**🔸 1. JPA (Java Persistence API) – *Specification***

| **Feature** | **Description** |
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| **What is it?** | JPA is a **standard specification** provided by Java EE (now Jakarta EE) for ORM (Object-Relational Mapping). |
| **Who provides it?** | Oracle (as part of Java EE specification). |
| **What does it define?** | An API for managing relational data in Java using @Entity, @Id, @OneToMany, etc. |
| **Is it usable alone?** | No – it needs a provider like Hibernate, EclipseLink, etc. |
| **Main Package** | javax.persistence.\* or jakarta.persistence.\* |

✅ Think of JPA like **JDBC API**: it defines what should be done, but not how.

**🔸 2. Hibernate – *JPA Implementation***

| **Feature** | **Description** |
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| **What is it?** | Hibernate is the **most popular implementation** of JPA. |
| **What does it do?** | Provides actual code for the interfaces and annotations defined by JPA. |
| **Extra Features?** | Yes – like Hibernate Caching, Hibernate Validator, Interceptor, Lazy Loading, etc. |
| **Can it be used without JPA?** | Yes. Hibernate has its own native API. |
| **Main Package** | org.hibernate.\* |

✅ Hibernate = **JPA implementation + additional features**

**🔸 3. Spring Data JPA – *Spring Abstraction***

| **Feature** | **Description** |
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| **What is it?** | Spring Data JPA is a **Spring Framework module** that makes working with JPA easier. |
| **What does it do?** | It generates JPA-based repositories with **no boilerplate**. |
| **Built on?** | Built on **JPA + Hibernate** (or other providers). |
| **Key Feature** | Extends JpaRepository to provide CRUD, pagination, sorting, and custom query generation by method name. |

java

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public interface BookRepository extends JpaRepository<Book, Long> {

List<Book> findByAuthor(String author);

}

✅ Spring Data JPA = **JPA + Hibernate + Spring magic** to remove boilerplate code.

**🔄 Summary Table**

| **Feature** | **JPA** | **Hibernate** | **Spring Data JPA** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type | Specification (Interface) | Implementation of JPA | Abstraction over JPA + Provider |
| Provided by | Java EE (Oracle) | Red Hat | Spring Framework |
| Boilerplate Code | High | Medium | Very Low (auto methods, @Repository) |
| API Layer | javax.persistence | org.hibernate | org.springframework.data.jpa.repository |
| Can be used alone | No | Yes | Needs Spring Boot + JPA |
| Extra Features | No | Yes | Yes (query generation, paging, etc.) |

**📌 Real-World Analogy**

* **JPA** = Car blueprint (standard spec)
* **Hibernate** = Toyota car (blueprint implemented)
* **Spring Data JPA** = Self-driving Toyota (wrapped with automation)

**📦 1. JPA Only (Standard API)**

You write everything manually, including entity manager and queries.

**🔸 Book.java (JPA Entity)**

java

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import javax.persistence.\*;

@Entity

public class Book {

@Id

@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)

private Long id;

private String title;

private String author;

}

**🔸 BookDAO.java (Manual DAO)**

java

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import javax.persistence.\*;

import java.util.List;

public class BookDAO {

private EntityManagerFactory emf = Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory("libPU");

public void save(Book book) {

EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();

em.getTransaction().begin();

em.persist(book);

em.getTransaction().commit();

em.close();

}

public List<Book> getAll() {

EntityManager em = emf.createEntityManager();

return em.createQuery("SELECT b FROM Book b", Book.class).getResultList();

}

}

🔧 You manage EntityManager, transactions, and queries manually.

**📦 2. Hibernate Only (Native API)**

You use Hibernate classes directly (without JPA abstraction).

**🔸 hibernate.cfg.xml**

xml

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<hibernate-configuration>

<session-factory>

<property name="hibernate.connection.driver\_class">org.h2.Driver</property>

<property name="hibernate.connection.url">jdbc:h2:mem:test</property>

<property name="hibernate.dialect">org.hibernate.dialect.H2Dialect</property>

<property name="hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto">update</property>

<mapping class="com.example.Book"/>

</session-factory>

</hibernate-configuration>

**🔸 Hibernate DAO**

java

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import org.hibernate.\*;

import org.hibernate.cfg.Configuration;

public class BookDAO {

private SessionFactory factory = new Configuration().configure().buildSessionFactory();

public void save(Book book) {

Session session = factory.openSession();

Transaction tx = session.beginTransaction();

session.save(book);

tx.commit();

session.close();

}

}

🔧 You use SessionFactory, Session, and Transaction directly.

**📦 3. Spring Data JPA (With Spring Boot)**

This is the most modern and concise way.

**🔸 Book.java (same as JPA)**

java

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import javax.persistence.\*;

@Entity

public class Book {

@Id

@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)

private Long id;

private String title;

private String author;

}

**🔸 BookRepository.java**

java

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import org.springframework.data.jpa.repository.JpaRepository;

import java.util.List;

public interface BookRepository extends JpaRepository<Book, Long> {

List<Book> findByAuthor(String author); // auto-generated query

}

**🔸 Usage in Service or Controller**

java

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private BookRepository repository;

public void example() {

repository.save(new Book("Java", "John"));

List<Book> books = repository.findByAuthor("John");

}

✅ No manual DAO class, transaction handling, or boilerplate needed.

**🏁 Conclusion**

| **Layer** | **Code Responsibility** | **Boilerplate** | **Query Writing** | **Modern?** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| JPA | Manual entity manager | ✅ High | ✅ Manual | ✅ Yes |
| Hibernate | Uses Hibernate Session | ✅ Medium | ✅ Manual | ✅ Yes |
| Spring Data JPA | Only define interface | ❌ Minimal | ❌ Optional (auto-generated) | ✅✅✅ Yes |