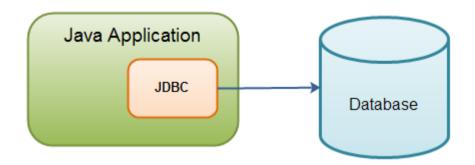
The Java *JDBC* API (Java Database Connectivity) enables Java applications to connect to relational databases like MySQL, PostgreSQL, MS SQL Server, Oracle, H2 Database etc. The JDBC API makes is possible to query and update relational databases, as well as call stored procedures, and obtain meta data about the database. The Java JDBC API is part of the core Java SE SDK, making JDBC available to all Java applications that want to use it. Here is a diagram illustrating a Java application using JDBC to connect to a relational database:



## JDBC is Database Independent

The Java JDBC API standardizes how to connect to a database, how to execute queries against it, how to navigate the result of such a query, and how to execute updates in the database, how to call stored procedures, and how to obtain meta data from the database. By "standardizes" I mean that the code looks the same across different database products. Thus, changing to another database will be a lot easier, if your project needs that in the future.

## JDBC is Not SQL Independent

JDBC does not standardize the SQL sent to the database. The SQL is written by you, the user of the JDBC API. The SQL dialect used by the various different databases will vary slightly, so to be 100% database independent, you SQL must also be 100% database independent (i.e. use commands understood by all databases).

The core concepts of the Java JDBC API are:

- Driver
- Connection
- Statement
- PreparedStatement
- CallableStatement
- ResultSet
- Transaction
- DatabaseMetaData

```
import java.sql.*;
public class JdbcExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws ClassNotFoundException {
        Class.forName("org.h2.Driver");
                        = "idbc:h2:~/test";
                                              //database specific url.
        String url
                        = "sa";
        String user
        String password = "";
        try(Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection(url, user,
password)) {
            try(Statement statement = connection.createStatement()){
                String sql = "select * from people";
                try(ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery(sql)){
                    while(result.next()) {
                        String name = result.getString("name");
                               age = result.getLong ("age");
                    }
                }
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

#### Load JDBC Driver

Class.forName("DRIVER\_NAME"); // name of the JDBC driver class for the given JDBC driver

You will have to find the right class name for the JDBC driver you are using. Typically, each database has its own JDBC driver, so you will have to look up what the JDBC driver class name is.

## **Open Database Connection**

In order to communicate with the database, you must first open a JDBC connection to the database.

```
String url = "jdbc:h2:~/test"; //database specific url.
String user = "sa";
String password = "";

Connection connection =
    DriverManager.getConnection(url, user, password);
```

Once you have an open database connection, you will typically either be updating the database (inserting new records or updating existing ones), or query the database, meaning you read records from it

#### Create Statement

Whether you need to update or query the database, you will need to create a JDBC Statement or PreparedStatement through which the update or query will happen. Here is an example of creating a JDBC Statement instance:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
```

## **Update the Database**

When you have created a JDBC Statement or JDBC PreparedStatement instance you can update the database. Here is an example of updating the database via a Statement instance:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
String sql = "update people set name='John' where id=123";
int rowsAffected = statement.executeUpdate(sql);
```

## **Query the Database**

You can also query the database via a JDBC Statement or PreparedStatement object. When you query the database you get a <u>JDBC ResultSet</u> back through which you can access the result of the query. Here is an example of executing a query against a database via JDBC:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
String sql = "select * from people";
ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery(sql);
while(result.next()) {
    String name = result.getString("name");
    long age = result.getLong ("age");
}
```

### Close Database Connection

When you are done with the JDBC database connection, you have to close the connection again. A JDBC connection can take up a big amount of sources both inside your application, but also inside the database server. Therefore it is important to close the database connection again after use. You close a JDBC connection via its close() method. Here is an example of closing a JDBC connection:

```
connection.close();
```

The JDBC API consists of the following core parts:

- JDBC Drivers
- Connections
- Statements
- · Result Sets

There are four basic JDBC use cases around which most JDBC work evolves:

- Query the database (read data from it).
- Query the database meta data.
- Update the database.
- Perform transactions.

#### **JDBC Drivers**

A JDBC driver is a collection of Java classes that enables you to connect to a certain database. For instance, MySQL will have its own JDBC driver.

JDBC drivers are typically supplied by the database vendor

#### **Connections**

Once a JDBC driver is loaded and initialized, you need to connect to the database. You do so by obtaining a Connection to the database via the JDBC API and the loaded driver. All communication with the database happens via a connection. An application can have more than one connection open to a database at a time. This is actually very common.

#### **Statements**

A **Statement** is what you use to execute queries and updates against the database. There are a few different types of statements you can use. Each statement corresponds to a single query or update.

#### ResultSets

When you perform a query against the database you get back a ResultSet. You can then traverse this ResultSet to read the result of the query.

### **Common JDBC Use Cases**

#### Query the database

One of the most common use cases is to read data from a database. Reading data from a database is called querying the database.

### Query the database meta data

Another common use case is to query the database meta data. The database meta data contains information about the database itself. For instance, information about the tables defined, the columns in each table, the data types etc.

#### **Update the database**

Another very common JDBC use case is to update the database. Updating the database means writing data to it. In other words, adding new records or modifying (updating) existing records.

#### Perform transactions

Transactions is anoter common use case. A transaction groups multiple updates and possibly queries into a single action. Either all of the actions are executed, or none of them are.

### JDBC Driver Type List

There are four different JDBC driver types. These driver types are:

- Type 1: JDBC-ODBC bridge JDBC driver
- Type 2: Java + Native code JDBC driver
- Type 3: All Java + Middleware translation JDBC driver
- Type 4: All Java JDBC driver.

The JDBC Connection class, java.sql.Connection, represents a database connection to a relational database. Before you can read or write data from and to a database via JDBC, you need to open a connection to the database.

## **Loading the JDBC Driver**

The first thing you need to do before you can open a JDBC connection to a database is to load the JDBC driver for the database. Actually, from Java 6 this is no longer necessary, but doing so will not fail. You load the JDBC driver like this:

```
Class.forName("driverClassName");
```

Each JDBC driver has a primary driver class that initializes the driver when it is loaded. For instance, to load the H2Database driver, you write this:

```
Class.forName("org.h2.Driver");
```

You only have to load the driver once. You do not need to load it before every connection opened. Only before the first JDBC connection opened.

### **Opening the JDBC Connection**

You open a JDBC Connection by call the <code>java.sql.DriverManager</code> class method <code>getConnection()</code>. There are three variants of this method. I will show each variant in the following sections.

#### Open Connection With URL, User and Password

The second variant of getConnection() takes both a database URL, a user name and a password as parameters. Here is an example of calling that variant of getConnection():

```
String url = "jdbc:h2:~/test"; //database specific url.
String user = "sa";
String password = "";

Connection connection =
    DriverManager.getConnection(url, user, password);
```

The user and password parameters are the user name and password for your database.

# JDBC: Query the Database

Querying a database means searching through its data. You do so be sending SQL statements to the database. To do so, you first need an open database connection. Once you have an open connection, you need to create a Statement object, like this:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
```

Once you have created the Statement you can use it to execute SQL queries, like this:

```
String sql = "select * from people";
ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery(sql);
```

When you execute an SQL query you get back a ResultSet. The ResultSet contains the result of your SQL query. The result is returned in rows with columns of data. You iterate the rows of the ResultSet like this:

```
while(result.next()) {
    String name = result.getString("name");
    long age = result.getLong ("age");
}
```

You can get column data for the current row by calling some of the getXXX() methods, where XXX is a primitive data type. For instance:

```
result.getString ("columnName");
result.getLong ("columnName");
result.getInt ("columnName");
result.getDouble ("columnName");
result.getBigDecimal("columnName");
```

The column name to get the value of is passed as parameter to any of these getXXX() method calls

You can also pass an index of the column instead, like this:

```
result.getString (1);
result.getLong (2);
result.getInt (3);
result.getDouble (4);
result.getBigDecimal(5);
etc.
```

For that to work you need to know what index a given column has in the ResultSet. You can get the index of a given column by calling the ResultSet.findColumn() method, like this:

```
int columnIndex = result.findColumn("columnName");
```

If iterating large amounts of rows, referencing the columns by their index might be faster than by their name.

When you are done iterating the ResultSet you need to close both the ResultSet and the Statement object that created it (if you are done with it, that is). You do so by calling their close() methods, like this:

```
result.close();
statement.close();
```

Of course you should call these mehtods inside a finally block to make sure that they are called even if an exception occurs during ResultSet iteration.

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
String sql = "select * from people";
ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery(sql);
while(result.next()) {
    String name = result.getString("name");
    long age = result.getLong("age");
    System.out.println(name);
    System.out.println(age);
}
result.close();
statement.close();
```

```
Statement statement = null;
try{
    statement = connection.createStatement();
   ResultSet result
                      = null:
    try{
        String sql = "select * from people";
        ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery(sql);
       while(result.next()) {
            String name = result.getString("name");
                   age = result.getLong("age");
            System.out.println(name);
            System.out.println(age);
        }
    } finally {
        if(result != null) result.close();
} finally {
   if(statement != null) statement.close();
```

# JDBC: Update the Database

In order to update the database you need to use a Statement. But, instead of calling the executeQuery() method, you call the executeUpdate() method.

There are two types of updates you can perform on a database:

- 1. Update record values
- 2. Delete records

The executeUpdate() method is used for both of these types of updates.

## **Updating Records**

Here is an update record value example:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
String sql = "update people set name='John' where id=123";
int rowsAffected = statement.executeUpdate(sql);
```

The rowsAffected returned by the statement.executeUpdate(sql) call, tells how many records in the database were affected by the SQL statement.

## **Deleting Records**

Here is a delete record example:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
String sql = "delete from people where id=123";
int rowsAffected = statement.executeUpdate(sql);
```

Again, the rowsAffected returned by the statement.executeUpdate(sql) call, tells how many records in the database were affected by the SQL statement.

## **JDBC Statement**

The Java JDBC *Statement*, java.sql.Statement, interface is used to execute SQL statements against a relational database.

#### Create Statement

In order to use a Java JDBC Statement you first need to create a Statement. Here is an example of creating a Java Statement instance:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
```

## **Executing a Query via a Statement**

Once you have created a Java Statement object, you can execute a query against the database. You do so by calling its executeQuery() method, passing an SQL statement as parameter. The Statement executeQuery() method returns a Java JDBC ResultSet which can be used to navigate the response of the query. Here is an example of calling the Java JDBC Statement executeQuery() and navigating the returned ResultSet:

```
String sql = "select * from people";
ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery(sql);
while(result.next()) {
   String name = result.getString("name");
   long age = result.getLong ("age");
}
```

## **Execute an Update via a Statement**

You can also execute an update of the database via a Java JDBC Statement instance. For instance, you could execute an SQL insert, update or delete via a Statement instance. Here is an example of executing a database update via a Java JDBC Statement instance:

```
tatement statement = connection.createStatement();
String sql = "update people set name='John' where id=123";
int rowsAffected = statement.executeUpdate(sql);
```

## Statement vs. PreparedStatement

The Java JDBC API has an interface similar to the Statement called <u>PreparedStatement</u>. The PreparedStatement can have parameters inserted into the SQL statement, so the PreparedStatement can be reused again and again with different parameter values. You cannot do that with a Statement. A Statement requires a finished SQL statement as parameter.

## JDBC ResultSet

The Java JDBC *ResultSet* interface represents the result of a database query. The text about <u>queries</u> shows how the result of a query is returned as a <code>java.sql.ResultSet</code>. This <code>ResultSet</code> is then iterated to inspect the result.

### A ResultSet Contains Records

A JDBC ResultSet contains records. Each records contains a set of columns. Each record contains the same amount of columns, although not all columns may have a value. A column can have a null value. Here is an illustration of a JDBC ResultSet:

Name	Age	Gender
John	27	Male
Jane	21	Female
Jeanie	31	Female

**ResultSet example - records with columns** 

This ResultSet has 3 different columns (Name, Age, Gender), and 3 records with different values for each column.

## **Creating a ResultSet**

You create a ResultSet by executing a Statement or PreparedStatement, like this:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery("select * from people");
String sql = "select * from people";
PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement(sql);
ResultSet result = statement.executeQuery();
```

## **Iterating the ResultSet**

To iterate the ResultSet you use its next() method. The next() method returns true if the ResultSet has a next record, and moves the ResultSet to point to the next record. If there were no more records, next() returns false, and you can no longer. Once the next() method has returned false, you should not call it anymore. Doing so may result in an exception.

Here is an example of iterating a ResultSet using the next() method:

```
while(result.next()) {
    // ... get column values from this record
}
```

As you can see, the next() method is actually called before the first record is accessed. That means, that the ResultSet starts out pointing before the first record. Once next() has been called once, it points at the first record.

Similarly, when next() is called and returns false, the ResultSet is actually pointing after the last record.

You cannot obtain the number of rows in a ResultSet except if you iterate all the way through it and count the rows.

## **Accessing Column Values**

When iterating the ResultSet you want to access the column values of each record. You do so by calling one or more of the many getXXX() methods. You pass the name of the column to get the value of, to the many getXXX() methods. For instance:

```
while(result.next()) {
    result.getString ("name");
    result.getInt ("age");
    result.getBigDecimal("coefficient");
    // etc.
}
```

There are a lot of getXXX() methods you can call, which return the value of the column as a certain data type, e.g. String, int, long, double, BigDecimal etc. They all take the name of the column to obtain the column value for, as parameter.

The getXXX() methods also come in versions that take a column index instead of a column name. For instance:

```
while(result.next()) {
    result.getString (1);
    result.getInt (2);
    result.getBigDecimal(3);
    // etc.
}
```

The index of a column typically depends on the index of the column in the SQL statement. For instance, the SQL statement

```
select name, age, coefficient from person
```

has three columns. The column name is listed first, and will thus have index 1 in the ResultSet. The column age will have index 2, and the column coefficient will have index 3.

Sometimes you do not know the index of a certain column ahead of time. For instance, if you use a select \* from type of SQL query, you do not know the sequence of the columns.

# JDBC PreparedStatement

A Java JDBC *PreparedStatement* is a special kind of Java JDBC Statement object with some useful additional features. Remember, you need a Statement in order to execute either a query or an update. You can use a Java JDBC PreparedStatement instead of a Statement and benefit from the features of the PreparedStatement.

The Java JDBC PreparedStatement primary features are:

- Easy to insert parameters into the SQL statement.
- Easy to reuse the PreparedStatement with new parameter values.

Here is a quick example, to give you a sense of how it looks in code:

### **Creating a PreparedStatement**

Before you can use a PreparedStatement you must first create it. You do so using the Connection.prepareStatement(), like this:

## **Inserting Parameters into a PreparedStatement**

Everywhere you need to insert a parameter into your SQL, you write a question mark (?). For instance:

```
String sql = "select * from people where id=?";
```

Once a PreparedStatement is created (prepared) for the above SQL statement, you can insert parameters at the location of the question mark. This is done using the many SetXXX() methods. Here is an example:

```
preparedStatement.setLong(1, 123);
```

The first number (1) is the index of the parameter to insert the value for. The second number (123) is the value to insert into the SQL statement.

Here is the same example with a bit more details:

You can have more than one parameter in an SQL statement. Just insert more than one question mark. Here is a simple example:

### **Executing the PreparedStatement**

Executing the PreparedStatement looks like executing a regular Statement. To execute a query, call the executeQuery() or executeUpdate method. Here is an executeQuery() example:

The executeUpdate() method is used when updating the database. It returns an int which tells how many records in the database were affected by the update.

## **Reusing a PreparedStatement**

Once a PreparedStatement is prepared, it can be reused after execution. You reuse a PreparedStatement by setting new values for the parameters and then execute it again. Here is a simple example:

A batch update is a batch of updates grouped together, and sent to the database in one "batch", rather than sending the updates one by one.

Sending a batch of updates to the database in one go, is faster than sending them one by one, waiting for each one to finish. There is less network traffic involved in sending one batch of updates (only 1 round trip), and the database might be able to execute some of the updates in parallel. The speed up compared to executing the updates one by one, can be quite big.

You can batch both SQL inserts, updates and deletes. It does not make sense to batch select statements.

There are two ways to execute batch updates:

- 1. Using a Statement
- 2. Using a PreparedStatement

This text explains both ways.

### **Statement Batch Updates**

You can use a Statement object to execute batch updates. You do so using the addBatch() and executeBatch() methods. Here is an example:

```
statement statement = null;

try{
    statement = connection.createStatement();

    statement.addBatch("update people set firstname='John' where id=123");
    statement.addBatch("update people set firstname='Eric' where id=456");
    statement.addBatch("update people set firstname='May' where id=789");

    int[] recordsAffected = statement.executeBatch();
} finally {
    if(statement != null) statement.close();
}
```

First you add the SQL statements to be executed in the batch, using the addBatch() method.

Then you execute the SQL statements using the executeBatch(). The int[] array returned by the executeBatch() method is an array of int telling how many records were affected by each executed SQL statement in the batch.

## **PreparedStatement Batch Updates**

You can also use a PreparedStatement object to execute batch updates. The PreparedStatement enables you to reuse the same SQL statement, and just insert new parameters into it, for each update to execute. Here is an example:

```
String sql = "update people set firstname=? , lastname=? where id=?";
PreparedStatement preparedStatement = null;
try{
    preparedStatement =
        connection.prepareStatement(sql);
```

```
preparedStatement.setString(1, "Gary");
preparedStatement.setString(2, "Larson");
preparedStatement.setLong (3, 123);

preparedStatement.addBatch();

preparedStatement.setString(1, "Stan");
preparedStatement.setString(2, "Lee");
preparedStatement.setLong (3, 456);

preparedStatement.addBatch();

int[] affectedRecords = preparedStatement.executeBatch();

}finally {
   if(preparedStatement != null) {
      preparedStatement.close();
   }
}
```

First a PreparedStatement is created from an SQL statement with question marks in, to show where the parameter values are to be inserted into the SQL.

Second, each set of parameter values are inserted into the preparedStatement, and the addBatch() method is called. This adds the parameter values to the batch internally. You can now add another set of values, to be inserted into the SQL statement. Each set of parameters are inserted into the SQL and executed separately, once the full batch is sent to the database.

Third, the executeBatch() method is called, which executes all the batch updates. The SQL statement plus the parameter sets are sent to the database in one go. The int[] array returned by the executeBatch() method is an array of int telling how many records were affected by each executed SQL statement in the batch.

## **JDBC: Transactions**

A transaction is a set of actions to be carried out as a single, atomic action. Either all of the actions are carried out, or none of them are.

The classic example of when transactions are necessary is the example of bank accounts. You need to transfer \$100 from one account to the other. You do so by subtracting \$100 from the first account, and adding \$100 to the second account. If this process fails after you have subtracted the \$100 fromt the first bank account, the \$100 are never added to the second bank account. The money is lost in cyber space.

To solve this problem the subtraction and addition of the \$100 are grouped into a transaction. If the subtraction succeeds, but the addition fails, you can "rollback" the fist subtraction. That way the database is left in the same state as before the subtraction was executed.

You start a transaction by this invocation:

```
connection.setAutoCommit(false);
```

Now you can continue to perform database queries and updates. All these actions are part of the transaction.

If any action attempted within the transaction fails, you should rollback the transaction. This is done like this:

```
connection.rollback();
```

If all actions succeed, you should commit the transaction. Committing the transaction makes the actions permanent in the database. Once committed, there is no going back. Committing the transaction is done like this:

```
connection.commit();
```

Of course you need a bit of try-catch-finally around these actions. Here is a an example:

```
Connection connection = \dots
try{
    connection.setAutoCommit(false);
    // create and execute statements etc.
    connection.commit();
} catch(Exception e) {
    connection.rollback();
} finally {
    if(connection != null) {
        connection.close();
    }
}
Here is a full example:
Connection connection = \dots
try{
    connection.setAutoCommit(false);
    Statement statement1 = null;
    try{
        statement1 = connection.createStatement();
        statement1.executeUpdate(
            "update people set name='John' where id=123");
    } finally {
        if(statement1 != null) {
            statement1.close();
        }
    }
    Statement statement2 = null;
    try{
        statement2 = connection.createStatement();
        statement2.executeUpdate(
            "update people set name='Gary' where id=456");
    } finally {
        if(statement2 != null) {
            statement2.close();
        }
    }
```

```
connection.commit();
} catch(Exception e) {
   connection.rollback();
} finally {
   if(connection != null) {
      connection.close();
   }
}
```

## JDBC: CallableStatement

A java.sql.CallableStatement is used to call stored procedures in a database. A stored procedure is like a function or method in a class, except it lives inside the database. Some database heavy operations may benefit performance-wise from being executed inside the same memory space as the database server, as a stored procedure.

## **Creating a CallableStatement**

You create an instance of a CallableStatement by calling the prepareCall() method on a connection object. Here is an example:

```
CallableStatement callableStatement =
  connection.prepareCall("{call calculateStatistics(?, ?)}");
```

## **Setting Parameter Values**

Once created, a CallableStatement is very similar to a PreparedStatement. For instance, you can set parameters into the SQL, at the places where you put a ? . Here is an example:

```
CallableStatement callableStatement =
    connection.prepareCall("{call calculateStatistics(?, ?)}");
callableStatement.setString(1, "param1");
callableStatement.setInt (2, 123);
```

## **Executing the CallableStatement**

Once you have set the parameter values you need to set, you are ready to execute the CallableStatement. Here is how that is done:

```
ResultSet result = callableStatement.executeQuery();
```

The executeQuery() method is used if the stored procedure returns a ResultSet.

If the stored procedure just updates the database, you can call the executeUpdate() method instead, like this:

```
callableStatement.executeUpdate();
```

## **Batch Updates**

You can group multiple calls to a stored procedure into a batch update. Here is how that is done:

```
CallableStatement callableStatement =
    connection.prepareCall("{call calculateStatistics(?, ?)}");

callableStatement.setString(1, "param1");
callableStatement.setInt (2, 123);
callableStatement.addBatch();

callableStatement.setString(1, "param2");
callableStatement.setInt (2, 456);
callableStatement.addBatch();

int[] updateCounts = callableStatement.executeBatch();
```