

Associations in spring data jpa

(Relationships or Association Mapping or Multiplicity in spring data jpa or Hibernate)

(Spring boot Data JPA)

Need of keeping db tables in association

=>keeping multiple entities/items data in single db table as records is having the following problems a) Data Redundency (Duplication) Problem

b) Data Management problem (Data Inconsistency Problem)

note:: when the DB tables are kept in association the relevant Entity classes should also be kept in the Association

Problem::

Customer_Phone_details (db tables)

cno (n)

cname(vc2) caddrs(vc2) mobileNo(n)

provider(vc2)

type(vc2)

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Keeping huge amount

of data in single db table is not recommended process.

cno (n) (pk)

Data Redundency Problem

Solution1: Keep multiple entities info in multiple db tables like user information in separate db table and phone number details in separate db table

(Bad)

customer(db table1)

cname(vc2) caddr(vc2)

phone_details (db table2)

regNo(pk) mobileNo(n)

provider(vc2)

type(vc2)

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Solution2:

(Good)

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=> Now data redundancy problem is gone.. but data management /navigation problem is created i.e we can not access phone number details customer table records and vice-versa.

(Because the db tables not in link)

take two db tables to maintain multiple entities info and keep them in relationship using FK (Foreign key column)

customer(db table1) (parent db table)

cno (n) cname(vc2) caddrs(vc2)

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phone_details (db table2) (child db table)

regNo(pk) mobileNo(n)

provider(vc2)

type(vc2)

customer_no(FK with cno)

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jio vodafone

office

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Advantages::

(a) No Data Redundency Problem

(b) No Data Navigation problem ..using FK column we can access child table records from parent db table records and vice-versa..

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if db tables are in relationship then the associated entity classes should also taken having relationship.. but we keep db tables in relationship using FK column where we keep Entity classes in relationship using Composition and Collections i.e the way db tables are in relationship is different from the way entity classes in relationship ..To avoid this mismatch use the advanced o-r mapping called Association Mapping..

Spring data JPA /ORM's supports 4 types associations

a) One to One →

b) One to Many

c) Many To One →

d) Many to Many

=> student and RankInfo (1 to 1) => User and Phone Number (1 to M) => Dept and Employee (1 to M) => Student and Course (M to M) => Faculty and Student (M to M) => DrivingLicense and Citizen (1 to 1)

=> Passport and Citizen (1 to 1)

Other mismatches

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=> Db tables can not be there in the inheritance ..but entity classes can be there in the inheritance, So to map the entity classes

of inheritance with Db tables go for "Inheritance mapping"

=> Db tables can not be there in the Composition ..but entity classes can be there in the Composition, So to map the entity classes of composition with Db tables go for "Component mapping"

=> Db tables do not have collection type cols.. but entity classes

can have array /collection type properties, So to map Entity classes with collection to db tables use "collection Mapping"

note: It is always good practice to keep FK column in the child db table for better association b/w parent and child db tables, this also avoids data redundancy problem

note: Using single FK column that is placed generally in child table we can access parent table records from child table and child table records from parent table (i.e Bi-Directional access is possible)

As part of Association mapping cfgs we need to encounter various cfgs related inheritance mapping, component mapping and collection mapping

=> Employee and Dept (M to 1)

=> Student and College (M to 1)

=> Doctor and Patient (M to M)

=> CoronaVaccine and Citizen (1 to 1)

=> Person and AadharCard (1 to 1)

=> Customer and PhoneNumber (1 to M)

Associations in ORM f/w or spring data JPA can be implemented in two modes

a) Uni-Directional Association

(Either parent to child or child to parent access possible)

b) Bi-Directional Association

(parent to child and child to parent access possible)

Annotations required for the Association mapping @OneToOne

@OneToMany

@ManyToOne

@ManyToMany

@JoinColumn ----> To specify the FK column @JoinTable ----> To specify third table in many to many Association

=> To keep db tables either in uni or bi-directional association we just need to take FK column only in child db table. But to keep Entity classes in uni-directional association take special property only in one entity class and for bi-directional association take special properties in both parent and child entity classes

=>Associations in ORM f/ws or spring data JPA can be build in Entity classes in two ways (Either uni-directional one Bi-Directional one)

HAS-A

a) Using Reference type properties in composition (Non-Collection property)

(1 to 1, M to 1)

b) Using Collection type properties in Composition (Collection type HAS-A property) (1 to M, M to M)

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=>We can keep db tables either uni-directional or in bi-directionla association using signle FK column, But in Java no FK colum is available..So to keep Entity classes in association we need to use with.

composition either collection or non-collection type properties. (For uni-directional one side and for bi-directional both sides)

One to Many Bi-Directional Association / Many to One Bi-Directional Association

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=>Bi-directional association means we can access parent objs from child objs and vice-versa. => To build one to many Bi-Directional Association the parent class should have special property of type Collection (set/list/map) to hold bunch of child class objs, similarly child class should have special property of type Parent class (parent class reference variable) to hold parent class obj.

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=>One to many association is from parent to child where as from child to parent it is many to one association.

Person and Phone Number relationship is One to many relationship from person Prospective becoz one person can have multiple phonNumbers.. The same is many to one relationship from Phone Number prospective becoz multiple phones can belong to a single person...

OTOM_Person (parent db tablet

PID(PK) PNAME(vc2) PADDRS(vc2)

OTOM_PhoneNumber (child table)

REGNO (pk) PHONENo(n) PROVIDER(vc2) TYPE(vc2) PERSON_ID(FK)

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=>While designing db tables .. do not take the columns that holds outside business values as PK column becoz the values may change based on outside world business polocies (Do not take natural key column as the PK column)

eg: taking mobileNo, voterId,aadharNo, passportNo and etc.. cols as PK column is bad pratice becoz these values may change becoz of GOVT polocies (business policies) (take surrogate key column as the PK column)

=>Always take that column as PK column which gets values from underlying App or Db s/w dynamically

eg:: Column that holds sequence generated values (oracle)

Column that hold automincrement values (mysql)

=>In associating cascading means.. the nons-select persistence operations perfomed on the main obj will be propagated/cascaded to the associated objs.. possible values are

cascade CascadeType.ALL, (Best)

cascade CascadeType.PERSIST,

cascade CascadeType.REMOVE,

cascade CascadeType.MERGE,

cascade CascadeType.DETACH, cascade CascadeType.REFRESH

Enity classes

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package com.nt.entity;

@Entity

@Table(name="JPA_OTM_PERSON")

@Setter

@Getter

//@NoArgsConstructor

@RequiredArgsConstructor

```
public class Person implements Serializable { @Id
```

```
@GeneratedValue
```

```
private Integer pid;
```

```
@Column(length = 20)
```

```
@NonNull
```

```
private String pname;
```

```
@Column(length = 20)
```

```
@NonNull
```

=>While designing db tables for relationship it is recommended to take FK column in the child table because it avoids the redundancy problem in the parent db table.

=>While designing Entity classes for Association mapping

do not use @Data for generating common code because

the generated hashCode(), toString(), equals() are not suitable for Association mapping, generate them manually or use Object class methods.. So use only @Setter and @Getter annotations

```
private String paddr;
```

```
@OneToMany(targetEntity = PhoneNumber.class, cascade = CascadeType.ALL,
```

```
fetch = FetchType.LAZY, mappedBy = "personInfo")
```

```
//@JoinColumn(name="PERSON_ID",referencedColumnName = "PID")
```

```
private Set<PhoneNumber> contactDetails; //builds One to Many association from parent
```

```
@Override
```

FK col to be created

```
public String toString() { in child table
```

PK column of Parent table

```
return "Person [pid=" + pid + ", pname=" + pname + ", paddr=" + paddr + "];"
```

```
}
```

```
public Person() {
```

```
System.out.println("Person:: 0-param constructor");
```

```
}
```

PhoneNumber.java

```
@Entity
```

```
@Table(name="JPA_OTM_PHONE_NUMBER")
```

```
@Setter
```

```
@Getter
```

```
//@NoArgsConstructor
```

```
@AllArgsConstructor
```

```
@RequiredArgsConstructor
```

```
public class PhoneNumber implements Serializable {
```

```

@Id
@SequenceGenerator(name = "gen1",sequenceName = "REG_NO_SEQ",initialValue = 1000, allocationSize = 1)
@GeneratedValue(generator = "gen1", strategy = GenerationType.SEQUENCE)
private Integer regNo;

@NotNull
//toString()
private Long mobileNo;

@Override
@Column(length = 20)
public String toString() {
@NotNull
private String provider;
@Column(length = 20)
}

@NotNull
private String numberType;
}

@ManyToOne(targetEntity = Person.class,cascade = CascadeType.ALL, fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
@JoinColumn(name="PERSON_ID",referencedColumnName = "PID")
private Person personInfo;

public PhoneNumber() {
System.out.println("PhoneNumber: 0-param constructor");

return "PhoneNumber [regNo=" + regNo + ", mobileNo=" + mobileNo + ", provider=" + provider + ",
numberType=" + numberType + "]";

```

=>In bi-directional Associations.. instead of specifying foreign key column using @JoinColumn in both parent and child

classes we can specify only at one side with the support of "mappedBy" param.

```

@OneToMany(targetEntity = PhoneNumber.class, cascade = CascadeType.ALL,mappedBy = "person")
to

```

=>In One to Many association we need specify

mappedBy at One Side (parent class)

=>In Many to Many and One To One association we can specify

mappedBy any Side (parent class or child class)

=> In One To Many Association the default fetch type is Lazy

FetchType.LAZY ---- the main objects will be loaded normally but the associated

(default in

One To many)

FetchType.EAGER

Repository Interfaces

object will be loaded on demand i.e only when need of utilization is initiated

(Best)

---- Here the Associated objects will be loaded along with the main objects irrespective of whether u have initiated the utilization or not

The property of Associated class

on which @JoinColumn is used to specify FK column.

=> CascadeType is related to non-select persistence operations in Association Mapping

=> FetchType is related to Select Persistence operations in the Association Mapping

package com.nt.repository;

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

import com.nt.entity.Person;

```
public interface IPersonRepository extends JpaRepository<Person, Integer> {  
}
```

package com.nt.repository;

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

import com.nt.entity.PhoneNumber;

```
public interface IPhoneNumberRepository extends JpaRepository<PhoneNumber, Integer> {  
}
```

service Interface

package com.nt.service;

```
public interface IOTOMAssociationMgmtService {  
    public void save Data UsingParent();  
    public void save Data UsingChild();  
    public void loadDataUsingParent();  
}
```

Service Impl class

@Service("OTOMService")

public class OTOMAssociation MappingServiceImpl implements IOTOMAssociationMgmtService {

@Autowired

private IPersonRepository personRepo;

@Autowired

private IPhoneNumberRepository phoneRepo;

@Override

public void saveDataUsingParent() {

//create Parent object

```

Person per=new Person("raja", "hyd");
//create child objects
PhoneNumber ph1=new PhoneNumber(99999999L, "airtel", "personal");
PhoneNumber ph2=new PhoneNumber(88888888L, "vi", "office");
//add parent to child
ph1.setPersonInfo(per); ph2.setPersonInfo(per);
//add childs to parent
Set<PhoneNumber> phonesSet=new HashSet();
phonesSet.add(ph1); phonesSet.add(ph2);
per.setContactDetails(phonesSet);
//save the parent object
personRepo.save(per);
System.out.println("Person and his associated phoneNumbers are saved (parent to child)");
} //method
@Override
public void saveDataUsingChild() {
//create Parent object
//create child objects
Person per=new Person("ramesh", "vizag");
PhoneNumber ph1=new PhoneNumber(88888888L, "airtel", "personal");
PhoneNumber ph2=new PhoneNumber(77777777L, "vi", "office");
//add parent to child
ph1.setPersonInfo(per); ph2.setPersonInfo(per);
//add childs to parent
Set<PhoneNumber> phonesSet=new HashSet();
phonesSet.add(ph1); phonesSet.add(ph2);
per.setContactDetails(phonesSet);
//save the parent object
phoneRepo.save(ph1); phoneRepo.save(ph2);
System.out.println("Person and his associated phoneNumbers are saved (child to parent)");
}
@Override
public void load Data UsingParent() {
application.properties
=====
Boot-DataJPA-Proj12-Association Mapping-OTOM-MTOO [boot]
> Spring Elements

```

```

#src/main/java
✓ com.nt
BootDataJpaProj12Association Mapping OTOMApplication.java
com.nt.entity
> Person.java
> PhoneNumber.java
com.nt.repository
> IPersonRepository.java
> IPhoneNumberRepository.java
com.nt.runner
> OTOMAssociationMappingRunner.java
com.nt.service
> IOTOMAssociationMgmtService.java
> OTOMAssociation MappingServiceImpl.java
#src/main/resources
application.properties
src/test/java
> JRE System Library [JavaSE-17]
>
Project and External Dependencies
>bin >
gradle
> src
build.gradle
gradlew
gradlew.bat
WHELP.md
settings.gradle
Iterable<Person> it-personRepo.findAll();
it.forEach(per->{
System.out.println("parent::"+per);
//get childs of each parent
/* Set<PhoneNumber> childs=per.getContactDetails();
System.out.println("childs count ::"+childs.size());*/
/* childs.forEach(ph->{
System.out.println("child ::"+ph.getMobileNo());
#jdbc properties (for oracle)

```

```
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=oracle.jdbc.driver.Oracle Driver
```

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:xe
```

```
spring.datasource.username=system
```

```
spring.datasource.password=manager
```

```
spring.datasource.hikari.maximum-pool-size=100
```

```
spring.datasource.hikari.minimum-idle=10
```

```
spring.datasource.hikari.keepalive-time=100000
```

```
});*/
```

After commenting child objs processing as shown

```
});
```

above, u run the code using both

```
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.enable_lazy_load_no_trans=true
```

FetchType.EAGER and FetchType.LAZY

```
}
```

```
}//class
```

Runner class

```
=====
```

```
package com.nt.runner;
```

**For FetchType.LAZY ---> the App generates single select query selecting all the records of the parent i.e
childs are not**

selected and loaded

For FetchType.EAGER --> The App generates 1+n select Queries

```
spring.jpa.datasource-platform=org.hibernate.dialect.Oracle 10gDialect
```

```
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
```

to load parent and child records .. here 1 select query to get all parent records

and "n" select queries to get all the childs records of the "n" parents

In One To Many Association the default

FetchType is FetchType.LAZY

```
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
```

```
import org.springframework.boot.CommandLineRunner;
```

```
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
```

```
import com.nt.service.IOTOMAssociation MgmtService;
```

```
@Component
```

```
public class OTOMAssociation Mapping Runner implements CommandLineRunner {
```

```
@Autowired
```

```
private IOTOMAssociation MgmtService service;
```

```
@Override
```

```
public void run(String... args) throws Exception {
```

```
// service.saveDataUsing Parent();
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
//service.saveDataUsingChild();
```

```
service.loadDataUsingParent();
```

In Many To One Association Mapping the default fetch type is EAGER

FetchType.EAGER :: The associated parent objs will be loaded along with the child objs normally

FetchType.LAZY :: the child objs will be loaded normally and the associated parent objs will be loaded lazily on demanded basis.. (Till that time Proxy parent objs will be linked with child objs)

(good)

In service interface

```
public void loadDataUsingChild();
```

In Service Impl class

@Override

```
public void loadDataUsingChild() {
```

```
// get All child objects and the associated parent objs
```

```
childs.forEach(ph->{
```

```
List<PhoneNumber> childs=phoneRepo.findAll(); System.out.println("child ---->" + ph);
```

```
});
```

```
//method
```

In runner class

```
//get the associated parent objs
```

```
/* Person per=ph.getPerson();
```

```
System.out.println("Parent---->" + per);*/
```

```
otmService.loadDataUsingChild();
```

By commenting the code related parent objs accessing and processing

we can feel the Eager loading and Lazy loading

FetchType.EAGER ----> we get 1+n select queries to get all the childs and associated parent records 1 query to get

all childs, n queries to "n" parent of the childs **FetchType.LAZY ---->** gives only 1 select query loading only childs records i.e associated parent records will not be loaded becoz Parent objs processing is commented

What is the Lazy loading and eager Loading w.r.t Association Mapping?

Ans) In Association mapping, lazy loading means the main objs will be loaded normally but associated objs will be loaded lazily on demand basis

In Association mapping, eager loading means the Associated objs will be loaded along with main objs.

In How many ways we can achieve Lazy Loading in spring data jpa programming?

Ans) =>While dealing with simple o-r mapping (single db table operations) we can use

repo.getReference ById(-) method for lazy loading

=>While dealing with advanced o-r mapping like Association mapping we can use FetchType.LAZY for achieving lazy loading (two db tables of relationship)