

Hibernate

Object/Relational Persistence for idiomatic Java

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Why we need object / relational mapping and why Hibernate is the best solution.



Key Topics

- Why object/relational mapping?
- Solving the mismatch with tools
- Basic Hibernate features
- Hibernate query options
- Detached Objects



The structural mismatch

- Java types vs. SQL datatypes
 - user-defined types (UDT) are in SQL:1999
 - current products are proprietary
- Type inheritance
 - no common inheritance model
- Entity relationships
- Collection semantics



Behavioral aspects

Java object identity, equality, primary keys

```
a == b
a.equals(b)
?
```

- Polymorphism
- Joining tables vs. navigating associations



Modern ORM Solutions

- Transparent Persistence
- Automatic dirty checking
- Transitive Persistence
- Inheritance mapping strategies
- Smart fetching and caching
- Development tools



Defining Transparent Persistence

- Any class can be a persistent class
- No interfaces have to be implemented
- No persistent superclass has to be extended

- → Persistent classes can be used outside of the "persistence" context (Unit Tests, Batch Processing)
- Full portability without any dependency



Why ORM?

- → Structural mapping more robust
- → Less error-prone code
- Optimized performance all the time
- → Vendor independence



Data integrity is the first rule

- Even so, the relational model is important
- Current implementations are the problem
- Always ensure data integrity using the database
- The data in your SQL database will be around much longer than your application!



The Goal

Take advantage of the things SQL databases do well, without leaving the Java language of objects and classes.



The Real Goal

Do less work and have a happy DBA.



Hibernate

- Open Source (LGPL)
- Mature software driven by user requests
- Popular (15.000 downloads/month)



Features

- Persistence for POJOs (JavaBeans)
- Flexible and intuitive mapping
- Support for fine-grained object models
- Powerful, high performance queries
- Dual-Layer Caching Architecture (HDLCA)
- Toolset for roundtrip development
- Support for detached objects (no DTOs)



An example object model

AuctionItem

name: String

description: String

initialPrice : MonetaryAmount

quantity: int

buyNow : MonetaryAmount

reserve : MonetaryAmount

startDate: Date

endDate: Date

1 0..*
item bids

0..1
successfulBid

Bid

quantity: int

bid: MonetaryAmount

maxBid : MonetaryAmount

created : Date



Persistent classes

- JavaBean specification (or POJOs)
- Accessor methods for properties
- No-arg constructor
- Collection property is an interface
- Identifier property optional



XML Mapping Metadata

```
<class name="AuctionItem" table="AUCTION ITEM">
  <id name="id" column="ITEM ID">
    <generator class="native"/>
  </id>
  cproperty name="description" column="DESCR"/>
  <many-to-one name="successfulBid"</pre>
               column="SUCCESSFUL BID ID"/>
  <set name="bids" cascade="all" lazy="true">
    <key column="ITEM ID"/>
    <one-to-many class="Bid"/>
  </set>
</class>
```



Automatic dirty object checking

Retrieve an AuctionItem and change the description:

```
Session session = sessionFactory.openSession();
Transaction tx = session.beginTransaction();

AuctionItem item =
    (AuctionItem) session.get(ActionItem.class, itemId);
item.setDescription(newDescription);

tx.commit();
session.close();
```



Transitive Persistence

Retrieve an AuctionItem and create a new persistent Bid:

```
Bid bid = new Bid()
bid.setAmount(bidAmount);
Session session = sessionFactory.openSession();
Transaction tx = session.beginTransaction();
AuctionItem item =
  (AuctionItem) session.get(ActionItem.class,
  itemId);
                            Application managed
bid.setItem(item);
                                associations!
item.getBids().add(bid);
tx.commit();
session.close();
```



Detached objects

Retrieve an AuctionItem and change the description:

```
Session session = sessionFactory.openSession();
Transaction tx = session.beginTransaction();
AuctionItem item =
  (AuctionItem) session.get(ActionItem.class, itemId);
tx.commit();
session.close();
item.setDescription(newDescription);
Session session2 = sessionFactory.openSession();
Transaction tx = session2.beginTransaction();
session2.update(item);
tx.commit();
session2.close();
```



Hibernate query options

- Hibernate Query Language (HQL)
 - object-oriented dialect of ANSI SQL
- Criteria queries (QBC)
 - extensible framework for query objects
 - includes Query By Example (QBC)
- Native SQL queries
 - direct passthrough with automatic mapping
 - named SQL queries in metadata



Hibernate Query Language

- Make SQL "object-oriented"
 - classes and properties instead of tables and columns
 - supports polymorphism
 - automatic association joining
 - much less verbose than SQL
- Full support for relational operations
 - inner/outer/full joins, cartesian product
 - projection, ordering, aggregation and grouping
 - subqueries and SQL functions



Simplest HQL query

```
from AuctionItem;
```

i.e. get all the AuctionItems:

```
List allAuctions =
    session.createQuery("from AuctionItem").list();
```



A more realistic HQL example

select item
 from AuctionItem item
 join item.bids as bid
where item.description like "Hibernate%"
 and bid.amount > 100

i.e. get all the AuctionItems with a Bid worth more than 100 and an item description that starts with "Hibernate".



Criteria queries

```
List auctionItems =
  session.createCriteria(AuctionItem.class)
    .setFetchMode("bids", FetchMode.EAGER)
    .add( Expression.like("description", desc) )
    .createCriteria("successfulBid")
    .add( Expression.gt("amount", minAmount) )
    .list();
```

Equivalent HQL:

named query parameters

```
from AuctionItem item
  left join fetch item.bids
where item.description like :description
  and item.successfulbid.amount > :minAmount
```



Example queries

```
Bid exampleBid = new Bid();
exampleBid.setAmount(100);
List auctionItems =
  session.createCriteria(AuctionItem.class)
           .add( Example.create(exampleBid) )
           .createCriteria("bid")
             .add( Expression("created", yesterday)
           .list();
Equivalent HQL:
  from AuctionItem item
      join item.bids bid
  where bid amount = 100
      and bid.created = :yesterday
```



Fine-grained persistence

- "More classes than tables"
- Fine-grained object models are good
 - greater code reuse
 - easier to understand
- Hibernate defines
 - Entities (lifecycle and relationships)
 - Values (no identity, "embedded" state)



Composing objects

- Address of a User
- Address depends on User

User

id: Long

firstName : String

lastName: String

nickName: String

password: String

email: String

created: Date

Address

street : String

zipCode: String

city: String



Mapping components

In the mapping metadata of the containing class:



DTOs are Evil

- "Useless" extra LoC
- Only state, no behavior
- Results in parallel class hierarchies
- Shotgun changes are bad

Solution: Detached Object Support



Detached Object Support

- For applications using Servlets and Session Beans
- You don't need DTOs anymore
- You may serialize objects to the web tier, then serialize them back to the EJB tier in the next request
- Hibernate lets you selectively reattach a subgraph!



Step 1: Retrieve objects

in a Session Bean:

```
public List getItems() throws ... {
   Query q =
     getSession().createQuery("from AuctionItem");
   return q.list();
}
```



Step 2: Manipulate objects

in a Servlet, set user information:

```
item.setDescription(newDescription);
```



Step 3: Make changes persistent

back in the Session Bean:

```
public void updateItem(AuctionItem item) throws ... {
  getSession().update(item);
}
```



Even with transitive persistence!

```
Session session = sf.openSession();
Transaction tx = session.beginTransaction();
AuctionItem item =
  (AuctionItem) session.get(ActionItem.class, itemId);
tx.commit();
session.close();
Bid bid = new Bid();
bid.setAmount(bidAmount);
bid.setItem(item);
item.getBids().add(bid);
Session session2 = sf.openSession();
Transaction tx = session2.beginTransaction();
session2.update(item);
tx.commit();
session2.close();
```



The Big Problem

- Detached Objects & Transitive Persistence
- How do we distinguish between newly instantiated objects and detached objects that are already persistent?



Solution

- Hibernate uses the "version" property, if there is one
- Hibernate uses the identifier value
 - no identifier value means a new object
 - doesn't work for natural keys, only for Hibernate managed surrogate values!
- Write your own strategy with

Interceptor.isUnsaved()



http://www.hibernate.org