Problem Statement

Task

Create a RESTful API that manages a simple library system.

The API should allow API user to perform the following actions:

- Register a new borrower to the library.
- 2. Register a new book to the library.
- 3. Get a list of all books in the library.

The API should allow API user to perform the following actions on behalf of a borrower:

- 1. Borrow a book with a particular book id (refer Book in Data Models).
- Return a borrowed book.

Data Models

Borrower should have a unique id, a name and an email address Book should have a unique id, an ISBN number, a title, and an author

ISBN number uniquely identifies a book in the following way:

- 2 books with the same title and same author but different ISBN numbers are considered as different books
- 2 books with the same ISBN numbers must have the same title and same author

Multiple copies of books with same ISBN number are allowed in the system

Requirements

- 1. Use a programming language and framework of your choice to create the project.
 - a. Use of Java 17 and Spring Boot framework is an added bonus
- 2. Configurable to run in multiple environments
- 3. Use a package manager to manage project dependencies.
- Implement proper data validation and error handling.
- Use a database to store borrower and book data.
 - Justify your choice of database
- 6. Implement REST API endpoints for each action mentioned above.
- Multiple books with the same ISBN number should be registered as books with different ids.
- Ensure that no more than one member is borrowing the same book (same book id) at a time.
- 9. Provide clear documentation for how to use your API
- Provide documentation of all your assumptions for any requirements that are not explicitly stated in this task

Solution: Collabera Library Management System

Before You Read

- This is an MVP version of app for the problem statement
- Uses Spring boot framework 3.5.5, Java 17 (as per request in the problem statement)
- UI is in Basic HTML5 with CSS (This is for demo purpose of the Api only, its not a fine-tuned industry standard UI)
- Docker engine
 - Docker Desktop v4.19 (engine v23.0.5) running on Window 11 PC

Repo

https://github.com/Erandauh/book-library-system

Why Relational DB - Justification

We have **entities**: Book, Borrower, BorrowRecord.

They have **relationships**:

One Book → Many BorrowRecords.

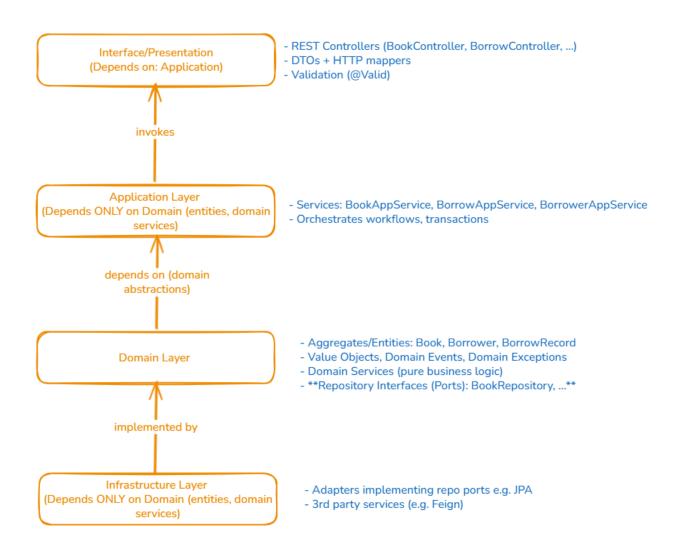
One Borrower → Many BorrowRecords.

RDBMS handles these with **foreign keys & joins** elegantly (with SQL querying power).

e.g.,: "Find all books borrowed by Eranda" \rightarrow a simple SQL join.

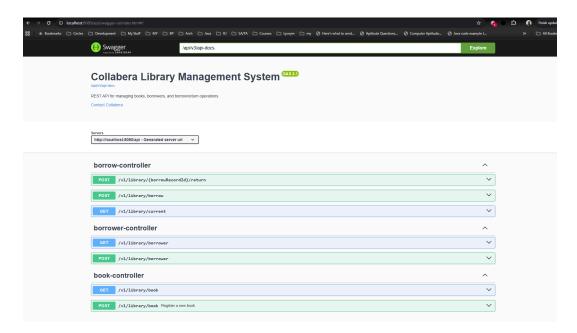
NoSQL (Mongo, Cassandra, etc.) → better for unstructured data, documents, or high write scalability. Overkill here.

Backend Architecture



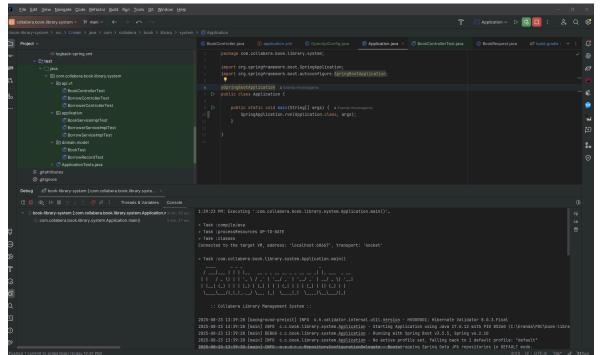
Swagger

http://localhost:8080/api/swagger-ui/index.html#/



Build And Run

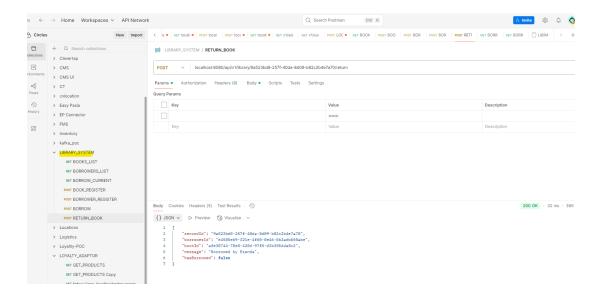
Use Gradle (You can build with graddle wrapper - ./gradlew clean build)



Postman Collection

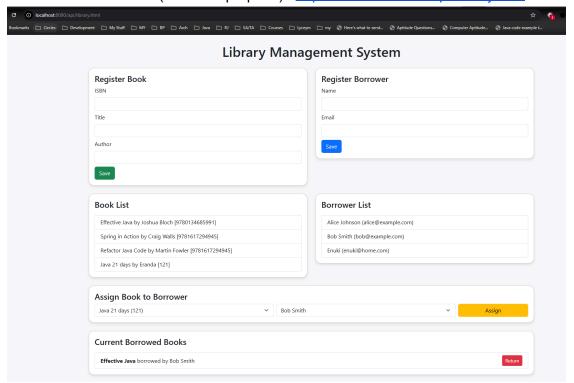
Find the postman collection in the repo itself

https://github.com/Erandauh/book-library-system/blob/main/LIBRARY_SYSTEM.postman_collection.json



Test With Web UI

Served via same server(for demo purpose): http://localhost:8080/api/library.html

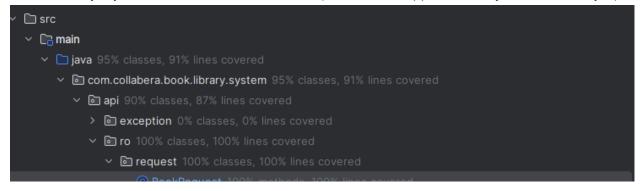


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Unit Test Coverage

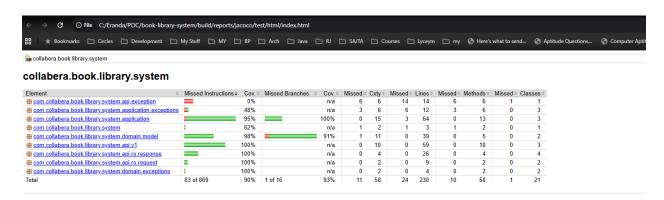
Test coverage is above > 84%

All mandatory layers are covered with unit tests (Controllers, Application Layer, Domain Layer)



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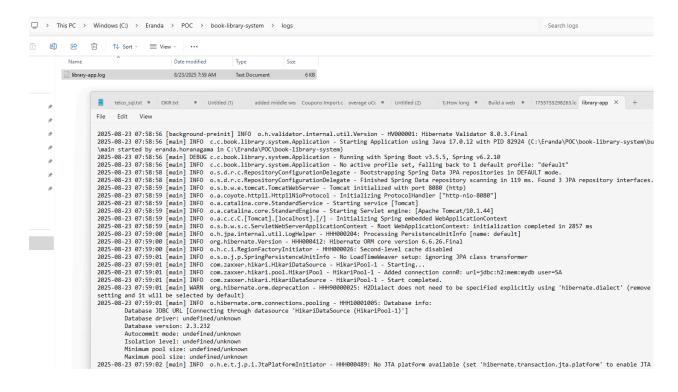
Generate the jacoco report with: ./gradlew test jacocoTestReport



Folder to look: \build\reports\jacoco\test\html\index.html

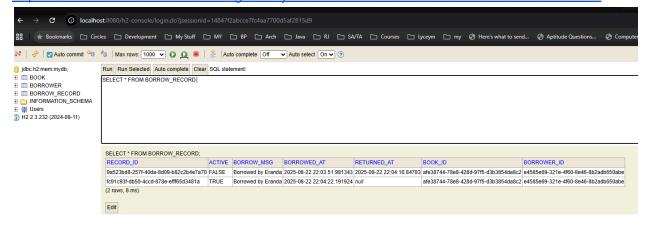
Application Log

Can be found in \logs\library-app.log



H₂ DB

http://localhost:8080/h2-console/login.do?jsessionid=14847f2abcce7fc4aa7700d5af2815d9



Docker Image

Build Docker image docker build -t collabera-library-management-app .

