

Lesson 01 Demo 01

Create Spring Boot Project with Spring Initializr

Objective: To create a Spring Boot application using the Spring Initializr to view the application created

Tools Required: Eclipse IDE and Visual Studio Code

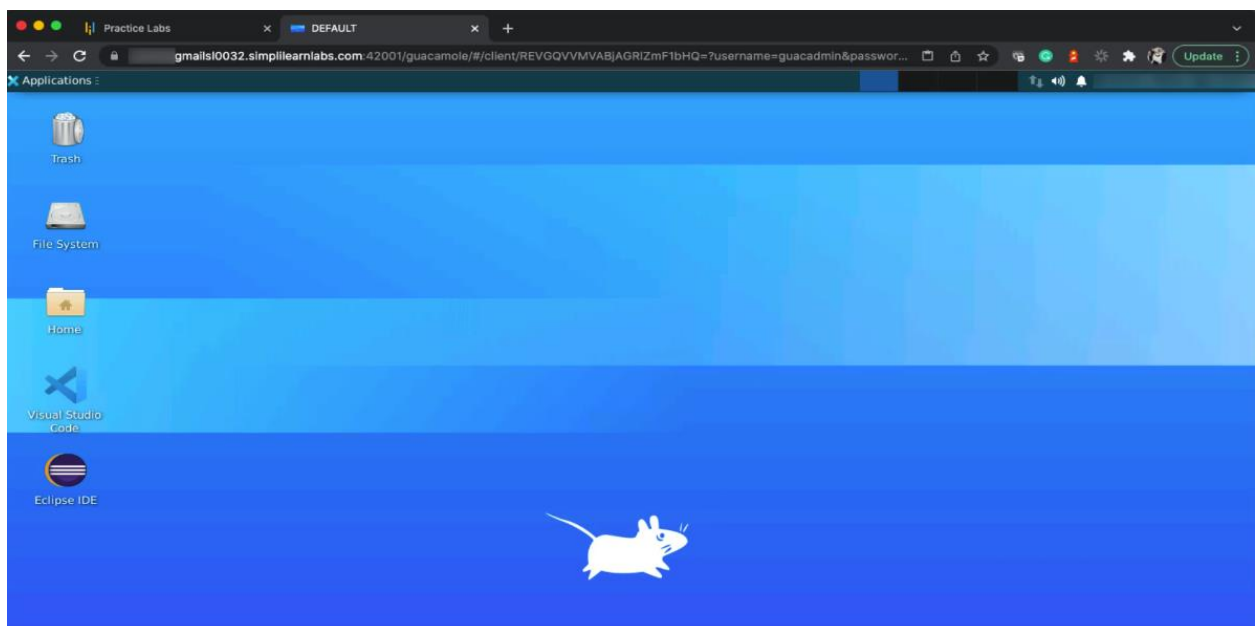
Prerequisites: None

Steps to be followed:

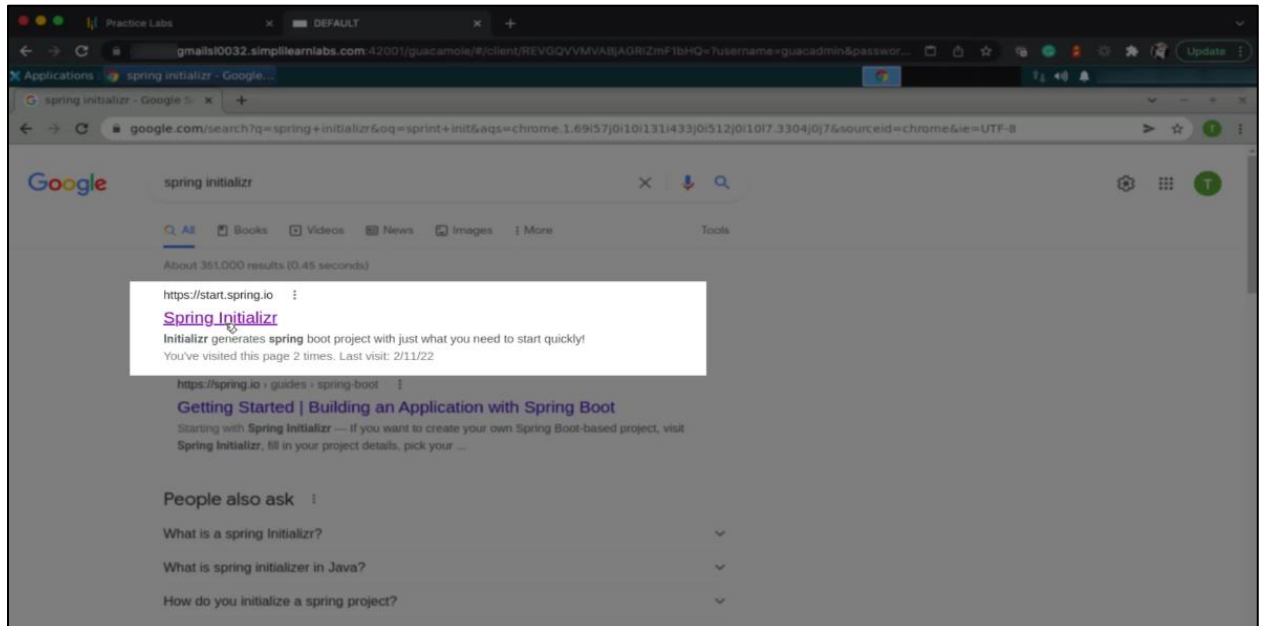
1. Configuring the project from the Spring Initializr website
2. Extracting the downloaded project
3. Building and running the project

Step 1: Configuring the project from the Spring Initializer website

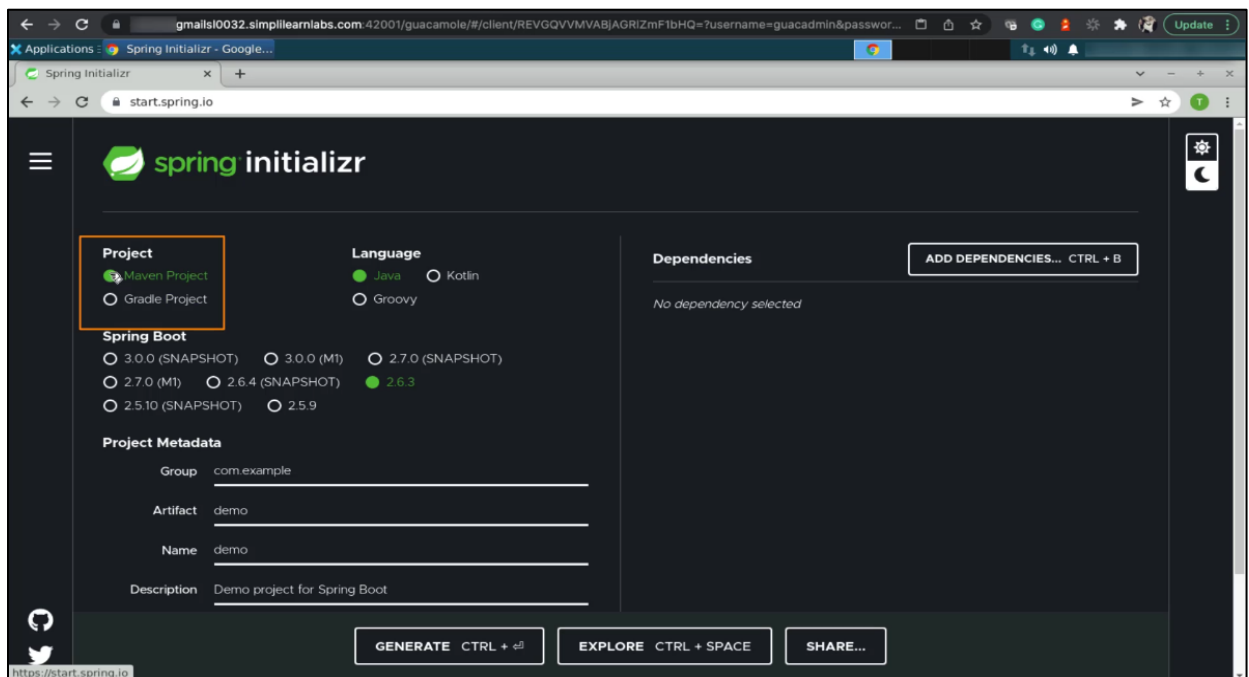
1.1 Open Eclipse IDE



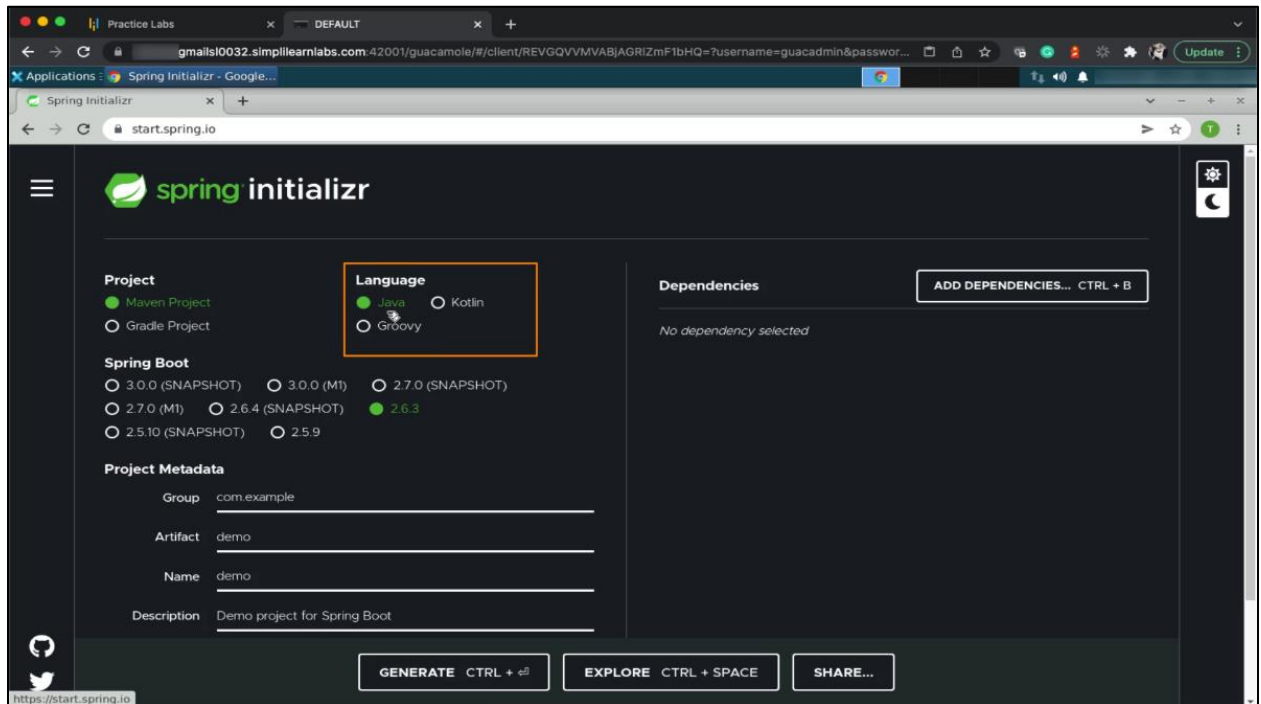
1.2 Search for **Spring Initializr** in the browser and **select** the first official link to generate the Spring Boot project with the configuration



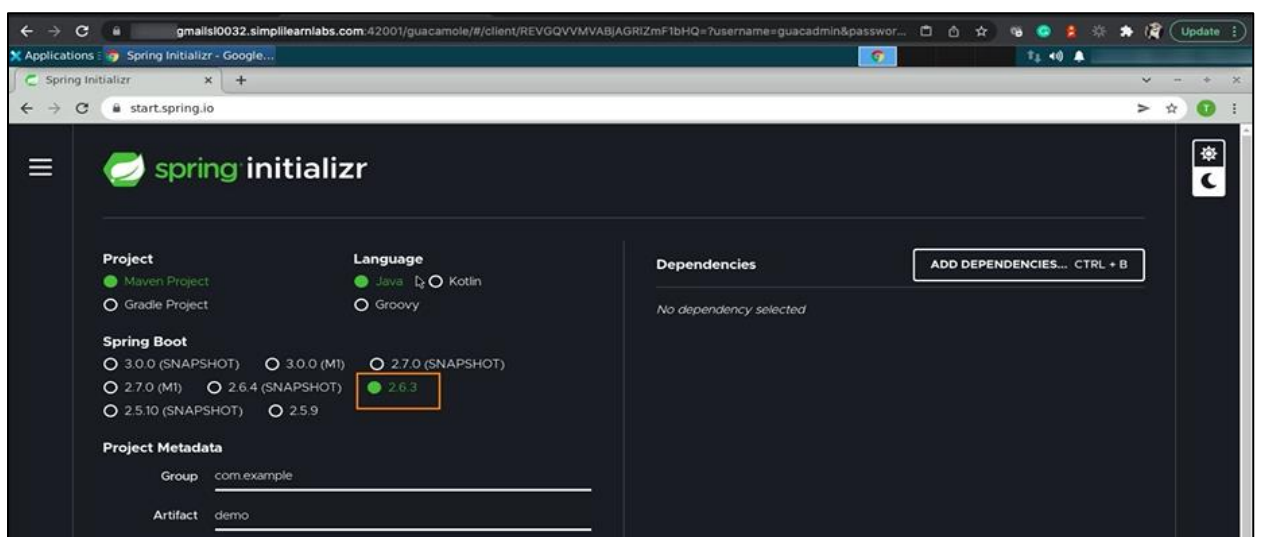
1.3 Select the build tool for the project as **Maven Project**



1.4 Select **Java** for the language preference. The optional languages provided are Kotlin and Groovy, so if you wish to work with Kotlin or Groovy you can use them.



1.5 Next, select a **stable version** of Spring Boot that you want to use. **2.6.3** is selected by default as one of the stable versions.



1.6 Next, fill up Project Metadata. Name the **Group** and **Artifact ID** of the project

The screenshot shows the Spring Initializr web interface. The 'Project Metadata' section is highlighted with a red box. The fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Group	com.example
Artifact	demo
Name	demo
Description	Demo project for Spring Boot

Other visible settings include: Project (Maven Project), Language (Java), Spring Boot (2.6.3), and Dependencies (No dependency selected).

1.7 The **Group** is the company's domain name in reverse order and **Artifact ID** is the project name; for now, name it **springbootinitializerdemo**

The screenshot shows the Spring Initializr web interface with updated values. The 'Project Metadata' section is highlighted with a red box. The fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Group	com.example
Artifact	springbootinitializerdemo
Name	springbootinitializerdemo
Description	Demo project for Spring Boot
Package name	com.example.springbootinitializerdemo

Other visible settings include: Project (Maven Project), Language (Java), Spring Boot (2.6.3), and Dependencies (No dependency selected).

Note: Whatever artifact name you choose will automatically become your application name, and the package name will be configured accordingly.

1.8 Write the **Description** as **This is a Spring Boot Demo Project from Spring Initializer**

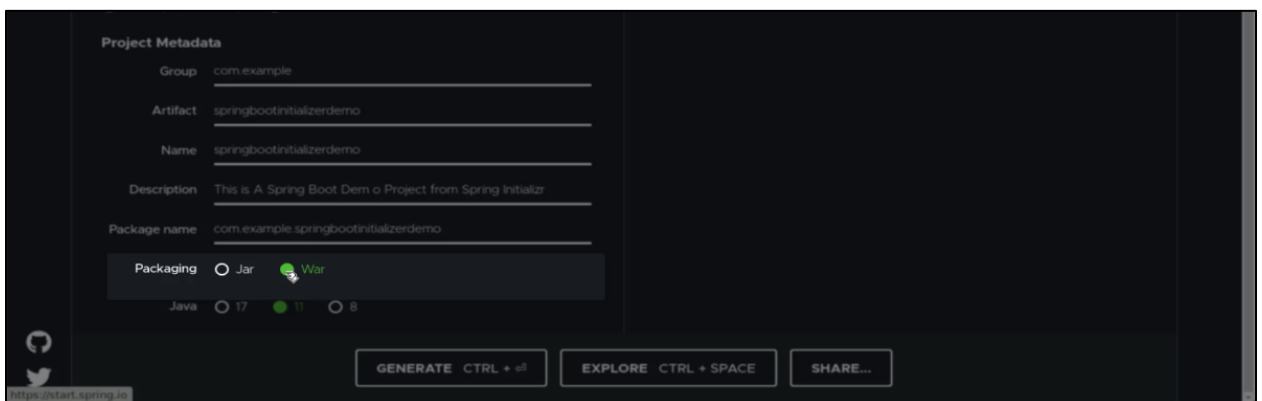


The screenshot shows the 'Project Metadata' section of the Spring Initializer web application. The form fields are as follows:

- Group: com.example
- Artifact: springbootinitialzdemo
- Name: springbootinitialzdemo
- Description: This is A Spring Boot Dem o Project from Spring Initializr (highlighted with a red box)
- Package name: com.example.springbootinitialzdemo

At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'GENERATE' (with keyboard shortcut CTRL + G), 'EXPLORE' (with keyboard shortcut CTRL + SPACE), and 'SHARE...'.

1.9 Now, the **Packaging** of your project will be a jar or a war. If you are developing a web application, you need to select **War**.

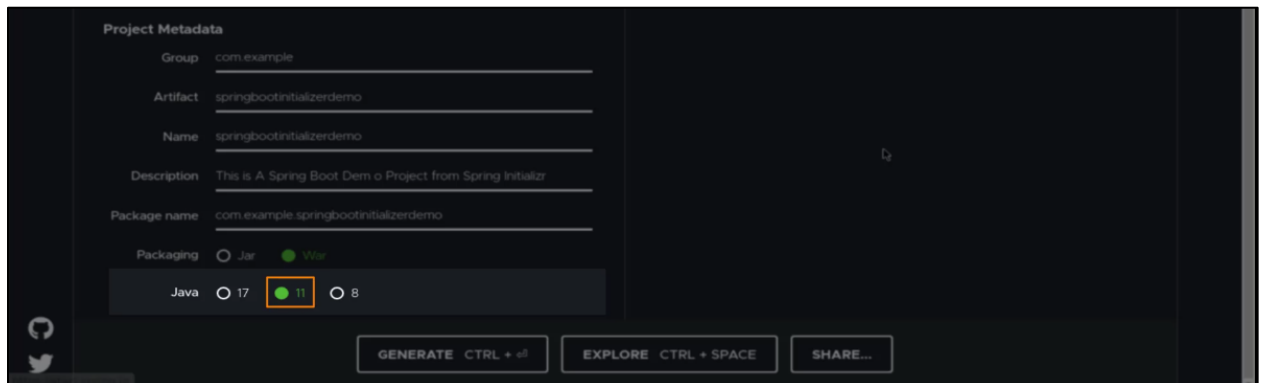


The screenshot shows the 'Project Metadata' section of the Spring Initializer web application, with the 'Packaging' field now visible. The form fields are as follows:

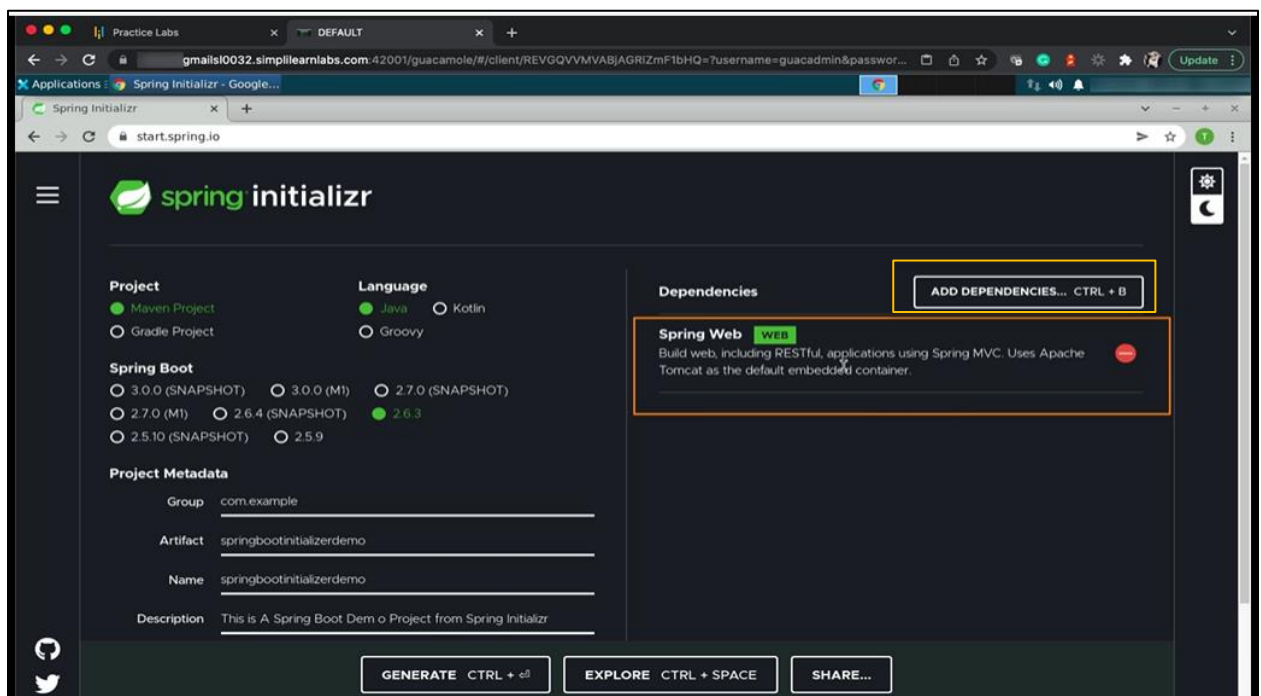
- Group: com.example
- Artifact: springbootinitialzdemo
- Name: springbootinitialzdemo
- Description: This is A Spring Boot Dem o Project from Spring Initializr
- Package name: com.example.springbootinitialzdemo
- Packaging: ☐ Jar ☒ War
- Java: ☐ 17 ☒ 11 ☐ 8

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1.10 Select Java version 11

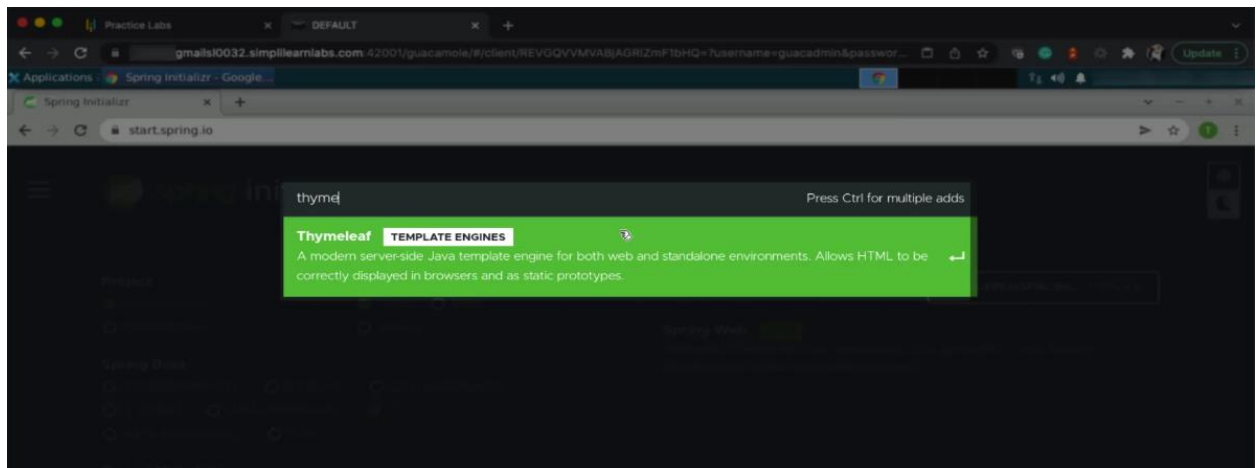


1.11 Click the **ADD DEPENDENCIES** option, search for the web, and get the **Spring Web** added

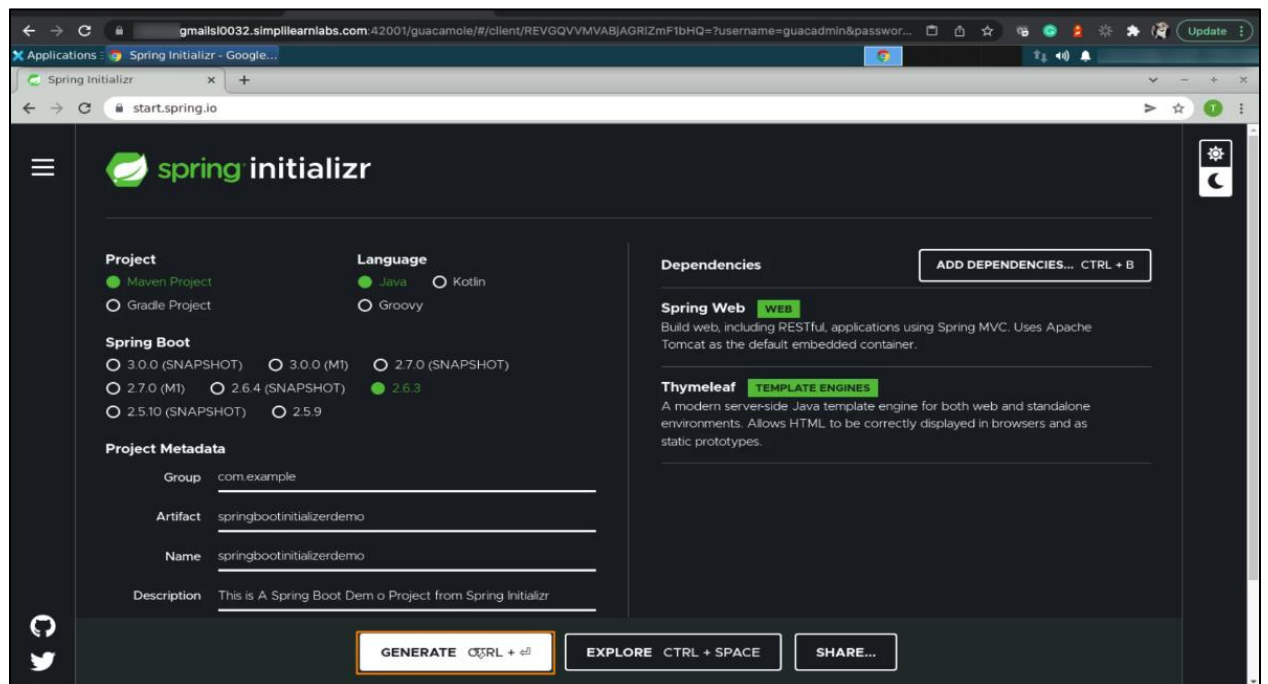


Note: You can configure the project's dependencies when creating your project rather than doing the configuration in the POM.xml file later.

1.12 Click **ADD DEPENDENCIES**, search for **Thymeleaf**, and select it for template engines

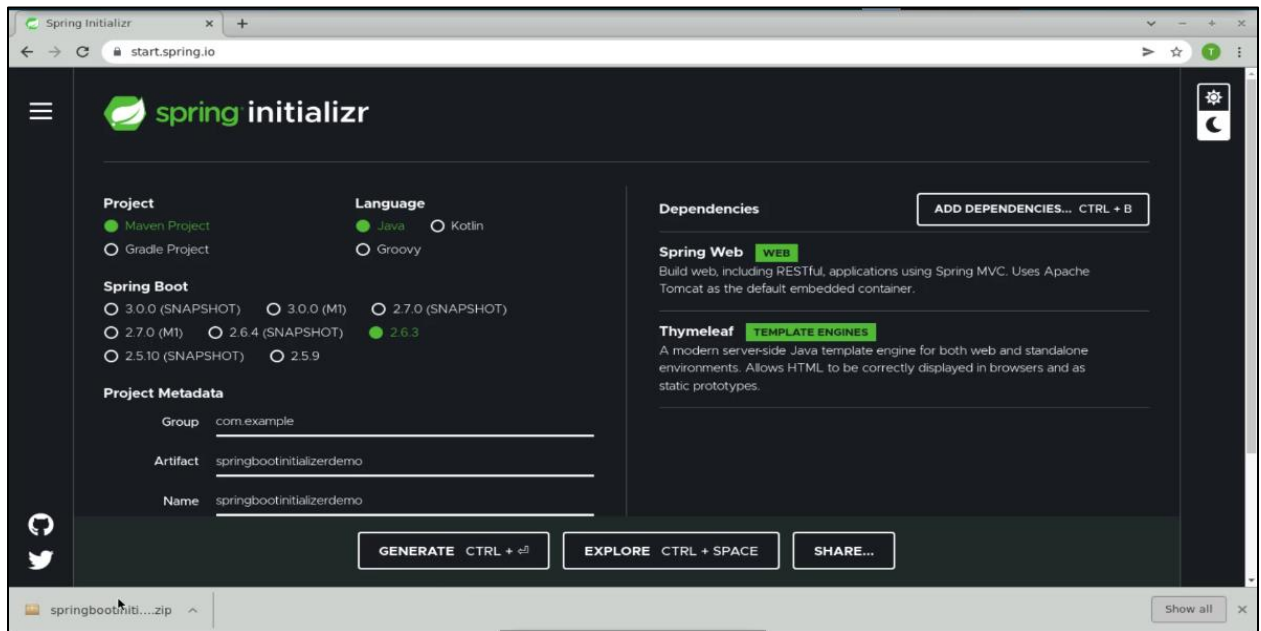


1.13 Now that the project structure is completed, click **Generate**

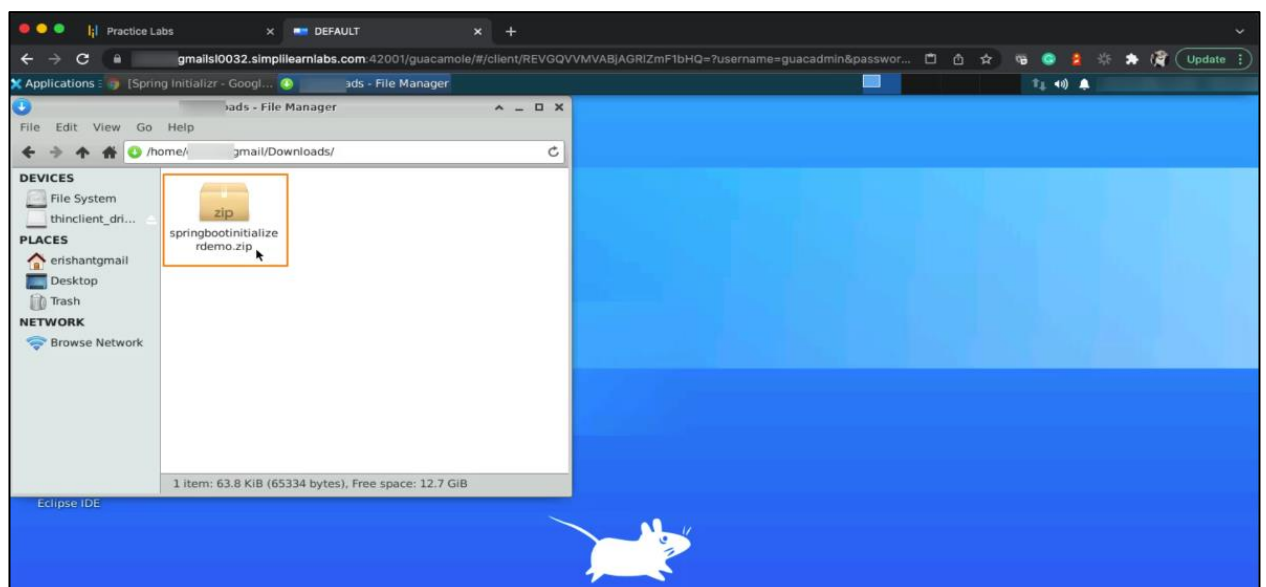


Step 2: Extracting the downloaded project

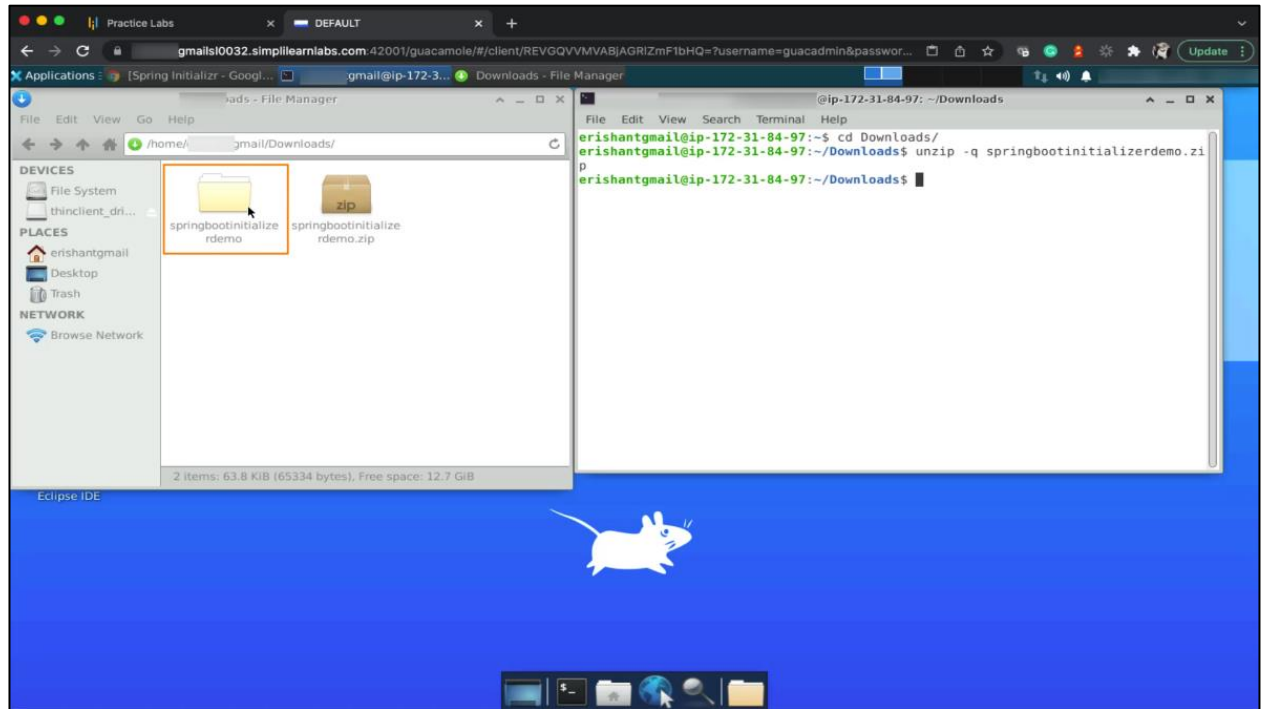
2.1 After generating the created project, a **zip file** will be downloaded.



2.2 Open the **Downloads** directory. The downloaded zip package will be available.

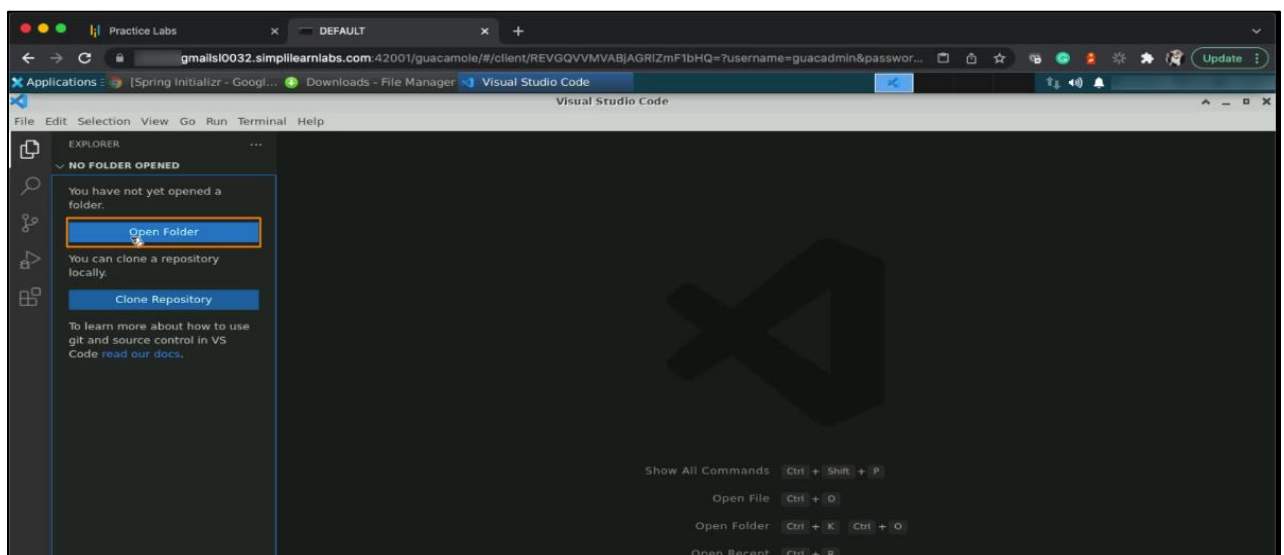


2.3 **Unzip** the downloaded package by executing the command **unzip -q <packagename>**
Now, the highlighted folder will be extracted.

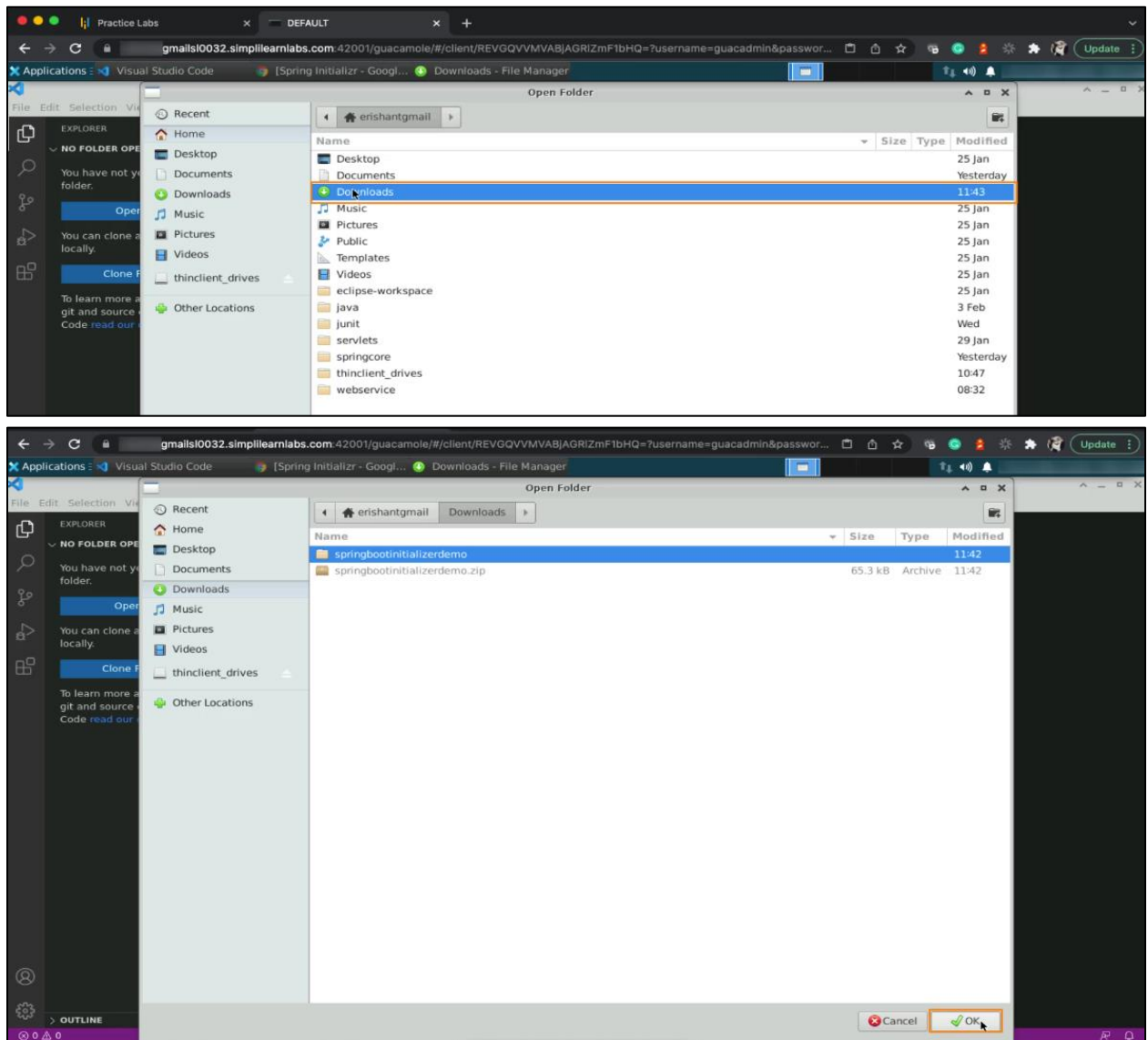


Step 3: Building and running the project

3.1 Open the **Visual Studio code** and click **Open Folder** in the downloads directory

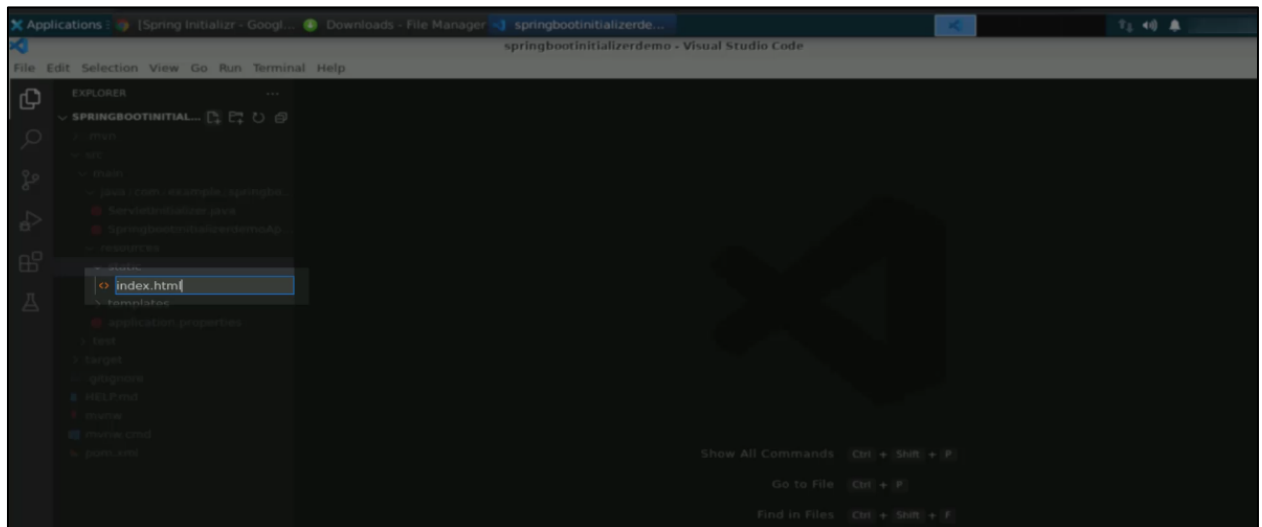


3.2 Select **Downloads**, select the **springbootinitializerdemo**, and click **Ok**

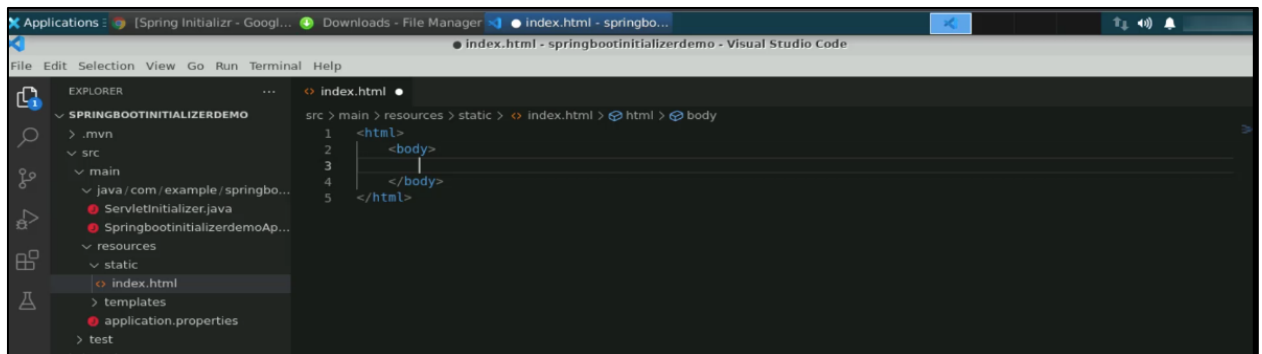


Note: You can create your HTML web pages in the static directory. In templates, you can create your HTML webpages, but these are the templates that would be used by your controller in the Spring Boot Web MVC package.

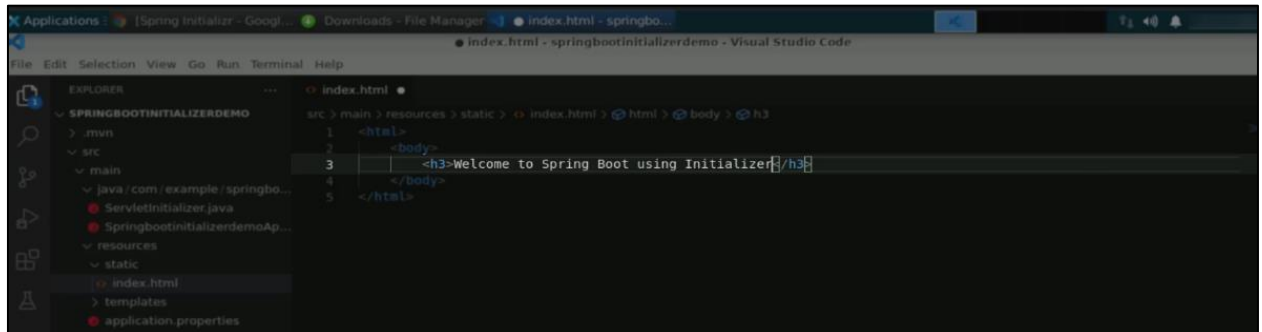
3.5 Create a **new file** and name the file **index.html**



3.6 Start with the root tag as HTML, create one body tag, and type the **<html>** and **<body>** tag



3.7 Create an h3 tag as **Welcome to Spring Boot using_INITIALIZER**. A basic HTML page will be created.

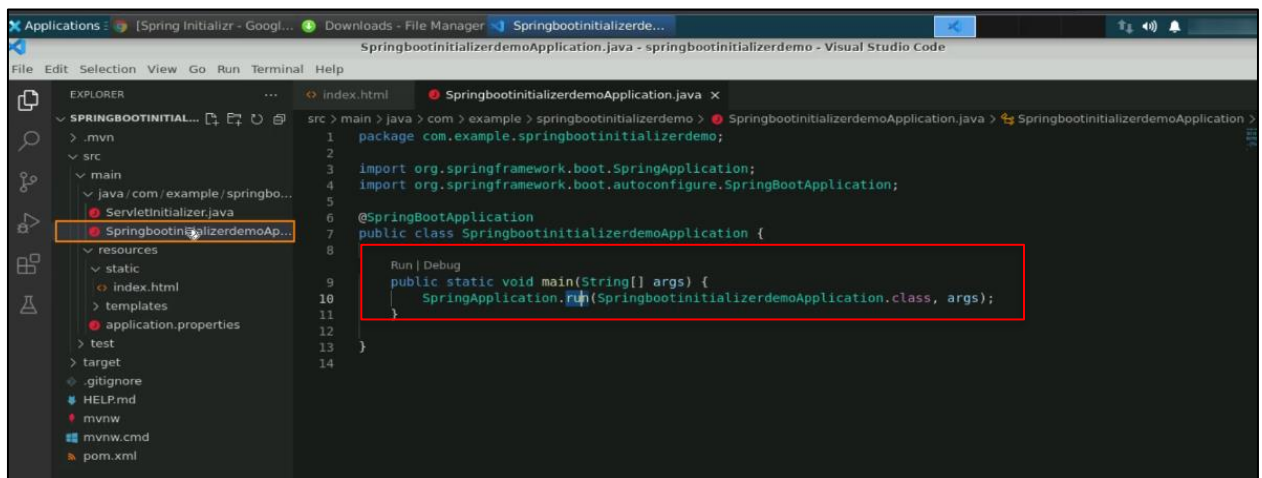


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1 <html>
2 <body>
3 <h3>Welcome to Spring Boot using_INITIALIZER</h3>
4 </body>
5 </html>

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3.8 Select the **Application.java** file from the source directory and click on the **Run**

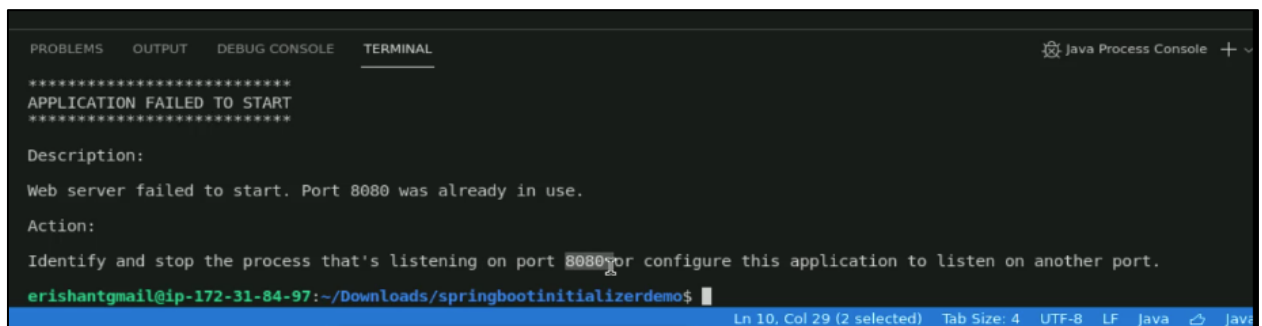


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1 package com.example.springbootinitializerdemo;
2
3 import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
4 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
5
6 @SpringBootApplication
7 public class SpringbootinitializerdemoApplication {
8
9     public static void main(String[] args) {
10         SpringApplication.run(SpringbootinitializerdemoApplication.class, args);
11     }
12
13 }
14

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The output can of the Application.java be executed in the **Terminal** tab.



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*****
APPLICATION FAILED TO START
*****

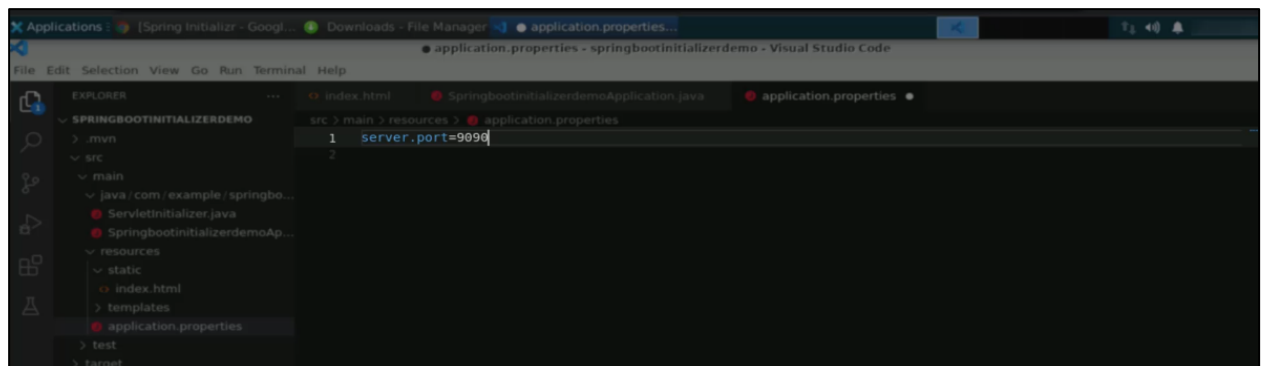
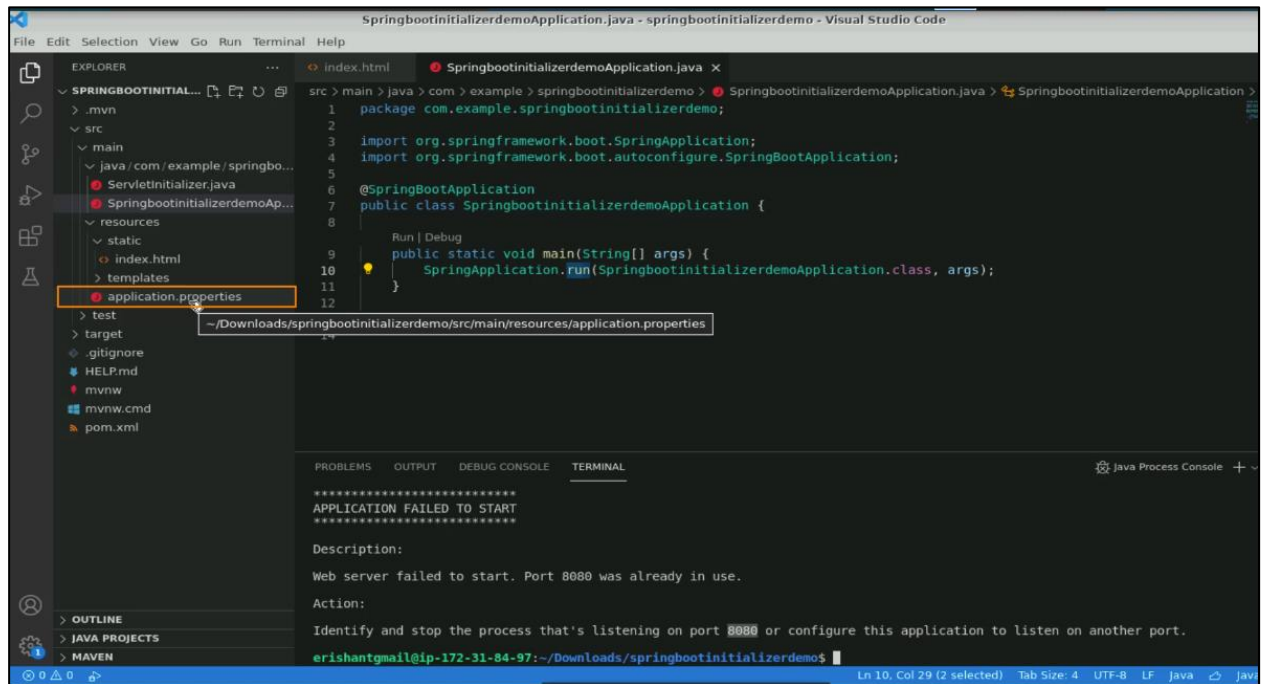
Description:
Web server failed to start. Port 8080 was already in use.

Action:
Identify and stop the process that's listening on port 8080 or configure this application to listen on another port.

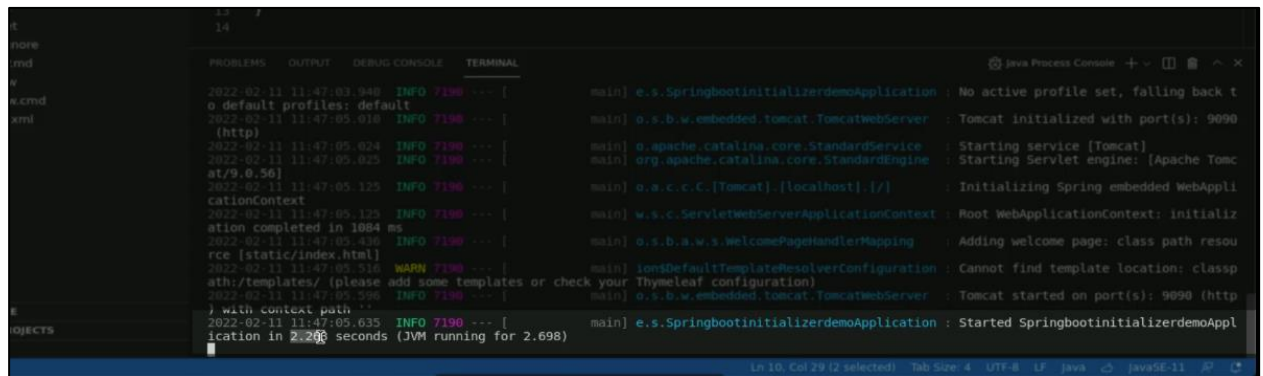
erishantgmail@ip-172-31-84-97:~/Downloads/springbootinitializerdemo$

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3.9 Now select the **application.properties** file. In this file, **write** the server port's number as **9090** and **save** the file and repeat step 3.8.



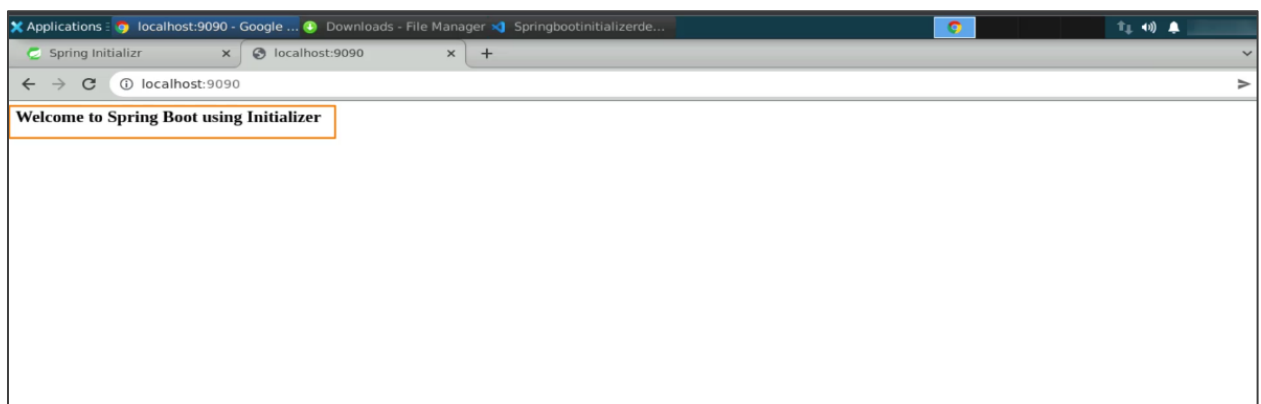
The following output can now be seen on the **Terminal** tab.



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2022-02-11 11:47:03.948 INFO 7190 --- [main] e.s.SpringbootInitializerdemoApplication : No active profile set, falling back to
2022-02-11 11:47:05.018 INFO 7190 --- [main] o.s.b.w.embedded.tomcat.TomcatWebServer : Tomcat initialized with port(s): 9090
2022-02-11 11:47:05.024 INFO 7190 --- [main] o.apache.catalina.core.StandardService : Starting service [Tomcat]
2022-02-11 11:47:05.025 INFO 7190 --- [main] org.apache.catalina.core.StandardEngine : Starting Servlet engine: [Apache Tomcat/9.0.56]
2022-02-11 11:47:05.125 INFO 7190 --- [main] o.s.c.c.C.[Tomcat].[localhost].[/] : Initializing Spring embedded WebApplicationContext
2022-02-11 11:47:05.125 INFO 7190 --- [main] w.s.c.ServletWebServerApplicationContext : Root WebApplicationContext: initialization completed in 1884 ms
2022-02-11 11:47:05.436 INFO 7190 --- [main] o.s.b.a.w.s.WelcomePageHandlerMapping : Adding welcome page: class path resource [static/index.html]
2022-02-11 11:47:05.516 WARN 7190 --- [main] ionsDefaultTemplateResolverConfiguration : Cannot find template location: classpath:/templates/ (please add some templates or check your Thymeleaf configuration)
2022-02-11 11:47:05.598 INFO 7190 --- [main] o.s.b.w.embedded.tomcat.TomcatWebServer : Tomcat started on port(s): 9090 (http)
2022-02-11 11:47:05.635 INFO 7190 --- [main] e.s.SpringbootInitializerdemoApplication : Started SpringbootInitializerdemoApplication in 2.206 seconds (JVM running for 2.698)
  
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3.10 To view the application, go to the browser and search **localhost:9090** in the search bar. The following output can be seen on the browser's tab:



This is how you can create a basic Spring Boot web application project through the Spring Initializer.