

```
@Entity
@Table(name = "orders")
@Getter
@Setter
@Builder
@NoArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PUBLIC)
@AllArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PRIVATE)
public class Order {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String customer;

    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "order", cascade = CascadeType.ALL,
    orphanRemoval = true)
    private Set<OrderItem> items = new HashSet<>();

}

@Entity
@Getter
@Setter
@Builder
@NoArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PUBLIC)
@AllArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PRIVATE)
public class OrderItem {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String product;

    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    private Order order;

    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "orderItem", cascade =
    CascadeType.ALL, orphanRemoval = true)
```

```
private Set<ItemTag> tags = new HashSet<>();  
  
}  
@Entity  
@Getter  
@Setter  
@Builder  
@NoArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PUBLIC)  
@AllArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PRIVATE)  
public class ItemTag {  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id;  
  
    private String name;  
  
    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)  
    private OrderItem orderItem;  
  
    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "itemTag", cascade =  
    CascadeType.ALL, orphanRemoval = true)  
    private Set<TagAttribute> attributes = new HashSet<>();  
  
}  
  
@Entity  
@Getter  
@Setter  
@Builder  
@NoArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PUBLIC)  
@AllArgsConstructor(access = AccessLevel.PRIVATE)  
public class TagAttribute {  
    @Id  
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)  
    private Long id;  
  
    private String name;  
  
    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)  
    private ItemTag itemTag;  
}
```

I have these JPA Entities. Using spring 4 and java25 how can I organize springboot Specifications so that each specification lays in its own class but I should search Order entities according to deep nested attributes and same joins may not occur because similar specs are called more than once

What you want is **composable, reusable Specifications** that can:

1. Live in **separate classes**
2. Query **deeply nested associations**
3. **Avoid duplicate joins** when multiple specs are combined

This is a classic Spring Data JPA `Specification` problem, and it *is solvable cleanly* with a small infrastructure pattern.

Key ideas (important)

1. Always reuse joins via `Root#getJoins()`
2. Encapsulate join-creation logic
3. Specifications should only express predicates, not structure
4. Use LEFT joins unless filtering requires INNER

1. Create a reusable Join Helper (critical)

This helper ensures the same join is reused instead of recreated.

java

```
public final class JoinUtils {

    private JoinUtils() {}

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public static <R, J> Join<R, J> getOrCreateJoin(
        From<?, R> root,
        String attribute,
        JoinType joinType
    ) {
        return root.getJoins().stream()
            .filter(j -> j.getAttribute().getName().equals(attribute))
            .map(j -> (Join<R, J>) j)
    }
}
```

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    }  
}
```

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This is the most important piece.

2. Specification per concern (one class per spec)

OrderSpecifications

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```
public final class OrderSpecifications {  
  
    private OrderSpecifications() {}  
  
    public static Specification<Order> customerEquals(String customer) {  
        return (root, query, cb) ->  
            cb.equal(root.get("customer"), customer);  
    }  
}
```

3. Nested specs that reuse joins

OrderItemSpecifications

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```
public final class OrderItemSpecifications {  
  
    private OrderItemSpecifications() {}  
  
    public static Specification<Order> hasProduct(String product) {  
        return (root, query, cb) -> {  
            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =  
                JoinUtils.getOrCreateJoin(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            return cb.equal(items.get("product"), product);  
        };  
    }  
}
```

ItemTagSpecifications

java

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```
public final class ItemTagSpecifications {  
  
    private ItemTagSpecifications() {}  
  
    public static Specification<Order> hasTagName(String tagName) {  
        return (root, query, cb) -> {  
            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =  
                JoinUtils.getOrCreateJoin(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =  
                JoinUtils.getOrCreateJoin(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            return cb.equal(tags.get("name"), tagName);  
        };  
    }  
}
```

TagAttributeSpecifications (deep nesting)

java

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```
public final class TagAttributeSpecifications {  
  
    private TagAttributeSpecifications() {}  
  
    public static Specification<Order> hasTagAttribute(String attributeName) {  
        return (root, query, cb) -> {  
            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =  
                JoinUtils.getOrCreateJoin(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =  
                JoinUtils.getOrCreateJoin(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            Join<ItemTag, TagAttribute> attributes =  
                JoinUtils.getOrCreateJoin(tags, "attributes", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            return cb.equal(attributes.get("name"), attributeName);  
        };  
    }  
}
```

```
    }  
}
```

4. Combine specs safely (no duplicate joins)

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    Specification.where(OrderSpecifications.customerEquals("John"))  
        .and(OrderItemSpecifications.hasProduct("Laptop"))  
        .and(ItemTagSpecifications.hasTagName("PROMO"))  
        .and(TagAttributeSpecifications.hasTagAttribute("COLOR"));
```

- ✓ Joins are reused
- ✓ No Cartesian explosion
- ✓ Each spec is independent
- ✓ Clean separation of responsibility

5. Important JPA details (don't skip)

Avoid duplicate results

When joining collections, **always add:**

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query.distinct(true);
```

You can do it in a base spec:

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```
public static Specification<Order> distinct() {  
    return (root, query, cb) -> {  
        query.distinct(true);  
        return cb.conjunction();  
    };  
}
```

Then:

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    Specification.where(OrderSpecifications.distinct())  
        .and(...);
```

6. Why this works

Problem	Solution
Duplicate joins	getOrCreateJoin()
Deep nesting	Layered specs
Reusability	One spec = one concern
Spring 4 compatible	Pure JPA Criteria
Java 25 ready	No deprecated APIs

7. Optional improvement (advanced)

If you want even cleaner specs, you can introduce a `JoinContext` object stored in `CriteriaQuery#getHints()` — but the above approach is already production-grade and widely used.

Summary

- Put each Specification in its own class
- Use a shared Join utility
- Reuse joins to avoid duplication
- Combine specs freely
- Works with deep nested relationships

If you want, I can also:

- Refactor this to **metamodel-based (static metamodel)**
- Show a **generic recursive join builder**
- Add **dynamic filter building from REST parameters**

Just tell me.



Give me the optional improvement you suggested

Below is the **optional / advanced improvement** using a **JoinContext** stored in the `CriteriaQuery` so that:

- Joins are created **once per query**
- Specs do **not depend on Root structure**
- You can reuse joins **across all specifications**, even deeply nested
- This scales very well as your model grows

This is a **professional-grade pattern** used in large Spring Data JPA codebases.

Concept

We store a **JoinContext** inside the `CriteriaQuery` using query hints.

Each `Specification` :

- Retrieves the context
- Asks for a join path
- Gets the same join instance every time

No duplicate joins. No tight coupling.

1. JoinContext

```
java Copy code
public class JoinContext {

    private final Map<String, From<?, ?>> joins = new HashMap<>();

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public <F, T> Join<F, T> getOrCreate(
        From<?, F> from,
        String attribute,
        JoinType joinType
    ) {
        String key = from.getJavaType().getName() + "." + attribute;

        return (Join<F, T>) joins.computeIfAbsent(
            key,
            k -> from.join(attribute, joinType)
        );
    }
}
```

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    }  
}
```

2. Query hint helper

java

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```
public final class JoinContextHolder {  
  
    private static final String JOIN_CONTEXT_KEY = "JOIN_CONTEXT";  
  
    private JoinContextHolder() {}  
  
    public static JoinContext get(CriteriaQuery<?> query) {  
        return (JoinContext) query.getHints()  
            .computeIfAbsent(JOIN_CONTEXT_KEY, k -> new JoinContext());  
    }  
}
```

3. Base specification (initializes the context)

You **must** add this spec once.

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```
public final class BaseSpecifications {  
  
    private BaseSpecifications() {}  
  
    public static <T> Specification<T> withJoinContext() {  
        return (root, query, cb) -> {  
            JoinContextHolder.get(query);  
            query.distinct(true);  
            return cb.conjunction();  
        };  
    }  
}
```

4. Deep specs using JoinContext

OrderItem spec

java

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```

public final class OrderItemSpecifications {

    private OrderItemSpecifications() {}

    public static Specification<Order> hasProduct(String product) {
        return (root, query, cb) -> {
            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);

            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
                ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

            return cb.equal(items.get("product"), product);
        };
    }
}

```

ItemTag spec

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```

public final class ItemTagSpecifications {

    private ItemTagSpecifications() {}

    public static Specification<Order> hasTag(String tagName) {
        return (root, query, cb) -> {
            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);

            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
                ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

            Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =
                ctx.getOrCreate(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);

            return cb.equal(tags.get("name"), tagName);
        };
    }
}

```

TagAttribute spec (very deep)

java

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```
public final class TagAttributeSpecifications {  
  
    private TagAttributeSpecifications() {}  
  
    public static Specification<Order> hasAttribute(String attributeName) {  
        return (root, query, cb) -> {  
            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);  
  
            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =  
                ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =  
                ctx.getOrCreate(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            Join<ItemTag, TagAttribute> attributes =  
                ctx.getOrCreate(tags, "attributes", JoinType.LEFT);  
  
            return cb.equal(attributes.get("name"), attributeName);  
        };  
    }  
}
```

5. Usage

java

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    Specification.where(BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext())  
        .and(OrderSpecifications.customerEquals("John"))  
        .and(OrderItemSpecifications.hasProduct("Laptop"))  
        .and(ItemTagSpecifications.hasTag("PROMO"))  
        .and(TagAttributeSpecifications.hasAttribute("COLOR"));  
  
List<Order> orders = orderRepository.findAll(spec);
```

6. Why this is better than the simple approach

Aspect	Simple JoinUtils	JoinContext
Join reuse	Root-level only	Whole query

Aspect	Simple JoinUtils	JoinContext
Nested joins	Manual	Automatic
Spec independence	Medium	High
Large query safety	OK	Excellent
Maintenance	Simple	Slightly more code

7. Important notes

⚠️ Key uniqueness

We use:

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```
from.getJavaType().getName() + "." + attribute
```

This avoids collisions when the same attribute name appears on different entities.

⚠️ INNER vs LEFT

If **any** spec requires INNER joins:

- You must standardize join type OR
- Promote LEFT → INNER manually

For safety, many teams **default to LEFT**.

8. When to use this pattern

Use this **JoinContext** pattern when:

- You have **dynamic search APIs**
- Specs are composed arbitrarily
- Entities are deeply nested
- Duplicate joins have already bitten you 😊

Final takeaway

This turns your Specifications into:

- Stateless
- Composable
- Order-independent
- Join-safe

If you want, I can also:

- Convert this to **static metamodel** (Order_)
- Add **path-expression specs**
- Show **dynamic REST filter → Specification mapping**

Just say the word.



Add new attributes to the entities and make this composable set up like this? Sometimes i need to search by all attributes but sometimes i nedd to search by per one attribute of each entities. How can i achieve this without compromising composable structure

This is a **very good question** and it goes to the heart of *why* you build composable Specifications in the first place.

Below is a **clean, scalable pattern** that lets you:

- ✓ Add **new attributes** freely
- ✓ Search by **any single attribute**
- ✓ Search by **all attributes together**
- ✓ Keep each spec **composable & reusable**
- ✓ Avoid "god specifications"
- ✓ Avoid duplicate joins

This builds directly on the **JoinContext pattern** you already have.

1 Extend entities (example)

Let's add a few realistic attributes.

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```
@Entity  
@Table(name = "orders")  
public class Order {  
    @Id
```

```
@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
private Long id;

private String customer;
private LocalDate orderDate;
private OrderStatus status;

@OneToMany(mappedBy = "order", cascade = CascadeType.ALL, orphanRemoval = true)
private Set<OrderItem> items = new HashSet<>();
}
```

java

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```
@Entity
public class OrderItem {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String product;
    private BigDecimal price;
    private Integer quantity;

    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    private Order order;

    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "orderItem", cascade = CascadeType.ALL, orphanRemoval = true)
    private Set<ItemTag> tags = new HashSet<>();
}
```

java

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```
@Entity
public class ItemTag {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String name;
    private String category;
```

```
@ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
private OrderItem orderItem;

@OneToMany(mappedBy = "itemTag", cascade = CascadeType.ALL, orphanRemoval = true)
private Set<TagAttribute> attributes = new HashSet<>();
}
```

java

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```
@Entity
public class TagAttribute {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    private String name;
    private String value;

    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    private ItemTag itemTag;
}
```

2 Rule: one attribute = one specification

This is **the key principle**.

Never create “search-by-everything” specs.

3 Attribute-level specifications

Order attributes

java

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```
public final class OrderSpecs {

    private OrderSpecs() {}

    public static Specification<Order> customerEquals(String customer) {
        return (root, query, cb) ->
            customer == null ? cb.conjunction()
```

```

        : cb.equal(root.get("customer"), customer);
    }

public static Specification<Order> statusEquals(OrderStatus status) {
    return (root, query, cb) ->
        status == null ? cb.conjunction()
            : cb.equal(root.get("status"), status);
}

public static Specification<Order> orderDateBetween(
    LocalDate from, LocalDate to) {

    return (root, query, cb) -> {
        if (from == null && to == null) {
            return cb.conjunction();
        }
        if (from != null && to != null) {
            return cb.between(root.get("orderDate"), from, to);
        }
        return from != null
            ? cb.greaterThanOrEqualTo(root.get("orderDate"), from)
            : cb.lessThanOrEqualTo(root.get("orderDate"), to);
    };
}
}

```

OrderItem attributes

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```

public final class OrderItemSpecs {

    private OrderItemSpecs() {}

    public static Specification<Order> productEquals(String product) {
        return (root, query, cb) -> {
            if (product == null) return cb.conjunction();

            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);
            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
                ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

```

```

        return cb.equal(items.get("product"), product);
    };

}

public static Specification<Order> priceBetween(
    BigDecimal min, BigDecimal max) {

    return (root, query, cb) -> {
        if (min == null && max == null) return cb.conjunction();

        JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);
        Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
            ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

        if (min != null && max != null) {
            return cb.between(items.get("price"), min, max);
        }
        return min != null
            ? cb.greaterThanOrEqualTo(items.get("price"), min)
            : cb.lessThanOrEqualTo(items.get("price"), max);
    };
}
}

```

ItemTag attributes

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```

public final class ItemTagSpecs {

    private ItemTagSpecs() {}

    public static Specification<Order> tagNameEquals(String name) {
        return (root, query, cb) -> {
            if (name == null) return cb.conjunction();

            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);

            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
                ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

```

```

        Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =
            ctx.getOrCreate(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);

        return cb.equal(tags.get("name"), name);
    };
}

public static Specification<Order> tagCategoryEquals(String category) {
    return (root, query, cb) -> {
        if (category == null) return cb.conjunction();

        JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);

        Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
            ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

        Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =
            ctx.getOrCreate(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);

        return cb.equal(tags.get("category"), category);
    };
}
}

```

TagAttribute attributes

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```

public final class TagAttributeSpecs {

    private TagAttributeSpecs() {}

    public static Specification<Order> attributeNameEquals(String name) {
        return (root, query, cb) -> {
            if (name == null) return cb.conjunction();

            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);

            Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
                ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

```

```

Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =
    ctx.getOrCreate(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);

Join<ItemTag, TagAttribute> attrs =
    ctx.getOrCreate(tags, "attributes", JoinType.LEFT);

return cb.equal(attrs.get("name"), name);
};

}

public static Specification<Order> attributeValueEquals(String value) {
    return (root, query, cb) -> {
        if (value == null) return cb.conjunction();

        JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);

        Join<Order, OrderItem> items =
            ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);

        Join<OrderItem, ItemTag> tags =
            ctx.getOrCreate(items, "tags", JoinType.LEFT);

        Join<ItemTag, TagAttribute> attrs =
            ctx.getOrCreate(tags, "attributes", JoinType.LEFT);

        return cb.equal(attrs.get("value"), value);
    };
}
}

```

4 Composing “search by all” vs “search by one”

Search by one attribute

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```

Specification<Order> spec =
    Specification.where(BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext())
        .and(OrderItemSpecs.productEquals("Laptop"));

```

Search by many attributes (all)

java

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    Specification.where(BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext())  
        .and(OrderSpecs.customerEquals("John"))  
        .and(OrderSpecs.statusEquals(OrderStatus.COMPLETED))  
        .and(OrderItemSpecs.priceBetween(  
            new BigDecimal("100"), new BigDecimal("500")))  
        .and(ItemTagSpecs.tagCategoryEquals("PROMO"))  
        .and(TagAttributeSpecs.attributeNameEquals("COLOR"));
```

5 Optional: Dynamic “search by everything” builder

This avoids manual `.and()` chaining.

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```
public class OrderSearchCriteria {  
    String customer;  
    OrderStatus status;  
    LocalDate fromDate;  
    LocalDate toDate;  
    String product;  
    BigDecimal minPrice;  
    BigDecimal maxPrice;  
    String tagName;  
    String tagCategory;  
    String attributeName;  
    String attributeValue;  
}
```

java

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```
public class OrderSpecificationBuilder {  
  
    public static Specification<Order> build(OrderSearchCriteria c) {  
        return Specification.where(BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext())  
            .and(OrderSpecs.customerEquals(c.customer))  
            .and(OrderSpecs.statusEquals(c.status))  
            .and(OrderSpecs.orderDateBetween(c.fromDate, c.toDate))  
            .and(OrderItemSpecs.productEquals(c.product))  
            .and(OrderItemSpecs.priceBetween(c.minPrice, c.maxPrice))  
    }  
}
```

```

        .and(ItemTagSpecs.tagNameEquals(c.tagName))
        .and(ItemTagSpecs.tagCategoryEquals(c.tagCategory))
        .and(TagAttributeSpecs.attributeNameEquals(c.attributeName))
        .and(TagAttributeSpecs.attributeValueEquals(c.attributeValue));
    }
}

```

6 Why this does NOT compromise composability

Concern	Result
Single responsibility	✓ One spec = one attribute
Reusability	✓ Any combination
Join duplication	✓ JoinContext
Optional filters	✓ cb.conjunction()
Scalability	✓ Add attribute → add spec
Readability	✓ Explicit intent

7 Golden rule (memorize this)

| You compose behavior, not queries.

You never ask:

| "Which query do I need?"

You ask:

| "Which predicates apply?"

Final takeaway

This pattern gives you:

- ✓ Unlimited attributes
- ✓ Dynamic AND / OR composition
- ✓ Deep joins
- ✓ Zero duplicate joins
- ✓ Clean, testable code

If you want next, I can:

- Add OR groups
- Show multi-value filters (IN)
- Add case-insensitive / LIKE searching
- Convert this to QueryDSL-style DSL

Just tell me.



Can i group predicates under methods like searchfull() adds all predicates searchhalf() adds half of predicates only and use this methods to generate Specifications for search

Yes — **you absolutely can**, and if you do it **the right way**, it does **NOT** compromise composability.

The key is **what you group**.

- You may group **compositions of specs**
- X** You should NOT group **logic inside specs**

Below is the **correct, scalable pattern**.

Core rule (very important)

Specifications stay atomic.

Grouping methods only compose them.

Think in layers:

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[Attribute Specs] → [Grouped Specs] → [Search Builders]

1 Attribute specs remain unchanged

Example (already correct):

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```
OrderSpecs.customerEquals(...)  
OrderItemSpecs.productEquals(...)  
ItemTagSpecs.tagCategoryEquals(...)  
TagAttributeSpecs.attributeNameEquals(...)
```

These are **never aware of grouping**.

2 Grouped specifications (your `searchFull`, `searchHalf`)

These are just **compositions**.

```
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public final class OrderSearchGroups {  
  
    private OrderSearchGroups() {}  
  
    public static Specification<Order> searchFull(OrderSearchCriteria c) {  
        return Specification  
            .where(OrderSpecs.customerEquals(c.customer))  
            .and(OrderSpecs.statusEquals(c.status))  
            .and(OrderSpecs.orderDateBetween(c.fromDate, c.toDate))  
            .and(OrderItemSpecs.productEquals(c.product))  
            .and(OrderItemSpecs.priceBetween(c.minPrice, c.maxPrice))  
            .and(ItemTagSpecs.tagNameEquals(c.tagName))  
            .and(ItemTagSpecs.tagCategoryEquals(c.tagCategory))  
            .and(TagAttributeSpecs.attributeNameEquals(c.attributeName))  
            .and(TagAttributeSpecs.attributeValueEquals(c.attributeValue));  
    }  
  
    public static Specification<Order> searchHalf(OrderSearchCriteria c) {  
        return Specification  
            .where(OrderSpecs.customerEquals(c.customer))  
            .and(OrderItemSpecs.productEquals(c.product))  
            .and(ItemTagSpecs.tagCategoryEquals(c.tagCategory))  
            .and(TagAttributeSpecs.attributeNameEquals(c.attributeName));  
    }  
}
```

✓ No joins

✓ No predicates

✓ No JPA logic

Just composition.

3 Always wrap with base spec

java

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    Specification.where(BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext())  
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.searchFull(criteria));
```

Or:

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()  
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.searchHalf(criteria));
```

4 Why this works perfectly

Risk	Why it's safe
Hard-coded queries	 avoided
Duplicate joins	 JoinContext
Spec explosion	 grouping reduces noise
Loss of flexibility	 still composable
Testing difficulty	 groups testable

5 Advanced: conditional grouping

You can make groups data-driven.

java

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```
public static Specification<Order> searchMinimal(OrderSearchCriteria c) {  
    Specification<Order> spec = Specification.where(null);  
  
    if (c.customer != null) {
```

```
        spec = spec.and(OrderSpecs.customerEquals(c.customer));
    }
    if (c.product != null) {
        spec = spec.and(OrderItemSpecs.productEquals(c.product));
    }
    if (c.tagCategory != null) {
        spec = spec.and(ItemTagSpecs.tagCategoryEquals(c.tagCategory));
    }
    return spec;
}
```

This is useful for **role-based searching** or **API versions**.

6 Even better: enum-based grouping (clean API)

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```
public enum SearchMode {
    FULL,
    HALF,
    MINIMAL
}
```

java Copy code

```
public static Specification<Order> byMode(
    SearchMode mode, OrderSearchCriteria c) {

    return switch (mode) {
        case FULL -> searchFull(c);
        case HALF -> searchHalf(c);
        case MINIMAL -> searchMinimal(c);
    };
}
```

7 What NOT to do (anti-pattern

java Copy code

```
//  BAD
public static Specification<Order> searchFull(...) {
    return (root, query, cb) ->
```

```
// joins  
// predicates  
// conditions  
};  
}
```

Why bad?

- Not composable
- Not reusable
- Hard to test
- Breaks JoinContext pattern

8 Mental model (remember this)

Specifications describe “what”

Groups describe “when together”

Final answer

- ✓ Yes, group predicates via **grouping methods**
- ✓ Keep attribute specs atomic
- ✓ Group only by composing specs
- ✓ Wrap everything with your base JoinContext spec

This gives you:

- Clean API
- Maximum flexibility
- Zero duplication
- Long-term maintainability

If you want next, I can show:

- OR-grouped searches ((A AND B) OR (C AND D))
- Role-based predicate groups
- Pagination + sorting with grouped specs

Just say it.



Pagination + sorting with grouped specs

Great question — pagination + sorting is **exactly where grouped specs shine**, and Spring Data already gives you most of what you need.

The trick is to **keep pagination & sorting outside the specs**, while still supporting **deep-join sorting**.

Below is a **clean, production-grade setup** that works with:

- ✓ grouped specifications (`searchFull`, `searchHalf`)
- ✓ deep joins (items → tags → attributes)
- ✓ pagination
- ✓ sorting (root + nested fields)
- ✓ zero duplicate joins

1 Repository setup

```
java Copy code  
  
public interface OrderRepository  
    extends JpaRepository<Order, Long>,  
        JpaSpecificationExecutor<Order> {  
}
```

This is required.

2 Rule: specs never know about paging

Specifications filter.
Pageable paginates.
Sort orders.

This separation keeps everything composable.

3 Simple pagination + sorting (root fields)

```
java Copy code  
  
Pageable pageable =  
    PageRequest.of(
```

```

        0,                      // page
        20,                     // size
        Sort.by(
            Sort.Order.desc("orderDate"),
            Sort.Order.asc("customer")
        )
    );

Specification<Order> spec =
    BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.searchFull(criteria));
}

Page<Order> page = orderRepository.findAll(spec, pageable);

```

- ✓ Works out of the box
- ✓ Uses grouped specs
- ✓ No extra code

4 Sorting by nested attributes (the tricky part)

Spring cannot automatically sort across joins in `Specification`.

You must apply ordering inside the spec using the same `JoinContext`.

5 SortSpec (composable ordering)

Sort request model

java

```

public record OrderSort(
    String property,
    Sort.Direction direction
) {}

```

Examples:

- "customer"
- "items.product"
- "items.tags.name"
- "items.tags.attributes.value"

Sort specification

java

```

public final class OrderSortSpecification {

    private OrderSortSpecification() {}

    public static Specification<Order> applySort(List<OrderSort> sorts) {
        return (root, query, cb) -> {
            if (sorts == null || sorts.isEmpty()) {
                return cb.conjunction();
            }

            JoinContext ctx = JoinContextHolder.get(query);
            List<Order> orders = new ArrayList<>();

            for (OrderSort sort : sorts) {
                Path<?> path = resolvePath(root, ctx, sort.property());
                orders.add(
                    sort.direction() == Sort.Direction.ASC
                        ? cb.asc(path)
                        : cb.desc(path)
                );
            }

            query.orderBy(orders);
            return cb.conjunction();
        };
    }

    private static Path<?> resolvePath(
        Root<Order> root,
        JoinContext ctx,
        String propertyPath
    ) {
        String[] parts = propertyPath.split("\\.");
        From<?, ?> from = root;

        for (int i = 0; i < parts.length - 1; i++) {
            from = ctx.getOrCreate(from, parts[i], JoinType.LEFT);
        }
        return from.get(parts[parts.length - 1]);
    }
}

```

```
    }  
}
```

- ✓ Reuses joins
- ✓ Unlimited depth
- ✓ Works with grouped specs

6 Pagination + deep sorting together

```
java Copy code  
  
Specification<Order> spec =  
    BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()  
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.searchHalf(criteria))  
        .and(OrderSortSpecification.applySort(  
            List.of(  
                new OrderSort("orderDate", Sort.Direction.DESC),  
                new OrderSort("items.product", Sort.Direction.ASC),  
                new OrderSort("items.tags.name", Sort.Direction.ASC)  
            )  
        ));  
  
Pageable pageable = PageRequest.of(0, 20);  
  
Page<Order> page = orderRepository.findAll(spec, pageable);
```

Note:

- When ordering is applied inside the spec, do NOT pass `Sort` to `Pageable`
- `Pageable` still controls `limit / offset`

7 Mixed mode (root sort via `Pageable`, deep sort via `spec`)

Allowed — but be explicit.

```
java Copy code  
  
Pageable pageable =  
    PageRequest.of(  
        0,  
        20,  
        Sort.by("customer") // root field only  
    );
```

```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()  
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.searchFull(criteria))  
        .and(OrderSortSpecification.applySort(  
            List.of(  
                new OrderSort("items.price", Sort.Direction.DESC)  
            )  
        ));
```

8 Avoid common pitfalls 🚨

1. Missing `distinct(true)`

Always ensure:

```
java Copy code  
  
query.distinct(true);
```

Handled already in `BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()`.

2. Sorting on collections

Sorting by collection attributes:

- Can duplicate rows internally
- Works correctly **only with** `distinct`

3. Pageable sort + spec sort conflict

If both are provided:

- JPA provider may ignore one
- Prefer spec-based ordering for nested paths

9 Controller example (clean API)

```
java Copy code  
  
 @GetMapping("/orders")  
 public Page<Order> search(  
     OrderSearchCriteria criteria,  
     @RequestParam SearchMode mode,  
     @RequestParam int page,  
     @RequestParam int size,  
     @RequestParam List<String> sort  
 ) {
```

```

List<OrderSort> sorts = sort.stream()
    .map(s -> {
        String[] p = s.split(",");
        return new OrderSort(p[0], Sort.Direction.fromString(p[1]));
    })
    .toList();

Specification<Order> spec =
    BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.byMode(mode, criteria))
        .and(OrderSortSpecification.applySort(sorts));

return orderRepository.findAll(
    spec,
    PageRequest.of(page, size)
);
}

```

Example request:

pgsql

 Copy code

```

/orders?mode=FULL&page=0&size=20
&sort=orderDate,DESC
&sort=items.tags.name,ASC

```

Mental model (remember this)

sql

 Copy code

Specifications	→ filtering + ordering
Pageable	→ paging only
Grouping	→ reuse
JoinContext	→ safety

Final takeaway

- ✓ Grouped specs work perfectly with pagination
- ✓ Deep sorting is solved via a dedicated SortSpec
- ✓ Paging remains clean & independent
- ✓ No loss of composability

If you want next, I can show:

- Multi-column OR sorting
- NULLS FIRST / LAST
- Case-insensitive sorting
- Cursor-based pagination with specs

Just tell me.



With this code does not hibernate throws HHH000104:
firstResult/maxResults specified with collection fetch; applying in
memory

Short answer: yes, with the code as shown you *can* trigger

sql

Copy code

```
HHH000104: firstResult/maxResults specified with collection fetch; applying in memory
```

but only under specific conditions — and it's fixable without giving up grouped specs or deep sorting.

Let's break it down precisely and then fix it properly.

Why this warning happens (exact reason)

Hibernate throws **HHH000104** when ALL of the following are true:

1. Pagination is applied (`setFirstResult` / `setMaxResults`)
2. A collection is fetched (`join` fetch or implicit fetch join)
3. The collection is to-many (`@OneToMany`, `@ManyToMany`)

Hibernate cannot paginate SQL rows correctly when a collection fetch join multiplies rows, so it:

- Fetches everything
- Applies pagination in memory
- Emits the warning

Important clarification (your current code)

Your specs use `join()`, NOT `fetch()`

```
java
```

 Copy code

```
ctx.getOrCreate(root, "items", JoinType.LEFT);
```

This is a **normal join**, not a fetch join.

→ Normal joins do NOT trigger HHH000104

So by default, the setup I gave you does NOT cause the warning.

When you WILL see HHH000104

You will get the warning if anywhere in the query you do this:

```
java
```

 Copy code

```
root.fetch("items", JoinType.LEFT);
```

or

```
java
```

 Copy code

```
items.fetch("tags", JoinType.LEFT);
```

or Hibernate decides to fetch because of:

- `@EntityGraph` with collections
- `FetchType.EAGER` on collections
- Custom repository method with `JOIN FETCH`

Typical mistake that causes it

People often “optimize” like this:

```
java
```

 Copy code

```
Join<Order, OrderItem> items =  
    (Join<Order, OrderItem>) root.fetch("items", JoinType.LEFT);
```

 This immediately breaks pagination.

The golden rule (memorize this)

Never use `FETCH JOIN` on collections in paginated queries

Correct architecture (production-grade)

Step 1: Page IDs only (no fetch joins)

Your current specification setup is already correct for this.

java

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```
Page<Order> page = orderRepository.findAll(spec, pageable);
```

This query:

- Filters
- Sorts
- Paginates
- Uses joins, not fetch joins
- No HHH000104

Step 2: Fetch associations in a SECOND query

After pagination, fetch the graph by IDs.

Option A: `@EntityGraph` (recommended)

java

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```
@EntityGraph(attributePaths = {  
    "items",  
    "items.tags",  
    "items.tags.attributes"  
})  
List<Order> findByIdIn(Collection<Long> ids);
```

Usage:

java

 Copy code

```
Page<Order> page = orderRepository.findAll(spec, pageable);  
  
List<Order> content =  
    orderRepository.findByIdIn(  
        page.getContent()  
            .stream()  
            .map(Order::getId)  
            .toList()  
    );
```

- ✓ Pagination safe
- ✓ No warning
- ✓ One extra query
- ✓ Correct object graph

Option B: Batch fetching (simpler)

```
java Copy code  
  
@OneToMany(mappedBy = "order")  
@BatchSize(size = 50)  
private Set<OrderItem> items;
```

Hibernate will fetch collections in batches **without fetch joins**.

- ✓ No warning
- ✓ Less SQL
- ✓ Works well for read-heavy systems

What about sorting by collection attributes?

Sorting **does NOT** require fetch joins.

This is safe:

```
java Copy code  
  
LEFT JOIN items  
ORDER BY items.product
```

Hibernate only fetches root entities.

Checklist: how to guarantee NO HHH000104

✓ Do this

- Use `join()` only
- Keep `distinct(true)`
- Paginate only root entity
- Fetch collections separately

✗ Never do this

- `fetch()` on `@OneToMany` with pagination

- `@EntityGraph` on paged query
- `FetchType.EAGER` on collections

Sanity check for your current design

Feature	Safe
Grouped specs	✓
JoinContext	✓
Deep filtering	✓
Deep sorting	✓
Pagination	✓
Fetch joins	✗ (don't use)

Final verdict

👉 Your composable specification + pagination + sorting design is correct and safe

You only get **HHH000104** if you:

- add fetch joins
- or use entity graphs on paged queries

If you want, I can:

- Refactor your repo to a **2-phase fetch pattern**
- Show a **DTO projection approach**
- Explain why **Hibernate can't fix this internally**

Just tell me which one you want.



Refactor my repo to a 2-phase fetch pattern transparently

Great, this is the **right fix** 👍

Below is a **clean, transparent 2-phase fetch refactor** that:

- ✓ avoids HHH000104
- ✓ keeps your existing Specification API unchanged
- ✓ supports grouped specs, deep joins, sorting, pagination
- ✓ is transparent to callers (service calls one method)

Goal

You want callers to do **this**:

java Copy code

```
Page<Order> page = orderRepository.search(spec, pageable);
```

...and **never think about**:

- pagination limitations
- fetch joins
- entity graphs
- Hibernate warnings

1 Split repository responsibilities

1.1 Base repository (unchanged)

java Copy code

```
public interface OrderRepository  
    extends JpaRepository<Order, Long>,  
        JpaSpecificationExecutor<Order> {  
}
```

1.2 Custom repository API (transparent search)

java Copy code

```
public interface OrderSearchRepository {  
    Page<Order> search(Specification<Order> spec, Pageable pageable);  
}
```

2 Custom repository implementation

Spring Data naming rule is **critical**:

php-template Copy code

<OrderRepository>Impl

OrderRepositoryImpl

java

Copy code

```
@Repository
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public class OrderRepositoryImpl implements OrderSearchRepository {

    private final EntityManager em;
    private final OrderRepository orderRepository;

    @Override
    public Page<Order> search(
        Specification<Order> spec,
        Pageable pageable
    ) {

        // ----- Phase 1: page ONLY root entities -----
        Page<Order> page = orderRepository.findAll(spec, pageable);

        if (page.isEmpty()) {
            return page;
        }

        // ----- Phase 2: fetch associations by IDs -----
        List<Long> ids = page.getContent()
            .stream()
            .map(Order::getId)
            .toList();

        List<Order> fetched =
            em.createQuery("""
                select distinct o
                from Order o
                left join fetch o.items i
                left join fetch i.tags t
                left join fetch t.attributes
                where o.id in :ids
            """)
            .setParameter("ids", ids)
            .getResultList();
    }
}
```

```

        "", Order.class)
.setParameter("ids", ids)
.getResultList();

// ----- Preserve pagination order -----
Map<Long, Order>.byId = fetched.stream()
.collect(Collectors.toMap(Order::getId, Function.identity()));

List<Order> ordered = page.getContent()
.stream()
.map(o -> byId.get(o.getId()))
.toList();

return new PageImpl<>(ordered, pageable, page.getTotalElements());
}
}

```

3 Wire it transparently

Update your main repository to **extend both interfaces**:

java

```

public interface OrderRepository
    extends JpaRepository<Order, Long>,
    JpaSpecificationExecutor<Order>,
    OrderSearchRepository {
}

```

Now Spring will:

- Use `OrderRepositoryImpl` automatically
- Expose `search()` on `OrderRepository`

4 Service layer (zero changes for callers)

java

```

@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public class OrderService {

    private final OrderRepository orderRepository;
}

```

```

public Page<Order> searchOrders(
    OrderSearchCriteria criteria,
    SearchMode mode,
    Pageable pageable
) {
    Specification<Order> spec =
        BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()
            .and(OrderSearchGroups.byMode(mode, criteria));

    return orderRepository.search(spec, pageable);
}
}

```

- ✓ No warnings
- ✓ Fully initialized graph
- ✓ Pagination correct
- ✓ Sorting preserved

5 Why this works (important)

Phase	Purpose
Phase 1	DB-level pagination
Phase 2	Graph fetching
No fetch join in phase 1	Avoids HHH000104
ID-based fetch	Stable + efficient
Reordering	Pagination correctness

6 Performance notes (real-world)

✓ SQL count

- 2 queries total
- Predictable
- Cache-friendly

✓ Large pages

Works well even with `size=100`

✓ Index usage

Phase 1 uses indexes for filters + sort

7 Optional improvements

7.1 EntityGraph variant (cleaner JPQL)

java Copy code

```
@EntityGraph(attributePaths = {  
    "items",  
    "items.tags",  
    "items.tags.attributes"  
})  
@Query("select o from Order o where o.id in :ids")  
List<Order> fetchGraph(@Param("ids") List<Long> ids);
```

Replace Phase 2 with:

java Copy code

```
List<Order> fetched = orderRepository.fetchGraph(ids);
```

7.2 Batch fetching (if graph is huge)

java Copy code

```
@BatchSize(size = 50)  
@OneToMany(mappedBy = "order")  
private Set<OrderItem> items;
```

Use when collections are optional.

8 What NOT to do

java Copy code

```
@EntityGraph(...) //  on paged query  
Page<Order> findAll(Specification spec, Pageable pageable);
```

or

java

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```
root.fetch("items") //  in specs
```

9 Final mental model

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```
SEARCH = filter + sort + page  
FETCH = separate concern
```

You solved this **the correct way**.

Final result

- ✓ Transparent API
- ✓ No Hibernate warnings
- ✓ Clean architecture
- ✓ Future-proof

If you want next, I can:

- Generalize this pattern for **any aggregate**
- Convert it into a **base repository**
- Show a **DTO + projection version**

Just say which one.



Don't use `jql` or `sql`. Refactor second fetch to use repository capabilities

Perfect constraint 

We'll keep **everything inside Spring Data repository capabilities, no JPQL / no SQL**, and still keep the **2-phase fetch transparent**.

The clean solution here is `EntityGraph + findAllById` (or a derived query) in phase 2.

Target API (unchanged for callers)

java

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```
Page<Order> page = orderRepository.search(spec, pageable);
```

1 Repository refactor (no JPQL, no SQL)

1.1 Main repository

java

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```
public interface OrderRepository
    extends JpaRepository<Order, Long>,
           JpaSpecificationExecutor<Order>,
           OrderSearchRepository {
}
```

1.2 EntityGraph-enabled fetch (Spring Data only)

java

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```
public interface OrderGraphRepository {

    @EntityGraph(attributePaths = {
        "items",
        "items.tags",
        "items.tags.attributes"
    })
    List<Order> findAllById(Iterable<Long> ids);
}
```

Important

This is NOT used with pagination — only for phase 2.

1.3 Compose repositories (Spring magic)

Spring allows repository **interface composition**.

java

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```
public interface OrderRepository
    extends JpaRepository<Order, Long>,
           JpaSpecificationExecutor<Order>,
           OrderSearchRepository,
```

```
    OrderGraphRepository {  
}
```

2 Custom repository implementation (transparent 2-phase fetch)

OrderRepositoryImpl

```
java Copy code  
  
@Repository  
@RequiredArgsConstructor  
public class OrderRepositoryImpl implements OrderSearchRepository {  
  
    private final OrderRepository delegate;  
  
    @Override  
    public Page<Order> search(  
        Specification<Order> spec,  
        Pageable pageable  
    ) {  
        // ----- Phase 1: paged root query -----  
        Page<Order> page = delegate.findAll(spec, pageable);  
  
        if (page.isEmpty()) {  
            return page;  
        }  
  
        // ----- Phase 2: fetch graph by IDs -----  
        List<Long> ids = page.getContent()  
            .stream()  
            .map(Order::getId)  
            .toList();  
  
        List<Order> fetched = delegate.findAllById(ids);  
  
        // ----- Preserve pagination order -----  
        Map<Long, Order> byId = fetched.stream()  
            .collect(Collectors.toMap(Order::getId, Function.identity()));  
  
        List<Order> ordered = page.getContent()  
            .stream()
```

```

        .map(o ->.byId.getId())
        .toList();

    return new PageImpl<>(ordered, pageable, page.getTotalElements());
}
}

```

- ✓ No JPQL
- ✓ No SQL
- ✓ No Hibernate warning
- ✓ Fully initialized graph

3 Why this is safe

Aspect	Why
Pagination	Only in phase 1
EntityGraph	Only in phase 2
Collection fetch	Not paged
Spring Data only	✓
Composable specs	✓

4 Important EntityGraph rules

✓ Allowed

java

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```
@EntityGraph
List<Order> findAllById(Iterable<Long> ids);
```

✗ Forbidden

java

Copy code

```
@EntityGraph
Page<Order> findAll(Specification spec, Pageable pageable);
```

This would reintroduce `HHH000104`.

5 Optional: dynamic graph selection

If you want different graphs per use case:

java

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```
@NamedEntityGraph(  
    name = "order.full",  
    attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode(value = "items", subgraph = "items"),  
    subgraphs = {  
        @NamedSubgraph(  
            name = "items",  
            attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode(value = "tags", subgraph = "tags")  
        ),  
        @NamedSubgraph(  
            name = "tags",  
            attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode("attributes")  
        )  
    }  
)  
@Entity  
public class Order { ... }
```

java

 Copy code

```
@EntityGraph("order.full")  
List<Order> findAllById(Iterable<Long> ids);
```

6 Zero changes to specs / grouping / sorting

Your existing:

- JoinContext
- Grouped specs
- Sorting spec
- Pagination

remain **unchanged**.

7 Final mental model

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Spec + Pageable	→ IDs
EntityGraph	→ Object graph
Reorder	→ Correct page

Final takeaway

You now have a **fully transparent, Spring-only, warning-free, scalable 2-phase fetch** that:

- ✓ respects Hibernate limits
- ✓ keeps composability
- ✓ avoids JPQL/SQL entirely

If you want next, I can:

- Generalize this into a **BaseSearchRepository**
- Add **conditional graphs**
- Show a **DTO-based alternative**

Just say the word.



Generalize this into a **BaseSearchRepository** and add conditional graphs

Excellent — this is the **final form** of the pattern.

We'll build a **generic, reusable BaseSearchRepository** with **conditional EntityGraphs**, while keeping:

- ✓ Spring Data only (no JPQL / SQL)
- ✓ Specifications untouched
- ✓ Pagination safe
- ✓ Fetch strategy configurable per use case
- ✓ Transparent to callers

1 Design goals (so the solution makes sense)

We want:

java

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```
Page<Order> page =  
    orderRepository.search(spec, pageable, FetchProfile.FULL);
```

And we want the **same base infrastructure** to work for:

- Order
- any other aggregate root
- different fetch depths (LIGHT , FULL , etc.)

2 Fetch profile abstraction (conditional graphs)

2.1 FetchProfile enum

java [Copy code](#)

```
public enum FetchProfile {  
    NONE,      // no second fetch  
    LIGHT,     // shallow graph  
    FULL       // deep graph  
}
```

2.2 Graph selector interface (entity-specific)

Each aggregate decides which graph to use.

java [Copy code](#)

```
public interface GraphSelector<T, ID> {  
  
    FetchProfile defaultProfile();  
  
    List<T> fetch(  
        FetchProfile profile,  
        Iterable<ID> ids  
    );  
}
```

This keeps the **base repository generic**.

3 BaseSearchRepository (generic contract)

java [Copy code](#)

```
public interface BaseSearchRepository<T, ID> {  
  
    Page<T> search(  
        Specification<T> spec,  
        Pageable pageable,  
        FetchProfile profile  
    );  
}
```

4 BaseSearchRepositoryImpl (generic implementation)

This is the core reusable engine.

java

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```
@RequiredArgsConstructor  
public abstract class BaseSearchRepositoryImpl<T, ID>  
    implements BaseSearchRepository<T, ID> {  
  
    private final JpaSpecificationExecutor<T> specRepo;  
    private final GraphSelector<T, ID> graphSelector;  
  
    @Override  
    public Page<T> search(  
        Specification<T> spec,  
        Pageable pageable,  
        FetchProfile profile  
    ) {  
        // ----- Phase 1: paged root query -----  
        Page<T> page = specRepo.findAll(spec, pageable);  
  
        if (page.isEmpty() || profile == FetchProfile.NONE) {  
            return page;  
        }  
  
        // ----- Phase 2: fetch graph -----  
        List<ID> ids = page.getContent()  
            .stream()  
            .map(this::getId)  
            .toList();
```

```

FetchProfile effectiveProfile =
    profile != null
        ? profile
        : graphSelector.defaultProfile();

List<T> fetched =
    graphSelector.fetch(effectiveProfile, ids);

// ----- Preserve pagination order -----
Map<ID, T> byId = fetched.stream()
    .collect(Collectors.toMap(this::getId, Function.identity()));

List<T> ordered = page.getContent()
    .stream()
    .map(e -> byId.get(this.getId(e)))
    .toList();

return new PageImpl<>(ordered, pageable, page.getTotalElements());
}

/**
 * Each entity defines how to extract its ID
 */
protected abstract ID getId(T entity);
}

```

- ✓ No entity knowledge
- ✓ No JPQL
- ✓ No SQL
- ✓ Fully reusable

5 Order-specific graph configuration

5.1 Named EntityGraphs on entity

java

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```

@NamedEntityGraph(
    name = "order.light",
    attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode("items")
)

```

```

@NamedEntityGraph(
    name = "order.full",
    attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode(
        value = "items",
        subgraph = "items"
    ),
    subgraphs = {
        @NamedSubgraph(
            name = "items",
            attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode(
                value = "tags",
                subgraph = "tags"
            )
        ),
        @NamedSubgraph(
            name = "tags",
            attributeNodes = @NamedAttributeNode("attributes")
        )
    }
)
@Entity
public class Order {
    ...
}

```

5.2 OrderGraphSelector (entity-specific)

java

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```

@Component
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public class OrderGraphSelector
    implements GraphSelector<Order, Long> {

    private final OrderRepository repo;

    @Override
    public FetchProfile defaultProfile() {
        return FetchProfile.LIGHT;
    }
}

```

```
@Override
public List<Order> fetch(
    FetchProfile profile,
    Iterable<Long> ids
) {
    return switch (profile) {
        case LIGHT -> repo.findAllById(ids); // default graph
        case FULL -> repo.findAllWithFullGraph(ids);
        default -> repo.findAllById(ids);
    };
}
}
```

5.3 Repository methods (Spring Data only)

java Copy code

```
public interface OrderRepository
    extends JpaRepository<Order, Long>,
           JpaSpecificationExecutor<Order>,
           BaseSearchRepository<Order, Long> {

    @EntityGraph("order.full")
    List<Order> findAllWithFullGraph(Iterable<Long> ids);
}
```

⚠ No pagination here — safe.

6 OrderSearchRepositoryImpl (glue code)

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```
@Repository
public class OrderSearchRepositoryImpl
    extends BaseSearchRepositoryImpl<Order, Long> {

    public OrderSearchRepositoryImpl(
        OrderRepository repo,
        OrderGraphSelector selector
    ) {
        super(repo, selector);
    }
}
```

```
@Override  
protected Long getId(Order entity) {  
    return entity.getId();  
}  
}
```

7 Service usage (clean & explicit)

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```
Specification<Order> spec =  
    BaseSpecifications.withJoinContext()  
        .and(OrderSearchGroups.byMode(mode, criteria));  
  
Page<Order> page =  
    orderRepository.search(  
        spec,  
        pageable,  
        FetchProfile.FULL  
    );
```

Or lightweight:

java

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```
orderRepository.search(spec, pageable, FetchProfile.NONE);
```

8 Why this architecture scales

Concern	Solved
Pagination safety	✓
Conditional fetching	✓
Composable specs	✓
No Hibernate warnings	✓
Entity-specific graphs	✓

Concern

Solved

Reusable core



9 How to add another entity

For `Customer`, you only add:

1. `@NamedEntityGraph`s
2. `CustomerGraphSelector`
3. `CustomerSearchRepositoryImpl`

Zero changes to base logic.

🔑 Final mental model

sql

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```
BaseSearchRepository → infrastructure  
GraphSelector      → entity-specific fetch  
Specification     → filtering  
Pageable           → paging
```

Final takeaway

You now have:

- ✓ A generic, reusable, production-grade search engine
- ✓ Safe pagination
- ✓ Conditional deep fetch
- ✓ Clean separation of concerns
- ✓ Spring Data only

If you want next, I can:

- Add multi-aggregate search
- Show DTO projections with the same base
- Add role-based graph selection

Just say the word.



