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# sqlalchemyseed

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SQLAlchemy seeder that supports nested relationships with an easy to read text files.

Project Links: [Github](#) | [PyPI](#)



## INTRODUCTION

`sqlalchemyseed` is a SQLAlchemy seeder that supports nested relationships with an easy to read text files.

Supported file types :

- json
- yaml
- csv

### 1.1 Installation

Default installation

```
pip install sqlalchemyseed
```

When using yaml to load entities from yaml files, execute this command to install necessary dependencies

```
pip install sqlalchemyseed[yaml]
```

### 1.2 Dependencies

Required dependencies:

- SQLAlchemy>=1.4.0

Optional dependencies:

- yaml
  - PyYAML>=5.4.0

## 1.3 Quickstart

Here's a simple snippet to get started from `main.py` file.

```
from sqlalchemyseed import load_entities_from_json
from sqlalchemyseed import Seeder
from db import session

# load entities
entities = load_entities_from_json('data.json')

# Initializing Seeder
seeder = Seeder(session)

# Seeding
seeder.seed(entities)

# Committing
session.commit() # or seeder.session.commit()
```

And the `data.json` file.

```
{
  "model": "models.Person",
  "data": [
    {
      "name": "John March",
      "age": 23
    },
    {
      "name": "Juan Dela Cruz",
      "age": 21
    }
  ]
}
```



## SEEDING

### 2.1 Seeder vs. HybridSeeder

Features & Options	Seeder	HybridSeeder
Support model and data keys	✓	✓
Support model and filter keys		✓
Optional argument <code>add_to_session=False</code> in the seed method	✓	

### 2.2 When to use HybridSeeder and 'filter' key field?

Assuming that `Child(age=5)` exists in the database or session, then we should use `filter` instead of `data` key.

The values from `filter` will query from the database or session, and get the result then assign it to the `Parent.child`

```
from sqlalchemyseed import HybridSeeder
from db import session

data = {
    "model": "models.Parent",
    "data": {
        "!child": { # '!' is the reference prefix
            "model": "models.Child",
            "filter": {
                "age": 5
            }
        }
    }
}

# When seeding instances that has 'filter' key,
# then use HybridSeeder, otherwise use Seeder.
seeder = HybridSeeder(session, ref_prefix='!')
seeder.seed(data)

session.commit() # or seeder.session.commit()
```

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**Note:** `filter` key is dependent to `HybridSeeder` in order to perform correctly.

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## REFERENCING RELATIONSHIPS

To add reference attribute, add prefix to the attribute to differentiate reference attribute from normal ones.

```
{
  "model": "models.Employee",
  "data": {
    "name": "John Smith",
    "!company": {
      "model": "models.Company",
      "data": {
        "name": "MyCompany"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Base on the example above, **name** is a normal attribute and **!company** is a reference attribute which translates to `Employee.name` and `Employee.company`, respectively.

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**Note:** The default reference prefix is ! and can be customized.

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### 3.1 Customizing reference prefix

If you want @ as prefix, you can just specify it to what seeder you use by assigning value of `Seeder.ref_prefix` or `HybridSeeder.ref_prefix`. Default value is !

```
seeder = Seeder(session, ref_prefix='@')
# or
seeder = Seeder(session)
seeder.ref_prefix = '@'
```

## 3.2 Types of reference attributes

Reference attribute types:

- foreign key attribute
- relationship attribute

You can reference a foreign key and relationship attribute in the same way. For example:

```
from sqlalchemyseed import HybridSeeder
from db import session

instance = {
    'model': 'tests.models.Employee',
    'data': [
        {
            'name': 'John Smith',
            '!company_id': { # this is the foreign key attribute
                'model': 'tests.models.Company',
                'filter': {
                    'name': 'MyCompany'
                }
            }
        },
        {
            'name': 'Juan Dela Cruz',
            '!company': { # this is the relationship attribute
                'model': 'tests.models.Company',
                'filter': {
                    'name': 'MyCompany'
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}

seeder = HybridSeeder(session)
seeder.seed(instance)
seeder.session.commit()
```

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**Note:** model can be removed if the attribute is a reference attribute like this:

```
{
    "model": "models.Employee",
    "data": {
        "name": "Juan Dela Cruz",
        "!company": {
            "data": {
                "name": "Juan's Company"
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Notice above that `model` is removed in `!company`.

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## EXAMPLES

## 4.1 json

```
{
  "model": "models.Person",
  "data": [
    {
      "name": "John March",
      "age": 23
    },
    {
      "name": "Juan Dela Cruz",
      "age": 21
    }
  ]
}
```

## 4.2 yaml

```
model: models.Person
data:
  - name: John March
    age: 23
  - name: Juan Dela Cruz
    age: 21
```

## 4.3 csv

In line one, name and age, are attributes of a model that will be specified when loading the file.

```
name, age
John March, 23
Juan Dela Cruz, 21
```

To load a csv file

```
# second argument, model, accepts class
load_entities_from_csv("people.csv", models.Person)
# or string
load_entities_from_csv("people.csv", "models.Person")
```

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**Note:** csv does not support referencing relationships.

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## 4.4 No Relationship

```
[
  {
    "model": "models.Person",
    "data": {
      "name": "You",
      "age": 18
    }
  },
  {
    "model": "models.Person",
    "data": [
      {
        "name": "You",
        "age": 18
      },
      {
        "name": "Still You But Older",
        "age": 40
      }
    ]
  }
]
```

## 4.5 One to One Relationship

```
[
  {
    "model": "models.Person",
    "data": {
      "name": "John",
      "age": 18,
      "!job": {
        "model": "models.Job",
        "data": {
          "job_name": "Programmer",
        }
      }
    }
  }
]
```

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```

    }
  },
  {
    "model": "models.Person",
    "data": {
      "name": "Jeniffer",
      "age": 18,
      "!job": {
        "model": "models.Job",
        "filter": {
          "job_name": "Programmer",
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
]

```

## 4.6 One to Many Relationship

```

[
  {
    "model": "models.Person",
    "data": {
      "name": "John",
      "age": 18,
      "!items": [
        {
          "model": "models.Item",
          "data": {
            "name": "Pencil"
          }
        },
        {
          "model": "models.Item",
          "data": {
            "name": "Eraser"
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
]

```

Nested Relationships

```

{
  "model": "models.Parent",
  "data": {
    "name": "John Smith",
    "!children": [

```

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```
{
  "model": "models.Child",
  "data": {
    "name": "Mark Smith",
    "!children": [
      {
        "model": "models.GrandChild",
        "data": {
          "name": "Alice Smith"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

## API REFERENCE

### 5.1 Seeders

**class** sqlalchemy.seed.Seeder(*session: Optional[sqlalchemy.orm.session.Session] = None, ref\_prefix='!'*)

**get\_model\_class**(*entity, parent: sqlalchemy.seed.seeder.Entity*)

**property instances**

**seed**(*entities, add\_to\_session=True*)

**class** sqlalchemy.seed.HybridSeeder(*session: sqlalchemy.orm.session.Session, ref\_prefix: str = '!'*)

**get\_model\_class**(*entity, parent: sqlalchemy.seed.seeder.Entity*)

**property instances**

**seed**(*entities*)

### 5.2 Loaders

sqlalchemy.seed.load\_entities\_from\_json(*json\_filepath*)

sqlalchemy.seed.load\_entities\_from\_yaml(*yaml\_filepath*)

sqlalchemy.seed.load\_entities\_from\_csv(*csv\_filepath: str, model*) → dict

    Load entities from csv file

**Parameters**

- **csv\_filepath** – string csv file path
- **model** – either str or class

**Returns** dict of entities

## 5.3 Validators

`sqlalchemyseed.validator.validate(entities, ref_prefix='')`

`sqlalchemyseed.validator.hybrid_validate(entities, ref_prefix='')`

## 5.4 Exceptions

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.ClassNotFoundError`

Raised when the class is not found

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.EmptyDataError`

Raised when data is empty

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.InvalidKeyError`

Raised when an invalid key is invoked

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.InvalidTypeError`

Raised when a type of data is not accepted

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.MaxLengthExceededError`

Raised when maximum length of data exceeded

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.MissingKeyError`

Raised when a required key is missing

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.NotInModuleError`

Raised when a value is not found in module

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.ParseError`

Raised when parsing string fails

**exception** `sqlalchemyseed.errors.UnsupportedClassError`

Raised when an unsupported class is invoked

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