

WHAT FACTORIES ARE HIDING FROM YOU

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WHAT IS A FACTORY?

**Test factories are helpers for creating
data that can be used in tests.**

```
FactoryGirl.define do
  factory :user do
    name "Eric Roberts"
    email "eric@boltmade.com"
  end
end
```

```
user = FactoryGirl.create(:user)
#=> #<User id: 1, name: "Eric Roberts", email: "eric@boltmade.com">
```

```
user.name
#=> "Eric Roberts"
```

```
user.email
#=> "eric@boltmade.com"
```

**SO, WHAT'S WRONG WITH
FACTORIES?**

THEY'RE SLOW!

```
FactoryGirl.define do
  factory :user do
    name "Eric Roberts"
    email "eric@boltmade.com"
  end
end
```

```
FactoryGirl.create(:user)
```

```
INSERT INTO "users" ("name", "email", "created_at", "updated_at")
VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)  [
  ["name", "Eric"],
  ["email", "eric@boltmade.com"],
  ["created_at", "2015-04-21 01:08:49.409179"],
  ["updated_at", "2015-04-21 01:08:49.409179"]
]
```

```
FactoryGirl.define do
  factory :user do
    association :company
    name "Eric Roberts"
    email "eric@boltmade.com"
  end

  factory :company do
    name "Boltmade"
  end
end
```

```
FactoryGirl.create(:user)
```

```
INSERT INTO "companies" ("name", "created_at", "updated_at")
VALUES (?, ?, ?)  [
  ["name", "Boltmade"],
  ["created_at", "2015-04-21 01:22:24.307976"],
  ["updated_at", "2015-04-21 01:22:24.307976"]
]
```

```
INSERT INTO "users" ("name", "email", "company_id", "created_at", "updated_at")
VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?)  [
  ["name", "Eric"],
  ["email", "eric@boltmade.com"],
  ["company_id", 1],
  ["created_at", "2015-04-21 01:22:24.311557"],
  ["updated_at", "2015-04-21 01:22:24.311557"]
]
```

**SAVING 0.1 SECONDS PER TEST ON 1200
TESTS SAVES YOU A TOTAL OF 2 MINUTES
EVERY TIME THE TESTS RUN.**

DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT
build_stubbed?

**WHAT ELSE IS WRONG
WITH THEM?**

**THEY MAKE BAD
DESIGN EASY**

WHAT IS THE POINT OF TDD?

FEWER BUGS

SELF-TESTING CODE

REFACTOR WITH CONFIDENCE

BETTER
DESIGN

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME CODE

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject([0,0]) do |(min, max), customer|
      min += customer.revenue * customer.rate.min
      max += customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
    [min, max]
  end
end
end

class Customer < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :rate
  belongs_to :estimator

  # revenue method added by ActiveRecord
end

class Rate < ActiveRecord::Base
  def min
    self[:min] / 100.to_f
  end

  def max
    self[:max] / 100.to_f
  end
end
```

```
FactoryGirl.define do
  factory :estimator do
    end
```

```
  factory :customer do
    association :rate
    association :estimator
    revenue 100
  end
```

```
  factory :rate do
    min 80
    max 90
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { customer.estimator }
  let(:customer) { create :customer }

  describe "#projection" do
    it "should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.min,
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

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1 example, 0 failures

REQUIREMENT: DON'T USE FACTORIES.

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { customer.estimator }
  let(:customer) { create :customer }

  describe "#projection" do
    it "should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.min,
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
    end

    [ ... ]
  end
end
```

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Failures:

- 1) Estimator#projection should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections
Failure/Error: expect(subject.projection).to eq [
 Double received unexpected message :revenue with (no args)

```
# ./lib/estimator.rb:8:in `block in projection'  
# ./lib/estimator.rb:7:in `each'  
# ./lib/estimator.rb:7:in `inject'  
# ./lib/estimator.rb:7:in `projection'  
# ./spec/estimator_spec.rb:17:in `block (3 levels) in <top (required)>'
```

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1 example, 1 failure

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:revenue).and_return(100)
    end

    [...]
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:revenue).and_return(100)
      allow(customer).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
    end

    [...]
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:revenue).and_return(100)
      allow(customer).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
      allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(80)
      allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(90)
    end

    [...]
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:revenue).and_return(100)
      allow(customer).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
      allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(80)
      allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(90)
    end

    it "should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.min,
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject([0,0]) do |(min, max), customer|
      min += customer.revenue * customer.rate.min
      max += customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
    [min, max]
  end
end
end
```

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1 example, 0 failures

**THAT'S 3X
FASTER!**

**TESTING WITH ALL THESE
STUBS IS PAINFUL.**

THAT'S GOOD.

To paraphrase Justin Searls in The Failures of "Intro to TDD":

Your tools and practices should encourage you to do the right thing at each step in your workflow.

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:revenue).and_return(100)
      allow(customer).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
      allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(80)
      allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(90)
    end

    it "should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.min,
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject([0,0]) do |(min, max), customer|
      min += customer.revenue * customer.rate.min
      max += customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
    end
  end
end
```

**ESTIMATOR KNOWS WAY TOO
MUCH ABOUT CUSTOMER**

**WHAT DO WE WANT FROM
CUSTOMER?**

#PROJECTION

```
RSpec.describe Customer do
  subject { Customer.new(revenue: 100) }
  let(:rate) { double }
  let(:min) { 80 }
  let(:max) { 90 }

  before do
    allow(subject).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
    allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(min)
    allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(max)
  end

  it "should return the min and max projection" do
    expect(subject.projection).to eq [
      subject.revenue * rate.min,
      subject.revenue * rate.max
    ]
  end
end
```

```
class Customer < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :rate
  belongs_to :estimator

  def projection
    [
      revenue * rate.min,
      revenue * rate.max
    ]
  end
end
```

**LET'S REVISIT THE
ESTIMATOR TESTS**

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:revenue).and_return(100)
      allow(customer).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
      allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(80)
      allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(90)
    end

    it "should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.min,
        customer.revenue * customer.rate.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Estimator do
  subject { Estimator.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:customer) { double }
    let(:rate) { double }
    let(:projection) { [80,90] }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:customers).and_return([customer])
      allow(customer).to receive(:projection).and_return(projection)
    end

    it "should return the sum of the estimated min and max projections" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        projection.min,
        projection.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject([0,0]) do |(min, max), customer|
      min += customer.projection.min
      max += customer.projection.max
      [min, max]
    end
  end
end
```

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2 examples, 0 failures

```
RSpec.describe Customer do
  subject { Customer.new }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
      allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(min)
      allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(max)
    end

    it "should return the min and max projection" do
      expect(subject.projection).to eq [
        customer.revenue * rate.min,
        customer.revenue * rate.max
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

CUSTOMER KNOWS TOO
MUCH ABOUT RATE

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO WITH RATE?

```
[  
  rate.min * revenue,  
  rate.max * revenue  
]  
#=> [80, 90]
```

```
rate * revenue  
#=> [80, 90]
```

```
RSpec.describe Rate do
  subject { Rate.new(min: min, max: max) }
  let(:min) { 80 }
  let(:max) { 90 }

  describe "#*" do
    let(:multiplier) { 100 }

    it "should return the two possible rates" do
      expect(subject * multiplier).to eq [
        min * multiplier,
        max * multiplier
      ]
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Rate < ActiveRecord::Base
  def min
    self[:min] / 100.to_f
  end

  def max
    self[:max] / 100.to_f
  end

  def * other
    [
      min * other,
      max * other
    ]
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Customer do
  subject { Customer.new(revenue: 100) }
  let(:rate) { double }
  let(:min) { 80 }
  let(:max) { 90 }

  before do
    allow(subject).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
    allow(rate).to receive(:min).and_return(min)
    allow(rate).to receive(:max).and_return(max)
  end

  it "should return the min and max projection" do
    expect(subject.projection).to eq [
      subject.revenue * rate.min,
      subject.revenue * rate.max
    ]
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe Customer do
  subject { Customer.new(revenue: revenue) }
  let(:revenue) { 100 }

  describe "#projection" do
    let(:rate) { double }

    before do
      allow(subject).to receive(:rate).and_return(rate)
    end

    it "should send the * message to rate" do
      expect(rate).to receive(:*).with(revenue)
      subject.projection
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Customer < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :rate
  belongs_to :estimator

  def projection
    rate * revenue
  end
end
```

LET'S REVISIT ESTIMATOR

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject([0,0]) do |(min, max), customer|
      min += customer.projection[0]
      max += customer.projection[1]
    [min, max]
  end
end
end
```

**ESTIMATOR KNOWS TOO
MUCH ABOUT RATE**

WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO...

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject([0,0]) do |sum, customer|
      sum + customer.projection
    end
  end
end
```

```
RSpec.describe MinMax do
  subject { MinMax.new(min, max) }
  let(:min) { 80 }
  let(:max) { 90 }

  describe "#+" do
    let(:other) { [min, max] }

    it "should return a new object that responds to min and max" do
      new_min_max = subject + other
      expect(new_min_max.min).to eq subject.min + other.min
      expect(new_min_max.max).to eq subject.max + other.max
    end
  end
end
```

```
class MinMax
  attr_reader :min, :max

  def initialize(min, max)
    @min, @max = min, max
  end

  def + other
    self.class.new(min + other.min, max + other.max)
  end

  def self.zero
    new(0, 0)
  end
end
```

```
MinMax.new(1, 10)
#=> #<MinMax:0x007ff19604e2e8 @min=1, @max=10>
```

```
MinMax.new(2, 10)
#=> #<MinMax:0x007ff193045650 @min=2, @max=10>
```

```
MinMax.new(1, 10) + MinMax.new(2, 10)
#=> #<MinMax:0x007ff1950009b8 @min=3, @max=20>
```

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject(MinMax.zero) do |minmax, customer|
      minmax + customer.projection
    end
  end
end
```

....

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4 examples, 0 failures

THE FINAL CODE

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.inject(MinMax.zero) do |minmax, customer|
      minmax + customer.projection
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Estimator < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :customers

  def projection
    customers.map(&:projection).inject(MinMax.zero, :+)
  end
end
```

```
class Customer < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :rate
  belongs_to :estimator

  def projection
    rate * revenue
  end
end
```

```
class Rate < ActiveRecord::Base
  def min
    self[:min] / 100.to_f
  end

  def max
    self[:max] / 100.to_f
  end

  def * other
    [
      min * other,
      max * other
    ]
  end
end
```

```
class MinMax
  attr_reader :min, :max

  def initialize(min, max)
    @min, @max = min, max
  end

  def + other
    new_min = min + other.min
    new_max = max + other.max
    self.class.new(new_min, new_max)
  end

  def self.zero
    new(0, 0)
  end
end
```

BEFORE

35.4: flog total

5.9: flog/method average

20.7: Estimator#projection

4.1: Rate#min

lib/estimator.rb:6

lib/rate.rb:4

AFTER

46.1: flog total

3.8: flog/method average

9.2: MinMax#+

7.5: Estimator#projection

4.8: Rate#*

4.4: main#none

4.1: Rate#min

lib/min_max.rb:8

lib/estimator.rb:7

lib/rate.rb:12

lib/rate.rb:4

SO REMEMBER.



FACTORIES ARE BAD

A vibrant outdoor farmers' market scene. In the foreground, there are large, colorful displays of flowers and vegetables. Several people are walking through the market, some carrying bags. In the background, there are several white tents under a clear sky. A prominent sign reads "St. Jacobs Farmers' Market".

**USE ONLY ORGANIC, LOCALLY
SOURCED DATA INSTEAD**

*that's all,
folks!*

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