Spring Boot web application with JDBC (Part 2)

Overview

This part adds functionality to insert new products into the database via a web form. The application lifecycle is as follows:

- 1. Display the form (/newProduct)
- 2. Fill in form values and submit
- 3. Insert new product into database.

1. Add DAO method

Add a method to ProductDao and its implementation to perform the insert

First **ProductDao** (the interface)

The create method accepts a product parameter (which will be empty) and returns a new product after it has been created.

```
ProductDao.java ×
                     ProductDaoImpl.java
                                              ApplicationController.java
     package webapp.dao;
     import java.util.List;
     import webapp.models.Product;
     public interface ProductDao {
         // Return a list containing all the product objects
         public List<Product> findAll();
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         // Return a product with matching id
         public Product findById(int id);
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         public List<Product> findByCategory(int id);
         // Create a new product
         public Product create(final Product product);
     }
```

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The product implementation, ProductDaoImpl.java

The SQL statement required for insert

```
// SQL statements for selecting products
private final String SELECT_SQL = "SELECT * FROM dbo.Product";
private final String SELECT_SQL_BY_ID = "SELECT * FROM dbo.Product WHERE ProductId = ?";
private final String SELECT_SQL_BY_CAT_ID = "SELECT * FROM dbo.Product WHERE CategoryId = ?";
private final String INSERT_SQL = "INSERT INTO Product(ProductName, CategoryId, ProductDescription, ProductStock, ProductPrice) values(?,?,?,?)";
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private final String INSERT_SQL = "INSERT INTO
Product(ProductName, CategoryId, ProductDescription, ProductStock, ProductPrice) values(?,?,?,?,?)";
```

The create method which will fill in the values and execute the query (see code comments)

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2. A Controller Method to load the add Product page

This method will load a view named **newProduct**. The view requires an empty Product object and also a list of categories for the form:

```
// The about page will be accessed using /newProduct from the browser
@RequestMapping(value = "/newProduct", method = RequestMethod.GET)
public String newProduct(Model model) {
    // add empty Product to the model
    model.addAttribute("product", new Product());

    // Get a list of categories and add to the model
    List<Category> categories = categoryData.findAll();
    model.addAttribute("categories", categories);

    // Return the view
    return "newProduct";
}
```

3. The add product form

Here's the form part (see below for the full html for the newProduct page.

This is an HTML form – contained in a **form** element. The Thymeleaf **th**: syntax is used to link the form fields to the **product** object which was passed as a parameter. It is also styled using Bootstrap 4 (using **class**=...)

- 1. The form properties
 - a. th:object associates the form with product
 - b. th:action defines where the form will be submitted (the controller will look after this)
 - c. Method defines that the form will be sent via HTTP POST (parameters in request body)
 - d. Needs-validation will check required fields in browser before submitting.
- 2. Each form field consists of a label and an input wrapped in a Bootstrap div (form-group)
 - a. th:field associates the product field and type defines the data input type expected
- 3. The HTML **<select>** element provides a list of options. In this case, categories. It is also assigned to the product object **CategoryId**
- 4. The submit button sends the values entered to the address defined by the form action attribute.

```
<div class="col-sm-9":
   <h3>Add Product</h3>
   <form th:object="${product}" th:action="@{/newProduct}" method="post" class="needs-validation">
       <input type="hidden" th:field="*{ProductId}"/>
       <div class="form-group"
       2 <label for="productName">Product Name</label>
            <input th:field="*{ProductName}" type="text" class="form-control" placeholder="" required>
           <label for="productDecription">Product Description</label>
           <input th:field="*{ProductDescription}" type="text" class="form-control" placeholder="" required>
        <div class="form-group">
           <label for="productCategory">Category</label>
               <option value="0">choose category</option>
               <option th:each="cat : ${categories}'</pre>
                   th:utext="${cat.CategoryName}">
        <div class="form-group">
           <label for="productStock">Stock level</label>
            <input th:field="*{ProductStock}" type="number" class="form-control" placeholder="0" required>
           <input th:field="*{ProductPrice}" type="number" class="form-control" placeholder="10.00" required>
       <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Submit</button> (1)
```

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newProduct.html

```
DOCTYPE html:
<html lang="en">
   <meta charset="UTF-8">
   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
   <!-- Link Bootstrap 4 from CDN -->
link rel="stylesheet" href="https://stackpath.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.1.3/css/bootstrap.min.css" integrity="sha384-
MCw98/SFnGE8fJT3GXwEOngsV7Zt27NXFoaoApmYm81iuXoPkF0JwJ8ERdknLPM0" crossorigin="anonymous'
  <title>Products</title>
   <div class="container">
     <!-- Content row with 2 columns-->
      <div class="row">
        <!-- Column 1 - Categories List -->
           <h3>Add Product</h3>
           <div class="form-group";</pre>
                 <label for="productDecription">Product Description</label>
                 <input th:field="*{ProductDescription}" type="text" class="form-control" placeholder="" required>
              <div class="form-group">
                 <div class="form-group">
                 <input th:field="*{ProductStock}" type="number" class="form-control" placeholder="0" required>
              continuous class="btn btn-primary">Submit</button>
```

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5. Handling form submit

Back to the controller to handle the incoming form values (after it is submission).

The newProduct() method already handles requests to /newProduct

```
// The newProduct page will be accessed using /newProduct from the browser
@RequestMapping(value = "/newProduct", method = RequestMethod.GET)
public String newProduct(Model model) {
```

That version is for requests using the **GET** method (e.g. via the browser address bar or a link).

Our new method to handle the form submit will re-use /newProduct but for POST requests.

```
// Handle form submit via HTTP POST
@RequestMapping(value = "/newProduct", method = RequestMethod.POST)
// Form data will be supplied as a filled in Product object
public String createProduct(Product product) {

    // Use the Dao to create the new product
    // To do: check for errors and return to form if any found
    productData.create(product);

    // Redirect back to the products list
    // To do: Open a page showing the new product in its own page
    return "redirect:/products";
}
```

To be continued...

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