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#### OOP short

**Object Oriented Programming** 

Encapsulation: Bundling data and methods that operate on it, restricting direct access.

Abstraction: Hiding complex details, presenting a simple interface.

Inheritance: Child classes can inherit methods and properties from parent classes.

Polymorphism: Allows using an object like its parent while maintaining its own unique behavior.

OOP

Encaps ulation	private public methods
Abstra- ctions	user blindly
Inheri- tance	u can replace parent methods with child methods
Polymo rphism	Polymorphism gives us a way to use an object exactly like its parent but keeping its own methods as they are

Method	Access	Control	short

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Public:	Protected: Only
Methods	accessible by the
accessible	defining class and
by	its subclasses.
anyone.	

Private: Only accessible by the current object; cannot be called with an explicit receiver.

Public methods can be called by

everyone - no access control is

enforced. A class's instance

methods (these do not belong

instance of the class can call

them) are public by default;

anyone can call them. The

initialize method is always

Protected methods can be

invoked only by objects of the

defining class and its subcla-

sses. Access is kept within the

family. However, usage of

Private methods cannot be

called with an explicit receiver -

the receiver is always self. This

means that private methods can

be called only in the context of

the current object; you cannot

invoke another object's private

protected is limited.

methods.

private.

only to one object; instead, every

Method Access Control

ActiveJob
emails
image processing
external API call
analytics calculations

#### Rails Enige

Rails::Engine allows you to wrap a specific Rails application or subset of functionality and share it with other applications or within a larger packaged application. Every Rails::Application is just an engine, which allows for simple feature and application sharing. Any Rails: :Engine is also a Rails: :Ra iltie, so the same methods (like rake tasks and genera tors) and config uration options that are available in railties can also be used in engines. # lib/my \_en gine.rb module MyEngine class Engine < Rails: :Engine end end

RESTful	
INDEX	GET users
NEW	GET users/new
SHOW	GET users/1
EDIT	GET users/1/edit
UPDATE	PUT/PATCH users/1
DELETE	GET users/1/d- elete
DESTROY	DELETE users/1
CREAET	POST users

#### How should you test routes

# Asserts that the default action is generated for a route with no action assert ge nerates " /it ems ", contro ller: " ite ms", action: " ind ex" # Tests that the list action is properly routed assert ge nerates " /it ems /li st", contro ller: " ite ms", action: " lis t" # Tests the generation of a route with a parameter assert ge nerates " /it ems /li st/ 1", { contro ller: " ite ms", action: " lis t", id: " 1" } # Asserts that the generated route gives us our custom route

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# How should you test routes (cont)

> assert\_generates "changesets/12", { controller: 'scm', action: 'show\_diff', revision: "12" } # Asserts that POSTing to /items will call the create action on ItemsController assert\_recognizes({controller: 'items', action: 'create'}, {path: 'items', method: :post})

#### Active Record short

ORM: Maps	Associations:
objects to	Defines
database tables,	relationships
providing	like
methods to	has_many,
represent	belongs_to,
models, relati-	and
onships, and	has_many
validations.	:through.

Conventions: Naming conventions for tables and associations, e.g., User has many Posts.

#### ActiveRecord

Active Record is the M in MVC the model - which is the layer of the system responsible for representing business data and logic. Active Record facilitates the creation and use of business objects whose data requires persistent storage to a database. It is an implementation of the Active Record pattern which itself is a description of an Object Relational Mapping system.

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#### ActiveRecord (cont)

In Active Record, objects carry both persistent data and behavior which operates on that data. Active Record takes the opinion that ensuring data access logic as part of the object will educate users of that object on how to write to and read from the database. Active Record gives us several

mechanisms, the most important being the ability to: Represent models and their

data. Represent associations between

these models. Represent inheritance hierarchies through related models. Validate models before they get persisted to the database. Perform database operations in an object-oriented fashion.

#### Object Relational Mapping

Object Relational Mapping, commonly referred to as its abbreviation ORM, is a technique that connects the rich objects of an application to tables in a relational database management system. Using ORM, the properties and relationships of the objects in an application can be easily stored and retrieved from a database without writing SQL statements directly and with less overall database access code.

Active Record conventions		
user	posts	
has_many		
Article	articles	
PostComment	post_c-	
	omments	
Mouse	mice	
post	user	
belongs_to		

#### Fat controllers

retrieving data from the model, transforming it as appropriate for the view, and then passing it to the view for rendering

#### Refactor of models

If some code does work from the point of view of an ActiveRecord model, it can go into the model. If some code does work that spans multiple tables/objects, and doesn't really have a clear owner, it could go into a Service Object.

Anything that's attribute-like (like attributes calculated from associations or other attributes) should go into your Active-Record model. If you have logic that has to

orchestrate the saving or updating of multiple models at once, it should go into an Active-Model Form Object.

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#### Refactor of models (cont)

If code is mostly meant for displaying or formatting models in a view, it should go into a Rails helper or a Presenter.

#### E-Tags short

Definition:	Usage: If-Non-
Response	e-Match
headers that	header checks
identify a	if a resource
resource	has changed,
version, aiding	allowing "304
in caching and	Not Modified"
content valida-	responses.
tion.	

#### E-tags

Definition: An E-tag is a response header used to identify a specific version of a resource on a server. It's often a unique identifier, such as a hash or a version number, that changes whenever the resource changes.

#### E-tags (cont)

Caching: E-tags are crucial for caching mechanisms. When a client requests a resource, it receives an E-tag with the response. On subsequent requests, the client can send this E-tag back to the server with an "If-None-Match" header, allowing the server to determine if the resource has changed. If it hasn't, the server can respond with a "304 Not Modified" status, reducing bandwidth usage by skipping the resource transfer. Content Validation: E-tags also help ensure content integrity. By comparing E-tags, clients and servers can verify that they are accessing the correct version of a resource, ensuring consistency between versions. Implementation: In practice, Etags are generated and managed by the server. Developers might create custom logic to generate these tags or rely on server frameworks that handle them automatically.

#### E-tags (cont)

E-tags are particularly useful in: Web APIs: For API responses, E-tags help reduce data transfer and ensure clients receive the latest information. Static Content: For web pages, CSS files, and JavaScript assets, Etags prevent redundant downloads, speeding up page loads.

#### SOLID short

Single	Open/Closed:
Responsib-	Classes should
ility: A class	be open for
should handle	extension but
one respon-	closed for
sibility.	modification.
Liskov Substi-	Interface
tution:	Segregation:
Subtypes	Clients
should be	shouldn't
substitutable	depend on
for their	unused interf-
parent types.	aces.

Dependency Inversion: Highlevel modules should depend on abstractions, not low-level modules.

#### SOLID

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Single Responsibility Principle: A class should have only one reason to change, meaning it should handle a single responsibility or functionality. This helps create modular code that's easier to understand and maintain.

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Open/Closed Principle: Software entities (such as classes or functions) should be open for extension but closed for modification. This means you should be able to add new functionality without altering existing code, typically through inheritance or composition.

SOLID (cont)

Liskov Substitution Principle: Subtypes should be substitutable for their base types. In other words, derived classes should be able to replace their parent classes without affecting the functionality of the application.

Interface Segregation Principle: Clients should not be forced to depend on interfaces they do not use. This encourages the creation of small, specific interfaces, rather than large, general ones, making the design more flexible and reducing coupling.

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#### SOLID (cont)

Dependency Inversion Principle: High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules; both should depend on abstractions. This means code should rely on abstract interfaces rather than concrete implementations, promoting decoupling and making the system easier to extend and maintain.

#### self

The keyword self in Ruby gives you access to the current object - the object that is receiving the current message. To explain: a method call in Ruby is actually the sending of a message to a receiver

Ruby method I	ookup j	path
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user	User	Parent::	Object
		User	

Ruby callbacks	
Create	Update
before_save; before_valid- ation	after_update; after_commit
Destroying	Touch
around_de- stroy; after_rol- lback	after_initia- lize; after_find

Proc and lamb	da
Lambda	Proc
Proc class (lambda)	Proc class
checks the number of arguments passed to it	proc does not
lambda returns, it passes control back to the calling method	proc returns, it does so immedi- ately, without going back to the calling method

#### Asset Pipeline

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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 and pre-pr-

ocessors such as CoffeeScript, Sass, and ERB

Caching short	
Page	Action Caching
Caching:	Similar to page
Caches	caching but run
entire pages	before filters.
directly to	
disk.	

Caching short (cont) Fragment Low-Level Caching: Caching: Allows Caches caching values or parts of query results, views reducing database separaload. tely.

#### Caching 1/2

Page caching is a Rails mechanism which allows the request for a generated page to be fulfilled by the web server (i.e. Apache or NGINX) without having to go through the entire Rails stack. While this is super fast it can't be applied to every situation (such as pages that need authentication). Also, because the web server is serving a file directly from the filesystem you will need to implement cache expira-

Page Caching cannot be used for actions that have before filters - for example, pages that require authentication. This is where Action Caching comes in. Action Caching works like Page Caching except the incoming web request hits the Rails stack so that before filters can be run on it before the cache is served. This allows authentication and other restrictions to be run while still serving the result of the output from a cached copy.

#### Caching 1/2 (cont)

Dynamic web applications usually build pages with a variety of components not all of which have the same caching characteristics. When different parts of the page need to be cached and expired separately you can use Fragment Caching. Fragment Caching allows a fragment of view logic to be wrapped in a cache block and served out of the cache store when the next request comes in.

#### Caching 2/2

Low-level Sometimes you need to cache a particular value or query result instead of caching view fragments. Rails' caching mechanism works great for storing any kind of information.

SQL caching Query caching is a Rails feature that caches the result set returned by each query. If Rails encounters the same query again for that request, it will use the cached result set as opposed to running the query against the database again.

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#### Caching 2/2 (cont)

Rails.cache.fetch("#	User.f-
{cache_key_with_v-	irst;
ersion}/competing	User.first
price", expires_in:	
12.hours) do	
Competitor::API.fi-	
nd_price(id) end	

#### Migrations

Rails provides a set of rake tasks to work with migrations which boil down to running certain sets of migrations. The very first migration related rake task you will use will probably be rake db:migrate. In its most basic form it just runs the up or change method for all the migrations that have not yet been run. If there are no such migrations, it exits. It will run these migrations in order based on the date of the migration.

Migrations (cont)
Note that running the db:migrate
also invokes the db:sch-
ema:dump task, which will
update your db/schema.rb file to
match the structure of your
database.

# Associations belongs\_to

has\_one

has\_many has\_many :through

has\_one :through

has\_and\_belongs\_to\_many

#### scopes

Scoping allows you to specify commonly-used queries(it can be considered as a shortcut for long or most frequently used queries) which can be referenced as method calls on the association objects or models. With these scopes, you can use every method previously covered such as where, joins and includes. All scope methods will return an ActiveRecord::Relation object which will allow for further methods (such as other scopes) to be called on it.

Basic info	
Class is the	class variables
blueprint from	are shared
which	between a
individual	class and all its
objects are	subclasses
created	
Objects are	class instance
instances of	variables only
the class.	belong to one
	specific class
Use a construct	tor in Ruby
def initialize({}):	end:

def initialize({});end;

getter and setter methods in Ruby

attr\_reader

attr\_accessor

#### Class and a module

Modules are collections of methods and constants.

They cannot generate instances. Classes may generate instances (objects), and have per-instance state (instance variables).

#### everything is an object in Ruby

Every data type that we work with is a class and classes are objects. Even the Object class is an object. Strings, integers, floats, hashes, arrays, symbols, classes, modules, errors and more are all objects.

Rack Rack is the underlying technology behind nearly all of the web frameworks in the Ruby world "Rack" is actually a few different things: An architecture - Rack defines a very simple interface, and any code that conforms to this interface can be used in a Rack application. This makes it very easy to build small, focused, and reusable bits of code and then use Rack to compose these bits into a larger application. A Ruby gem - Rack is is distributed as a Ruby gem that provides the glue code needed to compose our code. require "rack" require "thin" class HelloWorld def call(env)

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#### Rack (cont)

[ 200, { "Content-Type" => "text/plain" }, ["Hello World"] ] end end Rack::Handler::Thin.run HelloW-

#### orld.new

https://github.com/sunlightlabs/rack-honeypot

Rack defines a very simple interface. Rack compliant code must have the following three characteristics:

It must respond to call The call method must accept a single argument -

This argument is typically called env or environment, and it bundles all of the data about the request.

The call method must return an array of three elements These elements are, in order,

status for the HTTP status code, headers, and body for the actual content of the response.

#### Rack (cont)

A nice side effect of the call interface is that procs and lambdas can be used as Rack objects.

Middleware are the building blocks of larger applications built using the Rack pattern. Each middleware is a Rack compatible application, and our final application is built by composing together, or nesting these middleware. Unlike base Rack apps, middleware must be classes as they need to have an initializer which will be passed the next app in the chain. For our first middleware example, we'll introduce a middleware that logs the amount of time the request took and

adds that to the response.

#### Rack (cont)

To begin, we'll update our core Rack app to sleep for 3 seconds to give us something worth logging, and then we'll build our middleware: Rack::Handler::Thin.run LoggingMiddleware.new(app) Middleware are perfect for nonapp specific logic. Things like setting caching headers, logging, parsing the request object, etc. all are great use cases for Rack middleware. For example, in Rails, cookie parsing, sessions, and param parsing are all handled by Middleware.

#### Rack Middleware

# @app.call(env) after = Time.now.to\_i log\_message = "App took # {after - before} seconds." [status, headers, body << log\_message] end end Rack::Handler::Thin.run Loggin-</pre>

Rack Middleware (cont)

class LoggingMiddleware

before = Time.now.to\_i

status, headers, body =

def initialize(app)

@app = app

def call(env)

> end

end

gMiddleware.new(app)

optimistic pessimistic locking Optimistic Pessimistic

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# optimistic pessimistic locking (cont)

Optimistic locking is a mechanism to prevent data overrides by assuming that a database transaction conflict rarely happens

When one user is editing a record and we maintain an exclusive lock on that record, another user is prevented from modifying this record until the lock is released or the transaction is completed. This explicit locking is known as a pessimistic lock

uses a "version-number" column to track changes in each table that needs to implement concurrent access

Optimistic locking is just a mechanism to prevent processes from overwriting changes by another process. Optimistic locking is not a magic wand to manage or auto-merge any conflicting changes. It can only allow users to alert or notify about such conflicting changes.

# optimistic pessimistic locking (cont)

Optimistic locking works by just comparing the value of the "version" column. Thus, optimistic locking is not a real database lock

multiple users can	multiple
read the same	users
resource at the	will not
same time but if	be able
more then one tries	to read
to modify the	while
database , then we	others
prevent it	are
	reading

Advisory Lock

# optimistic pessimistic locking (cont)

An advisory lock is a voluntary locking mechanism that requires transactions to explicitly request and release locks on resources. How it works: Transactions explicitly acquire advisory locks on resources, signaling to other transactions that they should also respect these locks. Advisory locks don't inherently block transactions; instead, they rely on voluntary adherence. Use cases: Advisory locks are useful in systems where developers want fine-grained control over concurrency or when specific business logic dictates locking behavior, such as file management systems.

postgres indexes	
B-tree Index:	Hash
Default type,	Index:
suitable for	Optimized
equality (=) and	for
range queries (<,	equality
>, BETWEEN).	compar-
	isons (=).

#### postgres indexes (cont)

GIN Index:	GiST Index:
Useful for	Flexible structure
indexing	for complex data
array,	types, including
JSONB, and	geometric and
full-text	range queries.
search	
fields.	

Partial Index: create index where condition

The order of columns in a multi-column index affects how well it optimizes queries. Consider these factors: Query Patterns: Place the column most frequently used in queries or filters first. This increases the chances of the index being utilized effectively. Selective Columns: Columns with high selectivity (i.e., a wide range of unique values) should appear first. This maximizes the potential for early filtering. Combining Columns: If queries often filter by a combination of columns, ensure the index order matches the most common query patterns.

Highiest cardinality means better index. Columns with high cardinality have many unique values relative to the total number of rows.

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#### singleton methods, Eigenclass

In Ruby, a class is an object. Indeed, a class is literally an instance of the class Class The eigenclass is an unnamed instance of the class Class attached to an object and which instance methods are used as singleton methods of the defined object.

#### RubyGems

The RubyGems software allows you to easily download, install, and use ruby software packages on your system.

The software package is called a "gem" which contains a packaged Ruby application or library.

#### Eigenclass

Every Ruby object has an associated eigenclass, which is created automatically the first time a singleton method (a method defined only for that specific object) is added to it. The eigenclass stores these singleton methods.

#### Eigenclass (cont)

Eigenclasses can be useful in Rails for extending or modifying specific instances of classes without affecting the class as a whole: Singleton Methods: You might use a singleton method to add behavior directly to an individual object, such as a single instance of a model, without altering its class definition. Meta-Programming: Eigenclasses play a role in meta-programming techniques, allowing for dynamic modifications to objects.

class User < ApplicationRecord end user = User.find(1) def user.greet "Hello, #{self.name}!" end puts user.greet # Outputs "-Hello, [User's name]!"

#### build your own Ruby gem .gemspec lib/mygem gem build .gemspec Use the basic lib/gem.rb and lib/gem/ structure for code.

Put any executables in bin, any data files in data and tests in test or spec.

#### build your own Ruby gem (cont)

Don't require or depend upon files outside of the load path. (VERSION files often seem to live in odd places in gems.) Do not require 'rubygems'. Do not tamper with the \$LOAD\_-PATH.

Favourites gems			
rspec	cancancan	Active-	
		ModelS	
		eri-	
		alizers	
capistrano	sidekiq	annotat	

#### Filters in controllers

class ChangesController < ApplicationController aro und \_action :wrap\_ in\_ tra nsa ction, only: :show

#### private

def wrap\_i n\_t ran saction Act ive Rec ord ::B ase.tr ans action do begin yield ensure raise Active Rec ord ::R ollback end end end

#### Strong params

Strong Parameters is a feature of Rails that prevents assigning request parameters to objects unless they have been explicitly permitted. It has its own DSL (Domain Specific Language, or in other words, a predefined syntax it understands), that allows you to indicate what parameters should be allowed. It also lets you indicate if each parameter should be a hash, array or scalar (i.e. integer, string, etc.), as well as some te other functionality

#### Controller specs

Send http requests to application and writing assertions about the response.

#### yield, content\_for

They are opposite ends of the rendering process, with yield specifying where content goes, and content\_for specifying what the actual content is.

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#### yield, content\_for (cont)

The best practice is to use yield in your layouts, and content\_for in your views. There is a special second use for content\_for, where you give it no block and it returns the previously rendered content. This is primarily for use in helper methods where yield cannot work. Within your views, the best practice is to stick to yield :my\_content to recall the content, and content\_for :my\_content do...end to render the content.

#### nested layouts

This is a live content block, but has not yet been populated. Please check back soon.

Security	
Content Security Policy	xss inj
https://rails-s- qli.org/	sql inj
use ssl	session hijacking
reset_session (expire)	session fixation

#### Password

Iterate over an HMAC with a random salt for about a 100ms duration and save the salt with the hash. Use functions such as password\_hash, PBKDF2, Bcrypt and similar functions.

#### https (ssl)

HTTPS protects the communication between your browser and server from being intercepted and tampered with by attackers. This provides confidentiality, integrity and authentication to the vast majority of today's WWW traffic. Any website that shows a lock icon in the address bar is using HTTPS

#### Unit testing

In computer programming, unit testing is a software testing method by which individual units of source code—sets of one or more computer program modules together with associated control data, usage procedures, and operating procedures—are tested to determine whether they are fit for use

	Patterns		Patterns (c	ont)	
	Creational	Structural	Behaviour Singletone	Decorator	Comma
	Abstract	Adapter	Observer is	is a	is a
	Factory is	is a	а	structural	behavio
	а	structural	behavioral	design	design
	creational	design	design	pattern	pattern
	design	pattern	pattern that	that lets	that turr
	pattern	that	lets you	you attach	a reque
	that lets	allows	define a	new	into a
	you	objects	subscr-	behaviors	stand
	produce	with	iption	to objects	alone
	families of	incomp-	mechanism	by placing	object tl
	related	atible	to notify	these	contains
	objects	interfaces	multiple	objects	all infor
	without	to collab-	objects	inside	ation
	specifying	orate.	about any	special	about th
	their		events that	wrapper	request
1	concrete		happen to	objects	This
	classes.		the object	that	transfor
_			they're	contain	ation let
			observing.	the	you
				behaviors.	parame
					terize
					method
					with
					differen
					request
					delay or
					queue a
					request
					executio
					and
					support
					undoab
					operat-
					ions.



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Patterns (cont)		
Prototype	Facade	Chain of respon sibility
Factory	Bridge is a	
Method is a	structural design	
creational	pattern that lets	
design	you split a large	
pattern that	class or a set of	
provides an	closely related	
interface for	classes into two	
creating	separate hierar-	
objects in a	chies-abstra-	
superclass,	ction and	
but allows	implementation	
subclasses	—which can be	
to alter the	developed	
type of	independently of	
objects that	each othe	er.
will be		
created.		

#### What is the primary technique for writing a test

Test actual result of execution, integration tests, rather than only unit tests. Write scenario as a complex test

Every Ruby
object has an
associated
eigenclass,
which is created
automatically
the first time a
singleton
method (a
method defined
only for that
specific object)
is added to it.
The eigenclass
stores these
singleton
methods.

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