ThingSpan

JavaULB

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# Introduction

This document provides the reader with an introduction to the ThingSpan Java ULB API. It covers the major topics that a developer will need to become familiar with in order to develop high performance applications that interface with the ThingSpan federated database using the Java ULB API.

# Background

## What is ThingSpan

Objectivity’s ThingSpan is a purpose-built, massively scalable graph software platform, powered by Objectivity/DB that leverages the open source stack by natively integrating with Apache Spark and the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS). It provides ultra-fast navigation and pathfinding queries against huge distributed graphs. ThingSpan also supports parallel pattern-finding and predictive analytics in combination with Spark components, such as MLlib, GraphX, and Spark SQL.

ThingSpan excels in a mixed workload environment, fusing metadata from real-time streaming and sensor-based data with its distributed graph of stateful information to provide “in-time” context. In essence, ThingSpan bridges the gap of open technologies by realizing the full potential of streaming Fast Data processed by Spark and static Big Data stored in HDFS.

## What is JavaULB

Java ULB is the Java Universal Language Binding for ThingSpan. Java ULB is a second generation Java API for the Objectivity/DB product line and it completely replaces the first generation Java API. Java ULB takes a completely new approach to interfacing with the ThingSpan persistent objects. This new approach relies almost entirely on a Java Native Interface architecture that allows all of the heavy lifting to occur in the highly tuned C++ ThingSpan kernel.

## Prerequisites

In order to use Java ULB you will need:

* A ThingSpan installation,
* A valid license key (oolicense.txt file), and
* Java 1.8 or higher.

You will also need an editor or integrated development environment such as Eclipse or Netbeans.

# The Objectivity ThingSpan Support Web Site

<https://support.objectivity.com/sites/default/files/docs/thingspan/R15_6_2/index.html#page/topics%2FwelcomeThingSpanPlatform.html>

# Working with ThingSpan Federations

## The **objy** Command

The objy command, also known as “Tool Runner” is a wrapper that provides access to a large number of ThingSpan operations. For the purposes of this document we are only concerned with a small subset of those operations. Specifically, we are concerned with the operations that

* Start and stop the lock server,
* Start and stop the page server,
* Create, cleanup and delete federated database,
* Perform DO queries

For a complete list of operations that can be performed see:

<https://support.objectivity.com/sites/default/files/docs/thingspan/R15_6_2/index.html#page/topics%2Fcommon%2Fadministration%2FadmPart-Tools.html%23>

## The Lock Server (ools)

The ThingSpan lock server manages several different kinds of locks on regions of the database to ensure the integrity of the data being written and read.

### Starting the Lock Server

On a Microsoft Windows computer you can start and stop the lock server in the services tool by starting and stopping the **ools** Windows Service or you can do it from the command line as follows.

**Note**: The “startlockserver” command must be run as administrator.

**$ objy startlockserver**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Start Lock Server, Version: 12.7.0

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Lock Server has been started.

Success.

**$ objy startlockserver**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Start Lock Server, Version: 12.7.0

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Lock Server is already running.

Success.

### Stopping the Lock Server

**$ objy stoplockserver**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Stop Lock Server, Version: 12.7.0

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Lock server on host *MyHostName* terminated.

Success.

**$ objy stoplockserver**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Stop Lock Server, Version: 12.7.0

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The Lock Server is not running on host *MyHostName*

## The Page Server (ooams)

The page server is called the Advanced Multithreaded Server or AMS. The process or service name is **ooams**.

Like the lock server, on a Microsoft Windows computer you can start and stop the page server in the services tool by starting and stopping the **ooams** Windows Service or you can do it from the command line as follows.

### Starting the Page Server

**$ objy startams**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Start Ams, Version: 12.7.0

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The AMS has been started (process ID = 0).

Success.

### Starting the Page Server

**$ objy stopams**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Stop AMS, Version: 12.7.0

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AMS on host *MyHostName* terminated.

Success.

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>

## Creating a Federated Database

ThingSpan data is stored in a ThingSpan federated database. If you don’t have a federated database you can create one using the **objy createFD** command. For a simple federation you simply run:

**$ objy createFD –fdname Sample**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Create FD, Version: 12.7.0

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Federated Database successfully created:

FD Dir Host : *MyHostName*

FD Dir Path : C:\SampleFDDir

System DB file : Sample.fdb

Boot file : Sample.boot

Lock server host : *MyHostName*

This will create two files:

* Sample.fdb The federated database file
* Sample.boot The boot file used to contain properties of the federation.

The FDB file will contain things like schema definitions and the catalogs of the databases that will be created to contain your objects.

The boot file contains information like where to find the lock server and the FDB file. When you write an application, you will open a connection to the federation by providing the boot file. The ThingSpan connection API will then use the information in the boot file to establish the connection and then you can create interact with the database through this connection.

## The License Key

In order to use a ThingSpan federation you must install a valid license key in the federation. The license key can be obtained from Objectivity, Inc. and comes in a file called oolicense.txt.

On a MS Windows operating system the oolicense.txt file should be placed in “C:\Windows”.

If you run the **objy createFD** command after you place the oolicense.txt file in C:\Windows, the createFD command will find the oolicense.txt file and apply the license the federation when it is created.

If you do not have an oolicense.txt file when you run objy createFD the federation will not be licensed and you will not be able to interact with it. Once you receive your oolicense.txt file and install it in C:\Windows, you can then apply the new license to the existing federation by running the command:

**$ objy license –bootfile Sample.boot**

This assumes that the oolicense.txt file is in the default location, C:\Windows. If you cannot put the oolicense.txt file in C:\Windows, you can place it anywhere on the system that you’d like and then run the command:

**$ objy license –licensefile [path to oolicense.txt] –bootfile Sample.boot**

In most cases the license has an expiration date. When you get an new license you can replace the old license with the new license and run either of the two commands above to apply the new license to your federation and continue running your applications.

Note: Licenses only apply to the federation. There is no licensing for individual applications. Once a federation is licensed, all user defined applications will have access to that federation.

# Connecting to the Federation

In order to perform any operations on a ThingSpan federation you must have an open connection to that federation.

String bootFile = “C:\\Projects\\Sample\\db\\Sample.boot”;

Connection connection;

try {

connection = new Connection(bootFile);

} catch (Exception ex) {

ex.printStackTrace();

}

The Connection constructor will throw an exception if it can’t find the specified boot file, if the FD isn’t properly licensed, or if the license has expired.

## Lab01

The code above is contained in JavaULB\_Lab01. You can run this code by running the following command:

PS D:\JavaULBTraining> .\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab01 clean build recreatefd run1

> Task :JavaULB\_Lab01:run1

Running 'run1'

LIB\_DIR = D:/Root/Workspaces/JavaULBTraining/JavaULB\_Lab01/build/libs/

log4j:ERROR Could not find value for key log4j.appender.FILE

log4j:ERROR Could not instantiate appender named "FILE".

2019-03-26 15:56:30 INFO main Lab01.java: Running Lab01

2019-03-26 15:56:30 INFO main Lab01.java: bootFile: <D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab01\data\dbs\Lab01.boot>

2019-03-26 15:56:30 INFO main Lab01.java: Boot file is valid: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab01\data\dbs\Lab01.boot

2019-03-26 15:56:30 INFO main Lab01.java: Connected to ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab01\data\dbs\Lab01.boot

2019-03-26 15:56:30 INFO main Lab01.java: Disconnected from ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab01\data\dbs\Lab01.boot

This gradlew.bat command cleans and builds the project. Then it recreates the federation and finally it runs the JavaULB\_Lab02 application which includes a call to the function shown above.

# Working with Schema

There are a number of ways to work with schema in ThingSpan. The first and easiest way to create and modify schema is through the DO query language. DO can be used via DO Runner (objy DO …) or you can create and execute DO statements from within Java ULB.

The second way to work with schema is by using the schema APIs in Java ULB. That is what we will demonstrate here.

There are specific steps that need to be performed when building schema programmatically. All steps must be performed after connecting to the federation and also within the scope of an active READ\_UPDATE transaction.

The basic steps are:

1. Using the SchemaProvider, get the defaultPersistent provider, and call refresh(true).

SchemaProvider.getDefaultPersistentProvider().refresh(true);

1. Create an instance of com.objy.data.ClassBuilder, passing the name of the schema class you want to create as a parameter to the constructor.

com.objy.data.ClassBuilder cBuilder

= new com.objy.data.ClassBuilder("Person");

1. On your instance of com.objy.data.ClassBuilder, call addAttribute(…) for each attribute you want to add to your new class definition.

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "FirstName");

The first parameter is the LogicalType of the attribute. The Java ULB class LogicalType is an enumeration of the available logical types.

The second parameter is the case sensitive name of the attribute.

1. Next, you will need to call “build()” on your ClassBuilder object.

com.objy.data.Class cPerson = cBuilder.build();

This give you a transient schema definition of your Person class in a com.objy.data.Class object.

1. Next, you will need to call “represent(…)” on the com.objy.data.Class object that was returned from the call to “build()”.

SchemaProvider.getDefaultPersistentProvider().represent(cPerson);

The call to “represent(…)” actually writes the schema definition into the schema catalog of the federation.

1. Finally, you will need to call “complete()” on your transaction to commit you schema updates to the schema catalog in the federated database.

tx.complete()

When you call tx.complete() your updates to the federation schema will be complete and the federation schema catalog will contain the new definition for the class Person.

Schema development can become very complex and we’ll cover some of those topics in this training.

### Creating a Person Class Using Java ULB

private void createSchemaPerson() {

int transLCERetryCount = 0;

boolean transactionSuccessful = false;

while (!transactionSuccessful) {

// Create a new TransactionScope that is READ\_UPDATE.

try (TransactionScope tx = new TransactionScope(

TransactionMode.READ\_UPDATE)) {

// Ensure that our view of schema is up to date.

SchemaProvider

.getDefaultPersistentProvider()

.refresh(true);

// Use ClassBuilder to create schema definition.

com.objy.data.ClassBuilder cBuilder

= new com.objy.data.ClassBuilder("Person");

cBuilder

.addAttribute( LogicalType.STRING,

"FirstName");

cBuilder

.addAttribute( LogicalType.STRING,

"LastName");

cBuilder

.addAttribute( LogicalType.STRING,

"MiddleInitial");

cBuilder

.addAttribute( LogicalType.DATE,

"Birthdate");

// Actually build the schema representation.

com.objy.data.Class cPerson = cBuilder.build();

// Represent class into the federated database.

SchemaProvider

.getDefaultPersistentProvider()

.represent(cPerson);

// Complete and close the transaction

tx.complete();

tx.close();

logger.info("Person class created in schema.");

transactionSuccessful = true;

} catch(LockConflictException lce) {

logger.info("LockConflictException. "

+ "Attempting retry... retryCount = "

+ ++transLCERetryCount);

try {

Thread.sleep(10\*transLCERetryCount);

} catch(InterruptedException ie) { }

} catch (Exception ex) {

ex.printStackTrace();

}

}

}

## Lab02a – Creating A Person Class

The code above is contained in JavaULB\_Lab02. You can run this code by running the following command:

PS D:\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 clean build recreatefd run02a**

This gradlew.bat command cleans and builds the project. Then it recreates the federation and finally it runs the JavaULB\_Lab02 application which includes a call to the function shown above.

### Lab02a - Examining the Results Using DO

We can use DO Runner (objy DO) to examine the results of the code above.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs> **objy DO -boot Lab02.boot**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Execute DO Statement(s), Version: 12.7.0

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DO> show classes;

{

'Person'

}

DO> show class Person;

CLASS Person

{

FirstName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LastName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

MiddleInitial: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Birthdate: Date

}

DO> from Person return \*;

{}

DO> /exit

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs>

### Lab02b – Examining the Results Using JavaULB

Lab02b shows how to retrieve a schema type from the catalog and list its attributes using the Java ULB APIs.

The key block of code is show below and must be within an active Connection and TransactionScope.

// Lookup the "Person" class from the schema in the database.

com.objy.data.Class cxPerson =

com.objy.data.Class.lookupClass("Person");

// Iterate over the attributes in our Person class.

// getAttrbutes() returns an Interator<Variable> object.

for (Variable v : cxPerson.getAttributes()) {

// We must interpret v as an attribute value.

Attribute at = v.attributeValue();

logger.info(String.format("Attribute: %-20s %s",

at.getName(),

at.getAttributeValueSpecification().getLogicalType()));

}

## Numeric Attributes

ThingSpan provides support for both integer and real numbers as attributes in persistent data types and different sizes of each are supported. The different byte sizes for each type can be found in **com.objy.data.Storage** and are:

* com.objy.data.Storage.B8
* com.objy.data.Storage.B16
* com.objy.data.Storage.B32
* com.objy.data.Storage.B64

### Integer Attributes

Creating an integer attribute where you specify the byte size is slightly different that we saw in Lab02a. In order to specify the size of the integer we now have to specify the encoding as Encoding.Integer.SIGNED or Encoding.Integer.UNSIGNED as well. We do all of this by using call chaining on the IntegerSpecificationBuilder class.

Sample addAttribute calls are shown below:

com.objy.data.ClassBuilder cBuilder

= new com.objy.data.ClassBuilder("NumbersDemo");

// When you don’t use an IntegerSpecificationBuilder you get the

// default settings for the attribute which are B32 and SIGNED.

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.INTEGER, "SimpleInteger");

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyIntB8\_Signed",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B8)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.SIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyIntB16\_Signed",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B16)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.SIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyIntB32\_Signed",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B32)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.SIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyInt64\_Signed",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B64)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.SIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyIntB8\_Unsigned",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B8)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.UNSIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyIntB16\_Unsigned",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B16)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.UNSIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyIntB32\_Unsigned",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B32)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.UNSIGNED)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyInt64\_Unsigned",

new IntegerSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Integer.B64)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Integer.UNSIGNED)

.build());

### Real Attributes

Like integer attributes, real attributes also allow the user to use a builder. Real attributes only come in B32 and B64 bit sizes and only have an IEEE encoding.

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.REAL, "SimpleReal");

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyReal32\_IEEE",

new RealSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Real.B32)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Real.IEEE)

.build());

cBuilder.addAttribute("MyReal64\_IEEE",

new RealSpecificationBuilder(Storage.Real.B64)

.setEncoding(Encoding.Real.IEEE)

.build());

### Lab02c – Adding Numeric Attributes Using Java ULB

Lab02c demonstrates how to create a class that has all of the different numeric data type in a single class using the default, IntegerSpecificationBuilder, and RealSpecificationBuilder.

To run Lab02c from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 clean build run2c**

### Lab02c – Examining the Schema Using DO

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the NumbersDemo class created in Lab02c.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs> **objy DO -boot Lab02.boot**

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DO> **show schema;**

{

CLASS NumbersDemo

{

SimpleInteger: Integer { Encoding: Signed, Storage: B32 },

MyIntB8\_Signed: Integer { Encoding: Signed, Storage: B8 },

MyIntB16\_Signed: Integer { Encoding: Signed, Storage: B16 },

MyIntB32\_Signed: Integer { Encoding: Signed, Storage: B32 },

MyInt64\_Signed: Integer { Encoding: Signed, Storage: B64 },

MyIntB8\_Unsigned: Integer { Encoding: Unsigned, Storage: B8 },

MyIntB16\_Unsigned: Integer { Encoding: Unsigned, Storage: B16 },

MyIntB32\_Unsigned: Integer { Encoding: Unsigned, Storage: B32 },

MyInt64\_Unsigned: Integer { Encoding: Unsigned, Storage: B64 },

SimpleReal: Real { Storage: B32 },

MyReal32\_IEEE: Real { Storage: B32 },

MyReal64\_IEEE: Real { Storage: B64 }

}

}

## Simple Reference Attributes

One of the great things about ThingSpan is the ability to link objects together. This capability is made possible because of the fact that every object has an Object Identifier or OID which represents the logical address of the object within the database. A schema class definition can be created with an attribute that is of type “Reference” and then objects of that class can have that attribute populated with the OID of some other object.

For example, in the diagram below we have two classes, Person and Address, where the Person class has a reference attribute called “LivesAt” which contains the OID of Address object. When we query for the person object and read it from disk we can use the OID in the LivesAt attribute to retrieve the Address object without having to search for it. The OID tells us where it is.

Person

FirstName

LastName

MiddleInitial

LivesAt 3-5-7-19

Address

Street1

Street2

City

State

ZIP

OID: 3-5-7-19

OID: 3-8-2-4

Adding a reference attribute to a class is accomplished using a **ReferenceSpecificationBuilder**.

//--------------------------------------------------------------

// Use ClassBuilder to create the schema definition.

com.objy.data.ClassBuilder cBuilderAddress

= new com.objy.data.ClassBuilder("Address");

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "Street1");

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "Street2");

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "City");

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "State");

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "ZIP");

// Actually build the the schema representation.

com.objy.data.Class cAddress = cBuilderAddress.build();

// Represent the new class into the federated database.

SchemaProvider.getDefaultPersistentProvider()

.represent(cAddress);

// Use ClassBuilder to create the schema definition.

com.objy.data.ClassBuilder cBuilderPerson = new com.objy.data.ClassBuilder("Person");

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "FirstName");

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "LastName");

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "MiddleInitial");

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute(LogicalType.DATE, "Birthdate");

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute("LivesAt",

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Address")

.build());

// Actually build the the schema representation.

com.objy.data.Class cPerson = cBuilderPerson.build();

// Represent the new class into the federated database. SchemaProvider.getDefaultPersistentProvider().represent(cPerson);

### Lab02d – Simple Reference Attributes

Lab02d demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab02d from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 clean build run2d**

### Lab02d – Examining the Schema Using DO

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the Address and Person classes created in Lab02d.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs> **objy DO -boot Lab02.boot**

Objectivity/DB (TM) Execute DO Statement(s), Version: 12.7.0

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DO> **show schema;**

{

CLASS Address

{

Street1: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Street2: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

City: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

State: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

ZIP: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable }

},

CLASS Person

{

FirstName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LastName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

MiddleInitial: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Birthdate: Date,

LivesAt: Reference { Referenced: Address }

}

}

## Bidirectional Reference Attributes

In our example above we create a uni-directional reference attribute in Person that pointed to a single Address object. The Address object did not point back to the Person object. Let’s change that.

Here we are going to create a bidirectional relationship between the two classes by creating reference attributes in each class. Each reference attribute will be created to name the class its referencing with the additional feature of naming the inverse attribute that points back.

Graphically, it will look like this:

Person

FirstName

LastName

MiddleInitial

LivesAt

Address

Street1

Street2

City

State

ZIP

LivesHere

OID: 3-5-7-19

OID: 3-8-2-4

3-8-2-4

3-5-7-19

Adding the attributes to each class will be done with the following code. Note that we are setting the inverse attribute on each ReferenceSpecificationBuilder.

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute("LivesHere",

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Person")

.setInverseAttribute("LivesAt")

.build());

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute("LivesAt",

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Address")

.setInverseAttribute("LivesHere")

.build());

### Lab02e – Bidirectional Reference Attributes

Lab02e demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab02e from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 clean build run2e**

### Lab02e - Examining the Schema Using DO

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the Address and Person classes created in Lab02e.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs> **objy DO -boot Lab02.boot**

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DO> **show schema;**

{

CLASS Address

{

Street1: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Street2: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

City: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

State: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

ZIP: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LivesHere: Reference { Referenced: Person, Inverse: LivesAt }

},

CLASS Person

{

FirstName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LastName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

MiddleInitial: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Birthdate: Date,

LivesAt: Reference { Referenced: Address, Inverse: LivesHere }

}

}

## LIST Attributes

LIST attributes are used to store basic data types like numbers and strings but lists can also be used to store references to other objects. This second mechanism is how we build a to-many relationship attribute. Before we jump into that let’s start with a list of Java Strings.

The following code sample taken from Lab03f.java shows the creation of the scheme for a Person class using the ClassBuilder. Several simple attributes are added and finally a “MyPhoneNumbers” attribute is added using the ListSpecificationBuilder and the StringSpecificationBuilder classes.

The important thing to note here and for future reference is that we have to define the kind of list we’re building and we do that by calling the “setElementSpecification(…)” method on our new ListSpecificationBuilder objects, passing in the results of the “new StringSpecificationBuilder().build()”.

// Use ClassBuilder to create the schema definition.

com.objy.data.ClassBuilder cBuilder = new com.objy.data.ClassBuilder("Person");

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "FirstName");

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "LastName");

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.STRING, "MiddleInitial");

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.DATE, "DateOfBirth");

cBuilder.addAttribute(LogicalType.DATE\_TIME, "Timestamp");

cBuilder.addAttribute(

"MyPhoneNumbers",

new ListSpecificationBuilder()

.setElementSpecification(

new StringSpecificationBuilder()

.build())

.build());

// Actually build the the schema representation.

com.objy.data.Class cPerson = cBuilder.build();

// Represent the new class into the federated database.

SchemaProvider.getDefaultPersistentProvider().represent(cPerson);

You can create lists of the different data types by simply using the SpecificationBuilder for the desired type.

### Lab02f – List of Strings Attributes

This lab demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab02e from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 clean build run2f**

### Lab02f - Examining the Schema Using DO

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab02.boot

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DO> show class Person;

CLASS Person

{

FirstName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LastName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

MiddleInitial: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

DateOfBirth: Date,

Timestamp: DateTime,

MyPhoneNumbers: List { Element: String { Encoding: UTF8, Storage: Variable }, Storage: Variable }

}

## To-Many Reference Attributes

All of the examples thus far have been one-to-one references. Now we will describe the mechanics of a one-to-many attribute.

To-Many attributes are constructed using a list of references. We use the ReferenceSpecificationBuilder we’ve used previously, but now we wrap it in a ListSpecificationBuilder object.

cBuilderAddress.addAttribute("LivesHere",

new ListSpecificationBuilder()

.setElementSpecification(

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Person")

.setInverseAttribute("LivesAt")

.build())

.build());

Here, we’ve simply extended our definition of Address to include the To-Many list of references to Person. The definition of Person doesn’t change.

### Lab02g – To-Many Bidirectional Reference Attributes

This lab demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab02e from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab02 clean build run2g**

### Lab02g - Examining the Schema Using DO

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the Address and Person classes created in Lab02f.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab02\data\dbs> **objy DO -boot Lab02.boot**

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DO> **show schema;**

{

CLASS Address

{

Street1: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Street2: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

City: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

State: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

ZIP: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LivesHere: **List** { Element: Reference { Referenced: Person, Inverse: LivesAt }, Storage: **Variable** }

},

CLASS Person

{

FirstName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

LastName: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

MiddleInitial: String { Encoding: UTF16, Storage: Variable },

Birthdate: Date,

LivesAt: Reference { Referenced: Address, Inverse: LivesHere }

}

}

This example demonstrate a One-to-Many relationship where one Person LivesAt an Address but an Address can have many LivesHere values.

### Many-To-Many Bidirectional Relationships

It would be easy enough to make the relationship Many-to-Many by simply wrapping the wrapping the LivesAt ReferenceSpecificationBuilder in a ListAttributeBuilder like we did for the LivesHere attribute in Address:

cBuilderPerson.addAttribute("LivesAt",

new ListSpecificationBuilder()

.setElementSpecification(

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Address")

.setInverseAttribute("LivesHere")

.build())

.build());

### Lab02h - Examining the Schema Using DO

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the Address and Person classes created in Lab02g.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab03.boot

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DO> from Person return \*;

{

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-4,

FirstName:null,

LastName:null,

MiddleInitial:null,

Birthdate:0001-01-01

}

}

There are a number of advanced topics that will be discussed later including how we can specify a different storage type, which is currently “Variable”.

# Working with Objects

Much of your interaction with ThingSpan will be in working with objects, either creating them and putting them in the database or querying for them and reading them from the database. This section will cover both areas.

## The ThingSpan Technology Stack

Your Java application sits on top of a stack of layers that make up ThingSpan. Understanding those layers will help you develop an understanding of the JavaULB API. The image below depicts the layers.

ThingSpan Kernel

ThingSpan JavaULB API

Java Application

Instance

ThingSpan Page Cache

JNI

C++

ThingSpan FD

The JavaULB API is little more than a set of support classes and a JNI wrapper that allow you to work with the ThingSpan kernel which is all written in C++. With that in mind, the JavaULB API has been specifically designed to be very light weight and pushes nearly all of the actual work down in to the ThingSpan C++ kernel where the operations can be run much faster.

## Working with com.objy.data.Instance Objects

The com.objy.data.Instance class is used to represent a ThingSpan persistent data object within a JavaULB application.

***NOTE****: ThingSpan does not support the storage of POJOs (Plain Old Java Objects) to a ThingSpan federation. Only objects represented as com.objy.data.Instance objects can be persisted to the database.*

As discussed earlier, a ThingSpan application will open a connection to a ThingSpan federated database and then create a Transaction or TransactionScope. These set the stage for interacting with ThingSpan objects.

com.objy.data.Instance is a JNI interface to an actual data object stored in the ThingSpan cache.

## Creating an Instance

Let’s create a new Instance object. It’s a two-step process.

First we need to know what kind of object we are going to create. We do this by instantiating an instance of com.objy.data.Class object using the static “lookupClass(…)” method on com.objy.data.Class. We need to pass in the name of the class we want to look up and this name is the name of the class *as it was defined in the database schema*. (See “Working with Schema”.)

From there we use the static method “createPersistent(…)” on the com.objy.data.Instance class to create an Instance of our “Person” class.

*Note: We have to use “com.objy.data.” before “Class” to differentiate it from java.lang.Class. We don’t have to prefix Instance with the “com.objy.data” because there is not collision on the naming.*

It sounds harder than it is…

// Lookup the Person class from the schema in the ThingSpan federation.

com.objy.data.Class cPerson

= com.objy.data.Class.lookupClass("Person");

// Using the cPerson Class object, create a Person Instance.

Instance iPerson = Instance.createPersistent(cPerson);

// The complete writes the data out to the database.

tx.complete();

Once we have our Person instance, iPerson, we can set its attributes if we need to and call tx.complete() which “commits” the transaction and ensures that our new Person instance is written to the database.

### Lab03a – Creating an Instance

Lab03a demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab03a from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab03 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab03 clean build run3a**

…

> Task :JavaULB\_Lab03:run3a

Running 'run3a'

LIB\_DIR = D:/Root/Workspaces/JavaULBTraining/JavaULB\_Lab03/build/libs/

2019-03-26 11:05:20 INFO main Lab03a.java: Running Lab03a

2019-03-26 11:05:20 INFO main Lab03a.java: bootFile: <D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot>

2019-03-26 11:05:20 INFO main Lab03a.java: Boot file is valid: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 11:05:20 INFO main Lab03a.java: Connected to ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 11:05:20 INFO main Lab03a.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 11:05:22 INFO main Lab03a.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-4

2019-03-26 11:05:22 INFO main Lab03a.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 11:05:22 INFO main Lab03a.java: Disconnected from ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

### Lab03a – Examining the Results

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the results.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab03.boot

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DO> from Person return \*;

{

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-4,

FirstName:null,

LastName:null,

MiddleInitial:null

}

}

## Setting Attributes

After we have an Instance we need to set the values of the attributes on it. We will expand our example above and set the attributes.

### Setting String and Date Attributes

JavaULB allows us to access the value of an attribute of an Instance through a Variable object. We get the Variable object from the instance by calling iPerson.getAttributeValue(attributeName). Then call variable.set(value) to set that attribute to a value.

// We access the value of each attribute in the Instance using

// a variable that we 'associate' with each attribute.

Variable vFirstName = iPerson.getAttributeValue("FirstName");

vFirstName.set("John");

Variable vLastName = iPerson.getAttributeValue("LastName");

vLastName.set("Doe");

Variable vMiddleInitial = iPerson.getAttributeValue("MiddleInitial");

vMiddleInitial.set("Q");

// The complete writes the data out to the database.

tx.complete();

It should be noted here that it is not necessary to use a separate Variable object for each attribute. You can declare a single Variable object and reuse it for each field.

Variable var;

var = iPerson.getAttributeValue("FirstName");

var.set("John");

var = iPerson.getAttributeValue("LastName");

var.set("Doe");

var = iPerson.getAttributeValue("MiddleInitial");

var.set("Q");

The Lab03b demonstrate both techniques.

#### Lab03b – Setting Attributes

Lab03b demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab03b from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab03 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab03 clean build run3b**

> Task :JavaULB\_Lab03:run3b

Running 'run3b'

LIB\_DIR = D:/Root/Workspaces/JavaULBTraining/JavaULB\_Lab03/build/libs/

2019-03-26 11:07:51 INFO main Lab03b.java: Running Lab03b

2019-03-26 11:07:51 INFO main Lab03b.java: bootFile: <D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot>

2019-03-26 11:07:51 INFO main Lab03b.java: Boot file is valid: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 11:07:51 INFO main Lab03b.java: Connected to ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 11:07:51 INFO main Lab03b.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 11:07:53 INFO main Lab03b.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-4

2019-03-26 11:07:53 INFO main Lab03b.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 11:07:53 INFO main Lab03b.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-8

2019-03-26 11:07:53 INFO main Lab03b.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 11:07:53 INFO main Lab03b.java: Disconnected from ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

#### Lab03b – Examining the Results

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the results.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab03.boot

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DO> from Person return \*;

{

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-4,

FirstName:'John',

LastName:'Doe',

MiddleInitial:'Q'

},

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-8,

FirstName:'John',

LastName:'Doe',

MiddleInitial:'Q'

}

}

### Setting Numeric Attributes

The Variable .setValue(…) method takes an object parameter, therefore any numeric values will need to be cast to the object version of their data type, i.e. int gets cast to Integer, long to Long, and so on.

*Note: In the following code fragment the function “parseBinary(String, boolean) takes a String representation of a binary number and a binary flag indicating whether the number should be interpreted as signed or unsigned, and generates a Java long from the binary representation.*

This following code fragments were extracted from Lab03c.java.

Variable var;

String sB8 = "11000000";

long intB8 = parseBinary(sB8, SIGNED);

var = iND.getAttributeValue("MyIntB8\_Signed");

var.set((Long)intB8);

String uintSB16 = "1000000000000000";

long uintB16 = parseBinary(uintSB16, UNSIGNED);

var = iND.getAttributeValue("MyIntB16\_Unsigned");

var.set((Long)uintB16);

double avn1 = 602300000000000000000000.00;

var = iND.getAttributeValue("MyReal32\_IEEE");

var.set((Double)avn1);

#### Lab03c – Setting Numeric Attributes

Lab03c demonstrates the code shown above.

To run Lab03c from the command line, use the following command:

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab03 recreateFD**

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining> **.\gradlew.bat -p JavaULB\_Lab03 clean build run3c**

#### Lab03c – Examining the Results

Using DO Runner (objy DO) we can examine the results.

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot .\Lab03.boot

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DO> from NumbersDemo return \*;

{

NumbersDemo

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-13,

SimpleInteger:33,

MyIntB8\_Signed:-64,

MyIntB16\_Signed:16384,

MyIntB32\_Signed:1073741824,

MyIntB64\_Signed:4611686018427387904,

MyIntB8\_Unsigned:192,

MyIntB16\_Unsigned:32768,

MyIntB32\_Unsigned:2147483648,

MyIntB64\_Unsigned:9223372036854775808,

SimpleReal:3.14159,

MyReal32\_IEEE:6.02300e+23,

MyReal64\_IEEE:6.02312e+23

}

}

### Setting DATE and DATE\_TIME Attributes

ThingSpan supports creating schema class definitions that have DATE and DATE\_TIME attributes.

#### Setting DATE Attributes

Setting a DATE attribute requires that you create a com.objy.data.Date object and pass in the year, month, and day of month values. The com.objy.data.Date object can then be passed to the Variable .set(Object) method as shown below.

Variable vBirthdate = iPerson.getAttributeValue("DateOfBirth");

GregorianCalendar gCal = new GregorianCalendar();

gCal.setTime(dateOfBirth);

vBirthdate.set(new com.objy.data.Date(

gCal.get(Calendar.YEAR),

gCal.get(Calendar.MONTH),

gCal.get(Calendar.DAY\_OF\_MONTH)));

#### Setting DATE\_TIME Attributes

Setting a DATE\_TIME attribute requires that you create a com.objy.data.DateTime object, passing in a java.util.Date object to the constructor.

java.util.Date timestamp = new java.util.Date();

Variable vTimestamp = iPerson.getAttributeValue("Timestamp");

vTimestamp.set(new com.objy.data.DateTime(timestamp));

#### Lab03d – Setting DATE and DATE\_TIME Attributes

> Task :JavaULB\_Lab03:run3d

Running 'run3d'

LIB\_DIR = D:/Root/Workspaces/JavaULBTraining/JavaULB\_Lab03/build/libs/

2019-03-26 16:55:50 INFO main Lab03d.java: Running Lab03d

2019-03-26 16:55:50 INFO main Lab03d.java: bootFile: <D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot>

2019-03-26 16:55:50 INFO main Lab03d.java: Boot file is valid: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 16:55:50 INFO main Lab03d.java: Connected to ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 16:55:50 INFO main Lab03d.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 16:55:52 INFO main Lab03d.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-4

2019-03-26 16:55:52 INFO main Lab03d.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 16:55:52 INFO main Lab03d.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-8

2019-03-26 16:55:52 INFO main Lab03d.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 16:55:52 INFO main Lab03d.java: Disconnected from ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

#### Lab03d – Examining the Results

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab03.boot

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DO> from Person return \*;

{

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-4,

FirstName:'John',

LastName:'Doe',

MiddleInitial:'Q',

DateOfBirth:2000-03-28,

Timestamp:2000-04-28 19:42:30

},

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-8,

FirstName:'Mary',

LastName:'Smith',

MiddleInitial:'B',

DateOfBirth:1966-05-15,

Timestamp:1966-06-15 19:42:30

}

}

### Setting LIST Attributes

Setting LIST attributes is a common task especially when dealing with to-many relationships. Before we get to that, let’s just add some strings to a LIST attribute in a ThingSpan persistent object.

#### A List of Strings

As with setting the other attribute types, we have to get a Variable representation of the list attribute first. That Variable is shown below as vPhoneNumbers. Once we have that we get a ‘List’ representation of that Variable by calling “listValue()” on the Variable object. This gives us a com.objy.data.List object that we can interact with.

Now we need another Variable to represent the item being added to the list. We get this by simply instantiating a Variable object called vPN. We then iterate across our source data stored in the Java array phoneNumbers and for each phone number “pn” we set that value into the Varible vPN and add vPN to pnList.

We can reuse vPN but we should really call “.clear()” on it before we reuse it.

// Add the phone numbers to MyPhoneNumbers in the object.

Variable vPhoneNumbers = iPerson.getAttributeValue("MyPhoneNumbers");

com.objy.data.List pnList = vPhoneNumbers.listValue();

Variable vPN = new Variable();

for (String pn : phoneNumbers) {

vPN.set(pn);

pnList.add(vPN);

vPN.clear();

}

##### Lab03e – Setting LIST Attributes

> Task :JavaULB\_Lab03:run3e

Running 'run3e'

LIB\_DIR = D:/Root/Workspaces/JavaULBTraining/JavaULB\_Lab03/build/libs/

2019-03-26 17:12:10 INFO main Lab03e.java: Running Lab03e

2019-03-26 17:12:10 INFO main Lab03e.java: bootFile: <D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot>

2019-03-26 17:12:10 INFO main Lab03e.java: Boot file is valid: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 17:12:10 INFO main Lab03e.java: Connected to ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-26 17:12:10 INFO main Lab03e.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 17:12:12 INFO main Lab03e.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-4

2019-03-26 17:12:12 INFO main Lab03e.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-26 17:12:12 INFO main Lab03e.java: Disconnected from ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

##### Lab03e – Examining the Results

JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab03.boot

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DO> from Person return \*;

{

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-4,

FirstName:'John',

LastName:'Doe',

MiddleInitial:'Q',

DateOfBirth:2000-03-28,

Timestamp:2000-04-28 19:58:50,

MyPhoneNumbers:LIST

{

'410-555-1234',

'410-555-9984'

}

}

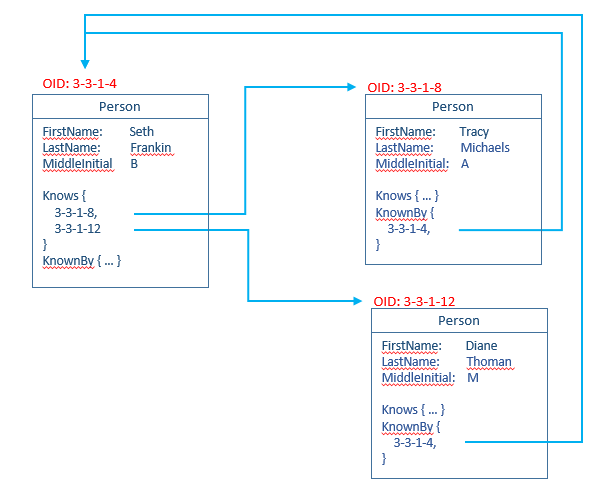
}

#### A List of References: To-Many

Relational databases use the concept of a JOIN to link objects together. In ThingSpan we simply create a reference or a list of references. In Section 6.5 we saw how to define to-one bidirectional relationship attributes and in Section 6.7 we saw how to define a to-many relationship attribute. Here we are going to populate a to-many relationship attribute.

We need to modify our Person class definition to have two new attributes. The first attribute is the outgoing attribute “Knows”. For a Person P, P.Knows will contain a list of OIDs of all of the Persons that P knows. The second attribute is the inverse attribute “KnownBy” and is the list of all of OIDs of Person objects that know P.

The structure is shown below.



Referring to Lab03f.java, let’s start by updating our schema creation function, createSchemaPerson(…).

We need to add the following lines of code to our createSchemaPerson(…) function:

// Create the "Knows" end of the bidirectional to-many reference.

cBuilder.addAttribute("Knows",

new ListSpecificationBuilder()

.setElementSpecification(

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Person")

.setInverseAttribute("KnownBy")

.build())

.build());

// Create the "KnownBy" end of the bidirectional to-many reference.

cBuilder.addAttribute("KnownBy",

new ListSpecificationBuilder()

.setElementSpecification(

new ReferenceSpecificationBuilder()

.setReferencedClass("Person")

.setInverseAttribute("Knows")

.build())

.build());

Next, we will update our createPersonInstance(…) method. We are going to start by modifying the return type. We are going to update the method to return the OID of the Person object that was created. We’ll then use those OIDs to construct Knows/KnowBy relationships between some of the Person objects that we create.

Getting the OID from an Instance is easy enough:

// Using the cPerson Class object, create a Person Instance.

Instance iPerson = Instance.createPersistent(cPerson);

// Get and retain the OID of the Instance object we just created.

String personOID = iPerson.getObjectId().toString();

We simply return the value of String personOID to the calling method and then use that construct the Knows/KnownBy relationship.

The core of the “establishKnows(…)” method is straight forward. As with previous samples, the following code will be enclosed in a TransactionScope block.

// Lookup the Person associated with fromOID.

Instance iPersonFrom = Instance.lookup(ObjectId.fromString(fromOID));

// Lookup the Person associated with toOID.

Instance iPersonTo = Instance.lookup(ObjectId.fromString(toOID));

// Get the Knows list from iPersonFrom.

Variable vKnows = iPersonFrom.getAttributeValue("Knows");

com.objy.data.List knowsList = vKnows.listValue();

// vKnownEntry represents the Person that is "Known"

Reference refPersonTo = new Reference(iPersonTo);

Variable vPersonTo = new Variable(refPersonTo);

// Add the the vPersonTo entry to the knowsList.

knowsList.add(vPersonTo);

##### Lab03f – Adding References to a List Attribute

> Task :JavaULB\_Lab03:run3f

Running 'run3f'

LIB\_DIR = D:/Root/Workspaces/JavaULBTraining/JavaULB\_Lab03/build/libs/

2019-03-29 15:59:39 INFO main Lab03f.java: Running Lab03f

2019-03-29 15:59:39 INFO main Lab03f.java: bootFile: <D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot>

2019-03-29 15:59:39 INFO main Lab03f.java: Boot file is valid: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-29 15:59:40 INFO main Lab03f.java: Connected to ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

2019-03-29 15:59:40 INFO main Lab03f.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-29 15:59:42 INFO main Lab03f.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-4

2019-03-29 15:59:42 INFO main Lab03f.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-29 15:59:42 INFO main Lab03f.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-8

2019-03-29 15:59:42 INFO main Lab03f.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-29 15:59:42 INFO main Lab03f.java: iPerson OID: 3-3-1-12

2019-03-29 15:59:43 INFO main Lab03f.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-29 15:59:43 INFO main Lab03f.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-29 15:59:43 INFO main Lab03f.java: Person class created in schema.

2019-03-29 15:59:43 INFO main Lab03f.java: Disconnected from ThingSpan federation: D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs\Lab03.boot

##### Lab03f – Examining the Results

PS D:\Root\Workspaces\JavaULBTraining\JavaULB\_Lab03\data\dbs> objy DO -boot Lab03.boot

Objectivity/DB (TM) Execute DO Statement(s), Version: 12.7.0

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DO> from ooObj return \*;

{

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-4,

FirstName:'Seth',

LastName:'Franklin',

This is the first Person that was created and has a “Knows” list that points to two other objects.

MiddleInitial:'B',

DateOfBirth:0001-01-01,

Knows:LIST

{

3-3-1-8,

3-3-1-12

},

KnownBy:null

},

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-8,

FirstName:'Tracy',

LastName:'Michaels',

This is the second Person that was created and has a “KnownBy” list that points to Person 3-3-1-4.

MiddleInitial:'A',

DateOfBirth:0001-01-01,

Knows:null,

KnownBy:LIST

{

3-3-1-4

}

},

Person

{

\_\_identifier\_\_:3-3-1-12,

FirstName:'Diane',

LastName:'Thoman',

This is the third Person that was created and has a “KnownBy” list that points to Person 3-3-1-4.

MiddleInitial:'M',

DateOfBirth:0001-01-01,

Knows:null,

KnownBy:LIST

{

3-3-1-4

}

}

}

So now we should stop and make an observation about the code and the resulting relationships. The code that created the relationship only added entries to the “Knows” list. We did not write any code to set the value of the inverse relationship in the “KnownBy” list. Because we defined the relationship “Knows” and its inverse “KnownBy” relationship when we created the schema definition ThingSpan automatically fills in the inverse value when we set one end of the relationship. If we add an entry to the “Knows” list, ThingSpan will fill in the inverse value in the “KnownBy” list and if we add an entry to a “KnownBy” list ThingSpan will fill in the inverse value in the “Knows” list.

The same is true for removing a value. When removing a value from a list representing one end of a relationship, ThingSpan will remove the corresponding entry from the inverse object.

ThingSpan takes this one step further. If one of the objects is deleted ThingSpan will updates all of the inverse objects and remove the deleted object’s OID from all inverse lists that point back to the object that was deleted.