

# Validations and relationships

```
models > user.rb
class User < ApplicationRecord
  validates :password, confirmation: true, presence: true
  validates :password_confirmation, presence: true
end
```

The model expects to receive a [field] and [field]\_confirmation values, then it is going to check if they are the same.

It is used to verify that the user introduced the same password when signing up.

With acceptance

You need presence true so it cannot accept nil values.

```
class Person < ApplicationRecord
  validates :terms_of_service, acceptance: true
end
```

Useful for form submission. No value is saved into the db.

## Create join table

“Create join table” and the models in plural.

Creates a table with no id and columns with no nil.

```
db > migrate > 20220902202844_create_join_table_book_libraries.rb
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7 class CreateJoinTableBookLibraries < ActiveRecord::Migration[5.2]
8   def change
9     create_join_table :books, :libraries do |t|
10       t.index [:book_id, :library_id]
11       t.index [:library_id, :book_id]
12     end
13   end
14 end
15

app > views > users > _form.html.erb
1 <%= form_with model: @user, do |f| %>
2   <%= f.label :username %>
3   <%= f.text_field :username %>
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5   <%= f.label :password %>
6   <%= f.password_field :password %>
7
8   <%= f.label :password_confirmation %>
9   <%= f.password_field :password_confirmation %>
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12   <%= f.checkbox :terms_of_service %>
13   <%= f.check_box :terms_of_service, "I agree the terms of service" %>
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15   <%= f.submit %>
16 <%= end %>
```

## String length validation

```
class Person < ApplicationRecord
  validates :name, length: { minimum: 2 }
  validates :bio, length: { maximum: 500 }
  validates :password, length: { in: 6..20 }
  validates :registration_number, length: { is: 6 }
end
```

## Numeric validations

### Numerically:

Check if it is a number.

```
class Player < ApplicationRecord
  validates :points, numericality: true
  validates :games_played, numericality: { only_integer: true }
end
```

## Numericality

- Besides only integer we have more options
  - { greater than.... }
  - { greater than or equal to... }
  - { equal to:... }
  - { less than: ... }
  - { less than or equal to: ... }
  - { other than: ... }
  - { odd: ... }
  - { even: ... }

## Validating presence

Presence: true

Makes the field unable to be nil.

## Inclusion and exclusion

Only allows or exclude specific values.



```
validates :boolean_field_name, inclusion: { in: [true, false] }  
validates :boolean_field_name, exclusion: { in: [nil] }
```

## Checking absence

Almost not used

Validates that the field is empty or nil.

# Checking absence



```
class Person < ApplicationRecord  
  validates :name, :login, :email, absence: true  
end
```

## Uniqueness

Only one value per row. You can configure it as well so only one value per another column value.

```
class Holiday < ApplicationRecord
  validates :name, uniqueness: { scope: :year,
    message: "should happen once per year" }
end
```

Example: In a year you can only have a holiday that can be called the same.

## Callbacks

Methods that are called after certain action:

```
class User < ApplicationRecord
  before_validation :normalize_name, on: :create
  # :on takes an array as well
  after_validation :set_location, on: [ :create, :update ]

  private
  def normalize_name
    self.name = name.downcase.titleize
  end

  def set_location
    self.location = LocationService.query(self)
  end
end
```

You usually declare callbacks private.

*'Save' is called after 'validation'*

There are some methods that avoids callbacks and validations

## Methods that skip validations

- .decrement!
- .decrement\_counter
- .increment!
- .increment\_counter
- .insert
- .insert!
- .insert\_all
- .insert\_all!
- .toggle!
- .touch
- .touch\_all
- .update\_all
- .update\_attribute
- .update\_column
- .update\_columns
- .update\_counters
- .upsert
- .upsert\_all

## Optional callbacks

Add if or unless at the end of the statement to make them conditional

```
class User < ApplicationRecord
  validates :name, presence: true, if: :admin?

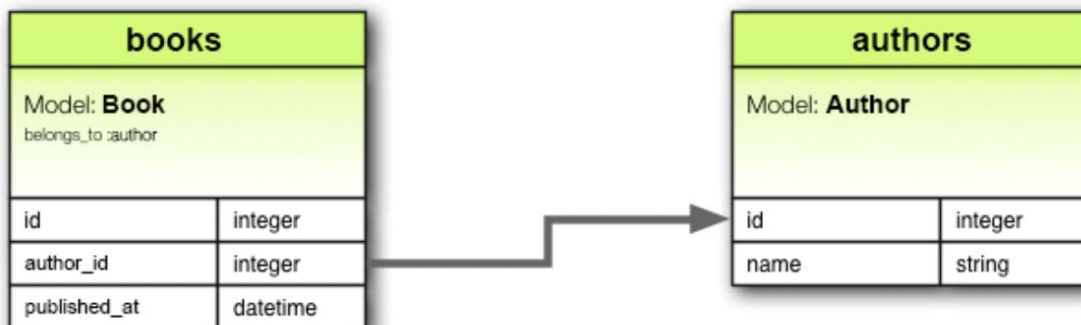
  def admin?
    conditional here that returns boolean value
  end
end
```

# Associations

## belongs\_to

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  belongs_to :author
end
```

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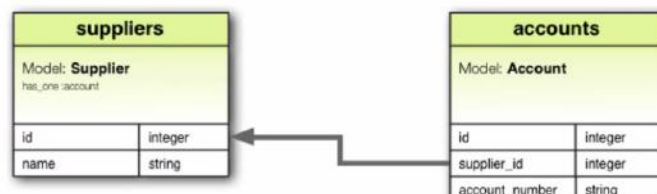


```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
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end
```

## Has\_one

### has one

- "Each instance contains or possesses one instance of another"

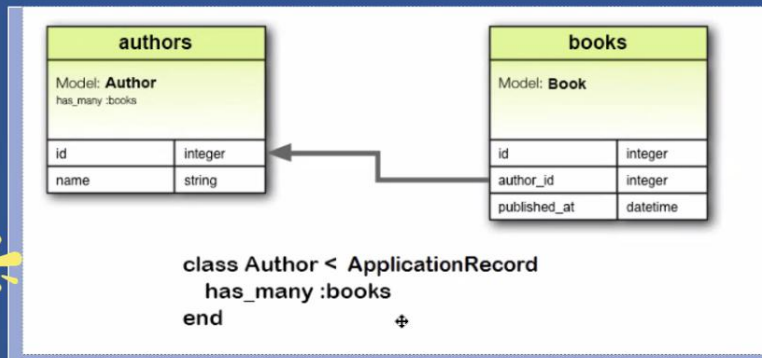


```
class Supplier < ApplicationRecord
  has_one :account
end
```

## Has\_many

### has many

- "One-to-many association, where the other side belongs to the original model"



## Has\_many\_through

### has many :through

- Many to many connection to another model. Meaning 0 or +
  - Indirect connection
  - Sets shortcuts when needed as a workaround, when they are used a lot

```
class Physician < ApplicationRecord
  has_many :appointments
  has_many :patients, through: :appointments
end

class Appointment < ApplicationRecord
  belongs_to :physician
  belongs_to :patient
end

class Patient < ApplicationRecord
  has_many :appointments
  has_many :physicians, through: :appointments
end
```

## has\_one\_through

Similar to has\_many\_through, but only one association per row.

## has\_and\_belongs\_to\_many

Not recommended to use, similar to has\_many\_through



## has and belongs to many

- Direct many to many connection with another model

```
class Assembly < ApplicationRecord
  has_and_belongs_to_many :parts
end

class Part < ApplicationRecord
  has_and_belongs_to_many :assemblies
end
```

## How to choose between belongs to and has\_one?

- Consider the quantity where you place the foreign key
- May also need a has\_and\_belongs\_to\_many



## Polymorphic associations

It is when the same field can be used as an association to different models.

# Polymorphic associations

- Having a field that could be of more than one type

```
class Picture < ApplicationRecord
  belongs_to :imageable, polymorphic: true
end

class Employee < ApplicationRecord
  has_many :pictures, as: :imageable
end

class Product < ApplicationRecord
  has_many :pictures, as: :imageable
end
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## Useful resources

<https://zoom.us/j/95051964684?pwd=eUxXcjk0U2JDTlOrNW4rU1F2TTlUdz09>

<https://juliannaseiki.medium.com/rails-callbacks-cheat-sheet-824295a1a14d>