

Day of Ruby - Pre-Arrival Instructions

Congratulations on choosing Ruby in your future, this is the beginning of great things.

On Saturday you will arrive at the Miami University Voice of America Learning Center with your favorite computer ready and setup for the day. If you have any problems with the setup yourself then come early and we will help you.

<http://muohio.edu/voalc>

There will be water and coffee available when you arrive and lunch is provided.

NOTICE: The start time has changed. Due some room scheduling issues the actual start has been pushed back half an hour to 9:30.

Registration	Foyer	8:00-9:30
Laptop setup help	Room 111	7:30-9:30
Introduction to Ruby with Koans (EdgeCase's Jim Weirich)		
	Auditorium	9:30-12:00
Lunch (provided)		12:30-13:30
Rails in a day (Gaslight Software's Chris Nelson & Doug Alcorn)		
	Auditorium	13:30-16:30

Setup Instructions

There are two sets of instructions below, one for the morning session with Jim Weirich and the second for the afternoon session with Chris Nelson and Doug Alcorn.

Both sessions will use the same Ruby environment so this is what you need first.

Ruby Setup Instructions

We will be using version **1.9.2-p0** for the Rails Intro as it is now the most recent official release. There's no need to have any other version if this is your first and only use of Ruby, but if you already have ruby and need to keep it around (and if you have Mac OS X, you do!), then look at `rvm` (or `pik`) first. To see if you already have ruby, run this command:

```
ruby --version
```

Windows:

The simplest way to get Ruby running on your windows machine is with the One Click Installer. You want to pick the 1.9.2-p0 version:

<http://rubyinstaller.org/downloads>

Mac OS X:

There has been a ruby interpreter in OS X since 10.5. You certainly have an older version as even Snow Leopard (10.6) only has 1.8.7. You want to install rvm (see below) and then run:

```
rvm install ruby-1.9.2-p0
rvm use ruby-1.9.2-p0
```

Git

The source management tool of choice is `git`. It is fully distributed meaning that once you start working with a repository, you have a **full** copy of everything locally (and so does everyone else). Since we'll be using git to obtain some of the latest version of other tools, it's worth getting it installed first.

<http://git-scm.com/download>

Depending on your platform, there are other tools that might make working with git nicer:

<http://git-scm.com/tools>

rvm (Unix-like systems including Mac OS X)

Since Ruby-1.9.2-p0 is so new, it's unlikely to be the standard, preinstalled ruby on your system. The easiest way to manage multiple ruby versions in with a tool called rvm.

<http://rvm.beginrescueend.com/>
<http://rvm.beginrescueend.com/rvm/install/>

tl;dr? -- just run this:

```
bash < <( curl http://rvm.beginrescueend.com/releases/rvm-install-head
)
```

Then go back and follow the "Post Install" instructions on

<http://rvm.beginrescueend.com/rvm/install/>

pik (Windows systems)

If you already have an earlier ruby, presumably you have an environment for compiling and this pointer to pik is all you need to get going:

<http://github.com/vertiginous/pik#readme>

Getting the initial code...

Ruby Koans

Visit the web site where there are detailed instructions to guide you through the setup. Note that the koans work for any ruby from 1.8 onward, but we'll be using 1.9 (specifically, 1.9.2-p0).

<http://rubykoans.com/>

Don't forget to follow the "Download the Koans" link so that you're ready to begin the *Path to Enlightenment*.

You'll need some kind of editor and the Ruby Koans page has a good list.

http://rubykoans.com/#what_editors

If you don't already have a text editor with which you are familiar, we'd suggest trying RubyMine.

Rails in a Day

Rails itself and much of distributed ruby code comes packaged in the form of "gems" or "rubygems." Ruby 1.9 has built-in support for rubygems so there's nothing specifically to install to start using gems.

To deal with version dependencies, there is a gem called bundler that we will install first.

```
gem install bundler
```

Then we will get the initial project repository:

```
git clone git://github.com/Cinnatti-RB/Suggestion-Box.git
```

Change to the new Suggestion-Box directory and get everything else installed:

```
bundle install
```

We will be starting with the master branch and you'll be doing your own work in a private branch that you should create now:

```
git checkout -b private master
```