

# Exercise 4.1 – Nesting User Defined Types (UDTs)

This exercise is designed to familiarize you with the basic code required to write data to a UDT field in a DSE table.

In this exercise, you will:

- Understand how UDTs work with the DataStax drivers
- Learn how to work with nested UDTs by adding an address *User Defined Type* (UDT) to the list of users within the keyspace

This exercise uses the following files in the Session 3 exercise project:

- User.Java: This file defines a Plain Old Java Object (POJO) class useful for storing and
  using user data at runtime. The format of this class matches that of the user table in the
  killrvideo\_test keyspace.
- CassandraUserDAO.java: This file defines the class through which the Killrvideo application reads and writes data to DSE.
- *UserDAOAddressTest.java:* This file implements a class for adding a user to the *user* table and then updating the user's address.

#### **Overview**

All steps will provide most of the required code. Your task is to place the additional code where needed and understand how the code works. Here is a summary of steps you should follow:

Step 1: Examine the exercise files

Step 2: Add functionality to manage addresses in the file User.java

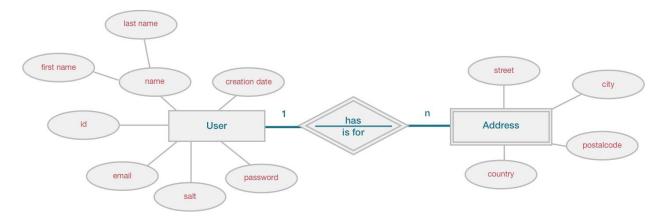
<u>Step 3</u>: Add a Prepared Statement to the file *CassandraUserDAO.java* that will enable updating a user with new addresses

<u>Step 4</u>: Run the file *UserDAOAddressTest.java* and observe how data is read via the Java driver and the getUser() function

# **Step 1: Examine the exercise files**

The purpose of this step is to understand which files will require modification and why.

1. This is a 1-n Diagram that conceptually describes the problem space. Basically, each user has a 1-n relationship with his or her addresses. Take a moment to become familiar with this diagram.



2. Below are the scripts that implement the conceptual model shown above. They include the CREATE TABLE script for the address UDT and user. These scripts can also be found in the session3/cql/create-schema.cql file.

```
CREATE TYPE address (
    street text,
    city text,
    postalcode text,
    country text
);
CREATE TABLE user (
    email text PRIMARY KEY,
    addresses map<text,frozen<address>>,
    phone numbers map<text, decimal>,
    created timestamp,
    fname text,
    lname text,
    password blob,
    salt blob,
    user id uuid
);
```

- 3. Switch to session3 of the killrvideo project and open the following files:
  - a. ~/session3/src/main/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/model/Address.java
  - b. ~/session3/src/main/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/model/User.java

- c. ~/session3/src/main/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/model/dao/cassandra/CassandraUserDAO.java
- d. ~/session3/src/test/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/dao/cassandra/UserD AOAddressTest.java
- 4. Take a moment to examine the files *Address.java* and *User.java*. They are both Plain Old Java Object (POJO) files, with private members, getters, setters and additional functions for processing, formatting or validating data.
- 5. Next, examine the file CassandraUserDAO.java. Note the code blocks in the constructor, getUser(), addAddressToUser(), addressToUDT(), and UDTToAddress() functions. In order to update a user in the user table with a set of addresses, these functions will need the appropriate code.
- 6. Examine the file *UserDAOAddressTest.java*. The method testAddUserAndUpdateAddress() has a few lines of code that add the user and then update the user's address via the code we provide to the file *CassandraUserDAO.java*.

### Step 2: Manage addresses in the User.java file

The purpose of this step is to add a private property for the address as well as a *getter* and *setter* to manage its contents. This action completes the User class so that 1) one or more addresses can be associated with a user, and 2) it models the nesting of the address at the code level just as the addresses UDT is nested in the user table in the *killrvideo\_test* keyspace.

1. Add the following property to the User class in the following file: session3/src/main/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/model/User.java:

```
//TODO: Begin custom code here
private Map<String, Address> addresses;
```

Directly below this line, add the following functions; getAddresses() and setAddresses().

```
public Map<String, Address> getAddresses() { return addresses; }
public void setAddresses(Map<String, Address> addresses) {
        this.addresses = addresses; }
//TODO: End custom code here
```

3. Locate the equals() function. This function ensures the user object has been properly set up before it is used. Add the following line of code to include addresses in the verification process:

4. Next, locate the hashCode() function. This method is used to hash the entire user, if required. Add the following code to include the addresses in the hashing:

```
//TODO: Add custom code here
result = 31 * result + (addresses != null ?
        User.getMapHashcode(addresses) : 0);
//TODO: End custom code here
```

5. Finally, find the clone() function. This function is used to clone the user if needed. Add the following line to the correct function to ensure that the address is included in the cloning:

```
//TODO: Add custom code here
clone.addresses = this.addresses;
//TODO: End custom code here
```

- 6. Note how Address is now a nested structure in the User class using a Map<string, Address> reflecting the same structure in our database. The String keys in this situation would be "home", "work", etc.
- 7. Go to "Build" on the menu bar and run the option "Recompile 'User.java'". It should recompile successfully. Confirm the message "Compilation completed successfully" in the lower-bottom margin. If not, try to rebuild the project and see if it successfully compiles at the end.

# Step 3: Add a Prepared Statement to CassandraUserDAO.java

The purpose of this step is to enable the file *CassandraUserDAO.java* to process the addition of a new address to a user. This will be done via a Prepared Statement.

- Open the following file in the IDE:
   ~/session3/src/main/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/model/dao/cassandra/CassandraUserDAO.java
- 2. Add a private property for the PreparedStatement in the custom code block found at the start of the class where the other properties are listed. Also, add a property for the addressType:

```
//TODO: Begin custom code here
private PreparedStatement addAddressToUserStatement;
private UserType addressType;
//TODO: End custom code here
```

- 3. By adding a UserType we are setting up the class so it can write from Java code to DSE. In order to do that, it requires a UserType that matches the UDT in DSE. This particular UserType is used to perform this function.
- 4. In the constructor, add the code below to initialize our Prepared Statement property and our UserType property. This ensures the code is ready when it comes time to write addresses to the database:

5. Locate the functions addressToUDT() and UDTToAddress(). These use the address class's setters and getters to translate from an address to a UDT, or vice versa. Fill in the missing code in the appropriate TODO code blocks:

5. Find the method addAddressToUser(). Its purpose is to write a user's addresses to DSE. Add the following code:

**Note:** The bind() method of the Prepared Statement just implemented is used to create a Bound Statement in which the parameter values (email, address name and address) are bundled up for execution along with the prepared statement itself. We then pass the Bound Statement to session.execute() which in turn executes the write. Notice the addressToUDT() method, to which added additional code was just added, is used to convert the address into a format (basically a UDT) to which the Bound Statement can now write.

1. Navigate to the <code>getUser()</code> method. This method is used to fetch a specific user from the <code>user</code> table based on the primary key, which is the email address. Add the code needed to ensure that address is also fetched when <code>getUser()</code> is invoked. Add the following code to the TODO block at the end of the method:

```
for (Map.Entry<String, UDTValue> entry : uDTAddresses.entrySet()) {
        addresses.put(entry.getKey(), UDTToAddress(entry.getValue()));
}
newUser.setAddresses(addresses);
//TODO: End custom code here
```

### Step 4: Run UserDAOAddressTest.java

This last step requires you to run the *UserDAOAddressTest.java* file and observe how data is read via the Java driver and the getUser() function.

1. Open a terminal window and truncate the *user* table.

```
cqlsh> TRUNCATE TABLE killrvideo_test.user;
```

2. Run a SELECT statement on the user table to ensure it is empty.

- 3. Open the following file in the IDE: session3/src/test/java/com/datastax/training/killrvideo/dao/cassandra/UserDAOAddres sTest.java. Locate the method named testAddUserAndUpdateAddress().
- 4. Add the following code to the TODO block:

```
//TODO: Begin your code here

CassandraUserDAO userDAO = new CassandraUserDAO();
DseSession session = CassandraSession.getSession();
userDAO.addUser(TestData.TEST_USER1);
userDAO.addAddressToUser(TestData.TEST_USER1.getEmail(),
"Home", TestData.TEST_ADDRESS1);

//TODO: End your code here
```

Note the function simply adds *TEST\_USER1* to the database and then updates that user's address.

- 5. Run the TestAddUserAndUpdateAddress() function by right-clicking the icon to the left of the function. Confirm it ran successfully.
- 6. Check the user table and confirm a user is present complete with addresses.

7. Next, let's observe how data is read from DSE via the driver and the getUser() function. Comment out the following lines in TestAddUserAndUpdateAddress():

8. Add the following line to read what you just wrote. It will fetch the email from the original test data of the user you just wrote to the database and pass it into the getUser() function.

```
User savedUser = userDAO.getUser(TestData.TEST_USER1.getEmail());
```

Put a break point on the closing bracket of the function and debug it. Explore the User object and note how an Address object is nested with the User object.