

Spring Boot Project: Advanced Library Management System

This project is designed to challenge students with a more advanced backend implementation in Spring Boot. The goal is to manage a library system with features like book and author management, borrowing functionality, and enhanced data integrity through validations.

Project Objective

Build a RESTful API for a Library Management System that manages:

1. **Books** (CRUD operations, validations, search by title, author, or category, with pagination).
 2. **Authors** (CRUD operations, search by name or nationality, and duplicate prevention).
 3. **Borrow Records** (track borrowing/returning of books, with checks for availability and validation of borrow/return dates).
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Project Requirements

- **Backend Framework:** Spring Boot
 - **Database:** PostgreSQL
 - **JDK Version:** Java 17+
 - **Project Structure:** Clearly defined layers (Controller, Service, Repository, Exception Handling).
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Project Features

1. **Books:**
 - **Attributes:** id, title, category, publicationDate, authorId.
 - **Validations:**
 - Prevent duplicate entries of the same title and authorId.
 - title and category fields must not be blank.
 - **Search Features:**
 - By title (case-insensitive partial match).
 - By author name (join with the author table).
 - By category (exact match).
 - **Pagination:**
 - Add pagination support to fetch books in batches.
 - **Endpoints:**
 - GET /api/books (with pagination).
 - POST /api/books (create a new book).
 - PUT /api/books/{id} (update book details).
 - DELETE /api/books/{id} (delete a book).
 - GET /api/books/search (search by title, author, or category).
2. **Authors:**
 - **Attributes:** id, name, nationality.
 - **Validations:**
 - Prevent duplicate entries of the same name (case-insensitive).
 - name must not be blank.
 - **Search Features:**
 - By name (case-insensitive partial match).
 - By nationality (case-insensitive exact match).
 - **Endpoints:**
 - GET /api/authors.
 - POST /api/authors (create a new author).
 - PUT /api/authors/{id} (update author details).

- DELETE /api/authors/{id} (delete an author).
 - GET /api/authors/search (search by name or nationality).
 - 3. **Borrow Records:**
 - **Attributes:** id, bookId, borrowerName, borrowDate, returnDate, isReturned.
 - **Validations:**
 - Prevent borrowing a book that is already borrowed and not returned.
 - Ensure returnDate is after borrowDate.
 - borrowerName must not be blank.
 - **Endpoints:**
 - GET /api/borrow-records (fetch all borrow records).
 - POST /api/borrow-records (create a new borrow record).
 - PUT /api/borrow-records/{id} (mark a book as returned).
 - GET /api/borrow-records/search (search records by borrower name or book title).
 - 4. **Custom Responses:**
 - Use ResponseEntity to return:
 - HTTP 200 for successful operations with data.
 - HTTP 404 when data is not found (e.g., book or author not found).
 - HTTP 400 for bad requests (e.g., validation failures, duplicate entries).
 - HTTP 500 for unexpected errors.
 - 5. **Exception Handling:**
 - Create a GlobalExceptionHandler using @ControllerAdvice.
 - Handle exceptions like:
 - DuplicateEntryException: Thrown when attempting to insert duplicate data.
 - ValidationException: Thrown when validations fail.
 - EntityNotFoundException: Thrown when a requested entity is not found.
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Class and Layer Descriptions

1. Model Layer

1. **Book:**
 - Fields: id, title, category, publicationDate, authorId.
 - Relationships: Foreign key authorId referencing the Author table.
2. **Author:**
 - Fields: id, name, nationality.
 - Relationships: None (authors are independent).
3. **BorrowRecord:**
 - Fields: id, bookId, borrowerName, borrowDate, returnDate, isReturned.
 - Relationships: Foreign key bookId referencing the Book table.

2. Repository Layer

- Create JpaRepository interfaces for each entity (BookRepository, AuthorRepository, BorrowRecordRepository).
- Add custom query methods:
 - findByTitleContainingIgnoreCase(String title) (BookRepository).
 - findByNameContainingIgnoreCase(String name) (AuthorRepository).
 - findByBorrowerNameContainingIgnoreCase(String borrowerName) (BorrowRecordRepository).

3. Service Layer

1. **BookService:**
 - Methods:
 - List<Book> getAllBooks(Pageable pageable): Fetch paginated books.
 - Book getBookById(Long id): Fetch book by ID.
 - Book addBook(Book book): Add a new book with duplicate checks.

- Book updateBook(Long id, Book bookDetails): Update book details.
 - void deleteBook(Long id): Delete a book by ID.
 - List<Book> searchBooks(String title, String authorName, String category): Search books.
2. **AuthorService:**
- Methods:
 - List<Author> getAllAuthors(): Fetch all authors.
 - Author getAuthorById(Long id): Fetch author by ID.
 - Author addAuthor(Author author): Add a new author with duplicate checks.
 - Author updateAuthor(Long id, Author authorDetails): Update author details.
 - void deleteAuthor(Long id): Delete an author by ID.
 - List<Author> searchAuthors(String name, String nationality): Search authors.
3. **BorrowRecordService:**
- Methods:
 - List<BorrowRecord> getAllBorrowRecords(): Fetch all borrow records.
 - BorrowRecord borrowBook(BorrowRecord record): Add a new borrow record.
 - BorrowRecord returnBook(Long id, LocalDate returnDate): Mark a book as returned.
 - List<BorrowRecord> searchRecords(String borrowerName, String bookTitle): Search borrow records.

4. Controller Layer

1. **BookController:**
 - Endpoints for book management (as detailed above).
 - Return appropriate ResponseEntity responses.
2. **AuthorController:**
 - Endpoints for author management.
 - Handle validation errors with meaningful messages.
3. **BorrowRecordController:**
 - Endpoints for managing borrow records.
 - Check book availability before allowing borrowing.

5. Exception Handling

1. **CustomException:** Base exception class.
2. **DuplicateEntryException:** Thrown for duplicate entries.
3. **GlobalExceptionHandler:**
 - Use @ControllerAdvice to handle exceptions globally.
 - Return structured JSON responses for errors, including:
 - timestamp
 - status (HTTP status code)
 - message (error description)

What Students Will Learn

1. Designing a multi-entity backend system with relationships.
2. Implementing validations to ensure data integrity.
3. Writing meaningful custom error messages and responses.
4. Managing exceptions at a global level for a consistent API.
5. Leveraging Spring Data JPA for database operations.
6. Writing clean and modular code using service and repository layers.