



Growing A Rails App

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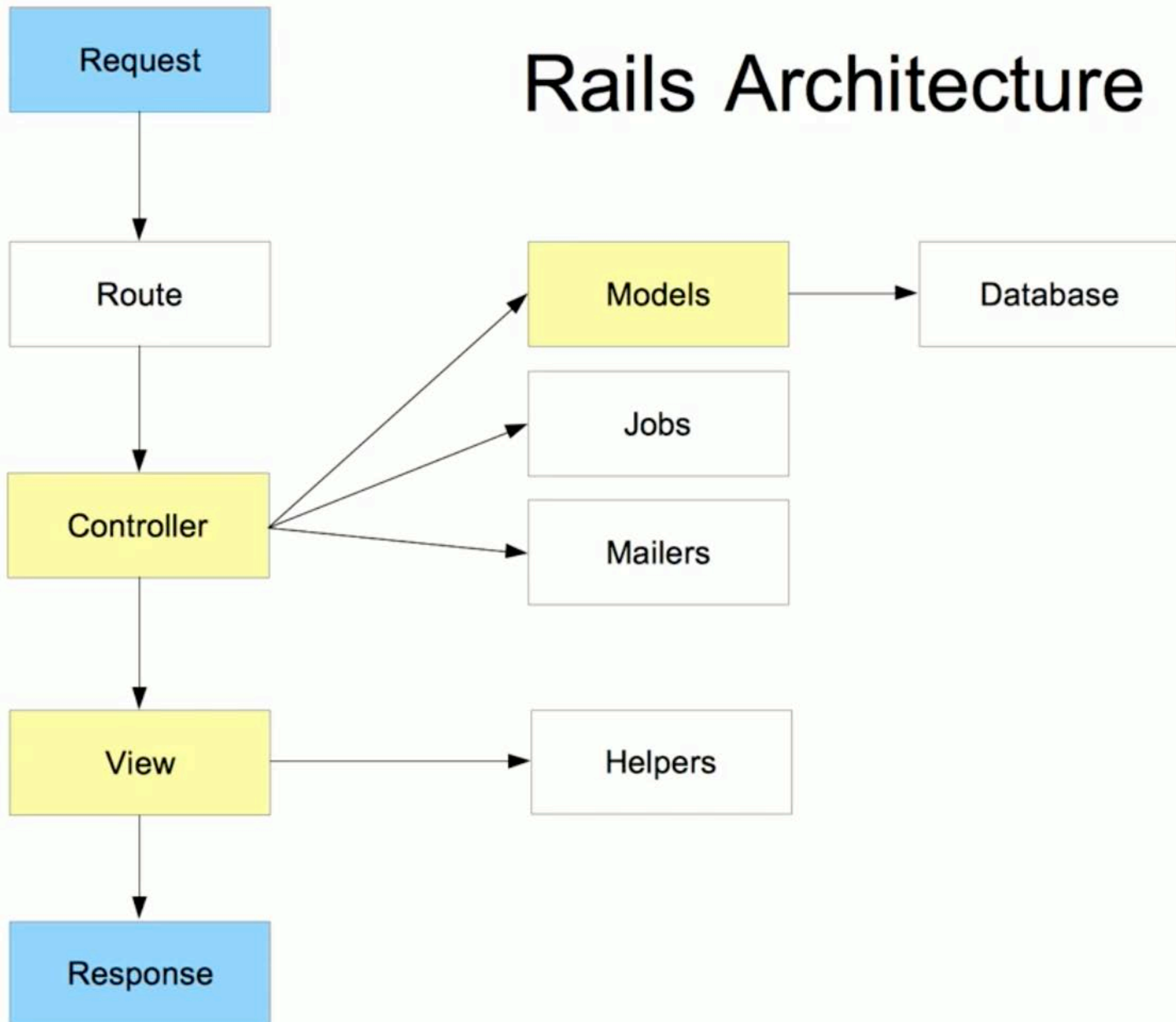


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Rails Architecture



Controller Tip #1

Stick to the standard actions

`index show new create edit update destroy`

- Keeps your controllers small
- Builds RESTful Resources

Controller Tip #2

Pull logic into services

Services are “Plain Old Ruby Objects” (PORO) that consolidate logic, save models, queue background jobs and emails.

- Keeps your controller thin and secure
- Simplifies the controller's control flow

Models Tip #1

Treat models like API documentation for your database

ActiveRecord is just a really nice way to access the database.

- Keeps your models thin
- Builds a solid foundation for your app

Models Tip #2

Only use nouns, avoid verbs

Nouns / Properties:

user.name

user.receives_emails?

post.published?

order.total

Verbs / Methods:

user.unsubscribe!

user.send_welcome_email

post.publish!

order.calculate_total

Jobs Tip #1

Avoid nouns, only use verbs

Jobs and mailers act on models.

```
Users::Unsubscribe(user).perform_later
```

```
UsersMailer.welcome(user).deliver_later
```

```
Posts::Publish(post).perform_later
```

```
Orders::CalculateTotal(order).perform_now
```

Jobs Tip #2

Break jobs into smaller jobs

- Processes in parallel
- Avoids interruptions during restart
- Minimizes side-effects of exceptions

Mailers Tip #1

Never use `deliver_now`

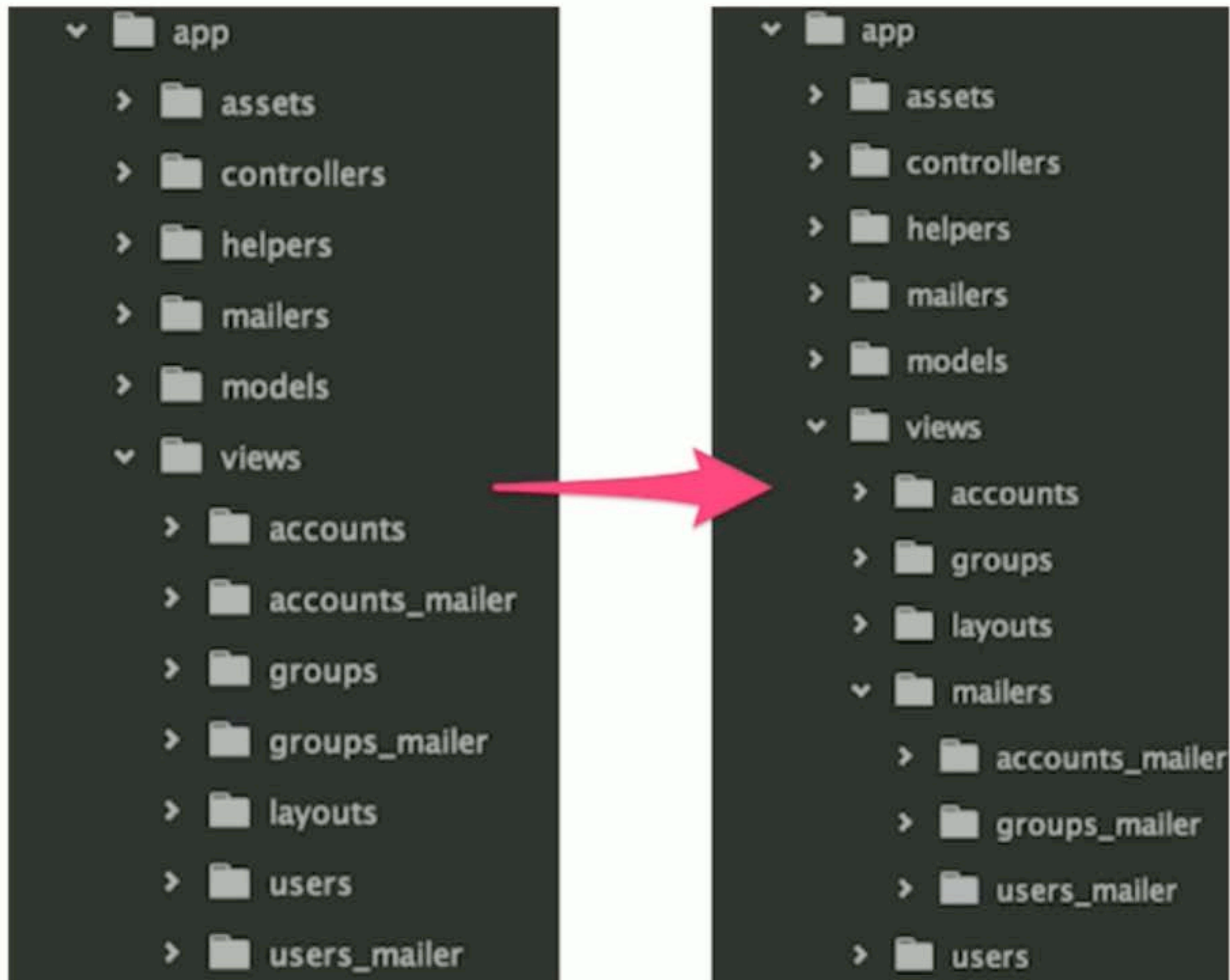
SMTP and **HTTP** requests will eventually fail

Why is this code a support nightmare?

```
User.receives_newsletter.find_each do |user|  
  UsersMailer.newsletter(user).deliver_now  
end
```

Mailers Tip #2

Group views inside app/views/mailers



Views Tip #1

Avoid most logic

- Limit yourself to simple loops and if statements
- Place all other logic inside helpers

Views Tip #2

Break them into visual pieces

The image shows a screenshot of the WordPress dashboard interface, annotated with red boxes and labels to identify its visual components. The dashboard is divided into several sections: a top navigation bar (labeled 'Topnav'), a left sidebar (labeled 'Sidenav'), a main content area, and a footer (labeled 'Footer').

Topnav: The top navigation bar includes the WordPress logo, the site URL 'website.com', the user greeting 'Howdy, user', and two dropdown menus: 'Screen Options' and 'Help'.

Sidenav: The left sidebar contains a list of navigation links: 'Dashboard', 'Posts', 'Profile', and 'Settings'.

Main Content Area: The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Dashboard' and contains a section labeled 'Activity' (labeled 'Recent Activity' in the annotation). This section shows a 'Recently Published' post from 'Feb 4th 2017, 12:10 pm' with the title 'Welcome to our demo!'. The right column is titled 'WordPress News' and contains a section labeled 'Product News' (labeled 'Product News' in the annotation). This section features a news item titled 'WordPress 4.7.2 Security Release' dated 'January 26, 2017', with a detailed description of the security release.

Footer: The footer contains the text 'Thank you for creating with WordPress.' and the version number 'Version 4.6.3'.

Helpers Tip #1

Break helpers into view components

View components are “Plain Old Ruby Objects” (PORO) that fill in the details of rendering a visual element.

- Keeps your helper modules small
- Allows benefits of OO design

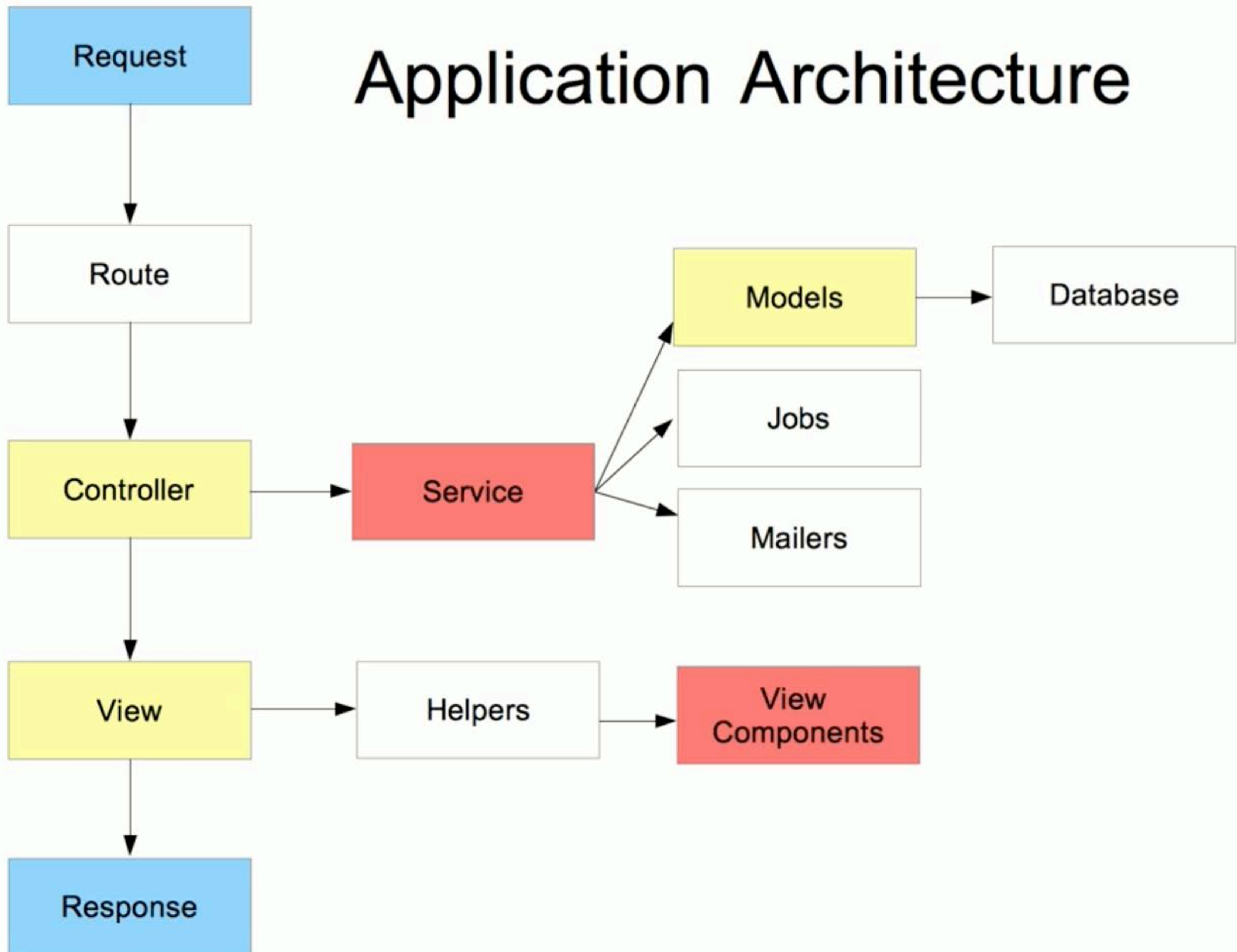
Helpers Tip #2

Do not include all helpers

```
config.action_controller.include_all_helpers = false
```

- Helps you create a solid foundation of shared modules
- Ensures most helpers only help certain views, so the method names can be shorter

Application Architecture



Major Point

**Plan your Rails architecture,
set its convention, and
never compromise**

- Avoids the broken window theory
- Keeps your greenfield project feeling green

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