DATABASE CONNECTIVITY WITH JDBC

TODAY'S TOPIC

A common requirement for most of the applications that we use is that they need to maintain **persistent state**. This means that certain interactions with the application have lasting effects that can be recalled hours, days, or weeks later.

Examples:

- Order history at Amazon.com
- LinkedIn profile information
- Email messages in GMail

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This data often needs to be searched and updated in order for the application to fulfill its purpose. One of the most common ways an application stores persistent data is by using a database.

We've already seen how we can interact with a database directly by typing SQL commands into a GUI client (i.e. DbVisualizer). Today we'll learn how to write application code that can interact with a database in order to read and write persistent data.

WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY

- What JDBC is and how Java abstracts database functionality
- Managing database connections
- Using SpingJdbc to simplify cumbersome aspects of JDBC
- How to create and use SpringJdbc's JdbcTemplate to query and update data
- How to use query parameters and why we should do so
- What the DAO pattern is and why it is useful

SO MANY DATABASE FLAVORS... WHAT TO DO?

- Application code that we write to interact with a database is a <u>client</u> of the database in the same way DbVisualizer is.
- There are many different database vendors (e.g. PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Oracle, etc) that a Java application may want to integrate with.
- Each vendor's database implementation is likely to be quite different which would make it a huge task to switch to a different database vendor (which actually happens fairly frequently).

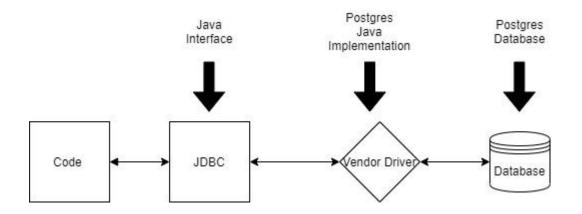
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- Java uses a database interface called <u>JDBC</u> (Java Database Connectivity) to abstract database operations away from the actual database implementation.
- Each vendor provides an implementation of the interface specific to its code.
- The vendor's implementation is known as a <u>driver</u>.

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- We use the JDBC interface to communicate with the vendor's driver.
- This makes it fairly easy to swap out one vendor's database for another by swapping out the JDBC vendor driver.



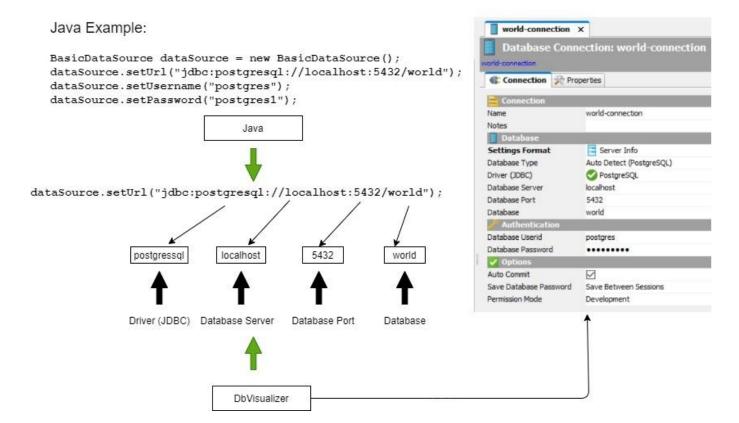
When we interact with a database, we need to create a connection.

- Connections remain open until they are closed or time out.
- Connections have overhead when created and opened, thus there is often a finite number of connections.
- A <u>connection pool</u> can be used to reuse a few connections to conserve resources within an application by allowing the application to acquire a connection and release it when it is no longer needed so it can be reused.

A <u>connection string</u> specifies the name of the driver to use, the host and any port, the database name, and a username and password.

This is the graphic representation of the connection string to the world database in DbVisualizer.





- Connection strings should not be written directly in our code. Why?
- Connections are valuable resources. It may not seem like a big deal if we leave it running in our single application, but what about a larger-scale application?

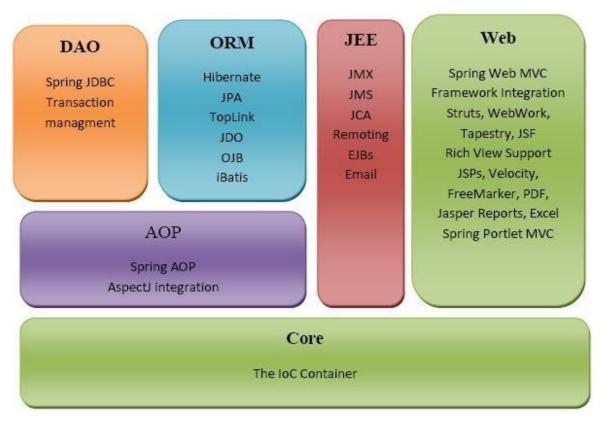
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The JDBC interface provides a standard way of working with databases in Java, but using it can be very cumbersome:

- In order to accomplish things you need to rewrite the same boilerplate code over and over.
- You must pay attention to cleaning up properly (closing database connections for instance).
- There are many exceptions that can occur when working with JDBC and handling them properly can result in a lot of extra code.

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Spring is a popular Java framework. It is made up of many modules including Spring JDBC, which is is intended to solve some of the problems with using JDBC we mentioned before.

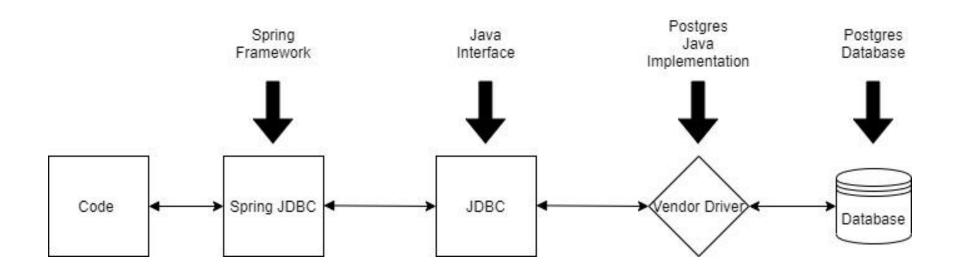


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Spring JDBC makes things easier:

- Abstracts away boilerplate code so you can focus on YOUR code rather than all the nuts and bolts of interfacing with JDBC.
- Does most of the clean-up "automagically" for you.
- Simplifies SQL Exceptions in a way that makes them much easier to handle without a lot of extra code.
- Greatly simplifies working with Transactions.

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DIVING INTO CODE

INTRODUCING... JDBCTEMPLATE

The Spring JDBC JdbcTemplate class provides methods for working with many aspects of JDBC all in one class.

- queryForRowSet is used to SELECT data sets from the database
- queryForObject is used to SELECT a single value from the database
- update is used for writing data in the database
 - INSERT
 - UPDATE
 - O DELETE

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<u>Data Transfer Object</u>s are also known as <u>**DTO**</u>s (as well as many other names... ever heard of a POJO?)

These contain the data that represents some business concept in our code (such as City in the world database).

Usually, these will only have data members and getters/setters.

We can use the SqlRowSet get methods to read all the columns of a row and use them to populate a DTO that has meaning in our code.

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CREATING A MAPPING METHOD

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This is the previous code in the context of a method that takes a sqlRowSet and returns a City.

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Call public List<City> getUsaCities() { next() to // query code that returns a SqlRowSet. get to Returns a first/next List Of // need to ADVANCE cursor to get FIRST row redord while(resultSet.next()) { Citv objects // use our method mapRowToCity to map a // SqlRow to a City object - we'll see // how Create City City city = object using mapRowToCity(resultSet); resultSet the mapping if (city != null) { contains our method we result.add(city); SqlRowSet created... return result; Add City object to result List Return the result List

id	name	countrycode	district	population
379	3 New York	USA	New York	8008278
379	4 Los Angeles	USA	California	3694820
379	5 Chicago	USA	Illinois	2896016
379	6 Houston	USA	Texas	1953631
379	7 Philadelphia	USA	Pennsylvania	1517550
379	8 Phoenix	USA	Arizona	1321045
379	9 San Diego	USA	California	1223400
380	0 Dallas	USA	Texas	1188580
380	1 San Antonio	USA	Texas	1144646
380	2 Detroit	USA	Michigan	951270
380	3 San Jose	USA	California	894943
380	4 Indianapolis	USA	Indiana	791926
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```
queryForRowset is used to query for
    nextval of the seq_city_id sequence.

SqlRowSet nextIdResult = jdbcTemplate.queryForRowSet("SELECT
    nextval('seq_city_id')");
    if(nextIdResult.next()) {
        return nextIdResult.getLong(1);
    } else {
        throw new RuntimeException("Something went wrong while getting an id for the new city");
    }
}
```

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                                                                     value in column 1 of the data. It is possible to
                                                                     use the column's postion in result data rather
      } else
                                                                     than accessing it by column name.
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INTRODUCING THE DAO PATTERN

FOLLOWING THE DAO PATTERN

Although JDBC makes it easier for us to swap one database implementation for another, it often involves some internal changes to work with the features that aren't part of the ANSI SQL Standard. Sometimes we may even want to use different database implementations for different tasks (i.e. one database is Postgres and one is Oracle).

The <u>Data Access Object (DAO) pattern</u> allows us to add abstraction our own data objects so that we can write code that is not database implementation dependant.

FOLLOWING THE DAO PATTERN

The DAO pattern uses a **data access interface** to add an abstraction layer to data objects. The pattern consists of:

- Data Access Object Interface
- Data Access Implementation Class
- Model (or Value) Objects the DTOs or POJOs we mentioned previously.

FOLLOWING THE DAO PATTERN

The **DAO** pattern promotes best practices and principles including:

Encapsulation

 DAO classes keep the logic for communicating with a database separate from the rest of the application logic.

Loosely coupled

 DAO interface abstracts away the specifics of the underlying data storage, so that the application and DAO have no knowledge of each other. This allows you to replace the DAO with one that accesses a different data source with little to no change to other code.

Single responsibility principle

 This principle states that every class or function of an application should have responsibility over a single part of that program's functionality. DAO classes have responsibility over a single type of object, such as a relational database table.

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PATTERN WORKS

CITY DTO

We create a DTO class called City.

```
public class City {
    private Long id;
    private String name;
    private String countryCode;
    private String district;
    private int population;
    public Long getId() {
        return id;
    public void setId(Long id) {
        this.id = id;
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    public String getCountryCode() {
        return countryCode;
    public void setCountryCode(String countryCode) {
        this.countryCode = countryCode;
    // rest of code omitted
```

DATA ACCESS INTERFACE

We create an interface for the CityDAO.

```
public interface CityDAO {

public void save(City newCity);
public City findCityById(long id);
public List<City> findCityByCountryCode(String countryCode);
public List<City> findCityByDistrict(String district);
public List<City> getUsaCities();
public void update(City city);
public void delete(long id);
}
CityDAO must implement these methods.
```

All objects that implement

DAO IMPLEMENTATION CLASS

We create a
JDBC
implementation
of the CityDAO
interface

```
public class JDBCCityDAO implements CityDAO {
    private JdbcTemplate jdbcTemplate;

public JDBCCityDAO(DataSource dataSource) {
    this.jdbcTemplate = new JdbcTemplate(dataSource);
}

// Code implementing the CityDAO interface follows
```

DAO IMPLEMENTATION CLASS

The JDBCCityDao implements the CityDAO interface.

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```

DAO IMPLEMENTATION CLASS

The JDBCCityDao implements the CityDAO interface.

The constructor takes a Datasource which will be used to create the JdbcTemplate..

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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Now we can use our DAO to query for all the City objects with countryCode 'USA'. Note that we use the CltyDAO interface for the dao - if we do it this way, all we have to do is swap the implementation class and all else will be the same.

```
public class DAOExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        BasicDataSource worldDataSource = new BasicDataSource();
        worldDataSource.setUrl("jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/world");
        worldDataSource.setUsername("postgres");
        worldDataSource.setPassword("postgres1");
        CityDAO dao = new JDBCCityDAO(worldDataSource);
        List<City> cities = dao.getUsaCities();
        System.out.println(cities);
```

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Now we can use our DAO to query for all the City objects with countryCode 'USA'. Note that we use the CltyDAO interface for the dao - if we do it this way, all we have to do is swap the implementation class and all else will be the same.

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                                                            JDBCCityDao
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```

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Now we can use our DAO to query for all the City objects with countryCode 'USA'. Note that we use the CltyDAO interface for the dao - if we do it this way, all we have to do is swap the implementation class and all else will be the same.

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                                                            JDBCCityDao
        System.out.println(cities);
                                                    Use CItyDAO
                                                    methods
```

LET'S CODE!!!!

SETUP

Open you DbVisualizer and connect to any of the database connections we have already created. Then create the addressbook database:

CREATE DATABASE addressbook;

Once you have done that, disconnect from the connection you are using.

SETUP

- Connect to the new addressbook database
- Open the addressbook.sql file in your student-lecture folder
- Execute the script
- Open Eclipse and import dao-coding-activity from 99-Yoav-Extra-Stuff