

AoR-AntiPatterns

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About this Presentation

Condensed 16 hour advanced
class

1 hour beginner Antipatterns

**What is an
Antipattern?**

Model View Controller

What is a view?

.html.erb

display and format information

What isn't a view?

NOT where we put business logic

Not where we query the database
`User.where(:username => "Schneems")`

```
<!-- app/view/definition/show.html
```

```
<% if @definition.present? %>
```

```
  <% @top_user = @definition.users
```

```
    order("rank DESC")
```

```
    <%= link_to "Top User", @top_user
```

```
<% else %>
```

```
  # ...
```


Antipattern

SQL queries in your views

Solution

Move them to your controllers

```
# /app/controllers/definitions_controller.rb
def show
  @definition = Definition.where(
                                first: @id).first
  @top_user    = @definition.users
                                order("rank DESC")
  respond_with @definition
end
```

View is much better

```
<!-- app/view/definition/show.html
```

```
<% if @top_user.present? %>  
    <%= link_to "Top User", @top_u  
<% else %>  
    # ...
```

Controllers

What is a controller?

Put your business logic

map resources to CRUD

(Create, Read, Update, Delete)

What is a controller?

Index

Show

New

Create

Edit

What isn't a controller?

add_definition

change_first_language

save_definitions

editi_exisiting_definitions

update_all_languages

show_child_add

Antipattern

One controller with many many methods

Solution

Many controllers with about 7 methods

Why ~ 7 Methods?

Sometimes you don't need all 7 actions (Index, Show, New, create, Edit, Update, Destroy)

Sometimes you need a few

First rule of controllers ...

Never have more than 13
methods in a controller

Second rule of controllers ...

NEVER EVER have more than
13 methods in a controller

**OR DHH will hunt
you down**

Third rule of controllers ...

Typically don't have more than 7
methods in a controller

Common Example

Reset Password

```
# app/controllers/users_controller
```

```
def password
```

```
  # ...
```

```
end
```

```
def reset_password
```

```
  # ...
```

```
end
```

```
def request_password_reset
```

```
  # ...
```

```
.
```

**Move to
Password Resets
Controller**


```
# app/controllers/password_resets.
```

```
def edit
```

```
  # Allow user to enter email
```

```
end
```

```
def create
```

```
  # Create the password reset
```

```
  # This sends an email ...
```

```
end
```

```
def update
```

```
  # This actually updates
```

SMAC your controller

Stop (see how non-standard actions you have)

Ask (Do they act on another resource?)

Move (Move methods to

Models

**Skinny
Controllers?
Fat Models ?**

```
# /app/controllers/definitions_controller.rb
def show
  @definition = Definition.where(
    first: @id
  ).first
  @top_user = @definition.users
    .order("rank DESC")
    .first
  respond_with @definition
end
```

app/models/definitions.rb

```
def top_user  
  self.users.order("rank DESC").first  
end
```

```
# /app/controllers/definitions_controller.rb  
def show  
  @definition = Definition.where(  
                                first  
  @top_user    = @definition.top_user  
  respond_with @definition  
end
```

Remember

No SQL in the view

No more than 13 actions on
controllers

(Shoot for ~ 7)

Move logic

Remember M.V.C

Models-hold-logic-not **Views** or
Controllers

Questions ?

<http://github.com/schneems/john>

<http://github.com/schneems/keyt>

Antipatterns through
CabForward

The Biggest Beginner Antipattern of All?

Antipattern

Not writing & shipping code

Solution

Pick a project

stick with it

ship it

Solution

Get Involved

Come to AustinOnRails

Come to AustinRB

Take classes

Ask questions on StackOverflow

One Last Thing

Rails Mentors

Questions

SRSLY this time