

- ◆ **What is JPA?**

- JPA (Java Persistence API) is a specification in Java for managing relational data in applications.
  - It allows developers to map Java objects (entities) to database tables.
  - JPA itself is just an API (interface), not an implementation.
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- ◆ **Popular Implementations of JPA**

- **Hibernate** (most widely used)
- **EclipseLink**
- **OpenJPA**

## ◆ Key Concepts

1. Entity → A Java class mapped to a database table.

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```
@Entity  
@Table(name = "employees")  
public class Employee {  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id;  
    private String name;  
}
```

2. EntityManager → Main interface to interact with the database (CRUD operations).

3. Persistence Unit → Defined in `persistence.xml` (or `application.properties` in Spring Boot).

4. Relationships

- `@OneToOne`
- `@OneToMany`
- `@ManyToOne`
- `@ManyToMany`

5. Queries

- JPQL (Java Persistence Query Language) → works with entity objects, not tables.
- Native SQL also supported.

## ◆ Example CRUD with JPA

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```
EntityManagerFactory emf = Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory("myPU");
EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();

em.getTransaction().begin();

Employee emp = new Employee();
emp.setName("Abhishek");
em.persist(emp); // INSERT

em.getTransaction().commit();
em.close();
emf.close();
```

explain all the components JPA -> JPA provider -> API JDBC -> Drivers  
-> databases

Perfect question 🌟 You want to see the **full flow** of how data goes from your **Java code** → JPA → JDBC → Database. Let's break this down step by step:

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◆ **1. JPA (Java Persistence API)**

- **What it is:** A *specification* (just interfaces + rules, no actual code).
- **Purpose:** Standard way in Java to map **objects** → **tables** and perform CRUD.
- **Example:** `@Entity` , `EntityManager` , JPQL queries, etc.

👉 JPA itself doesn't know how to talk to the database. It relies on a **JPA Provider**.

## ◆ 2. JPA Provider (Implementation)

- **What it is:** A library that implements JPA spec.
- **Examples:**
  - **Hibernate** (most popular)
  - **EclipseLink**
  - **OpenJPA**
- **Role:**
  - Converts your entity objects into SQL statements.
  - Handles ORM (Object Relational Mapping).
  - Interacts with JDBC under the hood.

👉 Think of JPA Provider as the *worker* that actually executes what JPA API specifies.

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## ◆ 3. JPA API (EntityManager / Repository)

- **What you use in code:**
  - `EntityManager.persist()`
  - `EntityManager.find()`
  - JPQL queries
- **Job:**
  - Provides high-level abstraction for developers.
  - Shields you from writing SQL directly.
  - Delegates actual work to the **JPA Provider** (Hibernate, etc.).

#### ◆ 4. JDBC (Java Database Connectivity)

- **What it is:** A lower-level API in Java (older than JPA).
- **Purpose:** Standard way for Java to connect and run SQL on databases.
- **Provides:**
  - `Connection`
  - `Statement`
  - `PreparedStatement`
  - `ResultSet`

👉 JPA Provider uses JDBC internally to execute SQL queries.

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#### ◆ 5. JDBC Driver

- **What it is:** A database-specific implementation of JDBC.
- **Examples:**
  - `mysql-connector-java` for MySQL
  - `postgresql` driver for Postgres
  - `ojdbc8.jar` for Oracle
- **Role:**
  - Knows how to convert JDBC calls into *database-specific protocol*.
  - Acts as a **translator** between JDBC and the database engine.

#### ◆ 6. Database

- **Examples:** MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, SQL Server, etc.
- **What happens:**
  - JDBC driver sends SQL queries here.
  - Database executes query, returns results to ↴  
Driver.
  - Driver gives results back to JDBC → JPA Provider → Your Java objects.

## Complete Flow (Step by Step)

1. You call:

```
java
```

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```
em.persist(employee);
```

2. JPA API (`EntityManager`) receives it.
3. Delegates to JPA Provider (Hibernate).
4. Hibernate converts the entity → SQL like:

```
sql
```

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```
INSERT INTO employee (id, name) VALUES (?, ?)
```

5. Hibernate uses JDBC API (`PreparedStatement`) to execute.
6. JDBC API calls the JDBC Driver (e.g., MySQL connector).
7. Driver speaks database protocol and sends query to Database.
8. Database executes and returns result.
9. Driver → JDBC → Hibernate → Your code.

## ◆ Diagram (Textual)

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```
Your Java Code (EntityManager, JPQL, etc.)  
↓  
JPA (Specification)  
↓  
JPA Provider (Hibernate, EclipseLink...)  
↓  
JDBC API (Connection, PreparedStatement...)  
↓  
JDBC Driver (mysql-connector, ojdbc...)  
↓  
Database (MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL...)
```

 So the roles are:

- **JPA** → API/spec (defines how things should work)
- **JPA Provider** → Implements JPA (Hibernate = most common)
- **JPA API** → What you use in code ( EntityManager )
- **JDBC** → Standard API for SQL execution
- **JDBC Driver** → Database-specific translator
- **Database** → Where data is stored

## What Hibernate Is

- **ORM & JPA provider:** Hibernate implements the **JPA spec** and also offers its own **native API** (`Session/SessionFactory`) with extra features.
  - **Core job:** Map **Java objects** ↔ **relational tables**, generate SQL, run it via JDBC, and keep your objects in sync with the database *efficiently and safely*.
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## Big Pieces (Mental Model)

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Your Entities (POJOs/records)

  ↑↓ mapping (annotations/XML) + Dialect

Hibernate Session (Persistence Context / 1st-level cache)

  ↑↓ dirty checking, flush, transactions, SQL gen

JDBC (driver, connection, prepared statements)

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Database (tables, indexes, constraints)

## 1) Mapping: Objects ↔ Tables

Hibernate reads mapping metadata from annotations (or XML):

- **Entities & Tables:** `@Entity`, `@Table`, `@Column`, `@Id`, `@GeneratedValue`, etc.
- **Value types:** basic (String, int, Instant, ...) and **embeddables** (`@Embeddable`, `@Embedded`).
- **Associations:**
  - `@OneToOne`, `@OneToMany`, `@ManyToOne`, `@ManyToMany`
  - Understands **owning side vs inverse side**, **join column vs join table**.
- **Inheritance strategies:** `SINGLE_TABLE`, `JOINED`, `TABLE_PER_CLASS`.
- **Collections:** `Set`/`List`/`Map` with **bags**, ordered (`@OrderBy`) or indexed (`@OrderColumn`).
- **Type conversions:** `@Convert`, custom `UserType` / `AttributeConverter`.
- **Dialect:** Picks SQL flavor per DB (PostgreSQL vs MySQL vs Oracle), mapping Java types to DB types correctly.

**Result:** Hibernate knows exactly how to turn your object graph into INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE/SELECT statements.

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## 2) The Session & Persistence Context (1st-Level Cache)

- `Session` (Hibernate) / `EntityManager` (JPA): A *unit-of-work* scoped to a transaction/request.
- **Identity map (1st-level cache):** Within a Session, each DB row → a single Java object instance (entity identity).
- **Entity states:**
  - **Transient:** new object, not tracked.
  - **Persistent:** attached to the Session, changes are tracked.
  - **Detached:** was persistent, Session closed or `detach()` called.
  - **Removed:** scheduled for deletion.
- **Why it matters:** avoids duplicate loads, keeps object graphs consistent, enables **dirty checking**.  
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### 3) Dirty Checking & Flush

- **Dirty checking:** Hibernate snapshots entity state when it becomes persistent. Before flush/commit, it compares snapshots with current values to detect changes. No manual `UPDATE` code needed.
  - **Flush:** Translates pending changes into SQL and sends them via JDBC.
    - **When:** automatically before transaction commit and before certain queries (`FlushMode AUTO`), or manually (`flush()`).
    - **Flush ≠ Commit:** `flush` writes SQL within the transaction; `commit` finalizes it in the database.
  - **Batching:** With `hibernate.jdbc.batch_size`, Hibernate groups statements to reduce round-trips.
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### 4) Fetching & Lazy Loading

- **Lazy by default** (for `@ManyToOne` often EAGER in JPA, but best practice is LAZY everywhere you can).
  - **Proxies:** Associations are replaced by lightweight proxies that load on first access.
  - **Fetch strategies:**
    - **JOIN fetch:** pull related rows in one SELECT.
    - **SELECT:** separate queries (can cause **N+1** if careless).
    - **SUBSELECT & BATCH** (`@BatchSize`) for smarter loading.
  - **Common pitfall:** `LazyInitializationException` when accessing lazies **outside** an open Session/transaction.
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## 5) Querying

- JPQL/HQL: Object-oriented queries on entities/fields, not tables/columns.

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```
var q = em.createQuery(  
    "select o from Order o join fetch o.lines where o.id = :id", Order.class);  
q.setParameter("id", 42L).getSingleResult();
```

- Criteria API: Type-safe query construction.
- Native SQL: For complex SQL or DB-specific features.
- Named queries: Predefined queries with optional query-plan caching.

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## 6) Transactions & Concurrency

- **Transactions:** Hibernate participates in local (JDBC) or JTA transactions; integrates with Spring's `@Transactional`.
- **Isolation:** Uses the DB's isolation level; you can set connection/tx properties.
- **Optimistic locking:** `@Version` column (integer/timestamp). Detects lost updates; throws on conflicts.
- **Pessimistic locking:** `PESSIMISTIC_READ/WRITE` when you must lock rows now.
- **Cascade semantics:** `CascadeType.PERSIST/MERGE` ↓ `MOVE/REFRESH/DETACH`, plus `orphanRemoval` for parent-owned children.

## 7) Caching (Performance)

- **1st-level cache:** The Session's identity map (always on).
  - **2nd-level cache (L2):** Optional, shared across Sessions (e.g., Ehcache, Infinispan, Caffeine).
    - Cache per-entity, per-collection.
    - **Query cache:** caches result sets of queries (must be used carefully).
  - **Goal:** Reduce DB hits for read-mostly data; beware of cache invalidation patterns.
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## 8) SQL Generation & JDBC Integration

- **PreparedStatements:** Hibernate binds parameters, handles nulls and types.
  - **Ordering & batching:** `hibernate.order_inserts/updates`, `hibernate.jdbc.batch_size`.
  - **Fetch size / read-only hints:** tune driver behavior for large result sets.
  - **DDL:** `hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto` (validate/update/create/create-drop) for dev; use Flyway/Liquibase in prod.
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## 9) Bytecode Enhancement (Advanced)

- Hibernate can enhance classes at build-time or runtime for:
    - **Field-level lazy loading** (even for basic attributes),
    - **Better dirty tracking** (no full snapshot),
    - Performance of entity state transitions.
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## 10) Events, Interceptors, Filters, Multitenancy

- **Event system:** Pre/Post insert/update/delete/load hooks.
- **Interceptors:** Cross-cutting behavior (audit, soft delete).
- **Filters:** Dynamic `WHERE` clauses (e.g., `tenant_id = ?`).
- **Multitenancy:** Separate DBs, schemas, or discriminator columns.

## 11) Auditing, Search, Spatial (Modules)

- **Hibernate Envers**: Automatic audit/history tables for entities.
  - **Hibernate Search**: Sync entity changes to full-text indexes (Lucene/Elasticsearch).
  - **Hibernate Spatial**: GIS types and queries (when supported by the DB).
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## 12) Spring Boot Integration (Common in practice)

- **Auto-config**: `spring-boot-starter-data-jpa` pulls Hibernate + JPA.
  - **Session/EntityManager**: Managed per transaction via Spring; use repositories or direct `EntityManager`.
  - **HikariCP** for pooling by default; tune via `spring.datasource.*` and `spring.jpa.properties.*`.
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## 13) Typical Properties to Know (Quick Cheatsheet)

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```
# JPA provider & DDL
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=validate    # or update/create...
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect=org.hibernate.dialect.PostgreSQLDialect

# SQL visibility & formatting
spring.jpa.show-sql=true
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.format_sql=true

# Batching / ordering
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.jdbc.batch_size=50
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.order_inserts=true
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.order_updates=true

# Second level cache (example)
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.cache.use_second_level_cache=true
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.cache.use_query_cache=false
```

## 14) Gotchas & Best Practices

- **N+1 queries:** use `join fetch`, projections, or batch/subselect fetch; monitor with SQL logs.
  - **Equals/hashCode:** base on immutable natural keys or ID **after** assignment; avoid accidental collection bugs.
  - **EAGER fetching:** can explode SQL; default to LAZY and fetch explicitly.
  - **Merge vs persist:** `merge()` copies state from a detached object; `persist()` makes a transient object persistent.
  - **DTO projections:** For read-mostly, consider `select new ...` JPQL or Spring Data projections to avoid loading huge graphs.
  - **Transaction boundaries:** Keep them clear and short; avoid lazy access outside them.
  - **Schema evolution:** Don't rely on `hbm2ddl` in prod—use migrations.
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## 15) Minimal Examples

### Entity

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

    private String name;

    @Version
    private int version;

    // getters/setters
}
```

## JPA API (with Spring)

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```
@Service
public class CustomerService {
    @PersistenceContext
    private EntityManager em;

    @Transactional
    public Customer create(String name) {
        var c = new Customer();
        c.setName(name);
        em.persist(c); // scheduled INSERT
        // flush happens before commit
        return c;
    }

    @Transactional(readOnly = true)
    public Customer find(Long id) {
        return em.find(Customer.class, id); // 1st-level cache within tx
    }
}
```

## Hibernate-native API

java

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```
try (Session session = sessionFactory.openSession()) {
    Transaction tx = session.beginTransaction();
    Customer c = new Customer();
    c.setName("Abhishek");
    session.persist(c);
    tx.commit(); // flush happens before commit
}
```



# JDBC — a deep, detailed tour

I'll walk through everything important about **JDBC (Java Database Connectivity)**: what it is, architecture, core interfaces, lifecycle & examples, advanced features, performance, security, common pitfalls and best practices — with code snippets you can copy/paste.

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## 1) What JDBC is — quick summary

JDBC is the low-level standard Java API for talking to relational databases. It exposes a set of interfaces (Connection, Statement, ResultSet, etc.) that database driver implementations provide. Nearly every higher-level persistence layer (JPA/Hibernate, Spring JdbcTemplate, MyBatis) uses JDBC under the hood.

Use cases:

- Direct SQL execution
- Fine-grained control of connections / transactions
- Streaming large results, calling stored procedures, working with LOBs
- Where JPA's abstraction is too heavy or inefficient

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## 2) Architecture & call flow

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Your Java app

↓ uses JDBC API

DriverManager / DataSource ← JDBC API

↓ forwards calls

JDBC Driver implementation (vendor: MySQL, Postgres, Oracle, etc.)

↓ speaks DB protocol

Database server

Key points:

- Your code calls **JDBC interfaces**.
  - A **JDBC driver** (pure-Java or native) translates JDBC calls to database protocol.
  - **DriverManager** is the legacy factory; **DataSource** is the modern, preferred factory (allows pooling/JNDI/XA).
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### 3) Main components & responsibilities

#### DriverManager / Driver

- `DriverManager.getConnection(url, props)` — legacy way to obtain Connection.
- Drivers implement `java.sql.Driver`.
- Since JDBC 4, drivers auto-register via the ServiceLoader (no `Class.forName` needed).

#### DataSource / Connection Pooling

- `DataSource.getConnection()` — preferred. Allows:
  - Connection pooling (HikariCP, Tomcat pool, DBCP)
  - JNDI lookup in app servers
  - XA (distributed) transactions via `XADatasource`
- Use a pool in production — **do not** use DriverManager for every request.

#### Connection

- Represents a DB session.
- Important methods: `createStatement()`, `prepareStatement()`, `prepareCall()`, `setAutoCommit()`,  
`commit()`, `rollback()`, `setTransactionIsolation()`, `close()`.
- Always close connections (or return to pool) — try-with-resources is recommended.

## Statement / PreparedStatement / CallableStatement

- `Statement` — simple SQL execution ( `executeQuery` , `executeUpdate` ).
- `PreparedStatement` — precompiled SQL with bind parameters. Use for performance and to avoid SQL injection.
- `CallableStatement` — call stored procedures; supports IN/OUT parameters.

## ResultSet

- Contains query results and cursor methods: `next()` , `previous()` , `first()` , `last()` , etc.
- Types: `TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY` , `TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE` , `TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE` .
- Concurrency: `CONCUR_READ_ONLY` , `CONCUR_UPDATABLE` .
- Accessors: `getString` , `getInt` , `getObject` , `getBinaryStream` , `getBlob` , etc.
- `ResultSetMetaData` describes columns.

## DatabaseMetaData / ParameterMetaData

- `DatabaseMetaData` provides DB capabilities, catalogs, supported features, indexes, etc.
- `ParameterMetaData` describes parameters of PreparedStatements (driver support varies).

## SQLException / SQLWarning

- `SQLException` chain: `getSQLState()` , `getErrorCode()` and `getNextException()` .
- `SQLState` is a standard code; `errorCode` is vendor-specific.
- Drivers may return `SQLWarning` via `Connection.getWarnings()` .

## RowSet / CachedRowSet

- Higher-level, disconnected result sets. `CachedRowSet` is serializable and useful when you need a disconnected snapshot.

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## 4) Driver types (historical)

- Type 1: JDBC-ODBC bridge (obsolete)
- Type 2: Native-API partly Java (needs vendor libs)
- Type 3: Middleware / network-protocol translator
- Type 4: Pure Java, direct DB protocol (most common today — MySQL Connector/J, PgJDBC, Oracle thin driver)

Today almost all production drivers are Type 4.

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## 5) Typical code patterns

### A — Basic query (best practice: PreparedStatement + try-with-resources)

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```
String sql = "SELECT id, name, created_at FROM users WHERE status = ?";
try (Connection conn = dataSource.getConnection();
     PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(sql)) {

    ps.setString(1, "ACTIVE");
    try (ResultSet rs = ps.executeQuery()) {
        while (rs.next()) {
            long id = rs.getLong("id");
            String name = rs.getString("name");
            Timestamp t = rs.getTimestamp("created_at");
            // process row
        }
    }
}
```

## B — Insert + get generated key

java

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```
String insert = "INSERT INTO users(name) VALUES(?)";
try (Connection c = ds.getConnection();
     PreparedStatement ps = c.prepareStatement(insert, Statement.RETURN_GENERATED_KEYS)) {
    ps.setString(1, "Abhishek");
    ps.executeUpdate();
    try (ResultSet keys = ps.getGeneratedKeys()) {
        if (keys.next()) {
            long id = keys.getLong(1);
        }
    }
}
```

## C — Batch insert for performance

java

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```
conn.setAutoCommit(false);
try (PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO t(col) VALUES(?)")) {
    for (String v : values) {
        ps.setString(1, v);
        ps.addBatch();
    }
    int[] counts = ps.executeBatch();
    conn.commit();
} catch (SQLException ex) {
    conn.rollback();
}
```



## D — Transaction + Savepoint

java

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```
conn.setAutoCommit(false);
Savepoint sp = conn.setSavepoint("bulkStart");
// do some work
conn.rollback(sp); // rollback to savepoint if needed
conn.commit();
```

## E — Stored procedure (CallableStatement)

java

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```
CallableStatement cs = conn.prepareCall("{call add_order(?, ?, ?)}");
cs.setInt(1, customerId);
cs.setBigDecimal(2, amount);
cs.registerOutParameter(3, Types.INTEGER); // out generated id
cs.execute();
int id = cs.getInt(3);
```

## F — Streaming large result sets (avoid loading all rows)

- For PostgreSQL & some drivers you must set `setFetchSize(n)` and use `TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`.

java

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```
try (Statement st = conn.createStatement(ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY, ResultSet.CONCUR_READ_ONLY)) {
    st.setFetchSize(1000); // stream rows rather than fetch all
    try (ResultSet rs = st.executeQuery("SELECT ... FROM big_table")) {
        while (rs.next()) { /* process */ }
    }
}
```

## 6) Transactions & isolation levels

- `conn.setAutoCommit(false)` — begin manual transactions. Then `commit()` or `rollback()`.
  - Isolation levels:
    - `TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED` — dirty reads allowed
    - `TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED` — no dirty reads (common default)
    - `TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ` — prevents non-repeatable reads
    - `TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE` — highest isolation, prevents phantom reads (can be slower)
  - Choose isolation vs concurrency trade-offs appropriate to your business needs.
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## 7) ResultSet types & behavior

- `TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY` — fastest, minimal cursor, iterate once.
  - `TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE` — can move cursor, view doesn't change if DB changes.
  - `TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE` — reflects DB changes (driver-dependent).
  - `CONCUR_READ_ONLY` vs `CONCUR_UPDATABLE` — updatable result sets allow `updateRow()` (rarely used in modern apps).
  - Many drivers limit scroll/updatable support — expect portability issues.
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## 8) LOBs (BLOB/CLOB) and streaming large data

- Avoid `rs.getBytes()` for multi-GB blobs — stream instead:
    - `InputStream in = rs.getBinaryStream("blobcol");` read stream.
    - `Reader r = rs.getCharacterStream("clobcol");`
  - For writing large objects, use `PreparedStatement.setBinaryStream()` or driver-specific APIs.
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## 9) Exception handling & diagnostics

- Handle `SQLException` with `.getSQLState()` (standard) and `.getErrorCode()` (vendor).
- Use `.getNextException()` to traverse chained exceptions.
- Log SQL + parameters (use p6spy or datasource  xy) for troubleshooting.
- Use DB EXPLAIN/EXPLAIN ANALYZE to understand query performance.

## 10) Performance tuning & best practices

- Always use `PreparedStatement` for repeated/external input → prevents SQL injection and allows driver/server to reuse plans.
  - Use batching (`addBatch` / `executeBatch`) for mass inserts/updates.
  - Turn off autocommit during batches/transactions (don't commit per row).
  - Connection pooling: use HikariCP (recommended), Tomcat JDBC pool, or others. Tune `maxPoolSize`, `connectionTimeout`, `idleTimeout`.
  - Statement caching: some pools (or DB servers) cache prepared statement plans — this reduces CPU/time.
  - Fetch size: tune `setFetchSize()` to balance memory vs network round trips.
  - Select only needed columns — avoid `SELECT *`.
  - Use indexes and check query plans.
  - Avoid large in-memory result handling — stream rows or page queries with LIMIT/OFFSET or keyset pagination.
  - Use read-only connections/transactions when applicable (`conn.setReadOnly(true)`), the driver/DB may optimize.
  - Minimize round-trips: push logic to the DB when sensible (stored procedures, bulk ops).
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## 11) Security considerations

- Use `PreparedStatement` to prevent SQL injection.
- Do not hardcode DB credentials in code. Use environment variables, config files with proper permissions, or a secrets manager.
- Use TLS/SSL for DB connections if supported.
- Grant least privilege to DB users.
- Prefer parameterization and stored procedures for sensitive operations when appropriate.
- Regularly update drivers for security fixes.



## 12) Connection pooling details

- Pools manage lifecycle and reuse of `Connection` objects; they significantly reduce latency.
  - Common pools: HikariCP (fast), Tomcat JDBC pool, Apache DBCP.
  - Pool features to configure:
    - max pool size, min idle, connection timeout, validation query or health check, prepared statement cache, leak detection.
  - Pools usually return a wrapper `Connection` object — closing it returns it to pool.
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## 13) JDBC versions & modern features (brief)

- Modern JDBC implementations:
    - Auto driver registration (JDBC 4.x) — no `Class.forName`.
    - `getGeneratedKeys()` support.
    - Better LOB streaming and large object handling.
    - JDBC 4.2 added better `java.time.*` type support (drivers must support mapping).
  - Always check driver release notes for specific feature support and behavior.
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## 14) Portability & vendor quirks

- SQL dialect differs (LIMIT vs TOP vs ROWNUM), so write portable SQL or use DB-specific branches.
  - Some drivers implement features differently (scrollable/updatable result sets, `getGeneratedKeys`).
  - Be defensive: assume some features may not be supported and test on target DB.
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## 15) Advanced topics (when you need them)

- **XADatasource / XA transactions:** distributed two-phase commit across multiple resources.
- **Server-side prepared statements:** reduce parse/plan cost on DB; supported by many drivers (configurable).
- **Driver-specific tuning:** driver properties (SSL, timezones, statement cache) matter.
- **Connection proxies:** tools like datasource-proxy  help logging and metrics without changing app code.
- **Monitoring:** expose pool metrics (Hikari's MBeans), log slow queries, integrate with APM.

## 16) Common pitfalls

- Forgetting to close resources → connection leaks.
  - Using `Statement` with string concatenation → SQL injection.
  - Leaving autoCommit on during mass inserts → terrible performance.
  - Accessing lazy/unfetched data while connection closed (relevant when mixing JDBC with higher layers).
  - Fetching everything into memory for large result sets.
  - Relying on driver-specific behavior without verification.
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## 17) Short cheat-sheet of useful methods

- **DriverManager:** `getConnection(url, user, pass)`
- **DataSource:** `getConnection()`
- **Connection:** `prepareStatement()`, `setAutoCommit()`, `commit()`, `rollback()`,  
`setTransactionIsolation()`, `close()`
- **Statement:** `executeQuery()`, `executeUpdate()`, `execute()`, `addBatch()`, `executeBatch()`
- **PreparedStatement:** `setInt/Long/String/Blob/Clob/Date/Timestamp`, `setObject()`,  
`getGeneratedKeys()`
- **CallableStatement:** `registerOutParameter()`, `getXXX()`
- **ResultSet:** `next()`, `getString()`, `getInt()`, `getObject()`, `getBinaryStream()`, `close()`
- **SQLException:** `getMessage()`, `getSQLState()`, `getErrorCode()`, `getNextException()`

## 18) Example: Robust CRUD pattern (full)

java

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```
public Optional<User> findUserById(DataSource ds, long id) throws SQLException {  
    String sql = "SELECT id, name, email FROM users WHERE id = ?";  
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection();  
         PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(sql)) {  
        ps.setLong(1, id);  
        try (ResultSet rs = ps.executeQuery()) {  
            if (rs.next()) {  
                User u = new User(rs.getLong("id"),  
                                  rs.getString("name"),  
                                  rs.getString("email"));  
                return Optional.of(u);  
            } else {  
                return Optional.empty();  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Final short checklist (what to do now)

- Use **DataSource + connection pool** in production (HikariCP preferred).
- Use **PreparedStatement** always for dynamic inputs.
- Use **transactions** (`setAutoCommit(false)`) and **commit** once per logical unit.
- Tune **fetchSize**, **batching**, and **pool size** for your workload.
- Stream LOBs and large resultSets instead of loading into memory.
- Log SQL (with a proxy like p6spy) and analyze slow queries with **EXPLAIN**.



i am not getting what does hibernate do and jdbc do ....mean which part who handles and how flows shift and where to write sql queries

Great  — let's clear this up **step by step**.

The confusion is very common: *what does Hibernate do vs JDBC, and where SQL lives.*

## ◆ Big Picture Flow

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Your Java **Code** (Hibernate API or JDBC API)



Hibernate (ORM, JPA provider) **[if you use Hibernate]**

↓ generates SQL

JDBC API (Connection, PreparedStatement, ResultSet...)



JDBC Driver (MySQL / Postgres / Oracle...)



Database (executes SQL, returns results)

## ◆ Roles & Responsibilities

### JDBC

- **Low-level API** to talk to databases.
- You **write SQL queries yourself**.
- You manage:
  - Connections
  - Statements
  - ResultSets
  - Transactions



- JDBC does not map objects  $\leftrightarrow$  tables. You manually read/write rows.

👉 Example with JDBC:

java

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```
String sql = "SELECT id, name FROM employee WHERE id = ?";  
try (Connection conn = dataSource.getConnection();  
     PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(sql)) {  
    ps.setLong(1, 101);  
    try (ResultSet rs = ps.executeQuery()) {  
        if (rs.next()) {  
            Employee emp = new Employee(); // you map manually  
            emp.setId(rs.getLong("id"));  
            emp.setName(rs.getString("name"));  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Here you wrote SQL and did object mapping.

## ✓ Hibernate

- Higher-level ORM (Object Relational Mapping) built on top of JDBC.
- You don't write much SQL — instead you work with entities (Java classes).
- Hibernate:
  - Reads your entity annotations (`@Entity`, `@Table`, `@OneToMany`, etc.)
  - Generates SQL automatically for INSERT/UPDATE/SELECT/DELETE.
  - Calls JDBC under the hood to actually execute those SQL statements.
  - Maps query results back into Java objects automatically.
  - Tracks changes to objects (dirty checking) and flushes them to DB.

## 👉 Example with Hibernate:

java

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```
Employee emp = em.find(Employee.class, 101L);
System.out.println(emp.getName()); // Hibernate generates SELECT for you
```

You didn't write SQL — Hibernate generated:

sql

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```
SELECT id, name FROM employee WHERE id = 101;
```

## ◆ Who Handles What?

Step	With JDBC	With Hibernate
Write SQL	You write it manually ( <code>SELECT ...</code> )	Hibernate generates (INSERT, UPDATE, SELECT) — you can also write JPQL/HQL
Object Mapping	You map <code>ResultSet</code> → Java class	Hibernate automatically maps tables ↔ entities
Connection Handling	You manage connections/statements	Hibernate manages via JDBC/DataSource
Transactions	You call <code>commit()</code> / <code>rollback()</code>	Hibernate integrates with JTA/Spring, but still calls JDBC commit underneath
SQL Execution	JDBC driver executes	Hibernate calls JDBC API to execute
Control/Flexibility	High (you control SQL exactly)	High-level (Hibernate generates most SQL, but you can still write custom queries)

## ◆ Where to Write SQL Queries?

### 1. If using pure JDBC

- You **must** write SQL queries inside your DAO/repository methods.
- Example:

java

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```
String sql = "UPDATE employee SET name=? WHERE id=?";
```

### 2. If using Hibernate/JPA

- For **basic CRUD**, you **don't** write SQL at all.
- Hibernate generates SQL when you call `persist()`, `find()`, `remove()`.
- For **custom queries**:
  - Use **JPQL (object-oriented SQL)**:

java

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```
em.createQuery("select e from Employee e where e.name = :name")
    .setParameter("name", "Abhishek")
    .getResultList();
```

- Or **native SQL** if needed:

java

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```
em.createNativeQuery("SELECT * FROM employee WHERE name=?", Employee.class)
    .setParameter(1, "Abhishek")
    .getResultList();
```

## ◆ Flow of Responsibility (Hibernate on top of JDBC)

Example: `em.persist(employee)`

1. You call `em.persist(emp)`.
2. Hibernate sees the `@Entity` mapping and prepares SQL:

sql

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```
INSERT INTO employee (id, name) VALUES (?, ?);
```

3. Hibernate calls **JDBC API** (`PreparedStatement`) internally.
4. JDBC Driver (e.g., `mysql-connector`) translates to database protocol.
5. Database executes query.
6. Results (if any) travel back the same path → JDBC → Hibernate → Your Java object.

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## ◆ Simple Analogy

- **JDBC** = Speaking directly to the waiter in the restaurant and telling him exactly what ingredients you want in your meal (SQL).
- **Hibernate** = Giving your diet preferences to a manager, who tells the waiter what to order. Hibernate generates the order (SQL), gives it to JDBC (waiter), who talks to the chef (DB).

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 So in short:

- **JDBC**: You control SQL, you do mapping.
- **Hibernate**: Hibernate controls SQL (but lets you override), and it does mapping automatically, sitting on top of JDBC.

## ◆ What is JPQL?

- JPQL = Java Persistence Query Language
- It's the **query language of JPA/Hibernate**.
- Looks similar to SQL but works with **entities and fields, not tables and columns**.
- Hibernate (or any JPA provider) converts JPQL → **SQL** and executes it via JDBC.

👉 Example:

java

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```
// JPQL
"SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.name = :name"

// SQL generated
SELECT e.id, e.name FROM employee e WHERE e.name = ?
```

Notice: JPQL uses **Employee (entity)** and **name (field)**, not table `employee` or column `name`.

## ◆ Basic Syntax

- **Entity names** (class names) instead of table names.
- **Field/property names** instead of column names.
- Case-insensitive keywords (like SQL).
- Supports `SELECT`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE`.  
(No `INSERT` → use `persist()` instead.)

## ◆ JPQL Example Queries

### 1) Select all employees

java

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```
List<Employee> employees = em.createQuery(  
    "SELECT e FROM Employee e", Employee.class  
).getResultList();
```

### 2) With WHERE + parameter

java

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```
Employee emp = em.createQuery(  
    "SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.id = :id", Employee.class  
)  
.setParameter("id", 101L)  
.getSingleResult();
```

### 3) Sorting

java

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```
"SELECT e FROM Employee e ORDER BY e.name DESC"
```

### 4) Joins

If `Employee` has a relation `@ManyToOne Department department`:

java

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```
"SELECT e FROM Employee e JOIN e.department d WHERE d.name = :deptName"
```

## 5) LIKE, IN, BETWEEN

java

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```
"SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.name LIKE 'A%'"  
"SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.id IN (1,2,3)"  
"SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.salary BETWEEN 50000 AND 100000"
```

## 6) Aggregates

java

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```
"SELECT AVG(e.salary) FROM Employee e"  
"SELECT d.name, COUNT(e) FROM Employee e JOIN e.department d GROUP BY d.name"
```

## 7) Update / Delete

java

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```
em.createQuery("UPDATE Employee e SET e.salary = e.salary * 1.1 WHERE e.department.id = :id")  
    .setParameter("id", 10L)  
    .executeUpdate();  
  
em.createQuery("DELETE FROM Employee e WHERE e.status = 'INACTIVE'")  
    .executeUpdate();
```

## ◆ Parameters

- **Named parameter** (recommended):

java

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```
... WHERE e.name = :name  
query.setParameter("name", "Abhishek");
```

- **Positional parameter:**

java

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```
... WHERE e.name = ?1  
query.setParameter(1, "Abhishek");
```

## ◆ JPQL vs SQL

Feature	JPQL (Entities)	SQL (Tables)
FROM	Employee e (entity)	employee e (table)
SELECT	e (returns objects)	* or columns
Joins	JOIN e.department d	JOIN department d ON ...
Return type	Java objects ( Employee )	Rows / primitive values
WHERE clause	e.name = :name (field)	name = ? (column)
GROUP BY	Works same, but with fields	Columns

## ◆ When to Use JPQL?

- For **entity-oriented queries** (most cases in Hibernate/JPA apps).
- You want Hibernate to map results into objects automatically.
- Use **native SQL** only when:
  - You need vendor-specific features (e.g., `LIMIT`, JSON columns).
  - Complex queries not expressible in JPQL.

## ◆ Example: JPQL vs Native SQL in Spring Boot

java

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```
// JPQL
@Query("SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.department.name = :deptName")
List<Employee> findByDept(@Param("deptName") String deptName);

// Native SQL
@Query(value = "SELECT * FROM employee e JOIN department d ON e.dept_id = d.id WHERE d.name = :dep")
List<Employee> findByDeptNative(@Param("deptName") String deptName);
```

### Summary

- **JPQL** = Object-oriented SQL for JPA/Hibernate.
- Works with **entities & fields**, not tables & columns.
- Hibernate translates JPQL → SQL → executes via JDBC.
- Use JPQL for 90% of cases, Native SQL only when absolutely needed.  


jpql work on the entities and field and hibernate convert the jpql queries into sql and jdbc help to connect with the databases

Exactly  you got the chain correct! Let's lay it out step by step so it's crystal clear:

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## ◆ Flow of a JPQL Query

Suppose you write this JPQL:

java

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```
"SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.name = :name"
```

### 1) JPQL works on Entities and Fields

- `Employee` → Java entity class (`@Entity`)
- `e.name` → Java field (`private String name;`)

You don't mention the **table** or **column** names directly.

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## 2) Hibernate converts JPQL → SQL

Hibernate looks at the entity mapping (`@Entity`, `@Table`, `@Column`) and generates the SQL for the database.

sql

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```
SELECT e.id, e.name  
FROM employee e  
WHERE e.name = ?
```

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## 3) Hibernate uses JDBC under the hood

- Hibernate doesn't talk directly to the database.
  - It uses **JDBC API** (`PreparedStatement`, `Connection`, etc.).
  - JDBC sends the query to the database.
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## 4) JDBC Driver communicates with Database

- JDBC driver = vendor-specific library (e.g., `mysql-connector-j`, `postgresql.jar`).
  - It translates JDBC calls into database-specific protocol.
  - Database executes SQL and returns the result set.
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## 5) Hibernate maps results back to Entities

- JDBC returns rows → Hibernate converts them into Java objects (`Employee`).
  - Now you work with objects, not raw `ResultSet`.
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## ◆ Full Example in Code

java

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```
// JPQL query
List<Employee> employees = em.createQuery(
    "SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.name = :name", Employee.class
)
.setParameter("name", "Abhishek")
.getResultList();
```

### Behind the Scenes:

1. JPQL: "SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.name = :name"
2. Hibernate: Generates SQL

sql

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```
SELECT id, name FROM employee WHERE name = ?
```

3. JDBC: Creates PreparedStatement, sets parameter "Abhishek".
4. Driver: Talks to database → DB executes query.
5. Hibernate: Reads ResultSet, fills Employee objects.
6. You get: List<Employee> in Java.

 So your sentence is correct:

- JPQL → Works on entities/fields.
- Hibernate → Translates JPQL → SQL.
- JDBC → Executes SQL & connects to DB.

Great question  — you're asking about the **H2 library**. Let's go step by step.

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## ◆ What is H2?

- H2 is a **lightweight relational database** written in Java.
  - It is usually used for **development, testing, and prototyping** because it's **fast, in-memory, and easy to embed** inside your app.
  - Unlike MySQL, PostgreSQL, or Oracle, H2 does not need a separate server process — it can run **in-memory (RAM) or file-based**.
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## ◆ Key Features

1. **Pure Java** → works anywhere JVM works.
  2. **In-memory mode** → everything stored in RAM, gone when app stops.
  3. **File mode** → stores data in a `.mv.db` file on disk.
  4. **Embedded** → no need to install separate DB server.
  5. **Web console** → comes with a browser-based console to run queries.
  6. **Compatible with JDBC & JPA/Hibernate** → behaves like a normal SQL DB.
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## ◆ How It's Used in Projects

In **Spring Boot**, H2 is very popular for development/testing because:

- Easy to set up, no need for external DB.
- Works seamlessly with JPA/Hibernate.
- Can initialize schema/data from `schema.sql` and `data.sql`.

## ◆ Dependency (Maven)

xml

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

## ◆ Config in Spring Boot

properties

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```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:h2:mem:testdb
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.h2.Driver
spring.datasource.username=sa
spring.datasource.password=
spring.h2.console.enabled=true
```

- `jdbc:h2:mem:testdb` → in-memory DB (cleared on shutdown).
- `spring.h2.console.enabled=true` → enables H2 web console at [http://localhost:8080/h2-console ↗](http://localhost:8080/h2-console).

## Entity

java

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

## Repository

java

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```
public interface EmployeeRepository extends JpaRepository<Employee, Long> {}
```

## Run Query in H2 Console

When app runs, go to

 <http://localhost:8080/h2-console>

Login with:

- JDBC URL: `jdbc:h2:mem:testdb`
- User: `sa`
- Password: *(blank)*

Run:

sql

 Copy code

```
SELECT * FROM employee;
```



## ◆ H2 Modes

### 1. In-memory

`jdbc:h2:mem:testdb` (wiped when app stops)

### 2. File-based

`jdbc:h2:file:/data/demo` (persists data in file `demo.mv.db`)

### 3. Server mode

Can also run H2 in server mode to allow multiple apps to connect.

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## ◆ Where It Fits in the Flow

When you use H2:

- Hibernate/JPA generates SQL.
- JDBC sends SQL.
- Instead of MySQL/Postgres, **H2 executes the query.**

So H2 = **database engine**, just like MySQL or Postgres, but **embedded + lightweight**.

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### ✓ In short:

H2 is an **embedded, in-memory (or file-based) SQL database** used mainly for **development & testing** with Hibernate/JPA + JDBC. It acts like a real database but without installation/setup overhead.

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## ◆ What is JPA?

JPA (Java Persistence API) is a specification in Java for managing data between **Java objects (entities)** and a relational database (like MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, etc.).

Think of JPA as a **bridge**: it lets you store, retrieve, update, and delete Java objects directly in a database without writing too much SQL manually.

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## ◆ JPA is not a framework

- It's just a **set of rules (interfaces and annotations)** defined in Java.
  - To actually use it, you need a **JPA provider (implementation)** such as:
    - **Hibernate** (most popular)
    - **EclipseLink**
    - **OpenJPA**
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## ◆ How JPA Works

1. You define your **Entity class** (like `Car`, `Employee`, `User`) with annotations (`@Entity`, `@Id`, etc.).
2. JPA provider (like Hibernate) maps that entity class to a **database table**.
3. You use **JPQL (Java Persistence Query Language)** or **methods** to query/update data.
4. The JPA provider internally converts JPQL into **SQL** and executes it using **JDBC (Java Database Connectivity)**.

## ◆ JPA Layers (Flow)

1. **JPA (API)** → Developer uses interfaces & annotations.
2. **JPA Provider (Hibernate/EclipseLink)** → Converts entities & JPQL into SQL.
3. **JDBC** → Handles low-level database communication.
4. **Database** → Stores the actual data.

## ◆ Example

java

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```
@Entity
public class Car {
    @Id
    private Long id;
    private String model;
    private String color;

    // getters and setters
}
```

Then in code:

java

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```
Car car = new Car();
car.setModel("Honda");
car.setColor("Red");

entityManager.persist(car); // Saves into DB
```

 You didn't write `INSERT INTO car ...` SQL. 

 JPA + Hibernate handled it for you.

 In simple words:

- **JDBC** = low-level API (you write SQL manually).
- **Hibernate** = a JPA provider that automates SQL generation.
- **JPA** = a standard specification that defines how Java talks to databases in an object-oriented way.

## ◆ What is `@Entity`?

- `@Entity` is a JPA annotation that marks a Java class as a **persistent entity**.
  - This means the class will be mapped to a **database table** by JPA/Hibernate.
  - Each object (instance) of that class represents a **row** in the table.
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## ◆ Example

java

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

@Entity // tells Hibernate: "This class = table"
public class Car {

    @Id // Primary Key (must be present in an Entity)
    private Long id;

    private String model;
    private String color;

    // getters and setters
}
```

👉 Hibernate will map this to a database table named **Car** (or `car`).

## ◆ Rules for an Entity Class

1. Must be annotated with `@Entity`.
2. Must have a **primary key** (`@Id`).
3. Must be a **public class** and not `final`.
4. Must have a **no-argument constructor** (can be `protected`).
5. Fields can be **private** (Hibernate uses reflection).

## ◆ Example

java

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

@Entity // Marks this class as an entity
public class Employee {

    @Id // Primary key
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String name;
    private double salary;

    // No-arg constructor (required by JPA)
    public Employee() {}

    // Constructor
    public Employee(String name, double salary) {
        this.name = name;
        this.salary = salary;
    }

    // Getters and setters
}
```

## ◆ How It Works

1. When Hibernate starts, it scans for classes annotated with `@Entity`.
2. It maps the class to a table:
  - Default table name = class name (`Employee` → `employee`).
  - Default column names = field names (`name` → `name`, `salary` → `salary`).
3. When you do:

java

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```
em.persist(new Employee("Abhishek", 50000));
```

Hibernate generates SQL:

sql

 Copy code

```
INSERT INTO employee (name, salary) VALUES ('Abhishek', 50000);
```

## ◆ Default Behavior

- Table name = class name (can override with `@Table`).
- Column names = field names (can override with `@Column`).
- If no `@Id`, you'll get an error ( Every `@Entity` must have an `@Id` ).

## ◆ Customizing with `@Table` and `@Column`

java

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```
@Entity  
@Table(name = "employees") // custom table name  
public class Employee {  
  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id;  
  
    @Column(name = "emp_name", nullable = false, length = 100)  
    private String name;  
}
```

## ◆ Lifecycle of an Entity

When a class is annotated with `@Entity`, its objects go through **states** managed by Hibernate:

1. **Transient** → New object, not linked to DB.
2. **Persistent** → After calling `persist()`, Hibernate manages it, inserts into DB.
3. **Detached** → Object exists, but no longer managed by Hibernate.
4. **Removed** → Marked for deletion.

## ◆ What is `@Table` ?

- `@Table` is used along with `@Entity`.
- It allows you to customize how the entity class maps to a database table.
- Without `@Table`, JPA just uses the class name as the table name.

## ◆ Basic Example

java

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```
import jakarta.persistence.*;  
  
@Entity  
@Table(name = "cars")    // maps this entity to "cars" table  
public class Car {  
  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id;  
  
    private String model;  
    private String color;  
}
```

👉 Here, instead of default table `Car`, Hibernate will create/use table named `cars`.

## ◆ `@Table` Attributes

`@Table` gives more control over table mapping.

### 1. `name`

Custom table name.

java

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

### 2. `schema`

Specifies the database schema.

java

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```
@Table(name = "cars", schema = "vehicle_schema")
```

👉 Table will be created as `vehicle_schema.cars`.

### 3. `catalog`

Specifies the database catalog (rarely used).

java

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```
@Table(name = "cars", catalog = "vehicle_catalog")
```

#### 4. uniqueConstraints

Adds **unique constraints** on columns.

java

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```
@Table(  
    name = "cars",  
    uniqueConstraints = @UniqueConstraint(columnNames = {"model"})  
)
```

 Ensures that two cars cannot have the same model.

#### 5. indexes

Creates database indexes for faster querying.

java

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```
@Table(  
    name = "cars",  
    indexes = @Index(name = "idx_model", columnList = "model")  
)
```

## ◆ Difference between `@Entity` and `@Table`

Annotation	Purpose
<code>@Entity</code>	Declares the class as a persistent entity (a database table).
<code>@Table</code>	Customizes how the entity maps to the database table (name, schema, constraints, indexes).

## ◆ Example with Everything

java

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```
@Entity
@Table(
    name = "cars",
    schema = "vehicle_schema",
    uniqueConstraints = @UniqueConstraint(columnNames = {"model"}),
    indexes = @Index(name = "idx_color", columnList = "color")
)
public class Car {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @Column(nullable = false, length = 50)
    private String model;

    private String color;
}
```

👉 This will generate a table `vehicle_schema.cars` with:

- Unique constraint on `model`
- Index on `color`



## ◆ What is `@Table`?

- `@Table` is a JPA annotation used with `@Entity`.
  - It lets you customize the table mapping for an entity class.
  - Without `@Table`, Hibernate assumes the table name = class name.
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## ◆ Syntax

java

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```
@Entity  
@Table(name = "employees")  
public class Employee {  
    ...  
}
```

## ◆ Attributes of `@Table`

1. `name` → The name of the table.

java

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

2. `schema` → The schema name (useful in databases like PostgreSQL, Oracle).

java

 Copy code

```
@Table(name = "employees", schema = "hr")
```

3. `catalog` → The database catalog (less common, used in some DBs like MySQL).

java

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```
@Table(name = "employees", catalog = "company_db")
```



4. `uniqueConstraints` → Add unique constraints at the table level.

java

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```
@Table(  
    name = "employees",  
    uniqueConstraints = @UniqueConstraint(columnNames = {"email"})  
)
```

5. `indexes` → Define indexes on columns (JPA 2.1+).

java

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```
@Table(  
    name = "employees",  
    indexes = @Index(name = "idx_emp_name", columnList = "name")  
)
```

## ◆ Example: Custom Table Mapping

java

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```
@Entity
@Table(
    name = "employee_master",
    schema = "hr",
    uniqueConstraints = {
        @UniqueConstraint(name = "uk_email", columnNames = "email")
    },
    indexes = {
        @Index(name = "idx_emp_salary", columnList = "salary")
    }
)
public class Employee {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    private String email;

    private double salary;
}
```

This will generate SQL like:

sql

 Copy code

```
create table hr.employee_master (
    id bigint not null auto_increment,
    name varchar(255),
    email varchar(255),
    salary double,
    primary key (id),
    constraint uk_email unique (email)
);
create index idx_emp_salary on hr.employee_mas ↓ (salary);
```

## ◆ What is `@Id`?

- `@Id` is a JPA annotation that marks a field (or property) as the primary key of an entity.
  - Every `@Entity` must have exactly one `@Id` (or a composite key via `@EmbeddedId` / `@IdClass`).
  - The `@Id` field uniquely identifies each row in the database table.
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## ◆ Example

java

 Copy code

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

@Entity
public class Employee {

    @Id    // primary key
    private Long id;

    private String name;
}
```

This maps to:

sql

 Copy code

```
create table employee (
    id bigint not null,
    name varchar(255),
    primary key (id)
);
```

## ◆ Ways to Generate Primary Key

By default, you must assign the value manually.

But usually, you combine `@Id` with `@GeneratedValue` to let Hibernate/DB generate IDs.

```
java
```

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```
@Id  
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
private Long id;
```

## ◆ `@GeneratedValue` Strategies

### 1. IDENTITY

- DB auto-generates (MySQL `AUTO_INCREMENT`).

```
java
```

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```
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
private Long id;
```

### 2. SEQUENCE

- Uses a database sequence (Oracle, PostgreSQL).

```
java
```

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```
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.SEQUENCE, generator = "emp_seq")  
@SequenceGenerator(name = "emp_seq", sequenceName = "employee_seq", allocationSize = 1)  
private Long id;
```

### 3. TABLE

- Uses a special table to generate IDs (not common).

```
java
```

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```
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.TABLE)  
private Long id;
```

### 4. AUTO (default)

- Hibernate picks the best strategy based on DB dialect.

```
java
```

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```
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)  
private Long id;
```

## ◆ Composite Primary Key

If a table needs multiple columns as a primary key, use:

- `@EmbeddedId` (preferred)
- or `@IdClass`

Example with `@EmbeddedId`:

java

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```
@Embeddable
public class EmployeeId implements Serializable {
    private Long companyId;
    private Long empNumber;
}

@Entity
public class Employee {
    @EmbeddedId
    private EmployeeId id;

    private String name;
}
```

## ◆ Summary

- `@Id` → Defines the primary key field in an entity.
- Must be present in every `@Entity`.
- Usually combined with `@GeneratedValue` for automatic ID generation.
- Supports simple keys (`Long`, `UUID`, etc.) and composite keys (`@EmbeddedId`, `@IdClass`).



## ◆ What is `@GeneratedValue`?

- It is a JPA annotation used with `@Id`.
- Tells Hibernate (or another JPA provider) how to generate values for the primary key.
- Without it → you must set the ID manually.
- With it → Hibernate/DB automatically assigns an ID when you `persist()` an entity.

## ◆ Syntax

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```
@Id  
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)  
private Long id;
```

## ◆ Strategies in `@GeneratedValue`

There are 4 main strategies:

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### 1) `GenerationType.AUTO` (default)

- Hibernate decides the best strategy based on the database dialect.
- Examples:
  - On MySQL → `IDENTITY` (auto-increment).
  - On PostgreSQL/Oracle → `SEQUENCE`.
- Portable across databases.

java

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```
@Id  
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)  
private Long id;
```

### 2) `GenerationType.IDENTITY`

- Uses database auto-increment (e.g., MySQL `AUTO_INCREMENT`).
- The database generates the ID when inserting.
- Hibernate does not know the ID until after the insert.

java

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```
@Id  
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
private Long id;
```

SQL (MySQL):

sql

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```
insert into employee (name) values ('Abhishek');  
-- DB generates id automatically
```

 Downside: Batch inserts are harder because Hibernate must wait for DB to return each ID.

### 3) GenerationType.SEQUENCE

- Uses a database sequence object (supported in PostgreSQL, Oracle, etc.).
- Hibernate can fetch IDs in advance (good for performance with batching).

java

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```
@Id  
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.SEQUENCE, generator = "emp_seq")  
@SequenceGenerator(name = "emp_seq", sequenceName = "employee_seq", allocationSize = 1)  
private Long id;
```

SQL (PostgreSQL):

sql

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```
create sequence employee_seq start with 1 increment by 1;  
insert into employee (id, name) values (nextval('employee_seq'), 'Abhishek');
```

---

### 4) GenerationType.TABLE

- Uses a separate table to simulate a sequence.
- Works in all databases (portable) but slower.
- Rarely used today.

java

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```
@Id  
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.TABLE, generator = "emp_table")  
@TableGenerator(name = "emp_table", table = "id_gen", pkColumnName = "gen_name",  
    valueColumnName = "gen_val", allocationSize = 1)  
private Long id;
```

SQL:

sql

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```
create table id_gen (gen_name varchar(255), gen_val bigint);
```

## ◆ Example in Action

```
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Employee emp = new Employee("Abhishek", 50000);
em.persist(emp); // no id set manually

System.out.println(emp.getId()); // Hibernate fills ID after insert
```

## ◆ When to Use Which?

Strategy	Best For	Notes	🔗
AUTO	Cross-database apps	Lets Hibernate choose	
IDENTITY	MySQL, SQL Server	Simple but less batch-friendly	
SEQUENCE	Oracle, PostgreSQL	Best for performance, supports batching	
TABLE	Legacy portability	Rare, slower	

## ◆ Summary

- `@GeneratedValue` → tells Hibernate how to generate primary keys.
- 4 strategies: AUTO, IDENTITY, SEQUENCE, TABLE.
- Pick based on your database:
  - MySQL → IDENTITY
  - PostgreSQL/Oracle → SEQUENCE
  - Generic → AUTO

👉 Do you want me to also show you a side-by-side example of the SQL Hibernate generates for each strategy so you can clearly see the difference?

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the entity class and dto class seems to be same but why these 2 class are defined for what

Excellent observation 🤓 — many beginners get confused because **Entity** and **DTO** look very similar. Let's go very deep and clarify why both exist.

## ◆ 1. Entity Class

- Represents a **table in the database**.
- Annotated with JPA annotations (`@Entity`, `@Table`, `@Id`, etc.).
- Managed by **Hibernate/JPA** → it knows how to save, update, delete this object.
- Often contains **all the columns** of the table.

✓ Example:

java

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

    private String name;
    private Double salary;

    // getters, setters, equals, hashCode
}
```

## ◆ 2. DTO (Data Transfer Object) Class

- A plain Java object (POJO), not managed by Hibernate.
- Used to **transfer data** between layers (controller ↔ service ↔ client).
- Can hold **only the fields you want to expose**, not everything from the entity.
- Helps in **decoupling internal DB structure** from external API.
- Often used in REST APIs as response/request models.

✓ Example:

```
java Copy code  
  
public class EmployeeDTO {  
    private String name;  
    private Double salary;  
  
    // constructors, getters, setters  
}
```

## ◆ 3. Why Keep Both?

Here's why we **don't just expose Entity everywhere**:

### 1. Encapsulation & Security

- Entity might have fields like `password`, `role`, `internalNotes` that you don't want to send to API clients.
- DTO ensures you expose **only safe data**.

### 2. Flexibility

- Entity structure = tied to DB.
- DTO structure = free to design for API needs.
- Example: You can have a `EmployeeDTO` with `fullName` (concatenated first+last name) even if DB stores separately.

### 3. Decoupling

- If DB schema changes (extra column, rename field), your API doesn't have to break → you just adjust Entity ↔ DTO mapping.
- Keeps **business logic** independent of persistence.

### 4. Performance

- You can return a **lightweight DTO** with fewer fields instead of full entity with all fields & relations (avoiding lazy loading issues).

## ◆ 4. Flow Example (Spring Boot + JPA)

java

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```
// Controller
@GetMapping("/employees/{id}")
public EmployeeDTO getEmployee(@PathVariable Long id) {
    Employee emp = employeeService.findById(id);
    return new EmployeeDTO(emp.getName(), emp.getSalary()); // convert Entity → DTO
}

// Service
public Employee findById(Long id) {
    return employeeRepository.findById(id).orElseThrow();
}
```

## ◆ 5. Mapping Tools

Manually converting can be boring. We often use **mapping libraries**:

- MapStruct
- ModelMapper

Example with MapStruct:

java

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```
@Mapper
public interface EmployeeMapper {
    EmployeeDTO toDTO(Employee employee);
    Employee toEntity(EmployeeDTO dto);
}
```

## ◆ Summary

- Entity → maps to DB table, managed by Hibernate.
- DTO → plain object for transferring data between layers.
- Having both:
  - Protects sensitive data
  - Decouples DB from API
  - Improves performance and flexibility

what is Optional class in java

Excellent question 🍋 — the `Optional` class in Java is small but very powerful once you really understand *why* it exists and *how* it changes the way we handle `null`.

Let's break it down deeply and clearly ↗

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## ◆ 1. What is `Optional`?

`Optional<T>` is a **container object** introduced in **Java 8** that may or may not hold a non-null value.

In simple words:

👉 It's a *wrapper* around a value that helps you **avoid** `NullPointerException` (**NPE**).

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## ◆ 2. Why Do We Need It?

Before Java 8:

```
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String name = user.getName(); // What if user or name is null?
System.out.println(name.toUpperCase()); // ⚡ NullPointerException
```

After Java 8:

```
java Copy code
Optional<String> nameOpt = Optional.ofNullable(user.getName());
nameOpt.ifPresent(name -> System.out.println(name.toUpperCase()));
```

`Optional` makes the possibility of "value might be missing" **explicit**, instead of silently causing `null` problems.



### ◆ 3. How to Create an `Optional`

Method	Description	Example
<code>Optional.of(value)</code>	Creates an Optional containing non-null value	<code>Optional&lt;String&gt; opt = Optional.of("Hello");</code>
<code>Optional.ofNullable(value)</code>	Accepts null safely	<code>Optional&lt;String&gt; opt = Optional.ofNullable(name);</code>
<code>Optional.empty()</code>	Represents no value present	<code>Optional&lt;String&gt; opt = Optional.empty();</code>

### ◆ 4. How to Use `Optional`

#### ✓ (a) `isPresent()` / `isEmpty()`

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```
Optional<String> opt = Optional.of("Abhi");

if (opt.isPresent()) {
    System.out.println(opt.get()); // prints Abhi
}
```

 Avoid overusing `.isPresent()` — there are better functional ways.

## (b) `ifPresent()`

Executes code **only if value exists**.

java

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```
opt.ifPresent(name -> System.out.println(name.toUpperCase()));
```

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## (c) `orElse()` / `orElseGet()` / `orElseThrow()`

Handle the "no value" case.

java

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```
String name = opt.orElse("Default"); // if empty, return "Default"
```

java

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```
String name = opt.orElseGet(() -> "GeneratedName"); // Lazy evaluation
```

java

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```
String name = opt.orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Name missing!"));
```

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## (d) `map()` — Transform the value inside Optional

If the value exists, apply a function to it.

java

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```
Optional<String> nameOpt = Optional.of("Abhishek");
Optional<Integer> lenOpt = nameOpt.map(String::length);
System.out.println(lenOpt.get()); // 8
```



(e) `flatMap()` — Like `map`, but when function returns another `Optional`

java

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```
Optional<User> userOpt = Optional.of(user);
Optional<String> cityOpt = userOpt.flatMap(User::getAddress).map(Address::getCity);
```

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## ◆ 5. Where You Commonly See `Optional`

In Spring Data JPA:

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```
Optional<Employee> empOpt = employeeRepository.findById(10L);
```

Then you can handle it safely:

java

 Copy code

```
Employee emp = empOpt.orElseThrow(() -> new ResourceNotFoundException("Employee not found"));
```

Without `Optional`, older code would look like:

java

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```
Employee emp = employeeRepository.findById(10L);
if (emp == null) throw new ResourceNotFoundException("Employee not found");
```

`Optional` eliminates the risk of null checks everywhere.

## ◆ 6. Common Mistakes

✗ Don't do:

java

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```
Optional<String> opt = Optional.ofNullable(name);
if (opt.isPresent()) return opt.get(); // Just use opt.orElse()
```

✗ Don't store Optional as a field inside an entity or DTO:

java

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```
public class User {
    private Optional<String> name; // ✗ wrong
}
```

Optional is for *return values*, not for data storage.

## ◆ 7. Summary Table

Purpose	Method	Example
Create	<code>of()</code> , <code>ofNullable()</code> , <code>empty()</code>	<code>Optional.ofNullable(obj)</code>
Check	<code>isPresent()</code> , <code>isEmpty()</code>	<code>if(opt.isPresent()) ...</code>
Get safely	<code>orElse()</code> , <code>orElseGet()</code> , <code>orElseThrow()</code>	<code>opt.orElse("Default")</code>
Transform	<code>map()</code> , <code>flatMap()</code>	<code>opt.map(String::length)</code>
Execute if present	<code>ifPresent()</code>	<code>opt.ifPresent(System.out::println)</code>

✓ In short:

`Optional` helps you write *null-safe*, *cleaner*, and *more expressive* code by explicitly handling "might be missing" values.

```
@GetMapping(path="/{employeeId}")
public EmployeeEntity getEmployeeById(@PathVariable(name =
"employeeId") Long id) {
    return employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
}           but our return type is EmployeeRepository and findById
will return optional type ?
```

👉 Excellent — you've spotted the most common confusion point.

Let's go step-by-step and make it *super clear* why this works even though it looks mismatched at first glance.

### ◆ Step 1 – What the Repository Returns

JpaRepository<EmployeeEntity, Long> already defines:

```
java                                     ⌂ Copy code
optional<EmployeeEntity> findById(Long id);
```

So when you call:

```
java                                     ⌂ Copy code
employeeRepository.findById(id)
```

👉 You get an object of type

Optional<EmployeeEntity>

### ◆ Step 2 – What .orElse(null) Does

Now you immediately call `.orElse(null)` on that `Optional`.

```
java                                     ⌂ Copy code
employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
```

Let's check its method signature:

```
java                                     ⌂ Copy code
public T orElse(T other)
```

- Here `T` is `EmployeeEntity`.
- So `.orElse(null)` will return an `EmployeeEntity` value — either
  - the actual entity (if present inside the `Optional`), or
  - `null` (if the `Optional` was empty).

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- ◆ Step 3 – Type after `.orElse(null)`

Expression	Type
<code>employeeRepository.findById(id)</code>	<code>Optional&lt;EmployeeEntity&gt;</code>
<code>employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null)</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>

So by the time the method returns, the type is exactly `EmployeeEntity`, not `Optional<EmployeeEntity>` anymore.

- Therefore it matches your controller's declared return type:

```
java Copy code  
public EmployeeEntity getEmployeeById(...)
```

No type mismatch.

---

- ◆ Step 4 – What Happens at Runtime

a) Record exists:

```
java Copy code  
Optional<EmployeeEntity> opt = Optional.of(employeeObj);  
opt.orElse(null); // returns employeeObj
```

Controller returns that object → serialized as JSON.

b) Record does not exist:

```
java Copy code  
Optional<EmployeeEntity> opt = Optional.empty();  
opt.orElse(null); // returns null
```

Spring will return an HTTP 200 with empty body (or sometimes 204 No Content).



## ◆ Step 5 – Why This Works but Isn't Ideal

Although this compiles and works fine, returning `null` in a REST API is not a best practice.

A cleaner version is:

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```
@GetMapping("/{employeeId}")
public ResponseEntity<EmployeeEntity> getEmployeeById(@PathVariable Long employeeId) {
    return employeeRepository.findById(employeeId)
        .map(ResponseEntity::ok)           // return 200 OK with body
        .orElse(ResponseEntity.notFound().build()); // return 404 if not found
}
```

Now you handle both cases explicitly.

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### Summary

Expression	Return Type	Meaning
<code>findById(id)</code>	<code>Optional&lt;EmployeeEntity&gt;</code>	might be empty
<code>.orElse(null)</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	unwraps value or null
Controller return	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	OK because <code>.orElse(null)</code> already unwrapped it

.orElse(null) — how this is able to convert the optional<EmployeeEntity> to EmployeeEntity

🔥 Excellent — this is the exact right question to ask.

Let's go very deep into what's really happening inside .orElse(null) and why it's able to "convert" an Optional<EmployeeEntity> into a plain EmployeeEntity.

## ◆ 1 Start from the type definition

findById() from JPA repository returns:

java

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```
Optional<EmployeeEntity>
```

That means the method gives you an object that might contain an EmployeeEntity.

Internally, Optional is a generic class like this:

java

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```
public final class optional<T> {  
    private final T value; // the wrapped object (can be null)  
}
```

When you call Optional<EmployeeEntity>, you are basically saying:

"An Optional that can hold an EmployeeEntity inside."

## ◆ 2 Look at the orElse() method definition

Here's the real signature of the method inside Optional:

java

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```
public T orElse(T other)
```

Notice that:

- The method returns T, not Optional<T>.
- Here, T is the same type you created the Optional with —  
in your case, EmployeeEntity.

## ◆ 3 What `.orElse()` actually does

It's a simple conditional inside:

```
java Copy code
public T orElse(T other) {
    return value != null ? value : other;
}
```

Meaning:

- If the Optional actually contains a value → return it.
- Otherwise → return the argument you passed (`null` in this case).

## ◆ 4 How the type "converts"

Let's walk through the flow:

```
java Copy code
Optional<EmployeeEntity> optEmp = employeeRepository.findById(id);
EmployeeEntity emp = optEmp.orElse(null);
```

Step	Expression	Type	Value
Step 1	<code>findById(id)</code>	<code>Optional&lt;EmployeeEntity&gt;</code>	e.g. <code>Optional[EmployeeEntity@123]</code>
Step 2	<code>.orElse(null)</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity@123</code> (if found) or <code>null</code> (if not)

So there's no "conversion" magic —

`.orElse()` simply unwraps the value inside the `Optional` and returns it.

That's why you can assign the result directly to a variable of type `EmployeeEntity`:

```
java Copy code
EmployeeEntity emp = optEmp.orElse(null);
```

## ◆ 5 Visual example

Imagine this like a box 📦:

```
java Copy code
Optional<EmployeeEntity> optEmp = Optional.of(new EmployeeEntity("Abhi"));
```

- `.orElse(null)` opens the box 📦
- Takes the object out 🚀

## ◆ 5 Visual example

Imagine this like a box 📦:

java

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```
Optional<EmployeeEntity> optEmp = Optional.of(new EmployeeEntity("Abhi"));
```

- `.orElse(null)` opens the box 📦
- Takes the object out 🚶
- If the box was empty, it gives you `null`.

So it unwraps the content.

## ◆ 6 Other variants

You can also unwrap with other methods:

Method	Behavior
<code>.orElse(value)</code>	returns the value or default
<code>.orElseGet(Supplier)</code>	lazily supplies a default
<code>.orElseThrow()</code>	throws an exception if empty

Example:

java

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```
EmployeeEntity emp = optEmp.orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Not found"));
```

## ✓ Summary

Concept	Description
<code>Optional&lt;EmployeeEntity&gt;</code>	A wrapper object that may contain <code>EmployeeEntity</code>
<code>.orElse(null)</code>	Returns the inside <code>EmployeeEntity</code> if present, else <code>null</code>
How it "converts"	By returning the actual wrapped object ( <code>T</code> ), not another <code>Optional</code>
Return type of <code>.orElse()</code>	Same as the type parameter <code>T</code> (→ <code>EmployeeEntity</code> here)

if id is not present in the database then the return will be null is null a EmployeeEntity type

Perfect — you're thinking *exactly like a Java developer should!*

Let's go step-by-step and make this 100 % clear — because this is a subtle but fundamental Java concept.

## ◆ 1 What happens when the ID is not found

You call:

```
java
```

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```
EmployeeEntity emp = employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
```

- `findById(id)` → returns an `Optional<EmployeeEntity>`
- Because the ID doesn't exist → that `Optional` is empty  
→ internally something like: `Optional.empty()`

Now `.orElse(null)` executes.

Inside `Optional`:

```
java
```

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```
public T orElse(T other) {  
    return value != null ? value : other;  
}
```

Since `value` is not present, it returns the argument you passed — `null`.

So you get:

```
java
```

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```
emp = null;
```

## ◆ 2 But wait — the variable is declared as `EmployeeEntity`

```
java
```

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```
EmployeeEntity emp = null;
```

Is that valid Java?

Yes, completely valid.



Because `EmployeeEntity` is a reference type, not a primitive.

## ◆ 3 Reference types vs Primitives

Type	Can hold <code>null</code> ?	Example
Reference types (classes, interfaces, arrays)	✓ Yes	<code>String</code> , <code>EmployeeEntity</code> , <code>List</code> , etc.
Primitive types ( <code>int</code> , <code>double</code> , <code>boolean</code> etc.)	✗ No	<code>int a = null;</code> ✗ compile error

So assigning `null` to an object reference is fine:

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```
EmployeeEntity e = null; // OK
```

That just means:

The variable `e` points to *no object in memory* right now.

## ◆ 4 Therefore...

When you write:

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```
return employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
```

There are two possible outcomes:

Case	What's inside DB?	<code>findById(id)</code> result	<code>.orElse(null)</code> result	Returned value
✓ Record exists	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	<code>Optional[EmployeeEntity @123]</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity @123</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code> objec
✗ Record missing	-	<code>Optional.empty()</code>	<code>null</code>	<code>null</code>

So your controller method may return `null`, which is still valid because `null` is a legal value for a variable of type `EmployeeEntity`.

## ◆ 5 But returning `null` from a REST controller?

Even though it's *legal Java*, it's not *ideal API design*.

Spring will treat it like:

- HTTP 200 OK
- Empty response body (`null` → no JSON output)

A better design is:

java

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```
@GetMapping("/{employeeId}")
public ResponseEntity<EmployeeEntity> getEmployeeById(@PathVariable Long employeeId) {
    return employeeRepository.findById(employeeId)
        .map(ResponseEntity::ok)
        .orElse(ResponseEntity.notFound().build());
}
```

Now:

- If found → HTTP 200 + JSON body
- If not found → HTTP 404 (Not Found)

## ✓ Summary

Concept	Explanation
<code>EmployeeEntity emp = null;</code>	Valid — <code>null</code> can be assigned to any reference type
<code>.orElse(null)</code>	Returns actual object if present, or <code>null</code> if not
<code>Is null an EmployeeEntity ?</code>	No — it's just the <i>absence</i> of one, but it fits in a variable of <i>that type</i>
OK for REST?	Works, but prefer returning a <code>ResponseEntity</code> instead of raw <code>null</code>

in EmployeeController we injected the EmployeeRepository and we are making call to repository method ex-

```
@GetMapping(path="/{employeeId}")
public EmployeeEntity getEmployeeById(@PathVariable(name =
"employeeId") Long id){
    return employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
}
```

what will be  
return for this employeeRepository.findById(id); and what  
will be return for this employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);

Excellent 🎉 — this is one of the *most important* and *most confusing* points when learning Spring Data JPA, `Optional`, and repositories.

Let's unpack it carefully step-by-step.

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## ✳️ The Setup

You wrote:

java

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```
@GetMapping(path="/{employeeId}")
public EmployeeEntity getEmployeeById(@PathVariable(name = "employeeId") Long id) {
    return employeeRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
}
```

Let's analyze each part.

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◆ 1. `employeeRepository.findById(Id)`

What happens internally:

- `employeeRepository` extends `JpaRepository<EmployeeEntity, Long>`.
- The `findById(Long id)` method is already defined in `JpaRepository`.

Method signature:

java

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```
Optional<EmployeeEntity> findById(ID id);
```

👉 So this method returns an `Optional<EmployeeEntity>`, not the entity itself.

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Example:

✓ If the record exists in DB:

java

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```
Optional<EmployeeEntity> optEmp = employeeRepository.findById(5L);

// inside the Optional → EmployeeEntity object exists
System.out.println(optEmp.isPresent()); // true
```

✗ If the record does NOT exist:

java

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```
Optional<EmployeeEntity> optEmp = employeeRepository.findById(999L);

// inside the Optional → nothing
System.out.println(optEmp.isPresent()); // false
```

- ◆ 2. `employeeRepository.findById(Id).orElse(null)`

Now we call `.orElse(null)` on that `Optional`.

What `.orElse(null)` does:

If the `Optional` contains a value → return that value.

If the `Optional` is empty → return `null`.

So effectively:

Case	What happens	Return type
Employee found	Returns the actual <code>EmployeeEntity</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>
Employee not found	Returns <code>null</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code> (null value)

## Example

java

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```
EmployeeEntity emp = employeeRepository.findById(1L).orElse(null);

if (emp != null) {
    System.out.println(emp.getName());
} else {
    System.out.println("Employee not found");
}
```

### ◆ 3. Summary of Both Calls

Expression	Return Type	Description
<code>employeeRepository.findById(Id)</code>	<code>Optional&lt;EmployeeEntity&gt;</code>	May or may not contain the employee
<code>employeeRepository.findById(Id).orElse(null)</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	Actual entity or <code>null</code> if not found

## 💡 Why Use Optional?

Without `Optional`, you'd write:

```
java Copy code  
  
EmployeeEntity emp = employeeRepository.findById(Id);  
if (emp == null) { ... }
```

With `Optional`:

```
java Copy code  
  
Optional<EmployeeEntity> empOpt = employeeRepository.findById(Id);  
EmployeeEntity emp = empOpt.orElse(null);
```

This makes the “might be missing” case **explicit** and avoids unexpected `NullPointerException`s.

## Best Practice in REST API

Instead of returning `null`, a cleaner and safer way is:

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```
@GetMapping("/{employeeId}")
public ResponseEntity<EmployeeEntity> getEmployeeById(@PathVariable Long employeeId) {
    return employeeRepository.findById(employeeId)
        .map(ResponseEntity::ok) // if found → 200 OK + body
        .orElse(ResponseEntity.notFound().build()); // if not found → 404
}
```

That way:

- You avoid `null`
- You return proper HTTP response codes

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### ◆ TL;DR

Code	Return Type	Description
<code>findById(Id)</code>	<code>Optional&lt;EmployeeEntity&gt;</code>	A wrapper, may be empty
<code>findById(Id).orElse(null)</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	The actual object or <code>null</code>

## ◆ Case 1: ID exists in the database

Let's say your table has:

id	name
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Then you call:

```
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```

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```
employeeRepository.findById(1L)
```

Hibernate finds the record in the DB.

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```

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```

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```
java
```

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```

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✓ So `null` is ignored here — it never runs.



## ◆ Case 2: ID does NOT exist in the database

Now suppose you call:

```
java  
  
employeeRepository.findById(99L);
```

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and there's no record with ID 99.

Spring Data JPA (through Hibernate) internally creates:

```
java  
  
return Optional.empty();
```

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Now `.orElse(null)` runs on that empty Optional:

```
java  
  
Optional.empty().orElse(null);
```

 Copy code

This time, inside Optional:

```
java  
  
return value != null ? value : other;
```

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→ `value` is missing → so it returns `other`, which is `null`.

 So `null` is used only when the Optional is empty (i.e. ID not found).

## ◆ Simple Summary Table

Database record	<code>findById(id)</code> result	<code>.orElse(null)</code> result	Returned value
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ID exists	<code>Optional[EmployeeEntity]</code>	<code>EmployeeEntity</code>	Actual object
<input type="checkbox"/> ID missing	<code>Optional.empty()</code>	<code>null</code>	<code>null</code>

## ◆ In plain English

"Use the real Employee if found, otherwise fall back to `null`."

That's exactly what `.orElse(null)` means.

```
main] com.zaxxer.hikari.pool.HikariPool      : HikariPool-1 - Added connection conn0: url=jdbc:h2:mem:ade8c8b7-eaf8-4491-aafc-e80c01c49ac5 user=SA
```

## 1 What is Lombok?

👉 Project Lombok is a Java library that automatically generates **boilerplate code** (like getters, setters, constructors, `toString`, `equals`, `hashCode`, etc.) at **compile time** — using **annotations**.

So instead of writing repetitive code manually, Lombok writes it **behind the scenes**.

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## 2 Maven dependency

If you're using **Maven**, add this to your `pom.xml` inside `<dependencies>`:

xml

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```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.projectlombok</groupId>
    <artifactId>lombok</artifactId>
    <version>1.18.34</version> <!-- or latest --&gt;
    &lt;scope&gt;provided&lt;/scope&gt;
&lt;/dependency&gt;</pre>
```

- ◆ `scope="provided"` means Lombok is only needed at **compile time**, not at runtime.

It modifies the bytecode during compilation and  doesn't need to be included in the packaged JAR.

## 💡 4 Common Lombok Annotations

Here's a list of the most frequently used annotations and what they generate:

Annotation	Purpose	What it generates
<code>@Getter</code>	Generates all getters	<code>getFieldName()</code>
<code>@Setter</code>	Generates all setters	<code>setFieldName(value)</code>
<code>@ToString</code>	Generates <code>toString()</code>	Includes all fields
<code>@EqualsAndHashCode</code>	Generates <code>equals()</code> & <code>hashCode()</code>	Based on all fields
<code>@NoArgsConstructor</code>	Creates a no-args constructor	<code>public ClassName() {}</code>
<code>@AllArgsConstructor</code>	Creates a constructor with all fields	<code>public ClassName(Type f1, Type f2, ...){}</code>
<code>@RequiredArgsConstructor</code>	Creates constructor for all <code>final</code> or <code>@NonNull</code> fields	
<code>@Data</code>	Combines <code>Getter</code> , <code>Setter</code> , <code>ToString</code> , <code>EqualsAndHashCode</code> , <code>RequiredArgsConstructor</code>	All-in-one
<code>@Builder</code>	Implements Builder pattern	<code>ClassName.builder().field(value).build()</code>
<code>@Value</code>	Makes class immutable (like <code>final</code> + all getters + no setters)	Used for DTOs
<code>@Slf4j</code>	Adds a logger instance	<pre>private static final Logger log = LoggerFactory.getLogger(ClassName.class) ;</pre>

## 5 Example with Entity

java

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

@Entity
@Table(name = "employees")
@Data          // generates getters, setters, toString, equals, hashCode
@NoArgsConstructor    // default constructor
@AllArgsConstructor   // constructor with all fields
@Builder        // builder pattern
public class EmployeeEntity {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String name;
    private String department;
}
```

 Behind the scenes, Lombok generates:

java

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```
public Long getId() { return this.id; }
public void setId(Long id) { this.id = id; }
// ... and so on for name, department
```

## 6 Example with DTO

java

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```
import lombok.Data;

@Data
public class EmployeeDTO {
    private Long id;
    private String name;
    private String department;
}
```

Now you don't need to manually write all getters/setters, constructors, etc.

## 7 Why Lombok is used so widely in Spring Boot

Without Lombok	With Lombok
100+ lines of boilerplate code	10 lines of clean annotations
Manually maintaining getters/setters	Auto-generated
Tedious equals, hashCode, toString	Auto
Clean, readable entity/DTO/service classes	

## 8 Important note

Lombok is a **compile-time** tool:

- It does **not** exist at runtime.
- Your compiled `.class` files already include the  generated code.
- It doesn't affect performance.

when we don't use the `@EqualsAndHashCode` method in entity ...is it when we deal with bidirectional relation entity ,we use custom not default

🔥 Excellent — this is exactly the kind of deep, real-world Spring + JPA question that separates beginners from serious developers.

You are *absolutely right* — the decision to use or avoid `@EqualsAndHashCode` (especially from Lombok) in JPA entity classes is very important, particularly when you have bidirectional relationships.

Let's go step by step ↪

## ⚙️ 1 What `@EqualsAndHashCode` does

When you put:

```
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@EqualsAndHashCode
```

Lombok automatically generates:

```
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@Override
public boolean equals(Object o) { ... }

@Override
public int hashCode() { ... }
```

by default based on **all fields** of the class.

That's usually fine for normal POJOs...

but in **JPA entities**, that can cause **serious problems** if you're not careful.

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## 2 Why equals() and hashCode() matter in JPA

JPA uses these methods internally for things like:

- Managing entities inside the **Persistence Context**
- Comparing objects in **Sets or Maps**
- Checking **entity identity** when merging or detaching

So they must be consistent and not trigger recursion or unwanted database loads.

## ⚠ 3 The danger in bidirectional relationships

Let's take an example:

### Example — Bidirectional mapping

java

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```
@Entity  
@Data // includes equals & hashCode by default ✗  
public class Employee {  
    @Id  
    private Long id;  
  
    private String name;  
  
    @ManyToOne  
    private Department department;  
}  
  
@Entity  
@Data // includes equals & hashCode by default ✗  
public class Department {  
    @Id  
    private Long id;  
  
    private String deptName;  
  
    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "department")  
    private List<Employee> employees;  
}
```



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- Employee → has reference to Department
- Department → has reference back to List<Employee>

If Lombok includes **all fields** in equals/hashCode:

- When comparing Employee, it will check department
- That department has a list of employees
- Each of those employees has departments again → ⚡ Infinite recursion / StackOverflowError

## 4 How to fix it

You have a few safe options:

### Option 1 — Exclude relationship fields

Tell Lombok to **exclude** the bidirectional fields:

java

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```
@EqualsAndHashCode(exclude = "department")
@Data
@Entity
public class Employee {
    @Id
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    @ManyToOne
    private Department department;
}
```

and similarly:

java

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```
@EqualsAndHashCode(exclude = "employees")
@Data
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This avoids recursion.

## Option 2 — Use only ID field for equality

A common and recommended practice in JPA is to define equality based only on the primary key:

java

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```
@EqualsAndHashCode(onlyExplicitlyIncluded = true)
@Data
@Entity
public class Employee {

    @Id
    @EqualsAndHashCode.Include
    private Long id;

    private String name;

    @ManyToOne
    private Department department;
}
```

This way:

- `equals()` and `hashCode()` only use `id`
- No recursion
- Faster and consistent behavior

### Option 3 — Write custom equals/hashCode manually

If you need more control, write your own:

```
java Copy code  
  
    @Override  
    public boolean equals(Object o) {  
        if (this == o) return true;  
        if (!(o instanceof Employee)) return false;  
        Employee that = (Employee) o;  
        return id != null && id.equals(that.id);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public int hashCode() {  
        return Objects.hash(id);  
    }
```

### Option to Avoid

Avoid using:

```
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    @Data
```

directly on JPA entities — because it automatically adds equals & hashCode (and toString, which can also recurse).

Instead, prefer:

```
java Copy code  
  
    @Getter  
    @Setter  
    @NoArgsConstructor  
    @AllArgsConstructor
```

and manually control equals/hashCode/toString.



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Would you like me to show a **real working example** where using `@Data` causes infinite recursion — and then the fixed version side-by-side? It's very illustrative.