**Difference between JPA, Hibernate and Spring Data JPA**   
  
Java Persistence API (JPA)

* JSR 338 Specification for persisting, reading and managing data from Java objects
* Does not contain concrete implementation of the specification
* Hibernate is one of the implementation of JPA

Hibernate

* ORM Tool that implements JPA

Spring Data JPA

* Does not have JPA implementation, but reduces boiler plate code
* This is another level of abstraction over JPA implementation provider like Hibernate
* Manages transactions

**Refer code snippets below on how the code compares between Hibernate and Spring Data JPA  
Hibernate**

   /\* Method to CREATE an employee in the database \*/

   public Integer addEmployee(Employee employee){

      Session session = factory.openSession();

      Transaction tx = null;

      Integer employeeID = null;

      try {

         tx = session.beginTransaction();

         employeeID = (Integer) session.save(employee);

         tx.commit();

      } catch (HibernateException e) {

         if (tx != null) tx.rollback();

         e.printStackTrace();

      } finally {

         session.close();

      }

      return employeeID;

   }

**Spring Data JPA**  
EmployeeRespository.java

public interface EmployeeRepository extends JpaRepository<Employee, Integer> {

}

EmployeeService.java

@Autowire

  private EmployeeRepository employeeRepository;

@Transactional

public void addEmployee(Employee employee) {

  employeeRepository.save(employee);

  }

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**Solution:**

**Difference between JPA, Hibernate, and Spring Data JPA**

**Java Persistence API (JPA)**

* JSR 338 specification for persisting, reading, and managing data from Java objects.
* Acts as an interface/standard for ORM in Java.
* Does not have a concrete implementation.
* Hibernate is one of the popular implementations of JPA.

**Hibernate**

* ORM (Object Relational Mapping) tool.
* Implements the JPA specification.
* Provides the actual code that performs the persistence logic.

**Spring Data JPA**

* Abstraction layer over JPA provider (like Hibernate).
* Does not implement JPA itself.
* Helps reduce boilerplate code like creating DAO classes and managing EntityManager.
* Integrates with Spring for transaction management and dependency injection.

**Code Comparison:**

**Hibernate Example**

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**Spring Data JPA Example**

public interface EmployeeRepository extends JpaRepository<Employee, Integer> {}

@Service

public class EmployeeService {

@Autowired

private EmployeeRepository employeeRepository;

@Transactional

public void addEmployee(Employee employee) {

employeeRepository.save(employee);

}

}