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Lecture topics

- Recap Java Database Connectivity
- Object-Relation Mapping.
- Java Persistence API
- Setting up JPA with EclipseLink.



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 - CallableStatement used for executing stored procedures on the database.



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```
. .
    (Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(
              "jdbc:somejdbcvendor:other_data_needed
                   | by | some | jdbc | vendor ,
              "myLogin",
              "myPassword" ) ) {
         Statement stmt = conn.createStatement()
         stmt.executeUpdate( "INSERT_{\sqcup}INTO_{\sqcup}Ships(_{\sqcup}
             name__)_VALUE__(_'destroyer__XYZ'__)_" );
```



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Disadvantages of JDBC

- Less maintainable code for large projects
- Queries are DBMS specific



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- ORM are not only related to Java, other languages provide this technique
 - C#: Linq or Entity-Framework
 - Ruby: Active Record
 - Java Hibernate, EclipseLink



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 - Data mapper



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- So this object carries both data and behavior



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sample structure of active record



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- Think of domain object models that are distinguish from the one of the database schema



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 - Many parts of an object, such as collections and inheritance, aren't present in relational databases
 - Object schema and database schema do not match in many cases



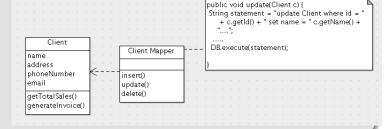
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Data Mapper

• sample structure of data mapper





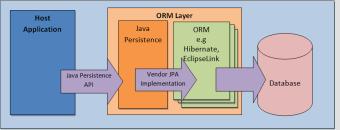
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Java Persistence API

- Provides the standard specification for managing the relational data in applications
- JPA is a layer between third party ORM implementations (EclipseLink or Hibernate) and the application
- It uses persistence annotations at three different levels: class, method, and field





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Example of using annotation instead of mapping files

```
import javax.persistence.*;
@Entity
@Table(name = "ships")
public class Ships {
   @Id @GeneratedValue
   @Column(name = "serial")
   private int serial;
   @Column(name = "name")
   private String name;
   @Column(name = "armour")
   private String armour;
   public Employee() {}
```

. . .



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Sample code for persisting a new ship in JPA with Hibernate

```
Ships s = new Ships("Some_ship_name", "metal");
. . . .
EntityManagerFactory emf = Persistence.
   createEntityManagerFactory("InfDev5PU");
//create a session object in case of Hibernate
EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();
//starts a transaction
em.getTransaction().begin();
//calls the save method of Hibernate
em.persist(em);
em.getTransaction().commit();
em.close();
```



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Mapping Tables and Relationships in ORM

- Mapping Simple Types like primitive java types: byte, int, short, etc.
- Mapping tables to entity classes.
- Mapping relationships:
 - In entity-classes the many-side of a relation can be mapped as Collections, Lists, Maps and Sets
 - It depends on the requirements within your application
 - Two entities cannot share a reference to the same collection instance
 - There are special annotations (ex. @OneToMany) to support mappings



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Lab

- Check the tables mentioned in les 0
- Create these tables in Postgres
- Insert some new data into the database using JPA
- Print these data in your terminal using a named query