

EXPLORING CODE WITH Pry!

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Pry is a *powerful* alternative to the standard IRB shell for Ruby.
It features syntax highlighting, a flexible *plugin* architecture,
runtime invocation and *source* and documentation *browsing*

- pryrepl.org

GETTING Started

```
$ gem install pry pry-doc
$ pry
[1] pry(main)> puts 'hello'
hello
=> nil
[2] pry(main)>
```

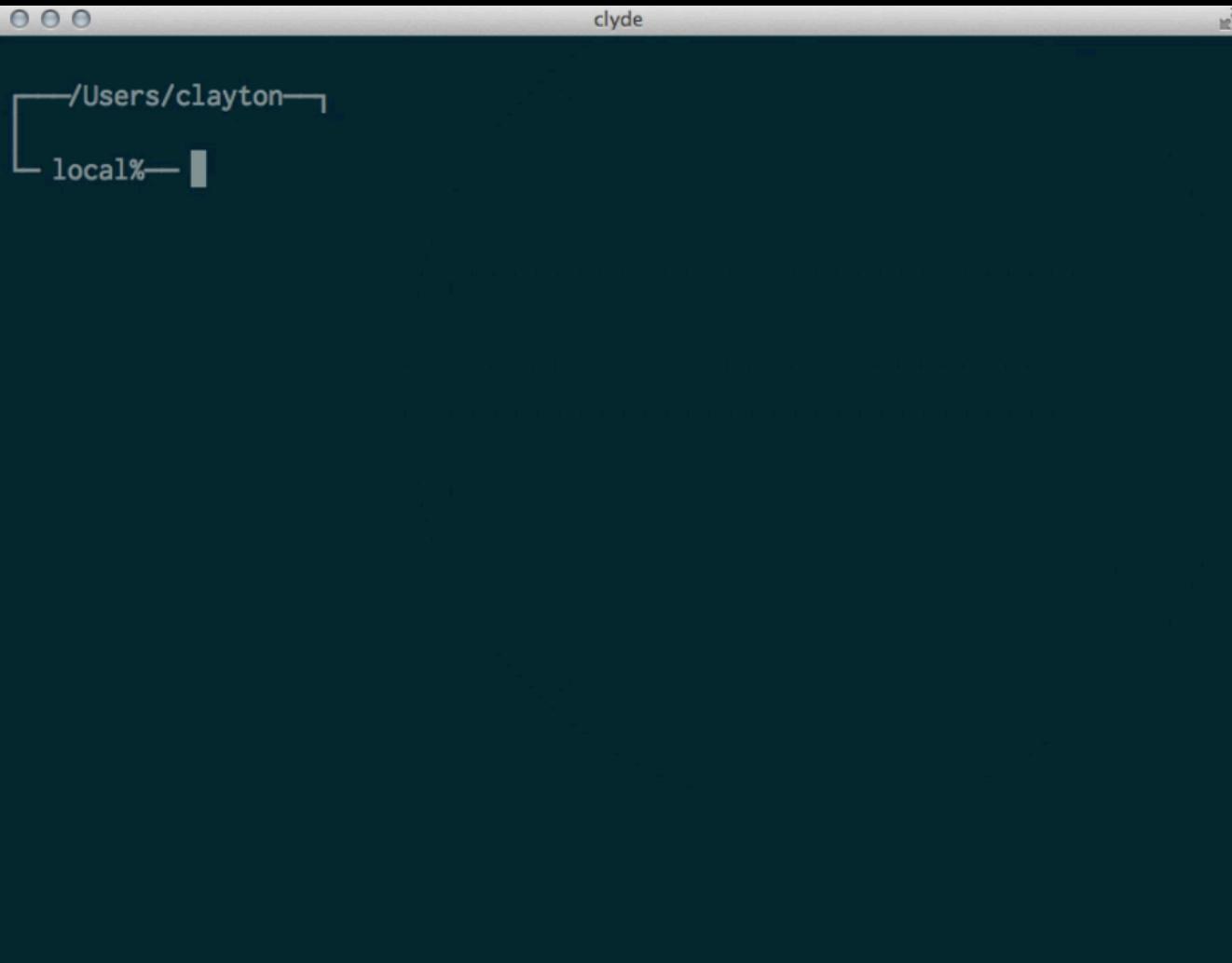
ANATOMY OF THE *Prompt*

```
[1] pry(main)>
|   |   |
|   | Current Context
|   |
|   | Prompt Name
|
Command history
```

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hand holding a lit cigarette. The hand is positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the cigarette held between the thumb and index finger. A plume of white smoke rises from the cigarette against a dark background.

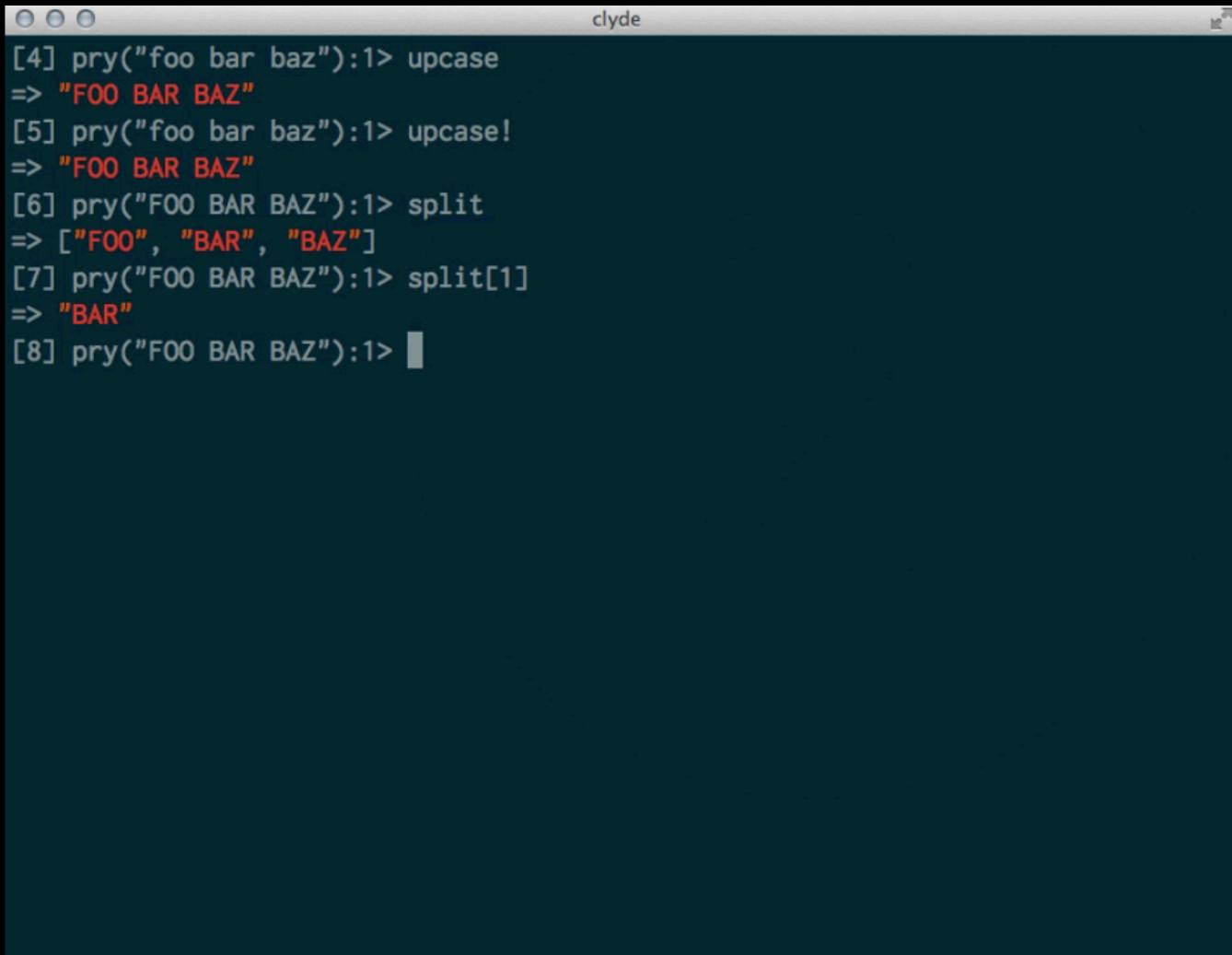
AND NOW FOR MY FIRST TRICK...

Context Switching



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In Memory Editing

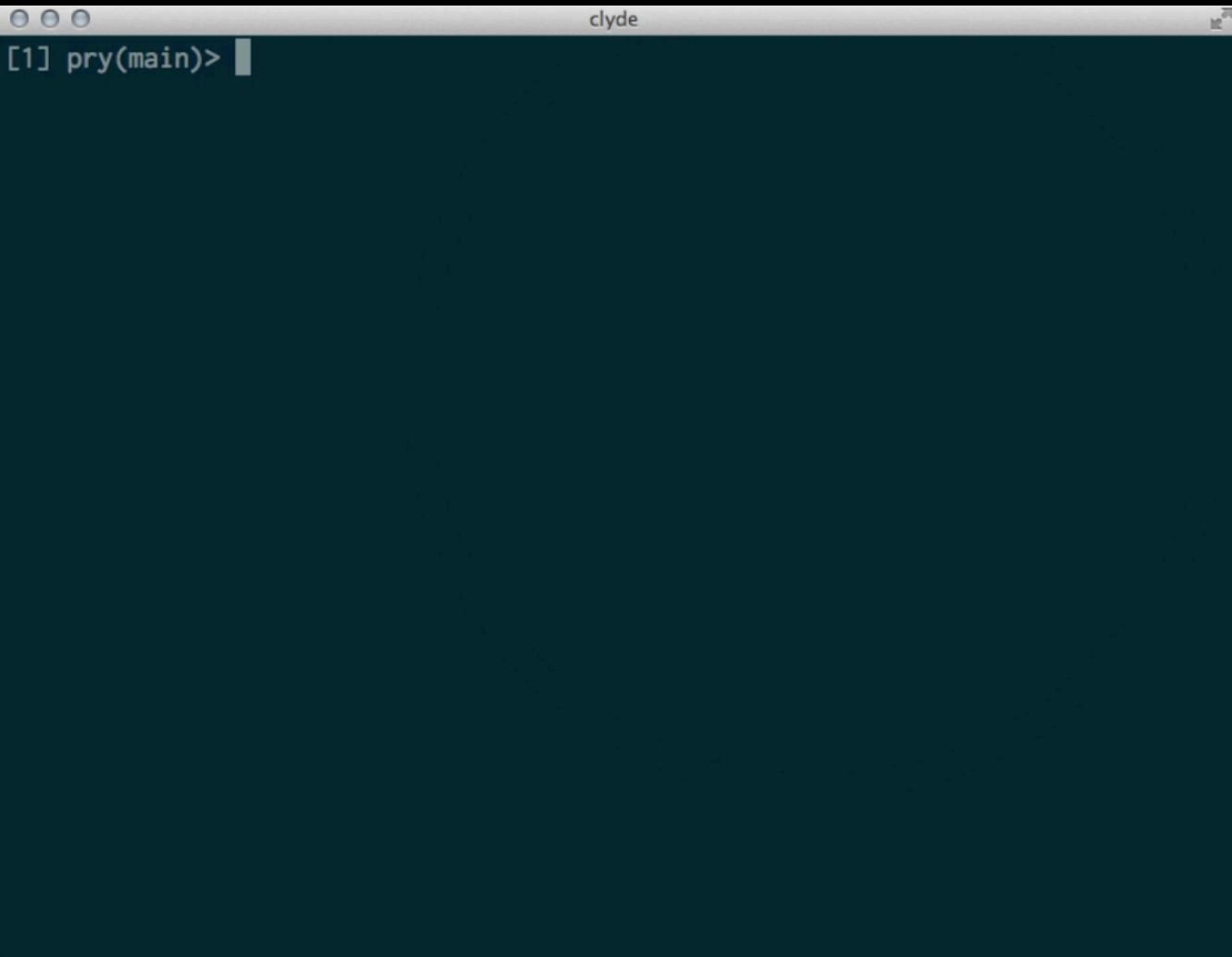


The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "clyde". The session starts with:

```
[4] pry("foo bar baz"):1> upcase  
=> "FOO BAR BAZ"  
[5] pry("foo bar baz"):1> upcase!  
=> "FOO BAR BAZ"  
[6] pry("FOO BAR BAZ"):1> split  
=> ["FOO", "BAR", "BAZ"]  
[7] pry("FOO BAR BAZ"):1> split[1]  
=> "BAR"  
[8] pry("FOO BAR BAZ"):1> █
```

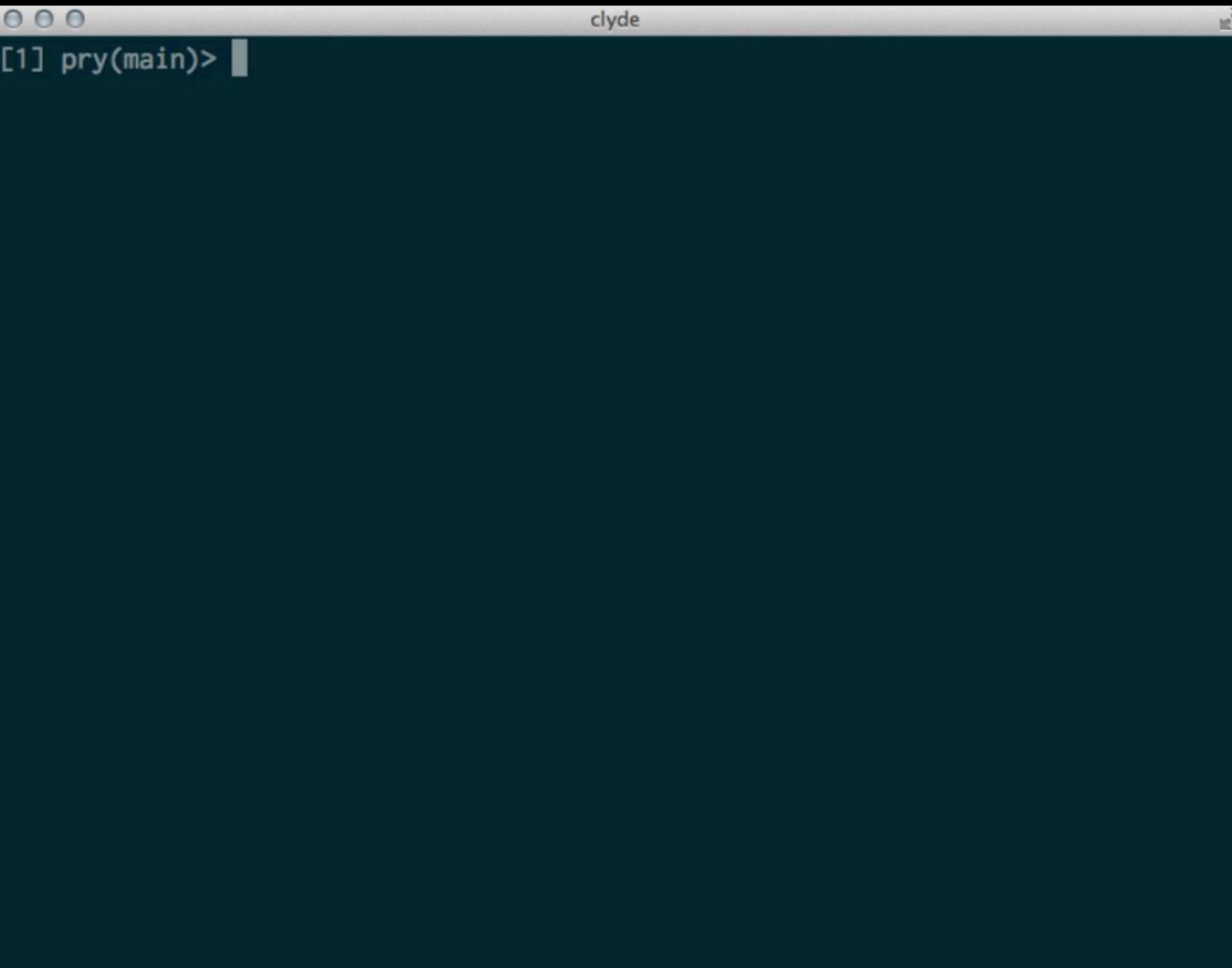
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Source Browsing / Editing



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Line Editing



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A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a cat's face, looking directly at the camera with a wide-eyed expression.

HALP!

GETTING Help

[1] pry(main)> help	
Help	
help	Show a list of commands or information about a specific command.
Context	
cd	Move into a new context (object or scope).
ls	Show the list of vars and methods in the current scope.
wtf?	Show the backtrace of the most recent exception.
Editing	
edit	Invoke the default editor on a file.
Introspection	
show-doc	Show the documentation for a method or class.
show-source	Show the source for a method or class.
Input and output	
.<shell command>	All text following a '.' is forwarded to the shell.
cat	Show code from a file, pry's input buffer, or the last exception.

GETTING Help

```
[1] pry(main)> help wtf?
```

```
Usage: wtf[?|!]
```

Show's a few lines of the backtrace of the most recent exception (also available as `_ex_.backtrace`). If you want to see more lines, add more question marks or exclamation marks.

```
wtf?
```

```
wtf?!??!?!?
```



CUSTOMIZATION

vim ~/.pryrc

REPEAT LAST COMMAND

```
# Hit Enter to repeat last command
Pry::Commands.command(/^$/ , 'repeat last command') do
  last_command = Pry.history.to_a.last
  unless ['c', 'continue', 'q', 'exit-program', 'quit'].include? last_command
    _pry_.run_command last_command
  end
end
```

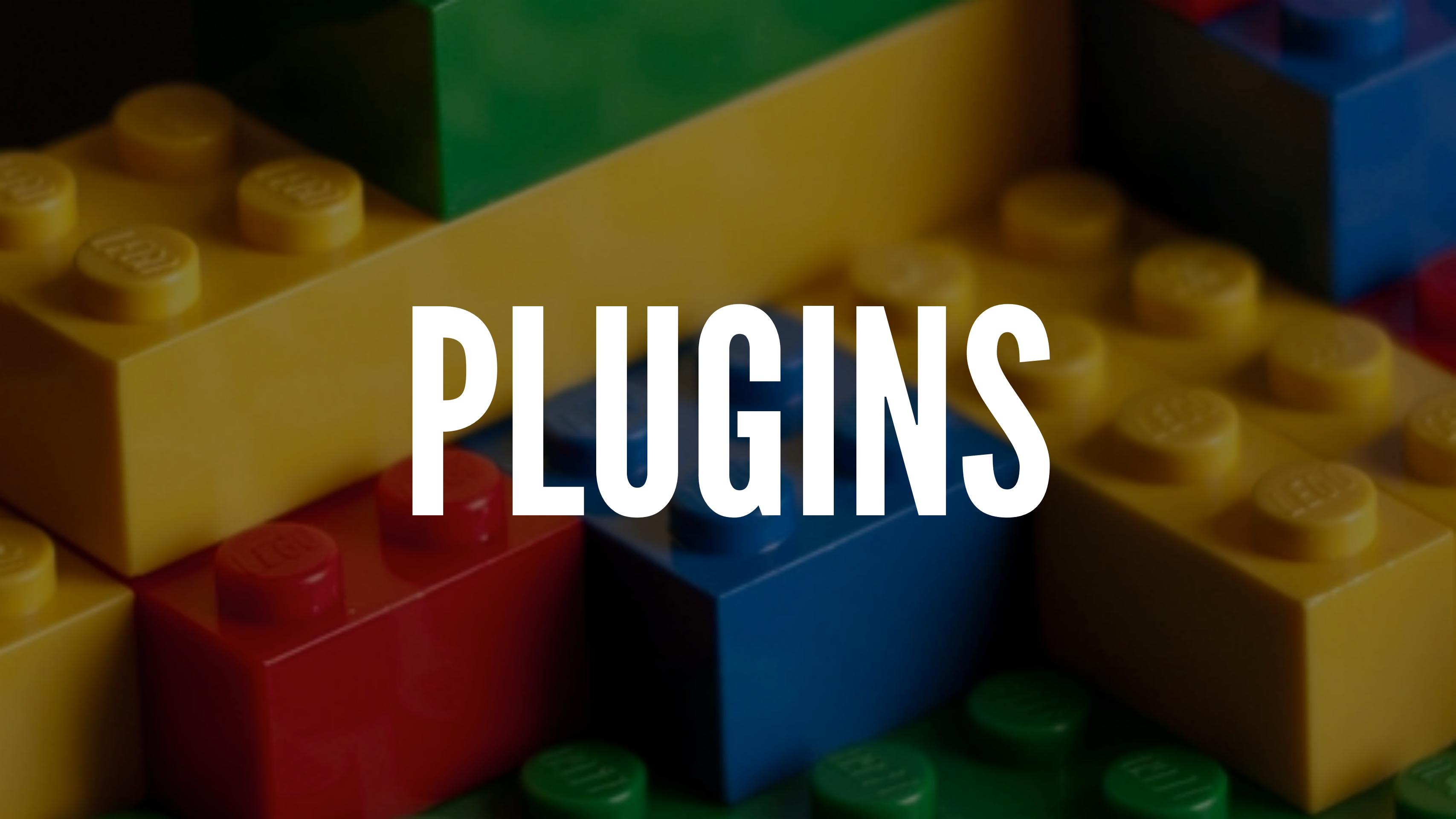
ALIASES

```
# Single letter and pdb like aliases
if defined?(PryByebug)
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'c', 'continue'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 's', 'step'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'n', 'next'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'return', 'finish'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'r', 'finish'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'f', 'finish'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'q', 'exit-program'
  Pry.commands.alias_command 'quit', 'exit-program'
end
```

OTHER STUFF

```
# Turn off the automatic pager  
Pry.config.pager = false
```

```
# Make the prompt silly  
# [1] oh no!(main)>  
Pry.config.prompt_name = 'oh no!'
```



PLUGINS

PRY-AWESOME_PRINT

Automatically ap return value

Use semi-colon to silence return value

```
[1] pry(main)> x = {foo: :bar, baz: :bang}  
=> {:foo=>:bar, :baz=>:bang}  
[2] pry(main)> x = {foo: :bar, baz: :bang};  
[3] pry(main)>
```

PRY-BYEBUG

Make Pry act like an actual debugger

Adds next, step, continue, etc.

PRY-STACK_EXPLORER

Show the call stack

Go up and down the call stack

PRY-CLIPBOARD

Quickly copy history or output to the clipboard

Works cross platform via the clipboard gem

PRY-RAILS

Automatically use Pry instead of IRB for rails console

Commands to inspect models and routes

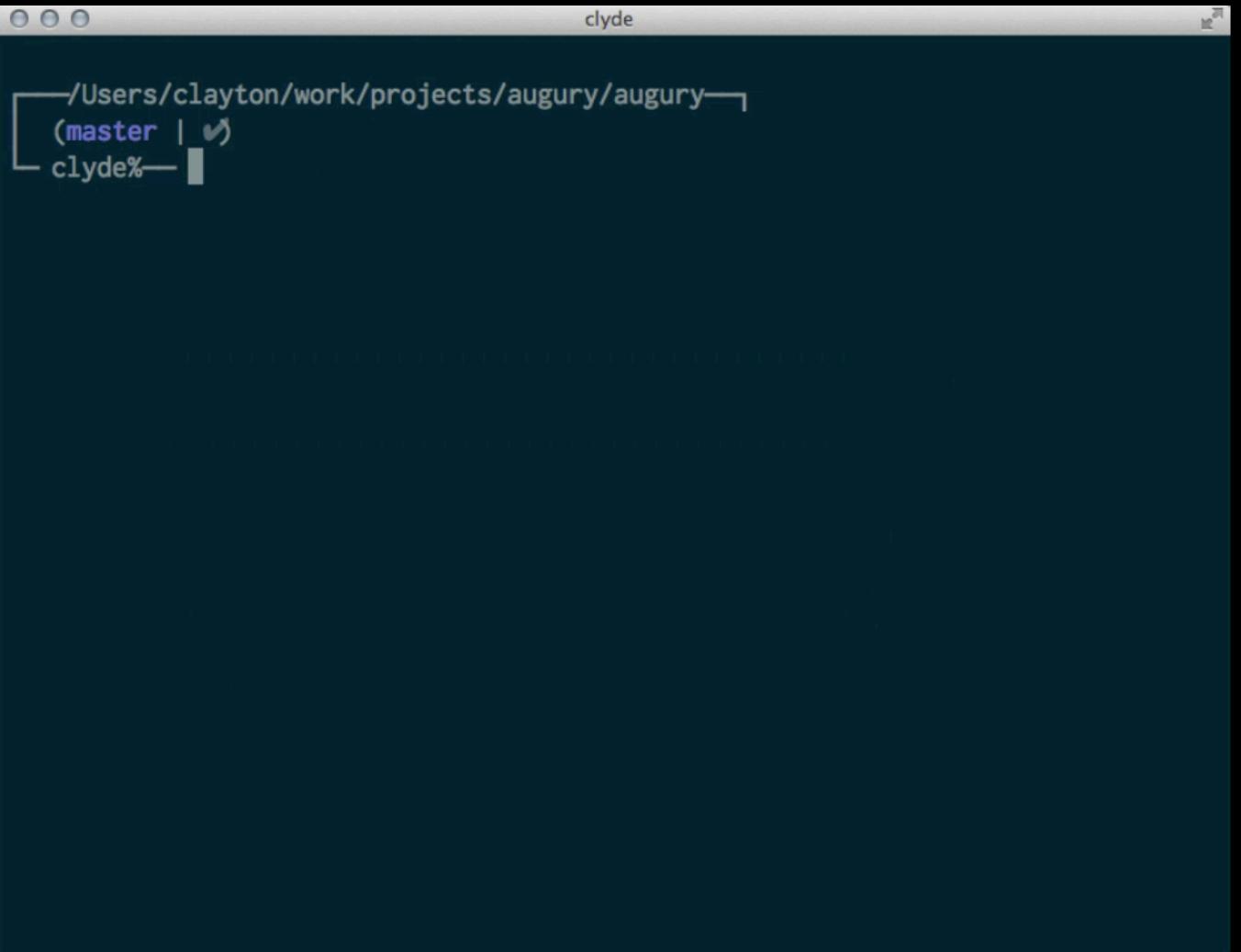
DEBUGGING



RUNTIME INVOCATION

```
require 'pry'  
binding.pry
```

Debugging



```
/Users/clayton/work/projects/augury/augury
(master | ↵)
clyde%
```

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