Legend:
config
db
app
lib
Misc
rmacconnell

root

# Rails in the Large:

### Building the Biggest (Enterprise) Rails Application in the World

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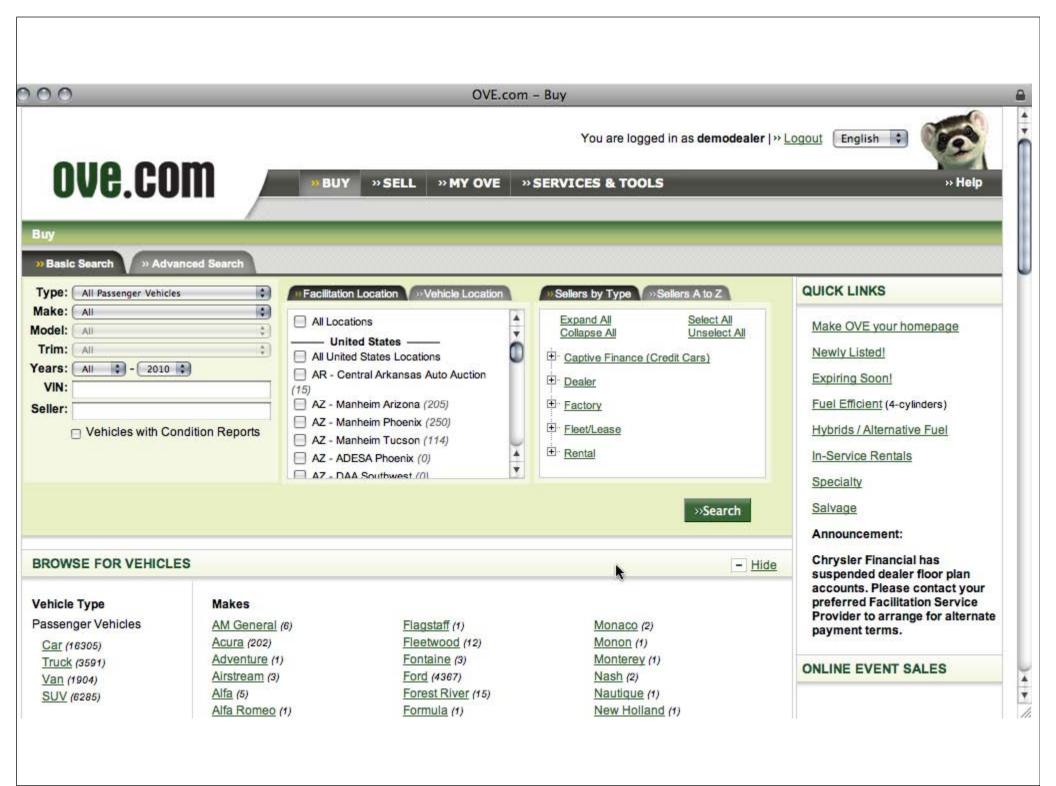
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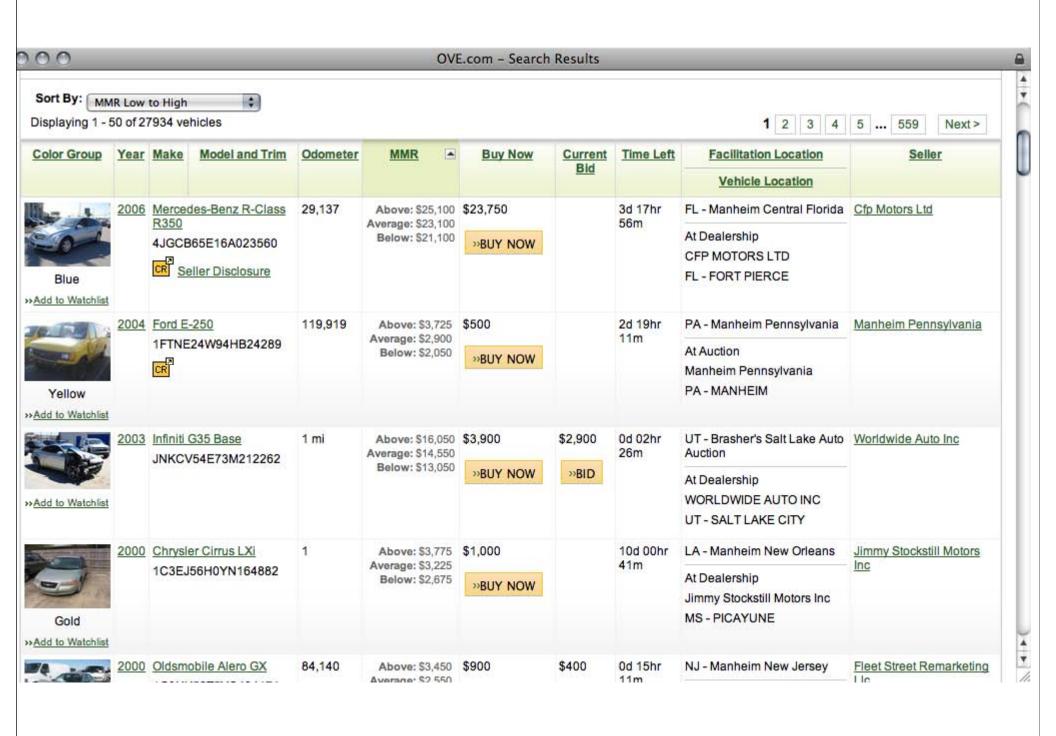
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REPORTS

View the full Condition Report for additional details.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Title Status: Title Present

Titled In: PA

#### 2004 Ford E-250

1FTNE24W94HB24289



PRICING

Buy Now Price: \$500

>>BUY NOW

Time Left: 2d 19hr 09m

End Date: 05/07/2009 12:00PM ET

» Add to Watchlist

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Facilitated by: Manheim Pennsylvania

Vehicle Location: At Auction MANHEIM, PA, US

#### MMR

Above: \$3,725 Average: \$2,900 Below: \$2,050

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#### **Black Book**

Extra Clean: \$8,550 Clean: \$5,125 Average: \$4,075

Rough: \$2,400

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#### VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

VIN: 1FTNE24W94HB24289

Odometer: 119,919
Transmission: Automatic
Engine Cylinders: 8 Cylinder

Drive Train: Not Specified Fuel Used: Not Specified

Exterior Color: Yellow

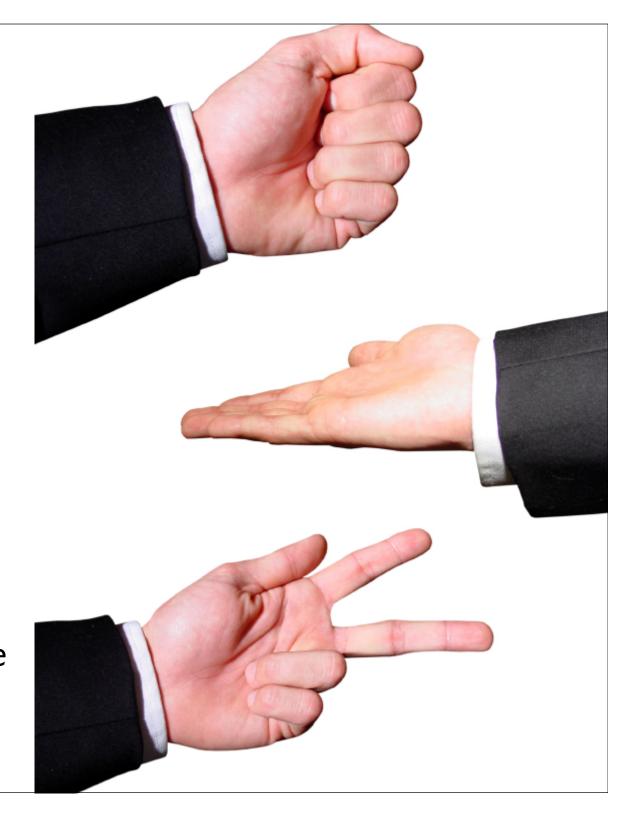
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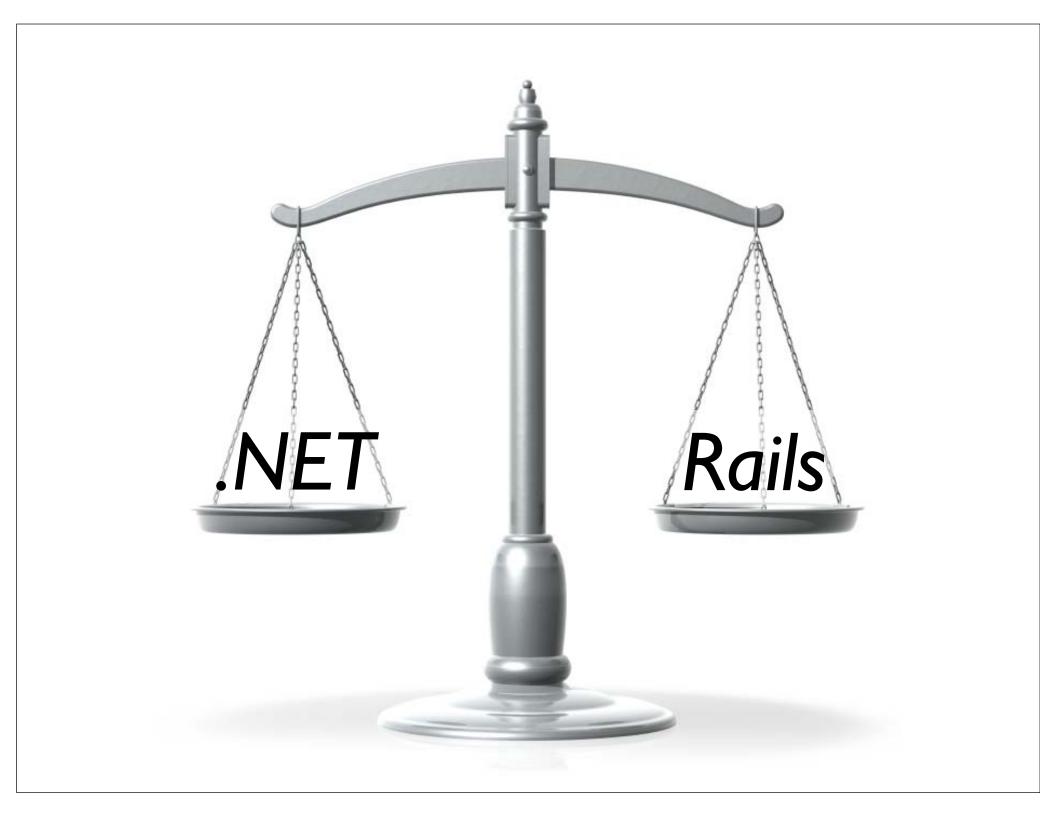
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# the pursuit



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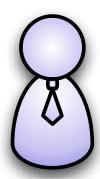




## quick start: october 2006

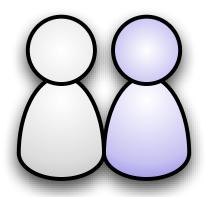


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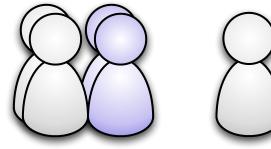
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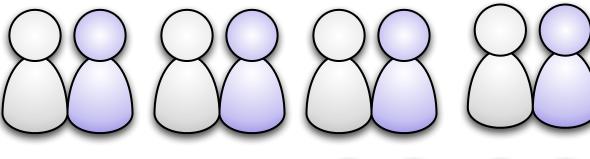
Tech Lead



Developer

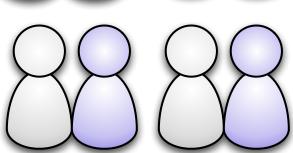
# inception: Jan 17, 2007



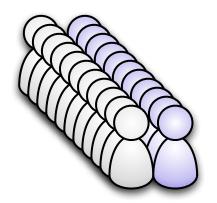


Started with 2 pairs

Added one pair every 2 weeks



8 or 9 pairs by July



#### now



II pairs of developers

8 business analysts





iteration manager





client principle

6 quality assurance

project manager





technology isn't as important as responsiveness to business needs

don't try to convince too early

spikes are your friends!

demonstration over arguments

## infrastructure



Rock is for Rookies: males have a tendency to lead with Rock on their opening throw

# physical infrastructure



pairing workstations



XServe (Selenium Grid)



BA





standalone QA

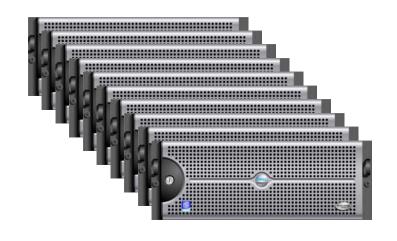


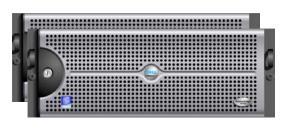
integrated QA

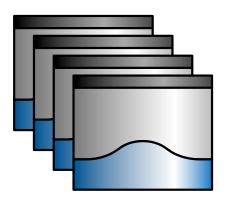


UAT (sneak peak)

# deployment stack







10 web boxes

2 image servers

4 database servers



background server

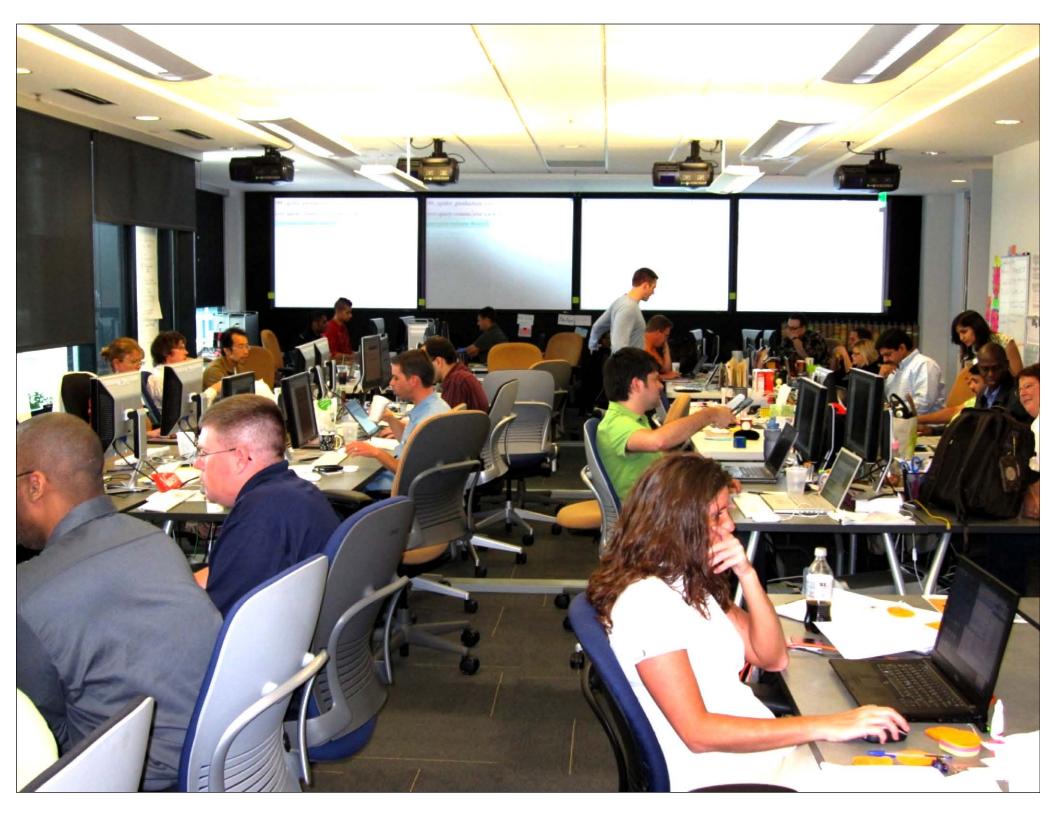


memcache

pgmac:~/work/ove-ruby% rake metrics:stats
(in /Users/pgross/work/ove-ruby)

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app/services	3431	2863	l 91	278	1 3	1 8 1	ı
app/utils	85	72	J 5	9	1 1	1 6 1	ı
app/view_states	780	624	10	J 98	l 9	1 4 1	ı
app/workers	1043	867	I 37	112	1 3	1 5 1	ı
extensions	2141	1743	l 16	237	14	1 5 1	ı
lib	1929	1613	42	182	1 4	1 6 1	ı
test/unit	54262	44757	681	150	1 0	296	ı
test/functional	52858	43174	293	62	1 0	694	ı
test/view	17056	13657	72	17	1 0	801	ı
test/externals	1359	1063	l 23	8	1 0	130	ı
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## lessons learned

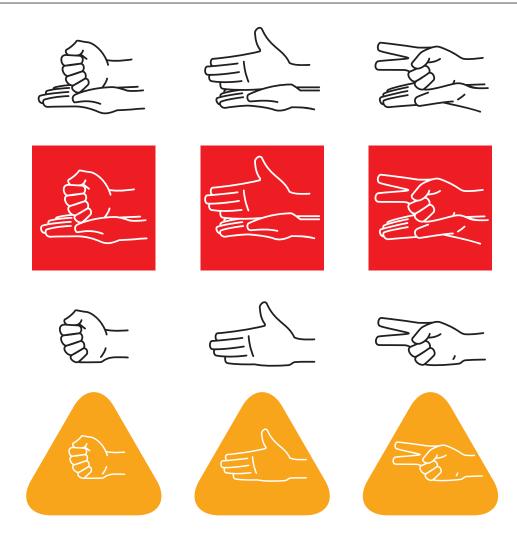


scale infrastructure opportunistically...

...but don't wait too long

Mac OS X rocks

have fun



# testing

Scissors on First:

play scissors as your
opening move against a
more experienced player

## disconnected unit tests

UnitRecord and the evolution of unit tests that don't hit the database

http://github.com/dan-manges/unit-record

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## the rule:

# unit tests don't hit the database

mock everything

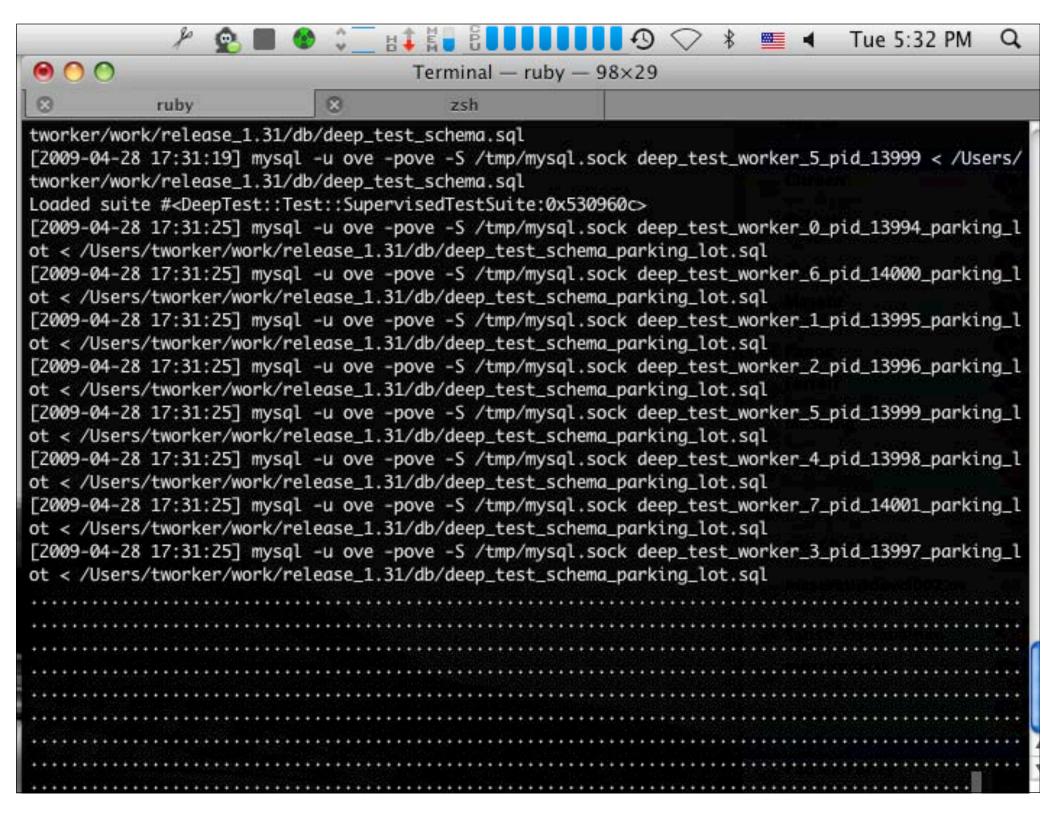
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# no mocking allowed in functional tests

tests that hit the database are sloooow

# DeepTest

http://github.com/qxjit/deep-test



# DistributedDeepTest



# prefer factories over fixtures





# Selenium grid



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new instances added as needed

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### cc.rb instances

Selenium view builds trunk

Selenium view builds release

core trunk build (commit build)

trunk + search infrastructure

core-release, externals, web services, datasets



## lessons learned



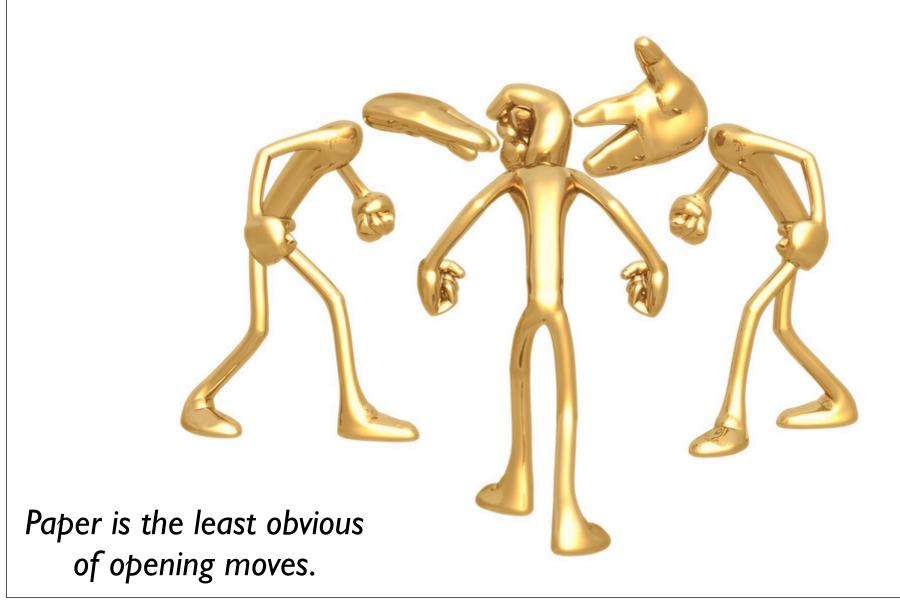
fight the battle to keep tests fast

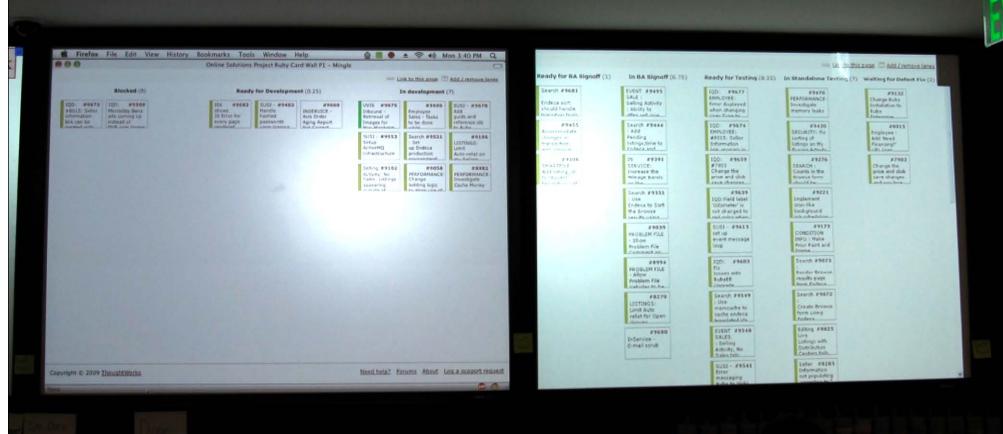
invent stuff if you have to

write smart tests

scale development infrastructure just like production infrastructure

# knowledge transfer





### cc\_board

```
01_trunk_commit | 02_trunk_acceptance | 03_trunk_apache
04_trunk_externals 05_trunk_metrics 07_trunk_qa_tests
11_release_commit | 12_release_acceptance | 13_release_apache
14_release_externals 17_release_qa_tests 97_deploy_ba
98_deploy_staging 99_spider_production ove-search-infrastructure
in-service ove-core-trunk ove-core-release ove-datasets
ove-externals ove-externals-trunk ove-query-counts
webservices-core z-deploy-ba-trunk z-deploy-endeca-ba-trunk
z-deploy-iqa-release z-deploy-sqa-trunk ove-view-trunk
ove-view-release-branch
```

http://github.com/qxjit/cc\_board/

# play a song when a build breaks





play theme song upon successful checkin



### pairing stations

adium





## internal Jabber server chat rooms

devs

**BAs** 

**QAs** 

shared buddy list

## automatically set pair name

adium

Mingle card (upon commit)

### lessons learned



software is more about communication than technology

use information radiators

co-location rocks

pairing really rocks

have fun



### automate everything

When playing with someone who is not experienced at the RPS, look out for double runs or, in other words, the same throw twice.

## I-click deploy to any environment

using cc.rb as easy deployment tool

### rake commit

run all unit tests

run all functional tests

verification (language keys)

commit

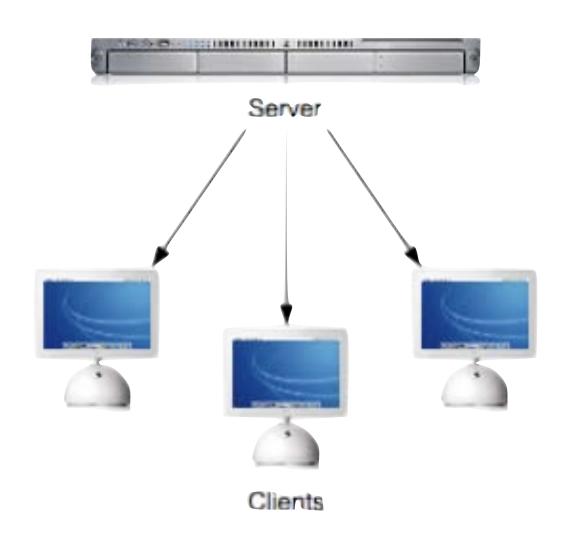
http://github.com/pgr0ss/rake\_commit\_tasks

## canonical pairing station maintenance

cap pairing\_stations

### radmind

http://rsug.itd.umich.edu/software/radmind/



strict rules for advanced language features



Rock beats scissors.

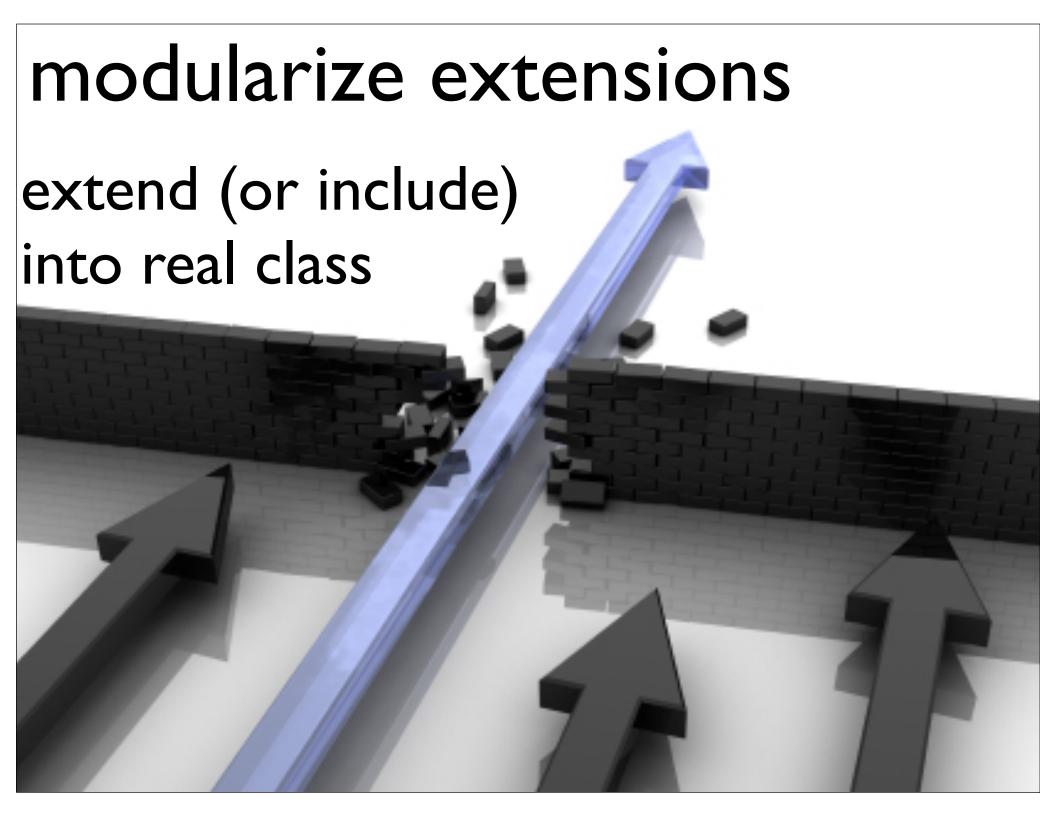


Tell your opponent what you are going to throw and then actually throw what you said.



## monkey patches all live in extensions folder





#### ancestors

```
>>> String.ancestors
=> [String, StringExtension,
    ActiveSupport::CoreExtensions::String::Multibyte,
    ActiveSupport::CoreExtensions::String::Behavior,
    ActiveSupport::CoreExtensions::String::Filters,
    ActiveSupport::CoreExtensions::String::Conversions,
    ActiveSupport::CoreExtensions::String::Access,
    ActiveSupport::CoreExtensions::String::Inflections,
    Enumerable, Comparable, Object, InstanceExecHelper,
    Mixology, ActiveSupport::Dependencies::Loadable,
    Base64::Deprecated, Base64, LocalMethods,
    Wirble::Shortcuts, PP::ObjectMixin, Kernel]
```

# where did you come from again?

"".method :md5sum

#<Method: String(StringExtension)#md5sum>

### test the extensions

duh!

### include a version test to break upon upgrade

## use meta-names somewhere

ack is your friend



### 3 kinds

#### continually run

updating cached values

counts

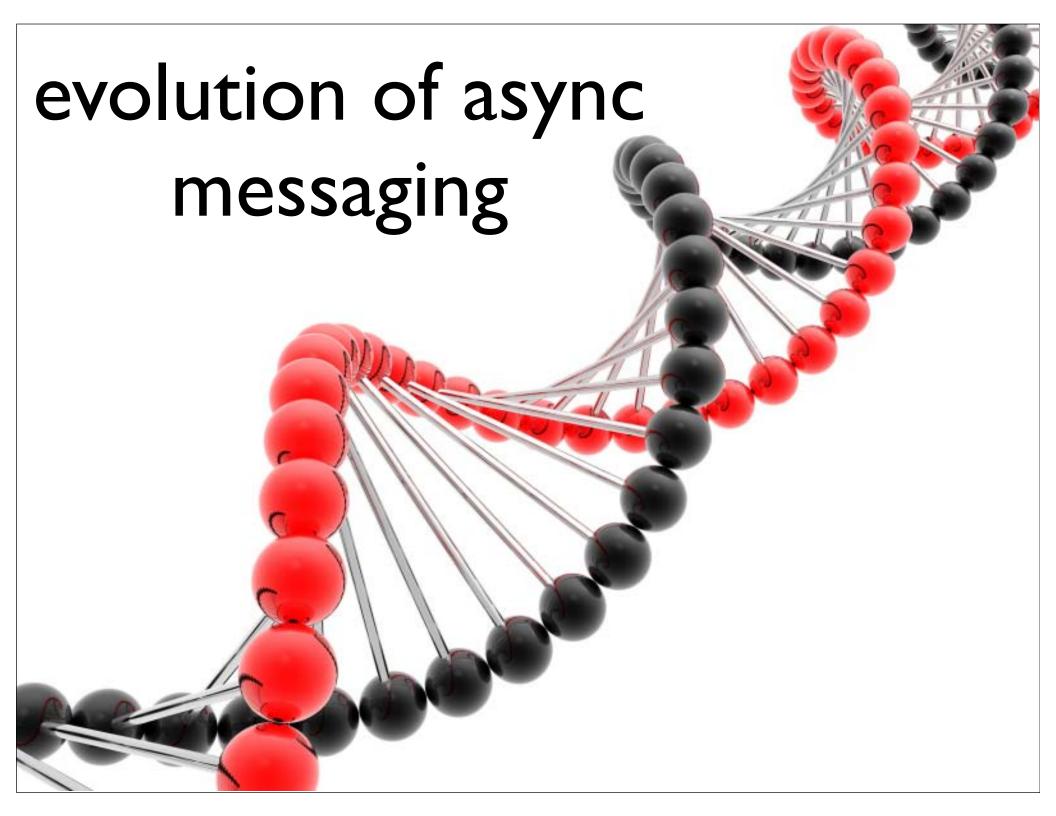
#### **CRON-like behavior**

run at a certain time

#### **Asynchronous behavior**

progress bars

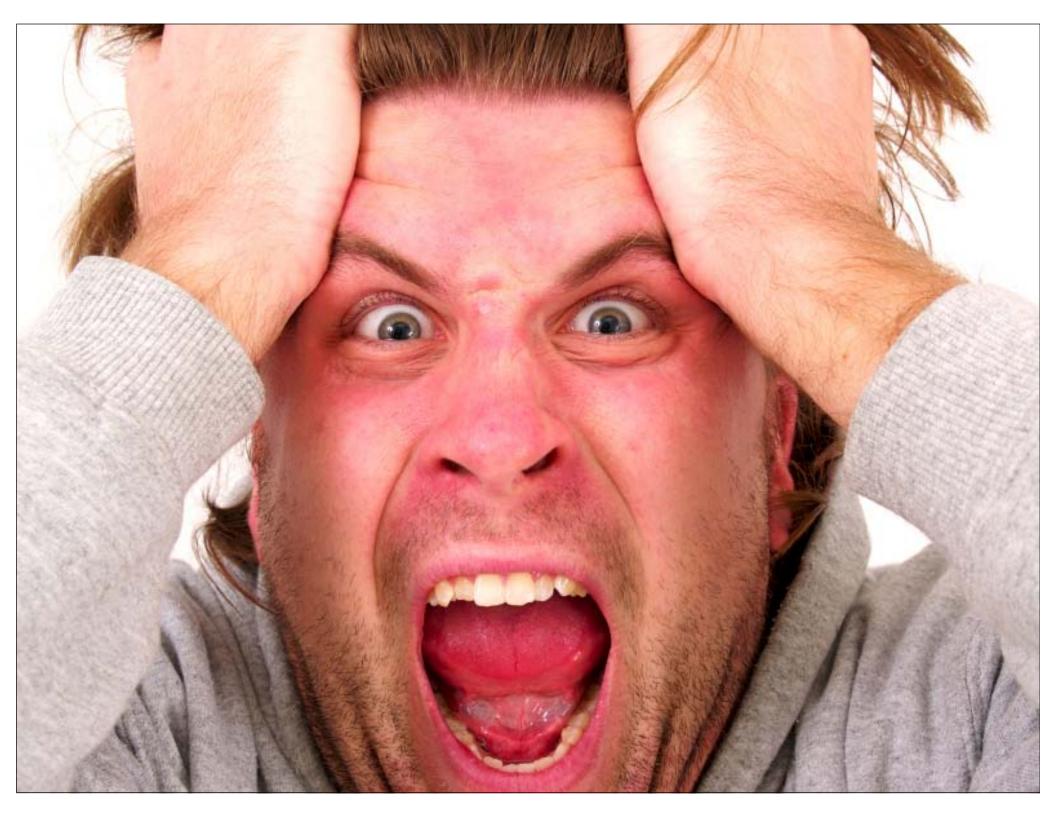
image downloading



### do work inline

gets slower over time

traffic goes up



## switch to a real messaging queue (Starling)

### **YAGNI**

emergent design around async messaging

### lessons learned



avoid anticipatory design

gradually add complexity

don't use databases as message queues (for too long anyway)

DBA's can sometimes get grumpy

### external dependencies



When playing against someone who asks you to remind them about the rules, take the opportunity to subtly "suggest a throw" as you explain to them by physically showing them the throw you want them to play.

## make well defined boundaries

## mock and stub boundaries

# external builds to test service changes

we often catch bugs & downtime in other services

# tests to validate WSDLs haven't changed

### tests to call services

check that responses haven't changed

## tests to check against content & html editors

non-printable characters

duplicate ids

# performance & optimization



When all else fails, go with paper: Statistically, in competition play, it has been observed that scissors is thrown the least often.

## not that many page views...

...really complex pages!

# custom hand-tuned SQL

```
Listing.find(:all,
  :from => "listings USE INDEX (PRIMARY,
            idx_listings_simple_basic_search,
            idx_search_fsp)")
find :all,
  :include => [{:fsp => [:parent_company, :state]},
  :currency, :account, :default_image, :make,
  :model, :trim, :vehicle_type, :exterior_color,
  :high_bid, {:search_postal_code => :state},
  :state, :vehicle_location, :distribution_center,
  {:buyer_group => :owner_group}, :title_status, :event_sale]
```

# Memcache sessions & many database lookups

## MySQL replication

## use separate boxes for ETL schemas

write priority

## challenges

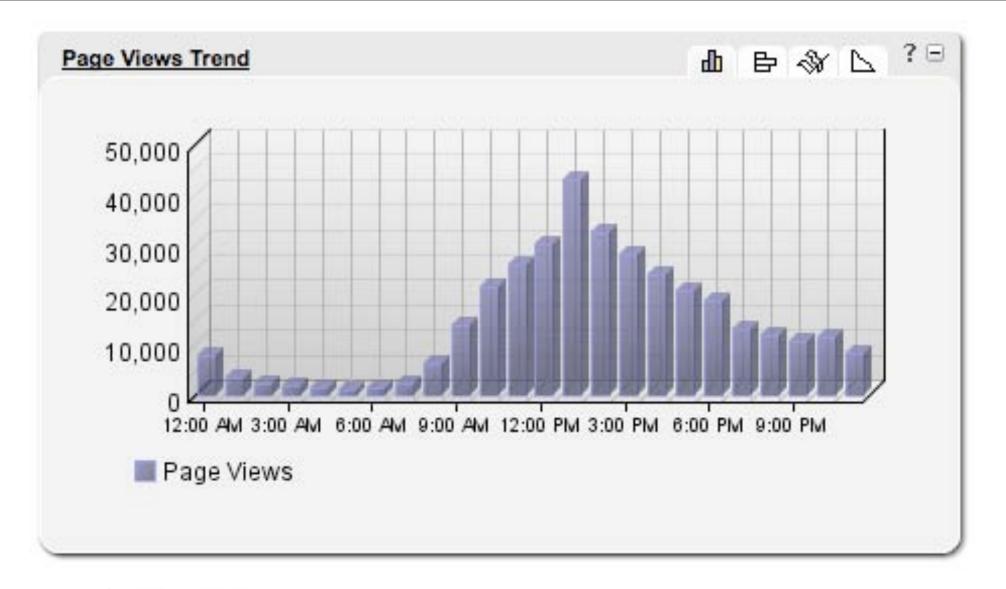


For tournament play, learn the Great Eight Gambits.

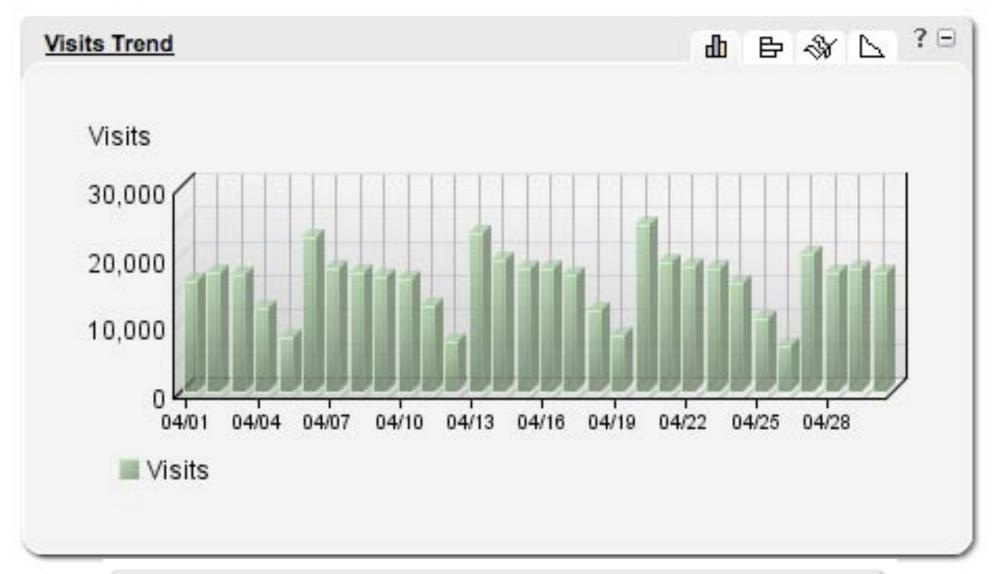
## scaling is hard

no matter the technology

rails can scale!



Page View Summary	Θ.
Page Views	346,265
Average per Day	346,265
Average Page Views per Visit	17.07





### upgrading is hard

I pair => 6 weeks to upgrade from 1.2.3 to 2.2

# back port fixes & improvements

rails

other plugins

# we did not replicate a freakin' type system!

# of is\_a?, kind\_of? instance\_of? / Total LoC

32/32379 => code (0.09%) 60/103421 => tests (0.06%)



```
view builds are fragile =>
separate cc.rb build =>
view builds are slow =>
  pair assigned as view
        masters
```

### worst...job...ever



today's view master assigned by yesterday's...

...or play RPS



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### What do you think of Rock?

- Most overrated throw in the game
- O Solid throw, I use it often
- Only when backed into a corner
- Rock is for rookies

Vote

Results



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There was one error opening the page. For more information, choose Activity from the Window menu.

http://www.worldrps.com/

would we do it again?

# hell yeah!





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