Spring Boot Fundamentals and REST Basics

Spring Boot Introduction

- Understanding Spring vs Spring Boot
- Spring Boot advantages and features
- Setting up development environment
- Creating your first Spring Boot application
- Understanding application properties/yaml configuration
- purpose and understanding about pom.xml .

Spring Core Concepts

- Dependency Injection
- Inversion of Control
- Spring Bean lifecycle and application context
- Component scanning
- Common annotations (@Component, @Autowired..etc)
- MVC pattern and MVC lifecycle

REST API Basics

- REST principles and best practices
- Creating REST controllers
- @RestController and @RequestMapping
- HTTP methods (@GetMapping, @PostMapping, etc.)
- Request/Response handling
- Basic exception handling

Database Integration and JPA

Spring Data JDBC

Spring Data JPA

- JPA fundamentals
- Entity mapping
- Repository pattern
- CrudRepository and JpaRepository
- Basic JPQL queries
- @Query annotation

Database Configuration

- Setting up database (H2)
- Database configuration in application.properties

Projects (Beginner to Advanced)

1. *Task Management API*

- Description: Build a REST API for managing tasks with basic CRUD operations
- Key concepts:
 - REST controllers
- Basic JPA operations
- Request/Response handling
- Basic error handling
- Features:
- Create, read, update, delete tasks
- Task status management
- Basic validation

Daily Learning Tips

- 1. *Hands-on Practice*
 - Code along with tutorials
 - Experiment with different features
 - Break things and fix them
 - Use Spring Initializr for project setup

2. *Documentation*

- Keep the official Spring documentation handy
- Write documentation for your own code
- Use Swagger for API documentation

3. *Testing*

- Write tests for new features
- Practice Test-Driven Development
- Use debugging tools effectively

4. *Community Resources*

- Join Spring community forums
- Follow Spring developers on social media
- Participate in Spring-related discussions

Remember to:

- Start small and gradually add complexity
- Commit code regularly
- Write clean, maintainable code
- Document your learning journey
- Build a portfolio of your projects