

System Design & API Contract: E-Commerce Platform v1.1

1. Architectural Overview & Global Conventions

Our platform is a **microservice architecture**. Each service is an independent application that communicates via APIs. The system is supported by the following core infrastructure:

- **API Gateway:** The single entry point for all client requests. It routes traffic to the appropriate service.
- **Eureka Service Registry:** Allows services to discover each other dynamically by name.
- **Config Server:** Provides centralized configuration for all services.

The following conventions apply to **ALL** services without exception:

- **Base URL:** All public APIs are accessed through the Gateway at /api/v1.
- **Service Discovery:** Each service registers with Eureka using its spring.application.name in uppercase (e.g., PRODUCT-SERVICE).
- **Data Format:** All request and response bodies **must** be application/json.
- **Authentication:** Protected endpoints require a JWT in the Authorization: Bearer <token> header, which is validated by the API Gateway.
- **ID Format:** All public-facing resource IDs (productId, orderId, etc.) **must** be UUIDs.
- **Timestamps:** All timestamps (createdAt, updatedAt) **must** be in **ISO 8601** format and in **UTC**.
- **Standard Error Response:**

```
{
  "error": {
    "type": "Validation Error",
    "message": "One or more fields are invalid.",
    "details": [
      { "field": "email", "issue": "Must be a valid email address." }
    ]
  }
}
```

2. Account Service

- **Responsibility:** Manages user identity, authentication, and profile information.
- **Service Discovery ID:** ACCOUNT-SERVICE
- **Gateway Route Prefix:** /api/v1/accounts

Data Models

- **User:**

```
{
  "id": "uuid",
  "firstName": "string",
  "lastName": "string",
  "email": "string",
  "defaultShippingAddress": "object (Address Model)",
  "createdAt": "string (ISO 8601)"
}
```

- **Address:**

```
{
  "street": "string",
  "city": "string",
  "postalCode": "string",
  "country": "string"
}
```

API Endpoints

- **POST /api/v1/accounts/register**

- **Description:** Creates a new user account.
- **Auth:** Public.
- **Request Body:** { "firstName": "string", "lastName": "string", "email": "string", "password": "string" }
- **Success Response (201 Created):** Returns the new User object.
- **Error Response (409 Conflict):** If an account with the email already exists.

- **POST /api/v1/accounts/login**

- **Description:** Authenticates a user and returns a JWT.
- **Auth:** Public.
- **Request Body:** { "email": "string", "password": "string" }
- **Success Response (200 OK):** { "accessToken": "string", "expiresIn": 3600, "user": { ... } }
- **Error Response (401 Unauthorized):** If credentials are invalid.

- **GET /api/v1/accounts/me**

- **Description:** Retrieves the profile of the currently authenticated user.
- **Auth:** User Required.
- **Success Response (200 OK):** Returns the User object.

- **PUT /api/v1/accounts/me**
 - **Description:** Updates the profile of the currently authenticated user.
 - **Auth:** User Required.
 - **Request Body:** { "firstName": "string", "lastName": "string", "defaultShippingAddress": { ... } }
 - **Success Response (200 OK):** Returns the updated User object.

3. Product Service

- **Responsibility:** Manages the product catalog, categories, pricing, and inventory.
- **Service Discovery ID:** PRODUCT-SERVICE
- **Gateway Route Prefixes:** /api/v1/products, /api/v1/categories

Data Models

- **Product:**

```
{
  "id": "uuid",
  "name": "string",
  "description": "string",
  "price": "number",
  "sku": "string",
  "stockQuantity": "integer",
  "category": { "id": "uuid", "name": "string" },
  "imageUrl": "string (url)",
  "isActive": "boolean"
}
```
- **Category:** { "id": "uuid", "name": "string", "description": "string" }

API Endpoints

- **GET /api/v1/products:** (Public) Retrieves a paginated list of active products.
- **GET /api/v1/products/{productId}:** (Public) Retrieves a single product by its ID.
- **POST /api/v1/products:** (Admin) Creates a new product.
- **PUT /api/v1/products/{productId}:** (Admin) Updates an existing product.
- **DELETE /api/v1/products/{productId}:** (Admin) Soft-deletes a product by setting isActive to false.
- **GET /api/v1/categories:** (Public) Retrieves a list of all product categories.

4. Order Service

- **Responsibility:** Manages the order lifecycle, orchestrating calls to other services.
- **Service Discovery ID:** ORDER-SERVICE

- **Gateway Route Prefixes:** /api/v1/orders, /api/v1/accounts/{userId}/orders

Data Models

- **Order:**

```
{
  "id": "uuid",
  "userId": "uuid",
  "items": [ /* Array of OrderItem */ ],
  "totalAmount": "number",
  "status": "string (PENDING, AWAITING_PAYMENT, PROCESSING, SHIPPED,
DELIVERED, CANCELLED)",
  "shippingAddress": "object (Address Model)",
  "createdAt": "string (ISO 8601)",
  "updatedAt": "string (ISO 8601)"
}
```
- **OrderItem:** { "productId": "uuid", "name": "string", "quantity": "integer",
"priceAtPurchase": "number" }

API Endpoints

- **POST /api/v1/orders:** (User) Creates a new order. Must verify product stock and price internally.
- **GET /api/v1/accounts/{userId}/orders:** (User) Retrieves the order history for a specific user.
- **GET /api/v1/orders/{orderId}:** (User/Admin) Retrieves the details of a single order.
- **POST /api/v1/orders/{orderId}/cancel:** (User) Cancels an order if it has not been shipped.

5. Payment Service

- **Responsibility:** Securely handles payment processing via a third-party provider.
- **Service Discovery ID:** PAYMENT-SERVICE
- **Gateway Route Prefix:** /api/v1/payments

Data Models

- **Payment:**

```
{
  "id": "uuid",
  "orderId": "uuid",
  "amount": "number",
```

```
"currency": "string (e.g., USD, LKR)",  
"status": "string (PENDING, SUCCEEDED, FAILED)",  
"provider": "string (e.g., stripe)",  
"providerTransactionId": "string",  
"createdAt": "string (ISO 8601)"  
}
```

API Endpoints

- **POST /api/v1/payments/initiate:** (User) Initiates a payment for an order, returning a clientSecret for the frontend.
- **POST /api/v1/payments/webhook:** (Public/Webhook) Endpoint for the payment provider to send asynchronous status updates. Must be secured with signature verification. On success, it must notify the Order Service to update the order status.
- **GET /api/v1/orders/{orderId}/payment:** (User) Retrieves the payment status for a specific order.