**Phase 1: Introduction & Setup**

1. **What is Spring Boot & Why Use It?**
   * Features & benefits over traditional Spring
   * How Spring Boot simplifies development
   * Real-world use cases
2. **Setting Up a Spring Boot Project**
   * Using Spring Initializr (online & IDE-based)
   * Project structure walkthrough
   * Running a basic Spring Boot application

### ****Phase 1: Introduction & Setup****

#### **1. What is Spring Boot & Why Use It?**

* **Introduction to Spring Boot**
  + What is Spring Boot?
  + How it simplifies traditional Spring framework development
  + Key features: Auto-configuration, Starter dependencies, Embedded servers
  + Where Spring Boot is used (Real-world examples)
* **Spring Boot vs Traditional Spring**
  + Manual configuration in Spring vs. Auto-configuration in Spring Boot
  + Comparison of a simple application in Spring vs. Spring Boot

#### **2. Setting Up a Spring Boot Project**

* **Using Spring Initializr**
  + Generate a Spring Boot project using [start.spring.io](https://start.spring.io/)
  + Selecting dependencies (Spring Web, Spring Boot DevTools, etc.)
  + Downloading and importing into an IDE (IntelliJ/Eclipse/VS Code)
* **Project Structure Overview**
  + Understanding src/main/java and src/main/resources
  + application.properties vs application.yml
  + The @SpringBootApplication annotation
* **Running a Basic Spring Boot Application**
  + Using main() method in the Application class
  + Running with embedded Tomcat server
  + Checking logs and understanding startup messages

### ****Phase 1: Introduction & Setup (With Code & Exercises)****

## **1. What is Spring Boot & Why Use It?**

### ****What is Spring Boot?****

Spring Boot is a framework that simplifies Java application development by:

* Removing the need for complex XML configurations
* Providing built-in defaults (Auto-configuration)
* Embedding an application server (Tomcat, Jetty, etc.)
* Offering production-ready features (Monitoring, Security, Logging)

### ****Spring Boot vs Traditional Spring****

**Example: A simple REST API in Spring (without Spring Boot)**

* Requires configuring XML files or Java-based configurations.

<!-- Spring XML Configuration -->

<bean id="myService" class="com.example.MyService"/>

**Same REST API in Spring Boot**

* No XML configuration needed, just annotations!

@RestController

@RequestMapping("/hello")

public class HelloController {

@GetMapping

public String sayHello() {

return "Hello, Spring Boot!";

}

}

## **2. Setting Up a Spring Boot Project**

### ****Creating a Project Using Spring Initializr****

Go to [**start.spring.io**](https://start.spring.io/) and configure:

* **Project:** Maven
* **Language:** Java
* **Spring Boot Version:** Latest stable version
* **Dependencies:**
  + Spring Web (for building REST APIs)
  + Spring Boot DevTools (for live reload)
* Click **Generate** and download the ZIP file.
* Extract and open in **IntelliJ IDEA / Eclipse / VS Code**

## **Project Structure Overview**

When you open the project, you will see:

my-springboot-app

│── src/main/java/com/example/demo

│ ├── DemoApplication.java <-- Main class

│ ├── controller/HelloController.java <-- Create this

│

│── src/main/resources

│ ├── application.properties <-- Configuration file

│

│── pom.xml <-- Dependencies and Build tool (Maven)

### ****Understanding**** @SpringBootApplication

In DemoApplication.java, you will see:

@SpringBootApplication

public class DemoApplication {

public static void main(String[] args) {

SpringApplication.run(DemoApplication.class, args);

}

}

* @SpringBootApplication = Enables auto-configuration and component scanning.
* SpringApplication.run(...) starts the application with an embedded Tomcat server.

## **3. Running a Basic Spring Boot Application**

### ****Step 1: Create a Simple REST API****

Inside src/main/java/com/example/demo/controller/, create HelloController.java:

package com.example.demo.controller;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController

@RequestMapping("/hello")

public class HelloController {

@GetMapping

public String sayHello() {

return "Hello, Spring Boot!";

}

}

### ****Step 2: Run the Application****

* Open DemoApplication.java and run the main() method.
* The application will start on **port 8080** (default).
* Open a browser or Postman and visit:

http://localhost:8080/hello

* Expected Output:

Hello, Spring Boot!

## **Exercises for Students**

### ****Exercise 1: Modify the Response****

* Modify the sayHello() method to return "Welcome to Spring Boot!".
* Restart the application and check the output in the browser/Postman.

### ****Exercise 2: Create a New API Endpoint****

* Create a new REST controller GreetController.java.
* Add an endpoint /greet that returns "Good Morning!".
* Test the endpoint in the browser/Postman.

### ****Additional Exercises & Explanations for Phase 1****

## **Exercise 3: Using Path Variables in API**

Modify HelloController.java to accept a **name** as a path variable.

### ****Task:****

* Update the /hello API to accept a name (e.g., /hello/John)
* Return "Hello, John!" instead of "Hello, Spring Boot!"

### ****Solution:****

@GetMapping("/{name}")

public String sayHello(@PathVariable String name) {

return "Hello, " + name + "!";

}

### ****Test the API:****

URL:

http://localhost:8080/hello/Alex

Expected Output:

Hello, Alex!

## **Exercise 4: Using Request Parameters**

Modify HelloController.java to accept a **name** as a query parameter.

### ****Task:****

* Create an endpoint /greet
* Accept a request parameter name (e.g., /greet?name=Emma)
* Return "Hello, Emma!"

### ****Solution:****

@GetMapping("/greet")

public String greet(@RequestParam String name) {

return "Hello, " + name + "!";

}

### ****Test the API:****

URL:

http://localhost:8080/greet?name=Emma

Expected Output:

Hello, Emma!

## **Exercise 5: Returning JSON Instead of Plain Text**

So far, the API is returning simple text. Now, let’s return **JSON data** instead.

### ****Task:****

* Modify /hello to return JSON with name and message.

### ****Solution:****

@RestController

@RequestMapping("/hello")

public class HelloController {

@GetMapping("/{name}")

public Map<String, String> sayHello(@PathVariable String name) {

Map<String, String> response = new HashMap<>();

response.put("name", name);

response.put("message", "Hello, " + name + "!");

return response;

}

}

### ****Test the API:****

URL:

http://localhost:8080/hello/John

Expected Output (JSON format):

{

"name": "John",

"message": "Hello, John!"

}

## **Exercise 6: Create a Student API**

**Task:**

* Create a new controller StudentController.java
* Create an endpoint /student that returns a JSON object with:
  + id (Integer)
  + name (String)
  + age (Integer)

### ****Solution:****

@RestController

@RequestMapping("/student")

public class StudentController {

@GetMapping

public Map<String, Object> getStudent() {

Map<String, Object> student = new HashMap<>();

student.put("id", 101);

student.put("name", "Dineshkumar");

student.put("age", 34);

return student;

}

}

### ****Test the API:****

URL:

http://localhost:8080/student

Expected Output (JSON format):

{

"id": 101,

"name": "Alice",

"age": 22

}

## **Additional Topics for Explanation (If Needed)**

### ****1. Understanding**** @RestController ****vs.**** @Controller

| **Annotation** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| @RestController | Used for REST APIs, returns JSON |
| @Controller | Used for MVC-based applications, returns HTML views |

Since we are building REST APIs, we always use @RestController.

### ****2. What Happens Internally When We Start a Spring Boot App?****

* The main() method runs SpringApplication.run(), which:
  + Creates a Spring ApplicationContext
  + Scans for components (@Component, @Service, @Repository)
  + Auto-configures dependencies (like Embedded Tomcat for web apps)

### ****Additional Topics for Phase 1****

These topics will give your students a **deeper understanding** of how Spring Boot works while keeping things practical.

## **1. What Happens Internally When We Start a Spring Boot App?**

When we run SpringApplication.run(DemoApplication.class, args);, Spring Boot does the following:

1. **Starts an ApplicationContext (IoC Container)**
   * Scans for components (@Component, @Service, @Repository)
   * Creates beans and injects dependencies
2. **Auto-configures Default Settings**
   * Configures embedded Tomcat for web apps
   * Sets default database connections (if Spring Data is used)
   * Configures default properties for logging, security, etc.
3. **Runs the Embedded Server (Tomcat/Jetty)**
   * Unlike traditional Spring apps, we **don’t need** to deploy manually in an external Tomcat server.

### ****How to Check What’s Auto-Configured?****

Run this command to see all auto-configured beans:

mvn spring-boot:run --debug

It helps in debugging configuration issues.

## **2. Understanding** @RestController **vs.** @Controller

Spring Boot allows two ways to create web controllers:

| **Annotation** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| @RestController | Used for REST APIs, returns JSON |
| @Controller | Used for MVC-based applications, returns HTML views |

### ****Example:**** @RestController ****(Returns JSON)****

@RestController

@RequestMapping("/api")

public class ApiController {

@GetMapping("/message")

public Map<String, String> getMessage() {

Map<String, String> response = new HashMap<>();

response.put("message", "Hello, this is a REST API!");

return response;

}

}

**Test:**  
http://localhost:8080/api/message  
**Output (JSON):**

{

"message": "Hello, this is a REST API!"

}

### ****Example:**** @Controller ****(Returns HTML View)****

@Controller

public class WebController {

@GetMapping("/home")

public String homePage() {

return "redirect:/index.html"; // Redirects to static HTML file

}

}

In this case, **Spring Boot looks for an index.html file** in the src/main/resources/static/ folder.

## **3. What is** application.properties **and Why Use It?**

Spring Boot provides a configuration file **application.properties** (or application.yml) to store settings like:

* Server port
* Database configuration
* Logging settings

### ****Example: Change the Server Port****

Add this to src/main/resources/application.properties:

server.port=9090

Restart the app, and it will now run on:

http://localhost:9090

### ****Example: Custom Message in Properties****

Define a property:

app.welcome.message=Welcome to My Spring Boot App!

Use it in Java:

@Value("${app.welcome.message}")

private String message;

**Exercise:** Ask students to add their own properties and retrieve them in a controller.

## **4. What Are Spring Boot Starters?**

Spring Boot simplifies dependencies using **starter packs**. These starters automatically add the necessary libraries to your project.

### ****Common Spring Boot Starters****

| **Starter** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| spring-boot-starter-web | Build REST APIs |
| spring-boot-starter-data-jpa | Connect to relational databases |
| spring-boot-starter-security | Add authentication & security |
| spring-boot-starter-test | Testing framework |

**Example:**  
In pom.xml, instead of manually adding dependencies for Spring MVC, Jackson, and Embedded Tomcat, we **just add one**:

<dependency>

<groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>

<artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>

</dependency>

This automatically includes all necessary dependencies.

## **5. What is Spring Boot DevTools?**

Spring Boot DevTools helps developers by enabling:  
✅ **Automatic Restart** – Restarts the app on code changes.  
✅ **LiveReload** – Refreshes the browser automatically.  
✅ **Enhanced Logging** – Provides better error messages.

### ****How to Enable DevTools?****

Add this dependency in pom.xml:

<dependency>

<groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>

<artifactId>spring-boot-devtools</artifactId>

<optional>true</optional>

</dependency>

Now, when you **change Java code** and save, Spring Boot **automatically restarts** the app.

**Exercise:** Ask students to change a controller response and see if the change reflects without manually restarting.

## **6. Logging in Spring Boot**

Spring Boot uses **SLF4J + Logback** for logging.

### ****Using Logs Instead of**** System.out.println()

Replace System.out.println() with **SLF4J Logging**:

import org.slf4j.Logger;

import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController

@RequestMapping("/log")

public class LoggingController {

private static final Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(LoggingController.class);

@GetMapping

public String logExample() {

logger.info("INFO: This is an info log message!");

logger.warn("WARN: This is a warning log message!");

logger.error("ERROR: This is an error log message!");

return "Check the logs in the console!";

}

}

**Exercise:** Ask students to add different log levels in their controllers and observe the output.

## **7. Understanding Embedded Tomcat in Spring Boot**

Unlike traditional Java web apps, **Spring Boot does NOT require an external Tomcat server**. It comes with an **embedded Tomcat** by default.

### ****How to Change the Default Port?****

Modify application.properties:

server.port=8085

### ****How to Disable Embedded Tomcat?****

If using Spring Boot just as a **backend service (without a web app)**, disable the embedded Tomcat server:

spring.main.web-application-type=none

## **Final Recap for Phase 1**

By now, students should:  
✅ Understand what Spring Boot is and how it simplifies development.  
✅ Be able to create and run a Spring Boot project.  
✅ Understand controllers, REST APIs, and returning JSON responses.  
✅ Know how to configure application.properties for custom settings.  
✅ Use Spring Boot DevTools for faster development.  
✅ Implement logging in their applications.  
✅ Know about embedded Tomcat and how Spring Boot handles web applications.

**Phase 2: Core Spring Concepts (Taught Within Spring Boot)**

1. **Dependency Injection & Beans**
   * Explain @Component, @Service, @Repository
   * Using @Autowired for Dependency Injection
   * Bean lifecycle & @PostConstruct, @PreDestroy (briefly)
2. **Spring Boot Configuration & Properties**
   * application.properties vs application.yml
   * Custom properties with @Value
   * Environment-specific configurations

### ****Phase 2: Core Spring Concepts****

## **📌 Topics in Phase 2**

1️⃣ **Spring IoC (Inversion of Control) & Dependency Injection**

* @Component, @Service, @Repository, @Controller
* @Autowired, Constructor vs Setter Injection

2️⃣ **Spring Bean Lifecycle & Scopes**

* @Bean, @Scope (Singleton, Prototype)
* InitializingBean & DisposableBean

3️⃣ **Spring AOP (Aspect-Oriented Programming)**

* @Aspect, @Before, @After, @Around
* Logging, Performance Monitoring

4️⃣ **Spring Transactions & Exception Handling**

* @Transactional for database operations
* @ExceptionHandler, @ControllerAdvice for global exception handling

5️⃣ **Spring Profiles & Configuration**

* @Profile for environment-specific beans
* Externalizing configuration (application.properties, YAML)

### ****🔹 Step 1: Understanding IoC & Dependency Injection****

Spring uses **IoC (Inversion of Control)** to manage object creation and dependency injection.

#### ✅ **Example: Without Spring (Manual Dependency Injection)**

class EmailService {

public void sendEmail(String message) {

System.out.println("Email sent: " + message);

}

}

class UserService {

private EmailService emailService = new EmailService(); // Manual object creation

public void registerUser(String name) {

System.out.println(name + " registered successfully!");

emailService.sendEmail("Welcome, " + name);

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

UserService userService = new UserService();

userService.registerUser("Alice");

}

}

💡 **Problem:** Tight coupling! We manually create objects (new EmailService()), making it hard to test and maintain.

#### ✅ **Example: Using Spring IoC & Dependency Injection**

import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;

@Service

class EmailService {

public void sendEmail(String message) {

System.out.println("Email sent: " + message);

}

}

@Service

class UserService {

private final EmailService emailService;

@Autowired

public UserService(EmailService emailService) { // Constructor Injection

this.emailService = emailService;

}

public void registerUser(String name) {

System.out.println(name + " registered successfully!");

emailService.sendEmail("Welcome, " + name);

}

}

💡 **Spring handles object creation** and injects EmailService into UserService.

### ****📌 Spring IoC (Inversion of Control) & Dependency Injection - Theoretical Explanation****

#### ✅ **What is IoC (Inversion of Control)?**

* IoC is a **design principle** where the control of object creation and dependency management is transferred from the **developer** to the **Spring framework**.
* Instead of manually creating objects using new, Spring **manages object lifecycle** and provides instances when needed.

💡 **Example (Without IoC):**

* Traditional Java approach where objects are created manually:

class EmailService {

void sendEmail(String message) {

System.out.println("Email sent: " + message);

}

}

class UserService {

private EmailService emailService = new EmailService(); // Manual object creation

void registerUser(String name) {

emailService.sendEmail("Welcome, " + name);

}

}

* + **Problem:** UserService is **tightly coupled** with EmailService because it directly creates an instance (new EmailService()).
  + **Difficult to test:** If we want to replace EmailService with SMSService, we have to change the UserService class.

#### ✅ **How Spring IoC Solves This?**

* Instead of manually creating objects, Spring **injects** them using **Dependency Injection (DI)**.
* IoC **manages** dependencies automatically, making code more flexible, testable, and maintainable.

## **🔹 Dependency Injection (DI)**

**DI is a technique where objects (dependencies) are provided to a class instead of creating them manually.**  
Spring supports three types of DI:

1️⃣ **Constructor Injection** (Recommended)  
2️⃣ **Setter Injection**  
3️⃣ **Field Injection** (Not recommended for testing)

### ****🔹 Spring Bean: The Foundation of IoC****

* A **Bean** is an object managed by the Spring container.
* Defined using **annotations** like @Component, @Service, @Repository, etc.
* The Spring container **creates, manages, and injects beans** where required.

### ****✅ Summary****

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Concept | Description |
| **IoC (Inversion of Control)** | Spring takes control of object creation and management. |
| **Bean** | An object managed by the Spring IoC container. |
| **Dependency Injection (DI)** | Injecting dependencies into a class instead of creating them manually. |
| **Annotations for Beans** | @Component, @Service, @Repository, @Controller |
| **Types of DI** | Constructor Injection, Setter Injection, Field Injection |

### ****🛠 Practical Examples 🚀****

### ****🔹 Step 2: Spring Bean Lifecycle & Scopes****

Spring beans have different **scopes**:

* **Singleton** (default) → One instance per Spring container
* **Prototype** → New instance every time
* **Request, Session, Application** (for web apps)

#### ✅ **Example: Singleton vs Prototype Beans**

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Scope;

import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

@Service

@Scope("singleton") // Default: One instance shared

class SingletonBean {

public SingletonBean() {

System.out.println("SingletonBean created!");

}

}

@Service

@Scope("prototype") // New instance every time

class PrototypeBean {

public PrototypeBean() {

System.out.println("PrototypeBean created!");

}

}

💡 Singleton beans are **shared**, while prototype beans are **created fresh** on each request.

### ****🔹 Step 3: Spring AOP (Aspect-Oriented Programming)****

AOP allows adding behavior like **logging** or **performance tracking** **without modifying the actual code**.

#### ✅ **Example: Logging Aspect**

import org.aspectj.lang.annotation.\*;

import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;

@Aspect

@Component

public class LoggingAspect {

@Before("execution(\* com.example.service.\*.\*(..))")

public void logBefore() {

System.out.println("Executing method...");

}

@After("execution(\* com.example.service.\*.\*(..))")

public void logAfter() {

System.out.println("Method execution completed!");

}

}

💡 This logs every method execution in com.example.service **without modifying the service class**.

### ****🔹 Step 4: Transaction Management****

@Transactional ensures database operations are atomic.

#### ✅ **Example: Handling Transactions**

import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional;

@Service

public class BankService {

@Transactional

public void transferMoney(String fromAccount, String toAccount, double amount) {

// Deduct money from sender

// Add money to receiver

// If error occurs, rollback transaction

}

}

💡 **If any error occurs, the transaction rolls back automatically.**

### ****🔹 Step 5: Exception Handling in Spring****

Global exception handling using @ControllerAdvice.

#### ✅ **Example: Custom Exception Handling**

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.\*;

@RestControllerAdvice

public class GlobalExceptionHandler {

@ExceptionHandler(RuntimeException.class)

public String handleRuntimeException(RuntimeException ex) {

return "Error: " + ex.getMessage();

}

}

💡 This ensures all runtime exceptions return a friendly error message.

**Phase 3: Building a REST API with Spring Boot**

1. **Spring MVC in Spring Boot**
   * @RestController, @RequestMapping, @GetMapping, @PostMapping
   * Handling request parameters and path variables
   * Using @RequestBody & @ResponseBody
2. **Exception Handling & Validation**
   * Custom exception handling with @ControllerAdvice
   * Validation using @Valid and @NotNull, @Size

**Phase 4: Database Integration & JPA**

1. **Spring Boot with Databases**
   * Configuring H2/MySQL/PostgreSQL/MongoDB
   * Using Spring Data JPA (@Entity, @Id, @GeneratedValue)
   * Repository layer with JpaRepository
2. **Service Layer & Business Logic**
   * Best practices for @Service layer
   * Transaction management with @Transactional

**Phase 5: Advanced Spring Boot Features**

1. **Spring Boot Security (Optional)**
   * Securing APIs with Spring Security
   * JWT Authentication basics
2. **Spring Boot with React (Full Stack Connection - Optional)**

* Exposing APIs for frontend consumption
* CORS handling

**Phase 6: Project Development & Deployment**

1. **Building the Final Project**

* Designing database schema
* Implementing CRUD operations
* Adding business logic

1. **Testing & Debugging**

* Writing unit tests with JUnit & Mockito
* Using Postman for API testing

1. **Deployment & DevOps Basics**

* Packaging Spring Boot as a JAR
* Deploying to AWS/Heroku/Render