



Ruby: The Core Language

Ruby Programming Certificate

UW PCE CPI 10

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Week 4

Ruby => :chainsaw

```
"Hello".foo
```

```
# method lookup ...
```

```
# method lookup fails
```

```
NoMethodError: undefined method  
'foo' for "Hello":String
```

Ruby => :chainsaw

```
class Object
  def method_missing name
    # raise NoMethodError
    "It's Fine."
  end
end
```

```
"Hello".foo
```

```
=> "It's Fine."
```

Stuff

- Survey
 - 12 people did not respond
 - Pace
 - More in-class review of homework
- Lightning talk now optional
- Group work
- Available to discuss issues, contact me

Agenda

- Final Project Example: ITunesParser
- Guest Speaker: Ivan Storck on Pry
- This Week's Homework
- Week 1 & 2 Homework
- Conditionals
- Classes
- Week 3 Homework / Lab

ITunesParser

- Library to parse an iTunes library file
- Uses Nokogiri
- Exposes API to examine file
- Includes script that uses the API
- Includes Test::Unit tests
- My Project for this course 3 years ago!

Guest Speaker: Ivan Storck

Pry

Wk4 Homework

- A light week
- Define a few classes
- Basic specs will be provided
- Write a few more specs

Break!

Conditionals

- if else end
- unless else end
- case when else end

if then else end

```
if array.empty? then
  # code to handle empty array
else
  # do something
end
```

```
if array.empty? then array.push(x) end
if array.empty?; array.push(x); end
```

if elsif else end

```
if array.empty?  
  # code here to handle empty array  
elsif array.size < 10  
  # deal with fewer than 10 items  
elsif array.size < 100  
  # deal with up to 99 items  
else  
  # we've got 100 or more items  
end
```

unless else end

unless is the opposite of if

unless array.empty?

code to handle non-empty array

else

array is empty

end

there is no unlessif !!

statement modifiers

`array.push(x) if array.empty?`

`array.push(x) unless array.size > 0`

case when then else end

```
case food
when 'Soup' then get_spoon
when 'Salad'; get_fork
when 'Pizza' # eat with hands!
else get_all_silverware
end
```

case when else end

```
case food
when 'Soup'
  get_spoon
when 'Salad'
  get_fork
when 'Pizza'
  # eat with hands!
else
  get_all_silverware
end
```


when is amazing

```
case food
when 'Soup', 'Salad' then get_silverware
when String then get_all_silverware
when Array, Hash then eat_first_course
else
  # handle unknown food!
end
```

Classes

- Classes are templates for objects
- Classes define
 - namespace
 - methods
- CamelCased names
- Classes are objects, but instances of the class
Class
`String.class`
`=> Class`
`"Hello".class`
`=> String`

the Object class

- Classes have a parent, or `#superclass`
- Effectively, Object is the root of the Ruby class hierarchy
 - Technically it's the empty class `BasicObject`
- The methods in Object are available to all other objects
- Object is the default superclass of any class you define

Defining classes

```
class MyEmptyClass; end
```

```
# an autoshop!
```

```
class AutoShop
```

```
  # return all employees
```

```
  def employees
```

```
    # code for this instance method
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

Initializing objects

```
class AutoShop
  def initialize name
    # initialize method is called from ::new
    # code to initialize instance of class.
    # parameters passed to #new are available
  end
end
```

```
AutoShop.new 'My Shop'
=> #<AutoShop:0x007faf2b140c08>
```

Inheritance

```
class AutoShop
```

```
  ...
```

```
end
```

```
class AutoShop < Object
```

```
  ...
```

```
end
```

```
class AutoShop < Business
```

```
  ...
```

```
end
```

Class Hierarchy

```
class AutoShop < Business
  ...
end
```

```
my_shop = AutoShop.new
```

```
my_shop.class
=> AutoShop
```

```
my_shop.class.superclass
=> Business
```

```
my_shop.class.superclass.superclass
=> Object
```

super

```
class AutoShop < Business
  def initialize name
    # initialization for my class
    @makes = [:toyota, :ford]

    # invoke superclass initialization.
    # passes params along by default,
    # unless you override
    super

  end
end
```


Instance Variables

```
class MyClass
  def initialize name
    @name = name
  end

  def greet
    puts "Hello #{@name}"
  end
end

MyClass.new( 'Brandon' ).name
=> NoMethodError
```

Setters and Getters

```
class MyClass
  def initialize name
    @name = name
  end
  def name
    @name
  end
  def name= str
    @name = str
  end
end
```

```
my_class = MyClass.new('Joe')
my_class.name = 'Bob'
my_class.name # => 'Bob'
```

Attribute Accessors

```
class MyClass  
  attr_accessor :name  
end  
  
my_class = MyClass.new()  
my_class.name = 'Bob'  
my_class.name # => 'Bob'
```

Attribute Readers

```
class MyClass
  attr_reader :created, :state

  def initialize
    @created = Time.now
  end
end

MyClass.new().created # => 2013-01-31 16:58:56
```

Instance Methods

```
class MyClass
  def greet
    puts "Hello #{@name}"
  end
end

MyClass.new( 'Brandon' ).greet
=> "Hello Brandon"

MyClass.greet
=> NoMethodError
```

Lab

Homework

(posted soon)

- Reading assignment
 - Conditionals
 - Class basics
- Homework Assignment
- Wk4 Quiz