



# **JVA-000** Java Persistence with Hibernate

**Module 3**  
Entity Manager

# Objectives

- Observe EntityManager API
- Learn how to use EntityManager to manage the entity instance lifecycle

# EntityManager API

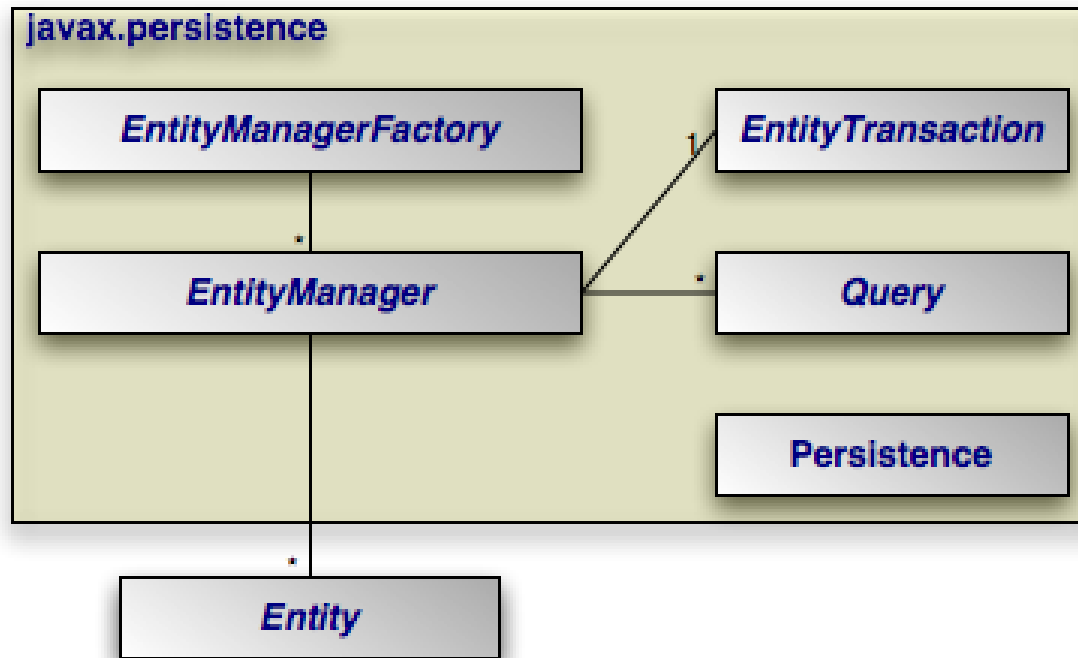
**EntityManager** is an interface that **defines methods to interact with the persistence context.**

**Persistence context** is a **set of entity instances** in which for any entity identity there is a **unique entity instance.**

Within the persistence context, the entity instances and their lifecycle are managed.

The set of entities that can be managed by a given **EntityManager** instance is defined by a **persistence unit.**

# EntityManager API



Relationships between the primary components of the JPA architecture

# EntityManager API

**EntityManager** defines the following methods to manage entities:

- **persist()** – to make an entity instance managed and persistent.
- **merge()** – to merge the state of an entity into the current persistence context.
- **remove()** – to remove an entity instance.
- **find()** – to find an entity by primary key.
- **lock()** – to lock an entity instance that is contained in the persistence context with the specified lock mode type.

# EntityManager API

**EntityManager** defines the following methods to manage entities (*continue*):

- **refresh()** – to refresh the state of the instance from the database, overwriting changes made to the entity, if any.
- **detach()** – to remove an entity from the persistence context, causing a managed entity to become detached. *Unflushed changes made to the entity if any (including removal of the entity) will not be synchronized to the database.*

# EntityManager API

```
public class EmployeeService {
```

```
    @PersistenceContext
```

```
    private EntityManager em;
```



Get the reference to EntityManager.

```
    public void createEmployee(long departmentId, String employeeName) {
```

```
        Department department = em.find(Department.class, departmentId);
```



Find entity by primary key.

```
        Employee employee = new Employee();
```

```
        employee.setName(employeeName);
```

```
        employee.setDepartment(department);
```

```
        em.persist(employee);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```



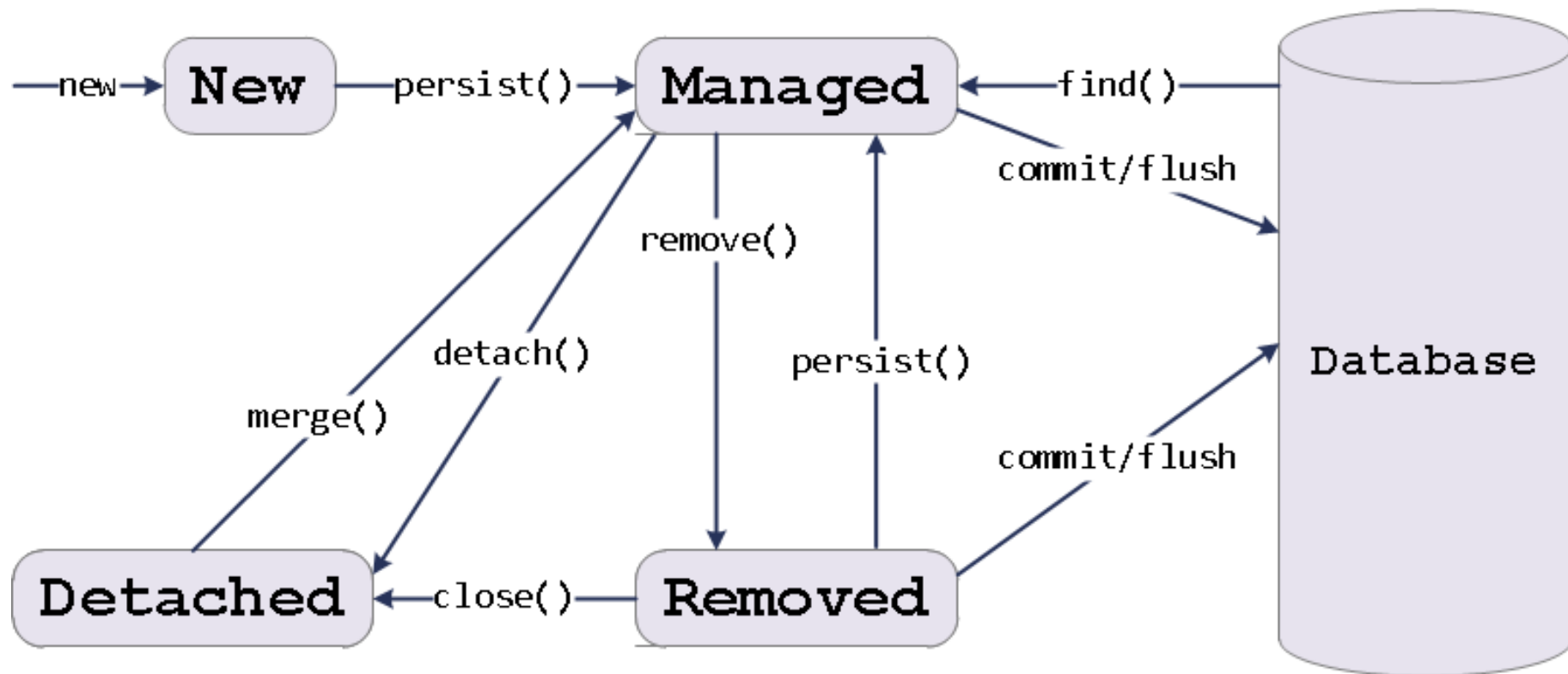
Make entity instance persistent.

\* In managed environment the **@PersistenceContext** can be used to let runtime know that reference to **EntityManager** needs to be injected.

\* In non-managed environment use appropriate way to get the reference to **EntityManager**

## Example of use of EntityManager to handle manage entities

# Entity Life Cycle



Entity states and transitions between them



# Entity Life Cycle: `persist()` method

Calling `persist()` method results in (*state*  $\rightarrow$  *result*):

- **New**  $\rightarrow$  entity becomes managed
- **Managed**  $\rightarrow$  operation ignored for the entity and cascaded to referenced entities
- **Removed**  $\rightarrow$  entity becomes managed
- **Detached**  $\rightarrow$  exception thrown (right after operation is called or after transaction is flushed/committed)

# Entity Life Cycle: remove() method

Calling remove() method results in (*state* → *result*):

- **New** → ignored
- **Managed** → entity becomes Removed, operation cascades to referenced entities
- **Removed** → ignored
- **Detached** → exception thrown

*Date are removed from DB after transaction commit or flush operation gets called.*

# Entity Life Cycle: refresh() method

Calling refresh() method results in (*state* → *result*):

- **Managed** → entity reloaded from DB, operation cascaded to referenced entities
- **New/Detached/Removed** → exception thrown

# Entity Life Cycle: merge() method

Calling merge( ) method results in (*state* → *result*):

- **New** → new instance created, state of merged entity copied into it, and entity becomes managed.
- **Managed** → ignored, operation cascaded to referenced entities
- **Detached** → existing entity loaded, state of merged entity copied into it
- **Removed** → exception thrown

## Entity Life Cycle: Sync. to DB

The state of persistent entities is **synchronized to the database at transaction commit or flush operation.**

Synchronization to database **doesn't involve refresh** of any managed entities unless the `refresh()` is explicitly invoked or cascaded to them.

**Bidirectional relationships** between entities will be **persisted based on references held by the owning side** of relationship (*it's developer's responsibility to keep in-memory references consistent*).

Context of type **UNSYNCHRONIZED** will be **persisted after joining it to the current transaction**

# Persistence Context Types

Persistence context can be of types:

- Application-managed
- Container-managed

The lifetime of a container-managed persistence context can either:

- Be scoped to a transaction (**transaction-scoped context**).
- Have a lifetime scope that **extends** beyond of single transaction (**extended persistence context**)

EntityManager with extended persistence context keeps entities managed after transaction commit

# Persistence Context Types

In case of EntityManager with extended persistence context the `persist()`, `remove()`, `merge()` and `refresh()` methods can be called even there is no active transaction

Effects of these operations will be committed to the database when the extended persistence context is enlisted in a transaction and the transaction commits

Use method `EntityManager.joinTransaction()` to join persistence context to current JTA transaction

# Persistence Context Types

 Transaction type  
should be JTA

```
<persistence-unit name="demo" transaction-type="JTA">  
    <provider>org.hibernate.jpa.HibernatePersistenceProvider</provider>  
    <class>samples.general.entity.Company</class>  
</persistence-unit>
```

```
EntityManagerFactory emf = Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory("demo");  
EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();
```

```
Context context = new InitialContext();  
UserTransaction tx = (UserTransaction) context.lookup("javax/UserTransaction");
```

```
tx.begin();  
em.joinTransaction();  Join EntityManager to current JTA transaction
```

```
Company company = em.find(Company.class, 1);  
company.setName("Test");
```

```
tx.commit();
```

**EntityManager.joinTransaction()** allows an application managed  
EntityManager to join the active JTA transaction context



# Obtaining an EntityManager

The EntityManager for a persistence context is obtained from an entity manager factory.

When container-managed EntityManager is used (Java EE environment):

- Application doesn't interact with the entity manager factory
- EntityManager is obtained through dependency injection or from JNDI (*container manages interaction with the entity manager factory transparently to the application*)

When application-managed EntityManagers is used, the application use the entity manager factory to create the entity manager.

# Obtaining container-managed EntityManager

Container-managed EntityManager is obtained either:

- Through dependency injection
- Through lookup of the entity manager in the JNDI namespace

@PersistenceContext annotation is used to inject reference to EntityManager

# Obtaining container-managed EntityManager

```
public class EntityManagerObtaining {  
  
    @PersistenceContext  
    private EntityManager txScopedEntityManager;  
  
    @PersistenceContext(type = PersistenceContextType.EXTENDED)  
    private EntityManager extendedScopeEntityManager;  
  
}  
  
public class EntityManagerObtaining {  
  
    public void run() throws Exception {  
        Context context = new InitialContext();  
        EntityManager em =  
            (EntityManager) context.lookup("jpa/EmployeeEntityManager");  
    }  
  
}
```

← Inject reference to transaction scoped EntityManager


← Inject reference to EntityManager with extend scope


← Lookup reference to EntityManager from JNDI service

Example of how to obtain reference to container-managed EntityManager in Java EE environment

# Obtaining container-managed EntityManager

```
public class EntityManagerObtaining {  
    public void run() throws Exception {  
        final String persistenceUnitName = "edu.jpaa.DEMO";  
        EntityManagerFactory entityManagerFactory =  
            Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory(persistenceUnitName);  
        EntityManager entityManager =  
            entityManagerFactory.createEntityManager();  
    }  
}
```

 Create EntityManager factory

 Create EntityManager using EntityManager factory

Example of how to obtain reference to application-managed EntityManager in Java SE environment

# EntityManagerFactory Interface

The EntityManagerFactory interface is used to obtain an application-managed entity manager.

The entity manager factory should be closed before application stops working

Once entity manager factory is closed all EntityManager instances are considered as closed

Provides access to the second-level cache maintained by persistence provider (`javax.persistence.Cache`)

# EntityManagerFactory Interface

## EntityManagerFactory methods:

- `createEntityManager()` – creates a new application-managed `EntityManager`
- `getMetamodel()` – returns instance of `Metamodel` interface for access to the meta-model of the persistence unit
- `isOpen()` – indicates whether the factory is open
- `close()` – closes the factory, releasing any resources that it holds
- `getCache()` – returns the cache that is associated with the entity manager factory (the “second level cache”)
- `getProperties()` – returns the properties that are in effect for the entity manager factory (*read only, changing has no effect*)

# Cache Interface

`javax.persistence.Cache` interface **provides** basic **functionality over** the persistence provider's **second level cache** (*if used*).

## Methods:

- `contains(Class, Object)` – checks whether the cache contains data for the given entity
- `evict(Class, Object)` – removes the data for the given entity from the cache
- `evict(Class)` – removes the data for entities of the specified class (*and its subclasses*) from the cache
- `evictAll()` – clears the cache

# Cache Interface

```
EntityManagerFactory emf = Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory("demo");
EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();

Company company = em.find(Company.class, 1);

Cache cache = emf.getCache();
boolean isCached = cache.contains(Company.class, 1);

if (isCached) {
    cache.evict(Company.class, 1);
}
```

← Check if entity is in cache

← Remove entity from cache

Here is an example of accessing 2<sup>nd</sup> level cache via Cache interface.



# EntityTransaction Interface

`javax.persistence.EntityTransaction` interface provides basic functionality to **control local resource transactions**


## Methods:

- `begin()` - starts a resource transaction
- `commit()` - commits the current resource transaction
- `rollback()` - roll back the current resource transaction
- `setRollbackOnly()` - marks transaction as read only
- `getRollbackOnly()` - determines whether the current transaction has been marked for rollback
- `isActive()` - indicates whether transaction is in progress

# EntityTransaction Interface


```
EntityManagerFactory emf = Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory("demo");  
EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();
```

```
EntityTransaction tx = em.getTransaction();  
tx.begin();
```



Begin transaction

```
try {  
    Company company = em.find(Company.class, 1);  
    company.setName("Test");  
  
    tx.commit();
```



Commit transaction to  
apply the changes

```
} catch (Exception e) {  
    tx.rollback();  
}
```



Rollback transaction in  
case of error

Here is an example of local transaction usage.

Local JPA transactions are defined through the EntityTransaction class.  
It contains basic transaction API including begin, commit and rollback.



## Practical work

# **Exercise 5:** Working with EntityManager



**Thank you for your attention!**

**Questions?**

