

7. Spring Boot Microservices Architecture

In this section, you will learn:

- ✓ **What are Microservices?**
 - ✓ **Why Use Microservices?**
 - ✓ **Building Microservices in Spring Boot**
 - ✓ **Service Discovery with Eureka**
 - ✓ **API Gateway with Spring Cloud Gateway**
 - ✓ **Inter-Service Communication (Feign & RestTemplate)**
 - ✓ **Centralized Configuration with Spring Cloud Config**
 - ✓ **Resilience & Fault Tolerance with Resilience4j**
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7.1 What are Microservices? 🤔

Microservices is an architectural style where applications are **broken down into smaller, independent services** that:

- ✓ Are loosely coupled
- ✓ Can be developed & deployed independently
- ✓ Communicate via APIs (HTTP, gRPC, Messaging, etc.)

♦ **Example of a Microservices-based E-commerce System:**

- 🛒 **Order Service** (Handles orders)
- 📦 **Inventory Service** (Manages stock)
- 💳 **Payment Service** (Processes payments)
- 👤 **User Service** (Manages user authentication)

Each service **runs independently** but communicates using APIs.

7.2 Why Use Microservices? 🤔

♦ **Advantages:**

- ✓ **Scalability** – Scale individual services as needed.
- ✓ **Flexibility** – Each service can be written in different technologies.
- ✓ **Faster Deployment** – Services can be deployed independently.
- ✓ **Fault Isolation** – If one service fails, others continue running.

♦ **Challenges:**

- ✗ **Complexity** – Requires good management.
 - ✗ **Inter-Service Communication** – Services must interact efficiently.
 - ✗ **Data Consistency** – Handling transactions across services is challenging.
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7.3 Creating Microservices in Spring Boot

We will create two microservices:

- ❶ **Order Service** (Handles orders)
 - ❷ **Inventory Service** (Checks stock)
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7.3.1 Order Service (**order-service**)

Step 1: Add Dependencies (**pom.xml**)

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jpa</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-openfeign</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-actuator</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

✓ **Spring Web**, **JPA**, and **OpenFeign** (for API calls).

Step 2: Create Order Entity (**Order.java**)

```
import jakarta.persistence.*;
import lombok.*;

@Entity
@Table(name = "orders")
@Getter @Setter
@AllArgsConstructor @NoArgsConstructor
public class Order {
  @Id
  @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
  private Long id;
  private String productCode;
  private int quantity;
}
```

Step 3: Create Order Repository (**OrderRepository.java**)

```
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;

public interface OrderRepository extends JpaRepository<Order, Long> {
}
```

Step 4: Create Inventory Client (Feign) to Call Inventory Service

```
import org.springframework.cloud.openfeign.FeignClient;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestParam;

@FeignClient(name = "inventory-service")
public interface InventoryClient {
    @GetMapping("/inventory/check")
    boolean checkStock(@RequestParam String productCode, @RequestParam int
quantity);
}
```

✓ Calls **Inventory Service** to check stock availability.

Step 5: Create Order Service (**OrderService.java**)

```
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

@Service
public class OrderService {

    @Autowired
    private OrderRepository orderRepository;

    @Autowired
    private InventoryClient inventoryClient;

    public String placeOrder(String productCode, int quantity) {
        boolean isAvailable = inventoryClient.checkStock(productCode,
quantity);
        if (isAvailable) {
            Order order = new Order();
            order.setProductCode(productCode);
            order.setQuantity(quantity);
            orderRepository.save(order);
            return "Order placed successfully!";
        } else {
            return "Out of stock!";
        }
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

✓ Checks inventory before placing an order.

Step 6: Create Order Controller (**OrderController.java**)

```
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;  
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;  
  
@RestController  
@RequestMapping("/orders")  
public class OrderController {  
  
    @Autowired  
    private OrderService orderService;  
  
    @PostMapping("/place")  
    public String placeOrder(@RequestParam String productCode,  
    @RequestParam int quantity) {  
        return orderService.placeOrder(productCode, quantity);  
    }  
}
```

✓ API to place an order.

7.4 Creating Inventory Service (**inventory-service**)

Step 1: Create Inventory Controller (**InventoryController.java**)

```
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;  
  
@RestController  
@RequestMapping("/inventory")  
public class InventoryController {  
  
    @GetMapping("/check")  
    public boolean checkStock(@RequestParam String productCode,  
    @RequestParam int quantity) {  
        return quantity < 10; // Assume stock is available if quantity < 10  
    }  
}
```

✓ Checks if stock is available.

7.5 Service Discovery with Eureka

Eureka helps in **service discovery** so microservices can find each other dynamically.

Step 1: Add Eureka Dependencies (**pom.xml**)

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-netflix-eureka-server</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-netflix-eureka-client</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

Step 2: Create Eureka Server (**eureka-server**)

```
import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
import org.springframework.cloud.netflix.eureka.server.EnableEurekaServer;

@SpringBootApplication
@EnableEurekaServer
public class EurekaServerApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(EurekaServerApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```

✓ All microservices will register with Eureka.

7.6 API Gateway with Spring Cloud Gateway

The API Gateway acts as a single entry point.

Step 1: Add Gateway Dependencies (**pom.xml**)

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-gateway</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

Step 2: Configure Gateway Routes (**application.yml**)

```

spring:
  cloud:
    gateway:
      routes:
        - id: order-service
          uri: lb://order-service
          predicates:
            - Path=/orders/**
        - id: inventory-service
          uri: lb://inventory-service
          predicates:
            - Path=/inventory/**

```

✓ Routes requests to correct services.

7.7 Handling Fault Tolerance with Resilience4j

To prevent failures, we use **Resilience4j Circuit Breaker**.

Step 1: Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

```

<dependency>
  <groupId>io.github.resilience4j</groupId>
  <artifactId>resilience4j-spring-boot2</artifactId>
</dependency>

```

Step 2: Use Circuit Breaker in Order Service

```

import io.github.resilience4j.circuitbreaker.annotation.CircuitBreaker;

@Service
public class OrderService {

    @CircuitBreaker(name = "inventoryService", fallbackMethod =
"fallbackMethod")
    public String placeOrder(String productCode, int quantity) {
        return inventoryClient.checkStock(productCode, quantity) ? "Order
placed!" : "Out of stock!";
    }

    public String fallbackMethod(String productCode, int quantity,
Throwable ex) {
        return "Service unavailable. Try again later!";
    }
}

```

✓ **Handles failures gracefully.**