

FRICTIONLESS GENERATORS

Effortlessly automate repetitive code
generation in your Rails apps.

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A (Brief) Introduction

I've been working professionally with Rails since 2007 and have repeatedly flirted with creating custom generators of varying degrees of complexity over the years. But no matter how many times I *eventually* succeeded, it felt like maybe they were just beyond me. Each time I was able to get one to work, they felt like an incredible source of untapped potential. And yet, every time I created one, the process didn't leave me excited to create another one in the future.

One day, however, I stepped back and committed to dig in and learn how they work. I understood the potential, and I wanted to go from hacking together generators to being fully capable of building them efficiently. It took some time, but eventually it all clicked. After that, creating custom generators became second-nature—virtually frictionless.

That experience combined with discussions with other Rails developers about their experiences with generators gave me a nudge to capture and share all the curve balls and speed bumps. Hopefully it can make the process a little more approachable and accessible for you. I truly hope this book helps you save time and tedium and enjoy your work with Rails that much more.

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