ĈLASSES

PRESS START

send_tweet("Practicing Ruby-Fu!", 14)

def send_tweet(status, owner_id)
 retrieve_user(owner_id)





should not be responsible for retrieving a user



end

- Passing around data as strings and numbers breaks encapsulation.
- Places using that data need to know how to handle it.
- Individual changes require updates at various places.



```
tweet = Tweet.new
tweet.status = "Practicing Ruby-Fu!"
tweet.owner_id = current_user.id
send_tweet(tweet)
```

```
class Tweet
  attr_accessor ...

def owner
  retrieve_user(owner_id)
  end
end
```

```
def send_tweet(message)
  message.owner
  ...
end
```



one parameter!

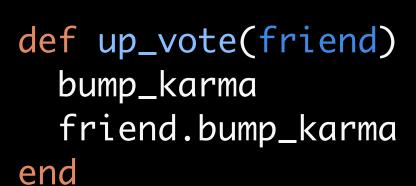


- May not be worth the overhead of a class if all you have is data.
- An option hash might suffice.
- When you have behavior to go with the data, it's time to introduce a class.



VISIBILITY

class <u>User</u>



def bump_karma
 puts "karma up for #{name}"
end

end



joe = User.new 'joe'
leo = User.new 'leo'

joe.up_vote(leo)

"karma up for joe"
"karma up for leo"

· should not be part of the public API



VISIBILITY

```
class <u>User</u>
  def up_vote(friend)
    bump_karma
    friend.bump_karma
  end
  private
  def bump_karma
    puts "karma up for #{name}"
  end
end
```

```
joe = User.new 'joe'
leo = User.new 'leo'

joe.up_vote(leo)
```

private method bump_karma called for #<User:0×10ad1f6b8>

private methods cannot be called with explicit receiver



VISIBILITY

class <u>User</u>



```
def up_vote(friend)
  bump_karma
  friend.bump_karma
end
```

```
protected
```

```
def bump_karma
  puts "karma up for #{name}"
end
```

end

```
joe = User.new 'joe'
leo = User.new 'leo'
```

joe.up_vote(leo)

"karma up for joe"
"karma up for leo"

hidden from outside but accessible from other instances of same class



INHERITANCE

```
class Image
 attr_accessor :title, :size, :url
 def to_s
   "#{@title}, {@size}"
 end
end
class Video
 attr_accessor :title, :size, :url
 def to_s
   "#{@title}, {@size}"
 end
end
```

duplicated functionality!



INHERITANCE

```
class Attachment
  attr_accessor :title, :size, :url
  def to_s
    "#{@title}, #{@size}"
  end
                       much DRYer!
end
class Image < Attachment</pre>
end
class Video < Attachment
end
```

class Video < Attachment
 attr_accessor :duration
end</pre>

if a method only makes sense for one subclass, put it there.



```
class User
def initialize(name)
@name = name
end
end
doesn't call
User#initialize
```

```
class Follower < User
   def initialize(name, following)

• • • • @following = following
   end
   def relationship
    "#{@name} follows #{@following}"
   end
   end
end</pre>
```

```
follower = Follower.new("Oprah", "aplusk")
follower.relationship
```







```
class User
 def initialize(name)
   @name = name
 end
end
            Calls
     User#initialize
```

```
class Follower < User
  def initialize(name, following)
    @following = following
    super(name)
  end
  def relationship
    "#{@name} follows #{@following}"
  end
end
```

```
follower = Follower.new("Oprah", "aplusk")
follower.relationship
```



"Oprah follows aplusk"



```
class Parent < Grandparent end Not here
```

child = Child.new
puts child.my_method

x Grandparent: my_method called
Child: my_method called



```
class Grandparent
  def my_method(argument)
    "Grandparent: '#{argument}'"
  end
end
```

Grandparent: 'w00t!'
Child: 'w00t!'





OVERRIDING METHODS

```
class Attachment
 def preview
    case @type
   when :jpg, :png, :gif -... typical case
      thumbnail
   when :mp3 - · · · · · · · · · · · he oddball
      player
    end
  end
end
```

This is slow



OVERRIDING METHODS

class Attachment
def preview
thumbnail
end
the default

class Audio < Attachment
def preview
player
end
end
special handling

new subclass!





HIDE INSTANCE VARIABLES

· · a lot of repetition when working with these...



HIDE INSTANCE VARIABLES

```
class User
  def display_name
•• [@first_name, @last_name].join(' ')
  end
  def tweet_header
    display_name
  end
  def profile
    display_name + @description
  end
end
```



You can use an accessor method, even within the same class



HIDE INSTANCE VARIABLES

```
class User
  def display_name
    title = case @gender
      when :female
        married? ? "Mrs." : "Miss"
      when :male
        "Mr."
    end
    [title, @first_name, @last_name].join(' ')
  end
end
```



if you need to change the logic CLASSES later, you can do it in just one place!



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