### ****1.1 API Functional Requirements****

The API should:  
✅ Accept customer transaction details and store them in a database.  
✅ Support money transfers between accounts.  
✅ Allow users to retrieve and format account balances.  
✅ Perform basic data validation.  
✅ Accept and return JSON data.  
✅ Be containerized (Docker).  
✅ Use a message queue (RabbitMQ/Kafka).  
✅ Write logs to a file and an external logging system.  
✅ Implement authentication (JWT-based security).

### ****1.2 High-Level Architecture****

The API will be a **Spring Boot** application with the following components:

#### ****1️⃣ API Layer (Controller)****

* Exposes RESTful endpoints for transactions, transfers, and balance retrieval.
* Accepts JSON input and returns JSON responses.

#### ****2️⃣ Service Layer****

* Contains business logic (e.g., validating transactions, calculating balances).

#### ****3️⃣ Repository Layer (Database)****

* Uses Spring Data JPA to interact with PostgreSQL/MySQL.

#### ****4️⃣ Message Queue****

* RabbitMQ/Kafka will handle asynchronous transaction processing.

#### ****5️⃣ Security****

* Uses JWT for authentication.

#### ****6️⃣ Logging****

* Logs important events to a file and an external system (e.g., ELK Stack).

### ****1.3 API Endpoints Design****

| **Method** | **Endpoint** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **POST** | /transactions | Store a customer transaction |
| **POST** | /transfer | Transfer funds between accounts |
| **GET** | /balance/{accountId} | Retrieve and format an account balance |

## ****Step 2: Setting Up Spring Boot Project****

### ****2.1 Create a Spring Boot Project****

We will use [Spring Initializr](https://start.spring.io/" \t "_new) to generate the project.

✅ Dependencies to include:

* **Spring Web** (For REST API)
* **Spring Boot Starter Data JPA** (For database access)
* **Spring Boot Starter Security** (For authentication)
* **Spring Boot Starter Validation** (For request validation)
* **Spring Boot Starter Logging** (For file logging)
* **Spring Boot Starter AMQP** (For RabbitMQ integration)
* **Spring Boot DevTools** (For development convenience)
* **PostgreSQL Driver** (Or MySQL based on preference)

### ****2.2 Project Folder Structure****

/transaction-api

├── src/main/java/com/example/transactionapi

│ ├── controller/ # API Endpoints

│ ├── service/ # Business Logic

│ ├── repository/ # Database Access

│ ├── model/ # Data Models

│ ├── security/ # JWT Authentication

│ ├── queue/ # Message Queue Handling

│ ├── config/ # Configuration Files

│ ├── TransactionApiApplication.java # Main Application

├── src/main/resources/

│ ├── application.yml # Configuration