CORONA

instant application server

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# introduction

Corona is a simple integrated application and database server for Windows designed to make it simple to build effective service stacks. It can serve entirely standalone, as its own database and web server, with a single consistent object oriented and rich querying language.   
  
Corona

* Simplify your development with a object oriented web API that can have classes either in its own databases or connected OBBC databases, all from a single schema file.
* Supports out of the box instant B2C experience.
* Internal user communities, such as a company and federated consultants, can have one set of permissions and workflow options, and end customers can have another, just by specifying the configuration.
  + Teams based security.
  + Teams based workflow.
* Create rich applications with near real time analytics embedded into the application workflow.
  + Join, group by, project and filter across any class in the system.
* Easy to develop from any client.

Corona Schema:

* Supports classes, and derived classes
* Supports its own change management, with versioned changes for classes, objects and imports
* Supports imports of delimited files

# command line and configuration

Corona is launched from the command line. It accepts a single parameter indicating the name of its configuration file.

The configuration file looks like this. It contains things like ports, server connections, and importantly, where the schema file lives.

This is from the candidate\_config.json that comes with the system as an example.

The system uses the sendgrid api to send out enrollment emails, users getting a confirmation code.

Connections is a map of names followed by an ODBC connection string.

Both the connections and the SendGrid can be overlaid by using environment variables. This is forced to be upper case to match the convention of upper case environment variables. Use CONNECTION\_SENDGRID for the send grid string, and CONNECTION\_*SOURCENAME* for a sql server connection.

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In this example, you would use *CONNECTION\_ADVENTUREWORKS2016* to override the contents of the config file.

{

"SendGrid": {

"ApiKey": "Your key goes here"

},

"Connections": {

"AdventureWorks2016": "Driver={ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server};Server=BANDROWSKY-RIPP\\DEV01;Database=AdventureWorks2016;Trusted\_Connection=yes;TrustServerCertificate=yes"

},

"Server": {

"listen\_point": "http://localhost:5678/corona",

"application\_name": "coronademo",

"schema\_filename": "candidate\_schema.json",

"database\_filename": "candidate\_database.cdb",

"sys\_user\_name": "system",

"sys\_user\_password": "systempassword",

"sys\_user\_email": "todd.bandrowsky@countryvideogames.com",

"new\_user\_default\_team": "Guests"

}

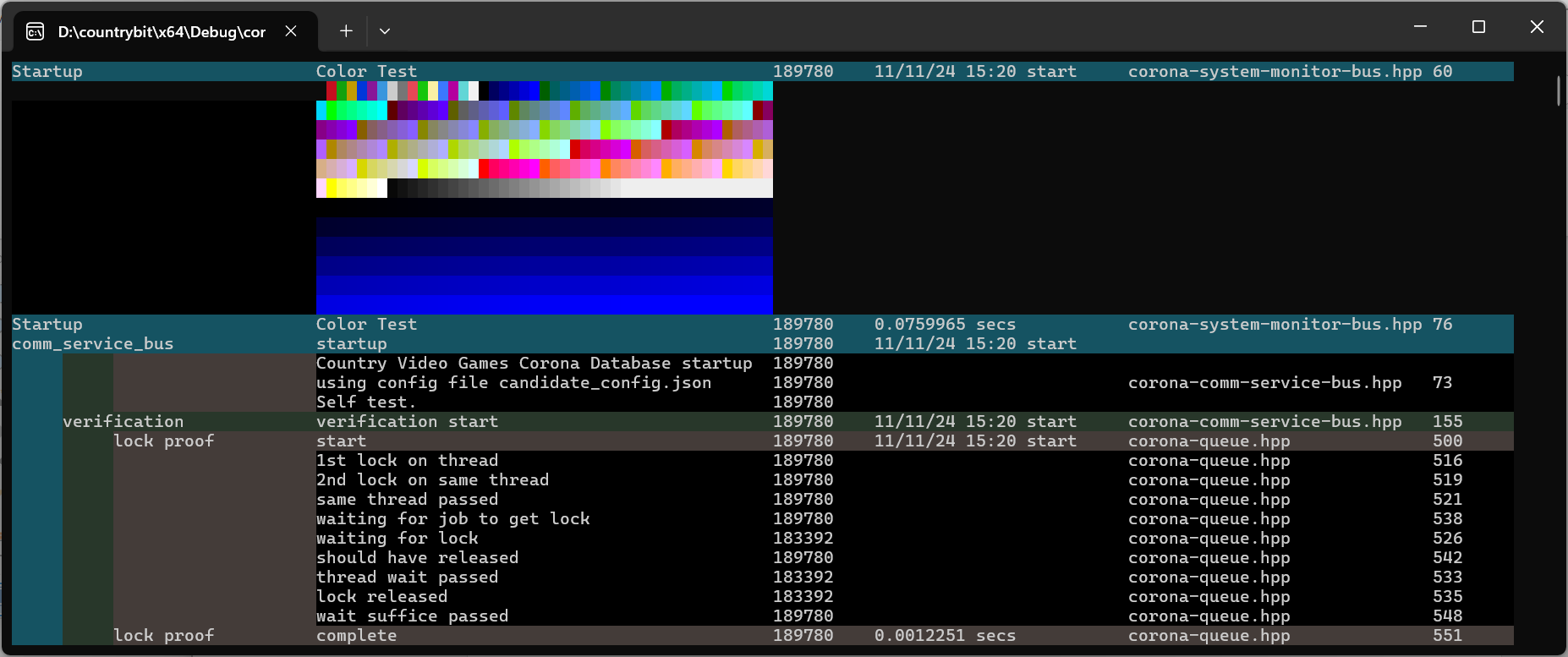
}

When a database is created, the system must create a super user account that is the root of all things. These are created by the sys\_user\* settings above. new\_user\_default\_team isn’t implemented.

Corona creates a single database file, .cdb, for the database specified by a schema. This lives at the file above.   
  
The schema file is applied at start up and during modification.

Once Corona starts, it tests the colors on the terminal, and then,

1. Walks through unit tests.
2. Reads and applies the config.
3. Creates the database, if needed.
4. Works through the schema and applies changes.



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Corona can handle requests during startup. https requests are logged to the console. Binding points will be displayed during start up like so.

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Additionally, there is a postman collection that you can use to experiment with the server.

# classes, schema and system objects

The schema file is what defines a Corona application. It describes the classes in a system, and the permissions different teams can have to use them. As such, the schema file covers all of the types of things one needs to create a corona object database. For each topic, where there are apis, they are documented.

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## schema definition

A schema file has a name, description and version, along with author credits, and then has three main sections, *classes, users* and *datasets.*

## users

Corona has users. Users are generally self-sign on, but, you can directly specify users in the schema definition file.

### user definition

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| class\_name | The class\_name of the user – sys\_user |
| first\_name | The first name, like, John. |
| last\_name | The last name, like, Smith. |
| user\_name | A user name. This gets specified at creation time, but, if there is a duplicate, the system will slap a random number on the back of it, and thus you will be named for all eternity, numbered by a number that you never get to pick. 42 might always be you. |
| mobile | Cell phone number. This will soon be enforced for MFA |
| street1 | Street addresses |
| street2 | Street addresses |
| City | City |
| State | State |
| Zip | Zip – this release is just USA |
| Password | Internally, this is the users’s hashed password. You should never see this. |
| team\_name | The name of the team of which the user is a member. The team is looked up with this name when a user logins or is confirmed. |
| workflow\_objects | A map, keyed by class\_name, of the object\_id of the each of the activity objects for this user. These objects can be used for home page data, different search gateways to different functions, and so on. |
| validation\_code | This is the validation code generated for the user, internally. This never leaves the database. |
| confirmed\_code | This is the confirmed code entered by the user. This never leaves the database either. In any case, the \_code fields are only temporarily lived during the send code / receive code mechanism. |

### users in schema file

users are specified in an array of the users in the schema file. The idea is that, if you have a schema file, the user goes straight in, as put. *Warning*: this hasn’t been fully tested as of this writing. So give it a go and let us know if something goes wrong.

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### corona users api

There are several apis for working with users in Corona. Taken together, they implement the classic user story of

* Users self-sign and self-serve: new users are onboarded automatically depending on their team domain assignments.
* Team sets for different user groups sets up their permissions, provides a set of their own navigation objects that are set up correctly, and lets them self-serve their own passwords and account details.
* Supports sending a code to email for registration and emergency authentication to change passwords. Formal 2FA is coming once we add Twilio mobile support.
* User objects, such as teams and grants and users, are all just normal corona objects and you can work with them like anything else – if you have permissions.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **corona/login/confirmuser** | **Request** |
|  | {          "user\_name" : "companydrone",          "validation\_code" : "MEAYLN"  } |
|  | Result |
|  | {      "data": {          "token": "",          "user\_name": "companydrone",          "validation\_code": "MEAYLN"      },      "message": "Ok",      "seconds": 6.824127,      "success": 1.000000,      "token":”blah” } |
|  | Discussion |
|  | This API is to implement the user enter the code form for login confirmation. If the put validation code is correct, then, good, other it will fail. |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **corona/login/loginuser** | **Request** | |
|  | {      "user\_name" : "userdrone",      "password" : "testo12345!"  } | |
|  | Result | |
|  | {      "data": {          "class\_name": "sys\_user",          "created": "2024-11-18T11:37:26Z",          "created\_by": "system",          "email": "todd.bandrowsky@countryvideogames.com",          "navigation": {              "candidate\_search": {                  "candidates": [],                  "city": "",                  "class\_name": "candidate\_search",                  "full\_name": "",                  "object\_id": 37841,                  "political\_party": "",                  "state": "",                  "updated": "2024-11-18T11:37:34Z",                  "updated\_by": "system"              },  *etc* | |
|  | Discussion | |
|  | This API allows the system to login a user. If the login is successful, a token is returned. This token should be used as an Authorization : Bearer *token* on subsequent requests for that user.  Additionally, the API returns the navigation objects specified by the team the user is associated with. A savvy user agent can then use these objects to help construct the user home page or navigation experience. | |
| **corona/login/senduser** | | **Request** | |
|  | | {      "data" : {          "user\_name" : "userdrone"      }  } | |
|  | | **Response** | |
|  | | {      "data": {          "user\_name": "userdrone"      },      "message": "Ok",      "seconds": 10.778928,      "success": 1.000000  } | |
|  | | **Discussion** | |
|  | | Forces a resend of a new confirmation code to the email address the user provided | |
| **corona/login/passworduser** | | **Request** | |
|  | | {      "data" : {          "user\_name" : "userdrone",          "validation\_code" : "PHQGHU",          "password1" : "superpass123!",          "password2" : "superpass123!"      }  } | |
|  | | **Response** | |
|  | | {      "data": {          "password1": "superpass123!",          "password2": "superpass123!",          "user\_name": "userdrone",          "validation\_code": "PHQGHU"      },      "message": "Ok",      "seconds": 7.530513,      "success": 1.000000  } | |
|  | | **Discussion** | |
|  | | Password set lets a logged in user change their own password, or get a confirmation code via email so they can enter that for when they forget what they changed it too. | |
| **/corona/objects/query** | | **Request** | |
|  | | {        "from" : [          {              "class\_name" : "sys\_user",              "name" : "sys\_user",              "filter" : {}         }      ],      "stages" : [          {              "class\_name" : "filter",              "name" : "sys\_user",              "input" : "sys\_user"          }      ] | |
|  | | **Response** | |
|  | | "data": [          {              "class\_name": "sys\_user",              "confirmed\_code": 0.000000,              "created": "2024-11-18T19:08:23Z",              "created\_by": "system",              "email": "todd.bandrowsky@gmail.com",              "object\_id": 2,              "password": "A59F29E3A63D87BDB620206CC7AD413C7CC64E8E50EA57F7AB6B30E0065D46C9",              "user\_name": "system",              "validation\_code": "LFDXFI"          },          {              "class\_name": "sys\_user", | |
|  | | **Description** | |
|  | | This is an example of using standard object api to get system user tables – *if you have the permission.* Normal users don’t get these permissions, and users won’t get any permissions to anything unless they are on a team, and the team only gets what it asks for. | |
|  | |  | |

## teams

Corona extends the concept of a security role into a team. A team has security permissions, like a role does, but it also defines workflow. A team is a collection of people doing the same kind of job, with the tools for those people that do that job. It has the object permissions, but it also gives you a path from a user login as to what the user is allowed to do.

### sys\_team class

sys\_team is the class of whose objects define the teams in Corona. One creates an object of type sys\_team, fills it out and then calls put to save it. The change takes effect immediately. objects of sys\_team , like all objects, can be examined via the get\_object call, and they can also be queried, being a source in the from\_clause.

The class itself looks like this. It has the class\_name sys\_team, which is derived from sys\_object. The class has a nice and pleasant description, and then, finally, it has fields.

team\_name: the name of the team.  
team\_description: a long description of the team.  
team\_domain: the domain name of users emails who are members of the team.

permissions: an array of at least sys\_grants that get auto linked to this via that child object mechanism.

In the child object mechanism of permissions, we can observe that while sys\_grants is the only member of child\_objects, there could be more. sys\_grant is another class, and this construct means only sys\_grant or sys\_grant derived objects belong in permissions. And, when a sys\_grant is created or edited by this object, then, it will have its values initialized from the two handlers – copy\_values, and construct\_values. This is just a simple map of look from to get to.

{

"class\_name" : "sys\_team",

"base\_class\_name" : "sys\_object",

"class\_description" : "Teams a user can belong to",

"fields" : {

"team\_name" : "string",

"team\_description" : "string",

"team\_domain" : "string",

"permissions" : {

"field\_type" : "array",

"field\_name" : "permissions",

"child\_objects" : {

"sys\_grant" : {

"child\_class\_name" : "sys\_grant",

"copy\_values" : {

"object\_id" : "team\_id"

},

"construct\_values" : {

"object\_id" : "team\_id"

}

}

}

},

"workflow\_classes" : "array"

},

"indexes" : {

"sys\_team\_name": {

"index\_keys": [ "team\_name" ]

},

"sys\_team\_email": {

"index\_keys": [ "team\_domain" ]

}

}

}

Then, two indexes are created, one for the name of the team, and one for the domain. The latter is what is used to resolve request emails.

An object instance of a sys\_team might look more like this. Note that, the permissions are not exploded out. As we’ll see later on, you can use the flag include\_children on a get object call or a query to have the system bring you back everything:

      {

            "class\_name": "sys\_team",

            "created": "2024-11-18T19:08:25Z",

            "created\_by": "system",

            "object\_id": 5,

            "permissions": [],

            "team\_description": "company admins",

            "team\_domain": "countryvideogames.com",

            "team\_name": "candidate\_admins",

            "workflow\_classes": [

                "committee\_search",

                "candidate\_search",

                "people\_search"

            ]

        },

Now let’s look at the permissions as they came back. There’s an object for each class, with grant\_class being the class that has been granted, the fields alter, delete, get, put describe what can be done with each of those, along with the object id and class of the grant object itself.

    {

            "class\_name": "sys\_team",

            "created": "2024-11-18T19:08:25Z",

            "created\_by": "system",

            "object\_id": 5,

            "permissions": [

                {

                    "alter": "none",

                    "class\_name": "sys\_grant",

                    "created": "2024-11-18T19:08:25Z",

                    "created\_by": "system",

                    "delete": "own",

                    "get": "any",

                    "grant\_class": "user\_content",

                    "object\_id": 6,

                    "put": "own",

                    "team\_id": 5

                },

                {

                    "alter": "any",

                    "class\_name": "sys\_grant",

                    "created": "2024-11-18T19:08:25Z",

                    "created\_by": "system",

                    "delete": "any",

                    "get": "any",

                    "grant\_class": "system\_content",

                    "object\_id": 7,

                    "put": "any",

                    "team\_id": 5

                }

            ],

            "team\_description": "company admins",

            "team\_domain": "countryvideogames.com",

            "team\_name": "candidate\_admins",

            "workflow\_classes": [

                "committee\_search",

                "candidate\_search",

                "people\_search"

            ]

        },

That’s a bit, so let’s turn this into some more real world examples.

### Company Vendor User Team Example

Consider this set up for a company. I have a single corona based application shoved in there like superglue to stitch together company C, it’s vendor V, and some set of user U. I want to have the C company people with their stuff to do, the vendor V in the system with their stuff, and finally U consuming what they consume.

In Corona, we break these audiences into teams. So we have a company\_team, a vendor\_team, and a user\_team, a team for each group of people, bound by a similar set of functions. In Corona terms, those are navigation objects and permissions.

Let’s assume the company, giganto, has a domain likewise named, and that’s the one employees use for their email : giganto.com.

“team\_name”: “giganto\_team”  
“team\_description”: “our awesome company cashing us up.”  
“team\_domain”: “giganto.com”  
  
So, if someone tries to create a user with giganto domain, they are in, once they confirm.

Now, while giganto.com is pretty big, there do happen to be a few people out there that use yahoo, google, pretty much anyone that you don’t know. Those are all the customers.   
  
“team\_name”: “customer\_team”  
“team\_description”: “our genius customers we love you.”  
“team\_domain”: “\*”

No worries about our vendor though.

“team\_name”: “supervendor\_team”  
“team\_description”: “our genius super vendor.”  
“team\_domain”: “supervendor.com”

Now, with that much, we have three teams, but, we still have to say more about what they will do. First thing up, is permissions. We’ll just apply permissions based on this imaginary story. A company owns a web store, which received products from a vendor, and sells them to customers. Armed with our vivid imagination, we can conjur up classes such as company\_class, vendor\_class, and customer\_class. We might then decorate our teams like this:

“team\_name”: “giganto\_team”,

“permissions” : [

{ “grant\_class”:“company\_class”, ”get”:”any”, ”put”:”own”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” },

{ “grant\_class”:“vendor\_class”, ”get”:”any”, ”put”:”none”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” },

{ “grant\_class”:“customer\_class”, ”get”:”any”, ”put”:”none”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” }]  
  
This says, giganto users can do what they want to with themselves, but, can’t modify other team’s stuff.

“team\_name”: “customer\_team”,

“permissions” : [

{ “grant\_class”:“customer\_class”, ”get”:”own”, ”put”:”own”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” }

]  
  
This says, customers are in their own shared world.

“team\_name”: “customer\_team”,

“permissions” : [

{ “grant\_class”:“customer\_class”, ”get”:”own”, ”put”:”own”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” }

]

This says, vendors can work on their own vendor\_class objects but can use company\_class objects as a reference perhaps.

“team\_name”: “vendor\_team”,

“permissions” : [

{ “grant\_class”:“company\_class”, ”get”:”any”, ”put”:”none”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” },

{ “grant\_class”:“vendor\_class”, ”get”:”own”, ”put”:”own”, “delete”:”none”, “alter”:”none” }

]

### Team workflow classes

Finally, if anything, for navigation and dashboard purposes, a team can specify what classes of objects should be created and attached to the user’s account. Objects can contain queries so you can construct a dashboard and also use them to handle a search and list dynamic. The user agent may call edit\_object followed by run\_object, repeatedly, as users search. Following the graph of creatable objects from these graphs is a workflow.   
  
Workflows may be specified on teams as follows. They are just string login names of classes. When a user is confirmed on a team though, their account gets their own copy of each of these objects. The user has objects created automatically to keep track of and securely present their results of queries to various items they are assigned to manage them in the system. How that is presented is up to the user agent.

        "workflow\_classes": [

                "committee\_search",

                "candidate\_search",

                "people\_search"

            ]

### sys\_team api

The sys\_team class and its objects can be accessed via the normal corona object and class api.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| API | Purpose |
| corona/objects/query | query and perform analytics on corona objects. To get started, try putting a sys\_team in a from clause. |
| corona/objects/get | Get an object by its class\_name and object\_id. To get started, take on of those ids and classes and give this a go |
| corona/objects/create | Creates an object using a class fields, and creating an id for it. |
| corona/objects/put | Puts an object, saving or creating it internally – if it passes validation. |
| corona/objects/erase | Deletes an object |
| corona/objects/edit | Brings back a single object and the class used to define it, in such a way as to support edit on the fly. |
| corona/objects/run | Save a modified object, run its query fields, and then return the result. |

## classes

Classes are conceptually a place to put data when organizing it. Classes in Corona are like tables or collections.

Classes have

* Name and Description – class\_name and class\_description.
* Base Class – base\_class\_name gives the name of a base class. You must have a base class that is sys\_object, or your own class. This is because sys\_object contains the object\_id, which is global to the database, and tracks the user names and dates of object modifications.
* Fields – a map of fields, consisting of field names to simple description. Fields may have validation rules, and there can be query rules.
* Indexes – names of indexes
* Sql – specifies mappings to an existing SQL source.

### core class

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The core of the class is its own name, and relationship to other classes in the system. Corona classes have a name, a description, and a single base class, from which it may inherit everything.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| class\_name | Unique name of class |
| class\_description | Human description |
| base\_class\_name | Either use *sys\_object* as a base class, or your own. Single inheritance only. |

### fields

A Corona class can have fields. There’s a long way and a short way to specify a field. The quick way is a field name mapped to one of several types:

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The long way is to specify an extended specification. Only the long way gives you extra validation by letting you set up constraints.

Corona Field Types

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| string | A string field |
| int64 | A 64 bit integer, useful for ids |
| double | A number |
| datetime | A datetime |
| array | An array, in the JSON sense |
| object | An object, in the JSON sense |
| query | Query based on using members of the object as parameters. |
| drop\_down | A scalar with a class for a source. For lookups |
|  |  |

### extended field specifications

Instead of a simple field type string, one supplies an object.

“my\_field” : “string”,

One might do

“my\_field”: {

“field\_type”:”string”

}

These extended options are useful for validation. Corona automatically validates when an object is put.

Extended options for strings.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| min\_length | An integer indicating the minimum length of a string |
| max\_length | An integer indicating the maximum length of a string |
| match\_pattern | A regular expression that the string must match |
| enum | A list of strings, that the string must be one of. Case insensitive. |
|  |  |

Extended options for int64, double and datetime

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| min\_value | Minimum value of field |
| max\_value | Maximum value of field |

Extended options for arrays and objects

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| child\_objects | Specifies child classes that may be an object member, or an object element of an array field. |

### arrays, objects and child objects

By default, Corona lets you put anything into an object and an array. But Arrays and objects can be constrained by class, and if so, Corona will break out the objects into parent and child tables and keep track of the mappings for you. Conceptually, to do this, you need to have a constructor for a new child, and an assignment for an existing child. In this way, if you have an inbound json with children, Corona classes will know where to put them.

The structure you need to create to get this effect is “child\_objects”.

A child objects looks like this. Here we have a “permissions” field, which is an array. On that array, there is a child\_objects which allows the contents of the array to be one of the types specified, or a derived class.

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|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| child\_class\_name | The base class name of the child object. |
| copy\_values | A map of from -> to values. When a child object is placed onto the collection, corona copies the elements in the copy\_values from the parent to the child. |
| construct\_values | A map of from -> to values. When a child object is created onto the collection, corona copies the elements in the copy\_values from the parent to the child. |

By default, Corona does *not* return child objects. But if you use the get method, you can include\_children to get child objects.

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Also, you can always query a child class directly, similar to how you might do it in a relational database.

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### Showing a bit of the query engine is a nice flow into the next thing.

### Query fields

The query engine for the Corona API is the same as the one as the engine used to query the entire database. The one main difference between the two is that a class object will inject itself as “this” into one of the sources. this may be referenced downstream to provide for filtering.

To create a query field, you need a corona query. A corona query is structured like this

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| from | An array of from items. Each item is a corona class. If a base class is provided, all objects of any derived class will also be included. |
| stages | An array of stages. Stages are steps in a query processing pipeline. They are filter, join, project, and we’ll probably have a few more on the way. Each stage can refer to the outputs of other stages as inputs and the final stage’s output is the delivered result. |

Thus, the query has an array for from, and an array for stages.

{

    "from" : [

        {

            "class\_name" : "candidate",

            "name" : "candidate",

            "filter" : {

                "candidate\_id" : "H0AK00105"

            }

        }

    ],

    "stages" : [

        {

            "class\_name" : "filter",

            "input" : "candidate"

        }

    ]

}

#### from object

from object has a class\_name, for which is its source of objects in corona, and it has a name, with which later filters and stages may refer to it.

The filter on a from object is simplistic. It can contain only a list of exact keys that match a given value. It’s job is to really just allow the use of indexes in certain important cases. In the previous, we can see matching the candidate\_id on an exact value. However, we can see how both the implicit this in the from section coupled with references to it throughout the rest of the query. In this example, the user agent would call /objects/run on this object as the user made changes to his or her query form of some kind. The query result is just a method on the object, and it looks like this:

"class\_name": "candidate\_search",

"class\_description": "search object for candidates",

"base\_class\_name": "sys\_object",

"fields": {

"full\_name": "string",

"state": "string",

"city": "string",

"political\_party": "string",

"candidates": {

"field\_type": "query",

"query": {

"from": [

{

"class\_name": "candidate",

"name": "candidate"

}

],

"stages": [

{

"class\_name": "filter",

"stage\_input\_name": "candidate",

"condition": {

"class\_name": "any",

"conditions": [

{

"class\_name": "contains",

"valuepath": "full\_name",

"value": "$this.full\_name"

},

{

"class\_name": "eq",

"valuepath": "state",

"value": "$this.state"

},

{

"class\_name": "contains",

Stages are specified as objects of one of these class names: “filter”, “join”, or “project”

filtering stages are used to select rows. A filtering stage is class\_name “filter”, takes a single stage input name, and has a condition.

conditions can be one of the following: “contains”, “eq”, “lt”, “gt”, “lte”, “gte”, “any”, “all”.

These conditions all the have same basic template:

“contains”, “eq”, “lt”, “gt”, “lte”, “gte”,

All look like

{

"class\_name": "eq",

"valuepath": "state",

"value": "$this.state"

},

#### Example query. Basic format of a from level join.

Joins on from clauses can be way faster.

{

    "from" : [

        {

            "class\_name" : "candidate",

            "name" : "candidate",

            "filter" : {

                "candidate\_id" : "H0NV01219"

            }

        },

        {

            "class\_name" : "committee\_candidate",

            "name" : "committee\_candidate",

            "filter" : {

                "candidate\_id" : "$candidate.candidate\_id"

            }

        },

        {

            "class\_name" : "committee",

            "name" : "committee",

            "filter" : {

                "committee\_id" : "$committee\_candidate.committee\_id"

            }

        }

    ],

    "stages" : [

        {

            "class\_name" : "filter",

            "input" : "candidate"

        }

    ]

}

## indexes

corona classes may be queried by any field, and so, to speed up some of those queries, indexes may be defined. Indexes are simply specified. First have an index map. Each key is the name of the index, and the value side is an array that lists the fields in order. All indexes in Corona are trailed by an implicit object id. So you can lose some worry about creating an index without adequate keys coverages.

In the below example, for the class user\_content, and index is created named object\_content. Object\_content has the index keys content\_object\_id. which is a field on the class. Indexes can theoretically have any type of key, but strings, dates, and numbers, particularly ints, seem to the most effective.

"class\_name": "user\_content",

"class\_description": "Base of user owned objects",

"base\_class\_name": "sys\_object",

"content\_object\_id": "int64",

"indexes": {

"object\_content": {

"index\_keys": [

"content\_object\_id"

]

}

}

Indexes are internally sorted by strict weak ordering. And, the decision to use in an index is scored based on the query. The index whose keys match the query the most picks which index will be used. For SQL backed classes, indexes to facilitate the mapping between Corona’s object id and the associated SQL Primary key are created.

An index can be dropped by re-putting the same class without the index.

### example classes

user comment class. This is from the candidates example schema, and you can see, it derives from user\_content, which is derived from sys\_object.

{

"class\_name": "comment",

"class\_description": "Comments made by users",

"base\_class\_name": "user\_content",

"fields": {

"comment\_text": "string"

}

},

A quick check to see the class via the api shows us this:

{

    "data": {

        "definition": {

            "ancestors": [

                "sys\_object",

                "user\_content"

            ],

            "base\_class\_name": "user\_content",

            "class\_description": "Comments made by users",

            "class\_name": "comment",

            "descendants": [

                "comment"

            ],

            "fields": {

                "class\_name": {

                    "field\_name": "class\_name",

                    "field\_type": "string"

                },

                "comment\_text": {

                    "field\_name": "comment\_text",

                    "field\_type": "string"

                },

                "content\_object\_id": {

                    "field\_name": "content\_object\_id",

                    "field\_type": "int64"

                },

                "created": {

                    "field\_name": "created",

                    "field\_type": "datetime"

                },

                "created\_by": {

                    "field\_name": "created\_by",

                    "field\_type": "string"

                },

                "object\_id": {

                    "field\_name": "object\_id",

                    "field\_type": "int64"

                },

                "updated": {

                    "field\_name": "updated",

                    "field\_type": "datetime"

                },

                "updated\_by": {

                    "field\_name": "updated\_by",

                    "field\_type": "string"

                }

            },

            "table\_fields": [

                "class\_name",

                "comment\_text",

                "content\_object\_id",

                "created",

                "created\_by",

                "object\_id",

                "updated",

                "updated\_by"

            ],

            "table\_location": 70336

        },

        "info": {

            "comment": {

                "block": "branch",

                "block\_content": "leaf",

                "block\_count": 0,

                "block\_key\_start": "",

                "block\_location": 68208,

                "children": []

            }

        }

    },

    "message": "Ok",

    "seconds": 0.001040,

    "success": 1.000000,

### class api

corona’s class api allows you to do make modifications at run time, just like how a database server is capable of altering tables. You can create classes, add or remove fields and indexes, and derive new classes from existing classes.  
  
For lot of people, modify classes at run time is not the best practice, and for them, it’s good to know that by default it is switched off for teams, although the super user could do it. But, for some customer intensive applications, the ability to create subclasses in the system at run time allows for quite a bit of self-service that would be impossible in normal closed systems.

## Datasets

Corona schema files support the concept of datasets for load out. These are versioned in a fashion similar to Liquibase, with the developer intent that reapplying a schema won’t cause a dataset to be reapplied if the version is the same.

A DataSet can be one of two things. It can have a list of objects which are put immediately, and it can have a CSV file for import.

### objects

Objects are specified in a data set. The objects in a dataset is just an array of objects, with some header information to identify it.

A screen shot of a computer program

Description automatically generated

The objects themselves, are just objects in json, just like they would be put. For example, look at our teams again.

A computer screen with text

Description automatically generated

### imports

An import data set looks like this. Presently only csv is supported, which is a bare delimited file. The delimiter may be specified. The filename given is the source filename for the import, and the target\_class is where it goes. A column\_map maps the field on the right to the column id on the left.

A screen shot of a computer

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Corona processes the schema import csvs in sets of 1000.

Issues with malformed objects are reported.

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# objects

# json api

## introduction

Corona uses a Json Api. The schema is ultimately the source for the api, but the structure of the api is the same regardless of what you put in it. In this way, Corona lets you think about your data, and not worry about the details of converting json back and forth, serialization and all of that. Corona just does it.