Check if Ruby On Rails Database Exists Using Rake

Overview

## Rake task which uses ActiveRecord to check if Ruby on Rails database exists i.e. has been created and is accessible

## Snippet

namespace :db do

desc "Checks to see if the database exists"

task :exists do

begin

Rake::Task['environment'].invoke

ActiveRecord::Base.connection

rescue

exit 1

else

exit 0

end

end

end

## Text

Rake task which uses ActiveRecord to check if Ruby on Rails database exists.

Can be useful for performing database creations conditionally on docker container creation.

### Usage

Add snippet to Ruby on Rails project ```lib/tasks/db\_exists.rake``` and ensure the ```Rakefile``` is loading the Rails project environment.

Run using ```bundle exec rake db:exists```