

Unable to use Spring Data JPA to extract users that have a byte[] of a profile Image

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I have this AppUser entity:

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```
@Data
@Builder
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@Entity
public class AppUser implements UserDetails {
    @Id
    @SequenceGenerator(
        name = "appUser_sequence",
        sequenceName = "appUser_sequence",
        allocationSize = 1
    )
    @GeneratedValue(
        strategy = GenerationType.SEQUENCE,
        generator = "appUser_sequence"
    )
    private Integer id;
    private String firstname;
    private String lastname;
    private String email;
    private String password;

    @Lob
    private byte[] profileImage;
    private Role role;
    // rest of the code
```

When i try to use this method to extract the user in the AppUserService:

```
@Override
public AppUser loadUserByUsername(String email) throws UsernameNotFoundException
{
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        return repository.searchByEmail(email)
            .orElseThrow(() -> new UsernameNotFoundException("Email not found"));
    }

```

I get this error: `org.springframework.orm.jpa.JpaSystemException: Unable to extract JDBC value for position 6`

The error is referring to `profileImage`, it said that JPA is unable to extract the byte array from the user, (the user is successfully saved in the database, i just can't extract it from my postgres database)

this is the service that receive a 64 string representing the image and encode it in a byte array:

```

public AuthenticationResponse register(RegistrationRequest registerRequest) {
    byte[] profileImageBytes = null;

    if (registerRequest.getProfileImageData() != null)
        profileImageBytes =
            Base64.getDecoder().decode(registerRequest.getProfileImageData());

    AppUser appUserToRegister = AppUser.builder()
        .firstname(registerRequest.getFirstname())
        .lastname(registerRequest.getLastname())
        .email(registerRequest.getEmail())
        .password(passwordEncoder.encode(registerRequest.getPassword()))
        .profileImage(profileImageBytes)
        .role(Role.USER)
        .build();

    appUserService.saveUser(appUserToRegister);

    String token = jwtService.generateToken(appUserToRegister);
    return new AuthenticationResponse(token);
}

```

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Which Hibernate version? What database in use? What Hibernate dialect? – [Mar-Z](#) Apr 11, 2023 at 15:11

What is the type of the column profileImage in the database? – [Mar-Z](#) Apr 11, 2023 at 15:35

I'm using a local postgres database, Hibernate version is 6.1.7.Final – [leo_51](#) Apr 11, 2023 at 16:38

that is the log at the table creation: create table app_user (id integer not null, email varchar(255), firstname varchar(255), lastname varchar(255), password varchar(255), profile_image oid, role smallint, primary key (id)) – [leo_51](#) Apr 11, 2023 at 16:40

OK. It means the image is stored in the database as oid type. and not as bytea. In this case please remove the annotation @Lob – [Mar-Z](#) Apr 11, 2023 at 19:27

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You are using Postgres. In this case there are two options to store a byte array in the database.

One is OID type which is a composite type where the content is stored in a separate table and the original column contains only an integer id pointing to it. It can take up to 4 TB of data (older versions up to 2 GB).

The other one is the BYTEA type which is exactly what you wanted to use. It can take up to 1 GB of data and is more than enough for a profile picture.

You are using Hibernate 6. It will map the byte array type of the entity field to the BYTEA type of Postgres database without issue. Don't use the @Lob annotation as it would cause Hibernate to use the OID type which need to be read as a stream.

Solution

Remove the @Lob annotation from the entity.

Disclaimer: the solution is for Postgres database only. Other JDBC drivers can handle it different.



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