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# **RethinkORM Documentation**

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Build status - Master: Build status - Dev: RethinkORM is a small wrapper class to help make working with documents in [RethinkDB](#) easier, and in a more Pythonic way.

I recently found RethinkDB and was amazed at how easy everything seemed to be, however one thing that I've missed is how the data is just a Python `List` or `Dict` rather than a full wrapper class. So I figured a good way to learn the general use of the Python RethinkDB driver was to write a general wrapper class that functioned a bit like an ORM, providing some easier to work with data and objects.

Unittests are included, and the code should be [PEP8](#) compliant. The tests are automatically ran each commit, thanks to [travis-ci.org](#) and this documentation is kindly hosted and automatically rebuilt by [readthedocs.org](#).

Gittip if you like the work I do and would consider a small donation to help fund me and this project:



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### A Few Minor Warnings

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1. I'm only a second year university student, and software isn't even my major; I'm working towards an Electrical and Computer Engineering degree, so not only do I have limited time to keep this maintained, but I also probably won't write the best code ever.
2. This takes some influence from the [Python Django RethinkDB ORM](#) and other ORM systems, however I haven't really followed a standard pattern for the interface for this module. If someone wants to make this more standardized feel free to, and just submit a pull request, I'll look it over and probably will give it the go ahead. For more information see below.
3. This is a very early release, things might break, and the code is honestly a little childish at best. In other words: It'll hopefully get better, but it might be a little limited right now.





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### Installation:

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This package is kindly hosted on the Python Package Index making it as easy as a simple `pip` command to install.

```
pip install RethinkORM
```



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**Quick Start**

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There are currently two main modules to this package, Models and Collections.

## **3.1 Models**

The core of RethinkORM, models are the main unit of code you'll probably be use from this package.

## **3.2 Collections**

New in v0.2.0 are collections. These are containers for interacting with sets of documents. Collections provide an easy way to gather up just the documents you need, and have them automatically wrapped with the ORM RethinkModel object.

You can read more about collections [here](#).

## **3.3 Versioning**

This project will try to follow the semantic versioning guide lines, as laid out here: [SemVer](#), as best as possible.



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## Contributing

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All code for this can be found online at [github](#). If something is broken, or a feature is missing, please submit a pull request or open an issue. Most things I probably won't have time to get around to looking at too deeply, so if you want it fixed, a pull request is the way to go. Besides that, I'm releasing this under the GPLv3 License as found in the `LICENSE.txt` file. Enjoy!

### 4.1 Thanks

Shout outs to these people for contributing to the project:

1. [scragg0x](#)
2. [grieve](#)
3. [justinrsmith](#)



## 5.1 RethinkModel

The model is the core of everything RethinkORM deals with. All data returned from RethinkDB is eventually wrapped in the model before being returned to the end user. It provides an pythonic, object style interface for the data, exposing methods to save and update documents along with creating new ones.

### 5.1.1 Quick Start:

```
pip install RethinkORM
```

First we need to make an object which will represent all of our data in a specific table, along with getting a connection to RethinkDB started.

```
import rethinkdb as r
from rethinkORM import RethinkModel
```

```
r.connect(db="props").repl()
```

```
class tvProps(RethinkModel):
    table = "stargate_props"
```

For more information on what class properties are available to change, see *rethinkORM*

### Inserting/creating an entry

```
dhdProp = tvProps(what="DHD", planet="P3X-439", description="Dial HomeDevice")
dhdProp.id="DHD_P3X_439"
dhdProp.save()
```

### Updating an entry

```
updatedProp = tvProps("DHD_P3X_439")
updatedProp.description="""Dial Home Device from the planel P3X-439, where an
    Ancient Repository of Knowledge was found, and interfaced with by Colonel
    Jack."""
updatedProp.save()
```

## Deleting an entry

```
oldProp = tvProps("DHD_P3X_439")
oldProp.delete()
```

### 5.1.2 rethinkModel Module

**class** rethinkORM.rethinkModel.**RethinkModel** (*id=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

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This object has a `__repr__` method which can be used with print or logging statements. It will give the id and a representation of the internal `_data` dict for debugging purposes.

**table = ‘**

The table which this document object will be stored in

**primaryKey = ‘id’**

The current primary key of the table

**durability = ‘soft’**

Can either be Hard or Soft, and is passed to RethinkDB

**non\_atomic = False**

Determines if the transaction can be non atomic or not

**upsert = True**

Will either update, or create a new object if true and a primary key is given.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*id=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Initializes the main object, if *id* is in *kwargs*, then we assume this is already in the database, and will try to pull its data, if not, then we assume this is a new entry that will be inserted.

(Optional, only if not using `.repl()`) *conn* or *connection* can also be passed, which will be used in all the `.run()` clauses.

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A hook called at the end of the main `__init__` to allow for custom inherited classes to customize their init process without having to redo all of the existing int. This should accept nothing besides *self* and nothing should be returned.

**\_\_delitem\_\_** (*item*)

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**\_\_contains\_\_** (*item*)

Allows for the use of syntax similar to:

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if "blah" in model:
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This only works with the internal `_data`, and does not include other properties in the objects namespace.

**classmethod new** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Creates a new instance, filling out the models data with the keyword arguments passed, so long as those keywords are not in the protected items array.

**classmethod create** (*id=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Similar to `new()` however this calls `save()` on the object before returning it.



**classmethod find**(*id*)

Loads an existing entry if one can be found, otherwise an exception is raised.

**Parameters** *id* (*Str*) – The id of the given entry

**Returns** *cls* instance of the given *id* entry

**save**()

If an id exists in the database, we assume we'll update it, and if not then we'll insert it. This could be a problem with creating your own id's on new objects, however luckily, we keep track of if this is a new object through a private `_new` variable, and use that to determine if we insert or update.

**delete**()

Deletes the current instance. This assumes that we know what we're doing, and have a primary key in our data already. If this is a new instance, then we'll let the user know with an Exception

**\_\_repr\_\_**()

Allows for the representation of the object, for debugging purposes

**protectedItems**

Provides a cleaner interface to dynamically add items to the models list of protected functions to not store in the database

## 5.2 RethinkCollection

Collections provide a quick and easy way to interact with many documents of the same type all at once. They also provide a mechanism for basic joins across one addition table (due to current limitations of RethinkDB and how it handles joins). Collections act like Lists of RethinkModel objects, but provide an interface to order the results, and optionally, eqJoin across one other table, along with filtering of results.

### 5.2.1 Initialize a new Collection

Optionally you can also pass a dictionary which will be used as a filter. For more information on how filters work, please see the [RethinkDB docs](#)

```
collection = RethinkCollection(gateModel)
```

### 5.2.2 Join on a table

```
collection.joinOn(episodeModel, "episodes")
```

### 5.2.3 Order the Results

```
collection.orderBy("episodes", "ASC")
```

### 5.2.4 Finally, Fetch the Results

```
result = collection.fetch()
```

Result acts like a List, containing all of the Documents which are part of the collection, all pre wrapped in a RethinkModel object.

## 5.2.5 rethinkCollection Module

**class** rethinkORM.rethinkCollection.**RethinkCollection** (*model*, *filter=None*)

A way to fetch groupings of documents that meet a criteria and have them in an iterable storage object, with each document represented by *RethinkModel* objects

**\_\_init\_\_** (*model*, *filter=None*)

Instantiates a new collection, using the given models table, and wrapping all documents with the given model.

Filter can be a dictionary or lambda, similar to the filters for the RethinkDB drivers filters.

**joinOn** (*model*, *onIndex*)

Performs an eqJoin on with the given model. The resulting join will be accessible through the models name.

**joinOnAs** (*model*, *onIndex*, *whatAs*)

Like *joinOn* but allows setting the joined results name to access it from.

Performs an eqJoin on with the given model. The resulting join will be accessible through the given name.

**orderBy** (*field*, *direct='desc'*)

Allows for the results to be ordered by a specific field. If given, direction can be set with passing an additional argument in the form of “asc” or “desc”

**fetch** ()

Fetches the query and then tries to wrap the data in the model, joining as needed, if applicable.

## 5.2.6 Subpackages

### rethinkORM.tests

To get started and make sure this all works, please make sure you have Python [nose](#) installed.

```
nosetests rethinkORM -v -s
```

This will run the all the tests, not capturing `stdout` and being verbose, in case anything goes wrong, or if you modify the tests. Please note, tests are subject to a lot of changes, and this may not always be the same command.

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## test\_model Module

Test suite for the model

**class** rethinkORM.tests.test\_model.**base**

Bases: object

Base test object to help automate some of the repetitive work of reloading a document to ensure the model matches the test data. Also takes care of deleting the document if *cleanupAfter* is *True*

**cleanupAfter = False**

Should the document created by this test be deleted when over?

**loadCheck = True**

Should the document be reloaded and have all it's data checked against?

**whatToLoad = []**

If loadCheck is true, fill this out with strings of the data keys to check the model against.

**model = None**

The model being used for this test

**data = None**

The data being used for this test. Please at least include an ID

**action()**

Override this with your own function to do whatever you want for the test

**load()**

Override this to do a custom load check. This should find the key you created or modified in *action()* and check it's values to ensure everything was set correctly. By default this loads the model with the test objects *data["id"]* and uses *whatToLoad* to run checks against the data and the model.

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Bases: rethinkORM.tests.test\_model.base

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**model**

alias of gateModel

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rethinkORM.tests.test_model.insertIdAndData_test(*arg, **kw)
```

Make sure that the model raises an Exception when a key and data are provided

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