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Fetching a row

Each class extending Model has some static methods you can use:

```
use Contao\PageModel;

// get a record by its primary key
$page = PageModel::findByPk(2);

// find a record by ID or alias (the parameter you pass can be both)
$page = PageModel::findByIdOrAlias('index');

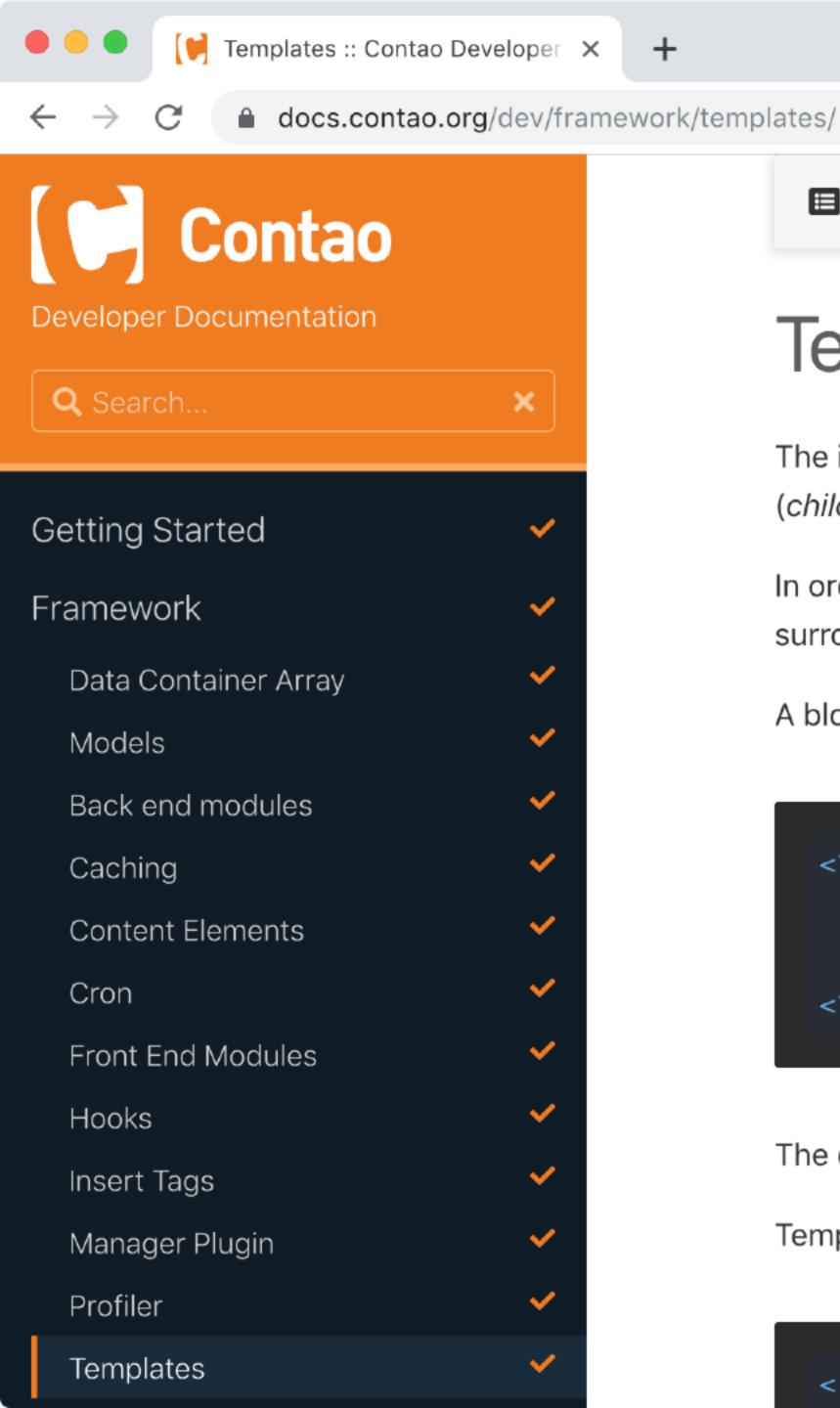
// find the record where adminEmail is "admin@example.com"
$page = PageModel::findOneBy('adminEmail', 'admin@example.com');

// count the records where language is "de"
$total = PageModel::countBy('language', 'de');
```

If no row in the table matches your query, the return value is null.

Also, Model implements the __callStatic() method from PHP. This way you can attach the field name of the table to the method name and omit the first parameter.

At the moment, the methods findOneBy(), findBy() and countBy() are supported:



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Template inheritance

The inheritance allow you to create a template based on a second template. This means that a template (*child*) inherits the content of a second template (*parent*).

In order that the content of a parent template may be modified or completed in the child template, it must be surrounded by an element named block.

A block is built as follows:

```
<?php $this->block('name_of_the_block'); ?>

// Block content
<?php $this->endblock(); ?>
```

The example below shows a parent template with a block surrounding the content of the head tag.

Template fe_page.html5:

