

Transfer is The Greatest Thing Since...

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I've been talking with [Mark Mandel](#) for quite some time now, and he is largely responsible for my brain moving from a procedural mindset to an object oriented mindset. God knows that I've asked him a bazillion questions over time, and he's always had the right answer for me (even when that answer has been "RTFM!"). I'll never be able to express my gratitude to him in helping me learn how to become a programmer as opposed to a code writer. (By the way, I am by no means suggesting that I am a programmer - far from it - but I'm moving in that direction.)

When Mark first mentioned [Transfer](#) to me, I had no idea what an [ORM](#) was. But what he explained to me sounded really cool. It made no sense, but my interest was piqued, because I knew that it was something that would make my life easier and better. Easier? Better? Holy cow! Those two words don't even *begin* to describe its benefits!

I've been so busy with so many different things that I hadn't really had an opportunity to play much with Transfer until last night. What really forced me to find the time was the [release of Transfer 0.6.3](#) this week. TQL (Transfer Query Language) is... well... there simply aren't words for it! I decided to give it a shot and see what I could do with it. In a matter of a few hours (anyone with half the intelligence of a cockroach would've taken far less time) of [reading the docs](#) and a bit of trial and error, I was able to completely negate the need for some of my gateway objects in a new application. I don't know about you, but that excites the hell out of me! I have barely begun to even understand the TQL syntax, and already it has tremendously cut the amount of code that I have to write! God help us all when I actually learn how to harness its full power. :)

As I continue to learn about Transfer, I'll try and post my experiences. Hopefully I can be of help to someone out there who is wanting to learn more about OO and ORMs, and Transfer specifically. It is seriously bad-ass. Thanks Mark!