

*Why you are all
idiots*

Target Audience(s)

System Administrators

Ruby, RoR and Gem Developers

Say What?

Sysadmins:

- Stable environments
- OS Level Package Mgmt.
- 'production' comes ***after*** 'pre-production', ***after*** 'testing' and ***after*** development;
 - quality assurance,
 - acceptance testing,
 - upgrade path verification
- Disciplined, ITIL

Ruby Developers:

- Latest and greatest
- 'gem install', 'gem update'
- Little to no backwards compatibility
- Little to no regard to the concept of 'stable' or 'production'
- 'production' must/should keep pace with development
- Agile, SCRUM

The definition of idiot

*An **idiot**, dolt, or dullard is a mentally deficient person, or*
someone who acts in a *self-defeating or*
significantly counterproductive way.

From the Greek 'διώτης'

Meaning (among others):

'person lacking professional skill'

To System Administrators (1)

*Ruby developers do **not** concern themselves
with whether or not **you** can run
at the same pace they do.*

(you are requested / required to keep up)

To Ruby Developers (1)

Pragmatic Source Code Management,

and proper product versioning enables

*you to **develop** and release new features,*

*and **fix** issues on production*

at the same time.

To Ruby Developers (2)

The platform you develop on

*is **most likely** not the same platform*

as the production (target) deployment platform.

To Ruby Developers (3)

Vendorizing libraries / gems,

is a BAD, BAD, BAD idea.

(Ask Toshio for more details)

'gem update' is not the fix for your problem.

To System Administrators (2)

*Sometimes, vendorizing is **required**.*

*A development stage may 'gem update',
and you need to make sure there is a path to
production, through packaging.*

To System Administrators (3)

*If the **requirement** is to facilitate developers,
the question is **HOW** to align that with your
own requirements, and **WHERE** to place certain
professional responsibilities.*

Questions?

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