Apply to Rails Girls LA March 15&16th 2014   #**10**

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Experience Level Check All That Apply	• I have gone through Try Ruby http://tryruby.org/levels/1/challenges/0 • I have worked on some Ruby and/or Rails tutorials • I have my computer set up to work in Ruby & Rails

Do you have any previous programming experience? Please explain. What languages? For how long? What did you make? In school or on your own? Do you currently program? This helps us group students when working in small groups. *

This is a summary of my programming experience, which began this last August:

-Learn Python the Hard Way: This was my very first exposure to programming. This is where I learned things like variables, strings, methods, methods, and all that fun stuff. However, I can remember being at a party around that time and asking a programmer friend, "What's the difference between a class and an object, if a class is an object?"

-Head First Java: At the time, I was planning on learning Android, so naturally I wanted to learn the basics of Java first. I made it all the way to the chapter on serialization, and I credit this book with deepening my understanding of OOP.

With that as my foundation, I started learning Ruby. I used the Code Academy Ruby track and Peter Cooper's Beginning Ruby to learn about the language, and I also spent a good chunk of time just working on Ruby exercises (Test First Ruby and Rubeque). Once my skills sharpened a bit, I used Team Treehouse to learn about Git, the command line, HTML, and CSS in preparation for the Hartl tutorial. I was going for breadth over specificity, and I primarily wanted to know how they looked and how they worked. The first time I attempted the Hartl tutorial, I felt like I was airdropped in a jungle in the middle of the Congo, at night, with only an led light to guide me. I did some googling and found the UT Rails course, which was EXTREMELY helpful and great prep for Hartl. Chapters 1-5 were much more understandable. I'm currently on chapter 8, and I must say 6-8 have been particularly difficult, hence my current break from Hartl to learn a little more about JavaScript.
Here is the link to my Github: https://github.com/jmsevold

Do you have any experience programming with Ruby or Rails? Please explain. Same as above. *	I worked through the Hartl tutorial up to the middle of Chapter 8, where I currently have put my progression on pause. I am fairly comfortable with the first five chapters, but 6-8 are where things got a little fuzzy, so I took a brief break to learn about JavaScript. With the knowledge from those chapters I grasped, I am currently working on a very basic website about myself, using Rails. By the time this workshop comes around, it should already be up on Heroku, and I should be done with the Hartl tutorial.
How did you hear about Rails Girls LA? *	My good friend and coding mentor Matt Chan, who works for Spokeo, was informed by fellow employee Austin Fonacier about this event. Matt suggested I apply immediately.
What inspired you to want to come to this workshop? *	The past five months of my life have been dedicated to learning code. If I wasn't working, eating, exercising, or sleeping, I was coding. I would love the opportunity to be surrounded by like-minded people, in the presence of skilled instructors to deepen my understanding of Rails!
What operating system do you use? *	OS X (Apple Mac)

Are you over 21 years old? It's okay if you are not. ;) *

Yes

If No, how old are you?

Do you have any dietary restrictions that we should be aware of? *

None

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