

☆ Be a Good Ruby Citizen ☆

Use and contribute code like you give a damn.

“WHY?”

"We've got to have rules
and obey them. After all,
we're not savages."

Dr Nic's 8 Steps
<http://bit.ly/othercode>

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Let's simplify

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6. Pray for acceptance...

You're done!

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Own Your Code

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- Get familiar
- Take responsibility
- Don't ask for permission
- Take care

If you use it, you own it

Owners will
take responsibility for and
take care of their possessions

First, get familiar

Read

Mike Skalnik

<http://bit.ly/reading-code>

The Value of Reading Code

Posted in [Code](#), [Open Source](#)



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Here at Highgroove, we do [code reviews](#), which ensures everyone is reading some code on a regular basis. However, being a developer usually means you'll be reading code regularly anyway. In the past, I used to avoid this if I could. However, now I've learned how much I can get from it, and use it to improve myself as a developer.

Reading code isn't easy, and I certainly didn't want to do it when my only goal was figuring out why a gem wasn't doing what it promised. It was much easier to just find someone familiar with it and pick their brain. However, there's more to be gained from reading source code than you may think.

Recently, I had project which relied



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“Now that I've grown used to reading code, I look at it as an opportunity to look at someone else's programming style, and hopefully learn a thing or two.”

Learning happens slowly.

If you haven't already,
begin now.

Understand

Now, you know
So take responsibility

Use your knowledge

acts_as_tree

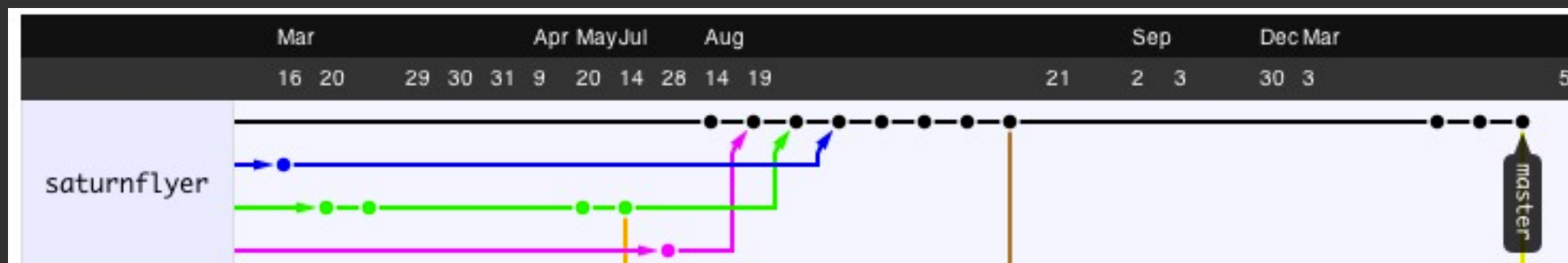
Get annoyed by a defect or missing feature
`acts_as_tree` is not a gem
(circa 2009)

Find & checkout the source

Github to the rescue

Create a branch & write a failing test
hmm... I skipped that.

Write code to pass your test & commit
more like steal other's code
and commit



Publish your code & submit your patch

Didn't bother with the patch

Accept the Thank-yous
Github built the gem

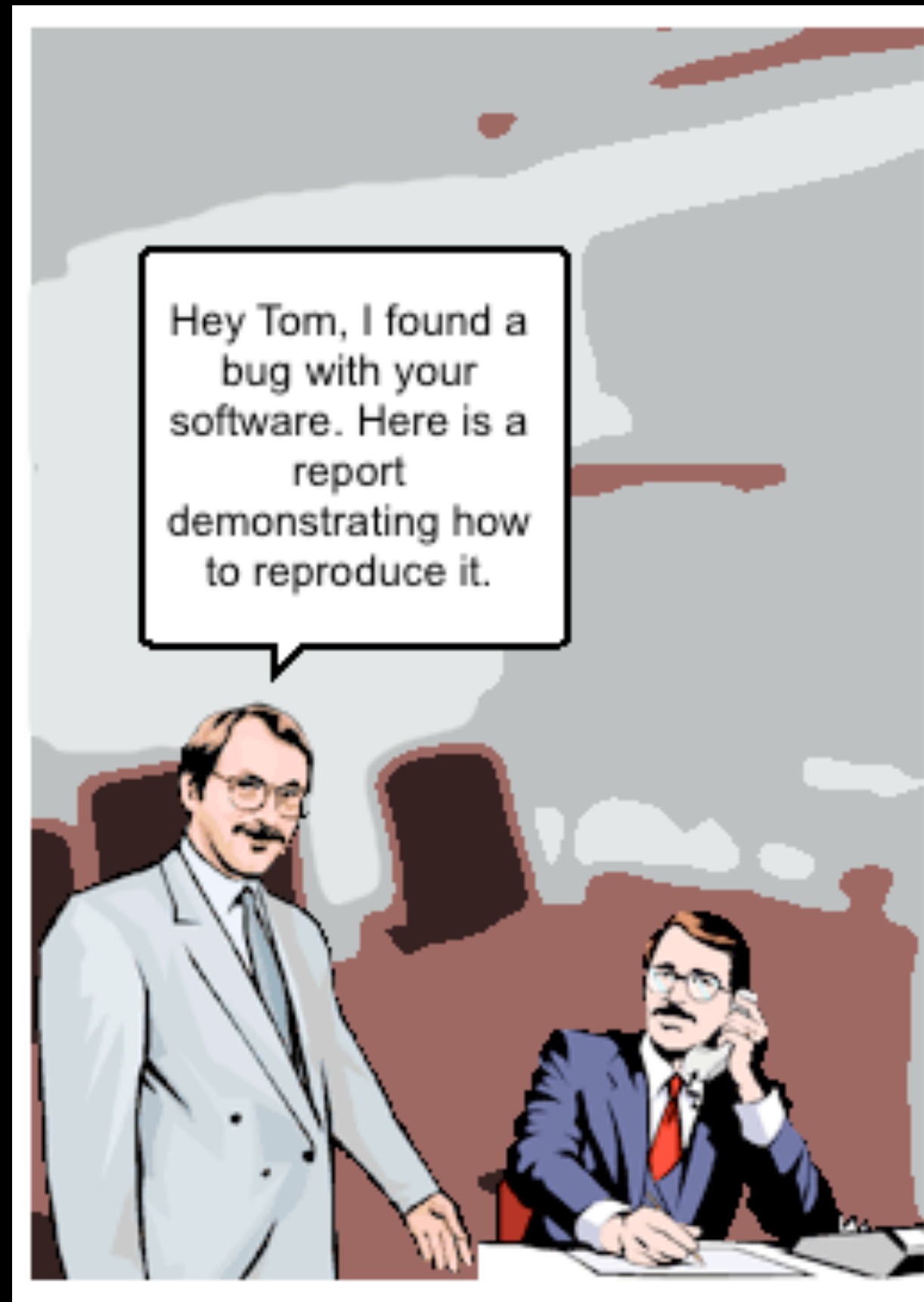
It's ripe again!



Don't ask for
permission

Brian Cardarella

<http://bit.ly/patches-welcome>



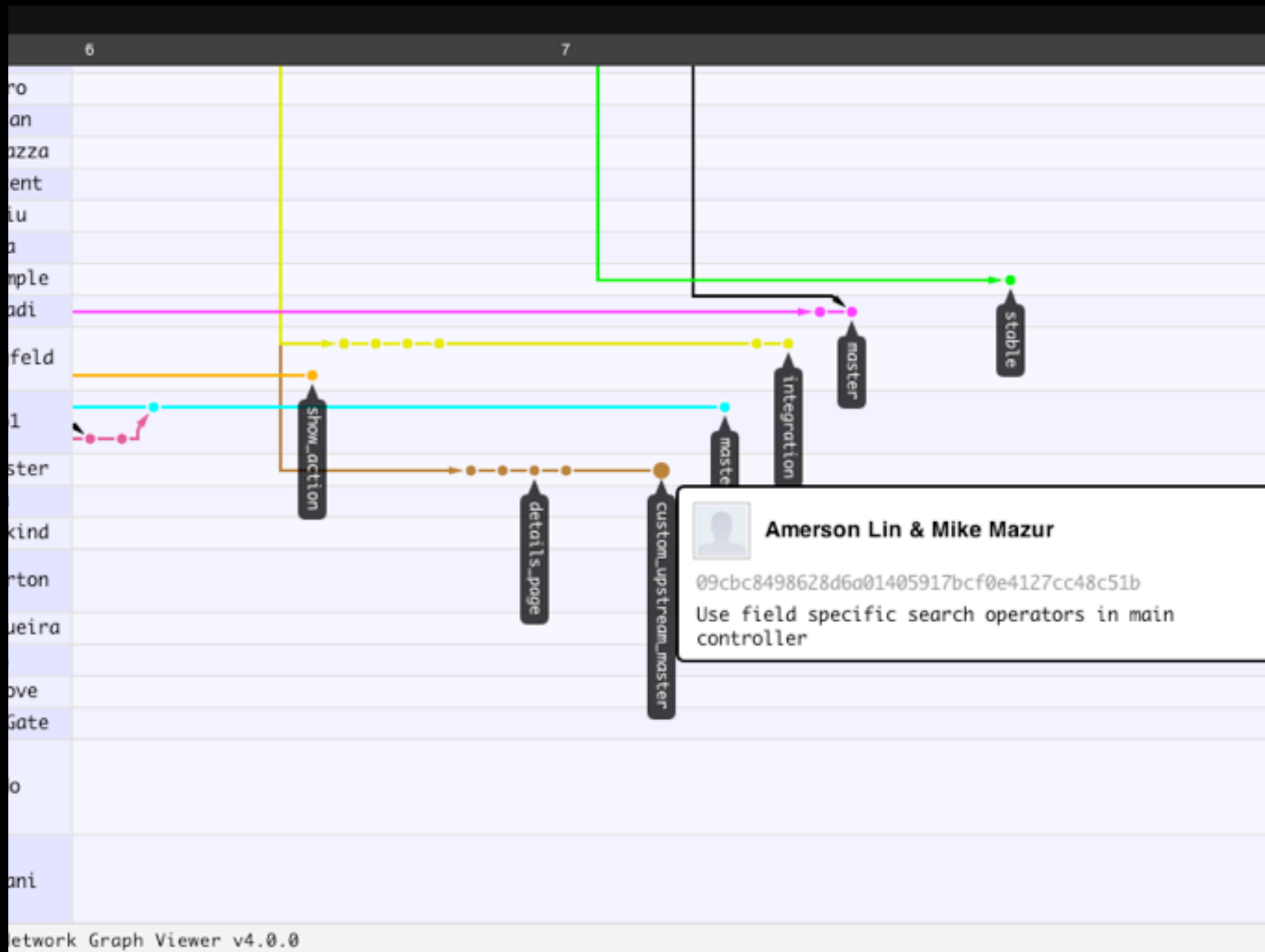




Be a leader

Curate other's commits

Steal other's commits



Your best friend

“How do I take care?”

Roy Osherove
<http://bit.ly/true-community>

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Appreciating the power of a true community

In Community on July 4, 2011 at 00:56

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Update: for the record, I might not have made myself clear enough. I think the .NET community itself is not to blame(only partly) for these feelings. there are many OSS projects in .NET. The problem is with the MS frame of mind, and how it tries to actively fight the community of such talented, smart people, to conform to its POV. MS does not deserve the people who are working so hard to make OSS work on its platform, because it actively discourages them from continuing to do so, **and they, in turn, encourage MS to continue to act this way, by staying in this community.**

Update 2: When I said MS doesn't deserve great developers because it doesn't want great developers, **I meant things like this** (among many others, such unit test code generation, not fixing bugs relating to the unit testing framework etc)

Discuss bugs with others

Discuss goals &
direction with others

Advocate for mutual benefit

Read and respond
to mailing lists and blogs

Jamis Buck

<http://bit.ly/mini-frustration>

the { buckblogs :here }

assorted_ramblings.by JamisBuck

Sharing the Inheritance Hierarchy

Posted by Jamis on June 07, 2011 @ 03:32 PM

I've been working more closely with Ruby 1.9 and Rails 3 lately, and while in general it's been smooth going, there was one particularly disappointing road bump today.

Consider the following code, from a Rails functional test:

```
1 class SessionControllerTest < ActionController::TestCase
2   tests SessionController
3   # ...
4 end
5
6 class LoginTest < SessionControllerTest
7   # ...
8 end
9
10 class LogoutTest < SessionControllerTest
11   # ...
12 end
```

This works great with ruby 1.8.7. The `tests` call sets the `SessionController` as the controller under test, and the subclasses gain access to that via the "inheritable attributes" feature of ActiveSupport.

Sadly, this does *not* work in ruby 1.9. Those tests have errors now, saying that the controller instance variable needs to be set in the setup method, because the inheritable attribute of the parent is no longer being inherited.

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The lesson? **Always be a good neighbor.** Never assume you are the only kid on the playset. Call super when you override a method. Create a call chain when you replace a method *in situ*. Think of the children!

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3. David Chelimsky said...

You could just use RSpec :)

But, in case you don't: <https://github.com/seattlerb/minitest/pull/21>

4. Jamis said...

David, point taken: thanks for doing what I ought to have done first! I really didn't mean to complain about about minitest (well okay, maybe I did a little, two hours of lost time was a bit frustrating), mostly I just wanted to "raise awareness" of the anti-pattern. But my point would have been stronger if I'd included a patch. Thanks for fixing that for me. ;)



@tenderlove

Aaron Patterson

I <3 @dchelimsky for his awesome bug reporting skills. Many people could learn from him! Thanks @dchelimsky! <3 <3 <3 <3!

<https://twitter.com/#!/tenderlove/status/101365041177165826>

Remember the newbies!!!

Teach!

Steve Klabnik

<http://bit.ly/people-oss>

We Forget That Open Source is Made of People

Programmers like to think that software is the purest form of meritocracy. We like to consider ourselves scientists; what we do is entirely impersonal. I'm at Lone Star Ruby right now, and the first two talks are entirely about software as a science.

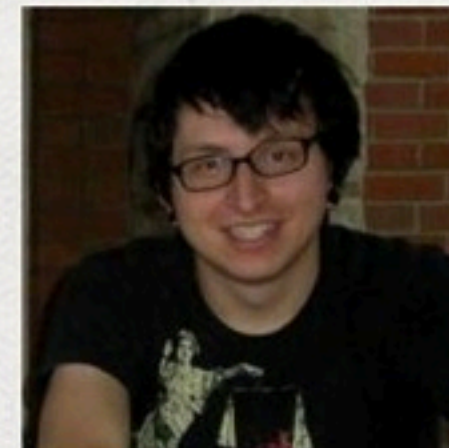
But this is a fallacy. There's a human element to open source that's often totally forgotten, and it drives people away.

Software Celebrity and Hero Worship

We sort of acknowledge this, in a way. There are most certainly software celebrities, even if their celebrity is localized to the community in which they operate. I heard someone say this today:

If I can go to one Ruby conference and not hear anyone mention Zed Shaw or _why, I can die happy.

If I say "jnicklas" you say "Capybara." If I say "DHH" you say "Rails." If I say "matz" you say "Ruby." We have our heroes, villains, and foils, just like anybody else. But we forget that in every celebrity, there is a real person in there. Actual people, who have real thoughts, feelings,



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