

Libraries and Modules

Modules

- Module \triangleq namespace (collection) of method
- Not a class
- Can mix method into a class
- eg: **Enumerable**
 - Provides most collection operations including **each**
- eg: **Comparable** enables **<=>** and **sort**
- Ensure you read documentation for implementation
- Defined for a class using **include**

Gems

- Gem \triangleq ruby library
- Used with **require** at the top of a file
- Bundler solves “library hell”
 - Every project has a **Gemfile** and a **Gemfile.lock**
 - **Gemfile** defines libraries and versions needed for a file
 - **Gemfile.lock** should be versioned with project

Semantic Versioning (semver)

- Version A.B.C
 - C \triangleq patch / backwards-compatible
 - B \triangleq minor backwards-compatible new functionality
 - A \triangleq major ‘breaking changes’ in API

Ruby Blocks

- Iterators define **each** which yields the value with **yield**
- The value yielded is what will be the variable defined in the block

Coding Notes

- **attr_reader** only provides a get and not a set
- Can also use **self** instead of **@**
- **send** will send a value to a method