# Example 20 - Fragments

This example shows how the HotRod configuration file can be divided into separate files.

There are varied reasons why to separate the HotRod configuration file into smaller chunks:

* Maybe it became just to largo to edit all at once.
* Maybe it wouls be useful to separate in modules or sub-modules.
* Maybe there are many developers and they keep generating repository conflicts since they are all updating the same unique file simultaneously.

Whatever the reason, the configuration file can be separated into fragments. The main one has a slightly different format since it includes the main configuarion options for the generator. The fragments include database objects only.

Tables, views, selects, and custom DAOs, can grouped in any order between these fragments.

Fragment can include another sub-fragments, as long as there's no circular references.

All the examples include a HotRod configuration separated in three files:

* hotrod.xml (main file)
* hotrod-sales.xml (fragment)
* hotrod-accounting.xml (fragment)

## How to Run this example

This example is not runnable. Actually, all the examples use behind the scenes this configuration so you've been running it all the time in the previous example.