

# The Gentle Introduction Resource

**A "web app" created using Ruby on Rails**

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This is an academic application created in part by/with great thanks to The Ruby on Rails Tutorial by Michael Hartl. The purpose of this web application is twofold:

1. To establish a pedagogical space in which Digital Humanities scholars can educate one another in first steps toward the creation and use of higher level digital infrastructure in their research.
2. To establish a meta-pedagogical focal point; An example of what a singular scholar can learn with gentle introductions as the entryway toward practical/computational tool creation.

While not traditionally a "humanities" tool, the G.I.R.'s intended audience is asked to share knowledge of preexisting Gentle Introductions or to create their own and share those with the community.

I define (I emphasize myself here, as there must surely be debate as to what a 'Gentle Introduction' objectively is...) Gentle Introductions as longform instruction sessions composed in such a way that readers with varying levels of familiarity can understand the foundations of a concept that they might have found completely foreign before reading the introduction.

Gentle Introductions are becoming increasingly important to the Digital Humanities scholar, as the number of computational/digital options & techniques for such an audience are experiencing exponential growth. Many such scholars are caught off guard when attempting to add increasingly important digital layers to their research. Many DH scholars are unnecessarily frustrated by the varied levels of difficulty and customization promised by digital tools, languages, and software (both commercial and open source). The intention of The G.I.R. is to lift certain barriers for experienced humanities academics that have limited to no experience with computer science based foundations.

Eventually there will be further documentation as to what can be placed in both the G.I.R. data stream and the G.I.R. Blog. The attempt is to create a more controlled community of credentialed administrators that can make use of a twitter-like web app built on Rails.

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