Spring Data Repositories Best Practices

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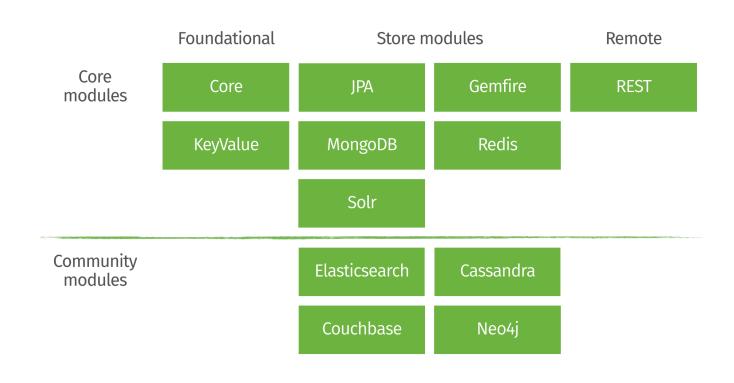
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Spring Data

Provides a consistent approach to data access for several persistence models.

Configuration, Templates, Exception Translation, Object Mapping, Repository Abstraction.

Modules & Store Support



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- Advanced Features... and more!

Core Spring Data

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ABOUT THE SPRING DATA PROJECT

The Spring Data project is part of the ecosystem surrounding the Spring Framework and constitutes an umbrella project for advanced data access related topics. It contains modules to support traditional relational data stores (based on plain JBBC or JPA), NoSQL ones (like MongoDB, Neoaj or Redis), and big data technologies like Apache Hadoop. The core mission of the project is to provide a familiar and consistent Spring-based programming model for various data access technologies while retaining store-specific features and capabilities.

General Themes

Infrastructure Configuration Support

A core theme of all the Spring Data projects is support for configuring resources to access the underlying technology. This support is implemented using XML namespaces and support classes for Spring JavaConfig allowing you to easily set up access to a Mongo database, an embedded Neo4j instance, and the like. Also, integration with core Spring functionality like JMX is provided, meaning that some stores will expose statistics through their native API, which will be exposed to JMX via Spring Data.

Object Mapping Framework

Most of the NoSQL Java APIs do not provide support to map domain objects onto the stores' data model (e.g., documents in MongoDB, or nodes and relationships for Neo4j). So, when working with the native Java drivers, you would usually have to write a significant amount of code to

JPA

XML element	Description
<jpa:repositories></jpa:repositories>	Enables Spring Data repositories support for repository interfaces underneath the package configured in the base-package attribute. JavaConfig equivalent is @EnableJpaRepositories.
<jpa:auditing></jpa:auditing>	Enables transparent auditing of JPA managed entities. Note that this requires the AuditingEntityListener applied to the entity (either globally through a declaration in orm.xml or through @EntityListener on the entity class).

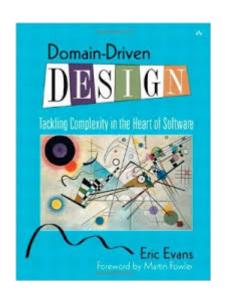
MongoDB

For Spring Data MongoDB XML namespace elements not mentioning a dedicated @Enable annotation alternative, you usually declare an @Beannotated method and use the plain Java APIs of the classes that would have otherwise been set up by the XML element. Alternatively, you can use the JavaConfig base class AbstractMongoConfiguration that Spring Data MongoDB ships for convenience.

XML element	Description
<mongo:db-factory></mongo:db-factory>	One stop shop to set up a Mongo instance pointing to a particular database instance. For advanced-use cases define a smongo:mongo /> extenally and refer to it union a mongo: Attribute

Repositories

Concept of Domain Driven Design



A Repository...

"...mediates between the domain and data mapping layers using a collection-like interface for accessing domain objects."

http://martinfowler.com/eaaCatalog/repository.html

Hands On

All code on github!

Steps as individual commits:)

jugsaar/visit-jugkl-20150813-springdata-repositories

spring-projects/spring-data-examples

Step 0 - Project Setup

- 1. Spring Source Toolsuite (STS)
- 2. Spring Boot Starter
- 3. Define Maven Project
- 4. Add JPA + H2 Dependency
- 5. Profit!

Step 0 - Summary

- Spring Boot + Spring Data = Easy!
- Easily configure dependencies
- Defaults application config from classpath
- → Spring Data Repositories Ready to use!

Step 1 - Setup Domain Model

- Define basic JPA entities
- Populate Database
- Test Population

Step 1 - Summary

- We defined Customer + Address Entity
- Populate Database via data.sql
- Test Population via Integration Test

Step 2 - Enable JPA Repositories

- Define Customer Repository
- Basic CRUD functionality
- Based on Spring Data Repositories

Customers can be saved, looked up by their id, email address.

Step 2 - Summary

- Interface-based programming model
- No implementation required
- Queries derived from method names

Step 3 - Extended CRUD Methods

Customers can be *deleted* and *listed*!

Step 3 - Summary

- Switched to CrudRepository
- Exposed CRUD methods
- Broad API exposed

Step 4 - Add Pagination Support

An User can *pagewise* browse through a *Customer list*.

... wants to **browse** through the **list** of Customers **sorted by lastname** in **desc order**.

Step 4 - Summary

- Switched to PagingAndSortingRepository
- Exposed CRUD methods and paging ones
- Broad API exposed

Step 5 - Redeclare existing methods

Re-declaring existing CRUD methods

CustomerRepository.findAll() should return a List.

The *transaction timeout* for *save(...)* should be *customized* to *10 seconds*

Step 5 - Summary

- Re-declared methods
- To customize return types
- Customize Behaviour (Tx, Locking, Query, Hints, Fetching)
- Customize Query

Step 6 - Def. your own Abstractions

Introducing a read-only repository base interface.

Products* shall be **accessible** only **in read-only mode**.

Step 6 - Summary

- Crafted custom abstraction
- Use by implementing base interface
- Customize return types
- Narrow down the API to the necessary parts

Step 7 - Using custom queries

Using manually defined queries.

As a user, I want to *look up products by* their *custom attributes*.

Step 7 - Summary

- You can customize the queries
- Via @Query annotation
- JPA named queries properties
 - @NamedQuery
 - <named-query> in orm.xml
- Spring Data named queries properties file

Step 8 - Flexible Predicate execution

As a user, I want to **search** for **customers by first name**, **last name**, **email address** and **any combination** of them

Step 8 - Summary

- Querydsl type safe queries for Java
- extend QuerydslPredicateExecutor
- Flexible query model

Step 9 - Custom Implementations

Custom implementations for repositories.

As an admin user, I'd like to *use custom code* to *raise* all prices of for winter sale.

Step 9 - Summary

- Provide custom implementation
- Injection & Base class support (Querydsl, Hibernate, Jdbc-DaoSupport)

Stuff on top

- Spring MVC integration
 - Native support for Pagination
 - Inject Domain Instances into your MVC handlers
- Spring Data REST
- Spring Boot integration

Summary

Interface-based programming model

Start simple, get more sophisticated

Declarative query execution

Flexible predicate execution

Custom implementations

CDI integration

Spring Security integration

Questions

