

# Web Development with Ruby on Rails

## Unit 6: Validations and Testing

- Try creating a pledge without an amount
- Win? Fail?

# Validations

- Put constraints on data
- Code in the model
- Lots of built-ins
- Customizable

```
class Pledge
  validates :amount, presence: true
end
```

# Rails built-ins

*[http://guides.rubyonrails.org/active\\_record\\_validations\\_callbacks.html](http://guides.rubyonrails.org/active_record_validations_callbacks.html)*

- presence
- length
- uniqueness
- others

# Caveat

- Not stored down to the DB
- Mainly an issue for uniqueness
- `add_index :users, :email, :unique`  
`=> true`

# Handling errors

- Models have a `#valid?` method
- Returns false and sets errors if invalid
- Use `#errors[:field_name]` to see them

```
p1 = Pledge.create(issue_name: "A bug")
p1.valid?
=> false
p1.errors[:amount]
=> ["can't be blank"]
```

# Scaffolded form shows errors

```
<% if @pledge.errors.any? %>
  <div id="error_explanation">
    ..
    <% @pledge.errors.full_messages.ec
      do |msg| %>
      <li><%= msg %></li>
    <% end %>
  </ul>
</div>
<% end %>
```

And the form builder  
marks bad fields

```
<div class="field_with_errors">  
  <input id="pledge_amount" ... />  
</div>
```

Let's test that

# RSpec

Behavior Driven Development

# Installation

*Gemfile*

```
group :development, :test do
  gem 'rspec-rails'
end
```

Then bundle

*Terminal*

```
bundle install
```

# Generate files

*Terminal*

```
rails g rspec:install
```

# Configuration

This avoids generating view, controller and helper specs

*config/application.rb*

```
config.generators do |g|
  g.controller_specs false
  g.view_specs false
  g.helper_specs false
end
```

# Example spec files

*Terminal*

```
rails g scaffold pledge -s
```

The `-S` means "skip existing files"

*spec/models/pledge\_spec.rb*

```
require 'spec_helper'
```

```
describe Pledge do
```

```
  pending "add some examples"
```

```
end
```

# Running

*Terminal*

```
rspec spec/models/pledge_spec.rb
```

# The BDD Cycle

1. Write a failing spec
2. Write code to make it pass
3. Repeat

# First, break it

```
class Pledge
  belongs_to :user
  # validates :amount, presence: true
end
```

# Write the failing spec

```
it "requires an amount" do
  subject.should_not be_valid
  # Or: subject.valid?.should == false

  subject.amount = 3.50

  subject.should be_valid
  # Or: subject.valid?.should == true
end
```

# Run it

```
rake db:test:prepare  
rspec spec/models/pledge_spec.rb
```

# Debugging

*Gemfile*

```
group :development, :test do
  gem 'debugger'
end
```

then bundle

*Terminal*

```
bundle
```

Insert the debugger  
before the failing line

```
it "requires an amount" do
  debugger;1
  subject.should_not be_valid
  subject.amount = 3.50
  subject.should be_valid
end
```

*the ;1 keeps the debugger on that line*

# The Debugger

*[guides.rubyonrails.org/debugging\\_rails\\_applications.html#debugging-with-ruby-debug](https://guides.rubyonrails.org/debugging_rails_applications.html#debugging-with-ruby-debug)*

- **p** expression - evaluate an expression
- **l=** - show the code around the current line
- **n** - run to next line
- **C** - continue running

# Make it pass

*app/models/pledge.rb*

```
class Pledge
  belongs_to :user
  validates :amount, presence: true
end
```

# To run all tests

*Terminal*

rake

*# This is common to most ruby projects*

# Basic matching

```
expected.should == actual  
# tests expected == actual
```

```
expected.should_not == actual  
# tests !(expected == actual)
```

# Method matching

expected.should be\_foo  
*# tests expected.foo?*

expected.should have\_foo  
*# tests expected.has\_foo?*

expected.should have\_foo :bar  
*# tests expected.has\_foo?(:bar)*

</unit-testing>

<integration-testing>

# The tool: Capybara

- A DSL for driving web browsers
- RackTest
- Selenium (Firefox)
- Webkit (via Qt)
- and others

# Install it

*Gemfile*

```
group :test do
  gem 'capybara'
end
```

Then bundle

*Terminal*

```
bundle
```

# An integration test aka., Request spec

- Describes a user flow
- Runs in a "browser"
- Tests page content

# An example test

*spec/requests/pledge\_spec.rb*

```
visit pledges_path
click_link "New Pledge"
fill_in "Issue title", with: "A bug"
click_button "Create Pledge"

error_message = "Amount can't be blank"
page.should have_content(error_message)
```

Run it just like a regular test

```
rspec spec/requests/pledge_spec.rb
```

# Standard Capybara matchers

```
click_link  
click_button  
click_on  
fill_in "field", with: "value"  
select "field", from: "value"  
page.has_content? "Some text"
```

See <http://cheat.errtheblog.com/s/capybara/>

# Break it

```
class Pledge
  belongs_to :user
  # validates :amount, presence: true
end
```

# Debug it

```
error_message = "Amount can't be blank"  
debugger;1  
page.should have_content?(error_message)
```

# Put it in a browser

```
describe "Pledges" do
  describe "making a pledge" do
    it "requires an amount", js: true do
      ...
    end
  end
end
```

# Fix it

```
class Pledge
  belongs_to :user
  validates :amount, presence: true
end
```

# Test user selection

```
it "can include a user" do
  visit pledges_path
  click_link "New Pledge"
  fill_in "Amount", with: "3.50"
  select "Mat", from: "User"
  click_on "Create Pledge"

  page.should have_content "successful"
end
```

# Extract shared code

```
before do  
  visit pledges_path  
  click_link "New Pledge"  
end
```

# No users? Fixtures!

- Set up your test data
- Fast, but skip validations
- Limited association power

*spec/fixtures/users.yml*

Maybe move it from test/fixtures

mat:

name: Mat

email: mat@schaffer.me

*spec/requests/pledge\_spec.rb*

fixtures :users

</integration-testing>

Next Topic: Plugins

# Midterm available today

Will include today's material

Still due 11/1

# Homework:

Add validations and testing

