

My Top 5 Favorite Gems

by Jimmy Ngu

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MailCatcher

sj26 / mailcatcher

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Catches mail and serves it through a dream. <http://mailcatcher.me>

smtp

mail

server

ruby

rails

rubygems

development

devtools

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📦 34 releases

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sj26 Add an http-path option ...

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Add an http-path option

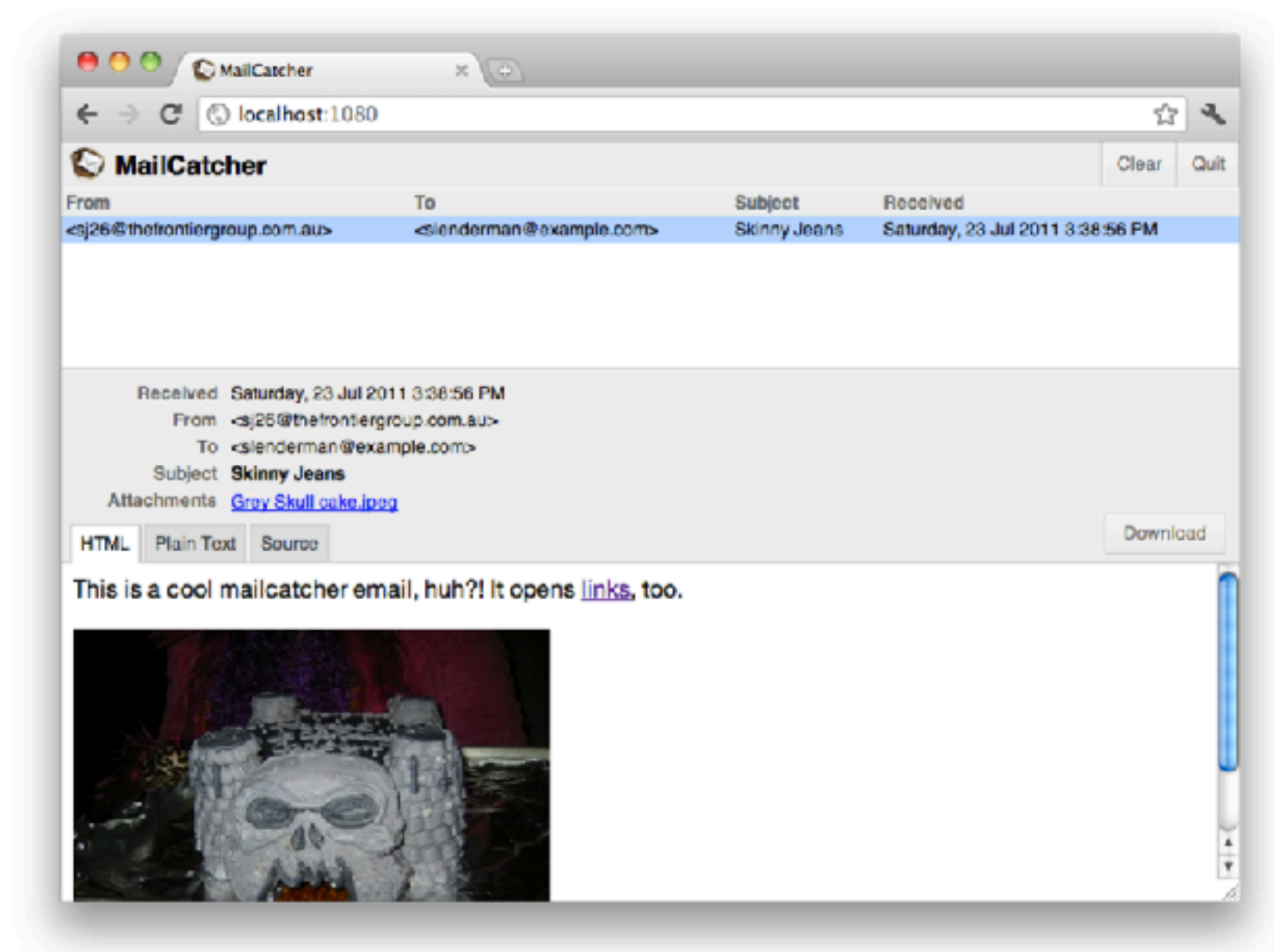
a month ago

<https://github.com/sj26/mailcatcher>

How

1. `gem install mailcatcher`
2. `mailcatcher`
3. Go to <http://127.0.0.1:1080/>
4. Send mail through `smtp://127.0.0.1:1025`

Use `mailcatcher --help` to see the command line options. The brave can get the source from [the GitHub repository](#).




Demo

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Pretender

 ankane / pretender

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Log in as another user in Rails

 58 commits

 3 branches

 8 releases

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ankane Fixed warnings

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lib

Fixed warnings

8 days ago



test

Stubbed User.find_by method in test

8 days ago



.gitignore

First commit

5 years ago



CHANGELOG.md

Version bump to 0.3.1

3 months ago


<https://github.com/ankane/pretender>

Demo

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ActiveRecord Import

 [zdennis](#) / [activerecord-import](#)

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A library for bulk insertion of data into your database using ActiveRecord. <http://www.continuousthinking.com>

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 **3** branches

 **45** releases

 **76** contributors

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jkowens committed on **GitHub** Merge pull request [#444](#) from toptal/fix-bypassing-uniqueness-validators ...

Latest commit 1e0f5c3 3 days ago

 [benchmarks](#)

Update script for AR 5

8 months ago

 [gemfiles](#)

Update to AR 5.1 final release

3 months ago

 [lib](#)

Fix bypassing uniqueness validators

4 days ago

 [test](#)

Fix bypassing uniqueness validators

4 days ago

<https://github.com/zdennis/activerecord-import>

An Introductory Example

To run examples on this page you'll need to first require `activerecord-import`, for that please take a brief look at [Requiring](#).

Here's an example with equivalent behaviour using the `#import` method:

```
books = []
10.times do |i|
  books << Book.new(:name => "book #{i}")
end
Book.import books    # or use import!
```

Recursive Example (PostgreSQL only)

Here's a recursive example using the `#import` method:

Assume that Books `has_many` Reviews

```
books = []
10.times do |i|
  book = Book.new(:name => "book #{i}")
  book.reviews.build(:title => "Excellent")
  books << book
end
Book.import books, recursive: true
```

Demo

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Webpacker

rails / webpacker

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Use Webpack to manage app-like JavaScript modules in Rails

524 commits

6 branches

6 releases

133 contributors

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guilleiguaran committed on GitHub Merge pull request #751 from rono23/fix-typo-in-misc

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docs	Fix typo in misc.md [ci skip]	a day ago
lib	Webpacker 3.0.1	4 days ago
package	Remove watchContentBase option (#725)	5 days ago
test	Fix webpacker:compile exit on failure	5 days ago
.eslintrc.js	Use standard no-console rule	6 months ago

<https://github.com/rails/webpacker>

React

To use Webpacker with [React](#), create a new Rails 5.1+ app using `--webpack=react` option:

```
# Rails 5.1+  
rails new myapp --webpack=react
```

(or run `bundle exec rails webpacker:install:react` in a existing Rails app already setup with webpacker).

The installer will add all relevant dependencies using yarn, any changes to the configuration files and an example React component to your project in `app/javascript/packs` so that you can experiment with React right away.

Vue

To use Webpacker with [Vue](#), create a new Rails 5.1+ app using `--webpack=vue` option:

```
# Rails 5.1+  
rails new myapp --webpack=vue
```

(or run `bundle exec rails webpacker:install:vue` on a Rails app already setup with webpacker).

The installer will add Vue and required libraries using yarn plus any changes to the configuration files. An example component will also be added to your project in `app/javascript` so that you can experiment Vue right away.

Before webpacker

- browserify-rails + react-rails / react_on_rails
- hot reload is a pain to setup
- // imports in multiple asset bundles
- not utilizing webpack

After webpacker

- zero configuration

Demo

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Capybara

teamcapybara / capybara

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Acceptance test framework for web applications <http://teamcapybara.github.io/capybara/>

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154 branches

72 releases

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twalpole committed on GitHub Merge pull request #1910 from herwinw/typo_fix_minitest_doc Latest commit 4c78dfa 15 hours ago

.github	Add github issue template	a year ago
.yard	Add custom yard extensions to the Gem	a year ago
features	Add visibility condition to selector query description/error messages	2 months ago
gemfiles	limit public_suffix version when running ruby 2.0	8 days ago
lib	Fixed typo in docs of capybara/minitest	20 hours ago

<https://github.com/teamcapybara/capybara>

- Most popular test framework
- Easily configurable & extendable
- Tonnes of add ons (e.g. capybara + poltergeist / webkit / headless chrome)

But did you know?

- Web Automation (alternative to Mechanize)
- Supports JS with headless browser add on (e.g. poltergeist)

Demo

jimmynguyc / sc2replaystats-uploader

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Replays uploader for SC2ReplayStats.com

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🌿 1 branch

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jimmynguyc Don't skip anything

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📁 bin	Initial commit	5 months ago
📄 .gitignore	Initial commit	5 months ago
📄 Gemfile	Update gemfile	5 months ago
📄 Gemfile.lock	Update gemfile	5 months ago
📄 README.md	Update README.md	5 months ago

<https://github.com/jimmynguyc/sc2replaystats-uploader>

Honorable Mentions

- Bundler
- Cancancan / Pundit
- pry-byebug
- Carrierwave / Paperclip
- Sidekiq
- apipie-rails / grape-swagger-rails
- Devise
- ActiveRecord
- Capistrano
- Rspec / FactoryGirl / SimpleCov
- Rubocop

So what's your favorite gems?

Thanks !!