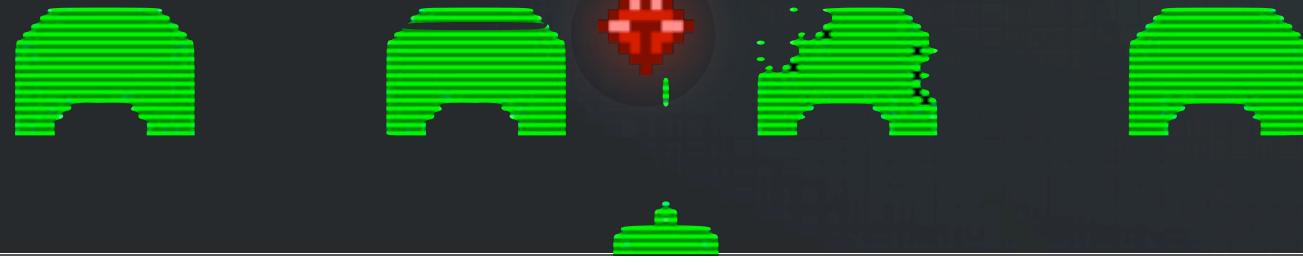


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SUPER DELUXE CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

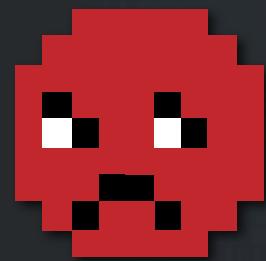
CONTROLLERS IN SPACE





CONTROLLERS IN SPACE

LEVEL 1



SAD CODE



HAPPY CODE

EXAMPLE



Screenshot of a Twitter profile page for greggpollack.

What's happening?

Timeline [@Mentions](#) [Retweets](#) [Searches](#) [Lists](#)

DamienMcKenna Damien McKenna
Had a scrum call while playing at a lake, went sledding during the call :) #wfh #ftw
3 minutes ago

acangiano Antonio Cangiano
I'm convinced that negative comments are perceived as more authoritative. We assume that criticism implies understanding. Often we're wrong.
5 minutes ago

Cr1stina Cr1stina
I want to go see True Grit, maybe Friday night. Anyone want to join me?
6 minutes ago

UnitedArts United Arts CF
Orange County Regional History Center's One-Minute History Video Contest! Winner will be announced at and invited...
<http://fb.me/OfCeA17R>
8 minutes ago

avdi Avdi Grimm by JEG2
This @RedDirtRubyConf proposal from @j3 is probably the best I've seen so far: <http://ow.ly/3Kw8A>
6 hours ago

EnzianTheater Enzian Theater
ENZIAN
What a press badge won't get you at Sundance <http://ow.ly/3Kywi>
10 minutes ago

engineyard Engine Yard by tsaleh
We're very excited to welcome @mpiech to the team. We're as excited about Ruby/Rails as he is. <http://bit.ly/gG8C9m>
2 hours ago

Your Tweets 1,902
 4 hours ago: @alexdc Looks like a cool event... but when & where is BarCamp Miami? Was really hoping it'd get attached to

Following 194

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 bbonamin @railsforzombies excellent interactive guide, most fun I've had learn...

Followers 4,094

Listed 460
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Trends

United States · [change](#)
 #MikelnWindow Promoted
[#awfulcereal](#)
[Rolling Papers](#)
[Wayne Gretzky](#)
[Jimmy Buffet](#)

[#imprudtosay](#)
[#whatsyourmotivation](#)
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LEVEL 1 CONTROLLERS IN SPACE

FAT MODEL, SKINNY CONTROLLER



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb



```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  def retweet
    tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])

    if tweet.user == current_user
      flash[:notice] = "Sorry, you can't retweet your own tweets"
    elsif tweet.retweets.where(:user_id => current_user.id).present?
      flash[:notice] = "You already retweeted!"
    else
      t = Tweet.new
      t.status = "RT #{tweet.user.name}: #{tweet.status}"
      t.original_tweet = tweet
      t.user = current_user
      t.save
      flash[:notice] = "Successfully retweeted"
    end

    redirect_to tweet
  end
end
```

FAT MODEL, SKINNY CONTROLLER



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  def retweet
    tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
    flash[:notice] = tweet.retweet_by(current_user)
    redirect_to tweet
  end
end
```



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  def retweet_by(retweeter)
    if self.user == retweeter
      "Sorry, you can't retweet your own tweets"
    elsif self.retweets.where(:user_id => retweeter.id).present?
      "You already retweeted!"
    else
      ...
      "Successfully retweeted"
    end
  end
end
```



LEVEL 1 CONTROLLERS IN SPACE

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb



```
def index
  @tweets = Tweet.find(
    :all,
    :conditions => { :user_id => current_user.id },
    :order => 'created_at desc',
    :limit => 10
  )
  @trending = Topic.find(
    :all,
    :conditions => ["started_trending > ?", 1.day.ago],
    :order => 'mentions desc',
    :limit => 5
  )
  ...
end
```

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb



```
def index
  @tweets = Tweet.where(:user_id => current_user.id).
    order('created_at desc').
    limit(10)

  @trending = Topic.where('started_trending > ?', 1.day.ago).
    order('mentions desc').
    limit(5)

  ...
end
```

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

SCOPE TO THE USER



```
def index
  @tweets = current_user.tweets.
    order('created_at desc').
    limit(10)
```

```
...
end
```

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @tweets = current_user.tweets.recent.limit(10)
  ...
end
```



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  scope :recent, order('created_at desc')
  ...
end
```

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @tweets = current_user.tweets.limit(10)
  ...
end
```



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  default_scope order('created_at desc')
  ...
end
```

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @trending = Topic.trending.limit(5)
  ...
end
```



/app/models/topic.rb

WILL ONLY WORK ONCE

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  scope :trending, where('started_trending > ?', 1.day.ago).
    order('mentions desc')
end
```

1 where('started_trending > ?', '12-01-2010 14:02')

2 where('started_trending > ?', '12-01-2010 14:02')

SAME TIME!



SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @trending = Topic.trending.limit(5)
  ...
end
```



/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  scope :trending, lambda { where('started_trending > ?', 1.day.ago).
    order('mentions desc' ) }
  ...
end
```

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @trending = Topic.trending(5)
  ...
end
```



/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  scope :trending, lambda { |num| where('started_trending > ?', 1.day.ago).
    order('mentions desc').
    limit(num) }

  ...
end
```

WRONG NUMBER OF ARGS, 0 FOR 1

@trending = Topic.trending(5)

@trending = Topic.trending



LEVEL 1 CONTROLLERS IN SPACE

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @trending = Topic.trending(5)
  ...
end
```



/app/models/topic.rb

RUBY 1.9 FTW!

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  scope :trending, lambda { |num = nil| where('started_trending > ?', 1.day.ago).
    order('mentions desc').
    limit(num) }

  ...
end
```

@trending = Topic.trending(5)

@trending = Topic.trending



LEVEL 1 CONTROLLERS IN SPACE

SCOPE IT OUT



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  default_scope order('created_at desc')
  ...
end
```

HOW DO WE OVERRIDE DEFAULT SCOPE?

```
@tweets = current_user.tweets.order(:status).limit(10)
```



```
@tweets = current_user.tweets.unscoped.order(:status).limit(10)
```



SCOPE IT OUT



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
t = Tweet.new  
t.status = "RT #{@tweet.user.name}: #{@tweet.status}"  
t.original_tweet = @tweet  
t.user = current_user  
t.save
```



CURRENT_USER HAS MANY TWEETS....

```
current_user.tweets.create(  
  :status => "RT #{@tweet.user.name}: #{@tweet.status}",  
  :original_tweet => @tweet  
)
```



FANTASTIC FILTERS



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb



```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  def edit
    @tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
    ...
  end

  def update
    @tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
    ...
  end

  def destroy
    @tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
    ...
  end
end
```

FANTASTIC FILTERS



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  before_filter :get_tweet, :only => [:edit, :update, :destroy]

  def get_tweet
    @tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
  end

  def edit
  ...
  end

  def update
  ...
  end

  def destroy
  ...
  end
end
```

FANTASTIC FILTERS



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  before_filter :get_tweet, :only => [:edit, :update, :destroy]

  def edit
    ...
  end

  def update
    ...
  end

  def destroy
    ...
  end

  private
  def get_tweet
    @tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
  end
end
```



WHY ARE YOU HIDING
INSTANCE VARIABLES?

FANTASTIC FILTERS

Keeping parameters in actions

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController  
  
  def edit  
    @tweet = get_tweet(params[:id])  
  end  
  
  def update  
    @tweet = get_tweet(params[:id])  
  end  
  
  def destroy  
    @tweet = get_tweet(params[:id])  
  end  
  
  private  
  def get_tweet(tweet_id)  
    Tweet.find(tweet_id)  
  end  
end
```





FANTASTIC FILTERS

WHAT SHOULD THEY BE USED FOR?

AUTHORIZATION

LOGGING

WIZARDS



FANTASTIC FILTERS

/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController  
  before_filter :auth, :only => [:edit, :update, :destroy]
```

```
:except => [:index, :create]
```

Global Filters

```
class ApplicationController < ActionController::Base  
  before_filter :require_login
```

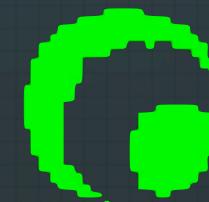
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE LOGIN PAGE ITSELF?

```
class SessionsController < ApplicationController  
  skip_before_filter :require_login, :only => [:new, :create]
```

CONTROLLER COMMAND

LEVEL 2

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EXAMPLE

The screenshot shows the Twitter settings page for the user greggpollack. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Profile, Find People, Settings, Help, and Sign out. The main header says "greggpollack's settings". A sidebar on the left lists sections: Account, Password, Mobile, Notices, Profile, Design, Connections, Tweet Media, and Tweet Privacy. The "Account" section is active.

Name: Gregg Pollack
You can change your name on your profile settings.

Username: greggpollack
No spaces, please.
Your public profile: <http://twitter.com/greggpollack>

Email: Gregg@EnvyLabs.com

Let others find me by my email address
Note: email will not be publicly displayed

Language: English

What language would you like to Twitter in?

(GMT -05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Add a location to your tweets
Ever had something you wanted to share ("fireworks!", "party!", "ice cream truck!", or "quicksand...") that would be better with a location? By turning on this feature, you can include location information like neighborhood, town, or exact point when you tweet.
When you tweet with a location, Twitter stores that location. You can switch location on/off before each tweet and always have the option to delete your location history. [Learn more](#)

You may [delete all location information](#) from your past tweets.
This may take up to 30 minutes.

Show photos and videos from everyone
By default, you'll only see images and videos shared by people you're following, and not reveal those by people you're not. Check this box to see media from everyone on Twitter

Protect my tweets
Only let people whom I approve follow my tweets.
If this is checked, your future tweets

Account
From here you can change your basic account info, language settings, and your tweet privacy and location settings.

Tips
Change your Twitter user name anytime without affecting your existing tweets, @replies, direct messages, or other data. After changing it, make sure to let your followers know so you'll continue receiving all of your messages with your new user name.
Protect your account to keep your tweets private. Approve who can follow you and keep your tweets out of search results.



NESTED ATTRIBUTES

/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :account_setting, :dependent => :destroy
end
```

/app/views/users/edit.html.erb

```
<%= fields_for :account_setting do |a| %>
<div class="field">
  <%= a.label :public_email %><br />
  <%= a.check_box :public_email %>
</div>
<div class="field">
  <%= a.label :show_media %><br />
  <%= a.check_box :show_media %>
</div>
<div class="field">
  <%= a.label :protect_tweets %><br />
  <%= a.check_box :protect_tweets %>
</div>
<% end %>
```

NESTED ATTRIBUTES



/app/controllers/users_controller.rb

```
class UsersController < ApplicationController
  def create
    @user = User.new(params[:user])
    @account_setting = AccountSetting.new(params[:account_setting])

    if @user.save
      @account_setting.user = @user
      @account_setting.save
      redirect_to(@user, :notice => 'User was successfully created.')
    else
      render :action => "new"
    end
  end
end
```

NESTED ATTRIBUTES



/app/controllers/users_controller.rb

using Nested Attributes



```
class UsersController < ApplicationController
  def create
    @user = User.new(params[:user])
    if @user.save
      redirect_to(@user, :notice => 'User was successfully created.')
    else
      render :action => "new"
    end
  end
end
```



NESTED ATTRIBUTES

/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :account_setting, :dependent => :destroy
  accepts_nested_attributes_for :account_setting
end
```

/app/views/users/edit.html.erb

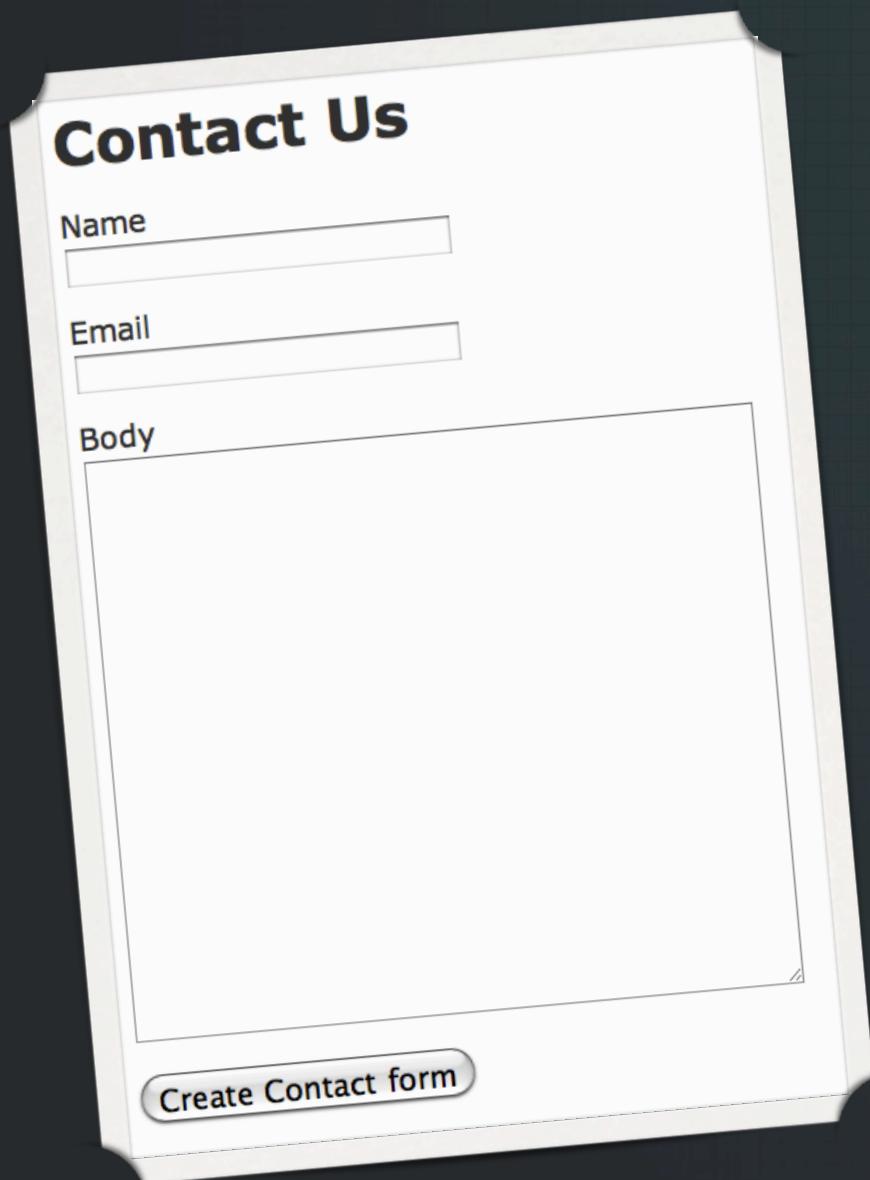
```
<%= form_for(@user) do |f| %>
  ...
<%= f.fields_for :account_setting do |a| %>
```



/app/controllers/users_controller.rb

```
class UsersController < ApplicationController
  def new
    @user = User.new(:account_setting => AccountSetting.new)
  end
end
```

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



A white rectangular card with a shadow, titled "Contact Us" in bold black font at the top. It contains three input fields: "Name" with a text input box, "Email" with a text input box, and "Body" with a large text area. At the bottom is a rounded rectangular button labeled "Create Contact form".

LEVEL 2 CONTROLLER COMMAND

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE

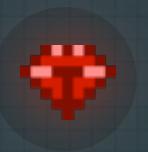


/app/views/contact_us/new.html.erb

```
<h1>Contact Us</h1>

<%= form_for :contact, :url => send_email_path do |f| %>
  <div class="field">
    <%= f.label :name %><br />
    <%= f.text_field :name %>
  </div>
  <div class="field">
    <%= f.label :email %><br />
    <%= f.text_field :email %>
  </div>
  <div class="field">
    <%= f.label :body %><br />
    <%= f.text_area :body %>
  </div>
  <div class="actions">
    <%= f.submit %>
  </div>
<% end %>
```

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/controllers/contact_us_controller.rb

```
class ContactUsController < ApplicationController

  def new
  end

  def send_email
    name = params[:contact][:name]
    email = params[:contact][:email]
    body = params[:contact][:body]

    if name.blank? || email.blank? || body.blank?
      flash.now[:notice] = "Please fill out all fields"
      render :action => 'new'
    else
      Notifications.contact_us(name, email, body).deliver
      flash[:notice] = "Email sent, we'll get back to you"
      redirect_to root_path
    end
  end
end
```



MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/controllers/contact_us_controller.rb

```
class ContactUsController < ApplicationController

  def new
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new
  end

  def send_email
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new(params[:contact_form])

    if !@contact_form.valid?
      render :action => 'new'
    else
      Notifications.contact_us(@contact_form).deliver
      flash[:notice] = "Email sent, we'll get back to you"
      redirect_to root_path
    end
  end
end
```



MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/controllers/contact_us_controller.rb

```
class ContactUsController < ApplicationController

  def new
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new
  end

  def send_email
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new(params[:contact_form])

    if @contact_form.valid?
      Notifications.contact_us(@contact_form).deliver
      flash[:notice] = "Email sent, we'll get back to you"
      redirect_to root_path
    else
      render :action => 'new'
    end
  end
end
```



USE THE POSITIVE INFLECTION

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/controllers/contact_us_controller.rb

```
class ContactUsController < ApplicationController

  def new
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new
  end

  def send_email
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new(params[:contact_form])

    if @contact_form.valid?
      Notifications.contact_us(@contact_form).deliver
      redirect_to root_path, :notice => "Email sent, we'll get back to you"
    else
      render :action => 'new'
    end
  end
end
```

USE THE REDIRECT NOTICE SYNTAX

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/controllers/contact_us_controller.rb

```
class ContactUsController < ApplicationController

  def new
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new
  end

  def send_email
    @contact_form = ContactForm.new(params[:contact_form])

    if @contact_form.valid?
      Notifications.contact_us(@contact_form).deliver
      redirect_to root_path, :notice => "Email sent, we'll get back to you"
    else
      render :new
    end
  end
end
```

SHORTEN THE RENDER

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/views/contact_us/new.html.erb

```
<h1>Contact Us</h1>
```

```
<%= form_for @contact_form, :url => send_email_path do |f| %>
```



MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



/app/models/contact_form.rb

```
class ContactForm
  include ActiveRecord::Validations
  include ActiveRecord::Conversion
  attr_accessor :name, :email, :body
  validates_presence_of :name, :email, :body

  def initialize(attributes = {})
    attributes.each do |name, value|
      send("#{name}=", value)
    end
  end

  def persisted?
    false
  end
end
```



<%= form_for @contact_form %>

ContactForm.new(params[:contact_form])

MODELS WITHOUT THE DATABASE



A screenshot of a web browser displaying a "Contact Us" form. The form has a red header bar with the text "2 errors prohibited this user from being saved:" followed by a bulleted list: "Email can't be blank" and "Body can't be blank". Below the header, there are input fields for "Name" (containing "Gregg Pollack"), "Email" (containing a redacted email address), and "Body" (containing a large redacted text area). At the bottom left of the form, there is a button labeled "Create Contact form".

LEVEL 2 CONTROLLER COMMAND

REALLY REST



/app/controllers/users_controller.rb



```
class UsersController < ApplicationController

  def subscribe_mailing_list
    current_user.subscribe(params[:id])
    redirect_to current_user, :notice => "You've been subscribed"
  end

  def unsubscribe_mailing_list
    current_user.unsubscribe(params[:id])
    redirect_to current_user, :notice => "You have been unsubscribed"
  end

end
```

REALLY REST



/app/controllers/subscriptions_controller.rb



```
class SubscriptionsController < ApplicationController

  def create
    current_user.subscribe(params[:id])
    redirect_to current_user, :notice => "You've been subscribed"
  end

  def destroy
    current_user.unsubscribe(params[:id])
    redirect_to current_user, :notice => "You have been unsubscribed"
  end

end
```



REALLY REST

USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT

MORE THAN 2 LEVELS IS BAD

/users/1/posts/2/comments/3

NOT USING REST IS OKAY

/config/routes.rb

```
get "contact_us/new"
post "contact_us/send_email", :as => "send_email"
```



ENTER THE PRESENTERS

Your Tweets 1,902

5 hours ago: @alexdc Looks like a cool event... but when & where is BarCamp Miami? Was really hoping it'd get attached to

Following 194

Favorites 65

★ bbonamin @railsforzombies excellent interactive guide, most fun I've had learn...

Trends

United States · change

#MikeInWindow Promoted

#awfulcereal

Rolling Papers

Wayne Gretzky

Jimmy Buffett

Followers 4,094

Listed 460

Recently listed in: favoritos, Coding, Ruby On Rails Developers, ruby, ruby-dev

#improudtosay

#whatsyourmotivation

Bartolo Colon

Dennis Kucinich

Charlie Louvin

LEVEL 2 CONTROLLER COMMAND

ENTER THE PRESENTERS



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb



```
def index
  @followers_tweets = current_user.followers_tweets.limit(20)
  @recent_tweet = current_user.tweets.first
  @following = current_user.following.limit(5)
  @followers = current_user.followers.limit(5)
  @recent_favorite = current_user.favorite_tweets.first
  @recent_listed = current_user.recently_listed.limit(5)

  if current_user.trend_option == "worldwide"
    @trends = Trend.worldwide.by_promoted.limit(10)
  else
    @trends = Trend.filter_by(current_user.trend_option).limit(10)
  end
  ....
end
```

ENTER THE PRESENTERS



/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @presenter = Tweets::IndexPresenter.new(current_user)
end
```



/config/application.rb

```
config.autoload_paths += [config.root.join("app/presenters")]
```

/app/presenters/tweets/index_presenter.rb

```
class Tweets::IndexPresenter
  def initialize(user)
    @user = user
  end
```

ENTER THE PRESENTERS



/app/presenters/tweets/index_presenter.rb



```
class Tweets::IndexPresenter
  def initialize(user)
    @user = user
  end
```

Old Controller

```
def index
  @followers_tweets = current_user.followers_tweets.limit(20)
  @recent_tweet = current_user.tweets.first
  ...
  if current_user.trend_option == "worldwide"
    @trends = Trend.worldwide.by_promoted.limit(10)
  else
    @trends = Trend.filter_by(current_user.trend_option).limit(10)
  end
end
```



ENTER THE PRESENTERS



/app/presenters/tweets/index_presenter.rb



```
class Tweets::IndexPresenter
  def initialize(user)
    @user = user
  end

  def followers_tweets
    @user.followers_tweets.limit(20)
  end

  def recent_tweet
    @user.tweets.first
  end

  def trends
    if @user.trend_option == "worldwide"
      Trend.worldwide.by_promoted.limit(10)
    else
      Trend.filter_by(@user.trend_option).limit(10)
    end
  end
end
```



ENTER THE PRESENTERS

/app/presenters/tweets/index_presenter.rb

```
class Tweets::IndexPresenter
  def initialize(user)
    @user = user
  end

  def recent_tweet
    @user.tweets.first
  end
```

/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @presenter = Tweets::IndexPresenter.new(current_user)
end
```

/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<%= @presenter.recent_tweet.body %>
<%= @presenter.recent_tweet.created_at %>
```

TWO OBJECTS!





ENTER THE PRESENTERS

/app/presenters/tweets/index_presenter.rb

```
class Tweets::IndexPresenter
  def initialize(user)
    @user = user
  end

  def recent_tweet
    @recent_tweet ||= @user.tweets.first
  end
```

MEMOIZED

/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @presenter = Tweets::IndexPresenter.new(current_user)
end
```

/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<%= @presenter.recent_tweet.body %>
<%= @presenter.recent_tweet.created_at %>
```

ONE OBJECT!



ENTER THE PRESENTERS

/app/presenters/tweets/index_presenter.rb

```
class Tweets::IndexPresenter
  extend ActiveSupport::Memoizable

  def initialize(user)
    @user = user
  end

  def recent_tweet
    @user.tweets.first
  end

  memoize :recent_tweet, :followers_tweet, ...
```

/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
def index
  @presenter = Tweets::IndexPresenter.new(current_user)
end
```

/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<%= @presenter.recent_tweet.body %>
<%= @presenter.recent_tweet.created_at %>
```



MEMOIZATION

ONE IS BETTER THAN THE OTHER

| | =

VALUE IS NOT STORED
IF FALSE OR NIL IS RETURNED



```
extend ActiveSupport::Memoizable  
memoize :recent_tweet, :followers_tweet, ...
```

```
def expensive(num)  
  # lots of processing  
end  
  
memoize :expensive
```

expensive(2)
expensive(4)

expensive(2)
expensive(4)



LOADED FROM CACHE



LEVEL 2 CONTROLLER COMMAND

REJECT SQL INJECTION



```
User.where("name = #{params[:name]}")
```



```
User.where("name = ?", params[:name])
```



```
User.where(:name => params[:name])
```



```
Tweet.where("created_at >= :start_date AND created_at <= :end_date",  
{:start_date => params[:start_date], :end_date => params[:end_date]})
```



```
Tweet.where(:created_at =>  
(params[:start_date].to_date)..(params[:end_date].to_date))
```



RAILS 3 RESPONDER SYNTAX

/app/controllers/users_controller.rb

```
class UsersController < ApplicationController
  def index
    @users = User.all
    respond_to do |format|
      format.html
      format.xml { render :xml => @users.to_xml }
    end
  end

  def show
    @user = User.find(params[:id])
    respond_to do |format|
      format.html # show.html.erb
      format.xml { render :xml => @user }
    end
  end
  ...

```



RAILS 3 RESPONDER SYNTAX

/app/controllers/users_controller.rb

```
class UsersController < ApplicationController
  respond_to :html, :xml, :json

  def index
    @users = User.all
    respond_with(@users)
  end

  def show
    @user = User.find(params[:id])
    respond_with(@user)
  end

  ...

```



MODEL MAYHEM

LEVEL 3

LOVING YOUR INDICES



```
current_user.tweets
```

```
class AddIndexesToTables < ActiveRecord::Migration
  def self.up
    add_index :tweets, :user_id
  end

  def self.down
    remove_index :tweets, :user_id
  end
end
```

LOVING YOUR INDICES



```
current_user.tweets.order('created_at desc').limit(10)  
Topic.where("started_trending > ?", 1.day.ago).order('mentions desc').limit(5)
```

IF THESE QUERIES ARE RUN A GREAT DEAL

```
class AddIndexesToTables < ActiveRecord::Migration  
  def self.up  
    add_index :tweets, [:user_id, :created_at]  
    add_index :topics, [:started_trending, :mentions]  
  end  
  
  def self.down  
    remove_index :tweets, [:user_id, :created_at]  
    remove_index :topics, [:started_trending, :mentions]  
  end  
end
```



LOVING YOUR INDICES

USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT

MORE INDICES, MORE TIME IT TAKES TO REINDEX

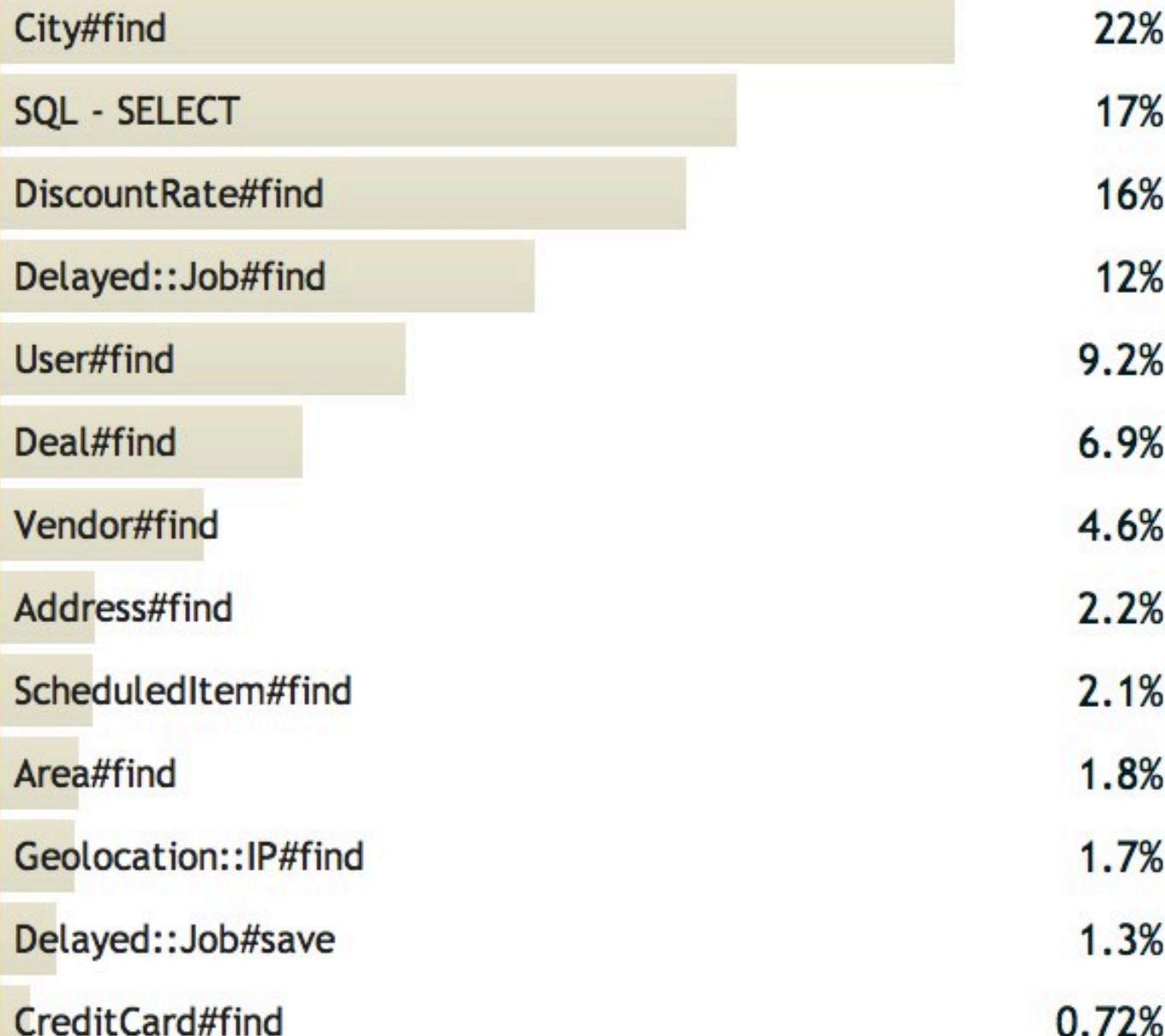
IF A 2 SECOND QUERY RUNS 5 TIMES A WEEK,

WHO CARES?



Sort by

Most time consuming



COMPARE LAST 24 HOURS WITH:

Database report



Previous 24 Hour Period



Last Sunday



Av

Filter Model Operation...

Throughput

Total Time ▾

Average Time

Model Operation
Plotting

Total time



40 cpm

0.258 s

6.4 ms

Previous 24 Hour Period

44 cpm

0.291 s

6.6 ms

Delayed::Job#find

Last 24 Hours

25 cpm

0.190 s

7.6 ms

Previous 24 Hour Period

25 cpm

0.196 s

7.7 ms

User#find

Last 24 Hours

11 cpm

0.119 s

10 ms

Previous 24 Hour Period

13 cpm

0.139 s

11 ms

DiscountRate#find

Last 24 Hours

18 cpm

0.112 s

6.2 ms

Previous 24 Hour Period

20 cpm

0.124 s

6.1 ms

Use attr_protected or we will hack you

written by Steven Bristol on March 11th, 2008



Allan

```
$ curl -d "user[login]=hacked&user[is_admin]=true&user[password]=password&user[password_confirmation]=password&user[email]=hacked@by.me" http://url_not_shown/users
```

There are a few easy things anyone can do to prevent this hack in order of importance:

1. Use attr_protected.

user[is_admin]=true

our users table.

table and a profiles/people table.

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Use attr_protected

The attr_protected method in Rails will prevent the fields from being assigned via mass assignment. Here is an example:

Bad:

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
#no attr_protected here
#this will allow the creation of your hacked admin user
end

class UsersController < ApplicationController
def create
@user = User.create params[:user]
end
```

PROTECTING YOUR ATTRIBUTES



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base  
  attr_protected :is_admin  
end
```



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base  
  attr_accessible :email, :password, :password_confirmation  
end
```



WHITELISTS ARE BETTER FOR SECURITY

DEFAULT VALUES



/app/models/account_setting.rb



```
class AccountSetting < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :user

  before_create :set_default_timezone

  def set_default_timezone
    self.time_zone = "EST"
  end

end
```

DEFAULT VALUES



/app/models/account_setting.rb

```
class AccountSetting < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :user
end
```

/db/migrate/20110119150620_add_default_time_zone_account_settings.rb

```
class AddDefaultTimeZoneToAccountSettings < ActiveRecord::Migration
  def self.up
    change_column_default :account_settings, :time_zone, 'EST'
  end

  def self.down
    change_column :account_settings, :time_zone, :string, nil
  end
end
```

PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base  
  
  before_create :set_trend_ending  
  
  private  
  
  def set_trend_ending  
    self.finish_trending = Time.now + (60 * 60 * 24 * 7)  
  end  
  
end
```



PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base  
  
  before_create :set_trend_ending  
  
  private  
  
  def set_trend_ending  
    self.finish_trending = 1.week.from_now  
  end  
  
end
```



PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  TRENDING_PERIOD = 1.week

  before_create :set_trend_ending

  private

  def set_trend_ending
    self.finish_trending = TRENDING_PERIOD.from_now
  end

end
```

PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



Creating an object

before_validation
after_validation
before_save
after_save
before_create
around_create
after_create

Updating an object

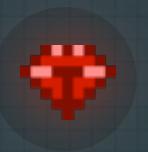
before_validation
after_validation
before_save
after_save
before_update
around_update
after_update

Deleting an object

before_destroy
after_destroy
around_destroy



RAILS DATE HELPERS



Date Helpers

- 1.minute
- 2.hour
- 3.days
- 4.week
- 5.months
- 6.year

* singular
or plural

Modifiers

- beginning_of_day
- beginning_of_week
- beginning_of_month
- beginning_of_quarter
- beginning_of_year

* end can be used

- next_week
- next_month
- next_year

* prev can be used

More Modifiers

- 2.weeks.ago
- 3.weeks.from_now

PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



Artem Yankov is now following you on Twitter! — Twitter

Delete Junk Reply Reply All Forward Print To Do

From: Twitter <follow-Tertt=RailYnof.pbz-a3481@postmaster.twitter.com>
Subject: Artem Yankov is now following you on Twitter!
Date: January 29, 2011 7:32:16 PM EST
To: Gregg Pollack <Gregg@EnvyLabs.com>
Reply-To: noreply@postmaster.twitter.com

twitter

Artem Yankov (@yankov) is now following your tweets (@greggpollack) on Twitter.

Artem Yankov
@yankov
San Francisco, USA
Bio Web-developer
71 tweets | 48 following | 58 followers | 1 list

@yankov follows 3 users who follow you:

Gregory Brown
@seacreature Jim Weirich
@jimweirich Phil Crissman
@philcrissman

You and @yankov both follow 3 users:

DHH
@dhh Rich Kilmer
@rich_kilmer Tim O'Reilly
@timoreilly

You do not follow any users.

LEVEL 3 MODEL MAYHEM

PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



/app/models/*following.rb*

```
class Following < ActiveRecord::Base  
  after_create :send_follower_notification  
  
  def send_follower_notification  
    if self.followed_user.receive_emails?  
      queue_new_follower_email  
    end  
  end  
  
end
```

PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



/app/models/following.rb

```
class Following < ActiveRecord::Base  
  after_create :queue_new_follower_email,  
    :if => :followed_can_receive_emails?  
  
  def followed_can_receive_emails?  
    self.followed_user.receive_emails?  
  end  
end
```

PROPER USE OF CALLBACKS



/app/models/*following.rb*

```
class Following < ActiveRecord::Base  
  
  after_create :queue_new_follower_email,  
    :if => Proc.new {|f| f.followed_user.receive_emails? }  
  
end
```

IMPROVED VALIDATION



/app/models/**topic.rb**

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base  
  
  def validate  
    unless ContentModerator.is_suitable?(self.name)  
      self.errors.add(:name, 'is inappropriate')  
    end  
  end  
  
end
```



IMPROVED VALIDATION



/app/models/topic.rb



```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  validate :appropriate_content

  private

  def appropriate_content
    unless ContentModerator.is_suitable?(self.name)
      self.errors.add(:name, 'is inappropriate')
    end
  end

end
```

IMPROVED VALIDATION



/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  validates :name, :appropriate => true
end
```



/lib/appropriate_validator.rb

```
class AppropriateValidator < ActiveRecord::EachValidator
  def validate_each(record, attribute, value)
    unless ContentModerator.is_suitable?(value)
      record.errors.add(attribute, 'is inappropriate')
    end
  end
end
```

DON'T FORGET TO REQUIRE THIS
/lib isn't auto-loaded by default

SOWING THE SEEDS



/db/migrate/20110114221048_create_topics.rb

```
class CreateTopics < ActiveRecord::Migration
  def self.up
    create_table :topics do |t|
      t.string :name
      t.datetime :started_trending
      t.integer :mentions

      t.timestamps
    end

    Topic.create(:name => "Rails for Zombies", :mentions => 1023)
    Topic.create(:name => "Top Ruby Jobs", :mentions => 231)
    Topic.create(:name => "Ruby5", :mentions => 2312)
  end

  def self.down
    drop_table :topics
  end
end
```

SOWING THE SEEDS



/db/seeds.rb

```
Topic.create(:name => "Rails for Zombies", :mentions => 1023)  
Topic.create(:name => "Top Ruby Jobs", :mentions => 231)  
Topic.create(:name => "Ruby5", :mentions => 2312)
```



Run from command line

```
$ rake db:seed
```



MENTIONS WON'T BE SET!

/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base  
  attr_protected :mentions  
end
```

LEVEL 3 MODEL MAYHEM

SOWING THE SEEDS



/db/seeds.rb

```
topics = [
  { :name => "Rails for Zombies", :mentions => 1023},
  { :name => "Top Ruby Jobs", :mentions => 231},
  { :name => "Ruby5", :mentions => 2312}
]
```

```
topics.each do |attributes|
  Topic.create do |t|
    t.name = attributes[:name]
    t.mentions = attributes[:mentions]
  end
end
```

**WHAT IF WE WANT TO BE
ABLE TO UPDATE THE SEED?**

SOWING THE SEEDS



/db/seeds.rb



```
topics = [
  { :name => "Rails for Zombies", :mentions => 1023},
  { :name => "Top Ruby Jobs", :mentions => 231},
  { :name => "Ruby5", :mentions => 2312}
]
```

```
Topic.destroy_all
```

```
topics.each do |attributes|
  Topic.create do |t|
    t.name = attributes[:name]
    t.mentions = attributes[:mentions]
  end
end
```

**DANGEROUS IF THERE ARE
LOTS OF RELATIONSHIPS**

LEVEL 3 MODEL MAYHEM

SOWING THE SEEDS



/db/seeds.rb

```
topics = [
  { :name => "Rails for Zombies", :mentions => 1023},
  { :name => "Top Ruby Jobs", :mentions => 231},
  { :name => "Ruby5", :mentions => 2312}
]

topics.each do |attributes|
  Topic.find_or_initialize_by_name(attributes[:name]).tap do |t|
    t.mentions = attributes[:mentions]
    t.save!
  end
end
```

MODEL BERT

LEVEL 4

PLAYER 1

11435

CHANGE TO:



LEVEL 2

ROUND: 1



N+1 IS NOT FOR FUN



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User
  def recent_followers
    self.followers.recent.collect{ |f| f.user.name }.to_sentence
  end
end
```

=> "Gregg, Eric, Dray, and Nate"



Select followers where user_id=1

Select user where id=2

Select user where id=3

Select user where id=4

Select user where id=5

N+1 IS NOT FOR FUN



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User
  def recent_followers
    self.followers.recent.includes(:user).collect{ |f| f.user.name }.to_sentence
  end
end
```

Select followers where user_id=1

Select users where user_id in (2,3,4,5)

2 QUERIES INSTEAD OF 5!

BULLET GEM

<https://github.com/flyerhzm/bullet>

TO FIND ALL YOUR N+1 QUERIES

COUNTER_CACHE MONEY



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>

  <div class="tweet">
    <%= tweet.status %>
    <span class="retweets">
      <%= tweet.retweets.length %> ReTweets
    </span>
  </div>

<% end %>
```

2 ReTweets
1 ReTweets
0 ReTweets



- - - **BAD ENGLISH**

COUNTER_CACHE MONEY

/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>

  <div class="tweet">
    <%= tweet.status %>
    <span class="retweets">
      <%= pluralize(tweet.retweets.length, "ReTweet") %>
    </span>
  </div>

<% end %>
```

2 ReTweets
1 ReTweet
0 ReTweets



COUNTER_CACHE MONEY



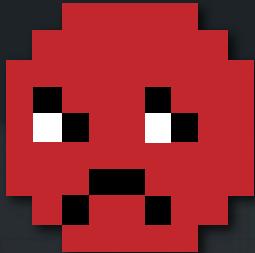
/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb



```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>

  <div class="tweet">
    <%= tweet.status %>
    <span class="retweets">
      <%= pluralize(tweet.retweets.length, "ReTweet") %>
    </span>
  </div>

<% end %>
```



FOR EACH TWEET

LOTS OF UNNEEDED OBJECTS

1. SELECT ALL RETWEETS WHERE USER_ID=X
2. POPULATE AN ARRAY OF TWEET OBJECTS
3. CALL LENGTH ON THAT ARRAY

COUNTER_CACHE MONEY



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb



```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>

  <div class="tweet">
    <%= tweet.status %>
    <span class="retweets">
      <%= pluralize(tweet.retweets.count, "ReTweet") %>
    </span>
  </div>

<% end %>
```

FOR EACH TWEET

1. SELECT ALL RETWEETS WHERE USER_ID=X
2. DO A COUNT QUERY FOR RETWEETS



POSSIBLY 10+ COUNT QUERIES

LEVEL 4 MODEL BERT



COUNTER_CACHE MONEY

/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

with counter_cache



```
<% @tweets.each do |tweet| %>

  <div class="tweet">
    <%= tweet.status %>
    <span class="retweets">
      <%= pluralize(tweet.retweets.size, "ReTweet") %>
    </span>
  </div>

<% end %>
```

FOR EACH TWEET

1. SELECT ALL RETWEETS WHERE USER_ID=X

THERE IS NO STEP 2

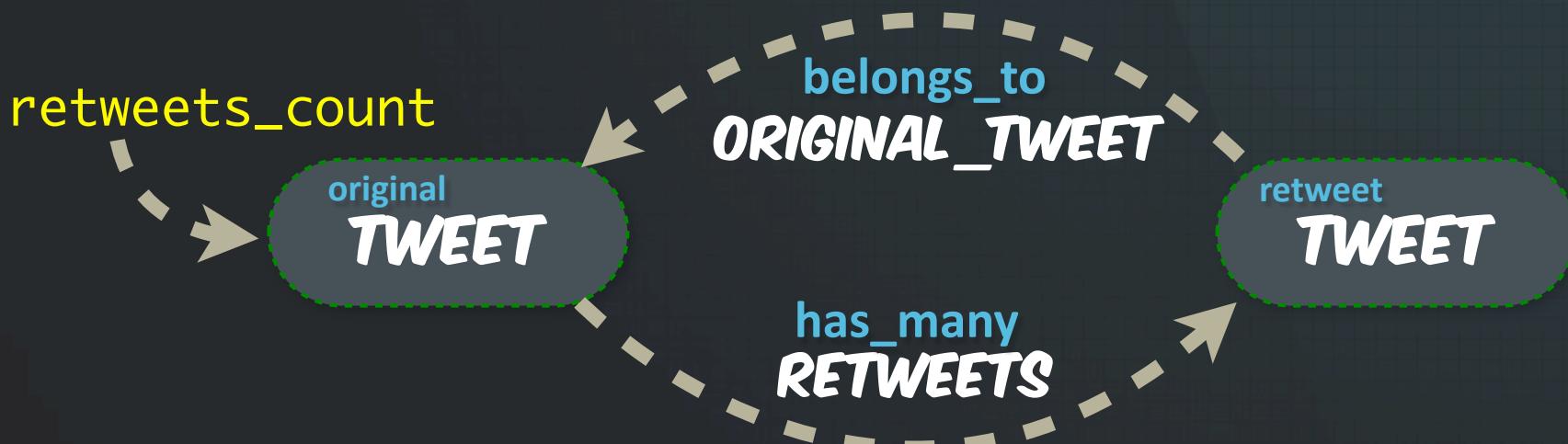
COUNTER_CACHE MONEY



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :original_tweet,
    :class_name => 'Tweet',
    :foreign_key => :tweet_id

  has_many :retweets,
    :class_name => 'Tweet',
    :foreign_key => :tweet_id
end
```



Our migration

```
class AddCountRetweets
  def self.up
    add_column :tweets,
      :retweets_count,
      :integer,
      :default => 0
  end
  ...
end
```

COUNTER_CACHE MONEY

/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :original_tweet,
    :class_name => 'Tweet',
    :foreign_key => :tweet_id,
    :counter_cache => true

  has_many :retweets,
    :class_name => 'Tweet',
    :foreign_key => :tweet_id
end
```



**UNABLE TO FIND
TWEETS_COUNT**

retweets_count



COUNTER_CACHE MONEY

/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :original_tweet,
    :class_name => 'Tweet',
    :foreign_key => :tweet_id,
    :counter_cache => :retweets_count

  has_many :retweets,
    :class_name => 'Tweet',
    :foreign_key => :tweet_id
end
```



```
current_user.tweets.create(
  :status => "RT #{self.user.name}: #{self.status}",
  :original_tweet => self
)
```

WILL CAUSE AN INSERT AND

```
UPDATE "tweets" SET "retweets_count" = "retweets_count" + 1 WHERE ("tweets"."id" = 42)
```

COUNTER_CACHE MONEY



WITHOUT CACHE COUNTER

t.reweets.length

pull all records
then calls .length

t.reweets.count

count query

t.reweets.size

count query

WITH CACHE COUNTER

pull all records
then calls .length

count query

no query
look at cache



BATCHES OF FIND_EACH

/lib/tasks/long_running_task.rake



```
desc 'Task involving all tweets'  
task :tweet_task => :environment do  
  
  Tweet.all.each do |tweet|  
    p "task for #{tweet}"  
  end  
  
end
```

NOT SO GOOD IF YOU HAVE MILLIONS OF TWEETS



BATCHES OF FIND_EACH

/lib/tasks/long_running_task.rake



```
desc 'Task involving all tweets'  
task :tweet_task => :environment do  
  
  Tweet.find_each do |tweet|  
    p "task for #{tweet}"  
  end  
  
end
```

PULLS BATCHES OF 1,000 AT A TIME



BATCHES OF FIND_EACH

/lib/tasks/long_running_task.rake



```
desc 'Task involving all tweets'  
task :tweet_task => :environment do  
  
  Tweet.find_each(:batch_size => 200) do |tweet|  
    p "task for #{tweet}"  
  end  
  
end
```

PULLS BATCHES OF 200 AT A TIME

LAW OF DEMETER



EACH UNIT SHOULD HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OTHER UNITS

“DON’T TALK TO STRANGERS”



TWEET

USER

ACCOUNT SETTINGS



LAW OF DEMETER



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  def location_data
    if self.user.account_setting.location_on_tweets
      self.location
    else
      "unavailable"
    end
  end
end
```



THE TWEET SHOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT ACCOUNT_SETTING!

LAW OF DEMETER



/app/models/tweet.rb

```
class Tweet < ActiveRecord::Base
  def location_data
    if self.user.location_on_tweets
      self.location
    else
      "unavailable"
    end
  end
end
```



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :account_setting, :dependent => :destroy

  delegate :location_on_tweets, :public_email,
            :to => :account_setting

end
```



ADDITIONAL METHODS

LAW OF DEMETER



TWEET

USER

ACCOUNT SETTINGS



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :account_setting, :dependent => :destroy

  delegate :location_on_tweets, :public_email,
            :to => :account_setting

end
```

self.user.location_on_tweets

ERROR!! ACCOUNT_SETTING IS NIL!



LEVEL 4 MODEL BERT

LAW OF DEMETER



TWEET

USER

ACCOUNT SETTINGS



/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_one :account_setting, :dependent => :destroy

  delegate :location_on_tweets, :public_email,
            :to => :account_setting,
            :allow_nil => true

end
```

self.user.location_on_tweets



RETURNS NIL WHEN ACCOUNT_SETTINGS IS MISSING



HEAD TO TO_S

/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  def display_name
    "#{first_name} #{last_name}"
  end
end
```



```
<%= @user.display_name %>
```



HEAD TO TO_S

/app/models/user.rb

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  def to_s
    "#{first_name} #{last_name}"
  end
end
```



```
<%= @user %>
```

TO_PARAM-ALAMA DING DONG



SEO FRIENDLY URLs

/post/2133



/post/rails-best-practices



/post/2133-rails-best-practices



/app/models/**topic**.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  def to_param
    "#{id}-#{name.parameterize}"
  end
end
```

TO_PARAM-ALAMA DING DONG



```
<%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
```

Will generate

```
/post/2133-rails-best-practices
```

```
{:id => "2133-rails-best-practices"}
```

```
Topic.find(params[:id])
```

Will call to_i

```
Topic.find(2133)
```

/app/models/topic.rb

```
class Topic < ActiveRecord::Base
  def to_param
    "#{id}-#{name.parameterize}"
  end
end
```



FROGGY VIEWS

LEVEL 5

THE EXAMPLE



Following 194

Followers 4,094

Favorites 65

★ **bbonamin** @railsforzombies excellent interactive guide, most fun I've had learn...

Listed 460

Recently listed in: favoritos, Coding, Ruby On Rails Developers, ruby, ruby-dev

Trends

United States · change

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#awfulcereal

#RollingPapers

#WayneGretzky

#JimmyBuffett

#improudtosay

#whatsyourmotivation

Bartolo Colon

Dennis Kucinich

Charlie Louvin

2 hours ago

LEVEL 5 FROGGY VIEWS

NO QUERIES IN YOUR VIEW!



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% current_user.who_to_follow.limit(5).each do |f| %>
  <li><%= f.name %> ➤<%= link_to "Follow", follow_user_path(f) %></li>
<% end %>
```



QUERY SHOULDN'T BE IN OUR VIEW!

NO QUERIES IN YOUR VIEW!



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% @who_to_follow.each do |f| %>
  <li><%= f.name %> - <%= link_to "Follow", follow_user_path(f) %></li>
<% end %>
```

/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController

  def index
    @who_to_follow = current_user.who_to_follow.limit(5)
  end

end
```

HELPER SKELTER



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<div class="followers">
  Followers
  <span><%= @followers_count %></span>
  <% @recent_followers.each do |f| %>
    <a href="<%= user_path(f) %>">
      
    </a>
  <% end %>
</div>

<div class="following">
  Following
  <span><%= @following_count %></span>
  <% @recent_following.each do |f| %>
    <a href="<%= user_path(f) %>">
      
    </a>
  <% end %>
</div>
```



HELPER SKELTER



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<%= follow_box("Followers", @followers_count, @recent_followers) %>
<%= follow_box("Following", @following_count, @recent_following) %>
```



/app/helpers/tweets_helper.rb

```
def follow_box(title, count, recent)
  str = "<div class=\"#{title.downcase}\">>" +
    "#{title}<span>#{count}</span>"
  recent.each do |user|
    str += "<a href=\"#{user_path(user)}\">"
    str += "<img src=\"#{user.avatar.url(:thumb)}\">"
    str += "</a>"
```



```
  end
  raw(str += "</div>")
end
```

USE PROPER LINK_TO AND IMAGE_TAG

HELPER SKELTER



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

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<%= follow_box("Followers", @followers_count, @recent_followers) %>
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/app/helpers/tweets_helper.rb

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  str = "<div class=\"#{title.downcase}\">>" +
    "#{title}<span>#{count}</span>"
  recent.each do |user|
    str += link_to user do
      image_tag(user.avatar.url(:thumb))
    end
  end
  raw(str += "</div>")
end
```



USE HTML HELPERS?

HELPER SKELTER



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<%= follow_box("Followers", @followers_count, @recent_followers) %>
<%= follow_box("Following", @following_count, @recent_following) %>
```



/app/helpers/tweets_helper.rb

```
def follow_box(title, count, recent)
  content_tag :div, :class => title.downcase do
    str = title + content_tag(:span, count)
    recent.each do |user|
      str += link_to user do
        image_tag(user.avatar.url(:thumb))
      end
    end
    raw(str)
  end
end
```

ANNOYING STR VARIABLE

LEVEL 5 FROGGY VIEWS

HELPER SKELTER



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<%= follow_box("Followers", @followers_count, @recent_followers) %>
<%= follow_box("Following", @following_count, @recent_following) %>
```



/app/helpers/tweets_helper.rb



```
def follow_box(title, count, recent)
  content_tag :div, :class => title.downcase do
    raw(
      title +
      content_tag(:span, count) +
      recent.collect do |user|
        link_to user do
          image_tag(user.avatar.url(:thumb))
        end
      end.join
    )
  end
end
```

THE EXAMPLE



Your Tweets 1,902

Trends

United States · change

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Rolling Papers

Wayne Gretzky

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#imprudtosay

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PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<h2>Trends</h2>
<%= render :partial => 'trending' %>
```



/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb

```
<h3><%= @user.trending_area %></h3>
<ul>
  <% @trending.each do |topic| %>
    <li>
      <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
      <% if topic.promoted? %>
        <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
      <% end %>
    </li>
  <% end %>
</ul>
```

PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<h2>Trends</h2>
<%= render 'trending' %>
```



/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb

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<h3><%= @user.trending_area %></h3>
<ul>
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    <li>
      <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
      <% if topic.promoted? %>
        <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
      <% end %>
    </li>
  <% end %>
</ul>
```

THERE ARE INSTANCE VARIABLES
IN OUR PARTIAL!

PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<h2>Trends</h2>
<%= render 'trending', :area => @user.trending_area,
           :topics => @trending %>
```

/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb

```
<h3><%= area %></h3>
<ul>
  <% topics.each do |topic| %>
    <li>
      <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
      <% if topic.promoted? %>
        <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
      <% end %>
    </li>
  <% end %>
</ul>
```

PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb



```
<h3><%= area %></h3>
<ul>
  <% topics.each do |topic| %>
    <%= render 'topics/topic', :topic => topic %>
  <% end %>
</ul>
```

/app/views/topics/_topic.html.erb

```
<li>
  <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
  <% if topic.promoted? %>
    <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
  <% end %>
</li>
```

PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb



```
<h3><%= area %></h3>
<ul>
  <% topics.each do |topic| %>
    <%= render topic %>
  <% end %>
</ul>
```

USING CLASS NAME TO FIND PARTIAL

/app/views/topics/_topic.html.erb

```
<li>
  <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
  <% if topic.promoted? %>
    <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
  <% end %>
</li>
```

PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb

```
<h3><%= area %></h3>
<ul>
  <%= render :partial => 'topics/topic', :collection => topics %>
</ul>
```

/app/views/topics/_topic.html.erb

```
<li>
  <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
  <% if topic.promoted? %>
    <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
  <% end %>
</li>
```

PARTIAL SANITY



/app/views/tweets/_trending.html.erb



```
<h3><%= area %></h3>
<ul>
  <%= render topics %>
</ul>
```

/app/views/topics/_topic.html.erb

```
<li>
  <%= link_to topic.name, topic %>
  <% if topic.promoted? %>
    <%= link_to image_tag('promoted.jpg'), topic %>
  <% end %>
</li>
```

EMPTY STRING THINGS



```
<% if @user.email.blank? %>
```



```
<% unless @user.email? %>
```



```
<% if @user.email.present? %>
```



```
<% if @user.email? %>
```



EMPTY STRING THINGS



```
<%= @user.city || @user.state || "Unknown" %>
```



=> “”



IF CITY IS EMPTY “” IT WILL PRINT “”

```
city = @user.city if @user.city.present?  
state = @user.state if @user.state.present?
```



```
<%= city || state || "Unknown" %>
```

EMPTY STRING THINGS



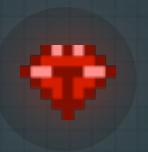
```
<%= @user.city || @user.state || "Unknown" %>
```



```
<%= @user.city.presence || @user.state.presence || "Unknown" %>
```



EMPTY STRING THINGS



```
<%= @user.city.titleize || "Unknown" %>
```



UNDEFINED METHOD `TITLEIZE` FOR NIL:NILCLASS

CITY IS NIL

EMPTY STRING THINGS



```
<% if @user.city %>  
  <%= @user.city.titleize %>  
<% else %>  
  Unknown  
<% end %>
```



```
<%= @user.city ? @user.city.titleize : "Unknown" %>
```



```
<%= @user.city.try(:titleize) || "Unknown" %>
```



THE EXAMPLE



KeithBarrett Keith Barrett

Just got the Twitter "Something is technically wrong" screen.
Haven't seen that in ages. Exactly what is that creature w/ the
claws & mask?

10 minutes ago Favorite Retweet Reply



timbray Tim Bray by whiteafrican

Death to hashbangs! <http://goo.gl/uDm2b>
21 hours ago Unfavorite Retweet Reply



Sephora_ Sephora

Too hungry to figure out what to whip up for dinner.....shh growly
stomach

11 minutes ago

ROCK YOUR BLOCK HELPERS



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% @presenter.tweets.each do |tweet| %>
  <div id="tweet_<%= tweet.id %>"  
    class="<%=' favorite' if tweet.is_a_favorite?(current_user)%>">  
    <%= tweet.status %>
  </div>
<% end %>
```

ROCK YOUR BLOCK HELPERS



/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% @presenter.tweets.each do |tweet| %>
  <%= tweet_div_for(tweet, current_user) do %>
    <%= tweet.status %>
  <% end %>
<% end %>
```

/app/helpers/tweets_helper.rb

```
def tweet_div_for(tweet, user, &block)
  klass = 'favorite' if tweet.is_a_favorite?(user)

  content_tag tweet, :class => klass do
    yield
  end
end
```

id="tweet_<%= tweet.id %>"

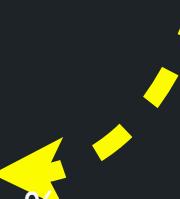
YIELD TO THE CONTENT_FOR



/app/views/layouts/application.html.erb

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
  <h1>Twitter</h1>
  <% if flash[:notice] %>
    <span style="color: green"><%= flash[:notice] %></span>
  <% end %>
  <%= yield %>
</body>
</html>
```

NEED TO INSERT CONTENT HERE!





YIELD TO THE CONTENT_FOR

/app/views/layouts/application.html.erb

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
  <h1>Twitter</h1>

  <%= yield :sidebar %>

  <% if flash[:notice] %>
    <span style="color: green"><%= flash[:notice] %></span>
  <% end %>
  <%= yield %>
</body>
</html>
```

/app/views/tweets/index.html.erb

```
<% content_for(:sidebar) do %>
  ... html here ...
<% end %>
```

WHAT IF ALL ACTIONS IN THE TWEET CONTROLLER NEED THE SIDEBAR?



/app/views/layouts/application.html.erb

3

```
<%= yield :sidebar %>

<% if flash[:notice] %>
  <span style="color: green"><%= flash[:notice] %></span>
<% end %>
<%= yield %>
```



1

```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  layout 'with_sidebar'
end
```

2

/app/views/layouts/with_sidebar.html.erb

```
<% content_for(:sidebar) do %>
  ... html here ...
<% end %>
<%= render :file => 'layouts/application' %>
```



THE EXAMPLE



Twitter / @Gregg Pollack: Yesterday @RailsForZombies ...

<http://twitter.com/#!/greggpollack/status/33193655879598080>

Search Home Profile Messages Who To Follow barcamporlando

 **@greggpollack**
Gregg Pollack

Yesterday @RailsForZombies broke 4,000 people who have completed all 5 labs.

3 Feb via TweetDeck  Favorite  Retweet  Reply

Mentioned in this Tweet

 **railsforzombies** Rails for Zombies · [Follow](#)
Rails training by Envy Labs

Retweeted by [travisbenning](#) and 10 others



META YIELD



/app/views/layouts/application.html.erb

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Twitter <%= @title %></title>
  <meta name="description"
        content="<%= @description || "The best way ..." %>" %>">
  <meta name ="keywords"
        content="<%= @keywords || "social,tweets ..." %>" %>">
  ...
  ...
```

/app/controllers/tweets_controller.rb



```
class TweetsController < ApplicationController
  def show
    @tweet = Tweet.find(params[:id])
    @title = @tweet.user.name
    @description = @tweet.status
    @keywords = @tweet.hash_tags.join(",")
  end
end
```

**CLUTTERING YOUR CONTROLLER
& POLLUTING WITH VIEW CONCERNS**

LEVEL 5 FROGGY VIEWS

META YIELD



/app/views/layouts/application.html.erb

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Twitter <%= yield(:title) %></title>
  <meta name="description"
        content="<%= yield(:description) || "The best way ..." %>">
  <meta name = "keywords"
        content="<%= yield(:keywords) || "social,tweets ..." %>">
  ...
  ...
```

/app/views/tweets/show.html.erb

```
<%
content_for(:title, @tweet.user.name)
content_for(:description, @tweet.status)
content_for(:keywords, @tweet.hash_tags.join(","))
%>
```

META YIELD



/app/helpers/application_helper.rb

```
def title(title)
  content_for(:title, title)
end

def description(description)
  content_for(:description, description)
end

def keywords(keywords)
  content_for(:keywords, keywords)
end
```

/app/views/tweets/show.html.erb

```
<%
  title      @tweet.user.name
  description @tweet.status
  keywords    @tweet.hash_tags.join(", ")
%>
```

