





# better-rails-associations

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# Chapter has\_many :through Association

rails generate scaffold Physician name:string

rails generate scaffold Patient name:string

rails generate scaffold Appointment physician\_id:integer patient\_id:integer appointment\_date:datetime

```
1 class Physician < ActiveRecord::Base
2   has_many :appointments
3   has_many :patients, :through => :appointments
4 end
5
6 class Appointment < ActiveRecord::Base
7   belongs_to :physician
8   belongs_to :patient
9 end
10
11 class Patient < ActiveRecord::Base
12   has_many :appointments
13   has_many :physicians, :through => :appointments
14 end
```

rails console =====

```
dr1 = Physician.new dr1.name = 'drEasy'
```

```
sick1 = Patient.new sick1.name = 'cold'
```

```
dr1.patients = [ sick1 ]
```

```
Appointment.all
```

```
1 result:
2 Appointment Load (0.0ms) SELECT "appointments".* FROM "appointments" => <App\
3 ointment id: 1, physician_id: 1, patient_id: 1, appointment_date: nil, created_a\
4 t: "2013-03-22 03:08:08", updated_at: "2013-03-22 03:08:08">]
```

```
sick1.physician
```

```
1      result:
2      Physician Load (0.0ms) SELECT "physicians".* FROM "physicians" INNER JOIN
3  N "appointments" ON "physicians"."id" = "appointments"."physician_id " WHERE "ap\
4  pointments"."patient_id" = 1 [0m => <Physician id: 1, name: "drRails", created_a\
5  t: "2013-03-22 02:52:41", updated_at: "2013-03-22 02:52:41">]
```

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