

Mi-349

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Topic: Back-End Programming: Ruby on Rails

My background: I learned Python before and I know nothing about Ruby. After trying TryRuby (<https://try.ruby-lang.org/>), I personally think that Ruby is kind of similar to Python. For example, “`.gsub`” in Ruby is similar to “`.replace`” in Python. In Python, we use set `{}` and dictionary `{}` to define strings/numbers. I also learned the same thing in TryRuby. As for Ruby on Rails, Rails is the framework and Ruby is the language. This is like the relationship between Python and Django. I want to explore the difference between Python and Ruby, so I browsed the Ruby on Rails community (<https://discuss.rubyonrails.org/search?q=python>). People seem to think that Ruby's language is more flexible and Python's language is more direct.

In MI-349 class we used JavaScript in html. I am curious if I can put Ruby into html. The answer is yes. We use “`<script src="name.js"></script>`” to import javascript in html. The method of using Ruby is different from javascript, Ruby is usually used to run code on the server instead of the browser. I can use Embedded Ruby to put Ruby in Html by using “`<%`” and “`%>`”. The file format is “`index.html.erb`”.

For example:

Ruby code:

```
5.times do
  print 'Welcome '
end
```

Embedded Ruby in Html:

```
<ul>
  <% 5.times do %>

    <li>Welcome</li>

  <% end %>
</ul>
```