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*An ORM Where
the
Database is the Boss*

Featuring Simplicity

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ORM in a Nutshell

```
create table animal  
(  
    id integer,  
    genus text,  
    species text  
    extinct boolean  
)
```

```
class Animal:  
    property id  
    property genus  
    property species  
    property extinct
```



Some Example ORMs

- Rails**
- Django**
- SQLAlchemy
- peewee
- PetaPoco
- Simpycity++

**Rails and Django are application frameworks, with ORM features baked in

++Simpycity is awesome



Typical ORM Philosophy

- My program requires interaction with a database
- The database requires interface via SQL
- BUT, I don't like SQL





Command Prompt, Inc.
<http://www.commandprompt.com/>
@cmdpromptinc

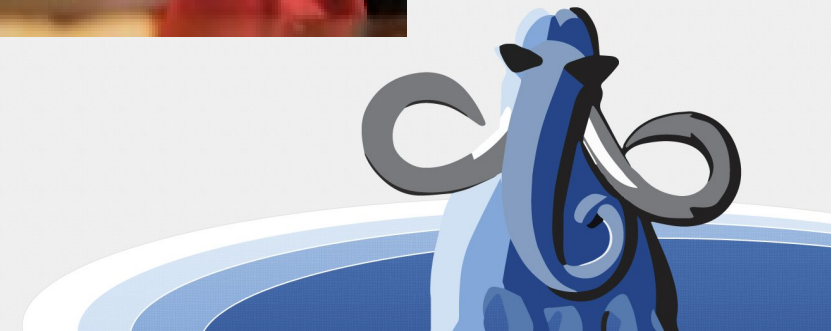


Typical ORM Philosophy, cont'd

- My program requires interaction with a database
- The database requires interface via SQL
- I don't like SQL
- I DO like ... *DookieScript!!!* (?????)
- I will use a DookieScript QL and forget all about SQL!



Dookie QL



SUCKA!

This DookieVision is even better than the real thing!!!



Better HTML

```
<p class="banner">Y0</p>
```



Dookie HTML

```
<a onclick="javascript:var  
stuff_data = '99999'; if  
(stuff_data > other_stuff)  
{do_less_stuff();} else  
{do_more_stuff();} return stuff;"
```

Click Me

```
</a>
```



Better HTML

```
<a onclick="javascript:do_stuff()"  
    Click Me  
</a>
```



Dookie Python

```
sql = """WITH preferences(conversion_source,conversion_factor) AS
(
    VALUES
    (
        "user".get_preference(CAST(current_setting('acme.user_id') AS
INTEGER),in_prefix||'_conversion_source'),
        "user".get_preference(CAST(current_setting('acme.user_id') AS
INTEGER),in_prefix||'_conversion_factor')
    )
)
SELECT CASE WHEN conversion_source = 'ABC Value' THEN NULL
            WHEN conversion_factor !~ '^([0-9]{1,2}|[0-9]{1,2}[.][0-9]{0,4}|[.][0-9]{1,4})$' THEN 'Custom
Value'
            WHEN CAST(conversion_factor AS NUMERIC(6,4)) = 0 THEN 'Custom Value'
            ELSE conversion_factor
        END
FROM preferences;
"""
```

```
cursor.execute(sql, params)
```



Better Python

```
sql = "select * from get_data(%s)"  
cursor.execute(sql, params)
```



Simplicity Philosophy

- The database requires interface via SQL
- My feelings about SQL are irrelevant
- But I like DookieScript !!!
- I will integrate DookieScript and SQL intelligently



**SQL is
TASTY!!!**

SQL



“Models”

Non-SQL that translates to SQL ~table



SQLAlchemy

```
class User(Base):  
    __tablename__ = 'user'  
  
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)  
    name = Column(String)  
    fullname = Column(String)  
    password = Column(String)
```



PetaPoco

```
public class article
{
    public long article_id { get; set; }
    public string title { get; set; }
    public DateTime date_created { get; set; }
    public bool draft { get; set; }
    public string content { get; set; }
}
```

Rails

```
class Product < ActiveRecord::Base  
end
```

```
p = Product.new  
p.name = "Some Book"
```



Rails Deep Thoughts

“If you're used to using raw SQL to find database records, then you will generally find that there are better ways to carry out the same operations in Rails. Active Record *insulates you from the need to use SQL* in most cases.”

http://guides.rubyonrails.org/active_record_querying.html



SQLAlchemy Deep Thoughts

“SQL databases behave less like object collections the more size and performance start to matter; object collections behave less like tables and rows the more abstraction starts to matter.”

<http://www.sqlalchemy.org/>



Dookie QL (Query Language)

- Examples...



SQLAlchemy DookieQL

http://docs.sqlalchemy.org/en/rel_1_0/orm/query.html

```
>>> jack = session.query(User).\
...     options(subqueryload(User.addresses)).\
...     filter_by(name='jack').one()
```

SQL



PetaPoco DookieQL

```
var sql=PetaPoco.Sql.Builder()  
  
    .Select("*")  
  
    .From("articles")  
  
    .Where("date_created < @0", DateTime.UtcNow)  
  
    .OrderBy("date_created DESC");
```



Rails DookieQL

```
Client.joins(:orders).where(orders: { created_at:  
time_range })
```

<http://api.rubyonrails.org/>



Dookie QL Falls Over

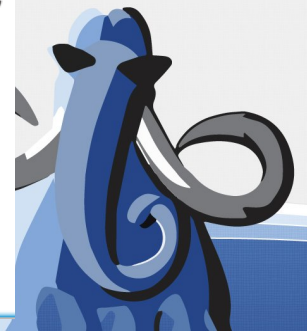
```
begin
v_null_result := (0,null::foo.found_bar[])::foo.search_result;
create temporary table matching_bars
(
  bar TEXT,
  type bar.type,
  found_via search.type[]
) on commit drop;
insert into matching_bars
  SELECT bar, type, found_via
    FROM bar.search(in_query,
                   in_extra_search_types,
                   ARRAY[in_bar_type::TEXT],
                   NULL, NULL) -- limit after possible filtering on level

  WHERE (in_level IS NULL OR
         in_level = foo.level(bar, type))
 ORDER BY bar
;
GET DIAGNOSTICS count_extra = ROW_COUNT;
create index ix_matching_bars on matching_bars (bar, type, found_via);

create temporary table minor
(like matching_bars) on commit drop;
insert into minor (bar, type, found_via)
  SELECT bar, type, found_via
    FROM matching_bars
   WHERE found_via && '{bars,tools}'::search.type[]
   order by bar
;
GET DIAGNOSTICS count_minor = ROW_COUNT;
create index ix_minor_bar on minor (bar);

v_extra_result := foo.make_search_result('matching_bars', count_extra, in_offset, in_limit);
v_minor_result := foo.make_search_result('minor', count_minor, in_offset, in_limit);
if in_bar_type::text like 'foo9%' then
  v_foo9_extra_result := v_extra_result;
  v_foo9_minor_result := v_minor_result;
  v_foo10_extra_result := v_null_result;
  v_foo10_minor_result := v_null_result;
elsif in_bar_type::text like 'foo10%' then
  v_foo10_extra_result := v_extra_result;
  v_foo10_minor_result := v_minor_result;
  v_foo9_extra_result := v_null_result;
  v_foo9_minor_result := v_null_result;
```

Complex SQL



Simpycity Tutorial

Step 1: Define your model in the *Database*

```
create table animal
(
    id int primary key,
    genus_id int,
    species text,
    common_name text,
    extinct boolean
);
```

--"animal" is a table = a type



Create matching Python model

```
import simpycity.model as sm
import simpycity.core as sc

class Animal(sm.SimpleModel):
    table = ['id', 'genus_id',
            'species', 'common_name',
            'extinct']

    __load__ = \
sc.QuerySingle('public.animal', ['id'])
```



Configure and instantiate

```
import simpycity.config
```

```
import animals
```

```
simpycity.config.port = 5434
```

```
simpycity.config.database = 'animals'
```

```
simpycity.config.user = 'ormboss'
```

```
animal = animals.Animal(id=3)
```

```
print(animal.common_name)
```

```
>>>racoon
```



Query the model

```
CREATE FUNCTION mammals() RETURNS  
setof animal as  
$body$  
    SELECT * FROM animal  
    WHERE id in (1,3,7);  
$body$ language sql;
```



Py function \Leftrightarrow Pg function

```
class Animal(sm.SimpleModel):  
    ...  
    mammals = sc.Function('public.mammals', [])  
  
for mammal in animal.mammals():  
    print(mammal)  
  
>>>[1, 2, 'sapiens', 'human', False]  
>>>[3, 3, 'lotor', 'raccoon', False]  
>>>[7, 7, 'hemionus', 'mule deer', False]
```



Lists suck. Return model objects instead

```
animals.Animal.register_composite(\  
'public.animal')
```

```
mammals = \  
sc.FunctionTyped('public.mammals', [])
```

```
print(mammal['common_name'])  
print(mammal.common_name)
```



Model properties from pg functions

```
CREATE FUNCTION human() RETURNS animal AS  
$$ SELECT * FROM animal where id = 1; $$  
language sql;
```

```
class Animal(simpycity.model.SimpleModel):  
    ...  
    master = sc.Property('public.human', [])
```

```
animal = animals.Animal(id=3)  
print(animal.master.species)
```

```
>>>sapiens
```



Automatic table attribute

```
class Animal(sm.SimpleModel):  
    table = ['id',  
            'genus_id',  
            'species',  
            'common_name',  
            'extinct']  
    pg_type = ('public', 'animal')  
#Model attributes are queried/defined at  
runtime
```



Postgres table inheritance

```
create table predator  
(  
    tactic text,  
    primary key (id)  
) inherits (animal);
```



Pg Type/Py Class Inheritance

```
create type predator_type as  
(  
    base_ animal,  
    tactic text,  
    prey animal[]  
);
```

--Yes, Postgres can do that!



SQL Power!!!

```
create or replace function predator(id int)
returns predator_type language sql as $$
select
    row(p1.id, p1.genus_id, p1.species,
p1.common_name, p1.extinct)::animal,
    p1.tactic,
    array_agg(row(preym.* )::animal)::animal[]
from
...
$$;
```



Python Model Inheritance

```
class Predator(Animal):  
    pg_type = ('public', 'predator_type')  
    __load__ = \  
sc.FunctionTypedSingle('public.predator', ['id'])
```



Composite types unpacked recursively!

```
animals.Predator.register_composite(\
    "public.predator_type")
trex = animals.Predator(id=10)
print(trex.common_name + ", " + trex.tactic)
for victim in trex.prey:
    print("Victim: " + victim.common_name)
>>>tyranosaurus rex, chomp!
>>>Victim: mule deer
>>>Victim: elephant
```



Get Simpycity

<http://github.com/commandprompt/Simpycity>

- Type mapping features are brand new, *only* on development branch *type_registration*.
- New stable release soon
- No Python 3 yet
- Requires pycopg2 2.5+
- Development help welcome!



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