

# Java Persistence API (JPA)



# Topics

- ▶ Object–relational mapping
- ▶ Java Persistence API
- ▶ ORM with annotations
- ▶ Persistence Context
- ▶ Relationships between entities

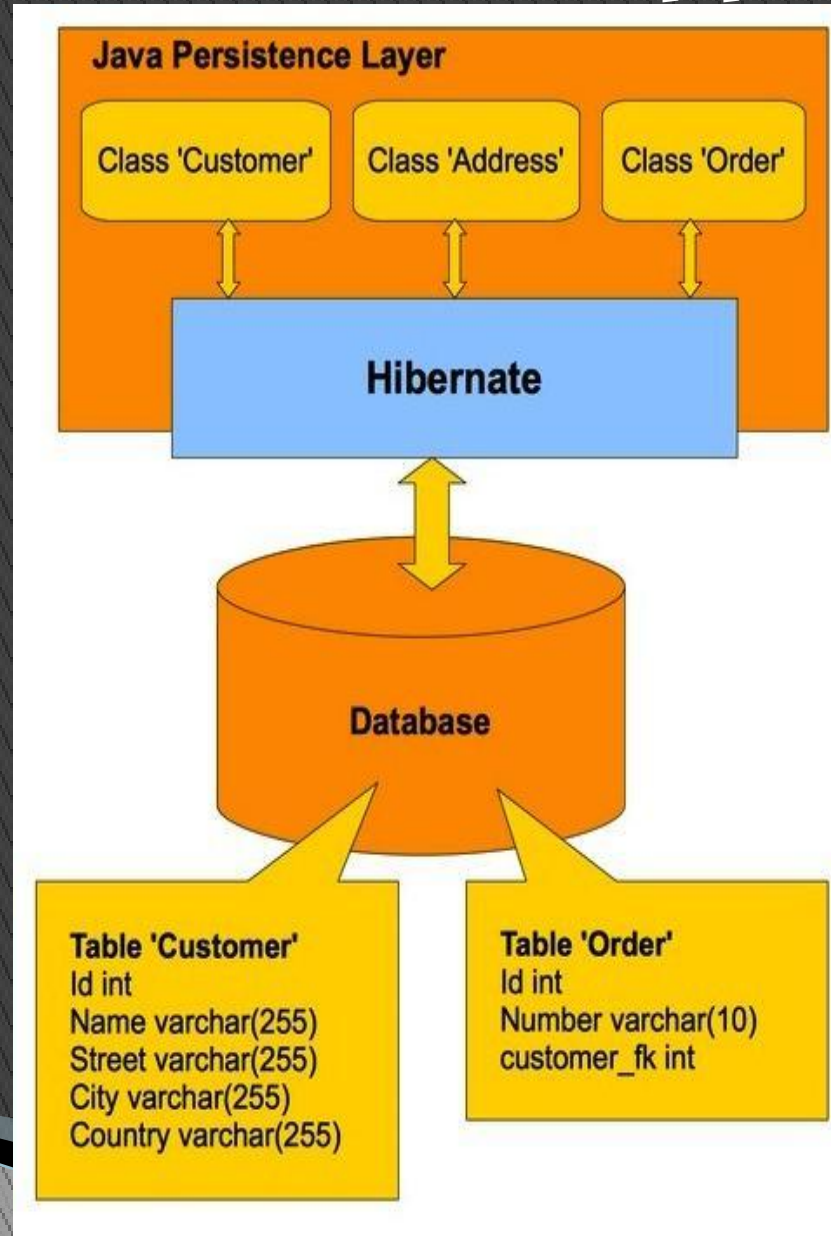


# SQL basics

- ▶ table, row, column
- ▶ primary key, foreign key
- ▶ normalized database
- ▶ CRUD operations (create, read, update, delete)
- ▶ insert into table\_name (id, value) values (111, 'somevalue');
- ▶ select \* from table\_name where id = 111;
- ▶ update table\_name set property = somevalue where id = 111;
- ▶ delete from table\_name where id = 111;



# Object-relational mapping



# Object–relational mapping

- ▶ Table  $\leftrightarrow$  entity class
- ▶ Columns of relational table  $\leftrightarrow$  entity attributes, which can be accessed through getters/setters:  
*private String title;*  
*public String getTitle();*  
*public void setTitle(String newTitle);*
- ▶ Rows of relational table  $\leftrightarrow$  object instances of entity

# Object method – SQL command mapping

- ▶ Entity find (eg by primary key), and load into memory → SQL SELECT
- ▶ Change entity and write it back to DB → SQL UPDATE
- ▶ Create entity → SQL INSERT
- ▶ Remove entity → SQL DELETE

# Java Persistence API

- ▶ currently version 2.1
- ▶ Persistence Provider: Hibernate, EclipseLink – implementations of the JPA API (we will be using Hibernate)
- ▶ to be able to use JPA in Java EE you have to provide a persistence.xml file in the META-INF library: it defines for example the name of the provider and the JNDI name of the database
- ▶ javax.persistence package contains the classes we want to use



# Java Persistence API

- ▶ persistence.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
<persistence version="2.0"
xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/persistence"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/persistence
http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/persistence/persistence_2_0.xsd">
  <persistence-unit name="LaborPU" transaction-type="JTA">
    <provider>org.hibernate.ejb.HibernatePersistence</provider>
    <jta-data-source>java:/laborDS</jta-data-source>
    <properties>
      <property name="hibernate.dialect"
value="org.hibernate.dialect.PostgreSQLDialect"/>
      <property name="hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto" value="none"/>
      <property name="hibernate.show_sql" value="true"/>
      <property name="hibernate.format_sql" value="true"/>
    </properties>
  </persistence-unit>
</persistence>
```



# Object-relational mapping with annotations

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

    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "category_id")
    private Category category;
}
```

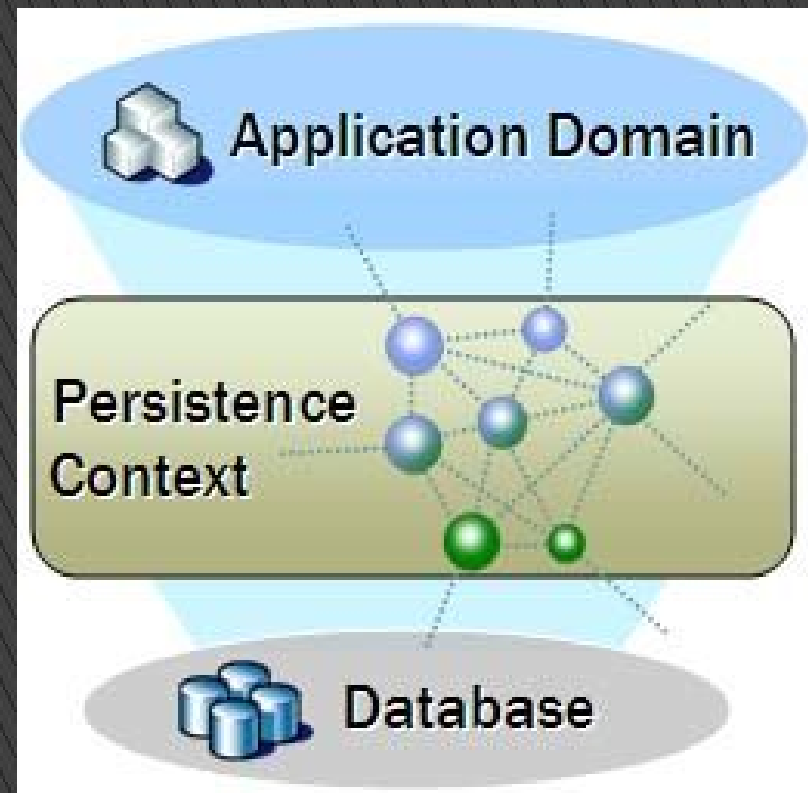
# Object–relational mapping with annotations

- ▶ POJO (Plain Old Java Object) + @Entity annotation
- ▶ Table – entity relationship  
@Table(name="myTable", schema="test")
- ▶ Column – attribute relationship: @Column(name="myColumn")
- ▶ Primary key definition: @Id
- ▶ Relationships between entities:
  - @OneToOne(mappedBy="person")
  - @OneToMany(mappedBy="person")
  - @ManyToOne
  - @JoinColumn(name="relation")

# Persistence Context

```
@PersistenceContext  
private EntityManager em;
```

- ▶ A set of entities held in memory and managed by the persistence provider. For any persistent entity there is a unique entity instance.
- ▶ Entities, entity lifecycle is managed through the persistence context. the PC is the connection between the database and the Java EE world.



# Entity Manager

- ▶ Interface to manage entities and their lifecycle
- ▶ 3 types of methods:
  - entity lifecycle management methods
  - database synchronization
  - finding entities



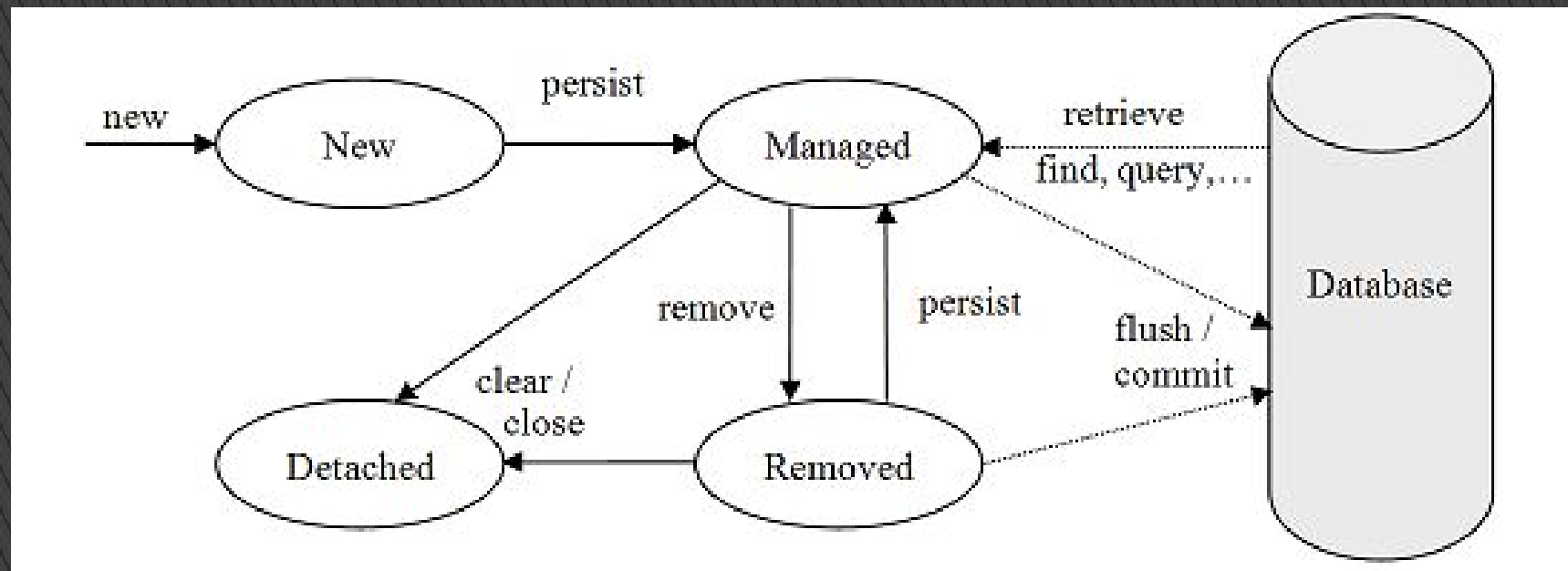
# Entity Manager usage

- ▶ Usage through injection:

```
@PersistenceContext(unitName = "laborDS")  
private EntityManager em;
```

- ▶ @PersistenceContext parameters:
  - unitName: if there are more units in the persistence.xml

# Entity lifecycle



# Entity states

- ▶ **new:** new Entity() – exists only in memory but not in DB
- ▶ **managed:** exists in DB and associated with a persistence context → entityManager.flush() will write entity from memory to DB. Flush is called automatically.
- ▶ **detached:** exists in DB but not in persistence context (memory)
- ▶ **removed:** still in persistence context but is flagged for deletion from DB

# Entity lifecycle

- ▶ Making a new entity managed:
- ▶ **persist()**: if primary key already exists in context, error
- ▶ **merge()**: if primary key already exists in context, SQL UPDATE, if not, INSERT
- ▶ **merge() returns with a managed entity**
- ▶ Entity remove from persistence context:
  - Clearing persistence context: `em.clear()`;
  - Closing persistence context: `em.close()`;
  - For one entity: `em.detach(entity)`;



# Database synchronization

- ▶ 2 EntityManager methods are responsible for synchronization:
  - flush(): will write all the changes in PC to DB
  - refresh(entity): reads the entity from DB with changes
- ▶ We usually do not call these methods in EJB context because they are automatically called by container.

# Entitások közötti kapcsolatok

- ▶ Cardinality types:
  - @OneToOne
  - @OneToMany
  - @ManyToOne
  - @ManyToMany
- ▶ Directions:
  - one-directional
  - bi-directional (entities on both ends will have getter/setter methods)
- ▶ the developer has to maintain consistency between the two ends
- ▶ ONLY one OWNER for each relationship

# Relationship between entities

- Customer orders

```
public class Customer{  
  
    @OneToMany(fetch = FetchType.LAZY, mappedBy = "customer")  
    private Set<Order> orders = new HashSet<>();  
}
```

- Orders

```
public class Order{  
  
    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)  
    @JoinColumn(name = "CUSTOMER_ID")  
    private Customer customer;  
}
```

# Entitások közötti kapcsolatok

- Megrendeléshez kapcsolódó termékek – adatbázisban kapcsolótábla

```
public class Order{
```

```
    @ManyToMany(fetch = FetchType.EAGER, cascade = CascadeType.ALL)
```

```
    @JoinTable(name = "order2product", joinColumns = {
```

```
        @JoinColumn(name = "ORDER_ID", nullable = false) },
```

```
    inverseJoinColumns = { @JoinColumn(name = "PRODUCT_ID",  
        nullable = false) })
```

```
    private Set<Product> products = new HashSet<>();
```

```
}
```

# Fetch

- ▶ All 4 relationship attributes can take a fetch attribute @OneToMany(fetch=FetchType.LAZY)
- ▶ DEFINES IF AFTER LOADING AN ENTITY ALSO THE ASSOCIATED RELATIONSHIPS ARE LOADED
- ▶ LAZY : will not load, only if we reference it, does not take space in memory, faster -> if we need it it takes an extra query
- ▶ EAGER (default, exceptions: OneToMany, ManyToMany): associated relationships are loaded
- ▶ Best practice:
- ▶ leave it lazy by default and use queries with fetch join
- ▶ `SELECT c form Customer c LEFT JOIN FETCH c.orders`

# Cascade

- ▶ All 4 relationship attributes can take a cascade attribute
- ▶ @OneToMany(cascade={CascadeType.PERSIST, CascadeType.MERGE})
- ▶ Possible values: PERSIST, MERGE, REMOVE, REFRESH, ALL
- ▶ Defines which entity manager methods will be called for associated entities
- ▶ Default: no cascade