Week 8 – LAQ's

Instructions

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JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) is a Java API that enables Java applications to interact with databases. It provides a standard interface for connecting to various relational databases, executing SQL commands, and processing the results. JDBC allows developers to write database-independent code, making it easier to switch between different database systems without significant changes to the application.

How JDBC Works

1. JDBC API: The JDBC API consists of classes and interfaces that facilitate communication between Java applications and databases. Key components include:

- DriverManager: Manages the list of database drivers and establishes connections.
- Connection: Represents a connection to a specific database.
- Statement: Used to execute SQL queries.
- ResultSet: Represents the result set returned by a query.

2. Driver Types: JDBC supports different types of drivers:

- Type 1: JDBC-ODBC Bridge Driver: Translates JDBC calls into ODBC calls (deprecated).

- Type 2: Native-API Driver: Converts JDBC calls into database-specific native calls.
- Type 3: Network Protocol Driver: Sends JDBC calls to a middleware server that translates them into database-specific calls.
- Type 4: Thin Driver: Directly converts JDBC calls into the database's native protocol.

3. Connection Process:

- The application loads the appropriate JDBC driver using Class.forName().
- A connection is established using DriverManager.getConnection(), providing the database URL, username, and password.
- Once connected, SQL statements can be executed using Statement or PreparedStatement objects.

Connection Setting Process

The process of setting up a connection in JDBC involves several steps:

1. Load the JDBC Driver:

Before establishing a connection, the appropriate JDBC driver must be loaded. This can be done using:

```
Class.forName("com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver");
```

This line loads the MySQL JDBC driver.

2. Establish Connection:

Use the DriverManager class to establish a connection to the database:

```
String url = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydatabase";
String username = "root";
String password = "password";


Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(url, username, password);
```

Here, url specifies the database location, including the protocol (jdbc:mysql), server address (localhost), port number (3306), and database name (mydatabase).

3. Create Statement Object:

Once the connection is established, create a Statement or PreparedStatement object to execute SQL queries:

```
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
```

4. Execute SQL Queries:

Use the statement object to execute SQL commands:

```
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM users");
```

5. Process Results:

Iterate through the ResultSet to retrieve data returned by the query:

```
while (rs.next()) {
   System.out.println("User ID: " + rs.getInt("id"));
   System.out.println("Username: " + rs.getString("username"));
}
```

6. Close Resources:

Finally, close the ResultSet, Statement, and Connection objects to free up resources:

rs.close();

stmt.close();

conn.close();

Conclusion

JDBC provides a powerful and flexible way for Java applications to interact with databases. By following the connection setting process outlined above, developers can efficiently connect to various relational databases, execute SQL commands, and handle results in a standardized manner. This architecture promotes portability and maintainability across different database systems.