

Lab 5: Implementing the Vehicle/Catalog Microservice

Bus Ticket Management System

System Name: - Vehicle/Catalog Microservice

Introduction

This lab focuses on the practical implementation of one of the core services identified in Lab 4: the **Vehicle/Catalog Service**. This service will be completely independent, owning its data (buses, companies, routes, stations) and exposing a RESTful API, adhering to the principles of Microservices Architecture.

Unlike the monolithic approach in Lab 3, this microservice:

- **Runs independently** on its own port
- **Owns its database tables** (buses, bus_companies, stations, routes)
- **Exposes well-defined API contracts** for other services to consume
- **Can be deployed separately** without affecting other services

Objectives

1. **Set up a standalone Express/TypeScript application** dedicated solely to vehicle/catalog management
2. **Implement the Catalog Service logic and persistence** using MySQL database
3. **Expose the defined Service Contract** (REST API) for reading and searching vehicles
4. **Test the service in isolation** using Postman or curl
5. **Demonstrate microservice independence** by running it separately from the main application

Technology & Tool Installation

We will use the same technology stack as the main application but structure it as an independent microservice.

Tool	Purpose	Installation/Setup Guide
Node.js 18+	JavaScript runtime environment	Ensure Node.js is installed: node --version
TypeScript	Static typing for JavaScript	Installed as dev dependency: npm install -D typescript
Express.js	Web framework for RESTful API	npm install express
MySQL	Relational database	Use existing MySQL server

Knex.js	SQL query builder and migration tool	npm install knex mysql2
Postman / curl	API testing tool	Install Postman or use built-in curl command

Activity Practice 1: Project Setup and Data Modeling

Goal

Create the microservice project structure and define the Vehicle database schema using TypeScript and Knex.js.

Step-by-Step Instructions & Coding Guide

1. Create Service Directory

Navigate to your project root

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cd "d:\Flance\Data\Customer12 (DatXeKhach
ReactjsNodejs)\Duandatxekhach\Duandatxekhach"
```

Create microservices directory

```
mkdir microservices
```

```
cd microservices
```

Create vehicle-service directory

```
mkdir vehicle-service
```

```
cd vehicle-service
```

Initialize Node.js project

```
npm init -y
```

2. Install Dependencies

Install production dependencies

```
npm install express dotenv cors mysql2 knex
```

Install TypeScript and development dependencies

```
npm install -D typescript @types/node @types/express @types/cors ts-node nodemon
```

3. Configure TypeScript

Create tsconfig.json:

```
{  
  "compilerOptions": {  
    "target": "ES2020",  
    "module": "commonjs",  
    "lib": ["ES2020"],  
    "outDir": "./dist",  
    "rootDir": "./src",  
    "strict": true,  
    "esModuleInterop": true,  
    "skipLibCheck": true,  
    "forceConsistentCasingInFileNames": true,  
    "resolveJsonModule": true,  
    "moduleResolution": "node",  
    "baseUrl": "./src",  
    "paths": {  
      "@/*": ["*"]  
    }  
  },  
  "include": ["src/**/*"],  
  "exclude": ["node_modules", "dist"]  
}
```

4. Create Project Structure

```
# Create directory structure  
mkdir src  
mkdir src\models  
mkdir src\controllers  
mkdir src\services  
mkdir src\repositories  
mkdir src\routes  
mkdir src\config
```

5. Define the Vehicle Model

File: src/models/Vehicle.ts

```
// Vehicle entity representing a bus in the database
export interface Vehicle {
    id: number;
    name: string;
    description?: string;
    license_plate: string;
    capacity: number;
    company_id: number;
    company_name?: string; // Joined from bus_companies table
    featured_image?: string;
    is_active: boolean;
    created_at: Date;
    updated_at: Date;
}
```

```
// DTO for creating a new vehicle
export interface CreateVehicleDto {
    name: string;
    description?: string;
    license_plate: string;
    capacity: number;
    company_id: number;
    featured_image?: string;
}
```

```
// DTO for searching vehicles
export interface VehicleSearchParams {
    company_id?: number;
    min_capacity?: number;
    page?: number;
    limit?: number;
    search?: string;
```

```
}

// Standardized API response format
export interface ApiResponse<T> {
    success: boolean;
    message: string;
    data: T | null;
    pagination?: {
        page: number;
        limit: number;
        total: number;
        totalPages: number;
    };
}
```

6. Configure Database Connection

File: `src/config/database.ts`

```
import knex, { Knex } from 'knex';

// Database configuration for the Vehicle Service
const dbConfig: Knex.Config = {
    client: 'mysql2',
    connection: {
        host: process.env.DB_HOST || 'localhost',
        port: parseInt(process.env.DB_PORT || '3306'),
        user: process.env.DB_USER || 'root',
        password: process.env.DB_PASSWORD || '',
        database: process.env.DB_NAME || 'bus_booking'
    },
    pool: {
        min: 2,
        max: 10
    },
}
```

```

migrations: {
  tableName: 'knex_migrations'
}
};

// Create and export the database connection
export const db: Knex = knex(dbConfig);

// Test database connection
export async function testConnection(): Promise<boolean> {
  try {
    await db.raw('SELECT 1');
    console.log(' Database connection successful');
    return true;
  } catch (error) {
    console.error(' Database connection failed:', error);
    return false;
  }
}

```

7. Create Environment Configuration

File: .env

```

# Server Configuration
PORT=5001
NODE_ENV=development

# Database Configuration
DB_HOST=localhost
DB_PORT=3306
DB_USER=root
DB_PASSWORD=your_password_here
DB_NAME=bus_booking

```

```
# Service Information
SERVICE_NAME=Vehicle-Catalog-Service
SERVICE_VERSION=1.0.0

File: .env.example
PORT=5001
NODE_ENV=development
DB_HOST=localhost
DB_PORT=3306
DB_USER=root
DB_PASSWORD=
DB_NAME=bus_booking
SERVICE_NAME=Vehicle-Catalog-Service
SERVICE_VERSION=1.0.0
```

Activity Practice 2: Implementing the Service API

Goal

Implement the REST API endpoints to read vehicle data, fulfilling the service contract defined in Lab 4.

Step-by-Step Instructions & Coding Guide

1. Implement the Repository Layer (Data Access)

File: src/repositories/VehicleRepository.ts

```
import { db } from '@/config/database';
import { Vehicle, VehicleSearchParams, CreateVehicleDto } from '@/models/Vehicle';

export class VehicleRepository {
    private tableName = 'cars'; // Main table for vehicles

    /**
     * Find all vehicles with optional filtering and pagination
     */
    async findAll(params: VehicleSearchParams): Promise<{ vehicles: Vehicle[]; total: number }>
    {
```

```

const { company_id, min_capacity, page = 1, limit = 10, search } = params;
const offset = (page - 1) * limit;

// Build the query with joins

let query = db('cars as c')
    .leftJoin('bus_companies as bc', 'c.company_id', 'bc.id')
    .select(
        'c.id',
        'c.name',
        'c.description',
        'c.license_plate',
        'c.capacity',
        'c.company_id',
        'bc.company_name',
        'c.featured_image',
        'c.created_at',
        'c.updated_at'
    );
}

// Apply filters

if (company_id) {
    query = query.where('c.company_id', company_id);
}

if (min_capacity) {
    query = query.where('c.capacity', '>=', min_capacity);
}

if (search) {
    query = query.where(function() {
        this.where('c.name', 'like', `%"${search}"%`)
        .orWhere('c.license_plate', 'like', `%"${search}"%`);
    });
}

```

```

    });

}

// Get total count

const countQuery = query.clone();
const [{ total }] = await countQuery.count('c.id as total');

// Get paginated results

const vehicles = await query
  .limit(limit)
  .offset(offset)
  .orderBy('c.created_at', 'desc');

return {
  vehicles: vehicles as Vehicle[],
  total: total as number
};

}

/**
 * Find a single vehicle by ID
 */
async findById(id: number): Promise<Vehicle | null> {
  const vehicle = await db('cars as c')
    .leftJoin('bus_companies as bc', 'c.company_id', 'bc.id')
    .select(
      'c.id',
      'c.name',
      'c.description',
      'c.license_plate',
      'c.capacity',
      'c.company_id',
    )
}

```

```

        'bc.company_name',
        'c.featured_image',
        'c.created_at',
        'c.updated_at'
    )
    .where('c.id', id)
    .first();

    return vehicle || null;
}

/**
 * Create a new vehicle (for admin use)
 */
async create(data: CreateVehicleDto): Promise<Vehicle> {
    const [id] = await db('cars').insert({
        ...data,
        created_at: new Date(),
        updated_at: new Date()
    });

    const newVehicle = await this.findById(id);
    if (!newVehicle) {
        throw new Error('Failed to create vehicle');
    }

    return newVehicle;
}

/**
 * Check if license plate already exists
 */

```

```

async existsByLicensePlate(licensePlate: string): Promise<boolean> {
  const vehicle = await db('cars')
    .where('license_plate', licensePlate)
    .first();

  return !!vehicle;
}

}

```

2. Implement the Service Layer (Business Logic)

File: src/services/VehicleService.ts

```

import { VehicleRepository } from '@/repositories/VehicleRepository';
import { Vehicle, VehicleSearchParams, CreateVehicleDto, ApiResponse } from
  '@/models/Vehicle';

export class VehicleService {
  private repository: VehicleRepository;

  constructor() {
    this.repository = new VehicleRepository();
  }

  /**
   * Get all vehicles with pagination and filtering
   */
  async getVehicles(params: VehicleSearchParams): Promise<ApiResponse<Vehicle[]>> {
    try {
      const { vehicles, total } = await this.repository.findAll(params);
      const page = params.page || 1;
      const limit = params.limit || 10;
      const totalPages = Math.ceil(total / limit);

      return {
        vehicles,
        total,
        page,
        limit,
        totalPages
      };
    } catch (error) {
      throw new Error(`Error getting vehicles: ${error.message}`);
    }
  }
}

```

```
        success: true,  
        message: 'Vehicles retrieved successfully',  
        data: vehicles,  
        pagination: {  
            page,  
            limit,  
            total,  
            totalPages  
        }  
    };  
}  
} catch (error) {  
    console.error('Error in getVehicles:', error);  
    return {  
        success: false,  
        message: 'Failed to retrieve vehicles',  
        data: null  
    };  
}  
  
/**  
 * Get a single vehicle by ID  
 */  
async getVehicleById(id: number): Promise<ApiResponse<Vehicle>> {  
    try {  
        const vehicle = await this.repository.findById(id);  
  
        if (!vehicle) {  
            return {  
                success: false,  
                message: 'Vehicle not found',  
                data: null  
            };  
        }  
    } catch (error) {  
        console.error('Error in getVehicleById:', error);  
        return {  
            success: false,  
            message: 'Failed to retrieve vehicle',  
            data: null  
        };  
    }  
}
```

```

    };
}

return {
  success: true,
  message: 'Vehicle found',
  data: vehicle
};

} catch (error) {
  console.error('Error in getVehicleById:', error);
  return {
    success: false,
    message: 'Failed to retrieve vehicle',
    data: null
  };
}

}

/**
 * Create a new vehicle
 */
async createVehicle(data: CreateVehicleDto): Promise<ApiResponse<Vehicle>> {
  try {
    // Check if license plate already exists
    const exists = await this.repository.existsByLicensePlate(data.license_plate);
    if (exists) {
      return {
        success: false,
        message: `Vehicle with license plate ${data.license_plate} already exists`,
        data: null
      };
    }
  }
}

```

```

    const newVehicle = await this.repository.create(data);

    return {
        success: true,
        message: 'Vehicle created successfully',
        data: newVehicle
    };
} catch (error) {
    console.error('Error in createVehicle:', error);
    return {
        success: false,
        message: 'Failed to create vehicle',
        data: null
    };
}
}
}
}

```

3. Implement the Controller Layer (Request Handling)

File: src/controllers/VehicleController.ts

```

import { Request, Response } from 'express';
import { VehicleService } from '@/services/VehicleService';
import { VehicleSearchParams, CreateVehicleDto } from '@/models/Vehicle';

export class VehicleController {
    private service: VehicleService;

    constructor() {
        this.service = new VehicleService();
    }

    /**

```

```

* GET /api/vehicles
* List all vehicles with optional filtering
*/
async listVehicles(req: Request, res: Response): Promise<void> {
  try {
    const params: VehicleSearchParams = {
      company_id: req.query.company_id ? parseInt(req.query.company_id as string) : undefined,
      min_capacity: req.query.min_capacity ? parseInt(req.query.min_capacity as string) : undefined,
      page: req.query.page ? parseInt(req.query.page as string) : 1,
      limit: req.query.limit ? parseInt(req.query.limit as string) : 10,
      search: req.query.search as string
    };
    const result = await this.service.getVehicles(params);
    res.status(result.success ? 200 : 500).json(result);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error in listVehicles:', error);
    res.status(500).json({
      success: false,
      message: 'Internal server error',
      data: null
    });
  }
}

/**
* GET /api/vehicles/:id
* Get vehicle details by ID
*/
async getVehicleDetails(req: Request, res: Response): Promise<void> {

```

```

try {

    const id = parseInt(req.params.id);

    if (isNaN(id)) {
        res.status(400).json({
            success: false,
            message: 'Invalid vehicle ID',
            data: null
        });
        return;
    }

    const result = await this.service.getVehicleById(id);

    res.status(result.success ? 200 : 404).json(result);
} catch (error) {
    console.error('Error in getVehicleDetails:', error);
    res.status(500).json({
        success: false,
        message: 'Internal server error',
        data: null
    });
}
}

/**
 * POST /api/vehicles
 * Create a new vehicle (Admin only)
 */
async createVehicle(req: Request, res: Response): Promise<void> {
    try {
        const vehicleData: CreateVehicleDto = req.body;

```

```

// Basic validation

if (!vehicleData.name || !vehicleData.license_plate || !vehicleData.capacity ||
!vehicleData.company_id) {

res.status(400).json({
  success: false,
  message: 'Missing required fields: name, license_plate, capacity, company_id',
  data: null
});

return;
}

const result = await this.service.createVehicle(vehicleData);

res.status(result.success ? 201 : 400).json(result);

} catch (error) {
  console.error('Error in createVehicle:', error);
  res.status(500).json({
    success: false,
    message: 'Internal server error',
    data: null
  });
}
}
}
}

```

4. Define API Routes

File: src/routes/vehicleRoutes.ts

```

import { Router } from 'express';
import { VehicleController } from '@/controllers/VehicleController';

const router = Router();
const vehicleController = new VehicleController();

```

```

// Public routes
router.get('/vehicles', (req, res) => vehicleController.listVehicles(req, res));
router.get('/vehicles/:id', (req, res) => vehicleController.getVehicleDetails(req, res));

// Admin routes (authentication would be added in production)
router.post('/vehicles', (req, res) => vehicleController.createVehicle(req, res));

export default router;

```

5. Create Main Application File

File: src/index.ts

```

import express, { Application, Request, Response } from 'express';
import cors from 'cors';
import dotenv from 'dotenv';
import vehicleRoutes from '@/routes/vehicleRoutes';
import { testConnection } from '@/config/database';

// Load environment variables
dotenv.config();

const app: Application = express();
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5001;
const SERVICE_NAME = process.env.SERVICE_NAME || 'Vehicle-Catalog-Service';

```

// Middleware

```

app.use(cors());
app.use(express.json());
app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: true }));

```

// Request logging middleware

```

app.use((req: Request, res: Response, next) => {
  console.log(`[ ${new Date().toISOString()} ] ${req.method} ${req.path}`);
});

```

```
next();
});

// Health check endpoint
app.get('/health', (req: Request, res: Response) => {
  res.json({
    service: SERVICE_NAME,
    status: 'healthy',
    timestamp: new Date().toISOString(),
    version: process.env.SERVICE_VERSION || '1.0.0'
  });
});

// API routes
app.use('/api', vehicleRoutes);

// 404 handler
app.use((req: Request, res: Response) => {
  res.status(404).json({
    success: false,
    message: 'Endpoint not found',
    data: null
  });
});

// Error handler
app.use((err: Error, req: Request, res: Response, next: any) => {
  console.error('Unhandled error:', err);
  res.status(500).json({
    success: false,
    message: 'Internal server error',
    data: null
  });
});
```

```

    });

    });

// Start server

async function startServer() {
  try {
    // Test database connection
    const dbConnected = await testConnection();

    if (!dbConnected) {
      console.error(' Failed to connect to database. Exiting...!');
      process.exit(1);
    }
  }

// Start listening

app.listen(PORT, () => {
  console.log('='.repeat(50));
  console.log(` ${SERVICE_NAME} is running`);
  console.log(` Port: ${PORT}`);
  console.log(` Environment: ${process.env.NODE_ENV || 'development'}`);
  console.log(` Health Check: http://localhost:${PORT}/health`);
  console.log(` API Base URL: http://localhost:${PORT}/api`);
  console.log('='.repeat(50));
});

} catch (error) {
  console.error(✗ Failed to start server:', error);
  process.exit(1);
}

}

startServer();

```

6. Update package.json Scripts

File: package.json

```
{  
  "name": "vehicle-service",  
  "version": "1.0.0",  
  "description": "Vehicle/Catalog Microservice for ",  
  "main": "dist/index.js",  
  "scripts": {  
    "dev": "nodemon --watch src --exec ts-node -r tsconfig-paths/register src/index.ts",  
    "build": "tsc",  
    "start": "node dist/index.js",  
    "test": "echo \\\"Error: no test specified\\\" && exit 1"  
  },  
  "keywords": ["microservice", "vehicle", "catalog"],  
  "author": "",  
  "license": "ISC",  
  "dependencies": {  
    "express": "^4.18.2",  
    "dotenv": "^16.3.1",  
    "cors": "^2.8.5",  
    "mysql2": "^3.6.5",  
    "knex": "^3.0.1"  
  },  
  "devDependencies": {  
    "typescript": "^5.3.3",  
    "@types/node": "^20.10.6",  
    "@types/express": "^4.17.21",  
    "@types/cors": "^2.8.17",  
    "ts-node": "^10.9.2",  
    "nodemon": "^3.0.2",  
    "tsconfig-paths": "^4.2.0"  
  }  
}
```

Activity Practice 3: Isolation Testing

Goal

Verify that the service operates correctly and independently from the main application.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Start the Microservice

Ensure you are in the vehicle-service directory

```
cd microservices\vehicle-service
```

Install dependencies (if not done already)

```
npm install
```

Install tsconfig-paths for path aliases

```
npm install -D tsconfig-paths
```

Start the service in development mode

```
npm run dev
```

Expected Output:

Database connection successful

```
=====
```

Vehicle-Catalog-Service is running

Port: 5001

Environment: development

Health Check: http://localhost:5001/health

API Base URL: http://localhost:5001/api

2. Test Health Check Endpoint

Command:

```
curl http://localhost:5001/health
```

Expected Response (200 OK):

```
{  
  "service": "Vehicle-Catalog-Service",
```

```
        "status": "healthy",
        "timestamp": "2026-01-10T04:57:42.123Z",
        "version": "1.0.0"
    }
```

3. Test Vehicle Listing

Command:

```
curl http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles
```

Expected Response (200 OK):

```
{
    "success": true,
    "message": "Vehicles retrieved successfully",
    "data": [
        {
            "id": 1,
            "name": "Mercedes Sprinter Luxury",
            "description": "40-seat luxury bus with reclining seats",
            "license_plate": "29A-12345",
            "capacity": 40,
            "company_id": 1,
            "company_name": "Phuong Trang Express",
            "featured_image": "https://cloudinary.com/.../bus1.jpg",
            "created_at": "2026-01-05T08:30:00.000Z",
            "updated_at": "2026-01-05T08:30:00.000Z"
        },
        {
            "id": 2,
            "name": "Hyundai Universe Noble",
            "description": "45-seat standard bus",
            "license_plate": "51B-67890",
            "capacity": 45,
            "company_id": 2,
            "company_name": "Mai Linh Express",
        }
    ]
}
```

```
        "featured_image": null,  
        "created_at": "2026-01-06T10:15:00.000Z",  
        "updated_at": "2026-01-06T10:15:00.000Z"  
    },  
],  
"pagination": {  
    "page": 1,  
    "limit": 10,  
    "total": 2,  
    "totalPages": 1  
}  
}
```

4. Test Vehicle Details Lookup

Command:

```
curl http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles/1
```

Expected Response (200 OK):

```
{  
    "success": true,  
    "message": "Vehicle found",  
    "data": {  
        "id": 1,  
        "name": "Mercedes Sprinter Luxury",  
        "description": "40-seat luxury bus with reclining seats",  
        "license_plate": "29A-12345",  
        "capacity": 40,  
        "company_id": 1,  
        "company_name": "Phuong Trang Express",  
        "featured_image": "https://cloudinary.com/.../bus1.jpg",  
        "created_at": "2026-01-05T08:30:00.000Z",  
        "updated_at": "2026-01-05T08:30:00.000Z"  
    }  
}
```

5. Test Search and Filtering

Test search by name:

```
curl "http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?search=Mercedes"
```

Test filter by company:

```
curl "http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?company_id=1"
```

Test filter by minimum capacity:

```
curl "http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?min_capacity=40"
```

Test pagination:

```
curl "http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?page=1&limit=5"
```

6. Test Error Handling

Test non-existent vehicle:

```
curl http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles/999
```

Expected Response (404 Not Found):

```
{
  "success": false,
  "message": "Vehicle not found",
  "data": null
}
```

Test invalid vehicle ID:

```
curl http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles/abc
```

Expected Response (400 Bad Request):

```
{
  "success": false,
  "message": "Invalid vehicle ID",
  "data": null
}
```

7. Test Create Vehicle (POST)

Using Postman or curl:

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{
  "name": "Thaco Universe TB120S",
```

```
"description": "47-seat luxury sleeper bus",
"license_plate": "60C-11111",
"capacity": 47,
"company_id": 1,
"featured_image": "https://example.com/bus.jpg"
}'
```

Expected Response (201 Created):

```
{
  "success": true,
  "message": "Vehicle created successfully",
  "data": {
    "id": 3,
    "name": "Thaco Universe TB120S",
    "description": "47-seat luxury sleeper bus",
    "license_plate": "60C-11111",
    "capacity": 47,
    "company_id": 1,
    "company_name": "Phuong Trang Express",
    "featured_image": "https://example.com/bus.jpg",
    "created_at": "2026-01-10T05:00:00.000Z",
    "updated_at": "2026-01-10T05:00:00.000Z"
  }
}
```

Test duplicate license plate:

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{
  "name": "Test Bus",
  "license_plate": "60C-11111",
  "capacity": 40,
  "company_id": 1
}'
```

Expected Response (400 Bad Request):

```
{  
  "success": false,  
  "message": "Vehicle with license plate 60C-11111 already exists",  
  "data": null  
}
```

Testing with Postman

Import Collection

Create a Postman collection with the following requests:

1. Health Check

- Method: GET
- URL: http://localhost:5001/health

2. List All Vehicles

- Method: GET
- URL: http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles

3. Get Vehicle by ID

- Method: GET
- URL: http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles/1

4. Search Vehicles

- Method: GET
- URL: http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?search=Mercedes

5. Filter by Company

- Method: GET
- URL: http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?company_id=1

6. Paginated Results

- Method: GET
- URL: http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles?page=1&limit=5

7. Create Vehicle

- Method: POST
- URL: http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles
- Headers: Content-Type: application/json

- Body (raw JSON):
 - {
 - "name": "New Bus",
 - "license_plate": "XX-XXXXXX",
 - "capacity": 40,
 - "company_id": 1
 - }

Microservice Independence Demonstration

Running Multiple Services Simultaneously

1. **Start the Vehicle Service (Port 5001):**

```
cd microservices\vehicle-service
```

```
npm run dev
```

2. **Start the Main Application (Port 3000 or 8080):**

```
cd ..\..\api
```

```
npm run start:dev
```

3. **Verify Independence:**

- Vehicle Service: <http://localhost:5001/api/vehicles>
- Main Application: <http://localhost:8080/api/cars>
- Both should work independently without conflicts

Microservice Advantages Demonstrated

1. Independent Deployment

- The Vehicle Service can be deployed, updated, or restarted without affecting other services
- Each service has its own package.json and dependencies

2. Dedicated Port

- Runs on port 5001 (configurable via .env)
- No conflicts with other services

3. Data Ownership

- Owns the cars and bus_companies tables
- Other services access vehicle data only through this API

4. Technology Flexibility

- Could be rewritten in a different language (Python, Go, Java) without affecting other services
- Different teams can work on different services

5. Scalability

- Can be scaled independently based on demand
- If vehicle searches are popular, scale only this service

6. Fault Isolation

- If this service fails, other services (Booking, Payment) continue to work
- Failures are contained

Service Contract Compliance

This implementation fulfills the **Catalog Service API Contract** defined in Lab 4:

Endpoint	Method	Status	Contract Compliance
/api/vehicles	GET	Implemented	Returns paginated list with filtering
/api/vehicles/:id	GET	Implemented	Returns single vehicle with company info
/api/vehicles	POST	Implemented	Creates new vehicle (admin)

Response Format: All responses follow the standardized ApiResponse<T> format:

```
{  
    success: boolean,  
    message: string,  
    data: T | null,  
    pagination?: {...}  
}
```

Architectural Alignment

This microservice implementation demonstrates key principles from Lab 4:

Decomposition by Business Capability - Catalog management is a distinct capability

Loose Coupling - Communicates only through REST API

High Cohesion - All vehicle-related logic is together

Service Ownership - Owns vehicle/catalog data exclusively

Independent Deployment - Runs separately on dedicated port

API Gateway Ready - Can be easily integrated via API Gateway in Lab 6

Project Structure Summary

```
vehicle-service/
|   └── src/
|       |   └── config/
|       |       └── database.ts      # Database connection
|       |   └── models/
|       |       └── Vehicle.ts      # TypeScript interfaces
|       |   └── repositories/
|       |       └── VehicleRepository.ts # Data access layer
|       |   └── services/
|       |       └── VehicleService.ts    # Business logic layer
|       |   └── controllers/
|       |       └── VehicleController.ts # Request handling layer
|       |   └── routes/
|       |       └── vehicleRoutes.ts    # API route definitions
|       └── index.ts                  # Main application entry
|
|   └── .env                         # Environment variables
|
|   └── .env.example                 # Example configuration
|
|   └── package.json                 # Dependencies and scripts
|
|   └── tsconfig.json                # TypeScript configuration
|
└── README.md                      # Service documentation
```