Assignment 12: Service Layer and REST API Implementation

Objective:

For this task, you just need to create solution for a minimum of just three entities or models to lay the ground work for gropup work.

Build a **service layer** to encapsulate business logic and expose it via a **REST API**. Use the repository layer (Assignment 11) to persist data and ensure your API endpoints are fully documented and tested.

Scenario

Your system now has a domain model (Assignment 9), factories (Assignment 10), and a repository layer (Assignment 11). To make the application functional, you must:

- 1. **Implement service classes** to handle business operations (e.g., checkout a book, create a user).
- 2. Expose these services through RESTful endpoints (e.g., POST /api/books).
- 3. Document the API using OpenAPI/Swagger.
- 4. Update GitHub Issues to track services and API development tasks.

Tasks

1. Service Layer Implementation (40 Marks)

Task:

- Create **service classes** (e.g., BookService, UserService) that:
 - Use your **repositories** (Assignment 11) for persistence.
 - Implement business logic (e.g., validate inputs, enforce rules like *"users can't borrow more than 5 books"*).
- Example (Java):

Deliverables:

- A /services directory with service classes.
- Unit tests for business logic (e.g., test checkout limits).

2. REST API Development (40 Marks)

Task:

• Build RESTful endpoints for **CRUD operations** and **business workflows**:

HTTP Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	/api/books	Fetch all books
POST	/api/books	Create a new book
PUT	/api/books/{id}	Update a book
POST	/api/books/{id}/checkout	Check out a book

• Use a framework like:

Java: Spring Boot

• **Python**: FastAPI/Flask

• C#: ASP.NET Core

Example (Python with FastAPI):

```
@app.post("/api/books/{book_id}/checkout")
def checkout_book(book_id: str):
   book = book_service.checkout_book(book_id)
   return {"message": f"Book {book_id} checked out", "book": book}
```

Deliverables:

- A /api directory with API controllers/routes.
- Integration tests (e.g., using Postman, pytest).

3. API Documentation (10 Marks)

Task:

- Document your API using **OpenAPI/Swagger**.
- Include:
 - Endpoint descriptions.
 - Request/response schemas.
 - Error responses (e.g., 404 if a book isn't found).

Example (FastAPI Auto-Docs):

```
@app.get("/api/books", response_model=List[Book], tags=["Books"])
async def get_all_books():
    return book_service.get_all_books()
```

Deliverables:

- A /docs directory with OpenAPI YAML/JSON files (if not auto-generated).
- Screenshot of the **Swagger UI** (e.g., http://localhost:8080/docs).

4. GitHub Updates (10 Marks)

Task:

- **Close issues** related to service/API tasks.
- Create new issues for **bugs** (e.g., "Fix 500 error on checkout").
- Link commits to issues (e.g., git commit -m "Close #21: Implement checkout endpoint").

Deliverables:

- Screenshot of your GitHub Project Board showing completed tasks.
- CHANGELOG.md summarizing API features and fixes.

Deliverables

- 1. Service Layer:
 - Service classes (/services).
 - Unit tests (/tests/services).
- 2. REST API:
 - ∘ API code (/api).
 - Integration tests (/tests/api).
- 3. Documentation:
 - OpenAPI/Swagger docs (/docs).
- 4. GitHub Activity:
 - Updated project board and issues.

Submission Guidelines

- Format: Push to your existing GitHub repository and test your url to make sure it works .
- Grading:
 - **40%**: Service layer correctness and test coverage.
 - 40%: REST API functionality and documentation.
 - 10%: API documentation completeness.
 - 10%: GitHub activity.

Why This Matters

- **Architectural Integrity**: Separating concerns (repository → service → API) follows industry best practices.
- Interoperability: REST APIs allow integration with web/mobile apps.
- **Career Relevance**: Building APIs is a core skill for backend/full-stack roles.

Need Help?

- Spring Boot: Building a RESTful Web Service
- FastAPI: Tutorial
- OpenAPI: Swagger Documentation