DATABASE PERSISTENCE

CSE416-S01 - Software Engineering

Reading

- Jakarta Persistence Tutorial
 - https://jakarta.ee/learn/docs/jakartaee-tutorial/current/persist/persistence-intro.html

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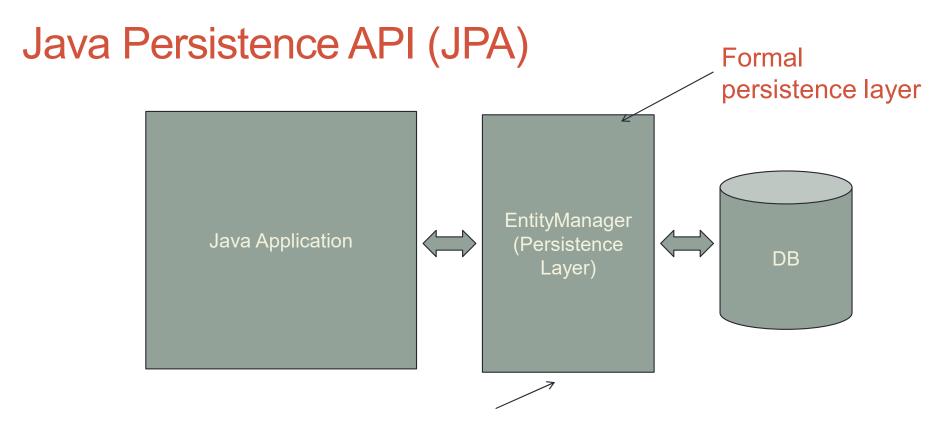
Persistence Layer Architecture This can reside in various methods of your system or in a single object Persistence Layer DB

Sometimes referred to as the DAO design pattern

Interface uses Java objects (not relational data)

Persistence Implementation Approaches

Approach	Issues
Serialization	Simple, but limited
JDBC	Not object
Custom persistence (using JDBC)	Development effort
OODB	Relational compatibility, performance
JDO	Similar to Java Persistence
Hibernate	Best implementation
Java Persistence	Java Annotation or XML



EntityManager object provides methods for:

- 1. transaction management and
- 2. persisting and retrieving objects

Java Persistence API (JPA)

- Uses Annotation feature of Java
- Advantages
 - Integrated approach (data and logic)
 - Application code is independent of the DB implementation
 - Query language uses Java application class names and properties

Possible disadvantage of JPA is performance

Persistence Implementation

- Java Persistence consists of
 - Specification (including API)
 - Implementation
- Similar to other Java components
- Reference implementations are available (i.e., EclipseLink)
- Other providers available (e.g., Hibernate, OpenJPA)

Note: Hibernate implements JPA, but also extends JPA

Annotation Recap ...

- Part of Java language, starting with Java 5
- Annotations are tags that you insert into source code so that some tool can process it (not part of the normal execution of the program)
- Proper style places the annotation on a line preceding the statement it relates to

```
@Entity
public class Team implements Serializable {
```

Think of it as a modifier for the declaration

You can annotate classes, methods, fields, and local variables

... Annotation recap

Annotations can be defined to have elements

```
@ManyToOne (cascade=CascadeType.PERSIST)
  public Team getTeam() { ... }
```

Persistence

- You can define the structure of your DB in your Java code, using annotations
 - Entity a domain object (typically implemented as a table in your DB)
 - Property an object property (typically implemented as a column in a table)
 - Entity instance corresponds to a row in the DB table
 - Relationship relationship between entities
- Properties in your objects can be
 - persistent (i.e., stored in DB)
 - non-persistent (i.e., transient)

Persistent Fields/Properties

- You can use either persistent fields or persistent properties
- Use one approach or the other (do not mix)
- Approach determines how the persistence provider accesses the properties

```
Persistent Property

Persistent Field

@Id

@GeneratedValue

public long getId() {
    return this.id;
}

Persistent Field

@Id

@GeneratedValue

private long id;
```

Persistent Property Naming

- Use of persistent property approach assumes use of Java Bean naming convention
- Instance variable declared private
- Getters and setters required
- Getter and setter method names derived from instance variable name
 - Starts with "get" or "set"
 - Followed by instance variable name with first letter capitalized
 - Use of is method name for returned boolean is optional

Example: instance variable: firstName methods: getFirstName, setFirstName

Access Naming

- Default:
 - entity name => table name
 - property name => column name
- Options
 - Use @Column/@Table annotation to refer to a column/table name other than the default

```
@Column(name="MLB_PLAYER")
public String getPlayer();

@Entity
@Table(name="BASEBALL_PLAYER")
public class Player{ ... }
```

Implementations use all caps table/column names

Alternate names are useful if your entity/property names use camel case or table names are plural

Persistence Naming Conventions

Suggested naming conventions:

Category	Identifier
Entity	Follow Java Class naming conventions
EntityManagerFactory	emf (if more than one, append "emf" to identifier)
EntityManager	em (if more than one, append "em" to identifier)
Database	Append "DB" to application name (e.g., EmployeeDB)
Persistence Unit	Append "Pu" to the resource name (e.g., EmployeePu)
UserTransaction	utx
Named Parameters	Use lowerCamelCase

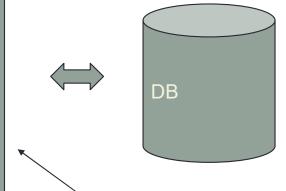
EntityManager

Methods operate on entity

objects



EntityManager translates the request to DB calls



Contains managed entity instances, referred to as the persistence context

Entity Instance States

- Entity instances are in one of the following lifecycle states (relative to the persistence context):
 - New new objects in your application (may exist in your application, but not in the persistence context)
 - Managed entities that you have persisted or that already exist in the database.
 - Detached -- have a persistent identity, but they are not currently actively managed in persistence context.
 - Removed -- Removed entities exist in a persistence context but are scheduled to be removed or deleted from that context.

Object Persistence Life Cycle

- Instantiate an object
- Obtain the EntityManagerFactory object
- Obtain an EntityManager object
- Open a transaction
- Persist the object through the EntityManager
- Close the transaction
- Close the EntityManager and its factory

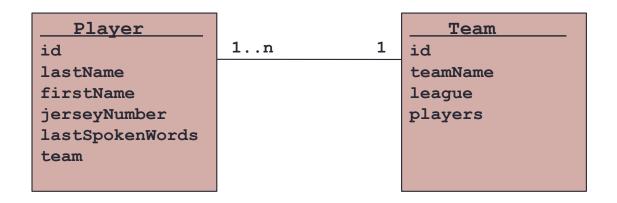
Be careful to not instantiate a new EntityManager for each access

Sampler of EntityManager Methods

- persist(o Object) persist and manage an instance object
- remove (o Object) remove an entity instance object
- refresh(o Object) refresh the state of the instance object from the DB
- flush() remove changes to the persistence context before it is committed to the DB
- find(Class<T> e, o Object) find by primary key

Example - Baseball

Example uses baseball players and baseball teams



lastSpokenWords is an entity property, but is not persisted to the DB

Entity

- An entity usually corresponds to a table in a DB
- Defined using @Entity annotation

```
@Entity
public class Player implements Serializable {
    private Long
                    id;
                                              Properties are persisted
    private String lastName;
                                              (as columns in the table),
    private String firstName;
                                              except when the property
    private int
                    jerseyNumber;
    private String lastSpokenWords;
                                              is declared as transient
    private Team
                    team;
                                           Note JavaBean naming
   @Transient
                                           conventions
   public String getLastSpokenWords()
```

Table Key

 You can specify the primary key in a table through the @ld annotation

```
Declares this property to be a primary key in the table

@GeneratedValue
public Long getId() { ... }

Declares the primary key
to be automatically generated

Every entity must contain a primary key
```

A primary key can be a primitive, primitive wrapper, String, or Date

DB Table Generation

- The PLAYER table corresponds to the Player entity
- Generated by the Persistence API

ID	JERSEYNUMBE R	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	TEAM_ID
7	12	Kent	Jeff	2
6	23	Lowe	Derek	2
11	75	Zito	Barry	3
8	5	Garciaparra	Nomar	2
10	21	Bowker	John	3
9	55	Lincecum	₹im	3 1
GINT	INTEGER	VARCHAR		BIGINT

Supported Java Language Types

- java.lang.String
- Other serializable types, e.g.,:
 - Wrappers of Java primitive types
 - java.math.BigInteger
 - java.math.BigDecimal
 - java.util.Date
 - java.util.Calendar
 - java.sql.Date
 - byte[]
 - char[]
- Enumerated types

Persistence Unit

- Defines a set of entity classes that are managed by EntityManager instances
- Defined by the persistence.xml configuration file (Hibernate uses a Properties object)
- persistence.xml is contained in a META-INF directory in your source directory
- Specifies
 - Name of persistence unit
 - Provider (of persistence implementation)
 - Persistent entities
 - DB access info (e.g., ID/PW)
 - Persistence provider specific features

Directory location of persistence.xml may cause implementation problems

Persistence Provider

- Many choices for persistence provider (each will provide a set of jar files that implement the JPA)
 - EclipseLink
 – simple set-up
 - Hibernate market leader
 - Others

A persistence unit is

Example – persistence.xml ...

The EntityManager object is instantiated with a reference to the persistence-unit name in persistence.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?> identified by its name
<persistence version="1.0"
    xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/persistence"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/persistence
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/persistence/persistence_1_0.xsd">
    <persistence-unit name="leaguePu"
    transaction-type="RESOURCE_LOCAL">
```

... Example – persistence.xml

Property names are provider specific

```
cprovider>oracle.toplink.essentials.ejb.cmp3.EntityManagerFactoryProvider
   <class>com.sun.demo.jpa.Player</class>
   <class>com.sun.demo.jpa.Team</class>
                                                        Hibernate allows you
   properties>
                                                        to specify properties
     cproperty name="toplink.jdbc.user" value="Sun"/>
                                                       jn a Java Properties
     cproperty name="toplink.jdbc.password" value="Sun"/
                                                        object
     cproperty name="toplink.jdbc.url"
       value="jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/baseballDB"/>
     cproperty name="toplink.jdbc.driver"
              value="org.apache.derby.jdbc.ClientDriver"/>
     cproperty name="toplink.ddl-generation" yalue="drop-and-create-tables"/>
   </properties>
 </persistence-unit>
                       Creates new DB tables, based on
</persistence>
                       persistence annotation in Java file
```

Additional Properties

- You can set logging at various levels to help with debugging by including extra properties in your persistence.xml
- For example:

```
property name="toplink.logging.level" value="FINE">
```

- sets the TopLink logging level to FINE, which generates the first level of debugging information and also provides SQL
- Additional values are OFF, SEVERE, WARNING, INFO, CONFIG, FINER, and FINEST

Transactions

- Transaction series of actions on the DB that are either all performed successfully, or none performed at all
- Transaction objects implement EntityTransaction
- Rollback supported through the rollback() method

```
em.getTransaction().begin();
...
em.getTransaction().commit();

Writes unflushed changes to the DB
```

Table Population From Java

The Team table is populated from your Java code

```
public static Team[] teams = new Team[] {
    new Team("Los Angeles Dodgers", "National"),
    new Team("San Francisco Giants", "National"),
    new Team("Anaheim Angels", "American"),
    new Team("Boston Red Sox", "American")
};
...
for (Team team : teams) {
    em.persist(team);
}
Team object is persisted to the DB (when the transaction commits)
```

Table Population From Java

Player table is populated from your Java code

```
private static Player[] dodgersPlayers =
new Player[] {
   new Player("Lowe", "Derek", 23,
       "You just can't touch that sinker."),
    new Player("Kent", "Jeff", 12,
       "I'm getting too old for this."),
    new Player("Garciaparra", "Nomar", 5,
       "No, I'm not superstitious at all.")
  };
                                           Code would be improved with
for (Player player : dodgersPlayers) {
                                           an enum
      player.setTeam(teams[0]);
      teams[0].addPlayer(player);
      em.persist(player);
}
```

Populate an Object from the DB

```
for (long primaryKey = 1; primaryKey < 15; primaryKey++) {</pre>
      System.out.println("primaryKey = " + primaryKey);
      Player player = em.find(Player.class, primaryKey);
      if (player != null) {
        System.out.println(player.toString());
                                                             Somewhat risky since key
                                                             generation behavior not
                                                             specified in spec
       primaryKey = 6
        [Jersey Number: 23, Name: Derek Lowe, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
       primaryKey = 7
        [Jersey Number: 12, Name: Jeff Kent, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
       primaryKey = 8
        [Jersey Number: 5, Name: Nomar Garciaparra, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
        . . .
                        Player has a toString method that generates the above
```

EntityManager Find Method

```
Player player = em.find(Player.class, primaryKey);

This is a class literal that evaluates to a Class object
```

 Find method returns the entity instance of the named class, based on the primary key. © Robert F. Kelly, 2025 34

Detached Entities

- Detached entities have a persistent identity in the DB, but are not in the managed persistence context
- Detached entities can be managed by using the merge method of EntityManager

```
Example:
```

```
Clears the
persistence
context
```

```
Player p= em.find(Player.class, myKey);
                           // p is now detached
em.clear();
Team t = new Team("Stony Brook Osprey", "National");
p.setTeam(t);
em.getTransaction().begin();
p = em.merge(p);
em.getTransaction().commit();
```

Hibernate 5 – Enum Type Mapping ...

```
package net.javaguides.hibernate.entity;

public enum ProjectStatus {
    OPEN,
    INPROGESS,
    RESUME,
    COMPLETED,
    identifier into an int, which
    CLOSED;
}

CLOSED;

A Java enum will map an
    identifier into an int, which
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... Hibernate 5 – Enum Type Mapping

```
@Entity
                                       Example code will store the enum in
@Table(name = "project")
                                       the DB as the name of the enum value
public class Project {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    @Column(name = "id")
   private int id;
    @Column(name = "project name")
   private String projectName;
    @Enumerated(EnumType.STRING)
    @Column(name = "project status")
                                                    Default is
   private ProjectStatus projectStatus;
                                                    EnumType.ORDINAL
    // getter and setters
}
```

Example from Java Guides

DB Example (State-Population)

State

ID	name	numDistrict s
NY	New York	27
TX	Texas	36
GA	Georgia	14

Primary key

Population

ID	State	рорТуре	population
1	NY	Total	202021249
2	NY	VAP	17231409
3	NY _k	CVAP	14398013
4	GA	Total	10816885

Foreign key

Defining Relationships - Multiplicity

Multiplicity (relationship with other entities)

```
    One-to-one

                                      Specifies that the relationship

    One-to-many

                                      between Player and Team is many
                                      to one

    Many-to-one

                                      (many players on one team)

    Many-to-many

                                            Changes to Player are cascaded to
                                            Team
               @Entity
               public class player implements Serializable {
                   @ManyToOne (cascade=CascadeType.PERSIST)
                   public Team getTeam() {
                       return team;
                   }}
```

Defining Relationships - Direction

- Possibilities
 - bidirectional has both an owning side and an inverse side. Modeled as an attribute in both entities
 - unidirectional has only an owning side. Modeled as an attribute in one of the entities (The owning side of a relationship determines how the Persistence runtime makes updates to the relationship in the database)
- The MappedBy element of the relationship specifies the inverse side relationship to the owning side

The inverse side of a bidirectional relationship must refer to its owning side by using the mappedBy element

Relationship Direction

- Can be either bidirectional or unidirectional
- Owning side determines how the Persistence run-time makes updates to the DB

```
public class Team implements Serializable {
    private Long id;
    private String teamName;
    private String league;
    private Collection<Player> players;
...
@OneToMany(mappedBy = "team")
    public Collection<Player> getPlayers() {
        return players;
    }
    mappedBy element states that team
        is the owner of the relationship
```

OneToMany / ManyToOne

 Owning side is usually defined on the "many" side of the relationship (usually the side that owns the foreign key)

Bidirectional Mappings

 Once the owning side is defined, we define the inverse side

```
@Entity
public class Employee {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)
    private Long id;

@OneToMany(fetch = FetchType.LAZY, mappedBy = "employee")
    private List<Email> emails;

// ...
}

Name of the association-mapping
    attribute on the owning side
```

ManyToOne Elements

- cascade (optional)- specifies state transitions that must be cascaded to target (e.g, CascadeType.ALL)
- fetch (optional)- specifies whether an association should be lazily loaded or eagerly fetched (e.g., FetchType.LAZY)
- mappedBy Specifies field that owns relationship
- orphanRemoval (optional) cascade a remove operation to the target (e.g., orphanRemoval="true"
- targetEntity (optional) specifies entity class that is the target of the association. Only optional if collection property uses generics

Design Questions

- Should you fetch all the proposed districtings when you fetch your
 State object
- If so, how do you limit the result of the fetch

Entity Inheritance Mapping Strategies

- A single table per class hierarchy
- A table per concrete entity class
- A "join" strategy, whereby fields or properties that are specific to a subclass are mapped to a different table than the fields or properties that are common to the parent class

Database Schema Creation

- During application deployment, your JPA implementation can be configured to
 - Automatically create the database tables
 - Load data into the tables
 - Remove the tables

- Schema creation options
 - none no action
 - create provider will create the DB
- You can also specify a script to create the DB and/or load data into the DB
- drop-and-create provider will drop the DB and create new one
- drop provider will drop the DB

Summary (so far)

- We have
 - Defined persistent objects these objects can be complex (e.g., owning other objects)
 - Persisted these objects to the DB
 - Defined the relationship between objects
 - Watched the Persistence API create the DB
 - Retrieved object from the DB

But we have not issued a query on the DB

Java Persistence Query Language

- Java Persistence supports SQL and JPQL
- JPQL allows you to write queries that
 - Are independent of the DB implementation
 - Refer to Java entities
 - Resemble SQL queries
 - Use the data model defined with the persistence annotation

Types of JPQL Queries

- Select returns a collection of entities from the DB
- Update change one or more properties of an existing entity or set of entities
- Delete remove one or more entities from the DB

Select Example 1

JPQL query refers to Java objects

Select clause defines the type of the returned object

```
Query q;
                                           Executes the select query and returns a List
 List<Player> playerList;
                                           containing the guery result
  q = em.createQuery(
    "SELECT c FROM Player c");
 playerList = q.getResultList();
  for (Player p : playerList) {
    System.out.println(p.toString());
  }
[Jersey Number: 12, Name: Jeff Kent, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
[Jersey Number: 23, Name: Derek Lowe, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
[Jersey Number: 75, Name: Barry Zito, Team: San Francisco Giants]
[Jersey Number: 5, Name: Nomar Garciaparra, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
[Jersey Number: 21, Name: John Bowker, Team: San Francisco Giants]
[Jersey Number: 55, Name: Tim Lincecum, Team: San Francisco Giants]
```

Select Example 2

Where clause restricts the objects or values returned by the query

[Jersey Number: 55, Name: Tim Lincecum, Team: San Francisco Giants]

Select Query

- Clauses
 - Select (required)
 - From (required)
 - Where restricts the query result
 - Group by groups query result according to a set of properties
 - Having further restricts the query result according to a conditional statement
 - Order by sorts the query result into a specified order

SQL Queries

Note table names in query

```
Join condition in query
String sqlText =
        "select * " +
        "from PLAYER, TEAM " +
        "where PLAYER.TEAM ID=TEAM.ID " +
        "and TEAM.TEAMNAME='Los Angeles Dodgers'";
Query q;
List<Player> playerList;
q = em.createNativeQuery(sqlText, Player.class);
playerList = q.getResultList();
for (Player p : playerList) {
                                           Entity class is specified in
  System.out.println(p.toString());
                                           query
}
 [Jersey Number: 12, Name: Jeff Kent, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
 [Jersey Number: 23, Name: Derek Lowe, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
 [Jersey Number: 5, Name: Nomar Garciaparra, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
```

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Queries that Navigate to Other Entities

- A JPQL query can navigate to other entities
- Primary difference as compared with SQL

```
Query q;

List<Player> playerList;

q = em.createQuery(
    "SELECT c
    FROM Player c

WHERE c.team.teamName='Los Angeles Dodgers' ");

playerList = q.getResultList();

for (Player p : playerList) {
    System.out.println(p.toString());
}

[Jersey Number: 12, Name: Jeff Kent, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]

[Jersey Number: 23, Name: Derek Lowe, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]

[Jersey Number: 5, Name: Nomar Garciaparra, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
```

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Parameterized JPQL Statements

Named parameters:

```
Navigation operator
  Query q;
  List<Player> playerList;
                                         Named parameter
  q = em.createQuery(
    "SELECT C
     FROM Player o
     WHERE c.team.teamName=:tname");
  q.setParameter("tname", "Los Angeles Dodgers");
  playerList = q.getResultList();
  for (Player p : playerList) {
    System.out.println(p.toString());
  }
                                      Positional syntax: $3
[Jersey Number: 12, Name: Jeff Kent, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
[Jersey Number: 23, Name: Derek Lowe, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
[Jersey Number: 5, Name: Nomar Garciaparra, Team: Los Angeles Dodgers]
```

Case Sensitive

- JPQL keywords are not case sensitive
- Entity and property names are case sensitive

```
select c
from Player c
where c.team.teamName='Los Angeles Dodgers'

SELECT c
FROM Player c
WHERE c.team.teamName='Los Angeles Dodgers'
```

JPQL Conditional Expressions

- Every where clause must specify a conditional expression
 - LIKE search for strings that match the wildcard pattern
 - IS NULL
 - IS EMPTY
 - BETWEEN
 - COMPARISON

Comparison

JPQL

- Refers to Java class and property names
- DB independent
- Navigation operator

SQL

- Refers to table and column names
- Can use DB dependent code
- Table join

Summary

- JPA can greatly simplify your DB programming
- Requires you to think objects first