RUBY ASSOCIATED TOOLS

Standard Ruby Tools:

The standard Ruby distribution contains useful tools along with the interpreter and standard libraries:

These tools help you debug and improve your Ruby programs without spending much effort. This tutorial will give you a very good start with these tools.

- **RubyGems :**
  RubyGems is a package utility for Ruby which installs Ruby software packages and keeps them up-to-date.

- **Ruby Debugger :**
  To help deal with bugs, the standard distribution of Ruby includes a debugger. This is very similar to *gdb* utility, which can be used to debug complex programs.

- **Interactive Ruby** *irb* **:**
  irb InteractiveRuby was developed by Keiju Ishitsuka. It allows you to enter commands at the prompt and have the interpreter respond as if you were executing a program. irb is useful to experiment with or to explore Ruby.

- **Ruby Profiler :**
  Ruby profiler helps you to improve the performance of a slow program by finding the bottleneck.

Additional Ruby Tools:

There are other useful tools that don't come bundled with the Ruby standard distribution. However, you do need to install them yourself.

- **eRuby: Embeded Ruby :**
  eRuby stands for embedded Ruby. It's a tool that embeds fragments of Ruby code in other files such as HTML files similar to ASP, JSP and PHP.

- **ri: Ruby Interactive Reference :**
  When you have a question about the behavior of a certain method, you can invoke ri to read the brief explanation of the method.

For more information on Ruby tool and resources, have a look at **Ruby Useful Resources**.

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