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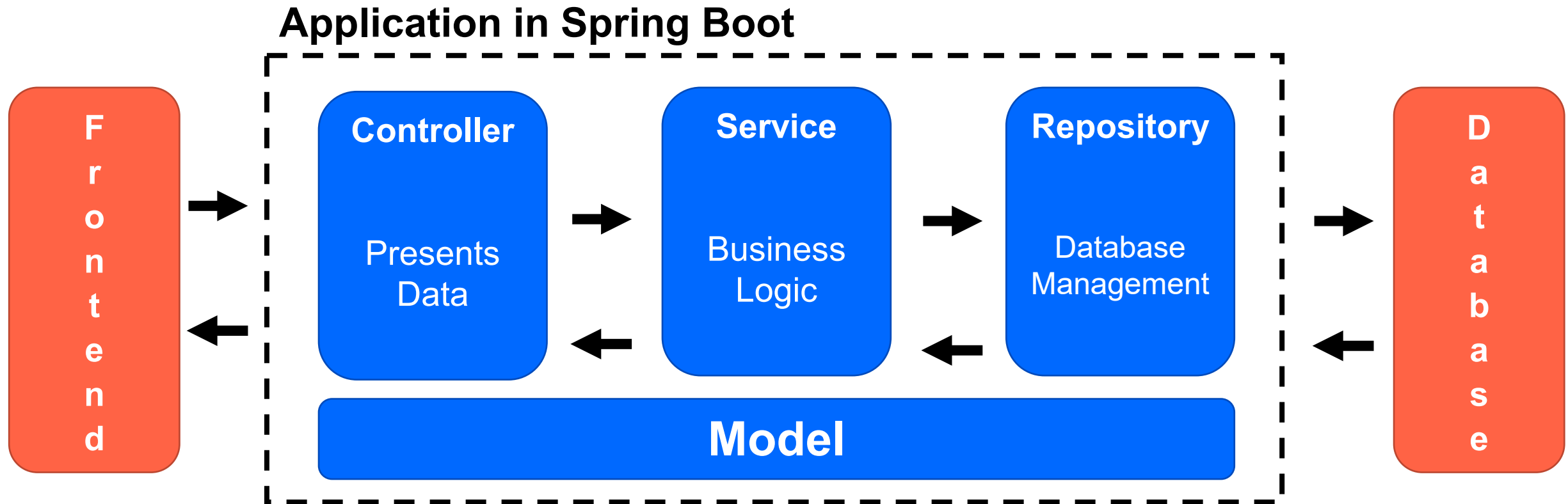
What is it?

- Spring Data is a **Spring module for managing data base access in Java applications**
- Spring Data allows programmers to write object-oriented code to interact with databases



Structure of a Spring Project

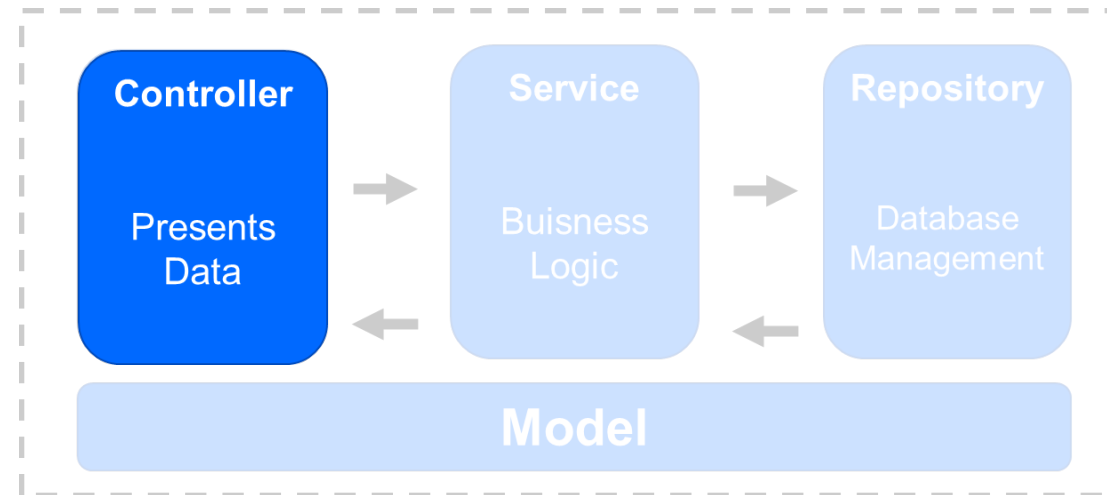
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Controller Class

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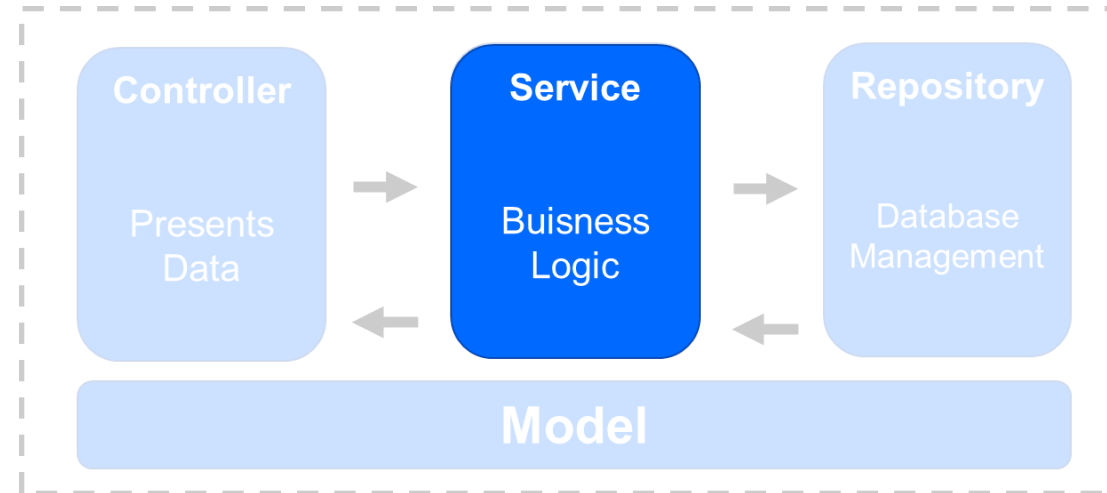
- Implements REST endpoints
- Returns a response to the frontend
- Uses services to generate the response data



Service Class

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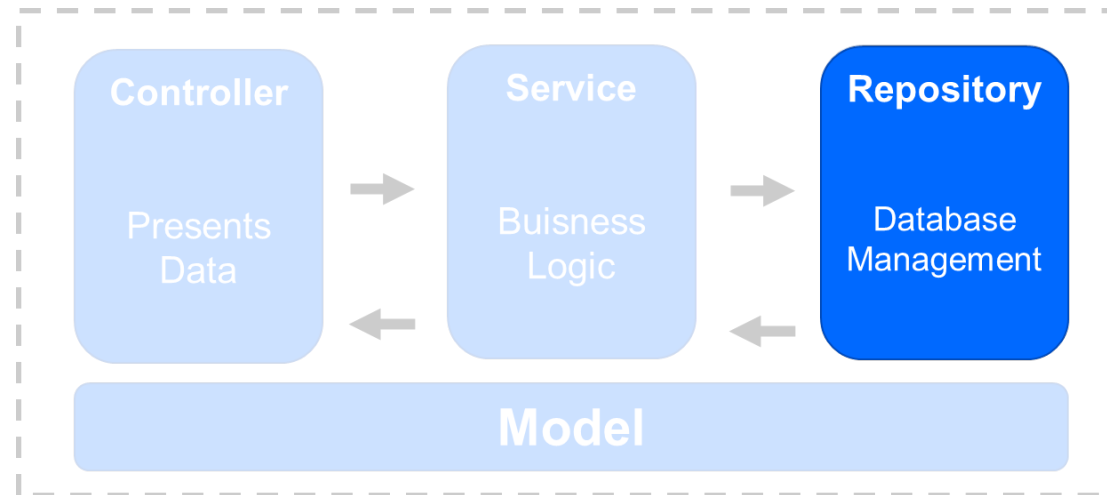
- Contains **buisness logic**
- Can interact with other services



Repository Class

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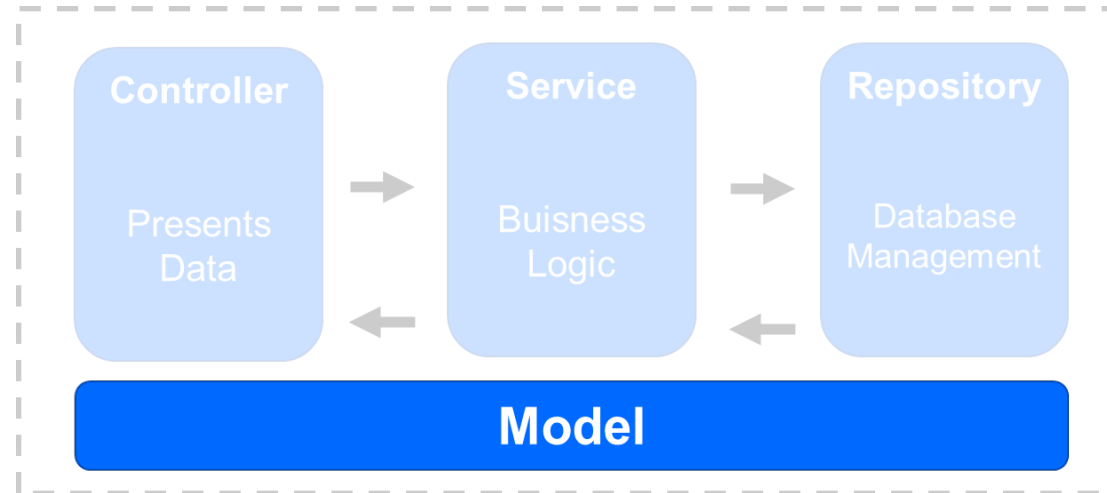
- **Accesses Database** and provides access to other classes.
- Easy starting point: **Interface that inherits JpaRepository**
 - Standard CRUD operations are already implemented by Spring Data



Model Class / Entity

Mapping Java Objects to Data tables

- A Java-Class that is mapped to a table in a database
- One model class for each (non-intermediate) table
- Class variables are columns of tables



DB Key Terms

- **Primary Key:** Unique identifier of a row in a table
- **Foreign Key:** Links tables together. References a primary key in another table
- **Cascade Delete:** Delete all References in other tables
- **Uni- vs. Bidirectional mapping:** References in one/ both directions

address		
123	address_id	int(11)
ABC	street_number	varchar(10)
ABC	street_name	varchar(200)
ABC	city	varchar(100)
123	country_id	int(11)

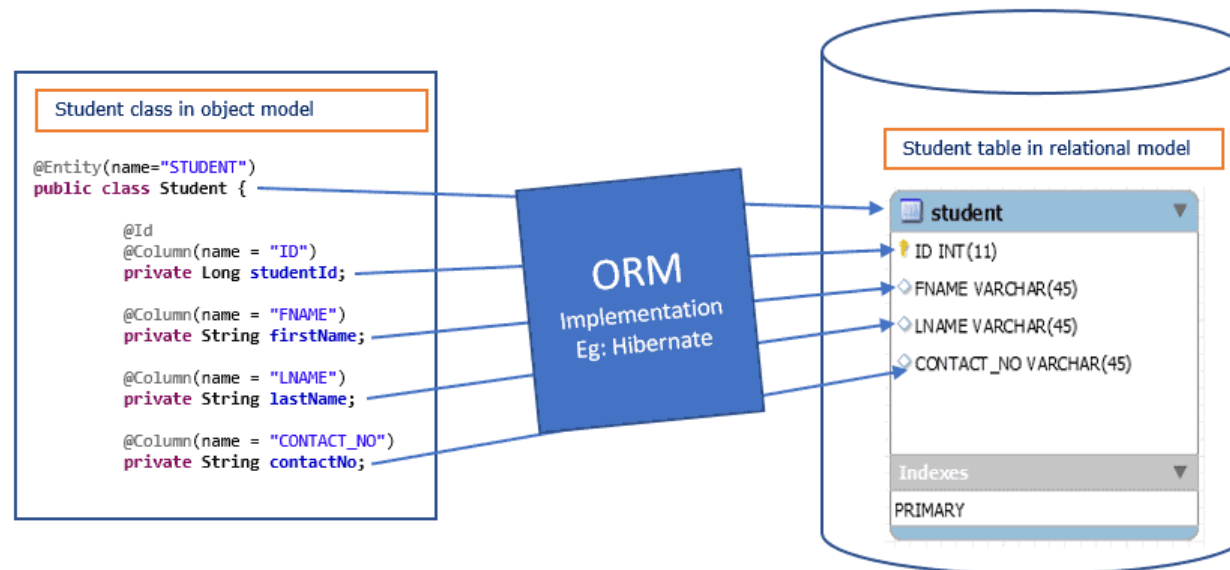
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Object Relational Mappers

ORM

Object-Relational-Mapper

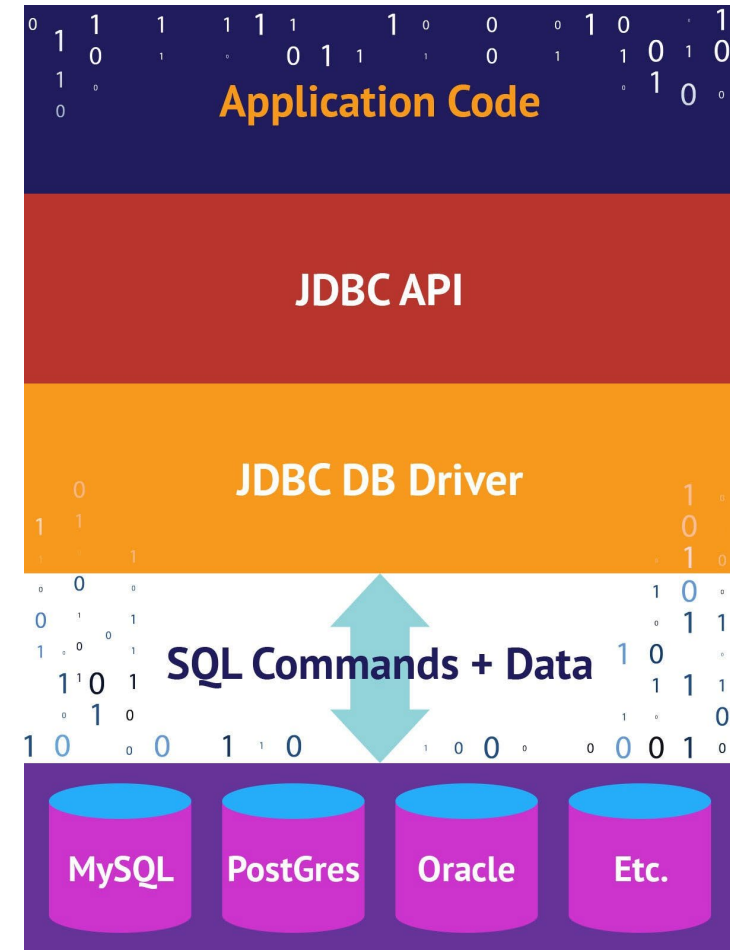
- Maps object-oriented code onto relational databases.
- Handles low level SQL code
 - Instead of working with SQL statements, developers can use object-oriented methods



JDBC

Java Database Connectivity

- JDBC provides an API to connect a Java Application to a Database
- Developers write/program SQL-Queries
`String QUERY = "select * from student_details";`
- **Pros:** simple, controlled
- **Cons:** «hands on», not well-isolated, difficult to switch DB



JDBC

Example

```
import java.sql.Connection;

Connection connection = dataSource.getConnection(); // (1)

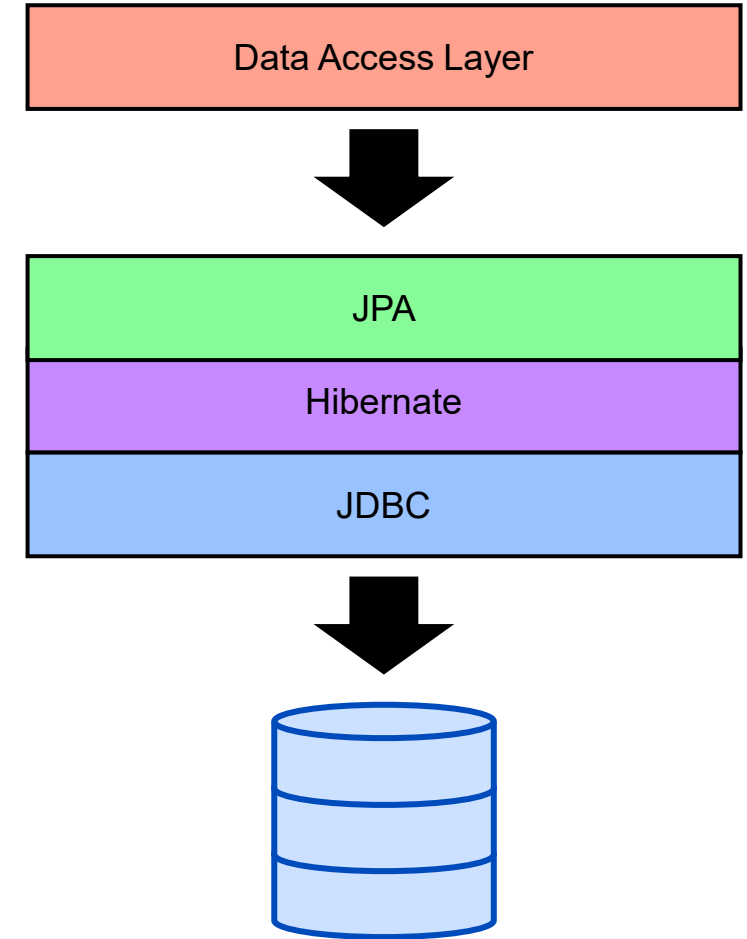
try (connection) {
    connection.setAutoCommit(false); // (2)
    // execute some SQL statements...
    connection.commit(); // (3)

} catch (SQLException e) {
    connection.rollback(); // (4)
}
```

JPA

Java/Jakarta Persistence API

- An API for DB access and Object-Relational-Mapping (ORM).
- Separates SQL from your business logic.
➔ Higher levels of abstraction, less, coupling, easier to maintain.
- Portable across databases by default
- Higher overhead, more difficult to optimize.
- **JPA is implemented by different ORMs,** for example Hibernate



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Using Spring Data

Model Class / Entity

Mapping Java Objects to Data tables

- **A Java-Class that is mapped to a table in a database**
- **@Id**: identifies variable as primary key
 - **@GeneratedValue**
- **@Column**: variable is mapped as a column o the table.
- **@Transient**: not saved in DB

```
@Entity
@Table (name="student")
public class Student {
    @Id
    @Column(name="id")
    private int id;

    @Column(name="first_name")
    private String firstName;

}
```

Relationships

Foreign Keys & Mappings

- @OneToOne (cascade={}, mappedBy=)
 - @JoinColumnName
- @ManyToOne
 - @JoinColumn
- @OneToMany (mappedBy=)
- @ManyToMany

Relationships in Spring Data

@JoinTable

- Optionally define parameters of join table
- It is specified on the **owning side** of an association.
- Typically used in many-to-many and unidirectional one-to-many associations

```
@JoinTable(  
    name = "users_roles",  
    joinColumns = @JoinColumn(  
        name = "user_id",  
        referencedColumnName = "id"),  
    inverseJoinColumns =  
        @JoinColumn(  
            name = "role_id",  
            referencedColumnName = "id"))  
private Set<Role> roles;
```

@Query

- This annotation allows us to write **custom SQL-queries**
- Can pass additional values, such as **sort- or pagination-information**

```
@Query(value = "SELECT u FROM User u")  
List<User> findAllUsers()
```

@Query

- Can also generate SQL statements programmatically

```
@Modifying
```

```
@Query(
```

```
"update User u set u.status = :status where u.name = :name")
```

```
int updateUserSetStatusForName(
```

```
@Param("status") Integer status,
```

```
@Param("name") String name);
```

Eager Vs Lazy Loadings

- Lazy: Only load data when absolutely needed!
- Fetch=FetchType.LAZY
- **Attention!** Different Mappings have different default fetch-types:
 - ...ToMany → Lazy
 - ...ToOne → Eager

```
@OneToMany(mappedBy  
="user",  
fetch = FetchType.LAZY)  
private Set<CourseUser>  
courseUser;
```

@Transactional

- Wraps Java Statements into a **Transaction**.
- This allows us to manage the isolation, propagation and rollback behavior of JPA-methods

```
@Transactional(  
    isolation =  
        Isolation.READ_COMMITTED,  
public void crudOperation() {  
    readFromDatabase();  
    writeToDatabase(); }  
}
```

Rollback

@Transactional(rollbackFor, noRollbackFor)

- Defines the type of exceptions that cause the transaction to be rolled back
- Default: all Runtime Exceptions.
- `rollbackFor=Exception.class` rolls back for **any** Exception.

Pagination & Sorting

PageRequest & Sort

- An object of type **pagable** passed as argument to a **repository method** returns a page of the results.
- **Sort.by** defines the (set of) parameters to sort by.
- PageRequest and Sort **can be combined**

```
userRepository.findAll(  
    PageRequest.of(page, page_len))
```

```
userRepository.findAll(  
    Sort.by("username").descending()))
```

Documenting Transactions

Common Strategies

- Logging transactions in Spring: **Log4J & custom logging**

```
2012-08-22 18:50:00,031 TRACE - Getting transaction for  
[com.MyClass.myMethod]
```

```
[my own log statements from method com.MyClass.myMethod]
```

```
2012-08-22 18:50:00,142 TRACE - Completing transaction for  
[com.MyClass.myMethod]
```

- In PostgreSQL: **Write-Ahead Log (WAL)**
 - First write to log, then to DB

Good To know

AppStartupRunner

- To run commands after startup, e.g. to add some default user

```
@Component
@RequiredArgsConstructor

class AppStartupRunner
implements ApplicationRunner {
[...]
    @Override
    public void run(
        ApplicationArguments args)
        throws Exception {
    }}
}
```

Good To know

Load Default / Test Data

- Load Data in DB on Startup by plaicng a sql file named «**data.sql**» in *src/main/resources*
- Script will be execued on startup
 - This option in *application.properties* might be necessary :
`spring.jpa.defer-datasource-initialization=true`

Further Reading

- JPA Tutorial: <https://spring.io/guides/gs/accessing-data-jpa/>
- ORMs additional Info: <https://javabydeveloper.com/orm-object-relational-mapping/>
- Spring Data: <https://www.baeldung.com/the-persistence-layer-with-spring-data-jpa>

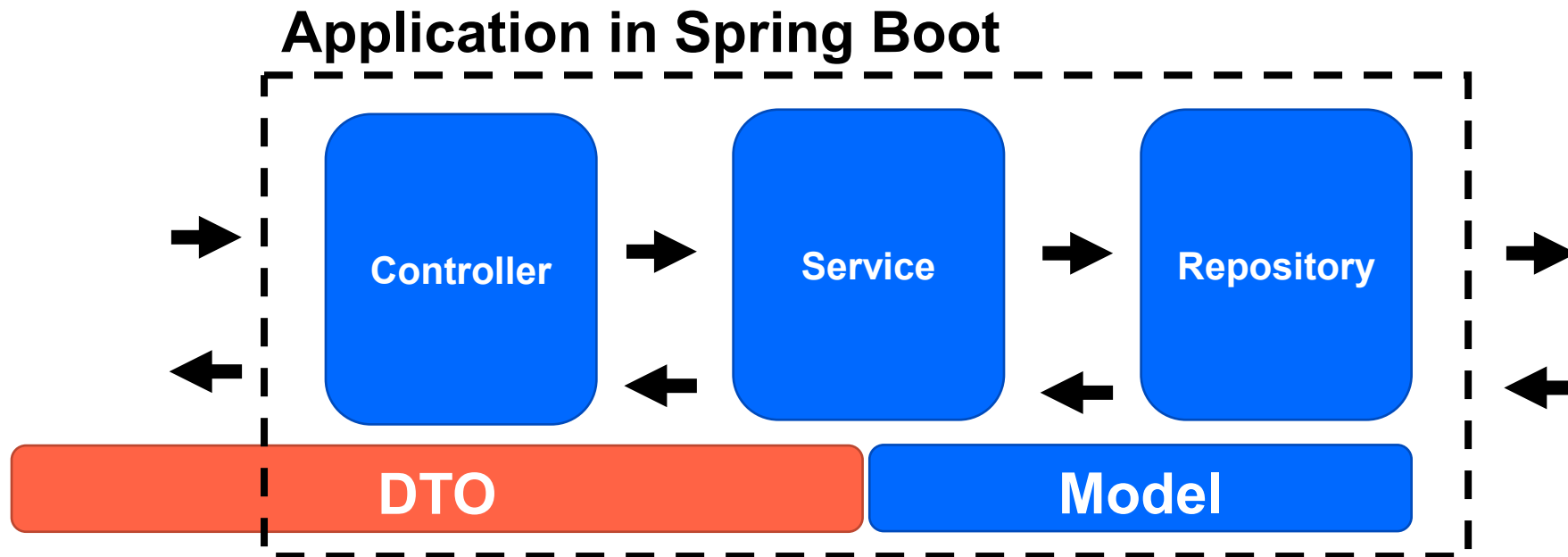
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Advanced

Data Transfer Objects & Mappers

What?

- Object that is used to encapsulate data, and send it from one subsystem of an application to another.



Data Transfer Objects & Mappers

How?

- **ModelMapper** for simpler single objects
- **MapStruct** for more complex applications, Lists etc.

