

Backend Intern Task – Login & Signup System (Spring Boot)




Hi Shivam 🙌

Welcome aboard! This is your **first task** as a Backend Intern. The goal of this assignment is to help you understand our backend structure, coding standards, and real-world authentication flows.

Take your time, focus on **clean code**, **best practices**, and **proper structure**. Feel free to document assumptions where needed.

Objective

You need to build a **complete authentication module** using **Spring Boot**, which includes:

1.  User Registration (Signup)
2.  User Login
3.  Account Recovery (Optional but appreciated)

This module should be **production-ready**, scalable, and secure.

Tech Stack (Expected)

- Java 17+
 - Spring Boot
 - Spring Web
 - Spring Data JPA
 - Spring Security
 - MySQL / PostgreSQL (any relational DB)
 - Maven or Gradle
 - Lombok (optional)
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Module Scope

You are expected to create:

- Controller layer
 - Service layer
 - Repository layer
 - Entity models
 - DTOs (Request/Response)
 - Basic validation & exception handling
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User Entity (Minimum Fields)

user table (users)

id (BIGINT, PK)
name (VARCHAR)
email (VARCHAR, UNIQUE)
password (VARCHAR)
phone (VARCHAR, nullable)
is_active (BOOLEAN)
created_at (TIMESTAMP)
updated_at (TIMESTAMP)

You may add extra fields if required.

OTP Entity (For Account Recovery)

otp table (user_otp)

id (BIGINT, PK)
user_id (BIGINT, FK → users.id)
otp (VARCHAR)
purpose (ENUM: SIGNUP_VERIFICATION, PASSWORD_RESET)
expires_at (TIMESTAMP)
is_used (BOOLEAN)
created_at (TIMESTAMP)

Notes:

- One user can have multiple OTP records

- OTP should expire (5–10 mins)
 - OTP must be marked used after successful verification
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1. Signup API (Mandatory)

Endpoint

POST /api/auth/signup

Request Body (Example)

```
{  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "email": "john@example.com",  
  "password": "Password@123",  
  "phone": "9876543210"  
}
```

Requirements

- Email must be unique
 - Password must be **encrypted** (BCrypt)
 - Validate inputs (email format, password length)
 - Return meaningful success or error responses
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2. Login API (Mandatory)

Endpoint

POST /api/auth/login

Request Body

```
{  
  "email": "john@example.com",  
  "password": "Password@123"  
}
```

Requirements

- Validate email & password
 - Use Spring Security authentication
 - Return:
 - Success message
 - Logged-in user details (no password)
 - (Optional) JWT token
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3. Account Recovery (Optional – Bonus Points)

Option A: Forgot Password (Preferred)

Flow:

1. User enters email
2. System generates a reset token
3. Token stored with expiry time
4. Password reset via token

Suggested Endpoints:

POST /api/auth/forgot-password

POST /api/auth/reset-password

Option B: Simple Password Reset

- User resets password using email + OTP or token
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Security Expectations

- Passwords must never be stored in plain text
 - Use BCryptPasswordEncoder
 - Proper HTTP status codes
 - No sensitive data in logs or responses
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Error Handling

Implement global exception handling using:

@ControllerAdvice

Handle cases like:

- User already exists
 - Invalid credentials
 - User not found
 - Validation errors
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Testing

- APIs should be testable via Postman
 - Provide sample requests/responses
 - Edge cases should be handled
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Deliverables

1. Fully working Spring Boot project
 2. Clean code with proper package structure
 3. README explaining:
 - How to run the project
 - API list
 - DB configuration
 4. SQL schema or JPA auto-generated tables
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Evaluation Criteria

You'll be evaluated on:

- Code quality & structure
- Security practices
- API design

- Error handling
 - Documentation
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Notes

- Focus on **clarity over complexity**
 - If something is missing, **make reasonable assumptions and document them**
 - Google & docs are allowed (copy-paste without understanding is not 😊)
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All the best 🚀

— Eshan