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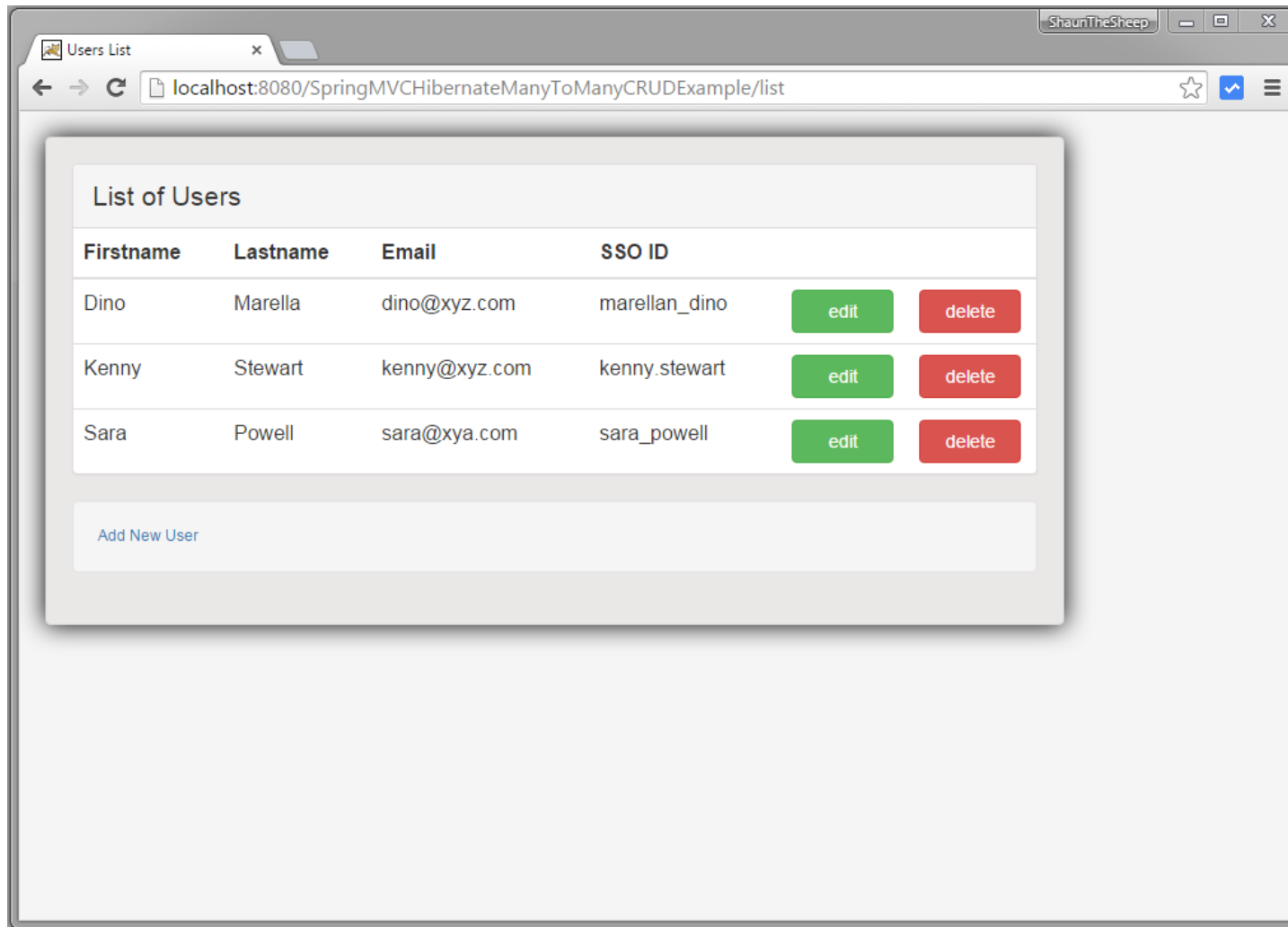


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This post demonstrates Hibernate Many-to-many example, with join table in Spring MVC CRUD Web application. We will discuss managing Many-to-Many relationship both in views and back-end. We will perform Create, Update, Delete & Query all using application Web interface. Let's get going.

This posts makes use of Spring `org.springframework.core.convert.converter.Converter` interface, which helps us with mapping Id's of items to actual entities in database.



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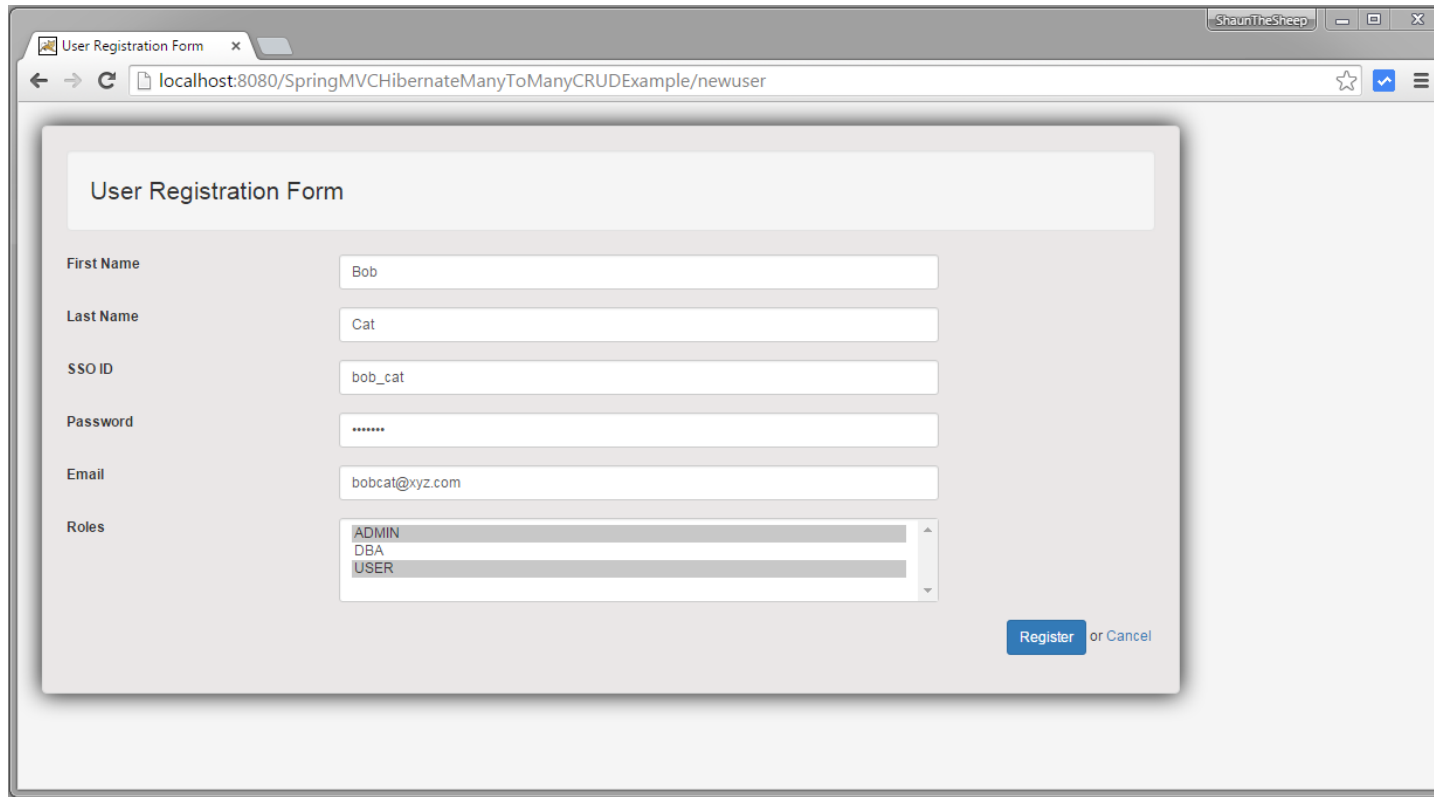
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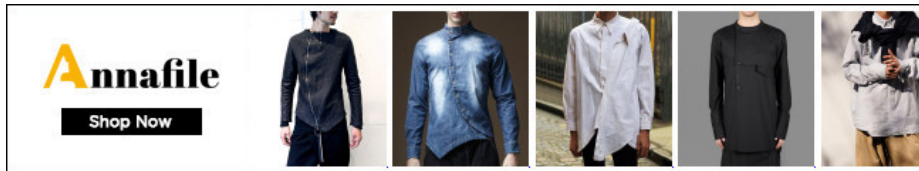
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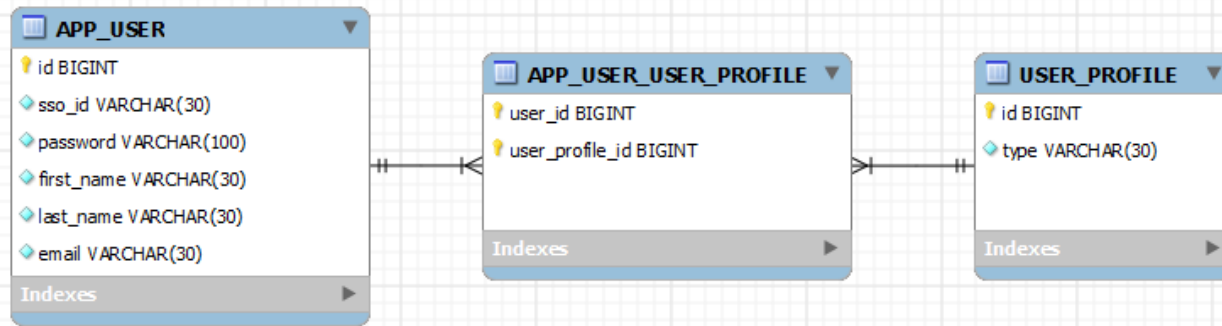
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Following technologies being used:

- Spring 4.1.7.RELEASE
- Hibernate Core 4.3.10.Final
- validation-api 1.1.0.Final
- hibernate-validator 5.1.3.Final
- MySQL Server 5.6
- Maven 3
- JDK 1.7
- Tomcat 8.0.21
- Eclipse JUNO Service Release 2

Let's begin.

Step 1. Create schema for Many-To-Many association with Join table



APP_USER : Contains Users. A User can have several profiles[USER,ADMIN,DBA].

USER_PROFILE : Contains User Profiles. A Profile can be linked to several users.

APP_USER_USER_PROFILE : It's a Join table linking APP_USER & USER_PROFILE in Many-To-Many relationship.

For demonstration purpose, We will discuss Many-to-Many unidirectional [User to UserProfile] setup in this example.

```
create table APP_USER (
    id BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    sso_id VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    password VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    first_name VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    last_name VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    email VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (id),
    UNIQUE (sso_id)
);

create table USER_PROFILE(
    id BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    type VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (id),
    UNIQUE (type)
);

CREATE TABLE APP_USER_USER_PROFILE (
    user_id BIGINT NOT NULL,
    user_profile_id BIGINT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (user_id, user_profile_id),
    CONSTRAINT FK_APP_USER FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES APP_USER (id),
    CONSTRAINT FK_USER_PROFILE FOREIGN KEY (user_profile_id) REFERENCES USER_PROFILE (id)
);

/* Populate USER_PROFILE Table */
INSERT INTO USER_PROFILE(type)
VALUES ('USER');

INSERT INTO USER_PROFILE(type)
VALUES ('ADMIN');
```

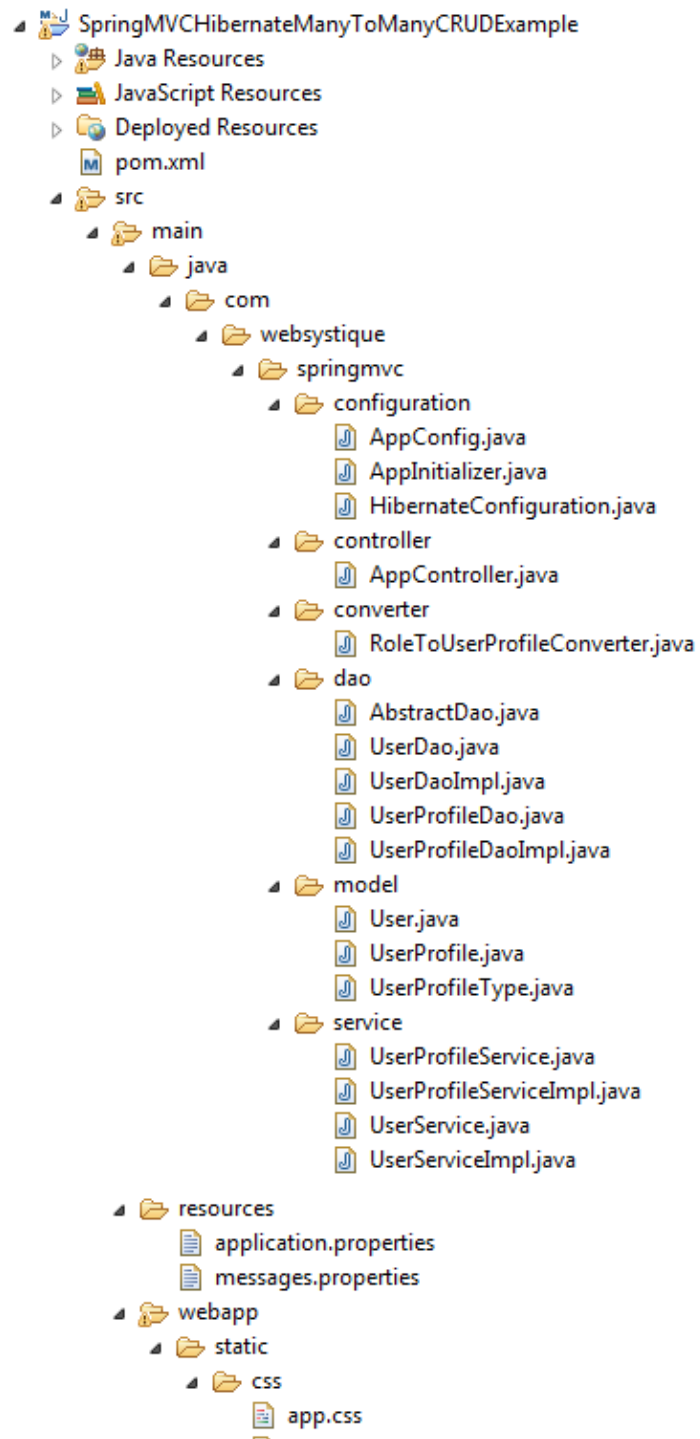
```
INSERT INTO USER_PROFILE(type)
VALUES ('DBA');
```

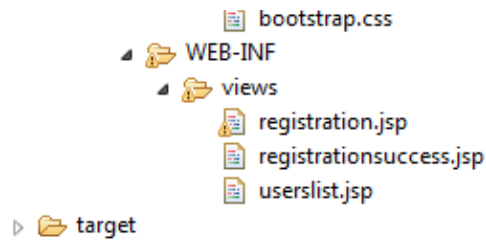
```
commit;
```

For any help with MySQL & database setup , please visit [MySQL installation on Local PC](#).

Step 2: Create the directory structure

Following will be the final project structure:





Step 3: Update pom.xml to include required dependencies

```
<project xsi:schemaLocation="" rel="nofollow">" rel="nofollow"><modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
<groupId>com.websystique.springmvc</groupId>
<artifactId>SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUExample</artifactId>
<packaging>war</packaging>
<version>1.0.0</version>
<name>SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUExample</name>

<properties>
<springframework.version>4.1.7.RELEASE</springframework.version>
<hibernate.version>4.3.10.Final</hibernate.version>
<mysql.connector.version>5.1.31</mysql.connector.version>
</properties>

<dependencies>
<!-- Spring -->
<dependency>
<groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
<artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>
<version>\\${springframework.version}</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
<groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
<artifactId>spring-web</artifactId>
<version>\\${springframework.version}</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
<groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
<artifactId>spring-webmvc</artifactId>
<version>\\${springframework.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-tx</artifactId>
  <version>${springframework.version}</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-orm</artifactId>
  <version>${springframework.version}</version>
</dependency>

<!-- Hibernate -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.hibernate</groupId>
  <artifactId>hibernate-core</artifactId>
  <version>${hibernate.version}</version>
</dependency>

<!-- jsr303 validation -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>javax.validation</groupId>
  <artifactId>validation-api</artifactId>
  <version>1.1.0.Final</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.hibernate</groupId>
  <artifactId>hibernate-validator</artifactId>
  <version>5.1.3.Final</version>
</dependency>

<!-- MySQL -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>mysql</groupId>
  <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
  <version>${mysql.connector.version}</version>
</dependency>

<!-- Servlet+JSP+JSTL -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>javax.servlet</groupId>
  <artifactId>javax.servlet-api</artifactId>
  <version>3.1.0</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>javax.servlet.jsp</groupId>
  <artifactId>javax.servlet.jsp-api</artifactId>
```

```

        <version>2.3.1</version>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>javax.servlet</groupId>
        <artifactId>jstl</artifactId>
        <version>1.2</version>
    </dependency>

</dependencies>

<build>
    <pluginManagement>
        <plugins>
            <plugin>
                <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
                <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
                <version>3.2</version>
                <configuration>
                    <source>1.7</source>
                    <target>1.7</target>
                </configuration>
            </plugin>
            <plugin>
                <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
                <artifactId>maven-war-plugin</artifactId>
                <version>2.4</version>
                <configuration>
                    <warSourceDirectory>src/main/webapp</warSourceDirectory>
                    <warName>SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDExample</warName>
                    <failOnMissingWebXml>>false</failOnMissingWebXml>
                </configuration>
            </plugin>
        </plugins>
    </pluginManagement>
    <finalName>SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDExample</finalName>
</build>
</project>

```

Step 4. Prepare Model classes

```

package com.websystique.springmvc.model;

import java.util.HashSet;

```

```
import java.util.Set;

import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.FetchType;
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.GenerationType;
import javax.persistence.Id;
import javax.persistence.JoinColumn;
import javax.persistence.JoinTable;
import javax.persistence.ManyToMany;
import javax.persistence.Table;

import org.hibernate.validator.constraints.NotEmpty;

@Entity
@Table(name="APP_USER")
public class User {

    @Id @GeneratedValue(strategy=GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Integer id;

    @NotEmpty
    @Column(name="SSO_ID", unique=true, nullable=false)
    private String ssoId;

    @NotEmpty
    @Column(name="PASSWORD", nullable=false)
    private String password;

    @NotEmpty
    @Column(name="FIRST_NAME", nullable=false)
    private String firstName;

    @NotEmpty
    @Column(name="LAST_NAME", nullable=false)
    private String lastName;

    @NotEmpty
    @Column(name="EMAIL", nullable=false)
    private String email;

    @NotEmpty
    @ManyToMany(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    @JoinTable(name = "APP_USER_USER_PROFILE",
        joinColumns = { @JoinColumn(name = "USER_ID") },
```

```
        inverseJoinColumns = { @JoinColumn(name = "USER_PROFILE_ID") })
private Set<UserProfile> userProfiles = new HashSet<UserProfile>();

public Integer getId() {
    return id;
}

public void setId(Integer id) {
    this.id = id;
}

public String getSsoId() {
    return ssoId;
}

public void setSsoId(String ssoId) {
    this.ssoId = ssoId;
}

public String getPassword() {
    return password;
}

public void setPassword(String password) {
    this.password = password;
}

public String getFirstName() {
    return firstName;
}

public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
}

public String getLastName() {
    return lastName;
}

public void setLastName(String lastName) {
    this.lastName = lastName;
}

public String getEmail() {
    return email;
}
```

```
public void setEmail(String email) {
    this.email = email;
}

public Set<UserProfile> getUserProfiles() {
    return userProfiles;
}

public void setUserProfiles(Set<UserProfile> userProfiles) {
    this.userProfiles = userProfiles;
}

@Override
public int hashCode() {
    final int prime = 31;
    int result = 1;
    result = prime * result + ((id == null) ? 0 : id.hashCode());
    result = prime * result + ((ssoId == null) ? 0 : ssoId.hashCode());
    return result;
}

@Override
public boolean equals(Object obj) {
    if (this == obj)
        return true;
    if (obj == null)
        return false;
    if (!(obj instanceof User))
        return false;
    User other = (User) obj;
    if (id == null) {
        if (other.id != null)
            return false;
    } else if (!id.equals(other.id))
        return false;
    if (ssoId == null) {
        if (other.ssoId != null)
            return false;
    } else if (!ssoId.equals(other.ssoId))
        return false;
    return true;
}

@Override
public String toString() {
```

```
        return "User [id=" + id + ", ssoId=" + ssoId + ", password=" + password  
            + ", firstName=" + firstName + ", lastName=" + lastName  
            + ", email=" + email + "];"  
    }  
}
```

Look at how userProfiles property is annotated with **ManyToMany**.

`@ManyToMany` indicates that there is a **Many-to-Many relationship** between User and UserProfile. A User can have several profiles [USER, ADMIN, DBA] while a profile can belong to several users. `@JoinTable` indicates that there is a link table which joins two tables using foreign key constraints to their primary keys. This annotation is mainly used on the owning side of the relationship. `joinColumns` refers to the column name of owning side(ID of USER), and `inverseJoinColumns` refers to the column of inverse side of relationship(ID of USER_PROFILE). Primary key of this joined table is combination of USER_ID & USER_PROFILE_ID.

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Lazy Loading:

Pay special attention to `fetch = FetchType.LAZY`. Here we are informing hibernate to lazy load the userProfile collection. It's also the default behavior. With this setup, a query to load the collection will be fired only when it is first accessed. It's a good way to avoid fetching all connected object graph which is an expensive operation. When you are in transaction/active session, and will try to access collection, hibernate will fire separate select to fetch them.

But if you are outside active session (session closed/no transaction :you are in JSP e.g.), and tried to access the collection, you will meet your nemesis : **org.hibernate.LazyInitializationException – could not initialize proxy – no Session**. To avoid it, you need to initialize the collection on demand by calling `Hibernate.initialize(user.getUserProfiles());` within an active session [you know the DAO method you were in, before coming all the way to view, you may call this initialize in that method.]

Also note that we are not using any cascade. It is because a userprofile is not dependent of user, and can live independently.

One important remark : In case of *Many* association, always override hashCode and equals method which are looked by hibernate when holding entities into collections.

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.model;

import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.GenerationType;
import javax.persistence.Id;
import javax.persistence.Table;

@Entity
@Table(name="USER_PROFILE")
public class UserProfile {

    @Id @GeneratedValue(strategy=GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Integer id;

    @Column(name="TYPE", length=15, unique=true, nullable=false)
    private String type = UserProfileType.USER.getUserProfileType();

    public Integer getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public void setId(Integer id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public String getType() {
```

```

        return type;
    }

    public void setType(String type) {
        this.type = type;
    }

    @Override
    public int hashCode() {
        final int prime = 31;
        int result = 1;
        result = prime * result + ((id == null) ? 0 : id.hashCode());
        result = prime * result + ((type == null) ? 0 : type.hashCode());
        return result;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if (this == obj)
            return true;
        if (obj == null)
            return false;
        if (!(obj instanceof UserProfile))
            return false;
        UserProfile other = (UserProfile) obj;
        if (id == null) {
            if (other.id != null)
                return false;
        } else if (!id.equals(other.id))
            return false;
        if (type == null) {
            if (other.type != null)
                return false;
        } else if (!type.equals(other.type))
            return false;
        return true;
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "UserProfile [id=" + id + ", type=" + type + "];"
    }
}

```

Since we are showing unidirectional relationship(User to UserProfile), no need to refer User in UserProfile.

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.model;

public enum UserProfileType {
    USER("USER"),
    DBA("DBA"),
    ADMIN("ADMIN");

    String userProfileType;

    private UserProfileType(String userProfileType){
        this.userProfileType = userProfileType;
    }

    public String getUserProfileType(){
        return userProfileType;
    }
}
```

Step 5. Create DAO layer

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.dao;

import java.util.List;

import com.websystique.springmvc.model.User;

public interface UserDao {

    User findById(int id);

    User findBySSO(String sso);

    void save(User user);

    void deleteBySSO(String sso);

    List<User> findAllUsers();

}

package com.websystique.springmvc.dao;
```

```

import java.util.List;

import com.websystique.springmvc.model.UserProfile;

public interface UserProfileDao {

    List<UserProfile> findAll();

    UserProfile findByType(String type);

    UserProfile findById(int id);
}

package com.websystique.springmvc.dao;

import java.io.Serializable;

import java.lang.reflect.ParameterizedType;

import org.hibernate.Criteria;
import org.hibernate.Session;
import org.hibernate.SessionFactory;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;

public abstract class AbstractDao<PK extends Serializable, T> {

    private final Class<T> persistentClass;

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public AbstractDao(){
        this.persistentClass =(Class<T>) ((ParameterizedType) this.getClass().getGenericSuperclass()).getActualTypeArguments()[1];
    }

    @Autowired
    private SessionFactory sessionFactory;

    protected Session getSession(){
        return sessionFactory.getCurrentSession();
    }

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public T getByKey(PK key) {
        return (T) getSession().get(persistentClass, key);
    }
}

```

```

    public void persist(T entity) {
        getSession().persist(entity);
    }

    public void delete(T entity) {
        getSession().delete(entity);
    }

    protected Criteria createEntityCriteria(){
        return getSession().createCriteria(persistentClass);
    }
}

```

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.dao;
```

```
import java.util.List;
```

```
import org.hibernate.Criteria;
```

```
import org.hibernate.Hibernate;
```

```
import org.hibernate.criterion.Order;
```

```
import org.hibernate.criterion.Restrictions;
```

```
import org.springframework.stereotype.Repository;
```

```
import com.websystique.springmvc.model.User;
```

```
@Repository("userDao")
```

```
public class UserDaoImpl extends AbstractDao<Integer, User> implements UserDao {
```

```
    public User findById(int id) {
        User user = getByKey(id);
        if(user!=null){
            Hibernate.initialize(user.getUserProfiles());
        }
        return user;
    }

```

```
    public User findBySSO(String sso) {
        System.out.println("SSO : "+sso);
        Criteria crit = createEntityCriteria();
        crit.add(Restrictions.eq("ssoId", sso));
        User user = (User)crit.uniqueResult();
    }

```

```

        if(user!=null){
            Hibernate.initialize(user.getUserProfiles());
        }
        return user;
    }

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public List<User> findAllUsers() {
        Criteria criteria = createEntityCriteria().addOrder(Order.asc("firstName"));
        criteria.setResultTransformer(Criteria.DISTINCT_ROOT_ENTITY);//To avoid duplicates.
        List<User> users = (List<User>) criteria.list();

        // No need to fetch userProfiles since we are not showing them on list page. Let the
        // Uncomment below lines for eagerly fetching of userProfiles if you want.
        /*
        for(User user : users){
            Hibernate.initialize(user.getUserProfiles());
        }*/
        return users;
    }

    public void save(User user) {
        persist(user);
    }

    public void deleteBySSO(String sso) {
        Criteria crit = createEntityCriteria();
        crit.add(Restrictions.eq("ssoId", sso));
        User user = (User)crit.uniqueResult();
        delete(user);
    }
}

```



```

package com.websystique.springmvc.dao;

import java.util.List;

import org.hibernate.Criteria;
import org.hibernate.criterion.Order;
import org.hibernate.criterion.Restrictions;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Repository;

import com.websystique.springmvc.model.UserProfile;

```

```
@Repository("userProfileDao")
public class UserProfileDaoImpl extends AbstractDao<Integer, UserProfile> implements UserProfileDao {

    public UserProfile findById(int id) {
        return getByKey(id);
    }

    public UserProfile findByType(String type) {
        Criteria crit = createEntityCriteria();
        crit.add(Restrictions.eq("type", type));
        return (UserProfile) crit.uniqueResult();
    }

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public List<UserProfile> findAll(){
        Criteria crit = createEntityCriteria();
        crit.addOrder(Order.asc("type"));
        return (List<UserProfile>)crit.list();
    }
}
```

Step 6. Create Service layer

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.service;

import java.util.List;

import com.websystique.springmvc.model.UserProfile;

public interface UserProfileService {

    UserProfile findById(int id);

    UserProfile findByType(String type);

    List<UserProfile> findAll();

}
```

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.service;

import java.util.List;

import com.websystique.springmvc.model.User;

public interface UserService {

    User findById(int id);

    User findBySSO(String sso);

    void saveUser(User user);

    void updateUser(User user);

    void deleteUserBySSO(String sso);

    List<User> findAllUsers();

    boolean isUserSSOUnique(Integer id, String sso);

}

package com.websystique.springmvc.service;

import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
import org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional;

import com.websystique.springmvc.dao.UserProfileDao;
import com.websystique.springmvc.model.UserProfile;

@Service("userService")
@Transactional
public class UserProfileServiceImpl implements UserProfileService{

    @Autowired
    UserProfileDao dao;

    public UserProfile findById(int id) {
        return dao.findById(id);
    }
}
```



```
    public UserProfile findByType(String type){
        return dao.findByType(type);
    }

    public List<UserProfile> findAll() {
        return dao.findAll();
    }
}

package com.websystique.springmvc.service;

import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
import org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional;

import com.websystique.springmvc.dao.UserDao;
import com.websystique.springmvc.model.User;

@Service("userService")
@Transactional
public class UserServiceImpl implements UserService{

    @Autowired
    private UserDao dao;

    public User findById(int id) {
        return dao.findById(id);
    }

    public User findBySSO(String sso) {
        User user = dao.findBySSO(sso);
        return user;
    }

    public void saveUser(User user) {
        dao.save(user);
    }

    /*
     * Since the method is running with Transaction, No need to call hibernate update explic
     * Just fetch the entity from db and update it with proper values within transaction.
     * It will be updated in db once transaction ends.
     */
}
```

```
public void updateUser(User user) {
    User entity = dao.findById(user.getId());
    if(entity!=null){
        entity.setSsoId(user.getSsoId());
        entity.setPassword(user.getPassword());
        entity.setFirstName(user.getFirstName());
        entity.setLastName(user.getLastName());
        entity.setEmail(user.getEmail());
        entity.setUserProfiles(user.getUserProfiles());
    }
}

public void deleteUserBySSO(String sso) {
    dao.deleteBySSO(sso);
}

public List<User> findAllUsers() {
    return dao.findAllUsers();
}

public boolean isUserSSOUnique(Integer id, String sso) {
    User user = findBySSO(sso);
    return ( user == null || ((id != null) && (user.getId() == id)));
}
}
```

Step 7. Create Hibernate Configuration

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.configuration;

import java.util.Properties;

import javax.sql.DataSource;

import org.hibernate.SessionFactory;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.ComponentScan;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.PropertySource;
import org.springframework.core.env.Environment;
```

```

import org.springframework.jdbc.datasource.DriverManagerDataSource;
import org.springframework.orm.hibernate4.HibernateTransactionManager;
import org.springframework.orm.hibernate4.LocalSessionFactoryBean;
import org.springframework.transaction.annotation.EnableTransactionManagement;

@Configuration
@EnableTransactionManagement
@ComponentScan({ "com.websystique.springmvc.configuration" })
@PropertySource(value = { "classpath:application.properties" })
public class HibernateConfiguration {

    @Autowired
    private Environment environment;

    @Bean
    public LocalSessionFactoryBean sessionFactory() {
        LocalSessionFactoryBean sessionFactory = new LocalSessionFactoryBean();
        sessionFactory.setDataSource(dataSource());
        sessionFactory.setPackagesToScan(new String[] { "com.websystique.springmvc.model" });
        sessionFactory.setHibernateProperties(hibernateProperties());
        return sessionFactory;
    }

    @Bean
    public DataSource dataSource() {
        DriverManagerDataSource dataSource = new DriverManagerDataSource();
        dataSource.setDriverClassName(environment.getRequiredProperty("jdbc.driverClassName"));
        dataSource.setUrl(environment.getRequiredProperty("jdbc.url"));
        dataSource.setUsername(environment.getRequiredProperty("jdbc.username"));
        dataSource.setPassword(environment.getRequiredProperty("jdbc.password"));
        return dataSource;
    }

    private Properties hibernateProperties() {
        Properties properties = new Properties();
        properties.put("hibernate.dialect", environment.getRequiredProperty("hibernate.dialect"));
        properties.put("hibernate.show_sql", environment.getRequiredProperty("hibernate.show_sql"));
        properties.put("hibernate.format_sql", environment.getRequiredProperty("hibernate.format_sql"));
        return properties;
    }

    @Bean
    @Autowired
    public HibernateTransactionManager transactionManager(SessionFactory s) {
        HibernateTransactionManager txManager = new HibernateTransactionManager();
        txManager.setSessionFactory(s);
    }
}

```

```
        return txManager;
    }
}
```

Above Hibernate configuration uses below mentioned `application.properties`

```
jdbc.driverClassName = com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
jdbc.url = jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/websystique
jdbc.username = myuser
jdbc.password = mypassword
hibernate.dialect = org.hibernate.dialect.MySQLDialect
hibernate.show_sql = true
hibernate.format_sql = true
```

Step 8. Create Controller

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.controller;

import java.util.List;
import java.util.Locale;

import javax.validation.Valid;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.context.MessageSource;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Controller;
import org.springframework.ui.ModelMap;
import org.springframework.validation.BindingResult;
import org.springframework.validation.FieldError;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ModelAttribute;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.SessionAttributes;

import com.websystique.springmvc.model.User;
```

```
import com.websystique.springmvc.model.UserProfile;
import com.websystique.springmvc.service.UserProfileService;
import com.websystique.springmvc.service.UserService;

@Controller
@RequestMapping("/")
@SessionAttributes("roles")
public class AppController {

    @Autowired
    UserService userService;

    @Autowired
    UserProfileService userProfileService;

    @Autowired
    MessageSource messageSource;

    /**
     * This method will list all existing users.
     */
    @RequestMapping(value = { "/", "/list" }, method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public String listUsers(ModelMap model) {

        List<User> users = userService.findAllUsers();
        model.addAttribute("users", users);
        return "userslist";
    }

    /**
     * This method will provide the medium to add a new user.
     */
    @RequestMapping(value = { "/newuser" }, method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public String newUser(ModelMap model) {
        User user = new User();
        model.addAttribute("user", user);
        model.addAttribute("edit", false);
        return "registration";
    }

    /**
     * This method will be called on form submission, handling POST request for
     * saving user in database. It also validates the user input
     */
}
```

```

    */
    @RequestMapping(value = { "/newuser" }, method = RequestMethod.POST)
    public String saveUser(@Valid User user, BindingResult result,
        ModelMap model) {

        if (result.hasErrors()) {
            return "registration";
        }

        /*
         * Preferred way to achieve uniqueness of field [sso] should be implementing custom
         * and applying it on field [sso] of Model class [User].
         *
         * Below mentioned piece of code [if block] is to demonstrate that you can fill cust
validation
         * framework as well while still using internationalized messages.
         */
        if(!userService.isUserSSOUnique(user.getId(), user.getSsoId())){
            FieldError ssoError =new FieldError("user","ssoId",messageSource.getMessage("nor
String[]{user.getSsoId()}, Locale.getDefault()));
            result.addError(ssoError);
            return "registration";
        }

        userService.saveUser(user);

        model.addAttribute("success", "User " + user.getFirstName() + " " + user.getLastName(
successfully");
        //return "success";
        return "registrationsuccess";
    }

    /**
     * This method will provide the medium to update an existing user.
     */
    @RequestMapping(value = { "/edit-user-{ssoId}" }, method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public String editUser(@PathVariable String ssoId, ModelMap model) {
        User user = userService.findBySSO(ssoId);
        model.addAttribute("user", user);
        model.addAttribute("edit", true);
        return "registration";
    }

```

```

    }

    /**
     * This method will be called on form submission, handling POST request for
     * updating user in database. It also validates the user input
     */
    @RequestMapping(value = { "/edit-user-{ssoId}" }, method = RequestMethod.POST)
    public String updateUser(@Valid User user, BindingResult result,
        ModelMap model, @PathVariable String ssoId) {

        if (result.hasErrors()) {
            return "registration";
        }

        /*//Uncomment below 'if block' if you WANT TO ALLOW UPDATING SSO_ID in UI which is a
        if(!userService.isUserSSOUnique(user.getId(), user.getSsoId())){
            FieldError ssoError =new FieldError("user","ssoId",messageSource.getMessage("nor
String[]){user.getSsoId()}, Locale.getDefault()));
            result.addError(ssoError);
            return "registration";
        }*/

        userService.updateUser(user);

        model.addAttribute("success", "User " + user.getFirstName() + " " + user.getLastName(
            return "registrationsuccess";
        }

    /**
     * This method will delete an user by it's SSOID value.
     */
    @RequestMapping(value = { "/delete-user-{ssoId}" }, method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public String deleteUser(@PathVariable String ssoId) {
        userService.deleteUserBySSO(ssoId);
        return "redirect:/list";
    }

    /**
     * This method will provide UserProfile list to views
     */
    @ModelAttribute("roles")
    public List<UserProfile> initializeProfiles() {
        return userProfileService.findAll();
    }

```

```

    }
}

```

Messages are defined in below mentioned `messages.properties` file

```

NotEmpty.user.firstName=First name can not be blank.
NotEmpty.user.lastName=Last name can not be blank.
NotEmpty.user.email=Email can not be blank.
NotEmpty.user.password=Password can not be blank.
NotEmpty.user.ssoId=SSO ID can not be blank.
NotEmpty.user.userProfiles=At least one profile must be selected.
non.unique.ssoId=SSO ID {0} already exist. Please fill in different value.

```

Step 9. Create Converter

This is the heart of this post. It will take care of mapping the individual userProfile id's to actual UserProfile Entities in database.

```
package com.websystique.springmvc.converter;
```

```
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.core.convert.converter.Converter;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
```

```
import com.websystique.springmvc.model.UserProfile;
import com.websystique.springmvc.service.UserProfileService;
```

```
/**
 * A converter class used in views to map id's to actual userProfile objects.
 */
@Component
public class RoleToUserProfileConverter implements Converter<Object, UserProfile>{

    @Autowired
    UserProfileService userProfileService;

    /**
     * Gets UserProfile by Id
     * @see org.springframework.core.convert.converter.Converter#convert(java.lang.Object)
     */
}

```



```

    public UserProfile convert(Object element) {
        Integer id = Integer.parseInt((String)element);
        UserProfile profile= userProfileService.findById(id);
        System.out.println("Profile : "+profile);
        return profile;
    }
}

```

Step 10. Create Spring Configuration

```

package com.websystique.springmvc.configuration;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.context.MessageSource;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.ComponentScan;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.context.support.ResourceBundleMessageSource;
import org.springframework.format.FormatterRegistry;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.config.annotation.EnableWebMvc;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.config.annotation.PathMatchConfigurer;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.config.annotation.ResourceHandlerRegistry;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.config.annotation.ViewResolverRegistry;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.config.annotation.WebMvcConfigurerAdapter;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.view.InternalResourceViewResolver;
import org.springframework.web.servlet.view.JstlView;

import com.websystique.springmvc.converter.RoleToUserProfileConverter;

@Configuration
@EnableWebMvc
@ComponentScan(basePackages = "com.websystique.springmvc")
public class AppConfig extends WebMvcConfigurerAdapter{

    @Autowired
    RoleToUserProfileConverter roleToUserProfileConverter;

    /**
     * Configure ViewResolvers to deliver preferred views.

```

```

    */
    @Override
    public void configureViewResolvers(ViewResolverRegistry registry) {

        InternalResourceViewResolver viewResolver = new InternalResourceViewResolver();
        viewResolver.setViewClass(JstlView.class);
        viewResolver.setPrefix("/WEB-INF/views/");
        viewResolver.setSuffix(".jsp");
        registry.viewResolver(viewResolver);
    }

    /**
     * Configure ResourceHandlers to serve static resources like CSS/ Javascript etc...
     */
    @Override
    public void addResourceHandlers(ResourceHandlerRegistry registry) {
        registry.addResourceHandler("/static/**").addResourceLocations("/static/");
    }

    /**
     * Configure Converter to be used.
     * In our example, we need a converter to convert string values[Roles] to UserProfiles i
     */
    @Override
    public void addFormatters(FormatterRegistry registry) {
        registry.addConverter(roleToUserProfileConverter);
    }

    /**
     * Configure MessageSource to lookup any validation/error message in internationalized p
     */
    @Bean
    public MessageSource messageSource() {
        ResourceBundleMessageSource messageSource = new ResourceBundleMessageSource();
        messageSource.setBasename("messages");
        return messageSource;
    }

    /**Optional. It's only required when handling '.' in @PathVariables which otherwise igno

    @PathVariableables argument.
     * It's a known bug in Spring [https://jira.spring.io/browse/SPR-
     * This is a workaround for this issue.
     */
    @Override

```

```

    public void configurePathMatch(PathMatchConfigurer matcher) {
        matcher.setUseRegisteredSuffixPatternMatch(true);
    }
}

```

First interesting thing is registration converter we created in previous step with Spring configuration using **addFormatters**. Next is the method **configurePathMatch** which provides a workaround (although other workaround exists) for a known bug in spring, which is still found in Spring 4.1.7.RELEASE.

Above Converter setup in **XML configuration** will be:

```

<mvc:annotation-driven conversion-service="conversionService"/>

<bean id="conversionService" class="org.springframework.format.support.FormattingConversionService"
    <property name="converters">
        <list>
            <bean id="roleToUserProfile" class="com.websystique.springmvc.converter.RoleToUserProfileConverter"/>
        </list>
    </property>
</bean>

```

Add initializer class:

```

package com.websystique.springmvc.configuration;

import org.springframework.web.servlet.support.AbstractAnnotationConfigDispatcherServletInitializer;

public class AppInitializer extends AbstractAnnotationConfigDispatcherServletInitializer {

    @Override
    protected Class<?>[] getRootConfigClasses() {
        return new Class[] { AppConfig.class };
    }

    @Override
    protected Class<?>[] getServletConfigClasses() {
        return null;
    }

    @Override

```

```

protected String[] getServletMappings() {
    return new String[] { "/" };
}
}

```

Step 11: Add Views/JSP's

Note that we are using Bootstrap for styling in JSP.

userslist.jsp

```

<%@ page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1" pageEncoding="ISO-8859-1" %>
<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" %>
<html>

<head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1" />
    <title>Users List</title>
    <link href="http://static/css/bootstrap.css" rel="stylesheet" />
    <link href="http://static/css/app.css" rel="stylesheet" />
</head>

<body>
    <div class="generic-container">
        <div class="panel panel-default">
            <!-- Default panel contents -->
            <div class="panel-heading"><span class="lead">List of Users </span></div>
            <table class="table table-hover">
                <thead>
                    <tr>
                        <th>Firstname</th>
                        <th>Lastname</th>
                        <th>Email</th>
                        <th>SSO ID</th>
                        <th width="100"></th>
                        <th width="100"></th>
                    </tr>
                </thead>
                <tbody>
                    <c:forEach items="${users}" var="user">
                        <tr>

```

```

<td>${user.firstName}</td>
<td>${user.lastName}</td>
<td>${user.email}</td>
<td>${user.ssoId}</td>
<td><a href="<c:url value='/edit-user-${user.ssoId}' />" class="btn
custom-width">edit</a></td>
<td><a href="<c:url value='/delete-user-${user.ssoId}' />" class="bt
custom-width">delete</a></td>
</tr>
</c:forEach>
</tbody>
</table>
</div>
<div class="well">
<a href="<c:url value='/newuser' />">Add New User</a>
</div>
</div>
</body>
</html>

```

registration.jsp

```

<%@ page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1" pageEncoding="ISO-8859-1"%>
<%@ taglib prefix="form" uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags/form"%>
<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core"%>
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1"%>
<title>User Registration Form</title>
<link href="<c:url value='/static/css/bootstrap.css' />" rel="stylesheet"></link>
<link href="<c:url value='/static/css/app.css' />" rel="stylesheet"></link>
</head>
<body>
<div class="generic-container">
<div class="well lead">User Registration Form</div>
<form:form method="POST" modelAttribute="user" class="form-horizontal">
<form:input type="hidden" path="id" id="id"/>
<div class="row">

```

```

<div class="form-group col-md-12">
  <label class="col-md-3 control-label" for="firstName">First Name</label>
  <div class="col-md-7">
    <form:input type="text" path="firstName" id="firstName" class="form-control" />
    <div class="has-error">
      <form:errors path="firstName" class="help-inline"/>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
</div>

<div class="row">
  <div class="form-group col-md-12">
    <label class="col-md-3 control-label" for="lastName">Last Name</label>
    <div class="col-md-7">
      <form:input type="text" path="lastName" id="lastName" class="form-control" />
      <div class="has-error">
        <form:errors path="lastName" class="help-inline"/>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

<div class="row">
  <div class="form-group col-md-12">
    <label class="col-md-3 control-label" for="ssoId">SSO ID</label>
    <div class="col-md-7">
      <c:choose>
        <c:when test="${edit}">
          <form:input type="text" path="ssoId" id="ssoId" class="form-control" />
        </c:when>
        <c:otherwise>
          <form:input type="text" path="ssoId" id="ssoId" class="form-control" />
        </c:otherwise>
      </c:choose>
      <div class="has-error">
        <form:errors path="ssoId" class="help-inline"/>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

```

```

<div class="row">
  <div class="form-group col-md-12">
    <label class="col-md-3 control-label" for="password">Password</label>
    <div class="col-md-7">
      <form:input type="password" path="password" id="password" class="form-co
    />
    <div class="has-error">
      <form:errors path="password" class="help-inline"/>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
<div class="row">
  <div class="form-group col-md-12">
    <label class="col-md-3 control-label" for="email">Email</label>
    <div class="col-md-7">
      <form:input type="text" path="email" id="email" class="form-control input
      <div class="has-error">
        <form:errors path="email" class="help-inline"/>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
<div class="row">
  <div class="form-group col-md-12">
    <label class="col-md-3 control-label" for="userProfiles">Roles</label>
    <div class="col-md-7">
      <form:select path="userProfiles" items="${roles}" multiple="true" itemVa
itemLabel="type" class="form-control input-sm" />
      <div class="has-error">
        <form:errors path="userProfiles" class="help-inline"/>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
<div class="row">
  <div class="form-actions floatRight">
    <c:choose>
      <c:when test="${edit}">
        <input type="submit" value="Update" class="btn btn-primary btn-sm"/>

```

```

href="<c:url value='/list' />">Cancel</a>
    </c:when>
    <c:otherwise>
        <input type="submit" value="Register" class="btn btn-primary btn-sm"

href="<c:url value='/list' />">Cancel</a>
    </c:otherwise>
</c:choose>
</div>
</div>
</form:form>
</div>
</body>
</html>

```

registrationsuccess.jsp

```

<%@ page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1" pageEncoding="ISO-8859-
<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="<a class="vglnk" href="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" rel="nc

```

```

<html>
<head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1">
    <title>Registration Confirmation Page</title>
    <link href="<c:url value='/static/css/bootstrap.css' />" rel="stylesheet"></link>
    <link href="<c:url value='/static/css/app.css' />" rel="stylesheet"></link>
</head>
<body>
<div class="generic-container">
    <div class="alert alert-success lead">
        ${success}
    </div>

    <span class="well floatRight">
        Go to <a href="<c:url value='/list' />">Users List</a>
    </span>
</div>
</body>

</html>

```

And a tiny custom stylesheet file:

`app.css`

```
body, #mainWrapper {
    height: 100%;
    background-color:rgb(245, 245, 245);
}

body, .form-control{
    font-size:12px!important;
}

.floatRight{
    float:right;
    margin-right: 18px;
}

.has-error{
    color:red;
}

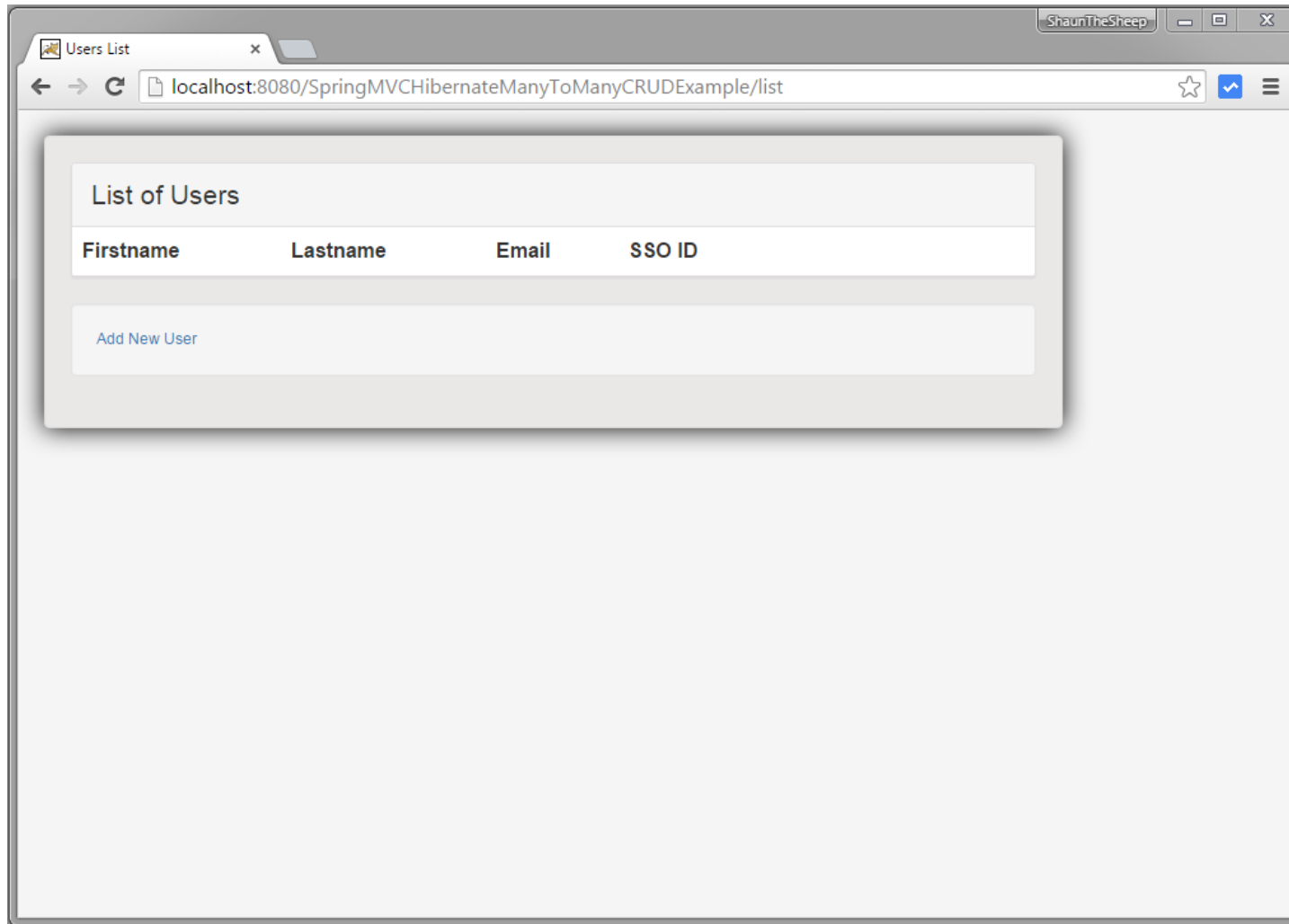
.generic-container {
    position:fixed;
    width:80%;
    margin-left: 20px;
    margin-top: 20px;
    margin-bottom: 20px;
    padding: 20px;
    background-color: #EAE7E7;
    border: 1px solid #ddd;
    border-radius: 4px;
    box-shadow: 0 0 30px black;
}

.custom-width {
    width: 80px !important;
}
```

Step 12: Build, deploy and Run Application

Now build the war (either by eclipse as was mentioned in previous tutorials) or via maven command line(mvn clean install). Deploy the war to a Servlet 3.0 container . Since here i am using Tomcat, i will simply put this war file into tomcat webapps folder and click on start.bat inside tomcat/bin directory.

Open browser and browse at <http://localhost:8080/SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDExample/>



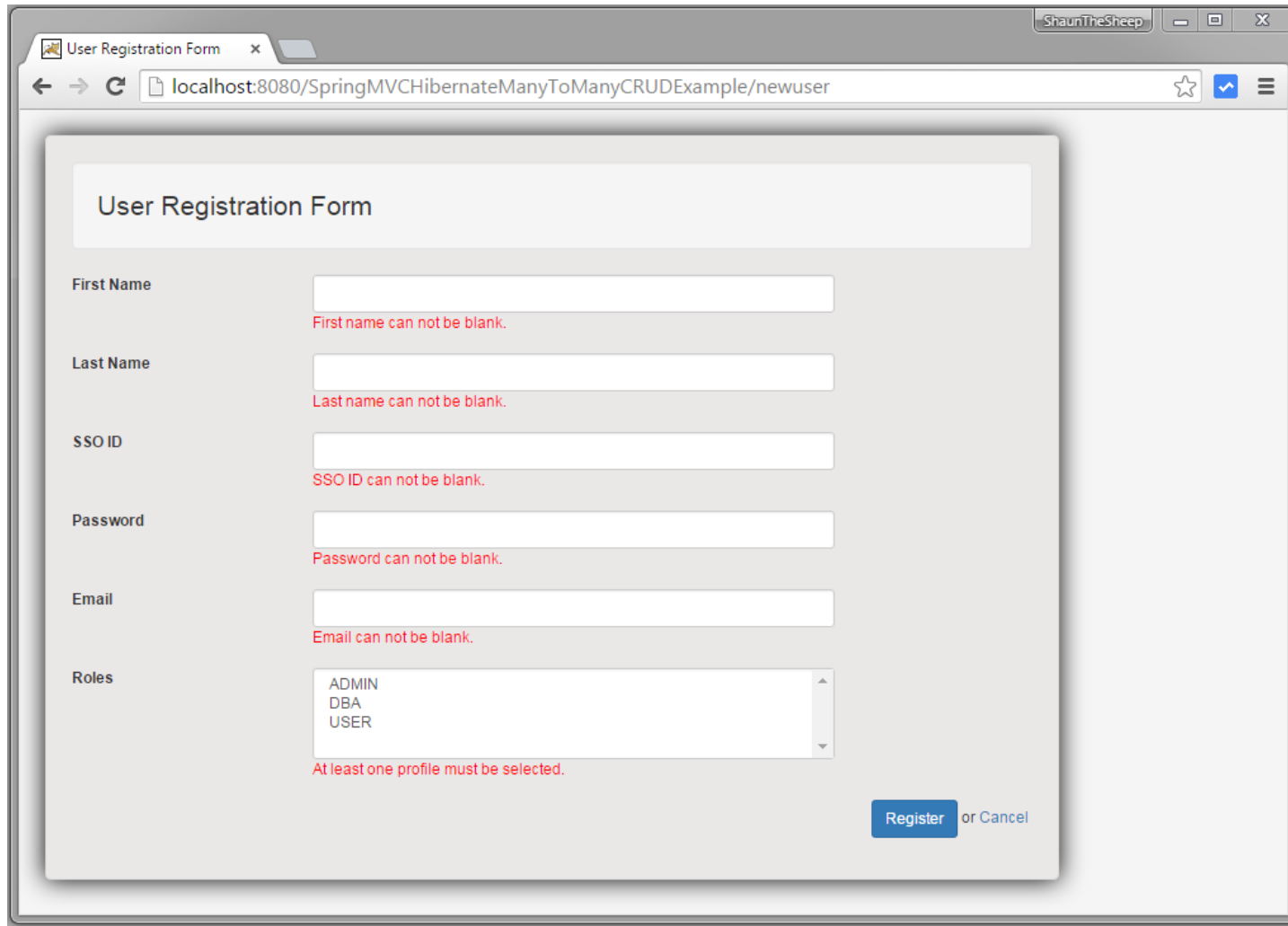
Click on 'Add New User'

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'User Registration Form'. The address bar displays 'localhost:8080/SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDEExample/newuser'. The form itself is titled 'User Registration Form' and contains the following fields:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- SSO ID:
- Password:
- Email:
- Roles:
DBA
USER

At the bottom right of the form, there is a blue 'Register' button and a link 'or Cancel'.

Submit without filling anything.

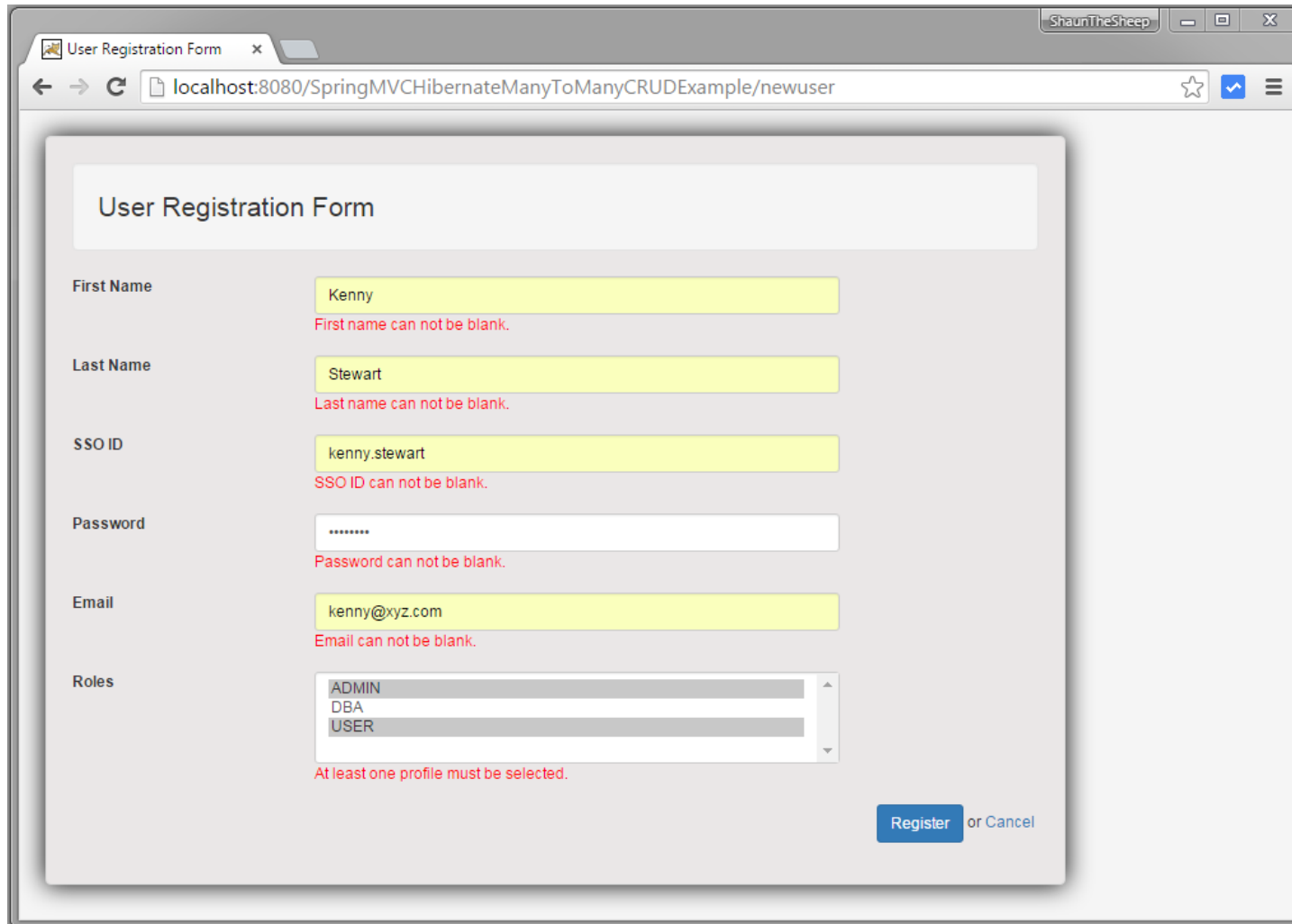


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'User Registration Form'. The address bar displays 'localhost:8080/SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDEExample/newuser'. The form itself is titled 'User Registration Form' and contains the following fields and validation messages:

- First Name:** A text input field with the error message 'First name can not be blank.' below it.
- Last Name:** A text input field with the error message 'Last name can not be blank.' below it.
- SSO ID:** A text input field with the error message 'SSO ID can not be blank.' below it.
- Password:** A text input field with the error message 'Password can not be blank.' below it.
- Email:** A text input field with the error message 'Email can not be blank.' below it.
- Roles:** A dropdown menu with options 'ADMIN', 'DBA', and 'USER'. Below the dropdown is the error message 'At least one profile must be selected.'

At the bottom right of the form, there is a blue 'Register' button and a link 'or Cancel'.

Fill in details

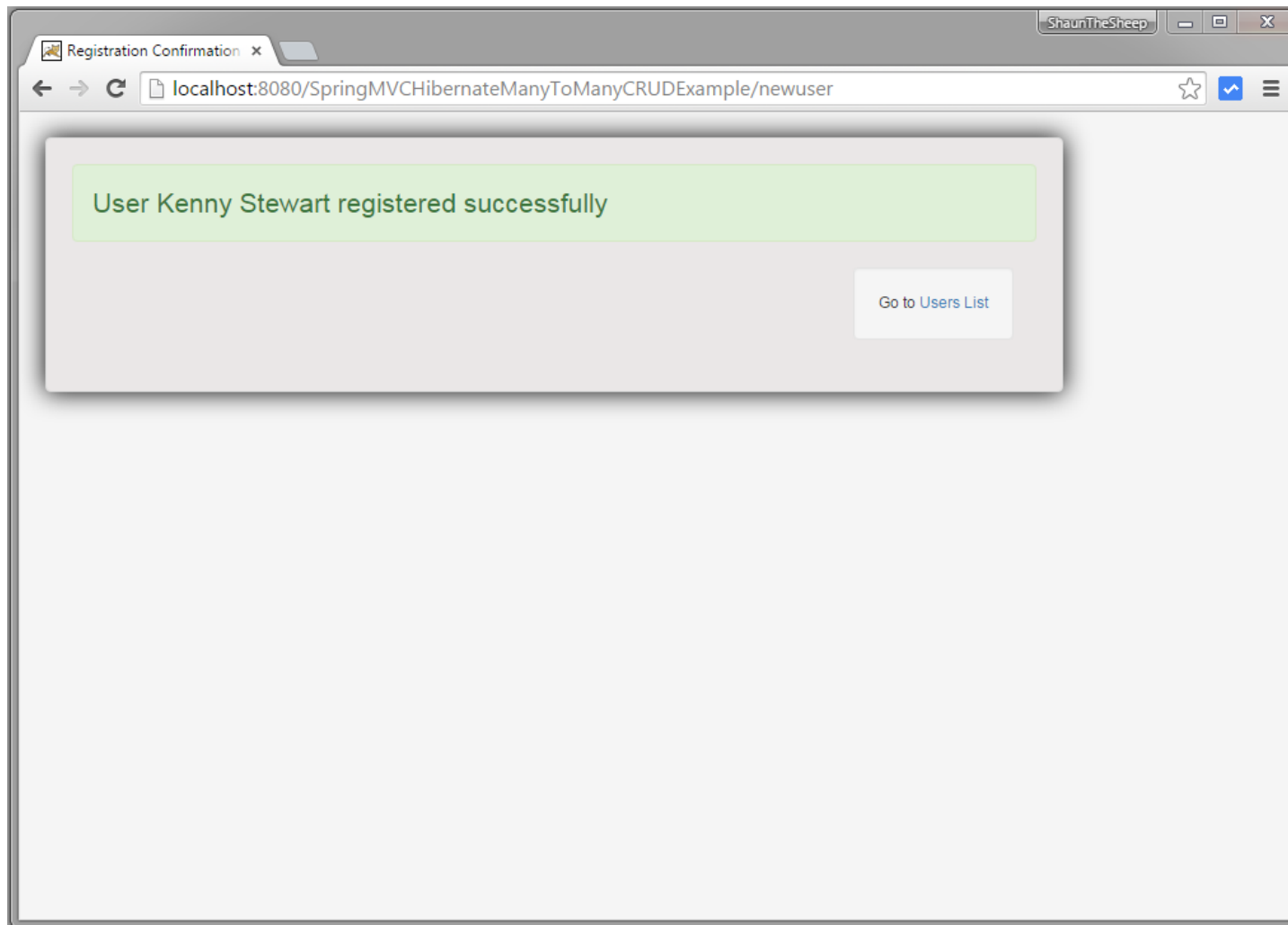


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "User Registration Form". The address bar displays "localhost:8080/SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDExample/newuser". The form itself is titled "User Registration Form" and contains the following fields and validation messages:

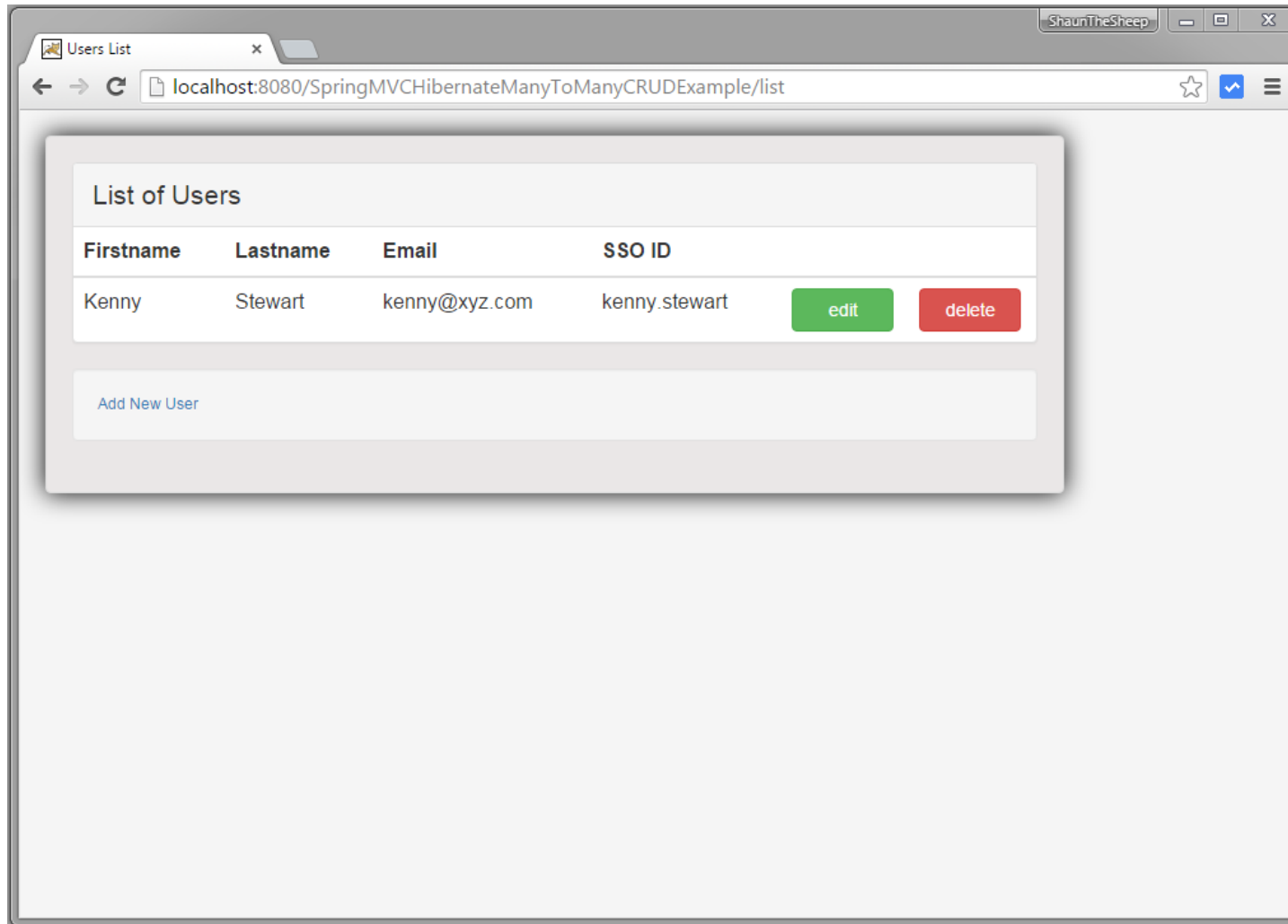
- First Name:** Input field contains "Kenny". Below it, a red error message reads "First name can not be blank."
- Last Name:** Input field contains "Stewart". Below it, a red error message reads "Last name can not be blank."
- SSO ID:** Input field contains "kenny.stewart". Below it, a red error message reads "SSO ID can not be blank."
- Password:** Input field contains "*****". Below it, a red error message reads "Password can not be blank."
- Email:** Input field contains "kenny@xyz.com". Below it, a red error message reads "Email can not be blank."
- Roles:** A dropdown menu is open, showing three options: "ADMIN", "DBA", and "USER". Below the dropdown, a red error message reads "At least one profile must be selected."

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: a blue "Register" button and a grey "or Cancel" link.

Submit.



Click on 'Users List' link.



Check the database at this moment.

SQL File 1* x

1 • `select * from app_user;`
2

Result Set Filter: Edit: Export/Import: Wrap Cell Content:

	id	sso_id	password	first_name	last_name	email
▶	1	kenny.stewart	kenny123	Kenny	Stewart	kenny@xyz.com
*	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

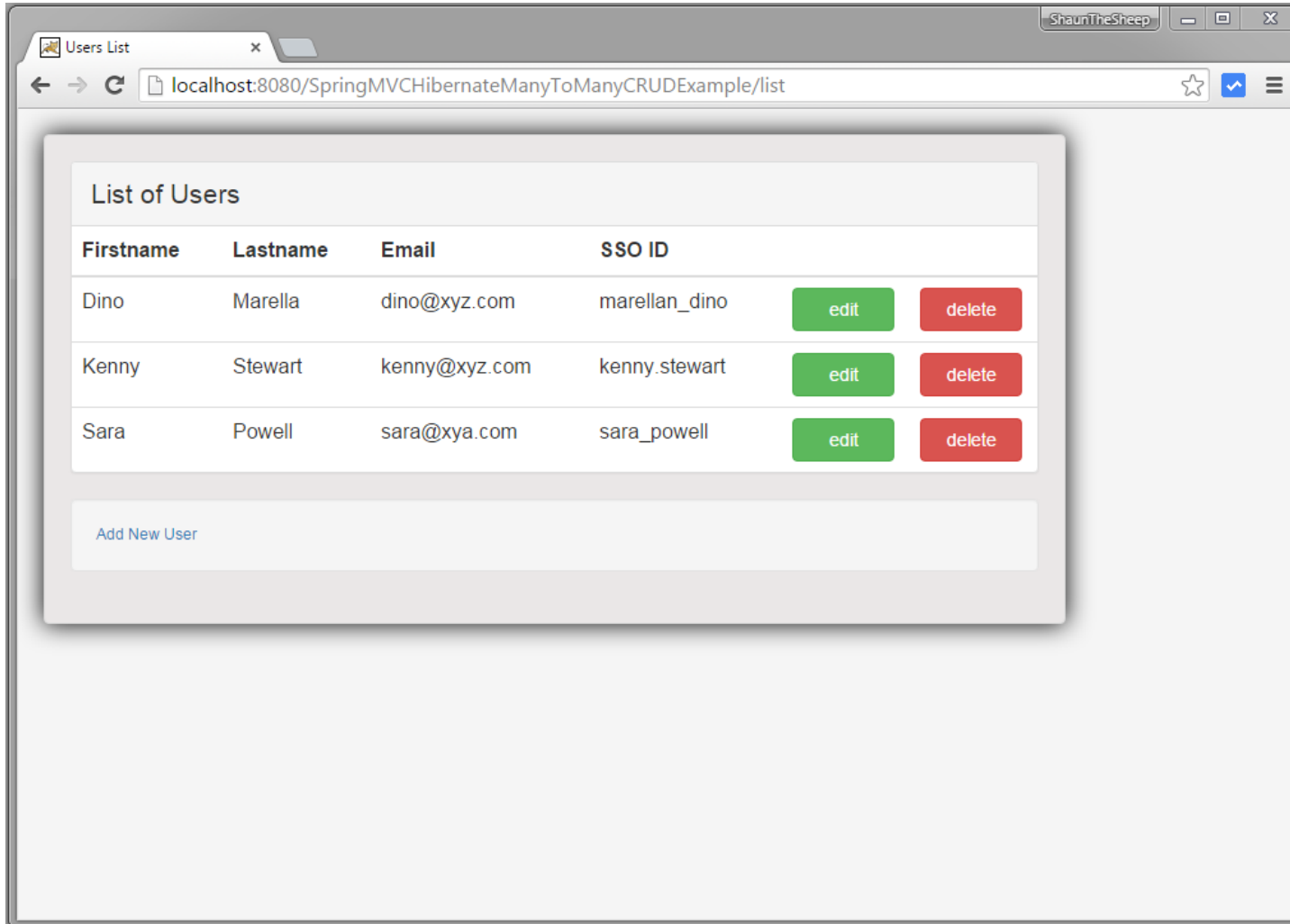
SQL File 1* x

1 • `select * from app_user_user_profile;`
2

Result Set Filter: Edit: Export/Import: Wrap Cell Content:

	user_id	user_profile_id
▶	1	1
	1	2
*	NULL	NULL

Add more users.

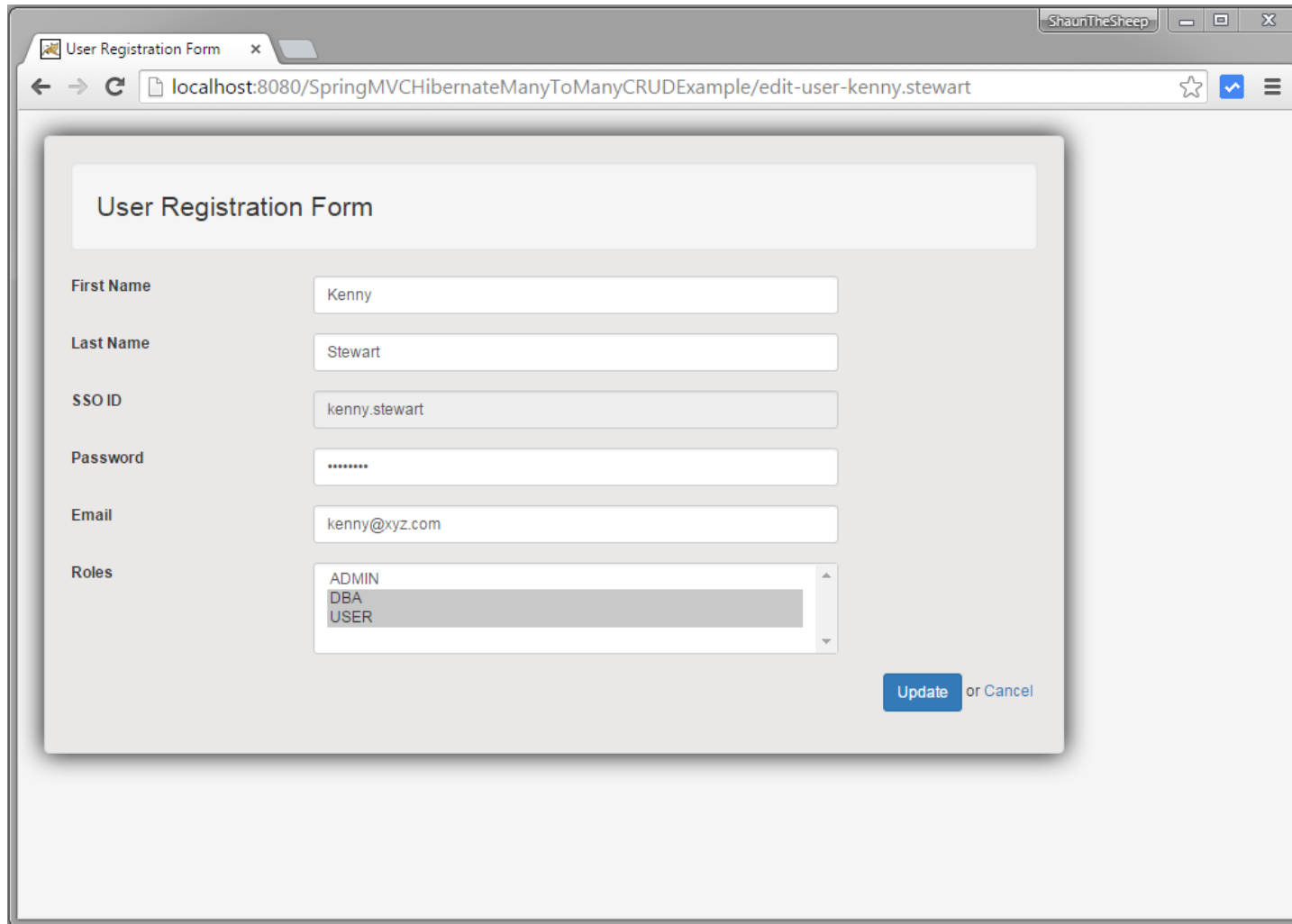


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Users List'. The address bar displays 'localhost:8080/SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUExample/list'. The main content area features a 'List of Users' section with a table and an 'Add New User' button.

Firstname	Lastname	Email	SSO ID		
Dino	Marella	dino@xyz.com	marellan_dino	edit	delete
Kenny	Stewart	kenny@xyz.com	kenny.stewart	edit	delete
Sara	Powell	sara@xya.com	sara_powell	edit	delete

[Add New User](#)

Click Edit button for User Kenny. Change Roles.

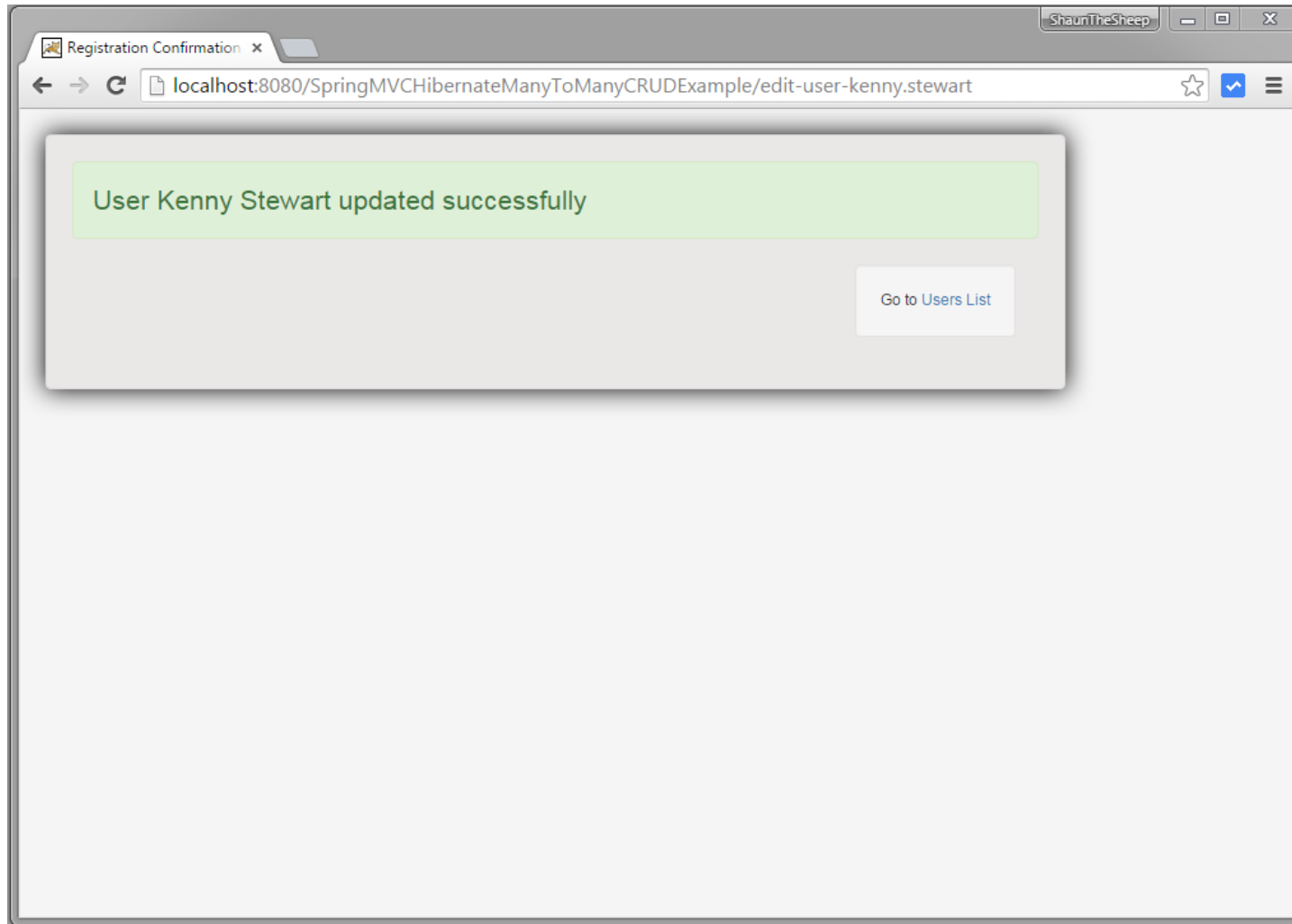


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'User Registration Form'. The address bar displays 'localhost:8080/SpringMVCHibernateManyToManyCRUDEExample/edit-user-kenny.stewart'. The form itself is titled 'User Registration Form' and contains the following fields:

- First Name:** Kenny
- Last Name:** Stewart
- SSO ID:** kenny.stewart
- Password:** (masked with dots)
- Email:** kenny@xyz.com
- Roles:** A dropdown menu showing 'ADMIN', 'DBA', and 'USER' (selected).

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: 'Update' (in blue) and 'or Cancel' (in blue text).

Submit.



Verify the database.

SQL File 1* x

1 • `select * from app_user;`
2

Result Set Filter: Edit: Export/Import: Wrap Cell Content:

	id	sso_id	password	first_name	last_name	email
▶	1	kenny.stewart	kenny123	Kenny	Stewart	kenny@xyz.com
	2	sara_powell	sara123	Sara	Powell	sara@xya.com
	3	marellan_dino	dino123	Dino	Marella	dino@xyz.com
*	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

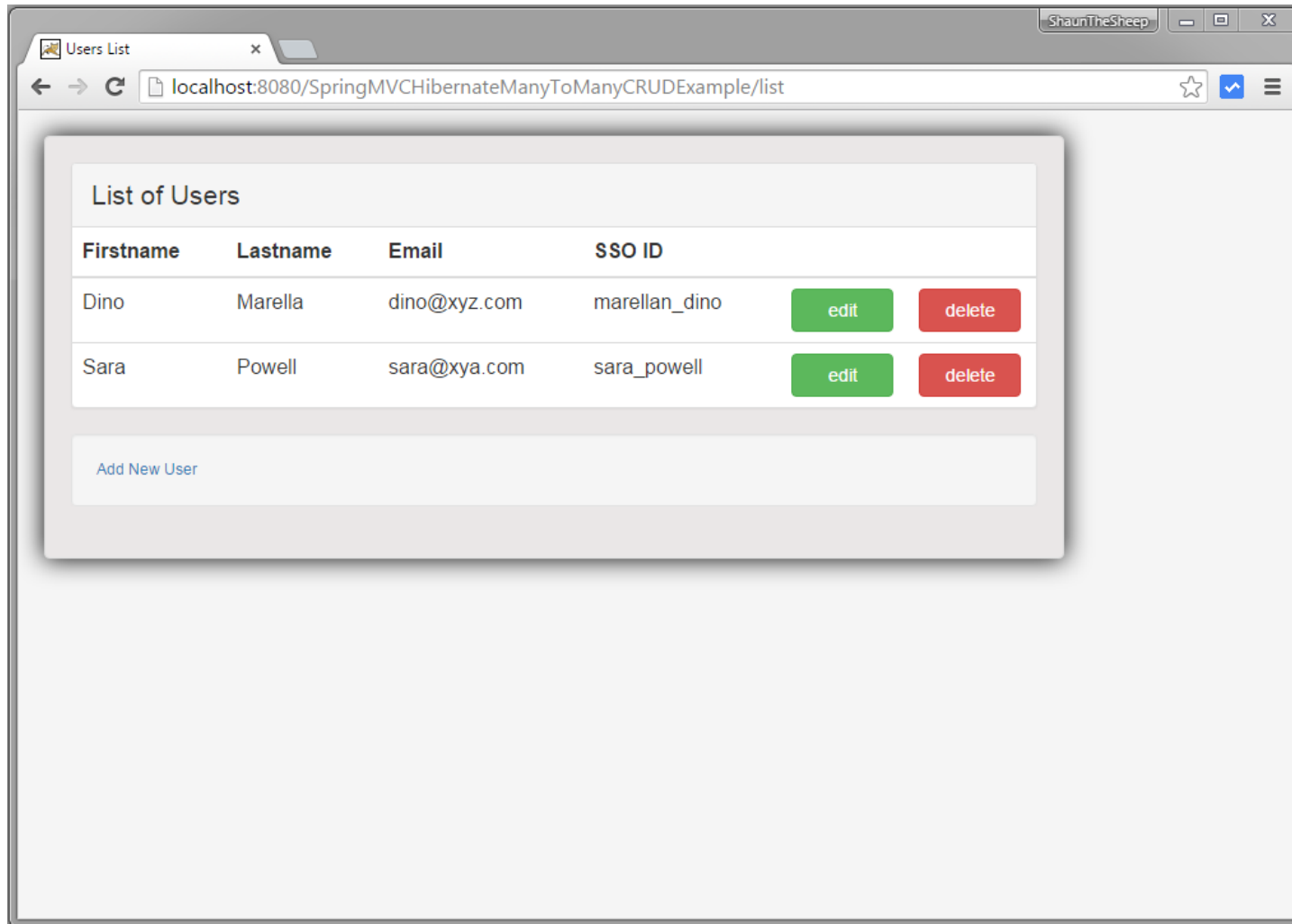
SQL File 1* x

1 • `select * from app_user_user_profile order by user_id;`
2

Result Set Filter: Edit: Export/Import: Wrap Cell Content:

	user_id	user_profile_id
▶	1	1
	1	3
	2	1
	2	3
	3	3
*	NULL	NULL

Now go back to list and click on DELETE for user kenny. It should be history.



Finally check the database at this moment :

SQL File 1* x

1 • `select * from app_user;`
2

Result Set Filter: Edit: Export/Import: Wrap Cell Content:

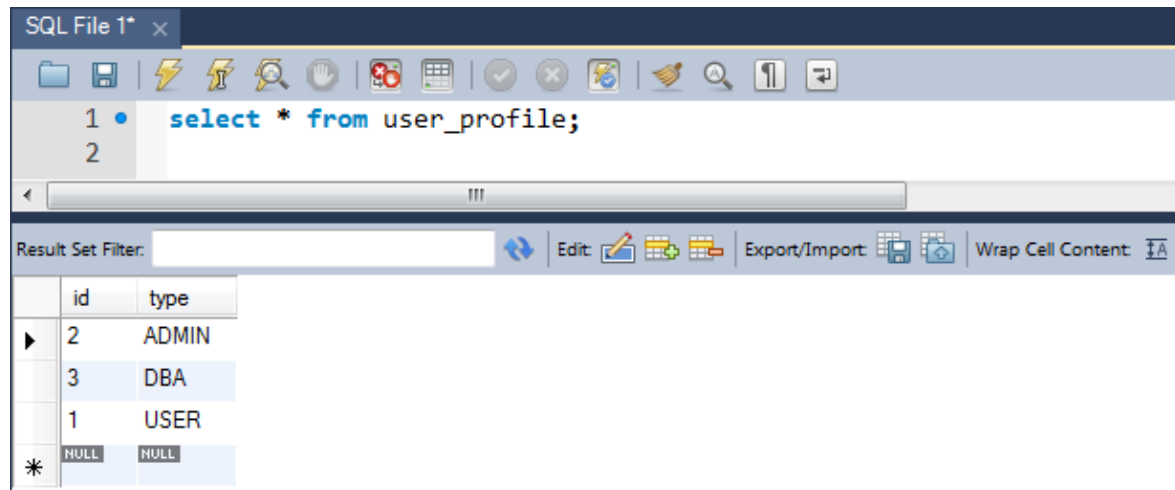
	id	sso_id	password	first_name	last_name	email
▶	2	sara_powell	sara123	Sara	Powell	sara@xya.com
	3	marellan_dino	dino123	Dino	Marella	dino@xyz.com
*	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

SQL File 1* x

1 • `select * from app_user_user_profile;`
2

Result Set Filter: Edit: Export/Import: Wrap Cell Content:

	user_id	user_profile_id
▶	2	1
	2	3
	3	3
*	NULL	NULL



The screenshot shows a SQL IDE window titled "SQL File 1*". The query editor contains the following SQL statement:

```
1 select * from user_profile;  
2
```

Below the query editor, the "Result Set Filter" is empty. The result set is displayed in a table with columns "id" and "type".

	id	type
▶	2	ADMIN
	3	DBA
	1	USER
*	NULL	NULL

That's it.

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Thanks

Jayanta P

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