

Ruby on Rails

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Rails Development



Why a blog?

Starting a New App

```
$ rails new glob -T
      create
      create README.rdoc
      create Rakefile
      create config.ru
             .gitignore
      create
      create Gemfile
$ cd glob/
```



```
$ echo "rvm use 1.9.3@glob --create" > .rvmrc
$ cd .
# RVM will find the .rvmrc file and prompt you to verify it
```



```
$ rm public/index.html
$ rm app/assets/images/rails.png
```

```
# Pick the frameworks you want:
require "active_record/railtie"
require "action_controller/railtie"
require "action_mailer/railtie"
# require "active_resource/railtie"
require "sprockets/railtie"
```

Initial Commit

```
$ git init
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Initial commit"
```

RSpec Setup

```
# Gemfile
group :test, :development do
   gem 'rspec-rails', '~> 2.12.2'
end

# dev will give us the spec generators
```

\$ bundle # or bundle install

RSpec Install



We'll require `spec_helper.rb` in our test files

The default setup is fine for now

Running RSpec

```
$ rspec spec/
No examples found.
```

Finished in 0.00007 seconds 0 examples, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Install RSpec"
```



Capybara is an "acceptance test framework for web applications"

Drive out application from the UI level

Runs specs in a browser if we need a JS runtime

Installing Capybara Speak Browser

\$ bundle install

```
# spec/spec_helper.rb
require 'capybara/rspec' # integrate with RSpec
require 'capybara/rails' # integrate with Rails
```

Make Sure it Works

```
$ rspec spec/
No examples found.
Finished in 0.00007 seconds
0 examples, 0 failures
```



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Install Capybara"
```



First test is UI-level to make sure we have a home page

We'll write a Rails integration test with RSpec



```
# test the home page
$ rails g rspec:integration home_page
create spec/requests/home_pages_spec.rb
```



```
$ mkdir spec/features
$ mv spec/requests/home_pages_spec.rb \
    spec/features/home_page_spec.rb
```



```
describe "Home Page" do
  describe "GET '/'" do
    it "is successful" do
      visit root_path
      expect(page).to have_content("Glob")
    end
  end
end
```



```
$ rspec spec
...
Failure/Error: visit root_path
NameError:
  undefined local variable or method `root_path' for
#<RSpec::Core::ExampleGroup::Nested_1::Nested_1:0x007fc1a36abf00>
...
```

Declaring Root Route Respond to

```
# config/routes.rb
Glob::Application.routes.draw do
  root :to => 'main#index'
end
```



```
$ rspec spec
...
Failure/Error: visit root_path
ActionController::RoutingError:
  uninitialized constant MainController
...
```



\$ touch app/controllers/main_controller.rb

app/controllers/main_controller.rb
class MainController < ApplicationController
end</pre>



```
$ rspec spec
...
AbstractController::ActionNotFound:
   The action 'index' could not be found for MainController
...
```



```
class MainController < ApplicationController
  def index
  end
end</pre>
```



\$ rspec spec

```
...
ActionView::MissingTemplate:
    Missing template main/index, application/index with
{:locale=>[:en], :formats=>[:html], :handlers=>[:erb, :builder, :coffee]}.
Searched in:
...
```

Our First Template Output HTIML Output

```
$ mkdir app/views/main
$ touch app/views/main/index.html.erb
```



```
$ rspec spec
...
Failure/Error: expect(page).to
have_content("Glob")
    expected there to be text "Glob" in ""
...
```



```
<!-- we're in app/views/main/index.html.erb --> <h1>Glob</h1>
```





\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.19433 seconds 1 example, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Working home page"
```

Fire Up a Browser To the victors belong the spoils





Faster, easier web development

We want out app to look good

Focus on Rails not design

Twitter Bootstrap Twitter Bootstrap Design for Devs

```
# Gemfile
group :assets do
    #...
gem 'bootstrap-sass'
end
```

\$ bundle install



app/assets/stylesheets/application.css

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



app/views/layouts/application.html.erb

```
<body>
  <div class="container">
    <div class="navbar">
      <div class="navbar-inner">
        <%= link_to 'Glob', root_path, :class => 'brand' %>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="container">
   <%= yield %>
  </div>
</body>
```



app/assets/stylesheets/styles.scss.css

```
body {
  margin-top: 20px;
}
```



Run The Tests

```
$ rspec spec
Finished in 0.19433 seconds
1 example, 0 failures
```



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Add bootstrap-sass and layout structure"
```



\$ mkdir spec/models
\$ touch spec/models/article_spec.rb

Our First Model Tests first please!

spec/models/article_spec.rb
require 'spec_helper.rb'

describe Article do end

Run The Tests

```
$ rspec spec
uninitialized constant Article (NameError)
...
```



```
$ rails g model article title body:text
   invoke active_record
   create db/migrate/2012XXXXXXX_create_articles.rb
   create app/models/article.rb
```



```
describe Article do
  it "creates an article" do
    article = Article.new(:title => "Blah", :body => "lorem ipsum")
    article.save
    expect(article).to be_persisted
  end
end
```



```
$ rspec spec
...
ActiveRecord::StatementInvalid:
   Could not find table 'articles'
...
```





We need to explicitly migrate the test database

```
$ rspec spec
...
ActiveRecord::StatementInvalid:
   Could not find table 'articles'
...
```



\$ rake db:test:prepare





\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.23919 seconds 2 examples, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Working article model"
```



Data integrity is critical

ActiveRecord provides a validations framework



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So what next?



```
# spec/models/article_spec.rb
it "requires a title" do
   article = Article.new(:body => "World")
   expect(article).to_not be_valid
end
```



```
$ rspec spec
Failure/Error: expect(post).to_not be_valid
  expected valid? to return false, got true
```



```
class Article < ActiveRecord::Base
    ...
    validates_presence_of :title
end</pre>
```



Run the Tests Is the data being validated?

\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.24452 seconds 3 examples, 0 failures





Hint: validates_uniqueness_of



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Add validations to Article model"
```



Less work for us

More readable for other devs



```
# Gemfile
group :test do
    # ...
    gem 'factory_girl_rails', '~> 4.1.0'
end
```

\$ bundle



```
# spec/spec_helper.rb
#...
# config.fixture_path = "#{::Rails.root}/spec/fixtures"
```

Defining Factories Object Factories

```
# spec/factories.rb
FactoryGirl.define do
   factory(:article) do
     sequence(:title) { Inl "Title-#{n}" }
     body "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipisicing"
   end
end
```



```
FactoryGirl.create(:post) #=> saves it to the database
FactoryGirl.build(:post) #=> Just initializes the model object
FactoryGirl.create(:post, :title => "New Title") #=> provide custom attributes
```

Testing Factories Object Factories

```
# spec/models/factories_spec.rb
require 'spec_helper'
describe 'Factories' do
  FactoryGirl.factories.each do Ifactoryl
    it "#{factory.name} returns a valid object" do
      obj = FactoryGirl.build(factory.name)
      expect(obj).to be_valid
    end
  end
end
```

Shorter Factory SyntaX Object Factories

```
# spec/spec_helper.rb
RSpec.configure do IconfigI
config.include FactoryGirl::Syntax::Methods
# ...
```

```
create(:article)
build(:article, :title => "Foo Post")
```

Porting our specs to use Factory Girl





\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.3145 seconds 6 examples, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Port specs to factory_girl"
```



- Anyone can read articles
- •Registered users can create articles
- Anyone can comment on articles



Devise is feature-full, but modular Rails authentication framework

Much of the complexity of authentication is abstracted away from us by Devise (for better and worse)

We'll step through a reasonable amount of Devise's functionality to get a better understanding



We'll write acceptance tests for the core behavior Devise gives us.

Writing these tests will illuminate much of what Devise is doing behind the scenes as well as give us confidence that our authentication system is functioning properly.



Rails default form-builder library is great - it let's us customize forms to our hearts' content.

But the new kids on the block have stolen the show with cleaner DSL's and integration with CSS frameworks like Bootstrap



```
# Gemfile
gem 'simple_form', '~> 2.0.4'
```

\$ bundle





Run the Tests Still Working?

\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.3145 seconds 6 examples, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Install simple_form"
```



```
# Gemfile
gem 'devise', '~> 2.2.3'
```

\$ bundle





```
# config/application.rb
module Glob
  class Application < Rails::Application
    # Recommended by Devise install generator
    config.assets.initialize_on_precompile = false
    ...</pre>
```



Run the Tests Still Working?

\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.3145 seconds 6 examples, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Install devise"
```



```
$ rails g devise user name
    invoke active_record
    create db/migrate/2013xxxxxx_devise_create_users.rb
    create app/models/user.rb
    insert app/models/user.rb
    route devise_for :users
```



Devise Updating the generated migration

```
## Recoverable
# t.string :reset_password_token
# t.datetime :reset_password_sent_at
## Trackable
# t.integer :sign_in_count, :default => 0
# t.datetime :current_sign_in_at
# t.datetime :last_sign_in_at
# t.string :current_sign_in_ip
# t.string :last_sign_in_ip
# add_index :users, :reset_password_token, :unique => true
```



```
$ rake db:migrate
 rake db:rollback
$ rake db:migrate
$ rake db:test:prepare
```



Run the Tests Still Working?

\$ rspec spec Finished in 0.3145 seconds 6 examples, 0 failures



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Generate devise user model"
```



Describe how the software should behave by describing how a real user would interact with the website in a browser



"Gherkin is really just glorified comments"

"Cucumber is a process disguised as a tool"

"Given-When-Then form hides dependencies"

"Overhead when the whole team isn't involved"

"Don't use Cucumber unless you live in the magic kingdom of non-programmers-writing-tests (and send me a bottle of fairy dust if you're there!)" - DHH

RSpec/Capybara Let's get started!

```
# Gemfile
group :test do
    # ...
gem 'database_cleaner', '~> 0.9.1'
end
```

\$ bundle





Run the Tests Still Working?

```
$ rspec spec && cucumber
Finished in 0.3145 seconds
6 examples, 0 failures
Using the default profile...
0 scenarios
0 steps
0m0.000s
```



```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Install cucumber-rails"
```



The cucumber-rails gem is setup to integrate with Capybara and our test framework of choice, RSpec.

The step definitions will be aware of our application's named routes, models, factories, etc.

We'll use capybara to drive the UI and RSpec to make expectations on the page object (provided by capybara)



We can categorize our first few features to correspond with the Devise modules we're trying to test.

Opinions vary as the best way to organize features and step definitions.

We'll use cucumber scenarios to help us stitch together our app's Ul with what Devise gives us



```
# features/registration.feature
Feature: User registration
  Background:
    Given I visit the home page
  Scenario: Users can sign up
    Given I navigate to the sign up page
    When I fill in the sign up form with valid data
    And I submit the sign up form
    Then I should be signed in
    And I should see confirmation that I signed up successfully
```



State can be shared between step definitions using instance variables which persist for the duration of a scenario.

A balance must be struck when sharing state between step definitions. Things can quickly get out of hand, especially with step definitions which are reused by many scenarios.

Low maintenance tests are the goal. Brittle test suites can become a pain and discourage thorough testing.



Avoid passing complex objects between step definitions.

Try to share state at the parameter level, which will typically mean strings or lists of strings.



```
# features/sessions.feature
Feature: User Sessions
  Background:
    Given I visit the home page
  Scenario: Registered users can sign in
    Given I am a registered user
    When I navigate to the sign in page
    And I fill in the sign in form with valid data
    And I submit the sign in form
    Then I should be signed in
    And I should be notified that I successfully signed in
```



```
# features/session.feature
Feature: User Sessions
  Background:
    Given I visit the home page
  Scenario: Registered users can sign in and out
    Given I am a registered user
    When I navigate to the sign in page
    And I fill in the sign in form with valid data
    And I submit the sign in form
    Then I should be signed in
    And I should be notified that I successfully signed in
    When I click to sign out
    Then I should be signed out
    And I should be notified that I successfully signed out
```



By default cucumber-rails run the scenarios without a JavaScript runtime.

If we're not testing behavior that requires JavaScript, we can use the defaults.

Otherwise, we can tag a scenario with @javascript, and it will open up an instance of Firefox and execute the steps in live browser with the JS runtime.



Feature: Flash Notices

Background:

Given I visit the home page

@javascript

Scenario: User can dismiss flash notices

Given there is a flash notice

When I click to dismiss the flash notice

Then I should not see the flash notice



Occasionally we'll want to declare a list of items for our scenarios to use.

Cucumber tables allow us to pass lists of data to our step definitions. The syntax is very simple. Just setup rows and columns and give columns a header.

The table will be yielded to the body of the step definition so we can iterate over the rows and create objects or make expectations.



Cucumber scenarios typically cut across many different parts of our application. It is often prudent to put a scenario in a pending state while we test and implement controller actions and even models.

By tagging a scenario with @wip (work-in-progress) we can safely commit the scenario and leave a note to ourselves and the team that this scenario is still being worked on.





Controller Testing

Invoke the controller action, make an expectation on the response object.

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe ArticlesController do
   describe "GET :index" do
    it "is successful" do
        get :index
        expect(response.code).to eq "200"
   end
   end
end
```



```
require 'spec_helper'
describe ArticlesController do
  describe "GET :index" do
    it "assigns all articles to @articles" do
      first = create(:article)
      second = create(:article)
      third = create(:article)
      get :index
      expect(assigns[:articles]).to include(first, second, third)
    end
  end
end
```



```
# app/controllers/articles_controller.rb
class ArticlesController < ApplicationController
  def index
    @articles = Article.all
  end
end</pre>
```



```
Feature: Viewing Articles
 @wip
  Scenario: Users can view a list of articles on the home page
    Given the following articles exist:
      | title
      I First Article I
      | Second Article |
      | Third Article |
    When I visit the home page
    Then I should see the list of articles
```



```
Feature: Viewing Articles
...

@wip
Scenario: Users can view a single article
Given an article exists
When I visit the home page
And I click to view the article
Then I should see the article
```



```
require 'spec_helper'
describe ArticlesController do
  describe "GET :show" do
    before do
     @article = create(:article)
    end
    it "is successful" do
      get :show, :id => @article.to_param
      expect(response.code).to eq "200"
    end
 end
end
```



We'll need to test the controller actions in several contexts.

What is the behavior with/without an authenticated user?

RSpec gives us a `context` method, which let's us scope tests to a specific area of concern. It's behaves roughly the same as `describe` but the terminology is more fitting.



```
require 'spec_helper'
describe ArticlesController do
  describe "GET :show" do
    before do
     @article = create(:article)
    end
    it "assigns the article to @article" do
      get :show, :id => @article.to_param
      expect(assigns[:article]).to eq @article
    end
 end
end
```



```
class ArticlesController < ApplicationController
  before_filter do
    # Run this code before all actions in this controller
  end
  ...
end</pre>
```



```
class ArticlesController < ApplicationController
  before_filter :my_method
   ...
  private

def my_method
   # Run this code before all controller actions
  end
end</pre>
```



```
class ArticlesController < ApplicationController
  before_filter :my_method, :except => [:index, :show]
   ...
  private

def my_method
   # Run this code before all actions except 'index' and 'show'
  end
end
```



Feature: Managing Articles

Scenario: Authenticated users can view the new article page

Given I am signed in

When I navigate to the new article page

Then I should see the new article form



```
describe "GET :new" do
    context "without an authenticated user" do
        it "denies access" do
            get :new
            expect(response).to redirect_to new_user_session_path
        end
    end
    context "with an authenticated user" do
    end
end
```



Setting up controller tests for authenticated user is fairly simple to do with Devise::TestHelpers.

We'll need to manually set the 'devise.mapping' key on the request object environment, so the controller test has access to the Devise configuration for the user model. In a running application this happens automatically.



```
describe "GET :new" do
  context "with an authenticated user" do
    before do
      @request.env['devise.mapping'] = Devise.mappings[:user]
      sign_in create(:user)
    end
    it "is successful" do
      get :new
      expect(response.code).to eq "200"
    end
 end
end
```



Feature: Managing Articles

Scenario: Authenticated users can create articles

Given I am signed in

And I navigate to the new article page

When I fill in the new article form with valid data

And I submit the new article form

Then I should see the article

And I should be notified that I successfully created and article



```
describe "POST :create" do
    ...
    context "without and authenticated user" do
        it "denies access" do
            post :create, @params
            expect(response).to redirect_to new_user_session_path
        end
    end
end
```



```
describe "POST :create" do
  context "with an authenticated user" do
    context "given invalid parameters" do
      it "renders the new template" do
        invalid_params = { :article => {
            :title => "", :body => "I had an amazing trip to Alaska" } }
        post :create, invalid_params
        expect(response).to render_template(:new)
      end
    end
  end
end
```



RSpec's expect(&block) method is useful for asserting changes in state around some specific behavior.

We could do this manually, but using expect(&block) is much more elegant and readable.



```
describe "POST :create" do
  context "with an authenticated user" do
    context "given valid parameters" do
      it "creates an article" do
        expect { post :create, @params }.to change(Article, :count).by(+1)
      end
      it "redirects to the created article's show page" do
        post :create, @params
        expect(response).to redirect_to article_path(Article.last)
      end
    end
 end
end
```



```
describe Article do
    ...
    it "belongs to an author" do
        user = create(:user)
        article = create(:article, :author => user)
        expect(article.author).to eq user
    end
end
```



It is often necessary to access the current_user from within a controller test.

The controller tests gives us a `controller` method which returns the context of that controller. We'll call `controller.current_user` to access the authenticated user.



```
describe "POST :create" do
  context "with an authenticated user" do
    context "given valid parameters" do
      it "assigns the current user as the author" do
        post :create, @params
        expect(Article.last.author).to eq controller.current_user
      end
    end
  end
end
```



```
Scenario: Users can view a single article
Given an article exists
When I visit the home page
And I click to view the article
Then I should see the article
And I should see the author's name # additional step
```



Users should be able to comment on articles

Articles should have many comments

Comments should belong to an article



has_many/belongs_to association between articles and comments

Nested routes

Forms with nested routes



```
require 'spec_helper'
describe Comment do
 it "require some content" do
    comment = build(:comment, :content => '')
    expect(comment).to_not be_valid
  end
  it "belongs to an article" do
    article = create(:article)
    comment = create(:comment, :article => article)
    expect(comment.article).to eq article
  end
end
```



```
require 'spec_helper'

describe Article do
    ...
    it "has any comments" do
        article = create(:article)
        comment = create(:comment, :article => article)
        expect(article.comments).to eq [comment]
    end
end
```



```
Scenario: User can comment on articles
   Given an article exists
   And I visit the home page
   And I click to view the article
   When I fill out the comment form with "Great post!"
   And I submit the comment form
   Then I should the comment "Great post!" in the list of comments
```



```
# routes
# article_comments POST /articles/:article_id/comments(.:format) comments#create
# params hash
params = {
  # id of the article we're commenting on
  :article_id => 42,
  # nested hash of values for the comment
  :comment => {
    :nickname => "#1 Fan",
    :content => "Very articulate!"
```



```
describe CommentsController do
  describe "POST :create" do
    context "given valid params" do
      it "redirects to the article page" do
        post :create, @params
        expect(response).to redirect_to article_path(@article)
      end
      it "creates a comment on the article" do
        expect {
          post :create, @params
        }.to change(@article.comments, :count).by(+1)
      end
    end
  end
end
```



```
describe CommentsController do
  describe "POST :create" do
    context "given invalid params" do
      it "redirects to the article page" do
        invalid_params = {
          :article_id => @article.to_param,
          :comment => {
            :content => "" } }
        post :create, @params
        expect(response).to redirect_to article_path(@article)
      end
    end
  end
end
```

