3. Spring Data Jpa Hands On

Demonstrate writing Hibernate Query Language and Native Query

Feature	HQL (Hibernate)	JPQL (JPA)	
Defined By	Hibernate	JPA specification	
Vendor Specific	Yes (Hibernate only)	No (works across all JPA providers)	
Entity-Based	Yes	Yes	
SQL Syntax	Abstracted — does not query tables directly	Abstracted — uses entity names and fields	
Fetch Joins	Supported	Supported	
Compatibility	Tied to Hibernate version	Portable across vendors like EclipseLink, etc.	

. Using @Query in Spring Data JPA

Spring Data JPA allows you to use HQL/JPQL or native SQL directly via the @Query annotation.

HQL/JPQL Example

@Query("SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.salary > :minSalary")

List<Employee> findEmployeesWithHighSalary(@Param("minSalary") double salary);

Explanation:

- "Employee" is the name of the entity (not the table).
- You must use **field names**, not column names.

HQL with fetch Keyword (for eager loading)

@Query("SELECT e FROM Employee e JOIN FETCH e.department")

List<Employee> findAllEmployeesWithDepartment();

Purpose: Prevents the LazyInitializationException by eagerly loading department.

HQL with Aggregate Functions

@Query("SELECT AVG(e.salary) FROM Employee e")

Double findAverageSalary();

@Query("SELECT COUNT(e) FROM Employee e WHERE e.permanent = true")

Long countPermanentEmployees();

Native SQL Queries

Use nativeQuery = true when writing SQL instead of JPQL.

@Query(value = "SELECT * FROM employee WHERE em_salary > :salary", nativeQuery = true)
List<Employee> findHighEarners(@Param("salary") double salary);

Note:

- SQL column names and table names must match the actual database schema.
- You can also use nativeQuery = true for more complex or vendor-specific SQL.

Comparison Table

Query Type	Uses Entities?	Uses SQL Table Names?	Portable?	Annotation
JPQL / HQL	Yes	No	Yes	@Query
Native SQL	No	Yes	No	@Query(nativeQuery = true)

Example Repository

}

public interface EmployeeRepository extends JpaRepository<Employee, Integer> {

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@Query("SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.salary > :minSalary")
List<Employee> getEmployeesWithSalaryAbove(@Param("minSalary") double salary);
@Query("SELECT e FROM Employee e JOIN FETCH e.department")
List<Employee> getAllEmployeesWithDepartment();
@Query("SELECT COUNT(e) FROM Employee e WHERE e.permanent = true")
long countPermanentEmployees();
@Query(value = "SELECT * FROM employee WHERE em_salary > :minSalary", nativeQuery = true)
List<Employee> getEmployeesUsingNativeQuery(@Param("minSalary") double salary);
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