

# Metaprogramming

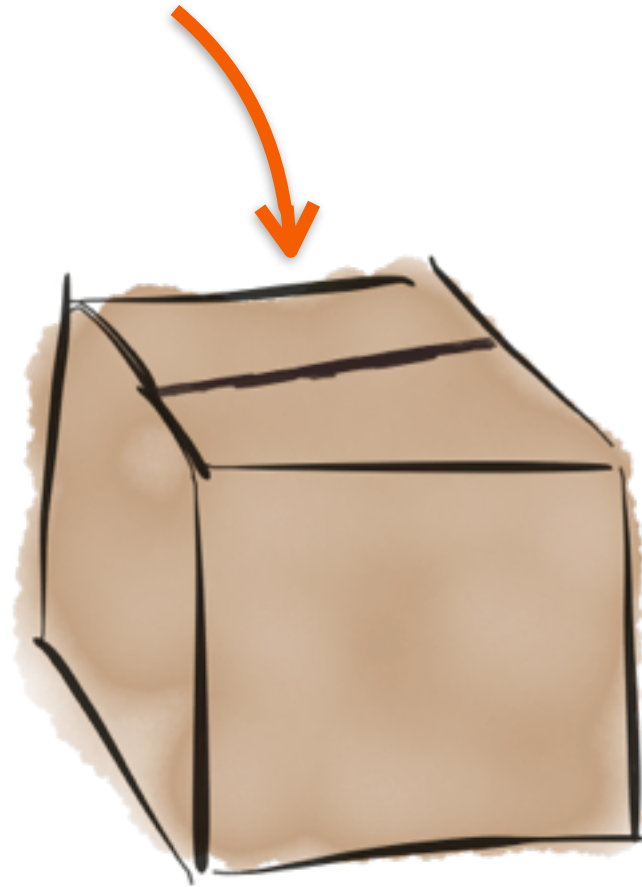


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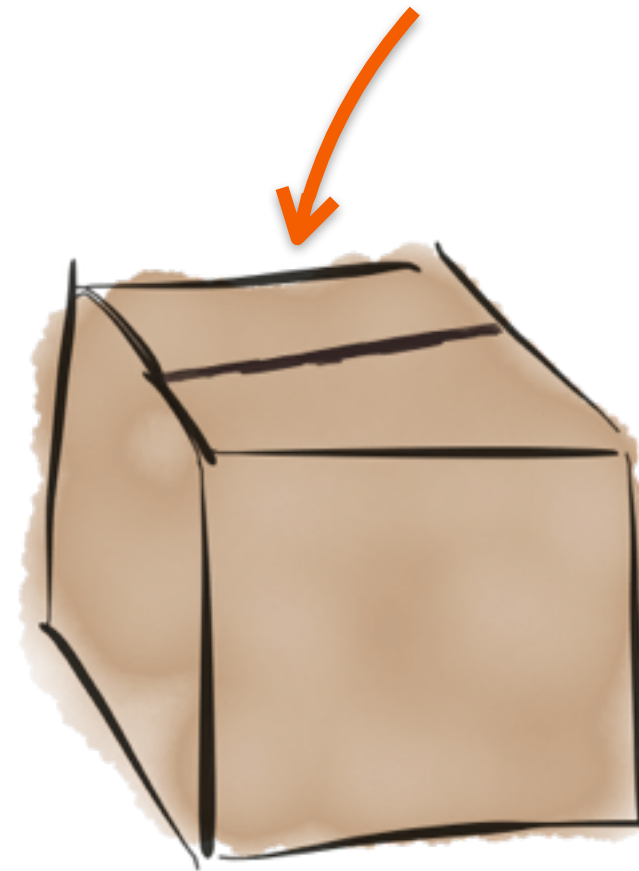
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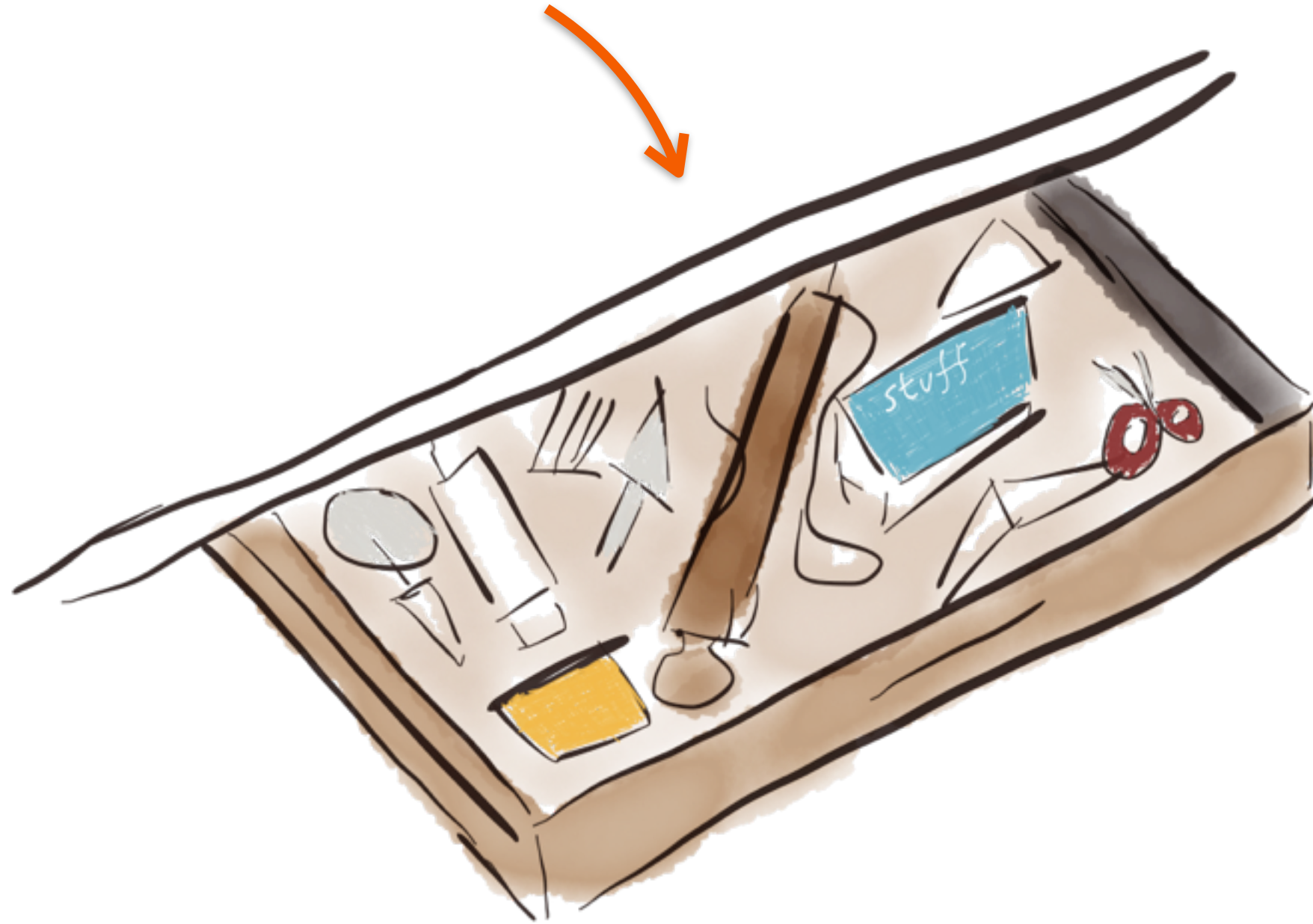
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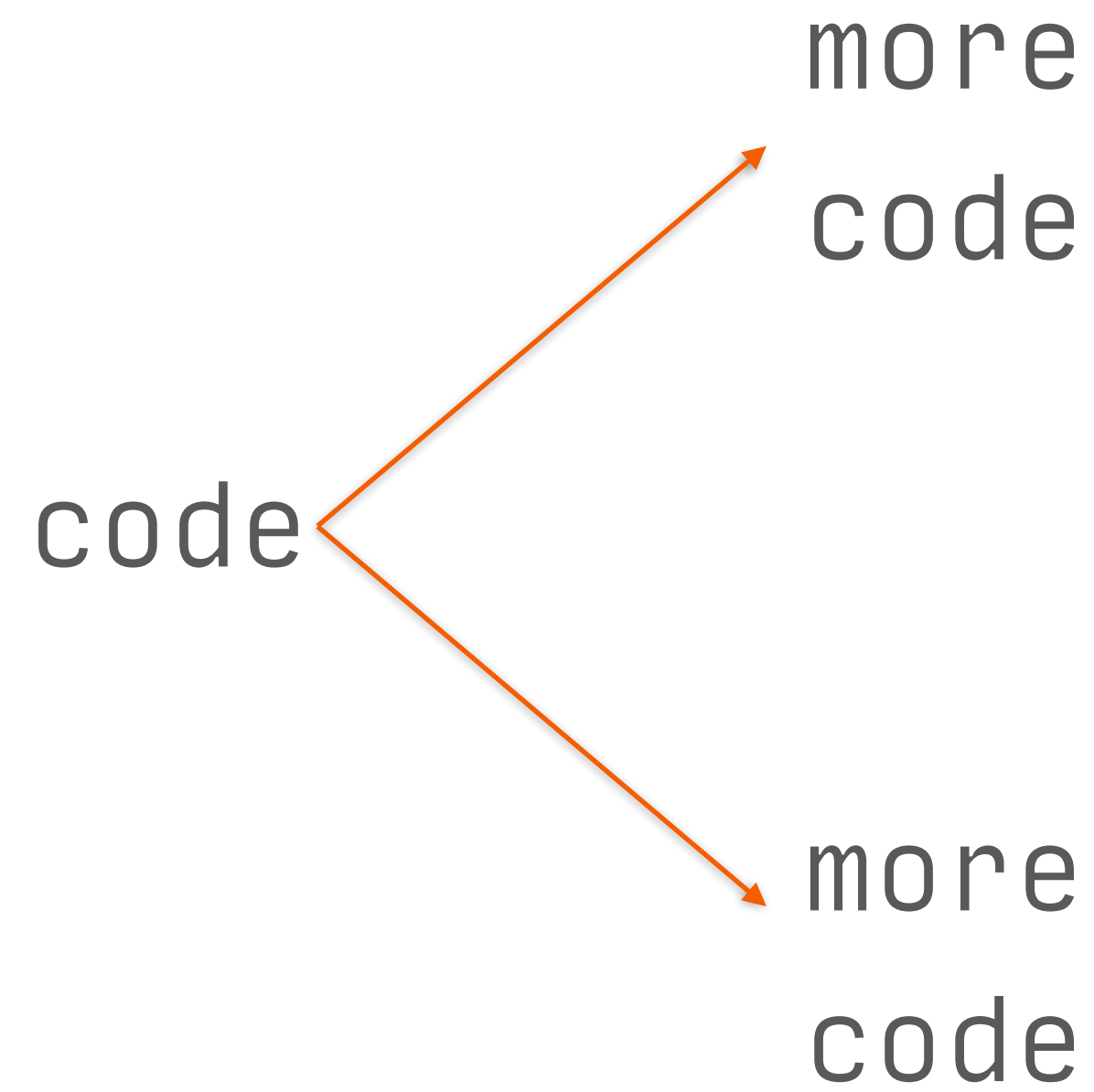


Functions



# Metaprogramming





```
class Post < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :comments
  belongs_to :user
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Ruby's dynamic  
nature

Object oriented  
Ruby

Functional  
Ruby

Lots of code!  
(hooray)



so lonely :-)

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# Defining Dinosaurs

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roar

yikes!







roar

yikes!



so dreamy



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# Simple Matching

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## Hobbies

Scaring children  
Battling triceratops  
Bowling

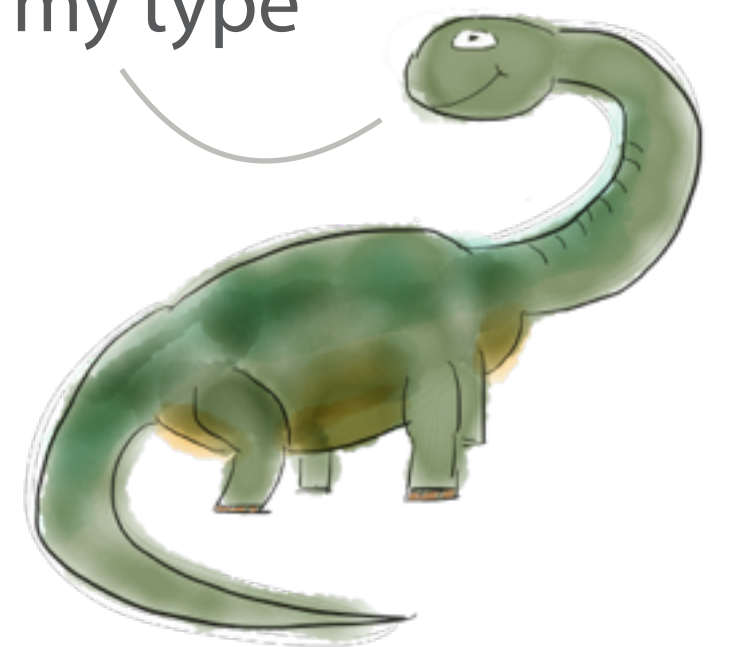




Suborder

Theropoda

not my type





Height

4500mm

too small







seems fine







nope



# Domain Specific Languages

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```
class Diplodocus
  def match_diet(diet)
    self.diet == diet
  end
end
```



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# Complex Matching

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# Match All Attributes

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```
def match_X(...)
```

```
end
```

Good  
match



```
def match_X(...)
  1
end
```

No  
opinion



```
def match_X(...)  
  0  
end
```

Bad  
match



```
def match_X(...)  
-1  
end
```

```
class Dinosaur
  ...
end
```

Object



```
class Diplodocus < Dinosaur
  ...
end
```

Different  
Object



Metaprogramming

Object-Oriented  
Ruby

Functional  
Ruby



Everything Else is Just Detail

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# Thinking in Ruby

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We are all language designers

```
class Diplodocus < Dinosaur
  reject_if :diet => "carnivore"
  match_on :suborder
end
```

```
class TyrannosaurusRex < Dinosaur
  match_on_any :hobbies
end
```

# Need to Understand Ruby

Dynamic Nature

Objects

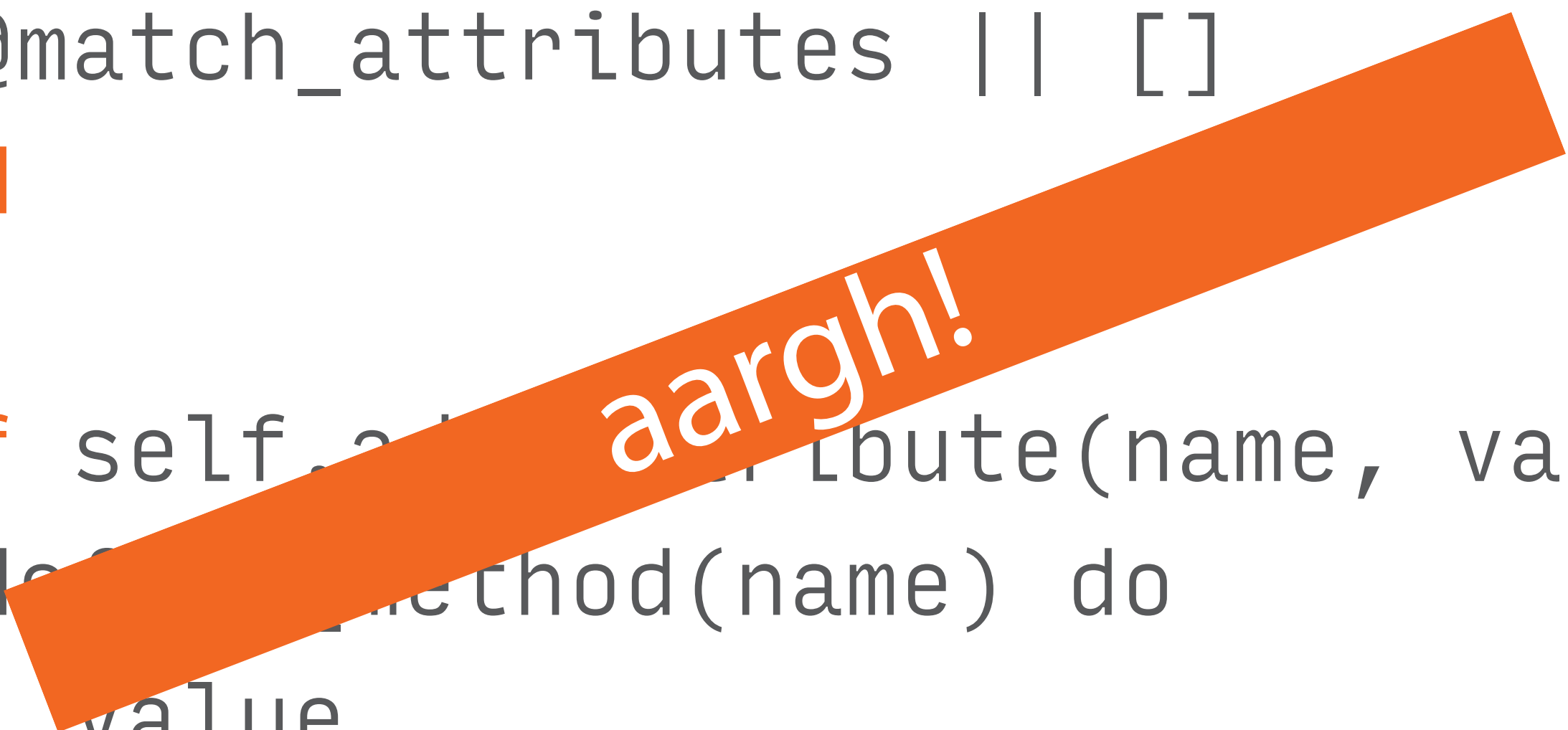
Functions

```
class Diplodocus < Dinosaur
  reject_if :diet == "carnivore"
  match_on :order
end
```

Easy

```
class Dinosaur
  def self.match_attributes
    @match_attributes || []
  end

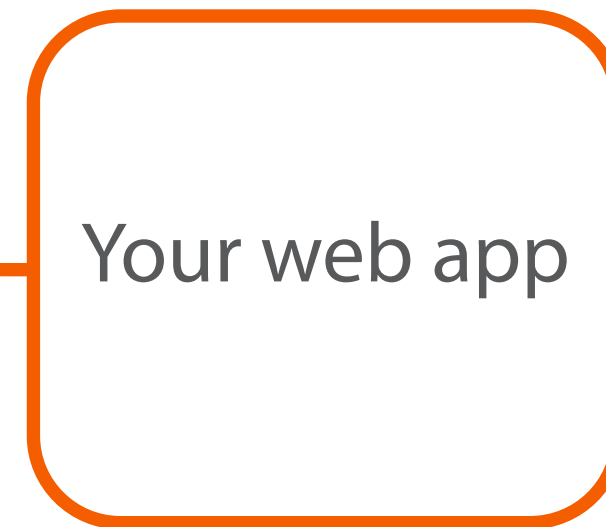
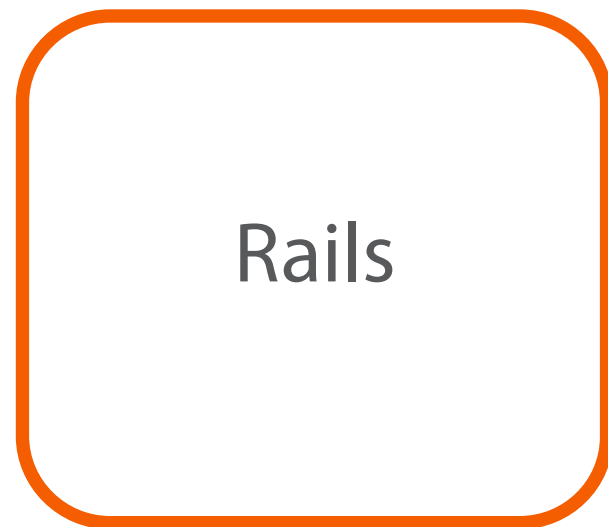
  def self.add_attribute(name, value)
    define_method(name) do
      value
    end
  end
end
```



aargh!

All the  
complexity

Easy





Ruby is not a simple language

# Ruby is powerful

Objects

Functions

Metaprogramming

# Ruby

## Beyond the Basics