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Preface

Java Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE) 6 is the industry standard for enterprise Java computing. Eclipse IDE for Java EE developers is the most commonly used Java IDE for Java EE development. Eclipse IDE for Java EE developers supports Java EE 5 completely and also supports several features from Java EE 6.

The Oracle WebLogic Server product line is the industry's most comprehensive platform for developing, deploying, and integrating enterprise applications. Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse provides a set of plugins (project facets) for Eclipse development with WebLogic Server.

While a number of books are available on Eclipse IDE for Java Developers, none or very few are available on Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers. In this book, we shall discuss Java EE development in Eclipse IDE for Java EE developers. While it is not feasible to cover all of the more than 30 technologies in the Java EE stack (`http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javaee/tech/index.html`), we shall discuss the most commonly used Java EE technologies, especially the ones Eclipse IDE for Java EE developers (or Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse) provides Project for Facets. Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse is just an enhancement of Eclipse IDE for Java EE developers with integrated support for Oracle WebLogic Server.

The objective of the book is to discuss how a developer would develop Java EE applications using commonly used Java EE technologies and frameworks in Eclipse IDE for Java EE developers. The book covers all aspects of application development including:

- Setting the environment for an application
- Using the Eclipse IDE wizards and the Component Palette
- Running a sample application

What this book covers

Chapter 1, *EJB 3.0 Database Persistence* discusses creating an EJB project using the EJB 3.0 Module project facet. To create an entity bean, we add the JPA project facet. Subsequently, we generate entity beans from Oracle database tables. We create a session bean facade for the entity beans; wrapping an entity bean in a session bean facade is a best practice. We create a JSP client for the EJB application. We package and deploy the EJB application to Oracle WebLogic Server using an Ant build script and run the test client on the WebLogic Server.

Chapter 2, *O/X Mapping with JAXB 2.x* discusses the Object/XML (O/X) bi-directional mapping provided by the JAXB framework. We discuss the advantages of JAXB 2.x over JAXB 1.0. We create a JAXB web project using the JAXB project facet. We use the EclipseLink 2.4 persistence provider. We create an XML Schema and generate JAXB classes from the XML Schema using JAXB schema compilation. Subsequently, we marshall an XML document from a Java **Document Object Model** (**DOM**) document object, and also unmarshall an XML document using the compiled Java classes. We map an annotated Java class to an XML document using the annotations API. We also demonstrate the support for mapping Java classes to an XML Schema.

Chapter 3, *Developing a Web Project for JasperReports* demonstrates the use of the Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse's integrated support for Oracle WebLogic Server to deploy and run any web application that requires an application server. First, we configure an Oracle database data source in WebLogic Server. We create and deploy a web application for JasperReports to the WebLogic Server, and subsequently run the web application to create PDF and Excel reports.

Chapter 4, *Creating a JSF Data Table* discusses how to use the JavaServer Faces project facet to create a JSF data table. First, we create a web project. Subsequently, we create a managed bean, create a JSF page, add a JSF data table to the JSF page, and run the JSF web application on the integrated WebLogic Server to create a JSF data table.

Chapter 5, *Templating with Facelets* discusses templating with Facelets. **Templating** is the use of a common "template", which is just an XHTML page, in Facelets' composition pages. Templating makes use of Facelets' header and footer pages for describing the common sections of Facelets' composition pages. WebLogic Server includes a shared library for JSF 2.0, which we configure first. We create a web project for Facelets, and create a managed bean to create a JSF data table. We add the 2.0 version of the JavaServer Faces project facet to the web project. For templating, we add a Facelets Template in which we configure the default sections of a Facelets composition page, a header, a content section, and a footer. We add Facelets composition pages for an SQL query input and a JSF Data Table output. We add the implicit navigation, a new feature in JSF 2.0. We run the Facelets application to demonstrate templating by including the same header and footer images in the input and output pages.

Chapter 6, *Creating Apache Trinidad User Interfaces* discusses the Trinidad project facet. Trinidad was formerly Oracle ADF Faces and provides a set of user interface components. First, we create a web project and add the Trinidad project facet to it. Subsequently, we create JSPs to create and find a catalog entry in Oracle database. We add Trinidad components to the JSP pages. We run the Trinidad application in the integrated WebLogic Server.

Chapter 7, *Creating an AJAX Application* discusses how to develop an AJAX application to send an asynchronous request to the server and receive a response from the server. The JavaScript project facet is enabled by default in a web project. The AJAX application is used to create a catalog entry in Oracle database by first validating the catalog ID using AJAX. The application is packaged, deployed, and run on the WebLogic Server.

Chapter 8, *Creating a JAX-WS Web Service* discusses how to use the Java API for XML web services (JAX-WS) to create a web service. First, we create a web service project, which has the Oracle WebLogic web service project facet associated with it. We test the web service on the server and generate a WSDL, which we test in the web explorer. We create a client class for the web service and package, then deploy and test the web service on the WebLogic Server.

Chapter 9, *RESTful Web Services Using the JAX-RS API* discusses RESTful web services using **Java API for RESTful web services** (**JAX-RS**), which are specified in the JSR 311 specification. We use the JAX-RS project facet for the RESTful web service. We create a Resource class, which is exposed as a URI path using the `@PATH` annotation. Subsequently, we create a Jersey Client API to test the web service.

Chapter 10, *Spring* discusses how to create a Spring framework application using the Spring project facet. We discuss method interception with a method interceptor and a Spring client. We also discuss Aspect Oriented Programming (AOP) in combination with JSF. We discuss creating a Spring bean, a bean definition file, and an AOP JavaBean.

What you need for this book

The book is based on Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers version 3.7. We use the Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse packaged Eclipse IDE with integrated support for Oracle WebLogic Server 12*c*, which may be downloaded from `http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/middleware/ias/downloads/wls-main-097127.html`. We have used the Oracle Database Express Edition 11g Release 2, which can be downloaded from `http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/products/express-edition/overview/index.html`.

Some other chapter specific software such as JasperReports is also required. We have used the Windows version, but if you have Linux installed the book may still be used (though the source code and samples have not been tested with Linux). Slight modifications may be required with the Linux Install; for example, the directory paths on Linux would be different than the Windows directory paths used in the book. You need to install J2SE 5.0 or later.

Who this book is for

The target audience of the book is Java EE application developers who want to learn about the practical use of Eclipse IDE for application development. This book is suitable for professional Java EE developers. The book is also suitable for an intermediate/advanced level course in Java EE development. The target audience is expected to have prior, albeit beginner's, knowledge about Java EE, Enterprise JavaBeans (EJB) 3.0, entity and session EJBs, JavaServer Faces (JSF), ADF Faces, AJAX, web services, and Spring framework. The book also requires some familiarity with WebLogic Server and Eclipse IDE.

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In this book, you will find a number of styles of text that distinguish between different kinds of information. Here are some examples of these styles, and an explanation of their meaning.

Code words in text are shown as follows: "The `catalog.xsd` Schema gets parsed and compiled."

A block of code is set as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  targetNamespace="http://www.example.org/catalog"
xmlns:catalog="http://www.example.org/catalog"
  elementFormDefault="qualified">
  <xsd:element name="catalog" type="catalog:catalogType" />
  <xsd:element name="catalogid" type="xsd:int" />
  <xsd:complexType name="catalogType"> [default]
```

When we wish to draw your attention to a particular part of a code block, the relevant lines or items are set in bold:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  targetNamespace="http://www.example.org/catalog"
xmlns:catalog="http://www.example.org/catalog"
  elementFormDefault="qualified">
  <xsd:element name="catalog" type="catalog:catalogType" />
```

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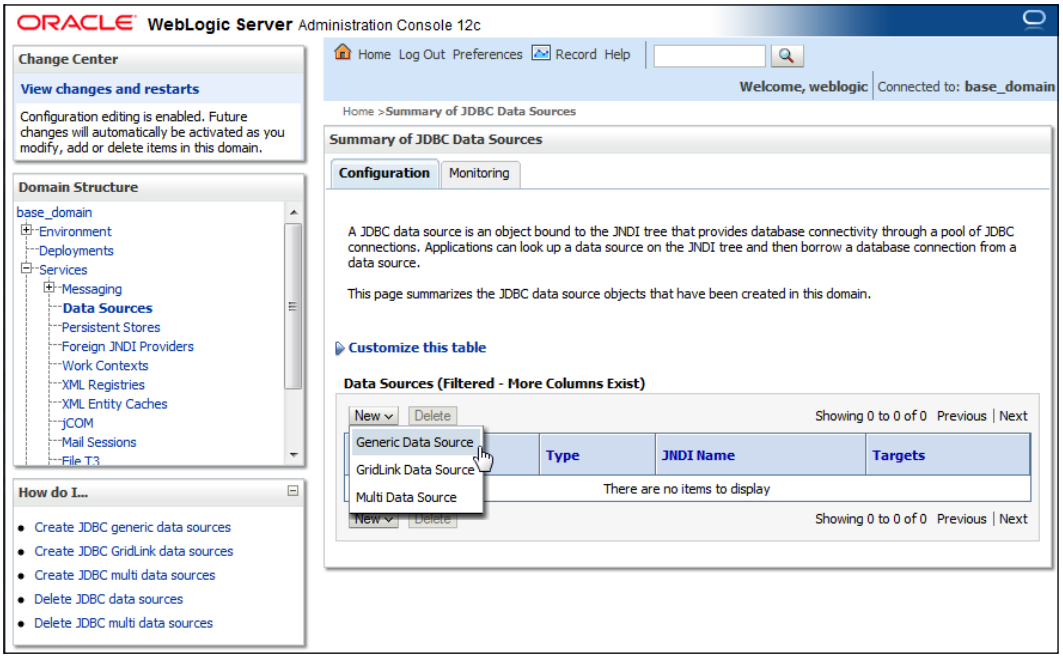
EJB 3.0 Database Persistence

EJB's **entity beans** are the most common technology for database persistence. Developing entity EJBs requires a Java IDE, an application server, and a relational database. Eclipse 3.7 provides wizards for developing entity beans and session facades. In this chapter, we shall develop EJB 3.0 entity beans including session facades. We shall deploy the EJB application to WebLogic Server 12*c* (12.1.1) and test database persistence with the Oracle database 11g XE.
In this chapter, we shall learn the following:

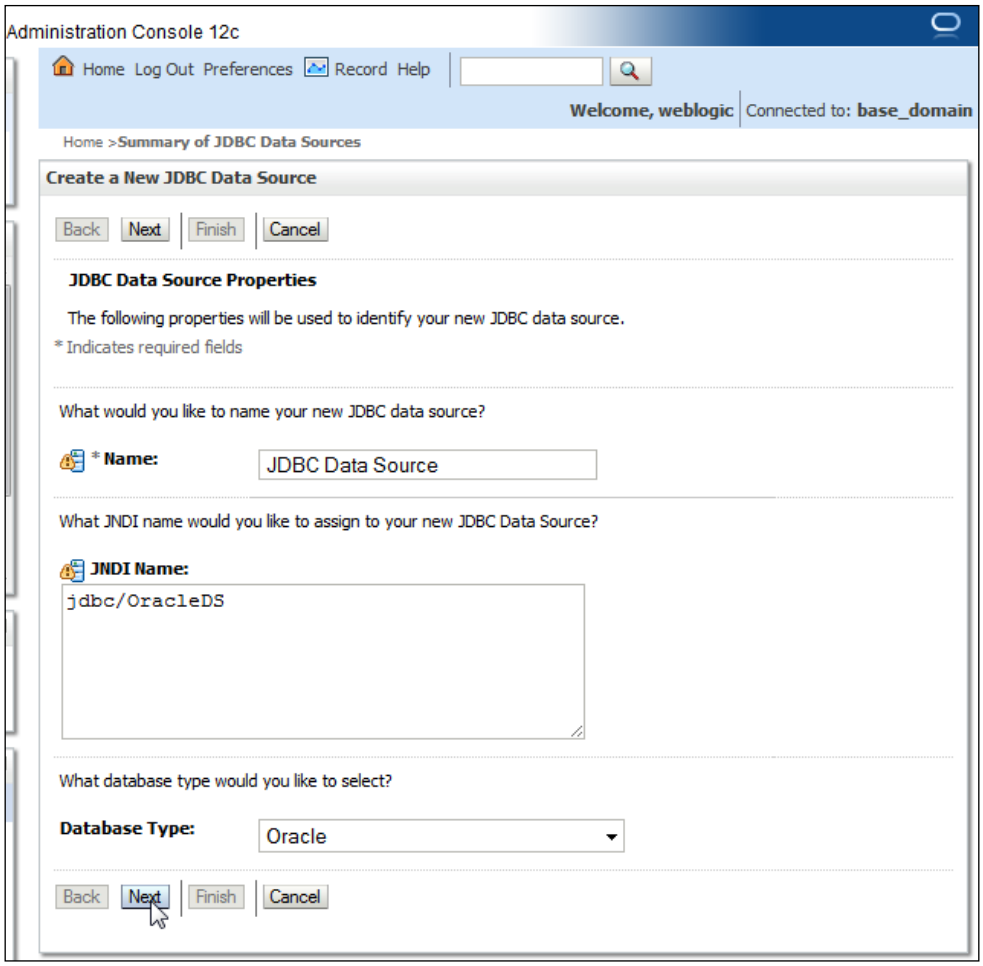
- Configuring a data source in **WebLogic Server** (**WLS**) with the Oracle database
- Creating tables in the Oracle database
- Creating an **Enterprise JavaBeans** (**EJB**) project
- Adding the **Java Persistence API** (**JPA**) project facet
- Generating entity beans from database tables
- Creating a session bean facade
- Creating the `application.xml` file
- Creating a test client
- Packaging and deploying the entity bean application
- Testing the **JavaServer Pages** (JSP) client

Configuring a data source

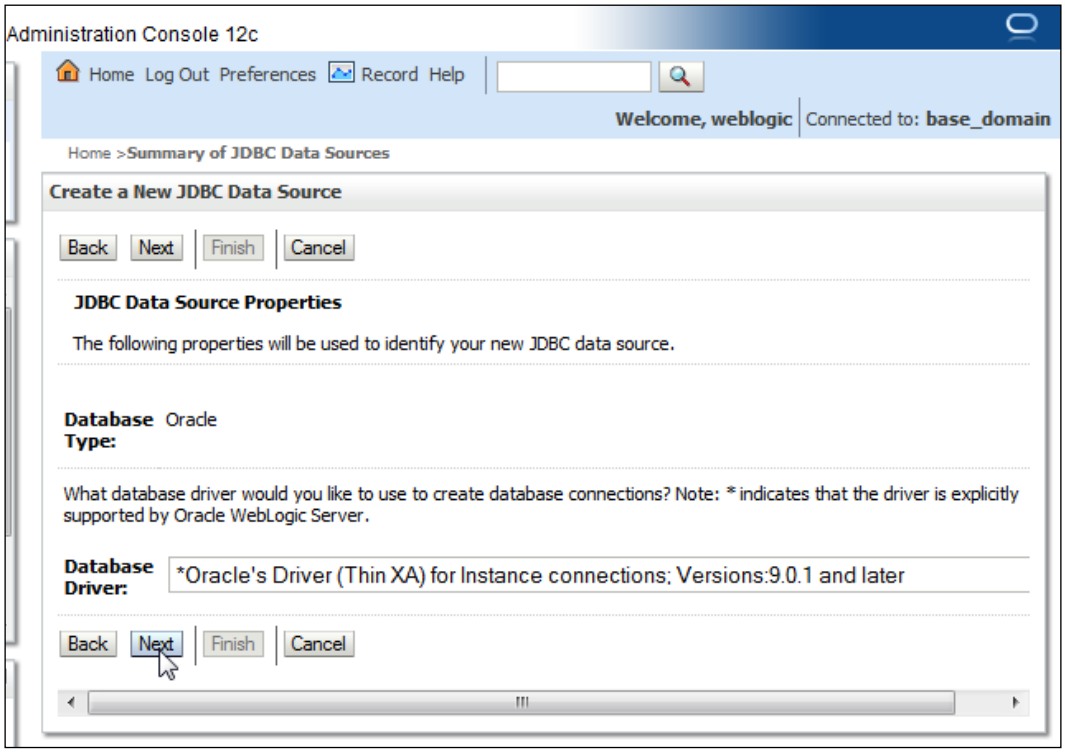
In this section we shall configure a data source in Oracle WebLogic Server 12*c*. First, download and install the Oracle WebLogic Server from `http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/middleware/ias/downloads/wls-main-097127.html`. Configure the **base_domain** structure in the **WebLogic Server** console. We need to create a data source so that when we deploy and run the application in the server, the application has access to the database. Log in to the **WebLogic Server Administration Console** server for the **base_domain** domain using the URL `http://localhost:7001/Console`. In the **base_domain** domain structure, expand the **Services** tab and select the **Data Sources** node. In the **Data Sources** table, click on **New** and select **Generic Data Source** as shown in the following screenshot:



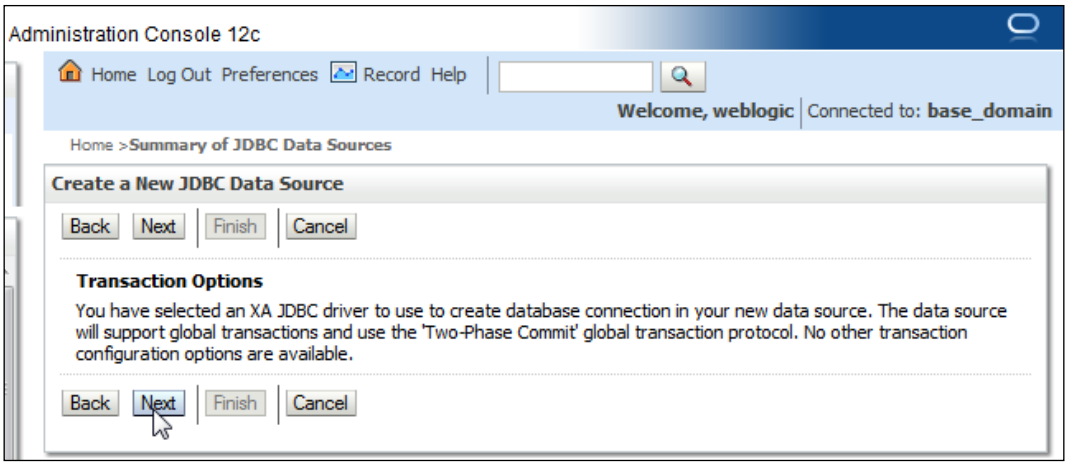
In **Create a New JDBC Data Source**, specify a data source name and **JNDI Name** (for example, **jdbc/OracleDS**) for the data source. The database shall be accessed using **JNDI Name** lookup in the *Creating a session bean facade* section. Select **Database Type** as **Oracle** and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



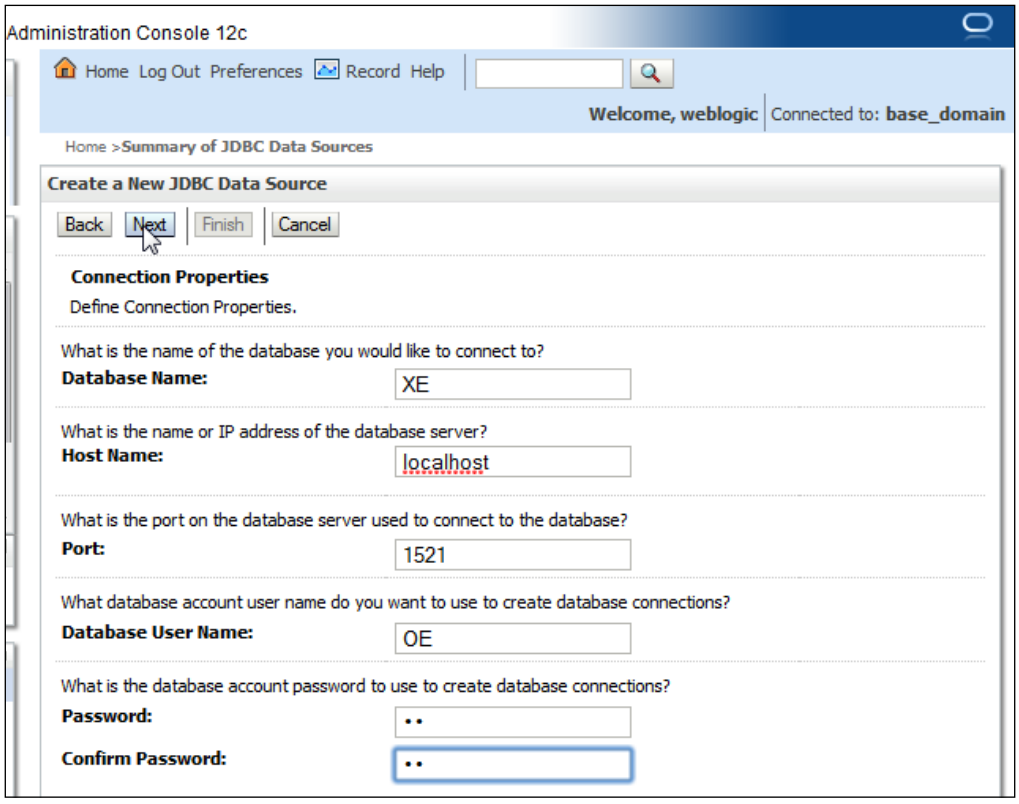
In **JDBC Data Source Properties**, select **Database Driver** as **Oracle's Driver (Thin XA)**. Another JDBC driver may also be selected based on requirements. Refer to the *Selection of the JDBC Driver* document available at `http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E14072_01/java.112/e10590/keyprog.htm#i1005587` for selecting a suitable JDBC driver. Click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



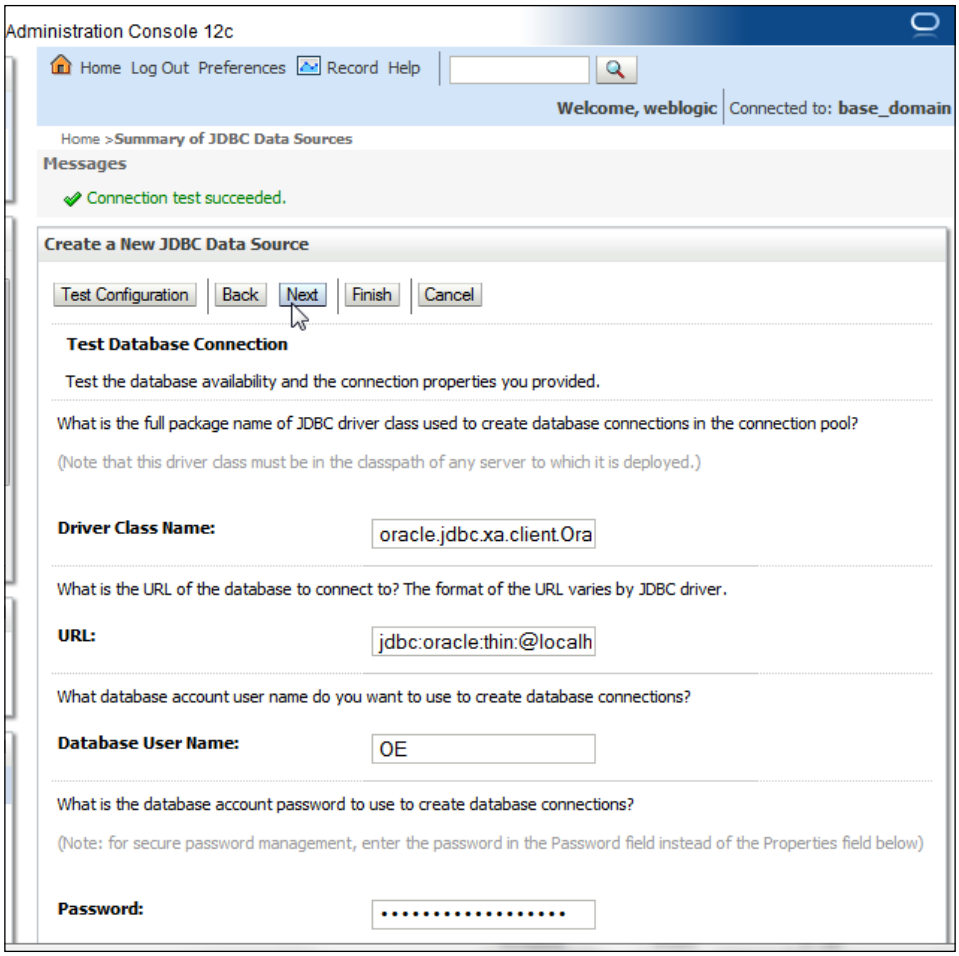
By default, an XA JDBC driver supports global transactions and uses the *Two-Phase Commit* global transaction protocol. **Global transactions** are recommended for EJBs using container managed transactions for relation between the JDBC driver (XA or non-XA) transactionality and EJB container managed transactions. Click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot. (for more information on global transactions, refer `http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E23943_01/web.1111/e13737/transactions.htm`):



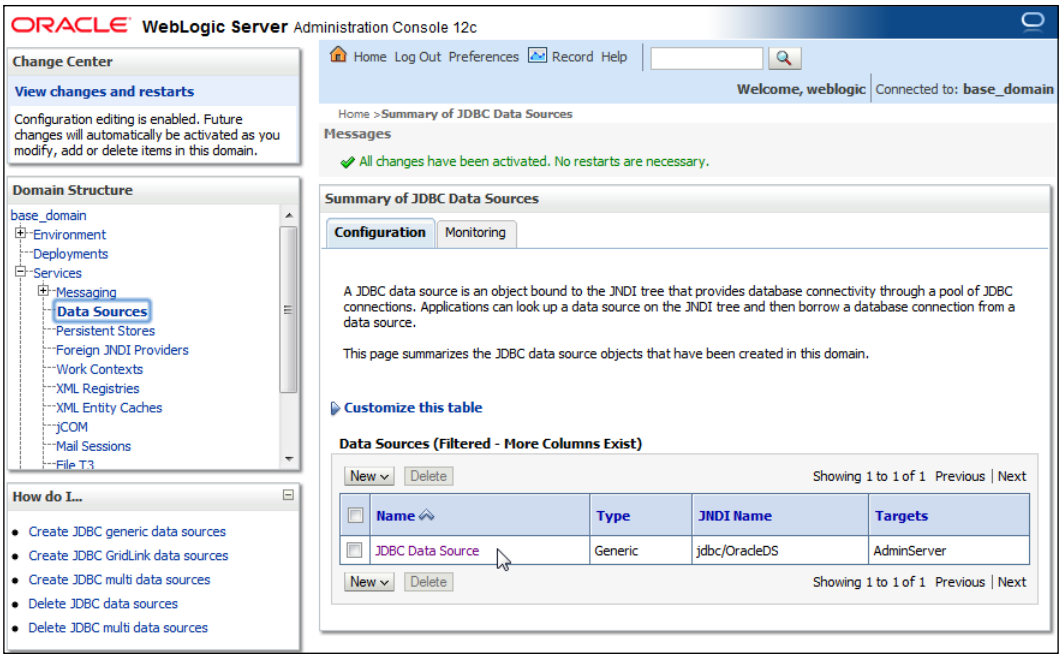
Specify **Database Name** as `XE`, **Host Name** as `localhost`, **Port** as `1521`, **Database User Name** and **Password** as `OE`, and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



The **Driver Class Name** textbox and connection **URL** textbox get configured. Click on the **Test Configuration** button to test the database connection. If a connection gets established the message **Connection test succeeded.** gets displayed. Click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



In **Select targets**, select the **AdminServer** option and click on **Finish**. A data source gets added to the data sources table. The data source configuration may be modified by clicking on the data source link as shown in the following screenshot:



Creating tables in the Oracle database

We need to create database tables for database persistence. Create database tables `CATALOG`, `EDITION`, `SECTION`, and `ARTICLE` with the following SQL script; the script can be run from the SQL command line:

```
CREATE TABLE CATALOG (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,
journal VARCHAR(100));
CREATE TABLE EDITION (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,
edition VARCHAR(100));
CREATE TABLE SECTION (id VARCHAR(100) PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,
sectionName VARCHAR(100));
CREATE TABLE ARTICLE(id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,
title VARCHAR(100));
```

As Oracle database does not support the autoincrement of primary keys, we need to create sequences for autoincrementing, one for each table. Create sequences `CATALOG_SEQ`, `EDITION_SEQ`, `SECTION_SEQ`, and `ARTICLE_SEQ` with the following SQL script.

```
CREATE SEQUENCE CATALOG_SEQ MINVALUE 1 START WITH 1 INCREMENT BY 1
NOCACHE;
CREATE SEQUENCE EDITION_SEQ MINVALUE 1 START WITH 1 INCREMENT BY 1
NOCACHE;
CREATE SEQUENCE SECTION_SEQ MINVALUE 1 START WITH 1 INCREMENT BY 1
NOCACHE;
CREATE SEQUENCE ARTICLE_SEQ MINVALUE 1 START WITH 1 INCREMENT BY 1
NOCACHE;
```

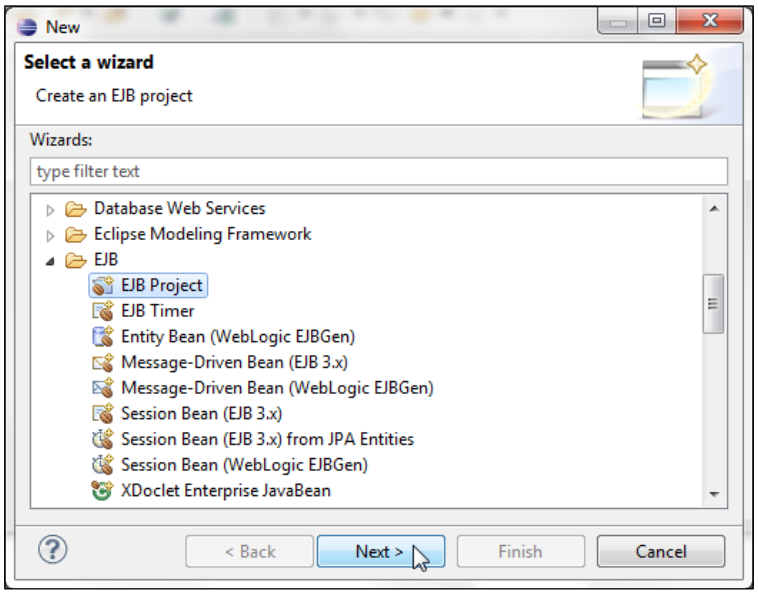
We also need to create join tables between tables. Create join tables using the following SQL script:

```
CREATE TABLE  CATALOGEDITIONS(catalogId INTEGER, editionId INTEGER);
CREATE TABLE EditionCatalog(editionId INTEGER, catalogId INTEGER);
CREATE TABLE EditionSections (editionId INTEGER, sectionId INTEGER);
CREATE TABLE SectionEdition (sectionId INTEGER, editionId INTEGER);
CREATE TABLE SectionArticles(sectionId INTEGER, articleId INTEGER);
CREATE TABLE ArticleSection(articleId INTEGER, sectionId INTEGER);
```

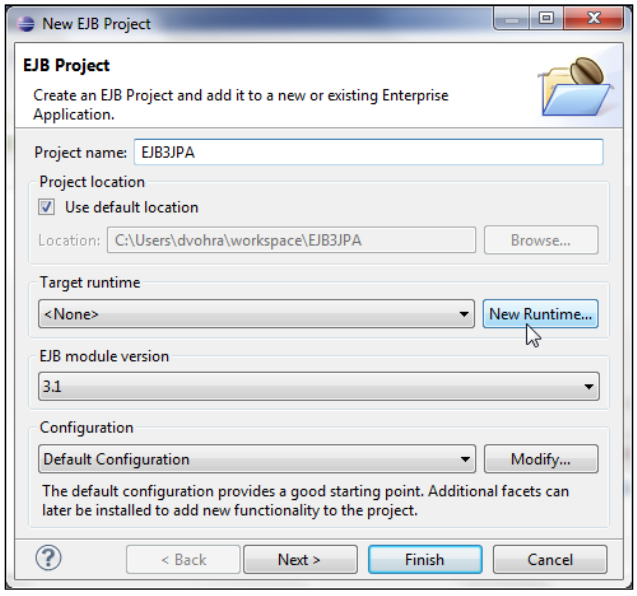
Creating an EJB project

Now, we shall create an EJB project to create entity beans.

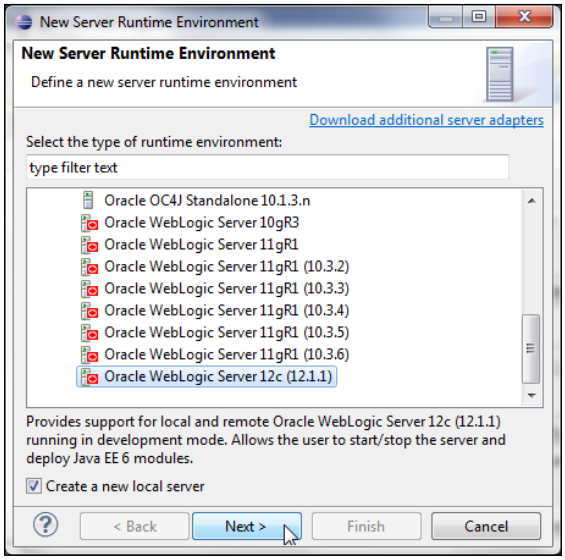
In Eclipse, go to **File** | **New** | **Other** to create an EJB project. In the **New** wizard, select **EJB Project** from the **EJB** folder and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



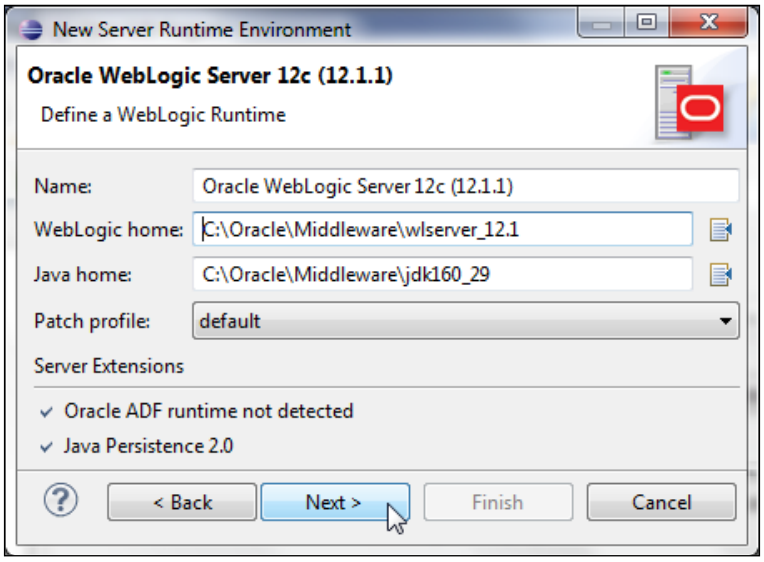
Specify a **Project name** and click on **New Runtime** to configure a target runtime for **Oracle WebLogic Server 12c** if not already configured, as shown in the following screenshot:



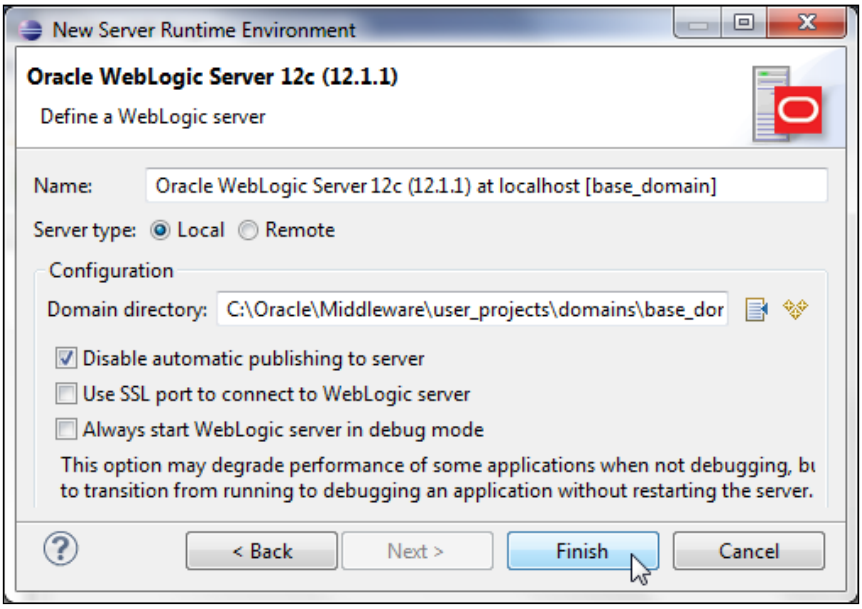
In **New Server Runtime Environment**, select the **Oracle WebLogic Server 12c (12.1.1)** server, tick **Create a new local server** checkbox, and then click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



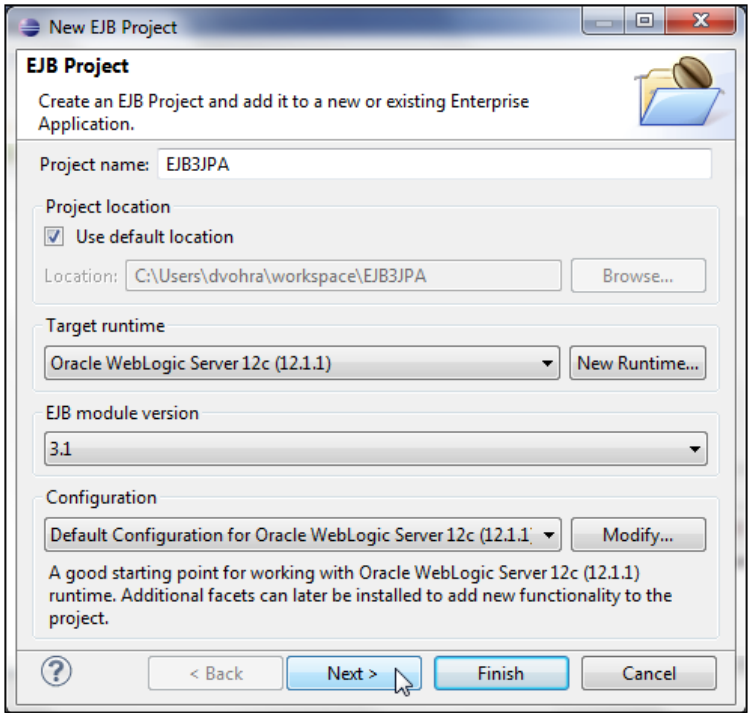
Select the **WebLogic home** directory, and the **Java home** directory also gets specified. Click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



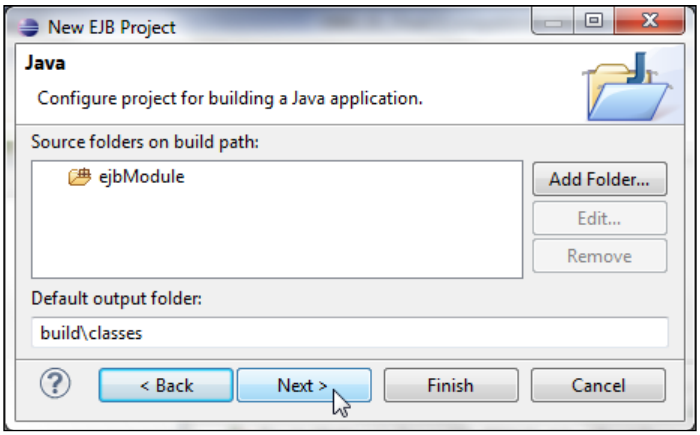
Select **Server Type** as **Local** and then select **Domain Directory** as `C:\Oracle\Middleware\user_project\domains\base_domain`. Click on **Finish** as shown in the screenshot:



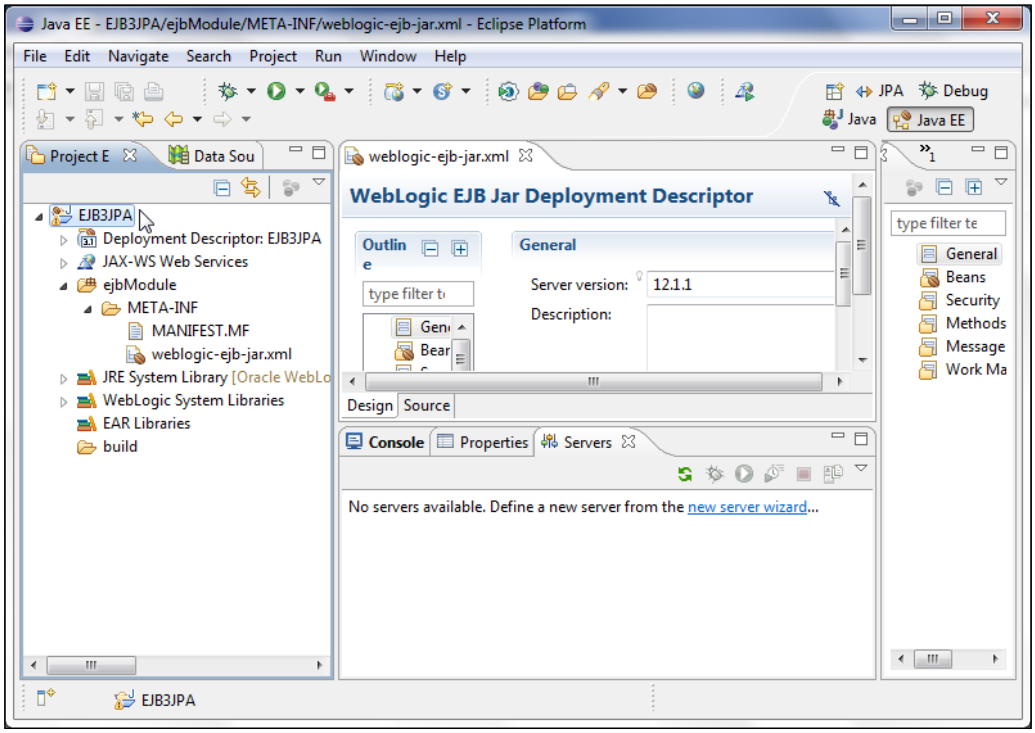
The **Target runtime** server gets configured. Select **EJB module version** as **3.1**. Select the default **Configuration** and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



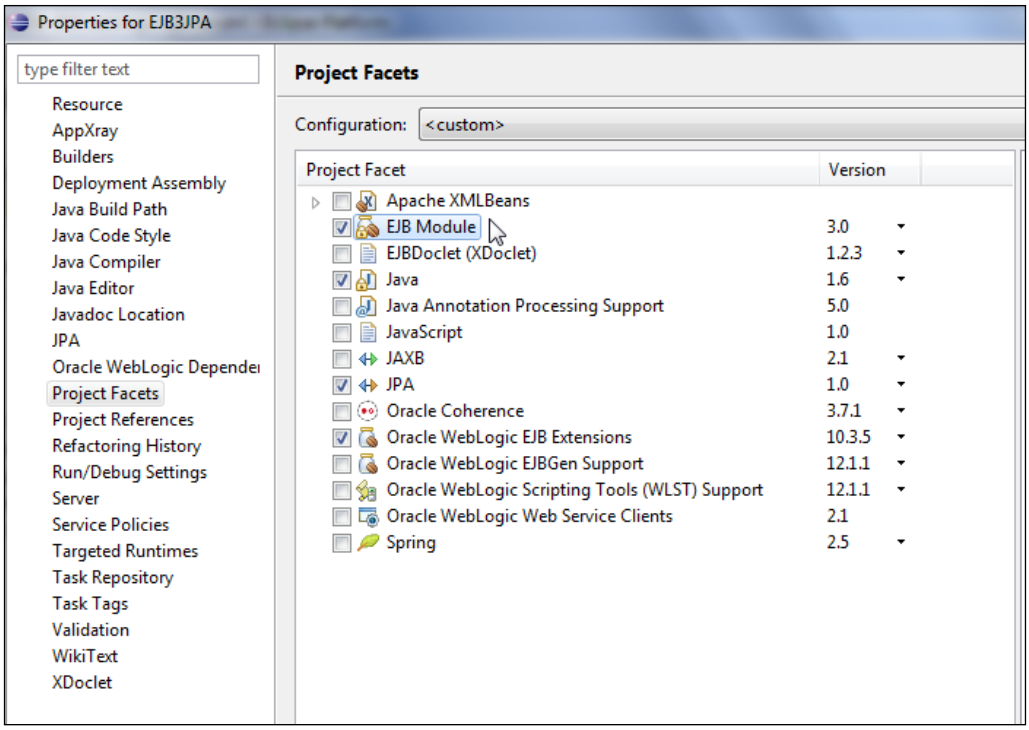
Select the default Java configuration for **Source folders on build path** as **ejbModule** and **Default output folder** as `build/classes`, and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



Select the default EJB module configuration and click on **Finish**. An EJB project gets created. The EJB project does not contain any EJBs, which we shall add in subsequent sections.



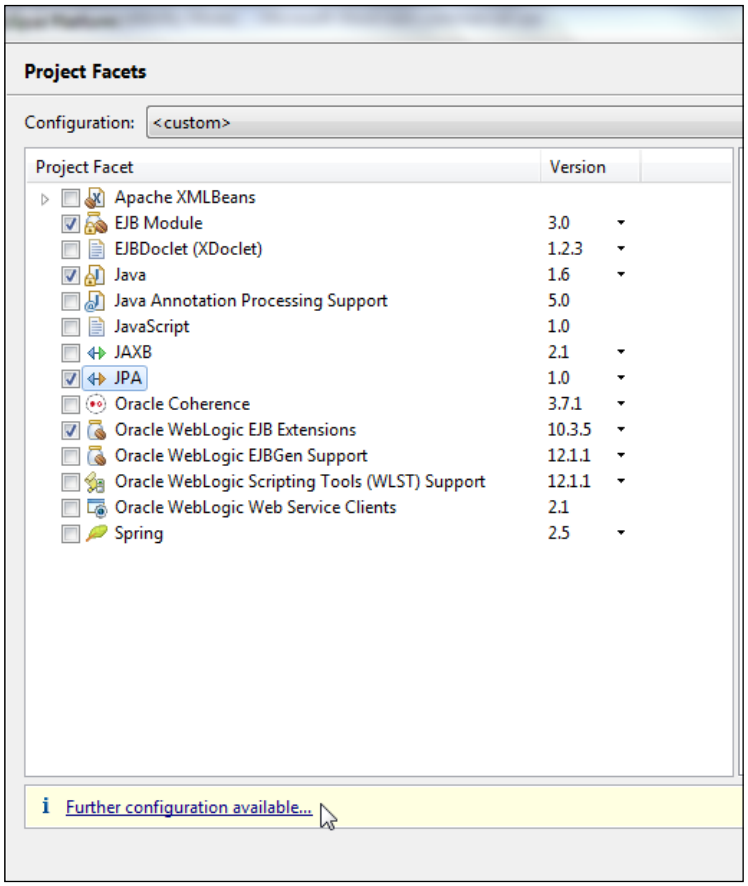
Right-click on the project node in the **Project Explorer** tab and select **Project Properties**. Select **Project Facets** in the **Properties** window. The EJB project should have the **EJB Module** project facet enabled as shown in the following screenshot:



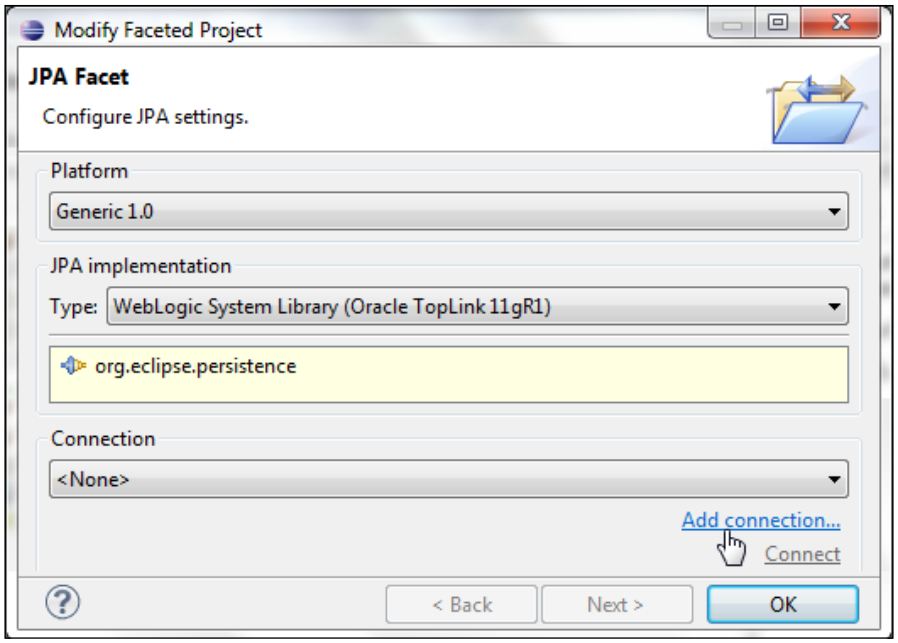
Session beans require an EJB project and entity beans require the JPA project facet for database persistence. We have created an EJB project but this EJB project does not have the **JPA** project facet enabled by default. In the next section, we shall add the **JPA** facet to the EJB project.

Adding the JPA facet

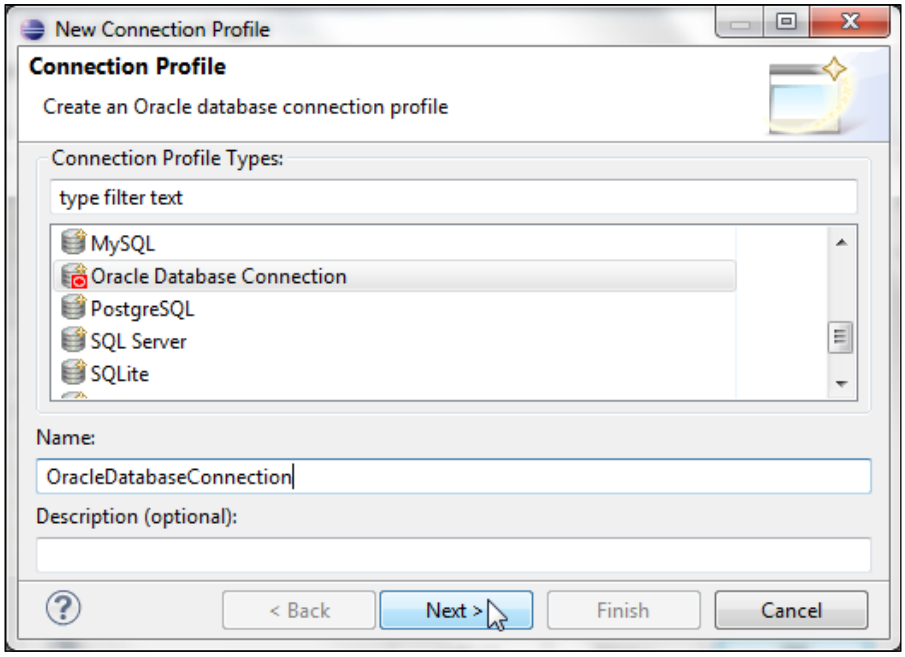
We require the JPA project facet to create entity beans. We could have created a JPA project to start with, but to create a session bean facade we first created an EJB project; session beans require an EJB project by default. To add the JPA project facet, right-click on the project in **Project Explorer** and select **Properties**. Select the **Project Facets** node and select the **JPA 1.0** project facet. Click on the **Further configuration available** link as shown in the screenshot:



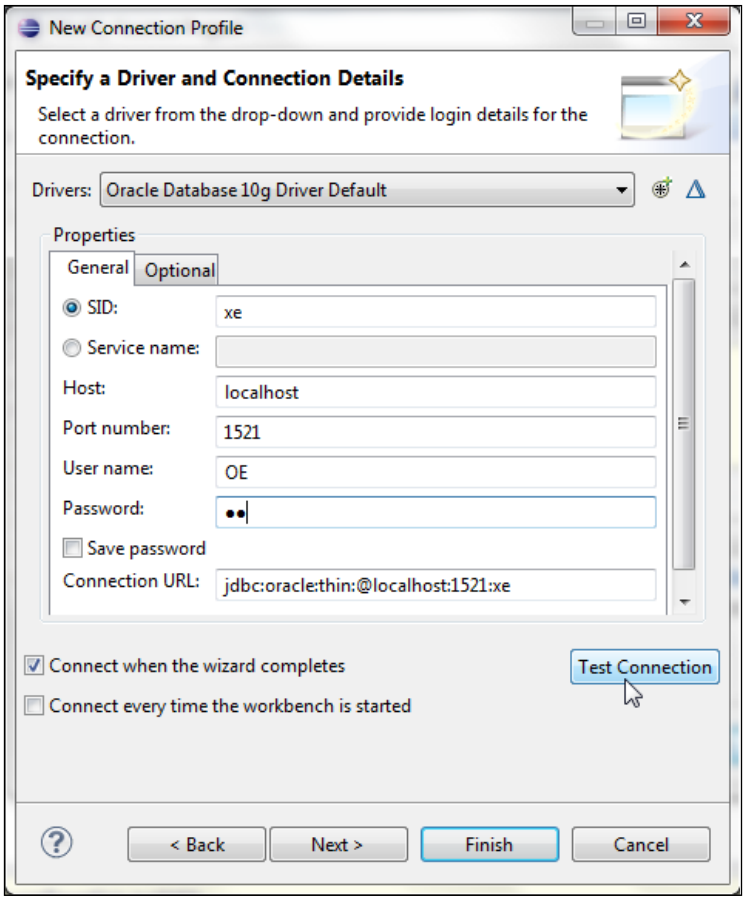
In **JPA Facet**, select **Platform** as **Generic 1.0**. Select **JPA implementation** as **Oracle TopLink 11g R1**. We also need a database connection for JPA. To configure a new **Connection**, click on the **Add connection** link as shown in the following screenshot:



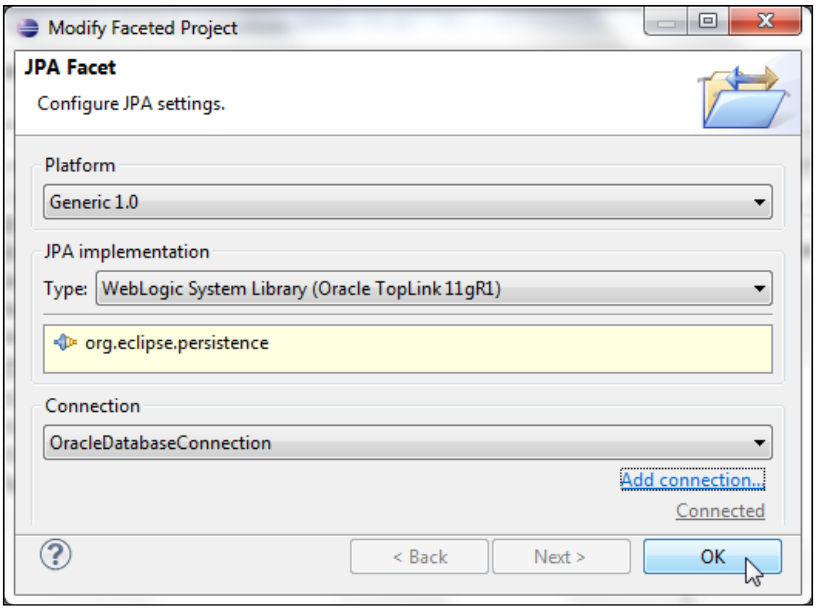
In **Connection Profile**, select the **Oracle Database Connection** profile, specify a connection **Name** and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



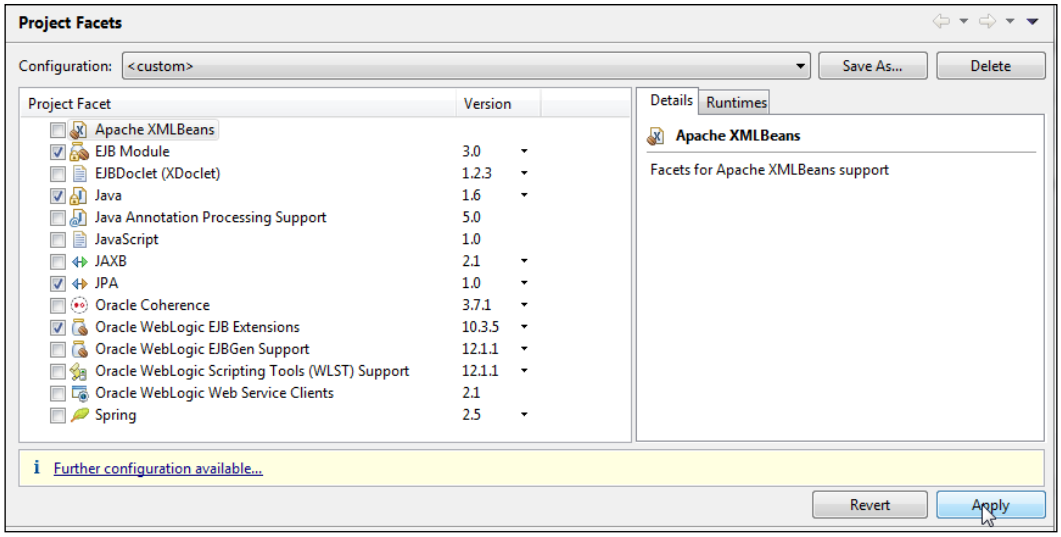
In the **Specify a Driver and Connection Details** window, select the driver as **Oracle Database 10g Driver**. Specify **SID** as `XE`, **Host** as `localhost`, **Port number** as `1521`, **User name** as `OE`, and **Password** as `OE`. The **Connection URL** gets specified. Now, click on **Test Connection** as shown in the following screenshot:



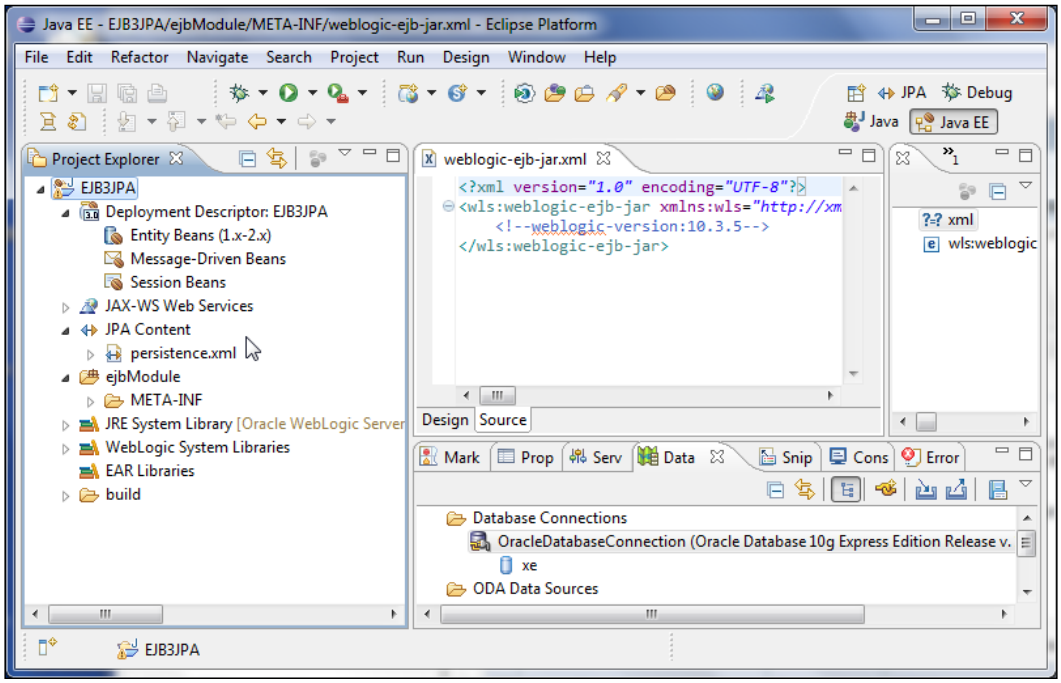
A **Ping succeeded** message indicates that the connection got established. Click on **Next** and then click on **Finish** in **Summary**. A **Connection** for the **JPA Facet** gets configured. Click on **OK** as shown in the following screenshot:



The connection profile we have configured is for the JPA project facet, not to run client applications to entity beans. The data source we configured in the WebLogic server with JNDI **jdbc/OracleDS** is for running client applications to entity beans. Click on **Apply** in **Properties** to install the **JPA** facet as shown in the following screenshot:

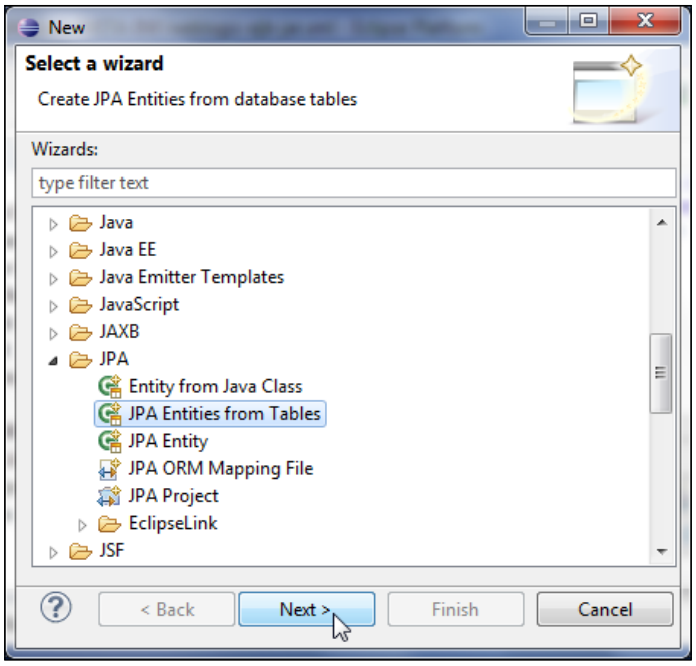


A node for **JPA Content** gets added to the EJB project. A **persistence.xml** configuration file gets added.

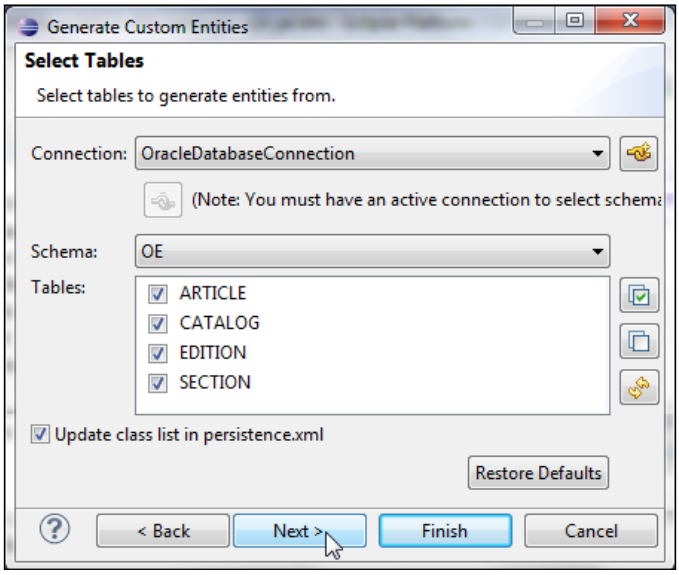


Creating entity beans from tables

In this section, we shall create entities from database tables we created earlier. Select the project node in **Project Explorer** and go to **File** | **New** | **Other**. In the **New** wizard window, select **JPA Entites from Tables** from the **JPA** folder as shown in the following screenshot. Click on **Next**. Alternatively, you can right-click on the project node in **Project Explorer** and select **Generate Entities from Tables** from **JPA Tools**.

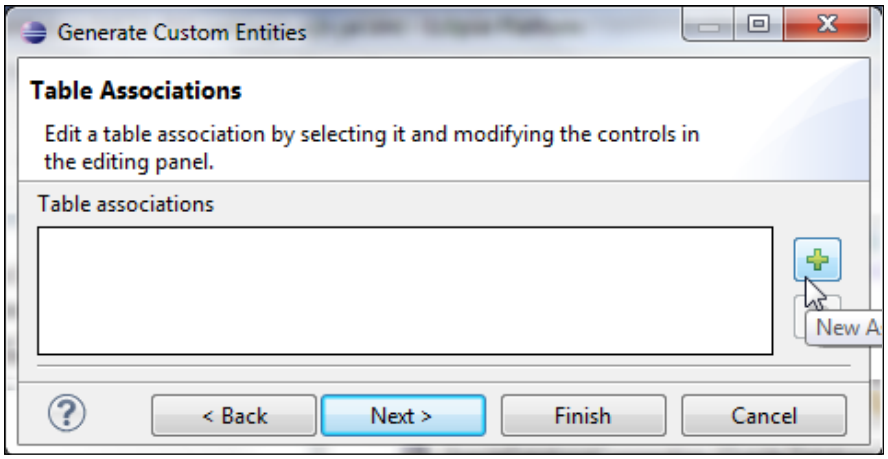


In **Select Tables**, select the database connection configured when adding the JPA project facet. Select the **OE** Schema. Select the **CATALOG**, **EDITION**, **SECTION**, and **ARTICLE** tables. Select the checkbox **Update class list in persistence.xml** and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:

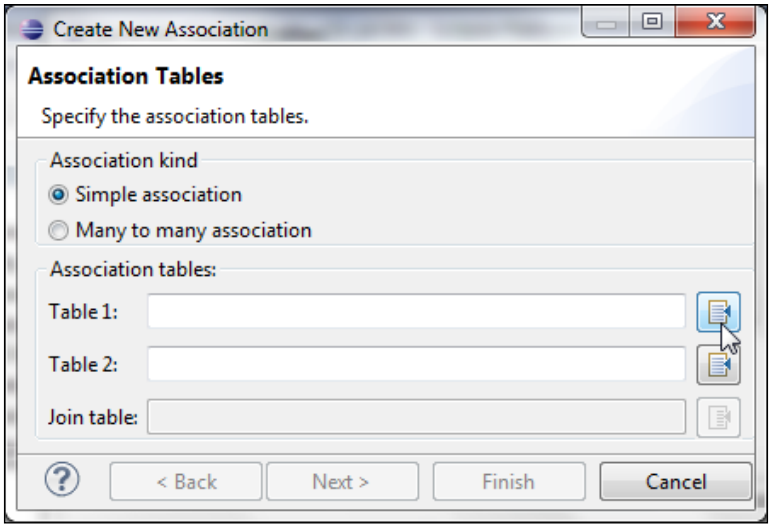


Defining entity relationships

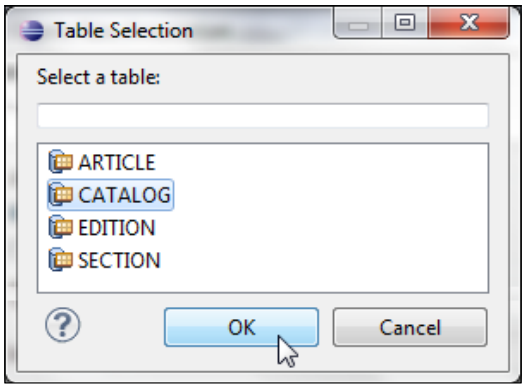
The entities to be generated have relationships between them. The `Catalog` entity has a one-to-many relationship with the `Edition` entity. The `Edition` entity has a one-to-many relationship with the `Section` entity and the `Section` entity has a further one-to-many relationship with the `Article` entity. In **Table Associations**, we shall define the associations between the tables. Click on the **+** button to create an association as shown in the following screenshot:



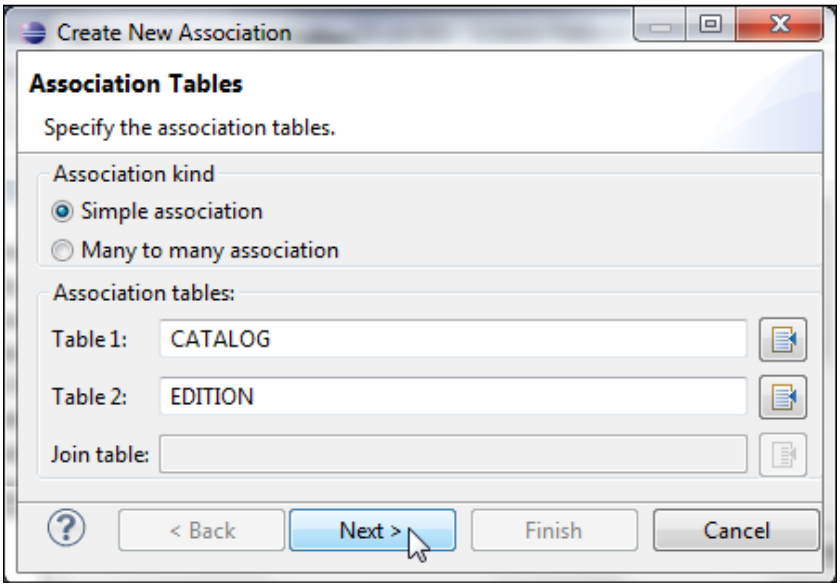
In **Association Tables**, select the tables to create an association between them. We will need to create an association for each of the relationships. Click on the button for the **Table 1** field as shown in the following screenshot:



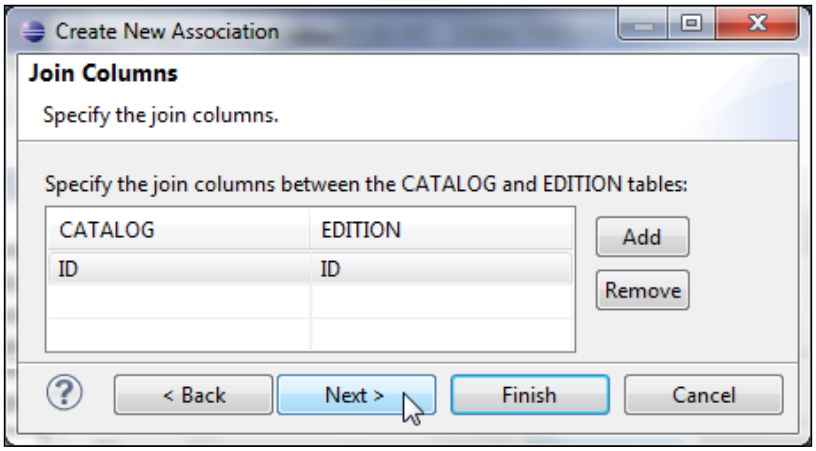
Select the **CATALOG** table and click on **OK**, as shown in the following screenshot:



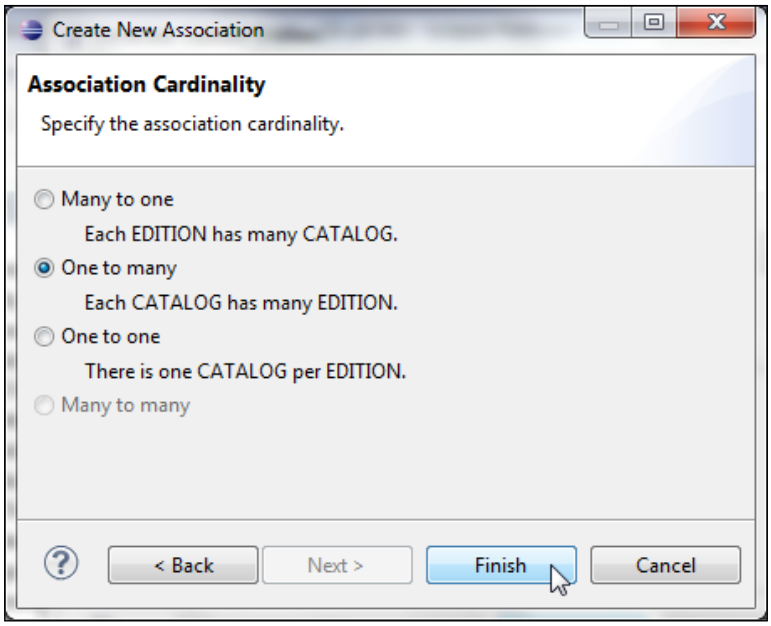
Similarly, select **EDITION** as **Table 2**. The **Association kind** is **Simple association** by default, which is what we need. Now, click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



Specify the join columns between the **CATALOG** and **EDITION** tables as **ID** using the **Add** button and click on **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



As the `Catalog` entity has a one-to-many relation with the `Edition` entity, in **Association Cardinality** select **One to many** and click on **Finish** as shown in the following screenshot:



The table association between the **CATALOG** and **EDITION** tables gets defined and the table join also gets defined.