

# Object Oriented Rails

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# Agenda

1. Class based programming versus object oriented programming
2. RoR developer's road to object oriented zen
3. Object Oriented Rails - different kind of objects

# Class based programming

## Typical Rails controller

```
class PostsController < ApplicationController
  def index
    @posts = Post.published
  end

  def new
    @post = Post.new
  end

  def create
    @post = Post.new post_params
    if @post.save
      PostMailer.new_post(@post).deliver_later
      redirect_to @post, notice: 'Post was successfully created.'
    else
      render :new
    end
  end

  def edit
    @post = Post.find params[:id]
  end

  def update
    @post = Post.find params[:id]
    if @post.update post_params
      redirect_to @post, notice: 'Post was successfully updated.'
    else
      render :edit
    end
  end

  def destroy
    @post.destroy
    redirect_to posts_url, notice: 'Post was successfully destroyed.'
  end
end
```

**Rails may be Object Oriented itself,  
but it forces us to write mainly classes and  
structural code.**

**RoR developer's way to Object Oriented zen**

We have to start somewhere...  
This is where most of us did

```
class PropertiesController < ApplicationController
  def update
    @property = Property.find params[:id]
    if @property.update property_params
      if @property.average_price_weight == 0
        api_key = Rails.application.secrets[:properties_api_key]
        api_params = {
          'zws-id' => api_key,
          address: @property.address,
          citystatezip: @property.zip
        }
        api_response = RestClient.get(
          'http://www.zillow.com/webservice/GetDeepSearchResults.htm',
          params: api_params
        )
        if (200...300).include? api_response.code
          parsed_response = Hash.from_xml(api_response.body).
            deep_transform_keys do |key|
              key.underscore.to_sym
            end

          price = parsed_response.dig(:searchresults, :response, :results,
            :result, :zestimate, :amount)
          average_price = (@property.last_price + price) / 2
          @property.average_price = average_price
          @property.average_price_weight = 2
          if @property.save
            redirect_to property_path(@property), notice: 'Successfully
              updated property'
          else
            @property.errors[:base] = 'Could not save price from API'
          end
        else
          @property.errors[:base] = 'Could not connect to API to calculate
            average price'
          render :edit
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
```





**Fat models, thin controllers!**

```
class PropertiesController < ApplicationController
  def update
    @property = Property.find params[:id]
    if @property.update(property_params) && @property.update_price_from_api
      redirect_to property_path(@property), notice: 'Successfully updated
        property'
    else
      render :edit
    end
  end

  private

  def property_params
    params.require(:property).permit(:address, :zip, :last_price)
  end
end
```

Fat models, thin controllers!

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```
class Property < ApplicationRecord
  validates :address, :zip, :last_price, presence: true

  def update_price_from_api
    if average_price_weight == 0
      api_key = Rails.application.secrets[:properties_api_key]
      api_params = {
        'zws-id' => api_key,
        address: address,
        citystatezip: zip
      }
      api_response = RestClient.get(
        'http://www.zillow.com/webservice/GetDeepSearchResults.htm',
        params: api_params
      )
      if (200...300).include? api_response.code
        parsed_response = Hash.from_xml(api_response.body).deep_transform_keys
          do |key|
            key.underscore.to_sym
          end

        price = parsed_response.dig(:searchresults, :response, :results,
          :result, :zestimate, :amount)
        average_price = (last_price + price) / 2
        self.average_price = average_price
        self.average_price_weight = 2
        if save
          true
        else
          self.errors[:base] = 'Could not save price from API'
          false
        end
      else
        self.errors[:base] = 'Could not connect to API to calculate average
          price'
        false
      end
    end
  end
end
```

# ActiveRecord, what are you?



Martin Fowler

*Design Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture*

*“An object that wraps a row in a database table or view, encapsulates the database access, and adds domain logic on that data.”*

**Putting business logic into models is  
RailsWay™, but not really S.O.L.I.D...**

## Service object

```
module Properties
  class AveragePriceCalculator
    API_URL =
      'http://www.zillow.com/webservice/GetDeepSearchResults.htm'.freeze

    def self.call(property:)
      new(property: property).call
    end

    def initialize(property:)
      @property = property
    end

    def call
      return true unless property.average_price_weight == 0
      api_response = get_details_from_api
      calculate_avg_price(api_response)
    end

    private

    def get_details_from_api
      RestClient.get(
        API_URL,
        params: {
          'zws-id' => Rails.application.secrets[:properties_api_key],
          address: @property.address,
          citystatezip: @property.zip
        }
      )
    end

    def calculate_avg_price(api_response)
      if !success?(api_response)
        @property.errors[:base] = I18n.t('properties.errors.api_call_failed')
        return false
      end

      price = extract_price(api_response)
      update_property_avg(price)
    end
  end
end
```

**Welcome to the world of Object Oriented Rails**

# Object Oriented Rails: Service Objects



# Service object - poor man's definitions

Domain Driven Design definition:

*“Operation offered as an interface that stands alone in the model, without encapsulating state(...)”*

Rails community definition:



```
class PropertiesController < ApplicationController
  def update
    @property = Property.find params[:id]
    avg_price_service = Properties::AveragePriceCalculator.new property: @property
    geocode_service = Properties::GeocodeService.new property: @property
    notifications_service = NotificationsService.new resource: @property, type: :property_updated

    if @property.update(property_params) &&
      avg_price_service.call &&
      geocode_service.call &&
      notifications_service.call

      redirect_to property_path(@property), notice: 'Successfully updated property'
    else
      render :edit
    end
  end

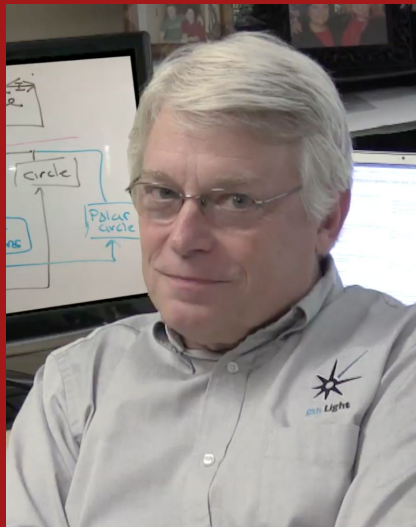
  private

  def property_params
    params.require(:property).permit(:address, :zip, :last_price)
  end
end
```

When services grow in numbers...

# Object Oriented Rails: Interactors

# Interactors



*“Interactor objects are objects that implement a **use case**.”*

*“Architecture is about **intent**.”*

Robert C. Martin a.k.a. Uncle Bob,

*Architecture - The Lost Years(@ Ruby Midwest 2011)*

```
class PropertiesController < ApplicationController
  def update
    @property = Property.find params[:id]
    result = Properties::Update.call(property: @property, params: property_params)

    if result.success?
      redirect_to property_path(@property), notice: 'Successfully updated property'
    else
      @property.errors[:base] = result.error
      render :edit
    end
  end

  private

  def property_params
    params.require(:property).permit(:address, :zip, :last_price)
  end
end
```

Same endpoint with interactor

## Interactor example

```
module Properties
  class Update
    include Interactor

    def call
      @property = context.property

      calculate_average_price
      geocode
      update_property
      create_notifications
    end

    def calculate_average_price
      service = AveragePriceCalculator.new property: @property
      service.call ? true : context.fail!(error: service.error)
    end

    def geocode
      service = GeocodeService.new property: @property
      service.call ? true : context.fail!(error: service.error)
    end

    def update_property
      @property.update(context.params) ? true : context.fail!
    end

    def create_notifications
      service = NotificationsService.new resource: @property, type: :property_updated

      service.call ? true : context.fail!(error: service.error)
    end
  end
end
```

## The params problem in interactor

```
module Properties
  class Update
    include Interactor

    VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS = [
      1.hour, 12.hours, 1.day, 1.week, 2.weeks, 1.month
    ].map!(&:to_i).freeze

    def call
      @property = context.property

      validate_refresh_period
      calculate_average_price
      geocode
      update_property
      create_notifications

      schedule_next_refresh
    end

    private

    def validate_refresh_period
      if VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS.include?(context.refresh_in.to_i)
        true
      else
        context.fail!(error: 'invalid refresh period.')
      end
    end
  end
end

# ...
end
```

# Object Oriented Rails: Form Objects



```
module Properties
  class UpdateForm
    include ActiveRecord::Model

    VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS = [
      1.hour, 12.hours, 1.day, 1.week, 2.weeks, 1.month
    ].map!(&:to_i).freeze

    ATTRIBUTES = %i(property address zip last_price).freeze

    attr_accessor(*ATTRIBUTES)

    # Clean Property Model!
    validates :address, :zip, :last_price, presence: true
    validates :refresh_in, inclusion: { in: VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS }, allow_nil: true

    # Forms are never persisted
    def persisted?
      false
    end
  end
end
```

## Form Object using ActiveRecord

## Interactor with form object

```
module Properties
  class Update
    include Interactor

    def call
      @property = context.property

      validate_form
      calculate_average_price
      geocode
      update_property
      create_notifications

      schedule_next_refresh
    end

    def validate_form
      form_params = context.params.merge(
        property: @property,
        refresh_in: refresh_in.to_i
      )
      form = UpdateForm.new form_params

      if form.valid?
        true
      else
        context.error = form.errors.full_messages.join ', '
        context.fail!
      end
    end

    # ...
  end
end
```

When form object carries  
a little bit too much validation...

```
module Properties
  class UpdateForm
    include ActiveRecord::Model

    VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS = [
      1.hour, 12.hours, 1.day, 1.week, 2.weeks, 1.month
    ].map!(&:to_i).freeze

    VALID_PROVIDERS = %i(zillow redfin har).freeze

    ATTRIBUTES = %i(property address zip last_price avg_price_provider).freeze

    attr_accessor(*ATTRIBUTES)

    validates :address, :zip, :last_price, :avg_price_provider, presence: true
    validates :refresh_in, inclusion: { in: VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS }, allow_nil: true

    validates :avg_price_provider, inclusion: { in: VALID_PROVIDERS }, allow_nil: true
    validate :refresh_in_allowed_by_provider

    def refresh_in_allowed_by_provider
      case avg_price_provider
      when 'har'
        if refresh_in < 2.weeks
          self.errors[:refresh_in] << 'HAR can\'t be refreshed more often than once in 2 weeks!'
        end
      when 'redfin'
        if refresh_in < 1.month
          self.errors[:refresh_in] << 'Redfin can\'t be refreshed more often than once in a month!'
        end
      when 'zillow'
        if ZillowClient.new.quota_exceeded? && refresh_in < 1.month
          self.errors[:provider] << 'Limit reached for zillow, can\'t refresh till next month'
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
```

# Object Oriented Rails: Validators

## ActiveModel::Validator example

```
module Properties
  class RefreshingDetailsProvidersValidator < ActiveModel::Validator
    def validate(record)
      case record.avg_price_provider
      when 'har'      then validate_har(record)
      when 'redfin'   then validate_redfin(record)
      when 'zillow'   then validate_zillow(record)
      end
    end

    private

    def validate_har(record)
      if record.refresh_in < 2.weeks
        error = 'HAR can\'t be refreshed more often than once in 2 weeks!'
        record.errors[:refresh_in] << error
      end
    end

    def validate_redfin(record)
      if record.refresh_in < 1.month
        error = 'Redfin can\'t be refreshed more often than once in a month!'
        record.errors[:refresh_in] << error
      end
    end

    def validate_zillow(record)
      if ZillowClient.new.quota_exceeded? && record.refresh_in < 1.month
        error = 'Limit reached for zillow, can\'t refresh till next month'
        record.errors[:provider] << error
      end
    end
  end
end
```

```
module Properties
  class UpdateForm
    include ActiveRecord::Model

    VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS = [
      1.hour, 12.hours, 1.day, 1.week, 2.weeks, 1.month
    ].map!(&:to_i).freeze

    VALID_PROVIDERS = %i(zillow redfin har).freeze

    ATTRIBUTES = %i(property address zip last_price avg_price_provider).freeze

    attr_accessor(*ATTRIBUTES)

    validates :address, :zip, :last_price, :avg_price_provider, presence: true
    validates :refresh_in, inclusion: { in: VALID_REFRESH_PERIODS }, allow_nil: true
    validates :avg_price_provider, inclusion: { in: VALID_PROVIDERS }, allow_nil: true

    validates_with RefreshingDetailsProvidersValidator
  end
end
```

Form object using Validator

Q & A time!

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**Bonus round: ActiveRecord::Validator trap**



Why can't we just set up  
@refresh\_in instance var here?

```
module Properties
  class RefreshingDetailsProvidersValidator < ActiveRecord::Validator
    def validate(record)
      case record.avg_price_provider
      when 'har'      then validate_har(record)
      when 'redfin'   then validate_redfin(record)
      when 'zillow'   then validate_zillow(record)
      end
    end

    private

    def validate_har(record)
      if record.refresh_in < 2.weeks
        error = 'HAR can\'t be refreshed more often than once in 2 weeks!'
        record.errors[:refresh_in] << error
      end
    end

    def validate_redfin(record)
      if record.refresh_in < 1.month
        error = 'Redfin can\'t be refreshed more often than once in a month!'
        record.errors[:refresh_in] << error
      end
    end

    def validate_zillow(record)
      if ZillowClient.new.quota_exceeded? && record.refresh_in < 1.month
        error = 'Limit reached for zillow, can\'t refresh till next month'
        record.errors[:provider] << error
      end
    end
  end
end
```

Looks more DRY right?

```
module Properties
  class RefreshingDetailsProvidersValidator < ActiveRecord::Validator
    def validate(record)
      return true unless refresh_in(record).present?

      case record.avg_price_provider
      when 'har'      then validate_har(record)
      when 'redfin'   then validate_redfin(record)
      when 'zillow'   then validate_zillow(record)
      end
    end

    private

    def refresh_in(record = nil)
      @refresh_in ||= record.refresh_in
    end

    def validate_har(record)
      if refresh_in < 2.weeks
        error = 'HAR can\'t be refreshed more often than once in 2 weeks!'
        record.errors[:refresh_in] << error
      end
    end

    def validate_redfin(record)
      if refresh_in < 1.month
        error = 'Redfin can\'t be refreshed more often than once in a month!'
        record.errors[:refresh_in] << error
      end
    end

    def validate_zillow(record)
      if ZillowClient.new.quota_exceeded? && refresh_in < 1.month
        error = 'Limit reached for zillow, can\'t refresh till next month'
        record.errors[:provider] << error
      end
    end
  end
end
```



**IT'S A  
TRAP**

Rails initializes validators used with  
**validates\_with** only **ONCE!**

At the first autoload in your application.

@refresh\_in will always stay as the value  
passed in **first request after application  
boots**

# Lessons to learn:

- DRY isn't always better
- Do not trust anything that you don't explicit initialize
- Write integration tests ;)

**Thank you once again!**

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