Java Persistence API (JPA)

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Data Persistence

What "data persistence" means ?

We manipulate data (represented as object state) that need to be stored

persistently to survive a single run of the application

queriably to be able to retrieve/access them

scalably to be able to handle large data volumes

transactionally to ensure their consistency

How to achieve persistence I

Serialization

- simple, yet hardly queriable, not transactional, ...
- stream persisting an instance of class C is deprecated once definition of C is modified (e.g. field added/removed).

Relational Databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, ...)

- efficient storage for data with rigid schema
- well-established and most popular technology
- efficient search using SQL standard
- secure and Transactional (ACID)

How to achieve persistence II

NoSQL Databases

Key-value storages (MongoDB, Hadoop, ...)

- suitable for data without rigid schema

- Object Databases
  - designed in 90's to capture complexity of object models (e.g. inheritance)
  - Issues: scalability, standardized queries

RDF Triple Stores (SDB, TDB, Sesame, Virtuoso, ...)

- graph stores for distributed semantic web data – RDF(S), OWL

Programmatic Access to Relational Databases (RDBMS)

- JDBC (JSR 221)
  - Java standard to ensure independence on the particular RDBMS (at least theoretically)
- EJB 2.1 (JSR 153)
  - Provides Object Relational Mapping (ORM), but complicated

    (single entity = several Java files + XMLs)
  - distributed transactions, load balancing
- iBatis,Hibernate – ORM driving forces for JPA 2
- JPA 2 (JSR 317)
  - Standardized ORM solution for both standalone and Java EE applications

From JDBC to JPA

JDBC

Java standard to ensure independence on the particular RDBMS (at least theoretically)

```
Connection connection = null;
PreparedStatement statement = null;
try {
    Class.forName("org.postgresql.Driver");
    connection = DriverManager.getConnection(jdbcURL,dbUser,dbPassword);
    statement = connection.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM PERSON WHERE HASNAME LIKE ?");
    statement.setString(1, "%Pepa%");
    ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery();
} catch (ClassNotFoundException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
    if ( statement != null ) {
        try {
            statement.close();
        } catch (SQLException e1) {
            e1.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    if ( connection != null ) {
        try {
            connection.close();
        } catch (SQLException e1) {
            e1.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

JDBC – entities CRUD

Create

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.
    prepareStatement("INSERT INTO
    PERSON (id,hasname) VALUES (?,?)");
statement.setLong(1,10);
statement.setString(2,"Honza");
statement.executeUpdate();
```

Retrieve

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.
    prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM
    PERSON WHERE ID=?");
statement.setLong(1,2);
ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery();
```

Update

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.
    prepareStatement("UPDATE PERSON
    SET HASNAME='Jirka' WHERE ID=?");
statement.setLong(1,2);
statement.executeUpdate();
```

Delete

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.
    prepareStatement("DELETE FROM
    PERSON WHERE ID=?");
statement.setLong(1,1);
statement.executeUpdate();
```

Question 1: Why prepared statements ?

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement(
  "INSERT INTO PERSON (id,hasname) VALUES (?,?)"
);
statement.setLong(1,10);
statement.setString(2,"Honza");
statement.executeUpdate();
```

How to avoid boilerplate code ?

- Boilerplate code
  - Obtaining (pooled) connection
  - SQLException handling
  - creating Java objects out of the query results:

```
ResultSet rs = ...
while(rs.next()) {
    Person p = new Person();
    p.setId(rs.getLong("ID"));
    p.setHasName(rs.getString("HASNAME"));
}
```

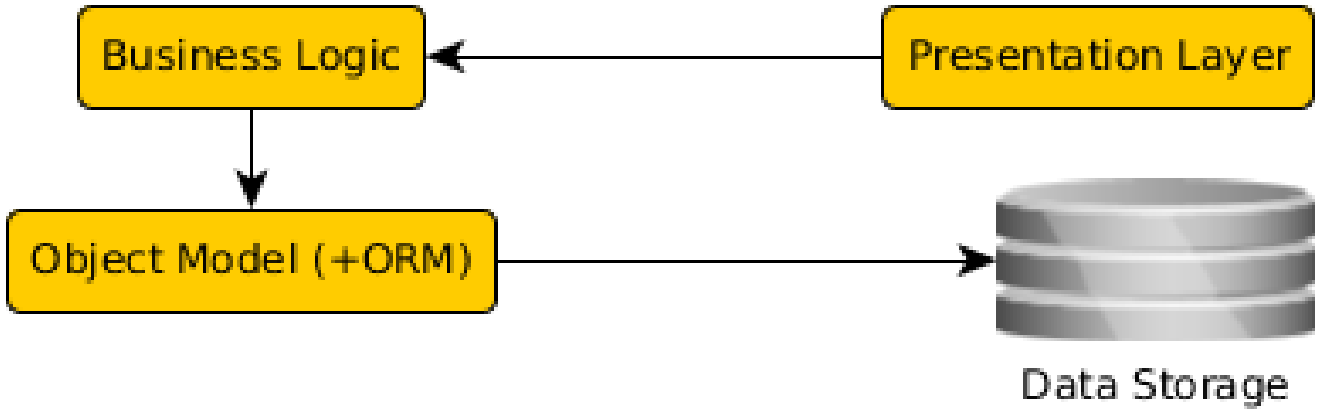
  - Although SQL is a standard – there are still differences in implementations (MySQL autoincrement, PostgreSQL serial ...)

solution = Object Relational Mapping (ORM)

JPA Basics

ORM Architecture

- idea: "map whole Java classes to database records"
- a typical system architecture with ORM:




```
@Entity
public Person {
  @Id
  private Long id;
  private String hasName;
  // setters+getters
}
```

```
CREATE TABLE PERSON (
  ID bigint PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,
  HASNAME varchar(255)
);
```

CRUD using JPA 2.0

Initialization

```
EntityManagerFactory f = Persistence.createEntityManagerFactory("pu");
EntityManager em = f.createEntityManager();
EntityTransaction t = em.getTransaction();
t.begin();
```

Create

```
Person person = new Person();
person.setId(10);
Person.setHasName("Honza");
em.persist(person);
```

Retrieve

```
Person person = em.find(Person.class, 2);
```

Update

```
Person person = em.find(Person.class, 2);
person.setHasName("Jirka");
```

Delete

```
Person person = em.find(Person.class, 1);
em.remove(person);
```

Finalization

```
t.commit();
```

JPA 2.1

- Java Persistence API 2.1 (JSR-338)
- Although part of Java EE 7 specifications, JPA 2.1 can be used both in EE and SE applications.
- Main topics covered:
  - Basic scenarios
  - Controller logic – EntityManager interface
  - ORM strategies
  - JPQL + Criteria API

JPA 2.1 – Entity Example

- Minimal example (configuration by exception):

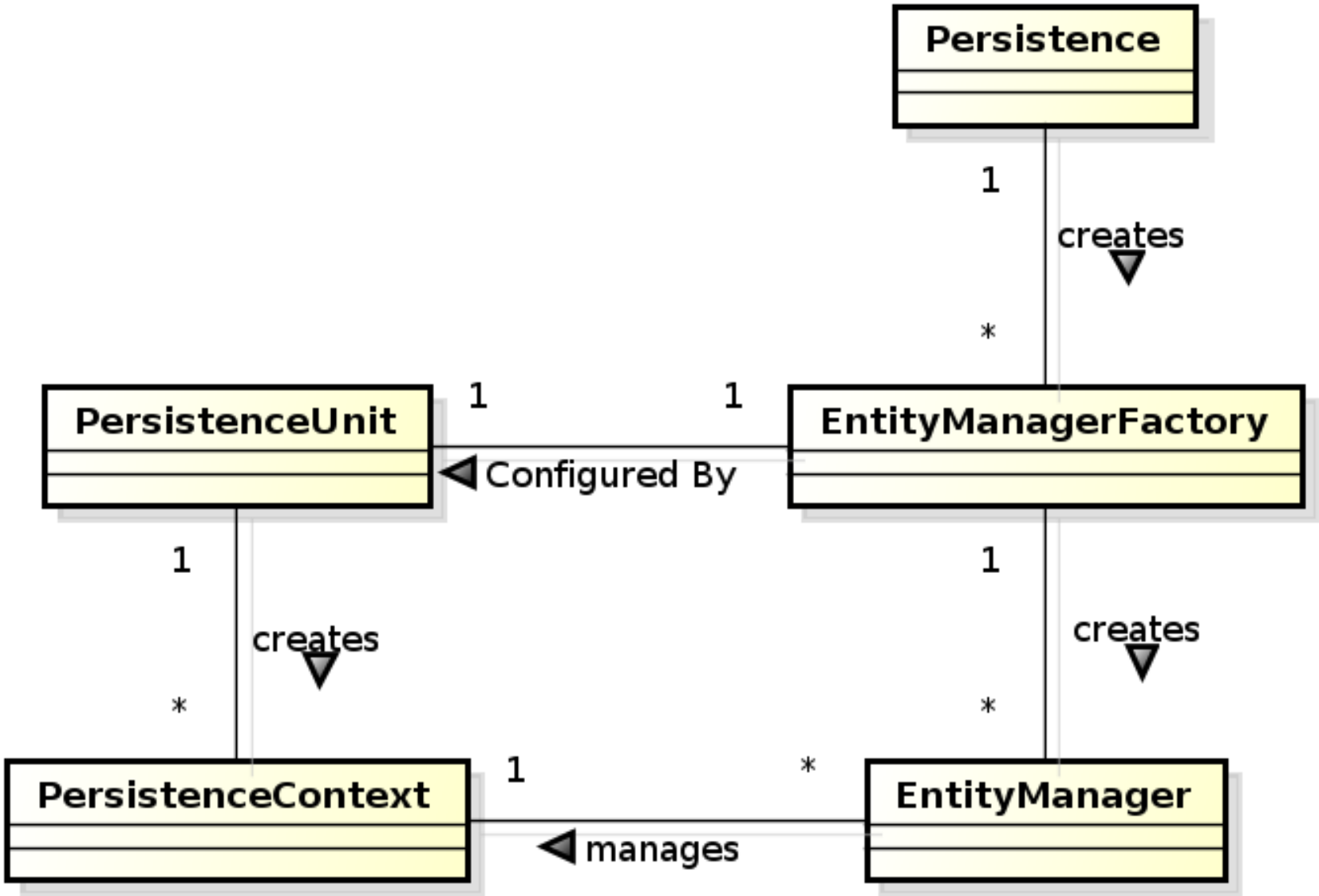
```
@Entity
public class Person {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Integer id;

    private String name;

    // setters + getters
}
```

JPA Basics

- Let's have a set of „suitably annotated" POJOs, called entities, describing your domain model.
- A set of entities is logically grouped into a persistence unit.
- JPA providers :
  - generate persistence unit from existing database,
  - generate database schema from existing persistence unit.

Question: *What is the benefit of the keeping Your domain model in the persistence unit entities (OO) instead of the database schema (SQL) ?*

JPA – Model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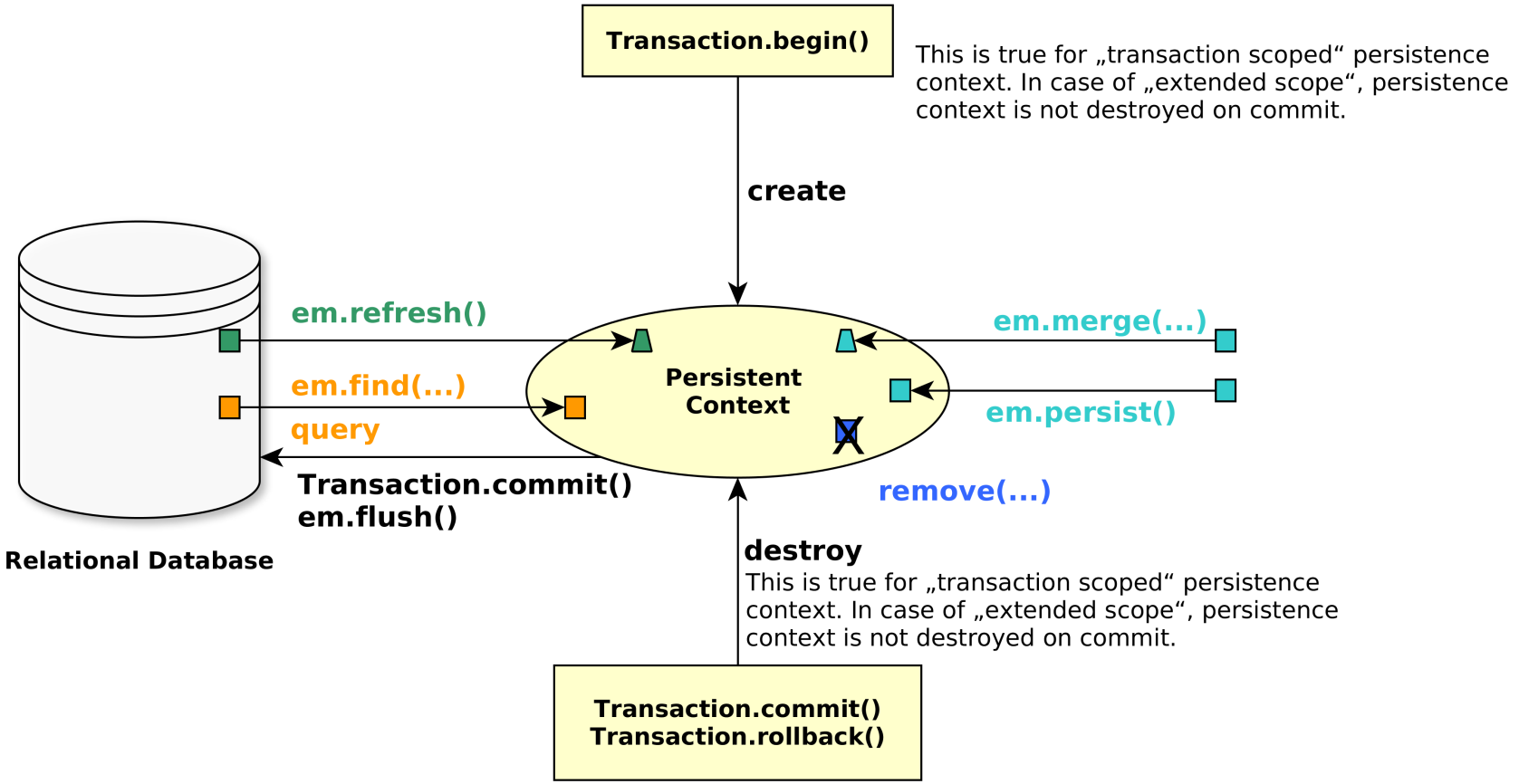
EntityManager
manages

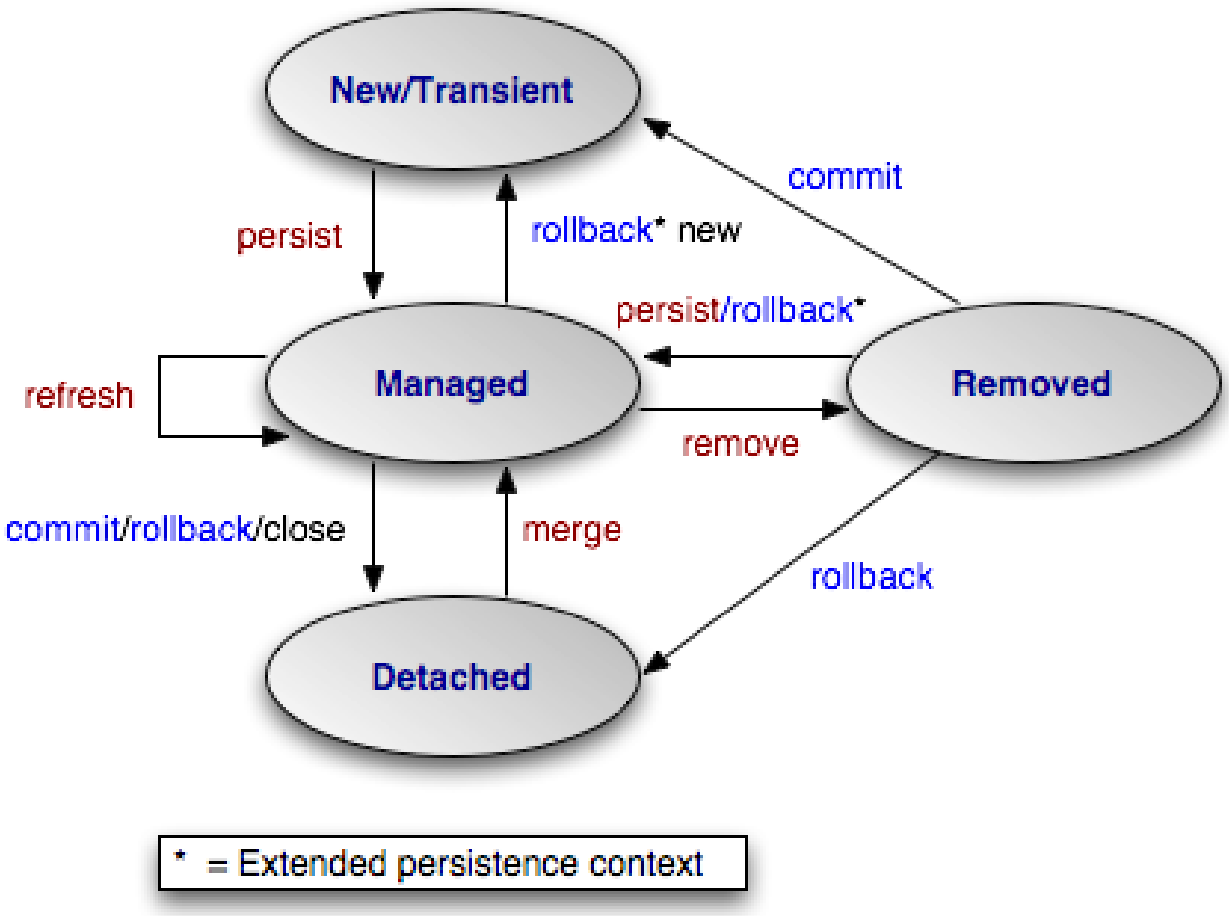
JPA 2.0 – Persistence Context

- In runtime, the application accesses the object counterpart (represented by entity instances) of the database data. These (managed) entities comprise a **persistence context (PC)**.
  - PC is synchronized with the database on demand (refresh, flush) or at transaction commit.
  - PC is accessed by an EntityManager instance and can be shared by several EntityManager instances.

JPA – Operations



JPA – Entity States



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http://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_Persistence_API

JPA – Operation Details

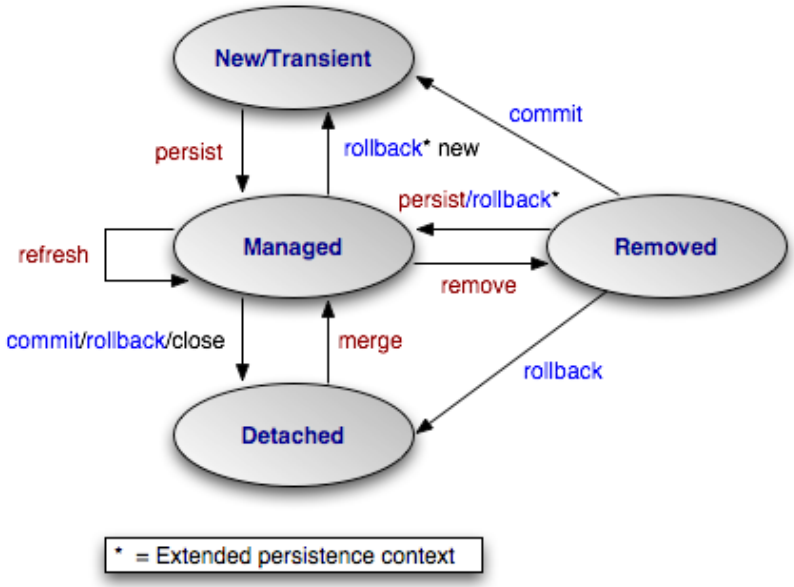
persist stores a new entity into persistence context (PC). The PC must not contain an entity with the same id,

merge merges a detached entity with its managed version (inside PC),

find finds an entity in the DB and fetches it into PC,

refresh "reverts" a managed entity state from DB,

remove deletes a managed entity from PC.



JPA – EntityManager

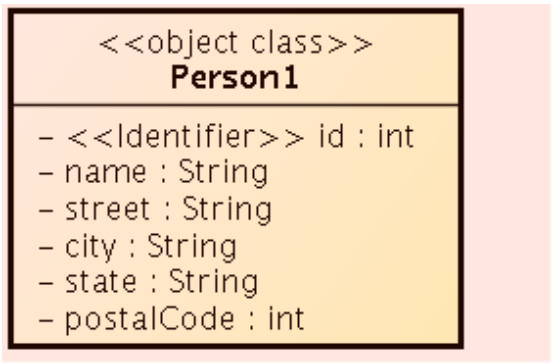
- **EntityManager (EM)** instance is in fact a generic DAO, while entities can be understand as DPO (managed) or DTO (detached).
- Selected operations on EM (CRUD) :

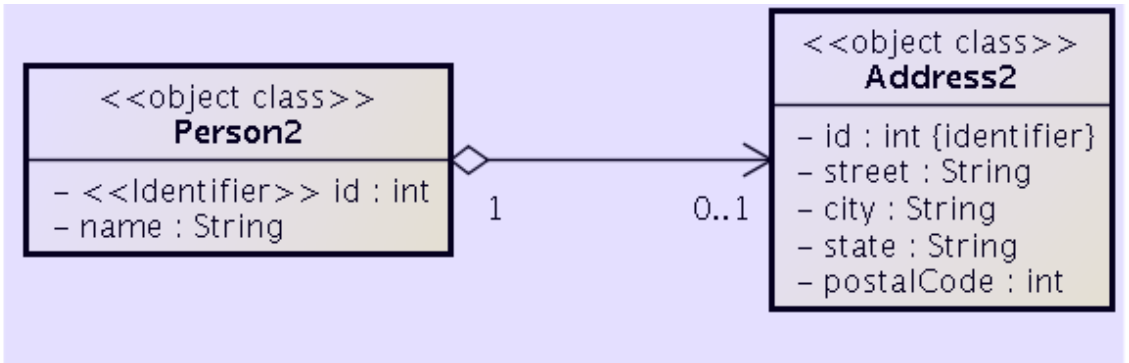
  Create : em.persist(Object o)
  Read : em.find(Object id), em.refresh(Object o)
  Update : em.merge(Object o)
  Delete : em.remove(Object o)

  native/JPQL queries : em.createNativeQuery, em.createQuery, etc.
  Resource-local transactions : em.getTransaction.[begin(),commit(),rollback()]

Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) Basics

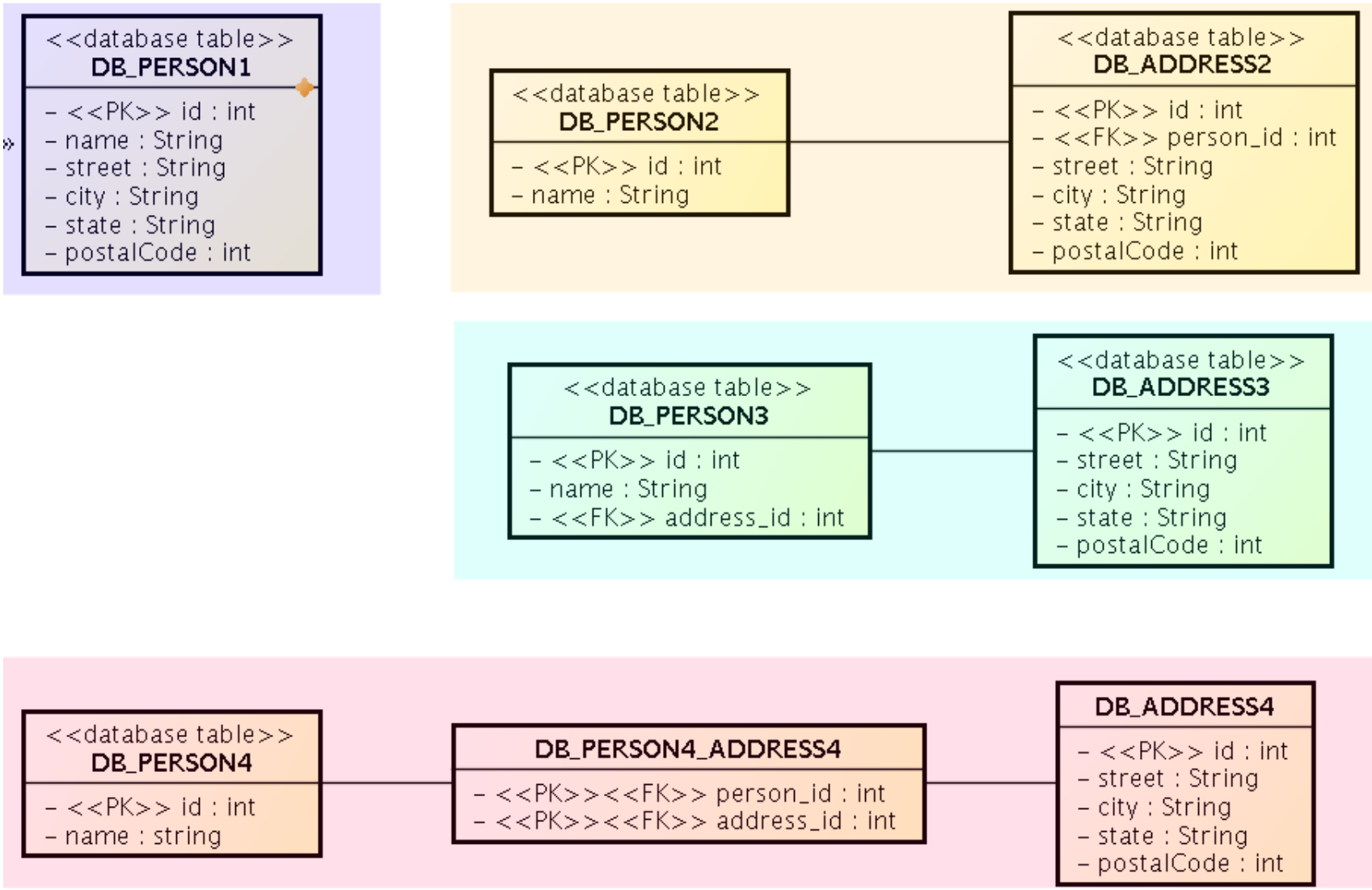
Object model





Which one is correct ?

Database model



Which one is correct ?

ORM Basics

Simple View

Java Classes = Entities = SQL tables
Java Fields/accessors = Entity properties = SQL columns

- The ORM is realized by means of Java annotations/XML.
- Physical Schema annotations
  - `@Table`, `@Column`, `@JoinColumn`, `@JoinTable`, etc.
- Logical Schema annotations
  - `@Entity`, `@OneToMany`, `@ManyToMany`, etc.
- Each property can be fetched lazily/eagerly.

Mapping basic types

Primitive Java types:

- `String` → `varchar/text`,
- `Integer` → `int`,
- `byte[]` → `blob`,
- etc.

- `@Column` – physical schema properties of the particular column (insertable, updatable, precise data type, defaults, etc.)
- `@Lob` – large objects
- Default EAGER fetching (except `@Lob`s)

```
@Column(name="id")
private String getName();
```

Mapping enums/temporals

Enums

```
@Enumerated(value=EnumType.String)
private EnumPersonType type;
```

Stored either in a `text` column, or in an `int` column

Temporals

```
@Temporal(TemporalType.Date)
private java.util.Date datum;
```

Stored in respective column type according to the TemporalType.

ORM – Identifiers

- Single-attribute: `@Id`
- Multiple-attribute – an identifier class must exist
  - Id. class: `@IdClass`, entity ids: `@Id`
  - Id. class: `@Embeddable`, entity id: `@EmbeddedId`

```
@Id
@GeneratedValue(strategy=GenerationType.SEQUENCE)
private int id;
```

Question: How to write `hashCode`, `equals` for entities ?

ORM – Generating Identifiers

Strategies

- AUTO – the provider picks its own strategy
- TABLE – special table keeps the last generated values
- SEQUENCE – using the database native SEQUENCE functionality (PostgreSQL)
- IDENTITY – some DBMSs implement autonumber column

For database-related strategies, the value of id is set only on

- `Transaction.commit()`
- `em.flush()`
- `em.refresh()`

ORM – Generated Identifiers TABLE strategy

```
@TableGenerator(
    name="Address_Gen",
    table="ID_GEN",
    pkColumnName="GEN_NAME",
    valueColumnName="GEN_VAL",
    initialValue=10000,
    allocationSize=100)
@Id
@GeneratedValue(generator=AddressGen)
private int id;
```

ORM Relationship Mapping

ORM – Relationships

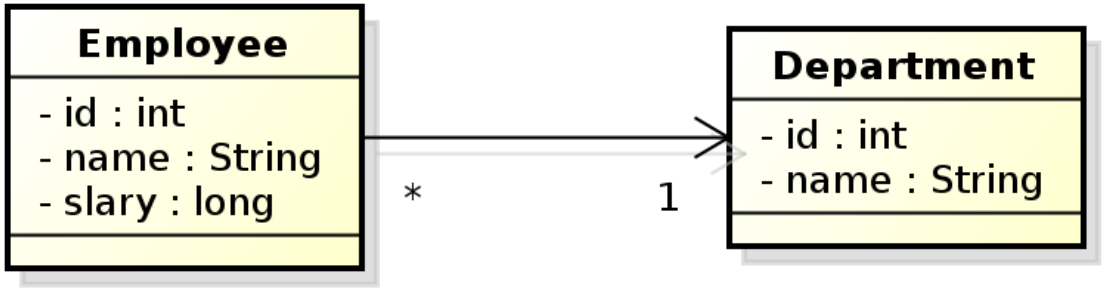
Unidirectional

- accessed from **one side** only
  - `emp.getProjects()`
  - ~~`prj.getEmployees()`~~

Bidirectional

- accessed from **both sides** sides
  - `empl.getProjects()`
  - `prj.getEmployees()`
- **owning side** = side used for changing the relationship
- **inverse side** = read-only side

Unidirectional many-to-one relationship I

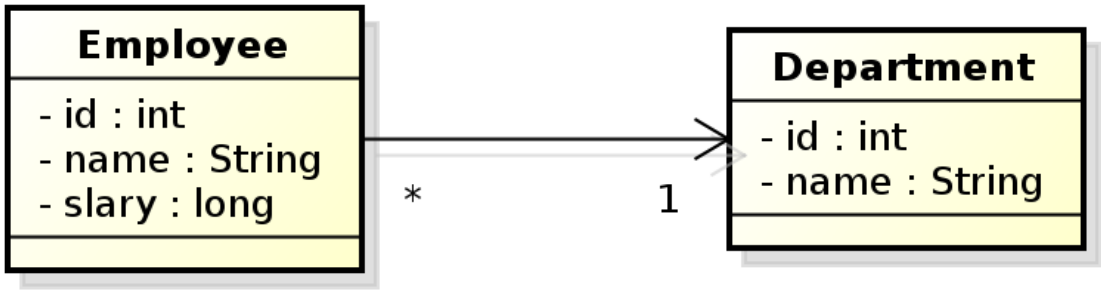



```
@Entity
public class Employee {
    // ...
    @ManyToOne
    private Department department;
    // ...
}
```

owning side = Employee

In DB, the N:1 relationship is implemented using a foreign key inside the Employee table. In this case, the foreign key has a default name.

Unidirectional many-to-one relationship II

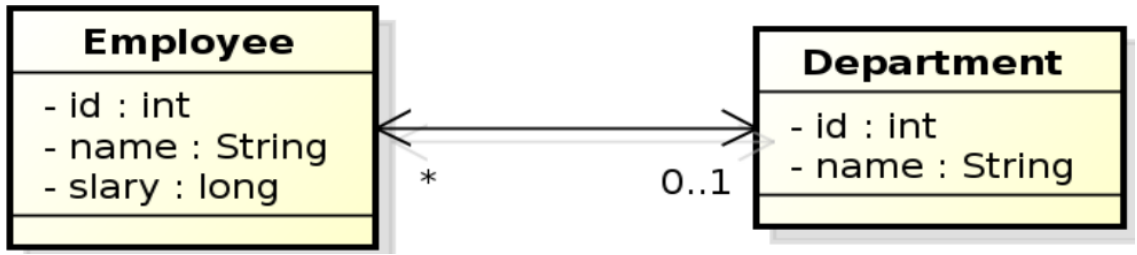



```
@Entity
public class Employee {
    @Id
    private int id;
    private String name;
    private long salary;
    @ManyToOne
    @JoinColumn(name=DEPT_ID)
    private Department department;
}
```

owning side = Employee.

Here, the foreign key is defined using the `@JoinColumn` annotation.

Bidirectional many-to-one relationship



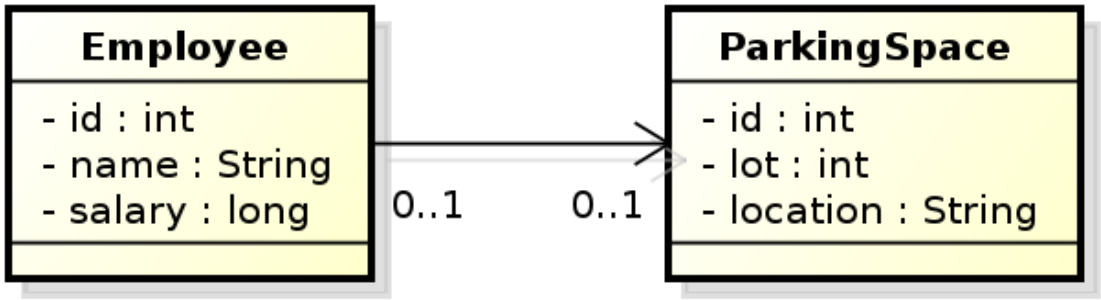

```
@Entity
public class Employee {
   @Id
   private int id;
   private String name;
   private long salary;
   @ManyToOne
   @JoinColumn(name="DEPT_ID")
   private Department department;
}
```

```
@Entity
public class Department {
   @Id
   private int id;
   private String name;

   @OneToMany(mappedBy="department")
   private Collection<Employee> employees;

}
```

owning side = Employee **inverse side = Department**

Here, the foreign key is defined using the `@JoinColumn` annotation.

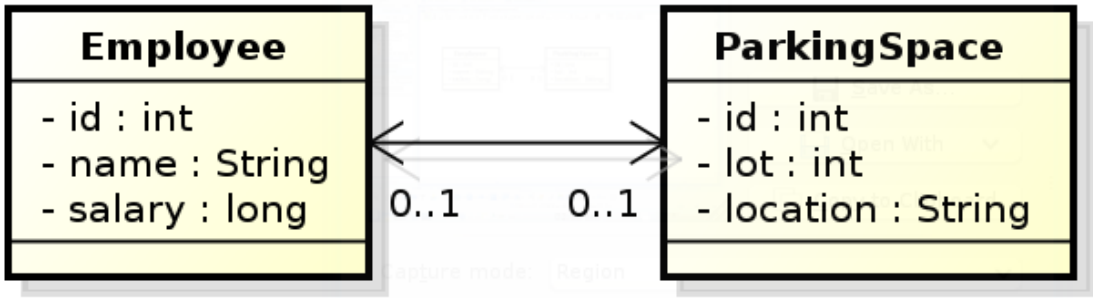
Unidirectional one-to-one relationship




```
@Entity
public class Employee {
   @Id
   private int id;
   private String name;
   private long salary;
   @OneToOne
   @JoinColumn(name="PSPACE_ID")
   private ParkingSpace parkingSpace;
}
```

owning side = Employee.

Bidirectional one-to-one relationship



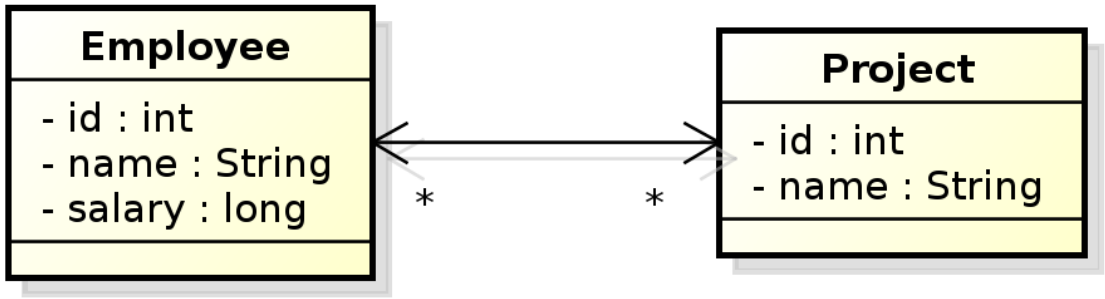

```
@Entity
public class Employee {
  @Id
  private int id;
  private String name;
  private long salary;
  @OneToOne
  @JoinColumn(name="PSPACE_ID")
  private ParkingSpace parkingSpace;
}
```

```
@Entity
public class ParkingSpace {
  @Id
  private int id;
  private int lot;
  private String location;

  @OneToOne(mappedBy="parkingSpace");
  private Employee employee;
}
```

owning side = Employee

inverse side = ParkingSpace

Bidirectional many-to-many relationship




```
@Entity
public class Employee {
   @Id
   private int id;
   private String name;
   private long salary;

   @ManyToMany
   private Collection<Project> project;
}
```

owning side = Employee

```
@Entity
public class Project {

   @Id private int id;
   private String name;

   @ManyToMany(mappedBy="projects");
   private Collection<Employee> employees;
}
```

inverse side = ParkingSpace

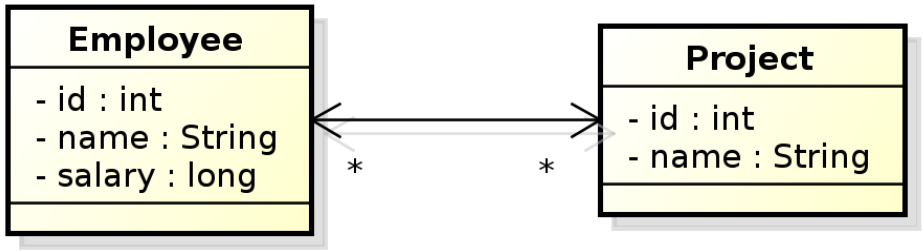
Conceptual Modeling Intermezzo

- M:N relationship is a **conceptual modeling** primitive

- Does it mean that
  - A patient has **one** treatment that is handled in **more** hospitals ?
  - A patient has **more** treatments, each handled in a **single** hospital ?
  - A patient has **more** treatments, each handled in **more** hospitals ?
- partialities and cardinalities are too weak in this case.

Careful modeling often leads to decomposing M:N relationships on the **conceptual level** (not on the logical level, like JPA).

Bidirectional many-to-many relationship



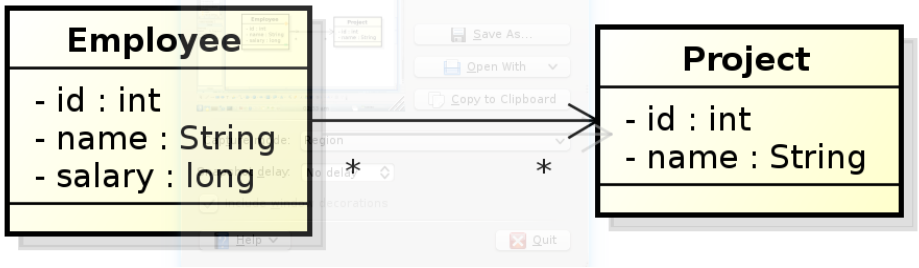

```
@Entity
public class Employee {
  @Id private int id;
  private String Name;
  private long salary;
  @ManyToMany
  @JoinTable(name="EMP_PROJ",
    joinColumns=
      @JoinColumn(name="EMP_ID"),
    inverseJoinColumns=
      @JoinColumn(name="PROJ_ID"))
  private Collection<Project> projects;
}
```

owning side = Employee

```
@Entity
public class Project {
  @Id private int id;
  private String name;

  @ManyToMany(mappedBy="projects");
  private Collection<Employee> employees;
}
```

inverse side = ParkingSpace

Unidirectional many-to-many relationship




```
@Entity
public class Employee {
  @Id private int id;
  private String Name;
  private long salary;
  @ManyToMany
  @JoinTable(name="EMP_PROJ",
    joinColumns=
      @JoinColumn(name="EMP_ID"),
    inverseJoinColumns=
      @JoinColumn(name="PROJ_ID"))
  private Collection<Project> projects;
}
```

```
@Entity
public class Project {
    @Id private int id;
    private String name;
}
```

owning side = Employee

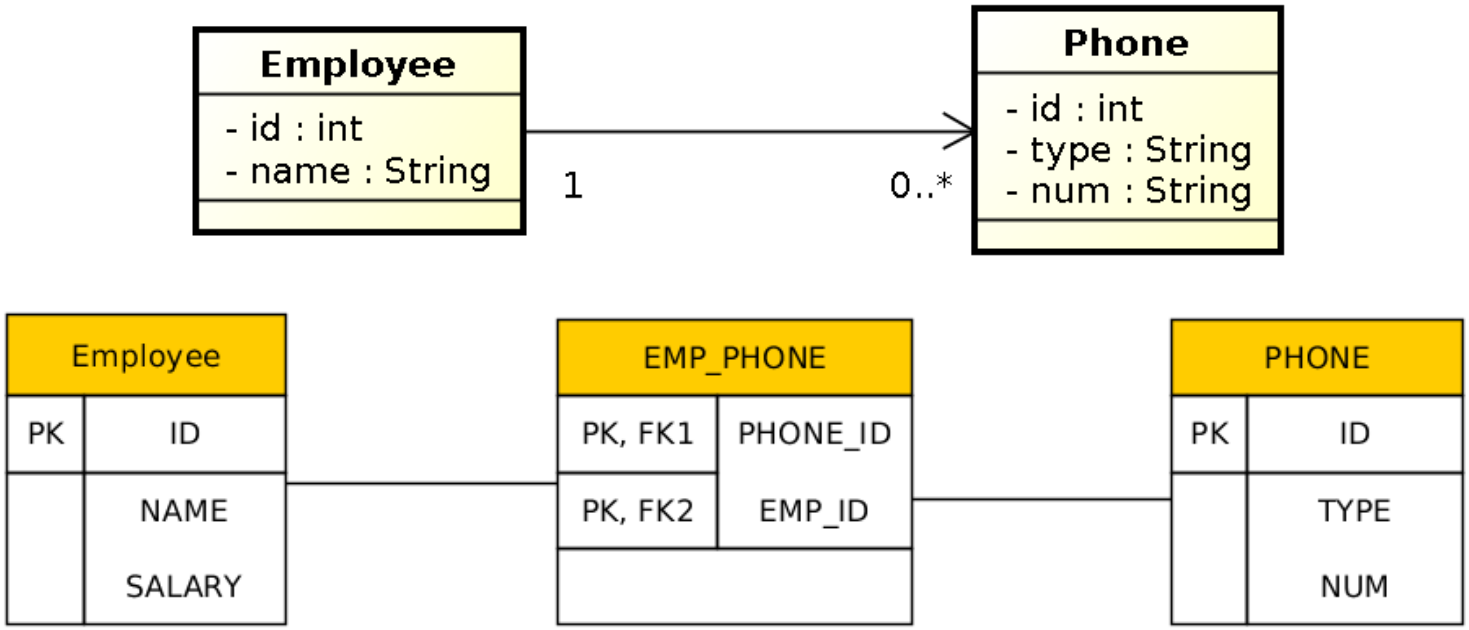
Unidirectional one-to-many relationship


```
@Entity
public class Employee {
  @Id private int id;
  private String name;
  @OneToMany
  @JoinTable(name=EMP_PHONE,
    joinColumns=
      @JoinColumn(name=EMP_ID),
    inverseJoinColumns=
      @JoinColumn(name=PHONE_ID))
  private Collection<Phone> phones;
}
```

```
@Entity
public class Phone {
  @Id private int id;
  private String type;
  private String num;
}
```

owning side = Employee

Unidirectional one-to-many relationship




```
@Entity public class Employee {
  @Id private int id;
  private String name;
  @OneToMany @JoinTable(name=EMP_PHONE,
    joinColumns=@JoinColumn(name=EMP_ID),
    inverseJoinColumns=@JoinColumn(name=PHONE_ID))
  private Collection<Phone> phones;
}
```

```
@Entity
public class Phone {
  @Id private int id;
  private String type;
  private String num;
}
```

Lazy Loading

```
@Entity
public class Employee {
  @Id private int id;
  private String name;


  private ParkingSpace
    parkingSpace;
}
```

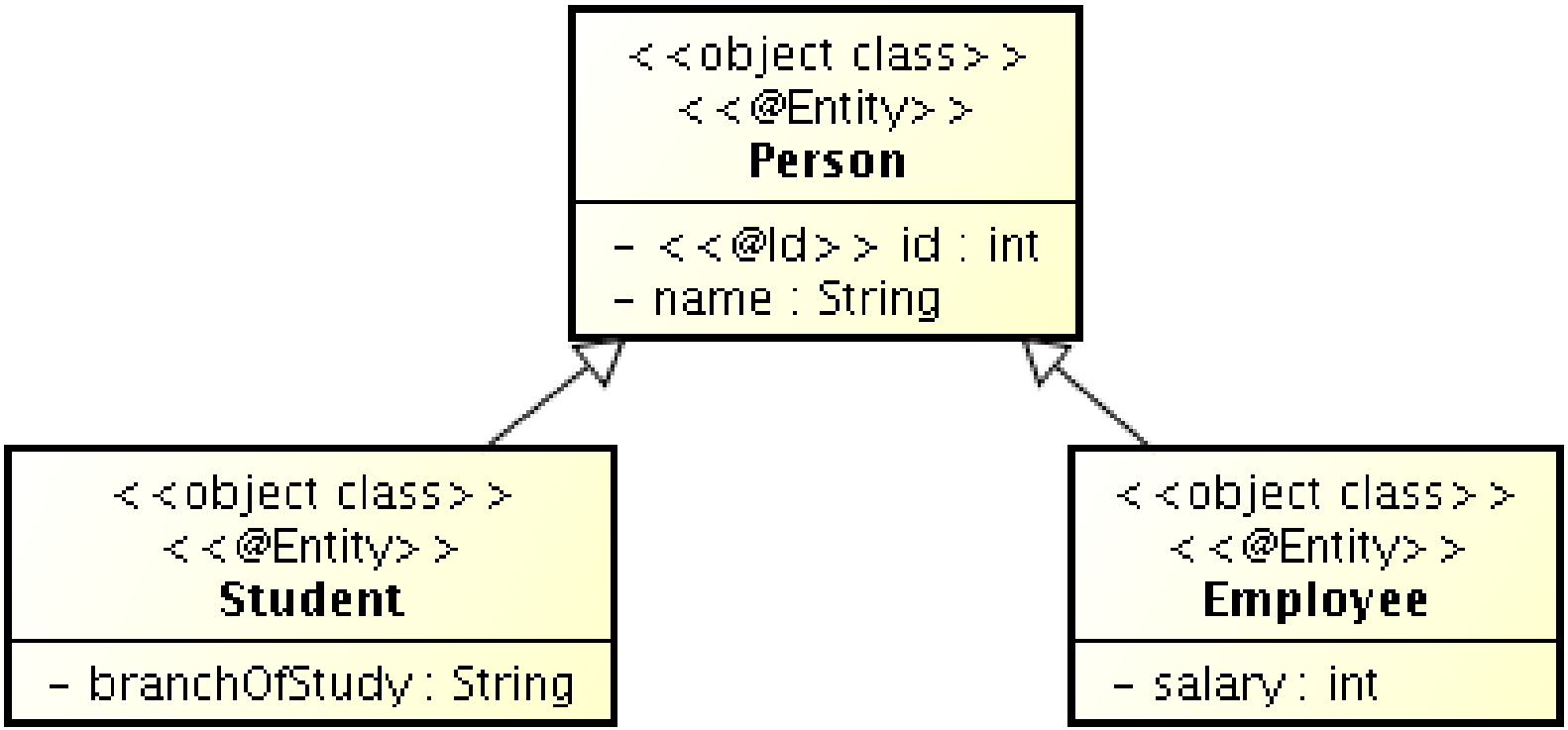
```
@Entity
public class Employee {
  @Id private int id;
  private String name;

  @OneToOne(fetch=FetchType.LAZY)
  private ParkingSpace
    parkingSpace;
}
```

`parkingSpace` instance fetched from the DB at the time of reading the `parkingSpace` field.

ORM Inheritance Mapping

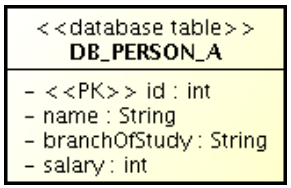
Inheritance

How to map inheritance into DB ?

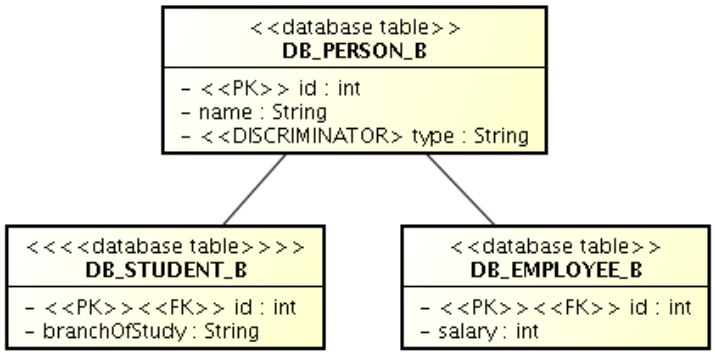


Strategies for inheritance mapping

single table



joined



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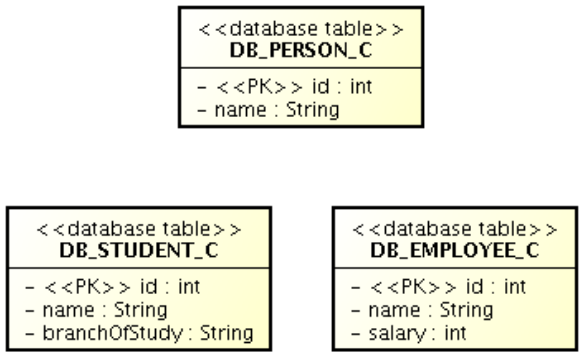

Inheritance mapping (single-table)

```
@Entity
@Table(name="DB_PERSON_C")
@Inheritance /* same as
  @Inheritance(strategy=InheritanceType.SINGLE_TABLE)*/
@DiscriminationColumn(name="EMP_TYPE")
public abstract class Person {...}

@Entity
@DiscriminatorValue("Emp")
Public class Employee extends Person {...}

@Entity
@DiscriminatorValue("Stud")
Public class Student extends Person {...}
```

Inheritance mapping (joined)

```
@Entity
@Table(name="DB_PERSON_C")
@Inheritance(strategy=InheritanceType.JOINED)
@DiscriminationColumn(name="EMP_TYPE",
                      discriminatorType=discriminatorType.INTEGER)
public abstract class Person {...}

@Entity
@Table(name="DB_EMPLOYEE_C")
@DiscriminatorValue("1")
public class Employee extends Person {...}

@Entity
@Table(name="DB_STUDENT_C")
@DiscriminatorValue("2")
public class Student extends Person {...}
```

Inheritance mapping (table-per-class)

```
@Entity
@Inheritance(strategy=InheritanceType.TABLE_PER_CLASS)
public abstract class Person { }

@Entity
@Table(name=DB_EMPLOYEE_C)
@AttributeOverride(name=name, column=@Column(name=FULLNAME))
public class Employee extends Person {}

@Entity
@Table(name=DB_STUDENT_C)
public class Student extends Person {...}
```