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## Ruby Snack #6

Debugging Specs and Views with  
Pry and Better Errors

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# Gemfile Recap



```
group :development, :test do
  gem 'better_errors'
  gem 'capybara-webkit'
  gem 'factory_girl_rails'
  gem 'ffaker'
  gem 'database_cleaner'
  gem 'letter_opener'
  gem 'rspec-rails'
  gem 'pry'
  gem 'pry-nav'
  gem 'pry-rails', '~> 0.3.2'
  gem 'simple_bdd'
  gem 'shoulda-matchers'
  gem 'spring'
end
```



"Pry is a powerful alternative to the standard IRB shell for Ruby. It is written from scratch to provide a number of advanced features."

<https://github.com/pry/pry>  
<http://pryrepl.org/>



"Teaches Pry about **step**, **next**, and **continue** to create a simple debugger."

# pry-rails



"This is a small gem which causes rails console to open pry."

<https://github.com/rweng/pry-rails>

# Better Errors



"Better Errors replaces the standard Rails error page with a much better and more useful error page. It is also usable outside of Rails in any Rack app as Rack middleware."

[https://github.com/charliesome/better\\_errors](https://github.com/charliesome/better_errors)

# Real World Example 1



Use

```
binding.pry
```

to stop the app at a certain point to open the view with the  
Capybara method:

```
[1] pry >save_and_open_page
```

and use the browser inspector to view html

# Real World Example 2



Use

```
$ rails s
```

to run the app and visit the page where the error is happening.

Better Errors will show the error in a very readable format.



# Helpful Links

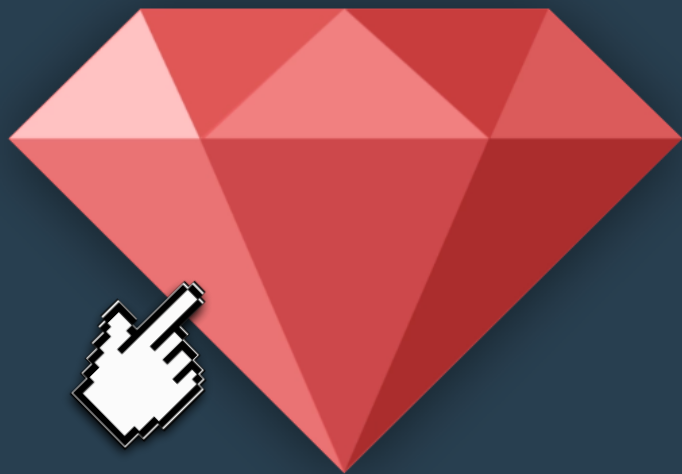


- <http://pryrepl.org/>
- <http://pryrepl.org/screencasts.html>

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