**25. Hibernate Advanced Mappings - Eager vs Lazy Loading**

**Eager vs Lazy Loading**:

When working with an ORM, data fetching/loading can be classified into two types: eager and lazy.

1. Eager will retrieve everything
2. Lazy will retrieve on request

**Eager Loading**:

Eager Loading is a design pattern in which data initialization occurs on the spot.

**Lazy Loading**:

Lazy Loading is a design pattern which is used to defer initialization of an object as long as it’s possible.

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