

Description

User Guide

Query Method

The JPA Module defines queries by way of strings or uses method-derived queries.

Generating Queries

How to define queries by way of strings:

```
public interface UserRepository extends Repository<User, Long> {  
List<User> findByEmailAddressAndLastname(String emailAddress, String lastname);
```

JPA-standard API alters the pre-defined queries into:

```
select u from User u where u.emailAddress = ?1 and u.lastname = ?2
```

Method Available

Keyword	Sample	JPQL snippet
And	findByLastnameAndFirstname	... where x.lastname = ?1 and x.firstname = ?2
Or	findByLastnameOrFirstname	... where x.lastname = ?1 or x.firstname = ?2
Between	findByStartDateBetween	... where x.startDate between 1? and ?2
LessThan	findByAgeLessThan	... where x.age < ?1
GreaterThan	findByAgeGreaterThan	... where x.age > ?1
After	findByStartDateAfter	... where x.startDate > ?1
Before	findByStartDateBefore	... where x.startDate < ?1
IsNull	findByAgeIsNull	... where x.age is null
IsNotNull,NotNull	findByAge(Is)NotNull	... where x.age not null
Like	findByFirstnameLike	... where x.firstname like ?1
NotLike	findByFirstnameNotLike	... where x.firstname not like ?1
StartingWith	findByFirstnameStartingWith	... where x.firstname like ?1 (parameter bound with appended %)
EndingWith	findByFirstnameEndingWith	... where x.firstname like ?1 (parameter bound with prepended %)
Containing	findByFirstnameContaining	... where x.firstname like ?1 (parameter bound wrapped in %)

OrderBy	findByAgeOrderByLastnameDesc	... where x.age = ?1 order by x.lastname desc
Not	findByLastnameNot	... where x.lastname <> ?1
In	findByAgeIn(Collection<Age> ages)	... where x.age in ?1
NotIn	findByAgeNotIn(Collection<Age> age)	... where x.age not in ?1
True	findByActiveTrue()	... where x.active = true
False	findByActiveFalse()	... where x.active = false

Using @Query

Using named queries to declare queries for entities is a valid approach and works fine for a small number of queries. As the queries themselves are tied to the Java method that executes them you actually can bind them directly using the Spring Data JPA `@Query` annotation rather than annotating them to the domain class. This will free the domain class from persistence specific information and co-locate the query to the repository interface.

Keep in mind that the pre-defined queries in the query methods take precedence over the duly declared `@NamedQuery` and named queries in XML.

How to declare queries via `@Query`:

```
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {
    @Query("select u from User u where u.emailAddress = ?1")
    User findByEmailAddress(String emailAddress);
}
```

@Query using parameters

By default Spring Data JPA will use position based parameter binding as described in all the samples above. This makes query methods a little error prone to refactoring regarding the parameter position. To solve this issue you can use `@Param` annotation to give a method parameter a concrete name and bind the name in the query: The Spring Data JPA uses the parameters based upon where they are bound. See the following example for how the queries are declared using parameters:

```
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {

    @Query("select u from User u where u.firstname = :firstname or u.lastname = :lastname")
    User findByLastnameOrFirstname(@Param("lastname") String lastname,
                                   @Param("firstname") String firstname);
}
```

References

<http://static.springsource.org/spring-data/data-jpa/docs/current/reference/html/jpa.repositories.html>