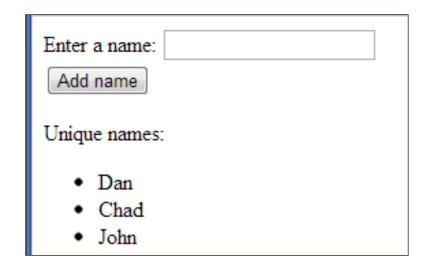
CS 416 Web Programming

Database Connectivity

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Review from last class - sample problem



- Create a servlet to do the following (use ReviewNames.java as your starting template)
 - Servlet displays page and GETs to itself
 - User is able to submit names
 - At the end of the page output unique names that have been entered across all sessions

Database connectivity

- Any non-trivial business application relies on a database
- Dynamic content through retrieving changing data from a database
- Essentially all sophisticated applications both read and write to the database

Database interaction

Two of the key ways of accessing relational data in Java EE are

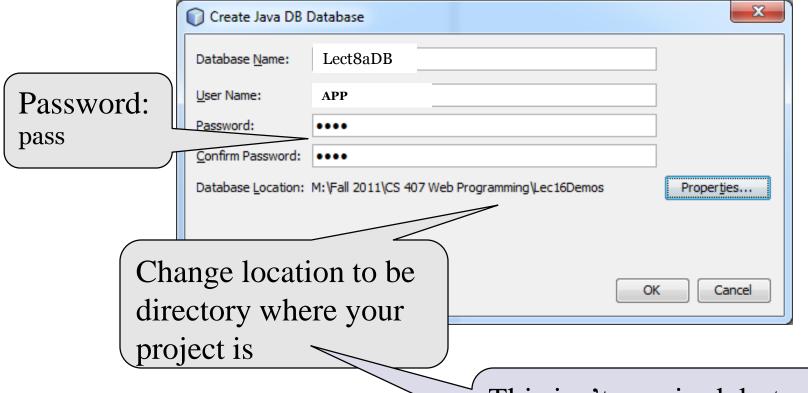
- Java Database Connectivity (JDBC)
 - Standard API for Java applications to interact with a database
 - Although not part of Java EE it is very frequently used in Java EE applications
- Java Persistence API (JPA)
 - Tools for mapping database entries to objects and persisting objects back to the database

Creating a JavaDB instance

In NetBeans

- Go to Window | Services
- Expand Databases
- Right click on Java DB click start server
- Right click Java DB and choose Create database

Create instance



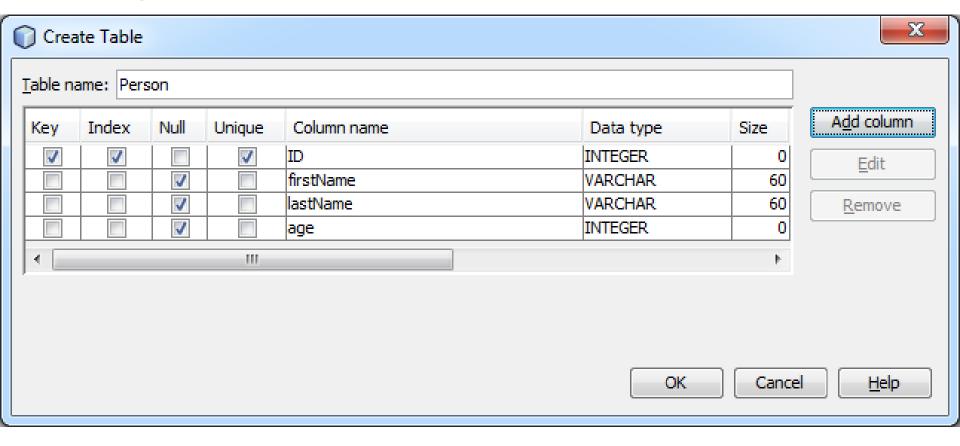
This isn't required, but makes it easier for making sure you submit all of your files to me

Creating schema

- Right click created instance and choose connect
- Expand and right click APP and select Set as default schema
- Click to expand APP

Create PERSON table

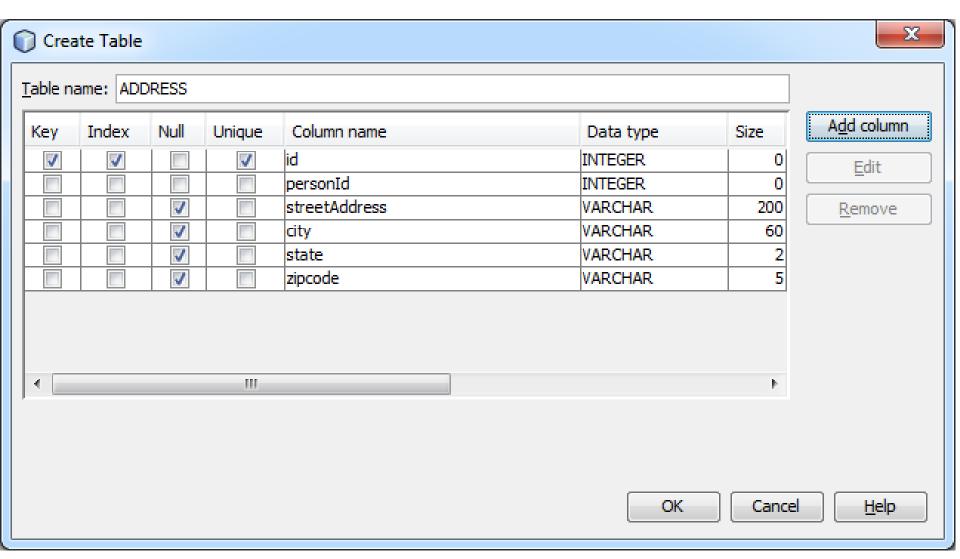
Right click Tables folder and choose create table



Create data

- Right click person table and choose view data
- Click on insert records icon
- Click on fields within table to add 3 records

Create ADDRESS table



Add foreign key constraint

- Right click tables and select execute command
- This can be used to execute any sql command on the database
- Enter the following to create a foreign key to person

ALTER TABLE APP.ADDRESS

ADD FOREIGN KEY (PERSONID)

REFERENCES APP. PERSON (ID)

Add an entry to ADDRESS table

Select SQL cheat sheet

```
select * from PERSON
select id, firstname from PERSON
select * from PERSON where id=?
select * from PERSON where firstname
 like ?
 ? - "Bob%"
Join tables:
```

select P.firstname, A.city from PERSON P, ADDRESS A where P.ID =

A.PERSONID

Executing queries

In execute command window write:

```
Select * from person
```

Execute a select with a join

```
select p.firstname, a.city from
person p join address a on p.ID
= a.PERSONID
```

Working with our database

- JDBC allows us to connect and execute queries against a database
- Most common way to access data (and best way through JDBC) is through java.sql.PreparedStatement
- Two operations
 - ExecuteQuery executes a SELECT statement and returns a ResultSet
 - ExecuteUpdate executes INSERT, UPDATE,
 DELETE and returns the number of rows affected

(alternative is Statement.execute, but can have bad security implications if you aren't very careful)

Connecting to our database

- Once the database has been created and the schema populated next is registering the database with the application server
 - Create a connection pool allocates a certain number of connections to the database, applications within the application request connections from the pool and return the resource when they are done
 - Register the Pool in the Java Name
 Directory Interface (JNDI) specify name
 that can be used to look up the datasource

Creating the connection pool

- Open the Glassfish administration console
 - In NetBeans go to Windows | services
 - In the left pane expand servers
 - Right click GlassFish server and start it if needed then click View Admin Console
- Either select "Create New JDBC Connection Pool" off intro page or click JDBC Connection Pools and then click New

Creating the connection pool cont.

- Give the pool a name: lect8apool
- Change the Resource type to: javax.sql.DataSource
- Change the Database Driver vendor to: JavaDB
- Click Next

Creating connection pool cont.

- In the Pool settings you can configure the size of the pool, how the pool grows, and timeout for now leave the defaults
- In the additional properties put:

User: APP

Password: pass

DatabaseName: Lect8aDB

ServerName: localhost

PortNumber: 1527

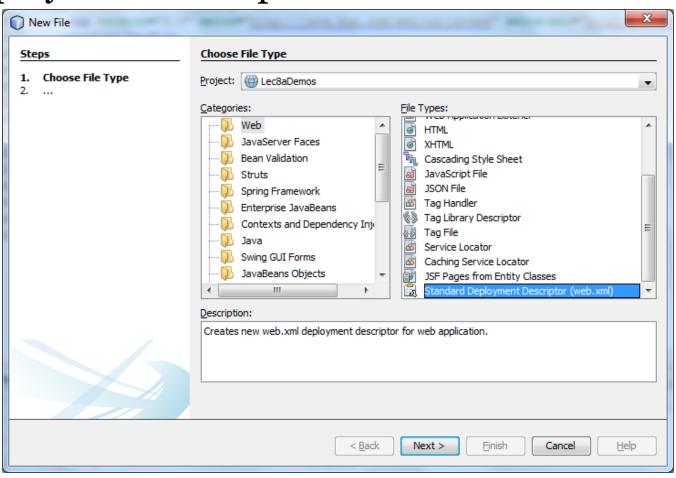
- Delete SecurityMechanism
- Click Finish
- Test the connection:
 - Click the lect8apool
 - Click ping

Registering data source

- Click the JDBC Resources folder
- Click New
- Enter jdbc/Lect8aDB
- Change the pool name to: lect8apool
- Click OK

Registering resource in project

 Right click on your sources folder and choose New|Other and then under Web pick "Standard deployment descriptor"



Add reference

- Click on "References" across the top, then under Resource References click Add setting the resource name to "jdbc/Lect8aDB"
- After it's added click on Source at the top.
 In the source find the entry:
 - <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
- Change it to:
 - <res-type>javax.sql.ConnectionPoolDataSource</res-type>

Connecting to our database

Within servlet add resource of our data source:

```
@Resource(name = "jdbc/Lect8aDB")
private javax.sql.DataSource datasource;
```

Within processRequest can now access database using:

```
String sql = "select * from PERSON";
Connection connection = datasource.getConnection();
PreparedStatement preparedStatement =
connection.prepareStatement(sql);
ResultSet resultSet = preparedStatement.executeQuery();
while (resultSet.next()) {
   out.println(resultSet.getString("firstName")+"<BR/>");
}
resultSet.close();
preparedStatement.close();
connection.close();
```

(Refer to edu.ccsu.DBTestQuick for example)

Prepared Statements

- SQL statement that is compiled on DB first time it is used, making for very fast execution on subsequent calls
- Also not susceptible to SQL injection attacks
- Two common types of execution
 - executeQuery() SELECT statement that returns a RecordSet object for working with the results
 - executeUpdate() Executes INSERT, UPDATE,
 DELETE and returns an integer, the number of records affected by the update

PreparedStatement parameters

• With prepared statements in addition to having plain SQL you can also specify dynamic parameters by using a question mark "?" as a place holder

```
sql = "select * from person
where firstname like ? and age
= ?
```

 The parameters are then filled in by specifying: Note index starts at 1 rather than 0

```
preparedStatement.setString(1,"
J%");
preparedStatement.setInt(2,20);
```

Application flow

• A common application flow is to call a servlet have it retrieve/manipulate data add it to the request/session/context and forward it to another servlet or JSP for display

```
request.getRequestDispatcher("PersonDispl
ay.jsp").forward(request, response);
```

Insert statement cheatsheet

```
insert into PERSON values (?,?,?)
Note very problematic as depends on order of
  database columns if DBA changes these it breaks
  all of your code or worse
```

```
insert into PERSON (id, firstname)
values(?,?)
```

One thing to pay attention to is needing to guarantee primary key is unique – we will cover better ways later, but one option is to get next value

Insert example

- AddPersonServlet
 - Finds next primary key
 - Inserts new record
 - Forwards to allow other servlet to display

Update statement cheatsheet

```
update PERSON set firstname=?,
lastname=? WHERE id=?
```

```
update PERSON set firstname=? WHERE
lastname=? AND age=?
```

Note like delete, very dangerous if WHERE condition isn't specific enough

Update example

- UpdatePersonServlet
 - Update first and last name by specified id

Delete statement cheatsheet

```
delete from person where id=?
delete from person where firstname=?
AND lastname=?
```

Very dangerous if WHERE condition isn't specific enough

Delete example

- DeletePersonServlet
 - Deletes based on name match (note could delete multiple records)

Input revisited - it's magic!

 One of the input types we didn't touch upon earlier was hidden input

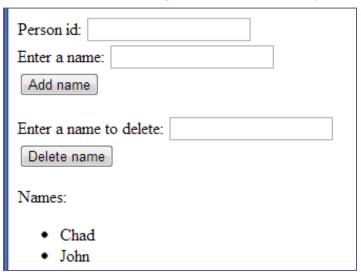
```
<input type="hidden" name="name"
value="Chad"/>
```

- Form element doesn't show up on page but value of element gets submitted with rest of form
- Why do I care?
 - Very useful for keeping track of identifier (or other info) without having to show it to the user!

Display names revisited

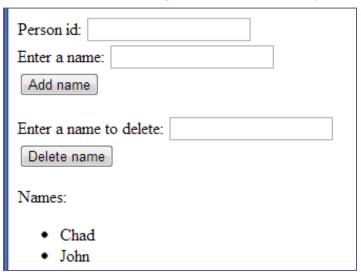
- Revise DisplayNamesServlet to display names with submit button to direct to page to display that name by the id passed use GET
- Create DisplayPersonServlet to display a name with the passed id with the first and last name in textboxes (will become apparent why later)
- Take advantage of GET form using hyperlinks

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