# **Chapter 13 Notes:**

# 13.1 A Micropost model

- Modeled as a resource backed by an Active Record model, similar to users.
  - o In the micropost model use **belongs\_to: user** to declare the relationship to user
  - The user model then has many:microposts to declare it's relationship to microposts
- Require UserID and Content
  - o t.text :content
  - o t.references :user, foreign\_key: true
- Also create an index on user\_id and created\_at
  - o add\_index :microposts, [:user\_id, :created\_at]
  - o this creates a multiple key index—using both keys at the same time.

Method	Purpose
micropost.user	Returns the User object associated with the micropost
user.microposts	Returns a collection of the user's microposts
user.microposts.create(arg)	Creates a micropost associated with user
user.microposts.create! (arg)	Creates a micropost associated with user (exception on failure)
user.microposts.build(arg)	Returns a new Micropost object associated with user
user.microposts.find_by(id: 1)	Finds the micropost with id 1 and user_id equal to user.id

NOTE: Use bootstrap to add in relative times in fixtures: created\_at: <%= 10.minutes.ago %>

Using -> (stabby lambda) to call an anonymous function in microposts model to sort in descending order <a href="default\_scope">default\_scope</a> -> { order(created\_at::desc) }

Adding this to the model allows a dependent micropost to be destroyed when the user itself is destroyed

has\_many:microposts, dependent::destroy

### 13.2 Showing microposts

- Uses ordered lists and pagination be sure to check if any posts exist!
- Testing add 30 microposts for a user
- o micropost\_<%= n %>:

```
content: <%= Faker::Lorem.sentence(5) %>
created_at: <%= 42.days.ago %>
user: michael
<% end %>
```

# 13.3 Manipulating microposts

Since the **logged\_in\_user** method will used in both Users and Microposts this can be moved to the application controller

HTML to render different code depending on if a user is logged in

```
<% if logged_in? %>
...
<% else %>
```

Calls shared/\_error\_messges partial and passes it f.object

```
<%= render 'shared/error_messages', object: f.object %>
```

The where method can be used to perform Active Record selections.

Using escaped query using '?' prevents SQL injection.

```
Micropost.where("user_id = ?", id)
```

Redirect back to the previous URL

```
request.referrer || root_url
```

13.4 Micropost images: Upload and resize images using CarrierWave

#### Other Notes:

- It is possible to pass variables to Rails partials.
- We can enforce secure operations by always creating and destroying dependent objects through their association.
- Fixtures support the creation of associations.