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# Lab 6 – Warm Up





# Associations between models

## Associations

- belong\_to
  - sets up a one-to-one connection with another model, such that each instance of the declaring model "belongs to" one instance of the other model
- has\_one
  - sets up a one-to-one connection with another model, such that each instance of a model contains or possesses one instance of another model
- □ has many
  - one-to-many connection between models
  - typically on the other side of a belong\_to association

## Associations

- has\_many, has\_one :through
  - similar to has\_many and has\_one
  - but the declaring model can be matched with one instance of another model by proceeding through a third model
- has\_and\_belongs\_to\_many
  - creates a direct many-to-many connection with another model, with no intervening model
- □ For each of them, Rails generates some methods

## In our case...

- □ 1 post belongs to 1 user
  - □ in the Post model we'll have: belongs to :user

	Post					
id	content	user_id				
1	Some text	1	So.		Post.user	
			o vo		User	
			ge to was	id	<b>User</b> name	email

## In our case...

- □ 1 user can have many post
  - □ in the User model we'll have: has many :posts

#### **User.posts**

	Post	
id	content	user_id
1	Some text	1
	Post	
id	Post content	user_id

# In our case...

belongs_to	post.user	return the User object associated with the post
	user.posts	return an Array of the user's posts
<b>L</b>	user.posts.create(arg)	<pre>create a post (user_id = user.id)</pre>
has_many	user.posts.create!(arg)	create a post, exception on failure
	user.posts.build(arg)	return a new Post object (user_id = user.id)

# Some tips...

# default\_scope

- Use this macro in your model to set a default scope for <u>all</u> operations on the model
- Example

```
class Post < ActiveRecord::Base
    # descending order for getting the posts
    default_scope order: 'posts.created_at
         DESC'</pre>
```

end

Post.all #=> SELECT \* FROM posts ORDER BY
 created at DESC

# Generate fake posts

### With the Faker gem

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```
users = User.all(limit:
                                First 10 users, only
50.times do
      post title = Faker::Lorem.sentence(3)
         st content = Faker::Lorem.para
        ers.each { |user| user.posts.
              post title, content: post
end
```

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