Salesken Technical Assignment for Intern

I used Spring Boot framework of JAVA, to complete the assignment. And I used MySQL local server as my database. And for the frontend, I've used Thymeleaf templates along with Bootstrap CSS 4.

Also, I used Docker to dockerize the application as a version control system and to make it possible torun the application on any device without worrying about the dependency issues.

I used Spring Boot because it is the frame work I'm most comfortable with. It allows us to makestandalone applications which can are easily executable and are production ready. It also provides us with lots of functionalities which makes the development life cycle easy.

It wasn't possible for me to create a form with dynamic questions with my current skillset and I couldn't find any documentation for the same in my preferred language i.e., JAVA, so I skipped that and made a form with fixed questions.

Firstly, I made a database in MySQL in my local server named Atlan, which would be used as storage for our forms. Then I hard-coded the database connection into the application to bind the two.

Then, I defined a simple entity in the program as Student using @Entity annotation, which would serve as the table in our database and also our object of contact for the data in the form.

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Pros of local MySQL Database:

- 1. Can easily be changed to a proper remote with just changing the JDBC connection point.
- 2. Easy to access.
- 3. Free to use.
- 4. Extensive documentation support available if needed.
- 5. Easily scalable.

Cons of local MySQL Database:

- 1. Not very efficient for large databases.
- 2. We would have to hard-code the database connection in case of any change.
- 3. Hard-coded entity structure, for any change in it we'd have to refactor the whole programme.
- 4. Not very flexible.
- 5. Upon changing the MySQL database server all previous data will be only.
- 6. And in case of intentional server change, the data will still be present in the Google Sheet which can pose a security threat.

Then, I defined an Interface StudentRepo which extended an imported interface JpaRepository. This would give us all the access to the user repository in the database.

We don't need to define any methods into this as all that we need is already present in the JpaRepository we extended. We also don't need to use any annotation for this.

Then, I created a service class StudentService and used @Service annotation for the Spring Boot which allows for implementation classes to be autodetected through classpath scanning. This Service Class used the Autowired UserRepo dependency to implement methods to manipulate the database repository.

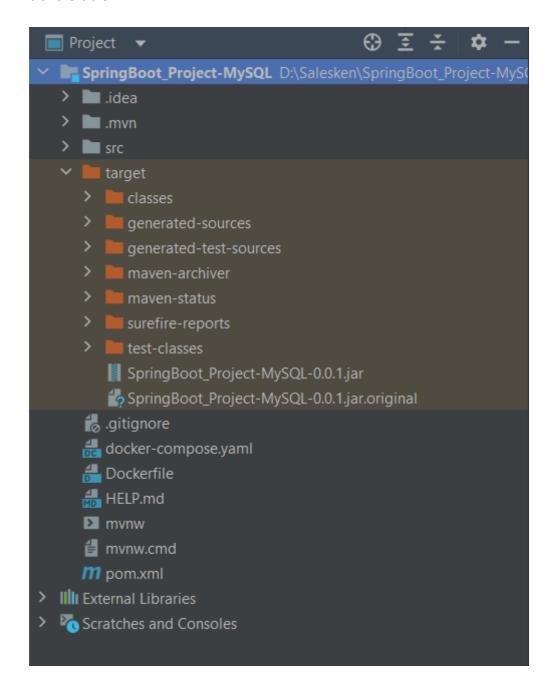
Finally, I made a controller class using @Controller annotation to handle all the incoming web requests. This class as the name suggests is a Controller class as per the MVC model and it has everything we need to fully manipulate the Database of form answers.

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public class StudentController {
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   @Autowired
   private StudentService studentService;
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students", method = RequestMethod.GET)
   public String listAllStudents(Model model) {...}
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students/new", method = RequestMethod.GET)
   public String addNewStudent(Model model) {...}
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students", method = RequestMethod.POST)
   public String saveStudent(@ModelAttribute("student") Student student) {...}
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students/edit/{id}", method = RequestMethod.GET)
   public String editStudent(@PathVariable Long id, Model model) {...}
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students/{id}", method = RequestMethod.POST)
   public String updateStudent(@PathVariable Long id,
                             @ModelAttribute("user") Student student, Model model) {...}
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students/{id}", method = RequestMethod.GET)
   public String deleteStudent(@PathVariable Long id) {...}
   @RequestMapping(value = "/students/avg", method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public String averageStudents(Model model) {...}
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All the controller methods directly or indirectly point to a VIEW. The front-end part of the application.

The four views, students.html, new_ student.html, edit_ student.html and average.html are used to view, add new and update students and give us average of students respectively and they are present in the Template package inside the resources, as per the convention.

Finally, after all the coding I made the whole application into a Maven JAR file which contains all the necessary internal dependencies needed to run the web application and can be used directly and easily transferable.



At the end, I created a deploy by making a simple docker command, using the **Dockerfile** and docker-compose file present in the project.

This file contains the configuration to convert our Spring Boot Application JAR into a docker image which can then be used alongside the image of MySQL database present in the Docker Hub.

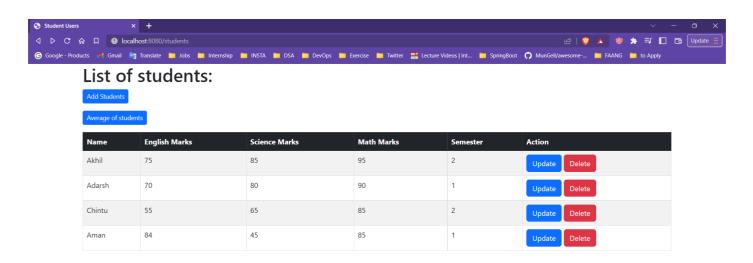
Now, we can separately build the Spring Application Container and then the MySQL container and then manually interlink them, but this happens to be a rather tedious task not appropriate to be performed again and again every time the application is executed.

So, I made a **docker-compole.yaml** file which would ensure that both the containers are properly linkedand can be executed at a moment's notice by using a single docker-compose command. Also, I added "volumes" property to the MySQL container to ensure that the data won't get lost while own containers are down.

This **docker-compose.yaml** file makes it so that we can upload it on **DockerHub** and anyone can clone the image and run it on their local system without any trouble or need to download any other external dependency.

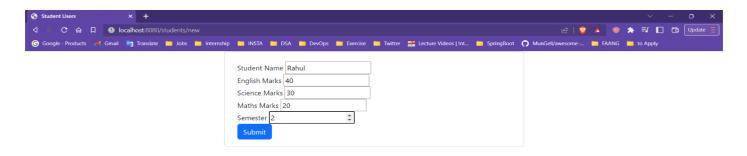
Final Product:

The final web app, this is the user.html page which shows us all the users present.



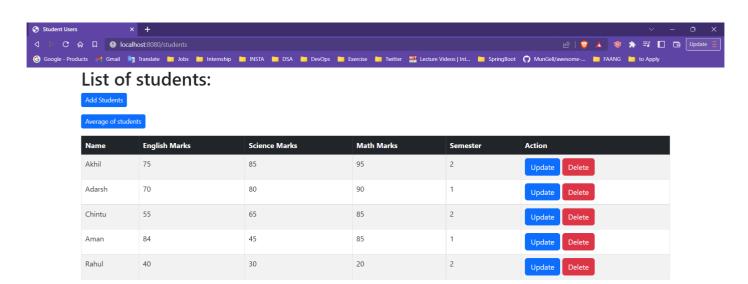


Page dedicated to adding new students.

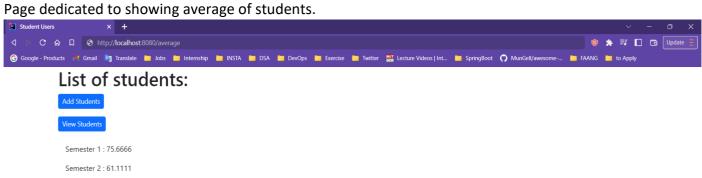




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Docker desktop running the application as a container:

Containers: spring-project, mysql.

