



Joining up the dots

SYNTHESIS

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“Synthesis”

the formation of something complex or coherent by combining simpler things

Synthesized testing

Combine lightweight tests to build confidence that our system is complete and reduce the need for large, overarching tests



Test code is code, too



Technical debt

A story of shapes

```
untitled
1 class ShapeExchange
2   def self.blue_star
3     # TODO - implement me
4   end
5 end
```

```
untitled
1 class ShapeShifter
2   def self.shift(*shapes)
3     really_complicated_shape_cooking(*shapes)
4   end
5 end
6
```

Simple?

```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
3 end
```

Hang on...

```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   # setup...
3   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
4 end
5
```


Just a little setup

```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star|
2   # setup...
3   connect_to_db
4
5   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
6 end
```

Just a little more setup

```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   # setup...
3   connect_to_db
4   load_shape_definitions_from_sap
5
6   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
7 end
8
```

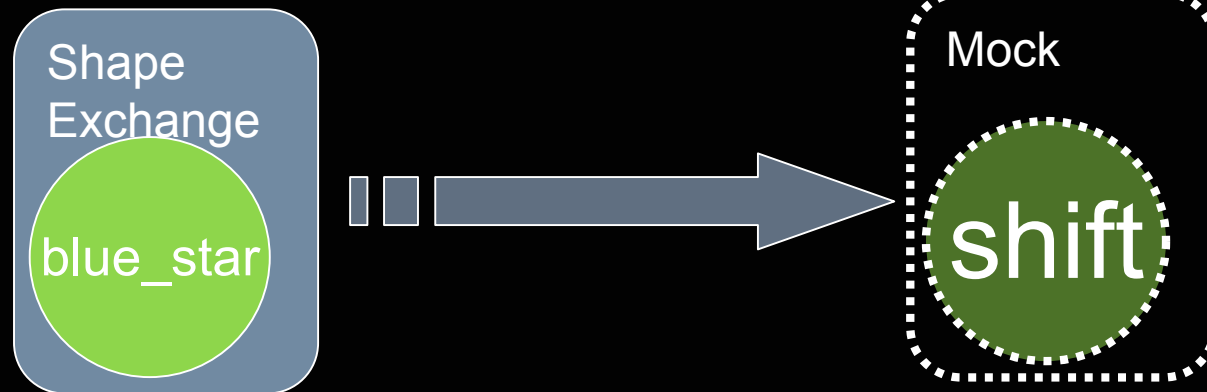
You get the idea

```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   # setup...
3   connect_to_db
4   load_shape_definitions_from_sap
5   create_shape_dependency_1
6   #....
7
8   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
9 end
10
```



Mock the interaction?

Red



```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   ShapeShifter.expects(:shift)
3   ShapeExchange.blue_star
4 end
```

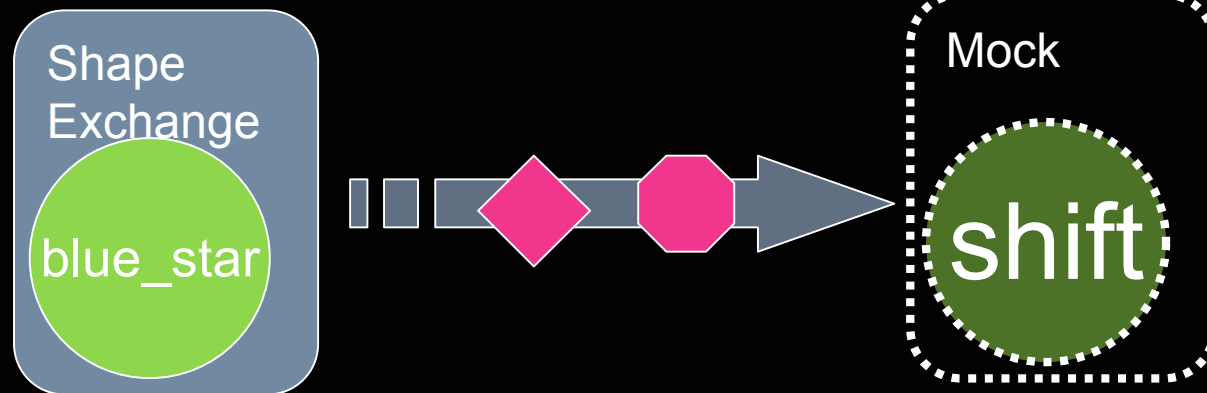
Green

```
untitled
1 class ShapeExchange
2   def self.blue_star
3     ShapeShifter.shift
4   end
5 end
6
7
```

Crash

```
untitled
1 class ShapeShifter
2   def self.shift(*shapes)
3     really_complicated_shape_cooking(*shapes)
4   end
5 end
6
```

Red



```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   ShapeShifter.expects(:shift).with(:diamond, :octagon)
3   ShapeExchange.blue_star
4 end
```

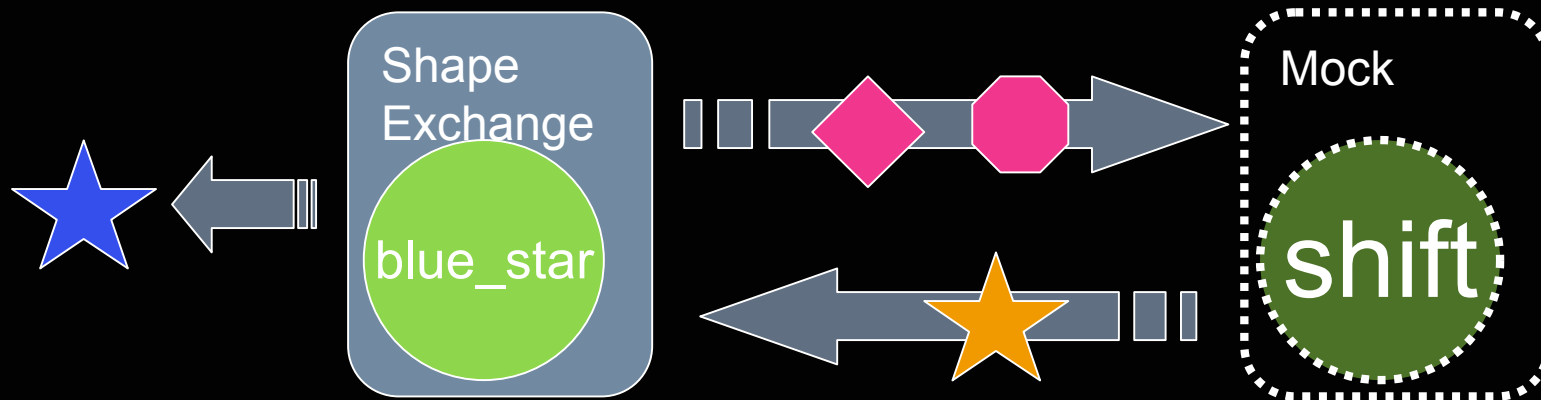

Green

```
untitled
1 class ShapeExchange
2   def self.blue_star
3     ShapeShifter.shift(:diamond, :octagon)
4   end
5 end
```

Incomplete

```
untitled
1 class ShapeExchange
2   def self.blue_star
3     ShapeShifter.shift(:diamond, :octagon)
4   end
5 end
```

Red



```
untitled 2
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   ShapeShifter.expects(:shift).with(:diamond, :octagon).returns(:star)
3   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
4 end
5
```

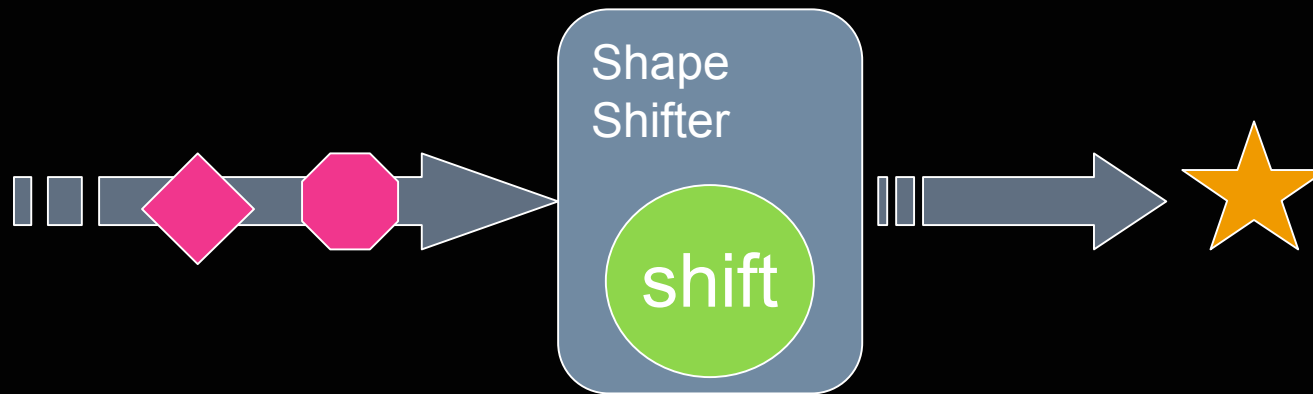
Green

```
untitled
1 class ShapeExchange
2   def self.blue_star
3     star = ShapeShifter.shift(:diamond, :octagon)
4     paint_blue(star)
5   end
6 end
```

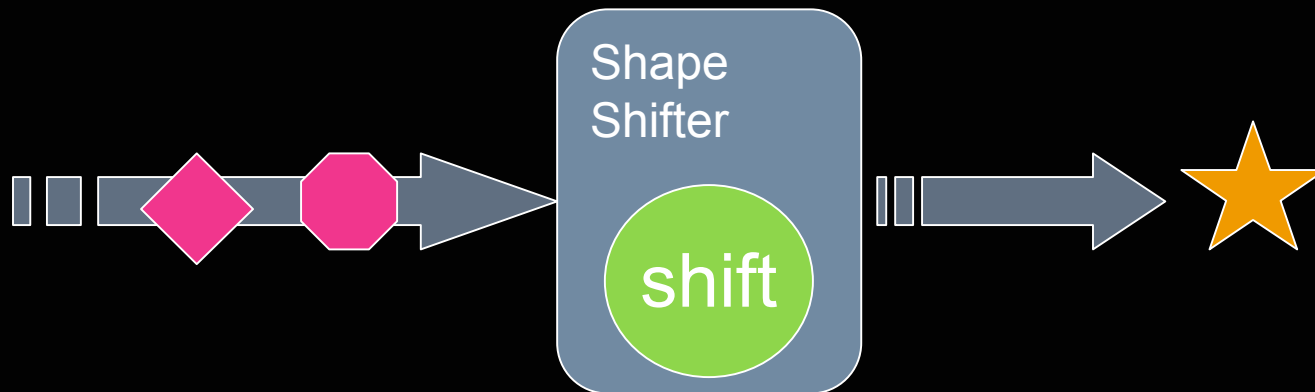
Where?

```
untitled
1 class ShapeExchange
2   def self.blue_star
3     star = ShapeShifter.shift(:diamond, :octagon)
4     paint_blue(star)
5   end
6 end
```

Can we prove this happens?



Red



```
untitled 2
1 def test_shifts_start_from_diamond_and_octagon
2   assert_equal(:star, ShapeShifter.shift(:diamond, :octagon))
3 end
4
```

Green

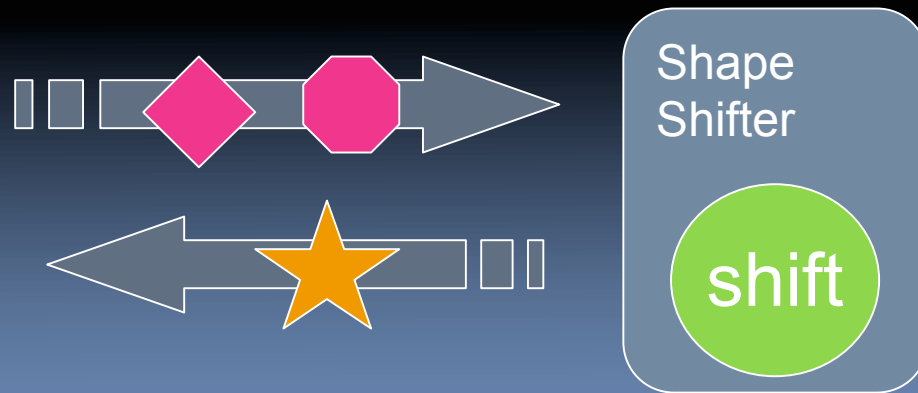
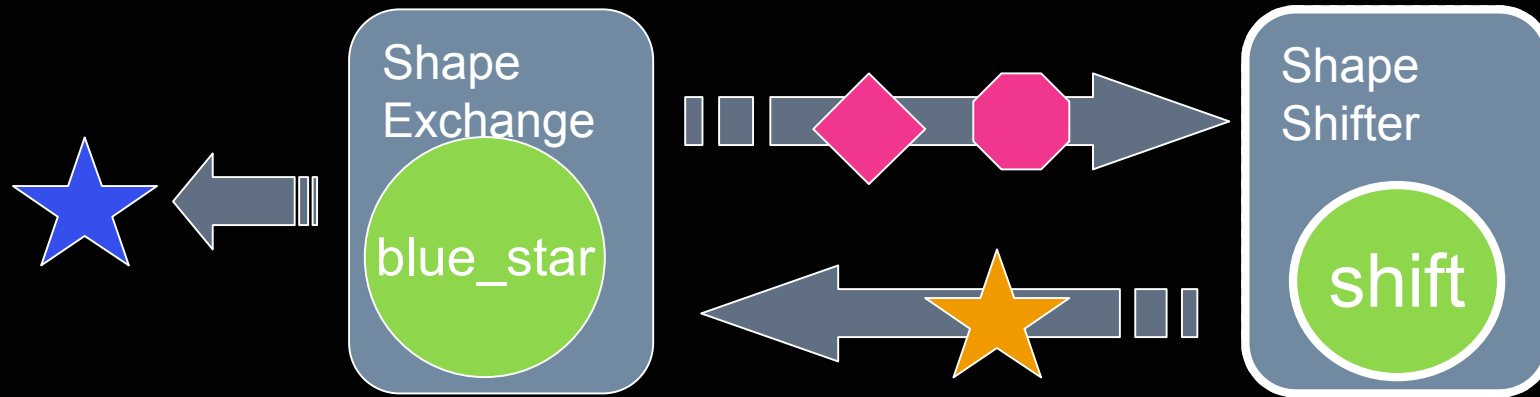
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4   end
5 end
6
```


Reduced technical debt

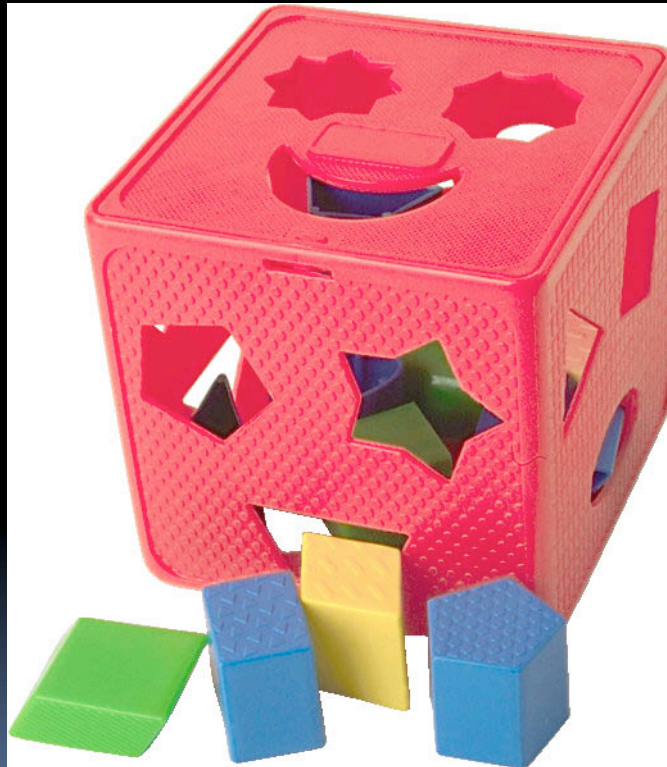


```
1 def test_makes_blue_star
2   # setup...
3   connect_to_db
4   load_shape_definitions_from_schema
5   create_shape_dependency_1
6   #....
7
8   assert_equal(:blue_star, ShapeExchange.blue_star)
9 end
10
```

Synthesizing a bigger test



Synthesis



Works well with

Existing tools

- RSpec
- Mocha
- zentest
- autotest

Testing Practices

- TDD
- BDD

Synthesis overview

Used through the Rake task `Synthesis::Task`

```
33 Synthesis::Task.new('synthesis:test:rspec') do |t|
34   t.adapter = :rspec
35   t.pattern = 'test_project/rspec/*_spec.rb'
36 end
```

Synthesis overview

First pass

Collect mocked expectations

Second Pass

Correlate mocked expectations with REAL calls to REAL objects.

```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class DataBranderTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_saves_branded_with_storage
5     storage = Storage.new('whatever')
6     storage.expects(:save).with('Hello from Prague')
7     data_brander = DataBrander.new(storage)
8     data_brander.save_branded('Hello')
9   end
10 end
11
```

```
1 class DataBrander
2   def initialize(storage)
3     @storage = storage
4   end
5
6   def save_branded(data)
7     | @storage.save("#{data} from Prague")
8   end
9 end
```



```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class StorageTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_saves_to_file
5     Storage.new('test-file.txt').save('hello')
6     assert_equal('hello', File.read('test-file.txt'))
7   ensure
8     FileUtils.rm_f('test-file.txt') if File.file?('test-file.txt')
9   end
10 end
```

```
1 class Storage
2   def initialize(filename)
3     @filename = filename
4   end
5
6   def save(data)
7     File.open(@filename, 'w') { |f| f << data}
8   end
9 end
```

```
RakeMate v2.0.0 running on Ruby v1.8.6 (/usr/bin/ruby)
>>> /Users/gmalamid/devel/ruby/whatever_code/synthesis_examples/Rakefile

(in /Users/gmalamid/devel/ruby/whatever_code/synthesis_examples)
Loaded suite /Library/Ruby/Gems/1.8/gems/rake-0.8.1/lib/rake/rake_test_loader
Started
..
Finished in 0.002593 seconds.

2 tests, 2 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
1 require "simple"
2
3 storage = Storage.new("hello.txt")
4 data_brander = DataBrander.new(storage)
5 data_brander.save_branded("Hello")
```

```
1 class Storage
2   def initialize(filename)
3     @filename = filename
4   end
5
6   def save(data)
7     File.open(@filename, 'w') { |f| f << data}
8   end
9 end
```

```
1 class Storage
2   def initialize(filename)
3     @filename = filename
4   end
5
6   def save(data, mode)
7     File.open(@filename, mode) { |f| f << data }
8   end
9 end
```

```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class StorageTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_saves_to_file
5     Storage.new('test-file.txt').save('hello', 'w')
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(in /Users/gmalamid/devel/ruby/whatever_code/synthesis_examples)
Loaded suite /Library/Ruby/Gems/1.8/gems/rake-0.8.1/lib/rake/rake_test_loader
Started
..
Finished in 0.001725 seconds.

2 tests, 2 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```



```
1 require "simple"
2
3 storage = Storage.new("hello.txt")
4 data_brander = DataBrander.new(storage)
5 data_brander.save_branded("Hello")
```

ArgumentError: wrong number of arguments (1 for 2)

method save in `data_brander.rb` at line 7
method save_branded in `data_brander.rb` at line 7
at top level in `main.rb` at line 5

Program exited.

```
1 class DataBrander
2   def initialize(storage)
3     @storage = storage
4   end
5
6   def save_branded(data)
7     @storage.save("#{data} from Prague")
8   end
9 end
```

```
17 desc "Synthesize Simple"
18   Synthesis::Task.new('simple') do |t|
19     t.pattern = 'simple/test/*_test.rb'
20   end
```

```
[Synthesis] Collecting expectations...
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
Started
..
Finished in 0.004425 seconds.

2 tests, 2 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
[Synthesis] Verifying expectation invocations...
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
Started
..
Finished in 0.002309 seconds.

2 tests, 2 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
[Synthesis]
[Synthesis] Tested Expectations:
[Synthesis]
[Synthesis] Untested Expectations:
[Synthesis] Storage.new.save(String) in ./simple/test/data_brander_test.rb:6:in `test_saves_branded_with_storage'
[Synthesis]
[Synthesis] Ignoring:
[Synthesis]
[Synthesis] FAILED.
```

```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class DataBranderTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_saves_branded_with_storage
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6     storage.expects(:save).with('Hello from Prague', 'w|')
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8     data_brander.save_branded('Hello')
9   end
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11
```

```
1 class DataBrander
2   def initialize(storage)
3     @storage = storage
4   end
5
6   def save_branded(data)
7     @storage.save("#{data} from Prague", 'w')
8   end
9 end
```

```
[Synthesis] Collecting expectations...
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
Started
..
Finished in 0.002872 seconds.

2 tests, 2 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
[Synthesis] Verifying expectation invocations...
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
Started
..
Finished in 0.001661 seconds.

2 tests, 2 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
[Synthesis]
[Synthesis] Verified 1 expectations
[Synthesis] SUCCESS.
```



```
1 class CreatePeople < Sequel::Migration
2   def up
3     create_table :people do
4       primary_key :id
5       varchar :first_name
6       varchar :last_name
7     end
8   end
9
10  def down
11    drop_table :people
12  end
13 end
14
15 DB = Sequel.sqlite
16 CreatePeople.apply(DB, :up)
```

```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class GreeterTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_says_hello
5     person = stub(:first_name => 'John', :last_name => 'Doe')
6     Person.expects(:find_by_first_name).with("John").returns(person)
7     assert_equal("Hello, John Doe", Greeter.say_hello("John"))
8   end
9 end
```

```
1 class Greeter
2   def self.say_hello(first_name)
3     person = Person.find_by_first_name(first_name)
4     "Hello, #{person.first_name} #{person.last_name}"
5   end
6 end
```

```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class PersonTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_find_by_name
5     Person.create(:first_name => "John", :last_name => "Doe")
6     assert_equal("Doe", Person.find_by_first_name("John").last_name)
7   end
8 end
```

```
1 class Person < Sequel::Model
2 end
```

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Loaded suite /Library/Ruby/Gems/1.8/gems/rake-0.8.1/lib/rake/rake_test_loader
Started
..
Finished in 0.002974 seconds.

2 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env ruby
2  require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/sql"
3  require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/sql/database"
4
5  Person.create(:first_name => 'John', :last_name => 'Doe')
6
7  p Greeter.say_hello("John")
```

```
RubyMate r8136 running Ruby r1.8.6  
(/System/Library/Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/1.8/usr/bin  
/ruby)  
>>> main.rb  
  
"Hello, John Doe"
```



```
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2   def up
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5       varchar :first_name
6       varchar :last_name
7     end
8   end
9
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13 end
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7     end
8   end
9
10  def down
11    drop_table :people
12  end
13 end
14
15 DB = Sequel.sqlite
16 CreatePeople.apply(DB, :up)
```

```
1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class PersonTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_find_by_name
5     Person.create(:given_name => "John", :last_name => "Doe")
6     assert_equal("Doe", Person.find_by_given_name("John").last_name)
7   end
8 end
```

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Loaded suite /Library/Ruby/Gems/1.8/gems/rake-0.8.1/lib/rake/rake_test_loader
Started
..
Finished in 0.003556 seconds.

2 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

Sequel::Error::InvalidStatement: INSERT INTO people (first_name, last_name) VALUES ('John', 'Doe') table people has no column named first_name

[method execute_insert](#) in **sqlite.rb** at line 50
[method insert](#) in **sqlite.rb** at line 171
[method save!](#) in **record.rb** at line 238
[method save](#) in **validations.rb** at line 12
[method create](#) in **record.rb** at line 133
[method transaction](#) in **sqlite.rb** at line 124
[method transaction](#) in **database.rb** at line 594
[method transaction](#) in **sqlite.rb** at line 124
[method hold](#) in **connection_pool.rb** at line 61
[method transaction](#) in **sqlite.rb** at line 118
[method create](#) in **record.rb** at line 131
[at top level](#) in **main.rb** at line 5

```
[Synthesis] Collecting expectations...
```

```
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
```

```
Started
```

```
..
```

```
Finished in 0.008957 seconds.
```

```
2 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
[Synthesis] Verifying expectation invocations...
```

```
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
```

```
Started
```

```
..
```

```
Finished in 0.00263 seconds.
```

```
2 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
[Synthesis]
```

```
[Synthesis] Tested Expectations:
```

```
[Synthesis]
```

```
[Synthesis] Untested Expectations:
```

```
[Synthesis] Person.find_by_first_name(String) in ./sql/test/greeter_test.rb:6:in `test_says_hello'
```

```
[Synthesis]
```

```
[Synthesis] Ignoring:
```

```
[Synthesis]
```

```
[Synthesis] FAILED.
```

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1 require File.dirname(__FILE__) + "/helper"
2
3 class GreeterTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
4   def test_says_hello
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6     Person.expects(:find_by_given_name).with("John").returns(person)
7     assert_equal("Hello, John Doe", Greeter.say_hello("John"))
8   end
9 end
```

```
1 class Greeter
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Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
Started
..
Finished in 0.004433 seconds.

2 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
[Synthesis] Verifying expectation invocations...
Loaded suite /usr/bin/rake
Started
..
Finished in 0.00482 seconds.

2 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
[Synthesis]
[Synthesis] Verified 1 expectations
[Synthesis] SUCCESS.
```

```
RubyMate r8136 running Ruby r1.8.6
(/System/Library/Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/1.8/usr/bin
/ruby)
>>> main.rb

"Hello, John Doe"
```

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