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Chapter 1: Getting started with Hibernate

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Section 1.1: Using XML Configuration to set up Hibernate

I create a file called database.xml somewhere on the classpath.

Initially your config file will look like this:

```
<xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8">
<session-factory>
    <property name="hibernate.connection.url" value="jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/test" />
    <property name="hibernate.connection.username" value="root" />
    <property name="hibernate.connection.password" value="password" />
    <property name="hibernate.dialect" value="org.hibernate.dialect.MySQLDialect" />
    <mapping resource="Employee.hbm.xml" />
</session-factory>
```

You'll notice I imported the xsd and jibx Spring namespaces. This is because we are in this config file.

The first thing you want to do is enable annotation based transaction management. If that people use Hibernate in Spring is because Spring will manage it's your transaction line to your configuration file.

```
<tx:annotation-driven />
```

We need to create a data source. The data source is basically the database that your objects. Generally one transaction manager will have one data source. If data sources then you have multiple transaction managers.

```
<bean id="dataSource"
      class="org.springframework.jdbc.datasource.DriverManagerDataSource">
    <property name="driverClassName" value="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver" />
    <property name="url" value="jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/test" />
    <property name="username" value="root" />
    <property name="password" value="password" />
  
```

The class of this bean can be anything that implements `java.sql.DataSource`. Common or e.g. apache commons, dcp, basicdatasource, but there are many others. To explain how:

- driverClassName: The path to your JDBC driver. This is a **database specific** tag that should be available on your machine. The database you are using.

Chapter 2: Fetching in Hibernate

Fetching is really important in JPA (Java Persistence API). In JPA, HQL (Hibernate Query Language) and JPQL (Java Persistence Query Language) are used to fetch the entities based on their relationships. Although it is better than using so many joining queries and sub-queries to get what we want by using native SQL, the strategy how we fetch the associated entities in JPA are still essentially affecting the performance of our application.

Section 2.1: It is recommended to use FetchType.LAZY. Join fetch the columns when they are needed

Below is an Employer entity-class which is mapped to the table employer. As you can see I used `fetch = FetchType.LAZY` instead of `fetch = FetchType.EAGER`. The reason I am using LAZY is because Employer may have a lot of properties later on and every time I may not need to know all the fields of an Employer, so loading all of them will leading a bad performance then an employer is loaded.

```
@Entity
@Table(name = "employee")
public class Employer {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private long id;
    @Column(name = "name")
    private String name;
    @OneToOne(mappedBy = "employer", fetch = FetchType.LAZY,
        cascade = { CascadeType.ALL }, orphanRemoval = true)
    private List employees;
    public long getId() {
        return id;
    }
    public void setId(long id) {
        this.id = id;
    }
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
    public List<Employee> getEmployees() {
        return employees;
    }
    public void setEmployees(List<Employee> employees) {
        this.employees = employees;
    }
}
```

However, for LAZY fetched associations, uninitialized proxies are sometimes leads to LazyInitializationException.

In this case, we can simply use `JOIN FETCH` in the HQL/JPQL to avoid LazyInitializationException.

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Chapter 8: Custom Naming Strategy

Section 8.1: Creating and Using a Custom ImplicitNamingStrategy

Creating a custom `ImplicitNamingStrategy` allows you to tweak how Hibernate will assign names to non-explicitly named Entity attributes, including Foreign Keys, Unique Keys, Identifier Columns, Basic Columns, and more.

For example, by default, Hibernate will generate Foreign Keys which are hashed and look similar to:

`PK_employee_fk1`

While this is often not an issue, you may wish that the name was more descriptive, such as:

`Employee_fk1`

This can easily be done with a custom `ImplicitNamingStrategy`. This example extends the `ImplicitNamingStrategyImpl`, however, you may choose to implement `ImplicitNamingStrategy` if you wish.

```
import org.hibernate.boot.model.naming.Identifier;
import org.hibernate.boot.model.naming.ImplicitNamingStrategy;
import org.hibernate.boot.model.naming.ImplicitNamingStrategyAwareBuilder;
public class CustomNamingStrategy extends ImplicitNamingStrategyAwareBuilder {
    @Override
    public Identifier determineForeignKeyName(Identifier source) {
        return Identifier.create("FK_" + source.getTableName() + "_fk1");
    }
}
```

To tell Hibernate which `ImplicitNamingStrategy` to use, define the `hibernate.implicit_naming_strategy` property in your `persistence.xml` or `hibernate.cfg.xml` file as below:

```
<property name="hibernate.implicit_naming_strategy" value="com.example.foo_bar.CustomNamingStrategy" />
```

Or you can specify the property in `hibernate.properties` file as below:

```
hibernate.implicit_naming_strategy=com.example.foo_bar.CustomNamingStrategy
```

In this example, all Foreign Keys which do not have an explicitly defined name will now get their name from the `CustomNamingStrategy`.

Section 8.2: Custom Physical Naming Strategy

When mapping our entities to database table names we rely on a `#table` annotation. But if we have a naming convention for our database table names, we can implement a custom physical naming strategy in order to tell Hibernate to calculate table names based on the names of the entities, without explicitly stating those names with `#table` annotation. Same goes for attributes and column mapping.

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Section 1.1: Using XML Configuration to set up Hibernate

I create a file called `database-servlet.xml` somewhere on the classpath.

Initially your config file will look like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:jdbc="http://www.springframework.org/schema/jdbc"
    xmlns:tx="http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-3.2.xsd
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/jdbc
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/jdbc/spring-jdbc-3.2.xsd
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx
        http://www.springframework.org/schema/tx/spring-tx-3.2.xsd">

</beans>
```

You'll notice I imported the tx and jdbc Spring namespaces. This is because we are going to use them quite heavily in this config file.

First thing you want to do is enable annotation based transaction management (`@Transactional`). The main reason that people use Hibernate in Spring is because Spring will manage all your transactions for you. Add the following line to your configuration file:

```
<tx:annotation-driven />
```

We need to create a data source. The data source is basically the database that Hibernate is going to use to persist your objects. Generally one transaction manager will have one data source. If you want Hibernate to talk to multiple data sources then you have multiple transaction managers.

```
<bean id="dataSource"
    class="org.springframework.jdbc.datasource.DriverManagerDataSource">
    <property name="driverClassName" value="" />
    <property name="url" value="" />
    <property name="username" value="" />
    <property name="password" value="" />
</bean>
```

The class of this bean can be anything that implements `javax.sql.DataSource` so you could write your own. This example class is provided by Spring, but doesn't have its own thread pool. A popular alternative is the Apache Commons `org.apache.commons.dbcp.BasicDataSource`, but there are many others. I'll explain each of the properties below:

- `driverClassName`: The path to your JDBC driver. This is a **database specific** JAR that should be available on

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