**MYBATIS**

**What is MyBatis?**

MyBatis is a first class persistence framework with support for custom SQL, stored procedures and advanced mappings. MyBatis eliminates almost all of the JDBC code and manual setting of parameters and retrieval of results. MyBatis can use simple XML or Annotations for configuration and map primitives, Map interfaces and Java POJOs (Plain Old Java Objects) to database records.

MyBatis is an open source, lightweight, persistence framework. It is an alternative to **JDBC** and **Hibernate**. It automates the mapping between SQL databases and objects in Java, .NET, and Ruby on Rails. The mappings are decoupled from the application logic by packaging the SQL statements in XML configuration files.

It abstracts almost all of the JDBC code, and reduces the burden of setting of parameters manually and retrieving the results. It provides a simple API to interact with the database. It also provides support for custom SQL, stored procedures and advanced mappings.

It was formerly known as **IBATIS**, which was started by Clinton Begin in 2002. MyBatis 3 is the latest version. It is a total makeover of IBATIS.

A significant difference between MyBatis and other persistence frameworks is that MyBatis emphasizes the use of SQL, while other frameworks such as Hibernate typically uses a custom query language i.e. the Hibernate Query Language (HQL) or Enterprise JavaBeans Query Language (EJB QL).

## MYBATIS Design Features

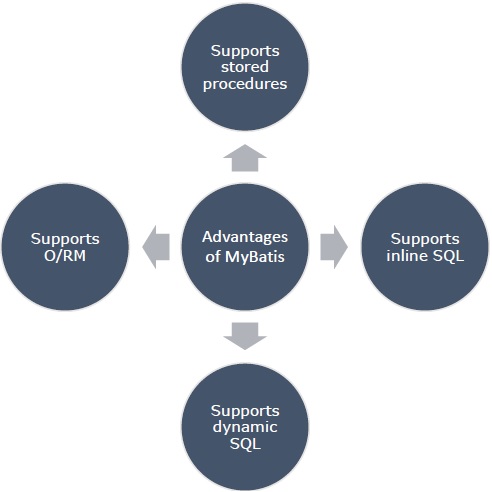
MyBatis comes with the following design philosophies −

* **Simplicity** − MyBatis is widely regarded as one of the simplest persistence frameworks available today.
* **Fast Development** − MyBatis does all it can to facilitate hyper-fast development.
* **Portability** − MyBatis can be implemented for nearly any language or platform such as Java, Ruby, and C# for Microsoft .NET.
* **Independent Interfaces** − MyBatis provides database-independent interfaces and APIs that help the rest of the application remain independent of any persistence-related resources.
* **Open source**− MyBatis is free and an open source software.

## Advantages of MYBATIS

MYBATIS offers the following advantages −

* **Supports stored procedures** − MyBatis encapsulates SQL in the form of stored procedures so that business logic can be kept out of the database, and the application is more portable and easier to deploy and test.
* **Supports inline SQL** − No pre-compiler is needed, and you can have the full access to all of the features of SQL.
* **Supports dynamic SQL** − MyBatis provides features for dynamic building SQL queries based on parameters.
* **Supports O/RM** − MyBatis supports many of the same features as an O/RM tool, such as lazy loading, join fetching, caching, runtime code generation, and inheritance.



MyBatis uses JAVA programming language while developing database oriented application. Before proceeding further, make sure that you understand the basics of procedural and object-oriented programming − control structures, data structures and variables, classes, objects, etc.

**Installation**

To use MyBatis you just need to include the [mybatis-x.x.x.jar](https://github.com/mybatis/mybatis-3/releases) file in the classpath.

If you are using Maven just add the following dependency to your pom.xml:

<dependency>

<groupId>org.mybatis</groupId>

<artifactId>mybatis</artifactId>

<version>x.x.x</version>

</dependency>

# Configuration XML

The MyBatis configuration contains settings and properties that have a dramatic effect on how MyBatis behaves. The high level structure of the document is as follows:

* configuration
  + [properties](http://www.mybatis.org/mybatis-3/configuration.html#properties)
  + [settings](http://www.mybatis.org/mybatis-3/configuration.html#settings)
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  + [environments](http://www.mybatis.org/mybatis-3/configuration.html#environments)
    - environment
      * transactionManager
      * dataSource
  + [databaseIdProvider](http://www.mybatis.org/mybatis-3/configuration.html#databaseIdProvider)
  + [mappers](http://www.mybatis.org/mybatis-3/configuration.html#mappers)

**properties**

These are externalizable, substitutable properties that can be configured in a typical Java Properties file instance, or passed in through sub-elements of the properties element. For example:

<properties resource="org/mybatis/example/config.properties">

<property name="username" value="dev\_user"/>

<property name="password" value="F2Fa3!33TYyg"/>

</properties>

The properties can then be used throughout the configuration files to substitute values that need to be dynamically configured. For example:

<dataSource type="POOLED">

<property name="driver" value="${driver}"/>

<property name="url" value="${url}"/>

<property name="username" value="${username}"/>

<property name="password" value="${password}"/>

</dataSource>

The username and password in this example will be replaced by the values set in the properties elements. The driver and url properties would be replaced with values contained from the config.properties file. This provides a lot of options for configuration.

Properties can also be passed into the SqlSessionBuilder.build() methods. For example:

SqlSessionFactory factory = sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(reader, props);

// ... or ...

SqlSessionFactory factory = sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(reader, environment, props);

If a property exists in more than one of these places, MyBatis loads them in the following order:

* Properties specified in the body of the properties element are read first,
* Properties loaded from the classpath resource or url attributes of the properties element are read second, and override any duplicate properties already specified,
* Properties passed as a method parameter are read last, and override any duplicate properties that may have been loaded from the properties body and the resource/url attributes.

Thus, the highest priority properties are those passed in as a method parameter, followed by resource/url attributes and finally the properties specified in the body of the properties element.

**settings**

These are extremely important tweaks that modify the way that MyBatis behaves at runtime. The following table describes the settings, their meanings and their default values.

| **Setting** | **Description** | **Valid Values** | **Default** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| cacheEnabled | Globally enables or disables any caches configured in any mapper under this configuration. | true | false | true |
| lazyLoadingEnabled | Globally enables or disables lazy loading. When enabled, all relations will be lazily loaded. This value can be superseded for an specific relation by using thefetchType attribute on it. | true | false | false |
| aggressiveLazyLoading | When enabled, an object with lazy loaded properties will be loaded entirely upon a call to any of the lazy properties. Otherwise, each property is loaded on demand. | true | false | true |
| multipleResultSetsEnabled | Allows or disallows multiple ResultSets to be returned from a single statement (compatible driver required). | true | false | true |
| useColumnLabel | Uses the column label instead of the column name. Different drivers behave differently in this respect. Refer to the driver documentation, or test out both modes to determine how your driver behaves. | true | false | true |
| useGeneratedKeys | Allows JDBC support for generated keys. A compatible driver is required. This setting forces generated keys to be used if set to true, as some drivers deny compatibility but still work (e.g. Derby). | true | false | False |
| autoMappingBehavior | Specifies if and how MyBatis should automatically map columns to fields/properties. NONE disables auto-mapping. PARTIAL will only auto-map results with no nested result mappings defined inside. FULL will auto-map result mappings of any complexity (containing nested or otherwise). | NONE, PARTIAL, FULL | PARTIAL |
| autoMappingUnknownColumnBehavior | Specify the behavior when detects an unknown column (or unknown property type) of automatic mapping target.   * NONE: Do nothing * WARNING: Output warning log (The log level of'org.apache.ibatis.session.AutoMappingUnknownColumnBehavior'must be set to WARN) * FAILING: Fail mapping (Throw SqlSessionException) | NONE, WARNING, FAILING | NONE |
| defaultExecutorType | Configures the default executor. SIMPLE executor does nothing special. REUSE executor reuses prepared statements. BATCH executor reuses statements and batches updates. | SIMPLE REUSE BATCH | SIMPLE |
| defaultStatementTimeout | Sets the number of seconds the driver will wait for a response from the database. | Any positive integer | Not Set (null) |
| defaultFetchSize | Sets the driver a hint as to control fetching size for return results. This parameter value can be override by a query setting. | Any positive integer | Not Set (null) |
| safeRowBoundsEnabled | Allows using RowBounds on nested statements. If allow, set the false. | true | false | False |
| safeResultHandlerEnabled | Allows using ResultHandler on nested statements. If allow, set the false. | true | false | True |
| mapUnderscoreToCamelCase | Enables automatic mapping from classic database column names A\_COLUMN to camel case classic Java property names aColumn. | true | false | False |
| localCacheScope | MyBatis uses local cache to prevent circular references and speed up repeated nested queries. By default (SESSION) all queries executed during a session are cached. If localCacheScope=STATEMENT local session will be used just for statement execution, no data will be shared between two different calls to the same SqlSession. | SESSION | STATEMENT | SESSION |
| jdbcTypeForNull | Specifies the JDBC type for null values when no specific JDBC type was provided for the parameter. Some drivers require specifying the column JDBC type but others work with generic values like NULL, VARCHAR or OTHER. | JdbcType enumeration. Most common are: NULL, VARCHAR and OTHER | OTHER |
| lazyLoadTriggerMethods | Specifies which Object's methods trigger a lazy load | A method name list separated by commas | equals,clone,hashCode,toString |
| defaultScriptingLanguage | Specifies the language used by default for dynamic SQL generation. | A type alias or fully qualified class name. | org.apache.ibatis.scripting.xmltags.XMLDynamicLanguageDriver |
| callSettersOnNulls | Specifies if setters or map's put method will be called when a retrieved value is null. It is useful when you rely on Map.keySet() or null value initialization. Note primitives such as (int,boolean,etc.) will not be set to null. | true | false | false |
| logPrefix | Specifies the prefix string that MyBatis will add to the logger names. | Any String | Not set |
| logImpl | Specifies which logging implementation MyBatis should use. If this setting is not present logging implementation will be autodiscovered. | SLF4J | LOG4J | LOG4J2 | JDK\_LOGGING | COMMONS\_LOGGING | STDOUT\_LOGGING | NO\_LOGGING | Not set |
| proxyFactory | Specifies the proxy tool that MyBatis will use for creating lazy loading capable objects. | CGLIB | JAVASSIST | JAVASSIST (MyBatis 3.3 or above) |
| vfsImpl | Specifies VFS implementations | Fully qualified class names of custom VFS implementation separated by commas. | Not set |
| useActualParamName | Allow referencing statement parameters by their actual names declared in the method signature. To use this feature, your project must be compiled in Java 8 with -parameters option. (Since: 3.4.1) | true | false | true |

An example of the settings element fully configured is as follows:

<settings>

<setting name="cacheEnabled" value="true"/>

<setting name="lazyLoadingEnabled" value="true"/>

<setting name="multipleResultSetsEnabled" value="true"/>

<setting name="useColumnLabel" value="true"/>

<setting name="useGeneratedKeys" value="false"/>

<setting name="autoMappingBehavior" value="PARTIAL"/>

<setting name="autoMappingUnknownColumnBehavior" value="WARNING"/>

<setting name="defaultExecutorType" value="SIMPLE"/>

<setting name="defaultStatementTimeout" value="25"/>

<setting name="defaultFetchSize" value="100"/>

<setting name="safeRowBoundsEnabled" value="false"/>

<setting name="mapUnderscoreToCamelCase" value="false"/>

<setting name="localCacheScope" value="SESSION"/>

<setting name="jdbcTypeForNull" value="OTHER"/>

<setting name="lazyLoadTriggerMethods" value="equals,clone,hashCode,toString"/>

</settings>

**typeAliases**

A type alias is simply a shorter name for a Java type. It's only relevant to the XML configuration and simply exists to reduce redundant typing of fully qualified classnames. For example:

<typeAliases>

<typeAlias alias="Author" type="domain.blog.Author"/>

<typeAlias alias="Blog" type="domain.blog.Blog"/>

<typeAlias alias="Comment" type="domain.blog.Comment"/>

<typeAlias alias="Post" type="domain.blog.Post"/>

<typeAlias alias="Section" type="domain.blog.Section"/>

<typeAlias alias="Tag" type="domain.blog.Tag"/>

</typeAliases>

With this configuration, Blog can now be used anywhere that domain.blog.Blog could be.

You can also specify a package where MyBatis will search for beans. For example:

<typeAliases>

<package name="domain.blog"/>

</typeAliases>

Each bean found in domain.blog , if no annotation is found, will be registered as an alias using uncapitalized non-qualified class name of the bean. Thas isdomain.blog.Author will be registered as author. If the @Alias annotation is found its value will be used as an alias. See the example below:

@Alias("author")

public class Author {

...

}

There are many built-in type aliases for common Java types. They are all case insensitive, note the special handling of primitives due to the overloaded names.

| **Alias** | **Mapped Type** |
| --- | --- |
| \_byte | byte |
| \_long | long |
| \_short | short |
| \_int | int |
| \_integer | int |
| \_double | double |
| \_float | float |
| \_boolean | boolean |
| string | String |
| byte | Byte |
| long | Long |
| short | Short |
| int | Integer |
| integer | Integer |
| double | Double |
| float | Float |
| boolean | Boolean |
| date | Date |
| decimal | BigDecimal |
| bigdecimal | BigDecimal |
| object | Object |
| map | Map |
| hashmap | HashMap |
| list | List |
| arraylist | ArrayList |
| collection | Collection |
| iterator | Iterator |

**typeHandlers**

Whenever MyBatis sets a parameter on a PreparedStatement or retrieves a value from a ResultSet, a TypeHandler is used to retrieve the value in a means appropriate to the Java type. The following table describes the default TypeHandlers.

**NOTE** If you use classes provided by JSR-310(Date and Time API), you can use the [mybatis-typehandlers-jsr310](https://github.com/mybatis/typehandlers-jsr310).

| **Type Handler** | **Java Types** | **JDBC Types** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| BooleanTypeHandler | java.lang.Boolean, boolean | Any compatible BOOLEAN |
| ByteTypeHandler | java.lang.Byte, byte | Any compatible NUMERIC or BYTE |
| ShortTypeHandler | java.lang.Short, short | Any compatible NUMERIC or SHORT INTEGER |
| IntegerTypeHandler | java.lang.Integer, int | Any compatible NUMERIC or INTEGER |
| LongTypeHandler | java.lang.Long, long | Any compatible NUMERIC or LONG INTEGER |
| FloatTypeHandler | java.lang.Float, float | Any compatible NUMERIC or FLOAT |
| DoubleTypeHandler | java.lang.Double, double | Any compatible NUMERIC or DOUBLE |
| BigDecimalTypeHandler | java.math.BigDecimal | Any compatible NUMERIC or DECIMAL |
| StringTypeHandler | java.lang.String | CHAR, VARCHAR |
| ClobReaderTypeHandler | java.io.Reader | - |
| ClobTypeHandler | java.lang.String | CLOB, LONGVARCHAR |
| NStringTypeHandler | java.lang.String | NVARCHAR, NCHAR |
| NClobTypeHandler | java.lang.String | NCLOB |
| BlobInputStreamTypeHandler | java.io.InputStream | - |
| ByteArrayTypeHandler | byte[] | Any compatible byte stream type |
| BlobTypeHandler | byte[] | BLOB, LONGVARBINARY |
| DateTypeHandler | java.util.Date | TIMESTAMP |
| DateOnlyTypeHandler | java.util.Date | DATE |
| TimeOnlyTypeHandler | java.util.Date | TIME |
| SqlTimestampTypeHandler | java.sql.Timestamp | TIMESTAMP |
| SqlDateTypeHandler | java.sql.Date | DATE |
| SqlTimeTypeHandler | java.sql.Time | TIME |
| ObjectTypeHandler | Any | OTHER, or unspecified |
| EnumTypeHandler | Enumeration Type | VARCHAR any string compatible type, as the code is stored (not index). |
| EnumOrdinalTypeHandler | Enumeration Type | Any compatible NUMERIC or DOUBLE, as the position is stored (not the code itself). |

You can override the type handlers or create your own to deal with unsupported or non-standard types. To do so, implement the interfaceorg.apache.ibatis.type.TypeHandler or extend the convenience class org.apache.ibatis.type.BaseTypeHandler and optionally map it to a JDBC type. For example:

// ExampleTypeHandler.java

@MappedJdbcTypes(JdbcType.VARCHAR)

public class ExampleTypeHandler extends BaseTypeHandler<String> {

@Override

public void setNonNullParameter(PreparedStatement ps, int i, String parameter, JdbcType jdbcType) throws SQLException {

ps.setString(i, parameter);

}

@Override

public String getNullableResult(ResultSet rs, String columnName) throws SQLException {

return rs.getString(columnName);

}

@Override

public String getNullableResult(ResultSet rs, int columnIndex) throws SQLException {

return rs.getString(columnIndex);

}

@Override

public String getNullableResult(CallableStatement cs, int columnIndex) throws SQLException {

return cs.getString(columnIndex);

}

}

<!-- mybatis-config.xml -->

<typeHandlers>

<typeHandler handler="org.mybatis.example.ExampleTypeHandler"/>

</typeHandlers>

Using such a TypeHandler would override the existing type handler for Java String properties and VARCHAR parameters and results. Note that MyBatis does not introspect upon the database metadata to determine the type, so you must specify that it’s a VARCHAR field in the parameter and result mappings to hook in the correct type handler. This is due to the fact that MyBatis is unaware of the data type until the statement is executed.

MyBatis will know the the Java type that you want to handle with this TypeHandler by introspecting its generic type, but you can override this behavior by two means:

* Adding a javaType attribute to the typeHandler element (for example: javaType="String")
* Adding a @MappedTypes annotation to your TypeHandler class specifying the list of java types to associate it with. This annotation will be ignored if the javaTypeattribute as also been specified.

Associated JDBC type can be specified by two means:

* Adding a jdbcType attribute to the typeHandler element (for example: jdbcType="VARCHAR").
* Adding a @MappedJdbcTypes annotation to your TypeHandler class specifying the list of JDBC types to associate it with. This annotation will be ignored if thejdbcType attribute as also been specified.

When deciding which TypeHandler to use in a ResultMap, the Java type is known (from the result type), but the JDBC type is unknown. MyBatis therefore uses the combination javaType=[TheJavaType], jdbcType=null to choose a TypeHandler. This means that using a @MappedJdbcTypes annotation *restricts* the scope of a TypeHandler and makes it unavailable for use in ResultMaps unless explicity set. To make a TypeHandler available for use in a ResultMap, setincludeNullJdbcType=true on the @MappedJdbcTypes annotation. Since Mybatis 3.4.0 however, if a **single** TypeHandler is registered to handle a Java type, it will be used by default in ResultMaps using this Java type (i.e. even without includeNullJdbcType=true).

And finally you can let MyBatis search for your TypeHandlers:

<!-- mybatis-config.xml -->

<typeHandlers>

<package name="org.mybatis.example"/>

</typeHandlers>

Note that when using the autodiscovery feature JDBC types can only be specified with annotations.

You can create a generic TypeHandler that is able to handle more than one class. For that purpose add a constructor that receives the class as a parameter and MyBatis will pass the actual class when constructing the TypeHandler.

//GenericTypeHandler.java

public class GenericTypeHandler<E extends MyObject> extends BaseTypeHandler<E> {

private Class<E> type;

public GenericTypeHandler(Class<E> type) {

if (type == null) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Type argument cannot be null");

this.type = type;

}

...

EnumTypeHandler and EnumOrdinalTypeHandler are generic TypeHandlers. We will learn about them in the following section.

**Handling Enums**

If you want to map an Enum, you'll need to use either EnumTypeHandler or EnumOrdinalTypeHandler.

For example, let's say that we need to store the rounding mode that should be used with some number if it needs to be rounded. By default, MyBatis usesEnumTypeHandler to convert the Enum values to their names.

**Note EnumTypeHandler is special in the sense that unlike other handlers, it does not handle just one specific class, but any class that extends Enum**

However, we may not want to store names. Our DBA may insist on an integer code instead. That's just as easy: add EnumOrdinalTypeHandler to the typeHandlersin your config file, and now each RoundingMode will be mapped to an integer using its ordinal value.

<!-- mybatis-config.xml -->

<typeHandlers>

<typeHandler handler="org.apache.ibatis.type.EnumOrdinalTypeHandler" javaType="java.math.RoundingMode"/>

</typeHandlers>

But what if you want to map the same Enum to a string in one place and to integer in another?

The auto-mapper will automatically use EnumOrdinalTypeHandler, so if we want to go back to using plain old ordinary EnumTypeHandler, we have to tell it, by explicitly setting the type handler to use for those SQL statements.

(Mapper files aren't covered until the next section, so if this is your first time reading through the documentation, you may want to skip this for now and come back to it later.)

<!DOCTYPE mapper

PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN"

"http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<!DOCTYPE mapper

PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN"

"http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<mapper namespace="org.apache.ibatis.submitted.rounding.Mapper">

<resultMap type="org.apache.ibatis.submitted.rounding.User" id="usermap">

<id column="id" property="id"/>

<result column="name" property="name"/>

<result column="funkyNumber" property="funkyNumber"/>

<result column="roundingMode" property="roundingMode"/>

</resultMap>

<select id="getUser" resultMap="usermap">

select \* from users

</select>

<insert id="insert">

insert into users (id, name, funkyNumber, roundingMode) values (

#{id}, #{name}, #{funkyNumber}, #{roundingMode}

)

</insert>

<resultMap type="org.apache.ibatis.submitted.rounding.User" id="usermap2">

<id column="id" property="id"/>

<result column="name" property="name"/>

<result column="funkyNumber" property="funkyNumber"/>

<result column="roundingMode" property="roundingMode" typeHandler="org.apache.ibatis.type.EnumTypeHandler"/>

</resultMap>

<select id="getUser2" resultMap="usermap2">

select \* from users2

</select>

<insert id="insert2">

insert into users2 (id, name, funkyNumber, roundingMode) values (

#{id}, #{name}, #{funkyNumber}, #{roundingMode, typeHandler=org.apache.ibatis.type.EnumTypeHandler}

)

</insert>

</mapper>

Note that this forces us to use a resultMap instead of a resultType in our select statements.

**objectFactory**

Each time MyBatis creates a new instance of a result object, it uses an ObjectFactory instance to do so. The default ObjectFactory does little more than instantiate the target class with a default constructor, or a parameterized constructor if parameter mappings exist. If you want to override the default behaviour of the ObjectFactory, you can create your own. For example:

// ExampleObjectFactory.java

public class ExampleObjectFactory extends DefaultObjectFactory {

public Object create(Class type) {

return super.create(type);

}

public Object create(Class type, List<Class> constructorArgTypes, List<Object> constructorArgs) {

return super.create(type, constructorArgTypes, constructorArgs);

}

public void setProperties(Properties properties) {

super.setProperties(properties);

}

public <T> boolean isCollection(Class<T> type) {

return Collection.class.isAssignableFrom(type);

}}

<!-- mybatis-config.xml -->

<objectFactory type="org.mybatis.example.ExampleObjectFactory">

<property name="someProperty" value="100"/>

</objectFactory>

The ObjectFactory interface is very simple. It contains two create methods, one to deal with the default constructor, and the other to deal with parameterized constructors. Finally, the setProperties method can be used to configure the ObjectFactory. Properties defined within the body of the objectFactory element will be passed to the setProperties method after initialization of your ObjectFactory instance.

**plugins**

MyBatis allows you to intercept calls to at certain points within the execution of a mapped statement. By default, MyBatis allows plug-ins to intercept method calls of:

* Executor (update, query, flushStatements, commit, rollback, getTransaction, close, isClosed)
* ParameterHandler (getParameterObject, setParameters)
* ResultSetHandler (handleResultSets, handleOutputParameters)
* StatementHandler (prepare, parameterize, batch, update, query)

The details of these classes methods can be discovered by looking at the full method signature of each, and the source code which is available with each MyBatis release. You should understand the behaviour of the method you’re overriding, assuming you’re doing something more than just monitoring calls. If you attempt to modify or override the behaviour of a given method, you’re likely to break the core of MyBatis. These are low level classes and methods, so use plug-ins with caution.

Using plug-ins is pretty simple given the power they provide. Simply implement the Interceptor interface, being sure to specify the signatures you want to intercept.

// ExamplePlugin.java

@Intercepts({@Signature(

type= Executor.class,

method = "update",

args = {MappedStatement.class,Object.class})})

public class ExamplePlugin implements Interceptor {

public Object intercept(Invocation invocation) throws Throwable {

return invocation.proceed();

}

public Object plugin(Object target) {

return Plugin.wrap(target, this);

}

public void setProperties(Properties properties) {

}

}

<!-- mybatis-config.xml -->

<plugins>

<plugin interceptor="org.mybatis.example.ExamplePlugin">

<property name="someProperty" value="100"/>

</plugin>

</plugins>

The plug-in above will intercept all calls to the "update" method on the Executor instance, which is an internal object responsible for the low level execution of mapped statements.

**NOTE** **Overriding the Configuration Class**

In addition to modifying core MyBatis behaviour with plugins, you can also override the Configuration class entirely. Simply extend it and override any methods inside, and pass it into the call to the sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(myConfig) method. Again though, this could have a severe impact on the behaviour of MyBatis, so use caution.

**environments**

MyBatis can be configured with multiple environments. This helps you to apply your SQL Maps to multiple databases for any number of reasons. For example, you might have a different configuration for your Development, Test and Production environments. Or, you may have multiple production databases that share the same schema, and you’d like to use the same SQL maps for both. There are many use cases.

**One important thing to remember though: While you can configure multiple environments, you can only choose ONE per SqlSessionFactory instance.**

So if you want to connect to two databases, you need to create two instances of SqlSessionFactory, one for each. For three databases, you’d need three instances, and so on. It’s really easy to remember:

* **One SqlSessionFactory instance per database**

To specify which environment to build, you simply pass it to the SqlSessionFactoryBuilder as an optional parameter. The two signatures that accept the environment are:

SqlSessionFactory factory = sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(reader, environment);

SqlSessionFactory factory = sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(reader, environment,properties);

If the environment is omitted, then the default environment is loaded, as follows:

SqlSessionFactory factory = sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(reader);

SqlSessionFactory factory = sqlSessionFactoryBuilder.build(reader,properties);

The environments element defines how the environment is configured.

<environments default="development">

<environment id="development">

<transactionManager type="JDBC">

<property name="..." value="..."/>

</transactionManager>

<dataSource type="POOLED">

<property name="driver" value="${driver}"/>

<property name="url" value="${url}"/>

<property name="username" value="${username}"/>

<property name="password" value="${password}"/>

</dataSource>

</environment>

</environments>

Notice the key sections here:

* The default Environment ID (e.g. default="development").
* The Environment ID for each environment defined (e.g. id="development").
* The TransactionManager configuration (e.g. type="JDBC")
* The DataSource configuration (e.g. type="POOLED")

The default environment and the environment IDs are self explanatory. Name them whatever you like, just make sure the default matches one of them.

**transactionManager**

There are two TransactionManager types (i.e. type="[JDBC|MANAGED]") that are included with MyBatis:

* JDBC – This configuration simply makes use of the JDBC commit and rollback facilities directly. It relies on the connection retrieved from the dataSource to manage the scope of the transaction.
* MANAGED – This configuration simply does almost nothing. It never commits, or rolls back a connection. Instead, it lets the container manage the full lifecycle of the transaction (e.g. a JEE Application Server context). By default it does close the connection. However, some containers don’t expect this, and thus if you need to stop it from closing the connection, set the "closeConnection" property to false. For example:
* <transactionManager type="MANAGED">
* <property name="closeConnection" value="false"/>

</transactionManager>

**NOTE** If you are planning to use MyBatis with Spring there is no need to configure any TransactionManager because the Spring module will set its own one overriding any previously set configuration.

Neither of these TransactionManager types require any properties. However, they are both Type Aliases, so in other words, instead of using them, you could put your own fully qualified class name or Type Alias that refers to your own implementation of the TransactionFactory interface.

public interface TransactionFactory {

void setProperties(Properties props);

Transaction newTransaction(Connection conn);

Transaction newTransaction(DataSource dataSource, TransactionIsolationLevel level, boolean autoCommit);

}

Any properties configured in the XML will be passed to the setProperties() method after instantiation. Your implementation would also need to create a Transaction implementation, which is also a very simple interface:

public interface Transaction {

Connection getConnection() throws SQLException;

void commit() throws SQLException;

void rollback() throws SQLException;

void close() throws SQLException;

Integer getTimeout() throws SQLException;

}

Using these two interfaces, you can completely customize how MyBatis deals with Transactions.

**dataSource**

The dataSource element configures the source of JDBC Connection objects using the standard JDBC DataSource interface.

* Most MyBatis applications will configure a dataSource as in the example. However, it’s not required. Realize though, that to facilitate Lazy Loading, this dataSource is required.

There are three build-in dataSource types (i.e. type="[UNPOOLED|POOLED|JNDI]"):

**UNPOOLED** – This implementation of DataSource simply opens and closes a connection each time it is requested. While it’s a bit slower, this is a good choice for simple applications that do not require the performance of immediately available connections. Different databases are also different in this performance area, so for some it may be less important to pool and this configuration will be ideal. The UNPOOLED DataSource is configured with only five properties:

* driver – This is the fully qualified Java class of the JDBC driver (NOT of the DataSource class if your driver includes one).
* url – This is the JDBC URL for your database instance.
* username – The database username to log in with.
* password - The database password to log in with.
* defaultTransactionIsolationLevel – The default transaction isolation level for connections.

Optionally, you can pass properties to the database driver as well. To do this, prefix the properties with driver., for example:

* driver.encoding=UTF8

This will pass the property encoding, with the value UTF8, to your database driver via the DriverManager.getConnection(url, driverProperties) method.

**POOLED** – This implementation of DataSource pools JDBC Connection objects to avoid the initial connection and authentication time required to create a new Connection instance. This is a popular approach for concurrent web applications to achieve the fastest response.

In addition to the (UNPOOLED) properties above, there are many more properties that can be used to configure the POOLED datasource:

* poolMaximumActiveConnections – This is the number of active (i.e. in use) connections that can exist at any given time. Default: 10
* poolMaximumIdleConnections – The number of idle connections that can exist at any given time.
* poolMaximumCheckoutTime – This is the amount of time that a Connection can be "checked out" of the pool before it will be forcefully returned. Default: 20000ms (i.e. 20 seconds)
* poolTimeToWait – This is a low level setting that gives the pool a chance to print a log status and re-attempt the acquisition of a connection in the case that it’s taking unusually long (to avoid failing silently forever if the pool is misconfigured). Default: 20000ms (i.e. 20 seconds)
* poolPingQuery – The Ping Query is sent to the database to validate that a connection is in good working order and is ready to accept requests. The default is "NO PING QUERY SET", which will cause most database drivers to fail with a decent error message.
* poolPingEnabled – This enables or disables the ping query. If enabled, you must also set the poolPingQuery property with a valid SQL statement (preferably a very fast one). Default: false.
* poolPingConnectionsNotUsedFor – This configures how often the poolPingQuery will be used. This can be set to match the typical timeout for a database connection, to avoid unnecessary pings. Default: 0 (i.e. all connections are pinged every time – but only if poolPingEnabled is true of course).

**JNDI** – This implementation of DataSource is intended for use with containers such as EJB or Application Servers that may configure the DataSource centrally or externally and place a reference to it in a JNDI context. This DataSource configuration only requires two properties:

* initial\_context – This property is used for the Context lookup from the InitialContext (i.e. initialContext.lookup(initial\_context)). This property is optional, and if omitted, then the data\_source property will be looked up against the InitialContext directly.
* data\_source – This is the context path where the reference to the instance of the DataSource can be found. It will be looked up against the context returned by the initial\_context lookup, or against the InitialContext directly if no initial\_context is supplied.

Similar to the other DataSource configurations, it’s possible to send properties directly to the InitialContext by prefixing those properties with env., for example:

* env.encoding=UTF8

This would send the property encoding with the value of UTF8 to the constructor of the InitialContext upon instantiation.

You can plug any 3rd party DataSource by implementing the interface org.apache.ibatis.datasource.DataSourceFactory:

public interface DataSourceFactory {

void setProperties(Properties props);

DataSource getDataSource();

}

org.apache.ibatis.datasource.unpooled.UnpooledDataSourceFactory can be used as super class to build new datasource adapters. For example this is the code needed to plug C3P0:

import org.apache.ibatis.datasource.unpooled.UnpooledDataSourceFactory;

import com.mchange.v2.c3p0.ComboPooledDataSource;

public class C3P0DataSourceFactory extends UnpooledDataSourceFactory {

public C3P0DataSourceFactory() {

this.dataSource = new ComboPooledDataSource();

}

}

To set it up, add a property for each setter method you want MyBatis to call. Follows below a sample configuration which connects to a PostgreSQL database:

<dataSource type="org.myproject.C3P0DataSourceFactory">

<property name="driver" value="org.postgresql.Driver"/>

<property name="url" value="jdbc:postgresql:mydb"/>

<property name="username" value="postgres"/>

<property name="password" value="root"/>

</dataSource>

**databaseIdProvider**

MyBatis is able to execute different statements depending on your database vendor. The multi-db vendor support is based on the mapped statements databaseIdattribute. MyBatis will load all statements with no databaseId attribute or with a databaseId that matches the current one. If case the same statement if found with and without the databaseId the latter will be discarded. To enable the multi vendor support add a databaseIdProvider to mybatis-config.xml file as follows:

<databaseIdProvider type="DB\_VENDOR" />

The DB\_VENDOR implementation databaseIdProvider sets as databaseId the String returned by DatabaseMetaData#getDatabaseProductName(). Given that usually that string is too long and that different versions of the same product may return different values, you may want to convert it to a shorter one by adding properties like follows:

<databaseIdProvider type="DB\_VENDOR">

<property name="SQL Server" value="sqlserver"/>

<property name="DB2" value="db2"/>

<property name="Oracle" value="oracle" />

</databaseIdProvider>

When properties are provided, the DB\_VENDOR databaseIdProvider will search the property value corresponding to the first key found in the returned database product name or "null" if there is not a matching property. In this case, if getDatabaseProductName() returns "Oracle (DataDirect)" the databaseId will be set to "oracle".

You can build your own DatabaseIdProvider by implementing the interface org.apache.ibatis.mapping.DatabaseIdProvider and registering it in mybatis-config.xml:

public interface DatabaseIdProvider {

void setProperties(Properties p);

String getDatabaseId(DataSource dataSource) throws SQLException;

}

**mappers**

Now that the behavior of MyBatis is configured with the above configuration elements, we’re ready to define our mapped SQL statements. But first, we need to tell MyBatis where to find them. Java doesn’t really provide any good means of auto-discovery in this regard, so the best way to do it is to simply tell MyBatis where to find the mapping files. You can use class path relative resource references, fully qualified url references (including file:/// URLs), class names or package names. For example:

<!-- Using classpath relative resources -->

<mappers>

<mapper resource="org/mybatis/builder/AuthorMapper.xml"/>

<mapper resource="org/mybatis/builder/BlogMapper.xml"/>

<mapper resource="org/mybatis/builder/PostMapper.xml"/>

</mappers>

<!-- Using url fully qualified paths -->

<mappers>

<mapper url="file:///var/mappers/AuthorMapper.xml"/>

<mapper url="file:///var/mappers/BlogMapper.xml"/>

<mapper url="file:///var/mappers/PostMapper.xml"/>

</mappers>

<!-- Using mapper interface classes -->

<mappers>

<mapper class="org.mybatis.builder.AuthorMapper"/>

<mapper class="org.mybatis.builder.BlogMapper"/>

<mapper class="org.mybatis.builder.PostMapper"/>

</mappers>

<!-- Register all interfaces in a package as mappers -->

<mappers>

<package name="org.mybatis.builder"/>

</mappers>

These statement simply tell MyBatis where to go from here. The rest of the details are in each of the SQL Mapping files, and that’s exactly what the next section will discuss.

Example:

<configuration>

<environments default = "development">

<environment id = "development">

<transactionManager type = "JDBC"/>

<dataSource type = "POOLED">

<property name = "driver" value = "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver"/>

<property name = "url" value = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/details"/>

<property name = "username" value = "root"/>

<property name = "password" value = "password"/>

</dataSource>

</environment>

</environments>

<mappers>

<mapper resource = "mybatis/Student.xml"/>

</mappers>

</configuration>

## Mapper XML Files

The true power of MyBatis is in the Mapped Statements. This is where the magic happens. For all of their power, the Mapper XML files are relatively simple. Certainly if you were to compare them to the equivalent JDBC code, you would immediately see a savings of 95% of the code. MyBatis was built to focus on the SQL, and does its best to stay out of your way.

The Mapper XML files have only a few first class elements (in the order that they should be defined):

* cache – Configuration of the cache for a given namespace.
* cache-ref – Reference to a cache configuration from another namespace.
* resultMap – The most complicated and powerful element that describes how to load your objects from the database result sets.
* ~~parameterMap – Deprecated! Old-school way to map parameters. Inline parameters are preferred and this element may be removed in the future. Not documented here.~~
* sql – A reusable chunk of SQL that can be referenced by other statements.
* insert – A mapped INSERT statement.
* update – A mapped UPDATE statement.
* delete – A mapped DELETE statement.
* select – A mapped SELECT statement.

The next sections will describe each of these elements in detail, starting with the statements themselves.

### select

The select statement is one of the most popular elements that you'll use in MyBatis. Putting data in a database isn't terribly valuable until you get it back out, so most applications query far more than they modify the data. For every insert, update or delete, there is probably many selects. This is one of the founding principles of MyBatis, and is the reason so much focus and effort was placed on querying and result mapping. The select element is quite simple for simple cases. For example:

<select id="selectPerson" parameterType="int" resultType="hashmap">

SELECT \* FROM PERSON WHERE ID = #{id}

</select>

This statement is called selectPerson, takes a parameter of type int (or Integer), and returns a HashMap keyed by column names mapped to row values.

Notice the parameter notation:

#{id}

This tells MyBatis to create a PreparedStatement parameter. With JDBC, such a parameter would be identified by a "?" in SQL passed to a new PreparedStatement, something like this:

// Similar JDBC code, NOT MyBatis…

String selectPerson = "SELECT \* FROM PERSON WHERE ID=?";

PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(selectPerson);

ps.setInt(1,id);

Of course, there's a lot more code required by JDBC alone to extract the results and map them to an instance of an object, which is what MyBatis saves you from having to do. There's a lot more to know about parameter and result mapping. Those details warrant their own section, which follows later in this section.

The select element has more attributes that allow you to configure the details of how each statement should behave.

<select

id="selectPerson"

parameterType="int"

parameterMap="deprecated"

resultType="hashmap"

resultMap="personResultMap"

flushCache="false"

useCache="true"

timeout="10000"

fetchSize="256"

statementType="PREPARED"

resultSetType="FORWARD\_ONLY">

| Select Attributes | |
| --- | --- |
| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| id | A unique identifier in this namespace that can be used to reference this statement. |
| parameterType | The fully qualified class name or alias for the parameter that will be passed into this statement. This attribute is optional because MyBatis can calculate the TypeHandler to use out of the actual parameter passed to the statement. Default is unset. |
| ~~parameterMap~~ | ~~This is a deprecated approach to referencing an external parameterMap. Use inline parameter mappings and the parameterType attribute.~~ |
| resultType | The fully qualified class name or alias for the expected type that will be returned from this statement. Note that in the case of collections, this should be the type that the collection contains, not the type of the collection itself. Use resultType OR resultMap, not both. |
| resultMap | A named reference to an external resultMap. Result maps are the most powerful feature of MyBatis, and with a good understanding of them, many difficult mapping cases can be solved. Use resultMap OR resultType, not both. |
| flushCache | Setting this to true will cause the local and 2nd level caches to be flushed whenever this statement is called. Default: false for select statements. |
| useCache | Setting this to true will cause the results of this statement to be cached in 2nd level cache. Default: true for select statements. |
| timeout | This sets the number of seconds the driver will wait for the database to return from a request, before throwing an exception. Default is unset (driver dependent). |
| fetchSize | This is a driver hint that will attempt to cause the driver to return results in batches of rows numbering in size equal to this setting. Default is unset(driver dependent). |
| statementType | Any one of STATEMENT, PREPARED or CALLABLE. This causes MyBatis to use Statement, PreparedStatement or CallableStatementrespectively. Default: PREPARED. |
| resultSetType | Any one of FORWARD\_ONLY|SCROLL\_SENSITIVE|SCROLL\_INSENSITIVE. Default is unset (driver dependent). |
| databaseId | In case there is a configured databaseIdProvider, MyBatis will load all statements with no databaseId attribute or with a databaseId that matches the current one. If case the same statement if found with and without the databaseId the latter will be discarded. |
| resultOrdered | This is only applicable for nested result select statements: If this is true, it is assumed that nested results are contained or grouped together such that when a new main result row is returned, no references to a previous result row will occur anymore. This allows nested results to be filled much more memory friendly. Default: false. |
| resultSets | This is only applicable for multiple result sets. It lists the result sets that will be returned by the statement and gives a name to each one. Names are separated by commas. |

### insert, update and delete

The data modification statements insert, update and delete are very similar in their implementation:

<insert

id="insertAuthor"

parameterType="domain.blog.Author"

flushCache="true"

statementType="PREPARED"

keyProperty=""

keyColumn=""

useGeneratedKeys=""

timeout="20">

<update

id="updateAuthor"

parameterType="domain.blog.Author"

flushCache="true"

statementType="PREPARED"

timeout="20">

<delete

id="deleteAuthor"

parameterType="domain.blog.Author"

flushCache="true"

statementType="PREPARED"

timeout="20">

| Insert, Update and Delete Attributes | |
| --- | --- |
| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| id | A unique identifier in this namespace that can be used to reference this statement. |
| parameterType | The fully qualified class name or alias for the parameter that will be passed into this statement. This attribute is optional because MyBatis can calculate the TypeHandler to use out of the actual parameter passed to the statement. Default is unset. |
| ~~parameterMap~~ | ~~This is a deprecated approach to referencing an external parameterMap. Use inline parameter mappings and the parameterType attribute.~~ |
| flushCache | Setting this to true will cause the 2nd level and local caches to be flushed whenever this statement is called. Default: true for insert, update and delete statements. |
| timeout | This sets the maximum number of seconds the driver will wait for the database to return from a request, before throwing an exception. Default isunset (driver dependent). |
| statementType | Any one of STATEMENT, PREPARED or CALLABLE. This causes MyBatis to use Statement, PreparedStatement or CallableStatementrespectively. Default: PREPARED. |
| useGeneratedKeys | (insert and update only) This tells MyBatis to use the JDBC getGeneratedKeys method to retrieve keys generated internally by the database (e.g. auto increment fields in RDBMS like MySQL or SQL Server). Default: false |
| keyProperty | (insert and update only) Identifies a property into which MyBatis will set the key value returned by getGeneratedKeys, or by a selectKey child element of the insert statement. Default: unset. Can be a comma separated list of property names if multiple generated columns are expected. |
| keyColumn | (insert and update only) Sets the name of the column in the table with a generated key. This is only required in certain databases (like PostgreSQL) when the key column is not the first column in the table. Can be a comma separated list of columns names if multiple generated columns are expected. |
| databaseId | In case there is a configured databaseIdProvider, MyBatis will load all statements with no databaseId attribute or with a databaseId that matches the current one. If case the same statement if found with and without the databaseId the latter will be discarded. |

The following are some examples of insert, update and delete statements.

<insert id="insertAuthor">

insert into Author (id,username,password,email,bio)

values (#{id},#{username},#{password},#{email},#{bio})

</insert>

<update id="updateAuthor">

update Author set

username = #{username},

password = #{password},

email = #{email},

bio = #{bio}

where id = #{id}

</update>

<delete id="deleteAuthor">

delete from Author where id = #{id}

</delete>

As mentioned, insert is a little bit more rich in that it has a few extra attributes and sub-elements that allow it to deal with key generation in a number of ways.

First, if your database supports auto-generated key fields (e.g. MySQL and SQL Server), then you can simply set useGeneratedKeys="true" and set thekeyProperty to the target property and you're done. For example, if the Author table above had used an auto-generated column type for the id, the statement would be modified as follows:

<insert id="insertAuthor" useGeneratedKeys="true"

keyProperty="id">

insert into Author (username,password,email,bio)

values (#{username},#{password},#{email},#{bio})

</insert>

If your database also supports multi-row insert, you can pass a list or an array of Authors and retrieve the auto-generated keys.

<insert id="insertAuthor" useGeneratedKeys="true"

keyProperty="id">

insert into Author (username, password, email, bio) values

<foreach item="item" collection="list" separator=",">

(#{item.username}, #{item.password}, #{item.email}, #{item.bio})

</foreach>

</insert>

MyBatis has another way to deal with key generation for databases that don't support auto-generated column types, or perhaps don't yet support the JDBC driver support for auto-generated keys.

Here's a simple (silly) example that would generate a random ID (something you'd likely never do, but this demonstrates the flexibility and how MyBatis really doesn't mind):

<insert id="insertAuthor">

<selectKey keyProperty="id" resultType="int" order="BEFORE">

select CAST(RANDOM()\*1000000 as INTEGER) a from SYSIBM.SYSDUMMY1

</selectKey>

insert into Author

(id, username, password, email,bio, favourite\_section)

values

(#{id}, #{username}, #{password}, #{email}, #{bio}, #{favouriteSection,jdbcType=VARCHAR})

</insert>

In the example above, the selectKey statement would be run first, the Author id property would be set, and then the insert statement would be called. This gives you a similar behavior to an auto-generated key in your database without complicating your Java code.

The selectKey element is described as follows:

<selectKey

keyProperty="id"

resultType="int"

order="BEFORE"

statementType="PREPARED">

| selectKey Attributes | |
| --- | --- |
| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| keyProperty | The target property where the result of the selectKey statement should be set. Can be a comma separated list of property names if multiple generated columns are expected. |
| keyColumn | The column name(s) in the returned result set that match the properties. Can be a comma separated list of column names if multiple generated columns are expected. |
| resultType | The type of the result. MyBatis can usually figure this out, but it doesn't hurt to add it to be sure. MyBatis allows any simple type to be used as the key, including Strings. If you are expecting multiple generated columns, then you can use an Object that contains the expected properties, or a Map. |
| order | This can be set to BEFORE or AFTER. If set to BEFORE, then it will select the key first, set the keyProperty and then execute the insert statement. If set to AFTER, it runs the insert statement and then the selectKey statement – which is common with databases like Oracle that may have embedded sequence calls inside of insert statements. |
| statementType | Same as above, MyBatis supports STATEMENT, PREPARED and CALLABLE statement types that map to Statement, PreparedStatement andCallableStatement respectively. |

### sql

This element can be used to define a reusable fragment of SQL code that can be included in other statements. It can be statically (during load phase) parametrized. Different property values can vary in include instances. For example:

<sql id="userColumns"> ${alias}.id,${alias}.username,${alias}.password </sql>

The SQL fragment can then be included in another statement, for example:

<select id="selectUsers" resultType="map">

select

<include refid="userColumns"><property name="alias" value="t1"/></include>,

<include refid="userColumns"><property name="alias" value="t2"/></include>

from some\_table t1

cross join some\_table t2

</select>

Property value can be also used in include refid attribute or property values inside include clause, for example:

<sql id="sometable">

${prefix}Table

</sql>

<sql id="someinclude">

from

<include refid="${include\_target}"/>

</sql>

<select id="select" resultType="map">

select

field1, field2, field3

<include refid="someinclude">

<property name="prefix" value="Some"/>

<property name="include\_target" value="sometable"/>

</include>

</select>

### Parameters

In all of the past statements, you've seen examples of simple parameters. Parameters are very powerful elements in MyBatis. For simple situations, probably 90% of the cases, there's not much too them, for example:

<select id="selectUsers" resultType="User">

select id, username, password

from users

where id = #{id}

</select>

The example above demonstrates a very simple named parameter mapping. The parameterType is set to int, so therefore the parameter could be named anything. Primitive or simply data types such as Integer and String have no relevant properties, and thus will replace the full value of the parameter entirely. However, if you pass in a complex object, then the behavior is a little different. For example:

<insert id="insertUser" parameterType="User">

insert into users (id, username, password)

values (#{id}, #{username}, #{password})

</insert>

If a parameter object of type User was passed into that statement, the id, username and password property would be looked up and their values passed to aPreparedStatement parameter.

That's nice and simple for passing parameters into statements. But there are a lot of other features of parameter maps.

First, like other parts of MyBatis, parameters can specify a more specific data type.

#{property,javaType=int,jdbcType=NUMERIC}

Like the rest of MyBatis, the javaType can almost always be determined from the parameter object, unless that object is a HashMap. Then the javaType should be specified to ensure the correct TypeHandler is used.

**NOTE** The JDBC Type is required by JDBC for all nullable columns, if null is passed as a value. You can investigate this yourself by reading the JavaDocs for thePreparedStatement.setNull() method.

To further customize type handling, you can also specify a specific TypeHandler class (or alias), for example:

#{age,javaType=int,jdbcType=NUMERIC,typeHandler=MyTypeHandler}

So already it seems to be getting verbose, but the truth is that you'll rarely set any of these.

For numeric types there's also a numericScale for determining how many decimal places are relevant.

#{height,javaType=double,jdbcType=NUMERIC,numericScale=2}

Finally, the mode attribute allows you to specify IN, OUT or INOUT parameters. If a parameter is OUT or INOUT, the actual value of the parameter object property will be changed, just as you would expect if you were calling for an output parameter. If the mode=OUT (or INOUT) and the jdbcType=CURSOR (i.e. Oracle REFCURSOR), you must specify a resultMap to map the ResultSet to the type of the parameter. Note that the javaType attribute is optional here, it will be automatically set toResultSet if left blank with a CURSOR as the jdbcType.

#{department, mode=OUT, jdbcType=CURSOR, javaType=ResultSet, resultMap=departmentResultMap}

MyBatis also supports more advanced data types such as structs, but you must tell the statement the type name when registering the out parameter. For example (again, don't break lines like this in practice):

#{middleInitial, mode=OUT, jdbcType=STRUCT, jdbcTypeName=MY\_TYPE, resultMap=departmentResultMap}

Despite all of these powerful options, most of the time you'll simply specify the property name, and MyBatis will figure out the rest. At most, you'll specify the jdbcTypefor nullable columns.

#{firstName}

#{middleInitial,jdbcType=VARCHAR}

#{lastName}

#### String Substitution

By default, using the #{} syntax will cause MyBatis to generate PreparedStatement properties and set the values safely against the PreparedStatementparameters (e.g. ?). While this is safer, faster and almost always preferred, sometimes you just want to directly inject a string unmodified into the SQL Statement. For example, for ORDER BY, you might use something like this:

ORDER BY ${columnName}

Here MyBatis won't modify or escape the string.

**NOTE** It's not safe to accept input from a user and supply it to a statement unmodified in this way. This leads to potential SQL Injection attacks and therefore you should either disallow user input in these fields, or always perform your own escapes and checks.

### Result Maps

The resultMap element is the most important and powerful element in MyBatis. It's what allows you to do away with 90% of the code that JDBC requires to retrieve data from ResultSets, and in some cases allows you to do things that JDBC does not even support. In fact, to write the equivalent code for something like a join mapping for a complex statement could probably span thousands of lines of code. The design of the ResultMaps is such that simple statements don't require explicit result mappings at all, and more complex statements require no more than is absolutely necessary to describe the relationships.

You've already seen examples of simple mapped statements that don't have an explicit resultMap. For example:

<select id="selectUsers" resultType="map">

select id, username, hashedPassword

from some\_table

where id = #{id}

</select>

Such a statement simply results in all columns being automatically mapped to the keys of a HashMap, as specified by the resultType attribute. While useful in many cases, a HashMap doesn't make a very good domain model. It's more likely that your application will use JavaBeans or POJOs (Plain Old Java Objects) for the domain model. MyBatis supports both. Consider the following JavaBean:

package com.someapp.model;

public class User {

private int id;

private String username;

private String hashedPassword;

public int getId() {

return id;

}

public void setId(int id) {

this.id = id;

}

public String getUsername() {

return username;

}

public void setUsername(String username) {

this.username = username;

}

public String getHashedPassword() {

return hashedPassword;

}

public void setHashedPassword(String hashedPassword) {

this.hashedPassword = hashedPassword;

}

}

Based on the JavaBeans specification, the above class has 3 properties: id, username, and hashedPassword. These match up exactly with the column names in the select statement.

Such a JavaBean could be mapped to a ResultSet just as easily as the HashMap.

<select id="selectUsers" resultType="com.someapp.model.User">

select id, username, hashedPassword

from some\_table

where id = #{id}

</select>

And remember that TypeAliases are your friend. Use them so that you don't have to keep typing the fully qualified path of your class out. For example:

<!-- In Config XML file -->

<typeAlias type="com.someapp.model.User" alias="User"/>

<!-- In SQL Mapping XML file -->

<select id="selectUsers" resultType="User">

select id, username, hashedPassword

from some\_table

where id = #{id}

</select>

In these cases MyBatis is automatically creating a ResultMap behind the scenes to auto-map the columns to the JavaBean properties based on name. If the column names did not match exactly, you could employ select clause aliases (a standard SQL feature) on the column names to make the labels match. For example:

<select id="selectUsers" resultType="User">

select

user\_id as "id",

user\_name as "userName",

hashed\_password as "hashedPassword"

from some\_table

where id = #{id}

</select>

The great thing about ResultMaps is that you've already learned a lot about them, but you haven't even seen one yet! These simple cases don't require any more than you've seen here. Just for example sake, let's see what this last example would look like as an external resultMap, as that is another way to solve column name mismatches.

<resultMap id="userResultMap" type="User">

<id property="id" column="user\_id" />

<result property="username" column="user\_name"/>

<result property="password" column="hashed\_password"/>

</resultMap>

And the statement that references it uses the resultMap attribute to do so (notice we removed the resultType attribute). For example:

<select id="selectUsers" resultMap="userResultMap">

select user\_id, user\_name, hashed\_password

from some\_table

where id = #{id}

</select>

Now if only the world were always that simple.

#### Advanced Result Maps

MyBatis was created with one idea in mind: Databases aren't always what you want or need them to be. While we'd love every database to be perfect 3rd normal form or BCNF, they aren't. And it would be great if it was possible to have a single database map perfectly to all of the applications that use it, it's not. Result Maps are the answer that MyBatis provides to this problem.

For example, how would we map this statement?

<!-- Very Complex Statement -->

<select id="selectBlogDetails" resultMap="detailedBlogResultMap">

select

B.id as blog\_id,

B.title as blog\_title,

B.author\_id as blog\_author\_id,

A.id as author\_id,

A.username as author\_username,

A.password as author\_password,

A.email as author\_email,

A.bio as author\_bio,

A.favourite\_section as author\_favourite\_section,

P.id as post\_id,

P.blog\_id as post\_blog\_id,

P.author\_id as post\_author\_id,

P.created\_on as post\_created\_on,

P.section as post\_section,

P.subject as post\_subject,

P.draft as draft,

P.body as post\_body,

C.id as comment\_id,

C.post\_id as comment\_post\_id,

C.name as comment\_name,

C.comment as comment\_text,

T.id as tag\_id,

T.name as tag\_name

from Blog B

left outer join Author A on B.author\_id = A.id

left outer join Post P on B.id = P.blog\_id

left outer join Comment C on P.id = C.post\_id

left outer join Post\_Tag PT on PT.post\_id = P.id

left outer join Tag T on PT.tag\_id = T.id

where B.id = #{id}

</select>

You'd probably want to map it to an intelligent object model consisting of a Blog that was written by an Author, and has many Posts, each of which may have zero or many Comments and Tags. The following is a complete example of a complex ResultMap (assume Author, Blog, Post, Comments and Tags are all type aliases). Have a look at it, but don't worry, we're going to go through each step. While it may look daunting at first, it's actually very simple.

<!-- Very Complex Result Map -->

<resultMap id="detailedBlogResultMap" type="Blog">

<constructor>

<idArg column="blog\_id" javaType="int"/>

</constructor>

<result property="title" column="blog\_title"/>

<association property="author" javaType="Author">

<id property="id" column="author\_id"/>

<result property="username" column="author\_username"/>

<result property="password" column="author\_password"/>

<result property="email" column="author\_email"/>

<result property="bio" column="author\_bio"/>

<result property="favouriteSection" column="author\_favourite\_section"/>

</association>

<collection property="posts" ofType="Post">

<id property="id" column="post\_id"/>

<result property="subject" column="post\_subject"/>

<association property="author" javaType="Author"/>

<collection property="comments" ofType="Comment">

<id property="id" column="comment\_id"/>

</collection>

<collection property="tags" ofType="Tag" >

<id property="id" column="tag\_id"/>

</collection>

<discriminator javaType="int" column="draft">

<case value="1" resultType="DraftPost"/>

</discriminator>

</collection>

</resultMap>

The resultMap element has a number of sub-elements and a structure worthy of some discussion. The following is a conceptual view of the resultMap element.

#### resultMap

* constructor - used for injecting results into the constructor of a class upon instantiation
  + idArg - ID argument; flagging results as ID will help improve overall performance
  + arg - a normal result injected into the constructor
* id – an ID result; flagging results as ID will help improve overall performance
* result – a normal result injected into a field or JavaBean property
* association – a complex type association; many results will roll up into this type
  + nested result mappings – associations are resultMaps themselves, or can refer to one
* collection – a collection of complex types
  + nested result mappings – collections are resultMaps themselves, or can refer to one
* discriminator – uses a result value to determine which resultMap to use
  + case – a case is a result map based on some value
    - nested result mappings – a case is also a result map itself, and thus can contain many of these same elements, or it can refer to an external resultMap.

| ResultMap Attributes | |
| --- | --- |
| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| id | A unique identifier in this namespace that can be used to reference this result map. |
| type | A fully qualified Java class name, or a type alias (see the table above for the list of built-in type aliases). |
| autoMapping | If present, MyBatis will enable or disable the automapping for this ResultMap. This attribute overrides the global autoMappingBehavior. Default: unset. |

**Best Practice** Always build ResultMaps incrementally. Unit tests really help out here. If you try to build a gigantic resultMap like the one above all at once, it's likely you'll get it wrong and it will be hard to work with. Start simple, and evolve it a step at a time. And unit test! The downside to using frameworks is that they are sometimes a bit of a black box (open source or not). Your best bet to ensure that you're achieving the behaviour that you intend, is to write unit tests. It also helps to have them when submitting bugs.

The next sections will walk through each of the elements in more detail.

#### id & result

<id property="id" column="post\_id"/>

<result property="subject" column="post\_subject"/>

These are the most basic of result mappings. Both *id*, and *result* map a single column value to a single property or field of a simple data type (String, int, double, Date, etc.).

The only difference between the two is that *id* will flag the result as an identifier property to be used when comparing object instances. This helps to improve general performance, but especially performance of caching and nested result mapping (i.e. join mapping).

Each has a number of attributes:

| Id and Result Attributes | |
| --- | --- |
| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| property | The field or property to map the column result to. If a matching JavaBeans property exists for the given name, then that will be used. Otherwise, MyBatis will look for a field of the given name. In both cases you can use complex property navigation using the usual dot notation. For example, you can map to something simple like: username, or to something more complicated like: address.street.number. |
| column | The column name from the database, or the aliased column label. This is the same string that would normally be passed toresultSet.getString(columnName). |
| javaType | A fully qualified Java class name, or a type alias (see the table above for the list of built-in type aliases). MyBatis can usually figure out the type if you're mapping to a JavaBean. However, if you are mapping to a HashMap, then you should specify the javaType explicitly to ensure the desired behaviour. |
| jdbcType | The JDBC Type from the list of supported types that follows this table. The JDBC type is only required for nullable columns upon insert, update or delete. This is a JDBC requirement, not a MyBatis one. So even if you were coding JDBC directly, you'd need to specify this type – but only for nullable values. |
| typeHandler | We discussed default type handlers previously in this documentation. Using this property you can override the default type handler on a mapping-by-mapping basis. The value is either a fully qualified class name of a TypeHandler implementation, or a type alias. |

#### Supported JDBC Types

For future reference, MyBatis supports the following JDBC Types via the included JdbcType enumeration.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| BIT | FLOAT | CHAR | TIMESTAMP | OTHER | UNDEFINED |
| TINYINT | REAL | VARCHAR | BINARY | BLOG | NVARCHAR |
| SMALLINT | DOUBLE | LONGVARCHAR | VARBINARY | CLOB | NCHAR |
| INTEGER | NUMERIC | DATE | LONGVARBINARY | BOOLEAN | NCLOB |
| BIGINT | DECIMAL | TIME | NULL | CURSOR | ARRAY |

#### constructor

<constructor>

<idArg column="id" javaType="int"/>

<arg column="username" javaType="String"/>

</constructor>

While properties will work for most Data Transfer Object (DTO) type classes, and likely most of your domain model, there may be some cases where you want to use immutable classes. Often tables that contain reference or lookup data that rarely or never changes is suited to immutable classes. Constructor injection allows you to set values on a class upon instantiation, without exposing public methods. MyBatis also supports private properties and private JavaBeans properties to achieve this, but some people prefer Constructor injection. The *constructor* element enables this.

Consider the following constructor:

public class User {

//...

public User(int id, String username) {

//...

}

//...

}

In order to inject the results into the constructor, MyBatis needs to identify the constructor by the type of its parameters. Java has no way to introspect (or reflect) on parameter names. So when creating a constructor element, ensure that the arguments are in order, and that the data types are specified.

<constructor>

<idArg column="id" javaType="int"/>

<arg column="username" javaType="String"/>

</constructor>

The rest of the attributes and rules are the same as for the regular id and result elements.

| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| column | The column name from the database, or the aliased column label. This is the same string that would normally be passed toresultSet.getString(columnName). |
| javaType | A fully qualified Java class name, or a type alias (see the table above for the list of built-in type aliases). MyBatis can usually figure out the type if you're mapping to a JavaBean. However, if you are mapping to a HashMap, then you should specify the javaType explicitly to ensure the desired behaviour. |
| jdbcType | The JDBC Type from the list of supported types that follows this table. The JDBC type is only required for nullable columns upon insert, update or delete. This is a JDBC requirement, not an MyBatis one. So even if you were coding JDBC directly, you'd need to specify this type – but only for nullable values. |
| typeHandler | We discussed default type handlers previously in this documentation. Using this property you can override the default type handler on a mapping-by-mapping basis. The value is either a fully qualified class name of a TypeHandler implementation, or a type alias. |
| select | The ID of another mapped statement that will load the complex type required by this property mapping. The values retrieved from columns specified in the column attribute will be passed to the target select statement as parameters. See the Association element for more. |
| resultMap | This is the ID of a ResultMap that can map the nested results of this argument into an appropriate object graph. This is an alternative to using a call to another select statement. It allows you to join multiple tables together into a single ResultSet. Such a ResultSet will contain duplicated, repeating groups of data that needs to be decomposed and mapped properly to a nested object graph. To facilitate this, MyBatis lets you "chain" result maps together, to deal with the nested results. See the Association element below for more. |

#### association

<association property="author" javaType="Author">

<id property="id" column="author\_id"/>

<result property="username" column="author\_username"/>

</association>

The association element deals with a "has-one" type relationship. For example, in our example, a Blog has one Author. An association mapping works mostly like any other result. You specify the target property, the javaType of the property (which MyBatis can figure out most of the time), the jdbcType if necessary and a typeHandler if you want to override the retrieval of the result values.

Where the association differs is that you need to tell MyBatis how to load the association. MyBatis can do so in two different ways:

* Nested Select: By executing another mapped SQL statement that returns the complex type desired.
* Nested Results: By using nested result mappings to deal with repeating subsets of joined results.

First, let's examine the properties of the element. As you'll see, it differs from a normal result mapping only by the select and resultMap attributes.

| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| property | The field or property to map the column result to. If a matching JavaBeans property exists for the given name, then that will be used. Otherwise, MyBatis will look for a field of the given name. In both cases you can use complex property navigation using the usual dot notation. For example, you can map to something simple like: username, or to something more complicated like: address.street.number. |
| javaType | A fully qualified Java class name, or a type alias (see the table above for the list of built- in type aliases). MyBatis can usually figure out the type if you're mapping to a JavaBean. However, if you are mapping to a HashMap, then you should specify the javaType explicitly to ensure the desired behaviour. |
| jdbcType | The JDBC Type from the list of supported types that follows this table. The JDBC type is only required for nullable columns upon insert, update or delete. This is a JDBC requirement, not an MyBatis one. So even if you were coding JDBC directly, you'd need to specify this type – but only for nullable values. |
| typeHandler | We discussed default type handlers previously in this documentation. Using this property you can override the default type handler on a mapping-by-mapping basis. The value is either a fully qualified class name of a TypeHandler implementation, or a type alias. |

#### Nested Select for Association

| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| column | The column name from the database, or the aliased column label that holds the value that will be passed to the nested statement as an input parameter. This is the same string that would normally be passed to resultSet.getString(columnName). Note: To deal with composite keys, you can specify multiple column names to pass to the nested select statement by using the syntax column="{prop1=col1,prop2=col2}". This will cause prop1 andprop2 to be set against the parameter object for the target nested select statement. |
| select | The ID of another mapped statement that will load the complex type required by this property mapping. The values retrieved from columns specified in the column attribute will be passed to the target select statement as parameters. A detailed example follows this table. Note: To deal with composite keys, you can specify multiple column names to pass to the nested select statement by using the syntax column="{prop1=col1,prop2=col2}". This will causeprop1 and prop2 to be set against the parameter object for the target nested select statement. |
| fetchType | Optional. Valid values are lazy and eager. If present, it supersedes the global configuration parameter lazyLoadingEnabled for this mapping. |

For example:

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<association property="author" column="author\_id" javaType="Author" select="selectAuthor"/>

</resultMap>

<select id="selectBlog" resultMap="blogResult">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG WHERE ID = #{id}

</select>

<select id="selectAuthor" resultType="Author">

SELECT \* FROM AUTHOR WHERE ID = #{id}

</select>

That's it. We have two select statements: one to load the Blog, the other to load the Author, and the Blog's resultMap describes that the selectAuthor statement should be used to load its author property.

All other properties will be loaded automatically assuming their column and property names match.

While this approach is simple, it will not perform well for large data sets or lists. This problem is known as the "N+1 Selects Problem". In a nutshell, the N+1 selects problem is caused like this:

* You execute a single SQL statement to retrieve a list of records (the "+1").
* For each record returned, you execute a select statement to load details for each (the "N").

This problem could result in hundreds or thousands of SQL statements to be executed. This is not always desirable.

The upside is that MyBatis can lazy load such queries, thus you might be spared the cost of these statements all at once. However, if you load such a list and then immediately iterate through it to access the nested data, you will invoke all of the lazy loads, and thus performance could be very bad.

And so, there is another way.

#### Nested Results for Association

| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| resultMap | This is the ID of a ResultMap that can map the nested results of this association into an appropriate object graph. This is an alternative to using a call to another select statement. It allows you to join multiple tables together into a single ResultSet. Such a ResultSet will contain duplicated, repeating groups of data that needs to be decomposed and mapped properly to a nested object graph. To facilitate this, MyBatis lets you "chain" result maps together, to deal with the nested results. An example will be far easier to follow, and one follows this table. |
| columnPrefix | When joining multiple tables, you would have to use column alias to avoid duplicated column names in the ResultSet. Specifying columnPrefix allows you to map such columns to an external resultMap. Please see the example explained later in this section. |
| notNullColumn | By default a child object is created only if at least one of the columns mapped to the child's properties is non null. With this attribute you can change this behaviour by specifiying which columns must have a value so MyBatis will create a child object only if any of those columns is not null. Multiple column names can be specified using a comma as a separator. Default value: unset. |
| autoMapping | If present, MyBatis will enable or disable automapping when mapping the result to this property. This attribute overrides the global autoMappingBehavior. Note that it has no effect on an external resultMap, so it is pointless to use it with select or resultMap attribute. Default value: unset. |

You've already seen a very complicated example of nested associations above. The following is a far simpler example to demonstrate how this works. Instead of executing a separate statement, we'll join the Blog and Author tables together, like so:

<select id="selectBlog" resultMap="blogResult">

select

B.id as blog\_id,

B.title as blog\_title,

B.author\_id as blog\_author\_id,

A.id as author\_id,

A.username as author\_username,

A.password as author\_password,

A.email as author\_email,

A.bio as author\_bio

from Blog B left outer join Author A on B.author\_id = A.id

where B.id = #{id}

</select>

Notice the join, as well as the care taken to ensure that all results are aliased with a unique and clear name. This makes mapping far easier. Now we can map the results:

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="blog\_id" />

<result property="title" column="blog\_title"/>

<association property="author" resultMap="authorResult" />

</resultMap>

<resultMap id="authorResult" type="Author">

<id property="id" column="author\_id"/>

<result property="username" column="author\_username"/>

<result property="password" column="author\_password"/>

<result property="email" column="author\_email"/>

<result property="bio" column="author\_bio"/>

</resultMap>

In the example above you can see at the Blog's "author" association delegates to the "authorResult" resultMap to load the Author instance.

Very Important: id elements play a very important role in Nested Result mapping. You should always specify one or more properties that can be used to uniquely identify the results. The truth is that MyBatis will still work if you leave it out, but at a severe performance cost. Choose as few properties as possible that can uniquely identify the result. The primary key is an obvious choice (even if composite).

Now, the above example used an external resultMap element to map the association. This makes the Author resultMap reusable. However, if you have no need to reuse it, or if you simply prefer to co-locate your result mappings into a single descriptive resultMap, you can nest the association result mappings. Here's the same example using this approach:

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="blog\_id" />

<result property="title" column="blog\_title"/>

<association property="author" javaType="Author">

<id property="id" column="author\_id"/>

<result property="username" column="author\_username"/>

<result property="password" column="author\_password"/>

<result property="email" column="author\_email"/>

<result property="bio" column="author\_bio"/>

</association>

</resultMap>

What if the blog has a co-author? The select statement would look like:

<select id="selectBlog" resultMap="blogResult">

select

B.id as blog\_id,

B.title as blog\_title,

A.id as author\_id,

A.username as author\_username,

A.password as author\_password,

A.email as author\_email,

A.bio as author\_bio,

CA.id as co\_author\_id,

CA.username as co\_author\_username,

CA.password as co\_author\_password,

CA.email as co\_author\_email,

CA.bio as co\_author\_bio

from Blog B

left outer join Author A on B.author\_id = A.id

left outer join Author CA on B.co\_author\_id = CA.id

where B.id = #{id}

</select>

Recall that the resultMap for Author is defined as follows.

<resultMap id="authorResult" type="Author">

<id property="id" column="author\_id"/>

<result property="username" column="author\_username"/>

<result property="password" column="author\_password"/>

<result property="email" column="author\_email"/>

<result property="bio" column="author\_bio"/>

</resultMap>

Because the column names in the results differ from the columns defined in the resultMap, you need to specify columnPrefix to reuse the resultMap for mapping co-author results.

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="blog\_id" />

<result property="title" column="blog\_title"/>

<association property="author"

resultMap="authorResult" />

<association property="coAuthor"

resultMap="authorResult"

columnPrefix="co\_" />

</resultMap>

#### Multiple ResultSets for Association

| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| column | When using multiple resultset this attribute specifies the columns (separated by commas) that will be correlated with the foreignColumn to identify the parent and the child of a relationship. |
| foreignColumn | Identifies the name of the columns that contains the foreing keys which values will be matched against the values of the columns specified in thecolumn attibute of the parent type. |
| resultSet | Identifies the name of the result set where this complex type will be loaded from. |

Starting from version 3.2.3 MyBatis provides yet another way to solve the N+1 problem.

Some databases allow stored procedures to return more than one resultset or execute more than one statement at once and return a resultset per each one. This can be used to hit the database just once and return related data without using a join.

In the example, the stored procedure executes the following queries and returns two result sets. The first will contain Blogs and the second Authors.

SELECT \* FROM BLOG WHERE ID = #{id}

SELECT \* FROM AUTHOR WHERE ID = #{id}

A name must be given to each result set by adding a resultSets attribute to the mapped statement with a list of names separated by commas.

<select id="selectBlog" resultSets="blogs,authors" resultMap="blogResult" statementType="CALLABLE">

{call getBlogsAndAuthors(#{id,jdbcType=INTEGER,mode=IN})}

</select>

Now we can specify that the data to fill the "author" association comes in the "authors" result set:

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="id" />

<result property="title" column="title"/>

<association property="author" javaType="Author" resultSet="authors" column="author\_id" foreignColumn="id">

<id property="id" column="id"/>

<result property="username" column="username"/>

<result property="password" column="password"/>

<result property="email" column="email"/>

<result property="bio" column="bio"/>

</association>

</resultMap>

You've seen above how to deal with a "has one" type association. But what about "has many"? That's the subject of the next section.

#### collection

<collection property="posts" ofType="domain.blog.Post">

<id property="id" column="post\_id"/>

<result property="subject" column="post\_subject"/>

<result property="body" column="post\_body"/>

</collection>

The collection element works almost identically to the association. In fact, it's so similar, to document the similarities would be redundant. So let's focus on the differences.

To continue with our example above, a Blog only had one Author. But a Blog has many Posts. On the blog class, this would be represented by something like:

private List<Post> posts;

To map a set of nested results to a List like this, we use the collection element. Just like the association element, we can use a nested select, or nested results from a join.

#### Nested Select for Collection

First, let's look at using a nested select to load the Posts for the Blog.

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<collection property="posts" javaType="ArrayList" column="id" ofType="Post" select="selectPostsForBlog"/>

</resultMap>

<select id="selectBlog" resultMap="blogResult">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG WHERE ID = #{id}

</select>

<select id="selectPostsForBlog" resultType="Post">

SELECT \* FROM POST WHERE BLOG\_ID = #{id}

</select>

There are a number things you'll notice immediately, but for the most part it looks very similar to the association element we learned about above. First, you'll notice that we're using the collection element. Then you'll notice that there's a new "ofType" attribute. This attribute is necessary to distinguish between the JavaBean (or field) property type and the type that the collection contains. So you could read the following mapping like this:

<collection property="posts" javaType="ArrayList" column="id" ofType="Post" select="selectPostsForBlog"/>

Read as: "A collection of posts in an ArrayList of type Post."

The javaType attribute is really unnecessary, as MyBatis will figure this out for you in most cases. So you can often shorten this down to simply:

<collection property="posts" column="id" ofType="Post" select="selectPostsForBlog"/>

#### Nested Results for Collection

By this point, you can probably guess how nested results for a collection will work, because it's exactly the same as an association, but with the same addition of theofType attribute applied.

First, let's look at the SQL:

<select id="selectBlog" resultMap="blogResult">

select

B.id as blog\_id,

B.title as blog\_title,

B.author\_id as blog\_author\_id,

P.id as post\_id,

P.subject as post\_subject,

P.body as post\_body,

from Blog B

left outer join Post P on B.id = P.blog\_id

where B.id = #{id}

</select>

Again, we've joined the Blog and Post tables, and have taken care to ensure quality result column labels for simple mapping. Now mapping a Blog with its collection of Post mappings is as simple as:

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="blog\_id" />

<result property="title" column="blog\_title"/>

<collection property="posts" ofType="Post">

<id property="id" column="post\_id"/>

<result property="subject" column="post\_subject"/>

<result property="body" column="post\_body"/>

</collection>

</resultMap>

Again, remember the importance of the id elements here, or read the association section above if you haven't already.

Also, if you prefer the longer form that allows for more reusability of your result maps, you can use the following alternative mapping:

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="blog\_id" />

<result property="title" column="blog\_title"/>

<collection property="posts" ofType="Post" resultMap="blogPostResult" columnPrefix="post\_"/>

</resultMap>

<resultMap id="blogPostResult" type="Post">

<id property="id" column="id"/>

<result property="subject" column="subject"/>

<result property="body" column="body"/>

</resultMap>

#### Multiple ResultSets for Collection

As we did for the association, we can call an stored procedure that executes two queries and returns two result sets, one with Blogs and another with Posts:

SELECT \* FROM BLOG WHERE ID = #{id}

SELECT \* FROM POST WHERE BLOG\_ID = #{id}

A name must be given to each result set by adding a resultSets attribute to the mapped statement with a list of names separated by commas.

<select id="selectBlog" resultSets="blogs,posts" resultMap="blogResult">

{call getBlogsAndPosts(#{id,jdbcType=INTEGER,mode=IN})}

</select>

We specify that the "posts" collection will be filled out of data contained in the result set named "posts":

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<id property="id" column="id" />

<result property="title" column="title"/>

<collection property="posts" ofType="Post" resultSet="posts" column="id" foreignColumn="blog\_id">

<id property="id" column="id"/>

<result property="subject" column="subject"/>

<result property="body" column="body"/>

</collection>

</resultMap>

**NOTE** There's no limit to the depth, breadth or combinations of the associations and collections that you map. You should keep performance in mind when mapping them. Unit testing and performance testing of your application goes a long way toward discovering the best approach for your application. The nice thing is that MyBatis lets you change your mind later, with very little (if any) impact to your code.

Advanced association and collection mapping is a deep subject. Documentation can only get you so far. With a little practice, it will all become clear very quickly.

#### discriminator

<discriminator javaType="int" column="draft">

<case value="1" resultType="DraftPost"/>

</discriminator>

Sometimes a single database query might return result sets of many different (but hopefully somewhat related) data types. The discriminator element was designed to deal with this situation, and others, including class inheritance hierarchies. The discriminator is pretty simple to understand, as it behaves much like a switch statement in Java.

A discriminator definition specifies column and javaType attributes. The column is where MyBatis will look for the value to compare. The javaType is required to ensure the proper kind of equality test is performed (although String would probably work for almost any situation). For example:

<resultMap id="vehicleResult" type="Vehicle">

<id property="id" column="id" />

<result property="vin" column="vin"/>

<result property="year" column="year"/>

<result property="make" column="make"/>

<result property="model" column="model"/>

<result property="color" column="color"/>

<discriminator javaType="int" column="vehicle\_type">

<case value="1" resultMap="carResult"/>

<case value="2" resultMap="truckResult"/>

<case value="3" resultMap="vanResult"/>

<case value="4" resultMap="suvResult"/>

</discriminator>

</resultMap>

In this example, MyBatis would retrieve each record from the result set and compare its vehicle type value. If it matches any of the discriminator cases, then it will use theresultMap specified by the case. This is done exclusively, so in other words, the rest of the resultMap is ignored (unless it is extended, which we talk about in a second). If none of the cases match, then MyBatis simply uses the resultMap as defined outside of the discriminator block. So, if the carResult was declared as follows:

<resultMap id="carResult" type="Car">

<result property="doorCount" column="door\_count" />

</resultMap>

Then ONLY the doorCount property would be loaded. This is done to allow completely independent groups of discriminator cases, even ones that have no relationship to the parent resultMap. In this case we do of course know that there's a relationship between cars and vehicles, as a Car is-a Vehicle. Therefore, we want the rest of the properties loaded too. One simple change to the resultMap and we're set to go.

<resultMap id="carResult" type="Car" extends="vehicleResult">

<result property="doorCount" column="door\_count" />

</resultMap>

Now all of the properties from both the vehicleResult and carResult will be loaded.

Once again though, some may find this external definition of maps somewhat tedious. Therefore there's an alternative syntax for those that prefer a more concise mapping style. For example:

<resultMap id="vehicleResult" type="Vehicle">

<id property="id" column="id" />

<result property="vin" column="vin"/>

<result property="year" column="year"/>

<result property="make" column="make"/>

<result property="model" column="model"/>

<result property="color" column="color"/>

<discriminator javaType="int" column="vehicle\_type">

<case value="1" resultType="carResult">

<result property="doorCount" column="door\_count" />

</case>

<case value="2" resultType="truckResult">

<result property="boxSize" column="box\_size" />

<result property="extendedCab" column="extended\_cab" />

</case>

<case value="3" resultType="vanResult">

<result property="powerSlidingDoor" column="power\_sliding\_door" />

</case>

<case value="4" resultType="suvResult">

<result property="allWheelDrive" column="all\_wheel\_drive" />

</case>

</discriminator>

</resultMap>

**NOTE** Remember that these are all Result Maps, and if you don't specify any results at all, then MyBatis will automatically match up columns and properties for you. So most of these examples are more verbose than they really need to be. That said, most databases are kind of complex and it's unlikely that we'll be able to depend on that for all cases.

### Auto-mapping

As you have already seen in the previous sections, in simple cases MyBatis can auto-map the results for you and in others you will need to build a result map. But as you will see in this section you can also mix both strategies. Let's have a deeper look at how auto-mapping works.

When auto-mapping results MyBatis will get the column name and look for a property with the same name ignoring case. That means that if a column named *ID* and property named *id* are found, MyBatis will set the *id* property with the *ID* column value.

Usually database columns are named using uppercase letters and underscores between words and java properties often follow the camelcase naming covention. To enable the auto-mapping between them set the setting mapUnderscoreToCamelCase to true.

Auto-mapping works even when there is an specific result map. When this happens, for each result map, all columns that are present in the ResultSet that have not a manual mapping will be auto-mapped, then manual mappings will be processed. In the following sample *id* and *userName* columns will be auto-mapped and*hashed\_password* column will be mapped.

<select id="selectUsers" resultMap="userResultMap">

select

user\_id as "id",

user\_name as "userName",

hashed\_password

from some\_table

where id = #{id}

</select>

<resultMap id="userResultMap" type="User">

<result property="password" column="hashed\_password"/>

</resultMap>

There are three auto-mapping levels:

* NONE - disables auto-mapping. Only manually mapped properties will be set.
* PARTIAL - will auto-map results except those that have nested result mappings defined inside (joins).
* FULL - auto-maps everything.

The default value is PARTIAL, and it is so for a reason. When FULL is used auto-mapping will be performed when processing join results and joins retrieve data of several different entities in the same row hence this may result in undesired mappings. To understand the risk have a look at the following sample:

<select id="selectBlog" resultMap="blogResult">

select

B.id,

B.title,

A.username,

from Blog B left outer join Author A on B.author\_id = A.id

where B.id = #{id}

</select>

<resultMap id="blogResult" type="Blog">

<association property="author" resultMap="authorResult"/>

</resultMap>

<resultMap id="authorResult" type="Author">

<result property="username" column="author\_username"/>

</resultMap>

With this result map both *Blog* and *Author* will be auto-mapped. But note that *Author* has an *id* property and there is a column named *id* in the ResultSet so Author's id will be filled with Blog's id, and that is not what you were expecting. So use the FULL option with caution.

Regardless of the auto-mapping level configured you can enable or disable the automapping for an specific ResultMap by adding the attribute autoMapping to it:

<resultMap id="userResultMap" type="User" autoMapping="false">

<result property="password" column="hashed\_password"/>

</resultMap>

### cache

MyBatis includes a powerful transactional query caching feature which is very configurable and customizable. A lot of changes have been made in the MyBatis 3 cache implementation to make it both more powerful and far easier to configure.

By default, just local sessión caching is enabled that is used solely to cache data for the duration of a sessión. To enable a global second level of caching you simply need to add one line to your SQL Mapping file:

<cache/>

Literally that's it. The effect of this one simple statement is as follows:

* All results from select statements in the mapped statement file will be cached.
* All insert, update and delete statements in the mapped statement file will flush the cache.
* The cache will use a Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm for eviction.
* The cache will not flush on any sort of time based schedule (i.e. no Flush Interval).
* The cache will store 1024 references to lists or objects (whatever the query method returns).
* The cache will be treated as a read/write cache, meaning objects retrieved are not shared and can be safely modified by the caller, without interfering with other potential modifications by other callers or threads.

All of these properties are modifiable through the attributes of the cache element. For example:

<cache

eviction="FIFO"

flushInterval="60000"

size="512"

readOnly="true"/>

This more advanced configuration creates a FIFO cache that flushes once every 60 seconds, stores up to 512 references to result objects or lists, and objects returned are considered read-only, thus modifying them could cause conflicts between callers in different threads.

The available eviction policies available are:

* LRU – Least Recently Used: Removes objects that haven't been used for the longst period of time.
* FIFO – First In First Out: Removes objects in the order that they entered the cache.
* SOFT – Soft Reference: Removes objects based on the garbage collector state and the rules of Soft References.
* WEAK – Weak Reference: More aggressively removes objects based on the garbage collector state and rules of Weak References.

The default is LRU.

The flushInterval can be set to any positive integer and should represent a reasonable amount of time specified in milliseconds. The default is not set, thus no flush interval is used and the cache is only flushed by calls to statements.

The size can be set to any positive integer, keep in mind the size of the objects your caching and the available memory resources of your environment. The default is 1024.

The readOnly attribute can be set to true or false. A read-only cache will return the same instance of the cached object to all callers. Thus such objects should not be modified. This offers a significant performance advantage though. A read-write cache will return a copy (via serialization) of the cached object. This is slower, but safer, and thus the default is false.

**NOTE** Second level cache is transactional. That means that it is updated when a SqlSession finishes with commit or when it finishes with rollback but no inserts/deletes/updates with flushCache=true where executed.

#### Using a Custom Cache

In addition to customizing the cache in these ways, you can also completely override the cache behavior by implementing your own cache, or creating an adapter to other 3rd party caching solutions.

<cache type="com.domain.something.MyCustomCache"/>

This example demonstrates how to use a custom cache implementation. The class specified in the type attribute must implement the org.apache.ibatis.cache.Cache interface and provide a constructor that gets an String id as an argument. This interface is one of the more complex in the MyBatis framework, but simple given what it does.

public interface Cache {

String getId();

int getSize();

void putObject(Object key, Object value);

Object getObject(Object key);

boolean hasKey(Object key);

Object removeObject(Object key);

void clear();

}

To configure your cache, simply add public JavaBeans properties to your Cache implementation, and pass properties via the cache Element, for example, the following would call a method called setCacheFile(String file) on your Cache implementation:

<cache type="com.domain.something.MyCustomCache">

<property name="cacheFile" value="/tmp/my-custom-cache.tmp"/>

</cache>

You can use JavaBeans properties of all simple types, MyBatis will do the conversion.

**NOTE** Settings of cache (like eviction strategy, read write..etc.) in section above are not applied when using Custom Cache.

It's important to remember that a cache configuration and the cache instance are bound to the namespace of the SQL Map file. Thus, all statements in the same namespace as the cache are bound by it. Statements can modify how they interact with the cache, or exclude themselves completely by using two simple attributes on a statement-by-statement basis. By default, statements are configured like this:

<select ... flushCache="false" useCache="true"/>

<insert ... flushCache="true"/>

<update ... flushCache="true"/>

<delete ... flushCache="true"/>

Since that's the default, you obviously should never explicitly configure a statement that way. Instead, only set the flushCache and useCache attributes if you want to change the default behavior. For example, in some cases you may want to exclude the results of a particular select statement from the cache, or you might want a select statement to flush the cache. Similarly, you may have some update statements that don't need to flush the cache upon execution.

#### cache-ref

Recall from the previous section that only the cache for this particular namespace will be used or flushed for statements within the same namespace. There may come a time when you want to share the same cache configuration and instance between namespaces. In such cases you can reference another cache by using the cache-ref element.

<cache-ref namespace="com.someone.application.data.SomeMapper"/>

## Create Example:

Create the STUDENT table in MySQL database as shown below −

mysql> CREATE TABLE details.student(

-> ID int(10) NOT NULL AUTO\_INCREMENT,

-> NAME varchar(100) NOT NULL,

-> BRANCH varchar(255) NOT NULL,

-> PERCENTAGE int(3) NOT NULL,

-> PHONE int(11) NOT NULL,

-> EMAIL varchar(255) NOT NULL,

-> PRIMARY KEY (`ID`)

->

);

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.37 sec)

## Student POJO Class

Create a STUDENT class in STUDENT.java file as

public class Student {

private int id;

private String name;

private String branch;

private int percentage;

private int phone;

private String email;

public Student(String name, String branch, int percentage, int phone, String email) {

super();

this.name = name;

this.branch = branch;

this.percentage = percentage;

this.phone = phone;

this.email = email;

}

}

You can define methods to set individual fields in the table. The next chapter explains how to get the values of individual fields.

## Student.xml File

To define SQL mapping statement using MyBatis, we would use **<insert>** tag. Inside this tag definition, we would define an **"id."** Further, the ‘id’ will be used in the mybatisInsert.java file for executing SQL INSERT query on database. Create student.xml file as shown below −

<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>

<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<mapper namespace = "Student">

<insert id = "insert" parameterType = "Student">

INSERT INTO STUDENT (NAME, BRANCH, PERCENTAGE, PHONE, EMAIL ) VALUES (#{name}, #{branch}, #{percentage}, #{phone}, #{email});

<selectKey keyProperty = "id" resultType = "int" order = "AFTER">

select last\_insert\_id() as id

</selectKey>

</insert>

</mapper>

Here, **parameteType** − could take a value as *string, int, float, double*, or any class *object* based on requirement. In this example, we would pass Student object as a parameter, while calling *insert* method of **SqlSession** class.

If your database table uses an IDENTITY, AUTO\_INCREMENT, or SERIAL column, or you have defined a SEQUENCE/GENERATOR, you can use the**<selectKey>** element in an **<insert>** statement to use or return that database-generated value.

## mybatisInsert.java File

This file would have application level logic to insert records in the Student table. Create and save **mybatisInsert.java** file as shown below −

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.Reader;

import org.apache.ibatis.io.Resources;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSession;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactory;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactoryBuilder;

public class mybatisInsert {

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

//Create a new student object

Student student = new Student("Mohammad","It", 80, 984803322, "Mohammad@gmail.com" );

//Insert student data

session.insert("Student.insert", student);

System.out.println("record inserted successfully");

session.commit();

session.close();

}

}

We have the following STUDENT table in MySQL −

CREATE TABLE details.student(

ID int(10) NOT NULL AUTO\_INCREMENT,

NAME varchar(100) NOT NULL,

BRANCH varchar(255) NOT NULL,

PERCENTAGE int(3) NOT NULL,

PHONE int(11) NOT NULL,

EMAIL varchar(255) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (`ID`)

);

Assume, this table has two record as −

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| ID | NAME | BRANCH | PERCENTAGE | PHONE | EMAIL |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+--------------------+

| 1 | Mohammad | It | 80 | 984803322 | Mohammad@gmail.com |

| 2 | shyam | It | 75 | 984800000 | shyam@gmail.com |

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## Student POJO Class

To perform read operation, we would modify the Student class in Student.java as −

public class Student {

private int id;

private String name;

private String branch;

private int percentage;

private int phone;

private String email;

public Student(int id, String name, String branch, int percentage, int phone, String email) {

super();

this.id = id;

this.name = name;

this.branch = branch;

this.percentage = percentage;

this.phone = phone;

this.email = email;

}

public Student() {}

public int getId() {

return id;

}

public String getName() {

return name;

}

public int getPhone() {

return phone;

}

public String getEmail() {

return email;

}

public String getBranch() {

return branch;

}

public int getPercentage() {

return percentage;

}

}

## Student.xml File

To define SQL mapping statement using MyBatis, we would add **<select>** tag in Student.xml file and inside this tag definition, we would define an **"id"** which will be used in mybatisRead.java file for executing SQL SELECT query on database. While reading the records, we can get all the records at once or we can get a particular record using the where clause. In the XML given below, you can observe both the queries.

To retrieve a particular record, we need a unique key to represent that record. Therefore, we have also defined the resultmap "id" (unique key) of type Student to map the result of the select query with the variable of Student class.

<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>

<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<mapper namespace = "Student">

<resultMap id = "result" type = "Student">

<result property = "id" column = "ID"/>

</resultMap>

<select id = "getAll" resultMap = "result">

SELECT \* FROM STUDENT;

</select>

<select id = "getById" parameterType = "int" resultMap = "result">

SELECT \* FROM STUDENT WHERE ID = #{id};

</select>

</mapper>

## mybatisRead\_ALL.java File

This file has application level logic to read all the records from the Student table. Create and save **mybatisRead\_ALL.java** file as shown below −

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.Reader;

import java.util.List;

import org.apache.ibatis.io.Resources;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSession;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactory;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactoryBuilder;

public class mybatisRead\_ALL {

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

//select contact all contacts

List<Student> student = session.selectList("Student.getAll");

for(Student st : student ){

System.out.println(st.getId());

System.out.println(st.getName());

System.out.println(st.getBranch());

System.out.println(st.getPercentage());

System.out.println(st.getEmail());

System.out.println(st.getPhone());

}

System.out.println("Records Read Successfully ");

session.commit();

session.close();

}

}

## Student POJO Class

To perform update operation, you would need to modify Student.java file as −

public class Student {

private int id;

private String name;

private String branch;

private int percentage;

private int phone;

private String email;

public Student(int id, String name, String branch, int percentage, int phone, String email) {

super();

this.id = id;

this.name = name;

this.setBranch(branch);

this.setPercentage(percentage);

this.phone = phone;

this.email = email;

}

public Student() {}

public int getId() {

return id;

}

public void setId(int id) {

this.id = id;

}

public String getName() {

return name;

}

public void setName(String name) {

this.name = name;

}

public int getPhone() {

return phone;

}

public void setPhone(int phone) {

this.phone = phone;

}

public String getEmail() {

return email;

}

public void setEmail(String email) {

this.email = email;

}

public String getBranch() {

return branch;

}

public void setBranch(String branch) {

this.branch = branch;

}

public int getPercentage() {

return percentage;

}

public void setPercentage(int percentage) {

this.percentage = percentage;

}

public String toString(){

StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();

sb.append("Id = ").append(id).append(" - ");

sb.append("Name = ").append(name).append(" - ");

sb.append("Branch = ").append(branch).append(" - ");

sb.append("Percentage = ").append(percentage).append(" - ");

sb.append("Phone = ").append(phone).append(" - ");

sb.append("Email = ").append(email);

return sb.toString();

}

}

## Student.xml File

To define SQL mapping statement using MyBatis, we would add **<update>** tag in Student.xml and inside this tag definition, we would define an **"id"** which will be used in mybatisUpdate.java file for executing SQL UPDATE query on database.

<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>

<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<mapper namespace = "Student">

<resultMap id = "result" type = "Student">

<result property = "id" column = "ID"/>

<result property = "name" column = "NAME"/>

<result property = "branch" column = "BRANCH"/>

<result property = "percentage" column = "PERCENTAGE"/>

<result property = "phone" column = "PHONE"/>

<result property = "email" column = "EMAIL"/>

</resultMap>

<select id = "getById" parameterType = "int" resultMap = "result">

SELECT \* FROM STUDENT WHERE ID = #{id};

</select>

<update id = "update" parameterType = "Student">

UPDATE STUDENT SET NAME = #{name},

BRANCH = #{branch},

PERCENTAGE = #{percentage},

PHONE = #{phone},

EMAIL = #{email}

WHERE ID = #{id};

</update>

</mapper>

## mybatisUpdate.java File

This file has application level logic to update records into the Student table −

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.Reader;

import org.apache.ibatis.io.Resources;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSession;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactory;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactoryBuilder;

public class mybatisUpdate {

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

//select a particular student using id

Student student = (Student) session.selectOne("Student.getById", 1);

System.out.println("Current details of the student are" );

System.out.println(student.toString());

//Set new values to the mail and phone number of the student

student.setEmail("mohamad123@yahoo.com");

student.setPhone(90000000);

//Update the student record

session.update("Student.update",student);

System.out.println("Record updated successfully");

session.commit();

session.close();

//verifying the record

Student std = (Student) session.selectOne("Student.getById", 1);

System.out.println("Details of the student after update operation" );

System.out.println(std.toString());

session.commit();

session.close();

}

}

## Student.xml File

To define SQL mapping statement using MyBatis, we would use **<delete>** tag in Student.xml and inside this tag definition, we would define an "id" which will be used in mybatisDelete.java file for executing SQL DELETE query on database.

<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>

<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<mapper namespace = "Student">

<resultMap id = "result" type = "Student">

<result property = "id" column = "ID"/>

</resultMap>

<delete id = "deleteById" parameterType = "int">

DELETE from STUDENT WHERE ID = #{id};

</delete>

</mapper>

## MyBatisDelete.java File

This file has application level logic to delete records from the Student table −

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.Reader;

import org.apache.ibatis.io.Resources;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSession;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactory;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactoryBuilder;

public class mybatisDelete {

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

//Delete operation

session.delete("Student.deleteById", 2);

session.commit();

session.close();

System.out.println("Record deleted successfully");

}

}

## Dynamic SQL

One of the most powerful features of MyBatis has always been its Dynamic SQL capabilities. If you have any experience with JDBC or any similar framework, you understand how painful it is to conditionally concatenate strings of SQL together, making sure not to forget spaces or to omit a comma at the end of a list of columns. Dynamic SQL can be downright painful to deal with.

While working with Dynamic SQL will never be a party, MyBatis certainly improves the situation with a powerful Dynamic SQL language that can be used within any mapped SQL statement.

The Dynamic SQL elements should be familiar to anyone who has used JSTL or any similar XML based text processors. In previous versions of MyBatis, there were a lot of elements to know and understand. MyBatis 3 greatly improves upon this, and now there are less than half of those elements to work with. MyBatis employs powerful OGNL based expressions to eliminate most of the other elements:

* if
* choose (when, otherwise)
* trim (where, set)
* foreach

### if

The most common thing to do in dynamic SQL is conditionally include a part of a where clause. For example:

<select id="findActiveBlogWithTitleLike"

resultType="Blog">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

WHERE state = ‘ACTIVE’

<if test="title != null">

AND title like #{title}

</if>

</select>

This statement would provide an optional text search type of functionality. If you passed in no title, then all active Blogs would be returned. But if you do pass in a title, it will look for a title like that (for the keen eyed, yes in this case your parameter value would need to include any masking or wildcard characters).

What if we wanted to optionally search by title and author? First, I’d change the name of the statement to make more sense. Then simply add another condition.

<select id="findActiveBlogLike"

resultType="Blog">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG WHERE state = ‘ACTIVE’

<if test="title != null">

AND title like #{title}

</if>

<if test="author != null and author.name != null">

AND author\_name like #{author.name}

</if>

</select>

### choose, when, otherwise

Sometimes we don’t want all of the conditionals to apply, instead we want to choose only one case among many options. Similar to a switch statement in Java, MyBatis offers a choose element.

Let’s use the example above, but now let’s search only on title if one is provided, then only by author if one is provided. If neither is provided, let’s only return featured blogs (perhaps a strategically list selected by administrators, instead of returning a huge meaningless list of random blogs).

<select id="findActiveBlogLike"

resultType="Blog">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG WHERE state = ‘ACTIVE’

<choose>

<when test="title != null">

AND title like #{title}

</when>

<when test="author != null and author.name != null">

AND author\_name like #{author.name}

</when>

<otherwise>

AND featured = 1

</otherwise>

</choose>

</select>

### trim, where, set

The previous examples have been conveniently dancing around a notorious dynamic SQL challenge. Consider what would happen if we return to our "if" example, but this time we make "ACTIVE = 1" a dynamic condition as well.

<select id="findActiveBlogLike"

resultType="Blog">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

WHERE

<if test="state != null">

state = #{state}

</if>

<if test="title != null">

AND title like #{title}

</if>

<if test="author != null and author.name != null">

AND author\_name like #{author.name}

</if>

</select>

What happens if none of the conditions are met? You would end up with SQL that looked like this:

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

WHERE

This would fail. What if only the second condition was met? You would end up with SQL that looked like this:

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

WHERE

AND title like ‘someTitle’

This would also fail. This problem is not easily solved with conditionals, and if you’ve ever had to write it, then you likely never want to do so again.

MyBatis has a simple answer that will likely work in 90% of the cases. And in cases where it doesn’t, you can customize it so that it does. With one simple change, everything works fine:

<select id="findActiveBlogLike"

resultType="Blog">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

<where>

<if test="state != null">

state = #{state}

</if>

<if test="title != null">

AND title like #{title}

</if>

<if test="author != null and author.name != null">

AND author\_name like #{author.name}

</if>

</where>

</select>

The *where* element knows to only insert "WHERE" if there is any content returned by the containing tags. Furthermore, if that content begins with "AND" or "OR", it knows to strip it off.

If the *where* element does not behave exactly as you like, you can customize it by defining your own trim element. For example, the trim equivalent to the *where* element is:

<trim prefix="WHERE" prefixOverrides="AND |OR ">

...

</trim>

The *prefixOverrides* attribute takes a pipe delimited list of text to override, where whitespace is relevant. The result is the removal of anything specified in the*prefixOverrides* attribute, and the insertion of anything in the *prefix* attribute.

There is a similar solution for dynamic update statements called *set*. The *set* element can be used to dynamically include columns to update, and leave out others. For example:

<update id="updateAuthorIfNecessary">

update Author

<set>

<if test="username != null">username=#{username},</if>

<if test="password != null">password=#{password},</if>

<if test="email != null">email=#{email},</if>

<if test="bio != null">bio=#{bio}</if>

</set>

where id=#{id}

</update>

Here, the *set* element will dynamically prepend the SET keyword, and also eliminate any extraneous commas that might trail the value assignments after the conditions are applied.

If you’re curious about what the equivalent *trim* element would look like, here it is:

<trim prefix="SET" suffixOverrides=",">

...

</trim>

Notice that in this case we’re overriding a suffix, while we’re still appending a prefix.

### foreach

Another common necessity for dynamic SQL is the need to iterate over a collection, often to build an IN condition. For example:

<select id="selectPostIn" resultType="domain.blog.Post">

SELECT \*

FROM POST P

WHERE ID in

<foreach item="item" index="index" collection="list"

open="(" separator="," close=")">

#{item}

</foreach>

</select>

The *foreach* element is very powerful, and allows you to specify a collection, declare item and index variables that can be used inside the body of the element. It also allows you to specify opening and closing strings, and add a separator to place in between iterations. The element is smart in that it won’t accidentally append extra separators.

**NOTE** You can pass any Iterable object (for example List, Set, etc.), as well as any Map or Array object to foreach as collection parameter. When using an Iterable or Array, index will be the number of current iteration and value item will be the element retrieved in this iteration. When using a Map (or Collection of Map.Entry objects), index will be the key object and item will be the value object.

This wraps up the discussion regarding the XML configuration file and XML mapping files. The next section will discuss the Java API in detail, so that you can get the most out of the mappings that you’ve created.

### bind

The bind element lets you create a variable out of an OGNL expression and bind it to the context. For example:

<select id="selectBlogsLike" resultType="Blog">

<bind name="pattern" value="'%' + \_parameter.getTitle() + '%'" />

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

WHERE title LIKE #{pattern}

</select>

### Multi-db vendor support

If a databaseIdProvider was configured a "\_databaseId" variable is available for dynamic code, so you can build different statements depending on database vendor. Have a look at the following example:

<insert id="insert">

<selectKey keyProperty="id" resultType="int" order="BEFORE">

<if test="\_databaseId == 'oracle'">

select seq\_users.nextval from dual

</if>

<if test="\_databaseId == 'db2'">

select nextval for seq\_users from sysibm.sysdummy1"

</if>

</selectKey>

insert into users values (#{id}, #{name})

</insert>

### Pluggable Scripting Languages For Dynamic SQL

Starting from version 3.2 MyBatis supports pluggable scripting languages, so you can plug a language driver and use that language to write your dynamic SQL queries.

You can plug a language by implementing the following interface:

public interface LanguageDriver {

ParameterHandler createParameterHandler(MappedStatement mappedStatement, Object parameterObject, BoundSql boundSql);

SqlSource createSqlSource(Configuration configuration, XNode script, Class<?> parameterType);

SqlSource createSqlSource(Configuration configuration, String script, Class<?> parameterType);

}

Once you have your custom language driver you can set it to be the default by configuring it in the mybatis-config.xml file:

<typeAliases>

<typeAlias type="org.sample.MyLanguageDriver" alias="myLanguage"/>

</typeAliases>

<settings>

<setting name="defaultScriptingLanguage" value="myLanguage"/>

</settings>

Instead of changing the default, you can specify the language for an specific statement by adding the lang attribute as follows:

<select id="selectBlog" lang="myLanguage">

SELECT \* FROM BLOG

</select>

Or, in the case you are using mappers, using the @Lang annotation:

public interface Mapper {

@Lang(MyLanguageDriver.class)

@Select("SELECT \* FROM BLOG")

List<Blog> selectBlog();

}

# MYBATIS - Annotations

There we used a Mapper XML file to store mapped SQL statements and a configuration XML file to configure MyBatis.

To map SQL statements, MyBatis also provides annotations. So, this chapter discusses how to use MyBatis annotations.

While working with annotations, instead of configuration XML file, we can use a java mapper interface to map and execute SQL queries.

Assume, we have the following employee table in MySQL −

CREATE TABLE details.student(

ID int(10) NOT NULL AUTO\_INCREMENT,

NAME varchar(100) NOT NULL,

BRANCH varchar(255) NOT NULL,

PERCENTAGE int(3) NOT NULL,

PHONE int(11) NOT NULL,

EMAIL varchar(255) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (`ID`)

);

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.37 sec)

Assume this table has two records as −

mysql> select \* from STUDENT;

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+--------------------+

| ID | NAME | BRANCH | PERCENTAGE | PHONE | EMAIL |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+--------------------+

| 1 | Mohammad | It | 80 | 984803322 | Mohammad@gmail.com |

| 2 | Shyam | It | 75 | 984800000 | shyam@gmail.com |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+--------------------+

## Student POJO Class

The POJO class would have implementation for all the methods required to perform desired operations.

Create a Student class in Student.java file as −

public class Student {

private int id;

private String name;

private String branch;

private int percentage;

private int phone;

private String email;

public Student(int id, String name, String branch, int percentage, int phone, String email) {

super();

this.id = id;

this.name = name;

this.branch = branch;

this.percentage = percentage;

this.phone = phone;

this.email = email;

}

public Student() {}

public int getId() {

return id;

}

public void setId(int id) {

this.id = id;

}

public String getName() {

return name;

}

public void setName(String name) {

this.name = name;

}

public int getPhone() {

return phone;

}

public void setPhone(int phone) {

this.phone = phone;

}

public String getEmail() {

return email;

}

public void setEmail(String email) {

this.email = email;

}

public String getBranch() {

return branch;

}

public void setBranch(String branch) {

this.branch = branch;

}

public int getPercentage() {

return percentage;

}

public void setPercentage(int percentage) {

this.percentage = percentage;

}

}

## Student\_mapper.java

This is the file, which contains the mapper interface where we declare the mapped statements using annotations instead of XML tags. For almost all of the XML-based mapper elements, MyBatis provides annotations. The following file named Student\_mapper.java, contains a mapper interface. Within this file, you can see the annotations to perform CURD operations on the STUDENT table.

import java.util.List;

import org.apache.ibatis.annotations.\*;

public interface Student\_mapper {

final String getAll = "SELECT \* FROM STUDENT";

final String getById = "SELECT \* FROM STUDENT WHERE ID = #{id}";

final String deleteById = "DELETE from STUDENT WHERE ID = #{id}";

final String insert = "INSERT INTO STUDENT (NAME, BRANCH, PERCENTAGE, PHONE, EMAIL ) VALUES (#{name}, #{branch}, #{percentage}, #{phone}, #{email})";

final String update = "UPDATE STUDENT SET EMAIL = #{email}, NAME = #{name}, BRANCH = #{branch}, PERCENTAGE = #{percentage}, PHONE = #{phone} WHERE ID = #{id}";

@Select(getAll)

@Results(value = {

@Result(property = "id", column = "ID"),

@Result(property = "name", column = "NAME"),

@Result(property = "branch", column = "BRANCH"),

@Result(property = "percentage", column = "PERCENTAGE"),

@Result(property = "phone", column = "PHONE"),

@Result(property = "email", column = "EMAIL")

})

List getAll();

@Select(getById)

@Results(value = {

@Result(property = "id", column = "ID"),

@Result(property = "name", column = "NAME"),

@Result(property = "branch", column = "BRANCH"),

@Result(property = "percentage", column = "PERCENTAGE"),

@Result(property = "phone", column = "PHONE"),

@Result(property = "email", column = "EMAIL")

})

Student getById(int id);

@Update(update)

void update(Student student);

@Delete(deleteById)

void delete(int id);

@Insert(insert)

@Options(useGeneratedKeys = true, keyProperty = "id")

void insert(Student student);

}

## Annotations\_Example.java File

This file would have application level logic to insert records in the Student table. Create and save **mybatisInsert.java** file as shown below −

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.Reader;

import org.apache.ibatis.io.Resources;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSession;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactory;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactoryBuilder;

public class Annotations\_Example {

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

session.getConfiguration().addMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

Student\_mapper mapper = session.getMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

//Create a new student object

Student student = new Student();

//Set the values

student.setName("zara");

student.setBranch("EEE");

student.setEmail("zara@gmail.com");

student.setPercentage(90));

student.setPhone(123412341);

//Insert student data

mapper.insert(student);

System.out.println("record inserted successfully");

session.commit();

session.close();

}

}

## Compilation and Execution

Here are the steps to compile and run the Annotations\_Example.java file. Make sure, you have set PATH and CLASSPATH appropriately before proceeding for compilation and execution.

* Create Student\_mapper.java file as shown above and compile it.
* Create SqlMapConfig.xml as shown in the [MYBATIS - Configuration XML](http://www.tutorialspoint.com/mybatis/mybatis_configuration_xml.htm) chapter of this tutorial.
* Create Student.java as shown above and compile it.
* Create Annotations\_Example.java as shown above and compile it.
* Execute Annotations\_Example binary to run the program.

You would get the following result, and a record would be created in the STUDENT table.

$java Annotations\_Example

Record Inserted Successfully

If you check the STUDENT table, it should display the following result −

mysql> select \* from student;

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+----------------------+

| ID | NAME | BRANCH | PERCENTAGE | PHONE | EMAIL |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+----------------------+

| 1 | Mohammad | It | 80 | 900000000 | mohamad123@yahoo.com |

| 2 | Shyam | It | 75 | 984800000 | shyam@gmail.com |

| 3 | Zara | EEE | 90 | 123412341 | zara@gmail.com |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+----------------------+

3 rows in set (0.08 sec)

In the same way, we can perform update, delete, and read operations using annotations by replacing the content of Annotations\_Example.java with the respective snippets mentioned below −

### Update

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

session.getConfiguration().addMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

Student\_mapper mapper = session.getMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

//select a particular student using id

Student student = mapper.getById(2);

System.out.println("Current details of the student are "+student.toString());

//Set new values to the mail and phone number of the student

student.setEmail("Shyam123@yahoo.com");

student.setPhone(984802233);

//Update the student record

mapper.update(student);

System.out.println("Record updated successfully");

session.commit();

session.close();

}

### Read

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

session.getConfiguration().addMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

Student\_mapper mapper = session.getMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

//Get the student details

Student student = mapper.getById(2);

System.out.println(student.getBranch());

System.out.println(student.getEmail());

System.out.println(student.getId());

System.out.println(student.getName());

System.out.println(student.getPercentage());

System.out.println(student.getPhone());

session.commit();

session.close();

}

### Delete

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

session.getConfiguration().addMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

Student\_mapper mapper = session.getMapper(Student\_mapper.class);

mapper.delete(2);

System.out.println("record deleted successfully");

session.commit();

session.close();

}

# MYBATIS - Stored Procedures

You can call a stored procedure using MyBatis. First of all, let us understand how to create a stored procedure in MySQL.

We have the following EMPLOYEE table in MySQL −

CREATE TABLE details.student(

ID int(10) NOT NULL AUTO\_INCREMENT,

NAME varchar(100) NOT NULL,

BRANCH varchar(255) NOT NULL,

PERCENTAGE int(3) NOT NULL,

PHONE int(11) NOT NULL,

EMAIL varchar(255) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (`ID`)

);

Let us create the following stored procedure in MySQL database −

DELIMITER //

DROP PROCEDURE IF EXISTS details.read\_recordById //

CREATE PROCEDURE details.read\_recordById (IN emp\_id INT)

BEGIN

SELECT \* FROM STUDENT WHERE ID = emp\_id;

END//

DELIMITER ;

Assume the table named STUDENT has two records as −

mysql> select \* from STUDENT;

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+----------------------+

| ID | NAME | BRANCH | PERCENTAGE | PHONE | EMAIL |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+----------------------+

| 1 | Mohammad | It | 80 | 900000000 | mohamad123@yahoo.com |

| 2 | Shyam | It | 75 | 984800000 | shyam@gmail.com |

+----+----------+--------+------------+-----------+----------------------+

2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

## STUDENT POJO Class

To use stored procedure, you do not need to modify the Student.java file. Let us keep it as it was in the last chapter.

public class Student {

private int id;

private String name;

private String branch;

private int percentage;

private int phone;

private String email;

public Student(int id, String name, String branch, int percentage, int phone, String email) {

super();

this.id = id;

this.name = name;

this.setBranch(branch);

this.setPercentage(percentage);

this.phone = phone;

this.email = email;

}

public Student() {}

public int getId() {

return id;

}

public void setId(int id) {

this.id = id;

}

public String getName() {

return name;

}

public void setName(String name) {

this.name = name;

}

public int getPhone() {

return phone;

}

public void setPhone(int phone) {

this.phone = phone;

}

public String getEmail() {

return email;

}

public void setEmail(String email) {

this.email = email;

}

public String getBranch() {

return branch;

}

public void setBranch(String branch) {

this.branch = branch;

}

public int getPercentage() {

return percentage;

}

public void setPercentage(int percentage) {

this.percentage = percentage;

}

public String toString(){

StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();

sb.append("Id = ").append(id).append(" - ");

sb.append("Name = ").append(name).append(" - ");

sb.append("Branch = ").append(branch).append(" - ");

sb.append("Percentage = ").append(percentage).append(" - ");

sb.append("Phone = ").append(phone).append(" - ");

sb.append("Email = ").append(email);

return sb.toString();

}

}

## Student.xml File

Unlike IBATIS, there is no **<procedure>** tag in MyBatis. To map the results of the procedures, we have created a resultmap named Student and to call the stored procedure named read\_recordById. We have defined a select tag with id callById, and we use the same id in the application to call the procedure.

<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>

<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">

<mapper namespace = "Student">

<resultMap id = "result" type = "Student">

<result property = "id" column = "ID"/>

<result property = "name" column = "NAME"/>

<result property = "branch" column = "BRANCH"/>

<result property = "percentage" column = "PERCENTAGE"/>

<result property = "phone" column = "PHONE"/>

<result property = "email" column = "EMAIL"/>

</resultMap>

<select id = "callById" resultMap = "result" parameterType = "Student" statementType = "CALLABLE">

{call read\_record\_byid(#{id, jdbcType = INTEGER, mode = IN})}

</select>

</mapper>

## mybatisSP.java File

This file has application level logic to read the names of the employees from the Employee table using ResultMap −

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.Reader;

import org.apache.ibatis.io.Resources;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSession;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactory;

import org.apache.ibatis.session.SqlSessionFactoryBuilder;

public class getRecords {

public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{

Reader reader = Resources.getResourceAsReader("SqlMapConfig.xml");

SqlSessionFactory sqlSessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(reader);

SqlSession session = sqlSessionFactory.openSession();

//select a particular student by id

Student student = (Student) session.selectOne("Student.callById", 3);

//Print the student details

System.out.println("Details of the student are:: ");

System.out.println("Id :"+student.getId());

System.out.println("Name :"+student.getName());

System.out.println("Branch :"+student.getBranch());

System.out.println("Percentage :"+student.getPercentage());

System.out.println("Email :"+student.getEmail());

System.out.println("Phone :"+student.getPhone());

session.commit();

session.close();

}

}