

H2 Database is a lightweight, fast, open-source relational database management system written in Java. It is often used for development, testing, and learning purposes because it can run in memory or as a standalone database with minimal setup. H2 supports standard SQL, provides a web-based console for easy management, and is commonly embedded in Java applications, especially with frameworks like Spring Boot. Its simplicity and zero-configuration nature make it ideal for prototyping and unit testing.

Folder Steps:

- Copy the H2Database folder to golden versions directory and extract it.
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- Create folder h2db inside C:\Users\<username>
- Purpose of creating h2db folder inside C:\Users\<username> is to store db data inside this directory.

How to run H2 DB

- Open command prompt and navigate to directory where H2Database > 2.1.214 is located
- Inside the command prompt, execute the command:
 - **java -cp h2-2.1.214.jar org.h2.tools.Server -web -webPort 9001 -tcp -tcpPort 9002 -ifNotExists -baseDir C:/Users/<username>/h2db** (remember this folder name can be anything which you had created in the previous step)
 - **cp** stands for classpath
 - **9001** is the port which will be running to see on web browser. You can use any other port of your choice.
 - **9002** is the port which will be running on tcp and helps to connect from other application like java program.
 - **-baseDir C:/Users/<username>/h2db** - This specifies the base directory where you want to store the data. Remember: you have to create folder h2db before executing the jar command else it will show db not found.
- You will see the message if the DB started successfully:

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TCP server running at tcp://192.168.1.3:9002 (only local connections)
Web Console server running at http://192.168.1.3:9001 (others can connect)
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- Open browser and enter <http://localhost:9001> and you will see the H2 DB console will be displayed.

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Driver Class: org.h2.Driver

JDBC URL: jdbc:h2:tcp://localhost:9002/.mydb

User Name: sa

Password:

Connect Test Connection

- Inside JDBC URL textbox, enter- **jdbc:h2:tcp://localhost:9002/.<your-db-name>**(refer the above image. For eg: I have given **mydb** you can give any other name. It will create db if does not exists inside the base directory which was mentioned in the previous step)
 - username: sa
 - password: leave blank
- **Click Test Connection.** If all configuration is proper, you will see message: Test Successful

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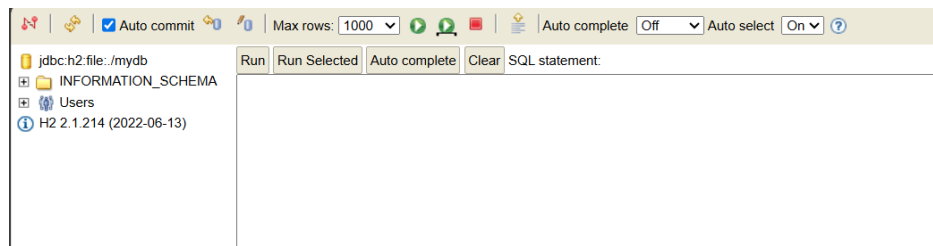
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Test successful

- If you see Test Successful Message, click **Connect** button to enter H2 DB console.



- You are now **successfully connected to H2DB**. Execute SQL query command in the query box and **click Run** Button, you will be able to see query getting executed successfully.

Java-H2 DB connectivity

(Ensure the db is connected from the browser as shown in the above step)

```
import java.sql.*;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        System.out.println("Hello world!");
        // JDBC URL for H2 database
        String jdbcURL = "jdbc:h2:tcp://localhost:9002/./mydb"; // Update
path if needed
        String username = "sa"; // Default username for H2
        String password = ""; // Default password for H2
        String query = "SELECT * FROM CUSTOMER"; // SQL query to fetch all
customers

        try (Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection(jdbcURL,
username, password)) {
            if (connection != null) {
                System.out.println("Database connected successfully.");
            } else {
                System.out.println("Failed to connect to the database.");
                return;
            }

            try (Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
                ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery(query)) {

                System.out.println("Customer List:");
                while (resultSet.next()) {
                    int id = resultSet.getInt("id"); // Assuming 'id' is a
column
                    String name = resultSet.getString("name"); // Assuming
'name' is a column
                    String email = resultSet.getString("email"); // Assuming
'email' is a column
                    System.out.println("ID: " + id + ", Name: " + name + ",
Email: " + email);
                }
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

Spring Boot - Spring Data JPA - H2 Database

(Ensure the db is connected from the browser as shown in the above step)

application.properties

```
# H2 Database Configuration
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:h2:tcp://localhost:9002/./mydb
spring.datasource.username=sa
spring.datasource.password=
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.h2.Driver

# JPA Configuration
spring.jpa.database-platform=org.hibernate.dialect.H2Dialect
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update
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