**Topic: Importing data into a Rails app from a csv file**

one file imported into one table

as of 3/28 I am able to

* map column names in the csv file to different column names in the sqlite table
* map values, e.g, yes/no/maybe into 0/1/2, yes/no into boolean true or false, ...
* reorder columns: the columns in the spreadsheet do not need to be in the same order as the fields in the relational dbms table

See /desktop/testcsv2 for sample code.

have not spent any time dealing with error's though. If there are errors in the input csv file, it would be nice to report:

* the line number in error
* the particular field(s) in that line that are triggering the error (if it is conversion of a single field that failed)
* write errors to log file?

Should I have an option to continue past errors?

In **TruMedical's case**, where there is additional information that is not being encoded into the Rails 'item' table, should we add a set of custom fields to that table, and ask Bill to fill them in — perhaps uploading data into that table from a csv file we generate that has the data filled in?