

Case Study: Flight Reservation System (Monolithic Application)

1. Project Overview

You are tasked with developing a **Flight Reservation System** for a small airline. The system should allow:

- **Flight Management**
 - Add new flights
 - View all available flights
 - View details of a specific flight
 - Update flight details (origin, destination, time, seats available)
 - Delete a flight
- **Reservation Management**
 - Make a reservation for a specific flight
 - View all reservations
 - View reservations for a specific flight
 - Cancel a reservation (and restore seats to the flight)

This is a **monolithic Spring Boot application** — all functionality will be in a single codebase.

2. Technology Stack

- **Spring Boot** (Web + Data JPA)
- **H2 Database** (in-memory for development)
- **Springdoc OpenAPI / Swagger** (API documentation)
- **Maven** (dependency management)
- **Java 17+**
- **JUnit & Mockito** (optional, for unit testing)

3. Entities

The system will have **two main entities**:

1. Flight

- **id** — Unique identifier (auto-generated)
- **flightNumber** — Unique code for the flight (e.g., AI101)
- **origin** — Departure city/airport
- **destination** — Arrival city/airport
- **departureTime** — Date & time of departure
- **seatsAvailable** — Number of available seats

2. Reservation

- **id** — Unique identifier (auto-generated)
- **passengerName** — Name of the passenger
- **passengerEmail** — Contact email of the passenger
- **seatsBooked** — Number of seats booked
- **reservedAt** — Date & time when reservation was made
- **flight** — Reference to the Flight entity (Many reservations → One flight)

4. Relationships

- **One Flight can have many Reservations**
This means:
 - In the database, `Reservation` will have a `flight_id` foreign key.
 - In JPA, `Reservation` will use `@ManyToOne` to `Flight`.

5. API Requirements

Learners should create **REST APIs** with the following endpoints:

Flight API

- `POST /api/flights` → Add a new flight
- `GET /api/flights` → Get all flights
- `GET /api/flights/{id}` → Get flight by ID
- `PUT /api/flights/{id}` → Update a flight

- `DELETE /api/flights/{id}` → Delete a flight

Reservation API

- `POST /api/reservations` → Make a reservation
 - Reduce the available seats in the flight
 - Reject reservation if seats are not enough
- `GET /api/reservations` → Get all reservations
- `GET /api/reservations/flight/{flightId}` → Get reservations for a specific flight
- `DELETE /api/reservations/{id}` → Cancel a reservation
 - Add back seats to the flight

6. Business Rules

- When making a reservation:
 - Check if the flight exists.
 - Ensure seats requested \leq seats available.
 - Reduce seat count if successful.
- When canceling a reservation:
 - Add the booked seats back to the flight.
- A flight cannot have a negative number of seats.
- Flight numbers should be unique.

7. Suggested Implementation Steps

1. Setup Project

- Create a Spring Boot project with required dependencies.
- Configure `application.properties` for H2 database.

2. Create Entities

- Define `Flight` and `Reservation` with appropriate JPA annotations.
- Set up relationships using `@ManyToOne`.

3. **Create Repositories**

- Extend `JpaRepository` for both entities.

4. **Write Services**

- Business logic for managing flights and reservations.
- Handle seat availability logic in the reservation service.

5. **Write Controllers**

- Map endpoints to service methods.
- Use `ResponseEntity` for proper HTTP status codes.

6. **Exception Handling**

- Create custom exceptions (e.g., `FlightNotFoundException`, `NotEnoughSeatsException`).
- Use `@ControllerAdvice` for global exception handling.

7. **Swagger Integration**

- Use Springdoc OpenAPI to generate API documentation.
- Test APIs from Swagger UI.

2. **Microservices Overview**

We will have **three microservices**, each running independently, with its own database and API.

1. **Restaurant Service**

Responsibilities:

- Manage restaurant details.
- Manage menu items for each restaurant.

Core Features:

- Add, view, update, delete restaurants.
- Add, view, update, delete menu items for a restaurant.
- List all menu items for a restaurant.

Entity Examples:

- **Restaurant**
 - id (PK)
 - name
 - location
 - contactNumber
- **MenuItem**
 - id (PK)
 - restaurantId (FK to Restaurant)
 - name
 - description
 - price

API Examples:

- POST /restaurants
- GET /restaurants
- GET /restaurants/{id}
- POST /restaurants/{id}/menu-items
- GET /restaurants/{id}/menu-items

2. Order Service

Responsibilities:

- Handle customer orders.
- Track order status (PLACED, PREPARING, DELIVERED, CANCELED).

Core Features:

- Place an order for one or more menu items (fetch menu from Restaurant Service).
- View all orders for a customer.
- Update order status.

Entity Examples:

- **Order**

- id (PK)
- customerName
- customerAddress
- totalAmount
- status
- **OrderItem**
 - id (PK)
 - orderId (FK to Order)
 - menuItemId
 - quantity
 - price

API Examples:

- POST /orders (calls Restaurant Service to verify menu item availability & price)
- GET /orders/{id}
- GET /customers/{customerName}/orders
- PUT /orders/{id}/status

3. Delivery Service

Responsibilities:

- Assign delivery agents to orders.
- Track delivery status.

Core Features:

- Assign delivery person when order status becomes "PREPARING".
- Update delivery status.
- Track delivery by order ID.

Entity Examples:

- **Delivery**
 - id (PK)

- orderId
- deliveryPersonName
- deliveryStatus (ASSIGNED, OUT_FOR_DELIVERY, DELIVERED)

API Examples:

- POST /deliveries (triggered when Order Service updates order to PREPARING)
- GET /deliveries/{orderId}
- PUT /deliveries/{id}/status

3. Database Design

Each microservice has its own **independent database**:

- Restaurant DB → Tables: restaurants, menu_items
- Order DB → Tables: orders, order_items
- Delivery DB → Tables: deliveries