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Introduction to the Java Persistence API

The Java Persistence API provides Java developers with an object/relational mapping facility for managing relational data in Java applications. Java Persistence consists of four areas:

- The Java Persistence API
- The query language
- The Java Persistence Criteria API
- Object/relational mapping metadata

The following topics are addressed here:

- [Entities](#)
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