**WEEK-3**

**SPRING DATA JPA AND HIBERNATE HANDSON**

**Objective 1: Demonstrate Writing Hibernate Query Language (HQL) and Native Query**

* **HQL (Hibernate Query Language)** – Object-oriented version of SQL that works with entity names and properties, not table/column names.
* **JPQL (Java Persistence Query Language)** – Similar to HQL; it’s a standardized query language defined by JPA.
* **Native Query** – Actual SQL query executed directly on the database.

**HQL / JPQL Basics**

These queries are written using entity class and field names:

@Query("SELECT e FROM Employee e WHERE e.salary > :minSalary")

List<Employee> findEmployeesWithSalaryAbove(@Param("minSalary") double minSalary);

"Employee" refers to the entity, not the table.

"salary" is a field in the entity, not a DB column.

This is portable across databases, unlike SQL.

**HQL with FETCH Keyword**

@Query("SELECT d FROM Department d JOIN FETCH d.employees WHERE d.name = :deptName")

Department findDepartmentWithEmployees(@Param("deptName") String deptName);

The FETCH keyword is used for eager loading of associations to prevent lazy loading issues like LazyInitializationException.

**HQL Aggregate Functions**

@Query("SELECT AVG(e.salary) FROM Employee e")

Double findAverageSalary();

Supported functions: COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MAX(), MIN().

**Native Query Example**

Sometimes, we need raw SQL queries, especially for performance or complex DB-specific queries:

@Query(value = "SELECT \* FROM employee WHERE salary > ?1", nativeQuery = true)

List<Employee> findHighSalaryEmployees(double minSalary);

Use nativeQuery = true to indicate that this is raw SQL.

Table and column names must match the actual database schema.

**Objective 2: Explain the Need and Benefit of Criteria Query**

Sometimes, we need to build queries dynamically based on user input or application logic. Writing raw HQL/JPQL in such cases can get messy. That’s where **Criteria API** comes in.

* Dynamic query building (e.g., filters based on input fields).
* Type-safe queries at compile-time.
* No need to construct long string-based queries.
* Easily reusable and maintainable.

**Core Components of Criteria Query:**

1. **CriteriaBuilder** – Factory for creating criteria queries.
2. **CriteriaQuery<T>** – Represents the query object.
3. **Root<T>** – Defines the main entity/table being queried.
4. **TypedQuery<T>** – Final query to be executed.