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github.com/przprz/rails_console

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Create, Read, Update, Delete (CRUD) operations

• comprehensive documentation:

https://guides.rubyonrails.org/active_record_querying.html

CRUD: Read

Simplest methods:

```
.first,
.second,
.third,
.last - retrieve 1st, 2nd, and so on
.take(3) - retrieve 3 objects
```

```
find()
find(id) - find one record by id, may throw AR::RecordNotFound
ClaimPayout.find(104980)
.find(id1, id2, id3,) - find many records, also may throw AR::RecordNotFound
.find([id1, id2, id3]) - same as above but array passed
ClaimPayout.find(104980, 1)
ClaimPayout.find(104980, 1, :i_am_not_here)
```

```
find_by()
.find_by(name: 'Andżej') - find one record by some other attribute (may return nil)
ClaimPayout.find_by(claim_enquiry_id: 178849,) # hey i'm a comment, and there's a comma after the id
```

Note

It will return the first record matching the criteria.

Note: all the above methods return *instances* of objects or *arrays of instances*:

```
> ClaimPayout.take(3).class
Array < Object</pre>
```

It means that they can't be chained. But the methods from next slides can!

ClaimPayout.where

```
where()
where(attribute_name: :some_value) - finds many records (watch out - may return
looooong output)
.where(attribute_name: :some_value, other_attribute: :other_value) - where
can be used with many attributes
.where(attribute_name: [:some_value, :some_other_value]) - where can be
used with array of values
where("id < ?", computed_array_of_values(some_params)) - you can interpolate</pre>
argument(s) with where
```

:selected_payout_option => "credit_card_transfer"

ClaimPayout.where(selected_payout_option: ["credit_card_transfer", "free_bank_transfer"])

where() returns ActiveRecord::Relation and can be chained and negated

```
ClaimPayout.where("id < ?", 200).where.not(:selected_payout_option => "credit_card_transfer")

ClaimPayout.where("id < ?", Calculator.calculate_ids()) # we can pass it a method to generate criteria

ClaimPayout.where("created_at > ?", 3.days.ago).pluck(:selected_payout_option).sort.uniq # useful with dates
```

It is often used in scope s. Scopes allow to save some commonly used queries.

```
# https://github.com/AirHelp/ah-webapp/blob/d88b8d712ab6654ccf6292d6e1a74c0aad97f6e6/app/models/claim_enquiry_document.rb#L46-L45
class ClaimEnquiryDocument < ApplicationRecord
    # ... some methods
    scope :assignment_form, -> { where(document_type: ASSIGNMENT_FORM) }
    # ... some other methods
end
ClaimEnquiryDocument.assignment_form # find ClaimEnquiryDocument with ASSIGNMENT_FORM as the document_type
```

Note

.not applies only to the where that stands right after it

Other useful methods

```
.pluck()
.pluck(:name) - get 'name' attribute from all records in a collection
```

ClaimPayout.where("created_at>?",3.days.ago).pluck(:selected_payout_option) # find which payout options clients used recently

.limit() - retrieve only a portion of records

```
ClaimPayout.where("created_at>?",3.days.ago).limit(10)
```

```
.order()
.order(:attribute_name) is equivalent to .order(attribute_name: :asc)
.order(attribute_name: :desc)
ClaimPayout.where("created_at>?",3.days.ago).order(collected_at: :desc)
```

Querying multiple tables with .joins()

• Use case: we need to find the number of claim payouts for the enquiries from web channel.

```
ClaimPayout.joins(:claim_enquiry).where(claim_enquiries: { channel: :ch_web }).count
```

Side note

We can use a symbol for non-spaced strings, e.g. :ch_web instead of 'ch_web'

Use case: we need to find credit card payouts for the enquiries created in the last 2 weeks.

Note

• we need to pass singular form to joins(), but plural (i.e. the same that the DB uses) to the where() method.

to_sql() - turn the AR query into a SQL query

• Use case: we want to run a SQL query in prod, but we don't speak SQL 😌

```
ClaimPayout.where(selected_payout_option: 'credit_card_transfer').to_sql
=> "SELECT \"claim_payouts\".* FROM \"claim_payouts\" WHERE \"claim_payouts\".\"selected_payout_option\" = 'credit_card_transfer'"
```

Finally, we can run arbitrary SQL with

```
sql = "select * from ... your sql query here"
ActiveRecord::Base.connection.execute(sql)
```

CRUD: Create, Update

Update a single record

```
u=User.last
u.update(name: 'Julia')
```

is equivalent to

```
u=User.last
u.first_name = "Julia"
u.save
```

We might want to reload the instance to see the changes:

```
u.reload
```

CRUD: Create, Update

Note

These methods trigger validations, and will save the object to the database only if it is valid.

The bang versions (e.g. update!) raise an exception if the record is invalid.

There are many other methods for updating records.

There's a neat cheat-sheet here https://makandracards.com/makandra/42641-different-ways-to-set-attributes-in-activerecord

You can choose more exotic one depending on your use case (like: you need to skip validations, callbacks, etc.)

CRUD: Create, Update

Example: update many records at once, skip validations & callbacks

```
ClaimPayout.where(selected_payout_option: 'credit_card_transfer')
.where("created_at >= ?", 3.hour.ago)
.update_all(payoneer_signup_complete: true)
```

Playing around

• we can monkey-patch, the same as in plain Ruby

```
class Pinger
  def ping!(patch=false)
    # if patch
    # puts :pong
   # return
   # end
    puts :ping
  end
end
Pinger.new.ping!
Pinger.new.ping!('true')
```

Playing around

we can search for methods

```
ClaimPayout.first.methods.grep /_at$/ # find 'timestamp' methods of the object, like :created_at, :collected_at, etc.
```

or even display the source code

```
file, line = ClaimPayout.first.method(:currency).source_location
y IO.readlines(file)[line-1, 10]
```

Configuration

• put it in your .irbrc

```
# ~/:irbrc
def ta
  [1, 2, :three, 'four']
end

def ha
  {a: 1, :b => nil, 'three' => false, 4 => 4}
end
```

• example: lets copy awesome! that AH consoles have

We'll need to look for awesome_print in AirHelp/dockerfiles repo

Keyboard shortcuts

Most **readline** shortcuts are supported

TIP: many other applications also support some of these (try in your browser)

- tab autocompletion
- ctrl+l clear screen # so you don't need to type clear anymore
- ctrl+p/ctrl+n show previous/next command (but it acts weirdly via ssh)
- ctrl+a/ctrl+e go to beginning/end of line
- alt+b/alt+f go to previous/next word
- ctrl+b/ctrl+f go to previous/next character
- ctrl+w/alt+d delete previous/next word

Keyboard shortcuts

- ctrl+u/ctrl+k yank text from current position to the beginning/end of line
- ctrl+y paste yanked text
- ctrl+r recursive search
- ctrl+j/ctrl+m insert new line (acts as ENTER key)

Tips

```
$ rails console -e production -- sandbox - when you quit sandbox session
everything is rolled back! #safety
$ rails console -- --nomultiline - use nomultiline if you need to paste some
long code #monkey-patching
reload! - loads latest version of code (clears monkey-patches)

    stores result of previous command

ap Claim.last - pretty prints
y Caim.last - "yaml" prints (display content by serializing it to YAML)
ActiveRecord::Base.connection.tables - list all tables in application
```

Links

https://guides.rubyonrails.org/command_line.html#bin-rails-console

https://guides.rubyonrails.org/active_record_validations.html

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