

I went to a
Rails Girls
workshop

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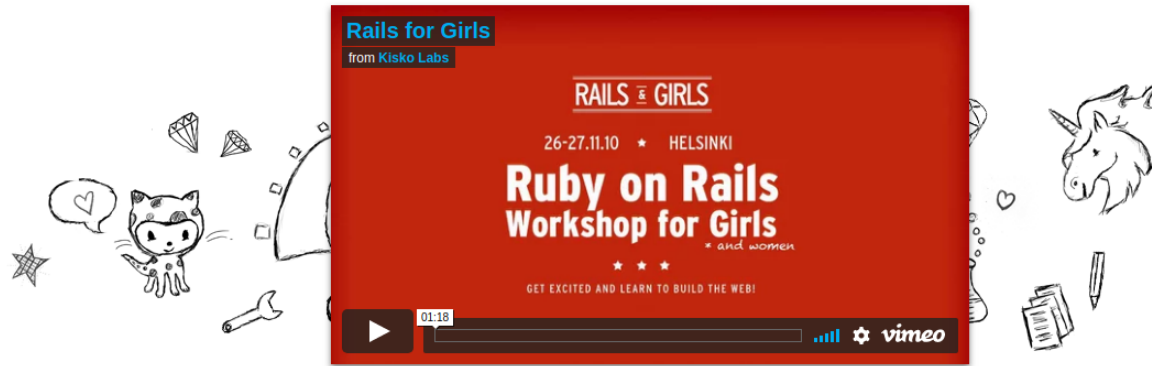
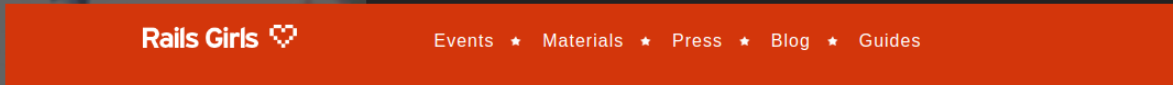
We inspire women to fall in love with programming.

Django Girls organize free Python and Django workshops, create open sourced online tutorials and curate amazing first experiences with technology.

What is Django Girls?

Django Girls is a [non-profit organization](#) and a community that helps women to organize free, one-day programming workshops by providing tools, resources and support. We are a volunteer run organization with hundreds of members. We are making technology more approachable by providing resources designed with empathy.

At the end of our events, 30-60 women build their first web application using HTML, CSS, Python and Django.



Get excited and learn to build the web!

Rails Girls - Get started with tech






Our aim is to give tools and a community for women to understand technology and to build their ideas. We do this by providing a great experience on building things and by making technology more approachable.

Learn sketching, prototyping, basic programming and get introduced to the world of technology. Rails Girls was born in Finland, but is nowadays a global, non-profit volunteer community.

You are welcome to join! [Contact us](#) or [follow us on Twitter](#).

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Upcoming Events

-  **Copenhagen, Denmark**
January 19th & 20th, 2018
-  **Melbourne, Australia**
January 19th & 20th, 2018
-  **Pune, India**
January 21st, 2018
-  **Nairobi, Kenya**
February 16th & 17th, 2018
-  **Nagoya, Japan**
January 26th & 27th, 2018



Rails Girls Geneva 2017

October 14-15th, 2017

Join Rails Girls in Geneva ! During the free two-day workshop we'll dive into the magical world of building web applications with Ruby on Rails. Applications are open until September 24th. Accepted applicants will be informed beginning of October.

Applications are now closed

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You learn designing, prototyping and coding with the help from our coaches.

You need your own laptop, curiosity and a sprinkle of imagination!

Questions? Contact us railsgirlsgva@gmail.com

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But why did I go there?

A large, modern glass atrium with a high ceiling and multiple levels of glass railings. The space is bright and open, with people walking on the ground floor. There are several trees planted in large, cylindrical metal planters. In the background, there are white tables and chairs under a large white umbrella. The overall atmosphere is clean, bright, and modern.

**And I was excited
scared**

I suck at explaining things



... and people get offended

1300's: I'M DYING OF BLACK PLAGUE



1800's: I'M 9 AND WORK IN A FACTORY

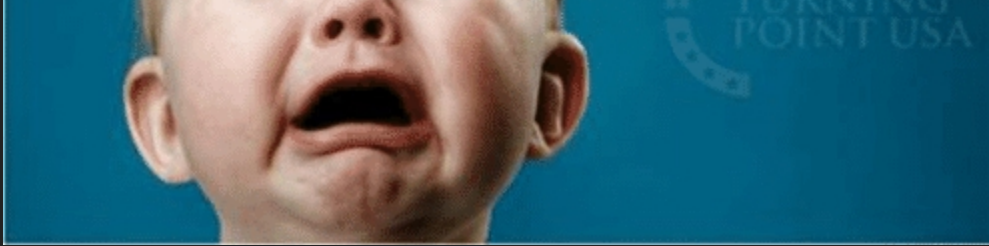


1900's: I'M OFF TO FIGHT A WAR



2000's: I'M OFFENDED!!







**And when the event came...
...it wasn't so bad!**



~~“Ohh, you're a programmer...”~~

“Wow, you're a programmer!”



“I also want to learn programming, because...”

How much you can do in 2 days?

With Ruby on Rails? A lot!

- Website with few subpages (static and dynamic)
- Styling with Bootstrap
- Authentication (signup and login)
- Comments
- File uploads and previewers
- Admin panel, tests, Gravatar and more

None of my fears were true

- The atmosphere was friendly
- Most questions were just bug hunting
- It makes you better at explaining

It was a great, new experience



For both participants and mentors!