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# **grano Documentation**

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This site only contains documentation related to the internal API of grano. If you want to learn more about the project, we recommend you visit the [project home page](#).

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## Bulk data loading API

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### 1.1 Loader

```
class grano.logic.loader.Loader(project_slug, source_url=None, project_label=None,  
                                project_settings=None, account=None, ignore_errors=True)
```

A loader is a factory object that can be used to make entities and relations in the database. It will perform some validation and handle database transactions.

```
make_entity(schema, source_url=None)
```

Create an entity loader, i.e. a construction helper for entities.

#### Parameters

- **schema** – The schema that the entity should be associated with.
- **source\_url** – A URL which will be made the default source for all properties defined on this entity.

**Returns** `EntityLoader`

```
make_relation(schema, source, target, source_url=None)
```

Create a relation loader, i.e. a construction helper for relations.

#### Parameters

- **schema** – A schema name for the relation.
- **source** – An `EntityLoader` which has been used to construct the source entity.
- **target** – A second `EntityLoader` which has been used to construct the target entity. Cannot be identical to the source.
- **source\_url** – A URL which will be made the default source for all properties defined on this entity.

**Returns** `RelationLoader`

```
persist()
```

Save the created entities and relations, i.e. commit the database transaction.

### 1.2 EntityLoader

```
class grano.logic.loader.EntityLoader(loader, schema, source_url=None)
```

A factory object for entities, used to set the schemata and properties for an entity.

**save** ()

Save the entity to the database. Do this only once, after all properties have been set.

**set** (*name*, *value*, *source\_url=None*)

Set the value of a given property, optionally by attributing a source URL.

#### Parameters

- **name** – The property name. This must be defined as part of one of the schemata that the entity or relation is associated with.
- **value** – The value to be set for this property. If it is `None`, the property will not be set, but existing values of will be marked as inactive.
- **source\_url** – A URL which will be set as the origin of this information.

**unique** (*name*, *only\_active=True*)

Define a unique field for this entity or relation. Each unique key will be used to decide whether a record already exists and can be updated, or whether a new one must be created.

#### Parameters

- **name** – The property name of the unique field.
- **only\_active** – If set to `False`, the check will include all historic values of the property as well as the current value.

## 1.3 RelationLoader

**class** `grano.logic.loader.RelationLoader` (*loader*, *schema*, *source*, *target*, *source\_url=None*)

A factory object for relations, used to construct a relation by setting its schema, source entity, target entity and a set of properties.

**save** ()

Save the relation to the database. Do this only once, after all properties have been set.

**set** (*name*, *value*, *source\_url=None*)

Set the value of a given property, optionally by attributing a source URL.

#### Parameters

- **name** – The property name. This must be defined as part of one of the schemata that the entity or relation is associated with.
- **value** – The value to be set for this property. If it is `None`, the property will not be set, but existing values of will be marked as inactive.
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Define a unique field for this entity or relation. Each unique key will be used to decide whether a record already exists and can be updated, or whether a new one must be created.

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## Plugin extension points

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### 2.1 System startup

**class** `grano.interface.Startup`

This interface will be called when grano is started and allows plugins to register additional functionality such as flask views.

**configure** (*manager*)

Run this on startup.

### 2.2 Entity changes

**class** `grano.interface.EntityChangeProcessor`

An entity change processor gets notified whenever there is a change to an entity so that it can perform related actions.

This may happen out of band (ie. on a queue or batch job), thus changes may not be applied immediately.

**entity\_changed** (*entity\_id, operation*)

Notify the plugin that an entity has changed. The plugin will only receive the ID and must query for the object itself.

### 2.3 Relation changes

**class** `grano.interface.RelationChangeProcessor`

A relation change processor gets notified whenever there is a change to a relation so that it can perform related actions.

This may happen out of band (ie. on a queue or batch job), thus changes may not be applied immediately.

**relation\_changed** (*relation\_id, operation*)

Notify the plugin that a relation has changed. The plugin will only receive the ID and must query for the object itself.

## 2.4 Project changes

**class** `grano.interface.ProjectChangeProcessor`

A project change processor gets notified whenever there is a change to a project's settings so that it can perform related actions.

This may happen out of band (ie. on a queue or batch job), thus changes may not be applied immediately.

**project\_changed** (*project\_slug*, *operation*)

Notify the plugin that a project has changed. The plugin will only receive the ID and must query for the object itself.

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