

Reading Assignment Schedule

389R Winter 2011

The following schedule is what I expect you to read for this class. Items marked “skip” can be ignored for the class, but are probably fun to read anyway. Items marked “skim” are worth knowing about but are not necessary just now.

The book uses a two-pass presentation, one based on a walkthrough with example (chapters 5-17), then again by topic (chapters 18-27). The walkthrough is easy to follow, but you’ll want to start the by-topic chapters to be able to write stuff that doesn’t directly match the depot application. Chapters 18 and 19 are important, once you’re ready for them, or if you want a break from Depot.

Week 1	Tue	Ch. 1 — Installation (follow directions and install!)
		Ch. 2 — Quick application
		Ch. 3 — Model / View / Controller
	Thu	Ch. 4 — Ruby
		Ch. 5 — Depot overview
		Ch. 6 — App creation
		Ch. 7 — Validation and Testing
Week 2	Mon	Ch. 8 — Catalog: Layout, some CSS, some YAML, some testing (skim C2-C4)
		Ch. 9 — Cart: more associations, layout, sessions
		Ch. 10 — Better cart: migration, logging
		Ch. 18 — Roadmap: directories, naming conventions
	Tue	skip Ch. 11 (ajax). Partial (11.1) are useful outside ajax.
		Ch. 12 — Checkout: forms, feeds,
		skip Ch. 13 (email)
	Thu	Ch. 14 — Users: skim this — read about Devise (gem) instead
		skip Ch. 15 (i18n)
		skip Ch. 16 (deployment) or read it when you need it.
Week 3	Tue	Ch. 17 — Review: it’s short.
		Ch. 19 — ActiveRecord: everything.
		Ch. 20 — read about send data and send file, skim the rest
		skim Ch. 21
		skim or skip Ch. 22 (caching)
		Ch. 23 — Migrations