

SPRING DATA JPA

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Lesson Objectives

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- Understand Spring Data JPA Framework and its core technologies.

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- Setting up a Spring Data JPA Project

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- Able define custom query methods in Spring Data JPA repositories using method naming conventions.

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- Understand how to write more complex queries using JPQL (Java Persistence Query Language) or native SQL queries

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- Understand how transactions work in Spring Data JPA and how to configure transaction management



Section 1

Introduction

Spring Data is a module of Spring Framework.

The goal of Spring Data repository abstraction is to significantly **reduce the amount of boilerplate code required** to implement *data access layers* for various persistence stores.

- Java Persistence API (JPA) is Java's standard API specification for **object-relational mapping**.
- Spring Data JPA is a part of Spring Data and it supports **Hibernate, Eclipse Link, or any other JPA provider**.



Spring Data

What Spring Data JPA?

Spring Data JPA

- ✓ It is **NOT** a JPA provider.
- ✓ It is a library/framework that **adds an extra layer of abstraction** on the top of our JPA provider (like Hibernate).

- That means it uses all features defined by the JPA specification:
 - ✓ The **entity and association mappings**,
 - ✓ The **entity lifecycle management**,
 - ✓ and **JPA's query** capabilities.
- Spring Data JPA adds its own features like a no-code implementation of the **repository pattern** and the creation of database queries from method names.

Introduction to Spring Data JPA

3 favorite features that Spring Data adds on top of JPA:

No-code Repositories

Spring Data JPA provides you a set of **repository interfaces** which you only need to extend to define a specific repository for one of your entities.

Reduced boilerplate code

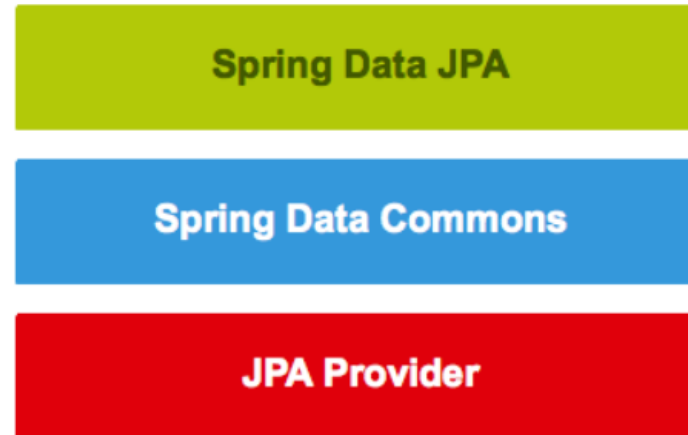
Spring Data JPA provides a default implementation for each method defined by one of its repository interfaces.

Generated queries

With a simple query, you just need to define a method on your repository interface with a name that starts with *find...By*. Spring then parses the method name and creates a query for it.

What Spring Data JPA?

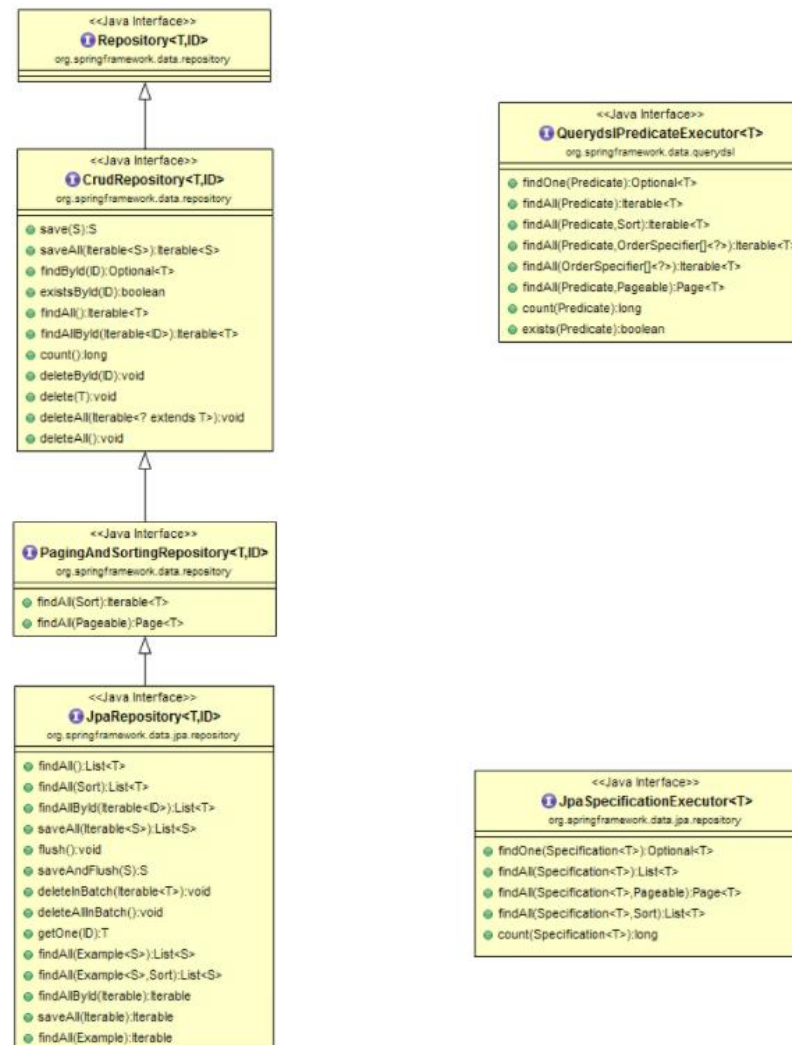
- If we decide to use Spring Data JPA, the repository layer of our application contains three layers that are described in the following:



- ✓ *Spring Data JPA* provides support for creating JPA repositories by extending the Spring Data repository interfaces.
- ✓ *Spring Data Commons* provides the infrastructure that is shared by the datastore-specific Spring Data projects.
- ✓ *The JPA Provider* (like hibernate) implements the Java Persistence API.

Spring Data Repositories/Interfaces

■ Spring Data Commons and Spring Data JPA



Spring Data Repositories/Interfaces

- It contains technology-neutral **repository interfaces** as well as a **metadata model** for persisting Java classes.
- Spring Data Commons project provides the following interfaces:
 - ✓ **Repository**<T, ID extends Serializable> interface
 - ✓ **CrudRepository**<T, ID extends Serializable> interface
 - ✓ **PagingAndSortingRepository**<T, ID extends Serializable> interface
 - ✓ **QueryDslPredicateExecutor** interface



Section 2

Spring Data Repositories Interfaces

Repository Interface

- The `Repository<T, ID extends Serializable>` interface is a marker interface that has two purposes:
 - ✓ It captures the type of the managed entity and the type of the entity's id.
 - ✓ It helps the Spring container to discover the “concrete” repository interfaces during classpath scanning.
 - ✓ Let's look at the source code of the Repository interface.

```
package org.springframework.data.repository;  
  
import org.springframework.stereotype.Indexed;  
  
@Indexed  
public interface Repository<T, ID> {  
  
}
```

CrudRepository Interface

- The `CrudRepository<T, ID extends Serializable>` interface provides CRUD operations for the managed entity.

```
public interface CrudRepository<T, ID> extends Repository<T, ID> {  
  
    <S extends T> S save(S entity);           ❶  
  
    Optional<T> findById(ID primaryKey);      ❷  
  
    Iterable<T> findAll();                    ❸  
  
    long count();                             ❹  
  
    void delete(T entity);                    ❺  
  
    boolean existsById(ID primaryKey);        ❻  
  
    // ... more functionality omitted.  
}
```

- ❶ Saves the given entity.
- ❷ Returns the entity identified by the given ID.
- ❸ Returns all entities.
- ❹ Returns the number of entities.
- ❺ Deletes the given entity.
- ❻ Indicates whether an entity with the given ID exists.

CrudRepository Interface

- Let's look at the usage of each method with description.
 - ✓ *long count()* - Returns the number of entities available.
 - ✓ *void delete(T entity)* - Deletes a given entity.
 - ✓ *void deleteAll()* - Deletes all entities managed by the repository.
 - ✓ *void deleteAll(Iterable<? extends T> entities)* - Deletes the given entities.
 - ✓ *void deleteById(ID id)* - Deletes the entity with the given id.
 - ✓ *boolean existsById(ID id)* - Returns whether an entity with the given id exists.
 - ✓ *Iterable findAll()* - Returns all instances of the type.
 - ✓ *Iterable findAllById(Iterable ids)* - Returns all instances of the type with the given IDs.
 - ✓ *Optional findById(ID id)* - Retrieves an entity by its id.
 - ✓ *save(S entity)* - Saves a given entity.
 - ✓ *Iterable saveAll(Iterable entities)* - Saves all given entities.

ListCrudRepository Interface

- With version 3.0 we also introduced `ListCrudRepository` which is very similar to the `CrudRepository`:

Those **methods that return multiple entities** it returns a **List** instead of an **Iterable** which you might find easier to use.

| Modifier and Type | Method | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <u>List</u> <T> | <u>findAll</u> () | Returns all instances of the type. |
| <u>List</u> <T> | <u>findAllById</u> (<u>Iterable</u> <ID> ids) | Returns all instances of the type T with the given IDs. |
| <S extends T> <u>List</u> <S> | <u>saveAll</u> (<u>Iterable</u> <S> entities) | Saves all given entities. |

PagingAndSortingRepository interface

- The *PagingAndSortingRepository<T, ID extends Serializable> interface* is an extension of **CrudRepository** to provide additional methods to retrieve entities using the pagination and sorting abstraction.

```
package org.springframework.data.repository;

import org.springframework.data.domain.Page;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Pageable;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Sort;

@NoRepositoryBean
public interface PagingAndSortingRepository < T, ID > extends CrudRepository < T, ID > {

    /**
     * Returns all entities sorted by the given options.
     */
    Iterable < T > findAll(Sort sort);

    /**
     * Returns a {@link Page} of entities meeting the paging restriction provided in the {@code Pageable} object.
     */
    Page < T > findAll(Pageable pageable);
}
```


PagingAndSortingRepository interface

- **Example:** To access the first page of User by a page size of 20, you could do something like the following:

```
PagingAndSortingRepository<User, Long> repository = // ... get access to a bean  
Page<User> users = repository.findAll(PageRequest.of(1, 20));
```

Pagination and Sorting

- Example to access our *Products*, we'll need a *ProductRepository*:

```
@Repository
public interface ProductRepository extends
    PagingAndSortingRepository<Product, Integer> {

    List<Product> findAllByPrice(double price, Pageable pageable);
}
```

- Create or obtain a *PageRequest* object, which is an implementation of the *Pageable* interface
- Pass the *PageRequest* object as an argument to the repository method we intend to use
- We can create a *PageRequest* object by passing in the requested page number and the page size.

```
Pageable firstPageWithTwoElements = PageRequest.of(0, 2);
```

```
Pageable secondPageWithFiveElements = PageRequest.of(1, 5);
```



*Note: here **the page count starts at zero!***

Pagination and Sorting

- Similarly, to just have our query results sorted, we can simply pass an instance of *Sort* to the method:

```
Page<Product> allProductsSortedByName = productRepository.findAll(Sort.by("name"));
```

- What if we want to **both sort and page our data?**

```
Pageable sortedByName = PageRequest.of(0, 3, Sort.by("name"));
```

```
Pageable sortedByPriceDesc = PageRequest.of(0, 3, Sort.by("price").descending());
```

```
Pageable sortedByPriceDescNameAsc = PageRequest.of(0, 5, Sort.by("price").descending()  
                                                    .and(Sort.by("name")));
```

QueryDslPredicateExecutor interface

- The *QueryDslPredicateExecutor* interface is not a “repository interface”.
- It declares the methods that are used to retrieve entities from the database by using *QueryDsl* Predicate objects.

```
package org.springframework.data.querydsl;

import java.util.Optional;

import org.springframework.data.domain.Page;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Pageable;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Sort;

import com.querydsl.core.types.OrderSpecifier;
import com.querydsl.core.types.Predicate;

public interface QuerydslPredicateExecutor < T > {

    Optional < T > findOne(Predicate predicate);

    Iterable < T > findAll(Predicate predicate);

    Iterable < T > findAll(Predicate predicate, Sort sort);

    Iterable < T > findAll(Predicate predicate, OrderSpecifier << ? > ...orders);

    Iterable < T > findAll(OrderSpecifier << ? > ...orders);

    Page < T > findAll(Predicate predicate, Pageable pageable);

    long count(Predicate predicate);

    boolean exists(Predicate predicate);

}
```

Spring Data JPA Interfaces

- *Spring Data JPA* module deals with enhanced support for JPA based data access layers.
- Spring Data JPA project provides the following interfaces:
 - ✓ `JpaRepository<T, ID extends Serializable>` interface
 - ✓ `JpaSpecificationExecutor` interface

JpaRepository Interface

- The *JpaRepository<T, ID extends Serializable>* interface is a JPA specific repository interface that combines the methods declared by the common repository interfaces behind a single interface.

```
package org.springframework.data.jpa.repository;

import java.util.List;

import javax.persistence.EntityManager;

import org.springframework.data.domain.Example;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Sort;
import org.springframework.data.repository.NoRepositoryBean;
import org.springframework.data.repository.PagingAndSortingRepository;
import org.springframework.data.repository.query.QueryByExampleExecutor;

@NoRepositoryBean
public interface JpaRepository < T, ID > extends
PagingAndSortingRepository < T, ID > , QueryByExampleExecutor < T > {

    List < T > findAll();
    List < T > findAll(Sort sort);
    List < T > findAllById(Iterable < ID > ids);
```

```
<S extends T > List < S > saveAll(Iterable < S > entities);
void flush();
<S extends T > List < S > saveAll(Iterable < S > entities);
void flush();
<S extends T > S saveAndFlush(S entity);
void deleteInBatch(Iterable < T > entities);
void deleteAllInBatch();
T getOne(ID id);
@Override
<S extends T > List < S > findAll(Example < S > example);
@Override
<S extends T > List < S > findAll(Example < S > example, Sort sort);
}
```

JpaSpecificationExecutor interface

- The *JpaSpecificationExecutor* interface is not a “repository interface”.
- It declares the methods that are used to retrieve entities from the database by using Specification objects that use the JPA criteria API.

```
package org.springframework.data.jpa.repository;

import java.util.List;
import java.util.Optional;

import org.springframework.data.domain.Page;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Pageable;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Sort;
import org.springframework.data.jpa.domain.Specification;
import org.springframework.lang.Nullable;

public interface JpaSpecificationExecutor<T> {

    Optional<T> findOne(@Nullable Specification<T> spec);

    List<T> findAll(@Nullable Specification<T> spec);

    Page<T> findAll(@Nullable Specification<T> spec, Pageable pageable);

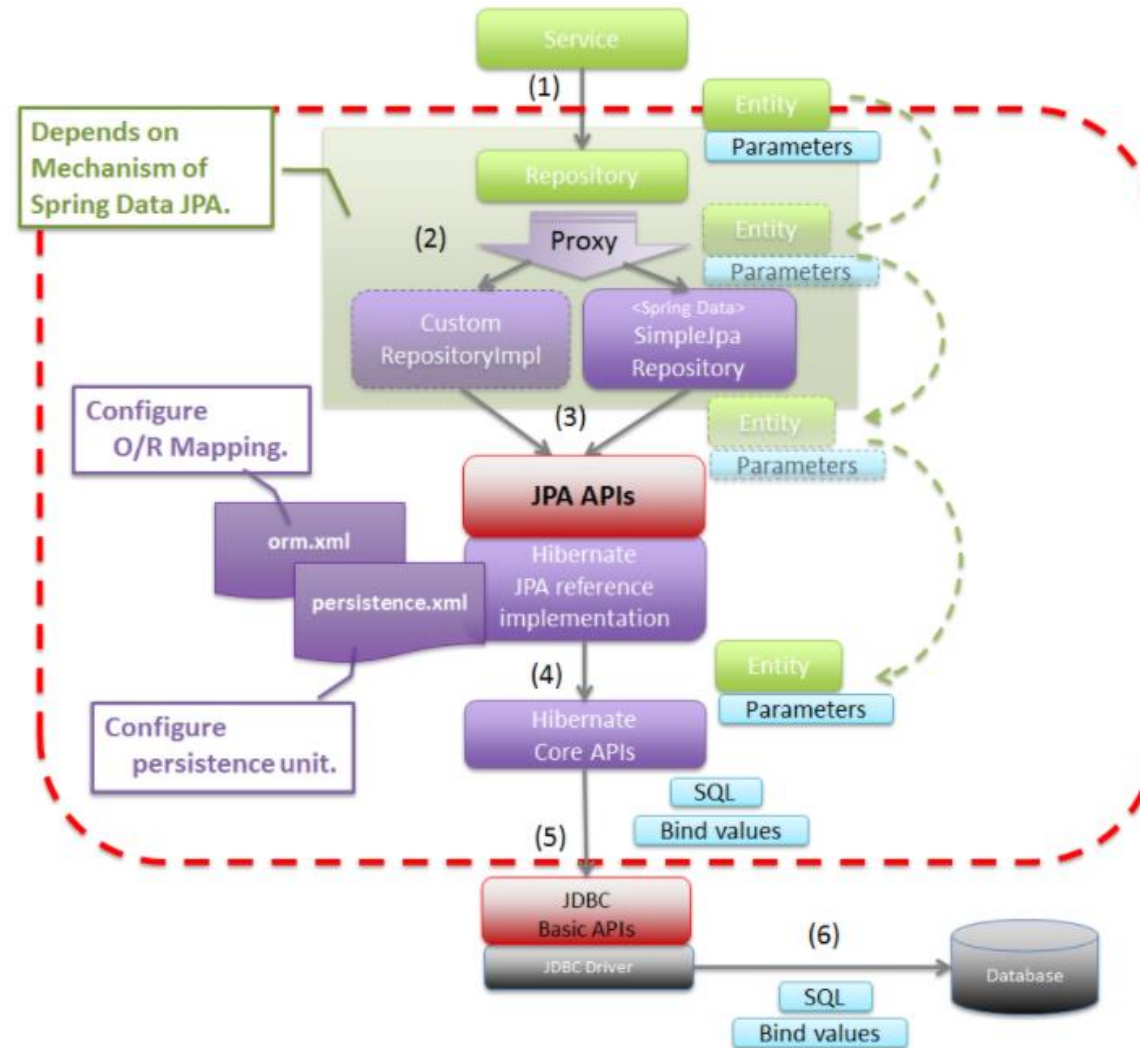
    List<T> findAll(@Nullable Specification<T> spec, Sort sort);

    long count(@Nullable Specification<T> spec);
}
```

Section 3

How to Use Spring Data JPA Interfaces

Basic Spring Data JPA Flow



How to Use Spring Data JPA Interfaces

- (1) Create a repository interface and extend one of the repository interfaces provided by Spring Data.

```
public interface CustomerRepository extends CrudRepository<Customer, Long> {  
  
}
```

- (2) Add custom query methods to the created repository interface (if we need them that is).

```
public interface CustomerRepository extends CrudRepository<Customer, Long> {  
  
    long deleteByLastname(String lastname);  
  
    List<User> removeByLastname(String lastname);  
  
    long countByLastname(String lastname);  
}
```

How to Use Spring Data JPA Interfaces

- (3) Set up Spring to create proxy instances for those interfaces, either with JavaConfig or with XML configuration.

✓ To use Java configuration, create a class similar to the following:

```
import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.config.EnableJpaRepositories;

@EnableJpaRepositories
public class Config {}
```

✓ To use XML configuration, define a bean similar to the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xmlns:jpa="http://www.springframework.org/schema/data/jpa"
       xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
                           http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans.xsd
                           http://www.springframework.org/schema/data/jpa
                           http://www.springframework.org/schema/data/jpa/spring-jpa.xsd">

  <jpa:repositories base-package="com.acme.repositories"/>

</beans>
```



Note:

✓ In Spring Boot is auto-configuration so without this.

How to Use Spring Data JPA Interfaces

- (4) *Inject the repository interface to another component and use the implementation that is provided automatically by Spring.*

```
@Service
public class CustomerServiceImpl implements CustomerService {

    @Autowired
    private CustomerRepository customerRepository;

    @Override
    @Transactional
    public List < Customer > getCustomers() {
        return customerRepository.findAll();
    }

    @Override
    @Transactional
    public void saveCustomer(Customer theCustomer) {
        customerRepository.save(theCustomer);
    }

    @Override
    @Transactional
    public Customer getCustomer(int id) throws ResourceNotFoundException {
        return customerRepository.findById(id).orElseThrow(
            () -> new ResourceNotFoundException(id));
    }

    @Override
    @Transactional
    public void deleteCustomer(int theId) {
        customerRepository.deleteById(theId);
    }
}
```

Section 4

Query Methods

Query Methods

The JPA module supports defining a *query manually as String* or have it being derived from the method name.

- ✓ *Declare an interface extending Repository or one of its subinterfaces and type it to the domain class and ID type that it should handle:*

```
public interface PersonRepository extends Repository<Person, Long> { //...  
  
}
```

- ✓ *Declare query methods on the interface.*

```
public interface PersonRepository extends Repository<Person, Long> {  
    List<Person> findByLastname(String lastname);  
}
```

- ✓ *Set up Spring to create proxy instances for those interfaces, either with JavaConfig or with XML configuration.*
- ✓ *Inject the repository instance and use it*

- The repository proxy has two ways to derive a store-specific query from the method name:
 - ✓ By deriving the query from the **method name directly**.
 - ✓ By using a **manually defined query**.

Query lookup strategies

■ Query Creation:

- ✓ The **query builder mechanism** built into Spring Data repository infrastructure is useful for **building constraining queries over entities** of the repository.
- ✓ The mechanism strips the prefixes *find...By*, *read...By*, *query...By*, *count...By*, and *get...By* from the method and starts parsing the rest of it.
- ✓ You can define **conditions** on entity properties and concatenate them with **And** and **Or**.

■ Examples: Query creation from method names

```
public interface PersonRepository extends Repository<User, Long> {  
  
    List<User> findByEmailAddressAndLastname(String emailAddress, String lastname);  
  
    // Enables the distinct flag for the query  
    List<Person> findDistinctByLastnameOrFirstname(String lastname, String firstname);  
}
```


- Examples: **Query creation from method names**

```
List<Person> findPeopleDistinctByLastnameOrFirstname(String lastname, String firstname);  
  
// Enabling ignoring case for an individual property  
List<Person> findByLastnameIgnoreCase(String lastname);  
  
// Enabling ignoring case for all suitable properties  
List<Person> findByLastnameAndFirstnameAllIgnoreCase(String lastname, String firstname);  
  
// Enabling static ORDER BY for a query  
List<Person> findByLastnameOrderByFirstnameAsc(String lastname);  
  
List<Person> findByLastnameOrderByFirstnameDesc(String lastname);  
}
```

▪ Special parameter handling:

- ✓ Besides that the infrastructure will recognize certain specific types like **Pageable** and **Sort** to apply pagination and sorting to your queries dynamically.

```
Page<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Pageable pageable);
```

```
List<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Sort sort);
```

```
List<User> findByLastname(String lastname, Pageable pageable);
```

- Query generated:

- ✓ Query creation from method names

```
public interface UserRepository extends Repository<User, Long> {  
  
    List<User> findByEmailAddressAndLastname(String emailAddress,  
                                             String lastname);  
  
}
```

- ✓ We will create a query using the JPA criteria API from this but essentially this translates into the following query:

```
select u from User u where u.emailAddress = ?1 and u.lastname = ?2
```

Limiting Query Results

- You can **limit the results** of query methods by using the **first** or **top** keywords, which you can use interchangeably.
 - ✓ You can **append an optional numeric value to top or first** to specify the maximum result size to be returned.
 - ✓ If the number is left out, a result size of 1 is assumed.
- The following example shows how to limit the query size:

```
User findFirstByOrderByLastnameAsc();  
  
User findTopByOrderByAgeDesc();  
  
Page<User> queryFirst10ByLastname(String lastname, Pageable pageable);  
  
Slice<User> findTop3ByLastname(String lastname, Pageable pageable);  
  
List<User> findFirst10ByLastname(String lastname, Sort sort);  
  
List<User> findTop10ByLastname(String lastname, Pageable pageable);
```

Query Creation

▪ Supported keywords inside method names:

| Keyword | Sample | JPQL snippet |
|------------------|---|--|
| And | findByLastnameAndFirstname | ... where x.lastname = ?1 and x.firstname = ?2 |
| Or | findByLastnameOrFirstname | ... where x.lastname = ?1 or x.firstname = ?2 |
| Is, Equals | findByFirstname, findByFirstnameIs, findByFirstnameEquals | ... where x.firstname = ?1 |
| Between | findByStartDateBetween | ... where x.startDate between ?1 and ?2 |
| LessThan | findByAgeLessThan | ... where x.age < ?1 |
| LessThanEqual | findByAgeLessThanEqual | ... where x.age <= ?1 |
| GreaterThan | findByAgeGreaterThan | ... where x.age > ?1 |
| GreaterThanEqual | findByAgeGreaterThanEqual | ... where x.age >= ?1 |
| After | findByStartDateAfter | ... where x.startDate > ?1 |
| ... | ... | ... |

Using JPA NamedQueries

■ Annotation configuration

- ✓ Annotation configuration has the advantage of not needing another configuration file to be edited, probably lowering maintenance costs.
- ✓ You pay for that benefit by the need to recompile your domain class for every new query declaration.
- ✓ **Annotation based named query configuration**

```
@Entity
@Table(name = "USERS")
@NamedQuery(name = "User.findByEmailAddress",
    query = "select u from User u where u.emailAddress = ?1")
public class User {

}
```

Using JPA NamedQueries

■ Annotation configuration

✓ Declaring interfaces:

✓ *To allow execution of these named queries all you need to do is to specify the UserRepository as follows:*

```
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {  
    List<User> findByLastname(String lastname);  
  
    User findByEmailAddress(String emailAddress);  
  
}
```

- Using **named queries** to declare queries for entities is a valid approach and works fine for a **small number of queries**.
- As the queries themselves are tied to the Java method that executes them you actually can bind them directly using the Spring Data JPA **@Query** annotation rather than annotating them to the domain class.
- This will free the domain class from *persistence specific information* and *co-locate the query* to the repository interface.
- **Declare query at the query method using @Query**

```
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {  
    @Query("SELECT u FROM User u WHERE u.emailAddress = ?1")  
    User findByEmailAddress(String emailAddress);  
}
```


Using @Query - JOIN Example

▪ Table – department

| id | name | Description |
|----|---------|------------------------|
| 1 | IT | Information Technology |
| 2 | TelComm | Telecommunication |
| 3 | Ins | Insurance |
| 4 | HR | Human Resources |

▪ Table - employee

| id | name | email | dept_id |
|----|----------|--------------------|---------|
| 1 | Soumitra | soumitra@gmail.com | 1 |
| 2 | Suman | suman@gmail.com | 2 |
| 3 | Avisek | avisek@gmail.com | 3 |

Using @Query - JOIN Example

■ Create a **DeptEmpDto** class:

- ✓ A data transfer object (DTO) is an object that carries data between processes: represent data or send data to the remote call.
- ✓ It is not a good idea to return the entity object to the client side or remote call.
- ✓ A DTO does not have any behavior except for storage, retrieval, serialization and deserialization of its own data.

```
package fa.training.dto;  
  
public class DeptEmpDto {  
    private String empDept;  
    private String empName;  
    private String empEmail;  
  
    // setter, getter and constructor methods  
}
```

Using @Query - JOIN Example

- Or you can use Record in Java 14:

```
package fa.training.records;  
  
public record DeptEmpDto(String empDept, String empName, String empEmail) {  
  
}
```

- *Records transfer this responsibility to the Java compiler, which generates the **constructor**, field **getters**, **hashCode()** and **equals()** as well **toString()** methods.*



*A record is also a **special class type** in Java. Records are intended to be used in **places where a class is created only to act as a plain data carrier**.*

Using @Query - JOIN Example

- **Create a Repository Interface:** you need to write your JOIN queries using @Query annotation.

```
public interface DepartmentRepository extends JpaRepository<Department, Integer> {  
  
    @Query("SELECT new fa.training.dto.DeptEmpDto(d.name, e.name, e.email) "  
           + "FROM Department d LEFT JOIN d.employees e")  
    List<DeptEmpDto> fetchEmpDeptDataLeftJoin();  
  
    @Query("SELECT new fa.training.DeptEmpDto(d.name, e.name, e.email, e.address) "  
           + "FROM Department d RIGHT JOIN d.employees e")  
    List<DeptEmpDto> fetchEmpDeptDataRightJoin();  
  
}
```

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THANK YOU!

