

All comments must be haiku!

Custom linting with RuboCop

Repo link

<https://bit.ly/3H5t5Um>



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Why would you write your own linter?

- **Style and formatting rules unique to your team and codebase**
- **Examples:**
 - **No undocumented ENV variables**
 - **Database table-level comments**
 - **Enforce permission strings as format**
“admin.account.update”



What is RuboCop actually doing?

- <https://github.com/whitequark/parser> (parse source into AST)
- ruby-parse (utility)
- A bunch of tools to make it easier to work with the above
- Much more, but this is the basic idea



Abstract Syntax Trees

A structured representation of source code as a tree.

Lexer/scanner reads source code into tokens, then parser organizes the tokens into a tree that reflects the relationship between the tokens.

This lets us programmatically work with those tokens and relationships.



Abstract Syntax Trees

```
def hello_rubyconf  
  puts 'hello'  
  puts 'rubyconf'  
end
```

```
(def :hello_rubyconf  
  (args)  
  (begin  
    (send nil :puts  
      (send nil :"hello"))  
    (send nil :puts  
      (send nil :"rubyconf"))))
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If this is what we got for a small method, it's going to be tough to walk through our whole code base and enforce our rules.

RuboCop provides the tools to make that easier.





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