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Spring Data JPA is an abstraction layer on top of JPA to reduce the boilerplate code required to implment Data Access Object

JPA

JPA (Jakarta Persistence API) is a specification that facilitates Object-Relationship mapping in JPA

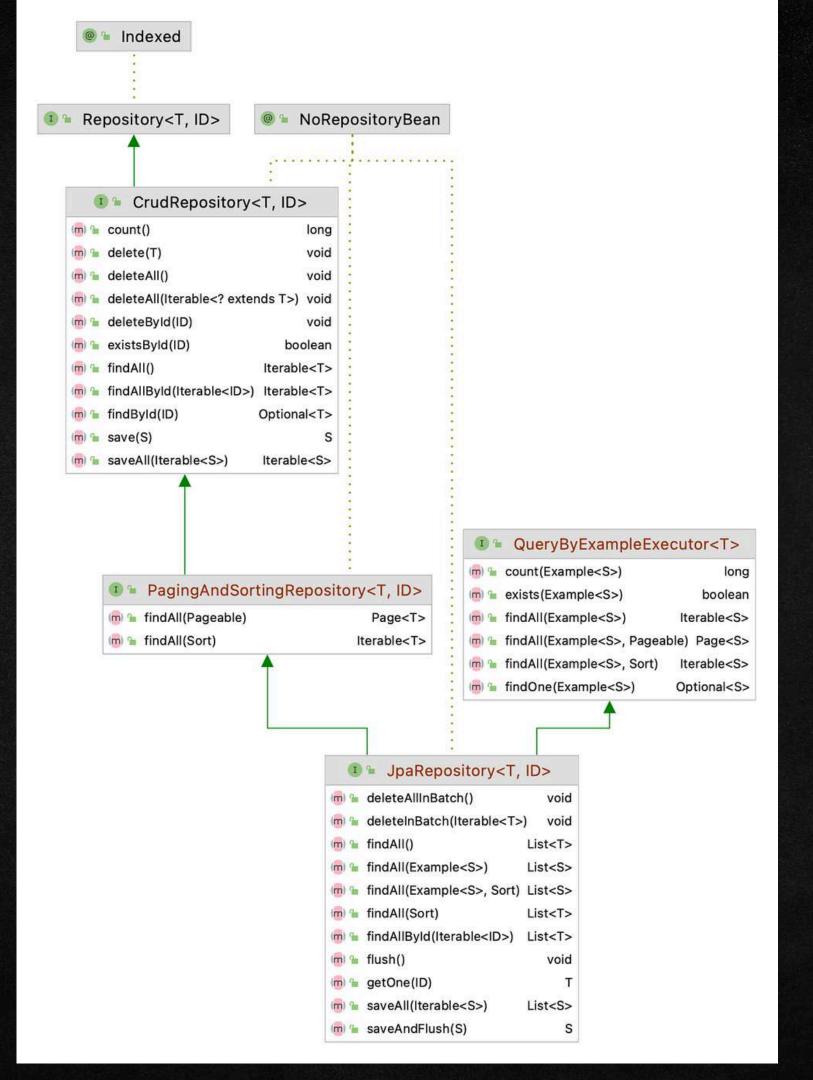
Hibernate

Hibernate is an implementation of JPA, and it generates SQL queries

JDBC

SQL Queries are executed by JDBC which connects to the Database

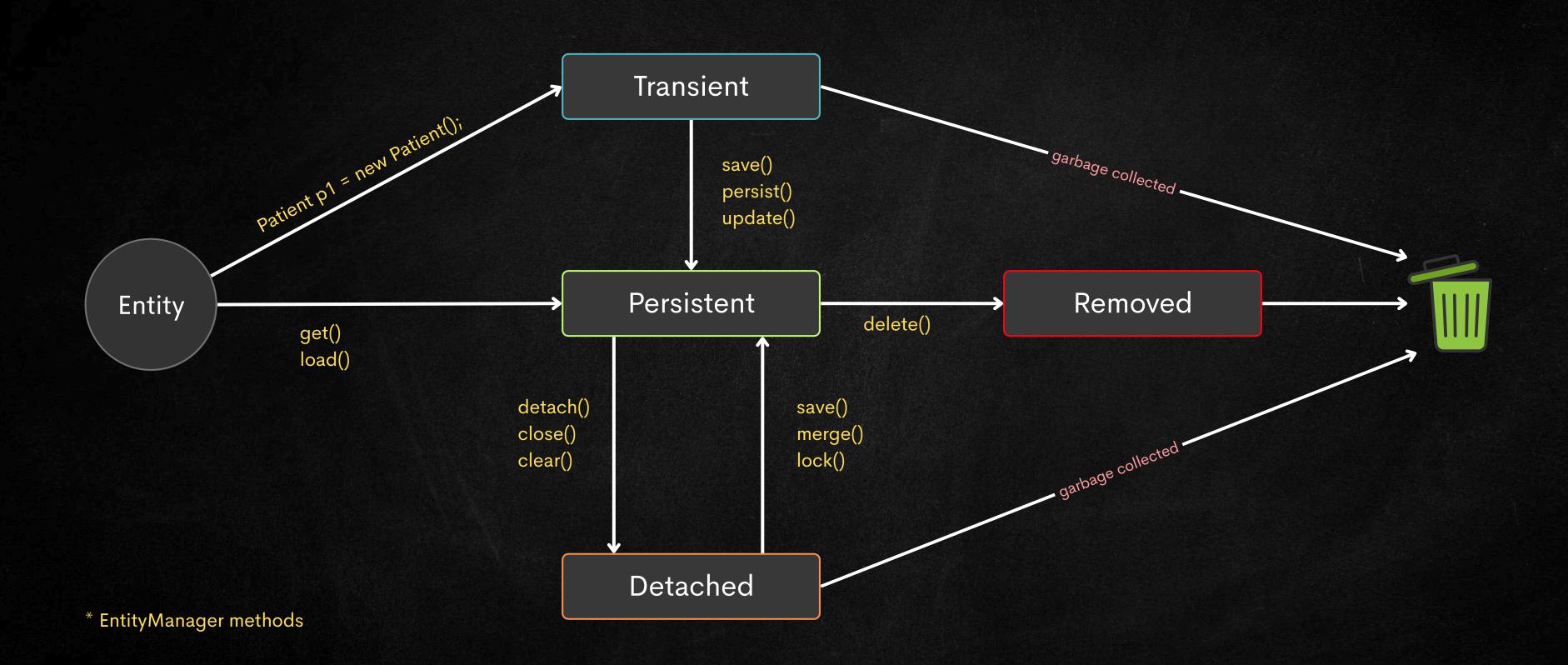
## JPA Repository





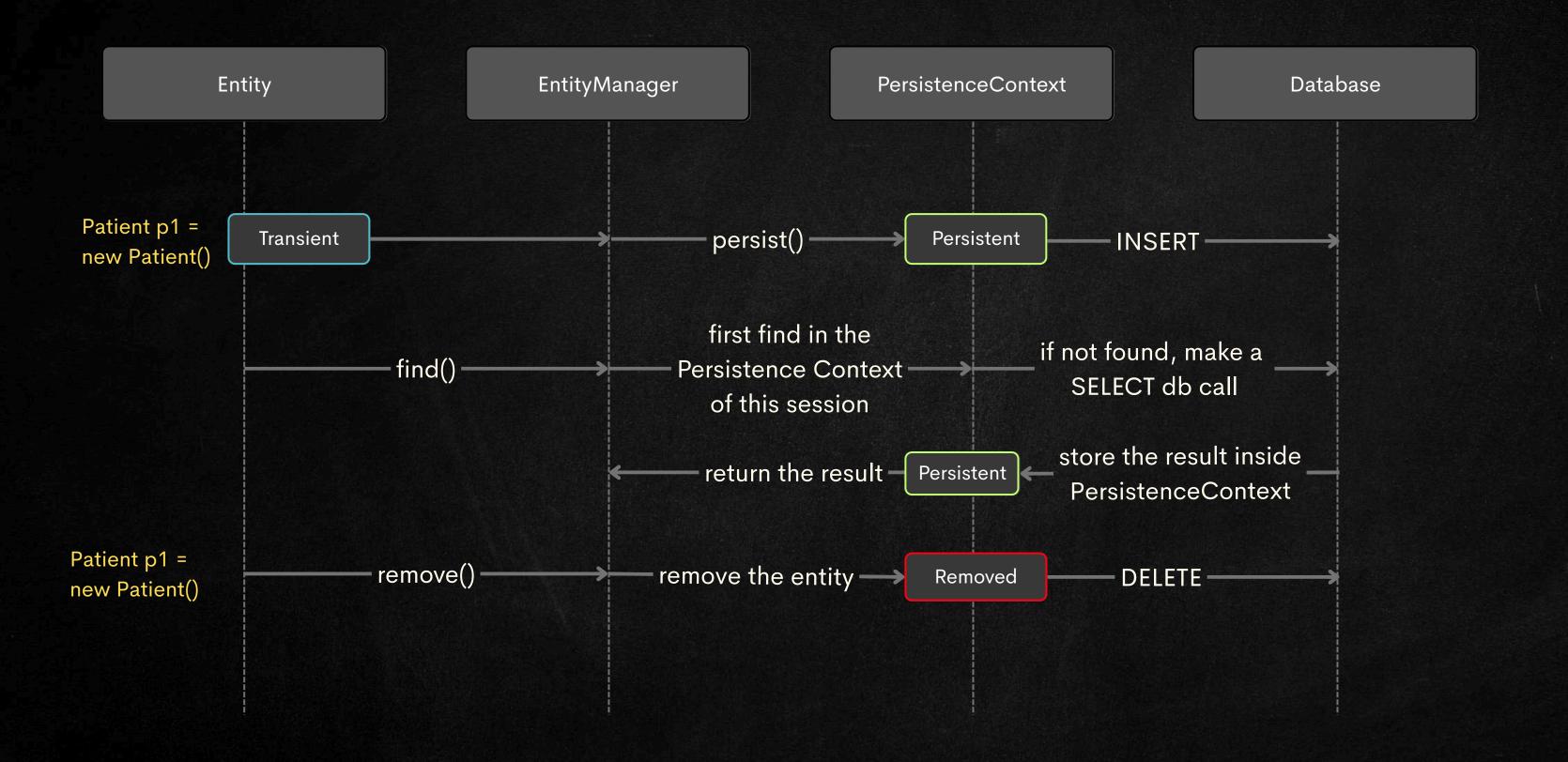


# Hibernate - Entity Lifecycle





# EntityManager and PersistenceContext





#### Relationship Owning side and Inverse Side

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Key Points:
public class Appointment {
                                                                                       • The owning side dictates the foreign key updates.
   0Id
                                                                                       • Updates to the mapped field on the Inverse side
   @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
                                                                                          cannot update the foreign key.
   private Long id;
                                                                                       • Parent controlls the lifecycle of other, here if a
                                              Owning Side
                                                                                          Patient is deleted, their appointments should also
 // Fetch.LAZY for performance
                                                                                          be deleted. Hence Patient is Parent.
   @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
   @JoinColumn(name = "patient_id", nullable = false)
   private Patient patient;
                                               public class Patient {
                                                   pI<sub>0</sub>
                                                   @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
                                                   private Long id;
                                                                                                    Inverse Side
                                                   @Column(nullable = false, length = 100)
                                                   private String name;
                                                   // Cascade.ALL and orphanRemoval for appointments, Fetch.LAZY for performance
  One - To - Many Relationship
                                                   @OneToMany(mappedBy = "patient", cascade = CascadeType.ALL,
                                                          orphanRemoval = true, fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
                                                   @ToString.Exclude
                                                  private List<Appointment> appointments = new ArrayList<>();
```



## Cascading in JPA Mappings

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If cascade = CascadeType.PERSIST or ALL, and you've added
public class Appointment {
                                                                                     Appointment objects to patient.getAppointments() and set
    0Id
                                                                                     appointment.setPatient(patient), then:
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    Saving the Patient automatically saves the Appointments.

    Deleting the Patient automatically deletes all Appointments

                                                    Child Side
                                                                                          (because of REMOVE and orphanRemoval = true).
   // Fetch.LAZY for performance

    No need to explicitly save or delete Appointment.

    @ManyToOne(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    @JoinColumn(name = "patient_id", nullable = false)
    private Patient patient;
                                                     public class Patient {
                                                         pI<sub>0</sub>
                                                         @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
                                                         private Long id;
                                                                                                          Parent Side
                                                         @Column(nullable = false, length = 100)
                                                         private String name;
                                                         // Cascade.ALL and orphanRemoval for appointments, Fetch.LAZY for performance
                                                         @OneToMany(mappedBy = "patient", cascade = CascadeType.ALL,
                                                                orphanRemoval = true, fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
                                                         @ToString.Exclude
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In JPA, cascading tells the persistence provider (like Hibernate) what operations to propagate from a parent entity to its related child entities automatically.

- CascadeType.PERSIST: Propagate persist (save) operation.
- CascadeType.MERGE: Propagate merge (update) operation.
- CascadeType.REMOVE: Propagate remove (delete) operation.
- CascadeType.REFRESH: Propagate refresh operation.
- CascadeType.DETACH: Propagate detach operation.
- CascadeType.ALL: Propagate all operations (PERSIST, MERGE, REMOVE, REFRESH, DETACH).



#### Key Points About orphanRemoval

- When It Triggers:
  - For @OneToMany: When an entity is removed from the collection (e.g., List.remove(), clear(), or reassigning a new collection).
  - For @OneToOne: When the reference is set to null or replaced with a new entity.
- Automatic Deletion:
  - Orphaned entities are deleted automatically during the JPA flush or commit operation, without needing explicit calls to entity.remove()
- Difference from CascadeType.REMOVE:
  - CascadeType.REMOVE deletes child entities only when the parent is deleted.
  - orphanRemoval = true deletes child entities when they are no longer referenced by the parent, even if the parent remains in the database.
- Use Case:
  - Ideal for relationships where the child entity has no meaning without the parent (e.g., an Appointment without a Doctor or Patient, or an Insurance without a Patient).