

Rails Refactoring Recipes Cheat Sheet

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Explicitly render views with locals

- 1. Go to the view, replace all @ivar with var
- 2. Do the same in all partials that are called from the view and always pass the params to partials explicitly with render "products/form", $\{product: product\}$
- 3. At the end of the action add an explicit render call with a full path and
 the locals: render "products/new", :locals => {product:
 product}
- 4. Find all controllers that were using the views/partials that you changed and apply the same.

Extract render/redirect methods

- 1. Identify all render and redirect calls in your controller's actions.
- 2. Extract a private method for each render and redirect call you found with descriptive name that shows your intention.
- 3. Find and remove any duplicated methods you might created during this refactoring in the same controller.

Extract a Single Action Controller class

- 1. A new route declaration above the previous (first wins)
- 2. Create an empty controller which inherits from the previous
- 3. Copy the action content to the new controller
- 4. Remove the action from the previous controller
- Copy the filters/methods that are used by the action to the new controller
- 6. Make the new controller inherit from the ${\tt ApplicationController}$
- 7. Change routes to add except: [:foo_action]

Extract routing constraint

- 1. Go to the controller, duplicate existing action method under different name.
- 2. Create a constraint that can recognize which action should be called. Put it in routes.rb
- 3. Duplicate the relevant routing rule inroutes.rb
- 4. Protect first routing rule with the constraint.
- 5. Change the second routing rule so it delegates to the new controller action. If necessary, protect it with similar constraint.
- Remove the irrelevant code from controller actions. Make them do only one thing.
- 7. (Optionally) Move the constraint(s) to separate file(s).

Extract a repository object

- 1. Create a class called ProductsRepositoryinside the same file as the controller
- 2. Find all calls to typical Product.find/all/new/save/create methods in the controller
- 3. Create those methods in the repo object
- 4. Add a private method, called repo in the controller (possibly in the ApplicationController) where you instantiate the repo.
- 5. Move the repository class to app/repos/

Extract a service object using the SimpleDelegator

- Move the action definition into new class and inherit from SimpleDelegator.
- 2. Step by step bring back controller responsibilities into the controller.
- ${\bf 3. \ Remove \ inheriting \ from \ {\tt SimpleDelegator}.}$
- 4. (Optional) Use exceptions for control flow in unhappy paths.

Extract an adapter object

- 1. Extract external library code to private methods of your controller
- 2. Parametrize these methods remove explicit request / params / session statements
- 3. Pack return values from external lib calls into simple data structures.
- 4. Create an adapter class inside the same file as the controller
- 5. Move newly created controller methods to adapter (one by one), replace these method calls with calls to adapter object
- 6. Pack exceptions raised by an external library to your exceptions
- 7. Move your adapter to another file (ex. app/adapters/your_adapter.rb)



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