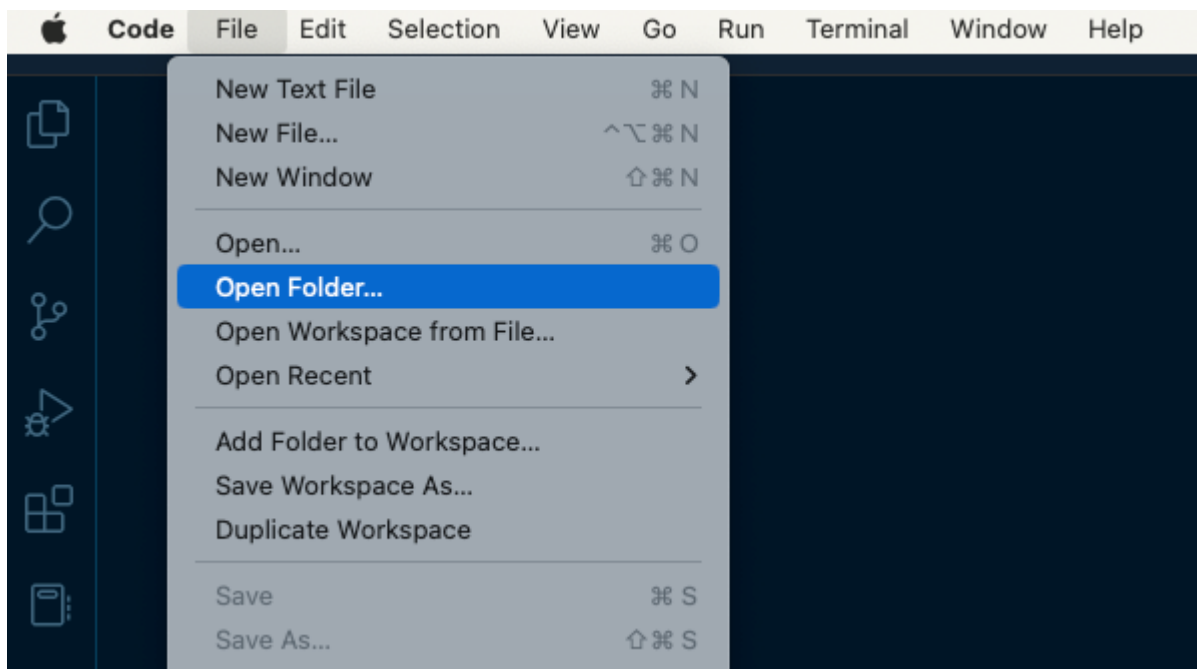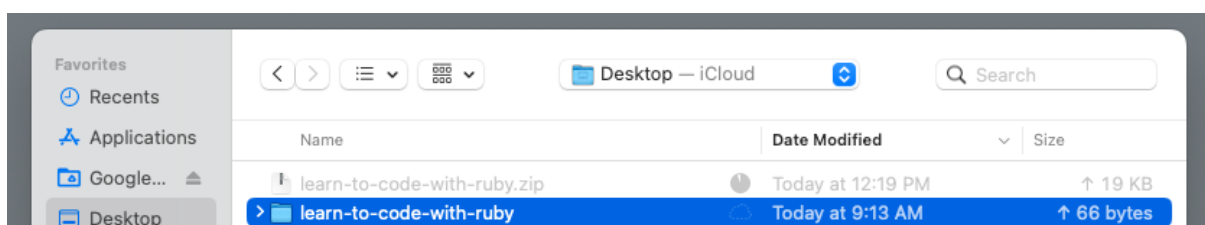**Download Course Materials**

- Below, you can download a **learn-to-code-with-ruby.zip** file. This single ZIP file holds all the course materials.
- You'll need to "unzip" the **zip** file to reveal its contents. On a macOS computer, you can double-click the ZIP file. On a Windows computer, right-click the ZIP file and select **Extract All**.
- When unzipped, you'll see a **learn-to-code-with-ruby** folder consisting of multiple folders.
- You can store this directory wherever you'd like on your hard drive.

How to Use the Course Materials

- Open Visual Studio Code.
- Access the main menu by navigating your mouse to the top of the editor.
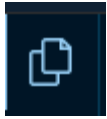- Select **File > Open Folder**.

- Locate and select the **learn-to-code-to-ruby** folder. Make sure to select the unzipped folder, *not* the original ZIP file.
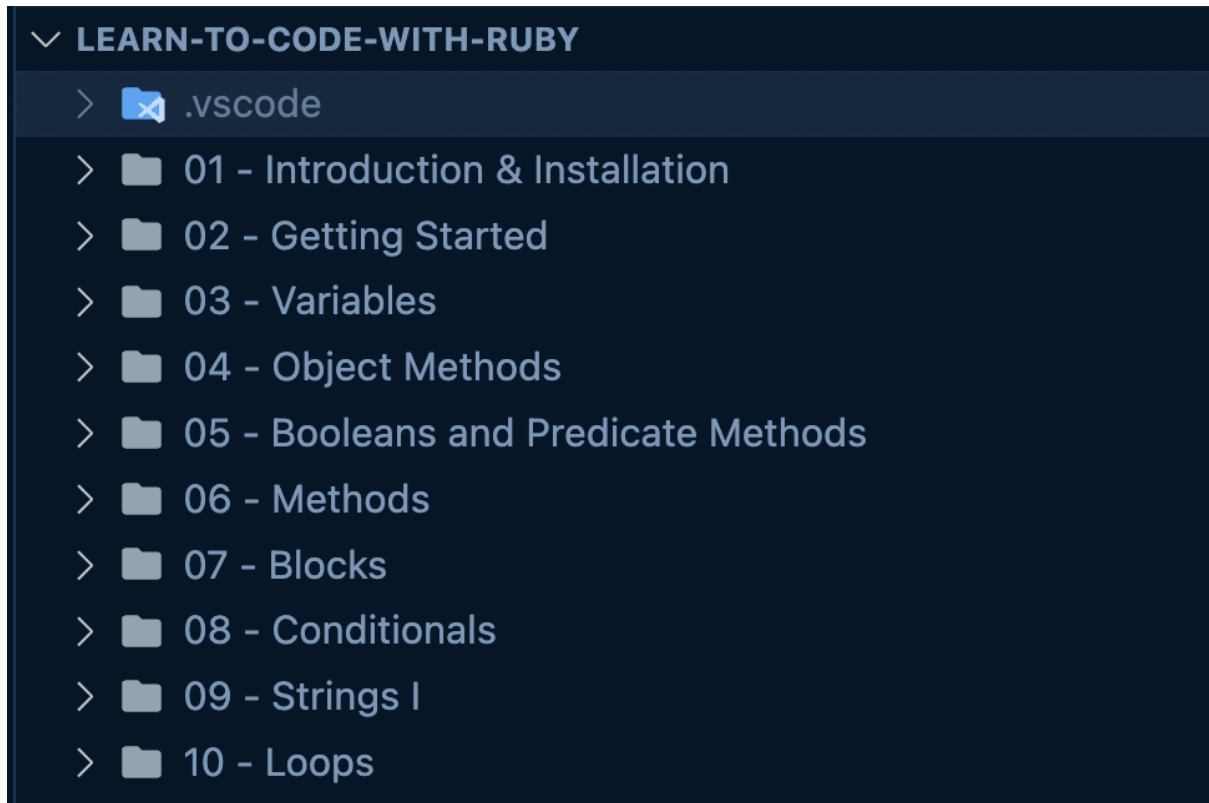

- VSCode will open the folder inside the editor. The technical term for a folder in VSCode is a **project** or a **workspace**.
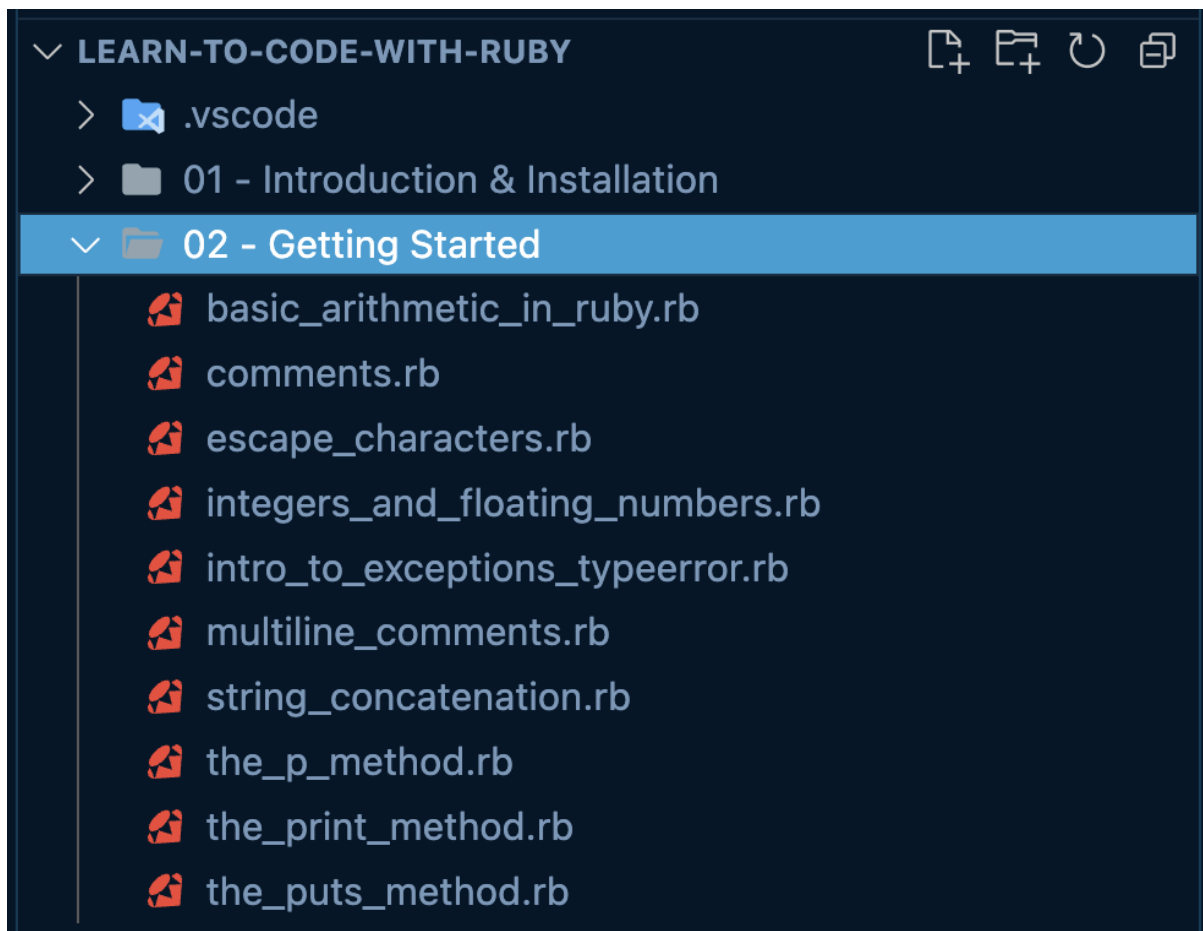
- The left-hand side of VSCode will show you several icons for working with the editor. The first one (the two pages) is the **Explorer**. Click it.
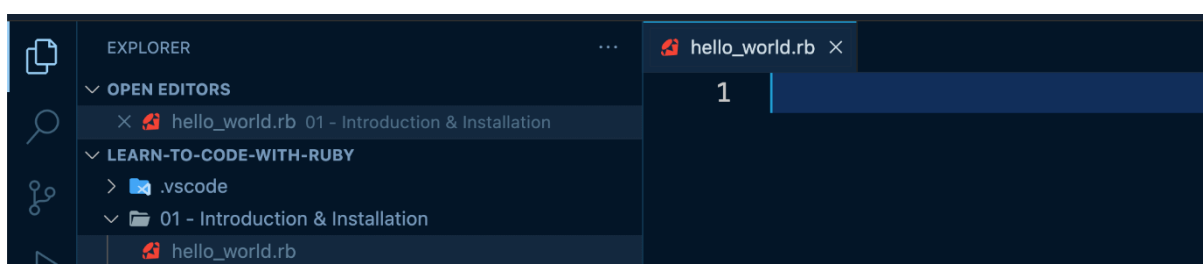

- The **Explorer** panel will show you all the files and folders inside **learn-to-code-with-ruby**. Your view should look like this:
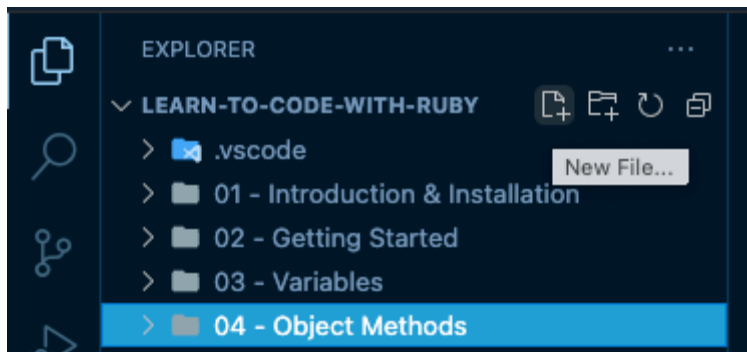

- These folders correspond to the sections of the course.
- Inside the folders, you'll find various Ruby files. Ruby files have a **.rb** file extension. These files correspond to the *lessons* of the course.
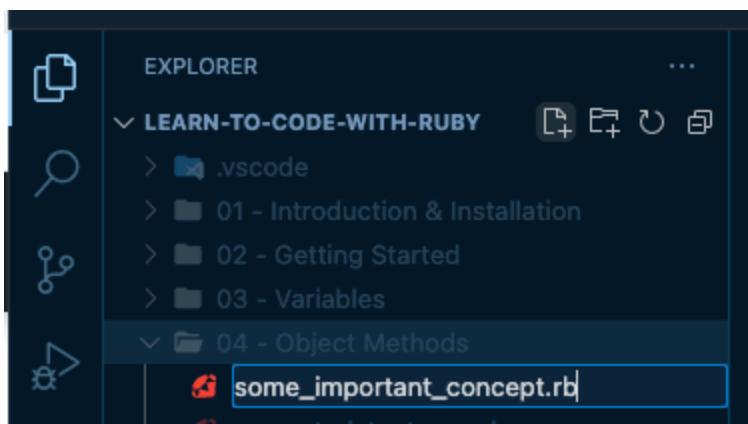
- Click on any **.rb** file to open it in a separate tab on the right.
- Inside the file, you can write your Ruby code (following along with a video lesson).
- The Ruby files are empty; the intent is for you to fill them out as you watch the videos. Practice is critical!

- Most of the time, the video lesson name will correspond with the file name. If you're unsure, you can look at the file name in a given lesson.
- The course is presently undergoing a renovation as I re-record old lessons and new add ones. It's likely that you may see some files (or folders) that are not present in your downloaded course materials. That's **totally fine**.
- If an **.rb** file is missing, you can create it for a given lesson. Click on a folder name, then select the **New File** button on the toolbar to the right of the project name; it's the document/page with a plus sign. In the example below, we select the **04 - Object Methods** folder and click the icon.
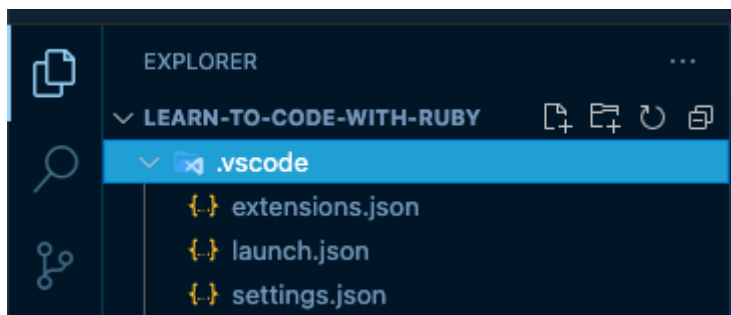
- Enter a name for your file, making sure to include the **.rb** extension, then press Enter. You now have a new Ruby file and can add whatever content you'd like to it!

Additional Notes

- **MAKE SURE** to open the complete **learn-to-code-with-ruby** project folder rather than a single file. The folder contains a **.vscode** folder that configures some important settings for the course. You can see it on the top of the File Explorer.

Resources for this lecture
- learn-to-code-with-ruby.zip