

CS544 EA Hibernate

Lazy and Eager

# What is Lazy (or Eager)?

- Lazy means it does not load it
  - Until it absolutely needs it
  - By default all Collections (\*ToMany) are lazy

- Eager gets loaded right away
  - As soon as it knows about it
  - By default all references (\*ToOne) are eager

# Changing FetchType

- It's possible to change
  - References to LAZY
  - collections to EAGER

Generally not needed

```
@Entity
public class Customer {
    @Id
    @GeneratedValue
    private Long id;
    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;
    @ManyToOne(fetch=FetchType.LAZY)
    private SalesRep salesRep;
    @OneToMany(fetch=FetchType.LAZY)
    @JoinColumn
    private List<Book> books
    = new ArrayList<>();
```

#### LAZY or EAGER

- Some say that all associations should be lazy
  - EAGERly loaded objects may never be used
- Usually Hibernate loads \*ToOne with Joins
  - Less expensive then separate selects
  - Still takes overhead, wasted if object not used

- On the whole you can be safe never modifying
  - Premature optimization is the root of all evil

## @LazyCollection

- A Hibernate extension that:
  - Can be useful for big collections

- By default the entire collection is retrieved for:
  - .size(), .isEmpty(), .contains()
  - Instead of using the DB to count / check
  - 'Extra lazy' fixes that

# @LazyCollection

```
import org.hibernate.annotations.LazyCollection;
import org.hibernate.annotations.LazyCollectionOption;
@Entity
public class Customer {
     @Id
     @GeneratedValue
     private Long id;
     private String firstName;
                                           Extra Lazy
     private String lastName;
     @OneToMany(cascade=CascadeType.ALL)
     @JoinColumn
     @LazyCollection(LazyCollectionOption. EXTRA)
     private List<Movie> movies
          = new ArrayList<>();
```

```
Customer c = em.find(Customer.class, 1L);
System.out.println(c.getMovies().size());
```

```
Hibernate:
    select
        customer0 .id as id1 1 0 ,
        customero firstName as firstNam2 1 0 ,
        customer0 .lastName as lastName3 1 0 ,
        customer0 .salesRep id as salesRep4_1_0_
    from
        Customer customer0
    where
        customer0 .id=?
Hibernate:
    select
        count(id)
    from
        Movie
   where
        movies id =?
```

## Lazy Properties

- It is possible to make individual properties lazy
  - Needs Property access (getters)
  - @Basic(fetch=FetchType.LAZY) (on getters)

- Needs ByteCode instrumentation to work
  - Rewrites your getters (after compilation) for ability to load data

- Generally not recommended
  - DTO projection is better / easier solution

Hibernate Documentation calls it a "Marketing Feature"

# ByteCode Instrumentation Ant file

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<description>Byte Code instrument example</description>
 cproperty name="src" location="src" />
 cproperty name="build" location="bin" />
 <target name="compile">
   <javac srcdir="${src}" destdir="${build}" />
 </target>
 <target name="instrument" depends="compile">
   <taskdef name="instrument"</pre>
       classname="org.hibernate.tool.instrument.cglib.InstrumentTask">
     <classpath>
       <fileset dir="c:/hibernatetraining/libraries/">
         <include name="**/*.jar" />
       </fileset>
     </classpath>
   </taskdef>
   <instrument verbose="true">
     <fileset dir="${build}/when/properties/">
       <include name="**/*.class" />
     </fileset>
   </instrument>
 </target>
</project>
```

#### Lazy Properties

```
@Entity
public class Book {
                       Annotations on getters
  @Id
  public String getIsbn() { return isbn; }
  public String getTitle() { return title; }
  public String getAuthor() { return author; }
  @Basic(fetch=FetchType.LAZY)
  public java.sql.Clob getSummary() {
    return summary:
  @Basic(fetch=FetchType.LAZY)
  public java.sql.Blob getCover() {
    return cover:
```

```
Book b = (Book)session.get(Book.class, "978-0545139700");
System.out.println(b.getTitle());

java.sql.Clob sumData = b.getSummary();
int length = (int)sumData.length();
System.out.println(sumData.getSubString(1, length));
```

```
Hibernate:
    select
        book0 .isbn as isbn0 0 ,
        book0 .title as title0 0 ,
        book0 .author as author0 0
    from
        Book book0
    where
        book0 .isbn=?
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
                 Loads Summary when needed
Hibernate:
    select
        book .summary as summary0 ,
        book .cover as cover0
    from
        Book book
                      Also loads cover
    where
        book .isbn=?
Readers beware. The brilliant,
breathtaking conclusion to J.K.
Rowling's spellbinding series is not for
the faint of heart
```

# Instead use DTO Projection

- Already discussed during SELECT new Object
  - Can select (project) only the properties you need
  - Better than lazy-loading properties!

```
TypedQuery<Home> query = em.createQuery(
     "select new hibernate06.Home(p, a) "
     + "from Person p " + "join p.address a ", Home.class);
                                                                                       Not an Entity
List<Home> homes = query.getResultList();
                                                                                     but a DTO class
                                                          public class Home {
Person p = null;
                                                               private Person person;
Address a = null;
                                                               private Address address;
for (Home home : homes) {
     p = home.getPerson();
                                                               public Home(Person p, Address a) {
     a = home.getAddress();
                                                                    this.person = p;
                                                                    this.address = a;
     System.out.println(p.getFirstName()
     + " " + p.getLastName()
     + " has a home in " + a.getCity());
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```

# Lazy and Eager Summary

- Lazy and Eager specify WHEN not HOW
  - When is generally not the problem

- It's good to know about these options
  - To understand how Hibernate works
  - While not the biggest source of problems or solutions