

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

```
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 {

```

```

        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-XXXXX",
- "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
```