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RAILS INSTALLER GET UP & RUNNING WITH RAILS

STEP 1

DOWNLOAD the KIT

For Windows only. Mac and Linux versions coming soon.

Rails Installer runs everything you need to get things going. In one easy-to-use installer, you get all the common packages needed for a full Rails stack. Download it now and be writing (and running) Rails code in no time. Packages included are:

- [Ruby](#) 1.8.7-p334
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WINDOWS ONLY

STEP 2

WATCH the VIDEO



In this short video, you'll see the simple installation process and how to confirm that Ruby, Rails, Git, etc are all installed properly. Watch it here or if you have trouble, view it on [YouTube](#).

STEP 3

WHAT'S NEXT?

You've got everything installed. You've written (and ran) some code. If you find yourself asking *where do I go from here*, don't worry. You're not alone.

The answer is *just about anywhere*, but here's a handful of good places to start. The official [Ruby on Rails site](#), [blog](#), [Twitter account \(@rails\)](#), and [mailing list](#). If you're into IRC, swing by #rubyonrails on irc.freenode.net. There's always the ever-growing [Ruby on Rails guides](#). If you learn by watching, there are more [screencasts](#).



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CREATING A RAILS APP



```
$ rails
```

Usage:

```
rails new APP_PATH [options]
```

Options:

```
-0, [--skip-active-record]
```

```
# Skip Active Record files
```

```
-d, [--database=DATABASE]
```

```
# Preconfigure database
```

```
# Default: sqlite3
```

```
-j, [--javascript=JAVASCRIPT]
```

```
# Preconfigure JavaScript library
```

```
# Default: jquery
```

Runtime options:

```
-f, [--force] # Overwrite files that already exist
```

```
-p, [--pretend] # Run but do not make any changes
```

Example:

```
rails new ~/Code/Ruby/weblog
```

CREATING A RAILS APP



```
$ rails new TwitterForZombies
```

```
create Gemfile
create app
create app/controllers/application_controller.rb
create app/mailers
create app/models
create app/views/layouts/application.html.erb
create config
create log
create public/index.html
create script/rails
run bundle install
```

Creates a bare Rails app in a new TwitterForZombies directory

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CREATING A RAILS APP



```
$ rails new TwitterForZombies
```

```
run bundle install
```

Installs dependencies

```
Fetching source index for http://rubygems.org/
```

```
Installing rake (0.9.2)
```

```
Using activesupport (3.1)
```

```
Using rack (1.3.0)
```

```
Using actionpack (3.1)
```

```
Using actionmailer (3.1)
```

```
Using activerecord (3.1)
```

```
Using bundler (1.0.15)
```

```
Installing coffee-script (2.2.0)
```

```
Installing jquery-rails (1.0.12)
```

```
Using rails (3.1)
```

```
Installing sqlite3 (1.3.3) with native extensions
```

```
Your bundle is complete!
```

RAILS COMMANDS



```
$ cd TwitterForZombies  
$ rails
```

Usage: rails COMMAND [ARGS]

Lists commands

The most common rails commands are:

generate Generate new code (short-cut alias: "g")

console Start the Rails console (short-cut alias: "c")

server Start the Rails server (short-cut alias: "s")

dbconsole Start a console for the db in config/database.yml
(short-cut alias: "db")

All commands can be run with -h for more information.

STARTING THE SERVER



```
$ rails server
```

Starts a basic development server

```
=> Booting WEBrick  
=> Rails 3.1 app in development on http://0.0.0.0:3000
```

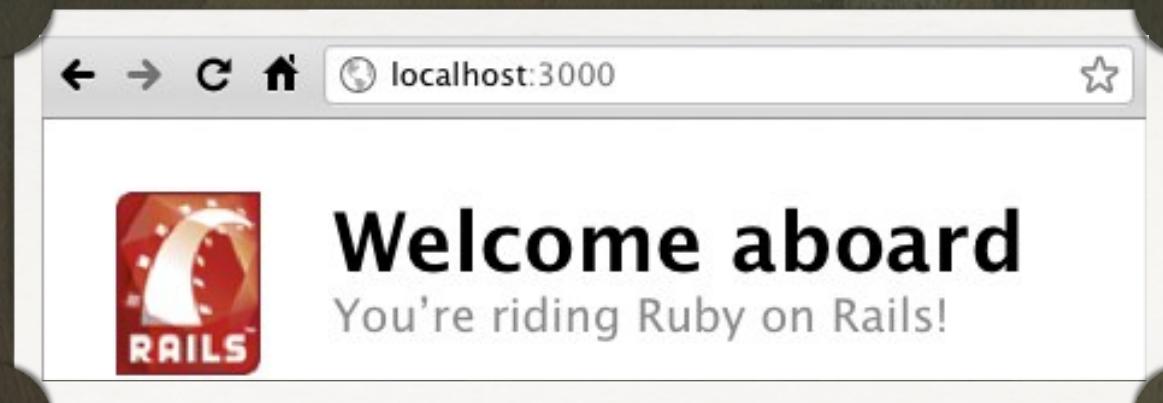
```
=> Call with -d to detach
```

```
=> Ctrl-C to shutdown server
```

```
[2011-06-30 16:44:43] INFO  WEBrick 1.3.1
```

```
[2011-06-30 16:44:43] INFO  ruby 1.9.2
```

```
[2011-06-30 16:44:43] INFO  WEBrick::HTTPServer#start: port=3000
```



Shortcut

```
$ rails s
```

```
$ rails server -h
```

To lookup options

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USING GENERATORS



```
$ rails generate
```

To create template files

Usage: rails generate GENERATOR [args]

Please choose a generator below.

Rails:

- helper
- mailer
- migration
- model
- scaffold

Shortcut

```
$ rails g
```

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STARTING WITH A SCAFFOLD



```
$ rails g scaffold
```

To create a starting point

Usage:

```
rails generate scaffold NAME [field:type field:type]
```

Description:

Scaffolds an entire resource, from model and migration to controller and views, along with a full test suite.

Example

```
$ rails g scaffold zombie name:string bio:text age:integer
```

Variable types

string

text

integer

boolean

decimal

float

binary

date

time

datetime

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STARTING WITH A SCAFFOLD



```
$ rails g scaffold zombie name:string bio:text age:integer
```

```
invoke    active_record  
create    db/migrate/20110701230207_create_zombies.rb  
create    app/models/zombie.rb
```

Model

```
route    resources :zombies
```

Routing

```
create    app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb
```

Controller

```
create    app/views/zombies  
create    app/views/zombies/index.html.erb  
create    app/views/zombies/edit.html.erb  
create    app/views/zombies/show.html.erb  
create    app/views/zombies/new.html.erb
```

View

PLUS TESTS, HELPERS, AND ASSETS

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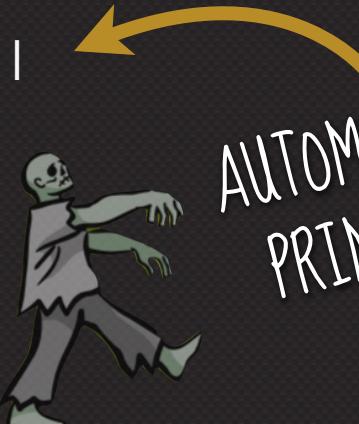
INTRODUCING A MIGRATION



db/migrate/20110701230207_create_zombies.rb

Migration

```
class CreateZombies < ActiveRecord::Migration
  def change
    create_table :zombies do |t|
      t.string :name
      t.text :bio
      t.integer :age
      t.timestamps
    end
  end
end
```



AUTOMATICALLY CREATES A
PRIMARY KEY CALLED ID

t.datetime :created_at
t.datetime :updated_at

SAME AS

Date & time automatically set on
create and update events

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RUNNING MIGRATIONS



```
db/migrate/20110701230207_create_zombies.rb
```

```
$ rails s
```

```
← → C ⌂ localhost:3000/zombies
```

ActiveRecord::StatementInvalid

```
Could not find table 'zombies'
```

```
Rails.root: /Users/GreggPollack/Sites/TwitterForZombies
```

```
app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb:5:in `index'
```

```
@zombies = Zombie.all
```

FORGOT TO
RUN MIGRATIONS!

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RUNNING MIGRATIONS



```
$ rake db:migrate
```

To run all missing migrations

```
== CreateZombies: migrating
=====
-- create_table(:zombies)
 -> 0.001s
== CreateZombies: migrated (0.0012s)
=====
```

```
$ rails s
```

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows "localhost:3000/zombies". The main content area has a title "Listing zombies". Below the title is a table header with columns "Name", "Bio", and "Age". A single row is visible below the header, with the "Name" column containing the text "New Zombie".

Name	Bio	Age
New Zombie		

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RAILS CONSOLE

Shortcut

\$ rails c

\$ rails console

To debug our app

```
Loading development environment (Rails 3.1)
```

```
> Zombie.create(name: "Eric Allam", age: 27)
```

```
SQL (15.2ms) INSERT INTO "zombies" ("age", "bio", "name") VALUES  
(?, ?, ?) [[{"age": 27}, {"bio": nil}, {"name": "Eric Allam"}]]
```

```
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> z = Zombie.first
```

```
Zombie Load (0.2ms) SELECT "zombies".* FROM "zombies" LIMIT 1
```

```
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> z.name = "Caike Souza"
```

```
=> "Caike Souza"
```

```
> z.save
```

```
(0.5ms) UPDATE "zombies" SET "name" = 'Caike Souza' WHERE  
"zombies"."id" = 1
```

```
=> true
```

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RUBY 1.9 NEW HASH W/SYMBOL SYNTAX



```
Zombie.create(name: "Eric Allam", age: 27)
```

Ruby 1.9

Hash is a collection of key value pairs (key can be anything)

```
{ "first_name" => "Gregg" }      Ruby 1.8 & 1.9
```

```
{ 2 => "Pollack" }      Ruby 1.8 & 1.9
```

```
{ :name => "Eric Allam" }      Ruby 1.8 & 1.9
```

SAME
AS

```
{ name: "Eric Allam" }      Ruby 1.9
```

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RUBY 1.9 NEW HASH W/SYMBOL SYNTAX



Zombie.create(name: "Eric Allam", age: 27)

Ruby 1.9

Zombie.create(:name => "Eric Allam", :age => 27)

Ruby 1.8 & 1.9

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
```

```
def index  
  @zombies = Zombie.all
```

```
  respond_to do |format|  
    format.html  
    format.json { render json: @zombies }  
  end
```

```
end  
...
```

```
render :json => @zombies
```

SAME AS

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ADDING COLUMNS



Add<Anything>To<Table name>

Column Name Type

```
$ rails g migration AddEmailAndRottingToZombies email:string  
                           rotting:boolean
```

```
invoke active_record  
create  db/migrate/201173223_add_email_and_rotting_to_zombies.rb
```

```
class AddEmailAndRottingToZombies < ActiveRecord::Migration  
  def change  
    add_column :zombies, :email, :string  
    add_column :zombies, :rotting, :boolean, default: false  
  end  
end
```

migration options

default: <value>
first: true

limit: 30
after: :email

null: false
unique: true

POSITION

Migration Rake Tasks



CALL

\$ rake db:migrate

To run all missing migrations

\$ rake db:rollback

To rollback the previous migration

\$ rake db:schema:dump

Dump the current db state

\$ rake db:setup

Creates the db, loads schema, & seed

CREATES

When you start working on an existing app

db/schema.rb

Authoritative source for db schema

```
ActiveRecord::Schema.define(:version => 20110703223452) do
  create_table "zombies", :force => true do |t|
    t.string   "name"
    t.text    "bio"
    t.integer  "age"
    t.datetime "created_at"
    t.datetime "updated_at"
  end
end
```

Migration Commands

Remove<Anything>From<Table name>

```
$ rails g migration RemoveAgeFromZombies age:integer
```

```
class RemoveAgeFromZombies < ActiveRecord::Migration
```

```
  def up
```

```
    remove_column :zombies, :age
```

```
  end
```

```
  def down
```

```
    add_column :zombies, :age, :integer
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

RUN WITH ROLLBACK

migration commands

```
rename_column :zombies, :bio, :description
```

```
rename_table :zombies, :ghouls
```

```
drop_table :zombies
```

```
change_column :zombies, :age, :integer, limit: 4
```

```
change_column_default :zombies, :is_admin, default: true
```

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MIGRATION COMMANDS



<Anything>

```
$ rails g migration DropZombiesTable
```

```
class DropZombiesTable < ActiveRecord::Migration
```

```
  def up
```

```
    drop_table :zombies
```

```
  end
```

```
  def down
```

```
    create_table :zombies do |t|
```

```
      t.string   :name
```

```
      t.text     :bio
```

```
      t.integer  :age
```

```
      t.timestamps
```

```
    end
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

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Ruby on Rails Guides (v3.0.9)

These are the new guides for Rails 3. The guides for Rails 2.3 are still available at <http://guides.rubyonrails.org/v2.3.8/>.

These guides are designed to make you immediately productive with Rails, and to help you understand how all of the pieces fit together.



Rails Guides are a result of the ongoing [Guides hackfest](#), and a work in progress.



Guides marked with this icon are currently being worked on. While they might still be useful to you, they may contain incomplete information and even errors. You can help by reviewing them and posting your comments and corrections to the author.

Start Here

[Getting Started with Rails](#)

Everything you need to know to install Rails and create your first application.

Models

[Rails Database Migrations](#)

This guide covers how you can use Active Record migrations to alter your database in a structured and organized manner.



BUNDLER



/Gemfile

Contains all your application dependencies

```
source 'http://rubygems.org'
```

```
gem 'rails', '3.1'
```

```
gem 'sqlite3'
```

```
# Asset template engines
```

```
gem 'sass-rails', "~> 3.1"
```

```
gem 'coffee-script'
```

```
gem 'uglifier'
```

```
gem 'jquery-rails'
```

\$ bundle install

Installs all application dependencies



Initially called by 'rails new'

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Dive into Rails 3

Learn about all the new components like Bundler, Active Model, and Active Relation, as well as the new syntax of the router and Action Mailer. It's everything you need to get started.

Bundler & Action Mailer

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Description

Rails 3 ships with Bundler, a Ruby library that makes Dependency Management a painless process. In this video we learn Bundler basics and take a look at the new

<http://gembundler.com>



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0.9 v1.0

The best way to manage your application's dependencies

Bundler



Bundler manages an **application's dependencies** through its entire life across many machines systematically and repeatably.

I am interested in

Troubleshooting

Understanding Bundler

Gemfile Manual

CLI Manual

Getting Started

Getting started with bundler is easy

```
$ gem install bundler
```

Specify your dependencies in a Gemfile in your project's root

CONFIGURING YOUR DATABASE

From Gemfile

gem 'sqlite3'

/config/database.yml

Contains your database configuration



```
development:  
  adapter: sqlite3  
  database: db/development.sqlite3  
  pool: 5  
  timeout: 5000  
  
test:  
  adapter: sqlite3  
  database: db/test.sqlite3  
  pool: 5  
  timeout: 5000  
  
production:  
  adapter: sqlite3  
  database: db/production.sqlite3  
  pool: 5  
  timeout: 5000
```

For Mysql

```
database:  
  adapter: mysql2  
  encoding: utf8  
  database: tfzombies  
  pool: 5  
  username: root  
  password: secret  
  socket: /tmp/mysql.sock
```

In Gemfile

gem 'mysql2'



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GOOD CODE AND BAD CODE



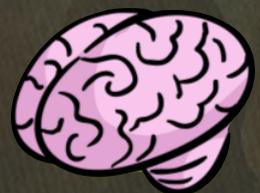
BAD CODE



GOOD CODE



NOTHING IN PARTICULAR



BRAINS - NO SUGAR ADDED

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NAMED SCOPE



app/controllers/rotting_zombies_controller.rb

```
class RottingZombiesController < ApplicationController  
  
  def index  
    @rotting_zombies = Zombie.where(rotting: true)  
    ...  
  end  
  
end
```



WE'RE OFTEN GOING TO QUERY

FOR ROTTING ZOMBIES

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NAMED SCOPE



app/controllers/rotting_zombies_controller.rb

```
class RottingZombiesController < ApplicationController
```

```
  def index
    @rotting_zombies = Zombie.rotting
    ...
  end

end
```



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  scope :rotting, where(rotting: true)
end
```



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NAMED SCOPE



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base  
  
  scope :rotting, where(rotting: true)  
  scope :fresh, where("age < 20")  
  scope :recent, order("created_at desc").limit(3)  
  
end
```

Use method chaining to create queries

Zombie.rotting.limit(5)

Zombie.recent.rotting

Zombie.recent.fresh.rotting

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CALLBACKS



Objective: When zombie age > 20, set **rotting** to true

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
def update
  @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])

  if @zombie.age > 20
    @zombie.rotting = true
  end

  respond_to do |format|
    if @zombie.update_attributes(params[:zombie])
      ...
    else
      ...
    end
  end
end
```



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CALLBACKS



Objective: When zombie age > 20, set **rotting** to true

app/models/zombie.rb

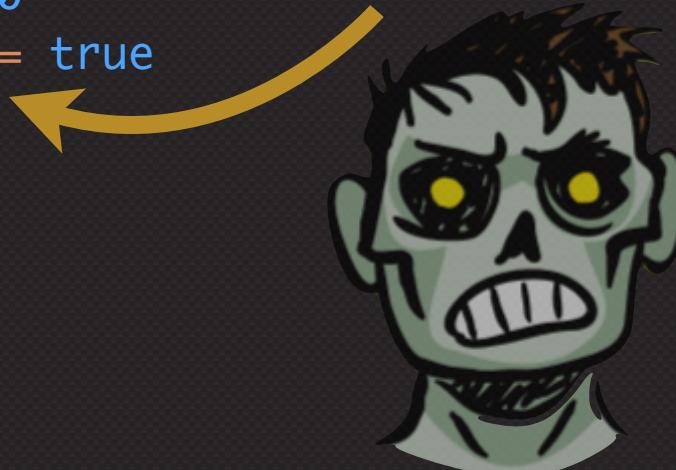
```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
```

```
before_save :make_rotting
```

```
def make_rotting  
  if @zombie.age > 20  
    @zombie.rotting = true  
  end  
end
```

```
end
```

INVALID VARIABLES



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CALLBACKS



Objective: When zombie age > 20, set **rotting** to true

app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
```

```
before_save :make_rotting
```

```
def make_rotting  
  if age > 20  
    self.rotting = true
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

```
end
```



```
if @zombie.age > 20  
  @zombie.rotting = true  
end
```



reading attributes doesn't need self
setting attributes needs "self."

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CALLBACKS



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
```

```
before_save :make_rotting
```

```
def make_rotting
```

```
  if age > 20
```

```
    self.rotting = true
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

REFACTOR

```
def make_rotting
```

```
  self.rotting = true if age > 20
```

```
end
```



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RETURNING FALSE WILL HALT



app/models/brain.rb

```
class Brain < ActiveRecord::Base
  before_save :taste

  def taste
    return false
  end
```

```
def taste
  false
end
```

SAME AS

save **stops** if callback returns false

```
> b = Brain.new(:flavor => 'butter')
> b.save
=> false
```



BE CAREFUL OF RETURN VALUES



ALL CALLBACKS

`before_validation`
`after_validation`

`before_save`
`after_save`

`before_create`
`after_create`

`before_update`
`after_update`

`before_destroy`
`after_destroy`

1. Can use multiple callbacks
(even of same type)
2. If any return false then everything stops
(with `before` then `save/destroy` isn't done)

Examples:

`after_create :send_welcome_email`

`before_save :encrypt_password`

`before_destroy :set_deleted_flag`

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A Tweet **belongs to** a Zombie

app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base  
  belongs_to :zombie  
end
```

A Zombie **has many** Tweets

app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base  
  has_many :tweets  
end
```

Singular
tweets

Plural

id	status	zombie_id
1	Where can I get a good bite to eat?	1
2	My left arm is missing, but I don't care.	2
3	I just ate some delicious brains.	3
4	OMG, my fingers turned green. #FML	1

zombies

id	name	graveyard
1	Ash	Glen Haven Memorial Cemetery
2	Bob	Chapel Hill Cemetery
3	Jim	My Father's Basement



HAS ONE



Objective: A zombie may or may not have a (single) brain



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Objective: A zombie may or may not have a (single) brain

```
$ rails g model brain zombie_id:integer status:string flavor:string  
invoke    active_record  
create    db/migrate/20110805011138_create_brains.rb  
create    app/models/brain.rb
```

Model

db/migrate/20110805011138_create_brains.rb

```
class CreateBrains < ActiveRecord::Migration  
  def change  
    create_table :brains do |t|  
      t.integer :zombie_id  
      t.string :status  
      t.string :flavor  
    end  
    add_index :brains, :zombie_id  
  end  
end
```

add a foreign_key index

\$ rake db:migrate

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HAS__ONE



Objective: A zombie may or may not have a (single) brain

app/models/brain.rb

```
class Brain < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :zombie
end
```

app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :brain
end
```

```
$ rails console
```

```
Loading development environment (Rails 3.1.0)
```

```
> z = Zombie.last
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> z.create_brain(status: "Squashed", flavor: "Mud")
=> #<Brain id: 1, zombie_id: 1, status: "Squashed", flavor: "Mud">
```

```
> z.brain
=> #<Brain id: 1, zombie_id: 1, status: "Squashed", flavor: "Mud">
```

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DESTROY ZOMBIE?



```
$ rails console
```

```
Loading development environment (Rails 3.1.0)
```

```
> z = Zombie.find(1)  
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> Brain.find(1)  
=> #<Brain id: 1, zombie_id: 1, status: "Squashed", flavor: "Mud">
```

```
> z.destroy  
SQL (0.4ms) DELETE FROM "zombies" WHERE "zombies"."id" = 1  
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> Brain.find(1)  
=> #<Brain id: 1, zombie_id: 1, status: "Squashed", flavor:>
```



ARG! ZOMBIE BRAIN STILL LIVES!

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has_one(association_id, options = {})
ActiveRecord::Associations::ClassMethods
Specifies a one-to-one association with another class. Th
has_one_association.rb
files/activerecord/lib/active_record/associations/has_
has_one_through_association.rb
files/activerecord/lib/active_record/associations/has_
expand_hash_conditions_for_association.rb
ActiveRecord::Base
Accepts a hash of SO
has_flash_with_cr
ActionDispatch::TestF
Do we have a flash th
has_session_obje
ActionDispatch::TestP
Does the specified ob
new_from_hash_c
ActiveSupport::HashWithIndifferentAccess
sanitize_sql_hash_for_assignment(attrs)
ActiveRecord::Base
Sanitizes a hash of attribute/value pairs into SQL condit
:dependent
If set to :destroy, the associated object is destroyed when this object is. If set to :delete, the associated object is deleted without calling its destroy method.
If set to :nullify, the associated object's foreign key is set to NULL. Also, association is assigned.
(association is replaced with the symbol passed as the first argument, so <code>has_one :manager</code> would add among other manager.nil?).
Example
An Account class declares <code>has_one :beneficiary</code> , which will add:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>Account#beneficiary</code> (similar to <code>Beneficiary.find(:first, :conditions => "account_id = #{id}")</code>) • <code>Account#beneficiary=(beneficiary)</code> (similar to <code>beneficiary.account_id = account.id; beneficiary.save</code>) • <code>Account#build_beneficiary</code> (similar to <code>Beneficiary.new("account_id" => id)</code>) • <code>Account#create_beneficiary</code> (similar to <code>b = Beneficiary.new("account_id" => id); b.save; b</code>)
Options
The declaration can also include an options hash to specialize the behavior of the association.
Options are:
:class_name
Specify the class name of the association. Use it only if that name can't be inferred from the association name. So :manager will by default be linked to the Manager class, but if the real class name is Person, you'll have to specify :class_name.
:conditions

has_one(association_id, options = {})

Specifies a one-to-one association with another class. This method should only be used if the other class contains the foreign key. If the current class contains the foreign key, then you should use `belongs_to` instead. See also ActiveRecord::Associations::ClassMethods's overview on when to use `has_one` and when to use `belongs_to`.

The following methods for retrieval and query of a single associated object will be added:

association(force_reload = false)

Returns the associated object. `nil` is returned if none is found.

association=(associate)

Assigns the associated object. If the association is dependent, it will be automatically associated with the object.

associate object.

linked to this object th
s. It will NOT work if

I to this object throu

DESTROYING THE ZOMBIE'S BRAIN



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :brain, dependent: :destroy
end
```

\$ rails console

```
Loading development environment (Rails 3.1.0)
> z = Zombie.find(1)
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> z.destroy
SQL (0.5ms)  DELETE FROM "brains" WHERE "brains"."id" = 1
SQL (0.2ms)  DELETE FROM "zombies" WHERE "zombies"."id" = 1
```



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RELATIONSHIP OPTIONS



`dependent: :destroy`

will call destroy on associated objects

`foreign_key: :undead_id`

changes the associated key (i.e. zombie_id)

`primary_key: :zid`

changes the primary key (i.e. id)

`validate: true`

when zombie validates brain will too

And many more
(read the documentation)

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RELATIONSHIP “INCLUDE” OPTION



app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
def index  
  @zombies = Zombie.all
```

app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<% @zombies.each do |zombie| %>  
  <tr>  
    <td><%= zombie.name %></td>  
    <td><%= zombie.brain.flavor %></td>  
  </tr>  
<% end %>
```

Server runs

Zombie Load (0.1ms) SELECT * FROM "zombies"
Brain Load (0.2ms) SELECT * FROM "brains" WHERE "zombie_id" = 4
Brain Load (0.1ms) SELECT * FROM "brains" WHERE "zombie_id" = 5
Brain Load (0.1ms) SELECT * FROM "brains" WHERE "zombie_id" = 6
Brain Load (0.1ms) SELECT * FROM "brains" WHERE "zombie_id" = 7

Listing zombies

Name	Brain Flavor
Joe	Mud
Jim	Strawberry
Bob	Butter
Tony	Bubble Gum



QUERY FOR EACH BRAIN!
N + 1 ISSUE

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RELATIONSHIP “INCLUDE” OPTION



app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
def index  
  @zombies = Zombie.includes(:brain).all
```



app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<% @zombies.each do |zombie| %>  
<tr>  
  <td><%= zombie.name %></td>  
  <td><%= zombie.brain.flavor %></td>  
</tr>  
<% end %>
```

Listing zombies

Name	Brain Flavor
Joe	Mud
Jim	Strawberry
Bob	Butter
Tony	Bubble Gum

In the log files

Zombie Load (1.8ms) SELECT * FROM "zombies"

Brain Load (0.3ms) SELECT * FROM "brains" WHERE "zombie_id" IN (4, 5, 6, 7)

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HAS __ MANY :THROUGH

Objective: A zombie may play multiple roles



Captain



Scout



Soldier



Brain Taster



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HAS_MANY :THROUGH



Objective: A zombie may play multiple roles



ONLY GOING TO WORK
IF A ZOMBIE HAS ONE ROLE!

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HAS_MANY :THROUGH



Objective: A zombie may play multiple roles



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HAS_MANY :THROUGH



Objective: A zombie may play multiple roles



db/migrate/xxx_create_assignments.rb

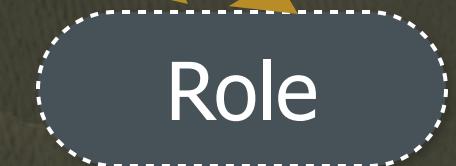
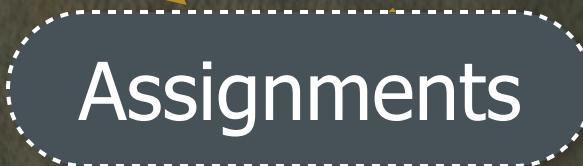
```
class CreateAssignments < ...
  def change
    create_table :assignments do |t|
      t.integer :zombie_id
      t.integer :role_id
    end
    add_index :assignments, :zombie_id
    add_index :assignments, :role_id
  end
end
```

db/migrate/xxx_create_roles.rb

```
class CreateRoles < ...
  def change
    create_table :roles do |t|
      t.string :title
    end
  end
end
```



has_many :through



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :assignments
  has_many :roles, through: :assignments
end
```

app/models/assignment.rb

```
class Assignment < ...
  belongs_to :zombie
  belongs_to :role
end
```

app/models/role.rb

```
class Role < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :assignments
  has_many :zombies, through: :assignments
end
```

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HAS_MANY :THROUGH



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :assignments
  has_many :roles, through: :assignments
end
```

```
$ rails console
```

```
> z = Zombie.last
=> #<Zombie id: 1, name: "Eric Allam", bio: nil, age: 27>
```

```
> z.roles << Role.find_by_title("Captain")
Role Load (0.2ms) SELECT * FROM "roles" WHERE "title" = 'Captain' LIMIT 1
SQL (0.4ms) INSERT INTO "assignments" ("role_id", "zombie_id") VALUES (2, 1)
```

<< is a function on Array

it's the same as z.roles.push

```
> z.roles
```

```
Role Load (0.3ms)  SELECT "roles".* FROM "roles" INNER JOIN "assignments" ON
"roles"."id" = "assignments"."role_id" WHERE "assignments"."zombie_id" = 1
```

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WHAT IS REST?

Representational State Transfer



Roy Fielding

published a dissertation in 2000 entitled

“Architectural Styles and the Design of Network-based Software Architectures”

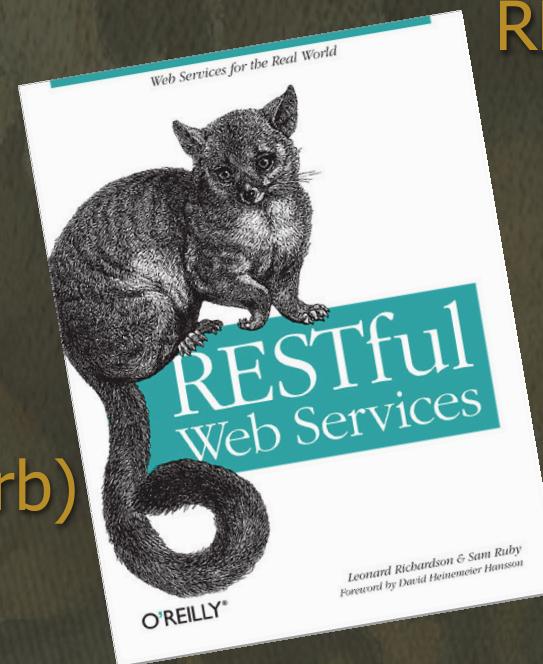
Example of REST
HTTP Protocol

1. Resources (noun)

addressable through URI

2. Standard methods (verb)

GET, POST, PUT, DELETE



REST IN PIECES

RESTful Web Services
by Leonard Richardson
& Sam Ruby

FOR MORE INFO

HOW DID RAILS BECOME RESTFUL?



app/controllers/users_controller.rb

```
class UserController < ApplicationController
```

```
  def login_to_website  
    ...  
  end
```

```
  def subscribe_to_mailing_list  
    ...  
  end
```

```
  def process_credit_card_transaction  
    ...  
  end
```

```
end
```



Bad Because...

- 1. Lends itself to huge controllers
- 2. Multiple models per controller

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RAILS 1 RECOMMENDED REST



app/controllers/users_controller.rb

```
class UserController < ApplicationController
```

```
# GET /users/show/3
```

```
def show
```

```
# POST /users/create
```

```
def create
```

```
# POST /users/update/3
```

```
def update
```

```
# POST /users/destroy/3
```

```
def destroy
```

```
end
```



Bad Because...

We're repeating the VERB!

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USING PROPER REST



Rails 1

Actions	show	create	update	destroy
SQL	select	create	update	delete
REST	get	post	post	post

Rails 2+

Actions	show	create	update	destroy
SQL	select	create	update	delete
REST	get	post	put	delete

USING THE REST VERBS



USING PROPER REST



Verb	Noun
GET	/users/show/3
POST	/users/create
POST	/users/update/3
POST	/users/destroy/3

Verb	Noun
GET	/users/3
POST	/users
PUT	/users/3
DELETE	/users/3

Rails 1

WITH PROPER VERBS WE CAN SIMPLIFY THE URI

Rails 2+

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Show user

Verb

?

||

Noun

?

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Activity

Show user

||

Verb

GET

Noun

User

/users/3



Activity

Create user

||

Verb

POST

Noun

User

/users

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Update user

||

Verb

PUT

Noun

User

/users/3



Destroy user

||

Verb

DELETE

Noun

User

/users/3

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Activity

Play Global Thermonuclear War

||

Verb

POST

Noun

GlobalThermonuclearWar

/global_thermonuclear_wars

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Activity

Process credit card transaction

||

Verb

POST

Noun

Transaction

/orders/5/credit_card_transactions



Activity

Subscribe to mailing list

||

Verb

POST

Noun

Subscription

/mailing_lists/5/subscriptions



Activity

Logout

||

Verb

DELETE

Noun

Session

/sessions

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REVISED RAILS CONTROLLERS



class UserController

```
# GET /users/show/3  
def show
```

```
# POST /users/create  
def create
```

```
# POST /users/update/3  
def update
```

```
# POST /users/destroy/3  
def destroy
```

```
end
```



class UserController

```
# GET /users/3  
def show
```

```
# POST /users  
def create
```

```
# PUT /users/3  
def update
```

```
# DELETE /users/3  
def destroy
```

```
end
```



Rails 1

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Rails 2+

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RESTFUL LINKS



```
class UserController

  # GET /users/3
  def show

  # POST /users
  def create

  # PUT /users/3
  def update

  # DELETE /users/3
  def destroy

end
```

To link to each action

```
zombie = Zombie.find(2)
```

```
<%= link_to 'show', zombie %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'create', zombie, method: :post %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'update', zombie, method: :put %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete %>
```

BUT BROWSERS DON'T SUPPORT

PUT AND DELETE?!?

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EXPLAINING PUT AND DELETE



```
<%= link_to 'update', zombie, method: :put %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete %>
```

```
<a href="/zombies/4" data-method="put" rel="nofollow">update</a>
<a href="/zombies/4" data-method="delete" rel="nofollow">delete</a>
```

HTML5 data attribute



Creates by unobtrusive JavaScript

```
<form method="post" action="/zombies/4">
  <input name="_method" value="delete" />
</form>
```

_method set as method (verb) by Rails
(All under the covers)

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RAKE ROUTES

```
app/config/routes.rb  
resources :zombies
```

```
$ rake routes
```

zombies	GET	/zombies
	POST	/zombies
new_zombie	GET	/zombies/new
edit_zombie	GET	/zombies/:id/edit
zombie	GET	/zombies/:id
	PUT	/zombies/:id
	DELETE	/zombies/:id

{:action=>"index", :controller=>"zombies"}
{:action=>"create", :controller=>"zombies"}
{:action=>"new", :controller=>"zombies"}
{:action=>"edit", :controller=>"zombies"}
{:action=>"show", :controller=>"zombies"}
{:action=>"update", :controller=>"zombies"}
{:action=>"destroy", :controller=>"zombies"}

```
<%= link_to 'All Zombies', zombies_path %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'New Zombie', new_zombie_path %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'Edit Zombie', edit_zombie_path(@zombie) %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'Show Zombie', zombie_path(@zombie) %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'Show Zombie', @zombie %>
```



PATH AND URL HELPERS



Relative Path

`zombies_path`

`/zombies`

`new_zombie_path`

`/zombies/new`

Absolute Path

`zombies_url`

`http://localhost:3000/zombies`

`new_zombie_url`

`http://localhost:3000/zombies/new`

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CREATING A FORM



Both create and update zombie form

```
<%= form_for(@zombie) do |f| %>  
  ...  
<% end %>
```

If @zombie isn't saved to the database yet

```
<form action="/zombies" method="post">
```

If @zombie is saved to the database

```
<form action="/zombies/8" method="post">  
  <input name="_method" type="hidden" value="put" />
```

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SUBMIT BUTTON



Both create and update zombie form

```
<%= form_for(@zombie) do |f| %>  
  ...  
  <%= f.submit %>  
<% end %>
```

If @zombie isn't saved to the database yet

```
<input name="commit" type="submit" value="Create Zombie" />
```

If @zombie is already saved to the database

```
<input name="commit" type="submit" value="Update Zombie" />
```

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TEXT_FIELD_HELPER



```
<%= form_for(@zombie) do |f| %>
  ...
  <%= f.text_field :name %>
  <%= f.submit %>
<% end %>
```

When submitted, request parameters

```
:params => { :zombie => { :name => "Eric" } }
```

Can be viewed from log

If @zombie isn't saved to the database yet

```
<input name="zombie[name]" size="30" type="text" />
```

If @zombie is already saved to the database

```
<input name="zombie[name]" size="30" type="text" value="Eric" />
```

If @zombie.name has a validation error

```
<div class="field_with_errors">
  <input name="zombie[name]" size="30" type="text" value="" />
</div>
```

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LABEL HELPER

```
<%= form_for(@zombie) do |f| %>  
  ...  
  <%= f.label :name %><br />  
  <%= f.text_field :name %>  
  <%= f.submit %>  
<% end %>
```

Will render out

```
<label for="zombie_name">Name</label>
```

If @zombie.name has a validation error

```
<div class="field_with_errors">  
  <label for="zombie_name">Name</label>  
</div>
```

New zombie

Name

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INPUT HELPERS



```
<%= f.text_area :bio %>
```

Renders a multiline text area

```
<%= f.check_box :rotting %>
```

Check box used for booleans

List of radio buttons (without their labels)

```
<%= f.radio_button :decomp, 'fresh', checked: true %>
<%= f.radio_button :decomp, 'rotting' %>
<%= f.radio_button :decomp, 'stale' %>
```

Select box with three options

```
<%= f.select :decomp, ['fresh', 'rotting', 'stale'] %>
```

Select box with three options, each with a numerical value

```
<%= f.select :decomp, [['fresh', 1], ['rotting', 2], ['stale', 3]] %>
```

ALTERNATE TEXT INPUT HELPERS

```
<%= f.password_field :password %>
```

.....



```
<%= f.number_field :price %>
```

212,312

```
<%= f.range_field :quantity %>
```



```
<%= f.email_field :email %>
```



```
<%= f.url_field :website %>
```



```
<%= f.telephone_field :mobile %>
```



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NESTED ROUTES



app/config/routes.rb

```
TwitterForZombies::Application.routes.draw do
```

```
  resources :zombies  
  resources :tweets
```

```
end
```



/tweets/2

To find a tweet

/tweets?zombie_id=4

To find all zombie's tweet

NOT VERY RESTFUL,

TWEETS SHOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT A ZOMBIE!!

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NESTED ROUTES



app/config/routes.rb

```
TwitterForZombies::Application.routes.draw do
  resources :zombies do
    resources :tweets
  end
end
```



/zombies/4/tweets/2

To find a tweet

/zombies/4/tweets

To find all zombie's tweet

To make this work, we must:

1. Update the controller
2. Update all the links & form_for

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UPDATING THE CONTROLLER FOR NESTING



```
/zombies/4/tweets/2
```

```
params = { :zombie_id => 4, :id => 2 }
```

```
app/controller/tweets_controller.rb
```

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  before_filter :get_zombie

  def get_zombie
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:zombie_id])
  end

  def show
    @tweet = @zombie.tweets.find(params[:id])
    ...
  end

end
```

```
/zombies/4/tweets
```

```
params = { :zombie_id => 4 }
```

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UPDATING THE CONTROLLER FOR NESTING



/zombies/4/tweets

```
params = { :zombie_id => 4 }
```

app/controller/tweets_controller.rb

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  before_filter :get_zombie

  def get_zombie
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:zombie_id])
  end

  def index
    @tweets = @zombie.tweets
    ...
  end

end
```

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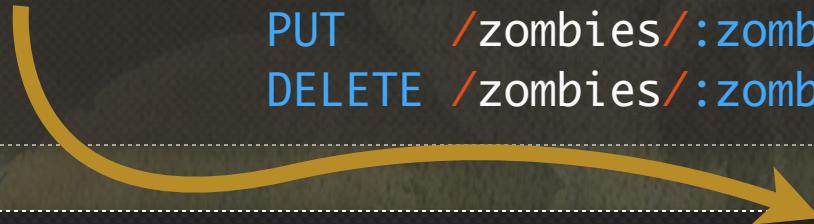


NESTED RAKE ROUTES



```
$ rake routes
```

zombie_tweets	GET	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets
	POST	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets
new_zombie_tweet	GET	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets/new
edit_zombie_tweet	GET	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets/:id/edit
zombie_tweet	GET	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets/:id
	PUT	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets/:id
	DELETE	/zombies/:zombie_id/tweets/:id



```
<%= link_to "#{@zombie.name}'s Tweets", zombie_tweet_path(@zombie) %>
<%= link_to 'New Tweet', new_zombie_tweet_path(@zombie) %>
<%= link_to 'Edit', edit_zombie_tweet_path(@zombie, tweet) %>
<%= link_to 'Show', zombie_tweet_path(@zombie, tweet) %>
<%= link_to 'Show', [@zombie, tweet] %>
<%= link_to 'Destroy', [@zombie, tweet], method: :delete %>
```

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UPDATING THE VIEW FOR NESTING



app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>
  <tr>
    <td><%= tweet.body %></td>
    <td><%= link_to 'Show', [@zombie, tweet] %></td>
    <td><%= link_to 'Edit', edit_zombie_tweet_path(@zombie, tweet) %></td>
    <td><%= link_to 'Destroy', [@zombie, tweet], method: :delete %></td>
  </tr>
<% end %>

<%= link_to 'New Tweet', new_zombie_tweet_path(@zombie) %>
```

app/views/tweets/_form.html.erb

```
<%= form_for(@zombie, @tweet) do |f| %>
```

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UPDATING ROUTES IN THE CONTROLLER



app/controller/tweets_controller.rb

```
...
def create
  @tweet = Tweets.new(params[:tweet])

  respond_to do |format|
    if @tweet.save
      format.html { redirect_to @tweet,
                      notice: 'Tweet was successfully created.' }
      format.json { render json: @tweet,
                      status: :created,
                      location: @tweet }
    else
      format.html { render action: "new" }
      format.json { render json: @tweet.errors,
                      status: :unprocessable_entity }
    end
  end
end
```



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UPDATING ROUTES IN THE CONTROLLER



app/controller/tweets_controller.rb

```
...
def create
  @tweet = @zombie.tweets.new(params[:tweet])

  respond_to do |format|
    if @tweet.save
      format.html { redirect_to [@zombie, @tweet],
                                notice: 'Tweet was successfully created.' }
      format.json { render json: [@zombie, @tweet],
                                status: :created,
                                location: [@zombie, @tweet] }

    else
      format.html { render action: "new" }
      format.json { render json: @tweet.errors,
                                status: :unprocessable_entity }
    end
  end
end
```



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PARTIALS - HOW WE REUSE VIEW CODE



Partials start with an underscore

app/views/tweets/_form.html.erb

```
<%= form_for(@zombie, @tweet) do |f| %>
```

app/views/tweets/new.html.erb

```
<h1>New tweet</h1>
```

```
<%= render 'form' %>
```

```
<%= link_to 'Back', zombie_tweets_path(@zombie) %>
```

app/views/tweets/edit.html.erb

```
<h1>Editing tweet</h1>
```

```
<%= render 'form' %>
```

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VIEW HELPERS - MAKING STRINGS SAFE



New tweet

```
<script>alert('Hello');</script>
```

Create Tweet

<script>



make safe

<script>

Rails 2

```
<%= @tweet.body %>
```

(unsafe)



Rails 2

```
<%= h @tweet.body %>
```

(safe)

Rails 3

```
<%= raw @tweet.body %>
```

(unsafe)



Rails 3

```
<%= @tweet.body %>
```

(safe)

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2

ADDITIONAL VIEW HELPERS



```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>
  <div id="tweet_<%= tweet.id %>" class="tweet">
    <%= tweet.body %>
  </div>
<% end %>
```

SAME AS

```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>
  <%= div_for tweet do %>
    <%= tweet.body %>
  <% end %>
<% end %>
```

dom_id(@tweet) → tweet_2

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ADDITIONAL VIEW HELPERS



```
<%= truncate("I need brains!", :length => 10) %>
```

I need bra...

```
<%= truncate("I need brains!", :length => 10, :separator => ' ') %>
```

I need...

```
I see <%= pluralize(Zombie.count, "zombie") %>
```

with 1

I see 1 zombie

with 2

I see 2 zombies

```
His name was <%= @zombie.name.titleize %>
```

His name was Ash Williams

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ADDITIONAL VIEW HELPERS



Ash's zombie roles are <%= @role_names.to_sentence %>

Ash's zombie roles are Captain, Soldier, and Brain Taster

He was buried alive <%= time_ago_in_words @zombie.created_at %> ago

He was buried alive 2 days ago

Price is <%= number_to_currency 13.5 %>

Price is \$13.50

Ash is <%= number_to_human 13234355423 %> years old

Ash is 13.2 billion years old

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Active Support Core Extensions

Active Support is the Ruby on Rails component responsible for providing Ruby language extensions, utilities, and other transversal stuff.

It offers a richer bottom-line at the language level, targeted both at the development of Rails applications, and at the development of Ruby on Rails itself.

By referring to this guide you will learn the extensions to the Ruby core classes and modules provided by Active Support.



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1 How to Load Core Extensions

1.1 Stand-Alone Active Support

In order to have a near zero default footprint, Active Support does not load anything by default. It is broken in small pieces so that you may load just what you need, and also has some convenience entry points to load related extensions in one shot, even everything.



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CREATE A ZOMBIE MAILER



Objective: Create emails for decomposition change and lost brain

```
$ rails g mailer ZombieMailer decomp_change lost_brain
```

| | | |
|--------|--|--------|
| create | app/mailers/zombie_mailer.rb | Mailer |
| invoke | erb | |
| create | app/views/zombie_mailer | |
| create | app/views/zombie_mailer/decomp_change.text.erb | |
| create | app/views/zombie_mailer/lost_brain.text.erb | |

app/mailers/zombie_mailer.rb

```
class ZombieMailer < ActionMailer::Base
  default from: "from@example.com"

  def decomp_change
    @greeting = "Hi"
    mail to: "to@example.org"
  end
  ...
end
```

INSTANCE VARS WE WANT IN OUR VIEWS

CREATE A ZOMBIE MAILER



app/mailers/zombie_mailer.rb

```
class ZombieMailer < ActionMailer::Base
  default from: "from@example.com"

  def decomp_change(zombie)
    @zombie = zombie
    @last_tweet = @zombie.tweets.last

    attachments['z.pdf'] = File.read("#{Rails.root}/public/zombie.pdf")
    mail to: @zombie.email, subject: 'Your decomp stage has changed'
  end
  ...
end
```

```
from: my@email.com
cc: my@email.com
bcc: my@email.com
reply_to: my@email.com
```



CAN ALSO BE DEFAULTS

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING

MAILER VIEWS



app/views/zombie_mailer/decomp_change.text.erb

Greetings <%= @zombie.name %>,

Your decomposition state is now <%= @zombie.decomp %> and your last tweet was: <%= @last_tweet.body %>

Good luck!

If you want HTML emails, you just rename text to html

app/views/zombie_mailer/decomp_change.html.erb

<h1>Greetings <%= @zombie.name %>, </h1>

<p>Your decomposition state is now <%= @zombie.decomp %> and your last tweet was: <%= @last_tweet.body %></p>

<%= link_to "View yourself", zombie_url(@zombie) %>

If you want multipart (both html & text) just make 2 files

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SENDING MAIL



app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  after_save :decomp_change_notification, if: :decomp_changed?

  private

  def decomp_change_notification
    ZombieMailer.decomp_change(self).deliver
  end
end
```

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING



Mass mailing is best done outside of Rails.

Gemfile `gem 'madmimi'` then 'bundle install'

```
mimi = MadMimi.new('<email>', '<api_key>')
```

```
mimi.add_to_list('gregg@envylabs.com', 'newsletter')
```

```
mimi.remove_from_list('gregg@envylabs.com', 'newsletter')
```

```
mimi.memberships('gregg@envylabs.com')
```

Monthly Newsletter

Our newsletter contains information about new courses, live events,
and other Code School news



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Delete Junk

Reply Reply All Forward Print To Do

From: Code School <newsletter@codeschool.com>
Subject: The Code School Newsletter - August 2011
Date: August 10, 2011 12:05:41 PM EDT
To: gregg+test@envylabs.com



Code School's August Newsletter

Hello again, this is Gregg Pollack, the guy from Code School. I'm excited to fill you in on the latest news from our team.

In this newsletter:

- [Rails for Zombies: Resurrection Announcement](#)
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- [Windy City Rails Tutorial](#)
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- [Get your company to join Code School, and save \\$](#)
- ["zombies".singularize => "zombie"](#)



Rails for Zombies: Resurrection Announcement

Great news for all you Zombie lovers, [Rails for Zombies 2](#) is coming out next month! You couldn't get enough of it, so here comes more.



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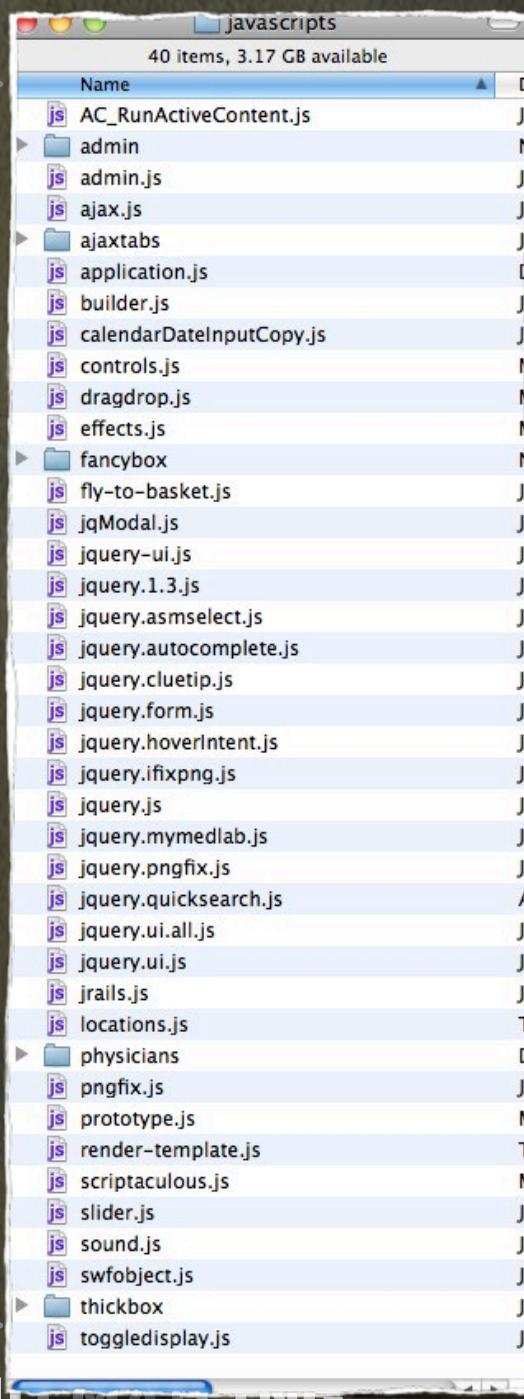


ASSET PIPELINE

Rails 3.0



JUNK DRAWERS



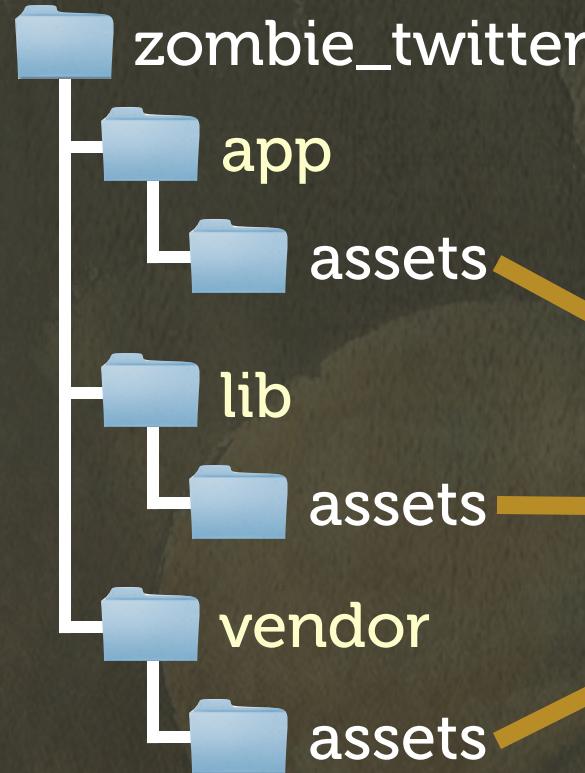
ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING



ASSET PIPELINE



Rails 3.1



app

Specific App Code

lib

My Shared Code

vendor

3rd Party Code



stylesheets



javascripts



images

/assets/custom.js

/assets/rails.png

Looks in all paths

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING

ASSET TAG HELPERS



```
<%= javascript_include_tag "custom" %>
```

```
  <script src="/assets/custom.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
```

```
<%= stylesheet_link_tag "style" %>
```

```
  <link href="/assets/style.css" media="screen"  
        rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
```

```
<%= image_tag "rails.png" %>
```

```
  
```

In production

```

```

FINGERPRINT



ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING

ASSET PATHS IN STYLESHEETS



```

```

Allows for better caching

app/assets/stylesheets/zombie.css

```
form.new_zombie input.submit {  
  background-image: url(/assets/button.png);  
}
```



NO CACHING

app/assets/stylesheets/zombie.css.erb

```
form.new_zombie input.submit {  
  background-image: url(<%= asset_path('button.png') %>);  
}
```



/assets/button-af27b6a414e6da000035031.png



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SCSS - SASSY CSS



SCSS is an extension to CSS3 adding nested rules, variables, mixins, selector inheritance, and more. **You get it by default in Rails 3.1.**

app/assets/stylesheets/zombie.css.scss.erb

```
form.new_zombie {  
  border: 1px dashed gray;  
}  
  
form.new_zombie .field#bio {  
  display: none;  
}  
  
form.new_zombie input.submit {  
  background-image: url(<%= asset_path('button.png') %>);  
}
```

ARRG! WE ARE
REPEATING OURSELVES!!



Lets do some nesting!

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING

SCSS - SASSY CSS

Using nested rules

app/assets/stylesheets/zombie.css.scss.erb

```
form.new_zombie {  
  border: 1px dashed gray;  
  
  .field#bio {  
    display: none;  
  }  
  
  input.submit {  
    background-image: url(<%= asset_path('button.png') %>);  
  }  
}
```



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COFFEESCRIPT



CoffeeScript is a programming language that compiles into JavaScript.
You get it by default in Rails 3.1.

app/views/zombies/_form.html.erb

```
<%= form_for(@zombie) do |f| %>
  ...
  <a href="#" id="bio-toggle">Show Bio Field</a>

  <div class="field" id="bio">
    <%= f.label :bio %><br />
    <%= f.text_area :bio %>
  </div>
  ...
<% end %>
```

Objective: When Show Bio Field is clicked, make bio field appear, and Show link disappear.

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COFFEESCRIPT



app/views/zombies/_form.html.erb

```
<a href="#" id="show-bio">Show Bio Field</a>

<div class="field" id="bio">
  <%= f.label :bio %><br />
  <%= f.text_area :bio %>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.field#bio {
  display: none;
}
```

First with regular jQuery JavaScript

app/assets/javascripts/zombies.js

```
$(document).ready(function(){
  $('#show-bio').click(function(event) {
    event.preventDefault();
    $(this).hide();
    $('.field#bio').show();
  }
})
```

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COFFEESCRIPT



app/assets/javascripts/zombies.js

```
$(document).ready(function(){
  $('#show-bio').click(function(event) {
    event.preventDefault();
    $(this).hide();
    $('.field#bio').show();
  })
})
```

Now with CoffeeScript

app/assets/javascripts/zombies.js.coffee

```
$(document).ready ->
  $('#show-bio').click (event) ->
    event.preventDefault()
    $(this).hide()
    $('.field#bio').show()
```

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING



REMEMBER THE SCAFFOLD?



```
$ rails g scaffold zombie name:string bio:text age:integer
```

invoke	active_record	Model
create	db/migrate/20110701230207_create_zombies.rb	
create	app/models/zombie.rb	

route	resources :zombies	Routing
-------	--------------------	---------

create	app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb	Controller
--------	---------------------------------------	------------

create	app/views/zombies	View
create	app/views/zombies/index.html.erb	
create	app/views/zombies/edit.html.erb	
create	app/views/zombies/show.html.erb	
create	app/views/zombies/new.html.erb	

PLUS TESTS, HELPERS, AND ASSETS

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING

THE DEFAULT ASSET GENERATION



```
$ rails g scaffold zombie name:string bio:text age:integer
```

```
invoke  active_record  
create  db/migrate/20110701230207_create_zombies.rb  
create  app/models/zombie.rb
```

Model

```
invoke assets  
create  app/assets/javascripts/zombies.js.coffee  
invoke scss  
create  app/assets/stylesheets/zombies.css.scss
```

Assets

From Gemfile

```
gem 'sass-rails'
```

```
gem 'coffee-script'
```

TO REMOVE, TAKE THEM OUT
AND RERUN "BUNDLE INSTALL"

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THE DEFAULT ASSET GENERATION



app/assets/javascripts/zombies.js.coffee

app/assets/javascripts/tweets.js.coffee

app/assets/javascripts/brains.js.coffee

app/assets/javascripts/roles.js.coffee

Do we need to include each of these files?

```
<%= javascript_include_tag "zombies", "tweets", "brains", "roles" %>
```

NO, because of the application.js & Sprockets.

```
<%= javascript_include_tag "application" %>
```

In here is a Manifest of the JavaScript libraries we use.

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SPROCKETS



In here is a Manifest of the JavaScript libraries we use.

```
/app/assets/javascripts/application.js
```

```
//= require jquery           include the jQuery framework JavaScript
```

```
//= require jquery_ujs        include Rails specific unobtrusive JavaScript
```

```
//= require_tree .            include all files in this directory
```

Combines all files

```
<script src="/assets/application.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
```

In production

```
<script src="/assets/application-af27b6a414e6da000035031.js"
       type="text/javascript"></script>
```

To precompile all files into /public/assets/ (on your server)

```
$ rake assets:precompile
```

BY DEFAULT IT MINIFIES ALL CODE

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REQUIRING OTHER FILES



lib/assets/javascripts/shared.js.coffee

vendor/assets/javascripts/friend.js

/app/assets/javascripts/application.js

```
//= require jquery
//= require jquery_ujs
//= require shared
//= require friend
//= require_tree .
```

Can be used to specify order

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ASSET STYLESHEETS



/app/assets/stylesheets/application.css

```
/*
 *= require_self
 *= require_tree .
 */
```

```
form.new_zombie {
  border: 1px dashed gray;
}
```

Specifies where to insert content in this file

INCLUDED BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE

ASSET PACKAGING AND MAILING

ASSET STYLESHEETS



/app/assets/stylesheets/application.css

```
/*
 *= require reset
 *= require_self
 *= require_tree .
 */
```

```
form.new_zombie {
  border: 1px dashed gray;
}
```

Included before the content in this file

```
<link href="/assets/application.css" media="screen"
      rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
```

In production also going to be minified

```
<link href="/assets/application-af27b6414e6da0000.css" media="screen"
      rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
```

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Asset Pipeline

This guide will cover the ideology of the asset pipeline introduced in Rails 3.1. By referring to this guide you will be able to:

- ✓ Understand what the asset pipeline is and what it does
- ✓ Properly organize your application assets
- ✓ Understand the benefits of the asset pipeline
- ✓ Adding a pre-processor to the pipeline
- ✓ Package assets with a gem

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1 What Is The Asset Pipeline?

The asset pipeline provides a framework to concatenate and minify or compress Javascript and CSS assets. It also adds the ability to write these assets in other languages such as CoffeeScript, SCSS and ERB.

Prior to Rails 3.1 these features were added through third-party Ruby libraries such as Jammit and



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2

DEFAULT ACTION RENDERING



app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def show
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
  end
end
```

BY DEFAULT LOOKS FOR

app/views/zombies/show.html.erb

Objective: Respond to HTML and JSON

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

DEFAULT RESPOND_TO BLOCK



Objective: Respond to HTML and JSON

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def show
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    respond_to do |format|
      format.html # show.html.erb
      format.json { render json: @zombie }
    end
  end
end
```

Objective: If dead, render '/view/zombies/dead_again.html.erb'

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

SPECIFYING A CUSTOM RENDER



Objective: If dead, render '/view/zombies/dead_again.html.erb'

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def show
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    respond_to do |format|
      format.html do
        if @zombie.decomp == 'Dead (again)'
          render :dead_again
        end
      end
      format.json { render json: @zombie }
    end
  end
end
```

IF NOT DEAD, RENDERS SHOW

Objective: Remove JSON, we don't need it.

RENDERING EXTREMITIES



RESPONDS TO JUST ONE THING



Objective: Remove JSON, we don't need it.

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def show
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    if @zombie.decomp == 'Dead (again)'
      render :dead_again
    end
  end
end
```

Objective: We ONLY need JSON

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

IF WE ONLY NEED JSON



app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def show
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    render json: @zombie
  end
end
```

HTTP Status Codes

200	:ok
201	:created
422	:unprocessable_entity

DEFAULT

401	:unauthorized
102	:processing
404	:not_found

Examples

```
render json: @zombie.errors, status: :unprocessable_entity
```

```
render json: @zombie, status: :created, location: @zombie
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

URL FOR NEW ZOMBIE

CUSTOM ROUTE CHALLENGE



Create a new action in the Zombies controller which returns JUST decomp in JSON, and if “dead (again)” give status :unprocessable_entity

- 1 Add a new member route
- 2 Create a new action in the ZombiesController

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1 Add a new member route

http://localhost:3000/zombies/4/decomp

config/routes.rb

```
match 'zombies/:id/decomp' => 'Zombies#decomp', :as => :decomp_zombie
```

```
resources :zombies do
  resources :tweets
    get :decomp, on: :member
end
```

SAME AS

Creates a custom RESTful Route

\$ rake routes

```
decomp_zombie  GET /zombies/:id/decomp {:action=>"decomp", :controller=>"zombies"}
```

Then we can use this route helper:

```
<%= link_to 'Get Decomposition Status', decomp_zombie_path(@zombie) %>
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

2 TYPES OF CUSTOM ROUTES



:member

Acts on a single resource

:collection

Acts on a collection of resources

Route	URL	Route Helper
get :decomp, on: :member	/zombies/:id/decomp	decomp_zombie_path(@zombie)
put :decay, on: :member	/zombies/:id/decay	decay_zombie_path(@zombie)
get :fresh, on: :collection	/zombies/fresh	fresh_zombies_path
post :search, on: :collection	/zombies/search	search_zombies_path

Examples:

```
<%= link_to 'Fresh zombies', fresh_zombies_path %>
```

```
<%= form_tag(search_zombies_path) do |f| %>
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

CUSTOM ROUTE CHALLENGE



Create a new action in the Zombies controller which returns JUST decomp in JSON, and if “dead (again)” give status :unprocessable_entity

1 Add a new member route

```
resources :zombies do
  resources :tweets
    get :decomp, on: :member
end
```

2 Create a new action in the ZombiesController

RENDERING EXTREMITIES



2 Create a new action in the ZombiesController

/app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def decomp
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    if @zombie.decomp == 'Dead (again)'
      render json: @zombie, status: :unprocessable_entity
    else
      render json: @zombie, status: :ok
    end
  end
end
```

{

```
  "age": 25,
  "bio": "I am zombified",
  "created_at": "2011-08-06T20:22:11Z",
  "decomp": "Fresh",
  "email": "zom@bied.com",
  "id": 6,
  "name": "Eric",
  "rotting": false,
  "updated_at": "2011-08-06T20:22:11Z"
}
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

BUT WE WANT
ONLY DECOMP!



CUSTOMIZE JSON RESPONSE



```
@zombie.to_json(only: :name) { "name": "Eric" }
```

```
@zombie.to_json(only: [:name, :age]) { "name": "Eric", age: 25 }
```

```
@zombie.to_json(except: [:created_at, :updated_at, :id, :email, :bio])  
{ "age": 25, "decomp": "Fresh", "name": "Eric", "rotting": false }
```

```
@zombie.to_json(include: :brain, except: [:created_at, :updated_at, :id])  
  
{  
  "age": 25,  
  "bio": "I am zombified",  
  "decomp": "Fresh",  
  "email": "zom@bied.com",  
  "name": "Eric",  
  "rotting": false,  
  "brain": {"flavor": "Butter", "status": "Smashed", "zombie_id": 3}  
}
```

HIDE THAT TOO



RENDERING EXTREMITIES

SETTING THE JSON RESPONSE DEFAULT



@zombie.to_json

Set the default JSON Response

/app/models/zombie.rb

```
class Zombie < ActiveRecord::Base
  ...
  def as_json(options = nil)
    super(options || {
      :include => :brain,
      :except  => [:created_at, :updated_at, :id]
    })
  end
end
```

{

```
"age": 25,
"bio": "I am zombified",
"decomp": "Fresh",
"email": "zom@bied.com",
"name": "Eric",
"rotting": false
"brain": {"flavor": "Butter", "status": "Smashed", "zombie_id": 3}
```

}

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CUSTOM ROUTE CHALLENGE



Create a new action in the Zombies controller which returns JUST decomp in JSON, and if “dead (again)” give status :unprocessable_entity

1 Add a new member route

```
resources :zombies do
  resources :tweets
    get :decomp, on: :member
end
```

2 Create a new action in the ZombiesController

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def decomp
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    if @zombie.decomp == 'Dead (again)'
      render json: @zombie.to_json(only: :decomp),
             status: :unprocessable_entity
    else
      render json: @zombie.to_json(only: :decomp)
    end
  end
end
```

```
{ "decomp": "Fresh" }
```



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ADD AJAXIFIED DELETE LINK



When Delete is pressed do a fade out, instead of a page refresh.

- 1 Make the link a remote call
- 2 Allow the controller to accept the JavaScript call
- 3 Write the JavaScript to send back to the client

Listing zombies

Zombie Joe	edit delete
Zombie Jim	edit delete
Zombie Bob	edit delete
Zombie Tony	edit delete

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1 Make the link a remote call

/app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<% @zombies.each do |zombie| %>
  <%= div_for zombie do %>
    <%= link_to "Zombie #{zombie.name}", zombie %>
    <div class="actions">
      <%= link_to 'edit', edit_zombie_path(zombie) %>
      <%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete %>
    </div>
  <% end %>
<% end %>
```

Listing zombies

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    <div class="actions">
      <%= link_to 'edit', edit_zombie_path(zombie) %>
      <%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete, remote: true %>
    </div>
  <% end %>
<% end %>
```

GENERATES

```
<a href="/zombies/5" data-method="delete"
   data-remote="true" rel="nofollow">delete</a>
```

Rails will use unobtrusive JavaScript to do AJAX.

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ADD AJAXIFIED DELETE LINK



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```

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2 Allow the controller to accept the JavaScript call



app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def destroy
    @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
    @zombie.destroy

    respond_to do |format|
      format.html { redirect_to zombies_url }
      format.json { head :ok }
      format.js
    end
  end
end
```



CAN RESPOND WITH JAVASCRIPT



RENDERING EXTREMITIES



2

ADD AJAXIFIED DELETE LINK



When Delete is pressed do a fade out, instead of a page refresh.

1 Make the link a remote call

```
<%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete, remote: true %>
```

2 Allow the controller to accept the JavaScript call

```
respond_to do |format|
  format.js
end
```

3 Write the JavaScript to send back to the client

```
app/views/zombies/destroy.js.erb
```

```
$( '#<%= dom_id(@zombie) %>' ).fadeOut();
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

ADD AJAXIFIED DELETE LINK

When Delete is pressed do a fade out, instead of a page refresh.



Listing zombies

[Zombie Joe](#)

[edit](#) [delete](#)

[Zombie Jim](#)

[edit](#) [delete](#)

[Zombie Bob](#)

[edit](#) [delete](#)

[Zombie Tony](#)

[edit](#) [delete](#)

[New Zombie](#)

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ADD AJAXIFIED CREATE ZOMBIE FORM



On the same Zombie index page, create an AJAX form which will create a new zombie and add it to the list.

- 1 Write format.js in the controller
- 2 Refactor the view and create the form
- 3 Create the JavaScript

Listing zombies

Zombie Jim	edit delete
Zombie Tony	edit delete

Name

Create Zombie





1 Write format.js in the controller

app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
class ZombiesController < ApplicationController
  def create
    @zombie = Zombie.new(params[:zombie])

    respond_to do |format|
      if @zombie.save
        format.html { ... }
        format.json { ... }
      else
        format.html { ... }
        format.json { ... }
      end
      format.js
    end
  end
end
```

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2 Refactor the view and create the form



app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<div id="zombies">
<% @zombies.each do |zombie| %>

  <%= div_for zombie do %>
    <%= link_to "Zombie #{zombie.name}", zombie %>
    <div class="actions">
      <%= link_to 'edit', edit_zombie_path(zombie) %>
      <%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete, remote: true %>
    </div>
  <% end %>

<% end %>
</div>
```

Lets refactor into a partial

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2 Refactor the view and create the form



app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<div id="zombies">
<% @zombies.each do |zombie| %>
  <%= render zombie %>
<% end %>
</div>
```



LOOKS FOR PARTIAL USING CLASS NAME

app/views/zombies/_zombie.html.erb

```
<%= div_for zombie do %>
  <%= link_to "Zombie #{zombie.name}", zombie %>
  <div class="actions">
    <%= link_to 'edit', edit_zombie_path(zombie) %>
    <%= link_to 'delete', zombie, method: :delete, remote: true %>
  </div>
<% end %>
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

2 Refactor the view and create the form



app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<div id="zombies">
<% @zombies.each do |zombie| %>
  <%= render zombie %>
<% end %>
</div>
```

SAME THING

```
<div id="zombies">
  <%= render @zombies %>
</div>
```

RENDERING EXTREMITIES

2 Refactor the view and create the form



app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<div id="zombies">
  <%= render @zombies %>
</div>

<%= form_for(Zombie.new, remote: true) do |f| %>
  <div class="field">
    <%= f.label :name %><br />
    <%= f.text_field :name %>
  </div>
  <div class="actions">
    <%= f.submit %>
  </div>
<% end %>
```

A screenshot of a web browser displaying a form. The form has a white background with a thin black border. Inside, there is a text input field labeled "Name" above it, and a large, rounded rectangular button below it labeled "Create Zombie".

Name

Create Zombie

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3 Create the JavaScript



app/views/create.js.erb

```
$('div#zombies').append("<%= escape_javascript(render @zombie) %>");  
$('div#<%= dom_id(@zombie) %>').effect('highlight');
```

app/views/zombies/index.html.erb

```
<div id="zombies">  
  <%= render @zombies %>  
</div>  
  
<%= form_for(Zombie.new, remote: true) do |f| %>  
  <div class="field">  
    <%= f.label :name %><br />  
    <%= f.text_field :name %>  
  </div>  
  <div class="actions">  
    <%= f.submit %>  
  </div>  
<% end %>
```

BUT WHAT ABOUT WHEN
NAME IS BLANK?

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3 Create the JavaScript



app/views/zombies/create.js.erb

```
<% if @zombie.new_record? %>
  $('#zombie_name').effect('highlight', { color: 'red' });
<% else %>
  $('#zombies').append("<%= escape_javascript(render @zombie) %>");
  $('#<%= dom_id(@zombie) %>').effect('highlight');
<% end %>
```



MUST ADD JQUERY-UI

/app/assets/javascripts/application.js

```
//= require jquery
//= require jquery_uie
//= require jquery_ujs
//= require_tree .
```

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ADD AJAXIFIED CREATE ZOMBIE FORM



Listing zombies

[Zombie Jim](#)

[edit](#) [delete](#)

[Zombie Tony](#)

[edit](#) [delete](#)

Name

[Create Zombie](#)



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ADD AJAXIFIED CUSTOM DECOMP FORM



Create a AJAX form that can set a custom decomposition phase on the zombie show page.

- 1 Create new custom route for our action
- 2 Define the form
- 3 Create action in the controller
- 4 Write the JavaScript to send back to the client

Name: Tony

Decomposition Phase: Rotten

Custom Phase Set

RENDERING EXTREMITIES





1 Create new custom route for our action

```
/config/routes.rb
```

```
resources :zombies do
  resources :tweets
  get :decomp, on: :member
  put :custom_decomp, on: :member
end
```

2 Define the form

```
/views/zombies/show.html.erb
```

```
<strong>Decomposition Phase:</strong>
<span id="decomp"><%= @zombie.decomp %></span>

<div id="custom_phase">
  <%= form_for @zombie, url: custom_decomp_zombie_path(@zombie),
                remote: true do |f| %>
    <strong>Custom Phase</strong>
    <%= f.text_field :decomp %>
    <%= f.submit "Set" %>
  <% end %>
</div>
```

VALUE WE WANT TO UPDATE



ADD AJAXIFIED CUSTOM DECOMP FORM

Create a AJAX form that can set a custom decomposition phase on the zombie show page.



1 Create new custom route for our action

```
put :custom_decomp, on: :member
```

2 Define the form

```
<%= form_for @zombie, url: custom_decomp_zombie_path(@weapon),  
             remote: true do |f| %>
```

3 Create action in the controller

4 Write the JavaScript to send back to the client

Name: Tony

Decomposition Phase: Rotten

Custom Phase

Set

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3 Create action in the controller

```
/app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb
```

```
def custom_decomp
  @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
  @zombie.decomp = params[:zombie][:decomp]
  @zombie.save
end
```



DON'T NEED RESPOND_TO

4 Write the JavaScript to send back to the client

```
/app/views/zombies/advance_decomp.js.erb
```

```
$('#decomp').text('<%= @zombie.decomp %>').effect('highlight', {}, 3000);

<% if @zombie.decomp == "Dead (again)" %>
  $('#custom_phase').fadeOut();
<% end %>
```

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ADD AJAXIFIED CUSTOM DECOMP FORM

Create a AJAX form that can set a custom decomposition phase on the zombie show page.



Name: Tony

Decomposition Phase: Fresh

Custom Phase

Set

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DO CUSTOM DECOMPOSITION, USING JSON WITH AN API



Do the same thing, but use JSON with client side JavaScript

- 1 Define the form
- 2 Modify the custom_decomp action
- 3 Write the client side JavaScript using CoffeeScript

Name: Tony

Decomposition Phase: Fresh

Custom Phase **Set**

Custom Phase via JSON **Set**

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1 Define the form

```
/views/zombies/show.html.erb
```

```
<div id="custom_phase2">
<%= form_for @zombie, url: custom_decomp_zombie_path(@zombie) do |f| %>
  <strong>Custom Phase via JSON</strong>
  <%= f.text_field :decomp %>
  <%= f.submit "Set" %>
<% end %>
</div>
```

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2 Modify the advance_decomp action

/app/controllers/zombies_controller.rb

```
def custom_decomp
  @zombie = Zombie.find(params[:id])
  @zombie.decomp = params[:zombie][:decomp]
  @zombie.save

  respond_to do |format|
    format.js
    format.json { render json: @zombie.to_json(only: :decomp) }
  end
end
```

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3 Write the client side JavaScript using CoffeeScript



/app/assets/javascripts/zombies.js.coffee

```
$(document).ready ->
  $('div#custom_phase2 form').submit (event) ->
    event.preventDefault()

    url = $(this).attr('action')
    custom_decomp = $('div#custom_phase2 #zombie_decomp').val()

    $.ajax
      type: 'put'
      url: url
      data: { zombie: { decomp: custom_decomp } }
      dataType: 'json'
      success: (json) ->
        $('#decomp').text(json.decomp).effect('highlight')
        $('div#custom_phase2').fadeOut() if json.decomp == "Dead (again)"
```

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DO CUSTOM DECOMPOSITION, USING JSON WITH AN API



Do the same thing, but use JSON with client side JavaScript

Name: Tony

Decomposition Phase: Fresh

Custom Phase

Set

Custom Phase via JSON

Set

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