

# Microservices with Spring Boot - Part 2 - Creating Forex Microservice

Let's learn the basics of microservices and microservices architectures. We will also start looking at a basic implementation of a microservice with Spring Boot. We will create a couple of microservices and get them to talk to each other using Eureka Naming Server and Ribbon for Client Side Load Balancing.

Here is the Microservice Series Outline: Microservices with Spring Boot

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This is part 2 of this series. In this part, we will focus on creating the Forex Microservice.

## You will learn

- How to create a microservice with Spring Boot?
- How to create a JPA Entity and Resource?
- How to get Spring MVC, Spring Boot, JPA, Hibernate and H2 to work together?

## 10 Step Reference Courses

- [Spring Framework for Beginners in 10 Steps](#)
- [Spring Boot for Beginners in 10 Steps](#)
- [Spring MVC in 10 Steps](#)
- [JPA and Hibernate in 10 Steps](#)
- [Eclipse Tutorial for Beginners in 5 Steps](#)
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## Resources Overview

Forex Service (FS) is the Service Provider. It provides currency exchange values for various currency. Let's assume that it talks to a Forex Exchange and provides the current conversion value between currencies.

An example request and response is shown below:

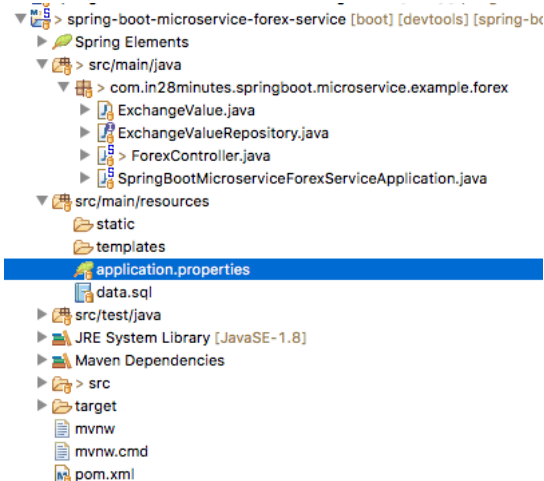
GET to `http://localhost:8000/currency-exchange/from/EUR/to/INR`

```
{
  id: 10002,
  from: "EUR",
  to: "INR",
  conversionMultiple: 75,
  port: 8000,
}
```

The request above is the currency exchange value for EUR to INR. In the response, conversionMultiple is 75.

## Project Code Structure

Following screenshot shows the structure of the project we will create.



A few details:

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- ExchangeValue.java – Exchange Value Entity
- ExchangeValueRepository.java – ExchangeValue JPA Repository. This is created using Spring Data JpaRepository.
- ForexController.java – Spring Rest Controller exposing the forex conversion service.
- data.sql – Initial data for the exchange\_value table. Spring Boot would execute this script after the tables are created from the entities.

## Tools you will need

- Maven 3.0+ is your build tool
- Your favorite IDE. We use Eclipse.
- JDK 1.8+

## Complete Maven Project With Code Examples

Our Github repository has all the code examples – <https://github.com/in28minutes/spring-boot-examples/tree/master/spring-boot-basic-microservice>

## Bootstrapping with Spring Initializr

Creating a Microservice with Spring Initializr is a cake walk.

Spring Initializr <http://start.spring.io/> is great tool to bootstrap your Spring Boot projects.

You can create a wide variety of projects using Spring Initializr.

The screenshot shows the Spring Initializr web application. On the left, there's a sidebar with the Spring Initializr logo and the text "Bootstrap your application". The main area has several sections:
 

- Project**: A tabbed interface with "Maven Project" selected.
- Language**: A tabbed interface with "Java" selected.
- Spring Boot**: A row of version buttons: "2.2.0 M1", "2.2.0 (SNAPSHOT)", "2.1.4 (SNAPSHOT)", "2.1.3" (which is highlighted with a green underline), and "1.5.19".
- Project Metadata**: Two input fields for "Group" and "Artifact".
- Dependencies**: A section with a "See all" link, a "Search dependencies to add" input field containing "Web, Security, JPA, Actuator, Devtools...", and a "Selected dependencies" list. The selected dependencies are:
  - Web [Web]**: Servlet web application with Spring MVC and Tomcat
  - DevTools [Core]**: Spring Boot Development Tools
  - JPA [SQL]**: Persist data in SQL stores with Java Persistence API using Spring Data and Hibernate

 At the bottom, there is a green button labeled "Generate Project - % + ↵".

Following steps have to be done for a Web Services project

- Launch Spring Initializr and choose the following
  - Choose `com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex` as Group
  - Choose `spring-boot-microservice-forex-service` as Artifact
  - Choose following dependencies
    - Web
    - DevTools
    - Starter JPA
    - H2
- Click Generate Project.
- Import the project into Eclipse. File -> Import -> Existing Maven Project.

## Creating Exchange Value Entity

```
@Entity
public class ExchangeValue {

    @Id
    private Long id;
```

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```

@Column(name="currency_to")
private String to;

private BigDecimal conversionMultiple;
private int port;

public ExchangeValue() {
}

public ExchangeValue(Long id, String from, String to, BigDecimal conversionMultiple) {
    super();
    this.id = id;
    this.from = from;
    this.to = to;
    this.conversionMultiple = conversionMultiple;
}

public Long getId() {
    return id;
}

public String getFrom() {
    return from;
}

public String getTo() {
    return to;
}

public BigDecimal getConversionMultiple() {
    return conversionMultiple;
}

public int getPort() {
    return port;
}

public void setPort(int port) {
    this.port = port;
}
}

```

Important things to note:

- `@Entity`: Specifies that the class is an entity. This annotation is applied to the entity class.
- `@Id`: Specifies the primary key of an entity.

## Creating Exchange Value JPA Repository

/spring-boot-microservice-forex-

service/src/main/java/com/in28minutes/springboot/microservice/example/forex/ExchangeValueRepository.java

```

package com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;

public interface ExchangeValueRepository extends
    JpaRepository<ExchangeValue, Long>{
    ExchangeValue findByFromAndTo(String from, String to);
}

```

Notes

- `public interface ExchangeValueRepository extends JpaRepository<ExchangeValue, Long>` - We are extending `JpaRepository` using two generics - `ExchangeValue` & `Long`. `ExchangeValue` is the entity that is being managed and the primary key of `ExchangeValue` is `Long`.
- `ExchangeValue findByFromAndTo(String from, String to);` - We would want to query the conversion value from one currency to another. We are defining a query method for it.

## Create the Resource - ForexController

/spring-boot-microservice-forex-

service/src/main/java/com/in28minutes/springboot/microservice/example/forex/ForexController.java

```

@RestController
public class ForexController {

    @Autowired
    private Environment environment;

    @Autowired
    private ExchangeValueRepository repository;

    @GetMapping("/currency-exchange/from/{from}/to/{to}")
    public ExchangeValue retrieveExchangeValue
        (@PathVariable String from, @PathVariable String to){

        ExchangeValue exchangeValue =
            repository.findByFromAndTo(from, to);

        exchangeValue.setPort(

```

```
}'
```

## Notes

- `@RestController` public class ForexController { - Create a Controller to expose a Rest Service
- `@Autowired` private Environment environment - We would want to return the server port back. This will help us identify which instance service is giving the response back.
- `@Autowired` private ExchangeValueRepository repository - Autowire the repository.
- `ExchangeValue exchangeValue = repository.findByFromAndTo(from, to)` - Get the exchange value from the database.
- `exchangeValue.setPort(Integer.parseInt(environment.getProperty("local.server.port")))` - Get the port from environment and set it into the response bean.

## Configure Application Name and a few other configuration

/spring-boot-microservice-forex-service/src/main/resources/application.properties

```
spring.application.name=forex-service
server.port=8000

spring.jpa.show-sql=true
spring.h2.console.enabled=true
```

We are assigning a port of 8000 for this application and enabling debug logging.

## Insert some test data into data.sql

Let's insert some test data by creating a file called data.sql. Spring Boot Auto Configuration ensures that this data is loaded up when application starts up.

/spring-boot-microservice-forex-service/src/main/resources/data.sql

```
insert into exchange_value(id,currency_from,currency_to,conversion_multiple,port)
values(10001,'USD','INR',65,0);
insert into exchange_value(id,currency_from,currency_to,conversion_multiple,port)
values(10002,'EUR','INR',75,0);
insert into exchange_value(id,currency_from,currency_to,conversion_multiple,port)
values(10003,'AUD','INR',25,0);
```

## Test Forex Microservice

GET to <http://localhost:8000/currency-exchange/from/EUR/to/INR>

```
{
  id: 10002,
  from: "EUR",
  to: "INR",
  conversionMultiple: 75,
  port: 8000,
}
```

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## Complete Code Example

## /spring-boot-microservice-forex-service/pom.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

  <groupId>com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-microservice-forex-service</artifactId>
  <version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <packaging>jar</packaging>

  <name>spring-boot-microservice-forex-service</name>
  <description>Microservices with Spring Boot and Spring Cloud - Forex Service</description>

  <parent>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
    <version>2.0.0.RELEASE</version>
    <relativePath/> <!-- lookup parent from repository -->
  </parent>

  <properties>
    <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
    <project.reporting.outputEncoding>UTF-8</project.reporting.outputEncoding>
    <java.version>1.8</java.version>
    <spring-cloud.version>Finchley.M8</spring-cloud.version>
  </properties>

  <dependencies>
    <dependency>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jpa</artifactId>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
    </dependency>

    <dependency>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-devtools</artifactId>
      <scope>runtime</scope>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
      <groupId>com.h2database</groupId>
      <artifactId>h2</artifactId>
      <scope>runtime</scope>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-test</artifactId>
      <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
  </dependencies>

  <dependencyManagement>
    <dependencies>
      <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-cloud-dependencies</artifactId>
        <version>${spring-cloud.version}</version>
        <type>pom</type>
      </dependency>
    </dependencies>
  </dependencyManagement>
</project>
```



```

</dependencies>

<build>
  <plugins>
    <plugin>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
    </plugin>
  </plugins>
</build>

<repositories>
  <repository>
    <id>spring-snapshots</id>
    <name>Spring Snapshots</name>
    <url>https://repo.spring.io/snapshot</url>
    <snapshots>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
    </snapshots>
  </repository>
  <repository>
    <id>spring-milestones</id>
    <name>Spring Milestones</name>
    <url>https://repo.spring.io/milestone</url>
    <snapshots>
      <enabled>false</enabled>
    </snapshots>
  </repository>
</repositories>

<pluginRepositories>
  <pluginRepository>
    <id>spring-snapshots</id>
    <name>Spring Snapshots</name>
    <url>https://repo.spring.io/snapshot</url>
    <snapshots>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
    </snapshots>
  </pluginRepository>
  <pluginRepository>
    <id>spring-milestones</id>
    <name>Spring Milestones</name>
    <url>https://repo.spring.io/milestone</url>
    <snapshots>
      <enabled>false</enabled>
    </snapshots>
  </pluginRepository>
</pluginRepositories>

</project>

```

## /spring-boot-microservice-forex-service/src/main/java/com/in28minutes/springboot/microservice/example/forex/ExchangeValue

```

package com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex;
import java.math.BigDecimal;

import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.Id;

@Entity
public class ExchangeValue {

    @Id
    private Long id;

    @Column(name="currency_from")
    private String from;

    @Column(name="currency_to")
    private String to;

    private BigDecimal conversionMultiple;
    private int port;

    public ExchangeValue() {
    }

    public ExchangeValue(Long id, String from, String to, BigDecimal conversionMultiple) {
        super();
        this.id = id;
        this.from = from;
        this.to = to;
        this.conversionMultiple = conversionMultiple;
    }

    public Long getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public String getFrom() {

```

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```

    public String getPort() {
        return to;
    }

    public BigDecimal getConversionMultiple() {
        return conversionMultiple;
    }

    public int getPort() {
        return port;
    }

    public void setPort(int port) {
        this.port = port;
    }
}

```

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```

package com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;

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}

```

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```

package com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex;
import java.math.BigDecimal;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.core.env.Environment;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
public class ForexController {

    @Autowired
    private Environment environment;

    @Autowired
    private ExchangeValueRepository repository;

    @GetMapping("/currency-exchange/from/{from}/to/{to}")
    public ExchangeValue retrieveExchangeValue
        (@PathVariable String from, @PathVariable String to){

        ExchangeValue exchangeValue =
            repository.findByFromAndTo(from, to);

        exchangeValue.setPort(
            Integer.parseInt(environment.getProperty("local.server.port")));

        return exchangeValue;
    }
}

```

---

## /spring-boot-microservice-forex-service/src/main/java/com/in28minutes/springboot/microservice/example/forex/SpringBootMicroserviceForexServiceApplication.java

```

package com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex;

import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;

@SpringBootApplication
public class SpringBootMicroserviceForexServiceApplication {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(SpringBootMicroserviceForexServiceApplication.class, args);
    }
}

```



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```
spring.application.name=forex-service
server.port=8000

spring.jpa.show-sql=true
spring.h2.console.enabled=true
```

---

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```
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insert into exchange_value(id,currency_from,currency_to,conversion_multiple,port)
values(10003,'AUD','INR',25,0);
```

---

## /spring-boot-microservice-forex-service/src/test/java/com/in28minutes/springboot/microservice/example/forex/SpringE

```
package com.in28minutes.springboot.microservice.example.forex;

import org.junit.Test;
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;
import org.springframework.boot.test.context.SpringBootTest;
import org.springframework.test.context.junit4.SpringRunner;

@RunWith(SpringRunner.class)
@SpringBootTest
public class SpringBootMicroserviceForexServiceApplicationTests {

    @Test
    public void contextLoads() {
    }

}
```