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# DESIGN DOCUMENT

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Dish Dive



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## Architecture

As the world of software has many languages, frameworks and libraries to pick from it is very important to make an outline of what technologies will be used to build a project. In this chapter we will talk about the constraints given by the semester and the choices made by myself.

### Semester Constraints

The semester gives 2 constraints;

1. Use Java for back-end
2. Use JavaScript for front-end

As they are 2 very popular languages and widely used in the industry, they make for not just robust building blocks for any project but also a rich addition to my CV for internships and jobs in the future. Thus, I would not challenge these constraints and gladly accept them.

### Own Choices

As the semester already put 2 big constraints on what to use, our choice will be easier to single out the possibilities when it comes to the choice of frameworks for example.

#### Backend

As we are restricted to Java for the back end, I have done my research on what frameworks are available for the backend;

1. Spring Framework – Most robust and versatile backend frameworks for Java. Has many tools available for DI and IoC for easy configuration and loose coupling of modules, making the application more flexible.
2. Apache Struts – A framework that uses the MVC pattern and tried to go for easy implementation and clean designs. It does seem like there are security in its “Object Graph Navigation Library”. I did not dive in too deeply, but the vulnerabilities seem to mention command execution from the outside which seems to be a big vulnerability and turns me away. Besides that, it seems to be less commonly used than Spring and less rich in features.

There seems to be many more framework and all seem to specialise into something else but as I read more and more into it, I kept on seeing more spring recommendation. Spring seems to be the industry standard when it comes to backend REST APIs. Not only does it have a big history and has been widely used and extended by millions of people but looking at it from an implementation perspective it seems to have everything you need. I like the ‘Beans’ part of Spring because it makes using dependencies and setting up DI or IoC very easy. Besides that, I was also impressed by the Spring documentation which just gave me more reason to use it.

#### Frontend

For the frontend we are restricted to JavaScript which will in turn also make it easier to choose a front-end framework. While looking around I came to these frameworks;

1. Vue – Promoting single-file components it seems to be a framework that promises using html CSS and JavaScript bundled together rather than having multiple files. It is a newer framework that is picking up in popularity and is gaining a stronger community. But being

less mature does mean that it doesn't have as much community support as the other frameworks.

2. React – Most probably the best-known JavaScript framework and it seems also the favoured framework in the industry. The community is huge and just looking around react is always the first recommended framework for web apps it seems. It makes use of .jsx which is a syntax allowing the infusion of JavaScript into HTML.
3. Angular – A mature JavaScript framework with a well sized community which places it at the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot of most used js framework. Compared to react it seems people describe it as a steeper learning curve and some complexity that can cause first timer a lot of confusion. Angular seems to offer more built-in functionality and compared to react it is less flexible in the use of native JavaScript.

This was difficult to research as most js frameworks have a ton in common and in the end, I need to nitpick things. I ended up being most convinced by react as it seemed to be the most user friendly and its interaction with JavaScript also made it more attractive for me as I also want to learn and improve in js.

## C4 modelling

As the C4 diagrams are mostly self-explanatory I will just give a short summary of each diagram and the goal on its level

### C1

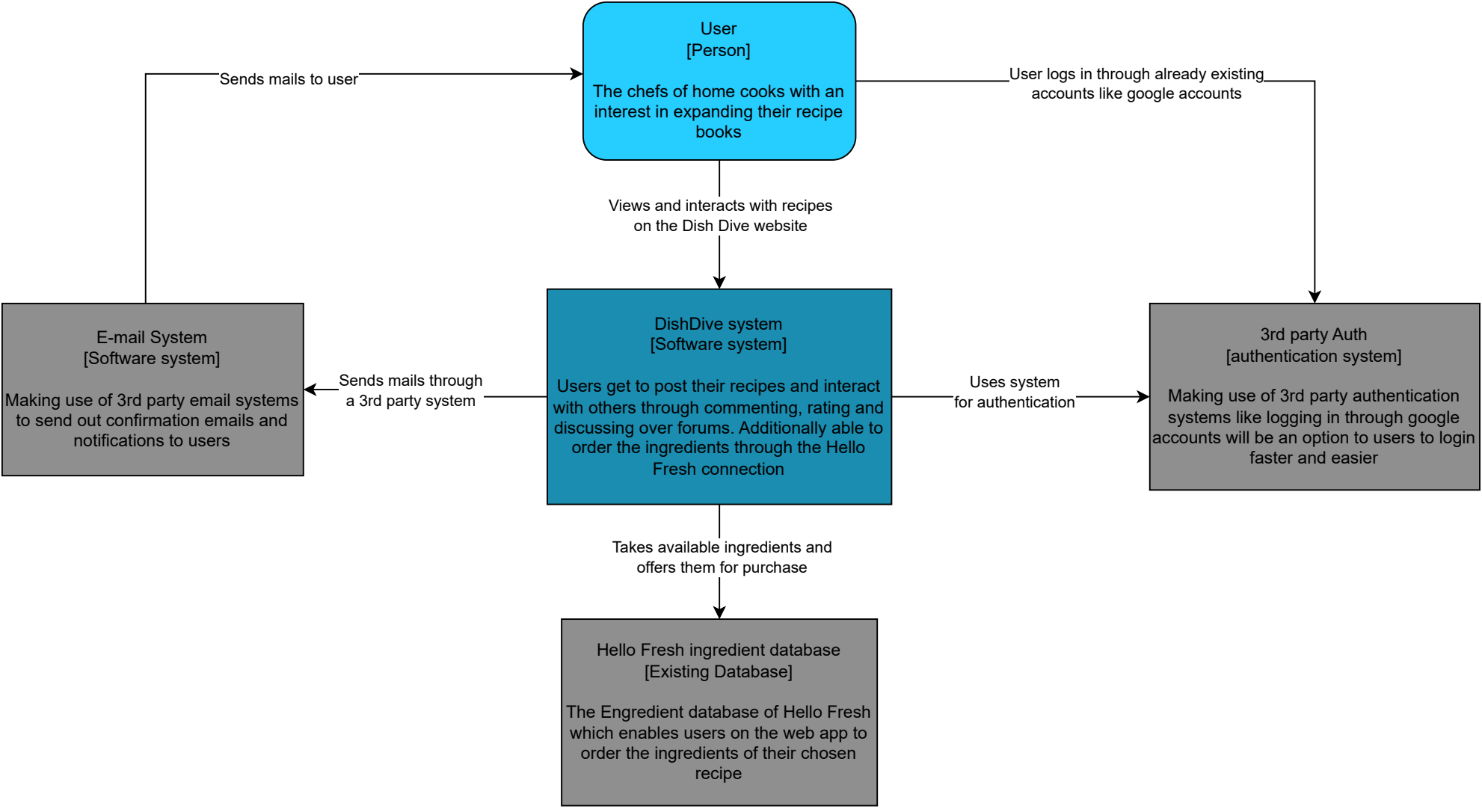
It starts with the user. The user interacts with the Dishdive system. In turn the Dishdive system makes use of external system to fulfil some functionality. The email system is there to email the user confirmation emails and optional notifications, the 3<sup>rd</sup> party authentication is there for a smoother account creation and login flow and lastly the Hello Fresh Database provides functionality for the buying of ingredients for recipes.

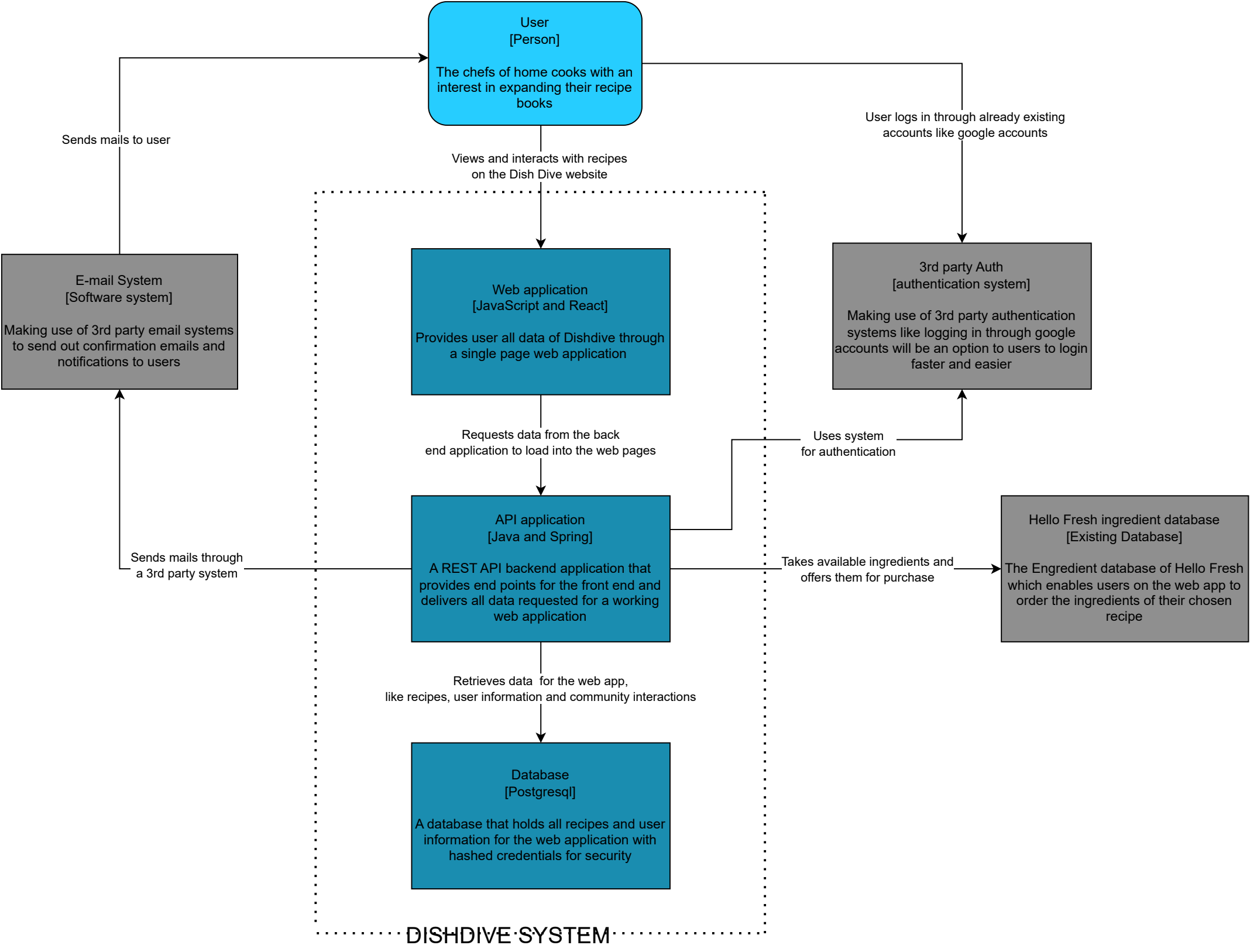
### C2

Zooming in on the Dishdive system we see the layering I will be using. The user interacts with the Web application which requests data from the backend application through REST APIs. From here the backend now uses the residual systems to fulfil the needed functionality. Requesting data for our web application will be done to our own database, while the email, authentication and ingredient functionality will be gotten through the 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems.

### C3

Zooming in on the backend application we now see a more detailed setup of the API and service modules. Each flow is made to ensure single responsibility and make sure there is no overlapping while also making sure the routing doesn't go out of control. My decision on making these controllers and services rests on the thought that the more you split up responsibility the more difficult it becomes to have a good overview of the application. I could for example split the account controller up further into a 'login controller' and 'user controller' but in my opinion systems shouldn't be verbose and provide enough grouping of responsibilities to have a balance between "it's easy to follow and keep track of" and "it makes sense".

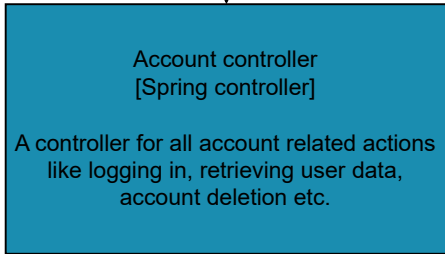




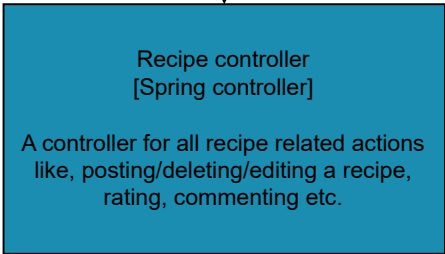
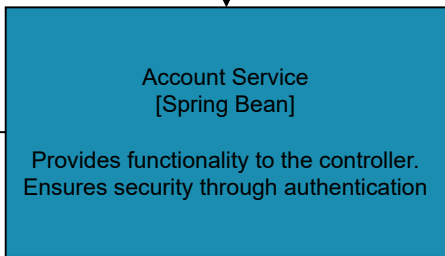


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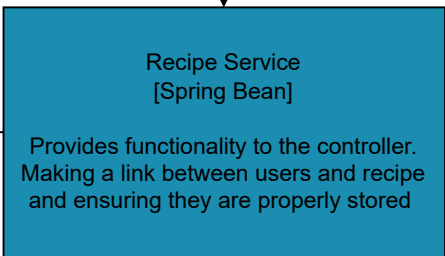
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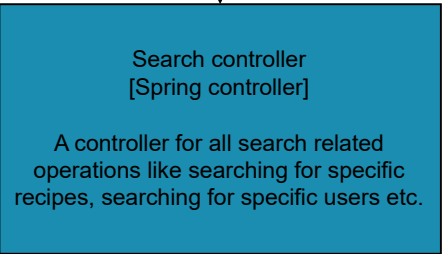
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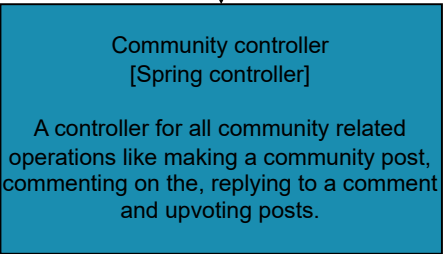
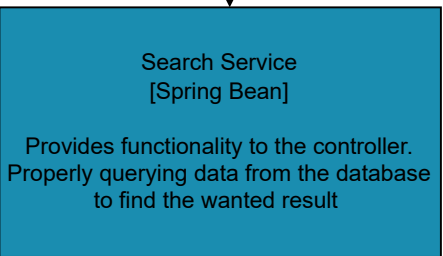
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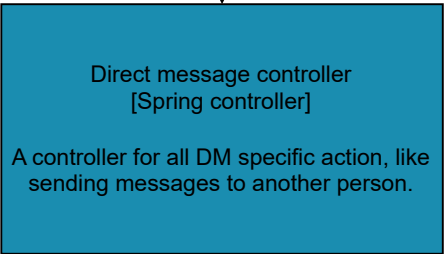
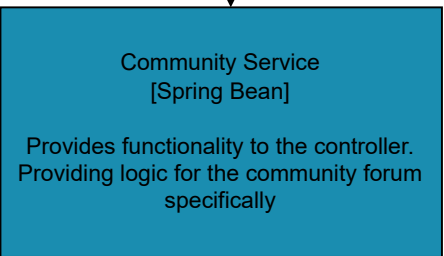
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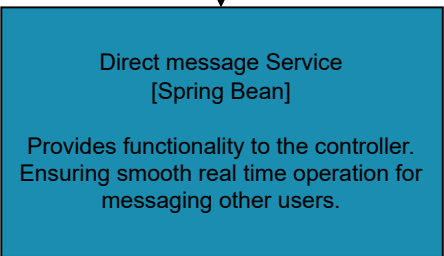
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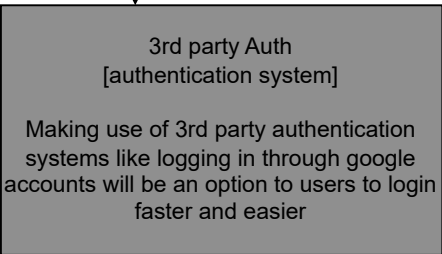
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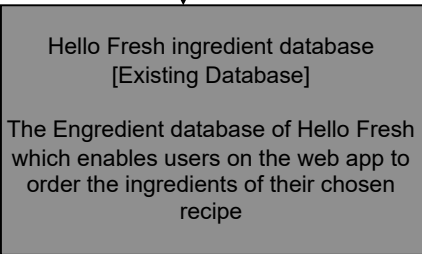
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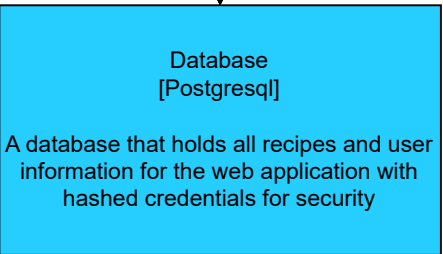
Authenticates login through 3rd party account



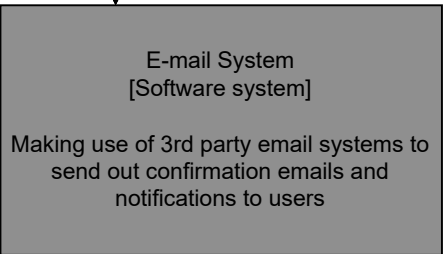
Gives opportunity to purchase ingredients for chosen recipe



Reads from and writes to



Sends optional notifications



Sends confirmation emails



## CI Flow Diagram

On the next page you will find the CI diagram of my CI/CD pipeline. You will notice that I split up the phases each having their own little 'tasks' which are then colored.

The colors represent the following;

- Green: Local internal which mean within the project environment, think of project files etc.
- Red: Local external which means it is locally on the running machine but is outside of the project environment, think of sonar running locally on port 9000.
- Purple: Remote which means it is completely removed from the running machine and relies on external systems, think of docker images hosted on docker-hub.

### Pre

With the pre-phase I want to emphasize on what is done before the pipeline can properly start building the project. Here tasks are done like the connection of the runner, pulling the right environment versions from docker and setting the gradle home variable.

### Build

In the build stage we go step by step through how the pipeline goes about building the project and caching the needed items for further steps. Caching improves performance and makes sure same data is used where needed.

### Test

The test phase is all about building the project but with an emphasis on the tests, this is done through the test property in the build.gradle file.

### Test: Sonar

Now that the tests have been run it is time for sonar to compile the test data and push it to the locally running sonar container where then a report is shown of this stage.

### Lint & Deploy

These stages have not been implemented yet. Linter is not that necessary as sonar acts as an advanced linter.

### Post

This is put at the end of the pipeline, but it really happens during and after every single task, which is also written in the diagram. As each task is being taken care of by the runner it will continuously report back to gitlab where you can see the status of each task as the pipeline is going.



