

Vim As A Ruby IDE

Farrel Lifson
farrel.lifson@aimred.com
<http://www.aimred.com>



Vim History

- vi created by Bill Joy (Sun co-founder)
- Vim created by Braam Moolenaar for Amiga
- The 'standard' editor on all modern *nix OS

Vim Is Modal

- Insert Mode – Inserting Text
- Normal Mode – Editing Text
- Command Mode – Ex commands
- Most important Vim command: `<esc>:q!`

Why Use It

- No mouse required
- Learn an editor and learn it well
- Basic Steps
 - Detect Inefficiency
 - Find a quickery way
 - Make it a habit

Habits Of Effective Text Editing

- Move around quickly
 - Don't type it twice
 - Files don't come alone
 - Sharpen the saw
-
- Google TechTalk by Braam Moolenaar

Using Vim As A Ruby IDE

- Ruby syntax highlighting
- Rails.vim
- Snippets
- NERDTree

Resources

- vim.org
- scripts.vim.org
- vim.wikia.com
- macvim.org