

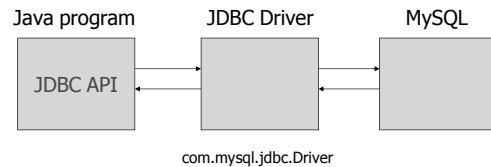
CS320 Web and Internet Programming

JDBC and JSTL SQL

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JDBC

◆ An interface between Java programs and SQL databases



Example: HelloJDBC.java

- ◆ Where is the database?
 - The `items` table
- ◆ Where is the JDBC driver?
- ◆ How to connect to the database?
- ◆ Display the content of the `items` table

JDBC Basics ...

- ◆ `import java.sql.*;`
- ◆ Load driver
 - `Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver")`
- ◆ Create connection
 - URL
 - `jdbc:mysql://[host:port]/[database][?user=cs320stu31&password=abcd]`
 - `DriverManager.getConnection(URL)`
 - `DriverManager.getConnection(URL, user, pass)`

... JDBC Basics

- ◆ Create statement
 - `Statement stmt = c.createStatement();`
 - `stmt.executeQuery(String sql)`
 - `stmt.executeUpdate(String sql)`
- ◆ Get result back
 - `ResultSet rs`

<http://download.oracle.com/javase/1.5.0/docs/guide/jdbc/>

Example: GuestBook (JDBC) – Display

- ◆ Create a `guest_book` table
- ◆ Retrieve the entries in a servlet
- ◆ Display the entries in a JSP

DB Query Results

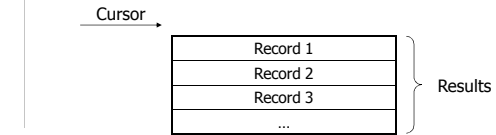
◆ In a program, we want to

- Access each record
- Access each attribute in a record
- Access the name of each attribute

```
select * from guest_book;
```

name	comment
John	Hello!
Jane	Nice site.

JDBC ResultSet – Row Access



◆ `next()` – move cursor down one row

- Cursor starts from *before the 1st record*
- `true` if the current record is valid
- `false` if no more records

Common Code for Processing ResultSet

◆ Process each row

- `while(rs.next()) {...}`

◆ Check whether a result set is empty

- `if(rs.next()) {...}`

JDBC ResultSet – Column Access

◆ Access the columns of *current row*

◆ `getXxx(String columnName)`

- E.g. `getString("user");`

◆ `getXxx(int columnIndex)`

- `columnIndex` starts from 1
- E.g. `getString(1);`

JDBC ResultSet – Access Column Names

```
ResultSetMetaData meta = rs.getMetaData();
```

◆ `ResultSetMetaData`

- `getColumnName(columnIndex)`
 - Column name
- `getColumnLabel(columnIndex)`
 - Column title for display or printout

JDBC ResultSet – Size

◆ No `size()` method?

◆ Something about *FetchSize*

- `getFetchSize()`
- `setFetchSize(int nrows)`

Example: GuestBook (JDBC) – Add

- ◆ Save new guest book entries to the database
 - `executeQuery()` vs. `executeUpdate()`
- ◆ Potential problems of handing user input
 - Special characters
 - SQL injection attack

Example: SQL Injection Attack

- ◆ User input should NOT be trusted
- ◆ Regular user input
 - Username: `cysun`
 - Password: `abcd`
- ◆ Malicious user input
 - Username: `someuser`
 - Password: `something' or '1`
- ◆ *Prevent SQL injection attack?*

Prepared Statements

- ◆ Statements with parameters

```
String sql = "insert into items values ( ? ? ? )";  
PreparedStatement pstmt = c.prepareStatement(sql);  
  
pstmt.setString(1, "orange");  
pstmt.setBigDecimal(2, 0.59);  
pstmt.setInt(3, 4);  
  
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

Benefits of Prepared Statements

- ◆ Special characters are properly handled
- ◆ Secure if the SQL statement is constructed from user input
- ◆ The SQL statement is more readable
- ◆ Better performance (maybe)

JSTL SQL

- ◆ `sql:transaction`
- ◆ `sql:query`
- ◆ `sql:update`
- ◆ `sql:param`
- ◆ `sql:dateParam`
- ◆ `sql:setDataSource`

http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/E17802_01/products/products/jsp/jstl/1.1/docs/tltdocs/index.html

Example: HelloSQL.jsp

- ◆ Data source
- ◆ Query
- ◆ Results display

sql:setDataSource

- ◆ `var` – data source name. Only needed when you have multiple db sources.
- ◆ `scope` – scope of the data source
- ◆ `driver` – "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver"
- ◆ `url`
- ◆ `user`
- ◆ `password`
- ◆ `dataSource`

sql:query

- ◆ `var` – name of the result set
- ◆ `scope` – scope of the result set
- ◆ `sql` – query statement
- ◆ `dataSource` – name of the data source
- ◆ `startRow`
- ◆ `maxRows` – max number of rows in the result set

sql:query Result Set

- ◆ `javax.servlet.jsp.jstl.sql.Result`
 - `SortedMap[] getRows()`
 - `Object[][] getRowsByIndex()`
 - `String[] getColumnNames()`
 - `int getRowCount()`
 - `boolean isLimitedByMaxRows()`

http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E17802_01/products/products/jsp/jstl/1.1/docs/api/javax/servlet/jsp/jstl/sql/Result.html

sql:query example 1

```
<sql:query var="results" sql="select * from items"/>
<table>
  <c:forEach items="${results.rows}" var="row">
    <c:forEach items="${row}" var="col">
      <tr>
        <td>${col.key}</td><td>${col.value}</td>
      </tr>
    </c:forEach>
  </c:forEach>
</table>
```

sql:query example 2

```
<sql:query var="results">
  select * from items where price > 2.00
</sql:query>

<table>
  <c:forEach items="${results.rowsByIndex}" var="row">
    <tr>
      <c:forEach items="${row}" var="col">
        <td>${col}</td>
      </c:forEach>
    </tr>
  </c:forEach>
</table>
```

sql:query example 3

◆ Place holder and `<sql:param>`

```
<sql:query var="results">
  select * from items where
  price < ? and quantity > ?

  <sql:param value="2.00"/>
  <sql:param value="2"/>

</sql:query>
```

Example: GuestBook (JSTL SQL) – Display

◆ GuestBook.jsp

sql:update

- ◆ `var` – name of the result variable. `int`
 - number of rows affected by the update
 - 0 if the update statement doesn't return anything
- ◆ `scope`
- ◆ `sql`
- ◆ `dataSource` – name of the data source

sql:update example

```
<c:if test="${! empty param.setPrice}">
  <sql:update var="r">
    update items set price = ? where name = ?
    <sql:param value="${param.price}"/>
    <sql:param value="${param.name}"/>
  </sql:update>
</c:if>
```

Example: GuestBook (JSTL SQL) – Add

◆ AddComment.jsp

JSTL SQL vs. JDBC

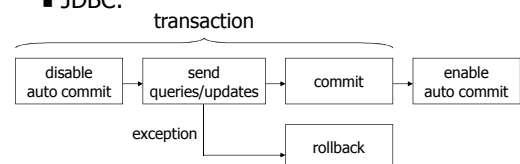
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| ◆ JSTL SQL | ◆ JDBC |
| ■ Simple applications | ■ Everything else |
| ■ Small relations | |
| ■ Straight-forward operations | |

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Model 1

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MVC

Beyond Basics ...

- ◆ ACID
- ◆ Transaction
 - `<sql:transaction>`
 - JDBC:



... Beyond Basics ...

- ◆ It's rather expensive to open a db connection
 - So how about once we open a connection, we leave it open forever??
- ◆ Connection pooling
 - Max number of connections
 - Max number of idle connections
 - Abandoned connection timeout
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/jndi-datasource-examples-howto.html>

... Beyond Basics

- ◆ Mismatch between an OO design and a relational design
- ◆ Object-relational mapping
 - hibernate - <http://www.hibernate.org/>