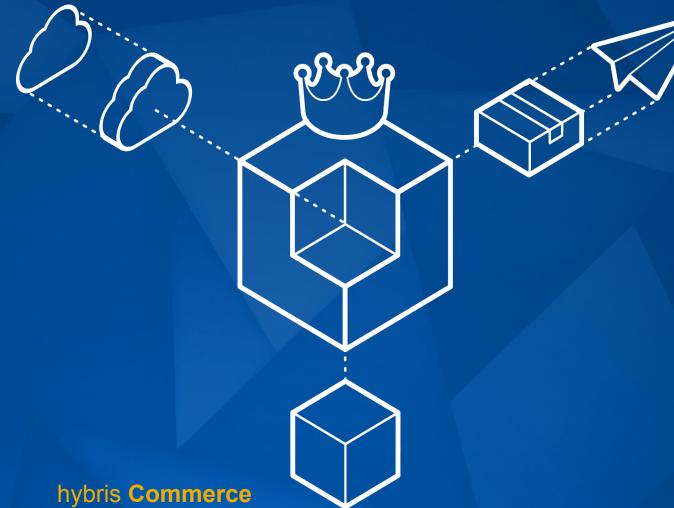




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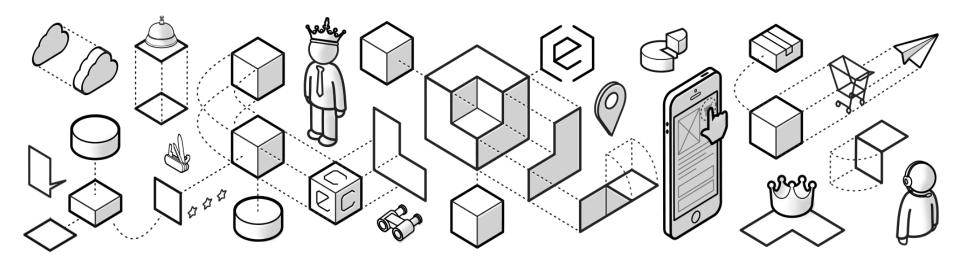
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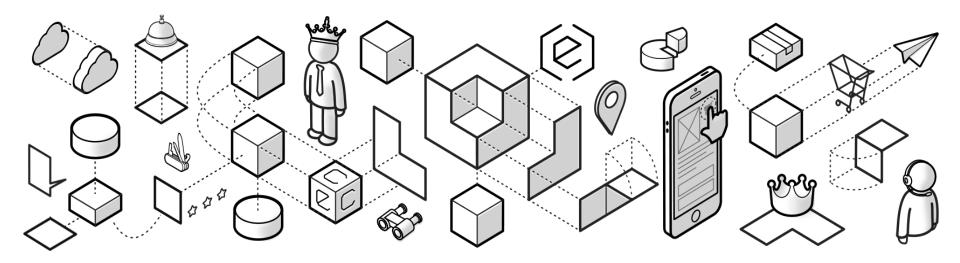


Overview



- SQL-like syntax
- Abstracts a database query into a hybris Item query
- Returns a list of objects (hybris items)
- Makes properties easily queryable
- Is translated into native SQL statements on execution
- Allows nearly every feature of SQL SELECT statements
- Queries go through cache





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Basic Syntax:

```
SELECT <selects> FROM {types} (where <conditions>)
     ?(ORDER BY <order>)?
```

Mandatory:

```
SELECT <selects>
FROM {types}
```

Optional:

```
where <conditions>
ORDER BY <order>
```

SQL Command / Keywords:

ASC, DESC, DISTINCT, AND, OR, LIKE, LEFT JOIN, CONCAT, ..



Query examples



- Basic query
 - Special case: returns Car object instead of PK value

```
SELECT {pk} FROM {Car}
```

Simple queries

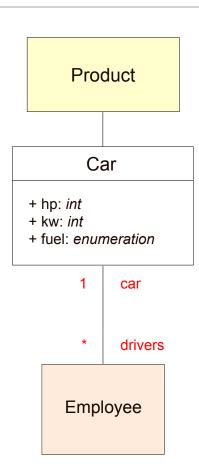
```
SELECT {code},{hp} FROM {Car}
```

- Single type queries
 - Returns only Product items, not subtypes

```
SELECT {code} FROM {Product!}
```

Joins

```
SELECT {c.code},{e.uid} FROM {
 Car as c JOIN Employee as e
                       ON \{c.pk\} = \{e.car\}
          } WHERE {e.uid} LIKE '%Columbo'
```





More query examples



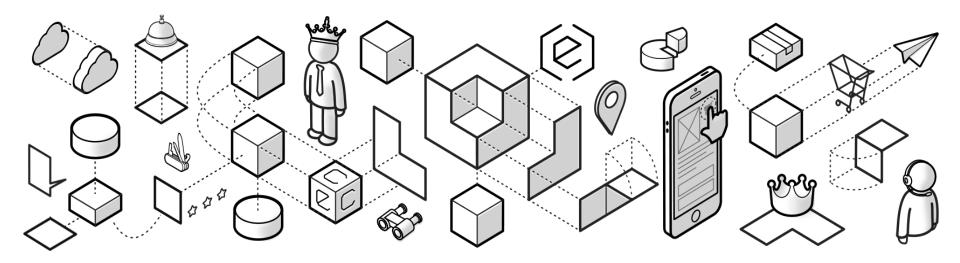
Inner queries:

```
SELECT {c.code} FROM {Car as c}
   WHERE {c.mechanic} IN
   ({{
      SELECT {pk} FROM {Employee}
         WHERE {uid} LIKE '%Tesla'
    }})
```

Parametrized queries:

```
SELECT count(*) FROM {Car}
  WHERE {hp} > ?hpMin
  AND {hp} < ?hpMax
```





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Querying with parameters



Parameter substitution references map keys as ?key

```
String fsq = "SELECT {PK} FROM {Car} WHERE {mechanic} = ?mechanic";
FlexibleSearchQuery query = new FlexibleSearchQuery(fsq);
query.addQueryParameter("mechanic", "Nikola Tesla");
SearchResult<CarModel> result =
   getFlexibleSearchService().search( query );
List<CarModel> cars = result.getResult();
```



Querying for other types than Models



The data type returned by a query must be set if not a hybris item

```
String fsq = "SELECT COUNT( {PK} ) FROM {Car}"
           + "WHERE {Car.warrantyExpiry} < '2015-12-01 0:00:00.0'";
FlexibleSearchQuery query = new FlexibleSearchQuery( fsq );
query.setResultClassList( Arrays.asList( Integer.class ) );
SearchResult<Integer> result =
   getFlexibleSearchService().search( query );
List<Integer> carsCount = result.getResult();
```



Querying against today's date • Caching Considerations



- When comparing with today's date, truncate date value
 - Every Flexible Search query is cached, but using the current date which changes every millisecond — prevents use of the query cache
 - Truncate date to as needed for instance to nearest day:

```
String fsq = "SELECT {PK} FROM {Car} WHERE {Car.warrantyExpiry} < ?today";
final Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance();
   cal.setTime(new Date());
   cal.set(Calendar.HOUR_OF_DAY, 0);
   cal.set(Calendar.MINUTE, 0);
   cal.set(Calendar.SECOND, 0);
   cal.set(Calendar.MILLISECOND, 0);
   FlexibleSearchQuery query = new FlexibleSearchQuery( fsq );
query.addQueryParameter("today", cal.getTime());
List<CarModel> cars =
   getFlexibleSearchService().<carModel>search(query).getResult();
```



Pagination



- Paginate to reduce bandwidth
 - However, performance improved only if underlying DB supports pagination
 - Note use of generics to return List<CarModel> rather than List<Object>

```
public List<CarModel> getCars(int start, int range)
  String fsq= "SELECT {PK} FROM {Car}";
   FlexibleSearchQuery query = new FlexibleSearchQuery( fsq );
  query.setNeedTotal( true );
  query.setCount( range );
  query.setStart( start );
   return
      getFlexibleSearchService().<CarModel>search( query ).getResult();
```



Referring to Model Attributes • Failsafe Approach



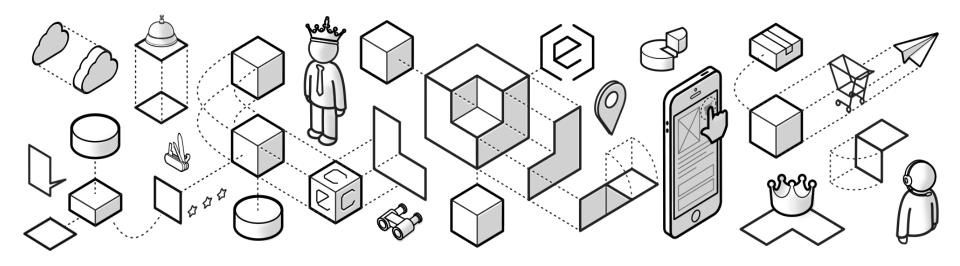
- When building query in Java code, use the static constants defined in each model class to refer to its attributes
 - Constants are the attribute name in uppercase. The itemtype itself is defined as the constant TYPECODE
 - Using constants makes your code more difficult to read, but any changes to the item model (in *extensionName*—items.xml) will cause a compilation error in your Dao classes (alerting you that your queries need to be updated).
- For example, instead of

```
String fsq = "SELECT {Code}, {hp} FROM {Car}";
```

Use the static constants

```
String fsq = "SELECT {" + CarModel.CODE +"}, {" + CarModel.HP + "}"
           + " FROM {" + CarModel._TYPECODE + "}";
```





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GenericDao



Use DefaultGenericDao as an alternative to Flexible Search

- Configure target item type in constructor
- Tip: use Spring Expression Language shortcut to refer to Model's static typecode variable

- Perform basic search using parameters
 - For example, to return all products weighing 200 kilos:

```
final Map<String,Integer> params = new HashMap<>();
params.put(ProductModel.WEIGHT, 200);
return productDao.find(params);
```



GenericSearch



- Similar to HibernateCriteriaSearches
- Search for items as well as raw data fields
- Unlimited number of conditions
- Inner joins and outer joins between item types possible
- Unlimited number of "order by" clauses
- Sub-selects supported



GenericSearch Example



```
GenericQuery query = new GenericQuery(CarModel. TYPECODE);
GenericSerchField carField = new
   GenericSearchField( CarModel.PK, CarModel.Name );
GenericCondition condition =
   GenericCondition.createConditionForValueComparison(carField,
                                                       Operator.LIKE,
                                                       "BMW");
query.addCondition( condition );
query.addOrderBy(new GenericSearchOrderBy( carField, true ));
List<CarModel> cars = genericSearchService.search( query );
```





Exercise 5

