

Spring Data JPA Notes

Spring Boot with JPA & Hibernate – Core Notes

1. Introduction

- **JPA (Java Persistence API):** A specification for object-relational mapping (ORM) that allows developers to map Java objects to relational database tables.
- **Hibernate:** The most popular JPA implementation (provider). Handles SQL generation, object mapping, and database interactions.
- **Spring Data JPA:** A Spring module built on top of JPA, making repository/DAO layer development simple.

□ Together, **Spring Boot + Spring Data JPA + Hibernate** allows us to quickly build data-driven applications without writing boilerplate SQL.

2. Key Annotations

2.1 @Entity

- Declares a class as a **JPA entity (mapped to a database table)**.
- Each instance of the class = a row in the table.
- Must have:
 - A **no-args constructor** (public or protected).
 - A **primary key field** annotated with @Id.

□ **Example:**

```
import jakarta.persistence.Entity;  
import jakarta.persistence.Id;
```

```
@Entity  
public class Student {  
  
    @Id  
    private Long id; // Primary key  
  
    private String name;
```

```
private String email;  
  
// Getters & setters  
}
```

2.2 @Id

- Marks a field as the **primary key** of the entity.
- Required for every entity.
- Can be manually assigned or auto-generated using @GeneratedValue.

□ Example:

```
@Entity  
public class Student {  
    @Id  
    private Long id; // Manually assigned primary key  
}
```

2.3 @GeneratedValue

- Used with @Id to **automatically generate primary key values**.
- Strategies:
 1. GenerationType.AUTO → Hibernate chooses best strategy (default).
 2. GenerationType.IDENTITY → Uses auto-increment column in DB.
 3. GenerationType.SEQUENCE → Uses database sequence (efficient for Oracle/Postgres).
 4. GenerationType.TABLE → Uses a table to generate IDs (rarely used).

□ Example:

```
@Entity  
public class Student {  
  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id; // Auto-generated primary key  
  
    private String name;
```

```
private String email;  
}
```

3. How It Works (Behind the Scenes)

1. Spring Boot app starts → Hibernate scans @Entity classes.
 2. Hibernate maps them to DB tables (creates if spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update).
 3. @Id field becomes the **PRIMARY KEY** column.
 4. @GeneratedValue strategy decides how IDs are generated.
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4. Application Example

application.properties

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/testdb  
spring.datasource.username=root  
spring.datasource.password=yourpassword  
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update  
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
```

Entity Example

```
@Entity  
public class Student {  
  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id;  
  
    private String name;  
    private String email;  
}
```

Repository Example

```
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;
```

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> { }
```

Service Example

```
@Service
public class StudentService {
    @Autowired
    private StudentRepository repo;

    public Student saveStudent(Student s) {
        return repo.save(s);
    }
}
```

5. Interview Insights

- **Q: What is the role of @Entity?**
→ Marks class as a JPA entity (mapped to DB table).
- **Q: Can an entity exist without @Id?**
→ No, every entity must have a primary key.
- **Q: Difference between GenerationType.IDENTITY vs SEQUENCE?**
→ IDENTITY uses auto-increment (good for MySQL).
→ SEQUENCE uses DB sequence objects (better performance in Oracle/Postgres).
- **Q: What if you don't specify @GeneratedValue?**
→ Then IDs must be manually assigned.

Spring Data JPA – Repositories

1. Introduction

In Spring Data JPA, **Repositories** are interfaces that handle all **data access operations**.

Instead of writing boilerplate DAO (Data Access Object) code, we just create an interface, and Spring generates the implementation automatically at runtime.

□ Benefits:

- No need to write SQL/JPQL for basic CRUD.
- Reduces boilerplate code.

- Supports custom queries with method names or @Query.

2. Repository Hierarchy (Simplified)

Repository (Marker Interface)



3. CrudRepository

□ Definition

- Provides **CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete)** operations.
- Generic interface:

```
public interface CrudRepository<T, ID> extends Repository<T, ID> { ... }
```

- $T \rightarrow$ Entity type
- $ID \rightarrow$ Primary key type

□ Common Methods

| Method | Description |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| save(S entity) | Save or update entity |
| findById(ID id) | Find entity by primary key |
| findAll() | Get all entities |
| deleteById(ID id) | Delete entity by primary key |
| deleteAll() | Delete all entities |
| count() | Get total records |

□ Example

```
public interface StudentRepository extends CrudRepository<Student, Long> { }
```

Usage:

```
@Autowired
private StudentRepository repo;

public void demo() {
    // Save new student
    Student s = new Student();
    s.setName("John");
    repo.save(s);

    // Fetch all
    Iterable<Student> students = repo.findAll();

    // Find by ID
    Optional<Student> student = repo.findById(1L);

    // Delete
    repo.deleteById(1L);
}
```

4. JpaRepository

□ Definition

- Extends PagingAndSortingRepository (and indirectly CrudRepository).
- Provides **extra methods** for JPA-specific operations.
- Generic interface:

```
public interface JpaRepository<T, ID> extends PagingAndSortingRepository<T, ID> { ... }
```

□ Additional Features

- **Batch operations**
- **Flush and refresh**
- **Pagination and sorting** support
- Built-in methods for lists (instead of Iterable)

Common Methods

| Method | Description |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| List<T> findAll() | Returns all entities as a List |
| List<T> findAll(Sort sort) | Returns all entities sorted |
| Page<T> findAll(Pageable pageable) | Returns entities in paginated form |
| void flush() | Flushes pending changes to DB |
| T saveAndFlush(T entity) | Save entity and immediately flush |
| void deleteInBatch(Iterable<T> entities) | Delete multiple entities in one query |

□ Example

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> { }
```

Usage:

@Autowired

```
private StudentRepository repo;
```

```
public void demo() {  
    // Save and flush  
    Student s = new Student();  
    s.setName("Alice");  
    repo.saveAndFlush(s);  
  
    // Pagination (page 0, size 2)  
    Page<Student> page = repo.findAll(PageRequest.of(0, 2));  
  
    // Sorting by name  
    List<Student> sorted = repo.findAll(Sort.by("name"));  
}
```

6. Interview Insights

- **Q: Why do we prefer JpaRepository over CrudRepository?**
→ Because it provides pagination, sorting, and JPA-specific methods.

- **Q: What happens if we don't extend any Repository interface?**
→ We'd have to manually write DAO/EntityManager code for CRUD.
- **Q: Can we create custom queries in repositories?**
→ Yes, by using **method name convention** (e.g., `findByName(String name)`) or `@Query`.

Spring Data JPA – Important Annotations

1. @Table

- Defines the **table name** and details for the entity.
- Default → table name = class name (Student → student).

□ Example:

```
import jakarta.persistence.*;
```

```
@Entity
```

```
@Table(name = "students") // Maps to table 'students'
```

```
public class Student {
```

```
    @Id
```

```
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
```

```
    private Long id;
```

```
    private String name;
```

```
}
```

2. @Column

- Used to **customize column mapping**.
- Attributes:
 - name → column name
 - nullable → allows null or not
 - unique → enforces unique constraint
 - length → column length (for String)
 - updatable/insertable → include in SQL or not

□ Example:

```
@Entity
```



```
@Table(name = "students")
public class Student {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @Column(name = "full_name", nullable = false, length = 100)
    private String name;

    @Column(unique = true)
    private String email;
}
```

3. Relationships

3.1 @OneToOne

- Defines **one-to-one relationship** between two entities.
- Example: One Student → One Address.

□ Example:

```
@Entity
public class Student {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    @OneToOne(cascade = CascadeType.ALL)
    @JoinColumn(name = "address_id", referencedColumnName = "id")
    private Address address;
}
```

```
@Entity
public class Address {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
```

```
private Long id;

private String city;
private String street;
}
```

- Here, student table will have a foreign key column address_id.
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3.2 @OneToMany

- Defines **one-to-many relationship**.
- Example: One Department → Many Students.

□ Example:

```
@Entity
public class Department {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "department", cascade = CascadeType.ALL)
    private List<Student> students = new ArrayList<>();
}
```

```
@Entity
public class Student {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "department_id") // Foreign key in Student table
    private Department department;
}
```

- department_id will be created in the student table.
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3.3 @ManyToOne

- Opposite of @OneToMany.
 - Example: Many students belong to one department.
(Shown above in Student entity).
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3.4 @ManyToMany

- Defines **many-to-many relationship**.
- Example: Many Students can enroll in many Courses.
- Requires a **join table**.

□ Example:

@Entity

```
public class Student {  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue  
    private Long id;  
    private String name;  
  
    @ManyToMany  
    @JoinTable(  
        name = "student_course",  
        joinColumns = @JoinColumn(name = "student_id"),  
        inverseJoinColumns = @JoinColumn(name = "course_id")  
    )  
    private List<Course> courses = new ArrayList<>();  
}
```

@Entity

```
public class Course {  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue  
    private Long id;
```

```
private String title;

@ManyToMany(mappedBy = "courses")
private List<Student> students = new ArrayList<>();
}
```

□ A new join table student_course will be created with columns student_id and course_id.

4. Cascade Types

- **Cascade** = Defines how operations on parent affect child entities.
 - Options:
 - PERSIST → Save child automatically when saving parent.
 - MERGE → Update child automatically.
 - REMOVE → Delete child when parent deleted.
 - ALL → Applies all operations.
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5. Fetch Types

- **FetchType.LAZY (default for collections):** Loads related entities **only when accessed**.
- **FetchType.EAGER (default for @OneToOne, @ManyToOne):** Loads related entities **immediately**.

□ **Example:**

```
@OneToMany(mappedBy = "department", fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
private List<Student> students;
```

6. Interview Insights

- **Q: Difference between @OneToMany and @ManyToOne?**
→ @OneToMany is parent-side, @ManyToOne is child-side of the same relationship.

- **Q: Why use mappedBy in @OneToMany?**
→ To tell Hibernate that the foreign key is maintained by the other entity (avoids extra join table).
- **Q: Difference between EAGER and LAZY fetching?**
→ EAGER loads immediately (can cause performance issues), LAZY loads only when accessed (better performance).
- **Q: What happens if we don't use @JoinColumn?**
→ Hibernate creates a default join column like address_id.

Spring Data JPA – Query Methods & Custom Queries

1. Introduction

- Spring Data JPA allows querying the database in **two main ways**:
 1. **Derived Query Methods** → Based on method naming convention.
 2. **Custom Queries** → Using @Query annotation (JPQL or Native SQL).

□ This removes the need to write DAO classes manually.

2. Query Methods (Derived Queries)

Naming Convention

Spring Data JPA parses method names and generates SQL automatically.

Syntax:

```
findBy<PropertyName>  
readBy<PropertyName>  
getBy<PropertyName>
```

□ Example:

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> {  
    List<Student> findByName(String name);  
    Student findByEmail(String email);  
    List<Student> findByAgeGreaterThan(int age);  
    List<Student> findByCityAndAge(String city, int age);  
}
```

}

Generated Queries (internally):

- `findByName("John")` → `SELECT * FROM student WHERE name = 'John'`
- `findByAgeGreaterThan(20)` → `SELECT * FROM student WHERE age > 20`
- `findByCityAndAge("Pune", 22)` → `SELECT * FROM student WHERE city='Pune' AND age=22`

Common Keywords in Method Names

| Keyword | Meaning | Example |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| And | AND condition | <code>findByNameAndCity</code> |
| Or | OR condition | <code>findByNameOrCity</code> |
| Between | Range | <code>findByAgeBetween(18,25)</code> |
| LessThan, GreaterThan | Comparisons | <code>findBySalaryGreaterThan(50000)</code> |
| Like | Pattern matching | <code>findByNameLike("%John%")</code> |
| OrderBy | Sorting | <code>findByAgeOrderByNameDesc</code> |
| In | Matches list | <code>findByCityIn(List<String> cities)</code> |
| IsNull, IsNotNull | Null checks | <code>findByEmailIsNull()</code> |

3. Custom Queries (@Query)

Sometimes naming conventions are not enough.

We can use **JPQL** (Java Persistence Query Language) or **Native SQL**.

3.1 JPQL Queries (@Query)

- JPQL works with **entity names and fields**, not table/column names.

□ **Example:**

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> {
```

```
    // JPQL query
```

```
@Query("SELECT s FROM Student s WHERE s.name = ?1")
List<Student> findByNameJPQL(String name);

// Using named parameter
@Query("SELECT s FROM Student s WHERE s.city = :city")
List<Student> findByCity(@Param("city") String city);
}
```

- Here, Student is the entity name, not the table.

3.2 Native Queries (nativeQuery = true)

- When JPQL is not enough, we can write **raw SQL**.

- **Example:**

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> {

    @Query(value = "SELECT * FROM students WHERE city = ?1", nativeQuery
= true)
    List<Student> findByCityNative(String city);
}
```

3.3 Modifying Queries (@Modifying)

- For **update or delete** queries, use @Modifying along with @Transactional.

- **Example:**

```
@Transactional
@Modifying
@Query("UPDATE Student s SET s.city = :city WHERE s.id = :id")
int updateStudentCity(@Param("id") Long id, @Param("city") String city);

@Transactional
@Modifying
@Query("DELETE FROM Student s WHERE s.city = :city")
int deleteByCity(@Param("city") String city);
```

4. Example Usage in Service

```
@Service
public class StudentService {

    @Autowired
    private StudentRepository repo;

    public void demoQueries() {
        repo.findByName("John");
        repo.findByAgeGreaterThan(18);
        repo.findByCity("Pune");
        repo.findByCityNative("Mumbai");
        repo.updateStudentCity(1L, "Delhi");
    }
}
```

5. Interview Insights

- **Q: Difference between JPQL and Native SQL?**
 - JPQL uses **entities and fields**, is database-independent.
 - Native SQL uses **table/column names**, is database-specific.
- **Q: Can we write update/delete queries with @Query?**
 - Yes, but must use **@Modifying** + **@Transactional**.
- **Q: When should we use derived methods vs @Query?**
 - Use derived queries for simple cases, **@Query** for complex logic or joins.
- **Q: What if a method name is too long in derived queries?**
 - Use **@Query** for better readability.

Spring Data JPA – Pagination & Sorting

1. Why Pagination & Sorting?

- In real-world applications, data sets can be **huge** (thousands or millions of rows).
- Instead of fetching all rows at once, we fetch **small chunks (pages)** for performance.
- Sorting helps order results efficiently.

□ Spring Data JPA provides **built-in support** for pagination & sorting via:

- Pageable (for pagination)
 - Sort (for sorting)
 - Page and Slice (to represent result subsets)
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2. Pageable (Pagination)

□ **Interface:**

Pageable pageable = PageRequest.of(pageNumber, pageSize);

- pageNumber → starts from 0
 - pageSize → number of records per page
-

□ **Repository Usage:**

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> {  
    Page<Student> findByCity(String city, Pageable pageable);  
}
```

□ **Example:**

```
@Autowired  
private StudentRepository repo;  
  
public void demoPagination() {  
    Pageable pageable = PageRequest.of(0, 3); // Page 0, size 3  
    Page<Student> page = repo.findByCity("Pune", pageable);  
  
    System.out.println("Total Elements: " + page.getTotalElements());  
    System.out.println("Total Pages: " + page.getTotalPages());  
    page.getContent().forEach(System.out::println);  
}
```

3. Sort (Sorting)

□ Usage:

```
Sort sort = Sort.by("name").ascending();  
List<Student> students = repo.findAll(sort);
```

Multiple fields:

```
Sort sort = Sort.by("city").descending().and(Sort.by("name").ascending());
```

4. Combining Pagination & Sorting

□ Example:

```
Pageable pageable = PageRequest.of(0, 5, Sort.by("name").ascending());  
Page<Student> page = repo.findAll(pageable);
```

```
page.getContent().forEach(System.out::println);
```

□ Here: Fetch **first 5 students sorted by name ASC**.

6. Example Repository

```
public interface StudentRepository extends JpaRepository<Student, Long> {  
    Page<Student> findByCity(String city, Pageable pageable);  
    Slice<Student> findByAgeGreaterThan(int age, Pageable pageable);  
}
```

7. Interview Insights

- **Q: What is the difference between Page and Slice?**
 - Page gives content + total count + total pages.
 - Slice gives only content + next-page info (faster).
- **Q: How does Spring Data JPA implement pagination internally?**
 - It uses LIMIT and OFFSET in SQL queries.

- **Q: Can we sort and paginate together?**
→ Yes, use `PageRequest.of(page, size, Sort)`.
- **Q: Which fetch strategy is best for large datasets?**
→ Use `Page` or `Slice` instead of fetching all records.

Spring Data JPA – Database Configuration

1. Introduction

Spring Boot makes it easy to configure databases.

- By default, it uses **H2 in-memory DB** if no external DB is configured.
- For MySQL/PostgreSQL, we just add the **JDBC driver dependency** and configure `application.properties` (or `application.yml`).

□ The **main configs** needed:

1. `spring.datasource.url` → JDBC connection string
2. `spring.datasource.username` & `spring.datasource.password`
3. `spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto` → Schema management (create, update, validate)
4. `spring.jpa.show-sql` → Print SQL queries in console

2. Common JPA Properties

| Property | Description | Example |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <code>spring.datasource.url</code> | JDBC URL | <code>jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/testdb</code> |
| <code>spring.datasource.username</code> | DB username | <code>root</code> |
| <code>spring.datasource.password</code> | DB password | <code>admin</code> |
| <code>spring.datasource.driver-class-name</code> | JDBC driver (optional, auto-detected) | <code>com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver</code> |
| <code>spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto</code> | Schema strategy (create, | <code>update</code> |

| Property | Description | Example |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | update, validate, none) | |
| spring.jpa.show-sql | Show SQL queries in logs | true |
| spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect | SQL dialect | org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL8Dialect |

3. MySQL Configuration

☐ Dependency (Maven)

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>mysql</groupId>
  <artifactId>mysql-connector-j</artifactId>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
</dependency>
```

☐ application.properties

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/testdb?useSSL=false&serverTimezone=UTC
spring.datasource.username=root
spring.datasource.password=yourpassword
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect=org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL8Dialect
```

4. PostgreSQL Configuration

☐ Dependency (Maven)

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.postgresql</groupId>
  <artifactId>postgresql</artifactId>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
```

</dependency>

❑ **application.properties**

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/testdb
spring.datasource.username=postgres
spring.datasource.password=yourpassword
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect=org.hibernate.dialect.PostgreSQLDialect
```

5. H2 Database (In-Memory)

- ❑ Best for testing, development, and quick demos.

❑ **Dependency (Maven)**

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.h2database</groupId>
  <artifactId>h2</artifactId>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
</dependency>
```

❑ **application.properties**

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:h2:mem:testdb
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.h2.Driver
spring.datasource.username=sa
spring.datasource.password=
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
```

❑ **H2 Console (Web UI)**

```
spring.h2.console.enabled=true
spring.h2.console.path=/h2-console
```

- ❑ Access at: <http://localhost:8080/h2-console>
-

6. Schema Generation Strategies (ddl-auto)

| Value | Description |
|----------|---|
| create | Drops and recreates schema at startup (data lost each restart). |
| update | Updates schema without dropping (recommended for dev). |
| validate | Validates schema against entity mappings (no changes). |
| none | Disables auto schema management. |

7. Interview Insights

- **Q: Difference between H2 and MySQL/Postgres?**
→ H2 is in-memory, fast, used for dev/testing. MySQL/Postgres are persistent relational databases for production.
- **Q: What happens if ddl-auto=create?**
→ Tables are dropped and recreated each app restart (not suitable for prod).
- **Q: Why specify Hibernate dialect?**
→ To optimize SQL generation for specific database features.
- **Q: How does Spring Boot auto-detect DB?**
→ By checking which JDBC driver is on the classpath.

Transactions in Spring Data JPA (@Transactional)

1. What is a Transaction?

- A **transaction** is a unit of work that is either **fully completed** or **fully rolled back**.
 - Ensures **data integrity** in case of failures (system crash, exception, etc.).
 - Follows **ACID properties**:
 - **Atomicity** – All or nothing.
 - **Consistency** – DB moves from one valid state to another.
 - **Isolation** – Transactions don't interfere with each other.
 - **Durability** – Once committed, changes persist.
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2. Why Transactions in Spring?

- Database operations like INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE must be **atomic**.
 - Prevents **partial updates**.
 - Example:
 - Money transfer between two accounts.
 - Debit must rollback if credit fails.
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3. @Transactional Annotation

- Defined in org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional.
- Used on **methods** or **classes**.
- Automatically starts and commits/rolls back a transaction.

Example:

```
@Service
public class AccountService {

    @Autowired
    private AccountRepository accountRepository;

    @Transactional
    public void transferMoney(Long fromId, Long toId, Double amount) {
        Account from = accountRepository.findById(fromId).orElseThrow();
        Account to = accountRepository.findById(toId).orElseThrow();

        from.setBalance(from.getBalance() - amount);
        to.setBalance(to.getBalance() + amount);

        accountRepository.save(from);
        accountRepository.save(to);

        // If exception occurs, transaction rolls back automatically
    }
}
```

4. Transactional Rollback

- By default: rolls back **RuntimeException** and **Error**.
- Can configure to rollback for specific exceptions.

Example:

```
@Transactional(rollbackFor = Exception.class)
public void doSomething() {
    // Will rollback for checked exceptions too
}
```

5. Propagation Types

Defines how a method participates in a transaction.

- REQUIRED (default) → Use existing transaction or create new.
 - REQUIRES_NEW → Always starts a new transaction.
 - MANDATORY → Must run inside existing transaction, else error.
 - SUPPORTS → Use transaction if available, else run without.
 - NOT_SUPPORTED → Run without transaction.
 - NEVER → Throws error if transaction exists.
 - NESTED → Executes within a nested transaction.
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6. Isolation Levels

Controls how one transaction is **isolated** from others.

- READ_UNCOMMITTED → Can read uncommitted data (**dirty read**).
- READ_COMMITTED → Prevents dirty reads (default in many DBs).
- REPEATABLE_READ → Prevents dirty & non-repeatable reads.
- SERIALIZABLE → Highest isolation, but lowest performance.

Example:

```
@Transactional(isolation = Isolation.REPEATABLE_READ)
public void processOrder() {
    // Safe from dirty/non-repeatable reads
}
```

7. Best Practices

- Use @Transactional only on **Service Layer**, not Controller.
- Keep transactional methods **short & focused**.
- Don't call @Transactional methods **internally** in the same class (self-invocation issue).
- Configure proper **isolation & rollback rules** for performance.

Database Migrations with Flyway & Liquibase

1. ☐ Why Database Migrations?

When working with Spring Boot + JPA:

- Database schema evolves (new tables, columns, constraints).
- Manual changes are risky and error-prone.
- Migration tools (Flyway, Liquibase) automate schema evolution with version-controlled scripts.

☐ Benefits:

- Version control for DB schema
- Easy rollback and tracking
- Ensures consistency across environments (dev, test, prod)

2. Flyway in Spring Boot

☐ What is Flyway?

- Flyway is a **database migration tool**.
- Uses **SQL scripts or Java classes** to manage DB schema.
- Default location: src/main/resources/db/migration/

☐ Naming Convention

- Scripts must follow:
V<version_number>__<description>.sql

Example:

V1__Create_users_table.sql
V2__Add_email_to_users.sql

☐ Example: Flyway SQL Migration

src/main/resources/db/migration/V1__Create_users_table.sql

```
CREATE TABLE users (  
    id BIGINT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,  
    name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL  
);
```

src/main/resources/db/migration/V2__Add_age_to_users.sql

```
ALTER TABLE users ADD age INT;
```

☐ Configuration in application.properties

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydb  
spring.datasource.username=root  
spring.datasource.password=root
```

```
spring.flyway.enabled=true  
spring.flyway.baseline-on-migrate=true
```

- ☐ On app startup, Flyway runs migrations in order.

3. Liquibase in Spring Boot

☐ What is Liquibase?

- Alternative to Flyway.
- Supports **XML, YAML, JSON, SQL** for schema changes.
- Provides more **advanced rollback** and changelog management.

☐ Liquibase Files

Default: src/main/resources/db/changelog/db.changelog-master.yaml

Example:

databaseChangeLog:

- changeSet:
 - id: 1
 - author: prathamesh
 - changes:
 - createTable:
 - tableName: users
 - columns:
 - column:
 - name: id
 - type: BIGINT
 - autoIncrement: true
 - constraints:
 - primaryKey: true
 - column:
 - name: name
 - type: VARCHAR(100)
 - constraints:
 - nullable: false
 - column:
 - name: email
 - type: VARCHAR(100)
 - constraints:
 - unique: true
 - nullable: false
 - changeSet:
 - id: 2
 - author: prathamesh
 - changes:
 - addColumn:
 - tableName: users
 - columns:
 - column:
 - name: age
 - type: INT

❑ Configuration in application.properties

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/mydb
spring.datasource.username=postgres
spring.datasource.password=admin
```

```
spring.liquibase.change-log=classpath:db/changelog/db.changelog-master.yaml
```

- ❑ On startup, Liquibase applies changes defined in changelogs.

4. Flyway vs Liquibase

| Feature | Flyway | Liquibase |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Migration format | SQL (preferred), Java | SQL, XML, YAML, JSON |
| Learning curve | Easier | Steeper |
| Rollback | Limited | Strong rollback support |
| Community | Large, widely used | Strong, enterprise-focused |
| Best for | Simple migrations | Complex migrations with rollback |

5. Best Practices

- Keep migrations in **version control (Git)**.
- Always use **incremental migrations**, not modifying old ones.
- Use **separate profiles** for dev/test/prod DBs.
- For big teams, **Liquibase** offers better tracking; for small projects, **Flyway** is simpler.