

# WEEK 5

## RUBY + SQL

# CLASSES & METHODS

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*"Tacos are delish."*  
*"This is the way."*

*5*  
*2*

*[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]*  
*["Rachel", "Monica", "Phoebe", "Ross", "Chandler", "Joey"]*

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

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} **String**

*5*  
*2*

} **Integer**

*[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]*  
*["Rachel", "Monica", "Phoebe", "Ross", "Chandler", "Joey"]*

} **Array**

*{ color: "purple", number: 17, computer: "Apple" }*  
*{ name: "Ben", location: "Chicago, IL", status: "Staying warm!" }*

} **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?*

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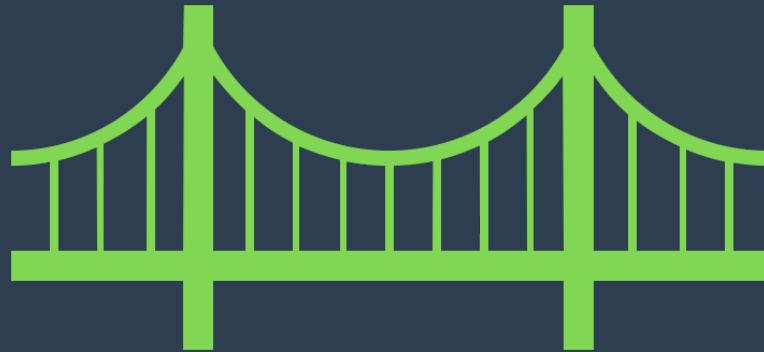
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# WRITING SQL WITH RUBY

- 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)

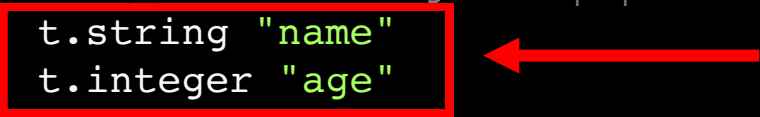
1. generate the model and database migration files.

```
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
```

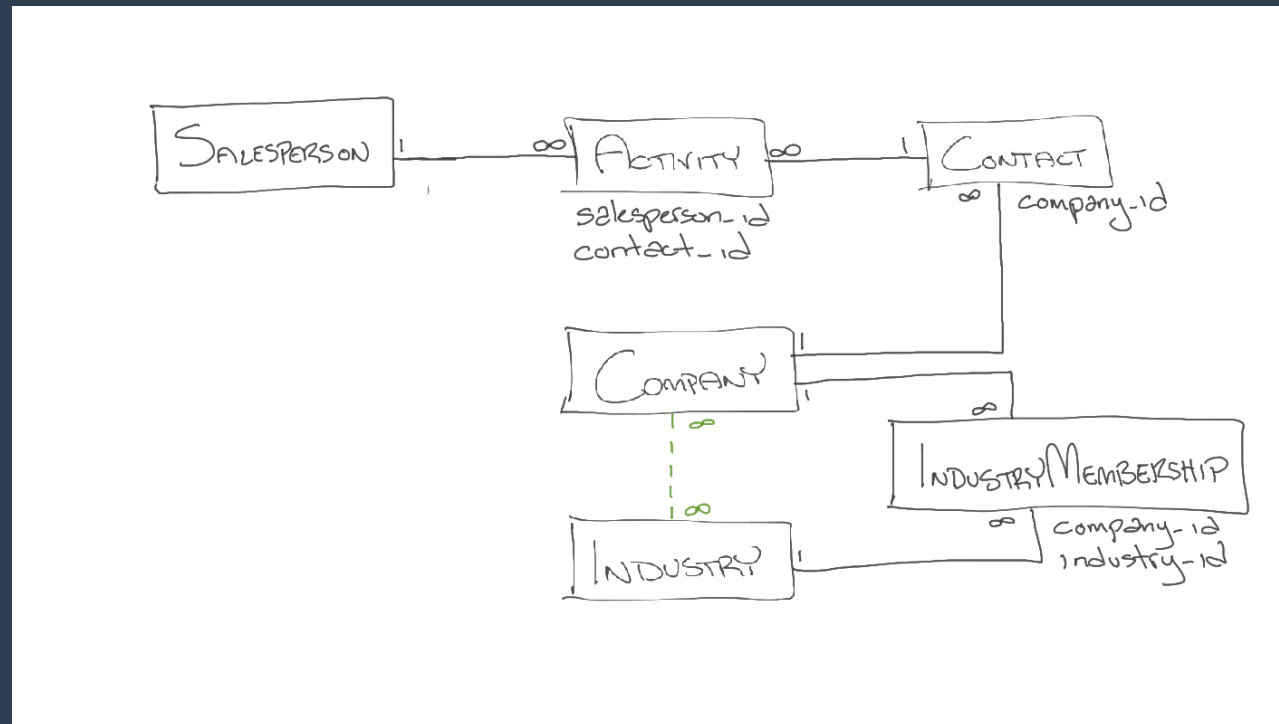


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# CRM - USER STORIES & WIREFRAMES

## 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