




# Many-to-Many Association

# Many-to-Many association

- One person *can have many* hobbies
- One hobby can be *shared by many* people
- Hmm... Now, what?
- **Simple:** It's a case of `habtm`  
(`has_and_belongs_to_many`)
- Need to create an extra (a.k.a. join) table  
(without a model, i.e. just a migration)

Convention: Plural model  
names separated by an  
underscore in  
alphabetical order



# Hobbies and Hobbies\_People

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails g model hobby name
  invoke  active_record
  create  db/migrate/20140713112446_create_hobbies.rb
  create  app/models/hobby.rb
  invoke  test_unit
  create  test/models/hobby_test.rb
  create  test/fixtures/hobbies.yml
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails g migration create_hobbies_people hobby:references
person:references
  invoke  active_record
  create  db/migrate/20140713112541_create_hobbies_people.rb
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rake db:migrate
== 20140713112446 CreateHobbies: migrating =====
-- create_table(:hobbies)
   -> 0.1031s
== 20140713112446 CreateHobbies: migrated (0.1032s) =====

== 20140713112541 CreateHobbiesPeople: migrating =====
-- create_table(:hobbies_people, {:id=>false})
   -> 0.0021s
== 20140713112541 CreateHobbiesPeople: migrated (0.0022s) =====
```

# Hobbies and Hobbies\_People

```
20140713112541_create_hobbies_people.rb x
1 class CreateHobbiesPeople < ActiveRecord::Migration
2   def change
3     create_table :hobbies_people, id:false do |t|
4       t.references :hobby, index: true
5       t.references :person, index: true
6     end
7   end
8 end
```

No need for  
primary key, since  
this is a join table

# Many-to-Many in the DB

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails db
SQLite version 3.7.12 2012-04-03 19:43:07
Enter ".help" for instructions
Enter SQL statements terminated with a ";"
sqlite> .schema %hobbies%
CREATE TABLE "hobbies" ("id" INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT NOT NULL,
  "name" varchar(255), "created_at" datetime, "updated_at" datetime);
CREATE TABLE "hobbies_people" ("hobby_id" integer, "person_id" integer);
CREATE INDEX "index_hobbies_people_on_hobby_id" ON "hobbies_people" ("hobby_id");
CREATE INDEX "index_hobbies_people_on_person_id" ON "hobbies_people" ("person_id");
```

# Person and Hobby models

```
person.rb
1 class Person < ActiveRecord::Base
2   has_one :personal_info, dependent: :destroy
3   has_many :jobs
4   has_many :my_jobs, class_name: "Job"
5   has_and_belongs_to_many :hobbies
6 end
```

```
hobby.rb
1 class Hobby < ActiveRecord::Base
2   has_and_belongs_to_many :persons
3 end
```



# Person and Hobby in action

```
irb(main):002:0> josh = Person.find_by first_name: "Josh"
=> #<Person id: 18, first_name: "Josh", last_name: "Oreck", age: 57, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "josh", pass: "not_telling">
irb(main):003:0> programming = Hobby.find_by name: "Programming"
=> #<Hobby id: 2, name: "Programming", created_at: "2014-07-13 11:38:48", updated_at: "2014-07-13 11:38:48">
irb(main):004:0> josh.hobbies << programming
=> #<ActiveRecord::Associations::CollectionProxy [#<Hobby id: 2, name: "Programming", created_at: "2014-07-13 11:38:48", updated_at: "2014-07-13 11:38:48">]>
irb(main):005:0> lebron = Person.find_by first_name: "LeBron"
=> #<Person id: 21, first_name: "LeBron", last_name: "James", age: 30, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "lebron", pass: "lejames">
irb(main):006:0> programming.persons << lebron
=> #<ActiveRecord::Associations::CollectionProxy [#<Person id: 18, first_name: "Josh", last_name: "Oreck", age: 57, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "josh", pass: "not_telling">, #<Person id: 21, first_name: "LeBron", last_name: "James", age: 30, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "lebron", pass: "lejames">]>
irb(main):007:0> programming.persons
=> #<ActiveRecord::Associations::CollectionProxy [#<Person id: 18, first_name: "Josh", last_name: "Oreck", age: 57, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "josh", pass: "not_telling">, #<Person id: 21, first_name: "LeBron", last_name: "James", age: 30, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "lebron", pass: "lejames">]>
```

# people instead of persons

&lt; &gt; hobby.rb

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```
1 class Hobby < ActiveRecord::Base
2   has_and_belongs_to_many :persons
3   has_and_belongs_to_many :people, class_name: "Person"
4 end
```

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails c
Loading development environment (Rails 4.1.1)
irb(main):001:0> programming = Hobby.last
Hobby Load (0.1ms) SELECT "hobbies".* FROM "hobbies" ORDER BY "hobbies"."id" DESC
LIMIT 1
=> #<Hobby id: 2, name: "Programming", created_at: "2014-07-13 11:38:48", updated_at: "
2014-07-13 11:38:48">
irb(main):002:0> programming.people.find_by first_name: "LeBron"
Person Load (0.2ms) SELECT "people".* FROM "people" INNER JOIN "hobbies_people" ON
"people"."id" = "hobbies_people"."person_id" WHERE "hobbies_people"."hobby_id" = ? AND
"people"."first_name" = 'LeBron' LIMIT 1 [["hobby_id", 2]]
=> #<Person id: 21, first_name: "LeBron", last_name: "James", age: 30, created_at: "201
4-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "lebron", pass: "lejames">
```



# Rich Many-to-Many Association

- Sometimes, you need to keep some data on the join table or
- You need to store grandchild relationships on a model, like user → articles → comments
- In our case – all salary ranges for a particular person

# Rich Many-to-Many Association

- ActiveRecord provides a `:through` option for this purpose
- **Basic idea:** you first create a regular parent-child relationship and then use the child model as a “join” between the parent and grandchild

# SalaryRange Model and Migration

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails g model salary_range min_salary:float max_salary:float job:references
  invoke  active_record
  create  db/migrate/20140713120044_create_salary_ranges.rb
  create  app/models/salary_range.rb
  invoke  test_unit
  create  test/models/salary_range_test.rb
  create  test/fixtures/salary_ranges.yml
```

20140713120044\_create\_salary\_ranges.rb ✕

```
class CreateSalaryRanges < ActiveRecord::Migration
  def change
    create_table :salary_ranges do |t|
      t.float :min_salary
      t.float :max_salary
      t.references :job, index: true

      t.timestamps
    end
  end
end
```

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rake db:migrate
== 20140713120044 CreateSalaryRanges: migrating =====
-- create_table(:salary_ranges)
   -> 0.0144s
== 20140713120044 CreateSalaryRanges: migrated (0.0144s)
```

# Job and SalaryRange Models

job.rb

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```
class Job < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :person
  has_one :salary_range
end
```

salary\_range.rb

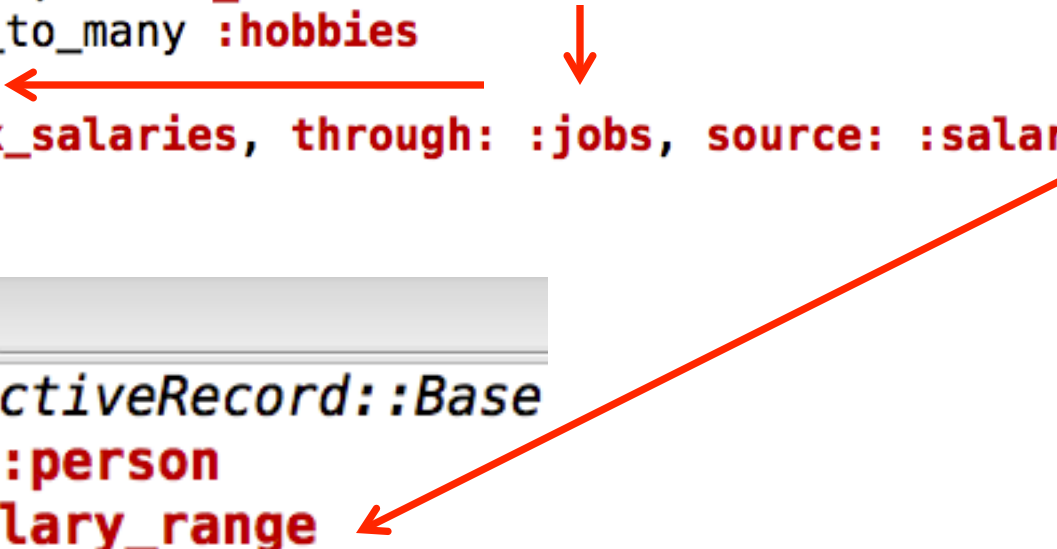
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```
class SalaryRange < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :job
end
```

# Person to SalaryRange pathway

person.rb

```
1 class Person < ActiveRecord::Base
2   has_one :personal_info, dependent: :destroy
3   has_many :my_jobs, class_name: "Job"
4   has_and_belongs_to_many :hobbies
5   has_many :jobs
6   has_many :approx_salaries, through: :jobs, source: :salary_range
7 end
```



job.rb

```
1 class Job < ActiveRecord::Base
2   belongs_to :person
3   has_one :salary_range
4 end
```

# Person's salary ranges

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails c
Loading development environment (Rails 4.1.1)
irb(main):001:0> ActiveRecord::Base.logger = nil
=> nil
irb(main):002:0> kalman = Person.find_by first_name: "Kalman"
=> #<Person id: 15, first_name: "Kalman", last_name: "Smith", age: 33, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16",
  updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "kalman", pass: "abc123">
irb(main):003:0> kalman.jobs.count
=> 2
irb(main):004:0> kalman.jobs.pluck(:id)
=> [3, 4]
irb(main):005:0> Job.find(3).create_salary_range min_salary: 20000.00, max_salary: 40000.00
=> #<SalaryRange id: 1, min_salary: 20000.0, max_salary: 40000.0, job_id: 3, created_at: "2014-07-13 12:52:47",
  updated_at: "2014-07-13 12:52:47">
irb(main):006:0> Job.find(4).create_salary_range min_salary: 80000.00, max_salary: 90000.00
=> #<SalaryRange id: 2, min_salary: 80000.0, max_salary: 90000.0, job_id: 4, created_at: "2014-07-13 12:53:21",
  updated_at: "2014-07-13 12:53:21">
irb(main):007:0> kalman.approx_salaries
=> #<ActiveRecord::Associations::CollectionProxy [#<SalaryRange id: 1, min_salary: 20000.0, max_salary: 40000.0,
  job_id: 3, created_at: "2014-07-13 12:52:47", updated_at: "2014-07-13 12:52:47">, #<SalaryRange id: 2,
  min_salary: 80000.0, max_salary: 90000.0, job_id: 4, created_at: "2014-07-13 12:53:21", updated_at:
  "2014-07-13 12:53:21">]>
```



# Person's salary ranges – Max salary

person.rb

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```
class Person < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :personal_info, dependent: :destroy
  has_many :my_jobs, class_name: "Job"
  has_and_belongs_to_many :hobbies
  has_many :jobs
  has_many :approx_salaries, through: :jobs, source: :salary_range

  def max_salary
    approx_salaries.maximum(:max_salary)
  end
end
```

# Person's salary ranges – Max salary

```
hazink1:~/advanced_ar$ rails c
Loading development environment (Rails 4.1.1)
irb(main):001:0> kalman = Person.find_by first_name: "Kalman"
  Person Load (0.1ms) SELECT "people".* FROM "people" WHERE "people"."first_name" = 'Kalman' LIMIT 1
=> #<Person id: 15, first_name: "Kalman", last_name: "Smith", age: 33, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16",
updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login: "kalman", pass: "abc123">
irb(main):002:0> kalman.max_salary
  (0.2ms) SELECT MAX("salary_ranges"."max_salary") AS max_id FROM "salary_ranges" INNER JOIN "jobs" ON
"salary_ranges"."job_id" = "jobs"."id" WHERE "jobs"."person_id" = ? [["person_id", 15]]
=> 90000.0
```

# Default Scope

- `default_scope` block
  - **Class** method for specifying how the records are retrieved by default from the database (instead of relying on the database default)

```
irb(main):001:0> Hobby.pluck(:name)
(0.1ms) SELECT "hobbies"."name" FROM "hobbies"
=> ["Soccer", "Programming"]
```

# Default Scope example

- Use *unscoped* to break out of the default

hobby.rb

```
class Hobby < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_and_belongs_to_many :persons
  has_and_belongs_to_many :people, class_name: "Person"

  default_scope { order name: :asc }
end
```

```
irb(main):001:0> Hobby.pluck(:name)
(0.1ms) SELECT "hobbies"."name" FROM "hobbies" ORDER BY "hobbies"."name" ASC
=> ["Programming", "Soccer"]

irb(main):002:0> Hobby.unscoped.pluck(:name)
(0.2ms) SELECT "hobbies"."name" FROM "hobbies"
=> ["Soccer", "Programming"]
```

# Named Scopes

scope :name, lambda

```
person.rb
class Person < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :personal_info, dependent: :destroy
  has_many :my_jobs, class_name: "Job"
  has_and_belongs_to_many :hobbies
  has_many :jobs
  has_many :approx_salaries, through: :jobs, source: :salary_range

  def max_salary
    approx_salaries.maximum(:max_salary)
  end

  scope :ordered_by_age, -> { order age: :desc }
  scope :starts_with, -> (search_string) { where("first_name LIKE ?", "#{search_string}%") }
end
```

# Named Scopes - chaining

```
irb(main):001:0> Person.starts_with("Jo").ordered_by_age
  Person Load (1.1ms) SELECT "people".* FROM "people" WHERE (first_name LIKE 'Jo%')
  ORDER BY "people"."age" DESC
=> #<ActiveRecord::Relation [#<Person id: 18, first_name: "Josh", last_name: "Oreck",
  age: 57, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", login:
  "josh", pass: "not_telling">, #<Person id: 16, first_name: "John", last_name: "What
  ever", age: 27, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16",
  login: "johnw", pass: "123abc">, #<Person id: 19, first_name: "John", last_name: "Sm
  ith", age: 27, created_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16", updated_at: "2014-07-11 17:55:16",
  login: "john", pass: "secret">]>
irb(main):002:0> Person.starts_with("Jo").ordered_by_age.count
  (0.2ms) SELECT COUNT(*) FROM "people" WHERE (first_name LIKE 'Jo%')
=> 3
irb(main):003:0> Person.starts_with("Jo").ordered_by_age.pluck(:first_name)
  (0.3ms) SELECT "people"."first_name" FROM "people" WHERE (first_name LIKE 'Jo%')
  ORDER BY "people"."age" DESC
=> ["Josh", "John", "John"]
```