
Introduction to Rails

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What is Ruby on Rails?

A web framework built on top of Ruby.

“Ruby on Rails is not a minimalist framework, it's a metropolis. One filled with all the major institutions needed to run a large, sprawling application like Basecamp or GitHub or Shopify.”

<https://rubyonrails.org/everything-you-need/>

Rails Features

- Convention over Configuration (i.e. Magic)
- Model, View, Controller (MVC)
- Active Record, View, Controller
- Database Setup/Migrations
- Routes
- Gemfile (Ruby)
- Generators
- Webpacker

Pros and Cons of Rails

Pros:

- Active community
- Lots of Gems (3rd party libraries)
- Most of the web site stuff built in

Cons

- Magic
- Easy to create, hard to maintain
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Demo Time

Getting Started with Rails

https://guides.rubyonrails.org/getting_started.html



Learn More

Rails Template

<https://github.com/saturdaymp-examples/rails-template>



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Follow up Questions



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