

Introduction: Java Persistence API

- JPA is not a new technology. It collected the best ideas from existing persistence technologies and result is 8 standardized specification. It provides an **Object relational mapping** approach, meaning that it can converting data between incompatible programming languages. JPA allows to define how to map Java objects to relational database tables. Object relational mapping approach with JPA is entirely metadata-driven and can be done either adding annotations to the code or using externally defined XML. The primary to use JPA is to programmatically build code to access data in a database.

