

Explanation:

- Controller (Presentation Layer): Handles HTTP requests and responses, interacts with the Service layer.
- Service Layer: Contains business logic, processes DTOs, orchestrates application operations.
- Repository (DAO/Data Access Layer): Handles database operations using Spring Data JPA.
- Entity (Persistence Layer): Represents database tables as Java objects (ORM).
- Database: Stores persistent data.

Typical Request Flow:

- 1. Client sends HTTP request to Controller.
- 2. Controller calls Service for processing.
- 3. Service uses Repository to access or modify data.
- 4. Repository works with Entity objects to interact with the Database.
- 5. Data flows back through the layers, forming the HTTP response.

Step-by-Step Recipe: Implementing a Spring Boot Architecture from a Database Schema

This guide shows how to build a layered Spring Boot application (DAO, Entity, DTO, Service, Controller) starting from a database schema script.

1. Set Up Spring Boot Project

- Use <u>Spring Initializr</u> to generate a new Spring Boot project.
 - Add dependencies: Spring Web, Spring Data JPA, Database Driver (e.g., MySQL, PostgreSQL), Lombok (optional).
- Import the project into your IDE.

2. Configure Database Connection

In src/main/resources/application.properties (or .yml):

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/yourdb
spring.datasource.username=youruser
spring.datasource.password=yourpassword
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=none
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
```

3. Analyze the Database Schema Script

Review your SQL script for tables, columns, types, and constraints.

Identify relationships (OneToMany, ManyToOne, etc.).

4. Generate Entity Classes

- For each table, create an @Entity class in model or entity package.
- Annotate fields with @Id , @Column , relationships, etc.

```
@Entity
public class User {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    // More fields, getters/setters
}
```

5. Create Repository (DAO) Interfaces

 For each entity, create a DAO interface extending JpaRepository in the repository or dao package.

```
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {}
```

6. Define DTO Classes

- Create DTOs in a dto package for transferring data (e.g., UserDto).
- DTOs typically mirror or subset the entity fields.

```
public class UserDto {
   private Long id;
   private String name;
```

```
// getters/setters
}
```

7. Implement Service Layer

- Create service interfaces and implementations in a service package.
- Service methods use DTOs and interact with repositories/DAOs.

```
public interface UserService {
    UserDto getUserById(Long id);
    // Other methods
}
@Service
public class UserServiceImpl implements UserService {
   @Autowired
    private UserRepository userRepository;
    public UserDto getUserById(Long id) {
        User user = userRepository.findById(id).orElseThrow();
        return mapToDto(user);
    }
    private UserDto mapToDto(User user) {
        // Map entity to DTO
    }
}
```

8. Create Controllers

- In the controller package, create REST controllers using @RestController.
- Define endpoints that use DTOs and call the service layer.

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/users")
public class UserController {
    @Autowired
```

```
private UserService userService;

@GetMapping("/{id}")
public ResponseEntity<UserDto> getUser(@PathVariable Long id) {
    return ResponseEntity.ok(userService.getUserById(id));
}
```

9. Implement Mappers (Optional)

Use a mapper library (e.g., MapStruct) or manual mapping for Entity <-> DTO conversions.

10. Test Your Application

- Run your app.
- Use tools like Postman, Rest Client or curl to test REST endpoints.

11. (Optional) Add Validation, Exception Handling, and Security

- Use @Valid and validation annotations in DTOs.
- Implement global exception handling with @ControllerAdvice.
- Add security with Spring Security if needed.

Result:

You now have a Spring Boot application with clean layered architecture (Controller → Service → DAO/Repository → Entity → Database), starting from your database schema.