

# PRY CHEAT SHEET

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Pry is a powerful alternative to the standard IRB shell for Ruby. It features syntax highlighting, a flexible plugin architecture, runtime invocation, source editing, and documentation browsing.

## INSTALL PRY

The pry-rails gem configures Pry properly for Rails apps

```
gem 'pry-rails', :group => :development
```

## RECOMMENDED PLUGINS

Pry's plugin architecture allows for useful add-ons

```
gem 'pry-byebug', :group => :development
gem 'pry-rescue', :group => :development
```

## CONFIGURE PRY

Pry is configured with a .pryrc file

### Setting the Default Editor

```
Pry.config.editor = 'vim'
```

### Defining Shortcuts

```
if defined?(PryByebug)
  Pry.commands.alias_command 's', 'step'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'n', 'next'
end

class Object
  def me
    User.find_by(email: 'you@example.com')
  end
end
```

## USING PRY

Invoke Pry by adding a breakpoint in the Ruby code

```
binding.pry
```

### Conditional Invocation

Control when Pry takes over by firing it conditionally

```
so_many_things.each do |thing|
  binding.pry if thing.some_property.nil?
end
```

## CONTEXT COMMANDS

Get your bearings by seeing the surrounding code

whereami	Show code surrounding the current context
cd	Move into a new context (object or scope)
ls	Show the list of variables and methods in the current scope

## EXPLORE OBJECTS

Inspect Ruby objects and their methods

### Changing Context

Inspect a different object by changing context with `cd`

cd Post	Change context to the Post object
nesting	Show nested contexts
cd ..	Move up a context
cd /	Return to the root context

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## Listing Methods

Append options to `ls` to narrow things down

<code>-m, --methods</code>	Show public methods defined on the Object (default)
<code>-M, --module</code>	Show methods defined in a Module or Class
<code>-p, --ppp</code>	Show public, protected (in yellow) and private (in green) methods
<code>-q, --quiet</code>	Show only methods defined on <code>object.singleton_class</code> and <code>object.class</code>
<code>-v, --verbose</code>	Show methods and constants on all super-classes (ignores <code>Pry.config.ls.ceiling</code> )
<code>-g, --globals</code>	Show global variables, including those builtin to Ruby (in cyan)
<code>-l, --locals</code>	Show locals, including those provided by Pry (in red)
<code>-c, --constants</code>	Show constants, highlighting classes (in blue), and exceptions (in purple)
<code>-i, --ivars</code>	Show instance variables (in blue) and class variables (in bright blue)
<code>-G, --grep</code>	Filter output by regular expression
<code>-h, --help</code>	Show additional options

## STEP THROUGH CODE

Navigate through code execution (requires pry-byebug)

<code>step</code>	Step execution <b>into</b> the next line or method
<code>next</code>	Step <b>over</b> to the next line within same frame
<code>finish</code>	Execute until current stack frame returns
<code>continue</code>	Continue execution and end Pry session

## EDIT SOURCE CODE

Edit the source of files, objects and methods in your app

<code>edit app/models/post.rb</code>	Edit a file
<code>edit Post</code>	Edit an object
<code>edit Post#a_method</code>	Edit a method
<code>edit -c</code>	Edit current context

## SHELL MODE

Run shell commands from within a Pry session

<code>shell-mode</code>	Enable shell mode
<code>.cd app/models</code>	Change directory
<code>.ls app/controllers</code>	List directory
<code>.cat app/models/post.rb</code>	Print contents of a file
<code>.vim app/models.post.rb</code>	Open file in Vim

## DEBUG AN ERROR

Figure out what's going wrong

<code>wtf?</code>	Print most recent error's stack trace (add additional <code>!</code> 's and <code>?</code> 's to print more lines :D)
<code>show-method</code>	Print the source of a method
<code>show-doc</code>	Prints the documentation for an object

## EXIT PRY

Bug fixed? Get out of the Pry session

<code>exit</code>	Exit the session and continue execution
<code>Ctrl + d</code>	Keyboard shortcut for exit
<code>!!!</code>	Exit the session but halt further execution
<code>disable-pry</code>	Continue execution and prevent Pry from running again until server is restarted