

how can i make laravel api show by string value

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trying to build an API for a payment script. but I want to use API to show by \$merchant_id or \$reference number. But when I try to get with json, only returns by \$id which is the primary key.

How can I make it show by \$merchant_id which is a string?

here is the code in UserController

```
public function show($merchant_key)
{
    return Exttransfer::find($merchant_key);
}
```

and the code in App/Api

```
Route::get('Exttransfer/{$merchant_key}', 'UserController@show');
```

No matter what I do it only show by \$id An example of a merchant_key is) OBGDTE36B2

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1 Can you show model of Exttransfer? – [Mai Truong](#) Mar 18, 2021 at 2:42

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2 Answers



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As find() retrieves model by its primary key, so Laravel considers \$merchant_key as id. Try this

From:

```
public function show($merchant_key)
{
```



```
return Exttransfer::find($merchant_key);
}
```

To :

```
public function show($merchant_key)
{
    return Exttransfer::where('merchant_key', $merchant_key)->get();
}
```

If you want to get single record use `first()` instead of `get()` .

[Read More about find\(\)](#)

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It shows up now only if I use the route `Route::resource('Exttransfer', 'UserController');` instead of `Route::get('Exttransfer/{$merchant_key}', 'UserController@show');` . How can I get to return base on `$merchant_key` and `$referencenumber` , instead of just `$merchant_key` – [Shamar Gray](#) Mar 18, 2021 at 3:42

- 1 I would strongly recommend on using `first()` instead of `get()` – [matiaslauriti](#) Mar 18, 2021 at 4:31



According to eloquent documentation:

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#find(\$key)



The find method returns the model that has a primary key matching the given key. If `$key` is a model instance, find will attempt to return a model matching the primary key. If `$key` is an array of keys, find will return all models which have a primary key in the given array

So you should use something like `return Exttransfer::where('merchant_key', $merchant_key)->first();`

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