

In-Class Exercise – Implementing a Many-to-Many Relationship with a Rental Entity

Background

In a video rental store, customers can rent movies. For this exercise, each movie has only **one copy** available. A movie can be rented **only if it's not already rented**. We want to track which customers have rented which movies, and when.

1. Create a Rental Entity

Design a `Rental` entity that models the rental of a movie by a customer. It should include:

- A unique ID.
 - A reference to the customer who rented the movie.
 - A reference to the movie being rented.
 - A rental date (when the movie was rented).
 - An optional return date (when the movie was returned).
 - The number of days the movie is rented.
 - A rental status using an enum (e.g., `ACTIVE`, `RETURNED`, `PENALTIES`, `OVERDUE`).
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2. Model the Relationships

- Set up a many-to-many relationship **through the Rental entity**.
 - Each customer can have multiple rentals over time.
 - Each movie can be rented by different customers over time, but only one at a time.
 - Use `@ManyToMany` for both the customer and movie within the `Rental` entity.
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3. Update Movie Availability Logic

- A movie should only be rented if it is not currently rented out (`isRented = false`).
 - When rented:
 - Mark the movie as unavailable (`isRented = true`).
 - When returned:
 - Mark the movie as available again (`isRented = false`).
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4. Create Repository, Service, and Controller

`RentalRepository`

- Add query methods to:
 - Find rentals by customer, movie, date range, and rental status.
 - Count rentals based on different filters (e.g., by status or customer).
 - Perform aggregate queries like average rental duration or grouped counts.
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5. Repository and Service Methods

RentalService

Implement business logic for handling rental actions. Include methods that:

- **Rent a movie if available, and update its rented status.**
Implement **two overloaded methods** for this:
 1. One that takes `Movie`, `Customer`, and `days` as arguments.
 2. One that takes `movieId`, `customerId`, and `days` as arguments.In both methods:
 - Check if the movie is already rented (`movie.isRented()`), and throw an exception if so.
 - Create a new `Rental` object, mark the movie as rented, and save both movie and rental.
- Return a movie and update the return date and rental status.
 - If returned late, set the status to `PENALTIES`; otherwise, `RETURNED`.
 - Also update the movie's rented status to `false`.
- Retrieve rentals filtered by:
 - Customer ID
 - Movie ID
 - Date range
 - Rental status
- Count and analyze rentals using:
 - Total count
 - Count by status or customer
 - Grouped counts (e.g., per movie or status)
 - Average rental duration
- Use `MovieService` and `CustomerService` to fetch related entities by ID when needed (e.g., in the ID-based rental method).

6. Controller Endpoints

RentalsController

Expose REST endpoints under `/api/rentals` for rental operations:

Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	<code>/api/rentals</code>	Get all rentals
POST	<code>/api/rentals/rent</code>	Rent a movie
		Request body (JSON): { "customerId": 1, "movieId": 2, "daysRented": 5 }
POST	<code>/api/rentals/return/{rentalId}</code>	Return a movie
GET	<code>/api/rentals/customer/{customerId}</code>	Get rentals for a customer
GET	<code>/api/rentals/movie/{movieId}</code>	Get rentals for a movie

GET	/api/rentals/daterange?start=YYYY-MM-DD&end=YYYY-MM-DD	Rentals in a date range
GET	/api/rentals/active	Currently active rentals
GET	/api/rentals/due-today	Rentals due today
GET	/api/rentals/count	Total rental count
GET	/api/rentals/count/status/{status}	Count by rental status
GET	/api/rentals/count/customer/{customerId}	Count by customer
GET	/api/rentals/average-duration	Average number of days rented
GET	/api/rentals/count/grouped-by-status	Count grouped by status
GET	/api/rentals/count/per-movie	Count grouped by movie

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