

# Loading Related Data

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Entity Framework Core allows you to use the navigation properties in your model to load related entities. There are three common O/RM patterns used to load related data.

- **Eager loading** means that the related data is loaded from the database as part of the initial query.
- **Explicit loading** means that the related data is explicitly loaded from the database at a later time.
- **Lazy loading** means that the related data is transparently loaded from the database when the navigation property is accessed.

## Tip

You can view the **[samples](#)** under this section on GitHub.