

CS544 EA Hibernate

**Mapping Data Types** 

# Data Types

- JPA has decent defaults for most types
  - Java and SQL data types are not that different
  - Ints become ints, Strings become varchar(255), ...
  - You can customize things (length of varchar)
- Not all types always map correctly
  - Specifically date and time related types



# @Basic

- @Basic indicates that a property should be persisted and the default type should be used
  - JPA assumes these are there
    - (you don't have to add them)
  - Also has options for:
    - Indicating that a property is Nullable
    - Indicating if a property should be fetched lazily

Hibernate mostly ignores this it doesn't make sense from an optimization point of view

# Exactly the same

```
package cs544.hibernate01.basic;
import iavax.persistence.Entity:
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.Id;
@Entity
public class Customer {
      @Id
      @GeneratedValue
      private Integer id;
      @Basic
      private String firstName;
      @Basic
      private String lastName;
      . . .
```



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import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.Id;
@Entity
public class Customer {
      0Id
      @GeneratedValue
      private Long id;
      private String firstName;
      private String lastName;
      . . .
```

### @Column

- @Column allows us to specify several optional additional values for this column
  - Name: column name can differ from property name
  - Length: for string valued properties
  - Scale and Precision for decimal columns
  - Nullable: if the column should be nullable
  - Unique: if the column values should be unique
  - Table (for secondary tables, discussed later)
  - ColumnDefinition: raw DDL to be used for this column

```
@Entity
public class Customer {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Long id;
    @Column(name="first", length=45, nullable=false)
    private String firstName;
    @Column(name="last", length=60, nullable=true)
    private String lastName;
    ...
}
```

#### Date and Time

- Date and Time related data-types allways default to the SQL type: TimeStamp
  - Includes: java.util.Date, java.sql.Date, java.util.Calendar
  - But you may not always want it stored as a Timestamp!

- java.time.\* not officially supported by JPA
  - Include Hibernate-Java8 maven artifact to fix this

See: https://thoughts-on-java.org/hibernate-5-date-and-time/

# @Temporal

- @Temporal lets you to specify a SQL data type by giving it a value of the TemporalType enum:
  - TemporalType.DATE
  - TemporalType.TIME
  - TemporalType.TIMESTAMP (default)

```
@Entity
public class Customer {
    ...
    @Temporal(TemporalType.DATE)
    private Date birthDate;
    ...
}
```

# @Transient

- JPA automatically includes all the instance variables of a class
  - Auto-maps them to columns of the same name

- What if you do not want to persist an variable?
  - @Transient specifies that it should not be stored

# Large Objects

- Certain things need more space in the DB
  - Images are usually stored as BLOBs
  - Large amounts of text as CLOBs
- JPA offers the @LOB annotation
  - Placed on text related properties makes CLOB
  - Placed on binary related properties makes BLOB

```
@Entity
public class Customer {
      @Id
      @GeneratedValue
      private Long id;
      @Column(name="first", length=45, nullable=false)
      private String firstName;
      @Column(name="last", length=60, nullable=true)
      private String lastName;
      @Temporal(TemporalType.TIMESTAMP)
      private Date birthDate;
      @Transient
      private String temp;
      @Lob
      private String biography;
      . . .
```