

content management systems for Ruby on Rails

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the usual tasks

application

- many controllers
- many models
- users and groups
- complicate layouts

my mom's website

- much content
- many images
- editable
- a map controller
- maybe multilingual

just basics: comatose

- provides only pages, no login, user, menu
- reuses other plugins (`acts_as_versioned`, `acts_as_tree`)
- doesn't inherit its Controller from ApplicationController (helpers and such missing). You can, but don't forget to activate class cache

roxanne

- very very basic like comatose but with users
- basically a in-place-editor with a lot of JS
- comatose is better documented and tested

the weird: geego

- installation could be more comfortable
- no default templates or initial pages (we learn by examples)
- uses ftp to publish, might not be your workflow (a rake task would be better)
- no view before publishing

.jp on js: rubricks

- almost only japanese docs
- Javascript everywhere
- like phpnuke
- very very spare basic system and components
- component based

ScriboCMS

- looks pretty complete for a blogging engine
- absolutely no website, docs or similar
- dead (last release january 07)

it's not dead: mephisto

- best is integration as plugin. Split up into an admin controller, a front controller and drops (which are a kind of helpers) and don't forget a post in the section...
- views editable through admin interface
- only two types of sections (it's binary)
- template system: liquid
- many plugins

radiant

- has it's own layouts/synatx
- two plugins for integrating your rails app
- many plugins available
- available as a gem
- has it's own template engine: radius

goldberg

- excellent group rights management (inheritance)
- rights management per controller and action (be careful!)
- easy integration of you own controllers
- no extra layout for admin interface by default
- no proper 404

the ideal CMS?

- inheritable group-rights
- routes administration (but with export)
- completely separate admin interface
- migrations independent from the app
- views/layouts editable (but again with export)

appendix

- download at:
<http://ananasblau.com/cms-for-ruby-on-rails>
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