Online Bill Payment Application

Objective:

You will be building Online Bill Payment Application using React (Frontend), Spring Boot Microservices (Backend), and MySQL (database)

Project Overview:

An online bill payment application web application is a digital platform that enables users to pay their bills electronically, conveniently, and securely. It streamlines the bill payment process by providing a centralized platform where users can manage and pay their bills from various service providers.

Key components and features typically found in Online Bill Payment Application include:

User Registration: Users need to create an account on the web application by providing their personal information, such as name, contact details, and payment information. Some applications may require additional verification steps, such as email or phone verification, to ensure the authenticity of the user.

Bill Management: Once registered, users can add their bills to the application by providing the necessary information, such as the biller's name, account number, and due dates. The application may also offer the option to import bills directly from the user's email or by linking the application to their bank accounts.

Bill Payment Setup: Users can set up their payment preferences, such as choosing the payment method (e.g., credit card, debit card, bank transfer), selecting automatic or manual payment options, and establishing payment reminders.

Bill Notifications: The online bill payment application sends notifications or reminders to users regarding upcoming bill due dates to ensure they stay informed and avoid late payments. These notifications can be delivered via email, SMS, or within the application itself.

Payment Processing: When the bill payment is initiated, the web application securely processes the payment using the user's chosen payment method. It may integrate with payment gateways or financial institutions to facilitate secure and encrypted transactions.

Payment Confirmation: Once the payment is successfully processed, the application provides a payment confirmation to the user, indicating that the bill has been paid. The confirmation may include details such as the payment amount, date, and reference number.

Payment History and Receipts: The web application maintains a payment history for users, allowing them to view past payments made through the platform. Users can access receipts or transaction records for their records or for accounting purposes.

Bill Tracking and Reporting: The application may provide features to track and categorize bills, allowing users to monitor their spending and analyze their bill payment patterns over time. Some platforms also offer reporting features, such as generating expense reports or summaries for specific billers or time periods.

Data Security: Given the sensitive nature of financial transactions, online bill payment platforms prioritize data security. They implement measures such as encryption, secure servers, and compliance with industry standards to protect user data and ensure secure payment processing.

Customer Support: The web application usually provides customer support channels, such as email, live chat, or a helpline, to assist users with any issues or inquiries related to bill payment. Prompt and responsive customer support enhances the user experience.

DAY 1: Creating the login and registration forms using React

Phase 1: Create a UML use case diagram to represent the different actors and their interactions with the system. Use arrows to show the relationships and dependencies between the actors and use cases for the complete case study mentioned above.

- Set up the environment according to the application needs.
- Set up a new React project using Create React App or your preferred method.
- Create basic (UI) forms for registering and logging in a user using react. Give specific endpoints for the two forms.
- After registration, make the login page functional, i.e.it should redirect the user to the home page (blank as of now). In case of error in any of the credentials, the appropriate error must be displayed.
- In the process, make sure that the user is added to the database and the form reloads on submission and clear errors upon successful registration/login.

DAY 2: Getting user data into Global state and creating app components

- Use Redux to make user data available on global state. This will pass the props from parent to grandchild components without having to pass the props through all child components.
- Design page header component and side panel
- Use React Router for navigation.
- Create navigation section of the header page which includes icons and log-out functionality

DAY 3: Create and design homepage component

- The homepage of any website serves as the default page of that website. That is reason enough for the homepage to be really expressive as well as creative.
- Include a footer section with links to important pages, such as terms and conditions, privacy policy, FAQ, and contact information.
- Include social media icons or links to encourage users to follow your website on various social platforms.

DAY 4: Design other components

- Create and design all other necessary components.
- To attain reusability, pass parameters (referred to as props in React.js) to your functional component.

DAY 5: Adding more functionality to the application

- You can also use React Context API to share data values between components without having to pass a prop through every level of the app tree.
- Add more functionality to the application.

DAY 6: Design the database schema

- Determine the entities and relationships required for the application.
- Create the necessary tables and define the relationships between them.

DAY 7: Set up the backend with Spring Boot

- Create a new Spring Boot projects using your preferred IDE.
- Set up the project dependencies, including Spring Web, Spring Data JPA, and any additional dependencies required for your database (e.g., MySQL).

- Configure the database connection in the application.properties file.
- Create entity classes representing your database tables, with appropriate annotations for mapping to the database.

DAY 8: Spring Boot CRUD operation implementation

- Implement repository interfaces using Spring Data JPA for database operations for all the applications.
- Create RESTful APIs using Spring Web to handle CRUD operations for different entities.
- Create APIs for all other functionality which is required for the application.

DAY 9: Implement Spring security

- Add authentication and authorization mechanisms to secure your APIs,
- Make use of JSON Web Tokens (JWT) or OAuth 2.0.

DAY 10: Implement security measures:

- Implement user registration, login, and session management functionalities.
- Make sure you build a secure application.

DAY 11: Build microservices architecture

- Identify different microservices within your application.
- Create separate modules or projects for each microservice.
- Implement business logic and functionality within each microservice.
- Set up database connections for each microservice using Spring Data JPA or your preferred method.
- Implement RESTful APIs for each microservice, focusing on specific functionality

DAY 12: Setup Service Discovery and Communication

- Choose a service discovery mechanism like Netflix Eureka
- Configure service registration and discovery within each microservice.
- Implement communication between microservices using RESTful APIs or messaging queues.

DAY 13: Implement API gateway with Spring Cloud Gateway

- Create a new Spring Boot project for your API Gateway.

- Include the Spring Cloud Gateway dependency.
- Configure the API routes, load balancing, and routing rules in the API Gateway project.

DAY 14: Set up messaging with RabbitMQ

- Configure RabbitMQ connection details in each microservice project.
- Define message queues, exchanges, and bindings for the communication between microservices.
- Implement event producers and consumers within microservices to publish and consume messages.

Day 15: Integrate frontend with microservices via API Gateway

- Connect the frontend components with the API Gateway.
- Implement API calls to interact with the API Gateway using libraries like Axios.
- Make HTTP requests to the API Gateway routes, which will route the requests to the appropriate microservices.
- Handle responses and update the UI accordingly.

DAY 16: Implement additional features

- Design and implement features like search functionality, filters, sorting, and pagination for product listings.
- Implement features like user reviews, ratings, and order tracking.
- Integrate Stripe payment in your React application.
- Make application more creative and attractive by adding more features.
- Give a new name to your application and make a new logo for it

DAY 17: Write test cases

- Identify the critical paths and functionalities in your application.
- Write unit tests for each microservice to verify the behaviour of individual components.
- Use testing frameworks like JUnit to write the test cases.
- Mock external dependencies using tools like Mockito to isolate the components under test.

DAY 18: Test and debug

- Consider writing end-to-end tests to simulate user interactions and verify the overall system behaviour.
- Execute the written test cases and verify that they pass successfully.

- Debug any failures or unexpected behaviours and fix the issues in the code.
- Conduct integration testing to verify the communication between microservices and the API Gateway.
- Debug and fix any issues that arise during testing.

Day 19: Dockerizing Spring Boot (Microservices) App and deployment

- Build Docker images for each of your microservices and the API Gateway.
- Create a Dockerfile in each microservice and API Gateway project to define the image build process.
- Include all necessary dependencies and configurations in the Docker images.
- Push the Docker images for your microservices and API Gateway to the container registry (Docker hub).
- Log in to the AWS Management Console and navigate to Amazon ECS.
- Create a new ECS cluster that will host your Docker containers.

Day 20: Deploy the Microservices, API Gateway, and RabbitMQ

- Create an ECS task definition and ECS service for each microservice and the API Gateway.
- Setup load balancing by creating an Application Load Balancer (ALB) in AWS
- Configure the ALB to distribute incoming traffic to your microservices and API Gateway.
- Set up listeners and target groups to route requests to the appropriate ECS services.
- Create security groups to control inbound and outbound traffic for your ECS instances.
- Use the AWS Management Console or the AWS Command Line Interface (CLI) to deploy your ECS services.
- Create ECS service tasks based on the task definitions you created earlier.
- Monitor the deployment process and ensure that the tasks are running successfully.

Congrats!!! You have successfully built and deployed Online Bill Payment Application.