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Configuring the database

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Everything quite self-explanatory

Driver-class name - what driver should spring user to interact with the db

Ddl-auto - what should spring do to the database on start

Note on dll-auto option update - it will create new attributes but won't remove existing attributes

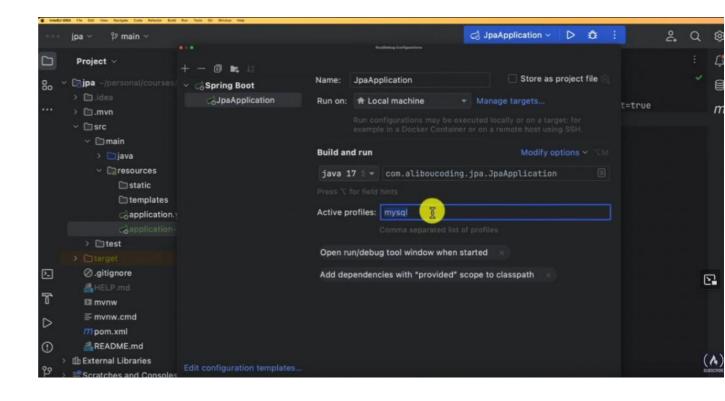
```
spring:
    datasource:
        url: jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/data_jpa
        username: postgres
        password: Buzz0001
        driver-class-name: org.postgresql.Driver
        jpa:
        hibernate:
        ddl-auto: create-drop
        database: postgresql
        show-sql: true
```

If some database options we can use "create if does not exist"

```
url: jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/data_jpa?createDatabaseIfNotExist=true
```

If you want to switch between the different database types, make it profilable:

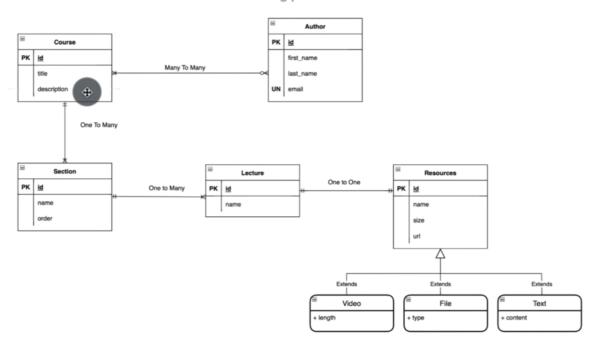
Application-mysql-yaml (example)



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Database Class Diagram

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Explanation:

A course can have many different authors - An author can create many different courses (Many to Many)

A course can have many sections - but a section can only be assigned to one course (One to Many)

A Section can only have one lecture - but a lecturer can cover multiple sections (One to Many)

A lecture has one resource - it only belongs to one lecture

A resource has many sub-classes that extend it of different types (video, file,text)

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Hibernate Vs Spring Data JPA

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Spring data JPA - just sits on top of JPA to reduce the amount of code and effort needed to implement data access objects (DAO). Spring data starter will configure basically everything for us

JPA - is just a spec that allows for object relational mapping in Java applications - its like a java interface where you define your data access methods. This allows you to easily switch JPA implementation

Hibernate - is a JPA implementation and generates SQL. Its our ORM (Object relational mapper)

JDBC - handles database side, saving, reading and deleting.

Hibernate VS Spring Data JPA

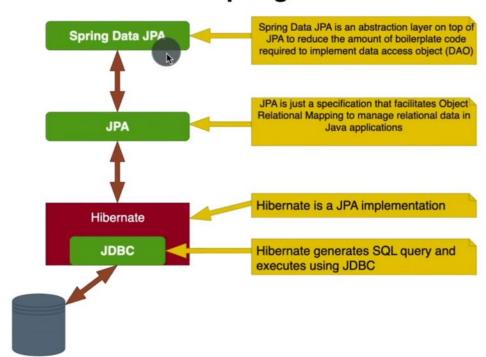
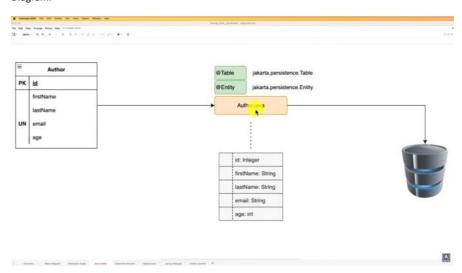


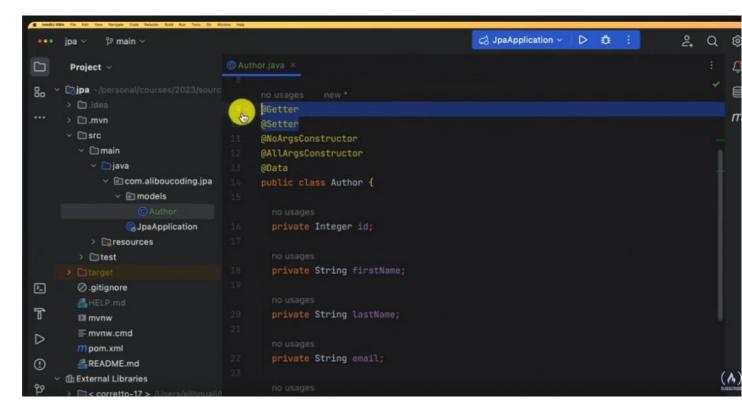
Table to Java Class + Lombock

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Diagram:



Lombock has lots of useful annotations to save you time:



Only required one in our case is @Data which gives us: constructor, custom toString, Setters and Getters.

Classes must be marked as @Entity to make it usable as model

All models need primary keys use @Id to be unique

 $\label{thm:continuous} Hibernate will also handle id creation with @Generated Value (must be used with Id annotations) - the strategy for this generation can be changed$

Why use Integer over int in this context:

By default int = 0, Integer = null

Hibernate knows that if the id is null, it will create object . If it isn't null, it will try and find it

So its important you use wrapper (integer over int) in our models

Final Class:

How hibernate generates Id's:

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Hibernate will also handle id creation with @GeneratedValue (must be used with @Id annotation) - the strategy for this generation can be changed

We can set id generation strategy manually with:

Strategy parm and generator string name parm

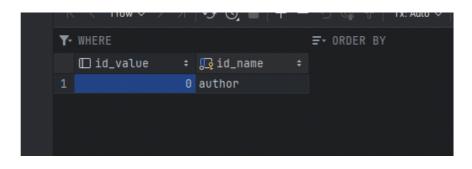
Strategies:

Auto - hibernate will choose the best way to generate ids depending on db

Sequence - a number stored on the server which changes by one each milisecond. Spring boot will generate these or you can point it to it

We can customize this with @SequenceGenerator and create custom sequences for each entity

Table - Creates a table to manage and generate our ids



Class to database

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@Column Explained - rename

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Column is used to change rules surrounding a column

Column has many different uses:

Name - allows you to rename the column for a value - useful if we have an existing database

Unique - forces the entered value to be unique to other values in the column

Insertable - true or false, tells spring if it should be allowed to insert data into this column

Updatable - true or false, allows spring to update existing entities in the column

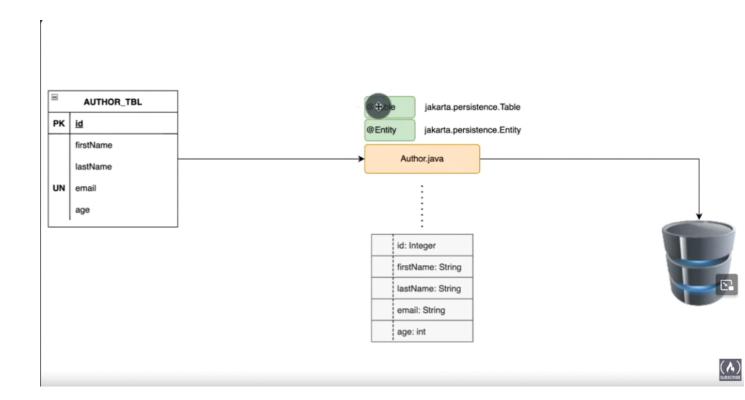
Length - set a minimum column length

Nullable - true or false, can be empty

```
@Entity
@Data
public class Author {
    @GeneratedValue
   generator = "author_id_generator")
    private Integer id;
    @Column(
            name = "f-name",
           length = 40
    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;
    @Column(
           unique = true,
            nullable = false
    private String email;
    private Integer age;
    @Column(
            insertable = true,
            updatable = false,
           nullable = false
    private LocalDateTime createdAt;
        insertable = false,
        updatable = true
    private LocalDateTime lastModified;
```

Table modification

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We want to modify our table

@Table

Name - we can modify the name of table (database in not case sensitive)

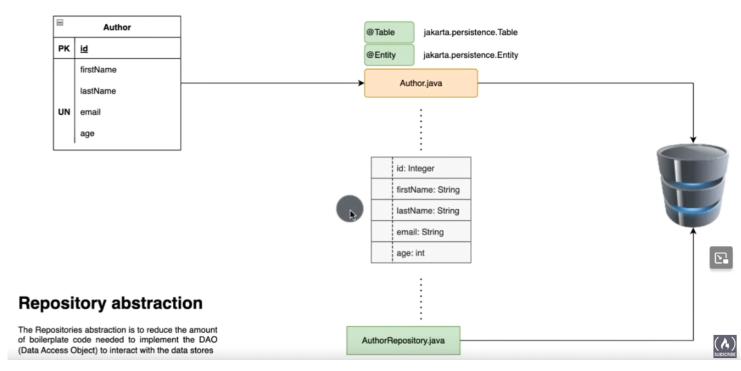
Catalog - we can change the catalog

Schema - we can change our table schema from here

Repository Abstraction

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The repository abstraction is a Spring JPA feature that allows us to use a DAO (Data access object) to interact with our database easily. Reducing the amount of code needed to interact with a datastore.



Repositories are used to separate data access logic from the business logic

Repositories are used to perform CRUD operations (pagination and sorting also)

Repositories are interfaces that extend one of the 3 types:

JPA Repositories

CRUD repositories

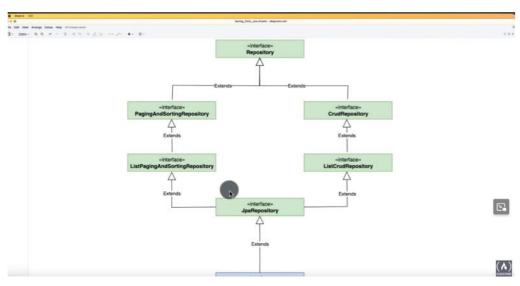
Paging And Repositories

All of these contain the common database methods

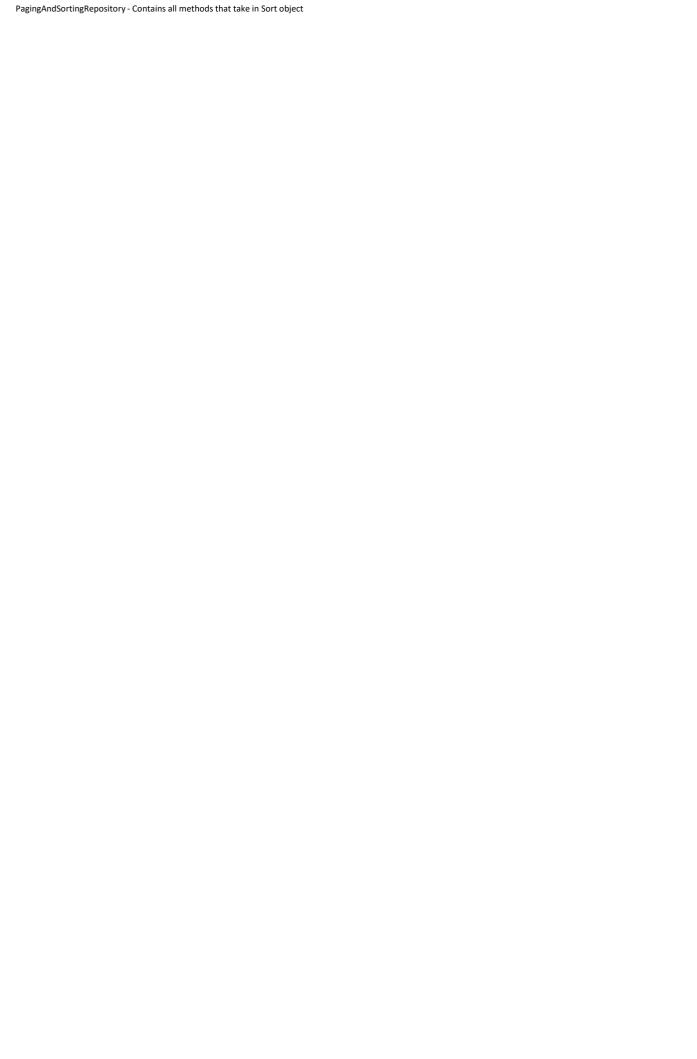
Inheritance chart:

All of these classes have their own methods we use

If we only want select methods, just extend one of these instead of JPA Repository



ListCrudRepository - Contains all the listing methods (FindAll, SaveAll etc)



Author Repository + Added Annotations

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Repositories take in generic types (<Type class, ID Type>

```
@Entity
public class Author {
   private String email;
```

@Builder allows us to test using a command line runner and use the field names as methods

The commandLine runner bean allows us to test different elements of our application on startup

Entity Lifecycle

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An entity - an object that is or is going to be wrote to a DB table

Entity states:

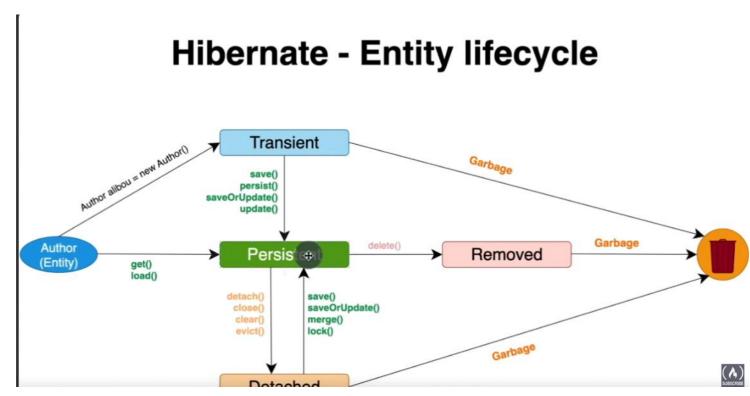
Transient - this is the state of an entity that is not managed by hibernate / wrote to DB

Persistent - Once a transient object is has save(),persist(), SaveOrUpate(),Update() run on it - The object is wrote to the DB in this state, including any changes.

Detached - an entity that was saved to DB has detch(), close(), clear() or evict() run on it. Anything we do it won't be saved to DB. We can reattach using save(), merge(), lock()

Removed - an entity that has had delete() run on it, it is in this state

Spring data JPA handles this in the background, we don't need to be concerned with state



All other state apart from Persistent go to the garbage by default

By default using get() or load() you go to persistent directly from $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DB}}$

Relationships

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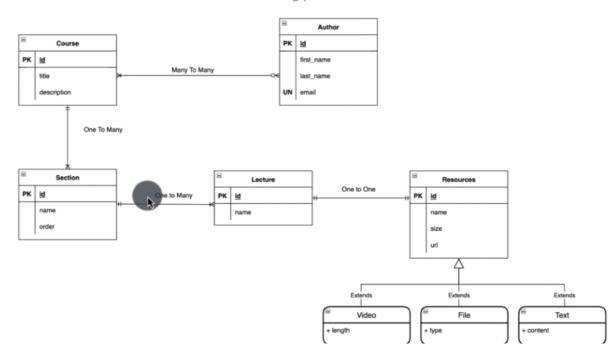
Creating relationships allows you to model the real world relationships between different pieces of data more accurately

Relationships also help with data integrity because it ensures changes are repeated across entities and are consistent

Creating relationships helps improve performance because we can avoid storing redundant data across tables by using Foreign Keys

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Many to Many relationships can be done with:

Unidirectional - the relationship is only defined on one side (Course will have a Foreign Key List) only from one side - Can only navigate from Courses

Bi-directional - the relationship is defined on both sides (Courses, and Author have a Foreign Key Lists) from both sides - Can navigate from both sides however, are more complex as you have to update both object's foreign keys



Courses to Author (Many to Many)

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One of the entities must be Owner (JPA Many to Many). The Owner must maintain the join table and its foreign keys. Course in our case

The inverse entity (Author in our case), should be given the mapped_by attribute - @ManyToMany(mappedby="EXACT FIELD NAME OF LIST))

The owner must have @JoinTable annoation - LOOK AT SCREENSHOT

The joinColumn holds the primary keys of the secondary object

Author (Inverse Object):

```
.
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Author {
    @GeneratedValue
   private Integer id;
    private String firstName;
   private String lastName;
    @Column(
           unique = true,
           nullable = false
    private String email;
    private Integer age;
    @ManyToMany(mappedBy = "authors") ////Exact field name of list
    private List<Course> courses;
```

Course (Owner):

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Course {
    bI<sub>0</sub>
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private String description;
    @ManyToMany
    @JoinTable(
            name = "authors_courses",
            joinColumns = {
                     @JoinColumn(name = "course_id")
            },
            inverseJoinColumns = {
                     @JoinColumn(name="author_id")
    private List<Author> authors;
}
```



Course to Section (One to Many)

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One course can have many sections

Many sections can be part of one course

It always the object with 'many' things attached that has the list

Course(Can have many sections):

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Course {
    pI0
   @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private String description;
    @ManyToMany
    @JoinTable(
            name = "authors_courses",
            joinColumns = {
                    @JoinColumn(name = "course_id")
            },
            inverseJoinColumns = {
                    @JoinColumn(name="author_id")
    private List<Author> authors;
    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "course")
    private List<Section> sections;
```

Section(Can only be assigned to one course, Owner):

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Section {
    DI6
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private int sectionOrder;
    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "course_id")
    private Course course;
```

Section to Lecture (One to many)

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One section can have many lectures

Section(can have many different lecturers):

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Section {
    bI<sub>0</sub>
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private int sectionOrder;
    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "course_id")
    private Course course;
    @OneToMany(mappedBy = "section")
    private List<Lecture> lectures;
}
```

Lecturer(can only be assigned to one section, Owner)

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Lecture {
    DI6
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "section_id")
    private Section section;
```

Lecture to Resource (One to One)

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Uni-directional:

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Lecture {
    bI<sub>0</sub>
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "section_id")
    private Section section;
    @OneToOne
    @JoinColumn(name="resource_id")
    private Resource resource;
```

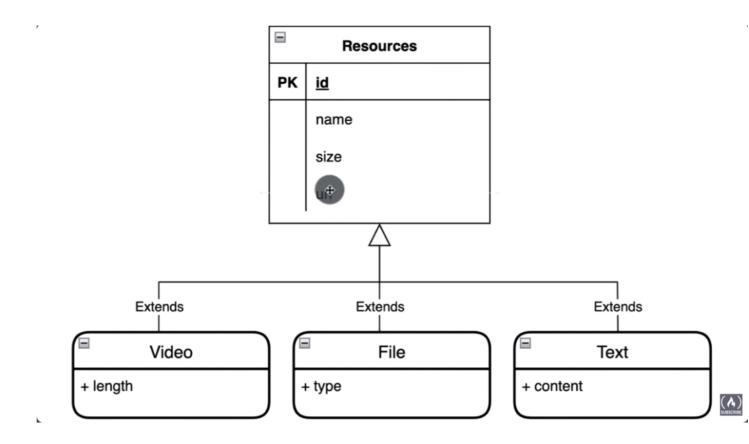
Bi-Directional:

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Lecture {
    bI<sub>0</sub>
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "section_id")
    private Section section;
    @OneToOne
    @JoinColumn(name="resource_id")
    private Resource resource;
```

```
@Entity
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@Builder
public class Resource {
    bI<sub>0</sub>
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private int size;
    private String url;
    @OneToOne
    @JoinColumn(name="lecture_id")
    private Lecture lecture;
```

Object Types (Composition vs Inheritance)

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Basically, we can create lots of different types of resource by creating different classes that inherit from an overarching resource class.

In spring data JPA you can create a base class of your entities then create a sub-class of your entities.

Useful to avoid duplation

Pros of inheritance:

Çode reuse

Better queries (you can write queries that check various resource types)

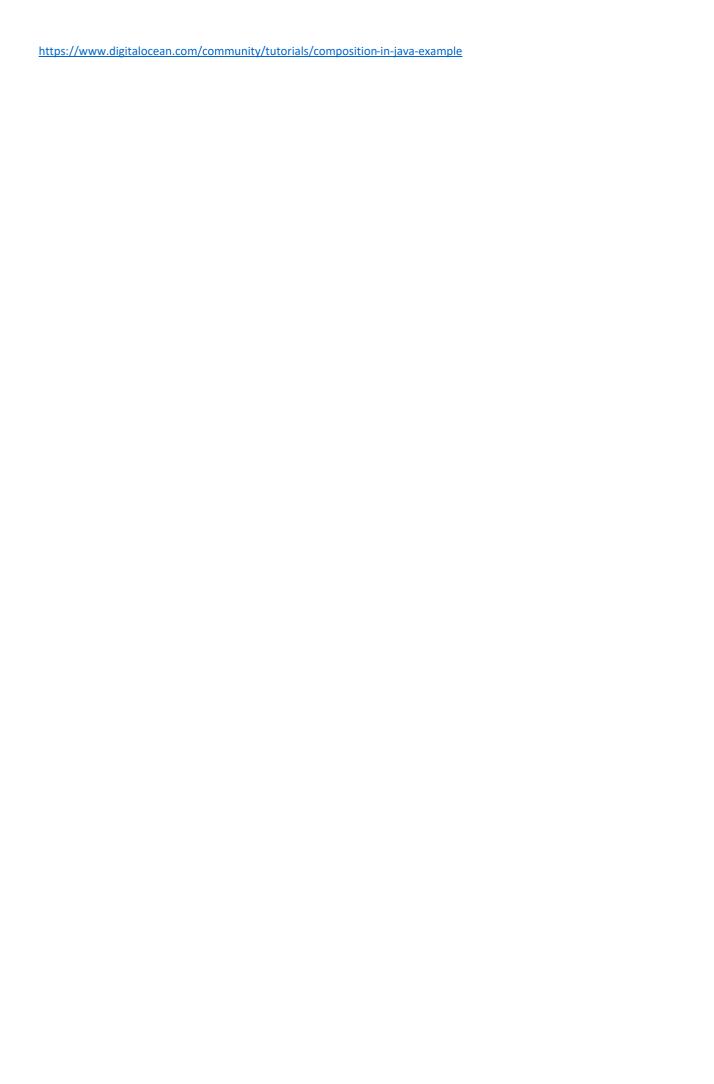
Cons of inheritance:

Makes code more complex

Inheritance makes code less dynamic because quick changes are harder

You should avoid using inheritance and use composition instead because its less complex and more flexible because you can change things without changing the class itself.

Composition:



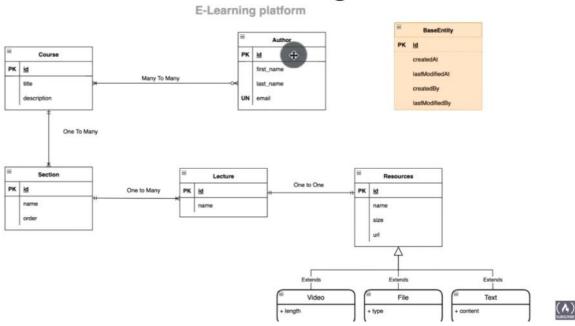
Adding object inheritance to our entities

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Remember, we should use Composition instead.

This will involve creating a parent class with our common fields within

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We must use the @mappedSuperClass annotation for this

We must create a superclass base entity within our code, this won't be saved to the db but will be an abstraction within our code

This base entity cannot be queried because it doesn't exist in the db

Anything that inherits from a mappedSuperClass will get its fields

All Spring annotations are available here - apart from when using builder should use @SuperBuilder

Note all the annoations used

All entitys that use a parent class must use @SuperBuillder for builder

BaseEntity (Parent Class):

Author (For example, inheriting from base Entity):

```
• •
@Data
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper = true)
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
//@Table(name = "AUTHOR_TBL")
public class Author extends BaseEntity {
// @Column(
             length = 40
    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;
    @Column(
           unique = true,
           nullable = false
    private String email;
    private Integer age;
    @ManyToMany(mappedBy = "authors") ///Exact field name of list
    private List<Course> courses;
```

Single table Inheritance

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Single table inheritance is used in JPA to ensure that all sub classes of the inherited class as mapped to the same table

A discriminator column contains information about what row in the table belongs to what subclass. This is required for single table inheritance.

This is the simplest way to have persistent inheritance

However it can lead to large tables and complex queries, only use on small datasets and non-deep inheritance.

- @Inheritance(STRAT) used to set our inheritance strategy
- @DiscriminationColum allows us to customize the column including name
- @DiscrimnationValue allows us to control the content given to column by our entities that inherit

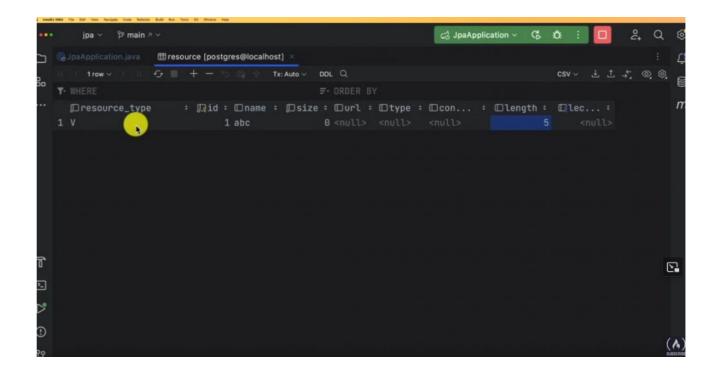
Base class:

```
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
@Inheritance(strategy = InheritanceType.SINGLE_TABLE)
@DiscriminatorColumn(name = "resource_type")
public class Resource {
    0Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private String url;
    @OneToOne
    @JoinColumn(name="lecture_id")
    private Lecture lecture;
```

Sub class (example):

```
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper = true)
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
@DiscriminatorValue("F")
public class file extends Resource {
    private String type;
}
```

Result in Database & Creation:



Joined Table Inheritance

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Each sub-class is mapped to a separate table with a foreign key pointing to the base table

These tables only contains the values that is required by the sub-class + the foreign key

This is more efficient for queries, but it means you need more tables and foreign keys, making DB more complex

The joined table is a good choice when you have a lot of sub-classes, with differences in their properties and you want quick queries

However, you can't query every inherited class

- @DiscriminatorColumn, @DiscriminatorValue is only needed for single table
- @PrimaryKeyJoinColumn can be used to rename the join colmun
- @Inheritance Strat change to JOINED

Base Class (Resource):

```
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
@Inheritance(strategy = InheritanceType.JOINED)
//@DiscriminatorColumn(name = "resource_type")
public class Resource {

@Id
@GeneratedValue
private Integer id;

private String name;
private int size;

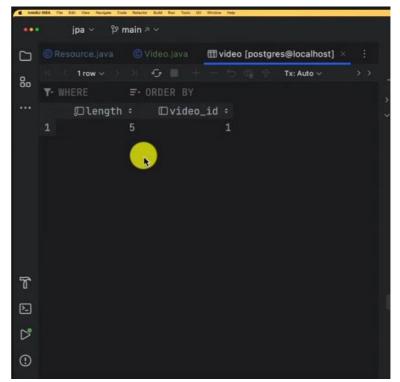
private String url;

@OneToOne
@JoinColumn(name="lecture_id")
private Lecture lecture;

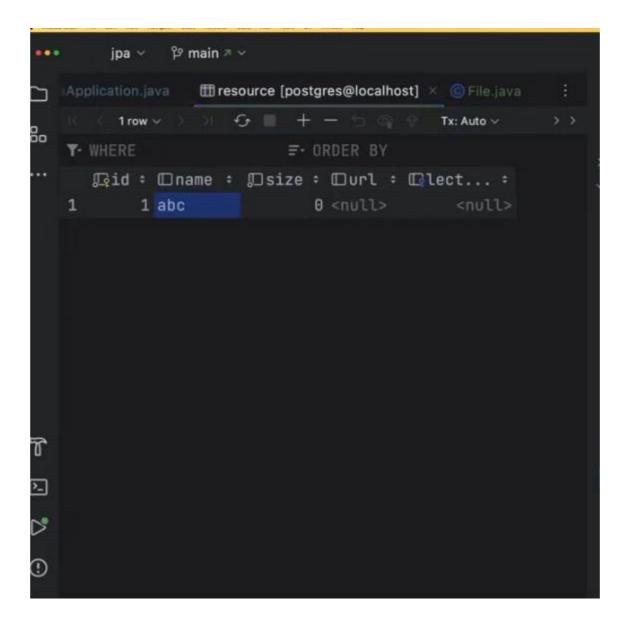
}
```

Video (Sub class example):

```
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper = true)
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
//@DiscriminatorValue("V")
public class Video extends Resource {
    private int length;
}
```



Database result:



Resource table has our video (id is foreign + primary key, Joined)

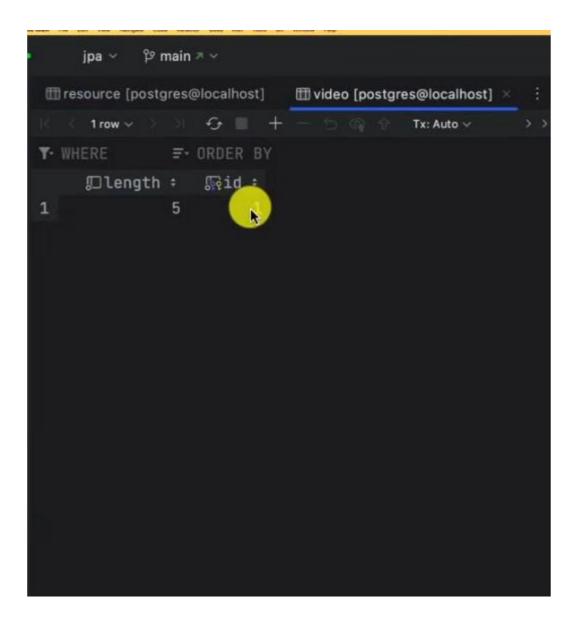


Table Per Class Inheritance

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Table per class puts all the attributes of the base class in the sub-class table. It copies them over

This is the most efficent queries

But it makes the DB schema more complex and larger

Good for a small number of sub-classes with big differences

And when queries are important

Its not suitable for needing to query all sub-classes because you must query a lot of different tables

@Inheriteance Strat changed to Table_per_class that's it

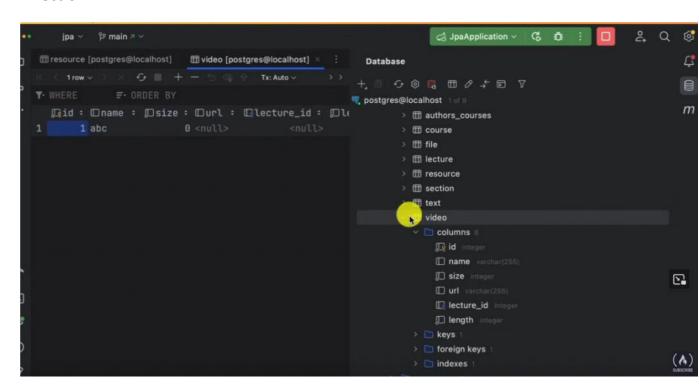
Base Class (Resource):

```
• •
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
@Inheritance(strategy = InheritanceType.TABLE_PER_CLASS)
public class Resource {
    0Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;
    private String name;
    private String url;
    @OneToOne
    @JoinColumn(name="lecture_id")
    private Lecture lecture;
```

Video (Sub Class):

```
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper = true)
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
//@PrimaryKeyJoinColumn(name = "video_id")
//@DiscriminatorValue("V")
public class Video extends Resource {
    private int length;
}
```

Effect on DB:





Inheritance base query + issues

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The base class (resource) can be queried using a Repository like normal

If you want to query the base class and just get its fields.

This is done using a union statement. Which is slow.

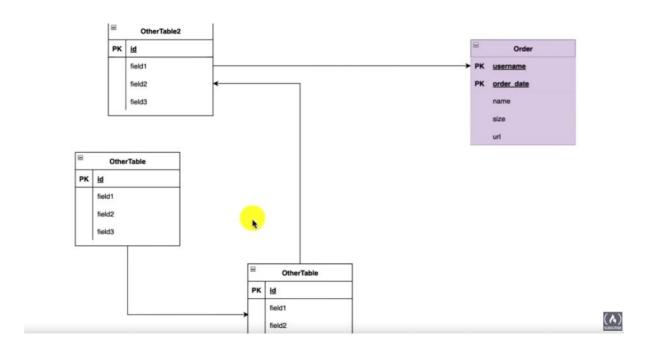
We also can't use identify id generation

If we don't want it to return the query in type of base class (in our case resource), instead in our type (video, file, text) do this:

```
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper = true)
@Data
@NoArgsConstructor
@AllArgsConstructor
@SuperBuilder
@Entity
//@PrimaryKeyJoinColumn(name = "video_id")
//@DiscriminatorValue("V")
@Polymorphism(type = PolymorphismType.EXPLICIT)
public class Video extends Resource {
    private int length;
}
```

Embedded ID (Composite IDs)

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Composite ID's are made by of a combination of values to create an ID

We can then decode this to get infomation

Use case:

If we have a microservice that produces Order Entities

The composite ID could be made up of Username and OrderDate

Because these are unique values when combinded

We must use @Embeddedable to tell spring data that this is an embbded entity

Composite ID:

```
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@NoArgsConstructor
@Embeddable
public class orderId implements Serializable {

   private String username;

   private LocalDateTime orderDate;
}
```

This Id must implement java serializable

Use of EmbbededID (order):

```
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@NoArgsConstructor
@Entity
public class order {

    @EmbeddedId
    private orderId id;

    private String orderInfo;
    private String anotherField;
}
```

Result in database:

Embedded Fields (Address)

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We can use Embedded fields to store objects instead of doing inheritance using composition

Embbeddedable entities are good for code reusability and maintainability

Address (Embedded object):

```
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@NoArgsConstructor
@Embeddable
public class Address {
    private String streetName;
    private String houseNumber;
    private String zipCode;
}
```

Embedded into Order:

```
no usages

@Data

@AllArgsConstructor

@NoArgsConstructor

@Entity

@Table(name="_order")

public class order {

@EmbeddedId

private orderId id;

@Embedded

private Address address;

private String orderInfo;

private String anotherField;

}
```

Effect on Database (fields get stored embedded into table within):

Derivative query methods

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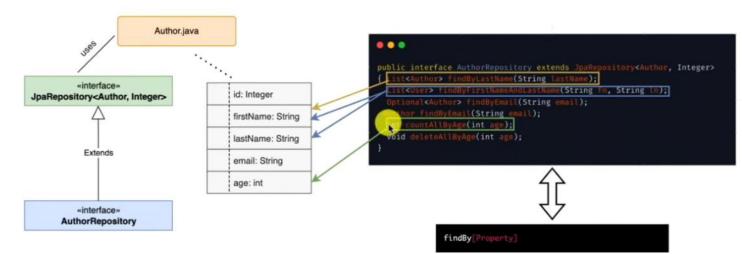
Derivative query methods allow you to define queries based on the query name

Spring will then generate the correct SQL queries

This done using interfaces:

RETURN-TYPE QUERY-WITH-OPPERATION (REQUIRED QUERY INPUT)

QUERY WITH OPERATION: DeleteBy, CountAll, FindAll, FindBy



https://docs.spring.io/spring-data/jpa/docs/current/reference/html/#jpa.query-methods.query-creation

When using FindByX, and not all etc, we must use Optinal<> Generics

https://docs.spring.io/spring-data/jpa/reference/jpa/query-methods.html

Queries:

Containing means 'has input this within'

You can query for multiple values at once CHECK SCREENSHOT



```
@Repository
public interface AuthorRepository extends JpaRepository<Author, Integer> {
    List<Author> findAllByFirstName(String fn);
    List<Author> findAllByFirstNameIgnoreCase(String fx);
    List<Author> findAllByFirstNameContainingIgnoreCase(String fx);
    List<Author> findAllByFirstNameStartsWithIgnoreCase(String fn);
    List<Author> findAllByFirstNameEndingWithIgnoreCase(String fn);
    List<Author> findAllByFirstNameInIgnoreCase(List<String> firstnames);
```

Faker (faking data)

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Faker is used to generate fake data in java including names, addresses

```
@SpringBootApplication
public class JpaApplication {
   public static void main(String[] args) { SpringApplication.run(JpaApplication.class, args); }
    @Bean
    public CommandLineRunner commandLineRunner(
           AuthorRepository repository,
           videoRepository
       return args -> {
           for(int i = 0; i < 50; i++) {
               Faker faker = new Faker();
               Author author = Author.builder().firstName(faker.name().firstName())
                       .lastName(faker.name().lastName())
                       .age(faker.number().numberBetween(19,50))
                       .email(faker.name().username()+ "@gmail.com")
                       .build();
               repository.save(author);
```

Repository Save method

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When calling .save() using a repository, if the object you are attempting to save exists (given its ID) the existing one will be modified instead of making a new one

Below id=1 object already exists so its fields were changed to match our input:

```
Author authorOne = Author.builder() AuthorBuilder<capture of ?, capture of ?>

.id(1) capture of ?

.firstName("matt")

.lastName("butler")

.age(19)

.email("mattbutler0001@mail.com")

.build();

repository.save(authorOne);
```

Hibernate: insert into author (age,created_at,created_by,email,first_name,last_modified_at,last_modified_by,last_name,id) values (?,?,?,?,?,?,?)

Hibernate: insert into author (age,created_at,created_by,email,first_name,last_modified_at,last_modified_by,last_name,id) values (?,?,?,?,?,?,?)

Hibernate: select al_0.id,al_0.age,al_0.created_at,al_0.created_by,al_0.email,al_0.first_name,al_0.last_modified_at,al_0.last_modified_by,al_0.last_name from author al_0 where al_0.id=?

Hibernate: update author set age=?,created_at=?,created_by=?,email=?,first_name=?,last_modified_at=?,last_modified_by=?,last_name=? where id=?

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Using @Query annotation we can write custom queries in SQL

Very useful for bulk updates

Make sure if its an updating query to include @Modifying

We must make it transactional to make a custom SQL query work @Transactional

AuthorRepository Custom Query (update age):

```
public interface AuthorRepository extends JpaRepository<Author, Integer> {
    List<Author> findAllByFirstName(String fn);
    List<Author> findAllByFirstNameContainingIgnoreCase(String fx);
   List<Author> findAllByFirstNameStartsWithIgnoreCase(String fn);
   List<Author> findAllByFirstNameEndingWithIgnoreCase(String fn);
   List<Author> findAllByFirstNameInIgnoreCase(List<String> firstnames);
   @Modifying
   @Query("update Author a set a.age = :age where a.id = :id")
```

Usage:



Mass Update Query

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```
//Update all authors using custom SQL query repository.updateAllAUthors( age: 99);
```

```
@Modifying
@Transactional
@Query("update Author a set a.age = :age")
void updateAllAUthors(int age);
}
```

@NamedQueries usecases

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@NamedQueries are used for organising and maintaining query definitions

Common use:

Encapsulation

Reusability

Help to optimize performance by validation and optimization during startup

Centralized, stored in one place

Use case:

When you have complex queries that are reused

When you want to optimize performance for frequently used queries

When you want to improve readability

When you want to improve organisation

NamedQueries are not the best choice if you need flexibility or lots of user input

@NamedQuery

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Read above for more Info

@NamedQueries is just a way to organise @namedQuery

@NamedQuery should be installed within entity

@NamedQuery require a name and a query

@Param is used for repository input, should match SQL input

Author (where named query applied):

When updating we always need Transactional, and Modifying annotations

@Param is used for repository input, should match SQL input

```
@NamedQuery(
          name = "Author.findByNamedQuery",
          query = "select a from Author a where a.age >= :age"
)
public class Author extends BaseEntity {
```

in Author repository:

```
@Repository
public interface AuthorRepository extends JpaRepository<Author, Integer> {
    1 usage
    @Transactional
    List<Author> findByNamedQuery(@Param("age") int age);

    1 usage
    @Modifying
    @Transactional
    void updateByNamedQuery(@Param("age") int age);
```

```
@Repository
public interface AuthorRepository extends JpaRepository<Author, Integer> {
    1usage
    @Transactional
    List<Author> findByNamedQuery(@Param("age") int age);

    1usage
    @Modifying
    @Transactional
    void updateByNamedQuery(@Param("age") int age);
```

Specification Queries

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This is very reusable and dynamic

Spring Specification Queries allow you to build complex queries that are flexible using the Specification interface

You must extend your repository with Specification to be able to access common methods like findAll and FindOne

We can use logical operators like 'and, or'

You can reuse specification and its good for complex queries that require user input

Root holds the entity information throughout our query



Root.get() - Means get all attributes with age then builder.equal will check them for correct age within our specification

Builder. - You can use any SQL method in your specification

When using params you must use %~%

You must extend Repostitory with jpaSpec first:

```
② usages
@Repository
public interface AuthorRepository extends JpaRepository<Author, Integer>, JpaSpecificationExecutor<Author> {
```

Example Specification:

```
public class AuthSpecification {

1usage
public static Specification
public static Specification
CriteriaQuery<?> query, CriteriaBuilder builder) -> {

if(age < 0) {
 return null;
 }
 return builder.equal(root.get("age"), age);
 };
}

1usage
public static Specification</pre>
Author> firstnameContains(String firstname) {

return (Root<Author> root, CriteriaQuery<?> query, CriteriaBuilder builder) -> {

if(firstname == null) {
 return null;
 }
 return builder.like(root.get("firstName"), pattern: "%" + firstname +"%");
 };
}
```

Usage:

Will look for Matt at age 34

You don't have to use the entire spec in your code

e.g call without using 'firstnameContains'

Or you can switch the logical operator (or example):

This is what makes it dynamic and reusable