

WEEK 5

RUBY + SQL

CLASSES & METHODS

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5

2

[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]

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{ color: "purple", number: 17, computer: "Apple" }

{ name: "Ben", location: "Chicago, IL", status: "Staying warm!" }

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}

String

5

2

}

Integer

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}

Array

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}

Hash



A CLASS...

- is like a factory
 - it builds similar types of things (aka *instances of the class*)
- begins with a capital letter
- is named in the singular
 - a "Car" factory builds cars (not a "Cars" factory)
- defines shared behavior

EXAMPLE

- 5 and 2 are both integers - instances of the *Integer* class.
- Although they have different values, they have shared methods as defined by the *Integer* class.
- For example, *to_f* converts an integer to a float:

```
5.to_f  
# 5.0
```

```
2.to_f  
# 2.0
```

[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/ENTR451-WINTER2026/RUBY-AND-SQL](https://github.com/ENTR451-WINTER2026/RUBY-AND-SQL)

REMINDER HOW TO:
SHARE YOUR GITPOD WORKSPACE

code-along/0-classes.rb

WRITING SQL WITH RUBY

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Why am I supposed to care?

WRITING SQL WITH RUBY

- It's easier
- It's more consistent
- It's more flexible

WRITING SQL WITH RUBY

- It's easier
 - SQL is ugly
 - SQL is not very "programming-like"
- It's more consistent
 - Organizational perspective – labor/cost savings
 - Leverage existing expertise
- It's more flexible
 - Change your database, don't have to rewrite
 - Different database for development vs. production

MODELS

**Ruby
(backend)**



ActiveRecord Models
(ORM)

**SQL
(database)**

A MODEL...

- is a class dedicated to representing a table in the database
 - the model name is singular
 - the table name is plural

CREATING TABLES

create a table *things* with columns for *name* and *age*.

```
CREATE TABLE things (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    name TEXT,
    age INTEGER
);
```

now in ruby code!

CREATING TABLES IN RUBY

(AKA MIGRATIONS)

1. generate the model and database migration files.

```
rails generate model Thing
```

2. open up the generated *db/migrate* file.

3. add the relevant columns
(commented out code is generated by step 1 above).

```
# class CreateThings < ActiveRecord::Migration
#   def change
#     create_table :things do |t|
#       t.string "name"
#       t.integer "age" ←
#
#       t.timestamps
#     end
#   end
# end
```

4. execute the migration file.

```
rails db:migrate
```

MODIFYING TABLES IN RUBY

(AKA MIGRATIONS)

1. generate the model and database migration files.

```
rails generate migration AddSomethingToThing
```

* Note, migration file name must be unique

2. open up the generated *db/migrate* file.

3. add or remove columns
(commented out code is generated by step 1 above).

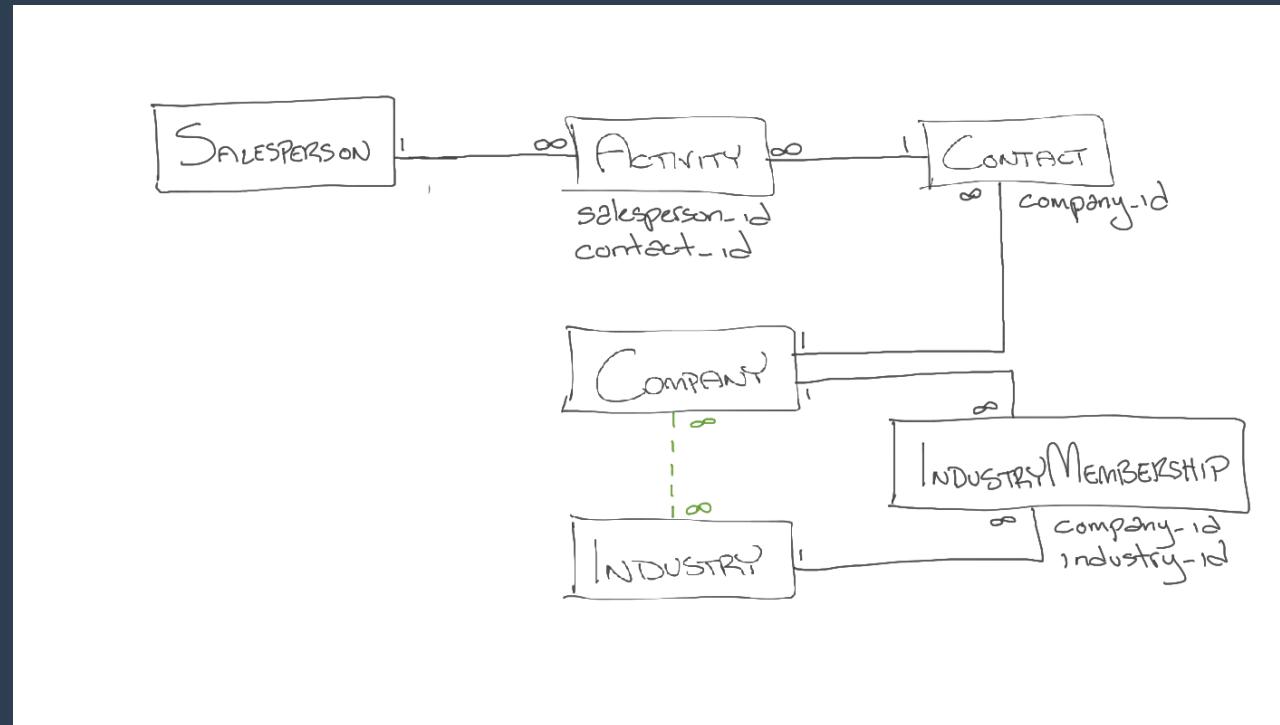
```
# class AddSomethingToThing < ActiveRecord::Migration
#   def change
#     add_column "things", "something", "string"
#     remove_column "things", "something", "string"
#   end
# end
```

4. execute the migration file.

```
rails db:migrate
```

CRM - USER STORIES & WIREFRAMES

CRM - DOMAIN MODEL & SQL



code-along/1-migrations.rb

A MODEL...

- is a class dedicated to representing a table in the database
 - the model name is singular; the table name is plural
- has built-in methods to:
 - query rows in the table
 - read a single row's column values
 - create a new row
 - update a row
 - delete a row
- writes SQL so we don't have to

SQL	ActiveRecord (Ruby)	Note
SELECT * FROM things	Thing.all	returns an array of all rows
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM things	Thing.all.count	returns an integer
SELECT * From things WHERE name = "It"	Thing.where({"name" => "It"})	returns an array of rows matching criteria
SELECT * FROM things WHERE id = 1 LIMIT 1	thing = Thing.find_by({"id" => 1}) thing["name"]	returns a single row and reads column from row
INSERT INTO things (name) VALUES ("It")	thing = Thing.new thing["name"] = "It" thing.save	inserts column(s) as a new row into table
UPDATE things SET name = "That"	thing["name"] = "That" thing.save	updates column(s) in an existing row
DELETE FROM things WHERE id = 1	thing.destroy	deletes a single row

code-along/2-models.rb

ASSOCIATIONS

(AKA RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MODELS)

code-along/3-associations.rb

ASSIGNMENT #2

- Posted in Canvas

NEXT WEEK

- Intro to Web Apps

REMINDER

- "Crash course" on HTML by next week