



Get Ruby on Rails in no time

Rails is low on dependencies and prides itself on shipping with most everything you need in the box. To get started, just install Ruby, the language, and RubyGems, the package manager.

Ruby

We recommend [Ruby 1.8.7](#) for use with Rails. Ruby 1.8.6, 1.8.5, 1.8.4 and 1.8.2 are still usable too, but version 1.8.3 is not.



[Source](#): Compile it yourself

[Windows installer](#): Ruby, popular extensions, editor

OS X 10.4: Ships with broken Ruby, [follow this guide](#)

OS X 10.5: Included with developer tools
(then do "gem update rails")

RubyGems

[RubyGems](#) is the [standard Ruby package manager](#). It's similar to apt-get, emerge, and other OS package managers.



[Download](#)

(extract, then run "ruby setup.rb")

Rails

With RubyGems loaded, you can install all of Rails and its dependencies through the command line:

```
gem install rails
```

New versions of Rails can be installed the same way.
Rails can also be downloaded as [stand-alone packages](#).

Make your application

Create your application skeleton and start the server:

```
rails path/to/your/new/application  
cd path/to/your/new/application  
ruby script/server
```

You're running Ruby on Rails! Follow the instructions

on <http://localhost:3000>.

Extending Rails with lots of plugins

There's a world of extensions to the core Rails framework through plugins. They provide cool functionality that may not be needed by most of the people most of the time, but still serve a spot for those exceptions where you do need more. Read more about [plugins at Agile Web Development](#).

Editors

[TextMate on OS X](#) has long been the favored Rails editor, but the classic editors are still going strong. [See VIM for Rails](#) and [Emacs for Rails](#). For a full-on IDE, check out [RadRails](#), [RubyMine](#), [3rd Rail](#), or [Netbeans for Ruby](#).

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