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Final Refactorings

Before we move on to deployment, let's clean up the structure of our project.

We've already refactored our payment code into a dedicated payments package. In this exercise, you'll do the same for other parts of the app.

You've already seen how to organize code by feature, extract services, and clean up controllers—this is your chance to apply all of that and make your codebase production-ready.

The refactoring techniques used here are repetitive—you already know how to do them. So to save your time (and mine), I didn't record separate lessons for each refactoring.

Instead, I've provided a link to a commit for each step, so you can compare your work with mine.

Step 1: Refactor the Users Feature

- Create a users package.
- Move everything related to managing users (profiles, roles, addresses, etc) into this package.
- Move the classes in the validations package to the users package, and delete the validations package.
- Build the project. If the build fails, try deleting the target folder and rebuilding.

This can happen because after moving UserMapper to the new package, MapStruct may generate a second implementation of the interface. If both implementations exist, Spring won't know which one to use and the application will fail to start.

Compare your code with this commit.

Step 2: Refactor the Auth Feature

- Create an auth package.
- Move all classes responsible for handling login, token generation, etc into this package.
- Move the classes in the config package to the auth package, and delete the config package.

Compare your code with this commit.

Step 3: Refactor the Products Feature

- Create a products package.
- Move product-related services, controllers, DTOs, and logic here.

Compare your code with this commit.

Step 4: Refactor the Carts Feature

- Create a carts package.
- Move all classes for managing shopping carts into this package.
- Earlier in the course, we decided not to use ProductDto inside CartItemDto.
 Instead, we introduced a separate class—CartProductDto—to represent products within the context of a cart.
- Now that all cart-related classes are in their own package, we can safely rename CartProductDto to ProductDto without conflicting with the ProductDto in the products package.

Compare your code with this commit.

Step 5: Refactor the Orders Feature

- Create an orders package.
- Move all classes for managing orders into this package.
- You can now rename OrderProductDto to ProductDto, since it's scoped within the orders package and won't conflict with other versions of ProductDto.
- After moving the related classes into their feature-specific packages, the
 exceptions, mappers, repositories, and services packages will be empty. You
 can safely delete them to further clean up the project structure.

Compare your code with this commit.

Step 6: Refactor the AuthController

The logic in AuthController has grown and is doing more than it should. Now is a
good time to extract that logic into the AuthService to keep the controller focused
on handling HTTP requests.

Compare your code with this <u>commit</u>.

Step 7: Refactor the UserController

- The logic in UserController has grown and is doing more than it should. It's now
 a good time to extract this logic into a dedicated service to keep the controller
 focused on handling HTTP requests.
- Earlier in the course, we created a class called UserService. This class
 implements UserDetailsService, which is used internally by Spring during the
 authentication process. That makes it part of the infrastructure layer, not the
 application layer.
- We shouldn't move the controller logic into this class, because it serves a different purpose. Our services should encapsulate application logic—things like registering

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users, updating profiles, and changing passwords. These are separate responsibilities.

- To fix this, rename the existing UserService to UserServiceImpl.
- Then, create a new UserService class, and move all application logic from the controller into this new class.

Compare your code with this commit.

Step 8: Final Cleanup

In this last step, we'll clean up a few leftover pieces from earlier in the course. These were useful for learning, but they're no longer needed in the final version of the app.

- Remove the Message entity and MessageController. We created these early in the course to practice building APIs. Now that our app has more meaningful features, we no longer need them.
- Move AdminController to the admin package.
- Move shared code to a common package. Some classes aren't tied to a specific feature. These should go in a common package:
 - GlobalExceptionHandler
 - HomeController
 - ErrorDto
 - LoggingFilter
- Delete the old layer-based packages:
 - controllers
 - dtos
 - entities
 - filters

Compare your code with this commit.

Final Package Structure

After all the refactorings, this is how our project is now organized—clean, modular, and easier to navigate:

