👋 Start Here - Spring Boot Backend Setup

What You Asked For

You wanted a **Kotlin Spring Boot backend** that:

- ✅ Handles database operations via JPA
- ✅ Uses SQLite with Flyway migrations
- ✅ Is launched by Rust in development mode via Gradle
- ✅ Runs as embedded JAR with bundled JRE in production
- ✅ Supports both macOS and Windows (with platform annotations)

✅ Status: COMPLETE

Everything has been set up and documented. The project is ready to use!

📖 Where to Start

Option 1: Quick Start (5 minutes)

```
cd backend-spring
./gradlew bootRun
```

Then read: **4_QUICK_START.md**

Option 2: Complete Understanding (30 minutes)

Read in this order:

1. **2_OVERVIEW.md** - High-level overview
2. **3_COMPLETE_SETUP_GUIDE.md** - Complete setup guide
3. **5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md** - Database migrations
4. **6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md** - Rust integration

🗂️ Documentation Structure

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├── docs/                                  ← Documentation folder
│   ├── README.md                          ← Documentation index
│   ├── 1_START_HERE.md                    ← You are here
│   ├── 2_OVERVIEW.md                      ← Overview + key concepts
│   ├── 3_COMPLETE_SETUP_GUIDE.md          ← Complete setup guide
│   ├── 4_QUICK_START.md                   ← 5-minute quick start
│   ├── 5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md               ← Database migration workflow
│   └── 6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md              ← Integrate with Rust
```

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└── backend-spring/
    ├── src/                                    ← Source code
    └── README.md                               ← Project README
```

🎯 Your Three Questions Answered

Q1: How do JPA entity changes create SQL files for Flyway migration?

Answer: They don't automatically. You manually create SQL migration files.

Workflow:

1. Change JPA entity (e.g., add a field)
2. Write SQL migration manually (recommended) OR use Hibernate temporarily to see what SQL would be generated
3. Create `V{version}__Description.sql` in `backend-spring/src/main/resources/db/migration/`
4. Restart app - Flyway auto-applies the migration

Detailed guide: 5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md

Q2: How to apply SQL file to actual schema?

Answer: Automatically when the Spring Boot app starts.

Process:

1. Put SQL file in `src/main/resources/db/migration/`
2. Name it correctly: `V1__Initial.sql`, `V2__Add_field.sql`, etc.
3. Start/restart Spring Boot: `./gradlew bootRun`
4. Flyway detects new migration and applies it
5. Check logs: "Successfully applied 1 migration"

Configuration: Already set in `application.yml` - Flyway is enabled and configured.

Q3: How to launch Spring Boot from Rust in dev and embed JRE in production?

Answer:

Development (Rust launches Gradle):

```rust
Command::new("./gradlew")
    .arg("bootRun")
    .current_dir("./backend-spring")
    .spawn()?;
```

Production (Rust launches embedded JAR):

```
// macOS ARM64 (current platform)
Command::new("resources/jre/macos-aarch64/bin/java")
    .arg("-jar")
    .arg("resources/backend.jar")
    .spawn()?;

// # Windows support (commented out for Mac-only development)
// #[cfg(target_os = "windows")]
// Command::new("resources\\jre\\windows-x64\\bin\\java.exe")
//     .arg("-jar")
//     .arg("resources\\backend.jar")
//     .spawn()?;
```

Complete code examples: 6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md

🚀 Quick Test

Verify everything works:

```
# 1. Build the backend
cd backend-spring
./gradlew build

# 2. Run the backend
./gradlew bootRun

# 3. In another terminal, test the API
curl http://localhost:8080/api/folders
curl http://localhost:8080/api/app-state

# 4. Success! You should see JSON responses
```

📝 What's Been Created

Project Structure

- Complete Spring Boot project in `backend-spring/`
- JPA entities for all 4 database tables
- REST API controllers with full CRUD operations
- Flyway migration for initial schema
- Gradle build configuration

Documentation (6 files in docs/ folder)

1. **1_START_HERE.md** - This file
2. **2_OVERVIEW.md** - Overview + summary

3. **3_COMPLETE_SETUP_GUIDE.md** - Complete setup guide (31 sections)
4. **4_QUICK_START.md** - Quick reference
5. **5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md** - Migration workflow with examples
6. **6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md** - Full Rust integration code

🎓 Learning Path

Today (30 minutes)

1. ✅ Read this file (you're doing it!)
2. ⏳ Read 2_OVERVIEW.md
3. ⏳ Run `./gradlew bootRun` and test API
4. ⏳ Skim 3_COMPLETE_SETUP_GUIDE.md

This Week

1. ⏳ Study 5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md
2. ⏳ Practice: Add a field to an entity + create migration
3. ⏳ Study 6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md
4. ⏳ Implement HTTP client in Rust

Next Week

1. ⏳ Auto-launch Spring Boot from Rust
2. ⏳ Convert Prisma operations to HTTP calls
3. ⏳ Test end-to-end integration
4. ⏳ Prepare for production (download JRE, build JAR)

✅ Checklist

Setup (Do Now)

- [ ] Read 2_OVERVIEW.md
- [ ] Run `./gradlew bootRun` successfully
- [ ] Test API endpoints with curl
- [ ] Explore code in IDE (IntelliJ IDEA or VS Code)

Understanding (This Week)

- [ ] Read 3_COMPLETE_SETUP_GUIDE.md sections 1-6
- [ ] Read 5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md
- [ ] Practice creating a migration
- [ ] Understand the entity → SQL workflow

Integration (Next Week)

- [ ] Read 6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md
- [ ] Add `reqwest` and `tokio` to Cargo.toml

- [ ] Create HTTP client module in Rust
- [ ] Test launching Spring Boot from Rust

Production (When Ready)

- [ ] Read 3_COMPLETE_SETUP_GUIDE.md section 8
- [ ] Download JRE 17 for macOS ARM64
- [ ] Build production JAR: `./gradlew bootJar`
- [ ] Test embedded deployment
- [ ] (Optional) Add Windows support

🔑 Key Concepts

1. JPA Entities ≠ Schema Updates

```
hibernate:
  ddl-auto: validate  # ← Only validates, NEVER auto-creates/updates
```

All schema changes must go through Flyway migrations.

2. Flyway Migrations Are Sequential

```
V1__Initial_schema.sql          ← Initial setup
V2__Add_description.sql         ← Add field
V3__Create_user_table.sql       ← Add table
V4__Add_index.sql               ← Add index
```

Version numbers must be sequential. Never skip or modify existing migrations.

3. Development vs Production

Mode	How Spring Boot Runs
Development	`./gradlew bootRun` (launched by Rust or manually)
Production	Embedded JAR with bundled JRE (no Java install needed)

📞 Need Help?

Problem: Port 8080 already in use

```
lsof -ti:8080 | xargs kill -9
```

Problem: Build failed

```
cd backend-spring
./gradlew clean build --no-daemon
```

Problem: Don't understand Flyway workflow

- Read: 5_FLYWAY_WORKFLOW.md
- It has detailed examples and step-by-step instructions

Problem: Don't know how to integrate with Rust

- Read: 6_RUST_INTEGRATION.md
- It has complete working code examples

🎉 You're Ready!

Everything is set up. Your next step:

👉 **Read 2_OVERVIEW.md**

Then:

👉 **Run `cd backend-spring && ./gradlew bootRun`**

Good luck! 🚀

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Build Status: ✅ `./gradlew build` succeeded