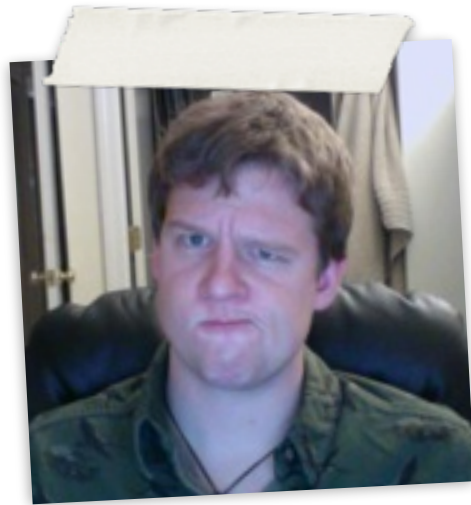


# A RAILS PRIME PRIMER

How most of the pros do it



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# AGENDA

1. Intro to Rails Prime
2. In The Land of MySQL, Postgres is King
3. RSpec for Unit Tests
4. RSpec for Integration Tests
5. Building a Service Layer
6. Presenters and Decorators
7. HAML & Slim

# **WE'LL BE CONVERTING BETASTORE TO RAILS PRIME**

This is the store app used in the Betamore intro to  
Rails class

**HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/**  
**BACKFORTY/BETASTORE-**  
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# INTRO TO RAILS PRIME

As coined by Steve Klabnik

# **BORN OF PRAGMATISTS AND SCOFFLAWS**

# THE BASICS

- \* Use Postgres instead of MySQL
- \* Use RSpec for testing
- \* Use service objects to simplify models
- \* Use a confusing template language



# THE SUBTEXT

- \* Use one database for most services
- \* Write easy-to-read tests
- \* Use dependency injection to  
simplify code
- \* Writing HTML is for suckers

**IN THE LAND OF MYSQL,  
POSTGRES IS KING**

# BENEFITS OF POSTGRES

- 1.It's pretty fast
- 2.It reduces your dependence on other services (and therefore your points of failure)
- 3.It tells you what's wrong when something's wrong
- 4.It's older and wiser
- 5.Also, it's pretty fast

# BEFORE POSTGRES

- \* Use MySQL for relational data
- \* Use Memcached or Redis for a key-value store
- \* Use client-side encryption for data security
- \* Use Mongo or Couch for schema-less data
- \* Use Sphinx or SOLR for fulltext search
- \* Use backticks everywhere

# WITH POSTGRES

- \* Use Postgres for relational data
- \* Use Hstore extension for a key-value store
- \* Use PGCrypto for data security
- \* Use JSON columns for schema-less data
- \* Use built-in fulltext indexing
- \* Never use a backtick again

# BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- \* Remove "mysql2" gem
- \* Add "pg" gem
- \* Update "config/database.yml"

**WORKSHOP TIME**

# Upgrade Betastore to Postgres

# RSPEC FOR UNIT TESTS



**RSPEC IS LIKE TEST/UNIT'S  
COOLER LITTLE BROTHER**

# GOOFY ASSERTIONS

```
expect(value).to eq(something)
```

# BLOCK-BASED TEST DEFINITIONS

```
1 require 'rails_helper'
2
3 describe Address do
4   before :each do
5     @valid_attributes = {
6       street: "555 S Logan St\nApartment 2",
7       city: "Denver",
8       state: "CO",
9       postal_code: "80209"
10    }
11  end
12
13  it "creates a new instance given valid attributes" do
14    FactoryGirl.create(:address, @valid_attributes)
15  end
16 end
```

# INCREDIBLE HOOKS

```
1 RSpec.configure do |config|
2
3   config.before do |example|
4     if example.metadata[:js]
5       example.metadata[:use_truncation] = true
6     end
7     if example.metadata[:use_truncation]
8       DatabaseCleaner.strategy = :truncation
9     else
10      DatabaseCleaner.strategy = :transaction
11    end
12    DatabaseCleaner.start
13  end
14
15 end
```

# INCREDIBLE HOOKS

```
1 require 'rails_helper'
2
3 feature "Adding a payment account" do
4
5   context "when signed in" do
6     let(:address) { FactoryGirl.create(:address, user: current_user) }
7
8     ...
9
10    it "lets a user create credit cards", js: true do
11      stub_gateway_for_success
12      click_link "Add a Credit Card"
13      fill_form(:credit_card, {
14        number: '4111 1111 1111 1111',
15        expiration_2i: '9 - Sep',
16        expiration_1i: (Date.today.year + 3).to_s
17      })
18      click_button 'Add Credit Card'
19      expect_path(payment_accounts_path)
20      expect(current_user.credit_cards.count).to eq(1)
21    end
22  end
23 end
```

# BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- \* Add “rspec-rails” to your Gemfile’s test group
- \* Run the “rspec:install” generator

## WORKSHOP TIME

Upgrade Betastore to RSpec  
unit tests

# RSPEC FOR INTEGRATION TESTS



# ALL THE FUN OF RSPEC

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# BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- \* Configure Cappybara to use Poltergeist in spec/support

## WORKSHOP TIME

Upgrade Betastore to RSpec  
integration tests

# BUILDING A SERVICE LAYER

## OMAKASE

- Skinny controllers
- Fat models

## RAILS PRIME

- Skinny controllers
- Skinny models
- Service objects handle non-ORM stuff

**ACTIVERECORD: BEING AN  
ORM IS ENOUGH**

# BEFORE

```
1 class Transaction < ActiveRecord::Base
2
3   before_create :process
4
5   belongs_to :parent, class_name: name
6   belongs_to :payment
7
8   maintain :status do
9     state :clean, 0
10    state :voided, 1
11  end
12
13  def process
14    transaction = Braintree::Payment.new(amount: self.amount)
15    transaction.process!(with_some_options: true)
16    if transaction.success?
17      self.transaction_hash = transaction.to_unique_id
18    else
19      errors.add(:transaction, "failed for some reason")
20    end
21  end
22
23 end
```

# RAILS PRIME TENET

The model should store the details of the work

The work should be done elsewhere



# AFTER

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10
11 end
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# APP/SERVICES/BRAINTREE\_SERVICE.RB

```
1 require 'braintree'
2
3 class BraintreeService
4
5   def initialize(credentials = nil)
6     credentials ||= {
7       user: ENV['BRAINTREE_USER'],
8       pass: ENV['BRAINTREE_PASS']
9     }
10  end
11
12  def create_transaction(amount)
13    transaction = Braintree::Payment.new(amount: amount)
14    # Raise an error if something goes wrong
15    transaction.process!(with_some_options: true)
16    if transaction.success?
17      Transaction.create({
18        amount: amount,
19        transaction_hash: transaction_hash.to_unique_id
20      })
21    end
22  end
23 end
```

# BENEFITS TO THIS APPROACH

1. Finite, easily test-able classes
2. Changes to a service's responsibilities will not break your ORM
3. Simpler classes responsible for single activity

## WORKSHOP TIME

Add checkout to Betastore  
using a service object

# **PRESENTERS AND DECORATORS**

# **PRESENTERS      DECORATORS**

- Move presentation logic from models to views
  - Explicitly separate objects
- Move presentation logic from models to views
  - Masquerade as your models

# APP/PRESENTERS/USERPRESENTER.RB

```
1 class UserPresenter
2
3   def initialize(user)
4     @user = user
5   end
6
7   def full_name
8     [
9       @user.first_name,
10      @user.last_name
11    ].compact.join(' ')
12  end
13 end
```

# PROVIDE IT AS A HELPER...

```
def current_user_presenter
  @current_user_presenter ||=
    UserPresenter.new(current_user)
end
```



# ...AND USE IT DIRECTLY

```
<%= current_user_presenter.full_name %>
```

# DECORATORS

```
class UserDecorator < SimpleDelegator  
  
  def full_name  
    [first_name, last_name].join(' ')  
  end  
  
end
```

# **DECORATORS: PRETTIER, BUT DANGEROUS**

# BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- \*Add “draper” gem

## WORKSHOP TIME

Add presentation logic to  
decorators

# HAML & SLIM

# WHERE ONCE THERE WAS TERROR...

```
<div class="<%= "class-name" if user.class_name? %>">  
    </div>
```

# THERE CAME A GREAT CALM

```
div{class: user.class_name? && "class-name"}
```



# THE GOAL IS TO MAKE HTML EASIER TO WRITE

The accident is increasingly semantic web  
interfaces

# BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

\*Add “slim” gem

## WORKSHOP TIME

Start moving erb templates  
over to slim

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**Thanks!**