

Collections in Ruby

Creation

```
bro = []  
bro = [ 'groucho', 'harpo', 'chico' ]  
  
bro = Array.new  
bro = Array.new( 3 )  
bro = Array.new( 3, true )  
  
bro = Array.new( 4 ) { Hash.new }  
bro = Array.new( 2 ) { Array.new( 2 ) }  
  
%w{ Hello World }  
%w[ Hello World ]  
%w/ Hello World /
```

Accessing Elements

```
arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
arr[2]      # => 3
```

```
arr[100]    # => nil
```

```
arr[-1]     # => 6
```

```
arr[-3]     # => 4
```

```
arr[2, 3]   # => [3, 4, 5]
```

```
arr[1..4]   # => [2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Accessing Elements

```
arr.at(0)    # => 1
```

```
arr.first    # => 1
```

```
arr.last     # => 6
```

```
arr.take(3)
```

```
# => [1, 2, 3] - Grabs the first three elements
```

```
arr.drop(3)
```

```
# => [4, 5, 6] - Grabs the last three elements
```

```
arr.fetch(100) # => IndexError: index 100 outside of a
```

```
arr.fetch(100, "ERROR") # => "ERROR"
```

Adding Elements

```
arr = [1, 2, 3, 4]
arr.push(5)
```

```
arr << 6
# => [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] Uses push behind the scenes
```

```
arr.unshift(0)
# => [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] Adds an element to the start
```

```
arr.insert( 3, 'Serge' )
# => [ 0, 1, 2, 'Serge', 3, 4, 5, 6 ]
```

```
arr.insert( 4, 'didn't marry', 'Jane' )
# => [0, 1, 2, 'Serge', 'didn't marry', 'Jane', 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

Removing Elements

```
# Pop removes the last element and returns it
# (it is destructive)

arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
arr.pop      # => 6
arr          # => [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

# To retrieve and at the same time remove the first item

arr.shift   # => 1

# Delete at a particular index

arr.delete_at( 2 )
```

Removing Elements

```
# To delete a particular element anywhere
```

```
arr = [1, 2, 2, 3]  
arr.delete(2) # => [1, 3]
```

```
# Compact will remove nil values
```

```
arr = ['foo', 0, nil, 'bar', 7, 'baz', nil]  
arr.compact #=> ['foo', 0, 'bar', 7, 'baz']
```

```
# Remove duplicates
```

```
arr = [2, 5, 6, 556, 6, 6, 8, 9, 0, 123, 556]  
arr.uniq # => [2, 5, 6, 556, 8, 9, 0, 123]
```

Iteration: each

```
arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

arr.each do |el|
  puts el
end

arr.each { |el| puts el }

arr.reverse_each do |el|
  puts el
end

arr.reverse_each { |el| puts el }
```


~~Iteration~~

```
# DON'T DO IT THESE WAYS!
```

```
arr = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
for x in 0..(arr.length-1)
  puts arr[x]
end
```

```
# or, with while:
x = 0
while x < arr.length
  puts arr[x]
  x += 1
end
```

```
for el in arr
  puts el
end
```

Iteration: map

One of the most important array methods of them all!

```
arr = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
arr.map do |a|  
  a * 2  
end
```

```
arr.map { |a| a * 2 }  
arr.map! { |a| a * 2 }
```

Predicates and Destruction

Predicate Method

Methods that return a boolean value - they always end with a question mark in Ruby:

```
counter.even?
```

Destructive Method

Aside from what they return, they also change the item they are attached to; usually end in an exclamation mark:

```
playlist.shuffle!
```

Blocks & Block Variables

```
# Very similar to anonymous functions in JavaScript
arr = [ 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 ]

arr.map { |num| num * 3 }
arr.map! { |num| num * 3 }

arr.map do |num|
  num * 3
end

arr.map! do |num|
  num * 3
end
```

Filtering: select & reject

```
arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
arr.select do |a|  
  a > 3  
end
```

```
arr.select { |a| a > 3 }  
arr.select! { |a| a > 3 }
```

```
arr.reject { |a| a < 4 }  
arr.reject! { |a| a < 4 }
```

```
arr.delete_if { |a| a < 4 }  
arr.keep_if { |a| a < 4 }
```

Array Comparison

```
array1 = [ "x", "y", "z" ]  
array2 = [ "w", "x", "y" ]
```

```
array1 | array2  
# Combine Arrays & Remove Duplicates (Union)  
# => [ "x", "y", "z", "w" ]
```

```
array1 & array2  
# Get Common Elements between Two Arrays (Intersection)  
# => [ "x", "y" ]
```

```
array1 - array2  
# Remove Any Elements from Array 1 that are  
# contained in Array 2. (Difference)  
# => [ "z" ]
```

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Hash creation: string keys

Ruby uses the => arrow symbol ("hashrocket" 🥰) to separate keys and values.

String keys **must be quoted** in Ruby!

```
# One key at a time:
person = {}
person["name"] = "Elke"
person["location"] = "Berkeley"
person["age"] = 30

# or, all at once:
person = {
  "name" => "Elke",
  "location" => "Berkeley",
  "age" => 30
}
```


Object IDs and Strings vs. Symbols

Everything is an object in Ruby! Every time a new anything is created, it gets assigned a new `object_id` and also a new place in memory.

The catch: even the **same** strings are **new** objects!

```
"Hello".object_id
# Try it again:
"Hello".object_id

# But with a symbol?
:random_symbol.object_id
# Again:
:random_symbol.object_id

# Everything is an object
false.object_id
```

Hash creation: symbol keys

```
person = {}  
person[:name] = "Elke"  
  
# all at once:  
person = {  
  :name => "Elke",  
  :location => "Berkeley"  
}  
  
# The new shorthand:  
# (looks just like JS, but beware!)  
person = {  
  name: "Elke",  
  location: "Berkeley"  
}
```

Creation of a hash

```
hash = Hash.new

# Normally a hash will return nil if the key is undefined.
# We can pass in default values to this quite easily though:

hash = Hash.new( false )
hash["Something"] #=> Not a valid key, will return false

# If you create the hash using the literal form,
# you can still specify a default:
hash = {}
hash.default = false
hash["Elke"]      # => false
```

Accessing Values

```
person = {  
  :name => "Elke",  
  :location => "Berkeley",  
  "Skill in Mr. Squiggle" => 5  
}
```

```
person[:name]  
person["Skill in Mr. Squiggle"]
```

```
# GOTCHA:  
person["name"]  
# => nil    - string keys are different to symbols!
```

Adding and Removing Keys

```
serge = {  
  "name" => "Serge",  
  "nationality" => "French"  
}  
  
serge[:counterpart] = "Jane (temporarily)"  
serge[:counterpart]  
  
serge.delete(:counterpart)
```

Iteration

```
serge = {  
  name: "Serge",  
  nationality: "French"  
}  
  
serge.each do |key, value|  
  puts "Key: #{key} and Value: #{value}"  
end  
  
serge.keys.each do |key|  
  puts key  
end  
  
serge.values.each do |value|  
  puts value  
end
```

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