

**WHAT YOU (AND I)
SHOULD DO**

DISCLAIMER: "SHOULD"

(NO I DON'T ALWAYS DO THIS BUT I SHOULD)

(FOR DEVELOPERS)

WHY THIS REMINDER?

GETTING RID OF BAD CODE

- It's your job to make stuff better
- Shouldn't ask for permission for this

POINTERS TO GOOD RESOURCES TO IMPROVE CODE

VERY VERY VERY BASIC, SIMPLE STUFF

1. TO READ

RUBY STYLE GUIDE

**[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/BBATSOV/RUBY-
STYLE-GUIDE](https://github.com/bbatsov/ruby-style-guide)**

RAILS STYLE GUIDE

**[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/BBATSOV/RAILS-
STYLE-GUIDE](https://github.com/bbatsov/rails-style-guide)**

NUMEROUS BLOGS

LOOK FOR THEM

2. TO LISTEN

THE BIKE SHED

[HTTP://BIKESHED.FM/](http://bikeshed.fm/)

RUBY / RAILS / PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

EPIISODES WITH KATRINA OWEN / SANDI METZ

**SO HERE IS THE SIMPLE STUFF WE
DO WRONG**

LOUSY COMMENTS

(IMPRECISE, WRONG, OBVIOUS)

COMMENTED OUT CODE

TRAILING WHITESPACE

SET SUBLIME TEXT TO

```
"trim_trailing_white_space_on_save": true
```

(YOUR FAVOURITE EDITOR™ WILL HAVE A SETTING)

ALSO:

```
"ensure_newline_at_eof_on_save": true  
  "translate_tabs_to_spaces": true
```

TO_S IN STRING INTERPOLATION

EXPLICIT DEFAULT PARAMETERS

```
def explicit_default_arguments  
  [1, 2, 3].join(' ')  
end
```

BEWARE OF DEPENDENCIES
BEWARE OF TOO MANY GEMS

**“SHUT UP, AREN'T THERE MORE
URGENT PROBLEMS?”**

Getting the simple things right will make your life better and makes it easier to focus on the hard stuff!