

# Appendix 04 Run Spring Initializr Project

**Description:** This document builds on generating a Spring Initializr website project “[Appendix 02 Spring Initializr](#)”, importing the project into Spring Tool Suite IDE “[Appendix 03 Import Spring Tool Suite Project](#)”, modifying the base code then run the project.

**Project:** This appendix shows a step by step guide to run a Spring Boot project from the command line, within the IDE, and building an executable jar. This project will show the steps to run a demo project based on the modification from document title “[Spring Boot 100 Hello World](#)”. Using the “demo-spring-boot-hello” project will allow showing some basic test steps as well.

**Technology:** This project uses the following technology:  
Integrated Development Environment (IDE):  
[Spring Tool Suite 4](#) (Version: 4.11.0.RELEASE)  
Java Development Kit (JDK):  
[Oracle's JDK 8](#) (1.8)

## Revision History

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08/30/2022	Initial document created.

## Glossary of Terms

Common terminology used with this set of documents is found in the document “[Appendix 01 Glossary](#)”.

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## Running Spring Boot Projects

The basic project generated by the Spring Initializr website is designed to be built and run from the command line. These projects can also be run inside the Spring Tool Suite IDE.

This appendix show the command line interface for building and running a Spring Initializr generated project. This appendix shows running a Spring Initializr generated project within the IDE.

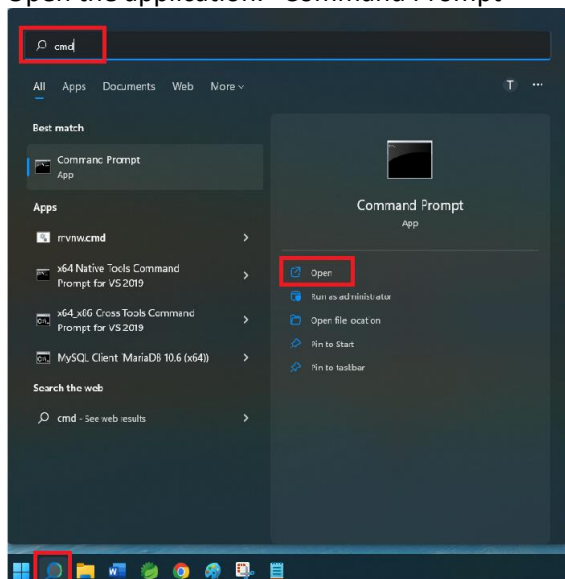
Both the command line interface and the IDE will use the project completed in the document titled [“Spring Boot 100 Hello World”](#) with the project name “demo-spring-boot-hello”.

## Run Spring Boot Project with Command Line Interface

**Open** the Windows command line interface.

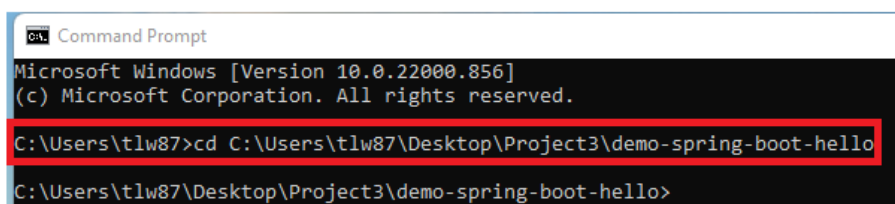
In the Windows search window enter: “cmd”

Open the application: “Command Prompt”



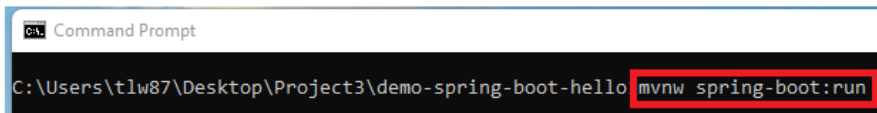
**Change** the directory to the location of your project’s top level directory where the mvnw.cmd file resides.

```
cd C:\your location\demo-spring-boot-hello
```



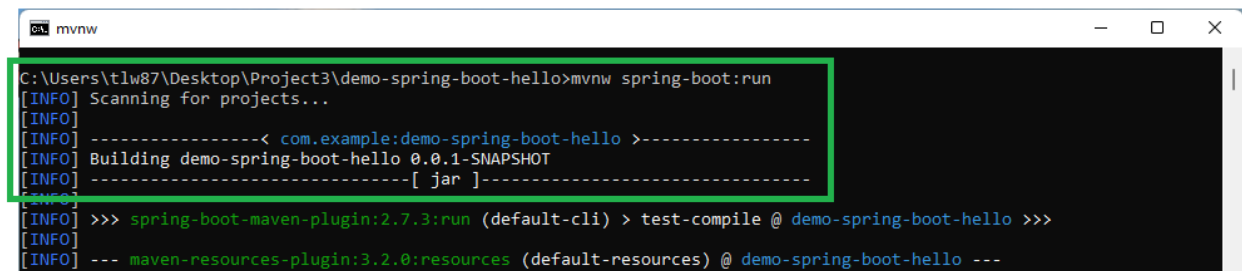
## Build and run the spring boot application

```
mvnw spring-boot:run
```



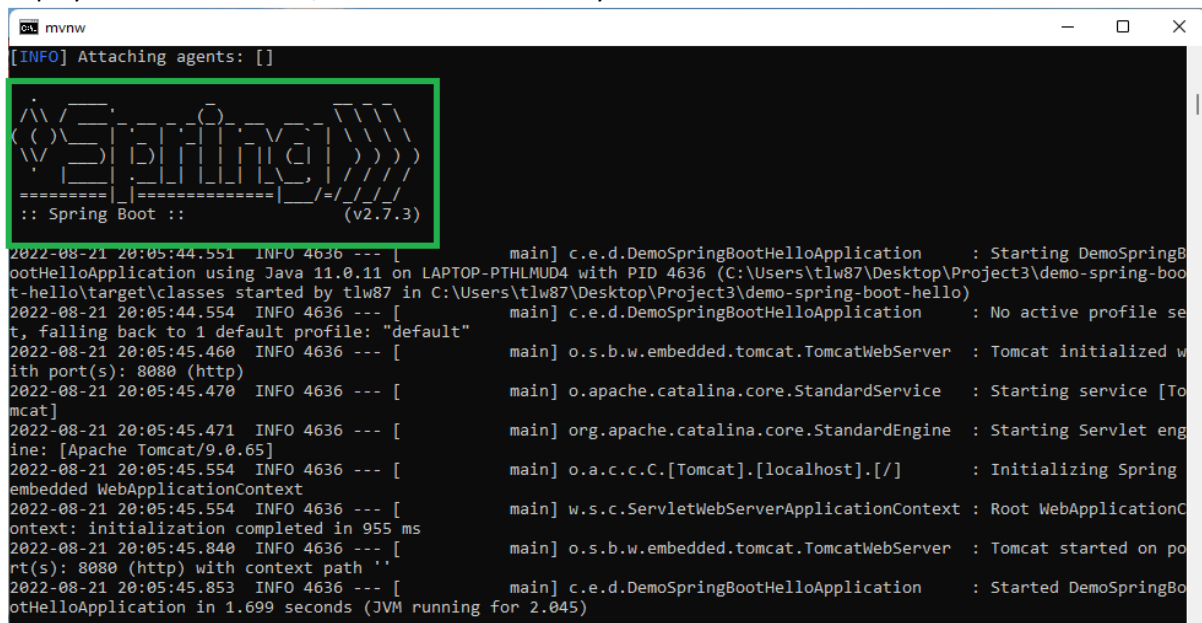
```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\tlw87\Desktop\Project3\demo-spring-boot-hello>mvnw spring-boot:run
```

The command builds the application. It can take some time for the build to begin and show the initial status. Once started the window will scroll showing the status of the build process.



```
mvnw
C:\Users\tlw87\Desktop\Project3\demo-spring-boot-hello>mvnw spring-boot:run
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[INFO]
[INFO] -----< com.example:demo-spring-boot-hello >-----
[INFO] Building demo-spring-boot-hello 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT
[INFO]
[INFO] -----[ jar ]-----
[INFO]
[INFO] >>> spring-boot-maven-plugin:2.7.3:run (default-cli) > test-compile @ demo-spring-boot-hello >>>
[INFO]
[INFO] --- maven-resources-plugin:3.2.0:resources (default-resources) @ demo-spring-boot-hello ---
```

The command builds the projects Tomcat server. Once the screen stops scrolling, and Spring Boot is displayed as shown below, then the server is ready.

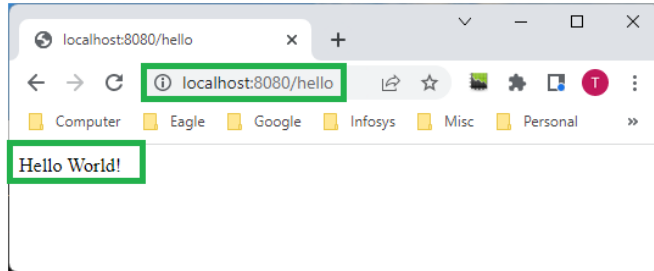


```
mvnw
[INFO] Attaching agents: []
[INFO]
[INFO] :: Spring Boot :: (v2.7.3)
2022-08-21 20:05:44.551 INFO 4636 --- [main] c.e.d.DemoSpringBootApplication : Starting DemoSpringB
ootHelloApplication using Java 11.0.11 on LAPTOP-PTLHMUD4 with PID 4636 (C:\Users\tlw87\Desktop\Project3\demo-spring-boo
t-hello\target\classes started by tlw87 in C:\Users\tlw87\Desktop\Project3\demo-spring-boot-hello)
2022-08-21 20:05:44.554 INFO 4636 --- [main] c.e.d.DemoSpringBootApplication : No active profile se
t, falling back to 1 default profile: "default"
2022-08-21 20:05:45.460 INFO 4636 --- [main] o.s.b.w.embedded.tomcat.TomcatWebServer : Tomcat initialized w
ith port(s): 8080 (http)
2022-08-21 20:05:45.470 INFO 4636 --- [main] o.apache.catalina.core.StandardService : Starting service [To
mcat]
2022-08-21 20:05:45.471 INFO 4636 --- [main] org.apache.catalina.core.StandardEngine : Starting Servlet eng
ine: [Apache Tomcat/9.0.65]
2022-08-21 20:05:45.554 INFO 4636 --- [main] o.a.c.c.C.[Tomcat].[localhost].[/] : Initializing Spring
embedded WebApplicationContext
2022-08-21 20:05:45.554 INFO 4636 --- [main] w.s.c.ServletWebServerApplicationContext : Root WebApplicationC
ontext: initialization completed in 955 ms
2022-08-21 20:05:45.840 INFO 4636 --- [main] o.s.b.w.embedded.tomcat.TomcatWebServer : Tomcat started on po
rt(s): 8080 (http) with context path ''
2022-08-21 20:05:45.853 INFO 4636 --- [main] c.e.d.DemoSpringBootApplication : Started DemoSpringBo
otHelloApplication in 1.699 seconds (JVM running for 2.045)
```

Test the application from a browser

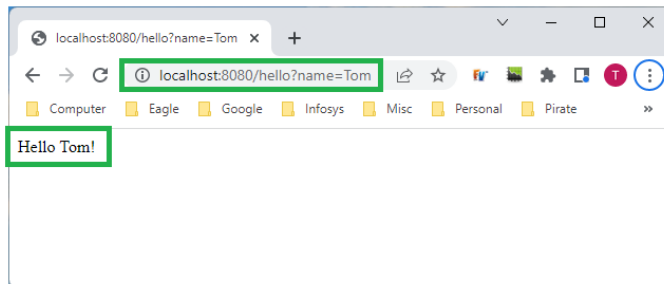
Enter the base URL in your browser.

`http://localhost:8080/hello`



Enter a URL in your browser to test the name parameter.

`http://localhost:8080/hello?name=Tom`



Stop the command line server

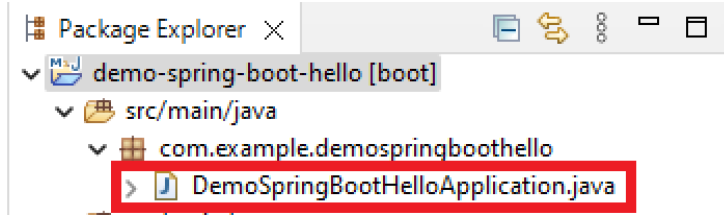
Press: "ctrl-c"

Enter "y"

```
C:\ mvnw
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 01:01 h
[INFO] Finished at: 2022-08-21T22:22:49-06:00
[INFO] -----
Terminate batch job (Y/N)? y
C:\Users\tlw87\Desktop\Project3\demo-spring-boot-hello>
```

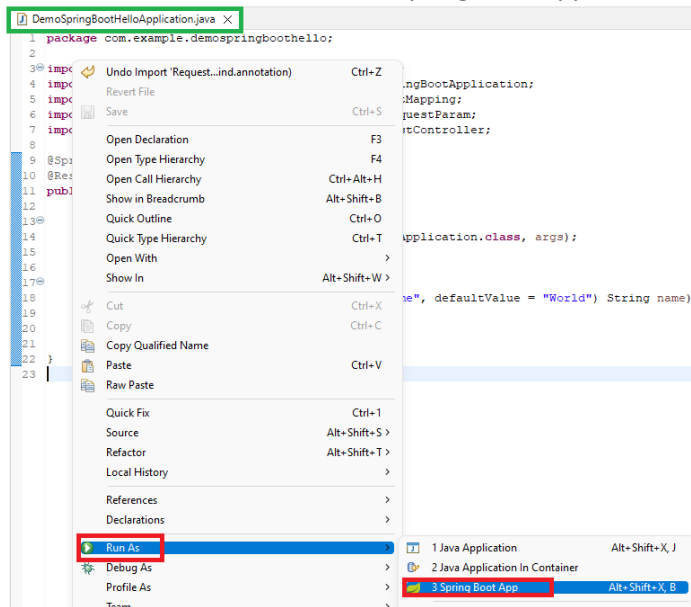
## Run Spring Boot Project Within the IDE

**Right** click the main run class in the navigation window of the IDE

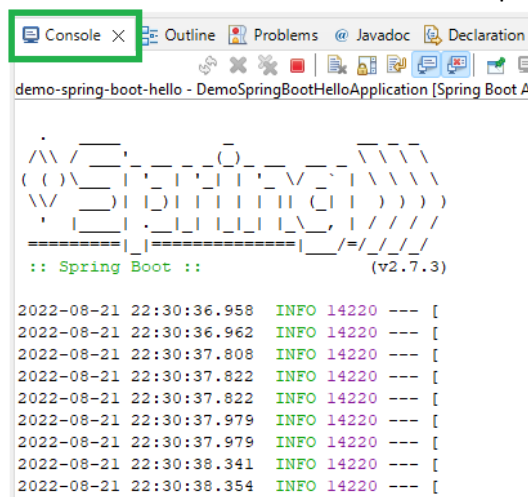


Or right click within the open main run class in the edit window of the IDE

**Mouse over “Run As” → Select “Spring Boot App”**



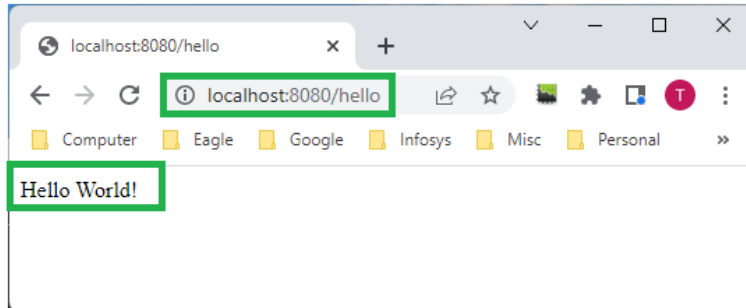
The Console tab inside the IDE shows the project’s packaged Tomcat server running for Spring Boot



Test the application from a browser

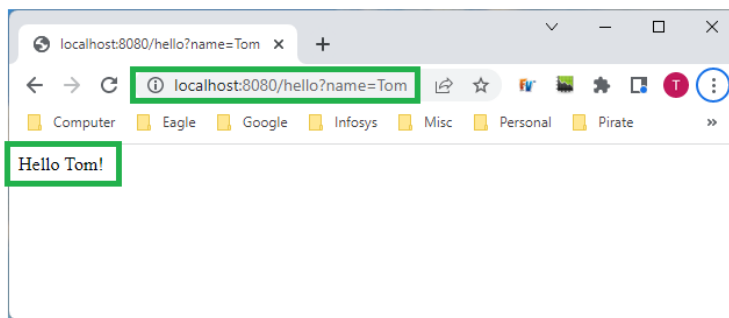
**Enter** the base URL in your browser.

`http://localhost:8080/hello`



**Enter** a URL in your browser to test the name parameter

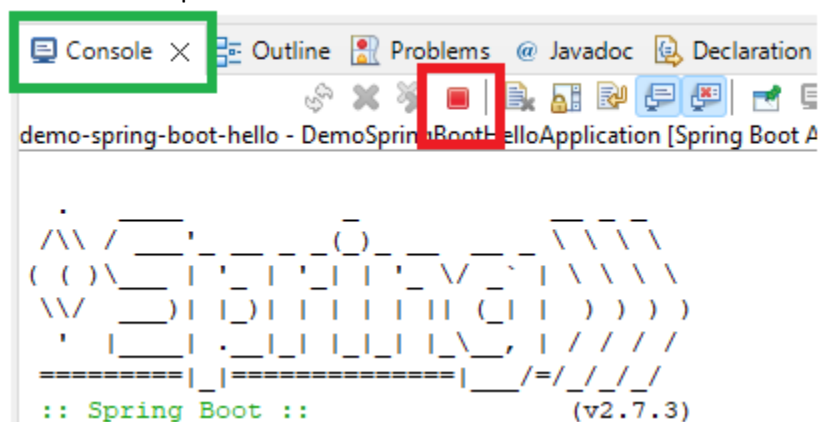
`http://localhost:8080/hello?name=Tom`



Stop the server

**Right** click in the console window and select "Terminate/Disconnect All"

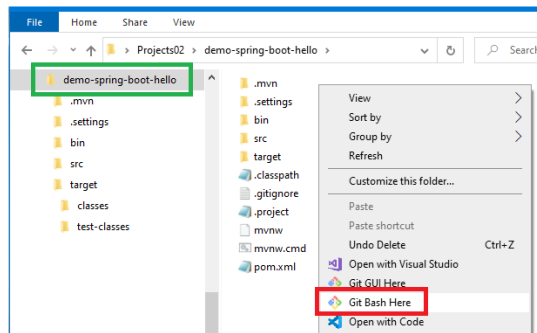
Or **click** the stop icon



## Executable JAR File Lifecycle

This section describes building, running, testing, and stopping an executable Java Archive (JAR) file. The executable JAR file is ran on the command and tested through a web browser. In this document we build the file using the Java command line and run the file using Maven.

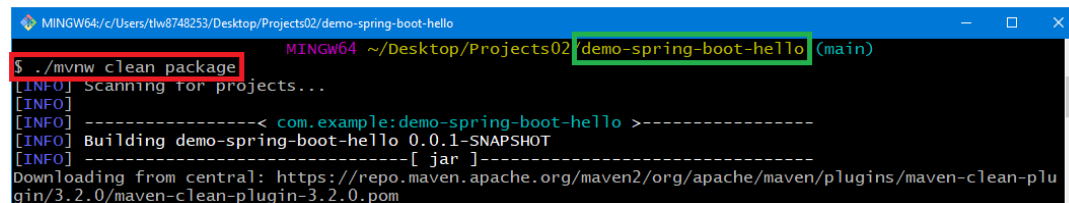
**Open** a Git Bash terminal in the project folder of the Spring Tool Suite 4 project where an executable JAR file is to be created.



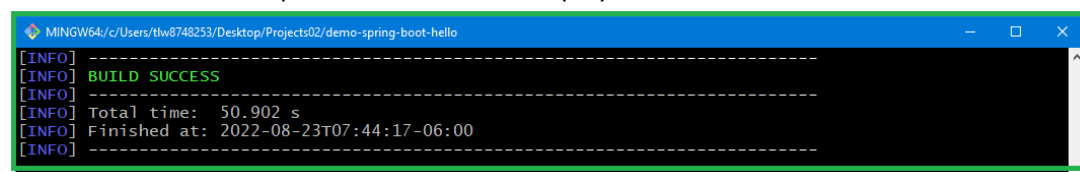
## Build the Executable JAR File

On the Git Bash command line **enter** the following command.

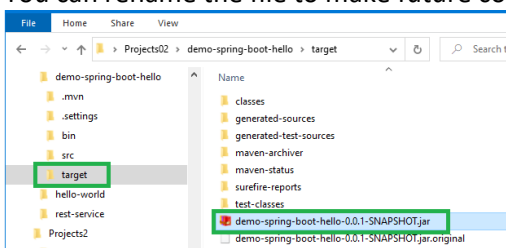
```
./mvnw clean package
```



The build process begins and the screen will scroll showing the build status. At the end of the build process the status is displayed.



Looking inside the project's target folder the executable JAR file is found. You can rename the file to make future commands if desired.





## Run the Executable JAR File

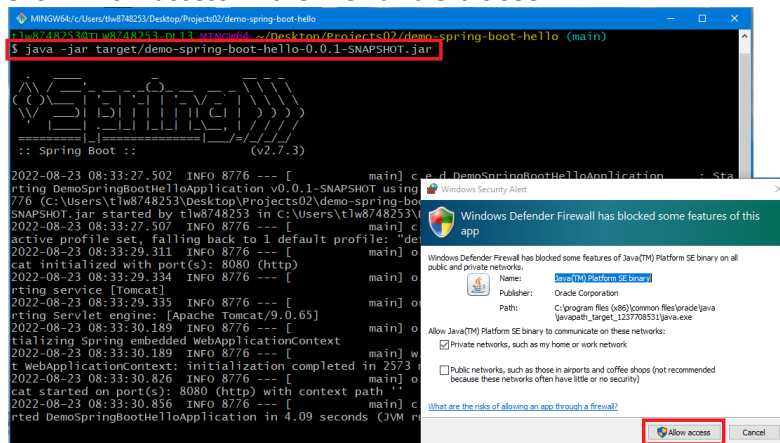
**Run** the executable JAR by entering the following command on the Git Bash command line. In the same folder where the build command was used.

**Substitute** the specific Spring Tool Suite project JAR file for “demo-spring-boot-hello-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar” if different.

```
java -jar target/demo-spring-boot-hello-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar
```

The Git Bash terminal shows the start-up status.

**Click “Allow access”** if the firewall alert is seen.



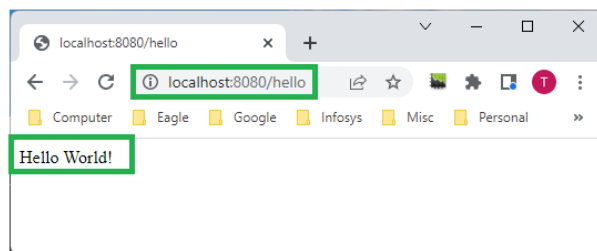
**Leave** the Git Hub terminal window running as long as testing is performed.

## Test the Executable JAR File

As with the other testing in this document, use a web browser and enter the URLs in this section.

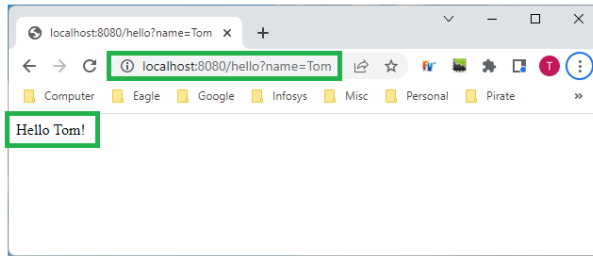
**Enter** the base URL in your browser.

```
http://localhost:8080/hello
```



**Enter** a URL in your browser to test the name parameter

```
http://localhost:8080/hello?name=Tom
```



## Stop the Executable JAR File

Press “ctr-c” command in the Git Bash terminal.

The command prompt is returned.

Use “exit” to close the terminal

A screenshot of a Git Bash terminal window. The title bar reads 'MINGW64/c:/Users/tlw8748253/Desktop/Projects02/demo-spring-boot-hello'. The terminal displays the Spring Boot logo and version (v2.7.3). It shows the application starting, initializing the Tomcat web server on port 8080, and starting the DemoSpringBootHelloApplication. The logs indicate the application is running successfully. At the bottom, the user has entered the 'exit' command, and the prompt has changed to 'tlw8748253@TLW8748253-DL13 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Projects02/demo-spring-boot-hello (main)'.

```
tlw8748253@TLW8748253-DL13 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Projects02/demo-spring-boot-hello (main)
$ exit
```

## Converting a Spring Boot JAR Application to a WAR

NEXT Topic

<https://spring.io/guides/gs/convert-jar-to-war/>

TBD.