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Let's describe each annotation with links to their Java doc and their official documentation sections.

## **`@Access`**

The [@Access](#) annotation is used to specify the access type of the associated entity class, mapped superclass, or the embeddable class and entity attribute.

See the [Access type](#) section for more info.

## **@AssociationOverride**

The [@AssociationOverride](#) annotation is used to override an association mapping (e.g. `@ManyToOne`, `@OneToOne`, `@OneToMany`, `@ManyToMany`) inherited from a mapped superclass or an embeddable.

See the [Overriding Embeddable types](#) section for more info.

## **@AssociationOverrides**

The [@AssociationOverrides](#) is used to group several [@AssociationOverride](#) annotations.

## **@AttributeOverride**

The [@AttributeOverride](#) annotation is used to override an attribute mapping inherited from a mapped superclass or an embeddable.

See the [Overriding Embeddable types](#) section for more info.

## **@AttributeOverrides**

The [@AttributeOverrides](#) is used to group several [@AttributeOverride](#) annotations.

## **@Basic**

The [@Basic](#) annotation is used to map a basic attribute type to a database column.

See the [Basic types](#) chapter for more info.

## **@Cacheable**

The [@Cacheable](#) annotation is used to specify whether an entity should be stored in the second-level cache.

See the [Caching](#) chapter for more info.

## **@CollectionTable**

The [@CollectionTable](#) annotation is used to specify the database table that stores the values of a basic or an embeddable type collection.

See the [Collections of embeddable types](#) section for more info.

## **@Column**

The [@Column](#) annotation is used to specify the mapping between a basic entity attribute and the database table column.

See the [@Column annotation](#) section for more info.

## **@ColumnResult**

The [@ColumnResult](#) annotation is used in conjunction with the [@SqlResultSetMapping](#) or [@ConstructorResult](#) annotations to map a SQL column for a given SELECT query.

See the [Entity associations with the named native queries](#) section for more info.

## **@ConstructorResult**

The [@ConstructorResult](#) annotation is used in conjunction with the [@SqlResultSetMapping](#) annotations to map columns of a given SELECT query to a certain object constructor.

See the [Multiple scalar values NamedNativeQuery with ConstructorResult](#) section for more info.

## **@Convert**

The [@Convert](#) annotation is used to specify the [AttributeConverter](#) implementation used to convert the currently annotated basic attribute.

See the [AttributeConverter](#) section for more info.

### **24.1.13. @Converter**

The [@Converter](#) annotation is used to specify that the current annotate [AttributeConverter](#) implementation can be used as a JPA basic attribute converter.

See the [AttributeConverter](#) section for more info.

## **@Converts**

The [@Converts](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@Convert](#) annotations.

See the [AttributeConverter](#) section for more info.

## **@DiscriminatorColumn**

The [@DiscriminatorColumn](#) annotation is used to specify the discriminator column name and the [discriminator type](#) for the SINGLE\_TABLE and JOINED Inheritance strategies.

See the [Discriminator](#) section for more info.

## **@DiscriminatorValue**

The [@DiscriminatorValue](#) annotation is used to specify what value of the discriminator column is used for mapping the currently annotated entity.

See the [Discriminator](#) section for more info.

## **@ElementCollection**

The [@ElementCollection](#) annotation is used to specify a collection of basic or embeddable types.

See the [Collections](#) section for more info.

## **@Embeddable**

The [@Embeddable](#) annotation is used to specify embeddable types. Like basic types, embeddable types do not have any identity, being managed by their owning entity.

See the [Embeddables](#) section for more info.

## **@Embedded**

The [@Embedded](#) annotation is used to specify that a given entity attribute represents an embeddable type.

See the [Embeddables](#) section for more info.

## **@EmbeddedId**

The [@EmbeddedId](#) annotation is used to specify the entity identifier is an embeddable type.

See the [Composite identifiers with @EmbeddedId](#) section for more info.

## **@Entity**

The [@Entity](#) annotation is used to specify that the currently annotated class represents an entity type. Unlike basic and embeddable types, entity types have an identity and their state is managed by the underlying Persistence Context.

See the [Entity](#) section for more info.

## **@EntityListeners**

The [@EntityListeners](#) annotation is used to specify an array of callback listener classes that are used by the currently annotated entity.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@EntityResult**

The [@EntityResult](#) annotation is used with the [@SqlResultSetMapping](#) annotation to map the selected columns to an entity.

See the [Entity associations with the named native queries](#) section for more info.

## **@Enumerated**

The [@Enumerated](#) annotation is used to specify that an entity attribute represents an enumerated type.

See the [@Enumerated basic type](#) section for more info.

## **@ExcludeDefaultListeners**

The [@ExcludeDefaultListeners](#) annotation is used to specify that the currently annotated entity skips the invocation of any default listener.

See the [Exclude default entity listeners](#) section for more info.

## **@ExcludeSuperclassListeners**

The [@ExcludeSuperclassListeners](#) annotation is used to specify that the currently annotated entity skips the invocation of listeners declared by its superclass.

See the [Exclude default entity listeners](#) section for more info.



## **@FieldResult**

The [@FieldResult](#) annotation is used with the [@EntityResult](#) annotation to map the selected columns to the fields of some specific entity.

See the [Entity associations with the named native queries](#) section for more info.

## **@ForeignKey**

The [@ForeignKey](#) annotation is used to specify the associated foreign key of a [@JoinColumn](#) mapping. The `@ForeignKey` annotation is only used if the automated schema generation tool is enabled. In which case, it allows you to customize the underlying foreign key definition.

See the [@ManyToOne with @ForeignKey](#) section for more info.

## **@GeneratedValue**

The [@GeneratedValue](#) annotation specifies that the entity identifier value is automatically generated using an identity column, a database sequence, or a table generator. Hibernate supports the `@GeneratedValue` mapping even for `UUIDIdentifiers`.

See the [Automatically-generated identifiers](#) section for more info.

## **@Id**

The [@Id](#) annotation specifies the entity identifier. An entity must always have an identifier attribute, which is used when loading the entity in a given Persistence Context.

See the [Identifiers](#) section for more info.

## **@IdClass**

The [@IdClass](#) annotation is used if the current entity defined a composite identifier. A separate class encapsulates all the identifier attributes, which are mirrored by the current entity mapping.

See the [Composite identifiers with @IdClass](#) section for more info.

## **@Index**

The [@Index](#) annotation is used by the automated schema generation tool to create a database index.

See the [Columns index](#) chapter for more info.

### **@Inheritance**

The [@Inheritance](#) annotation is used to specify the inheritance strategy of a given entity class hierarchy.

See the [Inheritance](#) section for more info.

### **@JoinColumn**

The [@JoinColumn](#) annotation is used to specify the FOREIGN KEY column used when joining an entity association or an embeddable collection.

See the [@ManyToOne with @JoinColumn](#) section for more info.

### **@JoinColumns**

The [@JoinColumns](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@JoinColumn](#) annotations, which are used when mapping entity association or an embeddable collection using a composite identifier

### **@JoinTable**

The [@JoinTable](#) annotation is used to specify the link table between two other database tables.

See the [@JoinTable mapping](#) section for more info.

### **@Lob**

The [@Lob](#) annotation is used to specify that the currently annotated entity attribute represents a large object type.

See the [BLOB mapping](#) section for more info.

### **@ManyToMany**

The [@ManyToMany](#) annotation is used to specify a many-to-many database relationship.

See the [@ManyToMany mapping](#) section for more info.

### **@ManyToOne**

The [@ManyToOne](#) annotation is used to specify a many-to-one database relationship.

See the [@ManyToOne mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@MapKey**

The [@MapKey](#) annotation is used to specify the key of a java.util.Map association for which the key type is either the primary key or an attribute of the entity that represents the value of the map.

See the [@MapKey mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@MapKeyClass**

The [@MapKeyClass](#) annotation is used to specify the type of the map key of a java.util.Map associations.

See the [@MapKeyClass mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@MapKeyColumn**

The [@MapKeyColumn](#) annotation is used to specify the database column, which stores the key of a java.util.Map association for which the map key is a basic type.

See the [@MapKeyType mapping section](#) for an example of @MapKeyColumn annotation usage.

## **@MapKeyEnumerated**

The [@MapKeyEnumerated](#) annotation is used to specify that the key of java.util.Map association is a Java Enum.

See the [@MapKeyEnumerated mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@MapKeyJoinColumn**

The [@MapKeyJoinColumn](#) annotation is used to specify that the key of java.util.Map association is an entity association. The map key column is a FOREIGN KEY in a link table that also joins the Map owner's table with the table where the Map value resides.

See the [@MapKeyJoinColumn mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@MapKeyJoinColumns**

The [@MapKeyJoinColumns](#) annotation is used to group several [@MapKeyJoinColumn](#) mappings when the java.util.Map association key uses a composite identifier.

## **@MapKeyTemporal**

The [@MapKeyTemporal](#) annotation is used to specify that the key of java.util.Map association is a [@TemporalType](#) (e.g. DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP).

See the [@MapKeyTemporal mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@MappedSuperclass**

The [@MappedSuperclass](#) annotation is used to specify that the currently annotated type attributes are inherited by any subclass entity.

See the [@MappedSuperclass](#) section for more info.

## **@MapsId**

The [@MapsId](#) annotation is used to specify that the entity identifier is mapped by the currently annotated @ManyToOne or @OneToOne association.

See the [@MapsId mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@NamedAttributeNode**

The [@NamedAttributeNode](#) annotation is used to specify each individual attribute node that needs to be fetched by an Entity Graph.

See the [Fetch graph](#) section for more info.

## **@NamedEntityGraph**

The [@NamedEntityGraph](#) annotation is used to specify an Entity Graph that can be used by an entity query to override the default fetch plan.

See the [Fetch graph](#) section for more info.

## **@NamedEntityGraphs**

The [@NamedEntityGraphs](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@NamedEntityGraph](#) annotations.

## 24.1.52. **@NamedNativeQueries**

The [@NamedNativeQueries](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@NamedNativeQuery](#) annotations.

See the [Custom CRUD mapping](#) section for more info.

### **@NamedNativeQuery**

The [@NamedNativeQuery](#) annotation is used to specify a native SQL query that can be retrieved later by its name.

See the [Custom CRUD mapping](#) section for more info.

### **@NamedQueries**

The [@NamedQueries](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@NamedQuery](#) annotations.

### **@NamedQuery**

The [@NamedQuery](#) annotation is used to specify a JPQL query that can be retrieved later by its name.

See the [@NamedQuery](#) section for more info.

### **@NamedStoredProcedureQueries**

The [@NamedStoredProcedureQueries](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@NamedStoredProcedureQuery](#) annotations.

### **@NamedStoredProcedureQuery**

The [@NamedStoredProcedureQuery](#) annotation is used to specify a stored procedure query that can be retrieved later by its name.

See the [Using named queries to call stored procedures](#) section for more info.

### **@NamedSubgraph**

The [@NamedSubgraph](#) annotation used to specify a subgraph in an Entity Graph.

See the [Fetch subgraph](#) section for more info.

## **@OneToMany**

The [@OneToMany](#) annotation is used to specify a one-to-many database relationship.

See the [@OneToMany mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@OneToOne**

The [@OneToOne](#) annotation is used to specify a one-to-one database relationship.

See the [@OneToOne mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@OrderBy**

The [@OrderBy](#) annotation is used to specify the entity attributes used for sorting when fetching the currently annotated collection.

See the [@OrderBy mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@OrderColumn**

The [@OrderColumn](#) annotation is used to specify that the current annotation collection order should be materialized in the database.

See the [@OrderColumn mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@PersistenceContext**

The [@PersistenceContext](#) annotation is used to specify the `EntityManager` that needs to be injected as a dependency.

See the [@PersistenceContext mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@PersistenceContexts**

The [@PersistenceContexts](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@PersistenceContext](#) annotations.

## **@PersistenceProperty**

The [@PersistenceProperty](#) annotation is used by the [@PersistenceContext](#) annotation to declare JPA provider properties that are passed to the underlying container when the `EntityManager` instance is created.

See the [@PersistenceProperty mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@PersistenceUnit**

The [@PersistenceUnit](#) annotation is used to specify the `EntityManagerFactory` that needs to be injected as a dependency.

See the [@PersistenceUnit mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@PersistenceUnits**

The [@PersistenceUnits](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@PersistenceUnit](#) annotations.

## **@PostLoad**

The [@PostLoad](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires after an entity is loaded.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PostPersist**

The [@PostPersist](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires after an entity is persisted.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PostRemove**

The [@PostRemove](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires after an entity is removed.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PostUpdate**

The [@PostUpdate](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires after an entity is updated.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PrePersist**

The [@PrePersist](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires before an entity is persisted.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PreRemove**

The [@PreRemove](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires before an entity is removed.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PreUpdate**

The [@PreUpdate](#) annotation is used to specify a callback method that fires before an entity is updated.

See the [JPA callbacks](#) section for more info.

## **@PrimaryKeyJoinColumn**

The [@PrimaryKeyJoinColumn](#) annotation is used to specify that the primary key column of the currently annotated entity is also a foreign key to some other entity (e.g. a base class table in a JOINED inheritance strategy, the primary table in a secondary table mapping, or the parent table in a @OneToOne relationship).

See the [@PrimaryKeyJoinColumn mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@PrimaryKeyJoinColumns**

The [@PrimaryKeyJoinColumns](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@PrimaryKeyJoinColumn](#) annotations.

## **@QueryHint**

The [@QueryHint](#) annotation is used to specify a JPA provider hint used by a [@NamedQuery](#) or a [@NamedNativeQuery](#) annotation.

See the [@QueryHint](#) section for more info.

## **@SecondaryTable**



The [@SecondaryTable](#) annotation is used to specify a secondary table for the currently annotated entity.

See the [@SecondaryTable mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@SecondaryTables**

The [@SecondaryTables](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@SecondaryTable](#) annotations.

## **@SequenceGenerator**

The [@SequenceGenerator](#) annotation is used to specify the database sequence used by the identifier generator of the currently annotated entity.

See the [@SequenceGenerator mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@SqlResultSetMapping**

The [@SqlResultSetMapping](#) annotation is used to specify the `ResultSet` mapping of a native SQL query or stored procedure.

See the [SqlResultSetMapping mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@SqlResultSetMappings**

The [@SqlResultSetMappings](#) annotation is used to group multiple [@SqlResultSetMapping](#) annotations.

## **@StoredProcedureParameter**

The [@StoredProcedureParameter](#) annotation is used to specify a parameter of a [@NamedStoredProcedureQuery](#).

See the [Using named queries to call stored procedures](#) section for more info.

## **@Table**

The [@Table](#) annotation is used to specify the primary table of the currently annotated entity.

See the [@Table mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@TableGenerator**

The [@TableGenerator](#) annotation is used to specify the database table used by the identity generator of the currently annotated entity.

See the [@TableGenerator mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@Temporal**

The [@Temporal](#) annotation is used to specify the `TemporalType` of the currently annotated `java.util.Date` or `java.util.Calendar` entity attribute.

See the [Basic temporal types](#) chapter for more info.

## **@Transient**

The [@Transient](#) annotation is used to specify that a given entity attribute should not be persisted.

See the [@Transient mapping](#) section for more info.

## **@UniqueConstraint**

The [@UniqueConstraint](#) annotation is used to specify a unique constraint to be included by the automated schema generator for the primary or secondary table associated with the currently annotated entity.

See the [Columns unique constraint](#) chapter for more info.

## **@Version**

The [@Version](#) annotation is used to specify the version attribute used for optimistic locking.