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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`:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```