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Creating a Blog System with Spring MVC, Thymeleaf, JPA and MySQL

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Recently, I created a detailed **Spring MVC tutorial** for my students at the Software University (SoftUni), as part of their training course “Software Technologies”, so I want to share it with anyone interested to learn how to integrate Java, Spring Framework, Spring MVC, Spring Boot, Spring services, repositories, controllers, models, Thymeleaf views, Spring form validation, JPA, entity classes, Spring Data, Spring Data JPA, Hibernate, JPQL, MySQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript and jQuery into a single working project – a server-side Web application for simple blogging.

In this tutorial we shall create a fully-functional **Blog system** from scratch using **Spring MVC** and **MySQL** database. The blog holds posts (visible for everyone). Registered users (after login) can create / edit / delete posts. The blog will use Java, Spring Framework, Spring MVC, Thymeleaf template engine, Spring Data JPA, JPA, Hibernate and MySQL.

First, download the project resources (images, JS code, database sample data, etc.): [Spring-MVC-Blog-resources.zip](#).

What We Are Building?

We are building a **Blog system** where users can **view posts** and **create / edit / delete posts** after **registration / login**.

Blog System – Project Specification

Design and implement a “**Blog**” **Web application** in Spring MVC + MySQL. Implement the following functionality:

- **Home**

- Show the **last 3 posts** at the home page, ordered by date (from the most recent).
- Show also the **last 5 post titles** at the home page (as a **sidebar**) with a link to the post.
- Show **[Login]** and **[Register]** buttons (when no user is logged in).

- **Login**

- Login in the blog with existing account (username + password).
- Show a success message after login or error message in case of problem.

- **Register**

- Register a new user in the MySQL database (by username + password + full name).
- Show a success message after registration or error message in case of problem.

- **Logout**

- Logout the current user.
- This **[Logout]** button is available after successful login only.

- **View / Create / Edit / Delete Posts (CRUD Operations)**

- Logged in users should be able to **view** all posts, **create** new post (by title + content) / **edit / delete** their own posts.
- Posts are **displayed in a table** (one row for each post). At each row a link **[Edit]** and **[Delete]** should be displayed.

- **Create post** shows a **form** to enter the post data (title + content). After the form submission, the post is created in the database. Implement field validation (non-empty fields are required).
- **Edit post** fills an existing post data in a form and allows it to be edited. After successful form submission, the post is edited. Implement field validation.
- **Delete post** shows the post to be deleted and asks for confirmation.

- **View All Users**

- Logged in users should be able to **view** all users (username + full name) in a table.

Blog System – Screenshots

Welcome to My Blog

Work Begins on HTML5.1

Posted on 22-May-2016 by Svetlin Nakov

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has begun work on **HTML5.1**, and this time it is handling the creation of the standard a little differently. The specification has its [own GitHub project](#) where anyone can see what is happening and propose changes.

Recent Posts

- Work Begins on HTML5.1
- Windows 10 Preview with Bash Support Now Available
- Atom Text Editor Gets New Windows Features
- SoftUni 3.0 Launched
- Git 2.8 Adds Security and Productivity Features

Login

Username:

Password:

[\[Go to Register\]](#)

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Posts

| ID | Title | Content | Date | Author ID | Action |
|----|------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|---|
| 1 | Work Begins on HTML5.1 | <p>The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has begun work on HTML5.1, and this time it is handling the creation of the standard a little differently. The specification has its <a href="https://w...</p> | 2016-05-22 10:13:37 | 2 | [Edit] [Delete] |

| 2 | Windows 10 Preview with Bash Support Now Available | <p>Microsoft has released a new Windows 10 Insider Preview that includes native support for Bash running on Ubuntu Linux. The company first announced the new feature at last week's Build... | 2016-05-20 11:18:26 | 8 | [Edit] | [Delete] | | |
|---|--|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 3 | Atom Text Editor Gets New | <p>GitHub has released Atom 1.7, and the updated version of the text editor offers improvements for Windows developers. | 2016-05-07 | 3 | [Edit] | | | |

Create New Post

Title:

Content:

[\[Cancel\]](#)

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Post created.

| ID | Title | Content | Date | Author ID | Action |
|----|------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------|--|
| 7 | New Post | Hello, this is my first post... | 2016-08-05 13:06:10 | 2 | [Edit] [Delete] |
| 1 | Work Begins on HTML5.1 | <p>The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has begun work on HTML5.1, and this time it is handling the creation of the standard a little differently. The specification has its <a href="https://w... | 2016-05-22 10:13:37 | 2 | [Edit] [Delete] |
| | Windows 10 | <n>Microsoft has released a new | | | |

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Delete Post" with the URL "localhost:8080/posts/delete/7". The page content is a confirmation message: "Are you sure you want to delete this post?". Below the message are form fields for "Title" (New Post), "Content" (Hello, this is my first post...), "Date" (2016-08-05 13:06:10), and "Author ID" (2). At the bottom are two buttons: "Delete" and "[Cancel]".

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Users" with the URL "localhost:8080/users". The page title is "Blog". The main content is a table titled "Users" with columns "ID", "Username", and "Full Name". The data in the table is as follows:

| ID | Username | Full Name |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | admin | |
| 4 | ani | Ani Kirova |
| 7 | it's security "test" | it's security "test" |
| 5 | joe | Joe Green |
| 3 | maria | Maria Ivanova |
| 2 | nakov | Svetlin Nakov |
| 6 | test | |
| 8 | vikash | Vikash Jain |



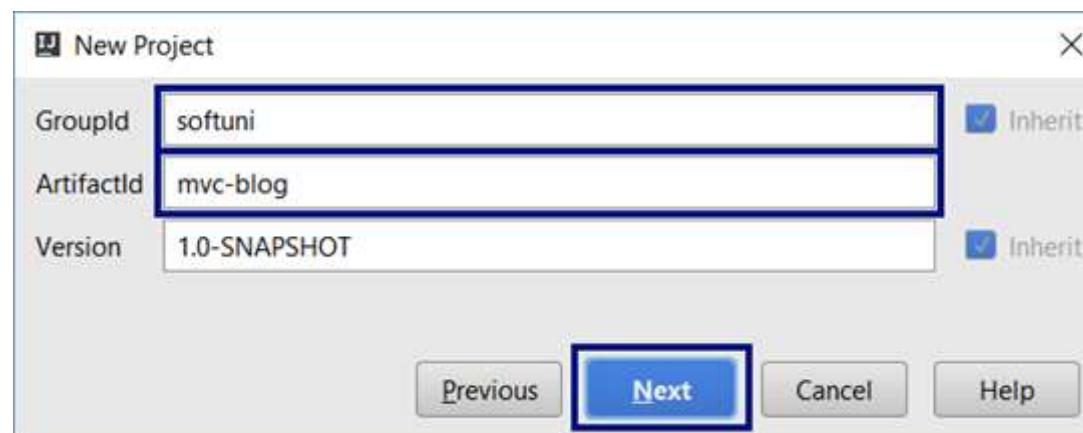
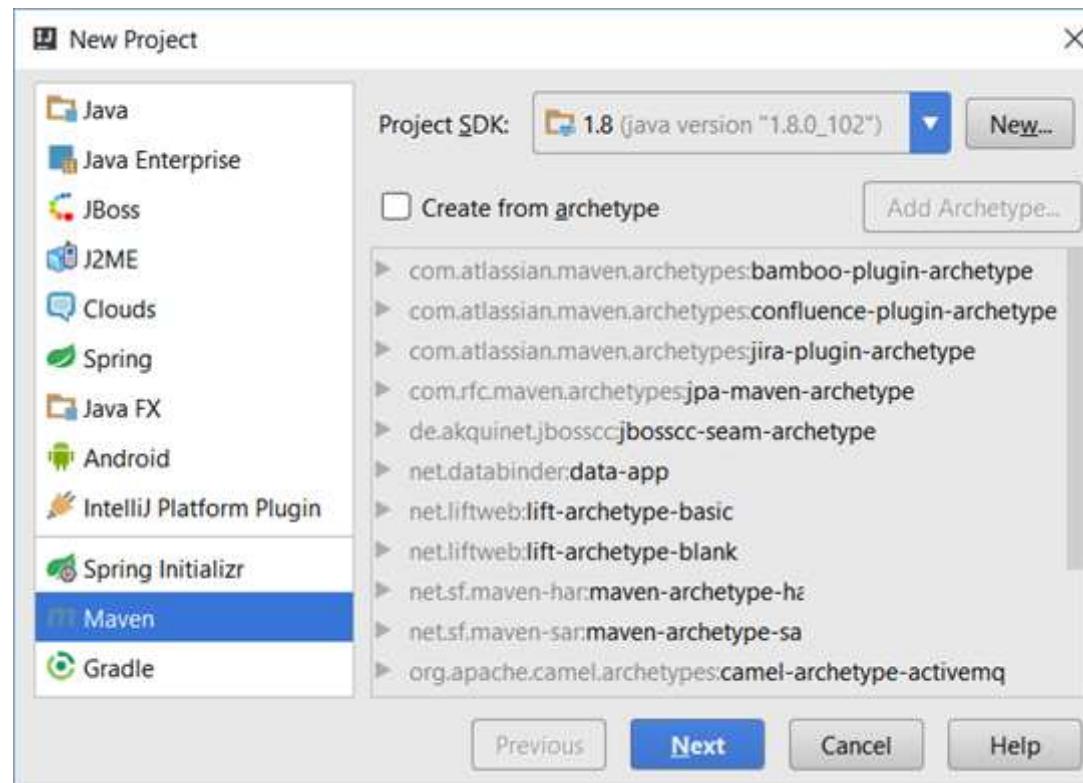
Part I: Setup a Spring Boot Project

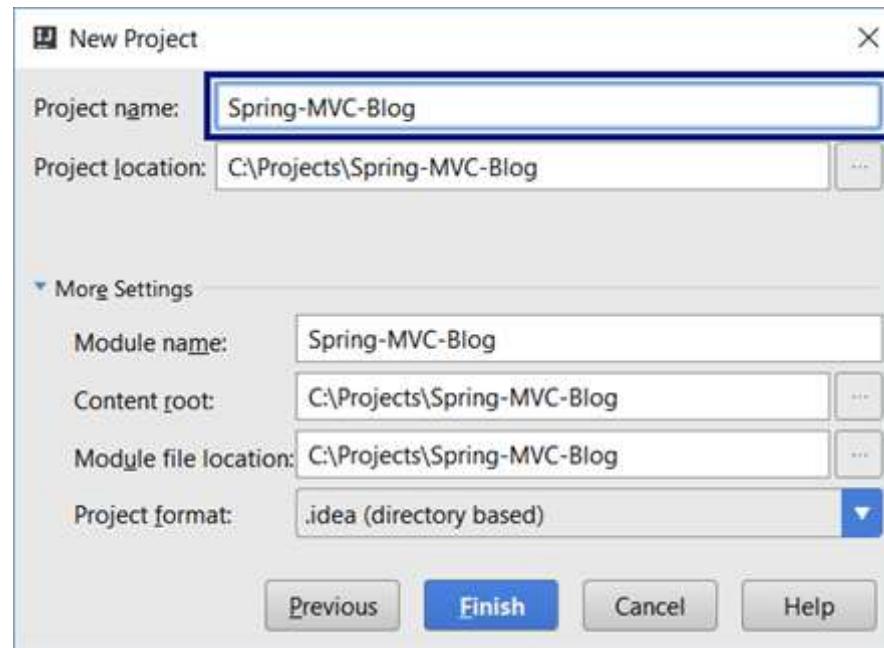
In this section we shall create an empty **Spring MVC application** based on **Spring Boot** using **Maven**.

We shall use **IntelliJ IDEA** as development environment, but Eclipse or any other Java IDE could work as well.

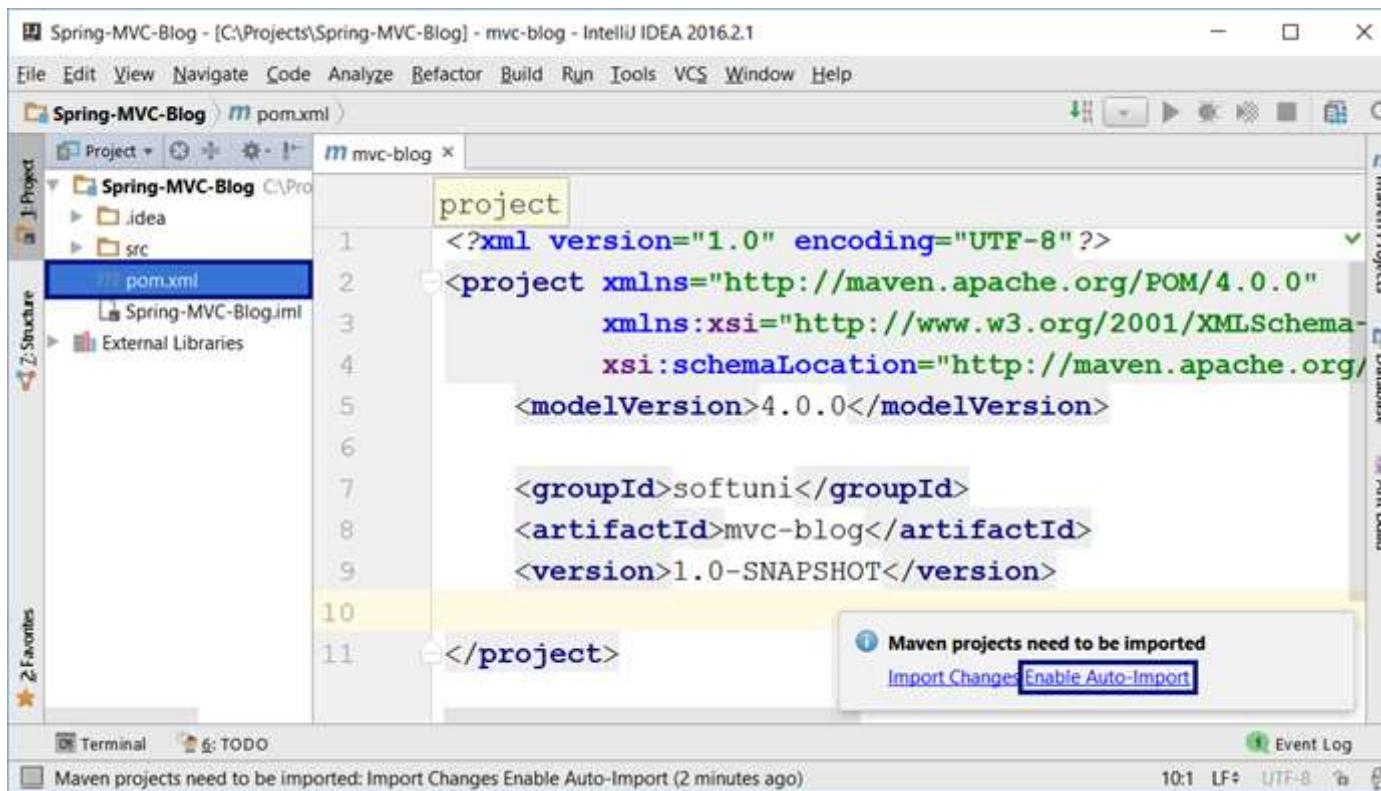
Create a New Maven Project

Create a new **Maven project** for the Blog system:





The IDE will create for you a Maven configuration file **pom.xml** in the project root folder. In IntelliJ IDEA enable the “auto-import” for the Maven dependencies.



Add the Spring Boot Dependencies in Maven

Inside the `<project>` element in the `pom.xml` add the `spring-boot-starter-parent` dependency:

pom.xml

```
<parent>
<groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
<artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
<version>1.4.0.RELEASE</version>
</parent>
```

The above declaration inherits all **Spring Boot** libraries and project settings from **spring-boot-starter-parent**. We will assign the Spring Framework **version** only once at this place. We shall use version **1.4.0** – the latest stable release as of August 2016. All other Maven dependencies will be without an explicitly specified version, so Maven will detect the required version automatically.

Add also a dependency to **spring-boot-starter-thymeleaf**:

pom.xml

```
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-thymeleaf</artifactId>
  </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

The above code will configure the **Thymeleaf templating engine** that will be used for the views

Set the **Java version** to **1.8**. Otherwise the project will use old Java version and some functionality will not compile:

pom.xml

```
<properties>
  <java.version>1.8</java.version>
</properties>
```

This is how your Maven configuration file **pom.xml** might look like. Note that if everything is OK, the project libraries will include all **Spring Core**, **Spring Boot**, **Spring MVC** and **Thymeleaf** libraries (**jar** files, shown on the left):

The screenshot shows the IntelliJ IDEA interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** Spring-MVC-Blog - [C:\Projects\Spring-MVC-Blog] - mvc-blog - IntelliJ IDEA 2016.2.1
- Menu Bar:** File, Edit, View, Navigate, Code, Analyze, Refactor, Build, Run, Tools, VCS, Window, Help
- Toolbar:** Standard IntelliJ toolbar with icons for opening, saving, running, and navigating.
- Project Tool Window:** Shows the project structure with "Spring-MVC-Blog" selected. It includes "Pr.jt" (Project), ".idea", "src", and "pom.xml".
- Code Editor:** The main window displays the `pom.xml` file content. The code is as follows:

```
<?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/pom-4.0.0.xsd">
    <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

    <groupId>softuni</groupId>
    <artifactId>mvc-blog</artifactId>
    <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>

    <parent>
        <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
        <version>1.4.0.RELEASE</version>
    </parent>

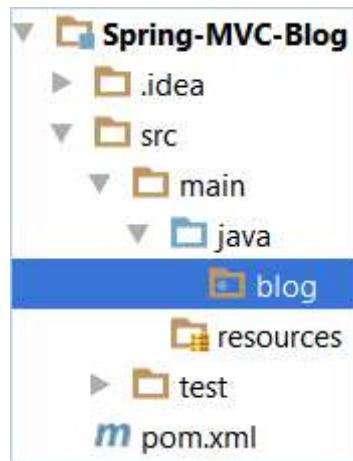
    <dependencies>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-thymeleaf</artifactId>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>

    <properties>
        <java.version>1.8</java.version>
    </properties>
</project>
```

- Toolbars:** Maven Projects, Database, Bean Validation, Ant Build.
- Bottom Status Bar:** Messages, Terminal, TODO, Run, Event Log. Status message: Compilation completed successfully in 2s 385ms (a minute ago).
- Bottom Right:** Encoding: UTF-8, Line Endings: LF.

Create the Project Structure: Directories

Create a package “`blog`” in the source code root of your Java project: `src/main/java`:



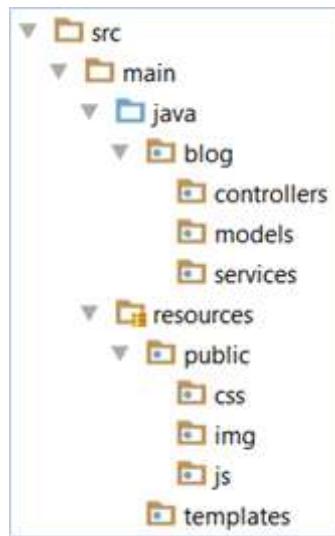
Create the following **packages** (directories) in `src/main/java/blog`:

- **models** – will hold the project **MVC models** (entity classes) like `User` and `Post`.
- **controllers** – will hold the project **MVC controllers** that will serve the blog functionality.
- **services** – will hold the **business logic** of the project, invoked by the controllers.

Create the following **folders** in `src/main/resources`:

- **templates** – will hold the application **views** (the Thymeleaf HTML templates and template fragments).
- **public** – will hold static HTML content like **CSS**, **images** and **JavaScript** code.
- **public/img** – will hold the site **images** (e.g. site logo).
- **public/css** – will hold the site **CSS** styles.
- **public/js** – will hold the site **JavaScript** files (e.g. jQuery, Bootstrap and custom JS code).

Your **project directory structure** should look like this:

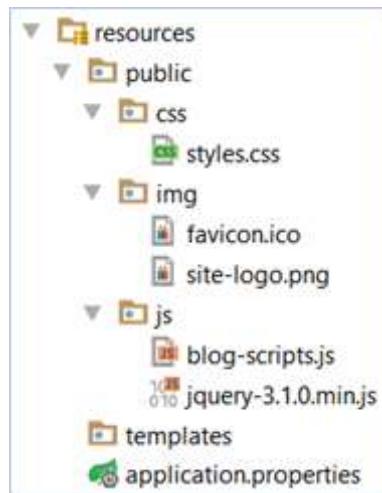


Create the Project Structure: Files

Create a few important **project files** in `src/main/resources`:

- `public/css/styles.css` – the main **CSS styles** for the application. You shall put some style in this file later, so leave it empty now.
- `public/img/site-logo.png` – the site **logo**. Copy it from the resources coming with this tutorial.
- `public/img/favicon.ico` – the browser **icon** for the site. Copy it from the resources for this tutorial.
- `public/js/blog-scripts.js` – the **JavaScript code** that will be used in our blog. You shall put some JS code in this file later, so leave it empty now.
- `public/js/jquery-3.1.0.min.js` – the **jQuery** library that will simplify your JS code. Copy it from the resources for this tutorial or from Internet: <https://jquery.com/download/>.
- `application.properties` – the Spring **application settings** (like logging configuration and database connection settings). Initially, leave this file empty.

After completing all the above steps, your **project resources file structure** should look like this:



Create the Spring Boot Application Startup Class

Create the **Spring Boot application startup class** in the package “blog” in your `src/main/java` directory:

```
src/main/java/blog/BlogMvcApplication.java
```

```
package blog;

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

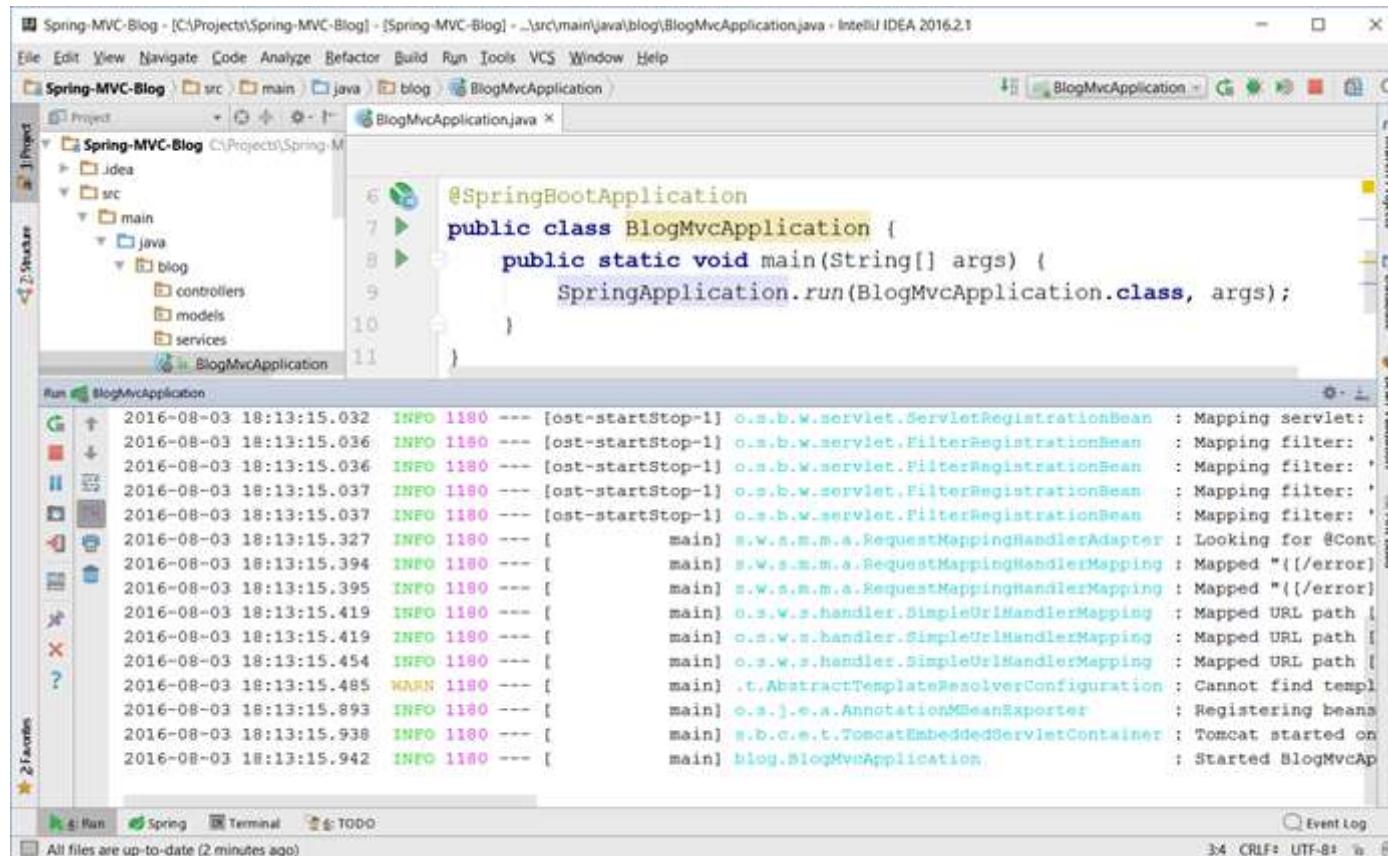
@SpringBootApplication
public class BlogMvcApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(BlogMvcApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```

This class configures and starts your Spring Boot application, which is still empty. The `@SpringBootApplication` annotation applies the default configuration settings for our Spring Boot application (finds and loads all entities, controllers, UI templates and other application

assets). Calling `SpringApplication.run(...)` will start an embedded **Tomcat Web application server** at <http://localhost:8080> to serve the HTTP requests to your Spring MVC Web application.

Run the Empty Web Application

Now you are ready to **run your Web application** for the first time. Run the `BlogMvcApplication` class, just like any other Java program. It should show a long sequence of **logs** (informational messages) at its startup:



The screenshot shows the IntelliJ IDEA interface with the project 'Spring-MVC-Blog' open. The 'BlogMvcApplication.java' file is selected in the editor. The 'Run' tool window is open, showing the following log output:

```

2016-08-03 18:13:15.032 INFO 1180 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.s.b.w.servlet.ServletRegistrationBean : Mapping servlet: 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.036 INFO 1180 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.s.b.w.servlet.FilterRegistrationBean : Mapping filter: ' 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.036 INFO 1180 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.s.b.w.servlet.FilterRegistrationBean : Mapping filter: ' 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.037 INFO 1180 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.s.b.w.servlet.FilterRegistrationBean : Mapping filter: ' 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.037 INFO 1180 --- [ost-startStop-1] o.s.b.w.servlet.FilterRegistrationBean : Mapping filter: ' 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.327 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.w.s.m.m.a.RequestMappingHandlerAdapter : Looking for @Cont 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.394 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.w.s.m.m.a.RequestMappingHandlerMapping : Mapped "(/error)" 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.395 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.w.s.m.m.a.RequestMappingHandlerMapping : Mapped "(/error)" 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.419 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.s.w.s.handler.SimpleUrlHandlerMapping : Mapped URL path " 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.419 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.s.w.s.handler.SimpleUrlHandlerMapping : Mapped URL path " 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.454 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.s.w.s.handler.SimpleUrlHandlerMapping : Mapped URL path " 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.485 WARN 1180 --- [ main] t.AbstractTemplateResolverConfiguration : Cannot find templ 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.893 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.s.j.e.a.AnnotationMBeanExporter : Registering beans 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.938 INFO 1180 --- [ main] o.b.c.t.TomcatEmbeddedServletContainer : Tomcat started on 
2016-08-03 18:13:15.942 INFO 1180 --- [ main] blog.BlogMvcApplication : Started BlogMvcAp

```

Open project URL at <http://localhost:8080> in your browser to check **whether Tomcat and Spring MVC are running**. You should see a Web page like the shown below. Note the **green site icon** of the top left angle of the browser. This is the Spring Framework's icon. If you see it, your browser shows a Spring MVC application.



It is quite normal to see this **error message**. It says that the Embedded Tomcat server with Spring MVC is running, but you have **no registered controller action** to handle HTTP GET requests for your home page URL “/”.

If your browser shows you other Web content (e.g. different site icon), or fails to open **localhost:8080**, check for errors in your Java application output and also who is listening at port **8080** on your localhost loopback interface.

Create the Home Controller + View

To ensure your **Spring MVC application** and the **Thymeleaf** templating engine are properly configured, create your first **controller + Thymeleaf view** and invoke it from your browser.

Create a Java class **HomeController.java** in your **src/main/java/blog/controllers** directory:

```
src/main/java/blog/controllers/HomeController.java
```

```
package blog.controllers;

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

@Controller
public class HomeController {
    @RequestMapping("/")
    public String index() {
        return "index";
    }
}
```

The above code defines a **Spring Web MVC controller** and defines an **action** that handles HTTP GET requests for the root URL of the project “/”. When someone opens <http://localhost:8080/> from a Web browser, the above action will be called. It returns the “**index**” view and this means to render a Thymeleaf template “**index.html**” located in the file **src/main/resources/templates/index.html**.

Create a **Thymeleaf view “index.html”** in your **src/main/resources/templates** directory:

src/main/resources/templates/index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">

    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8" />
        <title>Blog</title>
    </head>

    <body>
        <h1>Welcome to Spring MVC</h1>
        Now is: <b th:text="${execInfo.now.time}"></b>
    </body>

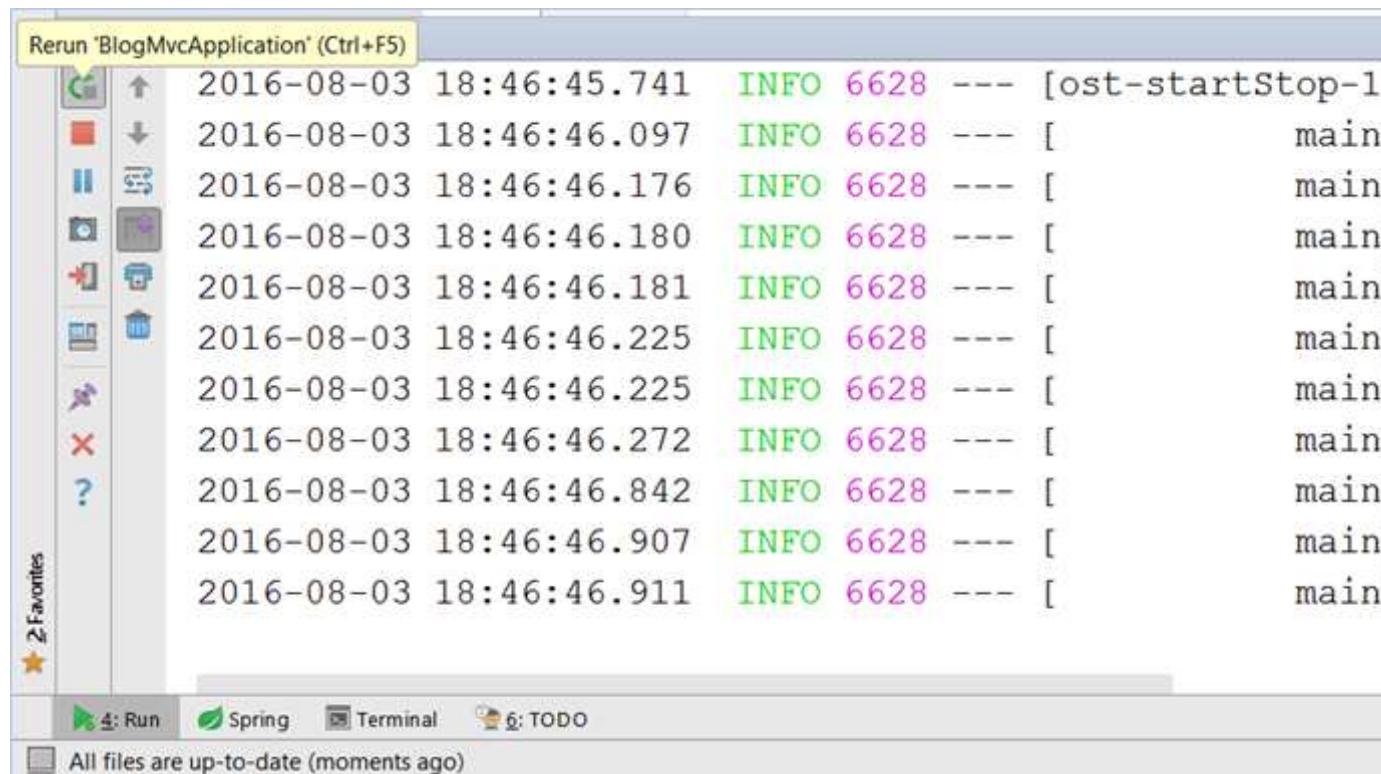
</html>
```

The above code is a sample **HTML page** that uses the **Thymeleaf view engine** to display the **current date and time**. The namespace `xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org"`

indicates that this file is not pure HTML, but is a **Thymeleaf template** that should be processed at the server side to produce a HTML page.

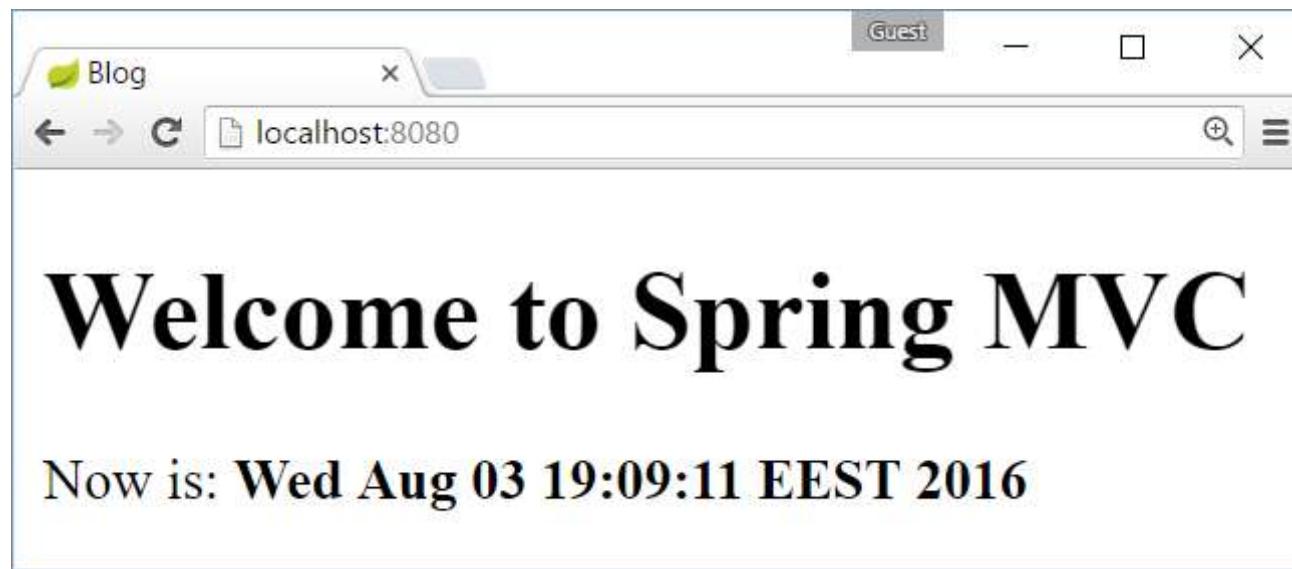
Restart the Web Server to See the Changes

Compile and **make your project** (press [Ctrl+F9] in IDEA) and **restart the Spring Boot Web server** to be able to see the changes in your code (the new controller + view). Stop and start again (or re-run) your Spring MVC application (the `BlogMvcApplication` class). In IntelliJ IDEA you have a special button to do this in the [Run] panel:



See the Output from Your First Controller + View

Now refresh your Web browser or open again <http://localhost:8080>. You should see the **HTML output** from your first MVC **controller action** + Thymeleaf **view**. It should look like this:



Configure Auto-Reload after Change in the Source Code

It is quite ugly to **rebuild** your project and **restart** your Web server manually each time you change the source code in order to see the changes. Let's automate this process.

First, disable the Thymeleaf **template caching** in your **application.properties** settings file:

```
src/main/resources/application.properties
```

```
spring.thymeleaf.cache = false
```

Second, install **Spring Boot Development Tools** in your Maven configuration. Just **add this dependency**:

```
pom.xml
```

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-devtools</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

Don't remove the other dependencies when you add this new dependency. Your `<dependencies>` section in `pom.xml` should look like this:

```
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-thymeleaf</artifactId>
  </dependency>

  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-devtools</artifactId>
  </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

Now **rebuild** the project and **restart** the server. You will not need to do this more after changing the project. The Spring Boot server will restart automatically after a project change. Make sure to press **[Ctrl+F9] in IntelliJ IDEA** when you want to see the changes in the source code or view templates.

Create the Site Layout (Header, Menu, Footer, CSS)

Now, let's build the **site layout** (also known as master page template). The site layout includes the parts of the site, which should be **shared between all site pages**:

- **Head** section – holds the site `<head>` section with the CSS and scripts references.
- Site **header** section – holds the site header and top menu.
- Site **footer** section – holds the site footer area.

Create a new HTML file “`layout.html`” in `src/main/resources/templates`. It will hold the site layout:

src/main/resources/templates/layout.html

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org"><head th:fragment="site-head">
<meta charset="UTF-8" />
<link rel="stylesheet" href="../public/css/styles.css" th:href="@{/css/styles.css}" />
<link rel="icon" href="../public/img/favicon.ico" th:href="@{/img/favicon.ico}" />
<script src="../public/js/jquery-3.1.0.min.js" th:src="@{/js/jquery-3.1.0.min.js}"></script>
<script src="../public/js/blog-scripts.js" th:src="@{/js/blog-scripts.js}"></script>
<meta th:include="this :: head" th:remove="tag"/>
</head><body><header th:fragment="site-header">
<a href="index.html" th:href="@{/}"></a>
<a href="index.html" th:href="@{/}">Home</a>
<a href="users/login.html" th:href="@{/users/login}">Login</a>
<a href="users/register.html" th:href="@{/users/register}">Register</a>
<a href="posts/index.html" th:href="@{/posts}">Posts</a>
<a href="posts/create.html" th:href="@{/posts/create}">Create Post</a>
<a href="users/index.html" th:href="@{/users}">Users</a>
<div id="logged-in-info"> <span>Hello, <b>(user)</b></span>
<form method="post" th:action="@{/users/logout}">
<input type="submit" value="Logout"/>
</form>
</div>
</header> <h1>Welcome</h1>
<p>Welcome to the Spring MVC Blog.</p> <footer th:fragment="site-footer">
&copy; Spring MVC Blog System, 2016
</footer></body></html>

```

The above file “`layout.html`” holds several **Thymeleaf fragments** that will be included in all site pages:

- The “`site-head`” fragment holds the `<head>` section. It includes the site CSS, JavaScript code, etc. It appends to the page `<head>` section the `<head>` section of the invoking page, e.g. `index.html`.

- The “**site-header**” fragment holds the **site header**: site **logo** + top navigation **links** to the other site pages. It also holds the “**Logout**” form. The header now holds links to all pages, but once the login / logout functionality is implemented, it will **show / hide some of the links** for anonymous site **visitors** and for the **authenticated users**.
- The “**site-footer**” fragment is very simple. It holds some static text for the **site footer**.

Note that the links in the above code look like **duplicated**, because there are two attributes that specify the resource address: **href=”...”** and **th:href=”...”**. This is because Thymeleaf uses **natural templates**. “Natural templates” means that the template is a document as valid as the final result and the view engine syntax doesn’t break the document’s structure. The **href** value specifies the relative resource location **in the system** (provided by the Web site designer, e.g. “[..../public/css/styles.css](#)”). The **th:href** value specifies the resource runtime **location at the Web server** (which is relative to the site root, e.g. “[/css/styles.css](#)”).

Once you have created the site layout template, it is time to modify the home view “**index.html**” to use this site layout by including its **site-head**, **site-header** and **site-footer** fragments using the Thymeleaf **th:replace** attributes as it is shown below:

src/main/resources/templates/index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">

<head th:replace="layout :: site-head">
<title>Welcome to Spring MVC Blog</title>
</head>

<body>

<header th:replace="layout :: site-header" />

<h1>Welcome to Spring MVC</h1>
Now is: <b th:text="${execInfo.now.time}">date and time</b>

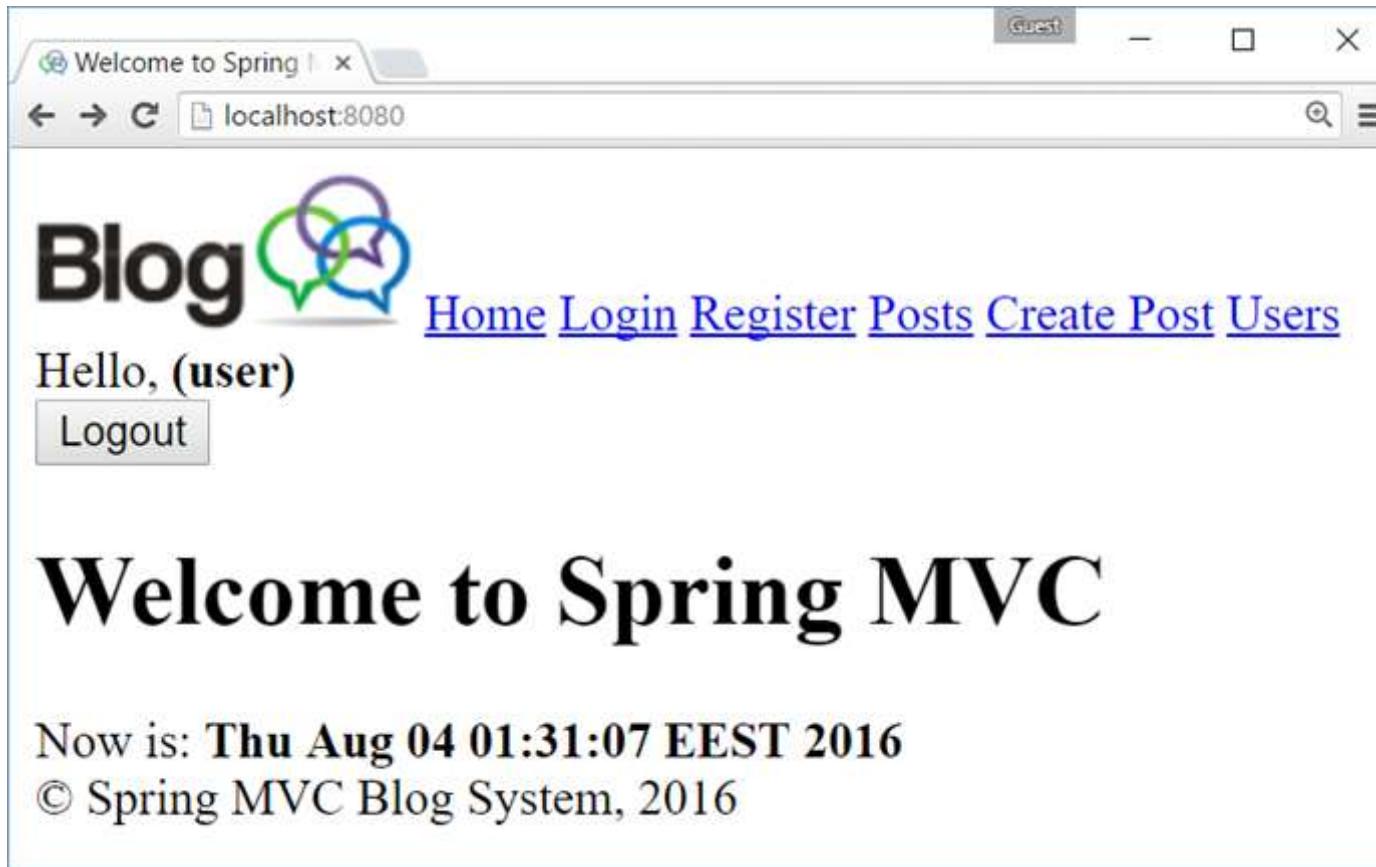
<footer th:replace="layout :: site-footer" />

</body>

</html>
```

The concept of “**natural templates**” is simple: if you **open directly** in a Web browser the above HTML files (by double-clicking on `layout.html` or `index.html`), without rendering them through the Thymeleaf view engine, their HTML content will be displayed correctly and will look meaningful.

Now **make the project** ([Ctrl+F9] in IntelliJ IDEA) and **refresh the browser** to see the changes:



The site **header** and **footer** should be shown correctly but look a little bit ugly, because **there is no CSS** styles. The site browser icon (at the top left corner) is also change (by the `favicon.ico` file in the site header).

Add CSS Styles for the Site Layout

Let's style the header, footer and the main page content. Add these **style definitions** in the site **CSS** file:

src/main/resources/public/css/styles.css

```
body>header {  
background: #eee;  
padding: 5px;  
}  
  
body>header>a>img, body>header a {  
display: inline-block;  
vertical-align: middle;  
padding: 0px 5px;  
font-size: 1.2em;  
}  
  
body>footer {  
background: #eee;  
padding: 5px;  
margin: 10px 0;  
text-align: center;  
}  
  
#logged-in-info {  
float: right;  
margin-top: 18px;  
}  
  
#logged-in-info form {  
display: inline-block;  
margin-right: 10px;  
}
```

Now **save** the changes, **make** the project and **refresh** the Web browser to see how the site looks after the styling:



Congratulations, you have successfully created the **site layout** (the shared head, header, footer and CSS).

Part II: Build the Application UI (Spring MVC)

In this section we shall build the application **user interface (UI)** without connecting it to the database. We shall build **controllers** and **views** to implement the user interface of the project. Instead of connecting to the database, we shall use stub **service** implementations that provide **sample data** for visualization in the view templates.

Create Entity Classes: “User” and “Post”

In order to create the controllers and views of the Blog system, we will need the **entity classes** (data models) to hold **users** and **posts**. Let's create these classes.

First, create a class **User** in the package **blog.models** to hold information about blog users. **Users** have **id**, **username**, **passwordHash** (encrypted password), **fullName** and a **set of posts**:

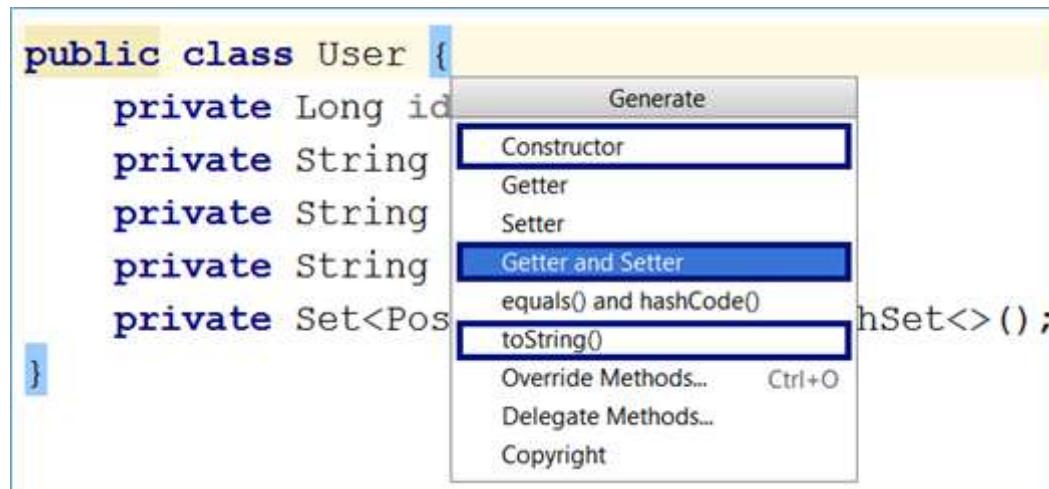
src/main/java/blog/models/User.java

```
package blog.models;

import java.util.HashSet;
import java.util.Set;

public class User {
    private Long id;
    private String username;
    private String passwordHash;
    private String fullName;
    private Set<Post> posts = new HashSet<>();
}
```

Now generate **getters and setters** (for all fields), **constructors** (empty and by **id + username + fullName**) and **toString()** method (don't print the set of posts in the **toString()** to avoid endless recursion) in the **User** class:



The **generated code** might look as follows:

src/main/java/blog/models/User.java

```

public class User {
    ...
    public Long getId() { return id; }
    public void setId(Long id) { this.id = id; }
    public String getUsername() { return username; }
    public void setUsername(String username) { this.username = username; }
    public String getPasswordHash() { return passwordHash; }
    public void setPasswordHash(String passHash) { this.passwordHash = passHash; }
    public String getFullName() { return fullName; }
    public void setFullName(String fullName) { this.fullName = fullName; }
    public Set<Post> getPosts() { return posts; }
    public void setPosts(Set<Post> posts) { this.posts = posts; }
    public User() { }

    public User(Long id, String username, String fullName) {
        this.id = id; this.username = username; this.fullName = fullName;
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "User{" + "id=" + id + ", username='" + username + '\'' +
            ", passwordHash='" + passwordHash + '\'' +
            ", fullName='" + fullName + '\'' + '}';
    }
}

```

Next, create a class **Post** in the package **blog.models** to hold information about blog posts. **Posts** have **id**, **title**, **body**, **date** of publishing (defaults to the current date and time) and an **author** (which is **User**):

src/main/java/blog/models/Post.java

```

package blog.models;

import java.util.Date;

public class Post {

```

```

private Long id;
private String title;
private String body;
private User author;
private Date date = new Date();

}

```

Generate **getters and setters** (for all fields), **empty constructor**, **constructors** by **id + title + body + author** and **toString()** method for the **Post** class. Your code might look like the shown below (it is intentionally shown as image to avoid copy / paste):

src/main/java/blog/models/Post.java

```

public Long getId() { return id; }
public void setId(Long id) { this.id = id; }
public String getTitle() { return title; }
public void setTitle(String title) { this.title = title; }
public String getBody() { return body; }
public void setBody(String body) { this.body = body; }
public User getAuthor() { return author; }
public void setAuthor(User author) { this.author = author; }
public Date getDate() { return date; }
public void setDate(Date date) { this.date = date; }
public Post() {...}
public Post(Long id, String title, String body, User author) {...}
@Override
public String toString() {...}

```

Create Service Interface “PostService”

In Spring MVC uses a layered architecture: **controllers** → **services** → **repositories** → **models** → **database**.

- **Controllers** – hold the **presentation (UI) logic** – process user request (GET / POST / other), prepare data for the view and render the view (or redirect to another URL). Example: prepare and show the home page.
- **Services** – hold the **business logic**. Often just call some repository method. Example: create new post / show a post for deleting / delete post. Services may have several **implementations**: DB based or stub based.
- **Repositories** – implement the **database CRUD operations** (create / read / edit / delete) in the database for certain entity class (model). Examples: find post by id / delete post by id. Often provided by the framework (not written by hand).
- **Models (entity classes)** – holds the data about the **application data**. Examples: user, post, tag, ...

Now, create the **service interface** that will provide the business logic for working with posts in the blog system:

src/main/java/blog/services/PostService.java

```
package blog.services;

import blog.models.Post;

import java.util.List;

public interface PostService {
    List<Post> findAll();
    List<Post> findLatest5();
    Post findById(Long id);
    Post create(Post post);
    Post edit(Post post);
    void deleteById(Long id);
}
```

The **PostService** interface provides all the functionality about posts that is needed for the blog system.

Create Stub Service Implementation “PostServiceStubImpl”

To **reduce the complexity**, the blog application will be created **step by step**. First, the blog will be implemented to work **without a database**: users and posts will be stored in the server memory. Later, the database persistence will be implemented to replace the in-

memory object storing.

Let's implement a **stub** (sample data, stored in the memory) for the **PostService**. It will be a Java class called **PostServiceStubImpl**. It will hold the **posts** in a **List<Post>** collection and the service methods will be easy to be implemented:

src/main/java/blog/services/PostServiceStubImpl.java

```
package blog.services;

import blog.models.Post;
import blog.models.User;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import java.util.*;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;

@Service
public class PostServiceStubImpl implements PostService {
    private List<Post> posts = new ArrayList<Post>() {{
        add(new Post(1L, "First Post", "<p>Line #1.</p><p>Line #2</p>", null));
        add(new Post(2L, "Second Post",
                "Second post content:<ul><li>line 1</li><li>line 2</li></ul>",
                new User(10L, "pesho10", "Peter Ivanov")));
        add(new Post(3L, "Post #3", "<p>The post number 3 nice</p>",
                new User(10L, "merry", null)));
        add(new Post(4L, "Forth Post", "<p>Not interesting post</p>", null));
        add(new Post(5L, "Post Number 5", "<p>Just posting</p>", null));
        add(new Post(6L, "Sixth Post", "<p>Another interesting post</p>", null));
    }};
    @Override
    public List<Post> findAll() {
        return this.posts;
    }
    @Override
    public List<Post> findLatest5() {
        return this.posts.stream()
            .sorted((a, b) -> b.getDate().compareTo(a.getDate()))
            .limit(5)
    }
}
```

```
.collect(Collectors.toList());  
}  
  
@Override  
public Post findById(Long id) {  
    return this.posts.stream()  
        .filter(p -> Objects.equals(p.getId(), id))  
        .findFirst()  
        .orElse(null);  
}  
  
@Override  
public Post create(Post post) {  
    post.setId(this.posts.stream().mapToLong(  
        p -> p.getId()).max().getAsLong() + 1);  
    this.posts.add(post);  
    return post;  
}  
  
@Override  
public Post edit(Post post) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < this.posts.size(); i++) {  
        if (Objects.equals(this.posts.get(i).getId(), post.getId())) {  
            this.posts.set(i, post);  
            return post;  
        }  
    }  
    throw new RuntimeException("Post not found: " + post.getId());  
}  
  
@Override  
public void deleteById(Long id) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < this.posts.size(); i++) {  
        if (Objects.equals(this.posts.get(i).getId(), id)) {  
            this.posts.remove(i);  
            return;  
        }  
    }  
    throw new RuntimeException("Post not found: " + id);  
}
```

The above service implementation is just **for testing**. It will allow us to develop the application front-end UI (controllers and views) without carrying about the complexity of the database access. It will also make the application services testable without the need of database. Let's update the home page controller.

Note: the annotation **@Service** for the service implementation class is important here. It tells the Spring Framework that this class will be used by the application controllers as a **service** and Spring Framework will **automatically instantiate** and **inject** it in the controllers (through the **@Autowired** annotation).

Invoke the “PostService” from the Home Page Controller

Now, let's **update the home page controller** to use the **PostService** and its testing stub implementation **PostServiceStubImpl**. Now the **HomeController.index()** method should **prepare** for the view the **latest 3 blog posts** (to be shown at the home page) + **the latest 5 blog posts** (to be shown at the sidebar).

src/main/java/blog/controllers/HomeController.java

```
@Controller
public class HomeController {
    @Autowired
    private PostService postService;

    @RequestMapping("/")
    public String index(Model model) {
        List<Post> latest5Posts = postService.findLatest5();
        model.addAttribute("latest5posts", latest5Posts);

        List<Post> latest3Posts = latest5Posts.stream()
            .limit(3).collect(Collectors.toList());
        model.addAttribute("latest3posts", latest3Posts);

        return "index";
    }
}
```

Note the **@Autowired** annotation before the **postService** field. This is the **“magic” of Spring Framework**. It automatically **injects** the correct implementation for your services at the places where they are needed. Developers just type “**@Autowired**”. Spring scans the project and finds all classes that implement the service interface. If only one such class is found, it is instantiated and its instance is **auto-wired (injected)** in the field or method parameter where it is requested.

The above controller action puts in the **view model** the latest 5 posts as object named “**latest5posts**” and the latest 3 posts as object named “**latest3posts**” to be shown at the home page by the view. Now it is time to write the **home page view** to process these posts.

Implement “List Latest 3 Posts” at the Home Page Main Area

Let's modify the **home page view** to display the latest 3 posts:

src/main/resources/templates/index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">

<head th:replace="layout :: site-head">
    <title>Spring MVC Blog</title>
</head>

<body>

<header th:replace="layout :: site-header" />

<main id="posts">
    <article th:each="p : ${latest3posts}">
        <h2 class="title" th:text="${p.title}">Post Title</h2>
        <div class="date">
            <i>Posted on</i>
            <span th:text="#${dates.format(p.date, 'dd-MMM-yyyy')}">22-May-2016</span>
            <span th:if="${p.author}" th:remove="tag">
                <i>by</i>
                <span th:text="${p.author.fullName} != null ?
```

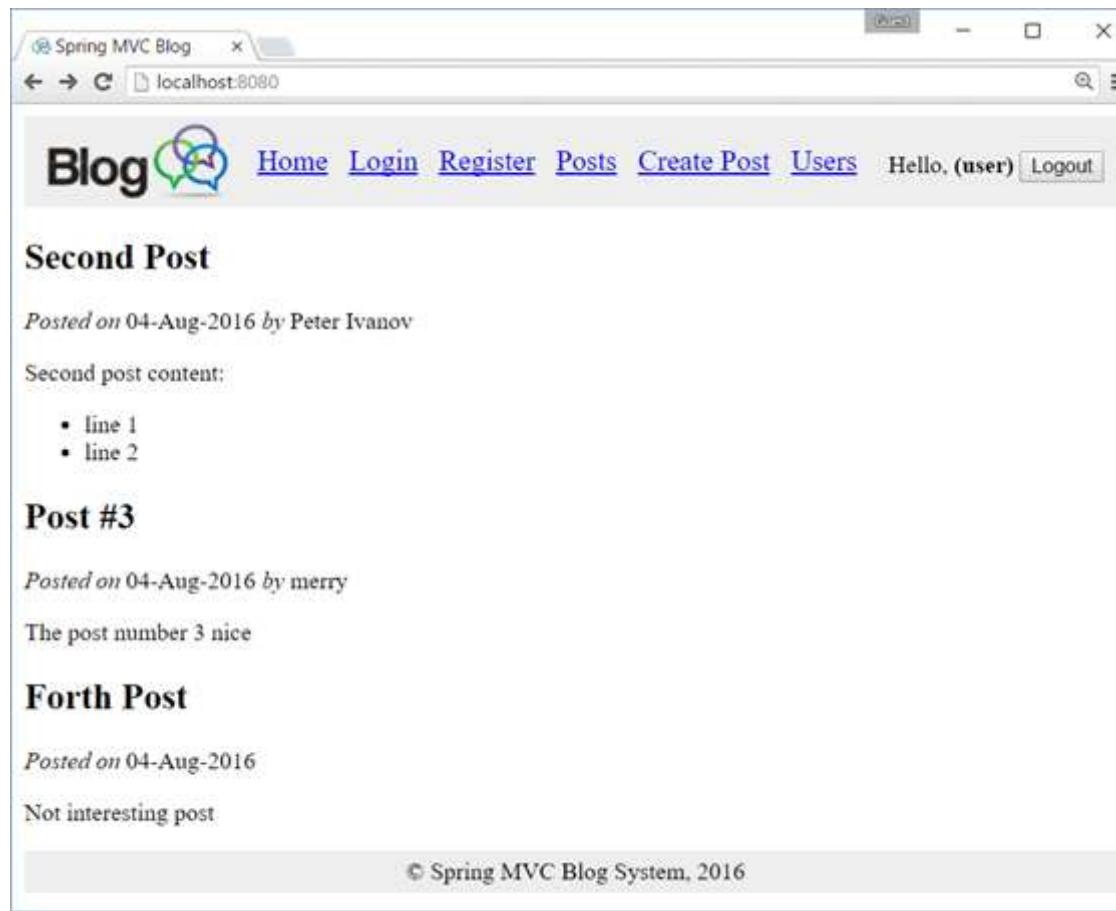
```
p.author.fullName : p.author.username}">Svetlin Nakov</span>
    </span>
</div>
<p class="content" th:utext="${p.body}">Post content</p>
</article>
</main>

<footer th:replace="layout :: site-footer" />
</body>

</html>
```

The view iterates over the “**latest3posts**” collection and for each post in it shows the post details: **title**, **date** (in format **dd-MMM-yyyy**, e.g. 22-May-2016), **author** (when available, print its **full name** or just its **username** when the full name is missing) and post **body**.

Make the project and **open the home page** from your Web browser. It should look like this:



Implement the “List latest 5 Posts” at the Home Page Sidebar

Now implement the **sidebar at the home page** that holds the titles of the last 5 posts in hyperlinks to these posts. Add the following code just **after the header** in the `index.html` home page template:

```
src/main/resources/templates/index.html
```

```
<aside>
<h2>Recent Posts</h2>
```

```
<a href="#" th:each="p : ${latest5posts}" th:text="${p.title}"
th:href="@{/posts/view/{id}/(id=${p.id})}">Work Begins on HTML5.1</a>
</aside>
```

Now **test the application**. It should display **5 links at the home page**, just after the page header:



Now add some **CSS styles** to make these links display correctly at the **sidebar on the right** side of the home page. Append the following code in your **styles.css** file:

```
src/main/resources/public/css/styles.css
```

```
body>aside {
  float: right;
  width: 200px;
  background: #CCC;
  padding: 15px;
```

```
margin-left: 20px;  
margin-top: 10px;  
}  
  
body>aside h2 {  
    margin: 5px 0px 15px 0px;  
}  
  
body>aside a {  
    display: block;  
    margin: 5px 0px;  
    text-decoration: none;  
}  
  
body>main:after {  
    content: '';  
    display: block;  
    clear: both;  
}
```

Now the sidebar looks better:



Create the “Post Details” Page

Now create the **“Post Details” page**, which will display a single post by **id**. It will be invoked when user clicks on the links in the Sidebar. It will be mapped to URL `/posts/view/{id}/`, e.g. <http://localhost:8080/posts/view/3/>.

Create “Post Details” Action in PostsController

Create the `PostsController` and its action `view(id)`:

```
src/main/java/blog/controllers/PostsController.java
```

```

@Controller
public class PostsController {
    @Autowired
    private PostService postService;

    @RequestMapping("/posts/view/{id}")
    public String view(@PathVariable("id") Long id, Model model) {
        Post post = postService.findById(id);
        model.addAttribute("post", post);
        return "posts/view";
    }
}

```

The **PostsController** works like the **HomeController**. It handles URLs like `/posts/view/{id}/` and finds the requested post using the **@Autowired** implementation of the **PostService** and renders the view “`posts/view`”, which corresponds to the file “`view.html`” in directory `src/main/resources/templates/posts`. For cleaner organization, all post-related views are placed in a subdirectory “`posts`” under “`templates`”.

Create “Post Details” View

Create the `posts/view.html` template (view) to display the post loaded by the **PostsController**:

`src/main/resources/templates/posts/view.html`

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">

<head th:replace="layout :: site-head">
    <title th:text="${post.title}">View Post</title>
</head>

<body>

<header th:replace="layout :: site-header" />

<main id="posts">
    <article>
        <h2 class="title" th:text="${post.title}">Post Title</h2>

```

```
<div class="date">
<i>Posted on</i>
<span th:text="#{dates.format(post.date, 'dd-MMM-yyyy')}">22-May-2016</span>
    <span th:if="${post.author}" th:remove="tag">
        <i>by</i>
        <span th:text="${post.author.fullName != null ?
                        post.author.fullName : post.author.username}">Svetlin Nakov</span>
    </span>
</div>
<p class="content" th:utext="${post.body}">Post content</p>
</article>
</main>

<footer th:replace="layout :: site-footer" />

</body>

</html>
```

The view “`posts/view.html`” works exactly like the home view “`index.html`”. It shows the post details: **title**, formatted **date**, **author** (when available, print its **full name** or **username** when the full name is missing) and post **body**. Like any other view, it re-uses the “`head`”, “`site-header`” and “`site-footer`” fragments from “`layout.html`”. Additionally, it changes the **page title** to hold the **post title**.

Test the “Post Details” View

Run the project (just recompile it and refresh the browser) to see how the new page works:



Test the “Post Details” View for Invalid Post

Looks good, but what will happen, if a wrong post is open, e.g. `/posts/view/150?` Let's see:



It would be better if the application says something like "Sorry, the post #150 is not found" in a good-looking form. You might change the error page following the Spring Boot documentation: <http://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/#boot-features-error-handling-custom-error-pages>.

Implement Notifications System

Let's implement a "**notification system**" that allows us to display **success / error messages**, like these:

Post created.



A good approach is to create a **NotificationService**, which will encapsulate the logic related to adding and storing the info / error messages + add some code in the site **layout template** to show the messages (when available). Let's create a **notification service, implementation** of this service and **notifications view template**.

Notification Service Interface

Create a new Java interface called "**NotificationService.java**" in **src/main/java/blog/services**:

```
src/main/java/blog/services/NotificationService.java
```

```
package blog.services;  
  
public interface NotificationService {
```

```
void addInfoMessage(String msg);
void addErrorMessage(String msg);
}
```

This service interface provides methods for adding **error** and **information messages** for displaying later in the view.

Notification Service Implementation

Implement the **NotificationService** interface in a new Java class called **NotificationServiceImpl**. It stores the info and error messages in a **List<NotificationMessage>** in the HTTP session. The **HTTP session** is a special place where you can **store objects** (key → value) and they persist **for long time**. HTTP session objects survive request redirections and may be accessed long time later after they are created. The notification messages will be displayed later in the **site header** (in **layout.html**). To implement the notification service, just create the class:

src/main/java/blog/services/NotificationServiceImpl.java

```
package blog.services;

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

import javax.servlet.http.HttpSession;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

@Service()
public class NotificationServiceImpl implements NotificationService {

    public static final String NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY = "siteNotificationMessages";

    @Autowired
    private HttpSession httpSession;

    @Override
    public void addInfoMessage(String msg) {
        addNotificationMessage(NotificationMessageType.INFO, msg);
    }
}
```

```
@Override  
public void addErrorMessage(String msg) {  
    addNotificationMessage(NotificationMessageType.ERROR, msg);  
}  
  
private void addNotificationMessage(NotificationMessageType type, String msg) {  
    List<NotificationMessage> notifyMessages = (List<NotificationMessage>)  
        httpSession.getAttribute(NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY);  
    if (notifyMessages == null) {  
        notifyMessages = new ArrayList<NotificationMessage>();  
    }  
    notifyMessages.add(new NotificationMessage(type, msg));  
    httpSession.setAttribute(NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY, notifyMessages);  
}  
  
public enum NotificationMessageType {  
    INFO,  
    ERROR  
}  
  
public class NotificationMessage {  
    NotificationMessageType type;  
    String text;  
  
    public NotificationMessage(NotificationMessageType type, String text) {  
        this.type = type;  
        this.text = text;  
    }  
  
    public NotificationMessageType getType() {  
        return type;  
    }  
  
    public String getText() {  
        return text;  
    }  
}
```

Modify the Layout View Template to Show Notifications

Now the messages are available in the **HTTP session**. It is time to **display them** after the site header and remove them from the session (after they have been successfully shown to the user). Replace the “site-header” fragment in the layout view “`layout.html`” with the following:

```
src/main/resources/templates/layout.html
```

```
...
```

```
<header th:fragment="site-header" th:remove="tag">
  <header>
    <a href="index.html" th:href="@{/}"></a>
    <a href="index.html" th:href="@{/}">Home</a>
    <a href="users/login.html" th:href="@{/users/login}">Login</a>
    <a href="users/register.html" th:href="@{/users/register}">Register</a>
    <a href="posts/index.html" th:href="@{/posts}">Posts</a>
    <a href="posts/create.html" th:href="@{/posts/create}">Create Post</a>
    <a href="users/index.html" th:href="@{/users}">Users</a>
    <div id="logged-in-info">
      <span>Hello, <b>(user)</b></span>
      <form method="post" th:action="@{/users/logout}">
        <input type="submit" value="Logout"/>
      </form>
    </div>
  </header>

  <ul id="messages" th:with="notifyMessages=${session[T(blog.services
    .NotificationServiceImpl).NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY]}">
    <li th:each="msg : ${notifyMessages}" th:text="${msg.text}"
      th:class="#strings.toLowerCase(msg.type)}">
    </li>
    <span th:if="${notifyMessages}" th:remove="all" th:text="${session.remove(
      T(blog.services.NotificationServiceImpl).NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY)}"></span>
  </ul>
</header>
```

...

The above code **first replaces the site header** with two elements:

- The original `<header>` element which holds the site logo and top navigation.
- A new element `<ul id="messages">` to hold the notification messages

The code to show the notification messages is complex to be explained, but in brief: it iterates over the list of notification messages, **displays each message** in a `` and finally **removes all messages** from the HTTP session.

Modify the PostsController to Add Error Messages

Now add an error message notification in the **PostsController**, when an **invalid post id** is requested:

src/main/java/blog/controllers/PostsController.java

```
@Controller
public class PostsController {
    @Autowired
    private PostService postService;

    @Autowired
    private NotificationService notifyService;

    @RequestMapping("/posts/view/{id}")
    public String view(@PathVariable("id") Long id, Model model) {
        Post post = postService.findById(id);
        if (post == null) {
            notifyService.addErrorMessage("Cannot find post #" + id);
            return "redirect:/";
        }
        model.addAttribute("post", post);
        return "posts/view";
    }
}
```

The above code first **injects the notification service** by “**@Autowired**” annotation. It adds a **check** in the **view(id)** action and in case of invalid post **id**, it **adds an error message** through the notification service and **redirects to the home page**, where this message will be shown.

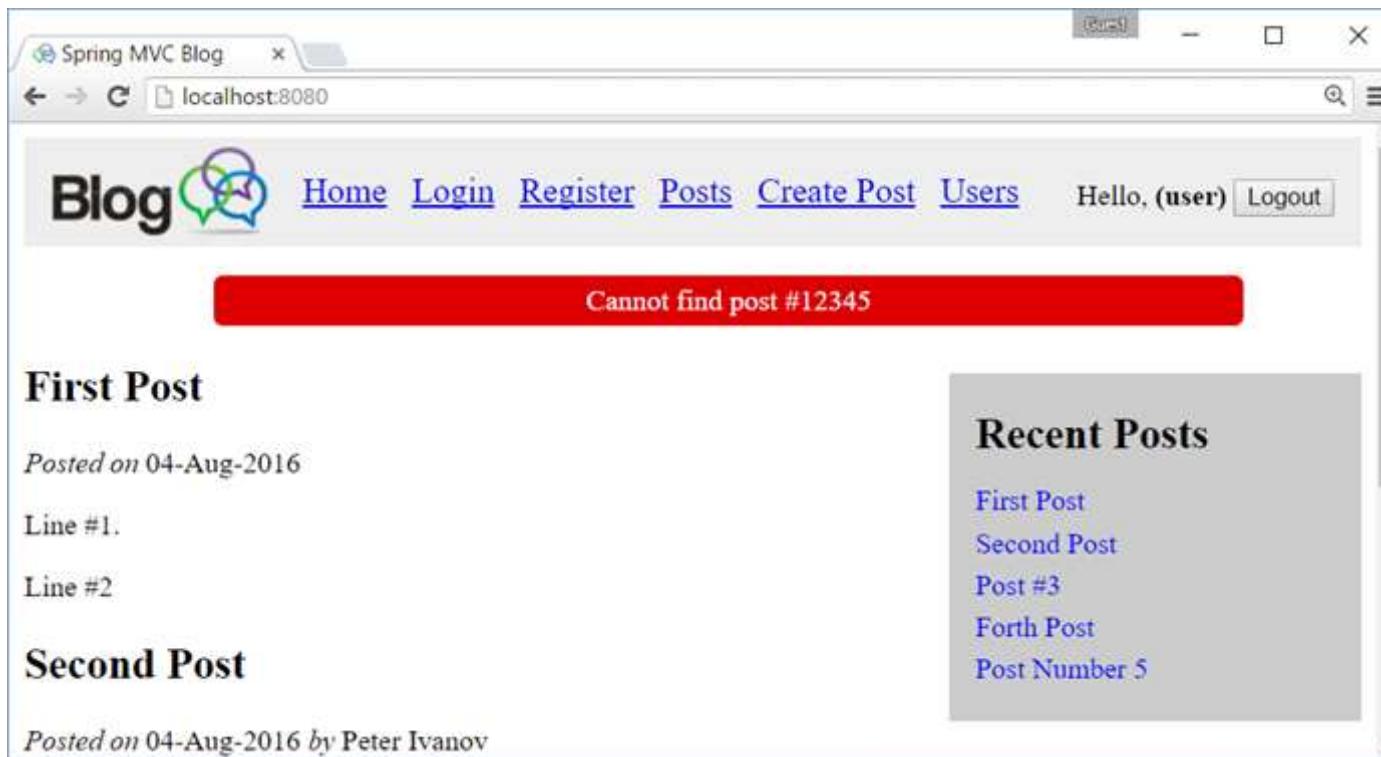
Add CSS Styles for the Notification Messages

src/main/resources/public/css/styles.css

```
ul#messages li {  
    display: block;  
    width: 80%;  
    margin: 5px auto;  
    text-align: center;  
    padding: 5px;  
    border-radius: 5px;  
}  
  
ul#messages li.info {  
    background: #7f7;  
}  
  
ul#messages li.error {  
    background: #d00;  
    color: white;  
}
```

Test the Notification Messages

To test the notification messages, open an invalid post, e.g. <http://localhost:8080/posts/view/12345>. The result should be like this:



Add JavaScript to Animate the Notification Messages

Now, let's make the notification messages more fancy. Add **JavaScript code** that will hide automatically all notification messages after 3 seconds and will **hide all notification messages on mouse click**. Add the following code in the main file, holding the site JavaScript code "blog-scripts.js":

```
src/main/resources/public/js/blog-scripts.js
```

```
$function() {
    $('#messages li').click(function() {
        $(this).fadeOut();
    });
    setTimeout(function() {
        $('#messages li.info').fadeOut();
    }, 3000);
}
```

```
    }, 3000);  
});
```

The above **JS code** is loaded by the layout template (in the “site-head” fragment), just after the **jQuery** library and the function in it is executed when the page is completely loaded. The code finds all `<li class="message">` elements with jQuery and attaches **event handlers** to hide them (with pleasant fade-out effect) on mouse click or at 3000 milliseconds timeout (for `.info` messages).

Create the “Login” Page

Forms are a bit more complicated. Let’s create the **login page** and its functionality.

Create LoginForm Model Class

First, create the **login form model**. It holds the validation rules for the form fields:

src/main/java/blog/forms/LoginForm.java

```
package blog.forms;  
  
import javax.validation.constraints.NotNull;  
import javax.validation.constraints.Size;  
  
public class LoginForm {  
    @Size(min=2, max=30, message = "Username size should be in the range [2...30]")  
    private String username;  
  
    @NotNull  
    @Size(min=1, max=50)  
    private String password;  
  
    public String getUsername() {  
        return username;  
    }  
  
    public void setUsername(String username) {  
        this.username = username;  
    }
```

```
}
```

```
public String getPassword() {
    return password;
}
```

```
public void setPassword(String password) {
    this.password = password;
}
}
```

Create UserService

Next, create the **user service interface** that implements the login **authentication functionality**:

```
src/main/java/blog/services/UserService.java
```

```
package blog.services;

public interface UserService {
    boolean authenticate(String username, String password);
}
```

Create UserServiceStubImpl

Next, create the **user service stub implementation** (we shall have real implementation later):

```
src/main/java/blog/services/UserServiceStubImpl.java
```

```
package blog.services;

import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import java.util.Objects;
```

```
@Service
public class UserServiceStubImpl implements UserService {
    @Override
    public boolean authenticate(String username, String password) {
        // Provide a sample password check: username == password
        return Objects.equals(username, password);
    }
}
```

Create the LoginController

Next, create the **login controller**:

src/main/java/blog/controllers/LoginController.java

```
package blog.controllers;

import blog.forms.LoginForm;
import blog.services.NotificationService;
import blog.services.UserService;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Controller;
import org.springframework.validation.BindingResult;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;

import javax.validation.Valid;

@Controller
public class LoginController {

    @Autowired
    private UserService userService;

    @Autowired
    private NotificationService notifyService;

    @RequestMapping("/users/login")
    public String login(LoginForm loginForm) {
        return "users/login";
    }
}
```

```

    }

    @RequestMapping(value = "/users/login", method = RequestMethod.POST)
    public String loginPage(@Valid LoginForm loginForm, BindingResult bindingResult) {
        if (bindingResult.hasErrors()) {
            notifyService.addErrorMessage("Please fill the form correctly!");
            return "users/login";
        }

        if (!userService.authenticate(
            loginForm.getUsername(), loginForm.getPassword()))
        {
            notifyService.addErrorMessage("Invalid login!");
            return "users/login";
        }

        notifyService.addInfoMessage("Login successful");
        return "redirect:/";
    }
}

```

Create the Login View

Finally, create the **login view**:

src/main/resources/templates/users/login.html

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:th="http://www.thymeleaf.org">

<head th:replace="layout :: site-head">
    <title>Login</title>
</head>

<body>

<header th:replace="layout :: site-header" />

<h1>Login in the Blog</h1>

```

```

<form method="post" th:object="${loginForm}">
    <div><label for="username">Username:</label></div>
    <input id="username" type="text" name="username" th:value="*{username}" />
    <span class="formError" th:if="#{fields.hasErrors('username')}"
          th:errors="*{username}">Invalid username</span>

    <div><label for="password" th:value="*{username}">Password:</label></div>
    <input id="password" type="password" name="password" th:value="*{password}" />
    <span class="formError" th:if="#{fields.hasErrors('password')}"
          th:errors="*{password}">Invalid password</span>

    <div><input type="submit" value="Login"/>
        <a href="register.html" th:href="@{/users/register}">[Go to Register]</a></div>
    </form>

    <footer th:replace="layout :: site-footer" />

</body>

</html>

```

Add CSS for the Form Validation

Add some **CSS** for the form validation:

```
src/main/resources/public/css/styles.css
```

```
.formError {
    color: red;
    font-style: italic;
}
```

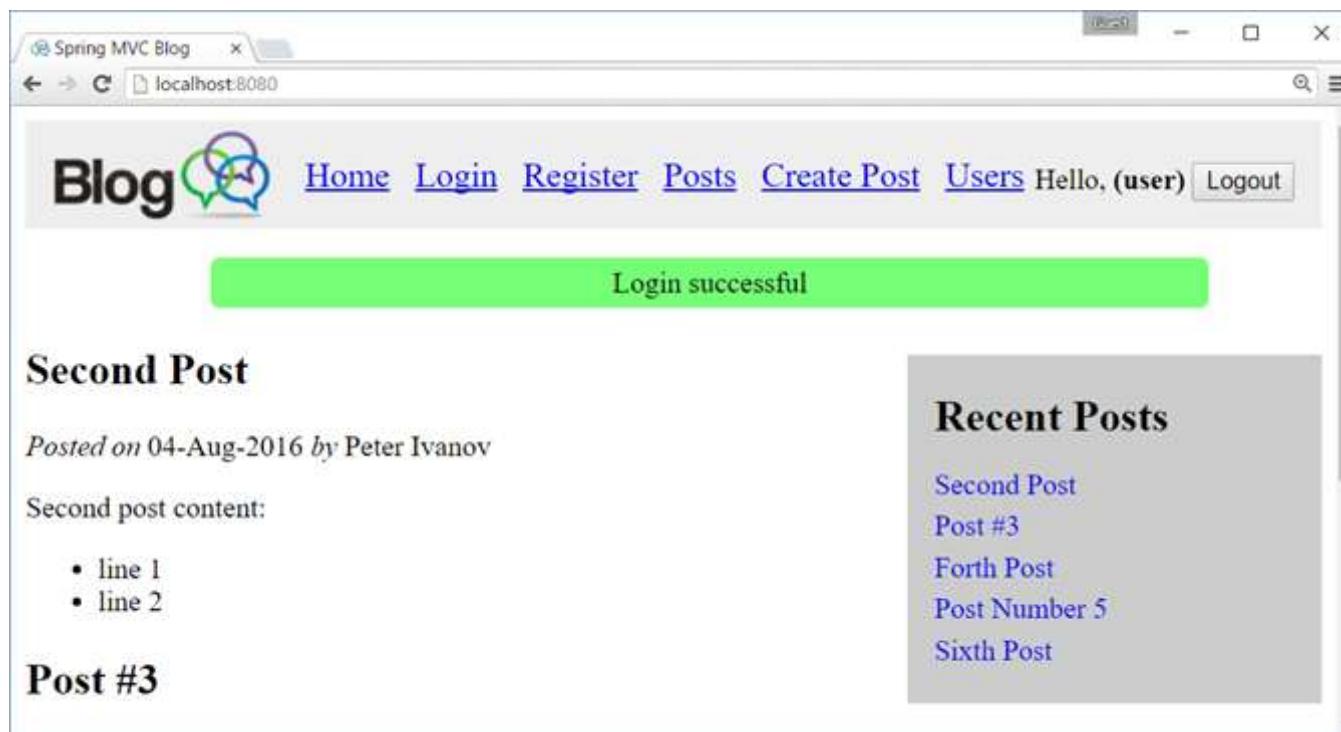
Test the Login Form Functionality

Now **run** the login form and **test** it:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Title Bar:** Shows the title "Login" and the URL "localhost:8080/users/login".
- Header:** Includes navigation links: Home, Login, Register, Posts, Create Post, Users, Hello, (user), and Logout.
- Message Bar:** A red horizontal bar displays the message "Please fill the form correctly!".
- Section Title:** "Login in the Blog".
- Form Fields:** Two input fields for "Username:" and "Password:". Both fields have validation messages:
 - For "Username": "Username size should be in the range [2...30]"
 - For "Password": "size must be between 1 and 50"
- Buttons:** "Login" and "[Go to Register]".
- Footer:** "© Spring MVC Blog System, 2016".





Create the “User Registration” Page

Create the page like the previous one. It is very similar.

The next few steps are still unfinished, so you could implement them yourself.

Create the “List Posts” Page

Create the “Create New Post” Page

Create the “Delete Post” Page

Create the “Edit Existing Post” Page

Create the “List Users” Page

Part III: Connect the Application to the DB (Spring Data JPA)

In this section we shall connect the application to the **database** and implement data access logic with **Spring Data JPA**, **JPA**, **Hibernate** and **MySQL**.

Add Spring Data Maven Dependencies

Add **Spring Data JPA** and **MySQL** dependencies in the **Maven** project settings:

pom.xml

```
<dependency>
<groupId>org.springframework.data</groupId>
<artifactId>spring-data-jpa</artifactId>
</dependency>

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

```
<dependency>
<groupId>mysql</groupId>
<artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
<version>6.0.3</version>
</dependency>
```

Define MySQL Connection Settings (`application.properties`)

Define the JPA settings to connect to your MySQL database. Ensure your MySQL server is running and the database “`blog_db`” exists inside it. Use the following database configuration settings:

src/main/resources/application.properties

```
spring.thymeleaf.cache = false

spring.datasource.driver-class-name = com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver
spring.datasource.url = jdbc:mysql://localhost/blog_db?characterEncoding=utf8
spring.datasource.username = root
spring.datasource.password =

# Configure Hibernate DDL mode: create / update
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto = create

# Disable the default loggers
logging.level.org = WARN
logging.level.blog = WARN

### Show SQL executed with parameter bindings
logging.level.org.hibernate.SQL = DEBUG
logging.level.org.hibernate.type.descriptor = TRACE
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.format_sql = TRUE
```

Annotate the Entity Classes: User and Post

Put **JPA annotations** (table and column mappings + relationship mappings) to the entity classes in order to make them ready for **persistence** in the database through the **JPA / Hibernate** technology. Start with the **User** class:

src/main/java/blog/models/User.java

```
package blog.models;

import javax.persistence.*;
import java.util.HashSet;
import java.util.Set;

@Entity
@Table(name = "users")
public class User {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @Column(nullable = false, length = 30, unique = true)
    private String username;

    @Column(length = 60)
    private String passwordHash;

    @Column(length = 100)
    private String fullName;

    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "author")
    private Set<Post> posts = new HashSet<Post>();
```

```
public Long getId() {
    return id;
}

public void setId(Long id) {
    this.id = id;
}

public String getUsername() {
    return username;
}

public void setUsername(String username) {
    this.username = username;
}

public String getPasswordHash() {
    return passwordHash;
}

public void setPasswordHash(String passwordHash) {
    this.passwordHash = passwordHash;
}

public String getFullName() {
    return fullName;
}

public void setFullName(String fullName) {
    this.fullName = fullName;
}

public Set<Post> getPosts() {
    return posts;
}
```

```
public void setPosts(Set<Post> posts) {  
    this.posts = posts;  
}  
  
public User() {  
}  
  
public User(String username, String fullName) {  
    this.username = username;  
    this.fullName = fullName;  
}  
  
public User(Long id, String username, String fullName) {  
    this.id = id;  
    this.username = username;  
    this.fullName = fullName;  
}  
  
@Override  
public String toString() {  
    return "User{" +  
        "id=" + id +  
        ", username='" + username + '\'' +  
        ", passwordHash='" + passwordHash + '\'' +  
        ", fullName='" + fullName + '\'' +  
        '}';  
}  
}
```

Annotate in the same way the **Post** class:

```
src/main/java/blog/models/Post.java
```

```
package blog.models;

import javax.persistence.*;
import java.util.Date;

@Entity
@Table(name = "posts")
public class Post {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @Column(nullable = false, length = 300)
    private String title;

    @Lob @Column(nullable = false)
    private String body;

    @ManyToOne(optional = false, fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    private User author;

    @Column(nullable = false)
    private Date date = new Date();

    public Long getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public void setId(Long id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public String getTitle() {
        return title;
    }

    public void setTitle(String title) {
        this.title = title;
    }

    public String getBody() {
        return body;
    }
}
```

```
}

public void setBody(String body) {
    this.body = body;
}

public User getAuthor() {
    return author;
}

public void setAuthor(User author) {
    this.author = author;
}

public Date getDate() {
    return date;
}

public void setDate(Date date) {
    this.date = date;
}

public Post() {}

public Post(Long id, String title, String body, User author) {
    this.id = id;
    this.title = title;
    this.body = body;
    this.author = author;
}

@Override
public String toString() {
    return "Post{" +
        "id=" + id +
        ", title='" + title + '\'' +
        ", body='" + body + '\'' +
        ", author=" + author +
        ", date=" + date +
        '}';
}
}
```

Create UserRepository and PostRepository (Spring Data JPA)

Create the interface `UserRepository`. Note that you **will not provide any implementation for it**. Spring Data JPA will implement it for you. This is part of **the “magic”** behind the **“Spring Data”** framework:

src/main/java/blog/repositories/UserReposiory.java

```
package blog.repositories;

import blog.models.User;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Repository;

@Repository
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {
}
```

Create the interface `PostRepository` in similar way. **Don’t implement this interface**. Spring Data will create an implementation of it. This is **the “magic”** of the `@Repository` annotation.

src/main/java/blog/repositories/PostReposiory.java

```
package blog.repositories;

import blog.models.Post;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Pageable;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.Query;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Repository;

import java.util.List;
```

```
@Repository
public interface PostRepository extends JpaRepository<Post, Long> {
    @Query("SELECT p FROM Post p LEFT JOIN FETCH p.author ORDER BY p.date DESC")
    List<Post> findLatest5Posts(Pageable pageable);
}
```

Note that the above **JPQL query** will be automatically implemented and mapped to the method `findLatest5Posts()` in the service implementation provided by Spring Data.

Implement the PostService and UserService to Use the DB

Just add new implementations for the **UserService** and **PostService**, annotated with `@Primary`. This will tell the Spring Framework to use these implementations instead of the old stubs.

src/main/java/blog/services/PostServiceJpaImpl.java

```
package blog.services;

import blog.models.Post;
import blog.repositories.PostRepository;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Primary;
import org.springframework.data.domain.PageRequest;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import java.util.List;

@Service
@Primary
public class PostServiceJpaImpl implements PostService {

    @Autowired
    private PostRepository postRepo;
```

```
@Override  
public List<Post> findAll() {  
    return this.postRepo.findAll();  
}  
  
@Override  
public List<Post> findLatest5() {  
    return this.postRepo.findLatest5Posts(new PageRequest(0, 5));  
}  
  
@Override  
public Post findById(Long id) {  
    return this.postRepo.findOne(id);  
}  
  
@Override  
public Post create(Post post) {  
    return this.postRepo.save(post);  
}  
  
@Override  
public Post edit(Post post) {  
    return this.postRepo.save(post);  
}  
  
@Override  
public void deleteById(Long id) {  
    this.postRepo.delete(id);  
}  
}
```

The **UserService** and its **implementation** are similar to **PostService** and its **implementation**.

src/main/java/blog/services/UserService.java

```
package blog.services;

import blog.models.User;

import java.util.List;

public interface UserService {

    List<User> findAll();
    User findById(Long id);
    User create(User user);
    User edit(User user);
    void deleteById(Long id);

}
```

The `UserServiceImpl` class just invokes the repository methods to do its job. It is annotated with the `@Service` and `@Primary` annotations to tell the Spring Framework to make it available for `@Autowired` injection in the controllers:

src/main/java/blog/services/UserServiceImpl.java

```
package blog.services;

import blog.models.User;
import blog.repositories.UserRepository;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Primary;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;

import java.util.List;

@Service
@Primary
```

```
public class UserServiceJpaImpl implements UserService {  
  
    @Autowired  
    private UserRepository userRepo;  
  
    @Override  
    public List<User> findAll() {  
        return this.userRepo.findAll();  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public User findById(Long id) {  
        return this.userRepo.findOne(id);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public User create(User user) {  
        return this.userRepo.save(user);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public User edit(User user) {  
        return this.userRepo.save(user);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void deleteById(Long id) {  
        this.userRepo.delete(id);  
    }  
}
```

Create the Database with hbm2ddl.auto

Ensure the **hbm2ddl** is enabled (value “**create**”). This will **drop the database** at application startup and will re-**create the database tables** according to the entity classes found in the project.

src/main/resources/application.properties

```
# Configure Hibernate DDL mode: create / update
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto = create
```

Build and **run** the project. Ensure all **tables are created** in the MySQL. Use **MySQL Workbench** or other MySQL database administration tool to see the table structures:



The **database** will be **empty**: no users, no posts.

After that **disable auto-table creation**:

```
src/main/resources/application.properties
```

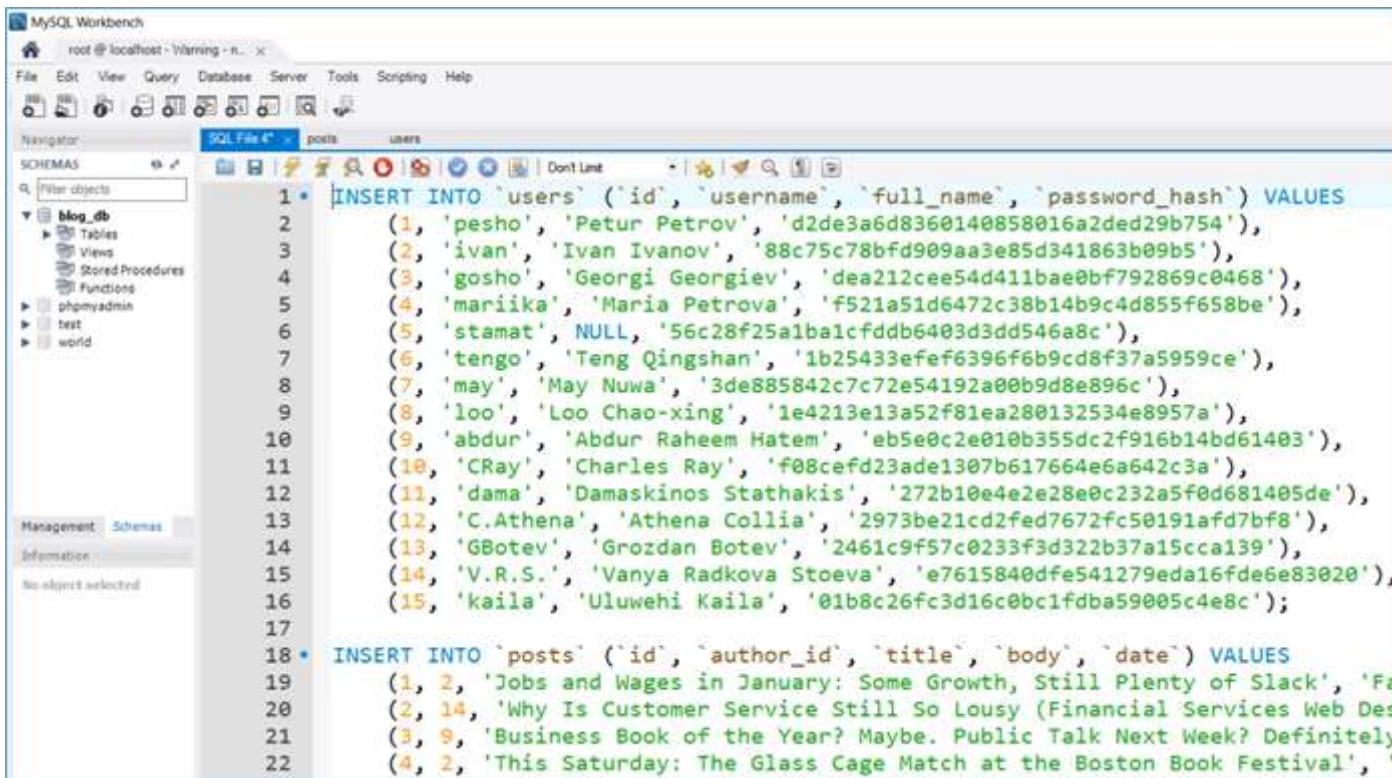
```
# Configure Hibernate DDL mode: create / update
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto = update
```

Run the project again. You are ready to **fill some sample data** in the database.

Create Some Sample Data in MySQL (Users and Posts)

Put some data in the MySQL tables. Otherwise the home page will be empty (no blog posts).

You may use the **database script** from the resources coming with this lab. To **insert some users and** posts, execute the script **db/Sample-data-users-posts.sql**:



The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface with a SQL editor window. The editor contains two SQL statements:

```
1 • INSERT INTO `users` (`id`, `username`, `full_name`, `password_hash`) VALUES
2     (1, 'pesho', 'Petur Petrov', 'd2de3a6d8360140858016a2ded29b754'),
3     (2, 'ivan', 'Ivan Ivanov', '88c75c78bfd909aa3e85d341863b09b5'),
4     (3, 'gosho', 'Georgi Georgiev', 'dea212cee54d411bae0bf792869c0468'),
5     (4, 'mariika', 'Maria Petrova', 'f521a51d6472c38b14b9c4d855f658be'),
6     (5, 'stamat', NULL, '56c28f25a1ba1cfddb6403d3dd546a8c'),
7     (6, 'tengo', 'Teng Qingshan', '1b25433efef6396f6b9cd8f37a5959ce'),
8     (7, 'may', 'May Nuwa', '3de885842c7c72e54192a00b9d8e896c'),
9     (8, 'loo', 'Loo Chao-xing', '1e4213e13a52f81ea280132534e8957a'),
10    (9, 'abdur', 'Abdur Raheem Hatem', 'eb5e0c2e010b355dc2f916b14bd61403'),
11    (10, 'CRay', 'Charles Ray', 'f08cef23ade1307b617664e6a642c3a'),
12    (11, 'dama', 'Damaskinos Stathakis', '272b10e4e2e28e0c232a5f0d681405de'),
13    (12, 'C.Athena', 'Athena Collia', '2973be21cd2fed7672fc50191af7bf8'),
14    (13, 'GBotev', 'Grozdan Botev', '2461c9f57c0233f3d322b37a15cca139'),
15    (14, 'V.R.S.', 'Vanya Radkova Stoeva', 'e7615840dfe541279eda16fde6e83020'),
16    (15, 'kaila', 'Uluwehi Kaila', '01b8c26fc3d16c0bc1fdb59005c4e8c);
17
18 • INSERT INTO `posts` (`id`, `author_id`, `title`, `body`, `date`) VALUES
19     (1, 2, 'Jobs and Wages in January: Some Growth, Still Plenty of Slack', 'Fa
20     (2, 14, 'Why Is Customer Service Still So Lousy (Financial Services Web Des
21     (3, 9, 'Business Book of the Year? Maybe. Public Talk Next Week? Definitely
22     (4, 2, 'This Saturday: The Glass Cage Match at the Boston Book Festival', '
```

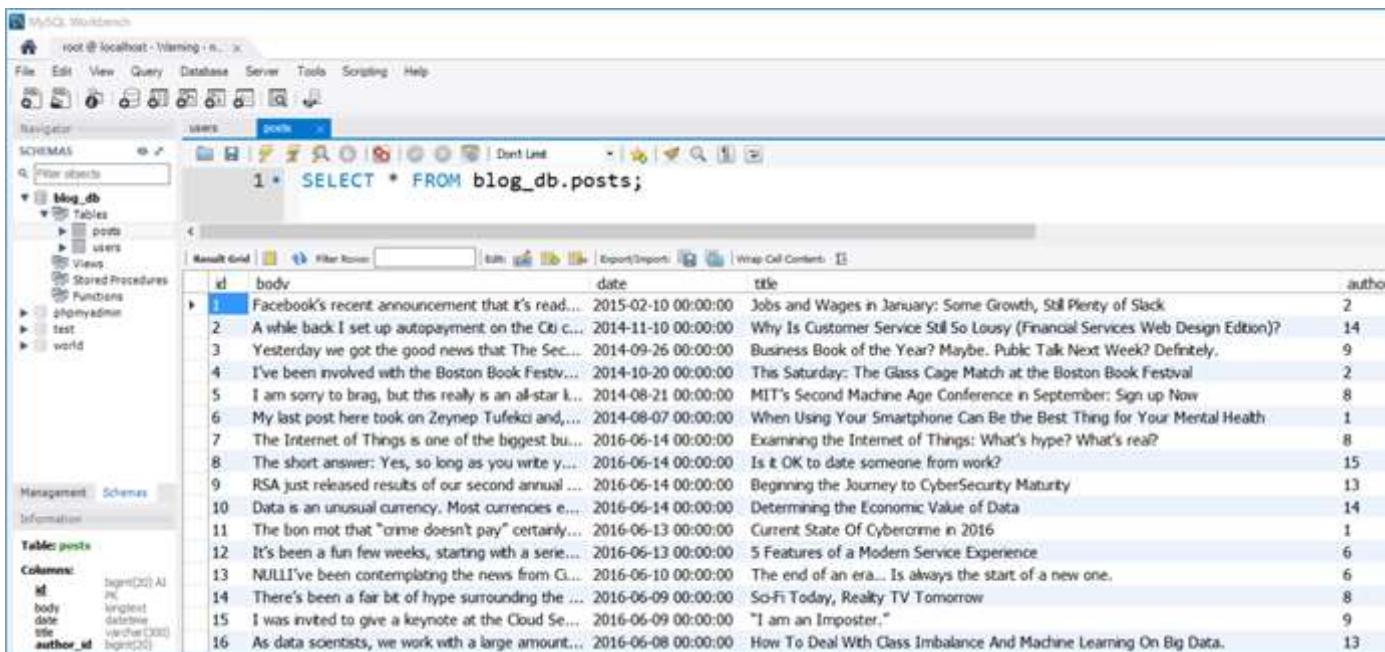
Check your database tables **users** and **posts**:

The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface. The left sidebar displays the database schema with the 'blog_db' database selected, containing tables like 'posts' and 'users'. The main area shows a query editor with the following SQL statement:

```
1 •  SELECT * FROM blog_db.users;
```

The results are displayed in a grid:

| | id | full name | password hash | username |
|---|----|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| ▶ | 1 | Petur Petrov | d2de3a6d8360140858016a2ded29b754 | pesho |
| | 2 | Ivan Ivanov | 88c75c78bfd909aa3e85d341863b09b5 | ivan |
| | 3 | Georgi Georgiev | dea212cee54d411bae0bf792869c0468 | gosho |
| | 4 | Maria Petrova | f521a51d6472c38b14b9c4d855f658be | marika |
| | 5 | | 56c28f25a1ba1cfddb6403d3dd546a8c | stamat |
| | 6 | Teng Qingshan | 1b25433efef6396f6b9cd8f37a5959ce | tengo |
| | 7 | May Nuwa | 3de885842c7c72e54192a00b9d8e896c | may |
| | 8 | Loo Chao-xing | 1e4213e13a52f81ea280132534e8957a | loo |
| | 9 | Abdur Raheem Hatem | eb5e0c2e010b355dc2f916b14bd61403 | abdur |
| | 10 | Charles Ray | f08cef23ade1307b617664e6a642c3a | CRay |
| | 11 | Damaskinos Stathakis | 272b10e4e2e28e0c232a5f0d681405de | dama |
| | 12 | Athena Colia | 2973be21cd2fed7672fc50191af7bf8 | C.Athena |
| | 13 | Grozdan Botev | 2461c9f57c0233f3d322b37a15cca139 | GBotev |
| | 14 | Vanya Radkova Stoeva | e7615840dfe541279eda16fde6e83020 | V.R.S. |
| | 15 | Uluwehi Kala | 01b8c26fc3d16c0bc1fdb59005c4e8c | kala |



The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface with the 'posts' table selected. The table contains 16 rows of blog post data. The columns are id, body, date, title, and author_id.

| | id | body | date | title | author_id |
|----|----|---|---------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | Facebook's recent announcement that it's read... | 2015-02-10 00:00:00 | Jobs and Wages in January: Some Growth, Still Plenty of Slack | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | A while back I set up autopayment on the Citi c... | 2014-11-10 00:00:00 | Why Is Customer Service Still So Lousy (Financial Services Web Design Edition)? | 14 |
| 3 | 3 | Yesterday we got the good news that The Sec... | 2014-09-26 00:00:00 | Business Book of the Year? Maybe. Public Talk Next Week? Definitely. | 9 |
| 4 | 4 | I've been involved with the Boston Book Festiv... | 2014-10-20 00:00:00 | This Saturday: The Glass Cage Match at the Boston Book Festival | 2 |
| 5 | 5 | I am sorry to brag, but this really is an all-star l... | 2014-08-21 00:00:00 | MIT's Second Machine Age Conference in September: Sign up Now | 8 |
| 6 | 6 | My last post here took on Zeynep Tufekci and... | 2014-08-07 00:00:00 | When Using Your Smartphone Can Be the Best Thing for Your Mental Health | 1 |
| 7 | 7 | The Internet of Things is one of the biggest bu... | 2016-06-14 00:00:00 | Examining the Internet of Things: What's hype? What's real? | 8 |
| 8 | 8 | The short answer: Yes, so long as you write y... | 2016-06-14 00:00:00 | Is it OK to date someone from work? | 15 |
| 9 | 9 | RSA just released results of our second annual ... | 2016-06-14 00:00:00 | Beginning the Journey to CyberSecurity Maturity | 13 |
| 10 | 10 | Data is an unusual currency. Most currencies e... | 2016-06-14 00:00:00 | Determining the Economic Value of Data | 14 |
| 11 | 11 | The bon mot that "crime doesn't pay" certainly... | 2016-06-13 00:00:00 | Current State Of Cybercrime in 2016 | 1 |
| 12 | 12 | It's been a fun few weeks, starting with a serie... | 2016-06-13 00:00:00 | 5 Features of a Modern Service Experience | 6 |
| 13 | 13 | NULL! I've been contemplating the news from G... | 2016-06-10 00:00:00 | The end of an era... Is always the start of a new one. | 6 |
| 14 | 14 | There's been a fair bit of hype surrounding the ... | 2016-06-09 00:00:00 | Sci-Fi Today, Reality TV Tomorrow | 8 |
| 15 | 15 | I was invited to give a keynote at the Cloud Se... | 2016-06-09 00:00:00 | "I am an Imposter." | 9 |
| 16 | 16 | As data scientists, we work with a large amount... | 2016-06-08 00:00:00 | How To Deal With Class Imbalance And Machine Learning On Big Data. | 13 |

Test the Sample Users and Posts Data from MySQL

Run the application again to test the sample data:

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Part IV: User Accounts with Spring Security

In this section we shall implement **user accounts** and access permissions, based on the **Spring Security framework**. This includes user **registration**, user **login**, user **logout**, authentication, authorization, access control, etc.

Sorry, this part of the tutorial is still unfinished. A lot of work will come here for the login / logout to be implemented using the Spring Security framework. You might check this article as reference: <https://spring.io/guides/gs/securing-web/>.

Download the source code of the project up to this step (still unfinished): [Spring-MVC-Blog-unfinished.zip](#).

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nakov says:

August 23, 2016 at 00:11

Check the video. I recorded a video following this tutorial. It is in Bulgarian only, but you can see the text I type:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXRR7aTl1So>

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Max says:

August 23, 2016 at 08:31

Thanks, at now all works.

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Mihaly says:

October 18, 2016 at 23:13

Could you please tell me how did you solve the problem? I have the same and its drives me insane.

Mail: vmisi20 [at] gmail.com

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Vamshi Krishna says:

September 6, 2017 at 05:07

Hi Max,

I am also getting same error while including layout.html in index.html. Can you please tell me how you have resolved the issue.

Thanks.

[Reply](#)



Vamshi Krishna says:

September 6, 2017 at 21:11

Hi Max,

It is working fine after changing all the double quotes.

Thanks.



Anika says:

December 7, 2016 at 23:25

hi, youtube video link is not working , could you please tell me how you fixed this issue? i am also getting same error.

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Alexandr says:

March 23, 2017 at 13:49

You must change quotes (because they are not standard here).

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Marc says:

August 28, 2017 at 23:53

Yeah, Thymeleaf or the spring parser is very very very touchy. I had to simply retype it a couple times and then it worked fine. One of those mysterious, wtf is the difference kind of fixes.

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Max says:

August 23, 2016 at 12:19

Now I have one more problem
in file index.html when need change code to

Post Title

Posted on

22-May-2016

by

Svetlin Nakov

Post content

all functions “\${...}” underlined in red. IntelliJ write “Cannot resolve ...”
Can you help me?

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Max says:

August 23, 2016 at 12:22

My code does not copy... Maybe you can look when you write “Let’s modify the home page view to display the latest 3 posts:”

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Daniel says:

September 15, 2016 at 13:49

Hi, it's really interesting this post however because i'm not a java developer I'm having some problems with the implementations of what it's missing, would it be possible to provide it?

[Reply](#)



Luke says:

September 18, 2016 at 05:37

Will you finish this tutorial ? it will be very helpful for newbie.

[Reply](#)



lucas says:

September 26, 2016 at 04:44

Pretty good. Need couple tweaks here and there but it covers the basics.

Can you explain how to publish this online thru AWS or digitalocean etc.

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User says:

October 17, 2016 at 21:53

I've been attempting to follow the tutorial and I've run into some problems.

I definitely wish IntelliJ were smarter when it came to html, and especially Thymeleaf.

I'm still at the beginning, where the index is loaded with the template. I keep getting a WhiteLabel Error. Even after copying and pasting every file, it still won't vanish.

The only difference is that I used gradle instead of maven, but I absolutely have all dependencies accounted for, so, unless there's something not mentioned about maven, it must be either in my settings on IntelliJ or in the code.

The WhiteLabel is the following:

There was an unexpected error (type=Internal Server Error, status=500).

Exception parsing document: template="index", line 2 – column 16

So, given that I've copied and pasted anything, thymeleaf is enabled like normal, any clue what's going on?

[Reply](#)



nakov says:

October 21, 2016 at 01:08

See the logs at the console.

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Anonymous says:

March 15, 2017 at 10:29

when you copy-paste the codes, especially the html codes, make sure that the double quotation marks are according to your computer's font

Reply



benjamin says:

October 21, 2016 at 19:08

hello

when i do the “Run the Empty Web Application” step. These are some problem when i run the BlogMvcApplication class.The console result are below:

2016-10-22 00:01:54.408 INFO 17476 — [main] blog.BlogMvcApplication : Starting BlogMvcApplication on Lenovo-PC-LL with PID 17476
(C:\Users\liang\IdeaProjects\Blog\target\classes started by liang in C:\Users\liang\IdeaProjects\Blog)

2016-10-22 00:01:54.416 INFO 17476 — [main] blog.BlogMvcApplication : No active profile set, falling back to default profiles: default

2016-10-22 00:01:54.678 INFO 17476 — [main] s.c.a.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext : Refreshing

org.springframework.context.annotation.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext@57c758ac: startup date [Sat Oct 22 00:01:54 CST 2016];

root of context hierarchy

2016-10-22 00:01:57.986 INFO 17476 — [main] o.s.j.e.a.AnnotationMBeanExporter : Registering beans for JMX exposure on startup

2016-10-22 00:01:58.009 INFO 17476 — [main] blog.BlogMvcApplication : Started BlogMvcApplication in 4.522 seconds (JVM running for 5.226)

2016-10-22 00:01:58.010 INFO 17476 — [Thread-1] s.c.a.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext : Closing

org.springframework.context.annotation.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext@57c758ac: startup date [Sat Oct 22 00:01:54 CST 2016];
root of context hierarchy

2016-10-22 00:01:58.012 INFO 17476 — [Thread-1] o.s.j.e.a.AnnotationMBeanExporter : Unregistering JMX-exposed beans on shutdown

Process finished with exit code 0

I am the new guy for the IDEA. I think maybe i should configure tomcat for IDEA. Am i right,where is the problem, can you tell me how to fix the problem.Thank you very much!

[Reply](#)



benjamin says:

October 22, 2016 at 05:49

i have solve this problem when i configure the maven setting.xml

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Stuart says:

November 17, 2016 at 17:15

Thanks for this great tutorial, just wondering if there's any plans to complete the missing parts?

[Reply](#)



benjamin says:

November 18, 2016 at 16:07

wo can learn the missing parts together. what is your e-mail?

[Reply](#)



David says:

January 14, 2017 at 18:42

Hi.

This post is amazing and it worksssss!!!.

Just need to know how to add a link in column table to sort columns.

Anyway, thanks for your work!!

David

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Zita says:

February 5, 2017 at 11:51

Hi!

The tutorial is pretty good, but was a huge disappointment to see that the part I expected the most was missing! I really only needed the Create/Edit post part, which should be the core of a blog website (even more important than user login). Could you fill that in?

Thanks!

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Kerim says:

February 16, 2017 at 15:36

The best I've seen so far, thanks a lot.

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Chris says:

March 2, 2017 at 02:24

I noticed that there seems to be a NotificationMessage class missing. The NotificationServiceImpl has reference to a List of objects of type NotificationMessage. Can you provide this classfile?

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Chris says:

March 2, 2017 at 02:26

Nevermind. I actually found it. Great tutorial so far!

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Chris Again says:

March 2, 2017 at 02:41

Nevermind. I actually found it. Great tutorial so far!

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Prerak Shah says:

April 12, 2017 at 20:20

should i get direct project file for download?

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nakov says:

April 13, 2017 at 10:58

This is all I have: <http://www.nakov.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Spring-MVC-Blog-unfinished.zip>

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juw says:

April 16, 2017 at 16:47

This blogpost is very complete, detail and helpful for a newcomer in spring boots. Thank you very much to putting so much effort preparing this post.

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Anonymous says:

April 25, 2017 at 14:02

great article

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Vishal says:

May 1, 2017 at 07:51

Great post, much appreciate your effort..Can you explain why you did th:value for password label in loginForm

See below:

Password:

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Rahul Roy says:

May 20, 2017 at 21:12

Hi,
This was a great post!
When will you finish the incomplete part such as Security? Waiting in eager anticipation!

[Reply](#)



xyz says:

June 7, 2017 at 06:39

this is the best tutorial by far! please provide the unfinished part

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Cahyo says:

June 7, 2017 at 09:37

hi, i got problem in index when implement p.title

title in post class is private.. how can it get called in p.title in index.html

i always get error in there..

sorry for bad english, hope you understand thanks

[Reply](#)



Cahyo says:

June 7, 2017 at 09:40

sorry its because i not yet make getter and setter in post..

my bad 😊

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Dewey Banks says:

August 19, 2017 at 07:58

Awesome post.... will the Security section be forthcoming? I hope so!!

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Marc says:

August 28, 2017 at 23:57

the database script you refer to and say is in the project download is not present

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Michael says:

August 29, 2017 at 10:41

Hello!

Could somebody complete this amazing application?

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Maxim says:

September 26, 2017 at 12:25

Hello. A greate tutorial. As I understand you didn `t do this part:

-Logged in users should be able edit / delete only their own posts.?

Can you say where can I see how to do this?

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morteza says:

October 4, 2017 at 15:46

hello,

i proceed with this tutorial and it was okay until i finished part III (Part III: Connect the Application to the DB (Spring Data JPA)) then my application crashed and this message is shown in the console : Field postRepo in blog.services.PostServiceJpaImpl required a bean named 'entityManagerFactory' that could not be found.

what should i do?

it's driving me crazy.

thank you

[Reply](#)



Java wizard says:

October 4, 2017 at 17:20

See this topic: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/45350546/entitymanagerfactory-not-found-in-springboot>

Did you put @SpringBootApplication before your Spring main app class?

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waqas_kamran says:

October 16, 2017 at 07:38

Nice tutorial but some improvements needed . some html tags comming back that can be escaped using utext in thymeleaf .

[Reply](#)



Rajat Kumar Chahar says:

November 7, 2017 at 04:54

when i run BlogMvcApplication.java i get lot of errors .
something like 66 frames omitted.
pls help me

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bdb says:

January 25, 2018 at 20:36

My css is not working to display last 5 posts on the right side... nothing is working

[Reply](#)



asdf says:

February 8, 2018 at 10:22

Where have you created bean definition-initialized for HttpSession before autowiring it in NotificationServiceImpl ?..I am unable to autowire it .

[Reply](#)

HoaDaiKa says:

April 13, 2018 at 06:18

Hi all,

I have a problem that i don't know resolve how,

In PostServiceJpalmpl.java,

@Override

```
public Post findById(Long id) {  
    return this.postRepo.findOne(id);  
}
```

Method findOne is not found in PostService, value return of findOne in Post Service is Post instance, while that value return of findOne is Example instance , it is not mapping right.

Can you clear me ?

Thanks

[Reply](#)

Malcolm Bouchee says:

April 26, 2018 at 01:38

It appears the library for Spring has changed for Crud Repositories since this post. I replaced findOne with Post post = this.postRepo.findById(id).get(); the ".get()" method returns an actual Post object instead of an optional if it isn't null;

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Michel Blain says:

April 26, 2018 at 06:16

Very informative tutorial but I ran into one problem: the error notification messages cannot be removed with ...\${session.remove...} I get an exception “Cannot remove entry: map is immutable” Using thymeleaf-3.0.9.RELEASE. Any suggestion on how to resolve this problem?

[Reply](#)



Amy says:

July 5, 2018 at 13:44

I have the same problem. Were you able to fix it?

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amy says:

July 5, 2018 at 14:00

I have been trying to solve this for a couple of days and I finally found the answer in section 3 of:

<https://www.thymeleaf.org/doc/articles/springmvccaccessdata.html>

by using \${session.remove('attribute')} you are accessing the thymeleaf defined session, which I think only allows you to access the data and not modify it. Instead, you have to access the javax.servlet.http.HttpSession object. You do that by replacing
 \${session.remove(T(blog.services.NotificationServiceImpl).NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY)}

with

```
 ${#session.removeAttribute(T(blog.services.NotificationServiceImpl).NOTIFY_MSG_SESSION_KEY)}
```

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Timo says:

September 13, 2018 at 12:47

Thanks for the tips, I was having the same issue! Notifications work for me now.

[Reply](#)



sam says:

February 21, 2019 at 01:33

Hey man, have you uploaded it on git ?

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Ahmed says:

November 28, 2018 at 01:06

I have a problem with the notification it doesn't appear any messages

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Phan Nha says:

May 18, 2018 at 17:28

how to add images in a post?

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Elysium Academy says:

November 29, 2018 at 15:15

thanks for tips

[Reply](#)

Edulite says:

December 4, 2018 at 16:01

Thanks for sharing this way of creating a blogging system using java frameworks.

[Reply](#)

dinesh says:

October 23, 2019 at 10:36

nice tutorial, where is the register.html file

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Creating a Blog System with Spring MVC, Thymeleaf, JPA and MySQL - information buzzer says:

November 25, 2019 at 22:44

[...] Source [...]

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Scott Macdonald says:

January 3, 2020 at 22:02

Nice article – however – you need to remove those smart quotes in some of the code examples.

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piccosoft says:

February 6, 2020 at 12:54

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