

# Ruby Beyond the Basics

## Introduction



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Ruby is simple in appearance,  
but is very complex inside

```
dotimes
```

```
  puts "please".bpease
```

```
end
```

```
class Person < ActiveRecord::Base  
  has_many :addresses  
end
```

Object Orientation

Functional  
Programming

Metaprogramming

Who this course  
is for

How the course  
is structured

What you need  
to follow along

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Who is this course for?

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# People who...

Know some ruby syntax  
... and want to learn more

Ever asked “why?” or “how?”  
when looking at Ruby



I'm assuming  
you know  
some basic  
Ruby syntax

Know how to write "hello world"  
...how to write a class  
...how to use **if**

You don't need to  
know any theory

# Make sure you can understand this...

```
firstname = "John"
```

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lastname = "Cinnamond"
```

```
if firstname && lastname
```

```
  puts "#{lastname.upcase}, #{firstname}"
```

```
end
```

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# Course Structure

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# Object-Oriented Programming

- What it means
- How Ruby supports it
- Everything is an object
- Syntax for classes, methods, and instance variables
- Duck Typing
- Sharing code
- Method dispatch
- Classes and Constants

# Functional Programming

- Procs, blocks, and lambdas
- Pure functional Ruby
- How functional thinking can help

# Metaprogramming

- Create new programming languages (almost)
- Use Ruby to write more Ruby
- Build on ideas from Object-Oriented and Functional programming

Object-Oriented  
programming

Functional  
programming

```
graph TD; A[Object-Oriented programming] --> C[Self contained]; B[Functional programming] --> C;
```

Self contained



# Metaprogramming

Needs knowledge about  
**classes** and **blocks**

Watch the videos in order

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# Setup

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Install Ruby  $\geq 2.0$

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E  
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Read

E

P

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Read

Evaluate

P

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Read

Evaluate

Print

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Read

Evaluate

Print

Loop



# All you need

- Ruby
- Pry or IRB
- A text editor