

WEEK 1: Ruby Basics

-- General --

1. Define the following terms:

Dynamic Typing

Implicit Declaration

2. Circle the terms that best describe the ruby language:

Scripting

Functional

Object Oriented

3. What are the structural and physical equality / inequality operators in ruby?

-- Top Level --

Look up functions for how to do the following tasks in ruby using either Google or ".methods" as shown in class and test them out in irb:

Strings

- (a) Convert a string to an integer
- (b) Make a string all uppercase
- (c) Trim leading and trailing whitespace of a string
- (d) Concatenate two strings
- (e) Obtain the first character of a string
- (f) Obtain a substring of the first three characters of a string
- (g) Find the length of a string
- (h) Convert the string to a character array
- (i) Find the ASCII value of a length 1 string
- (j) Determine whether a string contains a given substring

Arrays

- (a) Convert an array to its printable format
- (b) Remove duplicates from an array
- (c) Append an array to the end of another array
- (d) Sort an array
- (e) Find the length of an array
- (f) Determine whether an array contains a given element
- (g) Reverse an array
- (h) Look up push, pop, <<, >>, shift, unshift

Hashes

- (a) Add a key-value pair to a hash
- (b) Determine whether a hash contains a given key
- (c) Determine whether a hash contains a given value
- (d) Find the number of mappings in a hash
- (e) Combine two hashes into one

Integers

- (a) Raise an integer to an exponent
- (b) Do modulus division with a pair of integers
- (c) Take the absolute value of an integer
- (d) Find the greatest common divisor between two integers

-- Common Statements --

Try the following in irb!

If two values x and y are equal, print "success":

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if x==y then puts "success" end
puts "success" if x==y
unless x!=y then puts "success" end
puts "success" unless x!=y
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Repeat the action of printing "success" three times:

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i=1                                for i in 1..3 do puts "success" end
while i <= 3 do                    3.times do puts "success" end
  puts "success"
  i += 1                          # fun fact: i++ is illegal in ruby!
End
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-- Challenge --

Write a method that given a string, returns a list of characters that appear more than 2 times in the string. There should be no duplicates in the list. Try to be efficient and do this in O(N) time where N is the length of the string.

EX: "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" => ["s", "c", "a", "l", "i"]