ORM + JPQL

## General part

* *Explain the rationale behind the topic Object Relational Mapping and the Pros and Cons in using a ORM*.

*It’s supposed to by smart; I find it vulnerable and unreliable.*

*Update and create is merged together. Supposed to be smart; I find that I’m missing having control over the assignment. My update method kept duplicating.*

* Discuss how we usually have queried a relational database

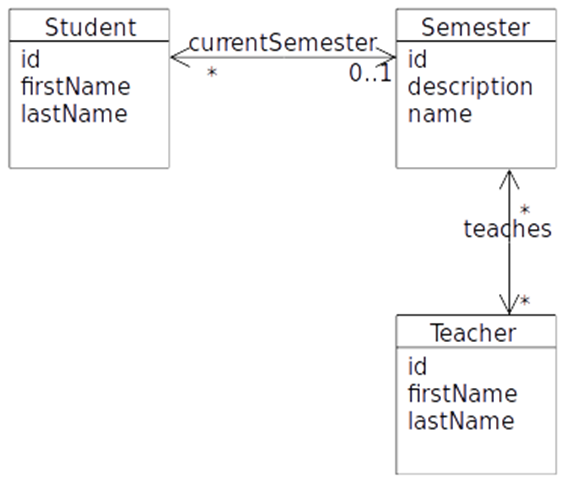
*JDBC or MySQL prompt/workbench.*

* Discuss the methods we can use to query a JPA design and compare with what you explained above

*JPA seems more automated. Some functionality seems safer, e.g. standard statements aren’t a thing here, due to the structure of the named queries. (Where x:id = :id). It feels more vulnerable, though. Perhaps it’s just inexperience.*

Practical part

The exercise requires this [script](https://github.com/Cphdat3sem2017f/StartcodeExercises/blob/master/ORM-JPA/ExamPreparationJPQL.sql) and you must set up a MySQL database as described below:

* Execute (from Workbench or whatever you prefer) the script given above and verify that the database *ExampPreparationJPQL* was created with tables and data.
* Create a new plain Maven Java Project with NetBeans to hold the code for this project.

The script created four tables (why FOUR) which simulates a very simple semester system with *students*, *teachers* and *semesters*, as sketched in this Object-model.

The script also inserted **6** students, **3** semesters and **3** teachers, and assigns relationships between them.

**A)** Use NetBeans to create a set of matching Entity Classes (see hints at the end). Make sure you understand what was created, and that you understand how classes and tables are related (almost a guaranteed discussion topic for the exam)

**B)** Investigate the generated Entity classes and observe the NamedQueries generated by the Wizard.

**C)** Create (preferable in a facade-class) Dynamic Queries (or if possible, use a named Query generated by the wizard) to solve the following problems:

1. **Find** all Students in the system
2. **Find** all Students in the System with the first name Anders
3. **Insert** a new Student into the system
4. **Assign** a new student to a semester (given the student-id and semester-id)
5. Had the student above already been assigned to a semester he would suddenly be a member of two semesters, but still only have one reference back to the newest assigned semester. Fix this problem, preferably without losing historical information.
6. **Find** (using JPQL) all Students in the system with the last name And
7. Find (using JPQL) the total amount of all students
8. **Find** (using JPQL) the total number of students, for a semester given the semester name as a parameter.
9. **Find** (using JPQL) the total number of students in all semesters.
10. **Find** (using JPQL) the teacher(s) who teaches on most semesters.
11. Often (as in almost always) we don’t want a result that matches an Entity class, but a result that matches a specific customer requirement for a specific request.

Create a new package, mappers and add a class StudentInfo to the package. Add these **public** properties to the class:

public String **fullName**;

public long studentId;

public String classNameThisSemester;

public String classDescription;

*Note: Since the Semester represents the current Semester, and there are only one (or zero) semesters for a Student, semester-info can easily be encapsulated inside the StudentInfo class.*

Add a constructor that takes all the necessary arguments (create fullName from firstname and lastname)

Now create a method (using JPQL) with the following signature to return a list of all Students, encapsulated as StudentInfo’s.

**List<StudentInfo> getStudentInfo()**

1. Create a method, similar to the one above, but which returns a single StudentInfo, given a students id as sketched below:

**StudentInfo getStudentInfo(long id)**

**Hints:** For the last two → Read about *Result Classes* here: <https://www.objectdb.com/java/jpa/query/jpql/select>

**Hints: (How to create Entity Classes from an existing Database with NetBeans)**

Start the Wizard: **EntityClasses from Database..**.

**On the page "Database Tables"**

Select the Database Collection

Add All tables

Press Next

**On the page "Entity Classes"**

Rename package to entity

De-select "Generate JAXB Annotiations"

Press Next

**On the page "Mapping Options"**

De-select "Use Column Names in Relationships

**Press Finish**