Hibernate Query Language

Objectives

- Describe Hibernate Query Language (HQL)
- Working with Queries

- Used to execute queries against database.
- Based on the relational object models.

- Uses Classes and properties instead of tables and columns.
- Extremely powerful and it supports Polymorphism and Associations.

- The ability to apply restrictions to properties of associated objects related by reference or held in collections.
- The ability to retrieve only properties of an entity or entities, without the overhead of loading the entity.

- The ability to order the results of the query.
- The ability to paginate the results.

- Provides support for aggregation with group by, having, and aggregate functions like sum, min and max.
- Outer joins when retrieving multiple objects per row.

Clauses

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- FROM
- SELECT
- WHERE
- ORDER BY

FROM

- Used to load a set of entities from the underlying database table.
- The returned collection contains instances of an entity class.
- General Form: from Employee e

SELECT

- Used to retrieve selected fields from the underlying database table.
- The returned collection contains instances of array type.
- General Form: select e.name, e.sal from Employee e

Let's Summarize

- HQL
- Querying using HQL