PageReference Best Practice

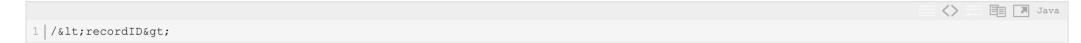May 5, 2011 by **David Schach** **2 Comments**

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I've seen a lot of coders put the following into their custom Visualforce controllers:

```java
1   public PageReference customsave() {
2       try{
3           insert acct;
4       } catch (DMLException e) {
5           /*do stuff here*/
6       }
7       PageReference acctPage = new PageReference ('/' + acct.id};
8       acctPage.setRedirect(true);
9       return acctPage;
10  }
```

I've decided that I don't like this approach. It feels too much like a URL hack, and though I'm sure that it will always work (meaning that salesforce.com will never change its way of referring to a record by

```java
1   /&lt;recordID&gt;
```

), I'd like to suggest a different method that may use more resources, but will leverage standard controllers, possibly future-proofing the application:

```java
1   public PageReference customsave() {
2       insert acct; //Error handling removed for brevity. ALWAYS try/catch!
3       ApexPages.StandardController sc = new ApexPages.StandardController(acct);
4       PageReference acctPage = sc.view();
5       acctPage.setRedirect(true);
6       return acctPage;
7   }
```

What do you think? Does anyone have coding-style tips to share?