this.dob = dob;
    }

    public Date getCreatedDate() {
        return createdDate;
    }

    public void setCreatedDate(Date createdDate) {
        this.createdDate = createdDate;
    }

    public Date getModifiedDate() {
        return modifiedDate;
    }

    public void setModifiedDate(Date modifiedDate) {
        this.modifiedDate = modifiedDate;
    }

    public Address getAddress() {
        return address;
    }

    public void setAddress(Address address) {
        this.address = address;
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Employee [id=" + id + ", firstName=" + firstName + ", lastName=" + lastName + ", gender=" + gender
        + ", emailAddress=" + emailAddress + ", phoneNumber=" + phoneNumber + ", dob=" + dob + ",
        createdDate="
        + createdDate + ", modifiedDate=" + modifiedDate + "]";
    }
}

```

- Enter “**Address**” as the class name in the “**entities**” package and click on the “Finish” button.

```
package iuh.fit.se.entities;

import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.JsonIgnore;

import jakarta.persistence.*;
import jakarta.validation.constraints.Size;

@Entity
@Table(name = "address")
public class Address {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private int id;
    @Size(max = 5, message = "Address cannot exceed 255 characters")
    private String address;

    @OneToOne(mappedBy = "address", fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    @JsonIgnore
    private Employee employee;

    public Address() {
    }

    public Address(String address) {
        this.address = address;
    }

    public int getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public void setId(int id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public String getAddress() {
        return address;
    }

    public void setAddress(String address) {
        this.address = address;
    }

    public Employee getEmployee() {
        return employee;
    }

    public void setEmployee(Employee employee) {
        this.employee = employee;
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Address [id=" + id + ", address=" + address + "]";
    }
}
```

Step 5: Create Repository Interface

```
package iuh.fit.se.repositories;

import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.Query;
import org.springframework.data.repository.query.Param;
import org.springframework.data.rest.core.annotation.RepositoryRestResource;

import iuh.fit.se.entities.Employee;

//@Repository
//@ResResource
@RepositoryRestResource
public interface EmployeeRepository extends JpaRepository<Employee, Integer> {
    @Query(value = "SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.firstName LIKE  %:keyword%"
        + " OR e.lastName LIKE  %:keyword%"
        + " OR e.emailAddress LIKE  %:keyword%"
        + " OR e.phoneNumber LIKE  %:keyword%")
    List<Employee> search(@Param("keyword") String keyword);
}
```

```
package iuh.fit.se.repositories;

import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;
import org.springframework.data.rest.core.annotation.RepositoryRestResource;
import iuh.fit.se.entities.Address;

@RepositoryRestResource(collectionResourceRel = "address", path = "address", exported = false)
public interface AddressRepository extends JpaRepository<Address, Integer>{

}
```

Step 6: Create Service Interface

```
package iuh.fit.se.services;

import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.data.domain.Page;

import iuh.fit.se.entities.Employee;

public interface EmployeeService {

    public Employee findById(int id);

    public List<Employee> findAll();

    public Page<Employee> findAllWithPaging(int pageNo, int pageSize, String sortBy, String sortDirection);

    public Employee save(Employee employee);

    public Employee update(int id, Employee employee);

    public boolean delete(int id);

    public List<Employee> search(String keyword);

}
```

```
package iuh.fit.se.services;

import iuh.fit.se.entities.Address;
```

```

public interface AddressService {
    public Address save(Address address);
}

```

Step 7: Create Service Class Implement Service Interface

```

package iuh.fit.se.services.impl;

import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Page;
import org.springframework.data.domain.PageRequest;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Pageable;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Sort;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
import org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional;

import iuh.fit.se.entities.Employee;
import iuh.fit.se.exceptions.ItemNotFoundException;
import iuh.fit.se.repositories.EmployeeRepository;
import iuh.fit.se.services.EmployeeService;

@Service
public class EmployeeServiceImpl implements EmployeeService{
    @Autowired
    EmployeeRepository employeeRepository;

    @Override
    public Employee findById(int id) {
        return employeeRepository.findById(id)
            .orElseThrow(()-> new ItemNotFoundException("Can not find Employee with id: " + id));
    }

    @Override
    public List<Employee> findAll() {
        return employeeRepository.findAll();
    }

    @Override
    public Page<Employee> findAllWithPaging(int pageNo, int pageSize, String sortBy, String sortDirection) {
        Sort sort = sortDirection.equalsIgnoreCase(Sort.Direction.ASC.name()) ? Sort.by(sortBy).ascending()
            : Sort.by(sortBy).descending();

        Pageable pageable = PageRequest.of(pageNo, pageSize, sort);
        return employeeRepository.findAll(pageable);
    }

    @Transactional
    @Override
    public Employee save(Employee employee) {
        return employeeRepository.save(employee);
    }

    @Override
    public Employee update(int id, Employee employee) {
        // Check id exists or not
        this.findById(id);

        // Update
        employeeRepository.save(employee);
        return employee;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean delete(int id) {
        Employee employee = this.findById(id);
        employeeRepository.delete(employee);
        return true;
    }
}

```

```

    @Override
    public List<Employee> search(String keyword) {
        return employeeRepository.search(keyword);
    }
}

```

```

package iuh.fit.se.services.impl;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import iuh.fit.se.entities.Address;
import iuh.fit.se.repositories.AddressRepository;
import iuh.fit.se.services.AddressService;

@Service
public class AddressServiceImpl implements AddressService{
    @Autowired
    private AddressRepository addressRepository;

    @Override
    public Address save(Address address) {
        return this.addressRepository.save(address);
    }
}

```

Step 8: Handler Exception

```

package iuh.fit.se.exceptions;

import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ResponseStatus;

@ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND)
public class ItemNotFoundException extends RuntimeException {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;

    public ItemNotFoundException(String message) {
        super(message);
    }
}

```

```

package iuh.fit.se.exceptions;

import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ControllerAdvice;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ExceptionHandler;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.mvc.method.annotation.ResponseEntityExceptionHandler;

@ControllerAdvice
public class GlobalExceptionHandler extends ResponseEntityExceptionHandler {

    @ExceptionHandler(ItemNotFoundException.class)
    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> userNotFoundException(ItemNotFoundException ex) {
        Map<String, Object> errors = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();
        errors.put("status", HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND.value());
        errors.put("message", ex.getMessage());
        return new ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>>(errors, HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
    }

    @ExceptionHandler(Exception.class)
    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> globalExceptionHandler(Exception ex) {
        Map<String, Object> errors = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();
        errors.put("status", HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR.value());
        errors.put("message", ex.getMessage());
        return new ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>>(errors, HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR);
    }
}

```



```
}  
}
```

Step 9: Create Controller Class

```
package iuh.fit.se.controllers;  
  
import java.util.LinkedHashMap;  
import java.util.Map;  
  
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;  
import org.springframework.data.rest.webmvc.RepositoryRestController;  
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;  
import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;  
import org.springframework.validation.BindingResult;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PostMapping;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PutMapping;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestBody;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestParam;  
  
import iuh.fit.se.entities.Employee;  
import iuh.fit.se.services.EmployeeService;  
import jakarta.validation.Valid;  
  
@RestController  
// @RepositoryRestController  
public class EmployeeController {  
  
    @Autowired  
    private EmployeeService employeeService;  
  
    @GetMapping("/employees/{id}")  
    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> getEmployeeById(@PathVariable int id) {  
        Map<String, Object> response = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();  
        response.put("status", HttpStatus.OK.value());  
        response.put("data", employeeService.findById(id));  
        return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.OK).body(response);  
    }  
  
    @PostMapping("/employees")  
    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> saveEmployee(@Valid @RequestBody EmployeeDTO employeeDTO,  
        BindingResult bindingResult) {  
        Map<String, Object> response = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();  
  
        if (bindingResult.hasErrors()) {  
            Map<String, Object> errors = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();  
            bindingResult.getFieldErrors().stream().forEach(result -> {  
                errors.put(result.getField(), result.getDefaultMessage());  
            });  
  
            System.out.println(bindingResult);  
            response.put("status", HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST.value()); // 400  
            response.put("errors", errors);  
            return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST).body(response);  
        }  
        else {  
            response.put("status", HttpStatus.OK.value());  
            response.put("data", employeeService.save(employee));  
            return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.OK).body(response);  
        }  
    }  
  
    @PutMapping("/employees/{id}")
```

```

    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> updateEmployee(@PathVariable int id, @Valid @RequestBody Employee
employee, BindingResult bindingResult) {

        Map<String, Object> response = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();

        if (bindingResult.hasErrors()) {
            Map<String, Object> errors = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();
            bindingResult.getFieldErrors().stream().forEach(result -> {
                errors.put(result.getField(), result.getDefaultMessage());
            });

            response.put("status", HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST.value());
            response.put("errors", errors);
            return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST).body(response);
        }
        else {
            response.put("status", HttpStatus.OK.value());
            response.put("data", employeeService.update(id, employee));
            return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.OK).body(response);
        }
    }

    @DeleteMapping("/employees/{id}")
    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> deleteEmployee(@PathVariable int id) {
        Map<String, Object> response = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();
        response.put("status", HttpStatus.OK.value());
        response.put("data", employeeService.delete(id));
        return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.OK).body(response);
    }

    @GetMapping("/employees")
    public ResponseEntity<Map<String, Object>> getEmployees(@RequestParam(required = false) String keyword) {

        Map<String, Object> response = new LinkedHashMap<String, Object>();
        response.put("status", HttpStatus.OK.value());

        if (keyword == null || keyword.isEmpty()) {
            response.put("data", employeeService.findAll());
        }
        else {
            response.put("data", employeeService.search(keyword));
        }

        return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.OK).body(response);
    }
}

```

Step 10: The HAL (Hypertext Application Language) Explorer

- Dependency: Rest Repository HAL Explorer

```

<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.data</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-data-rest-hal-explorer</artifactId>
</dependency>

```

- Access URL: <http://localhost:9998/api>

Step 11: Springdoc – openapi

- Dependency:

```
<!--https://mvnrepository.com/artifact/org.springdoc/springdoc-openapi-starter-webmvc-ui -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springdoc</groupId>
  <artifactId>springdoc-openapi-starter-webmvc-ui</artifactId>
  <version>2.6.0</version>
</dependency>
```

- Config springdoc:

```
package iuh.fit.se.configs;

import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;

import io.swagger.v3.oas.models.OpenAPI;
import io.swagger.v3.oas.models.info.Info;
import io.swagger.v3.oas.models.servers.Server;

@Configuration
public class OpenAPIConfiguration {
    @Bean
    public OpenAPI defineOpenApi() {
        Server server = new Server();
        server.setUrl("http://localhost:9998");
        server.setDescription("Employee Management REST API Documentation");

        Info information = new Info()
            .title("Employee Management REST API Documentation")
            .version("1.0")
            .description("This API exposes endpoints to manage employees.");

        return new OpenAPI().info(information).servers(List.of(server));
    }
}
```

- Add setting springdoc at application.properties

```
# Paths to include
springdoc.pathsToMatch=/**
springdoc.paths-to-exclude=/api/profile/**
springdoc.swagger-ui.operationsSorter=method
```

- Access URL: <http://localhost:9998/swagger-ui/index.html>

Step 12: Config Logging:

- Create: src/main/resources/logback-spring.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<configuration>
    <include resource="org/springframework/boot/logging/logback/defaults.xml"/>
    <include resource="org/springframework/boot/logging/logback/console-appender.xml" />
    <include resource="org/springframework/boot/logging/logback/file-appender.xml" />
    <root level="INFO">
        <appender-ref ref="CONSOLE" />
        <appender-ref ref="FILE" />
    </root>
</configuration>
```

- Add setting logging at application.properties

```
# Logging
logging.level.org.springframework.web=debug
logging.level.org.hibernate=error
logging.file.name=logs/myapplication.log
logging.config=classpath:logback-spring.xml
```

- How to Use:

```
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;

private final static Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(EmployeeController.class.getName());

logger.info("info");
logger.trace("trace");
logger.debug("debug");
logger.warn("warn");
logger.error("error");
```