



Ruby - Starting Points for Testers

Getting Started:

-  Ruby Language home page : <http://www.ruby-lang.org>
- Try Ruby! (in your web browser) : <http://tryruby.hobix.com>
- Wikipedia has some overview topics : (1) Ruby (programming language) ; (2) Interactive Ruby Shell (IRB)
-  Download Ruby (it's free!) : <http://www.ruby-lang.org/en/downloads>
- RAA - Ruby Application Archive : <http://raa.ruby-lang.org>

Getting Help:

Programming Ruby v1.0 : included in the Windows install (Ruby → Ruby Documentation → RubyBook Help)

➤ Using **IRB**, you can find out what methods apply to the object you are working with by typing in :

```
irb(main):001:0> object.methods # e.g. 3.methods ; 'string'.methods ; ...
```

- Ruby documentation site : <http://www.ruby-doc.org>
- Ruby Unit Testing Framework : <http://www.ruby-doc.org/stdlib/libdoc/test/unit/rdoc/>
- Forum: comp.lang.ruby (via Google Groups) : <http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.ruby>
- Forum: Watir-General Google Group : <http://groups.google.com/group/watir-general>
- ... and blogs, and free source code examples, and ... -- just search around

Free Online Tutorials & References:

Ruby Cheat Sheet : <http://wtr.rubyforge.org/s101/doc/Ruby-cheat-sheet.doc>
(and others.. just use Google)

Ruby in Twenty Minutes : <http://www.ruby-lang.org/en/documentation/quickstart>

Why's Poignant Guide to Ruby : <http://poignantguide.net/ruby/>

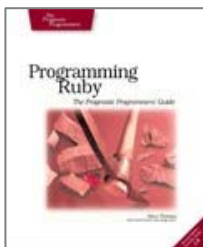
Learn to Program : <http://pine.fm/LearnToProgram/>



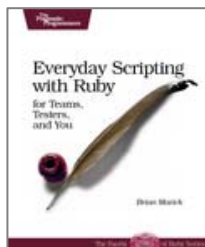
RubyLearning.org - Online Ruby Programming Courses : <http://www.rubylearning.org/class>
(cost = free and next-to-free)

Regular Expressions (info & tutorial) : <http://www.regular-expressions.info>

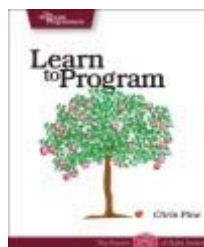
Some Books to start your Library:



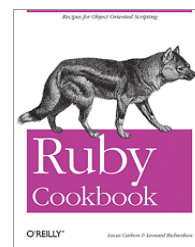
Programming Ruby
- Dave Thomas
(v1.0 free online)



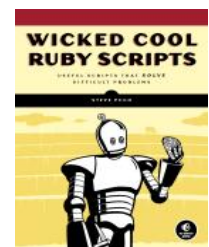
Everyday Scripting with
Ruby
- Brian Marick
(source code free online)



Learn to Program
- Chris Pine
(free online HTML format)



Ruby Cookbook
- Carlson & Richardson
(source code free online)



Wicked Cool Ruby
Scripts
- Steve Pugh
(ch. 1 free online)