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¹ <https://github.com/CSRI/PraxiconDB/documentation/PraxiconDBTutorial.pdf>

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Prerequisites

Before you start using the PRAXICON database application, you need to do the following:

- Install the latest version of **Java JDK**. At the time this document is written, the latest JDK is in version 8 (version 7 will also work) and you can download it from: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html>.
- Install an integrated development environment (IDE) supporting Java. The PRAXICON database application can be loaded on any such IDE. In this document, we assume the use of **NetBeans**. The latest NetBeans (v.8) can be found here: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk-netbeans-jsp-142931.html>. Earlier versions like 7.2 will equally work.
- Download an implementation of **Java Persistence API v.2.1**. We use the Hibernate implementation, which –at the time this document was written– was in version 4.3.6. You can download it from: <http://hibernate.org/orm/downloads/>.
- Download and install **MySQL RDBMS**. Any release from 5.0 onwards will work. The latest version can be found here: <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/>. It is also advisable to get [MySQL Workbench](#) or [PHPMyAdmin](#) to manage your database. Other RDBMS can be used, but will not be supported.
- **Configure MySQL**, making sure that the following settings are in *my.ini* (or *my.cnf*):
 - o `character_set_server=utf8`
 - o `collation_server = utf8_bin`
 - o `lower_case_table_names=0`
- Download the **PraxiconDB library** from: <https://github.com/csri/praxicondb/tree/master/target/dist/PraxiconDB.jar>.
- Download the appropriate **MySQL connector** for Java. The latest one can be found at <https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/>.
- Download the “praxicon_csri.sql” script from www.csri.gr/downloads/praxicon_csri.sql.7z

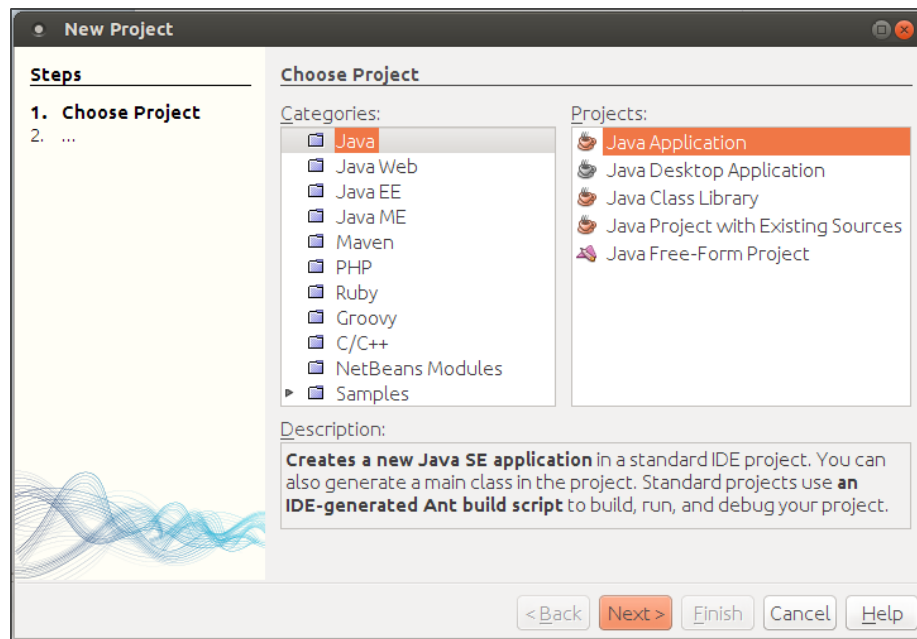
Using the PRAXICON API

Load the database

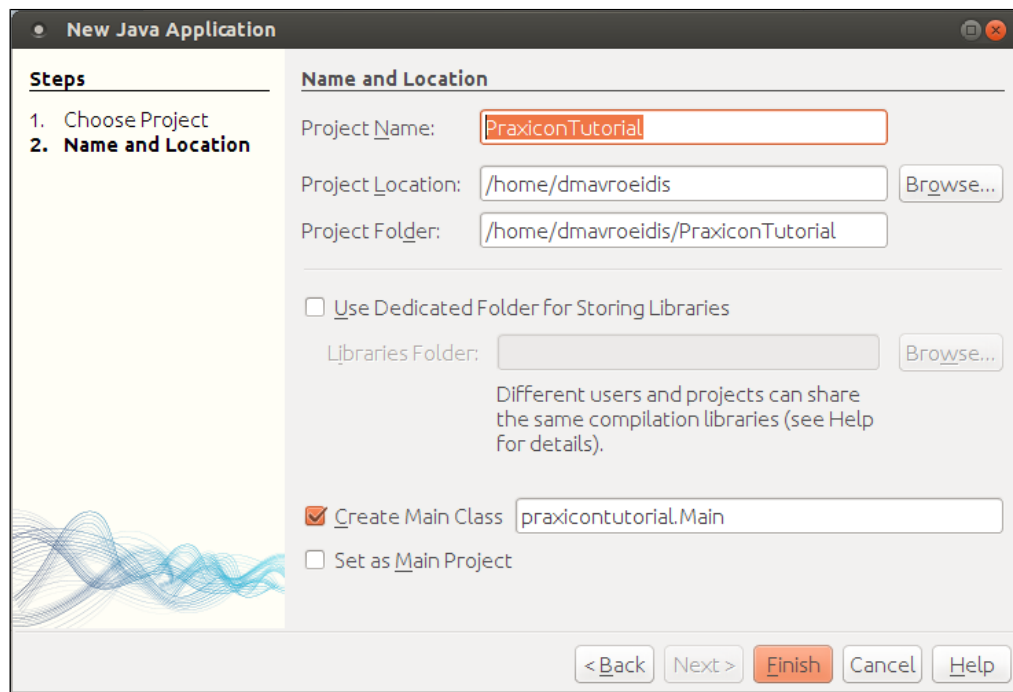
1. Create a database named “praxicon_csri” in your RDBMS. You can use any other valid name, as long as you are consistent throughout this tutorial. Make sure the “default collation” is set to “utf8 – utf8_bin”. For MySQL, you can follow these [instructions](#).
2. Load the SQL script “praxicon_csri.sql” –that you downloaded earlier– on the database. Instructions on how to load an existing SQL script on a MySQL database, are available [here](#). If you are using a different database name, then change the first line of the script to “USE <your_database_name>”.
3. Create a new database user “praxicon_db_user”.
4. Grant the “praxicon_db_user” all privileges to the “praxicon_csri” database.

Create project

1. Start NetBeans.
2. Create a new project (File → New Project).
3. Select “Java Application”.



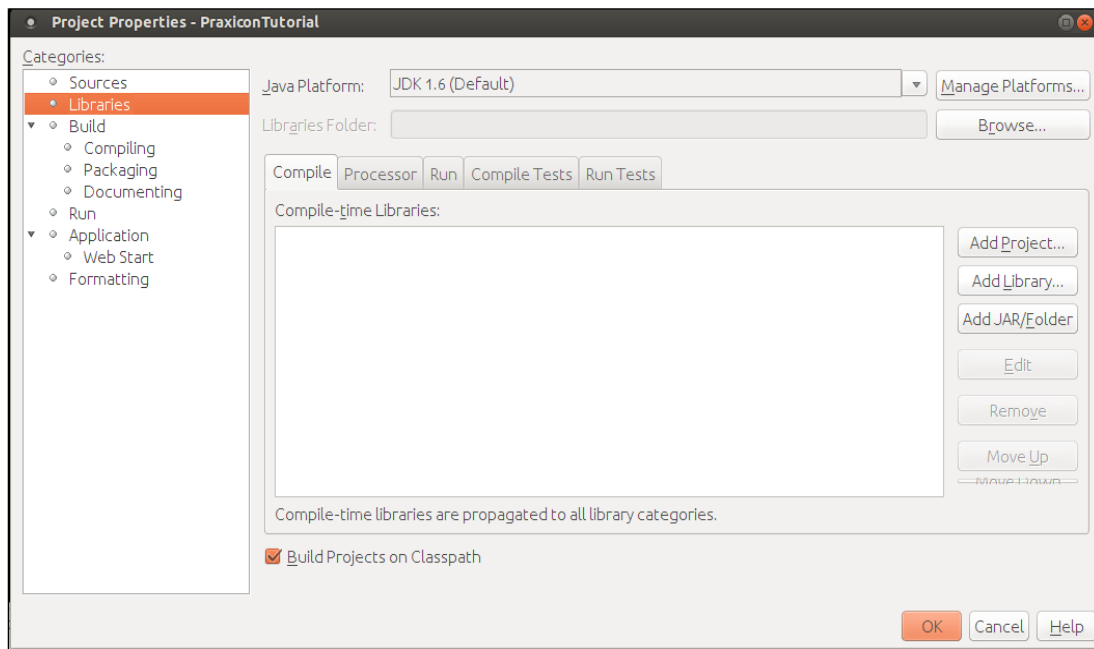
4. Provide a meaningful name for your project (e.g. “PraxiconTutorial”) and click “Finish”.



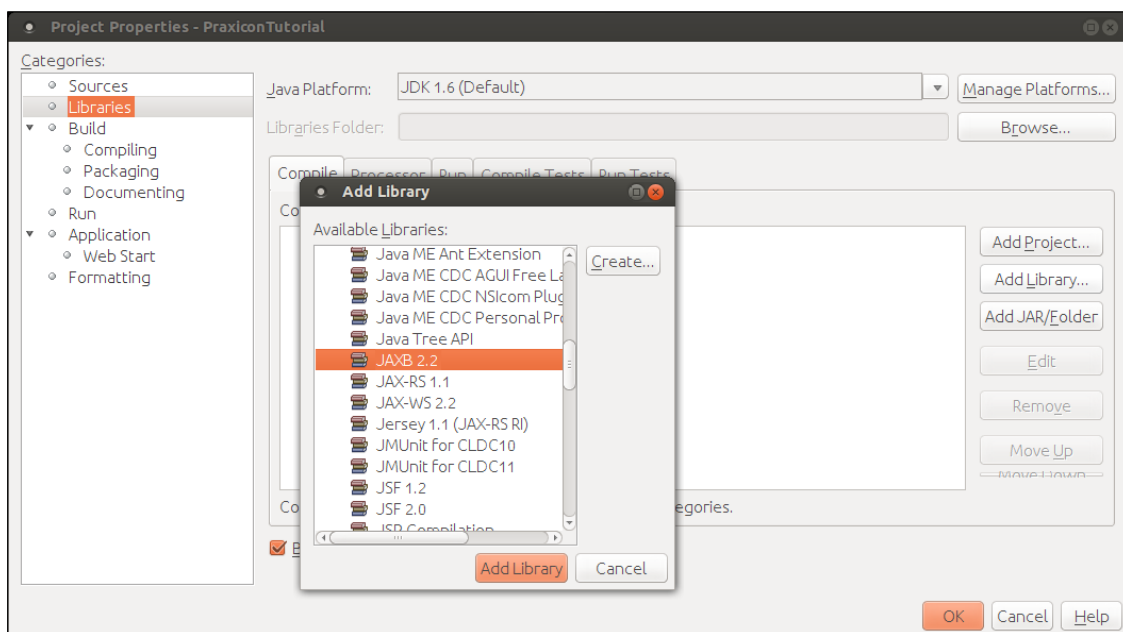
5. Right-click on the project’s name and select “Properties”.

Add Libraries

6. Select “Libraries” on the left and press the “Add Library” button.



7. Select “JAXB2.2” and click the “Add Library” button.

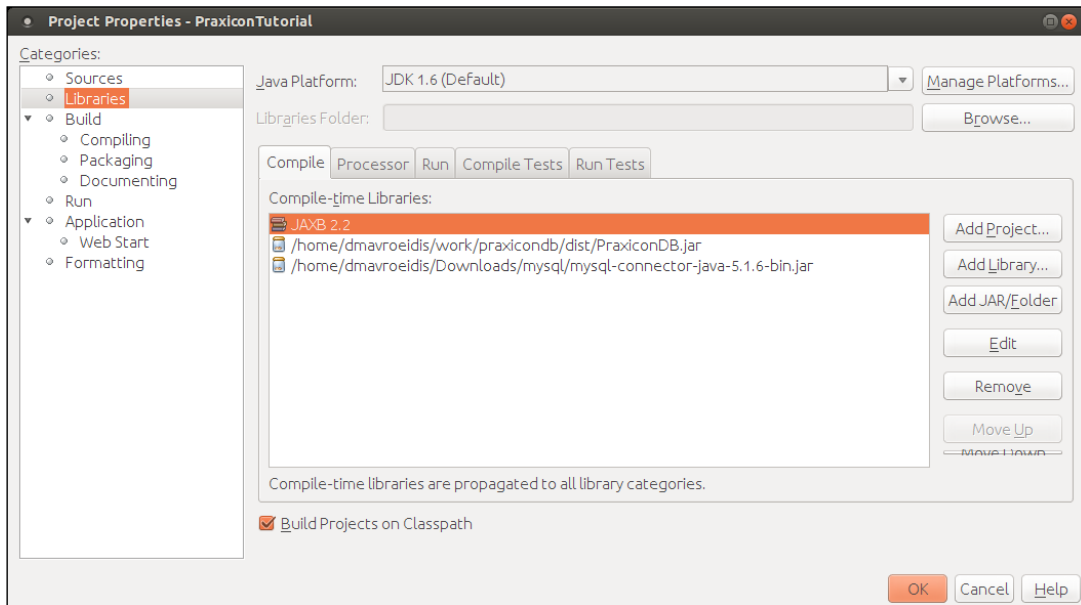


8. Press the “Add JAR/Folder” button.

9. Select the “PraxiconDB.jar” file that you downloaded earlier and press “OK”.

10. Select the mysql connector library file (e.g. “mysql-connector-java-5.?.?.-bin.jar”) and press “OK”.

11. Now, you should have three items in the “Compile” tab, like below:

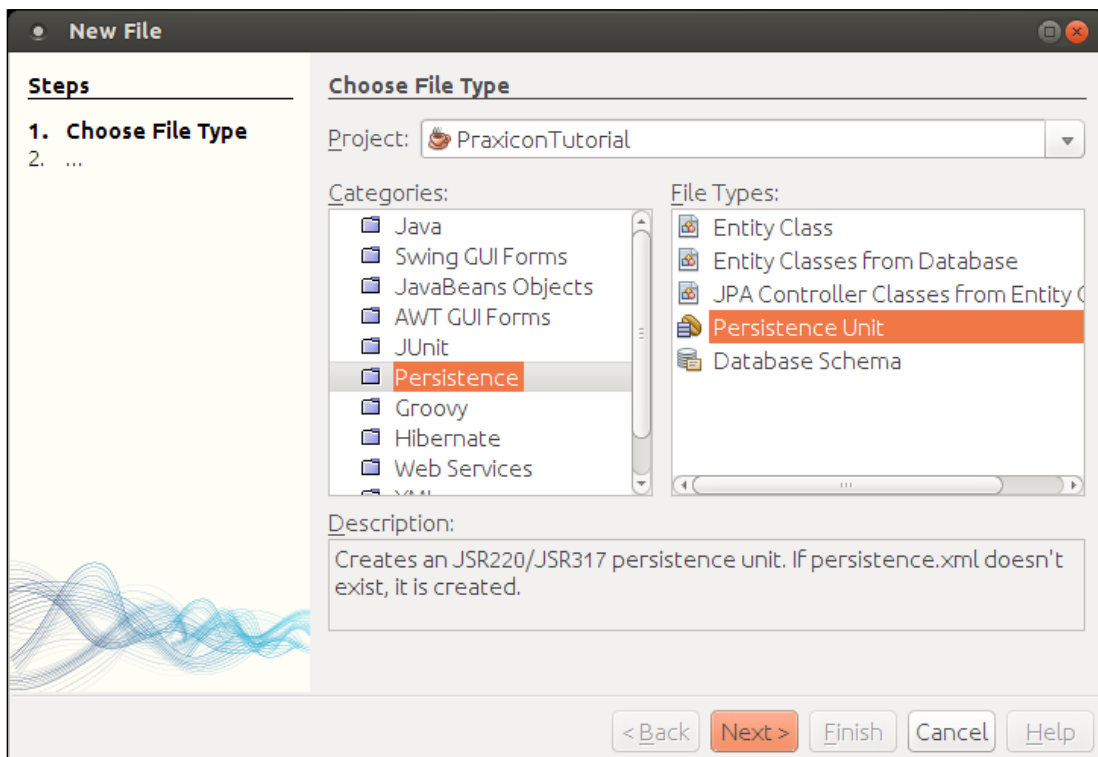


12. Press the “OK” button.

Create persistence unit

13. Right-click on the project name and select “New→Other”

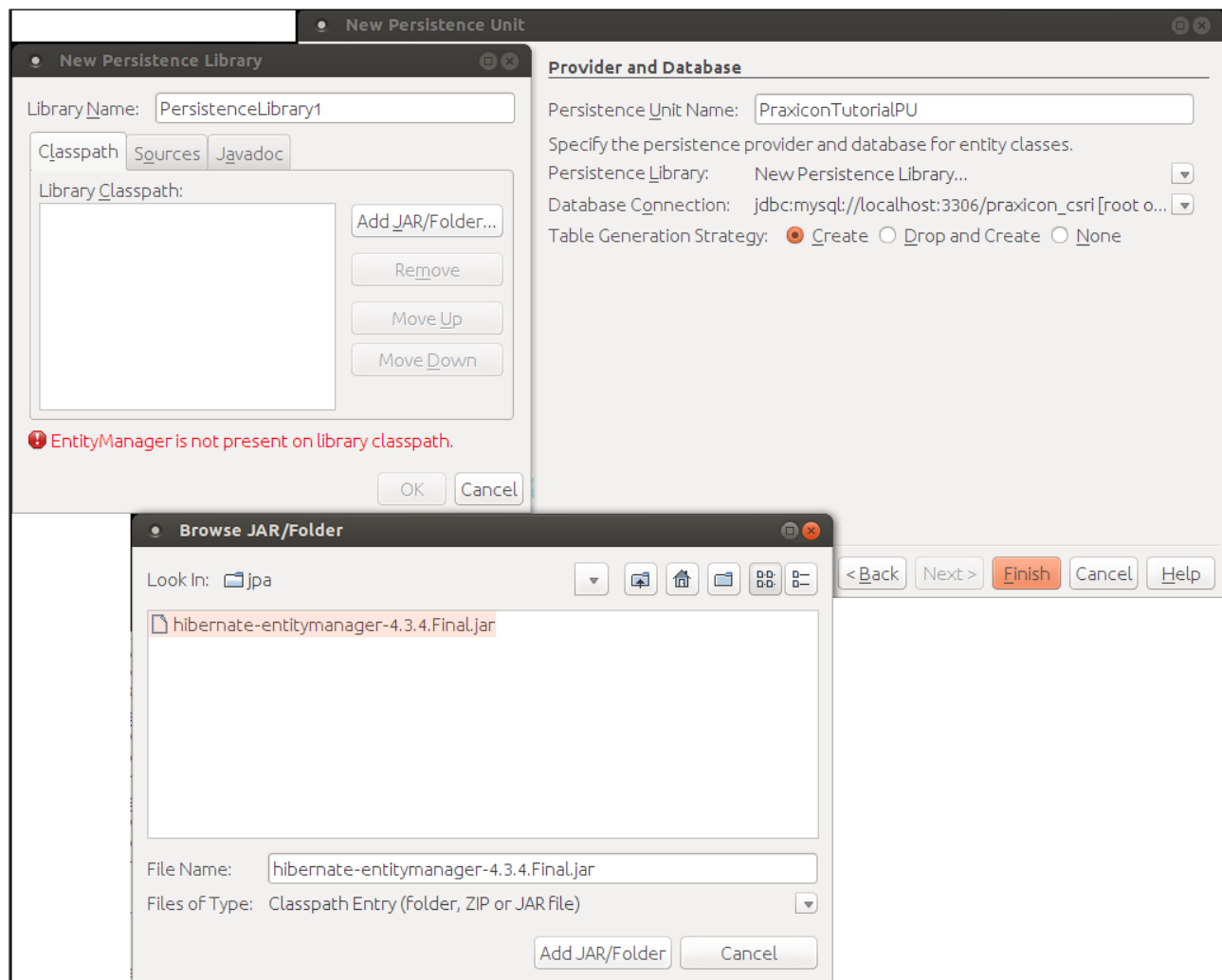
14. Select the “Persistence” category and “Persistence Unit” file type and press “Next”.



15. Provide a name for the persistence unit (e.g. PraxiconTutorialPU).

16. In the “Persistence Library” field, select “Hibernate(JPA 2.0)” (which is actually JPA2.1 compliant). If the selection is not there, do the following:

- a. Select the “Persistence Library” field.
- b. Select “New Persistence Library”.
- c. Click on “Add JAR/Folder”.
- d. Select the JPA2.1-compliant library of your choice (preferably Hibernate).
- e. Click “OK”.



17. Select a “Database connection” from the list. If the database that holds the “praxicon_csri” database is not in the list, then:

- a. Select “New Database Connection...”.
- b. Fill in the connection details as per the following screenshot.
- c. Press the “OK” button.

The “New Database Connection” window should look like this:

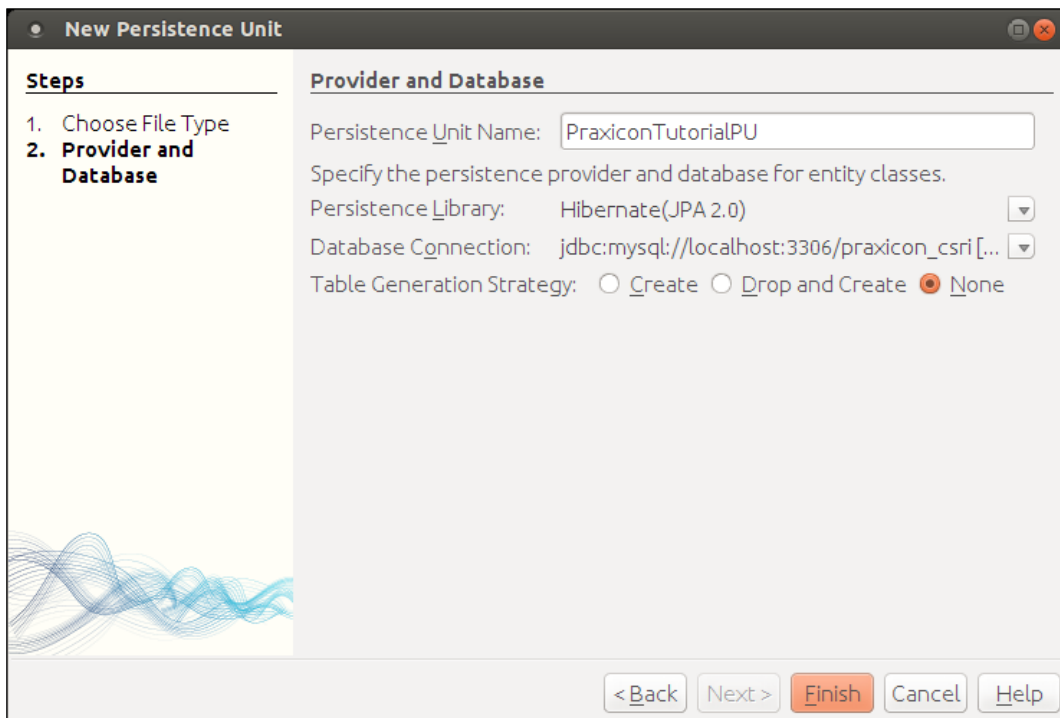
The screenshot shows a window titled "New Database Connection" with two tabs: "Basic setting" and "Advanced". The "Basic setting" tab is active. It contains the following fields and options:

- Data Input Mode:** Two radio buttons, "Field Entry" (selected) and "Direct URL Entry".
- Driver Name:** A dropdown menu showing "MySQL (Connector/J driver)".
- Host:** A text field containing "localhost".
- Port:** A text field containing "3306".
- Database:** A text field containing "praxicon_csri".
- User Name:** A text field containing "praxicon_db_user".
- Password:** A text field containing masked characters "*****".
- Display Name (Optional):** An empty text field.
- Remember password:** An unchecked checkbox with the text "(see help for information on security risks)".
- Additional Props:** An empty text field.
- Show JDBC URL:** An unchecked checkbox.

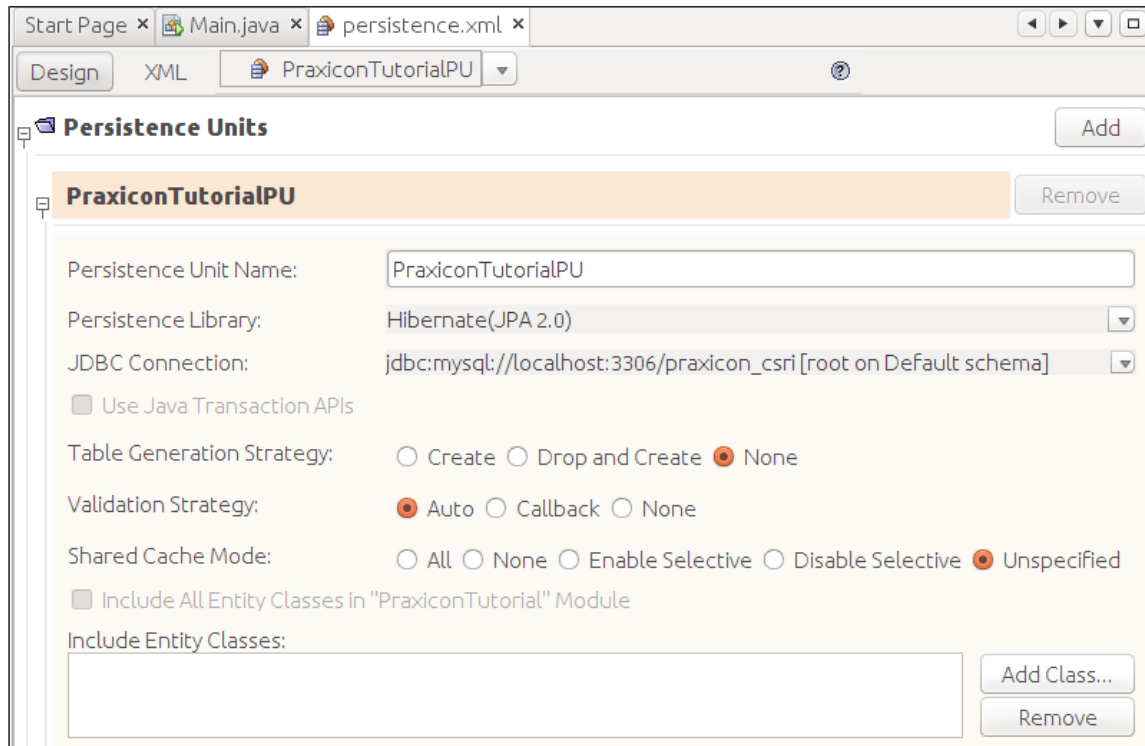
At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "OK" (highlighted in orange), "Cancel", and "Help".

18. In “Table Generation Strategy”, select “None”.

19. You should now be able to see the full information of the persistence unit. Check that your settings are similar to the following screenshot.

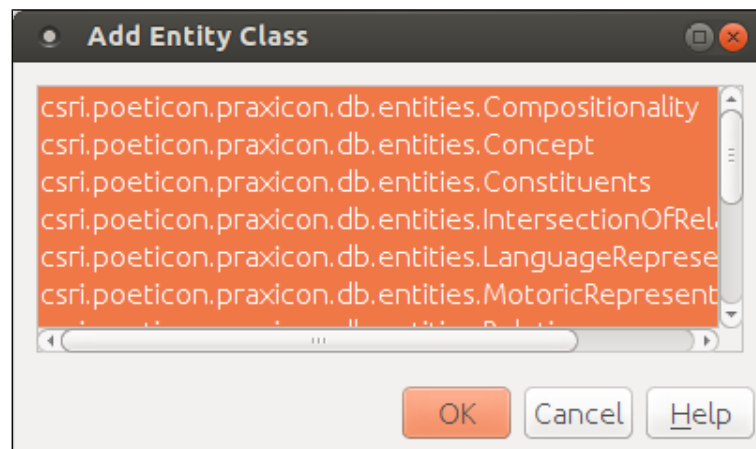


20. When you click on “Finish”, a new file called “persistence.xml” will be created at the root of your project and opened by default.



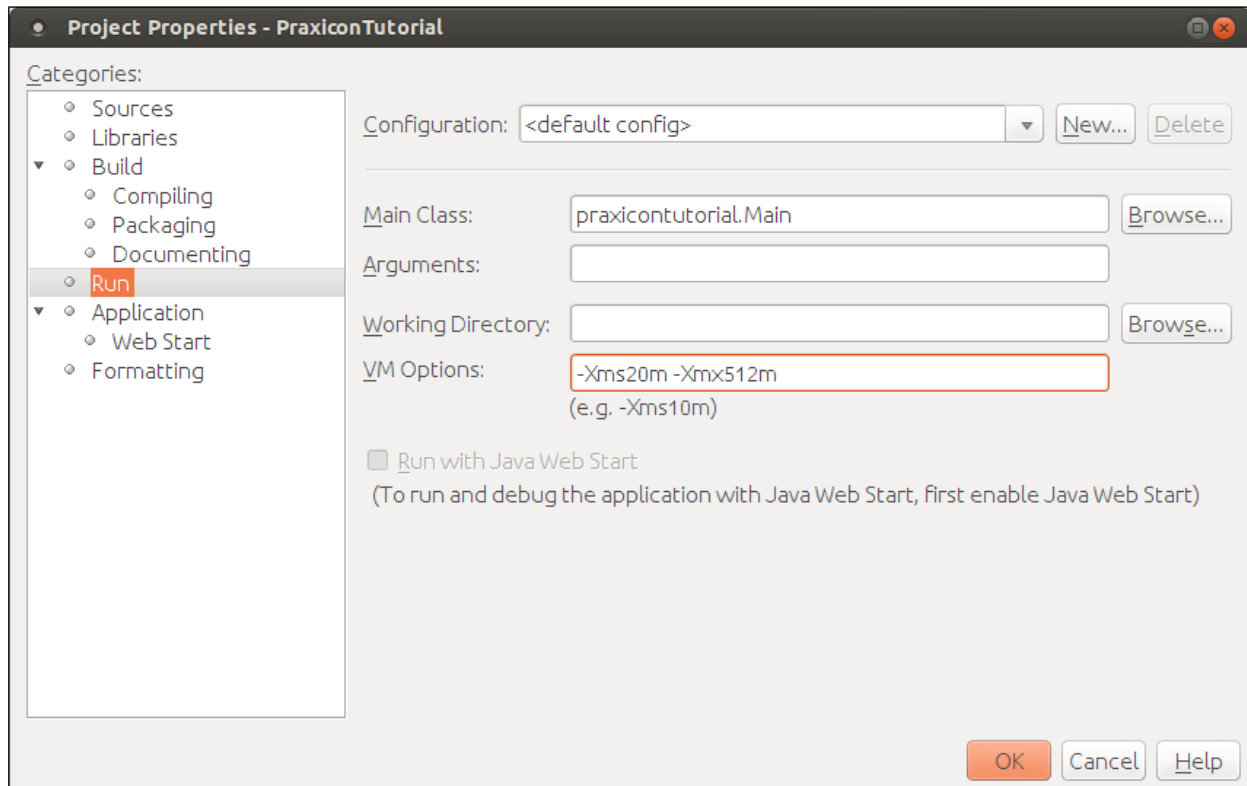
21. Press the “Add Class” button on the bottom right.

22. Select all classes that start with “`gr.csri.poeticon.praxicon.db.entities`” and press “OK”.



Compile and run project

23. Right-click on the project name, select “Properties → Run” and add the following to “VM Options”: “-Xms20m -Xmx512m”.



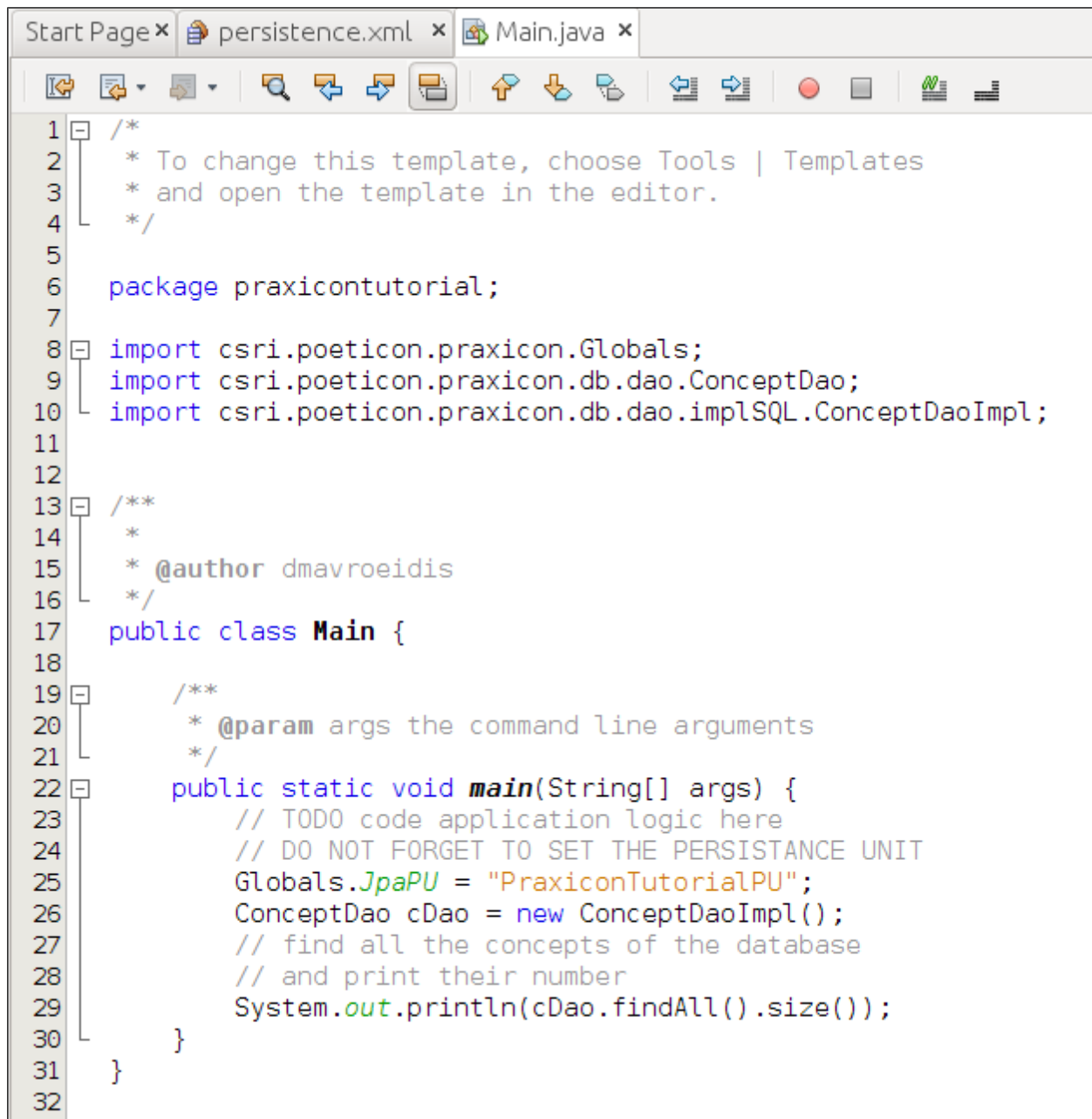
24. Open the “Main.java” file and add the following in the “Main” section:

```
Globals.JpaPU = "PraxiconTutorialPU";
ConceptDao cDao = new ConceptDaoImpl();
// find all the concepts of the database
// and print their number
System.out.println(cDao.findAll().size());
```

25. You will notice that the first two lines of the code seem to cause some errors. We need to import a few libraries:

```
import csri.poeticon.praxicon.Globals;
import csri.poeticon.praxicon.db.dao.ConceptDao;
import csri.poeticon.praxicon.db.dao.implSQL.ConceptDaoImpl;
```

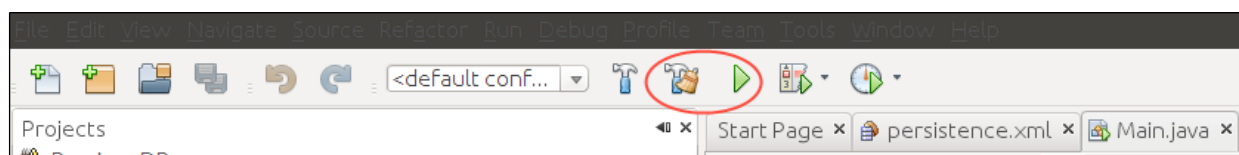
These imports should go under the package declaration at the beginning of the “Main.java” file like below.






```
1  /*
2   * To change this template, choose Tools | Templates
3   * and open the template in the editor.
4   */
5
6   package praxicontutorial;
7
8   import csri.poeticon.praxicon.Globals;
9   import csri.poeticon.praxicon.db.dao.ConceptDao;
10  import csri.poeticon.praxicon.db.dao.implSQL.ConceptDaoImpl;
11
12
13  /**
14   *
15   * @author dmavroeidis
16   */
17  public class Main {
18
19      /**
20       * @param args the command line arguments
21       */
22      public static void main(String[] args) {
23          // TODO code application logic here
24          // DO NOT FORGET TO SET THE PERSISTENCE UNIT
25          Globals.JpaPU = "PraxiconTutorialPU";
26          ConceptDao cDao = new ConceptDaoImpl();
27          // find all the concepts of the database
28          // and print their number
29          System.out.println(cDao.findAll().size());
30      }
31  }
32
```

26. After importing these libraries, we can build and run the application. This application will output a count of all concepts in the “praxicon_csri” database.

27. To build the application, you can press the “Clean and Build” (the hammer and broom) button. To run it you can use the “Run” (the green play) button.



Output - PraxiconTutorial (clean,jar) Usages Search Results

 init:
 deps-clean:
Updating property file: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/built-clean.properties
 Deleting directory /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build
clean:
init:
deps-jar:
Created dir: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build
Updating property file: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/built-jar.properties
Created dir: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/classes
Created dir: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/classes/META-INF
Copying 1 file to /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/classes/META-INF
Created dir: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/empty
Created dir: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/generated-sources/ap-source-output
Compiling 1 source file to /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/build/classes
compile:
Created dir: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/dist
Copy libraries to /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/dist/lib.
Building jar: /home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/dist/PraxiconTutorial.jar
To run this application from the command line without Ant, try:
java -jar "/home/dmavroeidis/PraxiconTutorial/dist/PraxiconTutorial.jar"
jar:
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 1 second)

Retrieving data from the PRAXICON database

Before attempting to retrieve any data from the PRAXICON database, we suggest that you read the documentation which is available at the project's github page³.

With JPA

We will describe a complex example of retrieving data from the PRAXICON database using JPA. We will use the "Main.java" we used in the previous section.

We want to retrieve all concepts that are objects in the relations of type "HAS_INSTANCE". We first create a method to retrieve all concepts given a relation type:

```
public static List<Concept> getObjectsOfRelation(String type_of_relation)
{
    //Get the appropriate RelationName object
    RelationName t = RelationType.RelationName.valueOf(type_of_relation);
    //create the JPQL query
    Query q = EntityMngFactory.getEntityManager().createQuery(
        "SELECT DISTINCT r.object FROM Relation r, RelationType rtype" +
        "WHERE r.type = rtype.id AND rtype.forwardName = ?1");
    q.setParameter(1, t);

    //Get the results
    return q.getResultList();
}
```

Then, we need to call it from the "Main.java", like that:

```
List<Concept> objects_of_relation_type;
objects_of_relation_type = getObjectsOfRelation("HAS_INSTANCE");
System.out.println(objects_of_relation_type.size());
```

With SQL

We will use an SQL query to retrieve the same data.

1. Start the MySQL Workbench
2. Connect to the MySQL server that contains the "praxicon_csri" database.
3. Enter the following sql query in the query window:

³ <https://github.com/csri/praxicondb/documentation/PraxiconDBDocumentation.pdf>


```

USE praxicon_csri;
SELECT
    co.NAME
FROM
    Relations r
        INNER JOIN
    RelationType ON RelationType.Id = r.ID
        INNER JOIN
    Concept co ON co.Id = r.Object
WHERE
    RelationType.ForwardName = "HAS_INSTANCE"
;

```

4. Running it will return all concepts that serve as objects involved in a relation.

You should study the database schema (in the database documentation) and the PraxiconDB project⁴ in order to create queries that satisfy your needs.

⁴ <https://github.com/CSRI/PraxiconDB>