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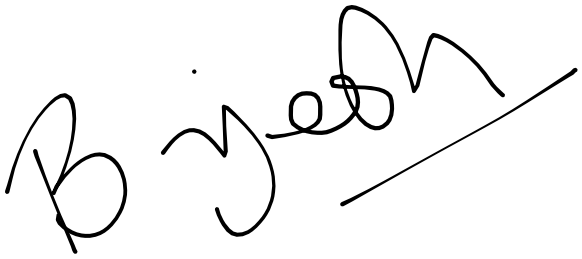

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Applied Software Project

Abstract

This project presents a scalable, cloud-native e-commerce platform built using a microservices architecture with Spring Boot and modern DevOps practices. The system consists of multiple microservices—User Service, Product Service, Payment Service, Service Discovery, and API Gateway—designed to handle core e-commerce operations including user authentication, inventory management, and payment processing.

Traditional monolithic systems face challenges in scalability, deployment flexibility, and maintenance complexity. This project addresses these limitations by decomposing the application into loosely coupled, independently deployable services. Each microservice handles a specific business domain, enabling teams to develop, deploy, and scale components independently.

Key technical implementations include:

- Centralized Authentication: JWT-based token validation with OAuth2 integration
- Service Discovery: Eureka-based dynamic service registration and load balancing
- API Gateway: Single entry point for all client requests with automatic routing
- Payment Integration: Payment gateway support with Stripe (open for extension to support Razorpay or any other payment gateway in future).

Project Description

The E-Commerce Microservices Platform is a distributed system designed to modernize online retail operations. Rather than a single monolithic application, it comprises specialized services that work in concert to deliver a seamless shopping experience while maintaining enterprise-level reliability and scalability.

System Components

1. **API Gateway**

- **Purpose**: Single entry point for all client requests
- **Responsibilities**:
    - Route requests to appropriate microservices
    - Handle cross-cutting concerns (logging, rate limiting)
    - Load balancing across service instances

2. User Service

- **Purpose**: User authentication, authorization, and profile management
- **Core Features**:
    - User registration and login with BCrypt password encryption
    - JWT token generation and validation
    - Role-based access control (RBAC)
    - OAuth2 integration for third-party authentication
    - Session management

3. Product Service

- **Purpose**: Product catalog, inventory, and search functionality
- **Core Features**:
    - Product catalog management (CRUD operations)
    - Category organization
    - Inventory tracking
    - Full-text search with pagination

4. Payment Service

- Purpose: Secure payment processing and transaction management
- Core Features:
    - Payment gateway support (Stripe & Razorpay)
    - Transaction processing and validation
    - Payment status tracking
    - Secure API key management via environment variables

5. Service Discovery

- Purpose: Dynamic service registry and health monitoring
- Technology: Netflix Eureka
- Benefits:
    - Automatic service registration on startup
    - Service deregistration on shutdown
    - Client-side load balancing

Requirement Gathering

Product Requirements Document (PRD) for Ecommerce Website

Functional Requirements

1. User Management

1.1. Registration: Allow new users to create an account using their email or social media profiles.
1.2. Login: Users should be able to securely log in using OAuth2.
1.3. Profile Management: Users should have the ability to view and modify their profile details.

2. Product Catalog

2.1. Browsing: Users should be able to browse products by different categories.
2.2. Product Details: Detailed product pages with product images, descriptions, specifications, and other relevant information.
2.3. Search: Users must be able to search for products using keywords.

3. Cart & Checkout

3.1. Add to Cart: Users should be able to add products to their cart.
3.2. Cart Review: View selected items in the cart with price, quantity, and total details.
3.3. Checkout: Seamless process to finalize the purchase, including specifying delivery address and payment method.

4. Order Management

4.1. Order Confirmation: After making a purchase, users should receive a confirmation with order details.
4.2. Order History: Users should be able to view their past orders.
4.3. Order Tracking: Provide users with a way to track their order's delivery status.

5. Payment

5.1. Multiple Payment Options: Support for credit/debit cards, online banking, and other popular payment methods.
5.2. Secure Transactions: Ensure user trust by facilitating secure payment transactions.
5.3. Payment Receipt: Provide users with a receipt after a successful payment.

High-Level Design (HLD) for Ecommerce Website

Architecture Components

- Load Balancers (LB)
- API Gateway
- Microservices
- Databases (Relational and NoSQL)
- Message Broker (Kafka)
- Caching (Redis)
- Search and Analytics (Elasticsearch)

1. Load Balancers (LB)

Function: Distribute incoming user requests across multiple server instances to balance load and ensure high availability.

2. API Gateway

Function: Entry point for clients. Routes requests to the right microservices, handles rate limiting, and manages authentication.

3. Microservices Architecture

3.1 User Management Service

- Handles user registration, login, profile management, and password reset.
- Uses MySQL as the primary database for structured user data.
- Uses Kafka to communicate relevant user activities to other services (e.g., a new user registration event can trigger welcome emails or offers).

3.2 Product Catalog Service

- Manages product listings, details, categorization.
- Uses MySQL.
- Incorporates Elasticsearch for fast product searches, providing features like full-text search and typo correction.

3.3 Cart Service

- Manages the user's shopping cart.
- Uses MongoDB for flexibility in cart structures.
- Uses Redis for fast, in-memory data access (e.g., to quickly retrieve a user’s cart).

3.4 Order Management Service

- Handles order processing, history, and tracking.
- Uses MySQL**.**
- Communicates with Payment Service and User Management Service **t**hrough Kafka for order status updates, payment verifications, etc.

3.5 Payment Service

- Manages payment gateways and transaction logs.
- Uses MySQL**.**
- Once the payment is confirmed, it produces a message on Kafka to notify the Order Management Service.

4. Databases

MySQL: For structured data.
MongoDB: For flexible, unstructured data.

HLD Diagram

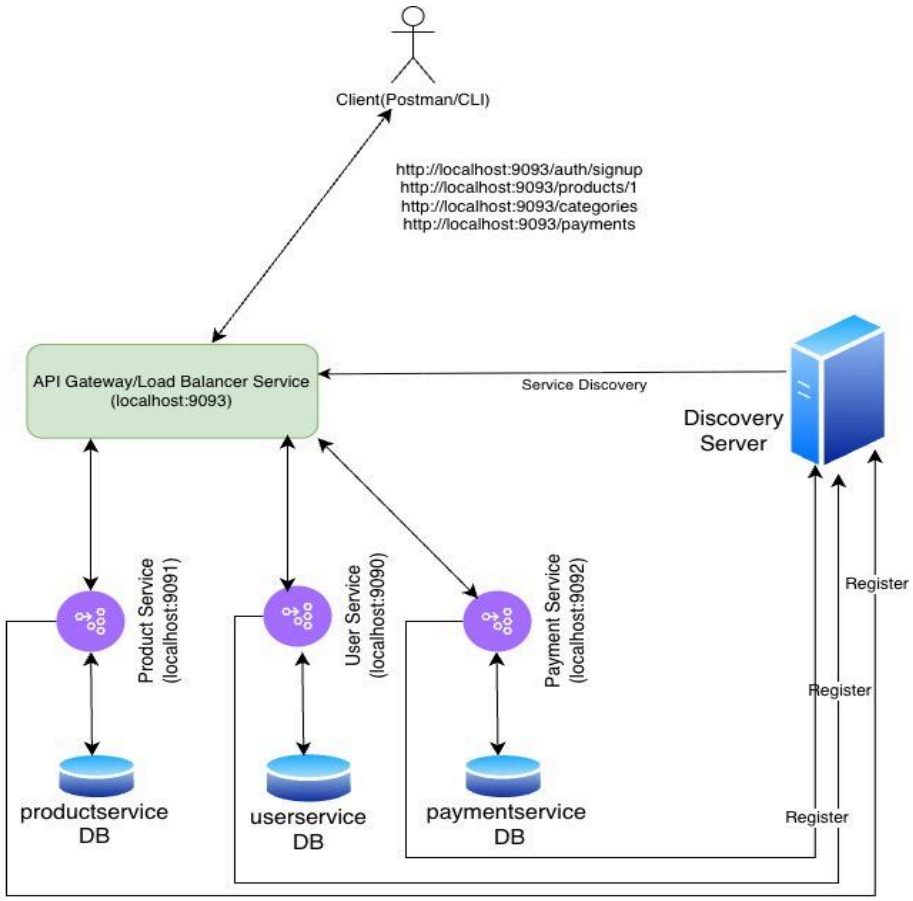


Figure 1: High level diagram for this ecommerce project

Class Diagrams

User Service

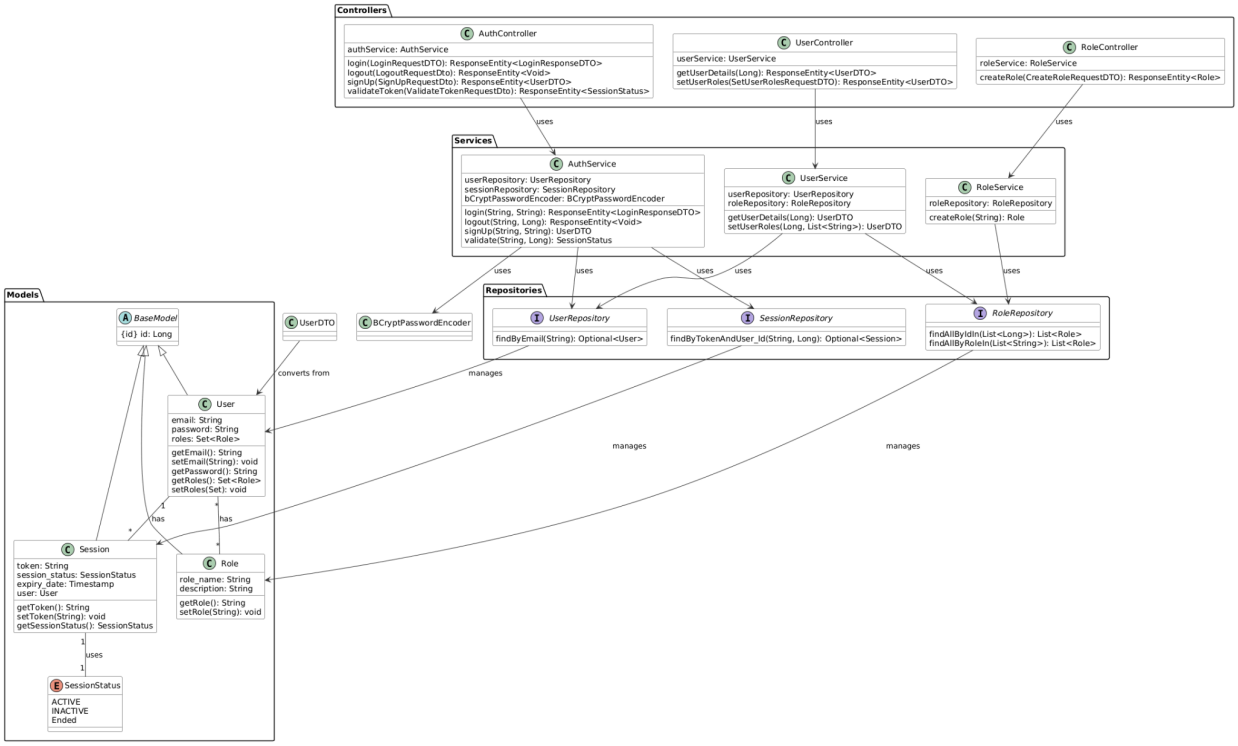


Figure 2: Class diagram for user service

Product Service

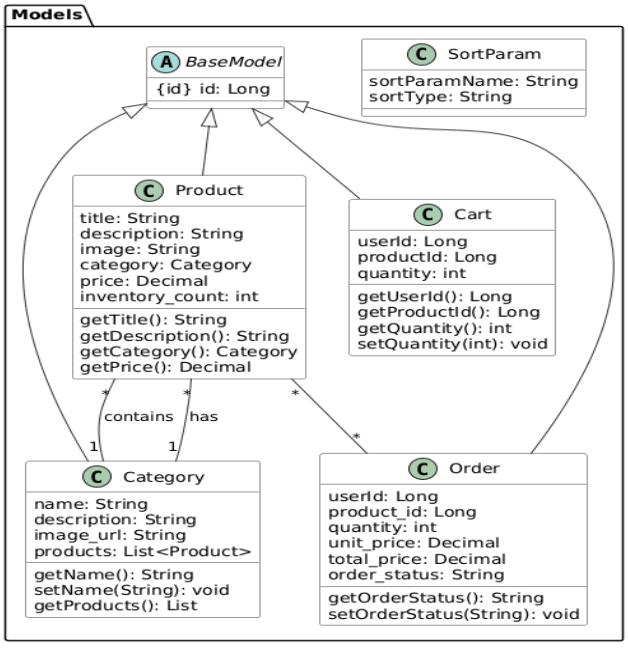


Figure 3: Class diagram of models used in product service

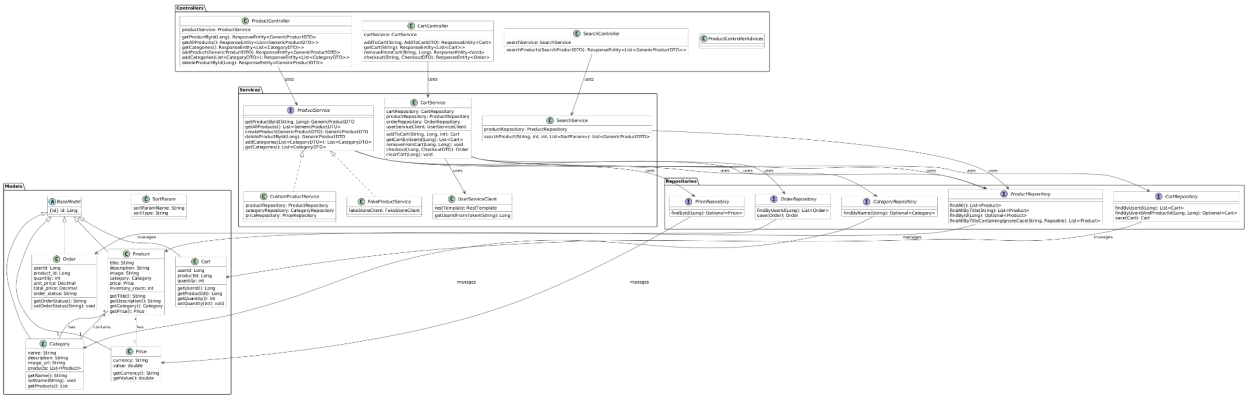


Figure 4: Class diagram of product service

Database Schema Design

User Service

Tables:

User
- user_id (BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)
- email (VARCHAR(255), UNIQUE, NOT NULL)
- password (VARCHAR(255), NOT NULL) [BCrypt Hash]
- created_at (TIMESTAMP, DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP)
- Primary Key: user_id

Role
- role_id (BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)
- role_name (VARCHAR(100), UNIQUE, NOT NULL)
- description (TEXT)
- created_at (TIMESTAMP, DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP)
- Primary Key: role_id

User_Roles (Junction Table - Many-to-Many)
- user_id (BIGINT, NOT NULL)
- role_id (BIGINT, NOT NULL)
- Primary Key: (user_id, role_id)
- Indexes: user_id, role_id

Session
- session_id (BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)

- user_id (BIGINT, NOT NULL)
- token (LONGTEXT, NOT NULL) [JWT Token]
- session_status (ENUM: 'ACTIVE', 'INACTIVE', 'ENDED')
- expiry_date (TIMESTAMP, NOT NULL)
- Primary Key: session_id
- Indexes: user_id, token

Authorization (OAuth2)
- id (VARCHAR(100), PRIMARY KEY)
- registered_client_id (VARCHAR(100), NOT NULL)
- principal_name (VARCHAR(500), NOT NULL)
- authorization_grant_type (VARCHAR(500), NOT NULL)
- authorized_scopes (VARCHAR(1000))
- attributes (LONGTEXT)
- state (VARCHAR(500))
- authorization_code_value (LONGTEXT)
- authorization_code_issued_at (TIMESTAMP)
- authorization_code_expires_at (TIMESTAMP)
- access_token_value (LONGTEXT)
- access_token_issued_at (TIMESTAMP)
- access_token_expires_at (TIMESTAMP)
- access_token_type (VARCHAR(100))
- access_token_scopes (VARCHAR(1000))
- refresh_token_value (LONGTEXT)
- refresh_token_issued_at (TIMESTAMP)
- refresh_token_expires_at (TIMESTAMP)
- Primary Key: id

Authorization_Consent (OAuth2)
- registered_client_id (VARCHAR(100), NOT NULL)
- principal_name (VARCHAR(500), NOT NULL)
- authorities (VARCHAR(1000))
- Primary Key: (registered_client_id, principal_name)

Client (OAuth2)
- id (VARCHAR(100), PRIMARY KEY)
- client_id (VARCHAR(255), UNIQUE, NOT NULL)
- client_id_issued_at (TIMESTAMP, DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP)
- client_secret (VARCHAR(255), NOT NULL)
- client_secret_expires_at (TIMESTAMP)

- client_name (VARCHAR(200), NOT NULL)
- client_authentication_methods (VARCHAR(1000))
- authorization_grant_types (VARCHAR(1000))
- redirect_uris (VARCHAR(1000))
- scopes (VARCHAR(1000))
- client_settings (LONGTEXT)
- token_settings (LONGTEXT)
- Primary Key: id

Foreign Keys:

User_Roles(user_id) REFERENCES Users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
User_Roles(role_id) REFERENCES Roles(role_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
Sessions(user_id) REFERENCES Users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE

Cardinality of Relations:

Between Users and Roles -> m:m (via User_Roles junction table)
Between Users and Sessions -> 1:m (One user can have multiple sessions)

Database diagram

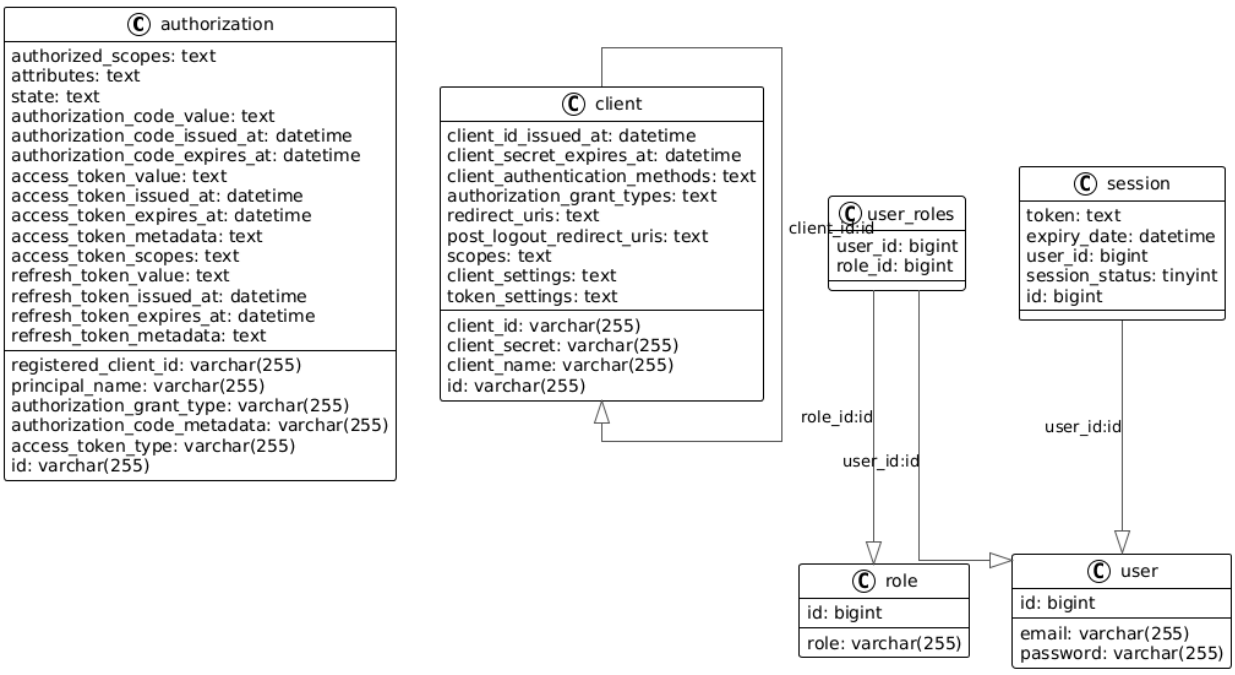


Figure 5: Database diagram for userservice

Product Service Database Schema

Tables:

Category
- category_id (BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)
- name (VARCHAR(255), UNIQUE, NOT NULL)
- description (TEXT)
- image_url (VARCHAR(500))
- Primary Key: category_id

Product
- product_id (BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)
- title (VARCHAR(255), NOT NULL)
- description (LONGTEXT)
- image (VARCHAR(500))
- category_id (BIGINT, NOT NULL)
- price (DECIMAL)
- inventory_count (INT, NOT NULL, DEFAULT 0)
- Primary Key: product_id
- Indexes: category_id, price_id, title

Orders
- order_id (BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)
- order_date (DATETIME, NOT NULL)
- order_status (ENUM: 'PENDING', 'CONFIRMED', 'SHIPPED', 'DELIVERED', 'CANCELLED')
- Primary Key: order_id
- Indexes: user_id, product_id, order_status

Cart
- cart_id(BIGINT, AUTO_INCREMENT)
- product_id(BIGINT, NOT NULL)
- quantity (INT, NOT NULL)
- user_id(BIGINT, NOT NULL)
- Primary Key: cart_id
- Indexes: user_id, product_id

Foreign Keys:
Products(category_id) REFERENCES Category(category_id) ON DELETE RESTRICT
Orders(product_id) REFERENCES Product(product_id) ON DELETE RESTRICT
Cart(product_id) REFERENCES Product(product_id) ON DELETE RESTRAINT

Cardinality of Relations:
Between Categories and Products -> 1:m (One category has many products)
Between Products and Orders -> m:m (many product can have many orders)

Database Diagram

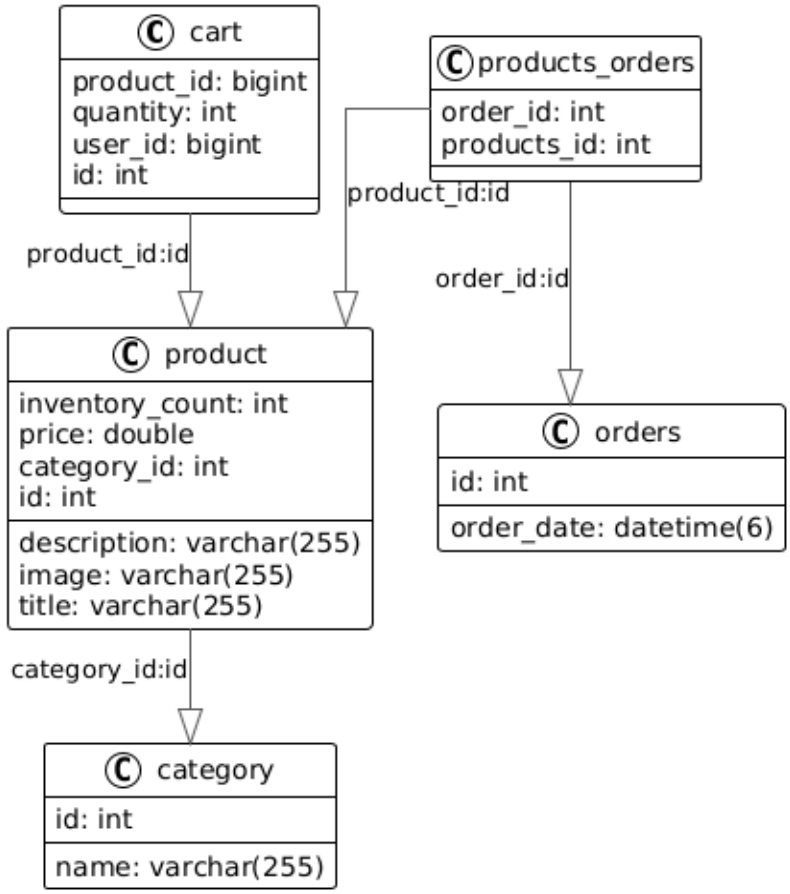


Figure 6: Database diagram for product service

Feature Development Process

Feature Overview

This integrated feature enables users to register/signup, authenticate using OAuth2 and generate the token.Use this token for discovering products, add items to cart, and complete purchases with payment gateway integration - similar to Amazon's checkout experience.

Request Flow

Signup/Register: It will require email and password as inputs. Below screenshot shows the request and response for signup.

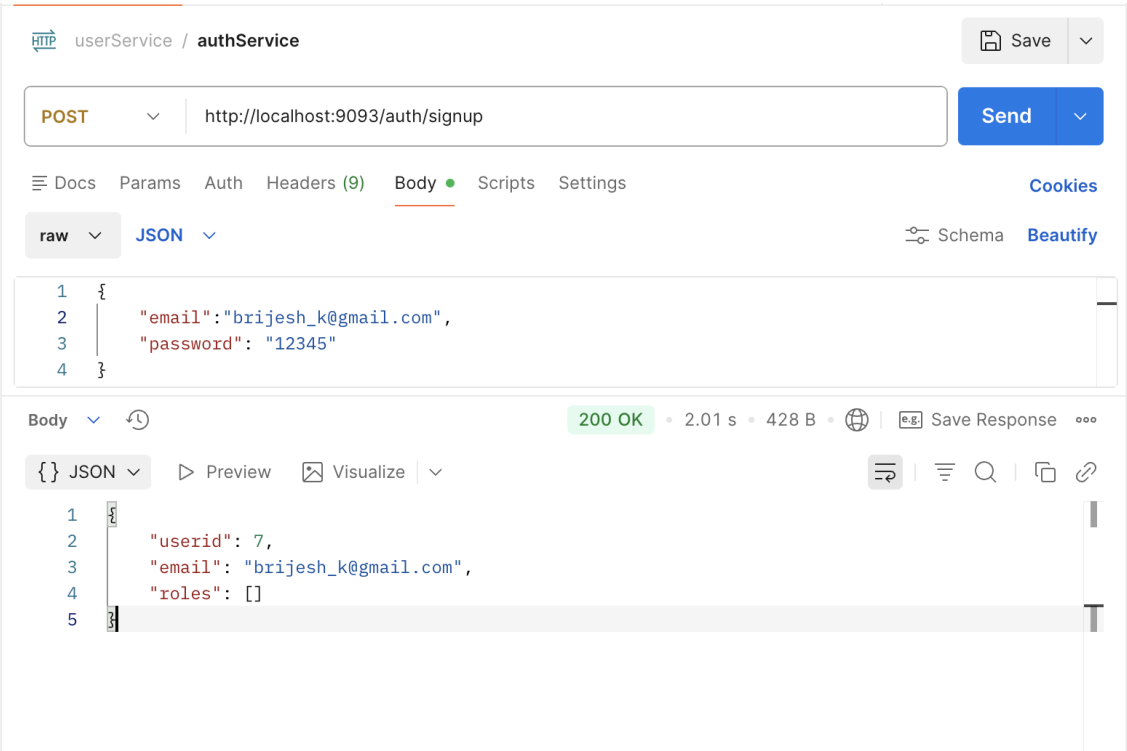


Figure 7: Signup/Registration of a user

If we try to signup again with an existing account it will not allow the duplicate -

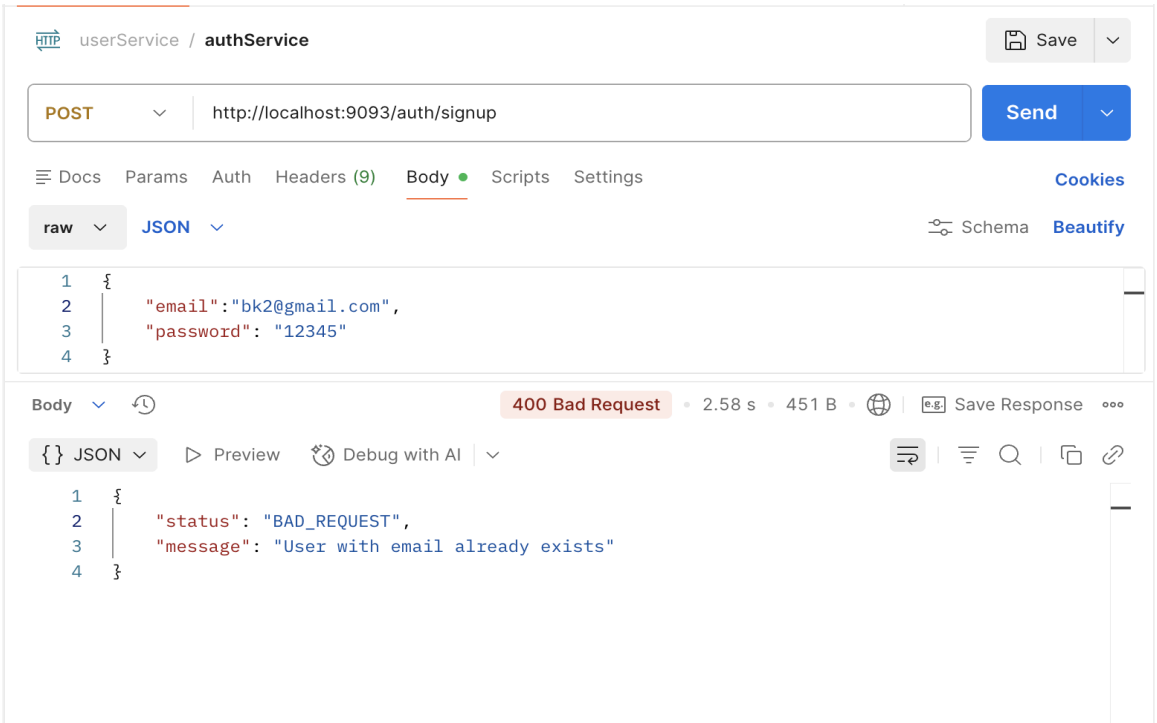


Figure 8: Signup with an existing account

Assign Roles:

We can assign various roles to an existing user. The Roles must also exist in the database.

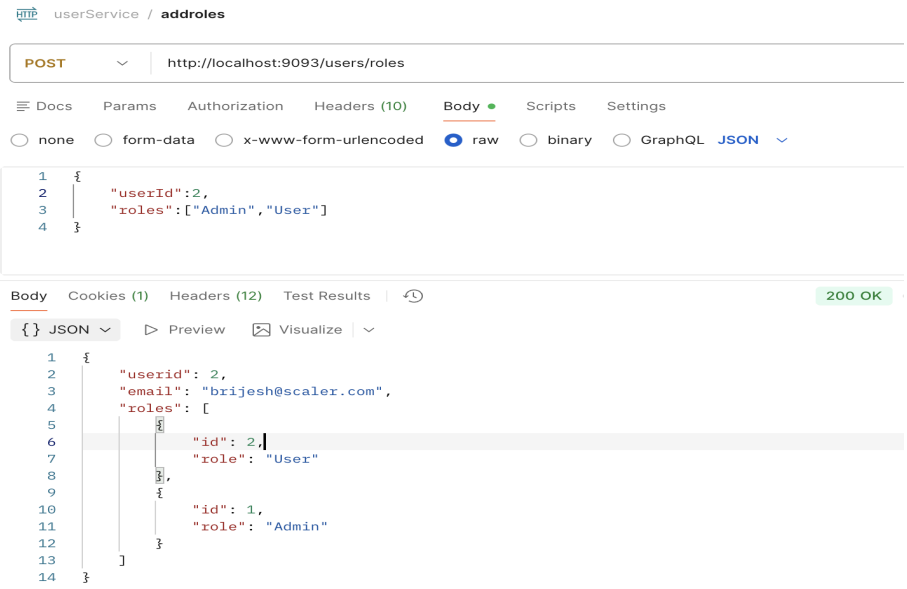


Figure 9: Assign role(s) to an existing user

Get OAuth2 Token

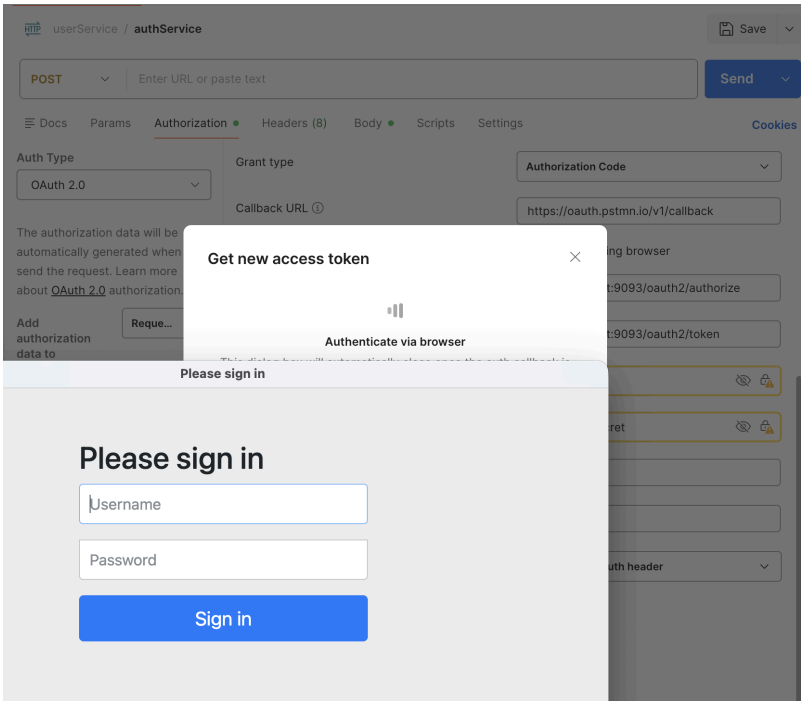


Figure 10: Get OAuth2 Token

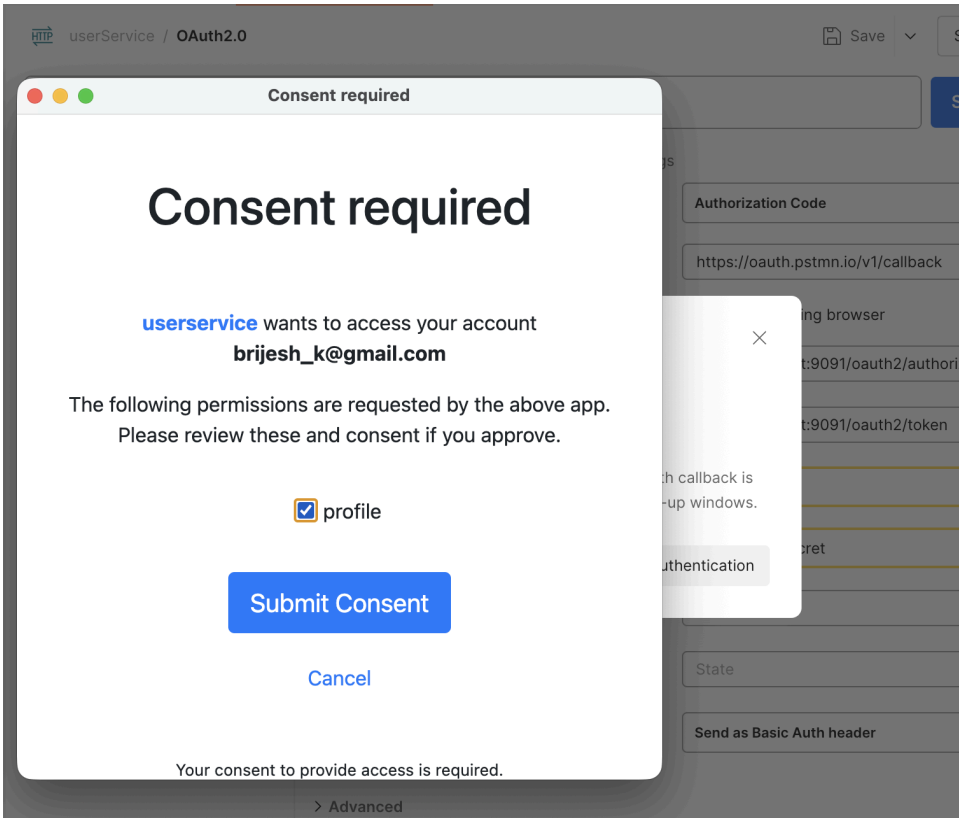


Figure 11: Provide consent to userservice

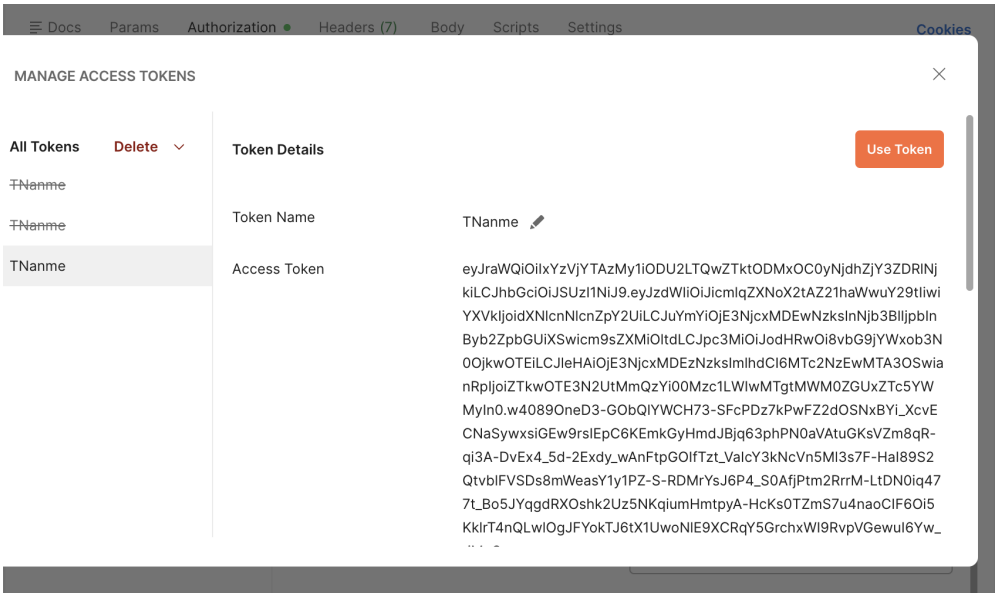


Figure 12: Token Successfully generated

Login

Login api makes an entry into the session table, it will also return the token in the api response.

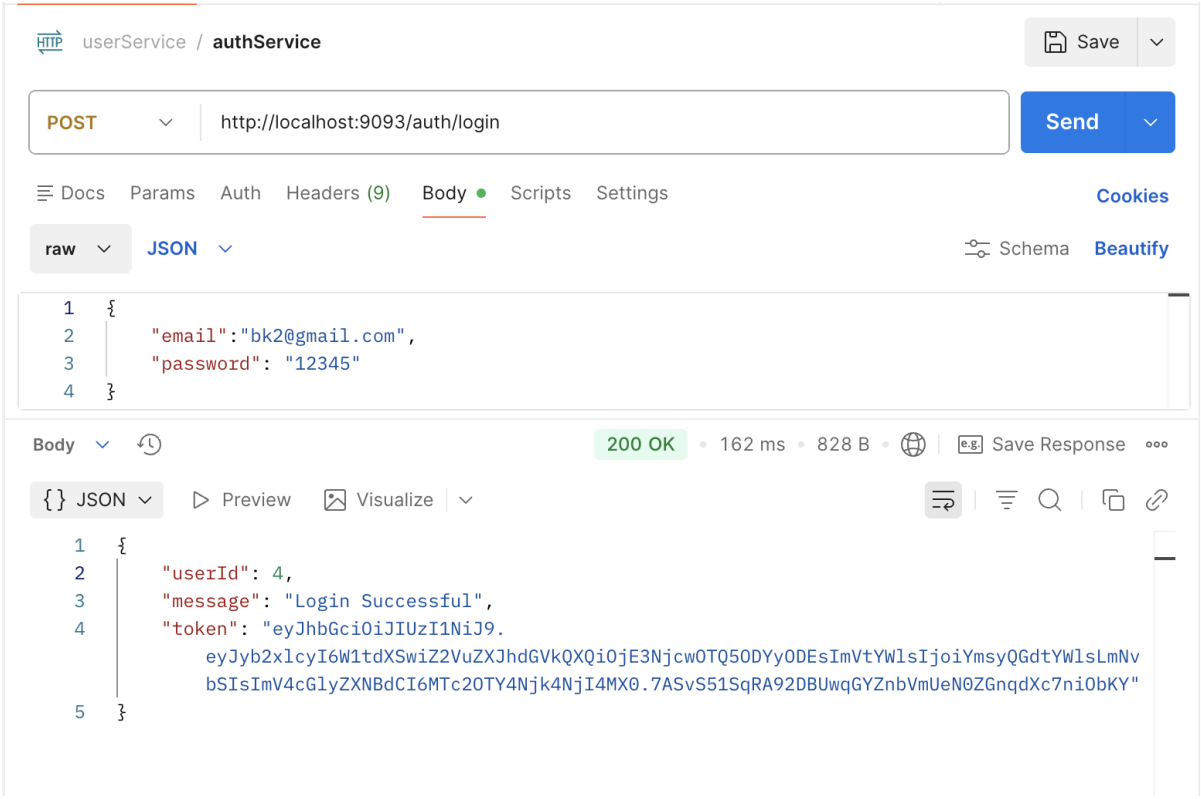


Figure 13: The login endpoint request and response

Add Category

Now we have moved to the product service after making calls to APIs of user service. This API is for some admin users to create categories in the database. Various products in the database will fall into a specific category.

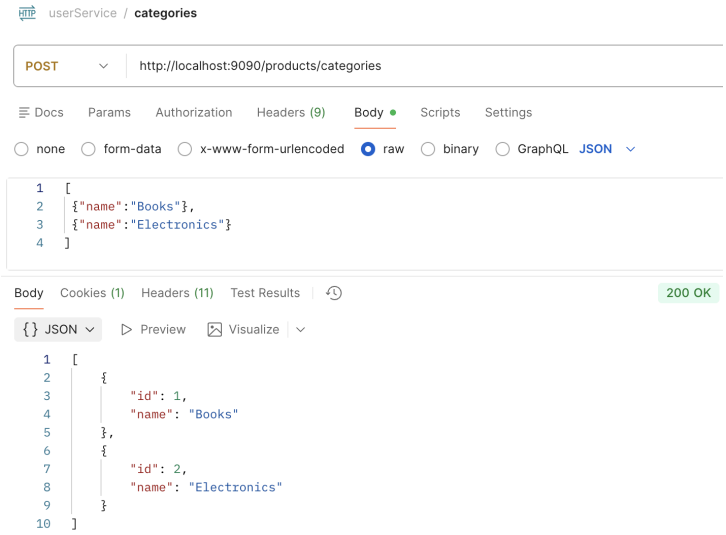


Figure 14: Add categories by an admin user

Add Product

Now an admin user will create products using this API endpoint.

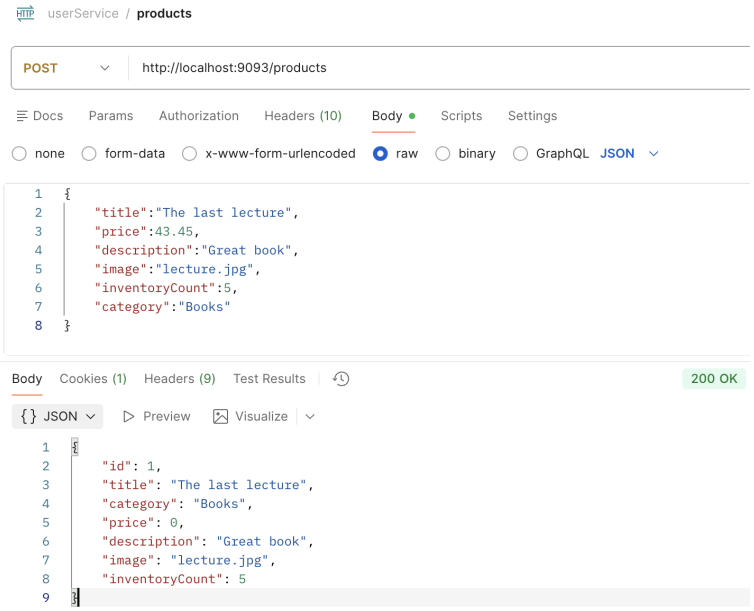


Figure 15: Add product API

Get product (requires token)

This is an endpoint which only allow access to authenticated users hence requires token.

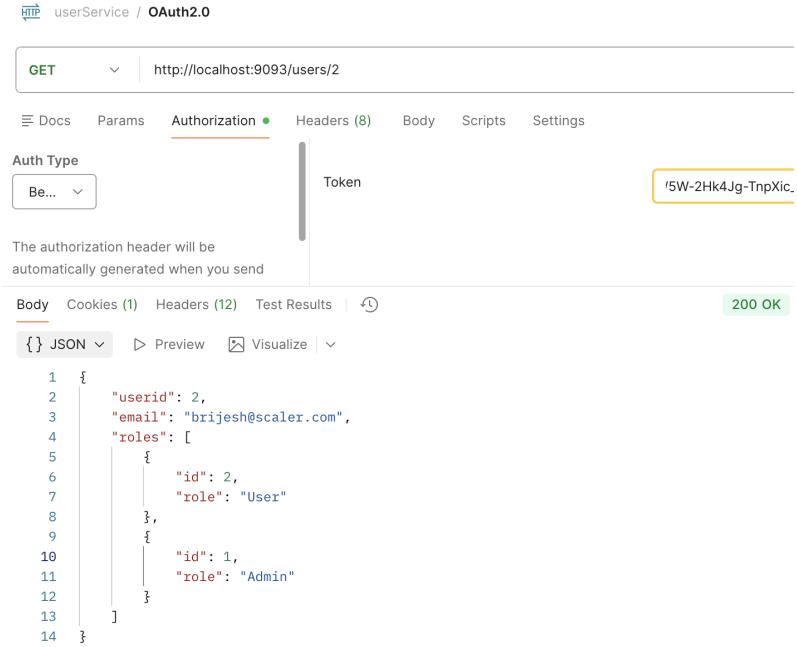


Figure 16: Get product by product_id

Add to cart

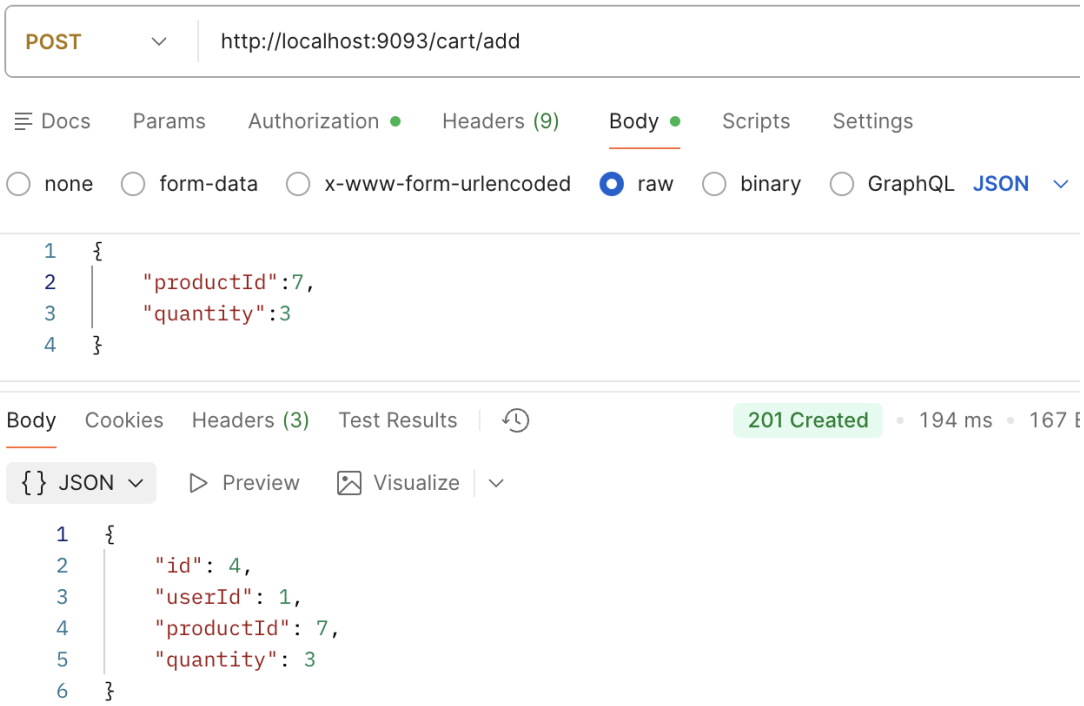


Figure 17: Add product to cart with specified quantity

Checkout

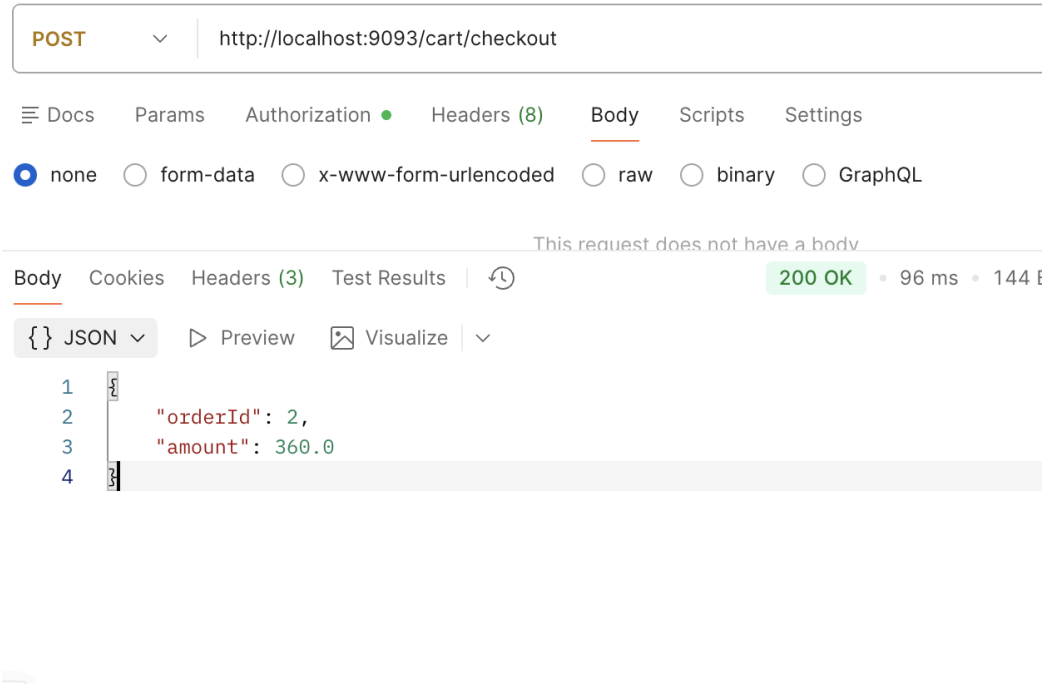


Figure 18: Checkout the cart a.k.a place order

Payment link

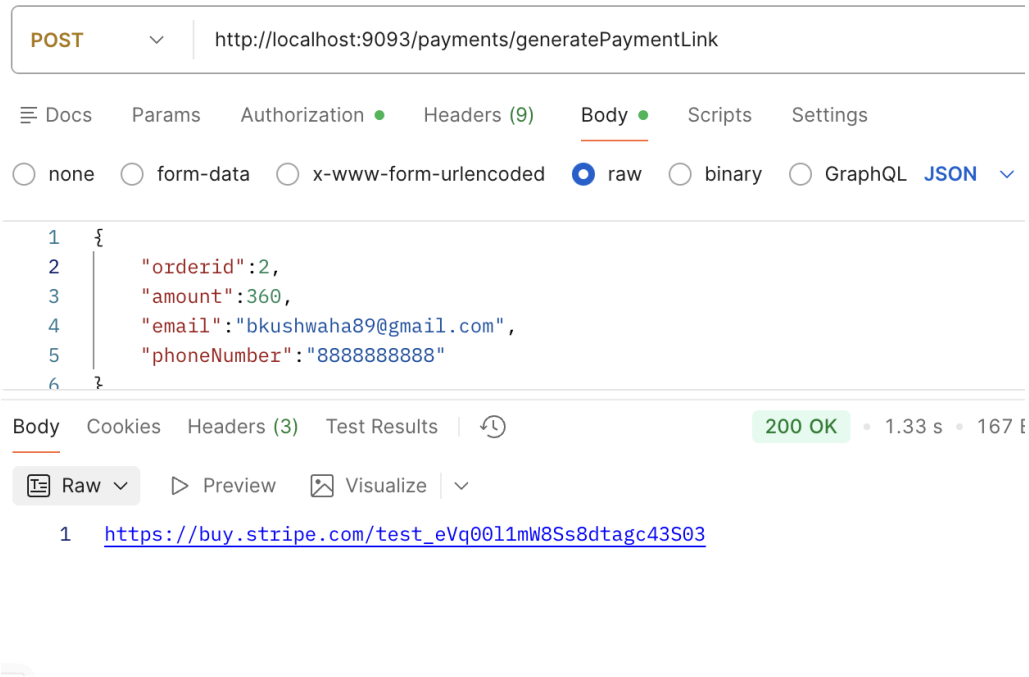


Figure 19: Generate payment link

Make the payment

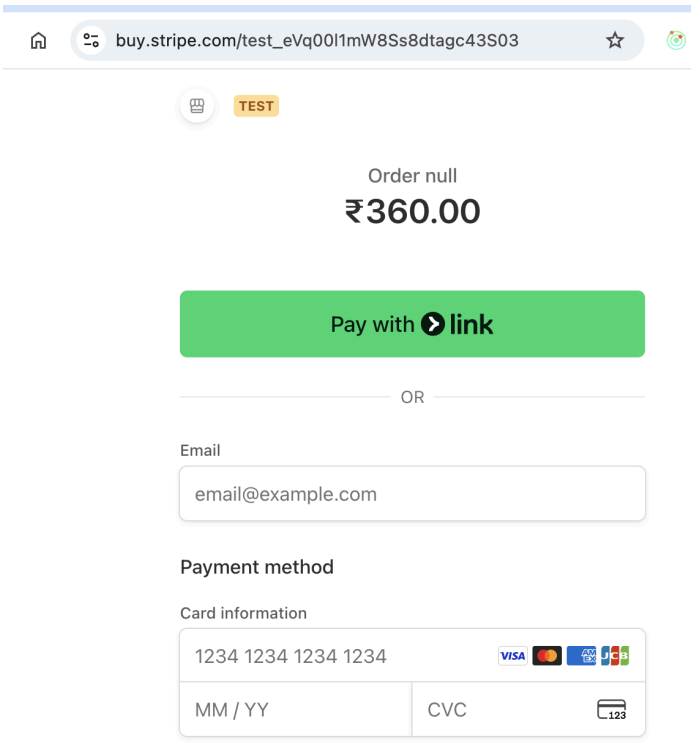


Figure 20: Make payment

Performance Optimizations

There are multiple optimizations we could achieve at different layers. This section will brief about the action taken for optimization at individual layers and publishes a comparison of optimized Vs unoptimized states.

1. Database Indexing

Unoptimized Query:

```
SELECT * FROM products
WHERE title LIKE '%laptop%'
LIMIT 10 OFFSET 0;
```

Time: 800ms (Full table scan on all the rows of product table)

Optimized Query with INDEX:

```
CREATE FULLTEXT INDEX ft_title ON products(title);

SELECT * FROM product
WHERE MATCH(title) AGAINST('laptop' IN BOOLEAN MODE)
LIMIT 10 OFFSET 0;
```

Time: 150ms ✓ 81% improvement

2. Query Result Caching

Unoptimized:

Every search hits database → Multiple database calls
Time per request: 800ms

Optimized with Redis Cache:

```
@Cacheable(value = "searchResults", key = "#query")
public List<GenericProductDTO> searchProduct(String query) {
  return productRepository.search(query);
}
```

Cache Hit: 20ms ✓ 97.5% improvement
Cache Expiry: 5 minutes

3: Pagination

Unoptimized:
SELECT * FROM product WHERE category_id = 5;
Returns all records, load all in memory

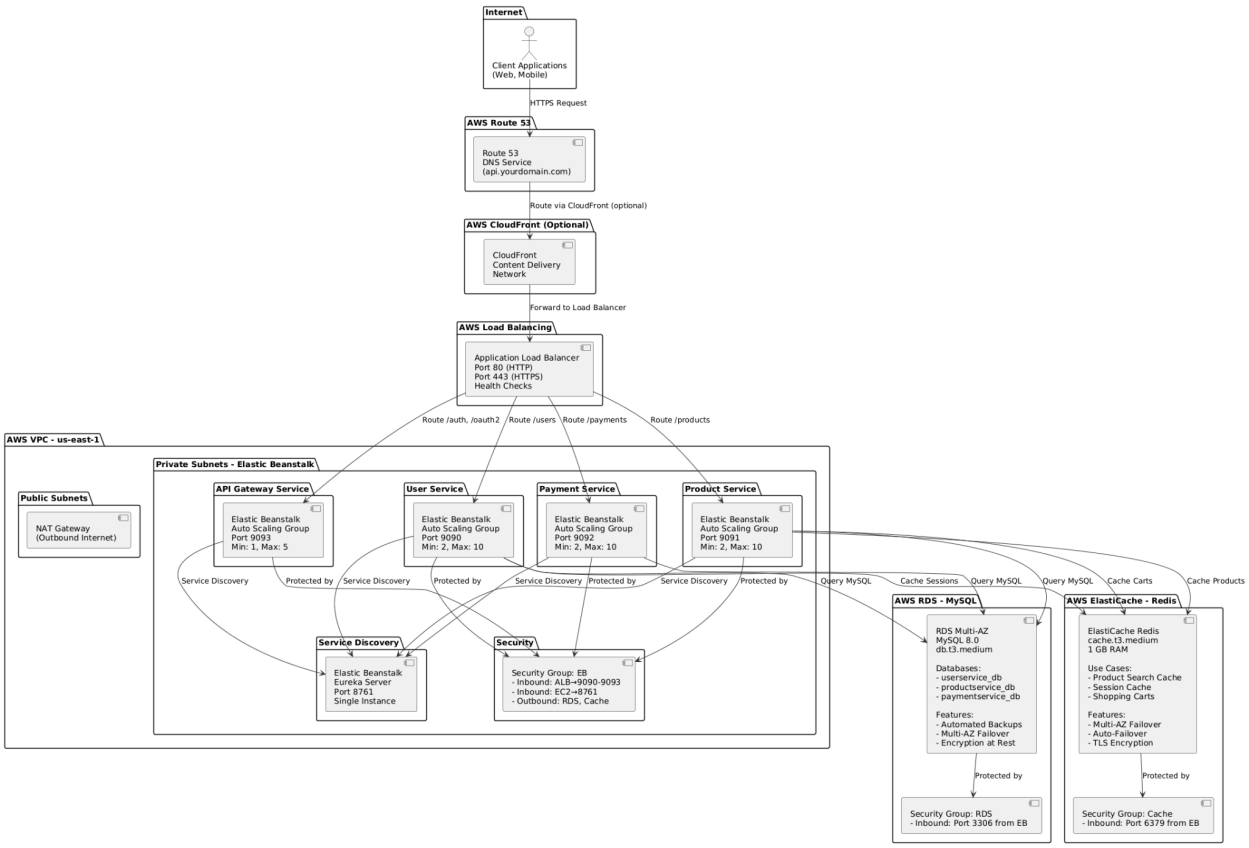
Optimized:
SELECT * FROM product WHERE category_id = 5
LIMIT 10 OFFSET 0;
Returns only 10 items per page
Reduces memory & bandwidth by 99%

Deployment Flow

Overview

This section describes the deployment architecture for the e-commerce microservices platform on Amazon Web Services (AWS). Each microservice is deployed on AWS Elastic Beanstalk with centralized database and caching layers using RDS and ElastiCache, all secured within a VPC with granular Security Groups for network isolation.

Deployment Architecture Diagram



1. Amazon EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud)

EC2 instances provide the computing capacity to run microservices. The instances are managed through Elastic Beanstalk auto-scaling groups.

Instance Type Selection:

t3.medium: 2 vCPU, 4GB RAM, cost ~$0.0416/hour
Recommended for microservices deployment

Auto Scaling Configuration:

Minimum instances: 2 (high availability)
Maximum instances: 10 (scalability)
Target CPU utilization: 70%
Scale up when CPU exceeds 75%
Scale down when CPU below 30%

Benefits:

Pay only for compute used
Automatic replacement of unhealthy instances
Can be updated without downtime via blue-green deployment

2. Amazon VPC (Virtual Private Cloud)

VPC creates an isolated network environment for all AWS resources.

VPC Configuration:

CIDR Block: 10.0.0.0/16
DNS Hostnames: Enabled

Subnets:

Public Subnets: For NAT Gateways and ALB
us-east-1a: 10.0.1.0/24
us-east-1b: 10.0.2.0/24
Route to Internet Gateway for outbound traffic
Private Subnets: For EC2 instances and RDS
us-east-1a: 10.0.10.0/24
us-east-1b: 10.0.20.0/24
Route through NAT Gateway for secure outbound access

Benefits:
Complete network isolation from public internet

Granular control over inbound/outbound traffic
Multi-AZ deployment for high availability

3. Amazon Security Groups

Security Groups act as virtual firewalls controlling traffic to resources.

Security Group Rules:

ALB Security Group:

Inbound: HTTP (80) from 0.0.0.0/0
Inbound: HTTPS (443) from 0.0.0.0/0
Outbound: All traffic to Elastic Beanstalk SG

Elastic Beanstalk Security Group:

Inbound: Ports 9090-9093 from ALB
Inbound: Port 8761 from EC2 instances (service discovery)
Inbound: Port 3306 from self and RDS SG
Inbound: SSH (22) from admin IP only
Outbound: Port 3306 to RDS SG (MySQL)
Outbound: Port 6379 to ElastiCache SG (Redis)
Outbound: Port 443 to 0.0.0.0/0 (HTTPS)

RDS Security Group:

Inbound: Port 3306 (MySQL) from Elastic Beanstalk SG only
Outbound: None (RDS doesn't initiate connections)

ElastiCache Security Group:

Inbound: Port 6379 (Redis) from Elastic Beanstalk SG only
Outbound: None

Benefits:

Implements principle of least privilege
Only required ports are exposed
Databases have no direct internet exposure

4. Amazon RDS (Relational Database Service)

RDS is a managed database service that eliminates database administration overhead.

RDS Configuration:

Engine: MySQL 8.0+
Instance Class: db.t3.medium (4GB RAM, 2 vCPU)

Storage: 100 GB (General Purpose SSD)

Multi-AZ Setup:

Primary Instance: us-east-1a
Standby Replica: us-east-1b with synchronous replication
Automatic failover in less than 2 minutes

Backup & Recovery:

Automated backups enabled with 35 days retention
Point-in-time recovery capability
Backup window: 03:00-04:00 UTC
Multi-region backup enabled

Database Instances:

userservice_db: Users, roles, sessions (500 MB)
productservice_db: Products, categories, orders, carts (2 GB)
paymentservice_db: Transactions, refunds (1 GB)

Security:

Encryption at Rest: AES-256
Encryption in Transit: SSL/TLS
No public IP assignment
IAM database authentication enabled

Benefits:

No manual database administration
Automatic patches and upgrades
High availability with Multi-AZ
Automated daily backups
Performance insights and monitoring

5. AWS Elastic Beanstalk (Managed Platform)

Elastic Beanstalk simplifies deployment, management, and scaling of web applications.

Why Elastic Beanstalk:

Single-command deployment
Automatic load balancing
Automatic scaling based on demand
Automatic health monitoring
Zero-downtime deployments

Environment management (dev, staging, prod)

Deployment Environments:

Development Environment:

Instance Type: t3.small

Instance Count: 1

Monitoring: Basic

Production Environment:

Instance Type: t3.medium

Minimum Instances: 2

Maximum Instances: 10

Enhanced Monitoring: Enabled

Load Balancer: Application Load Balancer

Benefits:

Reduced operational overhead (80% less work)

Faster deployments (5 minutes)

Automatic scaling based on traffic

High availability with multiple instances

Zero-downtime deployments

Easy version management and testing

Microservices Deployment Structure

API Gateway Service (Port 9093):

Entry point for all client requests

Routes requests to appropriate microservices

Load balanced across 1-5 instances

User Service (Port 9090):

Authentication and authorization

User management and role assignment

2-10 instances with auto-scaling

Product Service (Port 9091):

Product catalog and search

Shopping cart management

2-10 instances with auto-scaling

Payment Service (Port 9092):

Payment processing integration
Transaction management
2-10 instances with auto-scaling

Service Discovery (Port 8761):
Eureka server for service registration
Single instance for initial deployment
Health monitoring and load balancing

Technologies Used

Overview

This e-commerce microservices platform utilizes a modern technology stack carefully selected to ensure scalability, reliability, security, and maintainability. Each technology addresses specific architectural challenges while maintaining industry-standard practices used by leading tech companies worldwide.

1. Spring Boot 3.x & Spring Framework 6.x

Description

Spring Boot is a framework that simplifies building production-grade Spring applications by providing pre-configured setups, embedded servers, and automatic configuration. Spring Framework 6.x is the core framework providing dependency injection, aspect-oriented programming, and various modules for different use cases.

Key Features

Auto-Configuration:
Automatically configures Spring application based on jar dependencies
Example: If spring-boot-starter-web is present, auto-configures servlet container

Embedded Server:
No need for external application servers (Tomcat, Jetty)
Application runs as standalone JAR file
Simplified deployment process

Starter Dependencies:
Simplified Maven/Gradle configuration
spring-boot-starter-web includes all web-related dependencies
Reduces version conflicts and dependency management

Actuator:

Built-in endpoints for monitoring and management
/actuator/health shows application status
/actuator/metrics provides performance metrics

Convention over Configuration:

Sensible defaults reduce need for XML configuration
Follows Spring's opinionated approach
Faster development with less boilerplate

Real-Life Applications

E-commerce Platforms:

Amazon, Flipkart, Shopify use Spring Boot for backend
Handles millions of concurrent users
REST endpoints for product discovery and checkout

Social Media Applications:

LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram backends built with Spring
Microservices architecture for scalability
Real-time notifications and messaging

Financial Services:

PayPal, Square, Robinhood use Spring for payment processing
ACID compliance and transaction management
Data integrity for financial operations

2. MySQL 8.0+ (Relational Database)

Description

MySQL is an open-source relational database management system that stores data in structured tables with relationships. It's ACID-compliant, ensuring data integrity and consistency across transactions.

Key Features

Structured Data Organization
Tables with rows and columns
Primary Keys:

Unique identifier for each row

Prevents duplicate records
Ensures data consistency

Foreign Keys:
References to other tables
Maintains referential integrity
Enforces relationship constraints

ACID Properties:
Atomicity: Transaction completes fully or not at all
Consistency: Data remains valid after transaction
Isolation: Concurrent transactions don't interfere
Durability: Committed data persists after system failure

3. Netflix Eureka (Service Discovery)

Description

Eureka is a REST-based service discovery tool that maintains a registry of running services and their locations. Each microservice automatically registers itself with Eureka, enabling dynamic service-to-service communication.

Key Features

Service Registration:
Each service registers on startup with service name and location
Sends heartbeat every 30 seconds to confirm alive status
Automatically deregisters on graceful shutdown
Removes unhealthy instances after heartbeat timeout

Service Discovery:
Services query Eureka for location of other services
Gets list of healthy instances with load balancing
Handles dynamic IP addresses automatically
Client-side load balancing across instances

Health Monitoring:
Tracks service status: UP, DOWN, OUT_OF_SERVICE
Removes unhealthy instances from registry automatically
Dashboard shows all registered services
Metrics and monitoring endpoints available

How It Works

Service Registration Flow:

User Service starts on startup
Sends registration request to Eureka
Includes: service name (USERSERVICE), IP (192.168.1.100), port (9090)
Eureka stores in registry
User Service sends heartbeat every 30 seconds
If heartbeat stops for 90 seconds, Eureka marks as DOWN

Service Discovery Flow:

Product Service needs to call User Service
Queries Eureka: "Where is USERSERVICE?"
Eureka returns: IP 192.168.1.100, port 9090, 3 healthy instances
Product Service calls User Service with load balancing

4. Spring Cloud Gateway (API Gateway)

Description

Spring Cloud Gateway provides a single entry point for all client requests, acting as a reverse proxy. It handles cross-cutting concerns like authentication, logging, rate limiting, and request routing to appropriate microservices.

Key Features

Request Routing:

Routes requests based on path patterns
/products/** → Product Service
/users/** → User Service
/payments/** → Payment Service

Load Balancing:

Automatically distributes requests across service instances
Health-based routing to healthy instances only
Prevents requests to unhealthy services

Dynamic Routing:

Fetches service locations from Eureka registry
No hardcoded service URLs

Automatically adapts to instance changes

Cross-Cutting Concerns:

Authentication & Authorization validation
Request/Response logging for debugging
Rate limiting to prevent API abuse
Request transformation and modification
CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) handling
Timeout management for slow requests

5. Spring Security & JWT (Authentication & Authorization)

Description

Spring Security provides comprehensive authentication and authorization mechanisms. JWT (JSON Web Tokens) enables stateless authentication where the token contains all necessary information without server-side session storage.

Key Concepts

Authentication (Who are you?):

Username/Password validation
BCrypt password hashing for secure storage
JWT token generation after successful login
Token validation on subsequent requests

Authorization (What can you do?):

Role-based access control (ADMIN, USER, GUEST)
Permission-based access to specific resources

6. Stripe & Razorpay (Payment Gateways)

Description

Payment gateways securely process online payments. Stripe and Razorpay handle credit cards, debit cards, digital wallets, and region-specific payment methods.

7. Hibernate & Spring Data JPA (Object-Relational Mapping)

Description

Hibernate is an ORM (Object-Relational Mapping) framework mapping Java objects to database tables. Spring Data JPA provides a higher-level abstraction, reducing boilerplate code.

Key Concepts

Object-Relational Mapping:
Java Objects → Database Tables
Object Properties → Table Columns
Object Relationships → Foreign Keys
Automatic SQL generation

Benefits

Write Less SQL Code:
- Focus on business logic
- Framework generates optimized queries

Database-Agnostic:
- Switch from MySQL to PostgreSQL without code changes
- Same Java code works with different databases

Automatic Relationship Handling:
- One-to-Many relationships automatic
- Many-to-Many relationships with junction tables
- Lazy loading and eager loading strategies

Transaction Management:
- @Transactional annotation for ACID compliance
- Automatic rollback on exceptions
- Automatic commit on success

Mapping Example
- @Entity annotation marks class as database table
- @Table specifies table name
- @Id marks primary key
- @ManyToOne marks relationship to Category
- @JoinColumn specifies foreign key column
- @CreationTimestamp auto-populates created_at

Hibernate automatically:
- Creates table structure
- Generates INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE queries

Manages relationships
Handles lazy loading

8. Maven (Build Automation)

Description

Maven is a build automation and project management tool managing dependencies, building, testing, and deployment of Java projects.

Key Features

Dependency Management:
- Declare dependencies in pom.xml
- Automatic download from repositories
- Version conflict resolution
- Transitive dependency handling

Build Lifecycle:
- Clean: Remove old builds
- Compile: Compile source code
- Test: Run unit tests
- Package: Create JAR/WAR file
- Install: Deploy to local repository
- Deploy: Deploy to remote repository

Benefits
- No Manual JAR Management:
- No need to download JARs manually
- Framework handles all dependencies

Standardized Project Structure:
- src/main/java for source code
- src/test/java for test code
- src/main/resources for configuration
- Consistent across all Maven projects

Easy Continuous Integration:
- Jenkins, GitLab CI integration
- Automated builds and deployments
- One command: mvn clean package

Conclusion

Project Summary

This capstone project successfully demonstrates a production-grade, scalable e-commerce microservices platform built with Spring Boot, showcasing modern distributed systems architecture, cloud-native design patterns, and enterprise software engineering practices. The system comprises 5 independent microservices handling user authentication, product catalog, payment processing, and service discovery—architecturally aligned with industry-standard practices.

Key Takeaways

Architectural Patterns & Concepts

1. Microservices Architecture
   - Decoupled services → Independent development & deployment
   - Service isolation → Fault tolerance & resilience
   - Domain-driven design → Clear business boundaries
   - Loose coupling → Technology flexibility

2. Service Discovery
   - Netflix Eureka → Dynamic service registration
   - Health checks → Automatic instance management
   - Client-side load balancing → Efficient resource utilization
   - Self-healing systems → Improved reliability

3. API Gateway
   - Single entry point → Simplified client integration
   - Request routing → Transparent service location
   - Cross-cutting concerns → Centralized logging & monitoring
   - Rate limiting → API protection & quota management

4. Authentication and Authorization
   - JWT tokens → Stateless authentication
   - OAuth2 framework → Third-party integration
   - Role-based access control (RBAC) → Fine-grained permissions
   - BCrypt hashing → Secure password storage

5. Database
   - Relational databases (MySQL) → ACID compliance

- Database per service → Data isolation
- Proper indexing → Query optimization (81% improvement)
- Foreign key constraints → Data integrity
- Normalization → Reduced redundancy

Technologies Mastered

Backend Framework:
- Spring Boot 3.x → Rapid application development
- Spring Security → Comprehensive security framework
- Spring Data JPA → ORM & database abstraction
- Spring Cloud Gateway → API gateway implementation
- Spring Cloud Netflix Eureka → Service discovery

Database & Persistence:
- MySQL 8.0+ → Relational data storage
- Hibernate ORM → Object-relational mapping
- Flyway → Database schema versioning & migration

Security & Authentication:
- JWT (JSON Web Tokens) → Token-based authentication
- BCrypt → Password encryption
- OAuth2 → Authorization delegation
- Spring Security Filters → Request authentication

External Integrations:
- Stripe API → Payment processing
- Razorpay SDK → Alternative payment gateway
- FakeStore API → Mock data integration

Development Tools:
- Maven → Build automation
- JUnit 5 & Mockito → Unit & integration testing
- Lombok → Boilerplate reduction
- REST API design → Resource-oriented architecture

Limitations and Considerations

Technical Limitations

1. Microservices Complexity

Limitation:

- Distributed system debugging becomes difficult
- Network latency between services
- Data consistency challenges (eventual consistency)
- Testing requires multiple services running

Mitigation:

- Implement distributed tracing (Jaeger, Zipkin)
- Use circuit breakers for fault tolerance
- Adopt eventual consistency patterns
- Use containerization (Docker) for easy local setup

2. Database Scalability

Limitation:

- Vertical scaling limits (single MySQL instance)
- Cross-service joins difficult
- Transaction management across services complex

Suggestion:

- Implement database replication (Master-Slave)
- Use NoSQL for specific use cases (MongoDB, Cassandra)
- Adopt CQRS pattern for complex queries
- Consider sharding for large datasets

3. Caching Limitations

Limitation:

- Cache invalidation complexity
- Memory constraints (Redis)
- Stale data issues
- Network latency to Redis

Suggestion:

- Implement TTL-based expiration
- Use cache warming strategies
- Monitor cache hit/miss ratios
- Implement two-tier caching (local + distributed)

Security Limitations

Current Implementation:
- JWT stored in client localStorage → XSS vulnerability
- No rate limiting on endpoints
- No DDoS protection
- Payment data validation basic

Improvements Recommended:
- HTTP-only cookies for token storage → Prevent XSS
- API rate limiting & throttling → Prevent abuse
- WAF (Web Application Firewall) → DDoS protection
- End-to-end encryption for sensitive data
- Regular security audits & penetration testing
- Implement API key rotation strategies

Suggestions for Improvements

1. Implement Monitoring and Logging
- Add ELK Stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana)
- Distributed tracing with Jaeger
- Metrics collection with Prometheus
- Alert system for critical events

2. Enhance Security
- Implement API rate limiting (Resilience4j)
- Add request validation & sanitization
- Implement CORS properly
- Add HTTPS/TLS encryption

3. Improve Testing
- Increase unit test coverage (target: >80%)
- Add contract testing between services
- Implement load testing
- Add chaos engineering tests

4. Containerization and Orchestration
- Dockerize all microservices
- Deploy on Kubernetes (minikube → EKS)
- Implement CI/CD pipeline (Jenkins/GitLab CI)
- Blue-green deployments for zero-downtime

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