

In this lecture, we will discuss...

- ✧ Default scope
- ✧ Named scopes

Default Scope

✧ `default_scope`

- **Class** “method” for specifying how the records are **retrieved by default** from the database (instead of relying on the database default)

```
irb(main):001:0> Hobby.pluck :name  
  (0.1ms)  SELECT "hobbies"."name" FROM "hobbies"  
=> ["Programming", "Music"]
```



Default Scope Example

✧ Use *unscoped* to break out of the default

```
class Hobby < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_and_belongs_to_many :people

  default_scope { order :name }
end
```

```
irb(main):001:0> Hobby.pluck :name
(0.1ms) SELECT "hobbies"."name" FROM "hobbies" ORDER BY "hobbies"."name" ASC
=> ["Music", "Programming"]
irb(main):002:0> Hobby.unscoped.pluck :name
(0.3ms) SELECT "hobbies"."name" FROM "hobbies"
=> ["Programming", "Music"]
```



Named Scopes

✧ `scope :name, lambda`

```
class Person < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :personal_info, dependent: :destroy
  has_many :my_jobs, class_name: "Job"
  has_and_belongs_to_many :hobbies
  has_many :jobs
  has_many :approx_salaries, through: :jobs, source: :salary_range

  def max_salary
    approx_salaries.maximum(:max_salary)
  end

  scope :ordered_by_age, -> { order age: :desc }
  scope :starts_with, -> (starting_string){ where("first_name LIKE ?", "#{starting_string}%")}
end
```



Named Scopes - Chaining

```
irb(main):001:0> Person.ordered_by_age.pluck :age
(0.1ms) SELECT "people"."age" FROM "people" ORDER BY "people"."age" DESC
=> [75, 57, 33, 30, 27, 27]
irb(main):002:0> Person.ordered_by_age.starts_with("Jo").pluck :age, :first_name
(0.3ms) SELECT "people"."age", "people"."first_name" FROM "people" WHERE (first_name LIKE 'Jo%') ORDER BY "people"."age" DESC
=> [[57, "Josh"], [27, "John"], [27, "John"]]
irb(main):003:0> Person.ordered_by_age.limit(2).starts_with("Jo").pluck :age, :first_name
(0.2ms) SELECT "people"."age", "people"."first_name" FROM "people" WHERE (first_name LIKE 'Jo%') ORDER BY "people"."age" DESC LIMIT 2
=> [[57, "Josh"], [27, "John"]]
```



Summary

- ✧ Scopes always return `ActiveRecord::Relation`
- ✧ Can make your ActiveRecord queries very expressive

What's Next?

- ✧ Validations

