Background

Banks are responsible for stopping money laundering. Hence it is necessary to avoid money transfers to terrorists and criminals. A list of such people is published by the EU.

Task

Your task is to implement a simple web service that compares a given name against a list of sanctioned people to detect suspicious transfers.

Your API should have the following functionality:

- 1. Web service that takes a name as an input and returns whether a name match exists. The returned value can be a boolean, but can also contain extra data if needed.
 - a. The web service should be able to handle noise words (example: the, to, an, mrs, mr, and) that have to be ignored.
 - b. The web service should be able to detect names with simple spelling errors and also return as few "false positive" matches as possible.
- 2. Web services to add, update and remove sanctioned names.

Technical requirements

- Implement using Java and Spring framework.
- Sanctioned names should be stored in a database. (In-memory database can be used.)
- Open source libraries can be used.
- Source code should be stored in a git based version control system.

Example

There is a sanctioned person with the following name: "Osama Bin Laden". Out of the box, your solution should flag at least the following user entries as possibly suspicious:

- "Osama Laden"
- "Osama Bin Laden"
- "Bin Laden, Osama"
- "Laden Osama Bin"
- "to the osama bin laden"
- "osama and bin laden"

If you find the list above too simple, then you can try implementing an algorithm that could match the following user entries as well:

- "Ben Osama Ladn"
- "Ladn the Asoma"

In reality, name matching is not a trivial task. Matches could also happen based on:

- Substring matches sl: "Robert", user: "Bert"
- Ignoring spelling errors sl: "Madis", user: "Madus"
- Abbreviations sl: "Joe Luis Webb", user: "Joe L. Webb"
- Noise words sl: "Mr. John Smith" user: "John Smith"