# Well hello, 1280 x 720



I am a test circle here to make sure screen aspect ratios, color, and borders are happy for all. Nothing to see here. Please move along.

# Ungemifying your projects

(one repo to rule them all)



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let's talk about

# MONORAILS

### What's a monorail?

#### A rails app that does everything

- 1. The website
- 2. API
- 3. Background jobs
- 4. Search
- 5. 3rd party service interaction
- 6. Kitchen sink duties



### Why are monorails bad?

- No clear separation of concerns
- All code is loaded, even if you don't use it
- Scaling concerns (naïve scaling means everything is scaled)
- Test suite runs everything by default

### What can we do?

Let's split up app into separate pieces!

Models are usually the only thing needed in each component, so let's just gemify that.

### How gemification looks

downstream repo: mycompany-api

downstream repo: mycompany-search

upstream repo: mycompany-models

### The code

```
# Gemfile
gem 'mycompany-models',
    git: 'git@github.com:mycompany/mycompany-models.git',
    branch: 'master'
# Gemfile.lock
GIT
  remote: git@github.com:mycompany/mycompany-models.git
  revision: 976fea8d33e36ce3d63b08375626b6475b1f8ac2
  branch: master
  specs:
    mycompany_models (1.6.11)
      activerecord (~> 3.2.6)
      activesupport (~> 3.2.6)
```

### Workflow

- 1. Push code to master branch of mycompany-models
- 2. Update downstream projects:
- # in terminal
  bundle update mycompany-models

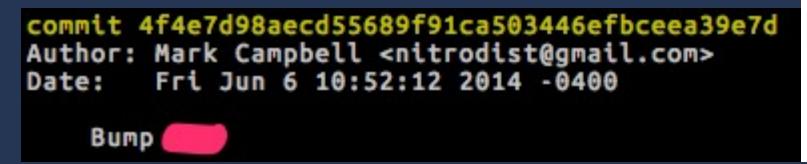
### Downsides of gemifying

- Code changes between gemified projects and downstream projects are tied together
- Multiple pull requests for the same issue!
- Order of merging pull requests is important
- Can forget about some pull requests

#### Model



#### Downstream Project





# The Solution

# One repo Multiple projects

### Directory structure

```
$ ls -al mycompany
mycompany-api/
mycompany-models/
mycompany-search/
circle.yml
README.md
specs.sh # run all the tests!
.gitignore
.hound.yml
```

### The better code

```
# Gemfile in mycompany-api
gem 'mycompany-models', path: '../mycompany-models'
# Gemfile.lock in mycompany-api
PATH
  remote: ../mycompany-models
  specs:
    mycompany_models (1.6.11)
      activerecord (~> 4.2.0)
      activesupport (~> 4.2.0)
```

### Benefits

- One pull request per change
- No 'bumping' the model gem
- Projects never accidentally use 'old' version of models
- New developers don't WTF
- Save GitHub \$\$\$!

### How to

#### Three ways:

- 1. Don't gemify in the first place
- 2. New git repo with code copied directly in
- 3. New git repo with fancy history preserved (do this!)

### Preserve history

Don't break the SHA1 hashes!

Modifying history means that the SHA1 hash of the commit changes (rebase, commit --amend, etc.) -- let's avoid it!

### High level steps

- 1. Make new repo
- 2. Add projects as remotes
- 3. Checkout each project locally
- 4. Move files into top-level directory called \$project
- 5. Merge in projects one-by-one
- 6. Modify each Gemfile to use relative paths

### Code

http://bit.ly/1IGxkR8

link

# Going further

Why stop at gems? Works just as well for SOA/Microservices!

# Questions?

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