EJB - BLOBS/CLOBS

EJB 3.0 provides support for Blob and Clob types using @Lob annotation. Following java types can be mapped using @Lob annotation.

- java.sql.Blob
- java.sql.Clob
- byte[]
- String
- Serializable Object

```
@Entity
@Table(name="books")
@EntityListeners(BookCallbackListener.class)
public class Book implements Serializable{
   ...
   private byte[] image;

   @Lob @Basic(fetch= FetchType.EAGER)
   public byte[] getImage() {
      return image;
   }
   ...
}
```

Example Application

Let us create a test EJB application to test blob/clob support in EJB 3.0.

Step	Description
1	Create a project with a name *EjbComponent* under a package *com.tutorialspoint.entity* as explained in the *EJB - Create Application* chapter. Please use the project created in *EJB - Persistence* chapter as such for this chapter to understand clob/blob objects in ejb concepts.
2	Create *Book.java* under package *com.tutorialspoint.entity*. Use *EJB - Persistence* chapter as reference. Keep rest of the files unchanged.
3	Clean and Build the application to make sure business logic is working as per the requirements.
4	Finally, deploy the application in the form of jar file on JBoss Application Server. JBoss Application server will get started automatically if it is not started yet.
5	Now create the ejb client, a console based application in the same way as explained in the *EJB - Create Application* chapter under topic **Create Client to access EJB**.

Create/Alter book table

```
CREATE TABLE book (
   id     integer PRIMARY KEY,
   name   varchar(50)
);
Alter table book add image bytea;
Alter table book add xml text;
```

EJBComponent *EJBModule*

Book.java

```
package com.tutorialspoint.entity;

import com.tutorialspoint.callback.BookCallbackListener;
import java.io.Serializable;
import javax.persistence.Basic;
import javax.persistence.Column;
import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.EntityListeners;
import javax.persistence.FetchType;
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.GenerationType;
import javax.persistence.Id;
import javax.persistence.Lob;
import javax.persistence.Table;

@Entity
@Table(name="book")
public class Book implements Serializable{

   private int id;
   private String name;
   private byte[] image;
   private String xml;

   public Book(){
   }

   @Id
   @GeneratedValue(strategy= GenerationType.IDENTITY)
   @Column(name="id")
   public int getId() {
      return id;
   }

   public void setId(int id) {
      this.id = id;
   }

   public String getName() {
      return name;
   }

   public void setName(String name) {
      this.name = name;
   }

   @Lob @Basic(fetch= FetchType.EAGER)
   public byte[] getImage() {
      return image;
   }

   public void setImage(byte[] image) {
      this.image = image;
   }

   @Lob @Basic(fetch= FetchType.EAGER)
   public String getXml() {
      return xml;
   }

   public void setXml(String xml) {
      this.xml = xml;
   }
```

```
}
```

LibraryPersistentBeanRemote.java

```
package com.tutorialspoint.stateless;

import com.tutorialspoint.entity.Book;
import java.util.List;
import javax.ejb.Remote;

@Remote
public interface LibraryPersistentBeanRemote {

   void addBook(Book bookName);

   List<Book> getBooks();

}
```

LibraryPersistentBean.java

```
package com.tutorialspoint.stateless;

import com.tutorialspoint.entity.Book;
import java.util.List;
import javax.ejb.Stateless;
import javax.persistence.EntityManager;
import javax.persistence.PersistenceContext;

@Stateless
public class LibraryPersistentBean implements LibraryPersistentBeanRemote {

   public LibraryPersistentBean(){
   }

   @PersistenceContext(unitName="EjbComponentPU")
   private EntityManager entityManager;

   public void addBook(Book book) {
      entityManager.persist(book);
   }

   public List<Book> getBooks() {
      return entityManager.createQuery("From Book").getResultList();
   }
}
```

- As soon as you deploy the EjbComponent project on JBOSS, notice the jboss log.
- JBoss has automatically created a JNDI entry for our session bean - **LibraryPersistentBean/remote**.
- We'll using this lookup string to get remote business object of type - **com.tutorialspoint.interceptor.LibraryPersistentBeanRemote**

JBoss Application server log output

```
...
16:30:01,401 INFO  [JndiSessionRegistrarBase] Binding the following Entries in Global
JNDI:
   LibraryPersistentBean/remote - EJB3.x Default Remote Business Interface

LibraryPersistentBean/remote-com.tutorialspoint.interceptor.LibraryPersistentBeanRemote -
EJB3.x Remote Business Interface
16:30:02,723 INFO  [SessionSpecContainer] Starting
jboss.j2ee:jar=EjbComponent.jar,name=LibraryPersistentBean,service=EJB3
16:30:02,723 INFO  [EJBContainer] STARTED EJB:
```

```
com.tutorialspoint.interceptor.LibraryPersistentBeanRemote ejbName: LibraryPersistentBean
16:30:02,731 INFO  [JndiSessionRegistrarBase] Binding the following Entries in Global
JNDI:

   LibraryPersistentBean/remote - EJB3.x Default Remote Business Interface

LibraryPersistentBean/remote-com.tutorialspoint.interceptor.LibraryPersistentBeanRemote -
EJB3.x Remote Business Interface
...
```

EJBTester *EJBClient*

jndi.properties

```
java.naming.factory.initial=org.jnp.interfaces.NamingContextFactory
java.naming.factory.url.pkgs=org.jboss.naming:org.jnp.interfaces
java.naming.provider.url=localhost
```

- These properties are used to initialize the InitialContext object of java naming service
- InitialContext object will be used to lookup stateless session bean

EJBTester.java

```
package com.tutorialspoint.test;

import com.tutorialspoint.stateful.LibraryBeanRemote;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.FileInputStream;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Properties;
import javax.naming.InitialContext;
import javax.naming.NamingException;

public class EJBTester {

   BufferedReader brConsoleReader = null;
   Properties props;
   InitialContext ctx;
   {
      props = new Properties();
      try {
         props.load(new FileInputStream("jndi.properties"));
      } catch (IOException ex) {
         ex.printStackTrace();
      }
      try {
         ctx = new InitialContext(props);
      } catch (NamingException ex) {
         ex.printStackTrace();
      }
      brConsoleReader =
      new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
   }

   public static void main(String[] args) {

      EJBTester ejbTester = new EJBTester();

      ejbTester.testBlobClob();
   }

   private void showGUI(){
      System.out.println("**********************");
      System.out.println("Welcome to Book Store");
```

```
        System.out.println("**********************");
        System.out.print("Options \n1. Add Book\n2. Exit \nEnter Choice: ");
    }

    private void testBlobClob(){

        try {
            int choice = 1;

            LibraryPersistentBeanRemote libraryBean =
           (LibraryPersistentBeanRemote)
            ctx.lookup("LibraryPersistentBean/remote");

            while (choice != 2) {
                String bookName;
                String publisherName;
                String publisherAddress;
                showGUI();
                String strChoice = brConsoleReader.readLine();
                choice = Integer.parseInt(strChoice);
                if (choice == 1) {
                    System.out.print("Enter book name: ");
                    bookName = brConsoleReader.readLine();
                    String xml = "<book><name>"+bookName+"</name></book>";
                    Book book = new Book();
                    book.setName(bookName);
                    byte[] imageBytes = {0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32,0x32,
                    0x32,0x32, 0x32,
                    0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32,
                    0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32,0x32, 0x32
                    };
                    book.setImage(imageBytes);
                    book.setXml(xml);

                    libraryBean.addBook(book);
                } else if (choice == 2) {
                    break;
                }
            }

            List<Book> booksList = libraryBean.getBooks();

            System.out.println("Book(s) entered so far: " + booksList.size());
            int i = 0;
            for (Book book:booksList) {
                System.out.println((i+1)+". " + book.getName());
                byte[] imageByts = book.getImage();
                if(imageByts != null){
                    System.out.print("image bytes: [");
                    for(int j = 0; j < imageByts.length ; j++){
                        System.out.print("0x"
                        + String.format("%x", imageByts[j]) +" ");
                    }
                    System.out.println("]");
                }
                System.out.println(book.getXml());
                i++;
            }
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println(e.getMessage());
            e.printStackTrace();
        }finally {
            try {
                if(brConsoleReader !=null){
                    brConsoleReader.close();
                }
            } catch (IOException ex) {
                System.out.println(ex.getMessage());
            }
```

```
        }
    }
}
```

EJBTester is doing the following tasks.

- Load properties from jndi.properties and initialize the InitialContext object.
- In testInterceptedEjb method, jndi lookup is done with name - "LibraryPersistenceBean/remote" to obtain the remote business object *statelessejb*.
- Then user is shown a library store User Interface and he/she is asked to enter choice.
- If user enters 1, system asks for book name and saves the book using stateless session bean addBook method. Session Bean is storing the book in database.
- If user enters 2, system retrieves books using stateless session bean getBooks method and exits.

Run Client to access EJB

Locate EJBTester.java in project explorer. Right click on EJBTester class and select **run file**.

Verify the following output in Netbeans console.

```
run:
**********************
Welcome to Book Store
**********************
Options
1. Add Book
2. Exit
Enter Choice: 1
Enter book name: learn testing
**********************
Welcome to Book Store
**********************
Options
1. Add Book
2. Exit
Enter Choice: 2
Book(s) entered so far: 1
1. learn testing
image bytes: [
0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32
0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 0x32 ]
<book><name>learn testing</name></book>
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 20 seconds)
```