

# Ruby Explorations VI

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## De Basics V

Part V: A Fist Full of Basics

A: equality, comparisons and modules

B: class security & stuff

C: regular expressions & string hacking

D: more than you every wanted know about gems

E: getting out of the house...

# Part A:

Equality, comparisons and modules

## String Equality

nb , =  
and ==



will  
cause  
bugs

**REM:**  
**LECT4**

```
>> str_a = "foobar"  
=> "foobar"  
>> str_b = "FooBar"  
=> "FooBar"  
>> str_a == str_b  
=> false  
>> str_a == str_a  
=> true  
>> str_a.eql?(str_b)  
=> false  
>> str_a != str_b  
=> true
```

# Array Equality

**REM:**  
**LECT4**

```
>> arr1 = ["foo", "bar"]  
=> ["foo", "bar"]  
>> arr2 = ["foo", "bim"]  
=> ["foo", "bim"]  
>> arr3 = ["foo", "bar"]  
=> ["foo", "bar"]  
>> arr4 = ["bar", "foo"]  
>> arr1 == arr2  
=> false  
>> arr1 != arr2  
=> true  
>> arr1 == arr3  
=> true  
>> arr1 == arr4  
=> false  
>> arr1.eql?(arr3)  
=> true
```

<http://www.ruby-doc.org/core/classes/Array.html>

## Steps in *method* lookup\* **message = "hello"; message.show\_it**

it searches the **String** class of **"hello"** for an instance method named **show\_it**; if no method is found in the class then...

it searches the **Comparable** and **Enumerable** modules of the **String** class for **show\_it** (backwards); if no method is found then...

the search moves up the hierarchy to the superclass **Object** but it has no **show\_it** method either

so, it searches the **Kernel** module included in **Object** but no luck there so it finds the **method\_missing** method in **Kernel** and does it

**REM:**  
**LECT6**

\* ignoring eigenclasses

# Recall, Modules and Mixins

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**Enumerable** is a module that provides **sort, count, each, map, zip...** to arrays and other classes

**Comparable** is a module that provides **<, <=, ==, >, <=>** and **between?**

## Comparable Operators

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**a > b** returns **true** if **a** is greater than **b**

**a <=> b** returns

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```
def ascii(stringy)
  stringy.each_byte {|c| puts c}
end
```

```
str_a = "foobar"
str_b = "foobas"
```

```
ascii(str_a)
puts "\n"
ascii(str_b)
puts "\n"
```

```
p str_a == str_a
p str_a == str_b
```

```
p str_a < str_b
p str_a > str_b
p str_b < str_a
```

```
p str_a <=> str_b
p str_a <=> str_a
p str_b <=> str_a
```

*compare.rb*

# Comparable Operators

```
$ ruby compare.rb
```

```
102
111
111
98
97
114
```

```
102
111
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98
97
115
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p str_a == str_b  false
```

```
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p str_a > str_b   false
p str_b < str_a   false
```

```
p str_a <=> str_b  -1
p str_a <=> str_a   0
p str_b <=> str_a   1
```

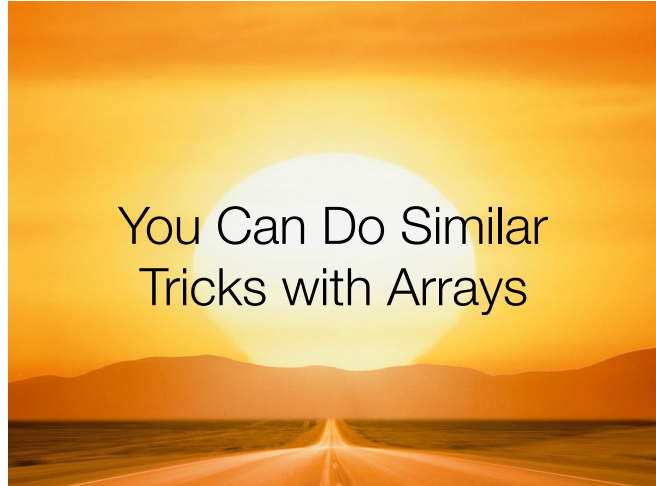
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# Consider Song

```
class Song
  attr_accessor :name, :album, :artist, :time
  def initialize(name, album, artist, time)
    @name = name
    @album = album
    @time = time
    @artist = artist
  end

  def to_s
    puts "<< #{@name} >> by #{@artist} in their album #{@album}.\n"
  end
end

foo = Song.new("Bring in the Clowns","Krusty's Greatest","Krusty", 4.3)
bar1 = Song.new("Bring in the Clowns","Krusty's Greatest","Krusty", 4.3)
bar2 = Song.new("Bring in the Clowns","Liza's Greatest","Minelli", 4)

p foo == foo
p foo == bar1
p foo <=> bar1
p bar2 < bar1
```

*song\_again.rb*

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```
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p foo <=> bar1
p bar2 < bar1
```

*song\_again.rb*

\$ ruby song\_again.rb  
true  
false  
nil  
undefined method `<' for #<Song:0x27498> (NoMethodError)

# Consider Song

```
class Song
  include Comparable
  attr_accessor :name, :album, :artist, :time
  def initialize(name, album, artist, time)
    @name = name
    @album = album
    @time = time
    @artist = artist
  end
  ...
  def <=>(song2)                compare objs on song length
    self.time <=> song2.time
  end
end

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p bar2 <=> foo
p foo <=> bar1
p foo <=> bar2
p bar2 < bar1
p bar2 > bar1
```

*song\_again2.rb*

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```
class Song
  include Comparable
  ...
end

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p foo == foo
p foo == bar1      # ruby song_again2.rb
p bar2 <=> foo       true
p foo <=> bar1       true
p foo <=> bar2       true
p bar2 < bar1       -1
p bar2 > bar1       0
p bar2 > bar1       1
p bar2 > bar1       true
p bar2 > bar1       false
```

*song\_again2.rb*

== works on your defined objects but ,<=> does not?



**Module****Comparable****In:** compar.c**Ruby version:**

The `Comparable` mixin is used by classes whose objects may be ordered. The class must define the `<=>` operator, which compares the receiver against another object, returning -1, 0, or +1 depending on whether the receiver is less than, equal to, or greater than the other object. If the other object is not comparable then the `<=>` operator should return nil. `Comparable` uses `<=>` to implement the conventional comparison operators (`<`, `<=`, `==`, `>=`, and `>`) and the method `between?`.

```
class SizeMatters
  include Comparable
  attr :str
  def <=>(anOther)
    str.size <=> anOther.str.size
  end
  def initialize(str)
    @str = str
  end
  def inspect
    @str
  end
end

s1 = SizeMatters.new("Z")
s2 = SizeMatters.new("YY")
s3 = SizeMatters.new("XXX")
s4 = SizeMatters.new("WWW")
s5 = SizeMatters.new("VVVVV")

s1 < s2           #=> true
s4.between?(s1, s3)  #=> false
s4.between?(s3, s5)  #=> true
[ s3, s2, s5, s4, s1 ].sort  #=> [Z, YY, XXX, WWW, VVVVV]
```

**Methods**`< <= == > >= between?`

# Part B:

## Class security and stuff

# Privacy in Classes I

OOP succeeds by breaking things into manageable portions and using typing to handle things...

Lisp is the wild west by comparison

in the same spirit, Ruby provides good security around the use/abuse of methods

methods within a class can be **public**, **protected**, **private** (mean slightly different things in Ruby)

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public methods can be invoked from anywhere, no access control is enforced; all methods are public by default (except **initialize** which is always private)

private methods are internal to the implementation of a class, can only be invoked by other instance methods of the class (or its sub-classes); always invoked in *functional style*, not on **object** or **self**

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except “global” methods  
defined outside classes, like  
at the top: **REM**

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# Privacy Eg.1a

```
class Testo
  def initialize
    @foo = "heeeee"
  end

  def santa
    @foo + " Hooooo"
  end

  def wicked_elf
    @foo + @foo + @foo
  end

  def snooty
    "I do not laugh"
  end
end

test = Testo.new
test.initialize
#privacy.rb:21: private method `initialize' called for #<Testo:0x27f38
#@foo="heeeee"> (NoMethodError)

p test.santa
p test.wicked_elf
p test.snooty
```

```
$ ruby privacy.rb
"heeeee Hooooo"
"heeeeeheeeeeheeeee"
"I do not laugh"
```

*privacy.rb*

# Privacy Eg.1b

```
class Testo
  def initialize
    @foo = "heeeee"
  end

  def santa
    @foo + " Hooooo"
  end

  def wicked_elf
    @foo + @foo + @foo
  end

  def snooty
    "I do not laugh"
  end

  public :santa
  protected :wicked_elf
  private :snooty
end

test = Testo.new
p test.santa
p test.wicked_elf
p test.snooty
```

```
$ ruby privacy.rb
=> "heeeee Hooooo"
=> protected method `wicked_elf' called for
#<Testo:0x27aec @foo="heeeee">
(NoMethodError)
=> private method `snooty' called for #<Testo:
0x27b64 @foo="heeeee"> (NoMethodError)
```

*privacy.rb*

# Privacy Eg.2a

```
class Testo
  def initialize
    @foo = "heeeee"
  end

  def santa
    p @foo + " Hooooo, " + snooty
    p self.wicked_elf
  end

  def wicked_elf
    @foo + @foo + @foo
  end

  def snooty
    "I do not laugh"
  end

  public :santa
  protected :wicked_elf
  private :snooty
end

test = Testo.new
test.santa
puts "*****"
test.wicked_elf
```

\$ ruby privacy\_a.rb  
"heeeee Hooooo, I do not laugh"  
"heeeeeheeeeeheeeee"  
\*\*\*\*\*  
protected method `wicked\_elf' called for <Testo:  
0x27a10 @foo="heeeee"> (NoMethodError)

*privacy\_a.rb*

# Privacy Eg.2b

```
class Testo
  def initialize
    @foo = "heeeee"
  end

  def santa
    puts "Hooooo " + self.wicked_elf
    puts self.snooty
  end

  def wicked_elf
    "I am a laughing elf"
  end

  def snooty
    "I do not laugh"
  end

  public :santa
  protected :wicked_elf
  private :snooty
end

test = Testo.new
test.santa
```

\$ ruby privacy\_b.rb  
"Hooooo I am a laughing elf"  
...private method `snooty' called for #<Testo:  
0x11a594> (NoMethodError)

*privacy\_b.rb*

# Top-level Methods

**REM**

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why ?

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This is a sort of compromise  
between having functions  
and having OOP

## Part C:

regular expressions and string hacking

## Regular Expressions

...are used to test for  
text patterns in  
strings...

shown as **/foo/** where  
the slashes are like  
holders you grab as  
you pass the **foo**  
pattern along the  
string...

```
>> name = "sdkfhksdjg  
dsjdsflkjfooasdjshadjh"  
=> "sdkfhksdjg  
dsjdsflkjfooasdjshadjh"  
>> name =~ /foo/  
=> 20  
>> reg1 = /foo/  
=> /foo/  
>> reg1  
=> /foo/  
>> reg1.class  
=> Regexp  
>> fi = Regexp.new("ksd")  
=> /ksd/  
>> fi  
=> /ksd/  
>> name =~ fi  
5
```

homage to *\_why...celebrate whyday*  
**\_why**

\_why aka Jack Black wrote  
“...(poignant) Ruby”

did Hpricot library

disappears (?) Aug 19 2009



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Why\\_the\\_lucky\\_stiff](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Why_the_lucky_stiff)

## **sub** for substitution

```
>> tale = "The boy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."
=> "The boy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."

>> tale.sub(/boy/, "girl")
=> "The girl stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."

>> tale
=> "The boy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."

>> tale.sub(/\sb/, " c")
=> "The coy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."

>> tale.sub(/\sb/, "c")
=> "Thecoy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."
>>
```



# gsub for substitution

```
>> tale = "The boy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."
=> "The boy stood on the burning deck, saying oh boy..."

>> tale.gsub(/boy/, "girl")
=> "The girl stood on the burning deck, saying oh girl..."

>> tale.gsub(/\sb/, " c")
=> "The coy stood on the curning deck, saying oh coy..."

>> tale.gsub(/\sb/, "c")
=> "Thecoy stood on thecurning deck, saying ohcoy..."

>> tale.gsub(/.o./, "sos")
=> "The sos ssosdsos the burning deck, sayingsos sos..."

>> website = "/www.manic_repressives.com/home/denial/who.html"
=> "/www.manic_repressives.com/home/denial/who.html"

>> website.gsub(/\\/, "-")
=> "-www.manic_repressives.com-home-denial-who.html"
```

## Part D:

More than your ever wanted to know about  
gems and were afraid to ask....

# Gems

if you install from source then your gems list may be empty

if you install from one-click or a packaged with software they may be pre-loaded

```
$ gem list
*** LOCAL GEMS ***
...
fastercsv (1.5.4 ruby)
highline (1.6.2)
k_means (0.0.7)
...
$ gem install k_means
Successfully installed k_means-0.0.7
1 gem installed
Installing ri documentation for
k_means-0.0.7...
Updating class cache with 503 classes...
Installing RDoc documentation for
k_means-0.0.7...
```

OR

```
$ sudo gem install k_means
```

## Can you all do this...

NB: if you are not ROOT then you may have to use:  
**sudo gem install k\_means**

have you multiple versions of ruby/irb/gem loaded

if NO good, if YES clean up your commands

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```

IF **sudo** its in root directories;  
/usr/bin or /opt/local/bin

IF **not** it may be in home directory;  
/Users/markkean/.gem/ruby/2.0.0

# Watch out...

if have you multiple versions of ruby/irb/gem loaded, you may get different answers for **gem1.8 list**, **gem2.0 list** and **gem list**

if NO good, if YES you probably need to clean up your commands

## Handy Gem Commands

**rubygems** used to be a separate gem in 1.8, now comes with 2.0

in 2.0 you never

**require rubygems**

when you use a gem in a file you say

**require 'csv'**

```
$ gem update --system
Latest version currently installed.
Aborting.
```

```
$ gem update gems
Updating installed gems
Nothing to update
```

```
$ irb
>> Gem.path
=> ["/Users/user/.gem/ruby/2.3.0", "/opt/local/lib/ruby2.3/gems/2.3.0"]
>> require 'csv'
=> true
>> require 'rails'
LoadError: no such file to load...
```

```
$ ruby -e 'p Gem.path'
....same as above....
$ ruby -e "p require 'k_means'"
```

rubygems.org

# Problem with Gems

ruby

<b>dir-a</b>	gem1	gem2
<b>dir-b</b>	gem2	gem3
<b>dir-c</b>	gem5	gem6

irb

gem

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irb

gem

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ruby2.0  
ruby1.8

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<b>dir-b</b>	gem2	gem3
<b>dir-c</b>	gem5	gem6

irb1.8  
irb2.0

they may have multiple  
versions of them...

gem2.0  
gem1.8

..not looking in the  
same directories...

## Where are my gems...

```
$ gem env
RubyGems Environment:
- RUBYGEMS VERSION: 2.6.6
- RUBY VERSION: 2.3.1 (2016-04-26 patchlevel 112) [x86_64-darwin15]
- INSTALLATION DIRECTORY: /opt/local/lib/ruby2.3/gems/2.3.0
- USER INSTALLATION DIRECTORY: /Users/user/.gem/ruby/2.3.0
- RUBY EXECUTABLE: /opt/local/bin/ruby2.3
- EXECUTABLE DIRECTORY: /opt/local/bin
- SPEC CACHE DIRECTORY: /Users/user/.gem/specs
- SYSTEM CONFIGURATION DIRECTORY: /opt/local/etc
- RUBYGEMS PLATFORMS:
  - ruby
  - x86_64-darwin-15
- GEM PATHS:
  - /opt/local/lib/ruby2.3/gems/2.3.0
  - /Users/user/.gem/ruby/2.3.0
- GEM CONFIGURATION:
  - :update_sources => true
  - :verbose => true
  - :backtrace => false
  - :bulk_threshold => 1000
- REMOTE SOURCES:
  - https://rubygems.org/
- SHELL PATH:
  - /opt/local/bin
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    - x86_64-darwin-15
  - GEM PATHS:
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    - :verbose => true
    - :backtrace => false
    - :bulk_threshold => 1000
  - REMOTE SOURCES:
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  - SHELL PATH:
    - /opt/local/bin
```

version of **ruby** associated with **gem**

where gems are installed

where gem searches for gems

if have you multiple versions of gem loaded this gets tricky; so, look at command cleaning

# Where are my other gems...

```
% gem1.8 env
RubyGems Environment:
  - RUBYGEMS VERSION: 1.3.6
  - RUBY VERSION: 1.8.6 (2009-06-08 patchlevel 369) [universal-darwin9.0]
  - INSTALLATION DIRECTORY: /Library/Ruby/Gems/1.8
  - RUBY EXECUTABLE: /System/Library/Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/1.8/usr/bin/ruby
  - EXECUTABLE DIRECTORY: /usr/bin
  - RUBYGEMS PLATFORMS:
    - ruby
    - universal-darwin-9
  - GEM PATHS:
    - /Library/Ruby/Gems/1.8
    - /Users/markkean/.gem/ruby/1.8
    - /System/Library/Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/1.8/usr/lib/ruby/gems/1.8
  - GEM CONFIGURATION:
    - :update_sources => true
    - :verbose => true
    - :benchmark => false
    - :backtrace => false
    - :bulk_threshold => 1000
  - REMOTE SOURCES:
    - http://rubygems.org/
```

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# Command Cleaning...

```
$ cd /usr/bin

$ ls -la /usr/bin | grep irb
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb -> irb1.8
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb1.8 -> ../../System/Library/
Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/Current/usr/bin/irb

$ rm irb
rm: irb: Permission denied
$ sudo rm irb

$ sudo ln -s /opt/local/bin/irb2.0 irb

$ ls -la /usr/bin | grep irb
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb -> /opt/local/bin/irb2.0
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb1.8 -> ../../System/Library/
Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/Current/usr/bin/irb
```

# Command Cleaning...

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$ cd /usr/bin

$ ls -la /usr/bin | grep irb
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb -> irb1.8
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb1.8 -> ../../System/Library/
Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/Current/usr/bin/irb

$ rm irb
rm: irb: Permission denied
$ sudo rm irb

$ sudo ln -s /opt/local/bin/irb2.0 irb

$ ls -la /usr/bin | grep irb
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb -> /opt/local/bin/irb2.0
lrwxr-xr-x    1 root    irb1.8 -> ../../System/Library/
Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/Current/usr/bin/irb
```

do all this for **irb**, **gem** and **ruby**

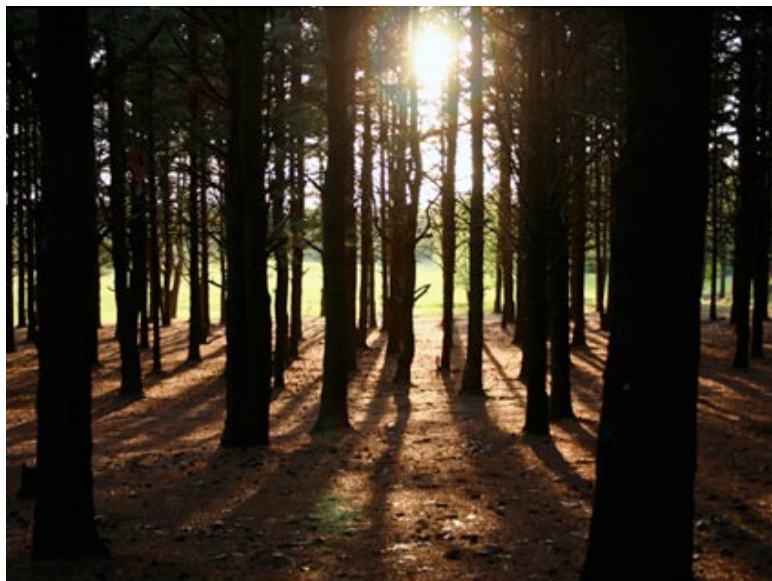
# Command Cleaning...

if you don't then you  
could be using **irb1.8**  
to test for a gem  
loaded by **gem2.0**  
before using a  
program run with  
**ruby1.8**

do all this for **irb**, **gem** and **ruby**

oh...and did I say they  
all may be searching  
in different places

## We are still in them...





# What's this !

we have cleaned our commands

we have loaded a gem to the right place (**k\_means**)

then, we look for it with **require**

```
$ gem env
- INSTALLATION DIRECTORY:
/opt/local/lib/ruby/gems/2.0.0
...

$ gem list
*** LOCAL GEMS ***
k_means (0.0.7)
fastercsv (1.5.4 ruby)
...

$ irb
>> require 'k_means'
LoadError: no such file to load -- k_means
from (irb):1:in `require'
from (irb):1
from /usr/bin/irb:12:in `<main>'

>> require 'fastercsv'
=> true
```



# What's this !

```
$ gem env
- INSTALLATION DIRECTORY:
/opt/local/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1
```

```
$ irb
>> Gem.path
=> ["/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1"]
```

```
$LOAD_PATH.each {|pth| p pth}
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1/gems/fastercsv-1.5.4/lib"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1/gems/rubygems-update-1.3.7/bin"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/site_ruby/1.9.1"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/site_ruby/1.9.1/powerpc-darwin9"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/site_ruby"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/vendor_ruby/1.9.1"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/vendor_ruby/1.9.1/powerpc-darwin9"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/vendor_ruby"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/1.9.1"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/1.9.1/powerpc-darwin9"
```



# What's this !

```
$ gem env
- INSTALLATION DIRECTORY:
/opt/local/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1
```

```
$ irb
>> Gem.path
=> ["/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1"]

$LOAD_PATH.each {|pth| p pth}
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1/gems/fastercsv-1.5.4/lib"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1/gems/rubygems-update-1.3.7/bin"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/site_ruby/1.9.1"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/site_ruby/1.9.1/powerpc-darwin9"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/site_ruby"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/vendor_ruby/1.9.1"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/vendor_ruby/1.9.1/powerpc-darwin9"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/vendor_ruby"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/1.9.1"
"/opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/1.9.1/powerpc-darwin9"
```



## Let's Confirm that..

```
$ ls /opt/local/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems
ai4r-1.9  distance_measures-0.0.5  highline-1.6.2
net-scp-1.0.4  net-ssh-2.2.1  rake-0.9.2
capistrano-2.8.0  fastercsv-1.5.4  k_means-0.0.7
net-sftp-2.0.5  net-ssh-gateway-1.1.0  rubygems-update-1.8.10

>> ls /opt/local/lib/ruby1.9/gems/1.9.1
fastercsv-1.5.4  rubygems-update-1.3.7
```



# Solutions?

We could change/modify **irb/ruby Gem.path** within **ruby** or **irb** (file by file)

Could set an ENV variable GEM\_HOME or GEM\_PATH in our .bash\_profile or .profile

NB; latter will change gems for all your rubys

```
export GEM_HOME='/opt/local/lib/ruby/gems/2.0.0'  
export GEM_PATH='/opt/local/lib/ruby/gems/2.0.0'  
export PATH=/opt/local/bin:opt/local/sbin:$PATH
```

*.bash\_profile*

## Second Main Problem

Gems have dependencies to other gems; load one and several appear (**k\_means** loads **distance\_measures**)

Gems have dependencies to other applications in your system; in Mac Xcode has a bunch of tools that may be used (4.1 not-equal 7.1)

if your directories and paths are all not clean then you may encounter horrible problems (e.g, loading from source AND package man. system)

Also means that gems compiled under one ruby version and OS may not run with new ruby and OS

## Part E:

Getting out of the house...

## Gems, Ruby & the Web

We are going to look at getting out of the house in two main ways:

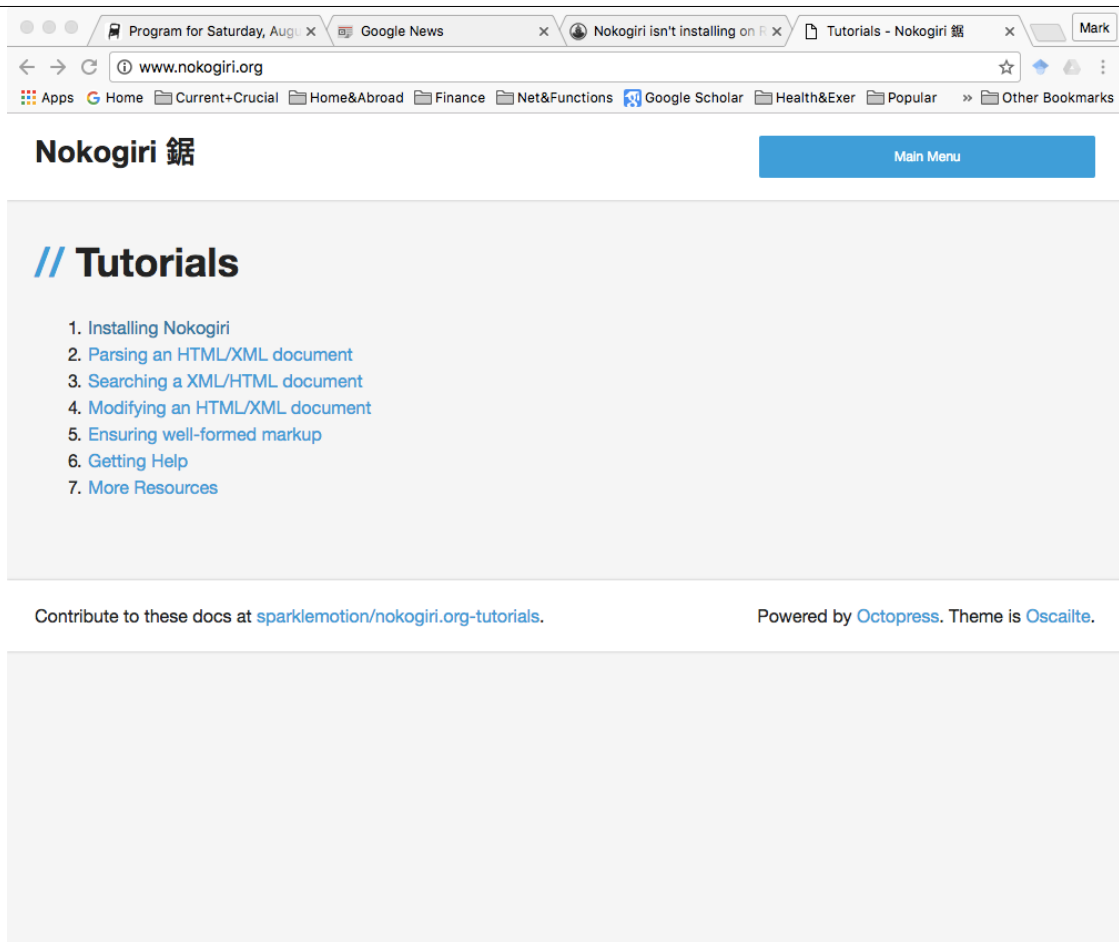
- 1) in doing some basic web-page parsing and scraping using Nokogiri

- 2) in showing how with a few simple lines of code you can become a spammer

we also now start to use gems

## Nokogiri for 2.3.1

```
MacBook-Air-4:~ user$ sudo gem install nokogiri -- --use-system-libraries
Fetching: mini_portile2-2.1.0.gem (100%)
Successfully installed mini_portile2-2.1.0
Fetching: pkg-config-1.1.7.gem (100%)
Successfully installed pkg-config-1.1.7
Fetching: nokogiri-1.6.8.gem (100%)
Building native extensions with: '--use-system-libraries'
This could take a while...
Successfully installed nokogiri-1.6.8
Parsing documentation for mini_portile2-2.1.0
Installing ri documentation for mini_portile2-2.1.0
Parsing documentation for pkg-config-1.1.7
Installing ri documentation for pkg-config-1.1.7
Parsing documentation for nokogiri-1.6.8
Installing ri documentation for nokogiri-1.6.8
Done installing documentation for mini_portile2, pkg-config, nokogiri after 3
seconds
3 gems installed
MacBook-Air-4:~ user$
```



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.nokogiri.org](http://www.nokogiri.org). The page has a header with the Nokogiri logo and a "Main Menu" button. The main content area is titled "// Tutorials" and contains a list of seven links: "1. Installing Nokogiri", "2. Parsing an HTML/XML document", "3. Searching a XML/HTML document", "4. Modifying an HTML/XML document", "5. Ensuring well-formed markup", "6. Getting Help", and "7. More Resources". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Contribute to these docs at [sparklemotion/nokogiri.org-tutorials](https://github.com/sparklemotion/nokogiri.org-tutorials)." and "Powered by [Octopress](#). Theme is [Oscailte](#)."



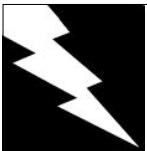
# Nokogiri

is a library for parsing html and xml

basically, turns doc into an hierarchy of embedded elements

from that you can pull out what you want into arrays of elements (uses Xpath)

<http://nokogiri.org/>



# Nokogiri

There is always great fun with Nokogiri every year...but it is learning fun...

Notably, it depends on a number of earlier libraries that can cause problems...follow instructions carefully

Also, on Macs, I found installing the gem in RubyMine worked better than doing it via the CommandLine

<http://nokogiri.org/>



# Simple Nokogiri I

```
require 'nokogiri'

doc = Nokogiri::HTML(File.open("feet/feet.html"))
elements = doc.xpath("/html/body//p")
p elements
```

*dochac.rb*

```
[#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3d23b8 name="p" children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3d1bfc "Hi,
welcome to Mark's many feet emporium. for many years I have been roaming the world\ntaking
pictures of my feet. The idea was to create a game where you had to guess where \nthe feet wer
now. Consider some examples...">], #<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3d181e name="p"
children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3d11f2 "Cool..eh ?">], #<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3d0860
name="p" children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3cf4ba "So, I am going to put them all in a table
below:\nand your task is to guess the place they are from.">], #<Nokogiri::XML::Element:
0x3ce6fa name="p" children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3cdcc8 "Well how did you fare? For more
links on me go to:">], #<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3cd7a0 name="p"
children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3cd304 "Was it good fun?">]>]
```

an array with all the p elements

# Simple Nokogiri II

```
require 'nokogiri'

doc = Nokogiri::HTML(File.open("feet/feet.html"))
elements = doc.xpath("//p")
p elements.length
p elements.last
p elements.last.inner_html
p elements.last.inner_text
```

*dochac.rb*

```
$ ruby dochac.rb
```

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```
<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3cd7a0 name="p"
children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3cd304 "Was it good
fun?">]>
```

nokogiri element

```
"Was it good fun?"
```

```
"Was it good fun?"
```

its inner html

its inner text



# Simple Nokogiri III

```
require 'nokogiri'
```

```
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(File.open("feet/feet.html"))
elements4 = doc.xpath("//img")
p elements4
```

*dochac.rb*

```

[#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3c2a6c name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3c2a30 name="src" value="feet1.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3c2a26 name="width" value="104">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3c2a1c name="height" value="142">]>,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3ca564 name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ca514 name="src" value="feet2.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ca4f6 name="width" value="104">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ca4ec name="height" value="142">]>,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x1ff630 name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1ff27a name="src" value="feet3.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1ff23e name="width" value="104">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1ff13a name="height" value="142">]>,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x1fcf2 name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1fca2 name="src" value="feet4.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1fcf98 name="width" value="104">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1fcf8 name="height" value="142">]>,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x1f61e8 name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1f58d8 name="src" value="feet5.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1f58b0 name="width" value="104">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x1f586a name="height" value="142">]>,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x94f70 name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x94e76 name="src" value="feet6.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x94e08 name="width" value="104">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x94dea name="height" value="142">]>]
```

# Simple Nokogiri IV

```
require 'nokogiri'
```

```
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(File.open("feet/feet.html"))
elements = doc.xpath("//td")
```

```
elements = doc.search("//td")
p elements[7]
p elements[7].inner_html
p elements[7].inner_text
```

*dochac.rb*

```
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3caa32 name="td" nokogiri element
children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3ca564 name="img"
attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ca514 name="src" value="feet2.jpg">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ca4f6 name="width" value="104">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ca4ec name="height" value="142">]>]>
```

```
"<img src=\"feet2.jpg\" width=\"104\" height=\"142\">"
""
```

its inner html

its inner text

# Simple Nokogiri V

```
require 'nokogiri'

elements4 = doc.xpath("//img")

def search_for_image_names(parse_a)
  parse_a.search("//td").each do |td_element|
    imgs = td_element.search("img")
    if imgs.any?
      then imgs.each {|image| puts "Found Image called #{image[:src]}" } end
    end
  end
end

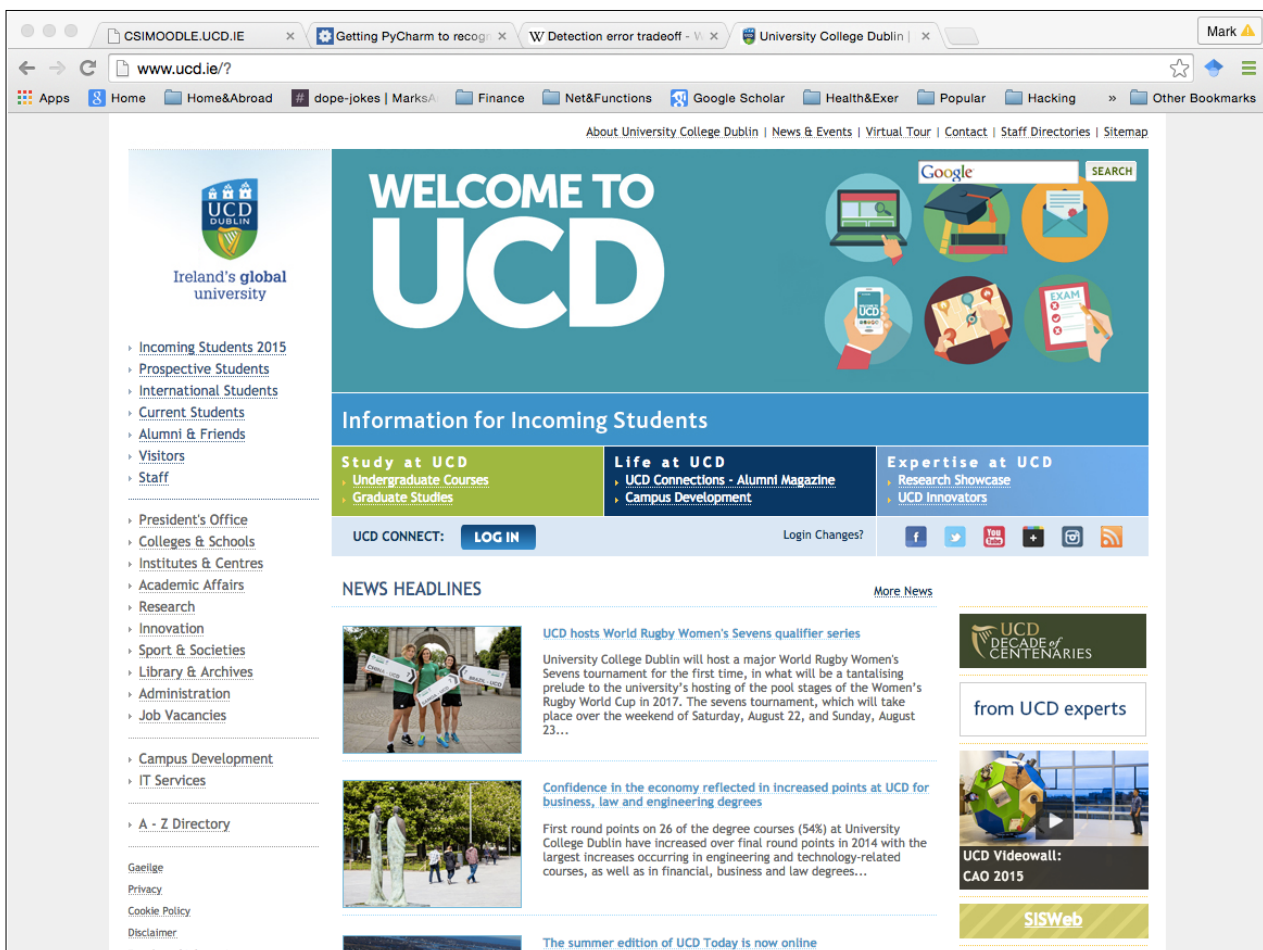
search_for_image_names(elements4)
```

we can search for sub-elements

get attributes of sub-elements

*dochac.rb*

Found Image called feet1.jpg  
Found Image called feet2.jpg  
Found Image called feet3.jpg  
Found Image called feet4.jpg  
Found Image called feet5.jpg  
Found Image called feet6.jpg



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
2 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
3 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="en">
4 <head>
5   <meta name="google-site-verification" content="D0As_YckrpfGAWXmNaTc_FXFn2C8duJinnKWcw0dWuk" />
6   <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1" />
7   <meta name="keywords" content="University College Dublin, UCD, belfield, education, ireland, research, undergraduate programmes,
8 postgraduate programmes, adult education, study, college, university, school, alumni, national university of ireland, dublin, academic,
9 masters, industry programme, innovation, technology transfer, PhD research, 3rd level education, 4th level ireland, courses", "international
10 students", "research-intensive" "doctoral" "ranking" />
11 <meta name="description" content="University College Dublin - UCD is Ireland's largest and one of Europe's leading research-intensive
12 English speaking universities" />
13 <meta name="twitter:site" content="@ucddublin">
14 <title>University College Dublin | Ireland's Global University | UCD is Ireland's largest and one of Europe's leading research-
15 intensive English speaking universities</title>
16 <link rel="shortcut icon" href="/favicon.ico" />
17 <link rel="stylesheet" href="stylecss/home/homepage_wide-slider-10.css" type="text/css" />
18 <link rel="stylesheet" href="stylecss/home/global-v02.css" type="text/css"/>
19 <link href="https://plus.google.com/108464358895121337547" rel="publisher" />
20 <style type="text/css">
21
22 #cookiesWarning {
23   font-size: 90%;
24 }
25
26 #cookiesWarningActive {
27   font-size: 90%;
28   background: #e4e4e4;
29   margin: 5px;
30   padding: 5px;
31   box-shadow: 8px 8px 4px #999;
32   border-radius: 7px;
33 }
34
35 #cookiesWarningActive small {
36   background: #d8d7d7;
37   margin-top: 10px;
38   margin-bottom: 10px;
39   padding: 3px;
40   color: #000000;
41   border: none;
42   border-radius: 7px;
43   box-shadow: 4px 4px 2px #233e5b;
44 }
45
46 #readMoreURL a:link {
47   text-decoration: underline;
48   color: #000;
49   font-size: 90%;
50 }
```

```
require 'nokogiri'
require 'open-uri'
require 'pp'
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(open("http://www.ucd.ie"))
pp doc
```

```
ruby dochacweb.rb
/usr/bin/ruby -e $stdout.sync=true;$stderr.sync=true;load($0=ARGV.shift) /Users/user/Dropbox/X_Teaching/Ruby 2013-15/
A_Lects&Pracs.2015/RubyWeek7 (Oct 22th).14/RubyLect7.progs/dochacweb.rb
#(Document:0x3fc77d0f89ec {
  name = "document",
  children = [
    #(DTD:0x3fc77d0f8154 { name = "html" }),
    #(Element:0x3fc77d0fdadc {
      name = "html",
      attributes = [
        #(Attr:0x3fc77d0fd6f4 {
          name = "xmlns",
          value = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
        }),
        #(Attr:0x3fc77d0fd6e0 { name = "lang", value = "en" })),
      children = [
        #(Text "\n"),
        #(Element:0x3fc77d101970 {
          name = "head",
          children = [
            #(Text "\n  "),
            #(Element:0x3fc77d100e94 {
              name = "meta",
              attributes = [
                ...
```

# Nokogiri Parse

# Simple Nokogiri I (on Web)

```
require 'nokogiri'
require 'open-uri'
require 'pp'
```

```
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(open("http://www.ucd.ie"))
elements = doc.xpath("//a[@href]")
p elements.length
p elements[50]
item = elements[50]["href"]
p item
```

*dochacweb.rb*

\$ruby dochacweb.rb  
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no of a-href tags

nokogiri element

```
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3ff1a855e860 name="a" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ff1a855e7e8
name="href" value="news/2015/08AUG15/200815-ucd-hosts-world-rugby-womens-sevens-qualifier-
series.html">] children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3ff1a855e324 name="img" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:
0x3ff1a855e2c0 name="src" value="news/2015/08AUG15/200815-ucd-hosts-world-rugby-womens-sevens-
qualifier-series-fp.jpg">, #<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3ff1a855e2ac name="alt" value="UCD hosts World Rugby
Women's Sevens qualifier series">]>, #<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3ff1a8563cac "UCD hosts World Rugby Women's
Sevens qualifier series">]>
"news/2015/08AUG15/200815-ucd-hosts-world-rugby-womens-sevens-qualifier-series.html"
```

value of href attribute

# Simple Nokogiri I (on Web)

```
require 'nokogiri'
require 'open-uri'
require 'pp'
```

use Nokogiri::XML iff XML doc

```
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(open("http://www.ucd.ie"))
elements = doc.xpath("//a[@href]")
p elements.length
p elements[50]
item = elements[50]["href"]
p item
```

*dochacweb.rb*

ruby dochacweb.rb  
111

no of a-href tags

nokogiri element

```
#<Nokogiri::XML::Element:0x3f825c name="a" attributes=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:
0x3f81bc name="href" value="/wiki/University_of_London">,
#<Nokogiri::XML::Attr:0x3f819e name="title" value="University of London">]
children=[#<Nokogiri::XML::Text:0x3f7d5c "University of London">]>
"/wiki/University_of_London"
```

value of href attribute



# Sending an Email

first install actionmailer

**\$ gem install actionmailer**

...it gets sort of busy

...20 gem installed

**\$ gem install rails**

**\$ gem install rack**

# Sending an Email

```
require 'action_mailer'
```

```
ActionMailer::Base.smtp_settings = { :address => 'smtp.gmail.com',  
                                     :port => 25,  
                                     :domain => 'ucd.ie',  
                                     :user_name => 'youreUCDusernamehere',  
                                     :password => 'yourpassword',  
                                     :authentication => :plain }
```

```
class SimpleMailer < ActionMailer::Base  
  def simple_message(recipient)  
    mail(:from => 'youreemailaddresshere@ucd.ie',  
         :to => recipient,  
         :subject => 'tester',  
         :body => 'wow!, just sent you this from a program')  
  end  
end
```

```
email = SimpleMailer.simple_message('youreemailaddresshere@ucd.ie')  
puts email  
email.deliver
```

*mailer.rb*

Please Go Home Now  
& Have a Rest....