

# Connection pool subsystem upgrade

<b>Motivation:</b>	Have flexible, production ready connection pooling for JDBC data stores
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<b>Tracker:</b>	<a href="#">GEOT-1373</a>
<b>Tagline:</b>	

## Description

Current Geotools JDBC data stores use a home grown ConnectionPool class which is showing its limitations quite evidently in production environment.

There is plenty of open source and commercial connection pool implementations available, and we should be able to leverage them instead.

The cornerstone of the change is to make JDBC DataStore use [DataSource](#), a standard java interface for Connection providers. Then again, we also want to be able and leverage special connection pools provided by web containers (JNDI), or optimized for a specific database (OC4J for Oracle, for example).

To allow such flexibility, DataSource should be provided by a pluggable system. A DataSourceFactorySPI, by all means a close clone of DataStoreFactorySPI, will gather the connection pool parameters (they may be many) and build a DataSource. New data store factories for JDBC data stores will then accept DataSource as parameter, whilst the old ones will fall back on using a default implementation, with default parameters (DBCP).

Finally, some datastores will need to unwrap the pooled connections, so a separate SPI will be needed to support this unwrapping process (which, before java 6, is connection pool implementation dependent).

More information and discussion can be found [on the associated research page](#).

## Overall Design

The proposed change revolves under a main modification in the JDBC data stores and factories, and two new SPI:

- make it so the JDBC data stores use DataSource instead of the old ConnectionPool class (Eclipse reports 126 references to the ConnectionPool class), and deprecate the old ConnectionPool class (note, this will break users that are calling the JDBC data stores constructors directly)
- modify the old factory classes so that they use a default DBCP based connection pool instead of ConnectionPool
- create new JDBC datastore factory classes accepting a DataSource parameter
- create a new SPI, DataSourceFactorySPI, to make DataSource creation pluggable
- create a second new SPI, Unwrapper, to unwrap pooled connections and return native ones

To better test and develop this approach a new branch has been created, <http://svn.geotools.org/geotools/branches/2.4-ds>, where all the above steps are being attempted and new insights can be gained.

## DataSourceFactorySPI

DataSource generators will be pluggable. Since each DataSource can take lots of parameters to be created, we

propose the same design as `DataStoreFactorySpi`, that is, an SPI with parameters that can be introspected, and a finder to lookup them up given a map of parameters.

Instead of pasting the interfaces here, I'll refer the current prototype implementation in svn. Here are the main SPI interface and the associated finder:

- [DataSourceFactorySPI](#)
- [DataSourceFinder](#)

And here are the default DBCP and JNDI implementation, as well as their base abstract class:

- [AbstractDataSourceFactorySpi](#)
- [DBCPDataSourceFactory](#)
- [JNDIDataSourceFactory](#)

The unit test show example usage of both:

- [DataSourceFinderTest](#)

## Unwrapper

As stated, some `DataStore` implementations (Oracle) need to access the native connection, and some others (PostGis) need native `Statement` instead, whilst the pooling data sources always return wrappers. `UnWrapper` is an interface designed to perform the extraction of native connections and statements. A separate interface from `DataSourceFactory` is needed, because some `DataSource` factories are opaque, in that they do not know what kind of `DataSource` they are returning (JNDI is the typical case).

The interface will thus have many implementations to target different `DataSource` providers. Since there is a strict connection with `DataSource`, `UnWrapper` lookup will be performed again with the `DataSourceFinder`.

Here are the interface and the finder:

- [UnWrapper](#)
- [DataSourceFinder](#)

Here is a sample DBCP implementation:

- [DBCPUnWrapper](#)

And here is a sample usage in a unit test:

- [UnWrapperTest](#)

## Status

This proposal is ready for discussion and vote.

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- [Ian Turton](#) +1
- [Justin Deoliveira](#)
- [Jody Garnett](#) +1
- [Martin Desruisseaux](#) +1
- [Simone Giannecchini](#) +1

On the 2.4-ds branch the basic interfaces and implementations are shelled out, and Postgis, Postgis versioned, H2 and Oracle datastores have been migrated to use `DataSource` (all their tests are still passing)

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## Resources

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## Tasks

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A target release is also provided for each milestone.

Milestone 1	2.4-M4	
	<a href="#">Andrea Aime</a>	Prototype out DataSourceFactorySPI
	<a href="#">Andrea Aime</a>	Prototype out Unwrapper
	<a href="#">Andrea Aime</a>	Switch all mainstream JDBC data stores to DataSource and the old factories to DBCP (Postgis, Oracle, MySql)
	<a href="#">Andrea Aime</a>	Switch DB2 to DataSource and the old factories to DBCP
	?	Switch GeoMedia to DataSource and the old factories to DBCP (this may just lead GeoMedia datastore out of the build, it's unmaintained afaik)
	<a href="#">Andrea Aime</a>	Create new "advanced" factories that use the DataSource parameter
	<a href="#">Jody Garnett</a>	update use documentation
	<a href="#">Jody Garnett</a>	Outline JDBC Guide
	<a href="#">Andrea Aime</a>	Provide unwrapper implementation documentation for JDBC Guide

## API Changes

Old public API users won't notice any change, since the old JDBC factories will be kept in place. If you created a JDBC datastore by setting up a map of parameters, and then used either `DataStoreFinder` or the JDBC datastore factory directly, you should not have any trouble.

Old users that did access the JDBC factories directly will unfortunately be broken, since the `ConnectionPool` parameter will be replaced by a `DataSource` one. Here is a comparison between old and new code:

### Old code

```
PostgisConnectionFactory factory1 = new
PostgisConnectionFactory(host, port,
database);
ConnectionPool pool =
factory1.getConnectionPool(user, password);

JDBCDataStoreConfig config =
JDBCDataStoreConfig.createWithNamespaceAndSc
hemaName( namespace, schema );
data = new PostgisDataStore(pool, config,
PostgisDataStore.OPTIMIZE_SAFE);
```

## New code

```
DataSource ds =
DataSourceUtil.buildDefaultDataSource("jdbc:
postgresql://" + host + ":" + port + "/" +
database, "org.postgresql.Driver", user,
password, null, false);
JDBCDataStoreConfig config =
JDBCDataStoreConfig.createWithNameSpaceAndSc
hemaName( namespace, schema );
data = new PostgisDataStore(ds, config,
PostgisDataStore.OPTIMIZE_SAFE);
```

New users will be able to setup a custom data source with the following code:

## Example.java

```
Map map = new HashMap();
map.put(DBCPDataSourceFactory.DRIVERCLASS.key, "org.h2.Driver");
map.put(DBCPDataSourceFactory.JDBC_URL.key, "jdbc:h2:mem:test_mem");
map.put(DBCPDataSourceFactory.USERNAME.key, "admin");
map.put(DBCPDataSourceFactory.PASSWORD.key, "");
map.put(DBCPDataSourceFactory.MAXACTIVE.key, new Integer(10));
map.put(DBCPDataSourceFactory.MAXIDLE.key, new Integer(0));
DataSource source =
DataSourceFinder.getDataSource(map);

map = new HashMap();
map.put("dataSource", source);
map.put("dbType", "postgis");
DataStore store =
DataStoreFinder.getDataStore(map);
```

## Documentation Changes

Website:

- Update [Upgrade to 2.4](#) instructions

User Guide:

- [01 Use of DataSource](#)
- Update examples to reflect changes to JDBC data stores

- JDBC Guide - we need to create a section showing how to implement an unwrapper (for those working on a new application container we have not met yet)
- JDBC Guide - we need a section showing how to configure DataSource stuff for Tomcat, JBoss, etc...

Issue Tracker:

- check related issues to see of problems are affected