# rSpec Quick Reference

# Core API

# Arbitrary Block object.should\_satisfy {|arg| ...} object.should\_not\_satisfy {|arg| ...}

# Equality

object.should\_equal <value>
object.should\_not\_equal <value>

# Floating Point Comparison

object.should\_be\_close <val>, <delta> object.should\_not\_be\_close <val>, <delta>

#### Identity

object.should\_be <value>
object.should\_not\_be <value>

#### **Arbitrary Predicate**

object.should\_predicate [args]
object.should\_be\_predicate [args]
object.should\_not\_predicate [args]
object.should\_not\_be\_predicate [args]

#### **Pattern Matching**

object.should\_match <regex>
object.should\_not\_match <regex>

#### **Direct Instance**

object.should\_be\_an\_instance\_of <class>
object.should not be an instance of <class>

# **Ancestor Class**

object.should\_be\_a\_kind\_of <class>
object.should\_not\_be\_a\_kind\_of <class>

#### Type

object.should\_respond\_to <symbol>
object.should not respond to <symbol>

#### Raising

proc.should\_raise <exception>
proc.should\_not\_raise <exception>
proc.should\_raise
proc.should\_not\_raise

#### **Throwing**

proc.should\_throw <symbol>
proc.should\_not\_throw <symbol>
proc.should\_not\_throw

# Containment

object.should\_include <object>
object.should not include <object</pre>

#### Evact Size

object.should have(<n>).things

#### **Lower Bound**

object.should have at least(<n>).things

#### **Upper Bound**

object.should\_have\_at\_most(<n>).things

# **Mock API**

# Creating a mock

```
mock = mock(<name>)
mock = mock(<name>, <options>)

mock = mock("blah", :null_object => true)
```

#### **Expecting Messages**

```
mock.should_receive(:<message>)
mock.should_not_receive(:<message>)
```

# **Arbitrary Message Handling**

```
mock.should_receive(:msg) do | a1 a2 ... |
    ...
end
```

# **Expecting Arguments**

```
.with(<args>)
.with(:no_args)
.with(:any_args)
```

# **Argument Constraints**

```
:anything, :numeric, :boolean, :string
duck_type(message(s))
  accepts anything that responds to all the message(s),
  e.g.:
  #accepts a Fixnum for the second arg
  .with(a, duck_type(:abs, :div))
```

# **Receive Counts**

```
.any_number_of_times
.once
.twice
.exactly(n).times
.at_least(:once)
.at_least(:twice)
.at_least(n).times
```

#### **Return Values**

.and return(v)

#### Consecutive return values

```
.and_return(v1, v2, ..., vn)
implies .at least(n).times
```

#### Computed return value

.and return {...}

# **Raising and Throwing**

.and\_raise(<exception>)
.and\_throw(<symbol>)

#### **Ordering**

mock.should\_receive(:flip).once.ordered
mock.should\_receive(:flop).once.ordered

# **Command Line Interface**

```
Basic Usage

spec file

runs all specs in the given file

spec directory

runs all specs in all ruby files in the given directory

spec file/dir-1 file/dir-2 ... file/dir-n
```

# **Running Specific Specifications**

```
-s CONTEXT_AND_OR_SPEC_NAME
--spec CONTEXT_AND_OR_SPEC_NAME
```

# **General Options**

```
-v, --version
-h, --help
-d, --dry-run
-r file, --require file
```

# **Output Formating**

```
$spec -s "An empty stack" examples/stack_spec.rb
...
```

```
Finished in 0.001903 seconds
1 context, 3 specifications, 0 failures
-f s
-f specdoc
--format s
--format specdoc
$spec -f s -s "An empty stack"
examples/stack_spec.rb
An empty stack
- should accept an item when sent push
- should complain when sent top
- should complain when sent pop
Finished in 0.003552 seconds
1 context, 3 specifications, 0 failures
-f r
-f rdoc
--format r
--format rdoc
spec -f r -s "An empty stack"
examples/stack_spec.rb
# An empty stack
# * should accept an item when sent push
# * should complain when sent top
# * should complain when sent pop
-f <custom formatter class>
--format <custom formatter class>
```

# When There Are Failures

1 context, 3 specifications, 2 failures

```
$spec failing_examples/mocking_spec.rb
.FF

1)
MockExpectationError in 'Mocker should fail when expected message not received'
Mock 'poke me' expected 'poke' once, but received it 0 times
./failing_examples/mocking_spec.rb:13:in ''
2)
MockExpectationError in 'Mocker should fail when messages are received out of order'
Mock 'one two three' received 'three' out of order
./failing_examples/mocking_spec.rb:22:in 'should fail when messages are received out of order'
Finished in 0.00242 seconds
1 context, 3 specifications, 2 failures
spec -f s failing_examples/mocking_spec.rb

Mocker
- should be able to call mock()
- should fail when expected message not received (FAILED - 1)
- should fail when messages are received out of order (FAILED - 2)

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Finished in 0.004135 seconds
```